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Dartmouth College
Recognizes with Deep Appreciation
the Extraordinary Achievements of

Ralph Sautter ’55
2011 Treasurer of the Year

Ralph, you have been the soul of consistency, entering your 31st year as treasurer for the great Class of 1955! You have a rock solid reputation as a steady and unflappable force. According to the staff, “You ask for something… you get it almost immediately.” You have been good at budgeting, and you know how to roll with things. You have also been a helpful resource, willing to share information with other classes. Your success in dues participation has been excellent, reaching a very nice and very apt 55 percent this year.

Your College and your Class have benefited from your long-term expertise, gained while serving in the Marines, along with Dartmouth and State Street Bank one of your three great passions (outside of your family). Your classmates cited one of your well-known quotes: “Everything I learned about leadership, I learned in the Marines.” This stint was followed by a 40-year career at State Street Bank and Trust Co. in Boston, where you reached the position of senior vice president. Along with your steadfast role as treasurer, you have served as an alumni councilor, performed in a variety of roles at the Alumni Fund/Dartmouth College Fund, and been a member of Kappa Sigma. With Carol at your side, when not in Boston, you spend whatever time you can up in Kennebunkport, as you have since college. Your classmates noted that “Gone to Maine!” was the standard answer at Dartmouth to the question, “Where’s Sautter?”

Your classmates are universal in their acclaim that you are a wonderful, if quiet, guy, “one of the most respected members of the class,” with “integrity beyond reproach.” You were born to be “treasurer for life,” as you are known to your classmates, and started early on the path of Yankee frugality. Even at Dartmouth — in a different age, when people all smoked and cigarettes were $.40 a pack — if guys tried to bum a cigarette, you were not a soft touch. You charged $.02 per cigarette, saying, “I’m not buying cigarettes and giving them away.” A fine sentiment for a future treasurer.

Now, it is our turn to thank you for all that you do. You are a model volunteer, treasurer extraordinaire, and, most of all, a wonderful person to work with.

In appreciation for all you have done for the Class Treasurers Association and for Dartmouth College, it is an honor to present you with the 2011 Class Treasurer of the Year Award.