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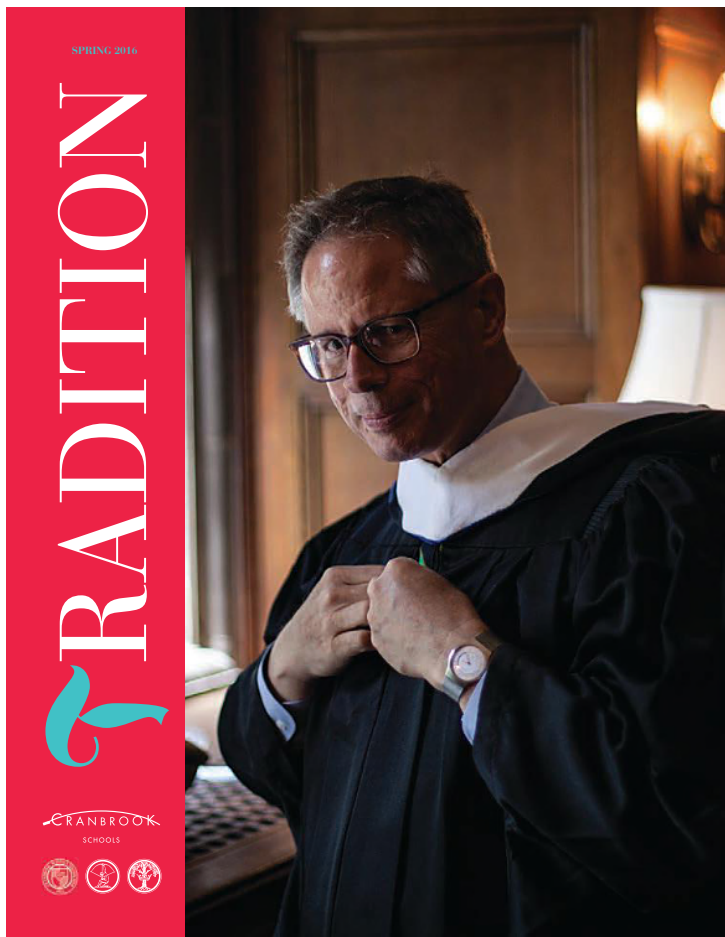
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## FALL/WINTER 2015: DO YOU REMEMBER? ►

Thank you to John Dye, '45, who called in to say that the photo is of his brother, Fred Dye, '38, second from right behind trip chaperone and history teacher Boyce Ricketts. Also on the trip were William "Gus" Vosper from class of 1935, Richard Brown and Robert Henry from '36, George Hunt, William McKelvey, and Irving Reynolds from '37, Arthur Bull, Bill Hunt and Steven Vosper from '38 and William Mead from '39. John reports that according to his brother, the group biked through France, Belgium and Germany. They visited 10 Downing Street in London and saw future Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain. While in Germany, they attended the Berlin Olympics and saw Jessie Owens run, and Hitler watching over the games from his place in the stands. According to the trip journal of Richard Brown, shared by his daughter Marty, the boys visited Cranbrook School in Kent and presented the school that pre-dated theirs by 400 years with a plaque and a song written just for the occasion.







Mr. Shaw prepares for a graduation ceremony.

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# RESIDENT'S Point of View



Dear Cranbrook Schools' Families,

During the past several months I have had the opportunity to visit with alumni in Chicago, Naples, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. I am always amazed at how our alumni have become today's leaders in their industries and creative entrepreneurs in everything they do. This started me thinking about George Booth, and the entrepreneurial spirit that led him and Ellen to create Cranbrook so many decades ago.

While in his teens, George Booth took a job as a clerk at an iron works firm that employed his father in Windsor, Ontario. The firm went out of business a few years later, but instead of seeking an alternate job, George and a colleague became small business owners by purchasing the equipment and starting their own company. Like many small business owners, George didn't just sit back and let others handle the business for him. He travelled North America as a salesman, using his artistic talents to earn commissions based on his ability to draw out product sketches on the spot with pencil and paper.

Eventually, George and Ellen Booth purchased the Cranbrook property to escape the busy city life they had known for nearly 20 years. Given all the parts of Cranbrook they would go on to create, it quickly became clear that they were far from retiring to a country estate.

During the same time that Cranbrook House was being built in the early 1900s, George Booth was collaborating with Mary Chase Perry Stratton, the founder of Pewabic, to form the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts. They both

devoted their time, energy and money to support the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts' mission of encouraging a greater appreciation of artistic handicrafts. That devotion to the Society is what gave it the stability and innovative potential to become what is known today as the College for Creative Studies.

Two decades after the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts was born, George Booth continued his interest in bringing quality craftsmen to the region by opening Cranbrook's Arts and Crafts Studios. These studios could easily be considered our region's first maker spaces. Over time, these early Arts & Crafts Studios have grown and transformed into our current Cranbrook Academy of Art.

Cranbrook was built by a founder who embodied all the characteristics of a great entrepreneur with a drive to help others reach their true potential in the arts, education, science and beyond. As I consider Cranbrook's students of today, I often wonder if Booth fully envisioned the profound impact his entrepreneurial and creative spirit would have on generations yet to come. I think, too, about the impact our current and future students will have on the world in which they live and the legacy they will leave.

While at Cranbrook and beyond, we challenge you to always create with passion, explore with curiosity, and strive for excellence. That path, started by George and Ellen Booth, will take you places you might never imagine. I can't think of a more exciting journey.

Sincerely,

DOMINIC DIMARCO, PRESIDENT  
*Cranbrook Educational Community*





# DIRECTOR'S School of Thought

While creativity has long been a hallmark of the Cranbrook Schools experience, even more fundamental to the idea of Cranbrook is the act of creating. The dynamic need to make, by hand and mind, something new of value goes back to the very foundation of Cranbrook Educational Community.

The Booth family, champions of the Arts and Crafts movement in America, placed tremendous emphasis on the value of ideas and—importantly—on the works of the human hand. There is no part of the original campus that does not at once demonstrate the mind of the designer or the hand of the craftsman. The result of this auspicious foundation is a vibrant learning community that remains driven to create in every discipline.

This year's World Affairs Seminar provides a perfect illustration of this. The topic for this year, "Human Ingenuity," saw student panels and guest speakers devoting an entire day to the consideration of those emerging ideas and entrepreneurial endeavors that might shape the future.

Simultaneously, Cranbrook Schools' visual arts students surpassed the previous record of Scholastic Art Awards once again. A school record total of sixty-nine awards were given to Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School students by the Southeastern Michigan Region of The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, which is sponsored by the College of Creative Studies in Detroit.

Likewise, I constantly hear from or about Cranbrook Schools' alumni who are creators and entrepreneurs in every conceivable field—from high-tech to medicine to the



humanities to the arts. The mindset that is so prevalent at Cranbrook is alive and well in our alumni community as they continue to shape the world.

Yet none of this is an accident, nor does it happen in a vacuum. The Cranbrook faculty champions the idea of creating. Together, they provide invaluable resources, guidance, and support for our students. Cranbrook Schools' teachers are today's champions of the idea, of the act of creating, and of our students themselves.

This year, we honor the retirement of seven faculty members who have devoted their careers to the advancement of the Cranbrook mission and ideals, and to the betterment of generations of Cranbrook Schools' students.

Please join me in thanking and congratulating Cheryl Barnes, Nancy Joyce, Janet Kapala, Linda Lutomski, Frank Norton, Shirley Nuss, Deb Rutzen, Herb Snitz, and Marilyn Sutton for their years of service. They have each played a part in preserving the Booth's dream for Cranbrook and in shaping the creators of today and tomorrow.

Sincerely,

ARLYCE M. SEIBERT  
*Director of Cranbrook Schools*





A NEW MICHIGANDER'S VIEW:  
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# College Counseling



That old Confucian saying, “May you live in interesting times,” perfectly describes the recent events in the world of college admissions and college counseling. This year’s significant changes in how U.S. colleges and universities will process admission and financial aid in the future has kept our team at Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School, as well as our colleagues nationally, on our toes more than ever before.

In March, many members of the CK junior class took a newly revised version of the SAT on its inaugural test date. While the rollout of the College Board’s new suite of assessments has been rather rocky behind the scenes, we still believe this new test may fit our students much better than the older version. Within the new test, students are now asked to analyze historical documents, set up and answer math questions using charts, graphs and descriptive prose, and write an essay which requires that they read and analyze a persuasive writing passage. The new test is reading intensive and strongly analytical, using contextual documents. The new test mirrors college expectations and, frankly, how the faculty teach at Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School. We are optimistic about how our students will perform.

Another big change comes from the new formation of roughly 90 universities and colleges collectively called the Coalition for Access & Affordability. Coalition members include elite, highly selective public and private colleges and universities, and some others which are moderately selective. The Coalition has developed a new, online “Coalition Application” which promises improved access to

colleges and universities for all, but is designed specifically to encourage college enrollment of first-generation and low income students. While Coalition members are proud of the new application, schools and colleges outside of that elite group are strong skeptics. The Cranbrook College Counseling Office has decided to sit out a year from supporting the new application until the “kinks” are worked out. At least for the next year, the Common Application will be the form of choice. Other changes on admission and financial aid horizons keep our team hopping as well! Fortunately for Cranbrook, my team and I are college admission nerds! We live, breathe and eat this stuff!

Change is rarely easy; it keeps our team on its toes, provides us more opportunities to be in closer contact with our unique, professional connections at the College Board, our national and regional associations, and with admissions deans at colleges and universities. Of course, the beneficiaries of our deep rooted, professional connections are CK students and their families. Our ability to see changes in our field from a distance and to gain early and accurate information to use in the analysis and development of plans is paramount. It’s what keeps our team recognized by colleges and peer high schools as one of the best in the field. Yes, we do live in interesting times. And I wouldn’t have it any other way.

Sincerely,

DEREN FINKS  
*Dean of College Counseling*



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# Development



Fellow Alumni,

The 2015-16 school year has been marked great achievement and generosity, as you will see in the pages that follow. But the opportunities that lie ahead are also some of the most exciting that I have had the privilege to help support in my tenure.

On the heels of our strongest fundraising year since the 2008 recession, we continue to find occasion to celebrate: Faculty milestones, including the 40th anniversary of Charlie Shaw, in honor of which alumni and parents have pledged more than a quarter-million dollars; the development of a revised master plan for the community, which promises to build upon existing programs and facilities while imagining entirely new possibilities for educational and cultural enrichment; and new partnership opportunities, including a proposed allegiance with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) for the purpose of advancing best practices in twenty-first century learning.

Tradition could easily dedicate a full issue to these each of these topics, about which you will be hearing more in the year to come. For now, suffice it to say that all are part of an ongoing conversation about “innovation” - what it means within the context of teaching and learning, and its applications in the classrooms of independent schools, like ours. It is important to note that innovation is not just about technology. It is about employing teaching and learning strategies that enable students to think critically and solve problems both in and outside the classroom; it means utilizing every experience as an opportunity to reinforce skills and concepts, rather than relying only on information that can be gleaned from a text book; and it requires us to

explore and embrace all the tools and resources that are available to us.

With that in mind, I encourage you to spend some time reviewing CK Focus at the front of this magazine, as it highlights the incredible spectrum of activity and achievement from students and faculty across our educational community. Charlie Shaw’s piece on entrepreneurship is further evidence that students are turning real-life challenges into learning opportunities every day, not only for their own benefit but the benefit of others. And our Alumni profiles seem to reinforce that these learning experiences often last a lifetime.

As always, it is the generosity of alumni like you that helps to make each and every one of these stories possible, and it is your continued support that will help bring new opportunities to fruition. Our second annual “100 Days of Alumni Giving” campaign, which began March 1, affirms that your commitment to the school is as strong as ever. Alumni participation in the Annual Fund is increasing, which is one of the greatest endorsements our community can receive.

I look forward to keeping you apprised of the impact of your contributions, and to sharing more exciting news in the year to come. I hope you will also join me in welcoming Charlie Shaw to the Development Team in 2016-17. We cannot wait to have him with us, and encourage you all to drop by and say hello!

Sincerely,

SUSAN STRICKLAND MUSKOVITZ '97  
*Director of Development*



# LUMNI Relations



*Celebrating with my 8th grade teacher Deborah Rutzen along with fellow alumni and Claudia Schuette*

Dear fellow Alumni,  
Spring on campus has brought the usual weather rollercoaster that defines Michigan, and it has also brought the emotional rollercoaster that defines Cranbrook Schools in this same period. Once students and faculty return from spring break, the flurry of preparations for sweet and satisfying endings begin. In June, seniors receive their diplomas, and in that magical moment transition from student to alumna or alumnus. For those students it is an exciting and bittersweet time, just as it is for faculty members bidding adieu to Cranbrook Kingswood as they retire.

It is fairly simple to break down the phases of a Cranbrook Schools education for our students. Our graduates have been part of the community for somewhere between one and fifteen years, and they are assigned a graduation year from the moment they start. But for the faculty it is very different. When Frank Norton and Deborah Rutzen first stepped into a classroom here, fresh from college, it is not likely they could have guessed that Cranbrook Kingswood students would be their focus for the next forty-seven years. For them, and for the other veteran teachers retiring from our classrooms this spring, one school year melted into another, until their years on this beautiful campus turned into decades. As they carved out a career on this campus, they became an integral part of the fabric of this community, weaving siblings and then alumni parents and children together; generations of alumni who share their classroom as a common bond. At the end of their Cranbrook journey, it is nearly impossible to estimate the number of former students whose lives they have impacted, the number of colorful stories in which they play a feature role, or how many individuals

who sat in their classrooms consider them a true friend. Join me in wishing Frank Norton, Deborah Rutzen, Janet Kapala, Shirley Nuss, Herb Snitz, Marilyn Sutton, and Cheryl Barnes all the best as they retire.

At the same time, we celebrate Charlie Shaw's 40th anniversary, and welcome him to his new role with the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. We would be hard-pressed to find an individual who better understands the importance of relationships and community at this school; he is the ideal person to help strengthen those connections and incorporate them into plans for the future of Cranbrook Schools.

So with springtime and reunion upon us, I look forward to welcoming you back to enjoy the magnificent campus, knowing it is not just the beauty of the landscape that draws us back, but the bonds and relationships we share and treasure.

Sincerely,

SUSAN AIKENS POST '78  
*Cranbrook Schools Director of Alumni Relations*



# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## Presidents



*CKAA President-Elect Lauren Kerr Freund '01 (center) discusses the legal field with seniors*



*CKAA President Scott Strickland answers student questions about finance*

**D**ear Fellow Alumni:

As local alumni leadership, we seek to serve as a bridge between the alumni and current schools' communities, and it is exciting to see the fruits of those labors unfold. As part of our mission to strengthen connections between the alumni community and the schools, we hosted our third annual Alumni Career Fair for current seniors at Kingswood Auditorium. Held in January at the very beginning of second semester, the senior class was invited to meet and dialogue one-on-one with more than sixty-five alumni from diverse fields and backgrounds. It was a pleasure to see engaged seniors moving from table to table, soaking in the collective wisdom of our alumni. In addition to career information and higher education advice, several seniors came away from the event with offers for Senior May Internships. This three-week optional internship for seniors in the month of May has become increasingly popular, and the alumni opportunities that have come as a result of the career fair are prized. According to faculty, since the event began three years ago, more than forty students have been placed in alumni internships as a direct result of the career fair.

The career fair, like the other events on our alumni calendar that you see captured in the "Alumni Moments" section of this magazine would not be possible without the support of our alumni volunteers and our dues paying members. We are grateful to all of you for your contributions, whether of your time or your resources, to the Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association. Please contact the alumni office if you want to get more involved in alumni activities on campus or afar, or if your workplace could host a senior intern in May down the road.

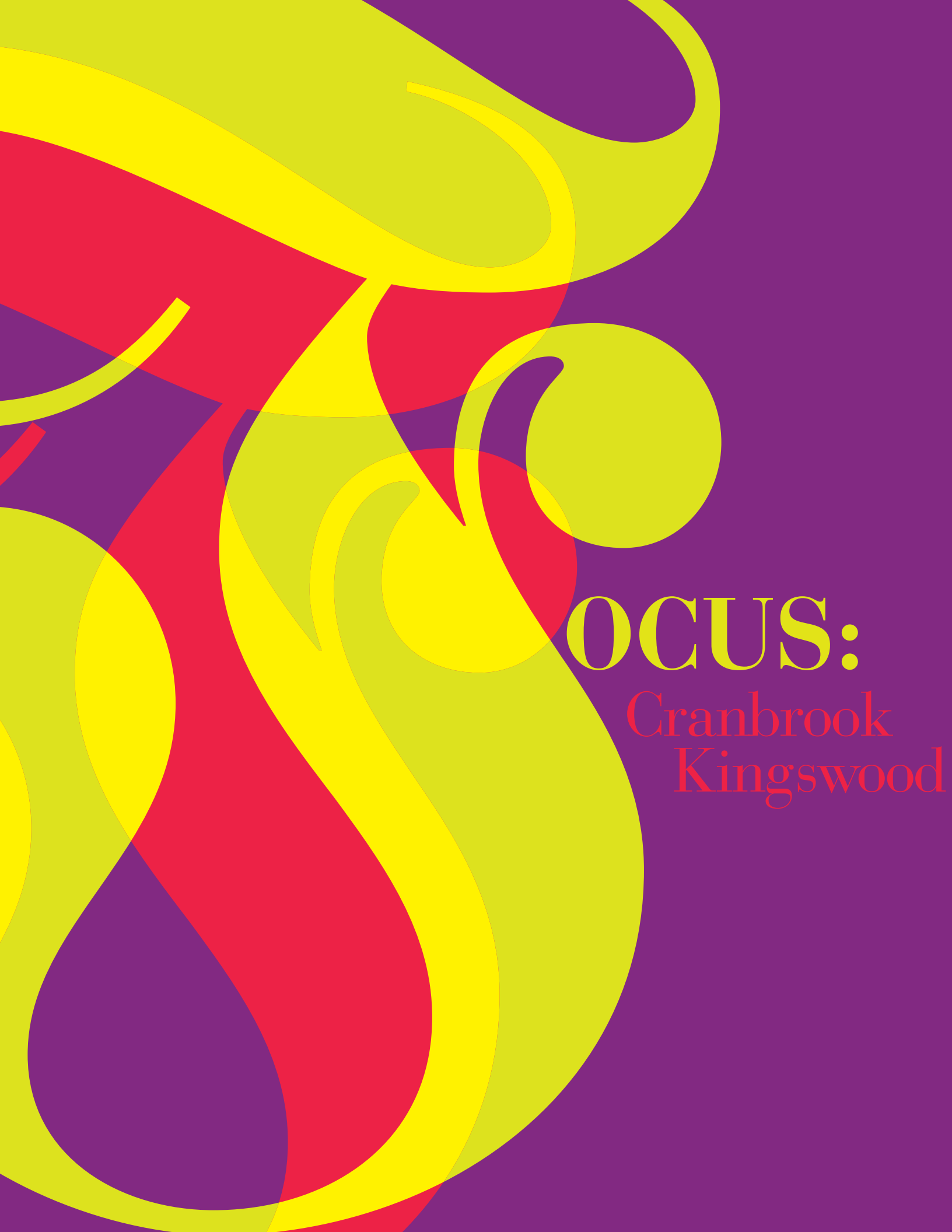
We hope you have reunion on your calendar and we look forward to celebrating with you on campus.

Sincerely,

SCOTT M. STRICKLAND, '01  
*President, Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association*

LAUREN KERR FREUND, '01  
*President-Elect, Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association*





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## ACADEMICS

In the national online competition for the Mathematics Association of America, the CK team ranked 16th on the base of our depth of talent. Several students finished in the top 1000 nationally, with one student, Vincent Jin, finishing in the top 100.

The newest members of the Cum Laude Society were inducted this fall with a ceremony that featured guest speaker Trooper Sanders '91. Prior to founding his own political strategy consulting practice, Trooper served on the White House staff, was a senior advisor to former U.S. President Bill Clinton, and managed initiatives for a variety of mission-driven organizations. Sanders also interacted with students in the classroom during his visit.

Wednesday Workshops are now in full swing, providing a new opportunity for students to pursue special interests and expand their horizons in and outside of the classroom. The workshops, all of which are voluntary, take place during lunch midweek. Topics range from study skills, test prep, entrepreneurship, college athletics, understanding intellectual property, interviewing, career options, exploring projects in the MakerSpace and more.

This year's annual Elizabeth Bennett Reading featured the work of grant recipients Jeffrey Welch and David Watson. Newly retired English teacher Jeffrey Welch shared his research on Carl Milles and his role in the inception of Cranbrook Educational Community. Language teacher and Crane Clarion advisor David Watson shared excerpts from his journals, which he plans to publish. Bennett writing grants are awarded to support the professional growth of faculty members dedicated to excellence in written expression.

Dr. Patrick O'Connor, associate dean of college counseling for Cranbrook Schools, has been awarded the Steward Award from the Michigan College Access Network, which recognizes those who have dramatically contributed to increasing the skills, talent, and knowledge of college access professionals in Michigan.

Visiting scientists added to the curriculum this year. Physics students were treated to a visit by Dr. Tobias Pfeiffer of Delft, The Netherlands. Students learned about nanotechnologies from Dr. Pfeiffer, whose research is concerned with gas-phase synthesis of nano-structured



materials through a process called spark ablation. Dr. John Zawiskie, geologist and paleontologist of the Cranbrook Institute of Science (CIS), visited Astronomy classes to give the students a hands-on experience with meteorites collected from locations around the world that are part of the CIS collections.

Environmental Science classes worked with 4th grade science classes at Brookside. The students taught about consumers, decomposers and energy flow in an ecosystem. The Environmental Science classes have also been spending time in the CK FabLab at the Cranbrook Library working on a Design Thinking project examining the role of Coevolution in a given biome.

English teacher Gordon Thompson spent first semester on sabbatical volunteering as a Kiva Fellow in Peru and Ecuador, supporting the San Francisco-based nonprofit's award-winning microfinance work. While there, his blogs became highly celebrated, receiving praise from many readers both inside and outside Kiva, including president Premal Shah.

In February, more than 75 students and professional presenters led workshop sessions for the World Affairs Seminar (WAS) topic, "Human Ingenuity." Alumna Jules Knittel Pieri '77 led student sessions on decision making and risk taking involved with entrepreneurship. Pieri is the co-founder and CEO of The Grommet, a product launch platform that curates unique, innovative products and helps them get to market. She has launched products that have gone on to be big hits, like Fitbit and SodaStream. In addition, she was named one of the 10 Most Powerful Women Entrepreneurs by *Fortune* magazine, one of 2014's 100 Most Intriguing Entrepreneurs by Goldman Sachs, and is an entrepreneur-in-residence at Harvard Business School. Throughout the day, students and professional speakers drawn from many different professional domains explored the phenomena of human invention and resilience. Among many notable events, CK students saw their first version of the "Crane Tank," a competition of start-up pitches, at World Affairs. The event was a huge success and featured a \$500 prize for the winning business pitch. The World Affairs Seminar has been a signature Cranbrook event for more than four decades.



*World Affairs Seminar guest speaker Jules Knittel Pieri '77 answers student questions*





## COMMUNITY & MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS

The annual fall and spring leadership retreats sponsored by Bridge the Divide inspired students to collaborate in new ways and reframe their perspective on their role in their community. In the fall, 120 elected student leaders gathered for a series of reflective workshops, followed by an activity oriented around building community between Cranbrook Kingswood students and neighborhoods in Detroit. Students were inspired by the monumental contributions that the organization Motor City Blight Busters has made, working with community residents to revitalize their streets as they spent their morning clearing a field for future development. The spring retreat brought together participants and student facilitators who collaborated with students from Fordson High Schools and together visited the Arab American National Museum and Freedom House. The students explored ways to build constructive inter-group dialogues and create welcoming communities.

White Gifts Ceremony, a traditional giving of thanks that has been part of the fall calendar at the schools for many decades was celebrated just before Thanksgiving break. In

addition to community presentations of contributions to needy families and organizations, the season of gratitude was celebrated with an open mic for reflections on the meaning of community

An upper school robotics team took third place in the World Robotics Olympics. The competition took place in Beijing, China. Teammates David Qin and Steven Wang's perfect score at the North American Finals this past fall qualified them to participate in the 2015 World Adolescent Robot Contest. Earning perfect scores on their first two rounds, as well as twenty extra points for solving additional problems and puzzles, the team earned third place. A trophy for Robot Design was awarded to their team in addition to their medal.

The third annual Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Career Fair for seniors featured nearly seventy alumni from diverse backgrounds offering one-on-one question and answer sessions with students. This event, which was sponsored by the Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association, provided an opportunity for seniors to explore educational and





*English teacher Gordon Thompson in Peru*

career options with alumni professionals from a variety of fields, including medicine, engineering, advertising, media, technology, public relations, government, journalism, finance, and law.

Twenty members of the Cranbrook Varsity Debate team traveled to Albion College recently and came back Michigan State Champions. Going into the final round, Cranbrook had the only two 5-0 teams, and swept through the semi-finals and defeated an incredibly strong team from Greenhills to win the state championship. The team also traveled to the Harvard Debate Tournament, an international tournament with teams competing from the Dominican Republic to China. The Cranbrook team did well with some squads coming home with winning records and gained invaluable experience against some of the best teams in the United States and worldwide.

In February, faculty, students and parents attended the second annual George Orley Mental Wellness Initiative. The widely attended event paid tribute to the memory of alumnus, George Orley, '11, but also highlighted the

value of the peer-to-peer mental health support model that University of Michigan has implemented. A group of seniors was on hand to learn more about the program. They affirmed the urgency of realizing the schools' ambition to bring mental health and wellness issues into the daylight, focusing conversations around the possible formulation of a dedicated program.

In a year that has been themed for ingenuity and invention, the Upper School has done much to promote student entrepreneurship. Among many notable events, CK students saw their first version of the "Crane Tank," a competition of start-up pitches, at World Affairs. The event was a huge success and featured a \$500 prize for the winning business pitch.

In March, faculty and student leaders departed for the Cherokee and Nantahala National Forest for Wilderness Expedition. Buses loaded with 80 sophomores followed shortly behind. Despite a few days of rain and cooler temperatures, participants reported that the trip was satisfying and fulfilling in ways that are hard to explain. Retiring faculty member and Wilderness Experience forefather Frank Norton was of course on hand for the



47<sup>th</sup> annual expedition. Norton has trained his apprentices well, and it is certain that Wilderness Experience will never be far from his sphere of influence.

## ATHLETICS

Six of Cranbrook's seniors have made commitments to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Cranbrook hosted a signing ceremony in the reading room of the Cranbrook Library where Grace Giampetroni, Allison Motea, Margaret Payne, Marc Sable, Anna Short and Trevor Stormes were joined by family, friends and teammates to celebrate the occasion. Grace has committed to High Point University to play lacrosse for the Panthers. Allison will be playing tennis for the Golden Grizzlies of Oakland University. Margaret Payne will play volleyball for the Miami of Ohio RedHawks. Marc will be playing tennis for the Terriers of Boston University. Anna will be playing tennis for Georgetown University Hoyas and Trevor will be playing goalie for the Emory Eagles.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association named senior Spencer Keoleian to the prestigious status of Scholar-Athlete. Out of more than 1400 nominees, Spencer is one of only 32 seniors across the state of

Michigan to receive this honor. He has been a member of the three-time State champion swim and dive team and is currently a team captain, as well as a goalie for the defending state champion boys' lacrosse team.

Fall sports featured record levels of participation with 149 boys and 145 girls representing Cranbrook Kingswood in interscholastic athletics. Season highlights included a state title for boys' tennis. Head Tennis Coach Jeff Etterbeek '75 was brought the best out of a strong and experienced group. The undefeated (18-0) Cranes advanced to the finals in all 8 flights of the MHSAA championship and won six of the eight to bring home the state championship.

Del Walden field was the scene of one of the best football seasons in recent history. The Cranes recorded an 8-1 regular season record to earn a berth in the MHSAA State playoffs. They then advanced to the District Championship for the first time since 2003, where they faced the #1 ranked Yellow Jackets of Detroit Country Day who unfortunately put an end to the Cranes' memorable season. On another side of this rivalry, the boys' soccer team faced rival Detroit Country Day in the first round of soccer regionals in an intense game that came down

*State championship swim and dive - seniors and coaches*





to senior Cullen Irvine's winning penalty kick in the fifth round to end DCD's season which advanced the team toward a regional championship. The team made it to the state semi-finals match, where they kept the score tied until the final two minutes of regulation play, when the Mason team scored on a penalty, ending the Cranes' memorable season. Seniors Trevor Stormes, Kenny Kernon and Cooper Cormier earned All-Oakland County Dream Team and All-State honors.

The Cranbrook Kingswood winter sport season experienced the ups and downs of a very competitive schedule and teams relying on younger players to fill varsity rosters on the court, ice, ski hill, and in the pool. Highlights included a three-peat state championship from a boys swim and dive team that was truly a team effort. Despite winning just one individual state title compared to the eight individual 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes by East Grand Rapids, their nearest competitor, Cranbrook Kingswood continued to build momentum throughout the event, with far more scoring swimmers than any other team in the pool, winning with 352 points over East Grand Rapids' 315.

Crane fever engulfed Keppel Gym when the boys' basketball night honored the head of school on "Charlie Shaw Night" which featured five different Cranbrook basketball teams, spanning Boys' Middle School through varsity, dressed in bow ties and collared shirts. Overhead hung the banner, "Thanks, Coach Shaw, CK Athletics #1 Fan."

Cranbrook boys' hockey took on Brother Rice at Wallace Ice Arena in the name of fighting cancer this past season. The athletes worked with students from the new Cranbrook Envisions a Cure club. All proceeds raised at the game will be donated to seven cancer charities, all of which have a significant Cranbrook connection.

## PERFORMING ARTS

This fall, the theater department put on an amazing performance of the comedy *You Can't Take It With You*. The spring musical, *The Music Man*, was a wonderful evening of entertainment. The event was a spectacle across many different disciplines—great acting, singing, and dancing—but immediately stunning for its transformation of the Performing Arts Center space into a theater-in-



Dr. Darryl Taylor '70 at the Alumni Career Fair





Performing arts faculty with Renée Elise Goldsberry '89 on the set of *Hamilton*

the-round. The demands of this innovative and ambitious production provided a unique challenge for the cast and crew that paid off in spades. As the show's run drew to a close, performing arts faculty put on a special show in honor of their retiring colleague Janet Kapala, performing the Grecian urn dance in full costume.

Performing arts students traveled to the Michigan Thespian Festival for a two-day event that included performances, workshops and competitions. Students won awards in a variety of categories that included Sound Design, Monologue, Solo and Duet Acting. There were also technical competitions for backstage crews in light hanging, sound set up, costume change, knot tying and prop set up. The Cranbrook Kingswood team took home the award for fastest combine time in all five categories, winning a brilliant Source Four light fixture for the school.

Cranbrook Kingswood instrumental students set a new school record at the 2016 Michigan Schools Band and Orchestra Association's District Solo and Ensemble. Seventy-five first division medals and 28 second division medals were awarded to participating students during the event, breaking all previous records.

Orchestra students had a special visit from the Shanghai Quartet, a world renowned string quartet, which began in 1983 at the Shanghai Conservatory. Members of the Shanghai Quartet taught a master class to our very own Cranbrook Quartet (Sonya Lebenbom, Eliana Silverman, Alex Zureick and Arin Yu), and then performed for the entire Orchestra class.

Three members of the Performing Arts Department, Sarkis Halajian, Katie Lorts and Kay Rediers traveled to New York City in January to see the musical *Hamilton*, which stars alumna Renée Elise Goldsberry '89. When Renée attended Cranbrook, she was a lead in both *Grease* and *South Pacific* and a member of the Madrigal. After the show, Renée arranged for the faculty members to visit backstage and meet other members of the show, including playwright, composer and lead character, Lin-Manuel Miranda.

Cranbrook Kingswood dancers benefitted from visiting artists this year. BRAVO guest dance artist, Aaron Smith, spent five days on campus working with dance



students. His work with advanced dance students, titled *Containing Beauty* is a challenging contemporary dance which requires both artistry and athleticism. Aaron also taught master classes to the intermediate dance students. Chicago dance artist, William Gill, paid a visit through a special arrangement by the Cranbrook Art Museum. Gill choreographed the Nick Cave *“Heard”* project in Detroit, and taught the students material from that project.

## FINE ARTS

This fall, studio honors ceramics students were invited to submit work to a National Conference for Educators of the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) *“Across the Table.”* Cranbrook submitted 15 works by 7 students and each and every piece was accepted for the exhibition. Exhibition sponsors contacted the art department, expressing how beautiful the student works were and that images of our students working and writings about the studio would enhance the Cranbrook exhibition. *“Across the Table”* was on display at the Charlotte Street Foundation Gallery in Kansas City, Missouri in March 2016. Later in the year, Joe Smith, and six honor students attended a workshop at the Michigan

Art Center to see international ceramic artist Phil Rogers, who demonstrated his techniques and shared his love for clay and influences in his life.

Senior sculpture students Louis Magidson and Michael Weiss got hands-on experience in the installation of a major piece when they assisted Gary Kulak, Head of the Fine Art Department, with an installation of his 18’ sculpture *Red Chakra* at Walsh College in Troy. The weather was chilly but the piece went together as planned and both students had the experience of installing a large scale sculpture.

A school record total of sixty-nine awards were given to Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School students by the Southeastern Michigan Region of The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, which is sponsored by the College of Creative Studies in Detroit. Five gold portfolios and 17 individual gold medals were awarded, with some of these works selected for display at Carnegie Hall in New York City for the final round of national competition.

*You Can't Take it With You*







Ceramics students at Phil Rogers workshop



Advanced dance students work with Chicago dance artist William Gill





## KEEPING UP WITH MR. HAW

Not everything iconic at Cranbrook is a building, garden, or sculpture. Cranbrook Schools has had more than its share of iconic educators and leaders over the decades—people who have shaped the course of the education at the institution and impacted generations of students.

As was announced last fall, Head of Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School Charlie Shaw, who has served Cranbrook for nearly 40 years, will be stepping down from his position in June.

However, Charlie will not be retiring from Cranbrook Schools. Instead, he will be joining the development office as an important contributor in the effort to make Cranbrook's ambitious plan for the future a reality.

Cranbrook is beginning to look ahead to the realization of its master plan, a plan that includes new athletic and performing arts facilities, a state-of-the-art, cross-

programmatic innovation center, and a slate of ambitious curricular advancements.

Mr. Shaw is no stranger to innovation and change. He has been an important force behind managing the steeply climbing pace of change in the past 10-15 years brought about, in part, by the technological revolution. Online comments, CranNet courses, SMART boards in classrooms, new usage for the Kingswood Lower Level, a new upper school academic schedule, and an expanded reach of the College Counseling office are just a few of the changes that have happened on his watch and with his considered input.

*Tradition* magazine sat down with Mr. Shaw in his Hoey Hall office to talk about his new role at the school.

*Tradition*: "Forty years on" at Cranbrook Schools and now you are stepping into yet another new role. Talk a bit about your first forty years at Cranbrook.

CS: In my fortieth year, I look back on a great expanse of pure classroom delight. Through a kind of sorcery, I managed to continue my teaching career for most of the twenty-one years of my administrative life. The staples of this teaching were my electives in “The House in American Literature” and “Modern Voices of Doubt and Affirmation.” Of course there were also the many cycles of seasons for coaching of boys and girls soccer and lacrosse. Here I learned to say a lot in a few words.

My administrative duties comprised first the office of dean of faculty, then for the past thirteen years the head of the Upper School. Those twenty-one years have been ones, I hope, of great consequence for the advancement and the growing of the school..

The dean of faculty position was created by Arlyce Seibert in 1995 for the purpose of designing initiatives and growth opportunities for faculty, and I was the first appointee to that office. Arlyce’s dedication to faculty opportunities has been a direction that I have tried to sustain throughout my tenure as an administrator here. These have ranged across sabbatical supports, Dads Club Faculty Awards, Fanfare for Faculty, the Elizabeth Bennett Funds. So looking back, I am pleased to see a long roll call of faculty recruitment, teacher leadership development, and pedagogical initiatives that have allowed Cranbrook Kingswood to attain a place of significance in independent school circles. We have launched a number of school partnerships—with the Global Online Academy, the World’s Leading Schools Association, and more are in development.

Twenty-one years have allowed me to carve significant initiatives in the area of student life, in particular to make learning deeper or friendlier. We have had some notable successes in such areas as the new schedule, opportunities for student leadership and entrepreneurship, support for students with learning differences, and the strengthening of health and counseling services. The delivery of college counseling resources has been completely redesigned. Students of all grades and their families have a much deeper and wider access to counseling. Immediate and informal connections to college counseling offices are abundant.

I’m gratified to note that the past twenty-one years have marked Cranbrook Kingswood as a place that transforms lives. Our students continue to be conspicuous in all settings for their critical and creative capacities. I am happy to report that they also feel compelled to return to school for years to come. Inevitably they tell us that this place is their home, that their best teaching happened here. They love the faculty. They learned to think here. The beauty of the place haunts them for the rest of their lives.

It’s very gratifying to know that the CK student continues to be someone who is carefully studied and listened to; someone who assumes leadership and commands attention in the professional world.

*Tradition:* What does the new job involve? How will next year look for you professionally?

CS: Well, the shape of next year is slowly gaining clarity. The important outlines of my role are to continue to make the Cranbrook story come alive, to update it, and to retell it to alums, parents, and educational leaders across the nation. The oral tradition of Cranbrook and Kingswood, is rich and I will have a special opportunity to give it my own flavor. Connecting several generations of Cranbrook and Kingswood folklore and accomplishment to the future of the school is an important responsibility. It will be an incredible privilege to put our current students side-by-side with adults who have attained full professional and cultural status here and overseas.

Additionally, it will be my job to describe an educator’s vision for the most pressing programmatic needs for the students of Cranbrook Schools for today and for years to come. My experience as a teacher and administrator allow me to reduce our vision into the most compelling and urgent language. The kind of trust that faculty and administrators enjoy here is a significant advantage to me in terms of projecting an exciting and confident future that will confirm all the promise that the school has had since its origins.

*Tradition:* What are you looking forward to the most?

CS: The most exciting prospect is the privilege of extending the narrative of the school, both externally and to our alumni. The stories of excellence associated with CK have been an engine for transformational change in independent schools for the past twenty years. These are stories that I know, as both a participant and as a creator. Cranbrook Schools today has a potency in independent school conversations that it has never enjoyed before.

*Tradition:* Where do you think Cranbrook Schools, particularly the Upper School, is headed right now?

CS: There are a small number of schools that are poised to define and explore the outermost limits of independent school education. Cranbrook Schools has found a place among them. The arc of independent education will take school outside of its conventional spaces and times. The trajectory of independent education is about creating greater access and about bringing together public and private purpose.



Over the past ten years, the idea of Cranbrook as a sui generis curriculum has matured and authored a story like no other in independent education. We now have a collaboration between the institutions of Cranbrook Educational Community that has no other example in the independent school world. No doubt this is the future of the Upper School.

*Tradition:* Why was this change the right thing to do for you?

CS: For me, the experience of being at Cranbrook has always been about the audacity of it—the audacity of the idea of Cranbrook and the boldness of its origins. The whole surprise of moving across the Cranbrook landscape, has inspired me every day that I've been here. And so the most fundamental piece of Cranbrook for me is continuing to create that sense of shock of the new, the shock of invention.

Having an opportunity for one more reincarnation of energy in an area such as development gives me access to pouring into a mold—to firing, making the crucible hot, and pouring the molten stuff in there.

*Tradition:* Share one piece of advice you would give the incoming head of Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School.

CS: The new head of the Upper School will be most surprised at taking in the sense of confidence and excitement that the Upper School student brings to every day. Our students feel the imperative to be expressive and be creative at every turn. And this will be the greatest gift to the new head. But it will also be the greatest surprise.

Our students are unreserved in terms of their expression of their school experience, and they expect to be heard. This will be a wonderful discovery by the new head, and it will also be a challenge for her to find a place for the importance of conversation with the students.







## SHAW FUND FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP AND PEER PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED

Cranbrook is delighted to announce a special opportunity to recognize Charlie Shaw by advancing the programs that he has helped to establish in his tenure. “The Shaw Fund for Student Leadership and Peer Programs” will support and encourage educational and/or extracurricular experiences, including:

Experiential Learning and Entrepreneurship Programs that foster creative thought and problem-solving skills, like Robotics and the Summer Enterprise Awards. The Shaw Fund will help to encourage new or burgeoning initiatives that offer project-based or real-world learning opportunities.

Student Leadership Programs that promote the characteristics and abilities demonstrated by effective and ethical leaders. The Shaw Fund will help support new and existing programs like Student Leadership Retreat and Bridge the Divide, which allow students to develop and practice leadership skills through community dialogue and engagement.

Student Wellness and Learning Support Programs to establish and maintain a student-mediated support network that promotes a safer, more supportive community; and to establish a destination for students who are struggling with personal issues and/or learning differences to seek counseling and advice.

“Charlie has been a driving force behind these programs,” notes Director of Schools Arlyce Seibert. “He gave them shape, which can now evolve into something even greater.”

By providing a single funding source for what have always been separate initiatives, Cranbrook hopes to fortify existing leadership programs and create a platform for developing and promoting new opportunities, including a peer support network. Contributions totaling \$50,000 or more will endow the fund in perpetuity, but for \$2 million or more in endowment, the Shaw Fund will become the Shaw Center and include physical space for student meetings and retreats, a program area director (or directors) with special expertise, and other operational resources.

“Any additional support we can get for these programs is wonderful,” adds Seibert, “but a Shaw Center would be transformational.”

For more information, or to make a contribution in Charlie’s honor, contact Susan Muskovitz at 248.645.3556 or [smuskovitz@cranbrook.edu](mailto:smuskovitz@cranbrook.edu).



SOLARSHADE hears from the judges at the Cranetank



# ENTREPRENEURSHIP

AT CRANBROOK SCHOOLS BY CHARLES SHAW

Over the past few years, the urge for enterprise has been a brush-fire phenomenon, popping up commotion all over the CK landscape. As Upper School Head Charlie Shaw is quick to point out, creativity and innovation are being fostered in our student body in new ways with each passing semester. Teachers and administrators are being challenged to foster that drive to create on campus on a daily basis. A half dozen student clubs range over such interests as entrepreneurship, stock trading, business competitions, among other things. Hosting a wide range of fundraisers, the Map Room thrums every morning with the energy of a bazaar. Part of the Cranbrook Library has been

reconfigured to accommodate a significant MakerSpace and group work.

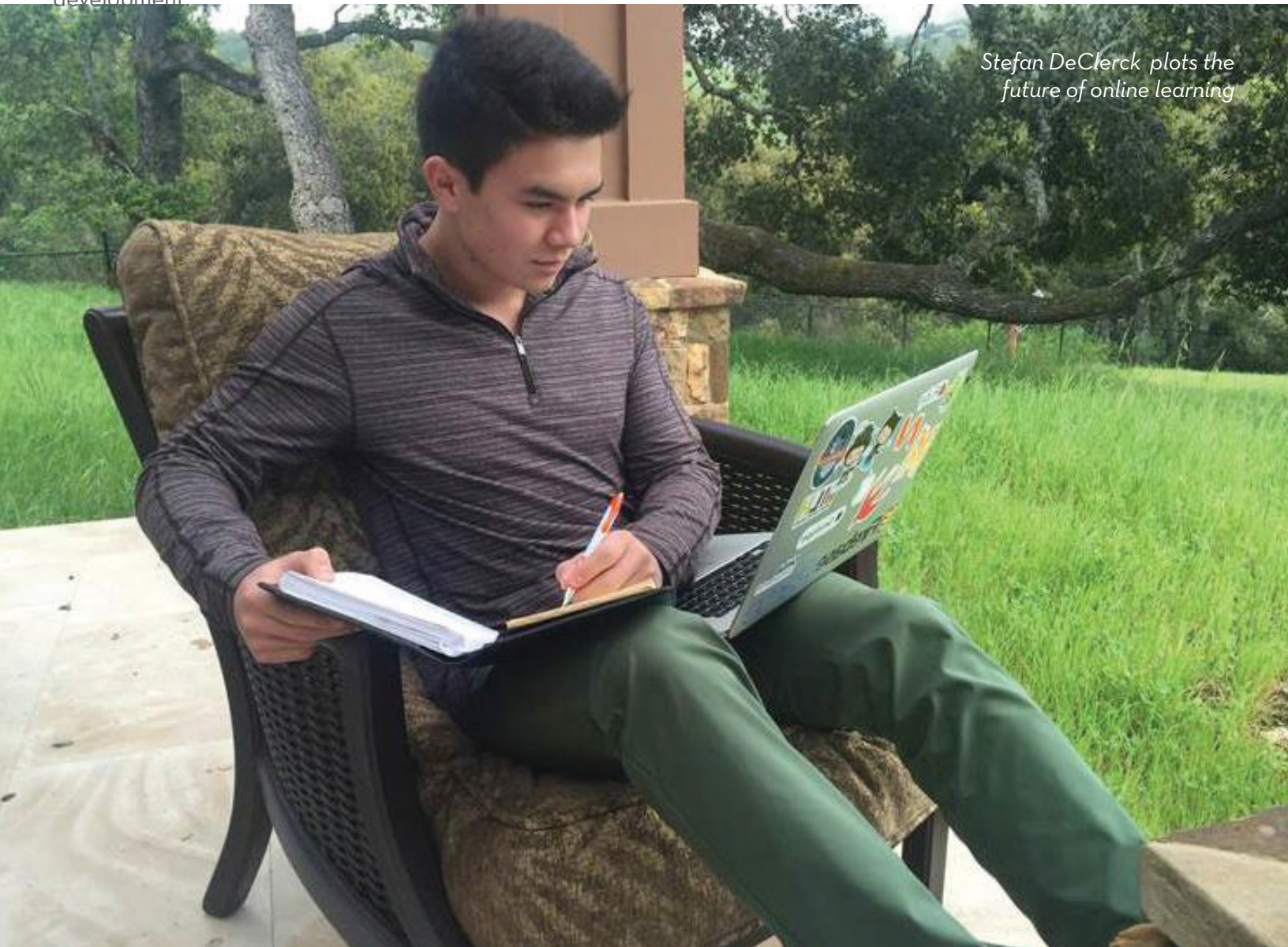
This spring, Cranbrook Schools will stage our second internal TedX event. With the touch of sorcerers, our Namtenga Club merchandises artisanal products coming out of a small village in Burkina Faso, Africa, in which the Cranbrook community has built a weaving studio. At a recent state competition hosted by the Better Business Bureau of Michigan, CK teams made a clean sweep of first, second, and third places. Meanwhile an elite cadre of computer-savvy students has made the rounds through some of the most elite, invitation-only hackathons in the nation.

But this year a kind of high noon of student entrepreneurship seems to have arrived. For the summer's Community Read, students read *THE MARTIAN*, announcing human ingenuity as the theme for the school year. Even before the first day of school, students had come by my office to talk about their summer projects and inventions.

One senior, Anjali Roychowdhury, had spent several weeks doing research on optimal packing of nano particles, which has resulted in a patent and a scholarly article. Another senior, Adarsh Rachmale, was pursuing his work from various start-ups originating in downtown Detroit. Three students who had been selected the previous year for the MIT Launch program for incubating business start-ups had won permission to bring the launch concept back to CK. These campus franchises of the MIT Launch have been busy at work all year and are ready to join the competition trail yet again. Sophomore Stefan DeClerck created, published and sold three iOS programming courses adopted by thousands of students from over 120 countries around the world. This was after he launched a Kickstarter campaign to fund the course and related app development.

By the time school started, students had shared so many of their stories that someone came up with the idea for a school assembly in which students would make pitches in front of a live school audience. Pitches were divided into categories: business, technology, and social impact. The pitches were so numerous that we broke them into four separate audiences. After the assemblies, some fifty students joined me for lunch to talk about the state of entrepreneurship at the school and ideas for growing opportunities both within and outside of the curriculum.

The annual World Affairs Seminar has long been a marketplace for student entrepreneurial showmanship. One of the most popular features of this year's event was the arrival of CK's first Crane Tank, a competition of start-ups. The eventual winner was Solar Shade, an ongoing enterprise at this time, dedicated to creating phone-charging capabilities in every outdoor and leisure setting. The judge's panel was comprised of local business leaders, and the winning team was awarded \$500. But the second-place winner, Trends for Teens, captured a level of excitement no less intense. Founded by sophomore Emily



*Stefan DeClerck plots the future of online learning*





*Tomorrow's entrepreneurs meet at the Business Launch Club*

Prokop, the program installs stores in select urban schools where students who have fulfilled prescribed academic or personal goals can purchase products through points earned. Another group of students (Ronnie Ahlborn, Courtney Wright, Natasha Vasan, Julianna Aikens) have started "Diapers in the D" to provide diapers for mothers in distressed economic situations.

As with their peers everywhere, the mere mention of an "internship" brings on twitches and tics in our students. But at the heart of this impulse is something deeper that speaks to idealism, the spirit of invention, and the desire to engage real-world problems. "In the world of start-ups, age is no boundary," explains Adarsh. Students like senior Gillian Levine used the Alan Kaufman Family Leadership Fund grant to research nutrition and the production of food in the Andes Mountains of Peru this past summer. These students matter-of-factly share their dreams about being at the forefront of new ideas.

Faculty have an intimate sense of this drive among their students and make use of it in the classroom. A number of faculty have found professional development opportunities in such areas as the design process, tinkering, MakerSpaces, and innovation. The new academic schedule provides for longer class periods that promote deeper student engagement and knowledge production. Faculty create opportunities that support collaboration and teamwork as important learning tools. Anticipation of an innovation lab on the campus is keen. Faculty conversations with other schools has gathered momentum.

The Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association also have put their finger on this nerve. For the past few years, alums have created a career fair in February for seniors that is wildly successful. Sprawling across the Kingswood dining hall and auditorium, the event puts seniors into one-on-one conversations with alums who are eager to share their professional stories with students. Seniors and alums emerge from the event exhausted but exhilarated and full of stories and contact information.





History teacher Holly Arida created a two-week summer program, Startup Effect, which brings together students from Cranbrook Kingswood, urban, and suburban high schools to learn the design thinking process, generate ideas for social impact companies, and work at internships at such business incubators as Techtown, Ponyride, and TechStars. The students work out of their headquarters in Detroit.

What lies ahead? A group of students, mentored by alum Phyllip Hall, is working on a “Cranbrook Culture Book.” The project takes off from the corporate idea of the Zappo’s Culture Book, for the purpose of creating online Cranbrook Schools storytelling. It aspires to call upon the participation of students, families, and alums.

This spring, the Upper School has unveiled a new entrepreneurial initiative, the Summer Enterprise Awards. Sophomores and juniors are eligible to compete for awards between \$1500 - \$2500 in the areas of leadership, business, social justice, and science/technology. The

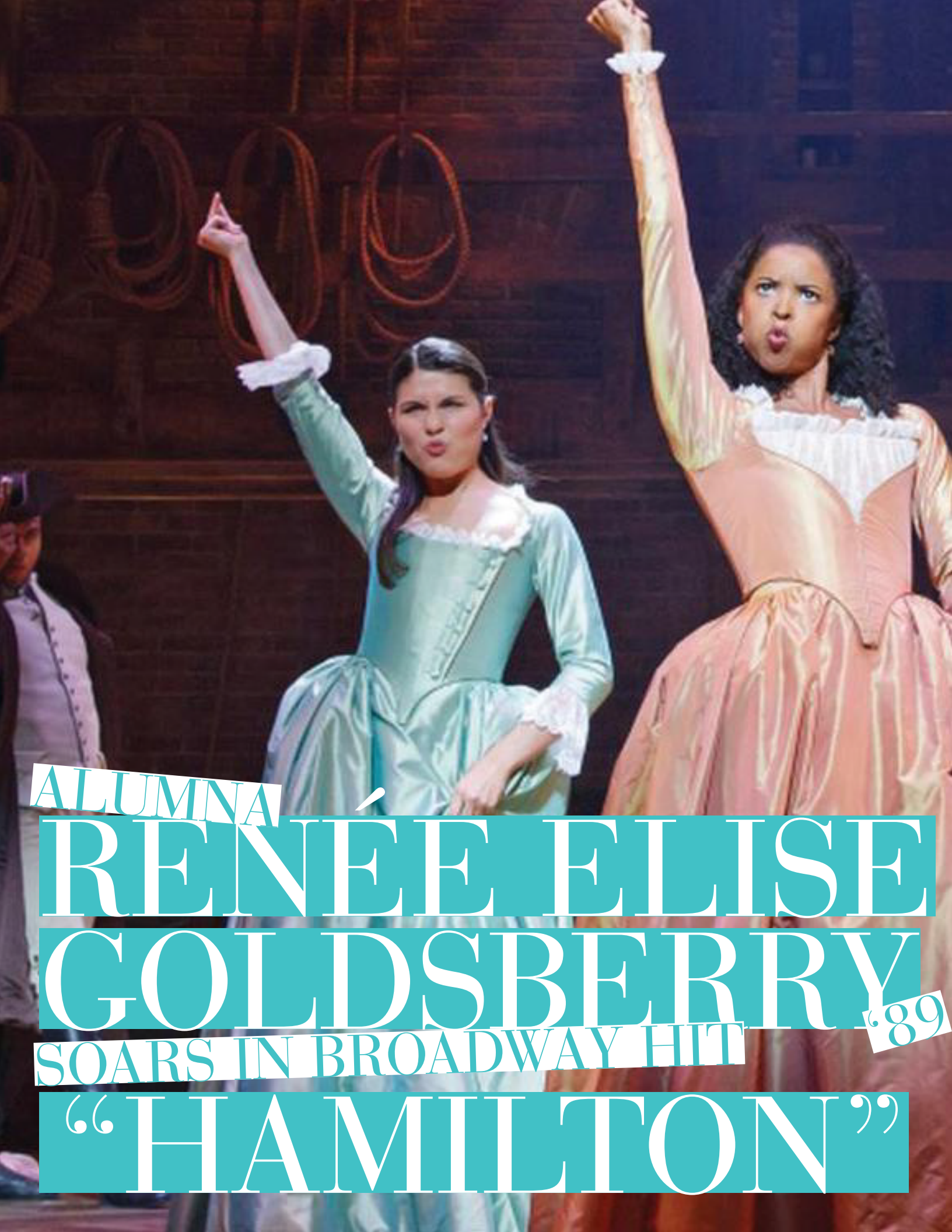
emphasis in the competitive process will be on giving back to the CK community.

Charlie Shaw notes that the number of examples of students striking out in these creative directions is far beyond the scope of one article. This entrepreneurial energy taps sources originating at Brookside and the Boys and Girls Middle Schools. It promises to flow for years to come.

Video recorded by Ian McManus in deSalle Auditorium:

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ALUMINA

# RENEE ELISE GOLDSBERRY

SOARS IN BROADWAY HIT

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# “HAMILTON”



**I**t is not often that a *New York Times* theatre critic suggests to his readers that they “mortgage their houses and lease their children” to secure tickets to a Broadway show, but that is just the kind of year it has been for the game-changing hit musical, “Hamilton” and one of its stars, Renée Elise Goldsberry, ’89.

A veteran of some of the biggest musicals in recent memory, including “Rent” and “The Lion King,” Goldsberry says she knew “Hamilton” was special from the moment she heard writer Lin-Manuel Miranda’s demo of “Satisfied,” one of the show’s signature numbers.

“My brain exploded because I thought it was brilliant,” she says. “I knew it was the mother lode of why you say you want to be part of the theatre. I’ve been having the best time ever on Broadway, introducing this work of art to the world.”

Over the last year, Goldsberry has earned a Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Featured Actress in a Musical, recognizing her work as Angelica Schuyler, the sister-in-law of Alexander Hamilton in this hip-hop-fueled account of the Founding Father’s life.

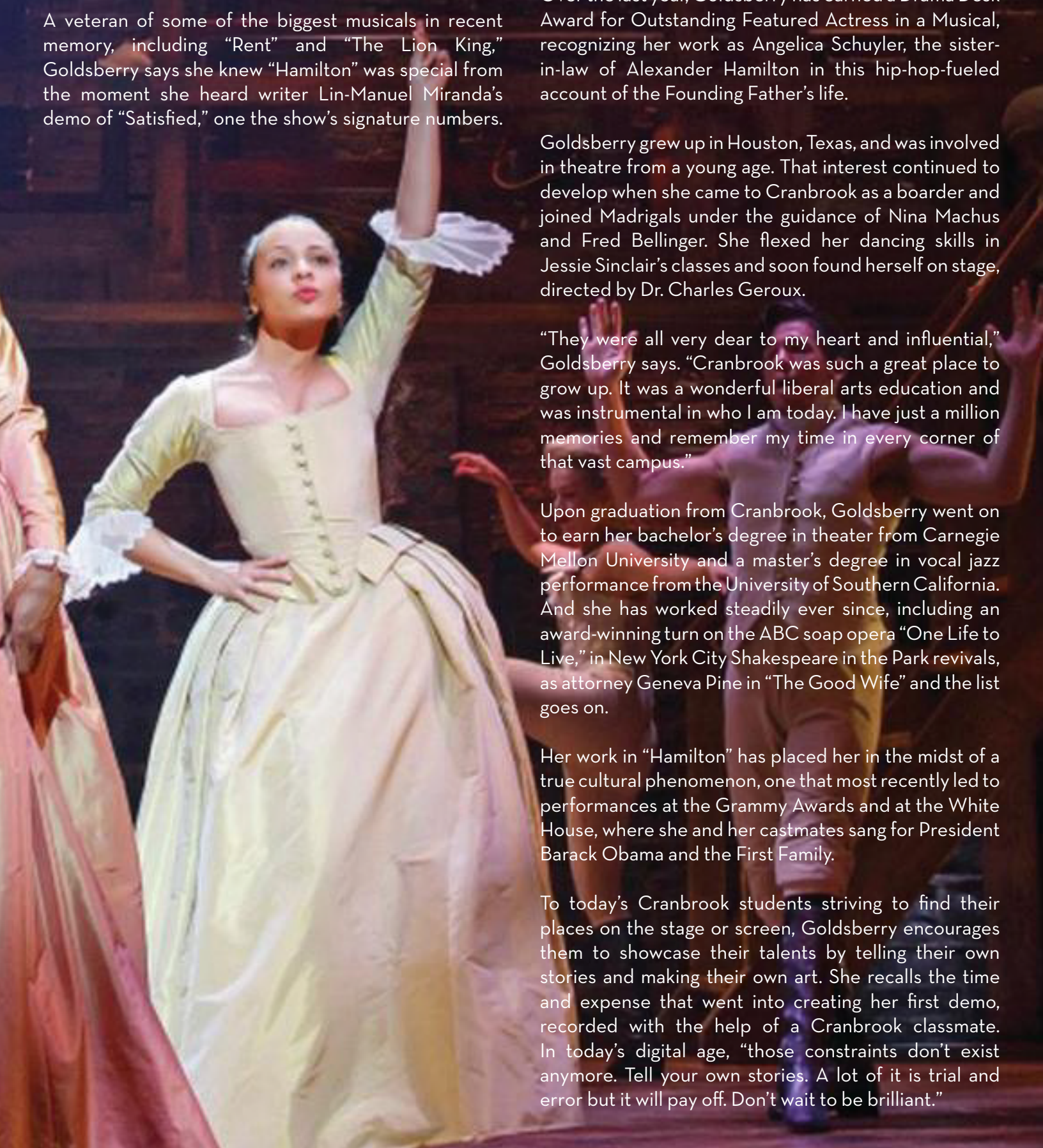
Goldsberry grew up in Houston, Texas, and was involved in theatre from a young age. That interest continued to develop when she came to Cranbrook as a boarder and joined Madrigals under the guidance of Nina Machus and Fred Bellinger. She flexed her dancing skills in Jessie Sinclair’s classes and soon found herself on stage, directed by Dr. Charles Geroux.

“They were all very dear to my heart and influential,” Goldsberry says. “Cranbrook was such a great place to grow up. It was a wonderful liberal arts education and was instrumental in who I am today. I have just a million memories and remember my time in every corner of that vast campus.”

Upon graduation from Cranbrook, Goldsberry went on to earn her bachelor’s degree in theater from Carnegie Mellon University and a master’s degree in vocal jazz performance from the University of Southern California. And she has worked steadily ever since, including an award-winning turn on the ABC soap opera “One Life to Live,” in New York City Shakespeare in the Park revivals, as attorney Geneva Pine in “The Good Wife” and the list goes on.

Her work in “Hamilton” has placed her in the midst of a true cultural phenomenon, one that most recently led to performances at the Grammy Awards and at the White House, where she and her castmates sang for President Barack Obama and the First Family.

To today’s Cranbrook students striving to find their places on the stage or screen, Goldsberry encourages them to showcase their talents by telling their own stories and making their own art. She recalls the time and expense that went into creating her first demo, recorded with the help of a Cranbrook classmate. In today’s digital age, “those constraints don’t exist anymore. Tell your own stories. A lot of it is trial and error but it will pay off. Don’t wait to be brilliant.”





# '61

## Brian BAREFOOT

**W**hen this year's Distinguished Alumnus Brian Barefoot speaks, others listen. As a prodigious student athlete, his teammates followed him on and off the playing field. Throughout his highly successful career in finance, he guided clients, employees and thought leaders alike. And as president of Babson College, he led a community of students, alumni and staff through the Great Recession. Today, he continues as a dynamic guiding force for a new generation of entrepreneurs.

"I've been very fortunate," Barefoot says. "One thing I learned is that it's all about leadership. Without it, organizations won't succeed to their full potential I learned

early on that for whatever reason, I seemed to be elected to leadership positions. I could get people to invest in my vision and a company's vision. I was willing to take risks and affect change in existing organizations."

That innate ability to lead manifested itself early on in his years at Cranbrook when he arrived in the fall of 1958 as a sophomore boarder. Raised in Youngstown, Ohio, Barefoot lived in Page Hall and spent, as he says, "a little time in the library, a little time at Kingswood," and a lot of time donning the uniform of a Cranbrook Crane. He played three sports at Cranbrook - football, basketball and tennis - and excelled.

He recalls legendary teachers Ben Snyder, Bob Kenney and Richard Heavenrich with fondness, but says, "the teachers I probably developed the closest bond with were the coaches like Art Culver for tennis. Those were the people I remember most."

After graduation, he headed to Union College to major in engineering, a path in which he soon lost interest. He made the difficult decision to take a year off. "My father was not very happy," he says.

Life changed dramatically after a suggestion from one of Barefoot's Cranbrook classmates, Barry Shapiro, urged him to enroll at Babson College, which he did in the fall of 1963. He changed his major to finance and investment. "I loved it," he says. "I decided it was what I wanted to do." It was the start of a lifelong relationship with the college, one that would prove transformative not only for Barefoot but for the school itself.

Following graduation from Babson, Barefoot went on to earn his MBA from Suffolk University and serve a tour of duty in Vietnam. Upon his return, he joined Merrill Lynch, where he rose through the ranks over the course of a 25-year tenure, ultimately taking on responsibility for the legendary firm's entire West Coast operations.

It was in the late 1970s, when Barefoot was still with Merrill Lynch, that he was invited by Babson College administrators to take on a major role in their capital campaign and head up their West Coast efforts. Soon after, he joined the school's board and was quickly elected to chair.

After retiring from Merrill Lynch and serving as CEO of PaineWebber International, Barefoot realized that "I'd had enough of Wall Street," he says. He signed on as CEO of Neovision, a company that developed software for money management firms, and successfully led it through a sale to a larger entity.

At the same time, Barefoot's ties with Babson had grown as he played an active and prominent role as chair of its

board of trustees from 1996 to 2001. The latter part of that term was spent searching for a new president for the college. By the end of the school year, the position remained unfilled. Barefoot's fellow board members felt their best candidate was close at hand.

"They convinced me that I should do it, so I became interim president of Babson," he says. It was just in time for the tech bubble to burst and for the school to experience the repercussions of September 11, 2001 - a tragedy that hit the Boston area and Babson community particularly hard.

In 2002, the board and faculty asked him to stay on longer. It was an easy decision for him to make. "It didn't even feel like a job," Barefoot says. "How many people get to be president of the college they went to?"

He was a perfect fit to lead the college to an unprecedented run of academic success and recognition. The Babson MBA program has been recognized as a top five program by the Financial Times Global MBA Rankings every year since 2000. Its undergraduate entrepreneurship program has earned similar kudos, ranking as the top program in the country by *U.S. News and World Report* for nearly two decades.

"There's no business in the world like an academic institution," Barefoot says. There is a greater need to build consensus in academia before decisions are made, in large part because there are more constituents to please with faculty, staff, parents, alumni and students all factoring into the formula for success.

"If you don't include people in the process, it will never achieve the results that it would have if you'd talked to more people or had one more meeting," he says.

After a long and successful career in business, Barefoot says he is most proud of his years at Babson, especially of his work to try and improve diversity at the college and dramatically expand its scholarship program. He sees his legacy as that of "changing the profile of Babson from a gated-type community to a thriving, diverse campus of kids and faculty from all different backgrounds, all with a leader's mindset and entrepreneurial spirit."

It is a powerful experience, he says, to think of the thousands of Babson graduates and the contributions they are making each day in the world of business and entrepreneurial enterprises across the country and around the world. Their paths, no doubt, were made just a little bit clearer through the efforts of one man with an unflinching gift for inspiring others.



# '81



## Michelle Joerin STEWART

**C**lass of 1981 graduate Michelle Joerin Stewart remembers riding the bus from Detroit to Cranbrook with her friend Rob Edwards and spending a lot of time talking about the future. Edwards was focused on becoming a successful screenwriter. Stewart was not so certain about her path. All she knew was that she was a city kid who loved the outdoors and the challenges she had found in Cranbrook's Lodestar program, where she pushed her own limits under the guidance of her mentor and Upper School physics teacher Frank Norton.

Thirty-five years later, Stewart will return to campus this June as the 2016 Distinguished Alumna, following an extraordinary military career that has seen her traverse the globe from the Philippines, Lithuania and Bosnia to Korea, Iraq and most recently, Afghanistan, as one of the highest ranking women in the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

In Iraq, she led efforts that included more than 450 projects ranging from the installation of wells in small villages to building schools, police stations, jails, administrative buildings and hospitals.

Following her deployment in Iraq, Stewart traveled to Afghanistan as a military insert with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), an agency founded by President John F. Kennedy in 1961 with the mission of ending “extreme global poverty and (enabling) resilient, democratic societies to realize their potential.”

While with USAID, “I went from construction to diplomacy,” says Stewart, adding that there was a push at the time to bring diplomatic and military aims together to help the people of Afghanistan following more than a decade of war.

In her role as chief of staff, Stewart worked on a number of different projects, from helping to bring electricity to rural villages to creating schools for midwives. “Because of cultural norms, the male doctors there cannot treat the women,” Stewart says. “We were teaching women how to care for other women who were pregnant and how to deliver the babies.” In just under a year, the infant mortality rate dropped by 25 percent.

The experience, Stewart says, “was completely different from anything I had ever done before. I felt like I’d found my calling.”

She returned home after nine months in time to see her youngest daughter graduate from high school and go off to college. Back in the United States, Stewart took on another massive project as chief engineer, building a \$400 million “city in the woods” in Florida to house and train Army special operations soldiers. “I was able to work with the soldiers and design what they needed,” she says. That included barracks, training ranges, a medical center, underground infrastructure, a fire department and more.

When her husband, also a career Army officer, requested a transfer to the Pentagon, Stewart moved with him to Washington D.C. It was not long before she was invited to join the staff at Arlington National Cemetery as its chief engineer. Within months, she also was named the landmark’s chief of staff, doing both jobs at once.

It was a difficult time at the cemetery, which had been in a state of chaos since accusations of misconduct and mismanagement had surfaced years earlier. Stewart put her leadership skills to work, helping Arlington regain its stature as one of the country’s most important and respected landmark institutions.

While at Arlington, Stewart was given the task of designing a new system to secure and improve the functionality of the eternal flame that burns beside President Kennedy’s grave. “It only had one starter and there was no redundancy in the system,” Stewart says. “It had been through hurricanes and the hardware was wearing out. We had people standing by to light it if it went out in a storm. We modernized it, adding things like drainage for the electronics.”

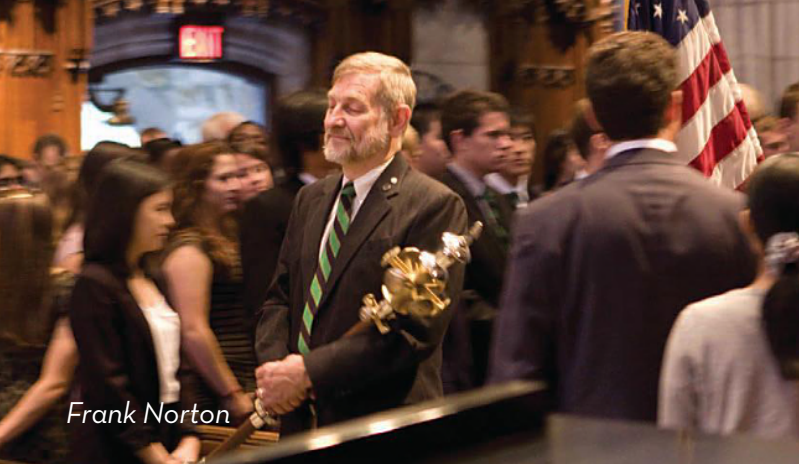
Stewart says she felt honored to be able to improve and safeguard this symbol that has shone so brightly for more than 50 years. “I was certainly in love with some of JFK’s ideas, especially after my experiences in USAID,” she says.

Today, Stewart has enrolled in international relations courses with an eye toward perhaps one day writing a book about her experiences. “So much has happened to me and I didn’t fully understand the context,” she says. “I wanted to learn more about how my little piece of the world fit into the bigger whole.”

In looking back on her days at Kingswood, Stewart sees a direct correlation between her experiences as a student, especially in Lodestar, and the career path she chose. “I was an inner city kid from Detroit,” she says. “I didn’t hike, but there I was repelling down from the tower at Cranbrook. Every year it was like a rite of passage. You’d climb up to the rail, lean back and take that first step. You had to willfully step off into oblivion and I learned that if you can will your instincts to subside, you can do some very amazing things.”

While her friend Rob Edwards did go on to that successful screenwriting career, Stewart too found the right path, one that has enriched and no doubt saved lives around the world. She looks forward to sharing some of those life lessons with the young women graduating from the Cranbrook Kingswood class of 2016 when she addresses the seniors at graduation. “I’m going to tell them to just start walking,” she says. “Do something that interests you. You don’t have to have a destination in mind. You just have to have the courage to walk through the doors that open up for you.”





Frank Norton



Herb Snitz



Shirley Nuss

# FACULTY MILESTONES



Janet Kapala



Marilyn Sutton



Deborah Rutzen



Cheryl Barnes



Graduates are not the only members of the Cranbrook Schools community embarking on a new chapter in their lives this spring. With a combined 224 years of service, Frank Norton, Deborah Rutzen, Janet Kapala, Shirley Nuss, Herb Snitz, Marilyn Sutton and Cheryl Barnes are winding down their teaching careers this spring. They have provided a wealth of contributions to the life of the schools over the decades, and endow the schools with a combined legacy of awards too numerous to recount and memories as infinite as the number of students they have impacted over the years.

Both Frank Norton and Debbie Rutzen started their teaching careers here in 1969 on separate single-gender campuses. Frank Norton came to Cranbrook School in 1969 with the retirement of Bill Schultz, the boys' school's first physics teacher. He has spent 47 years teaching physics at Cranbrook and also establishing what he affectionately calls his "spare time project," the Wilderness Expedition Program, an annual backpacking and wilderness camping trip that takes about 75 sophomores into the forests of the Great Smoky Mountains each spring. The program is flourishing as he retires, with a large roster of Frank's "Wilderness Alumni" stepping into leadership roles in the program.

The lines between school and family have always been blurred for Deborah Rutzen. When she came to Kingswood School Cranbrook as a history teacher in 1969, her mother Virginia was the school nurse. As an academic dean and history instructor, Debbie forged deep bonds with many students over the years, receiving the rare honor in June 2003 of being named an honorary alumna. The hours she has logged on dorm duty and as a club advisor, and the miles she has logged traveling with students on Model U.N. expeditions and field trips over the years are a testimony to her unwavering commitment to the schools' community.

Nicknamed "Mrs. K," Janet Kapala has been teaching instrumental music to students on all three campuses of Cranbrook since 1977. In her position, Janet has played a role with students from their first tentative toots on their instrument of choice at Brookside, to the challenge of leading middle school musicians in their only co-educational class, to nurturing upper school students through award-winning performances in the highest levels of competition. She brings equal enthusiasm to homecoming performances in the stands of the oval as standing room only performances at the PAC. Janet is a charter member of the Blue Lake Fine Arts Adult Band Camp and has spent many summers on tour throughout Europe with their community band.

When Dr. Shirley Nuss came to Brookside as a third grade teacher in 1982, computers and technology had yet to be integrated into the lower school curriculum. After eight years in the classroom, she received her doctorate from Michigan State University in Curriculum and began shaping the innovative multimedia studies curriculum for students at Brookside and the Vlastic Early Childhood Center. Shirley's passion for writing resulted in many chapels performed over

the years by the children of Brookside. She is an intrepid traveler and has served as an ambassador of Cranbrook Schools, presenting at international conferences on the integration and use of technology in the media arts and studies classroom. She is especially proud of the relationship she developed with our sister school in Turkey.

In the fall of 1986, Herbert Snitz assumed the role of head of the Math Department, Cranbrook Kingswood had just merged into one upper school. Herb had only recently transitioned back to mathematics after twenty years of graduate work and teaching of philosophy at the college level. As his math students from the past 30 years will testify, he still finds ways to blend these two interests together, giving students a new framework to think about math, and about life. Mr. Snitz's humor is legendary, and will be missed by his colleagues and students alike.

Also in 1986, Marilyn Sutton arrived at Brookside, the Vlastic Early Childhood Center was a decade away from opening. Bringing a wealth of experience in early childhood education, Marilyn was well equipped to help forge the nurturing and dynamic programs at the foundation of the ECC, and has played an important role in mentoring new faculty members throughout her tenure. Always ready to take advantage of the wonders of campus, Marilyn and her "juniors" have been a familiar sight about campus on visits to the science and art museums, Wallace Ice Arena, formal gardens, or on sculpture walks or leaf collecting missions.

Lower school music instructor Cheryl Barnes came to Brookside in 1999, After her undergraduate career, her aptitude for math gave way to her love of music and she has been performing and teaching voice and instrumental music ever since. She has been introducing Brookside children to recorders and Orff instruments for the past 17 years and her energetic conducting has inspired countless memorable performances at Brookside over the years.

As these bittersweet transitions come to pass, Director of Schools Arlyce Seibert is the first to acknowledge that the downside of having such a veteran staff is the difficulty of saying goodbye. "Faculty have always been the heart and soul of our campus, and these longtime teachers and these mentors exemplify what makes a Cranbrook Kingswood education special," she asserts, "They will always be part of our Cranbrook family."





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## LEGACY GIFT FROM NANCY TRUMBULL SEIBERT '47 TO ESTABLISH NEW KINGSWOOD CAFE



**N**ancy Trumbull Seibert '47 was a loyal alumna and class secretary from the moment she graduated. She was renowned for her style, as well as her passion for all things Kingswood. According to her brother, Elliott Trumbull '53, "Nancy just loved her experience, and she loved being involved with the school. It made her so happy."

In her lifetime, Nancy served multiple terms on the Kingswood Alumnae Board and spent countless hours volunteering at Giftorama and other events. But it was the campus that left the most lasting impression on her. "Kingswood was so much more than a school to her," notes her son, David Seibert '75. "It was a place to experience beauty."

When Nancy passed away in August 2014, she surprised the School with a final and generous contribution through her estate. As a result of Nancy's generosity, the Schools

will realize its vision to create a Kingswood Café on the building's mezzanine level. The space was originally used for domestic science (home economics) classes, but has more recently been used as a gallery space.

The Kingswood Café will function first and foremost as a gathering place for Upper School students and faculty, but will also serve as a study space, a destination for club meetings, and a venue for cooking demonstrations. When the Dining Hall is unavailable, the café will provide food service for female boarding students.

"I think Nancy would be very pleased to know she was contributing to a space that will bring people together," says Director of Schools Arlyce Seibert (no relation).

"My mom shared many memories of her time with spent friends and upperclassmen in the Kingswood Dining Hall," recalls David. "She loved that part of her experience, so this is just perfect."

Construction of the café will be completed this spring, with plans for a dedication in fall 2016.





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## ALUMNI VS. VARSITY SOCCER

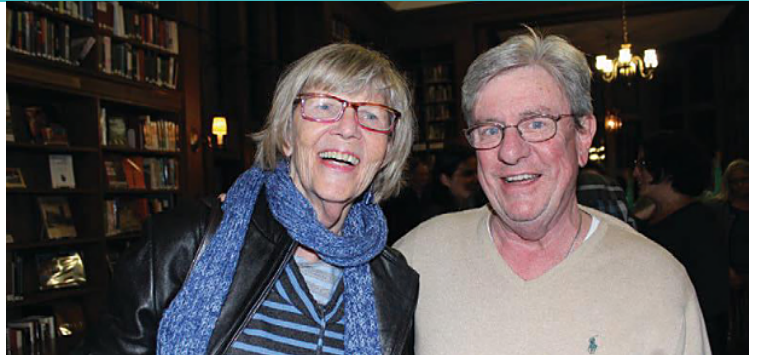


## SENIOR ALUMNI DINNER





ELIZABETH BENNETT READING: JEFFREY WELCH & DAVID WATSON



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NEW ENGLAND ALUMNI NETWORK EVENT HOSTED BY CHRISTOPHER MARSTON '95





YOUNG ALUMNI DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING GATHERING





ALUMNI ICE HOCKEY VS. LIVONIA STEVENSON ALUMNI



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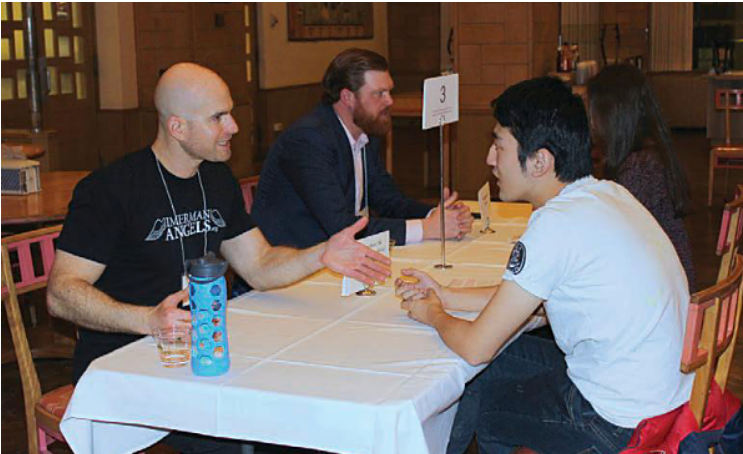


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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ALUMNI NETWORK EVENT





NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ALUMNI NETWORK EVENT





# Class Notes



## C1934



Jim Talman, '34, looking good in his Cranbrook hat

And there is still the two of us; **JOHN CLEMENT** and **JIM TALMAN**. I celebrated my 100th birthday on June 29, 2015, and am doing well after a pneumonia attack. I like to be more positive however, and tell about the hearing aids, which not only enhance my hearing, but provide a Bluetooth connection to listen to the story in my audible books for which I have read many. I have streamed a glee club concert from Cornell University and listened to several lectures. I try to keep active both physically and mentally. **JIM TALMAN** writes, "As I approach my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday I am really in very good condition. I wear hearing aids and carry a cane but have no aches or pains and take no medicines. Weather permitting, I walk for an hour a day with my walker. Otherwise, I exercise on my recumbent stationary bike. I enjoy watching tennis, football, and baseball on TV, and I am very thankful to have a wonderful daughter who lives nearby. I believe that she sent a recent photo of me with my Cranbrook cap, which I wear frequently."

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## C1935

(Editor's Note)

PALM BEACH, FL – **HOLLIS MACLURE BAKER**, former chairman of Baker Furniture, an icon in high-end Grand Rapids residential furniture manufacturing, died in Florida on April 19, 2014, at the age of 97. Baker was born April 27, 1916, to Hollis Siebe and Ruth MacLure Baker. He grew up in Grand Rapids and attended Cranbrook as a boarding student, graduated from Central High School and then went to the University of Virginia. During World War II, Baker served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and was in Japan shortly after the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. Hollis' grandfather, Siebe Baker, founded the company as Cook, Baker & Co. in 1890. The name was changed to Baker Furniture in 1903. In 1925, Hollis M.'s father, Hollis S., became president and greatly expanded the company. After World War II, Hollis M. joined his father. He introduced the highly successful English reproduction line, Woburn Abbey. Under his guidance and imagination, sales were expanded. He became president in 1961. In 1969, Baker Furniture was sold to Magnavox Inc. In 2006, the company closed the last of its West Michigan plants and consolidated operations in North Carolina. A sailor since the age of seven, Baker was an avid racer and a 20-year participant in the Chicago-Mackinac sailboat race. He was a member of numerous sailing clubs and owned 15 boats throughout his life. He wrote a book entitled *Five Castles are Enough* and worked on the creation and development of the Boyne City Railroad, a small passenger train.

## K1938

This time I sent a letter to everyone for whom I had an address. But the response was underwhelming. I did receive a note in the mail written by someone caring for **BETTY LEVY LANGER**. She said, "Betty is doing well for someone who just had her 94th birthday. She is enjoying music and the various activities they have in the building where she lives. All in all she is fine." I called **BARBARA CURTIS JONES**, and

we had a nice chat. She has had a difficult year, as she fell and broke a hip, which put her in a nursing home for several months of recuperation. She is still pretty upbeat, and we had a few good laughs, but her life has definitely been restricted. She was a very avid bridge player, but now not only can she not get to the games she says many of her old bridge partners are no longer living. Fortunately, she has a wonderful son, who comes by often and checks on her and takes care of what needs she has. The good news for me is that my life has not changed a great deal. I am still working every day in the pottery studio and enjoying both making things and helping others when they need it. Twenty-four hundred people now live here. There are classes in everything you can imagine as the place is loaded with former professors, who still like to lecture and do a great job. There are also computer classes, and I try to take one each quarter to keep up with what is going on, and I always learn something that is of use. Even the Southwest Florida Symphony comes to our campus and performs in the Village Church. I can walk to the symphony! I am surrounded with people I enjoy, and it is fun to be so old that everyone thinks I must also be wise, which is a myth. I smile and encourage, as it is so funny.

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(Editor's Note)

**ELIZABETH ANN "BETTY" PEASE WHITE** passed away November 2, 2015 at the age of 94. She is preceded in death by her parents, Warren and Billie Pease, her sister, Madeline and her loving husband, David Everet. As a lifetime member of the Birmingham/Bloomfield community, Betty loved playing bridge with her friends from The Village Club and others throughout the community. She was also a longtime member of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) and St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham. Betty attended Baldwin High School and Kingswood School Cranbrook before marrying David, her lifelong love and



partner. Betty is survived by her son, David (Ann), her daughter, Lynn Evangelista (Ken), son, Robert (Tandy), six grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. A Memorial service was held Thursday, November 5, 2015 11a.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Memorial tributes may be made to Bob Woodruff Foundation: 1359 Broadway, Suite 800, New York City, NY, 10018 ([stand4heroes.com](http://stand4heroes.com)) or Wounded Warrior Project: 4899 Belfort Rd., Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL, 32256. See more at: [http://www.desmondfuneralhome.com/obituary/Elizabeth-A.-Betty-White/\\_/1558269](http://www.desmondfuneralhome.com/obituary/Elizabeth-A.-Betty-White/_/1558269)

## C1942

(Class Notes Editor)

**EDGAR G. GORDON**, age 91, passed away peacefully of natural causes at Rose Arbor on July 29, 2015. He was born in Detroit Michigan, on February 27, 1924, to Edgar G. and Verna (Hay) Gordon. He is survived by: Alice, his wife of 48 years; two children, David (Jeslyn) and Scott; three grandchildren, Alex, Brianna, and Hadyn; his sister, Jane Glomstead (Garry); his nephew Craig (Pamela) Glomstead, as well as many loving nephews, nieces, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Donald Gordon. In high school, he served as an usher for University of Michigan football games, earned the Eagle Scout Rank and attended the first Boy Scout National Jamboree in D.C., attended Monroe High School, and then Cranbrook High School (Bloomfield Hills). During World War II, he served as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy starting in 1943 and was honorably discharged in 1946. While starting at Princeton University before the war, he returned to attend Harvard Business School in 1945, then graduated from Princeton University in 1947, and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1950. He was admitted to the Michigan Bar in 1951 and also to the United States Supreme Court Bar. He began his career from 1950 to 1963 with the law firm, Poole, Warren, Littell, and Gordon. He became Corporate Counsel (1963-1969), and Vice President (1968-1969) at Hygrade Food Products Corporation. He joined Northern States Bank Corporation (aka City National Bank of Detroit, aka First

of America, aka National City) serving as Vice President Counsel (1969-1991) and Corporate Secretary (1976 - 1991). After joining in 1981, he retired as a partner from Howard & Howard law firm in 1991. Among his leadership opportunities in the community, Edgar served on the board of directors from 1969 to 1969 for Inter-City Community Clinic in the Detroit area. He served on the Kalamazoo City Commission for three terms, from 1995 to 2001. He was a member of First Congregational Church in downtown Kalamazoo, serving on the Ways and Means Committee and serving as moderator. He co-founded Communities-In-Schools in Kalamazoo, part of the largest drop-out prevention program in the nation. He served on the board of the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo for nine years and as interim director for one year; for his work, he received the Theodore C. Cooper award in 2010. For the Boy Scouts of America, Edgar served as president of the Southwest Michigan Council during 1988-1989, which incubated the Cub Scout side of Rota-Kiwan Scout Reservation. He was a recipient of the Silver Beaver award in 1990. He served as President of the Community Action Board and, in 2004, received a Lifetime Achievement Award.

## C1944

My neighbor in Cleveland, Dr. Randy Marcus, reports that he played golf last summer with Dr. **GLENN CARPENTER** in Ann Arbor. Both men, along with Glenn's son, Jim, are orthopedic surgeons. **BILL BRACE** is living in Waterford, MI. Bill retired from Pontiac Motor in 1981, and over the years has enjoyed visiting family and traveling widely. Now his traveling has subsided, and he and his wife, Hazel, enjoy their fireplace in winter and visiting with their children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, some of whom live nearby. Along with most of our class, Bill will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. **NED SCHNEIDER** retired from his post as priest-in-charge of the Episcopal Church in Ecorse, MI, and has moved to Arizona. He resides in a senior living community in Glendale near Phoenix. His daughter, Julie, lives nearby. Ned misses his involvement in the theater, having been

thoroughly active in various capacities in several theaters in the Detroit area. His son, Ted, lives in the Washington area, and his daughter, Elizabeth, has moved to Atlanta. I, **TOM AUSTIN**, am happily ensconced in our condominium in Shaker Heights, OH. Last year my wife, Judy, and I had a delightful river cruise on the Danube, visiting Vienna, Budapest, and Bratislava, as well as Prague, as part of our vacation. In September 2016 I will join most of my family in Stratford, Ontario, for the Shakespeare Festival. It will be my 53<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year attending this magnificent annual festival.

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## K1946

The responses are fewer, but those that came are great. Out in Napa, but a good responder is **BARBARA STAMM MACDONALD**. She writes that she has been busy the past year taking care of her husband who unfortunately passed away in October. I know we all send our sympathy to Barbara. She says she is lucky to have lots of support from family and friends. **NANCY WOLFNER BAUER** has been teaching for 65 years, 40 of them at the University of Pennsylvania. She sent along a story which I will copy almost word for word. (Makes it easier for me!) She teaches about the "Balance of Power in the Global New Normal." She began teaching about China in 1962 to sophomores at Kingswood taking Asian Studies. At Penn she gets wonderful grad students, young women from China who take her courses. "This semester I interviewed Xixi Dong over lunch, who when asked about her education said that she graduated from Boston University in international relations, and that she had her high school education in the U.S. as well. 'Where?' said I. 'In Michigan,' said she. 'Boarding school?' said I. 'Yes,' said she. 'Kingswood?' said I. 'Yes,' said she, and 'So did I,' said I. It was the best Mrs. Chips moment!" Nancy says she called Arlyce Seibert immediately to relay this story. Nancy's granddaughter, Jean, a diplomatic historian, has left Brown University to



become associate director of the Center for Digital Humanities at Princeton University. Nancy and her academic accomplishments always leave me amazed! After a couple of eye surgeries and a heart surgery, **MARY SUE EKELUND MEYER** says she feels lucky that she's still going. We plan to have lunch together soon. I was really pleased to hear from **ANNE WOODRUFF MESSERLY** in St. Louis. She is in an assisted-living place and has to have oxygen 24/7. Her daughter, Katherine, is with the Division of Development and Disability as the "head honcho." Her son, Al, is a first VP of Wells Fargo Investments. His son is also with Wells Fargo and is engaged to a local girl who is a nurse at Children's Hospital. William works at Beacon Hill Recruiting Co. in St. Louis. Al's daughter, Carolyn, is a lawyer in St. Louis, is engaged, and just won her first case! For 20 years **MOLLY JONES BROWN** has been operating The Intergenerational School Garden in Lexington, VA, and now, due to the loss of the garden to new construction of the school, she will be in charge of building a new big garden this year. The fundraising campaign has begun. I know this is a very, very large enterprise! Planning to drive up to Michigan in June for our 70<sup>th</sup> class reunion has turned out to be just a "dream" for **DORIS CHAPMAN HINDS**. She says she wanted to take a walk around the beautiful Kingswood campus, but reality has set in and she says she can't possibly drive up here from Tryon, NC. Doris says her retirement village is the perfect place for her. Her apartment is furnished with her own special possessions, and there's no end of things to do, no cooking, and good meals with new friends. **JOANNE SMITH JOHNSON** called me from Cashiers, NC, telling me she feels good in spite of her congestive heart failure. She sounded really good and talked about good friends who help her get around, trips to the library, and going out for lunch. Another transplant to a retirement spot is **CLAUDIA REID UPPER** who with Jack is in Fort Myers, FL. Claudia says they are busy with all the lectures, classes, church groups, concerts, etc., and keep mentally challenged by keeping track of their medications and doctor appointments. She attended her 65<sup>th</sup> college reunion at Wellesley but found it a little difficult getting around campus with her walker. Not like "the old days." Their daughter, Lisa, visited them on her way back to Seville, where she teaches English

to middle school girls. Granddaughter, Caitlin, visited from NYC, where she teaches emerging media arts at NYU. Daughter, Nadia, arrived and spent Christmas with them. Both Claudia and Jack sang in the chorale at the residence's Christmas dinner. **BETTY MILLER GOSSELIN**, who lives in Greens Farms, CT, wrote that she is well, and all her family was going to spend Christmas in Lyford Cay, Bahamas. Two of her family are from Vermont, four from San Francisco, and the other six from Connecticut. I'm sure they had a wonderful time there. Working on what her husband has said will be a family heirloom through the ages, is **MARILYN SPOEHR LUND**. If anyone can still do close needlework, it is Marilyn! This quilt, almost finished, is 76"x88", all hand-stitched, representing Walden Pond, and is a gift for her daughter, Kathy. Marilyn and Kathy used to spend most summer mornings at Walden. All Marilyn's children are doing very well in their respective positions, as are their children. Their nine grandchildren sound very successful at their various schools and professions. Marilyn has always kept herself very involved with her family, her community, and in world affairs. Just got off the phone with **KAY BALLANTYNE POLANSKY** and had such a good long conversation. Unfortunately, Kay's husband, Sol, passed away just a week ago, early January. We were able to get caught up a little. Kay is in good health and able to get around easily. She's on the 19<sup>th</sup> floor of the building in Chevy Chase, MD, and can see the Blue Ridge Mountains from her window. (She said a red-tailed hawk flew by as we were talking.) Kay would like to come to Michigan in June, see Kingswood, and her brother, John. Hope she can do it. The memories return. As for me, **ANN GEHRKE ALIBER**, the days seem to pass by very quickly. I'm here in Michigan all summer, in Florida for a few months in the winter, and make quick trips to see out-of-town children. The whole family group, 17 strong, just had our annual gathering in Florida between Christmas and New Year's, and all reportedly had a wonderful time and are planning our 2016 get-together. My dog, Mini, and I return to Florida in a couple of weeks, end of January. I am lucky and blessed that my children and grandchildren all appear to be happy, healthy, and bright, knowledgeable, good citizens. I've been talking with the Alumni Office about our up-coming 70<sup>th</sup> class reunion. They want to make it very special

for us. It is quite a special time! Can you be persuaded to come here the weekend of June 10-12? Thanks to all of you, writers and readers alike. Being our class secretary is such fun for me. We all appreciate your loyalty to Kingswood and to one another.

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## K1948

Our class is getting older and more tired rather quickly. In June 2015 we had 12 class members at our extra party, but so far I have 10 answers to my request for news. Here is what I can tell you about the class as of early February, **JOANIE PATTEN STADLER** writes that she is enjoying the many birds that come to her feeder. Chuck and son, Marc, are doing the usual maple sugar production, and Joanie was hoping to meet **MARGIE BARTON MATTER** there in the Bouchard Garden. I went there once when the Society of Architectural Historians was meeting in Vancouver Island. The lovely garden occupies an old quarry. **JOYCE HOWARD STACKABLE** writes that one of her sons is retiring from the Army Corps of Engineers and coming to live near her, and her daughter is building a cabin next door to her, so she'll have two of them nearby, after many years without nearby kin. The daughter plans to live in Michigan in the summers and return to Texas for the winters. **ALISON CLARK FULLER** reports that she is still alive and kicking, but not as high as before because of a hip replacement last year. She is helping her daughter buy a beach house to rent out, which is supposed to be safe from the possible rise of sea level. **GINNA KRAABEL LUNDEEN** loved our class's extra reunion last June. This began a fast and merry round of visits with family in many places, not all were happy and easy, such as a series of visits with a granddaughter who had three back surgeries. Ginna sends greetings and good wishes to all classmates. **JEANINE WESSINGER DEAN** reports that it gets more difficult to keep busy and happy, but she manages by concentrating on nearby things that give her satisfaction. It takes more effort now, but she thinks it's worth it.



The previous year she did golf and hiking, but this year has been reduced to reading to the children at the school near her and having her neighbors in for dinner. These simple things add up to FUN. **PATRICIA CHASE HARTMANN** reports that she broke her right leg in May, and was therefore in the hospital and rehab until August. This caused the decision to stay permanently in Florida in Naples. They had visits from their son at Thanksgiving and daughter at Christmas. (In the recent past an old person who broke a leg would have died from it. Glad you are still with us, Chatty!) **BUNNY (ELOISE) DAY NOLAND** was sorry to have missed the 67th reunion, but they were on their third trip through the Panama Canal at that time (something your class secretary has always wanted to do). On the second trip she missed the bottom step and broke both ankles but is fully recovered now. **MOLLY BIXBY BARTLETT** writes that she still goes to Egypt once a year to serve on the board for the American University in Cairo, where two of their sons also serve. Their father still serves on college boards in Kuwait, Egypt, and Morocco. She also puts a lot of energy into the services that her church gives to the many homeless in Portland, OR. She repeated gratitude to **MARY LEILA CURTICE BISHOP** for our extra reunion in June 2015. **BEA VOGEL's** passion, she writes, "Most of my life has been spiders. Collecting, studying, attending conferences, etc. I have published a few notes. About 10 years ago I realized my eyes were no longer sharp enough to work with the lovely creatures, so I donated all of my collection to the Denver Museum of Nature. Then I started collecting spider postal stamps. About four years ago my collection contained about 160 species of the some 170 spider stamps, and I decided to become a philatelic exhibitor. My first exhibit was in 2013, a bit feeble, but two or three other exhibitors took me in hand and gave advice and help. The exhibit was larger in 2014 and somewhat improved. And in 2015 I had polished it some more, entered in three exhibits and won Silver in the third exhibit, in Seattle." **SUE HUBBARD SPADEMAN** reports that she and **MARGIE BARTON MATTER** went to Mazaten, Mexico, in November and had a wonderful time, eating delicious food and learning about the history of the place. What she is learning about at this year is how to use the

olives from her three different trees, and find out what each is best for. They seem to be unknown species, and the experts she has consulted are no help. She wants to eat them, not make oil. Margie is the only one who answered my questions on what she had learned this year. **MARTHA LOVELL IRWIN**, who lives in Bloomfield Hills, sent a cheerful piece of doggerel and wished us well. **NANCY BERGDAHL ROBERTSON** tells me that she just moved to 333 W. Main Street, #404, Madison, WI 53703. She is living right downtown and loves it. I just received notice that **JOANNE MOCK** passed away November 4, 2015. No other details available. **DORA (DILLY) POLK CROUCH** has concentrated this year on her volunteer job of twelve hours a week at the local library branch and on editing her autobiography, which should be printed out this month, a small run of ten copies. I had not understood until I wrote this how strong a role God's Care has played in my life, full measure, pressed down, and running over.

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## C1949



*Talcott and Jeanne Brown Jones, both '49*

This may be a short article, given the lack of response to my call for news, unless something unexpected happens before I get done typing. The **BOHONS** had a great Christmas with part of their family at a cottage on the New Smyrna Beach. The weather was good, the water was high and they were able to surf fish off the deck. Christmas Eve brought a full moon adding to the delightful setting. **BILL SCHULEVITZ** gave an extremely short one liner, "I have finally decided to retire." Thank you, Bill,

for always responding. **TALCOTT JONES** and Jeanne, K'49, sent a message before I asked. They have been busy doing family events, and again said the welcome mat is out for any who want to visit. **ARMAND SMITH** says he and his lady are enjoying life in Portland, and they take frequent trips to the wonderful coast. They wish the class a happy 2016. **BOB LEISTER** has entered into the caretaker business following heart surgery for Lucille, who underwent a rehab stay when she was released from the hospital. She is home now and in good spirits, but her activities are limited. Bob says he is running a competing convalescent home to **JACK SPOEHR**, who works full time looking after Olga. Jack's family arranged a week off for him, during which he visited Bob briefly, and says they had a great time being together. He promises more news for my next column. **DAVE OSNOS** reports on their grandchildren. Alex is working for an equity firm on Wall Street, Rachael is working for a Carnegie Endowment in Washington, D.C., and Corinne, who will graduate from USC in May. He says this proves that he and Glenna are getting old. **PETE SIMPSON** is in Sheridan teaching a course called, Wyoming Political Identity, to a class of thirty-five twenty something students for credit and some grey beards who are auditing. Lynne is working on a reprise of *On Golden Pond* in which their daughter will play their make believe daughter, and their 11-year-old grandson, her son. When they get back to Cody Lynne, she will go to work on 1776, which will play just before the Fourth of July, which is a three-day celebration in Cody. Pete says one wag has dubbed, "The High Holy Days." The rest of the family is doing exceptional work. Lynne keeps up with them all and especially the grandchildren with Skype. **JIM TRUETTNER's** email came back, and I called him, but his phone number wasn't good. Last fall **BILL BRODER** wrote me that **TOM CLARK** and Kathleen had visited him, and they had lunch at Bill's house bearing a gift of Tom Clark candy corn (unrelated to our Tom). Bill sent a copy of the tribute he had written of his late wife, Gloria, which you can read on the website. The Clarks then wrote about the breathtaking view of San Francisco Bay from his hillside house. It was the highlight of their week in the Bay area. The men had not seen each other in 66 years. Bill shared some stories of events with **DAVE OSNOS** and **GUNTHER**



**BALZ** and stories of his own prowess as a wrestler. They left with a gift of several of his books, and at their request he did a reading from one of his books. A special moment in time for all of them. They had also scheduled a lunch with Gunther in Florida which was cancelled because of surgery that Gunther underwent. I called Gunther while I was writing this, and he is making good progress and is starting physiotherapy. The Clarks are still advocating a mini-reunion this year, given the Simpson invite to their ranch and the **BOHON** suggestion of a resort in Florida. Any committee volunteers? **DICK TOWNSEND** sent me a letter dated May 3, 1974, in which I encourage you all to come to our 25th reunion. We were all still alive. I mention 16 class members in the letter, eight of whom are departed. If I can learn how to scan and attach, I may send it to you when I next cry "HELP." I called **TOM PETERSON** and learned that he has moved to Greenfield, MA. His health is fair to middlin, and he is hanging in there. Kathleen and I have not done anything newsworthy. She is busy being caregiver to members of her family, which gives me a good understanding of what that means to all of you in the same position. Our son, Ken, '97, called last week. He was camping on one of the volcanos in Maui. As I close this column I regret to inform you that **TONY BUTTERFIELD** died the day after the Super Bowl of a heart attack. His wife, whom he referred to in the Renewed Brook as Saint Sarah, said that at his request there was no obituary or service. This summer the family will spread his ashes in the ocean on his birthday. **LOUISE LOWELL** says no real news, but everyone out there is happy with the Super Bowl results. As she wrote, the sun was shining, and it was 50 degrees. Our class now numbers 28, with Louise making it 29. It would be great if for the next article you would all contribute.

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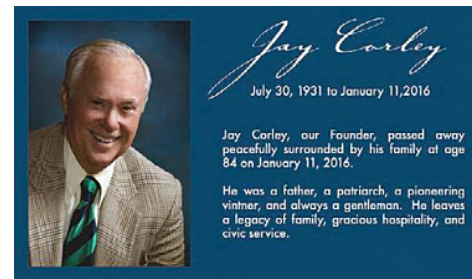
It is sad to report that we have lost two more of our special classmates in 2015, **VALERIE KALLEN STERZIK** and **MARY**

**BOOTH TULLER.** Both girls achieved so much in their lives besides raising their families. They will be missed. **BARBARA WATKINS STRUTHERS** lost her husband a year ago and has visited daughters and her sister who lives in New York. She is playing golf twice a week and lots of duplicate bridge. Sorry for your loss, Barbara. **NANCY SHORE GILCHRIST** is accommodating her collection of, "I can't part with it," from her various travels into her new Santa Fe home. She enjoys her winters in Anna Maria for the change of pace and the quiet of the beach. She is spending February in Oaxaca, Mexico, one of her favorite places. **PEGGY GILFILLAN COLE** visited her son, Duffy, and his family in Grand Rapids in February, which included her two great-grandchildren. Her other highlight is getting into New York City as often as possible. **SUE NOLTE DUNHAM** just sent her DNA sample into Ancestry and wants to find out, "Where did I come from?" **ALICE SPERO MARCH** chatted forever with **ANN WALRAD KELLY.** They have been together since kindergarten! Ann is living near her daughter, Beth, in Kansas City. She feels she can no longer live way up in northern Michigan and plans a move to Birmingham soon. Sounds like another luncheon, Ann, with **MOLLY SYLVESTER BERESFORD** and **JANET FROST VICTOR,** who love their visits over lunch. Alice got involved in the Kingswood Cranbrook Alumni Brunch in New York recently with **JESSIE KINDEL PALMER. JULIE PORATH HAMLIN** is excited about a second great-grandchild being born in July. Their daughter, Pam, and husband just bought property near their Tennessee home. Also her sister lives one hour away in Limestone, TN. **CONNIE CLARK JONES** is heading to Tennessee and another family reunion in May, when their granddaughter graduates from Suwanee University. Then it is up to Mullet Lake in July to celebrate Connie's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. Happy Days. Good times.

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*Jay Corley, '50*

*(Editor's Note)*

"**JAY CORLEY**, the visionary and beloved founder of Monticello Vineyards, passed away peacefully at age 84 on January 11, 2016, after a long battle with cancer. His bold spirit and lively sense of humor continue to permeate our vineyards and winery today. Every aspect of our business, from varietal to vintage, is infused with Jay's character and passion for fine wine. Jay was born on July 30, 1931, in Evanston, IL, to Helen and John Corley. A graduate of Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, MI, and Stanford University, Jay also attended the Army Language School in Monterey, CA, while serving in the military. Following a stint with the National Security Agency, he earned his MBA from Pepperdine University. For his master's thesis, Jay wrote a business plan for a vineyard and winery in the Napa Valley, a plan which served as Monticello's guiding document for decades. An entrepreneur to the core, Jay founded and managed a number of successful businesses in Southern California in the 1960s before finding himself drawn to the wine region of Northern California. As the Napa Valley wine industry slowly emerged from near total collapse following the repeal of Prohibition, Jay recognized the region's growing potential for producing world-class wines. In 1969 he moved north to turn the dream embodied in his vineyard-and-winery business plan into a reality. Jay purchased the land for his vineyard in an area now known as the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley. Over time he transformed the tired and gnarly prune orchard he had acquired into a world-class vineyard with the potential to make classic wines. He spent more than a decade growing and selling his grapes to other wineries. In 1981, Jay established and built his winery at Monticello Vineyards and began to produce



his own estate-grown wines. In the 1980s, he established several additional vineyards from which the family still produces their estate grown wines. Today, Monticello remains a family-run business, producing some 15,000 cases of highly regarded wine each year. Four of his sons run the winery, a source of great pride for Jay, and he took equal delight in the early interest shown by the third generation of the family. Jay was a champion not just of Monticello Vineyards but also of the Napa Valley wine industry. He was a fixture in the civic life of the local community. He served on many boards and foundations including Queen of the Valley Hospital and Napa Valley Planning Commission. He chaired the Napa Valley Wine Auction, served on the Napa Valley Grand Jury, and was a longtime and active member of Napa Rotary. He relished his affiliations with the Chevaliers du Tastevin, the Wine and Food Society of Southern California, and the GONADS, the Gastronomical Order for Nonsensical and Dissipatory Society), a group of fun-loving, dedicated friends and fellow Napa Valley wine-industry pioneers. Jay was a lifelong sports fan and devoted Chicago Cubs backer, dating back to childhood visits to Wrigley Field with his father in the 1930s. He loved to spend weekends tailgating in the eucalyptus grove at Stanford Stadium, cheering on his alma mater from the old wooden benches. He also enjoyed swing music and travel. Jay was a man of many and varied interests, but his greatest love was his large family, which today remains his grandest legacy. He is survived by his wife, Joan Corley, brothers, Todd and Paul, his children, Kevin, Kent, Mark, Michael, Stephen, Chris, and Carolyn, twelve grandchildren, extended family, loved ones, and countless others whose lives he touched. The Corley Family hosted a Celebration of Life at Monticello Vineyards, Napa, on January 30 from 1-4pm. Remarks begin at 1:30 p.m. Jay was interred at Tulocay Cemetery in Napa. Condolences may be sent through [www.tulocaycemetery.org](http://www.tulocaycemetery.org). In lieu of flower, the family asks that you send donations to the Jay Corley Memorial Fund for the Queen Of The Valley Hospital at the North Bay Cancer Alliance. The fund will assist low-income cancer patients in Napa. Checks can be sent to North Bay Cancer Alliance, 185 Sotoyome Street, Santa Rosa, CA, 95405, attn.: Jay Corley Memorial Fund.”

## K1950



*Wayne Lyon, Ann Patterson Munroe and Harley Warner, all '50*

Late word from the provinces! A note from **ANNE GILMOUR HILL** missed the fall deadline by a smidgen, so I am delighted to now have a chance to catch us up with her news. Like so many our age Anne has had her share of surgery, a total knee replacement, as well as mitral valve surgery a year ago. But with much work and good physical therapy she is back hiking, rowing, and cross country skiing! She still pursues Tai Chi and Pilates training in between her art in oil painting. Being active in the Siskiyou Art Association, she won first, second, and third place prizes over the last few years. Anne says she is “re-inventing herself.” (Love that!) A trip to Glacier National Park gave her the opportunity to try her hand *en plein aire*. I bet Mr. West, our Kingswood art teacher, would be beaming. **ANN PATTERSON MUNRO** and Don spent two wonderful weeks in Salt Lake City with Sarah, Claudio, and their two boys, Powell Alexander and Nicolas, and Mother Nature delivered 20 inches of snow just in time for their arrival! A seasonal fluctuation brought some warmer temperatures so they got in some hikes, but alas, no snow shoeing. February found them at their favorite small Swiss resort on the Pacific coast of Costa Rica with howler monkeys on their porch and baby raccoons and porcupines in the reception area. “Patter” and Don celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in early March. Congratulations! **CAROL ROBERTSON GRAY** and Cliff met “Patter” and Don at the Detroit Art Museum in January, each getting caught up on the other’s activities, with the Munros sharing stories of their adventures in the Far East and a projected trip to Macao. Between enjoying the American Artists and having lunch at the museum, the time went too quickly, but they plan

to meet again in early summer. Carol and Cliff were in Boston for Christmas with the Gray kids, and then Carol did her usual trip down the coast to see her own brood. They are headed for France in early March until the end of May. **PEGGY WOODRUFF WITHEY** sent best wishes to everyone and added a note of wise advice: “Check all your family wills and trusts to make sure they’ve been probated or made public. Otherwise they could sit in a bank or a lawyer’s vault forever.” **BARBARA WAGNER COYE** said Christmas in Suttons Bay was unusually “weather free,” with no snow to dress up the barren trees. However, her “kids” from L.A., San Francisco, and Portland, OR, all came to make merry with her for a week despite the snowless landscape. Her two youngest grandsons came as well. Nicholas is in his second year of college, and Langston is now home to stay from five years of business experience in China, soon to be job hunting in California. Barb described the inter-generational discussions as fascinating. Her son, Bill Hubbard, continues as head of the Savannah Chamber of Commerce. (He was very gracious to Jack and me on a visit to our favorite southern town a few years back.) Bill’s youngest son is in medical school in Phoenix, so Barb contends she has plenty of warm spots to visit, when the chill takes over Sutton’s Bay. She plans on spring visits to the four great-grandchildren and, best of all, rejoices that her Marine grandson, who was in Afghanistan is now safely home, getting his MBA at Michigan State, while he and wife, Emily, await the birth of their first little one. **SHARON SMITH SAYLES** writes that she is still “standing, walking, and driving,” and grateful for that. But me thinks she is too modest, as she housed, fed, and entertained 17 for three days in the north-country over Christmas. True Michigander that she is, she was nevertheless happy to have not had snow. It took the stress out of flights and transportation. I didn’t hear from **JOAN ISAACSON CHANDLER** directly, but since I follow her blog online I am taking the chance she won’t sue me if I lift one of her comments from a February column: “The urge to tout one’s religious beliefs must be primal. Or at least instinctual enough to overcome social norms of behavior in public. I’m thinking of my ‘elevator preacher’ who manages to deliver a sermon as we ride from the 26th floor down to the lobby. Then there is my beautiful garage man, Clement. He has



traces of an English accent via Africa. On Sunday mornings I tease him about setting me 'straight for the week.' I'm listening to his church music, while waiting for my car." Joan invariably delivers an insightful punch in her delightful columns. As for us, the Bohons spent Christmas at a long-time favorite cottage at New Smyrna Beach that is 20 miles away. The weather was gloriously balmy, the sunrises breathtaking, and we had two of our five children with us to celebrate. One evening we went to St. Augustine for a carriage ride through the "Nights of Lights." When this ancient town is brilliantly lit from every doorway for Christmas, the "pirates" battle it out in the bay in their colorful sailing ships. With Jack in dialysis, we cannot stray too far from our perch, so this made a perfect getaway, not far from his medical center. He is doing very well and looks so much better than a year ago. Frail but fighting! Thanks for all your kind thoughts along the way. Stay in touch!

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Received a great Christmas note from **DAN BELLINGER** from his Maryland home. He and wife, Babs, have sold their New Hampshire home and live full-time in Maryland, save their six winter weeks in Boca Grande (I can't believe Spanish speaking people don't call me that), Florida. Dan sends a shout out to his pal, **JON DESEMBERG**, though unable to resist throwing in an unflattering Cranbrook nickname he used for Jon. Tsk tsk, Dan. Dan, you would be proud to hear how **BOB GENTRY** described you in a recent phone conversation I had with him at his Nebraska ranch. I believe "great guy" were the words he used. Speaking of Bob, he's still holding down his massive cattle ranch with son, Christopher John, and is missing wife, Jeanne, who died eight years ago. Christopher, 46, married another Jeanne about 12 years ago and has a son, Eric, Robert, 11, and daughter, Emily, (whom Bob calls Penny), 9. Bob also misses his Cranbrook letter sweater, which

he loaned to **REY FRACASSI** to impress a certain Kingswood "hottie" and still hasn't got it back, even after mentioning it to Rey at our 50th, 15 years ago! Rey, for heaven's sake, if it hasn't worked out for you by now, I don't like the odds. Give Bob his sweater back. Bob was hit hard about **NORM GABEL**'s news. Norm died December 3, 2014, leaving wife, Marilyn, sons, Peter and Christopher, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Norm worked for over 40 years as a civil engineer for the Wayne County (Detroit and some western suburbs) Road Commission. Also Bob was particularly hard when I told him his close buddy all of these years, Jay Corley, '50, died in January. Bob had even served as Jay's best man at his wedding. I had a great call from **BILL BROWN**, who called to tell me his plan to make our 65th from his home in Columbus, OH, could be derailed by a large family reunion if the dates coincide. His law practice, mainly elder law (trusts, estates, etc.) is still going strong. I'm still striving for a record turnout for a Cranbrook 65th Reunion, and YOU can make it happen. Those who have told me they will give it a serious try are Bellinger, Brown, Dr. **JOHN COLWELL**, and Gentry. I can guarantee the lifelong memories will be worth the trek. Please don't put yourself in a position to wish later that you hadn't missed the opportunity. Also planning to come will be Wayne Lyon, just as five years ago, at my invitation. Wayne hosted a Friday night party for many years on his milestone reunions and invited members of both adjacent classes. There's a change of plans for our Friday night, as Alice Shaw Aikens, K'51, has invited us to her home for supper following the early evening cocktail party at Cranbrook House. Final note, my Christmas card to **PETE WHITING** at Palm Beach, FL, was returned from Riviera Beach with a sticker reading "Forward time expired." Pete, are you out there? Meanwhile, take care of yourself for me.

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This is a reminder that we are 65 years out of Kingswood. Please call me for details, 248-770-1944, about our reunion June 10-12, 2016. We will have dinner at my house on Friday evening following the cocktail party at Cranbrook House. Saturday features morning at Kingswood, an assembly honoring alumni, then a picnic by Kingswood Lake. The annual cocktail party on the Cranbrook Quad begins at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 11. We will have dinner under the tent. On Sunday there is a lovely brunch on the Quad. You will soon be receiving an invitation from the alumni office with further details of the weekend. Do try to come!

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**DICK SARGENT** invites any classmate in the vicinity to visit him in Golden, CO, just fifteen miles west of Denver. He has a new email address: [dicksargent1934@icloud.com](mailto:dicksargent1934@icloud.com). Could the 1934 refer to his year of birth? **KEN WILSON** and Pam continue to thrive in Aiken, SC. Ken has taken up the harmonica, continuing his musical efforts. He claims it's easier to carry than his banjo. His children seem to be gravitating toward the southeast, which pleases Ken and Pam. **JOHN SLAYTER** and family are wintering in Lakeland, FL, as I write this. His daughter has been promoted to chairperson of the dance department at Western Michigan University. **RAY BRANT** is comfortably living with his daughter in Rochester, NH. He has given up golf but works out at the YMCA. **TOM STONER** continues a myriad of activities, both old and new, with much travel, pursuing his croquet avocation. Karen and **DAVE NOE** are proud of the Spartans but smart enough to spend several months in Maui to escape Michigan winter weather. **JOHN YOUEL** and Sheila are wintering in La Quinta, CA, near Palm Springs, celebrating their tenth anniversary. I'm sure John has his golf clubs



with him. **DUNC PATTEN** is still in Bozeman, MT, and continues his efforts to improve the water quality in the western U.S. I talked to **JIM PATERSON**, who lives in Pearce, AZ, while Ardis and I were vacationing in Oro Valley. Jim is recovering from several surgeries and looks forward to full recovery. **BILL SALOT** and I will resume our treks to the MOT in Detroit for more operas this spring. Bill and Ann had all four girls and their families "home for the holidays" at Christmas 2015! My oldest son, Brian, and family have moved from D.C. to Nassau, Bahamas, where Brian's wife, Florencia, has been appointed the representative of Inter-American Development Bank. So Brian resigned his job, thus retiring at 56, bought a fishing boat, watches over the kids, and enjoys the "good" life, much to the envy of his father.

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"Twins, KSC'52" Our 50th Reunion - 2002

I have very sad news to report. **TRIXIE DARDEN HEITSCH** passed away last November after battling a rare disease called amyloidosis. I know you all join me in sending sympathy and love to her husband, Larry, and daughters, Bonnie, '75, Cindy, '78 and Nancy, '81, and seven grandchildren, all of whom she was very proud. Trixie was a real estate agent for 30 years and recently had earned her certification as a docent at Cranbrook House. She was very proud of that, as she loved the Cranbrook Community so much. We all have great memories of Trixie, always having fun, often full of mischief, and she dearly loved her friends. In recent years, she and I spent a week each summer at **LYDIA IRVIN MILLER's** cottage in Harbor Springs. I treasure the good times Trixie, Lydia, and

I had up there. She will be missed. **JANE PHILIPP BOUTON** writes, "Our grandson, Sorley, was married last July on Oahu to a young woman from Hawaii. Our entire family of 16 came from near and far to help celebrate. We rented a large house on the North Shore for two weeks, and a great time was had by all."



Jane Philipp Bouton, '52, husband, Norm, '51, with grandson, Sorley, and bride

Two of their children have retired to start new careers. Larry retired from the World Bank and has returned to school to get a degree in fine arts. Their oldest daughter, Katherine, who lives in England, has retired from the London National History Museum and is now planting an apple orchard on the Isle of Wight, planning to make hard cider. Jane and Norman continue to be in good health with "plenty of exercise for the body and Italian lessons for the brain," Jane gave me a good laugh, I think! She said, "Our class notes are getting closer and closer to the front of *Tradition!*" **CAROL FAULKNER PECK** wrote, "In 2015 I had my usual quota of poetry residencies in local schools, and I was honored to serve as a judge in Maryland's segment of the Poetry Out Loud national competition for students." She said that the highlight of the summer was the August wedding of granddaughter, Victoria, to Ben Morris, a fellow theater graduate, in a lovely outdoor ceremony near her home in Vestal, NY. Victoria's sister, Madeleine, was maid of honor, and son, David's, two sons, Alex, 13, and Carlos, 10, were ring bearers. Tori and Ben now live, work, and audition in New York City. Carol spent Thanksgiving week with Wendy and Marc and toured a continuing-care retirement community near Vestal. She has decided to move there in 2016. Carol says, "At 81 I finally need to retire! I am not retiring from helping my Hospice patient finish his very important book, however; I have leads on several publishers, and we are hoping that 2016

brings us success." **ALISON BREWSTER JONES** says she and Dick are holding up well, and they are grateful for continuing good health, the ability to remain active and to enjoy their children and grandchildren. They have taken several trips this year to visit family and friends. Some of the highlights were a reunion in Florida with classmates from University of Michigan, a few weeks at their summer place on the Massachusetts coast, an excursion to Springfield, IL, to visit Abraham Lincoln's home and library, and their annual fly fishing/house party at the Silver Tip Ranch in Yellowstone's Slough Creek Valley. They also enjoyed a week-long cruise aboard a chartered Grand Banks trawler, through the San Juan Islands with their son, who was their captain, and his family. "In addition we ran into Trixie at a memorial service in Birmingham in April. We had a long, lively conversation with her outside the church, for which I am truly grateful." She also wrote, "Here at home in Jackson Hole, we continue to be active volunteering and enjoying the out-of-doors, although admittedly at a slower pace."

**CONNIE VANDEVEER BERESFORD** and Jim are in good health and in Florida until the end of March. It's a bit cool there, but they are hoping that it will warm up when son, Tom, and Debbie come down in March. She said, "The year goes by so quickly! This has been a very special year for us." Their grandson, John Beresford, Director of Traditional Services, at their church, Ward Evangelical Presbyterian, and his wife, Samantha, an accomplished piano accompanist frequently working at U-M, are expecting their first child in February. This will be Connie and Jim's first great-grandchild. "We can hardly wait!" Their granddaughter, Maria Schneider, an engineer in Boston, became engaged on Thanksgiving Day to Carlos Pons Suepermann, a PhD student at Harvard. Their wedding is planned for the middle of August. Grandson, David Beresford, who works at the "southern branch" of Beresford Co. in Nashville, is engaged to Phoebe Sharp, also of Nashville. They have just found the house which they hope will become their home. Connie and Jim are hoping they may come down to visit with Tom and Debbie in March. Granddaughter, Laura Scheider, has graduated from Michigan State and is working on her exams to be a CPA, while working for Ernst and Young in Detroit.



Daughter, Ann, and her Tom, have a lovely new second home in Grand Haven, MI, where Connie and Jim have visited several times. They love the view over the beach and Lake Michigan.



*Sally Lowe Becker, '52, and husband, Ed*

I had a nice letter from **SALLY LOWE BECKER**. She and Ed are doing well, and as she said, "Are still above ground." They are still able to function alone, maybe don't make some repairs they once did, but that's okay, and they continue horseback riding. Sally is listening to a lot of politics on TV. She says, "Our entire family is blessed with good health and what more could we ask for? Cheers to the Class of '52." "Hi, Foss! This is Black...one more year," writes **BARB BLACK DONDERO**, and "Happy New Year to my roommate, Jul (**JULIA KEYDEL**)." Barb says, "Our parents were able to enroll us, so we could be the class of Kingswood 1952. How lucky we have been. Our wonderful years there brought us all together so that when we left, we left many pieces of ourselves. Is it any wonder that when we have opportunities to return (such as reunions, and senior dinners), we are so grateful to be able to 'run' back home and revisit some of those pieces. I'm reminded of how precious we are to one another after learning that Trixie passed away. We have her to thank for giving us so many happy party get-togethers during reunion weekends." Barb said that we can all recall having two headmistresses, Miss Augur and Miss Gooddale. "Today, we are so fortunate to have Arlyce at the helm. Somehow, she remembers all of our names and always has a smile for us. She came here out of college, began as a teacher, and thank goodness, didn't leave. Margi Brown and Kathy Discenna have also made our alumnae experiences so meaningful and memorable, and now we are gifted with Susan Post as alumnae director." Barb is still living in Clarkston with her daughter, Dana, enjoying time with her eight grandchildren, and spending time at her cottage in Aloha, MI, and Easter week on Sanibel Island, FL. "What are you supposed to do after 39 years

of Giftorama?" **BARB EICHLER CLARK** says that she loves my "What have you been up to this year?" She feels blessed that she is able to be "up" to anything at our mature age. "Actually, I have been 'up to' a lot less this year because I have retired from many activities and volunteer stuff." The big fun time this year was having their family all together for two weeks last summer. "We spent a delicious vacation in a lovely summer home on Lake Michigan. The weather was great, and we all had so much fun enjoying each other." Since their grandchildren are all grown, it gets harder and harder to get together as a family. This time together was a blessing. She and Jim are both well, just slowing down. **MARY LOU SIMONS ZIEVE** just returned from a fabulous trip to India. There were such memorable experiences while there, and it was a thrill to see so many beautiful sights. The Taj Mahal was on her bucket list and she says, "Finally fulfilled." Her energy level is still on full speed, and she plans to continue that "Until I fall over!" **GAIL GLOVER VINCE** wrote to me from Florida where she and Bob are enjoying their annual stay, and says they are both well. She spoke with **CONNIE VANDEVEER BERESFORD**, and they have made plans for lunch with **CYNTHIA COPELAND VAN TUYL**. It's nice they can all get together down there. At the last minute I got a letter from **MARY WHITHAM WEBB**. She sends good wishes to everyone. She writes, "I avoid mirrors in the morning, dress myself in an exercise ensemble from LL Bean, and feel that I'm 50 - until I visit a store where a cheeky young salesman asks, 'How can I help you sweetheart?' In a tone that he would never use with a girl. Or I go to a restaurant where a waitress inquires if I'm 'still working on that' as though the omelet on my plate must present an overwhelming challenge for my faltering gingers. Or another waiter exclaims, 'Awesome!' when I seem to be able to choose the right flavor of ice cream for my dessert." Royce and I are off to Hawaii for a couple of months and look forward to warm weather and spending time with Chris, '81, and Melissa. Thanks to those of you who wrote to me. Remember, June 2017 is our 65<sup>th</sup> reunion. They sure do sneak up on us. I hope to see many of you then!

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**BRAVO FOR BILL:** Through my extensive Cranbrook grapevine I learned of an honor bestowed on one of our classmates recently. My informant was the ever-vigilant **BILL SOTER** who sent me a clipping from the *New York Times*. In it was an announcement from an organization called The Archives of American Art noting that at its annual awards dinner one of the honorees was **WILLIAM H. TRUETTNER**. Bill was saluted for his 43 years as curator of the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of American Art. He is now retired but retains the title of curator emeritus. Congratulations to "Truett," a long-time lover of the arts, whose interests I would suspect were influenced and advanced by his years at Cranbrook with its abundant and impressive arts culture. **WEDDING BELLS RING OUT 60 TIMES:** Adding to the distinction of being the first in our class to marry in 1955, **CHARLIE BERRY** took his bride of six decades, Kathie, to Spain last August to observe their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Joining them were their three daughters and their families, a total of 14 people. This momentous occasion was chosen to be their pictorial greeting last December. My records show that two more of our classmates will celebrate no. 60 this year: Lois and **CHARLIE BLAIR** in June, and Jean and **JOHN ACKER** in July. **I'VE BEEN FRAMED!** Charlie Berry's youngest daughter, Amy, is a huge Detroit Tigers fan. Charlie so enjoyed that newspaper article on Mickey Briggs, me, and the Tigers that he had it framed, and presented it to Amy as a Christmas gift. My "15 minutes of fame" lives on! **GALLERY GODFATHER:** A call from **TODD CORLEY** revealed the news that he is now backing an art gallery in Tucson. The artist involved creates metal wall art. Todd also delivered the sad news that his wife, Bonnie, had died, leaving five children and one grandchild, age 6. Since that call from Todd, I learned of the death of his brother, Jay, '50 (see C'50 for details). **BET IT ALL ON "80":** Travelling from their home in Texas to Nevada last fall, Jeri

and **JOHN YARYAN** celebrated John's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at a Las Vegas casino. Living in the Houston area, they have three children and 10 grandchildren (all girls but one). **MIDDLE NAME QUIZ:** While looking over the Cranbrook graduation program from 1953 (you still have your copy of same, right?!), I noticed that several of our classmates have unique and unusual middle names. Here is a list of six, can you identify the holder of each moniker? Duder, Swift, Hooper, Calhoun, Austin, Morrison. **POLEMICS, ANYONE?:** One of my Cranbrook nicknames was "Trum." Put a "P" after it and you have my choice for next November. There, I've said it! And if I don't get feedback from this statement, then I'll know for sure that no one reads this stuff! Is anybody out there? **SUMMING IT UP:** It is hard to capture the characteristics of the model Cranbrook student, but Mr. Booth saw to it that these four distinctive and descriptive words were inscribed in stone in the Quad where they are still embedded today: "Knowledge," "Character," "Citizenship," "Skill." While trying to measure up to those attributes all these years later, the least we all can do is "AIM HIGH!"

(Editor's Note)

An apology to E.T. for misspelling Trumbull (Trumbell) on the caption for the last issue's photo of Elliott and his great-nephew, Ryan.

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I never took to fly fishing and admittedly had few opportunities to put on the waders and cast out the line with/on the fly as **GEORGE GLOVER** continues to do when he can – be it in Maine or Idaho. But I did some Class Secretary "casting" among our classmates, who have been *incommunicado*, in an effort to "land" some news about them. Here are the results of the emails I sent to eight of "us." There was no reply from Biggert, Duffy, Martin, Richmond, Rockwell, or Weiner. The good news is that I received responses the next day from **JAMIE BARNES**, who remains fit playing competitive senior tennis in Indio/Palm Springs, CA, which conveniently is only

a stone's throw from his son and his family and grandchildren in Malibu. Jamie will be heading back to Poland for a visit in March, where he lived and worked for many years running a foundation and as a consultant to Polish companies. Before this trip, Jamie will pack his satchel and head south from Indio to visit Liz and **GEORGE GLOVER** in Tucson, AZ, where they continue to take what has become their annual seasonal shelter from the ardors of down Maine winter in Brunswick, ME. **KURT KEYDEL** and wife, Carol, have settled in at a CCRC on the east side of Florida in Delray Beach, where they are active in the local arts and music scene. Proximity to Deerfield Beach is a bonus for them as their youngest son is there with his family. Carol continues to work part time as a psychotherapist. Together they do music of differing types, Kurt back at the cello and singing in a local men's choir and Carol strumming the ukulele. And isn't it wonderful that Kurt and his cello have maintained their close relationship throughout his life! He continues to play seriously and express the considerable talent (and love) for the instrument that he displayed during our years in the Upper School. Kudos to Kurt, and, if we are lucky, he can perform for us in 2019 when we gather for our 65<sup>th</sup>. What a treat it would be to have a cello-piano duet with Kurt on his strings and **DON SLOTKIN** at the piano. And solos from both? Don also has nurtured his deep love for music and the piano, playing and composing from the bench of his Steinway grand piano, which he and his wife, Edie, proudly display in the living room of their lovely home in Jupiter, FL, a bit north of the Keydels. Among his many contributions to the Cranbrook community, Don and his family have established an endowment that supports the nurture and continued development of musical talents of Cranbrook Kingwood students. (Wish we had a bit more music and arts education and fewer study halls back then?)

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(Editor's Note)

Gwen Luce Briggs passed away on April 11. Her full obituary was not available at press time, but in lieu of flowers the family has asked that those wishing to honor her please consider donating to: Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Avenue Suite 200, Manhattan Beach CA 90266.

 **C1955**



Marc Cunningham, '55

(Obituary)

**MARCUS EDDY CUNNINGHAM, JR.**, born September 3, 1937, in Pontiac, MI, passed away Sept. 30 (2015) at his home in Greenville, SC, of cancer. He was the son of the late Marcus and Mary Cunningham of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Marc is survived by his wife, Chris; sons, Marcus III (Christine) of Arlington, VA; and Robert (Caroline) of Berkeley, CA; daughters, Sarah Cloyd (Jim) of El Cajon, CA; Elizabeth Cunningham (Michael) of Seattle, WA; Mary Ellen Cunningham (Matt) of Seattle, WA; and Susan Cunningham (Gary) of Durango, CO; and twelve grandchildren. Marc was predeceased by a brother, Charles Cunningham, and a sister, Susan Williams. Marc grew up in Michigan, attending the Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, MI, where he recently celebrated his 60th high school reunion. Marc was a devoted supporter and proud alumnus of Yale University in New Haven, CT, where he received his undergraduate education, while lettering in baseball and singing baritone, a lifelong pleasure, in the 50th anniversary class of the Whiffenpoofs. After Yale, Marc received an MBA from Columbia University in New York City and then began a career in industrial manufacturing and construction at Cunningham-Limp Company, founded



by his father. Marc and Chris moved from Michigan to Greenville in 1983, when Marc became the president of Yeargin Construction Company, later acquired by the Perini Corporation. They happily called Greenville home ever since. Always a vivacious presence, Marc enjoyed playing and watching sports all his life: cheering at his children's games, rooting for the Michigan Wolverines, and playing tennis and golf, especially at the Belvedere Club in Charlevoix, MI, where he and Chris spent cherished time in the summers, often with family. He was a communicant at Christ Church Episcopal, Greenville, where he participated in the weekly Men's Study Group and various volunteer activities and in summers, at Christ Church Episcopal, Charlevoix, MI. Marc was known for his gregariousness, sense of humor and adventure, curiosity, and most of all devotion to his family. He was a loving husband and father and is deeply missed. From Chris Cunningham, "A few words about Marc and Cranbrook. Marc loved his years at Cranbrook and his friends and activities there. Marc had a wonderful time at the 60th Reunion this past June and was so thrilled to be there and feel so well. Throughout our 40 years of married and family life Marc often spoke of his cherished Cranbrook memories, he loved that place and his memories of many years there! Our sons, Marc and Robert, could tell you all many stories Marc shared with them about athletics, academics, and friends at Cranbrook! We miss Marc, dearly, but cherish his memories, including those of many trips to Cranbrook over the years. I, too, have loved the friendships I developed at Cranbrook reunions, and please, if any of you travel to Greenville, SC, where I live or to Charlevoix, MI, in the summer, please contact me. I would love to see you all again." **PAUL DODYK:** "I had a meal with Marc at our last reunion and had no idea that he was suffering from cancer. His passing brought me more than a little grief. Although we were never close friends, I have always been fond of him. I remember particularly one encounter we had while at Cranbrook. Coming from working class Hamtramck and a very ethnic family (English was my second language; Karl Wonnberger might say my third), I harbored more than a little angst about whether I would ever fit in socially. Dressing for a dance in one of our early years, I chose what I can only

describe as a powder blue zoot suit. I ran into Marc, who had only praise for what in retrospect seems like a rather outlandish get-up, a reaction which has lingered in my memory as a symbol of the acceptance that I always experienced from our classmates. So sad." **FRANK DUNCAN:** "Family History not reported in Cranbrook 1955 60th Reunion Biography. Since I did not report family history information in my 60th Reunion Biography, I am now reporting this information for follow-up use in *Tradition*. Better late than never! I married Karen Louise Foster in July 1963 in Columbus, OH. We had two sons in Worthington, OH, William (Bill) Foster Duncan born in June 1965, and Andrew (Andy) Mills Duncan born in November 1968. They were educated through high school graduation in Worthington, Chicago, Shaker Heights, OH, and Woodland Hills, CA. Then Bill graduated in computer science from California State University in Northridge, and Andy in psychology and music from University of California in Irvine, both, fortunately, with no student debt. Bill is now an IT service consultant for doctors, clinics, and hospitals in San Francisco, and Andy is a real estate appraiser in Laguna Beach, CA. Bill's main avocation is traveling around the world, and Andy's main avocation is hiking in the Sierras/optimizing ultra-light-weight hiking gear. Also I served for eight years in the U.S. Navy Reserves Critical Skills Program from 1961 through 1969." **CLIFF COLWELL:** "Some news on our children's side, Chris, our oldest, has been offered the chair of emergency medicine at UCSF but don't know if the academic opportunity offsets the change in lifestyle from Denver, where he heads the emergency department at Denver health for the cost of living difference in San Francisco. He will need to make the decision within the next month. Matthew, our second, received financial support for his sabbatical from Knox Presbyterian Church in Pasadena, where he is pastor, to study and write in Scotland for four months this summer. This allows his wife and daughter to travel with him. Connie, our third, is happy to be a mother and teach in pre-school in Boulder, CO. The six combined grandchildren from the above are doing well. We will return to Higgins Lake starting in June for more (probably the last) canoe building and then back in late July for the family gathering. Work progresses in stem-cell research for the regeneration of human

cartilage but no breakthrough at this point. Maybe in 2016."



*Bill Raisch, '55 and family*

**BILL RAISCH:** "I have been in touch with Chris Cunningham and Nancy Will of late. So glad that both are on the *Tradition* mailing list, as they want to stay connected with the Class of 1955. I am keeping busy with a variety of volunteer projects, helping to organize area Big 10 alumni for social events and community service projects, such as working with the Boys & Girls Club members baking cookies and sending them along with letters of thanks to deployed military (TreattheTroops.org), coordinating a program to help folks earn their GED Certificates, and soon to be hosting, again, a contestant in the International Piano Competition held in Hilton Head." **DWIGHT DAVIS:** 2016 was one of my best years. I was able to re-live Cranbrook/Kingswood days during six months of pure enjoyment, scraping together bits, pieces, and fragments of our special years of boyhood, and girlhood, assembling them, and tossing them into a memory book. Drieka Martin Bloom, K'55, and **HILLIARD GOLDMAN** provided loads of material and moral support. I hope all of you C'55ers received the CD. Only two were returned "addressee unknown" or something to that effect. **JACK FOSTER** and **DICK MEYER**. I can't find them. If anyone knows where they are, please pass along the information to me. As to my personal life, I have so much going on I almost feel like getting out of retirement and back to work. Margie and I have been blessed with a bunch of grandchildren, and the 'greats' are well on their way. This summer Margie and I will cruise to Alaska with family members. Can hardly wait."

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The middle of January **ELLEN FLINT PRICE** and her oldest daughter, Sarah Cloyd, '80, left on a three week trip to Dubai and India. Ellen was not looking forward to the plane ride; 14 hours to Dubai, change planes, and then 4 more hours to India. On the return trip they were scheduled to stay four days at The Address Hotel in Dubai. However, on New Year's Eve the outside of the hotel caught on fire, causing extensive damage. So they were relocated to a hotel on the beach. Ellen said, "I'd rather be stung by a stingray or eaten by a shark versus climbing out the window of a burning hotel!" **BARBARA KNOBLOCK RONA** and Ellen meet often for lunch in Seattle. In February **JUDY EARLE GILLOW** and Ellen will meet at the Miraval Spa in Arizona for a few days of relaxation; reading, partaking in interesting classes, and just plain resting. Then in April Judy and three summer golfing buddies are planning a golf outing in North Carolina. She will spend the summer up in Harbor Springs, MI. As Judy says, "My most favorite place." I received a wonderful New Year's greeting from **LYN MALONE**. We missed you at the reunion last June, Linnie. **JEAN MORIARTY MOYER** reported a delightful, uneventful year. Daughter, Tobi, and her husband, Bill, bought a five bedroom vacation home in Manchester, VT. They will rent it out for skiing and horse shows. Jean recently realized grandson, Bennett, 14, is going to be tall when she found herself "looking up into his face!" I know what you're saying, Jean. My grandsons stand in front of me and say, "how are things down there, Gram?" I am 5'3" tall, Wesley, 14, is 5'9", and Andy, 18, is 6'1" tall. Both parents are tall too, so I am now the family midget. **LIZ KIRK CRAMER** writes that 2015 was a very sad year for her as husband, Jack, passed away suddenly. They had been married 56 years. She sold the Florida condo and returned to their Cape Cod home, where she plans to stay full-time. Grandson, Sean, graduated from Roger Williams University last May. **MARY**

**"DUCK" CAMPBELL DION** has two new great-grandsons, making a total of three. She continues her work with PAWS, so many needy animals. Mary plays some golf, not too much as her patience is short, and people are slow on the course.



*Mary Campbell Dion, '55, and Bob*

**DRIEKA MARTIN BLOOM** told me how glad she was to see Joe Braff, C'55, at our 60<sup>th</sup> reunion. She reminded me how long she and Joe have known each other. They first met at Hampton School in Detroit. Then they both ended up at Kingswood and Cranbrook in the same class and graduated from Cornell together. Drieka and her husband, Jerry, are spending their 12<sup>th</sup> winter season at a resort near Naples, FL. I talked briefly to **NANCY STERLING BROWN** in January, when she and Chuck were in town for her brother, Bob's, funeral. **BETTY ANN HILL GLASCOCK** reports 2016 will be a very celebratory year for her son, Jay's, family; two graduations, a wedding, and another child starting college. Her daughter, Kimi, and family are enjoying their recently renovated open concept home. In addition to attending the graduations and the wedding, Betty Ann is planning a trip to Isle Royal next summer. She enjoyed seeing the five classmates who returned for our 60<sup>th</sup> reunion and wishes more of you had shown up. I do too! From California comes news from **MELINDA BOOTH**. She says the only trips in 2015 were to visit son, Chris, in Seattle and to Oregon in July, when they rented a large house where her whole family enjoyed five days together. They had a ping pong tournament, rented a pontoon boat, picnicked, swam in a beautiful lake, and enjoyed the golf cart and the trampoline that came with the house. The only drawbacks were the geese and their "leavings," which called for indoor and outdoor shoes! They indulged

in all kinds of bad foods such as, frozen peanut butter chocolate ice cream pie. Yum! Daughter, Andrea, has moved to the Sacramento area, so she sees more of her mom now. Melinda keeps busy and happy with friends and volunteer work, hits the gym five times a week, and the pool for water therapy (meaning a little exercise and a lot of gabbing) three times weekly. She was looking forward to her sixth annual trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, with three ladies.



*Sandra Collon Watts, '55*

**SANDRA COLLON WATTS** has a granddaughter who lives in in New York for theater. She has developed quite a reputation for make-up and hair as a sideline. One day she asked, "Grandma, do you want me to cut your hair?" Sandy agreed, so Alex cut about eight inches off, but her hair is still below her shoulders. Sandy expects to get another year on her own at the cabin in Michigan's UP. She remembers us all with smiles. **GAYLE SMITH's** 21-month church mission in Dallas, TX, ended the end of January. She spent six days in her home in The Villages, FL, just enough time to exchange her summer wardrobe for a winter one, before flying to St. George, UT, for two months. Gayle purchased a home in St. George, where she plans to live from September to April. Her Florida home will be rented out for those months. Gayle plans to take several religion classes at Dixie College and be involved with NACD (National Association of Child Development) at least twice weekly. She hasn't played any golf yet, but I'm sure it won't be long before she is hitting that "little white ball" around the golf course. Hope everyone has a wonderful summer.



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## K1956

Continuing...spring 2016. As the years seem to be passing more quickly with each year, our classmates are increasingly more aware of the importance of creating and taking advantage of opportunities that enhance our lives and deepen our inner strength: sharing holidays and other occasions with family, valuing and reaching out to longtime friends, taking solace in the memories of loved ones we have lost, helping others in need, dealing positively with health issues, discovering new pleasures, furthering talents, enjoying different experiences, fulfilling wishes and dreams. **LYNN BURROWS DONALDSON** and Cam, her husband, discovered a new, exciting, and fun-filled adventure to share with their kids and grandkids over the holidays, as they explored the wonders of the Galapagos Islands together. Their family "clan" filled a twenty-person boat run by an outfit called EcoVentura. It was a memorable holiday for one and all...from the five-to the 26-to the 77-year olds! Not only were the land and water species extraordinary, but equally thrilling was the experience of all the cousins and "steps" sharing a fabulous time, getting to know each other, just having fun, and being awestruck together. On a sadder note, Lynn lost her "dear, adored" younger brother, Tom, to liver cancer last fall. He had beaten the odds a few times over the years and was enormously grateful for his life, his wife, Kate, and extended family. Lynn wants to be as graceful and gracious when it is her turn to go. As Tom's passing made her focus on the importance of family and old friends, it led her to say "yes" to two important trips recently: one to a longtime friend's birthday celebration and one to another friend's memorial service. Her usual response would have been "too far," or "too much time," or "too expensive," or whatever! She is now so delighted to have gone and to have taken advantage of these opportunities when she had the chance. The holiday season for **KAREN GILDERSLEEVE SEELEY** was a hectic, festive, and joyous

one, involving three months of frenzied shopping and preparations, culminating with the gathering of her kids and their families in her home on Christmas Day to open all of Santa's surprises and to eat a delicious "Christmas Turkey Feast," compliments of her son, Chris's culinary expertise. Her 3-year-old granddaughter, Gabby's, belief in Santa Claus created the magical wonder of the entire season for all of them. A humorous aside about Gabby's name...she was actually a very late talker! Much to Karen's relief, her beloved 8-year-old cat returned from her mysterious week-long disappearance just in time to be with them on Christmas Day. When Karen recently came across her mom's obituary, Karen realized that her mom had been 78 years old when she died. Her reaction was..."MY AGE...YIKES!" It saddened her to think that her mom, if she had chosen, could have enjoyed the last years of her life more fully. But she chose not to do so. Defiantly, Karen thought, "I'll show her!" After all, her mom's mother lived well into her 90s, and that's exactly what Karen is determined to also do. At least that's her goal, as well as welcoming every opportunity to enjoy her kids and grandkids as long as she can. She wants them to remember her as being fun, loving, and always there for them. **VIRGINIA (Gini) CUMINGS INMAN**'s youngest granddaughter, 8-year-old Claire, also is still a Santa believer. Consequently, when Gini was in Denver, CO, to spend Christmas Eve/Day with her two daughters and their families, the air was filled with anticipation and wonder. Christmas Eve was spent first going to church, then eating pizza, and exchanging a few gifts. Christmas Day started early as Claire anxiously had to discover if Santa had visited! As one daughter and family left for Arizona, Gini went to the mountains with her other daughter and family for Christmas dinner at the "wonderful" Chart House in the woods. During her many years of living in Santa Fe, Gini has developed many dear and close friends. Before the holidays, she and another friend flew to Houston for their annual visit with another mutual longtime friend, who had recently moved there from Tucson. Gini relished the many highlights of their visit...two of which were seeing a remarkable Mark Rothko exhibit at the Houston Fine Arts Museum and, at the huge national quilt show, seeing the spectacular contemporary quilt designed and made by her host-friend's

daughter. Other fun times involved shopping, shopping, and more shopping, as well as talking, talking, and more talking...the latter done in jammies over morning coffee, and later during their 5 p.m. wine hour and dinner, and back into jammies! Gini also looked forward to another annual three-month visit of a dear friend she had met years ago in Santa Fe, who now lives in Princeton. Over the years, Gini developed the custom of greeting her friend upon her arrival at her rental condo with their favorite dinner of lamb chops and asparagus! Gini continues to treasure these special opportunities to "hang out" with valued friends.



*Marilyn MacKenzie Montgomery, '56, husband, Robert, and grandson, Jack*

At the beginning of the holiday season, **MARILYN MACKENZIE MONTGOMERY** and Robert, her husband, attended an interfaith Thanksgiving service that included several Protestant ministers, a rabbi and a Muslim..." Very interesting and uplifting." It got Marilyn thinking of how fortunate she has been over the years to have met many diverse people and to still have so many really close friends that go back even to middle school. During the past year, she had the opportunity to spend time with friends from Sweden, Norway, and Finland, when they came for a visit. Unfortunately, however, she also lost a dear friend from her college days. She is very grateful for the many people with whom she has crossed paths during her lifetime and who have made her life so much richer for being in it. She is also very grateful that her grandson, Jack, is

now living permanently in relatively nearby Virginia, and no longer in Idaho, enabling Marilyn and Robert to see him more often and to even stay there for a long weekend to take care of him. During that stay, they took him to visit the Air and Space Museum. Marilyn's reaction..."Talk about awesome!" Their stay with Jack was a delightful opportunity to spend quality time with him. However, chasing around a 6-year-old almost did her in! Back in Sag Harbor, where she and Robert live, they took advantage of most of the cultural opportunities offered there... HD opera, HD National Theater, lectures, concerts, theater, etc. Interspersed, however, were the necessary and multiple doctors' appointments..."Oh, the joys of getting older!" Marilyn is still hobbling around. Even though her ankle/leg is completely healed, she is suffering from serious and painful arthritis in that ankle...forcing her to break down and get a cane. Several people have also given her what may be the ideal remedy...take two teaspoons of raisins soaked in gin every morning. She isn't sure of its effectiveness...but "the gin can't hurt!" She just needs to remember to use mouth spray before going to the village, or she may get quite the reputation! **JANE MCKENZIE MULLIN's** remedy for her painful knees and hips is "water walking" in the pool. She also continues to enjoy her bridge groups and book clubs. She enjoyed a fun and merry Christmas time with her daughter, Kerry, and husband, Scott, 7-year-old Piper Jane, and 6-year-old Taygen from Missouri. The power went out on Christmas Eve day and didn't come back on until Christmas night! However, Scott got the generator going, while Kerry took care of the fireplace, starting a roaring fire, so the house was warm and comfy, and both the refrigerators were staying cold and preserving the food. They had fun decorating the tree...stringing popcorn and cranberries and making paper chains. However, without power, Taygen was very concerned if Santa would know where to stop. Christmas morning, Taygen was so relieved and thrilled that Santa found his way there and left a big bagful of gifts under the tree. Its contents kept him busy, busy, busy all day playing with his new helicopter, drone, racing cars, yo-yo... etc., etc. At the same time, Piper Jane was reading, reading, reading, having gotten 21 new books! She is an excellent reader, taking after her grandma Jane! **PEGGY DURHAM**

once again spent her Christmas holiday with Rob and Trudy, her son and daughter-in-law, in Geneva, Switzerland. However, this time she also went with them to spend time at their recently purchased chalet in the French countryside. At the end of January, after her Broncos qualified for Super Bowl Fifty, she opted this year to check out the Western Stock Show that comes to Denver annually. Amazingly, the festivities were kicked off with a herd of longhorns being driven down the main street in Denver. Not in a wagon...but as a herd with real cowboys and cowgirls keeping them moving together. She also marveled at the Coors Western Art collection and at the grooming of the animals on the lower level...or perhaps "coifing" is a more apt description...with hair dryers and shiny stuff being squirted on the coats of these monstrous bulls...quite a scene! Peggy had a suggestion for remembering our "news" when it is class notes time...jot down happenings/ideas that may be interesting when they occur and keep them in a folder...eliminating excuses for not contributing! Speaking of those longhorns, **NANCY SWAN WILLIAMS** and Dave, her husband, decided to leave cold, icy, snowy winter in Harbor Springs, MI, and once again return to the hill country of western Texas after a three-year hiatus...with Dave's cowboy boots in tow! They were back in Kerrville for five months, enjoying the charm and history of the area and of the small nearby towns of Comfort, Sisterdale, Boerne, and Bandera, the "cowboy capital of the world"...inspiring Dave's purchase of those boots three years ago! They enthusiastically revisited Camp Verde, the site of the Texas Camel Experiment during the Civil War, with its original general store and post office, dating back to 1857, its unique shopping opportunities, and a very popular restaurant for lunch. Their favorite "activity" during their stay was sitting in their lawn chairs in the evening and gazing up at the myriad, brilliant stars in the dark, wide-open Texas sky overhead. Back in Harbor Springs, Nancy looked forward to her annual May "Sister Getaway" with her sisters, Trish Swan Sandstrom, '63, and Susie Swan Spence, '66, on the west coast of Florida. In June Nancy and Dave were thinking of again joining the "Freedom Car Rally" as they have done twice before. This time they would be driving the back roads of Virginia. Since it is a "vintage car" group, they had to get a "dispensation"

to drive their Mustang 2015, the model commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Mustang. In spite of their avoiding a northern Michigan winter, upon their arrival in Texas, they experienced some scary effects of two storms of a different nature...the frightening winds of a hurricane from nearby Mexico roared through at Thanksgiving time, and shortly afterward more fierce winds from the multiple tornados that ripped through the Dallas area at Christmas time. Hopefully, the weather will be calmer during Nancy's Florida stay and their vintage car drive in Virginia.



*Kay Hellyer Smith's, '56, daughter, her husband and granddaughter*

**KATHRYN (Kay) HELLYER SMITH** hoped that 2016 would be about more than Weather and War! She thinks that the next generation, always endearingly optimistic, just might have the answer. It could be as simple as taking advantage of positive opportunities, offering creative family fun such as her youngest daughter's family sharing an impromptu "selfie" photo op of their underwater experience! In other words, smiles and laughter in place of horrific climate and despairing war! **RHONA NEWCOMB NEUWIRTH** also hoped for a more secure, less ominous 2016. She and Fred, her husband, have been busy choosing among the many cultural and social opportunities that are at their fingertips in their new surroundings at Kendal and Dartmouth, in Hanover, NH. Besides meeting new people, learning new names, faces, and places, they have discovered "Osher" at Dartmouth. It is a program of lifelong learning classes, one of which was a wonderful music course of 19th century women composers. The Hopkins Center, also at Dartmouth, has a rich series of music and lectures throughout the year. They attended a lecture by Salman Rushdie and other provocative talks on the future of America, as well as plays and the



HD Metropolitan Opera series. Socially, their dog, Radar, has been a great icebreaker giving them many opportunities for meeting numerous other dog walkers and dog lovers. They feel that they made the right decision to relocate to Kendal, not only for the present but also for the future. It has an older, mostly white population but with 21st century concerns. Independent living there allows them to come and go as they wish without having to mow the lawn, or rake the leaves, or wash the dinner dishes! Their apartment on the 3rd floor has lovely views and wonderful light...ideal for Fred to continue developing his painting talent in the studio they set up for him. In addition, he planned to attend a workshop at Silvermine in April.



*Barbara Welther, '56*

**BARBARA WELTHER** also actively furthered her singing talents by “taking courage in hand” and facing audition opportunities for the first time. Even though she has been a member of Sweet Adelines, mostly early music consorts and community chorales over the past 20 years, she never had to pass a formal audition. Finally, however, last September, to join a women’s chorus in Arlington, MA, she had her first one with the very talented, female conductor of the chorus, whom Barbara found to be fabulous, and with whom she hit it off very well. Happily she was accepted into “Cantilena” as the anchor for the alto section. Their December program was sold out! After that, she once again gained the courage to audition to sing this summer with the Berkshire Chorale in Sheffield, MA, and again she was accepted. She still has close connections with her college friends from Wellesley, her alma mater. Last November she met with some of them on campus to visit special new exhibits at the Davis Museum and Cultural Center and to lunch at the Lulu Chow Wang Campus

Center. They all enjoyed being together and talking. According to Barbara...surprisingly, they all looked just the same as they did over 55 years ago! Her inner strength was reinforced through two contemplative, inspiring, and uplifting events...the right prescription for emotional balance and inner peace. Celebrating the Winter Solstice with about 50 other singers at the Third Life Studio in Somerville, MA, and hearing their voices blend harmoniously in songs from around the world was a truly spiritual event for her. Then at a two-day retreat at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society in Natick, the dean of the office for religious and spiritual life at Wellesley College gently guided the attendees through meditation, journaling, discussions, and other exercises. It, too, was an awesome and revelatory event for her. Her busy schedule also included two or perhaps even three trips. At the end of January she spent a week on the west coast of Florida, visiting Cape Coral and Sanibel. While there, she was delighted to meet lots of visitors from Michigan, giving her a “taste of home!” A cruise from Portland, ME, to St. John, New Brunswick, including possible visits to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island in August and/or a visit to Ireland in October, were in the planning stage. **MARSHA (Penny) RUDOLPH ADAMS O’NEILL** designed, “In the Steps of Eleanor of Aquitaine and Henry II,” another fabulous, original itinerary, inspired by and named after her longtime heroine, giving her and Ed, her husband, another opportunity to discover a less visited part of Europe last September...starting with the Normandy coast, continuing to Le Mans, winding their way southward and westward through France, visiting Chinon Castle, Fontevraud Abbaye, Mirebeau, Poitiers, St. Savin, Nieul-sur-Mer, and Abbaye St. Vincent...all important monuments and places connected to the lives of Eleanor and Henry...and ending in the La Rochelle and Rochefort area of France, staying on Saint Martin de Re, a barrier island off the French coast. Back in the States, her daughter, Stephanie, after being notified by her employers, Left Coast Press, that they were selling their publishing firm, fortunately located a fantastic position at Stanford University Press as marketing manager. Her son, John, his wife, Anne, and Allie, Penny’s granddaughter, continue to prosper in Seattle. Allie loves her school. Anne and John’s new architecture firm,

Adams Architecture, is growing. In fact, they have moved the business out of their home and into a rented space. **CATHERINE (Cathy) STERRITT GARY**’s latest trip was to Michigan with her daughters, Pam and Debbie Lynn, the middle of January. The occasion was a family surprise birthday celebration for her younger sister, Debby Sterritt McMillan, ‘64, arranged by her two daughters. While they were all together, including their older sister, Ann, and her two sons, it became a five-day nostalgic whirlwind opportunity for the entire family to reminisce and revisit places from their youth...going to Kirk in the Hills Church to pay respect to the living and dead from their past, driving by their former homes, eating a delicious family-style chicken dinner at Frankenmuth in Germantown, stopping at Shield’s Pizza, originally in Hamtramck, relocated to Woodward Avenue, for the best pizza “anywhere,” and shopping at Bronners, the largest Christmas store “anywhere!” It was a fantastic reunion for them all. Cathy, along with her two daughters, also enjoyed an evening with George’s, C’56, her husband and their father, family for a Gary reunion. In February Cathy’s granddaughter, Katie, came down from Seattle to take Cathy to Disneyland as Katie’s birthday surprise for her. Last October Harrison, Cathy and George’s first great-grandchild, came for a visit, along with his grandma, Pam, their daughter, and his dad and mom, Drew, their grandson, and Megan...four generations under the same roof! When Drew and Megan went off to Disneyland, Cathy, George, Pam, and Harrison drove down to the Pacific Ocean for an oyster and champagne lunch at a restaurant on the beach at Dana Pt. Back in Colorado **JOY STAUNTON PULCIPHER** enjoyed occasional winter escapes in the Rockies. Prohibited from downhill skiing due to her two knee replacements, she had fun snowshoeing. Beau, her six-pound Bichon Frise-Maltese, plays a big role in her life. Even though he’s “naughty,” he is so adorable and lovable that Joy easily forgives him. She continues to get great pleasure and satisfaction from helping others through her volunteer work with Meals on Wheels. **KAY PERRING** also continued her twice-a-month Hospice-home-visit volunteering with a friend in New Jersey. Together they do the shopping for and visiting with an elderly lady in need of their company. Usually another friend joins them for lunch and cards...”Hand

and Foot,” similar to Canasta...making it a fun social gathering for the four of them. Being a New Yorker, wintertime for Kay meant museum visits and a possible Broadway show. When another revival of *Fiddler on the Roof* opened on Broadway in January, making it the fifth one since it opened in 1964, Kay was considering the possibility of going. It would have been her fourth time in the past 50 years!



*Kay Perring and Colleen McMahon Orsatti, both '56*

I, **COLLEEN MCMAHON ORSATTI**, “seized” two opportunities to realize two of my Bucket List wishes. After a number of years of wanting to take the “Vertical Tour” of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, I finally did it last September. **KAY PERRING** joined me. It was an awesome tour and well worth the climb...up 124 feet, using a very narrow, twisting, inside cement staircase of about 185 steps, making four stops to view different aspects of the stained-glass windows and architecture inside the cathedral on our way to the roof. Although it had been raining on and off all day, the rain stopped (just for us!) as we stepped out onto the roof. Our young woman guide was charming, knowledgeable, enthusiastic, and truly excellent. Kay and I agreed that it was an enlightening experience, followed by our having a delicious glass of wine and lunch at a nearby Italian restaurant. During the holiday season I realized my other wish. After spending a festive day in NYC, Bob, my husband, and I went to Bemelmans Bar at the Carlyle Hotel on the Upper East Side for an early evening cocktail while listening to live piano playing by a wonderfully talented pianist/singer. It was as delightful an experience as I had anticipated. The bar opened in 1947, after which Ludwig Bemelmans, the author/artist of the “Madeline” children’s books, painted charming scenes of Central Park on the walls, as well as on the small table lampshades. His chosen payment was lodging at the

luxurious Carlyle! I ended the holiday season by having to have Mohs surgery to remove a deep and widespread basal cell on the right side of my nose, leaving the entire side disfigured and necessitating a rather prolonged plastic surgical reconstruction of the surface and contour of that side...four to five surgeries. Consequently, my current Bucket List wish is that my nose looks as good, or perhaps even better (!), as my original one in time for our 60th Reunion! Speaking of which, I have booked my plane ticket, and **LINDA JOHNSON LEMIEUX** and I have booked our rooms for June 10 and 11 at the Hampton Inn in Troy. We both look forward to sharing the reunion activities with **PEGGY DURHAM** and **CYNTHIA COLE EUSEBI** and are hoping that more of you join us. As for you, my dear classmates and truly longtime friends, you are the BEST! I am totally grateful to have this amazing and most fulfilling opportunity to be our class secretary. It is definitely evident from our “news” that we are taking every opportunity that comes our way for enhancing our lives and deepening our inner strength. In other words we are living our lives to the fullest and appreciate being alive! To quote Betty Friedan, “Aging is not ‘lost youth’ but a new stage of opportunity and strength.” To be continued...

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 **C1957**

A few notes left over from 2015. **ROWDY TALIAFERRO** made his annual visit back to Missouri USA last fall, a bit jet lagged from Vienna, Elba, and Thailand. Spent time cleaning up his house and taking care of the usual licenses, insurance etc. Presumably long back in Thailand by now. **DEL ANDREWS** penned a note from home in Petoskey, having just returned from his dental practice at Kinross Prison in the U.P. He retired to Petoskey after four years in the Air Force and 36 years in private practice, ending up in prison, working since, “no one else wants to do this.” Doing fine, healthy, hunting, and fishing. He shot a 300

lb. black bear and had success bow hunting deer. Built himself a log cabin in the U.P., cutting lots of wood for his stoves. He has given up one favorite activity, flying, “too old, but sure enjoyed it.” Wife, Jane, of 51 years, has just written her first textbook, on dyslexia, for teachers and students. She is a former teacher at University of Florida. As usual, always a few travels to report on. **JIM VARY** was hanging out in Siesta Key (Sarasota) in March, just a few miles down the road from the **AKERS** on Longboat Key. The **JOHANSSONS** could also be found in Florida for three months, visiting two of their daughters and families, including a new 10-month-old great granddaughter. Weather a bit cool, rainy, and windy but better than north. They are hoping to catch up with their California daughter late fall or over Christmas. The **KERNS** are planning to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, planning on travel to Jackson Hole, Sun Valley, and maybe a European destination. They pal around with friends from a local cultural museum where Janis spent 18 years as a docent. Fritz lunches, and tours the museum with a **ROMEO** group (Retired Old Men Eating Out) made up of former Toyota and Isuzu colleagues. Farthest afield went **CHARLES ASKEW** and partner, Cynthia Spangler. They revisited Australia with her son and family, who had lived in Sydney the first five years of married life. Charles and Cynthia took a side trip to Lord Howe Island, 400 miles away from Sydney in the ocean, a rather “eroded volcanic remnant, six miles long and one mile wide. There are few people and vehicles, and is now mostly a managed nature preserve with unique species. The group ended the trip with a visit to Uluru (aka Ayers Rock), a singular mid-desert mountain “whose protective caves and location amid assorted watering holes caused the aboriginal peoples to deem it sacred.” Both LHI and Uluru protected as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Plan a visit, or cheaper alternative, ask Charles for photos. **ROSS SMITH** is contemplating a fall trip to Italy with extended family, but in the meantime, continues his previously reported activities of gardening, taking walks, reading good books, drinking decent wines, and dinners out with “cherished goodwife.” Also staying close to home this winter was **DUNCAN BLACK**. He’s still on the Ski Patrol, but season a bust with lack of snow. Stays busy as the appointed chairman of the town



of Amherst zoning board of appeals and is involved with an update of the town's comprehensive plan and zoning regulations. Lastly, "Sadly, I recently had to move my wife to a memory care facility," reports Dunc. The **AKERS** were able to find some snow in Colorado thankfully having been shut out last year (first time in many years) for a one week visit with son, daughter, and two of the five grandkids. A nostalgic visit as last of our rental properties in Crested Butte being sold shortly, after 25 years in the area. Today, as these notes are written early March their two oldest grandkids, Lexi, high school junior, and brother, David, freshman and rookie on the team returned home from the Model U.N. competition at the U.N. building in NYC taking first place for the second year in a row. A remarkable achievement. Lots of very excited parents and grandparents welcomed them back. The Akers early return north due to providing assistance in planning and organizing grandson, Isaac Akers', bar mitzvah early May. Everyone invited. (Just kidding.)

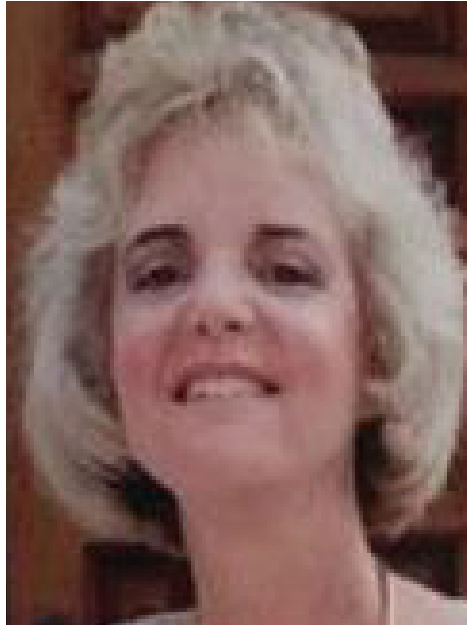
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## K1957



'57 - While looking for class news I found this graphic on eBay. We remember this budding actress well.

Last year while writing this column, we were heavily blanketed with snow. This year we've experienced temperatures in the 70s with conditions more like a Michigan summer than a Virginia winter. We adapt and go with the flow, both literally and figuratively. Most of us are now retired, and weather conditions have minimal impact on our activities, which allows us to focus on enjoying life's offerings. More frequently we are reminded of our phase of life when we receive sad news about the loss of one of our classmates.



Jane Wainger Shulak, '57

We lost our classmate, **JANICE WAINGER SHULAK**, at the end of 2015. About 10 years ago on a work trip to San Diego. I was lucky to have the opportunity to reconnect with Janice over dinner. It was a real-time trip as we instantly were transported back to Kingswood as 16 year olds. I hadn't seen my Kingswood carpool friend since soon after Ann Arbor college days, but in minutes we were back to our teens. Another carpool member, **SUSIE SIMONS**, is one of our last classmates still working. She writes that she keeps on talking about retiring but never quite pulls it off. She still loves the medical field, her job, and all the people she works with, so the idea of leaving just doesn't fit yet. Last June Susie and her sister, Mary Lou Simons Zieve, '52, went to London and saw five plays in eight days, then went on to Bath and the Cotswolds, hitting every museum. She absolutely loved it and would go back in a heartbeat. **NANCY WARD HARWOOD** and Susie went up to Cookie's (**BARBARA COOKSEY BOWERS**) cabin in September

for a long weekend and confirmed the report that I had heard from Nancy that they laughed for three days without a break. Susie continues to fly to L.A. four to five times a year to visit family, Kathy, Andy, and her divine granddaughter. While she was going to Wayne State, Susie's eldest granddaughter worked with her at her office but left for a teaching position when one opened up. Susie feels blessed with decent health, still loads of energy, and is very appreciative of her life. **ANNE COUGHLIN COLLINS** has found "Freedom!" now that she is very happily retired from her former vocation as a library director. She claims that she may never darken the door of a library again. While she still loves to read, she can do so on her own time. She writes that her time is spent happily between NYC, Bronxville, NY, and Cohasset, MA, which she categorizes as a wonderful life. Having retired some time ago from her floral design and antique business, **SUELLEN VOORHEIS SOUCEK** works four days a week during summer for the local ferry line. She has 15 grandkids and welcomes the additional revenue to buy good stuff for all. She reports that they are plodding their way through the winter, which fortunately is mild this year without icy roads. Suellen's husband is recovering his health and looking forward to swinging a golf club on the tee behind where they live in the woods on Madeline Island golf course. Suellen has been promoting and selling items for weight loss and wrinkle reduction. Fellow Williamsburger, **MARILYN MERTINS JOHNSON**, reports, "No news is good news." She claims that she really doesn't have any news. However, it certainly is good news that nothing bad health wise is going on now in their lives. She has no announcements of new grandchildren or great-grandchildren to share, as well as no exciting travel due to arthritis, etc., which doesn't keep them from their daily activities. Giving back to others who are not as fortunate has been of great importance to Marilyn, so she volunteers for different organizations. She hasn't read any great books lately, seems to be too busy with other things. BUT, life is good at the moment, and she is thankful for that. **SALLY AUSTERBERRY DINAN** enjoys Florida and visiting children. The Dinans went to Savannah for Thanksgiving. Molly is in her fourth year there, so they are now familiar with the city and restaurants, as well as the shopping and museums. The Internet's

historic Detroit site has piqued Sally's interest, and she would love to take a tour and see all the changes. She reflects that it is good to see the push for restoration, though so much is lost. **JEANNE HARGREAVES GRAHAM** made her planned move last December into her new apartment in the recently completed senior residence in the Woodward and Long Lake area. She has been enjoying her heated underground garage. Her cat, Buddy, who had been an outside roamer, is adjusting better than she could have imagined. Jeanne heads to Argentina in February for two weeks. In response to my plea for reading recommendations, our classmate and former U-M English professor and Department Chair, **MARTHA VICINUS**, wrote that this past fall she team-taught a course on LGBT literature with a very special gay man at the Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement. She considers this teaching experience to have been one of the highlights of over 40 years of teaching. The favorite readings were James Baldwin's, *Giovanni's Room*, Jeanette Winterson's, *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*, and Alan Hollinghurst's, *The Stranger's Child*. She would also recommend almost anything by Colm Toibin, the gay Irish writer, who has written eloquently about women, young and old. Late last year I received a request to return to work for several months, which absurdly I rejected based on not wanting to return to the 4:30 a.m. rising to make a miserable commute. This action clearly renders me a confirmed retiree. Volunteer activities, travel, family, reading, and other diversions are thoroughly enjoyable and relatively stress-free. It took me quite some time to make the adjustment, but I am now exposed to new interests and have the time to take advantage of our local attractions. No more Sunday preparations for the upcoming week, and every day is a weekend day. Fortunately, we continue our travels with our annual mystery cruise, as well as shorter trips this year to Cornwall, Bath, and Scotland. I can read whenever I want to and engage in public policy without concern. As always, I welcome and appreciate your news, reviews, and recommendations. Cheers and enjoy.

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 **K1958**



*New class secretary, Katie Williams Stewart, '58, and family*

**KATIE WILLIAMS STEWART** writes from New Canaan, CT. On a quiet winter evening in late January after the busy holidays, the phone rang, and surprise, it was **NANCY TREGENZA LITTLE**. We had a fun chat catching up, and at the perfect moment she asked me to take over the job of '58 KSC class secretary. **NONNIE HAMADY MARKESET** and Nancy have done a wonderful job for years, and how could I say "no." So here I am introducing myself as your scribe for at least one year. When the sun came up the next morning, my first email was from Margi Brown in the CK Alumni office, and she said, "No rush, the deadline for the next issue of *Tradition* is February 5." Yikes, I thought, we can do it, we feel young and active and can't let her down. We are the BEST! Here was the plan, just reply to me with a spontaneous goal that you have for this year...for example in one word mine is "edit." Last year's was "listen." The garbage man is going to be busy this year. Thirty-five years in the one house in New Canaan. You can just imagine the "memories and stuff." My excuse has always been that I had no time to clean closets with all the volunteering I do, and now I am "turning over a new leaf" and still volunteering. My second request was to have each classmate mention any favorite volunteer activity or activities in a few sentences. There are 28 of us with email addresses and 11 without. Three have not shared any contact information; I hate to think they are "lost." However, I have located **BUNNY LYON LAMB** in Spruce, MI, and **SHEILA SMITH LETT** in Battle Creek, MI, on the Internet. **ANNIE H. SANDERS**, as you all well remember, writes beautifully

from Wellsboro, PA, that she has two goals for this year, "1) To sift the confusion of papers and projects that accompanied me to this old farmhouse in Pennsylvania in 2006. 2) To complete a National Register nomination for the 1860s farmstead in northern Indiana where I lived in early years. (If the application to the historians in Indianapolis is successful, there are a couple of others to tackle here in Pennsylvania.) As for volunteer activities, now I am simply treasurer of our county woodland owners association, whose purpose is to work along with state and local organizations to promote good forestry practices by owners of private land; this includes informational gatherings and tours, with lots of hands-on activities. From the early 1960s to 1990, when I lived with my husband and two children in Pennsylvania's northern anthracite field at Wilkes-Barre, a center of early technologies of anthracite mining and transportation, my favorite volunteer times were walking explorations with family and friends, and experts from near and far, along old canal and rail paths; such outings could be day- or weekend-long, even in snowy winters. Mysterious traces and relics were hidden in the hills and vales. I joined several groups of like-minded people to study and protect largely forgotten resources. Some far-sighted people in state and federal offices encouraged us to use a broad brush, and the enlarging canvas was compelling, and gained wider attention. In 1990, Congress enabled and funded the third National Heritage Area, a five-county Heritage Corridor with a connecting 165-mile central trail from Wilkes-Barre on the Susquehanna to Bristol (Philadelphia area) on the Delaware. A Commission was appointed to oversee the initial planning and implementation phase, and I was asked to represent my home county. It was a pale blue Cadillac of a volunteer job, and a big challenge for me until 2006, when the Commission's sun set in transition to a non-profit 501-c-3, that ably continues to pursue its mission: to connect, revitalize, and preserve its communities ([nps.gov](http://nps.gov)). It was a lucky gig, but not as much fun as the earlier walks in the (future) park. If you are planning a trip in eastern Pennsylvania, do go to [delawareandlehigh.org](http://delawareandlehigh.org) for current information on the D&L's resources, programs, and amenities." **BARB HEDRICK BOWMAN SCHIRMER** writes from Birmingham, "My goal for 2016 is good



health. Having had serious but, thankfully, not fatal heart issues last year, I have another chance to get fit and feel good. As we all know, at 75 it takes more dedication and hard work. Looking forward to ramping up energy levels to enjoy family, friends, and various activities." We are all there with you, Barb, trying to do 10,000 steps a day to keep or get fit. Go Girl! I have included a photo of my family of 15 on Nantucket, celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2014. Three daughters and their families are living all around us in Connecticut. I am on the right with my hands on the shoulders of one of our four grandsons, and my Jimmy is on the far left talking. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL WHO RESPONDED SO QUICKLY. I hope we hear from the rest the next time. In the meantime stay well and happy.

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 **C1959**

This morning I noticed that today is the deadline for my *Tradition* article. I made a promise to myself to put something in the magazine every issue when I took the job as secretary. I had nothing, nobody ever calls, they never write...I feel like a Jewish mother. So here I am, just like 1959, trying to get my paper written the night before it is due and no idea what to write about. But I do have your telephone numbers, and so I called **DON BARNETT**. I asked him what he'd done after high school, and he said basically he went to school for another 30 years – U-M for an accounting degree and then Harvard for a law degree. He noticed that it was warmer in Los Angeles than in Michigan, so he moved there and went back to school at UCLA for another degree in history. He met a cute girl in the psych department, so he switched his field and ended up with PhDs in psychology and accounting. He married Ola in 1969 and began a teaching career at Cal State that did not end until 2009. Did you know that education is the most common career path for our class? Ola is also an educator, and she is emerita professor of psychology at Pepperdine University. Her

idea of retirement seems to be that you give up teaching but keep writing. She has published, with co-authors, three editions each of two books: *Family Violence Across the Lifespan* and *It Could Happen to Anyone: Why Battered Women Stay*, and she's still going strong. Don has two children and four grandchildren, and he says he wants to go to our 60<sup>th</sup> reunion, so it looks like I will try to plan it in 2019, only three years away. And if I go to the trouble of planning it, I want your asses there! This is straight from the Colonel. And I will be looking for another "volunteer" to tell me what he did after Cranbrook in about six months so be prepared. Better still, write it down and send it to me, and it might be more gently presented.



*Tom Ruth, '59*

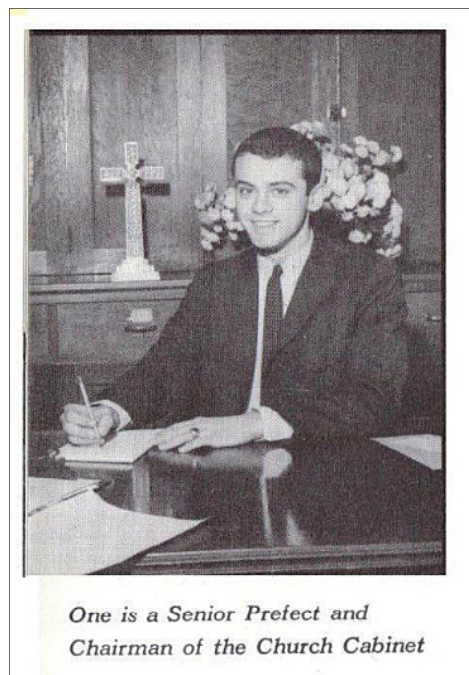
Just as I sent in my class notes, I learned the sad news that **TOM RUTH**, instructor of history *emeritus* at The Hill School, passed away on February 8, 2016 due to complications related to leukemia, which he had been battling for over a year. Our condolences to the family. Here is the link to his obituary [www.thehill.org/default.aspx?RelID=2418284&issearch=tom%20ruth](http://www.thehill.org/default.aspx?RelID=2418284&issearch=tom%20ruth).

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 **C1960**

It has been a while since there have been class notes from Cranbrook 1960. I regret to begin by reporting the loss of another classmate. **BORIS NICOLOFF** passed away on January 30, 2016. Our most recent memory of him is as the co-author (together with Trish Stoltz, K'60) of the slide show at our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2010. A summary of his very full life can be found at [http://www.stanleyturowskifuneralhome.com/home/index.cfm?fh\\_id=12608](http://www.stanleyturowskifuneralhome.com/home/index.cfm?fh_id=12608), then search on his name. Attached is a captioned photo of Boris from an October 1959 scholarship booklet.



*Boris Nicoloff, '59*



*From L-R: Mr. and Mrs. Steve Fairbanks, '60, Mr. and Mrs. Curt Matthews, '61, Kristina and Harvey Croze, and Tom Lee, both '60*

From **STEVE BROWN**: In October 2014 Linda and I shared our Argentine adventure with **HARVEY CROZE, STEVE FAIRBANKS, TOM LEE**, and Curt Matthews,

'61, and their respective spouses. Harvey and Cristina flew over from Kenya, while the rest of us left from Atlanta. We began at the Estancia el Ombu northwest of Buenos Aires, where Harvey presided over a grand gaucho gorge fest as seen in the accompanying photo. After a few days we decamped to the spectacular Iguazu Falls on the Argentine side. The rest of the crew went back to the Estancia, while Linda and I headed for several days in and around Patagonia's El Calafate and Lago Argentino taking boat rides and observing glaciers. We all reconvened (minus the Crozes) in Buenos Aires, where we did the big tango show and other touristy things, before heading home. That was our last hurrah, but we are scheduled to descend on the Fairbanks at their new digs in Williamsburg in early May. On another front, Linda and I sold our home in Fayetteville after 30 years, and we are now exclusively in the mountains of Asheville, NC." **TIM COUGHLIN:** "My life continues to be extraordinarily blessed – not sure why, and I try not to take that for granted. Laurie's and my four children have given us nine wonderful grandchildren, located in Maryland, Maine, Colorado, and the Czech Republic. We live in Bethesda, MD, where our youngest son resides, and travel to the other locales as much as possible. I retired as president of Riggs Bank in Washington, D.C., 11 years ago but am still working full time as an investment advisor and enjoying it. I am also still playing tennis three to four times a week, but no more marathons after running eight from 1995 to 2010 and having four lower back operations (successful, thank goodness) in the process. I hope to get back to Cranbrook for a 1960 class reunion someday. In the meanwhile, I appreciate your resumption of sharing our lives with classmates and the Cranbrook community. **CHARLY HEAVENRICH** is still living in Boulder, CO, but, after 38 years and 118 trips, has retired from his career as a river guide through the Grand Canyon. "I will be moving into a high-rise as soon as there is a space. Working out six days a week and have no complaints. My plans are to use the Canyon as a symbol and begin offering classes on the Internet, beginning with a class on 'Change - Thriving in the Rapids of Change.'" Charly, best of luck on your new endeavors. **TOM LEE:** "Sorry that you've been dealing with some health issues, but it does seem to be happening to us all, doesn't

it!? Not a whole lot new to report here. [As noted above] we had a great mini-reunion in Argentina with the Browns, Crozes, Matthews and Fairbanks. We spent most of the time at Cristina's family's 'estancia' eating too much beef and drinking too much Malbec and fine Argentine beer. Colleen and I continue to split our time between Newhall and Del Mar, CA, Phoenix, and Atlanta, the latter two with kids and grandkids. We are in good health and enjoying life!" **RICHARD MUNT,** "I've rarely contributed, but I enjoy hearing from and about the others in the class. My wife, Dianne, and I have moved into a retirement community in Holland, MI. No health issues; we continue to enjoy skiing and sailing and intend to continue both as long as we can." **DIRK SCHOLTEN,** "I was glad to see you back on the radar. We seem to have reached an age when systems begin to fail. Each day I am thankful to be in the vertical position and fully ambulatory. Cindy and I have been enjoying the winter in Venice, FL. We took the plunge into condo life a couple years ago and now have become official 'snowbirds.' There are plenty of activities to keep us busy during the high season." **TED SEYFARTH** wrote just before he and his wife, Sally, were about to depart for Bangkok to begin a three-week Asian cruise. "We are coming off a great Christmas season spent with family, which we are fortunate to have living nearby! Five grandkids are 1.5 - 10 years of age, so the holiday is a big deal for them. Sally and I continue our regular routines and wonder how we ever had time to work – a reaction many seem to share. I had double cataract surgery last year (nice to be able to see well again!), and Sally spent a couple of months recuperating from a broken wrist suffered while roller skating with grandkids. We now choose age-appropriate activities. We will be going on a cruise that starts in late January and has us back home by February 20. We are looking forward to Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, and other regional spots, especially because they are tropical and Chicago is not. We start in Bangkok with a two-day land package at Angkor Wat, then make stops in another Thai port, Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia, Brunei, the Philippines (2 stops), Taiwan (2 stops), ending in Hong Kong. The only negative are the long airplane rides (22 hours outbound, with a three hour layover in Doha, and 14 hours return). We have been on two other cruises, but this is the longest one. We'll see

how we survive this one before planning the next. When we get back, it will be time to be thinking about spring." **JOHN SPRAGUE** wrote, "Good to hear from you. We had our 11th grandchild in October, and our 12th [was] due in January! It's getting crowded here at the farm. Cheers and stay well," **LARRY WEIS** has been exceptionally active, "The communications agency (AutoCom Associates) I formed, after leaving Ford, celebrated its 20th anniversary last year. We handle public relations for a number of tier-one automotive suppliers. My wife, Dr. Kathleen McCarroll, retired last year as chief of emergency radiology at Beaumont Hospitals in Detroit but continues to handle some part-time assignments there. We are spending more and more time in France (Bordeaux), Mexico (Playa del Carmen and Nuevo Vallarta), and Austin, TX, where we have friends and family. After more than fifty marathons, I had minor knee surgery. I hope to run at least one, perhaps two, marathons in 2016." Thanks guys for your responses. From my corner of the Pacific Northwest, th-th-that's all folks.

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## C1961

My notes are few because I again procrastinated in requesting info. And then only by email. Those of you who did not receive my email in early February need to send me an email so I can update my class email directory. PLEASE! Gail and **TOM ZAVELSON** are doing well and send best wishes to all for a healthy, productive, and safe New Year. Received a short blurb from **TOM DEMRICK** saying all was well with him. **LANNY HOWE** said he was writing his information in the midst of that major snowstorm that hit the eastern U.S. in late January. He lives at 2,300 feet and was expecting up to 30 inches of snow before it was over. He gets snowed in on a regular basis up there, but thanks to the woodstove and lots of bottled water, they survive without a problem. He is making plans to



put their house on the market in the spring, and once it is sold they will move to the area around Ste. Genevieve, MO. That's as close to Colorado as he can get. He needs a lower altitude for his emphysema which isn't bad yet, but altitude does affect his breathing. Colorado is home to most of their family including the five grandchildren. He continues preaching in two different churches each week and has responsibility for two more. Before retirement he only had one church, so he thinks he might need to go back to work so he can get some rest. Also he volunteers at the Greenbrier County Historical Society organizing and sorting historical documents going back to the 1700s. He says it is fascinating work and great fun to read the handwriting of the people who kept the county running. Sad to think that if the schools really do stop teaching cursive writing, all these documents will be unreadable to generations to come.

**JOHN OGDEN** sent in a correction for his email, [jvog42@gmail.com](mailto:jvog42@gmail.com). He has lived in Maryland, in an area known as Ruxton, for several years, so he has had the pleasure of shoveling substantial amounts of snow for the past few days. At the end of February he and Dotsie will spend four days in Park City with his children and their spouses. Then in March he will be going to a five-day baseball school in Florida with his son, Henry, and his two older sons. The older of the two is a left-handed pitcher, who would like to play Division I baseball in college. Last fall he traveled to Minnesota and had the pleasure of watching both boys run in their school's league cross-country championship. He now has five grandchildren, all boys. Three live in Minnesota, one in the Boston area and one in Manhattan. He and Dotsie plan to come to the 55th reunion and look forward to seeing members of the class of 1961. **HILDY BUTERBAUGH** sent a note that he is still alive, but nothing happening at the current time. **BARRY SHAPIRO** wrote saying it seems like he just sent me an update. Time seems to move faster lately. I must be getting old. His company moved offices from Bloomfield Hills to St. Petersburg, FL. "Nancy and I relocated to Sarasota. We love it here, albeit it's a 50 minute drive up to St. Pete. I have to admit to some emotion leaving Detroit. It will always be my home. I probably work harder than I ever have but still love it. I can't see myself retiring. Pretty soon I won't need to, it'll be too late. Nancy is doing well

and meeting all kinds of new people here. I have no chance without her. Our boys and their families are also well. Billy is still in the Boston area with Salem Bank. Adam is living in San Fran and loves it. And Stephen moved to Carbondale and is working on a repeat of this successful dot.com business." Barry says if anyone gets his way to please give him a ring. He would love to see you. Email: [barry@andersongroup.com](mailto:barry@andersongroup.com). As for myself, I continue to substitute teach for three school districts in any subject except foreign languages. Could not hack Latin or Spanish at Cranbrook and unwilling to inflict that upon today's youth. Still working with stained glass creating windows but mostly repairing broken pieces. A piece I completed five years ago for our Downtown Development of Walla Walla was talked about on the Facebook page of the celebrity Paula Poundstone.

After doing a one night performance, she put on her Facebook page a picture of my onion.



*Floyd Bunt, '61, and his Walla Walla sweet onion*

Our city is famous for the Walla Walla Sweet Onion which one can just peel and eat like an apple. Ten artists were selected to design and cover a four foot high and three foot wide fiber glass onion. My onion is covered with two inch squares of brown or yellow stained glass that I applied a mirror backing to, and copper foil decorated with solder. After a year outside in the elements and vandalism, I repaired the onion and had it installed in the luggage claim area at our local airport.

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*Doris Smith Dedner, '61, and husband, Burghard*

Was that **ROSE CORBETT GORDON** chatting with **DORIS SMITH DEDNER** and her sehr angenehm husband, Burghard, in Cambridge? Doris was in the States visiting her brother, but she sandwiched in a visit with Rose before flying home to Germany. She is retired from teaching now but is still immersed in academic research, when not vacationing in their home in Ireland, where she occasionally shares time with her two sons. Die Wanderwegen are the reason both look so well and healthy; Hermanshohen is probably most favored for its accessibility. Temporarily inaccessible were our East Coast classmates during January's record-breaking blizzard. **NANCY REYNOLDS BOLLINI** and Jim cracked open one and caught up on DVDs. Meanwhile a string quartet's interpretation of Bartok's 4<sup>th</sup> (or was it Beethoven's Allegro Con "FRIO") at **JACKIE ZUELZER ANDERSON** and Bill's was postponed until they shoveled out little by little. Keep your fingers crossed the Sterling Zoning Department and VDOT reach the end of their part in making Jackie and Bill's shop more accessible by summer's end. After sitting out winter with friends at their ocean side condos, **GAIL BURGESS ZAVELSON** and Tom will see their son in Austin, hoping to include a visit with **JOAN ANDERSON**, who has recovered from multiple injuries, one of which required a walker. Mastering that was easier than conjugating Latin verbs, but not much. Did you know she was a Peace Corps volunteer in Venezuela? Successfully raising three boys born a year apart...now that's remarkable and something to be proud of, and we are.

She has lived in California, Arizona, Missouri, and Michigan, where most employment centered around helping vulnerable people. Now retired from the Department of Family Services in Texas, she enjoys her five grandchildren who question lacrosse sticks



Joan Anderson, '61, with grandchildren

Attitude is **CAROLE GLUECK BROOKINS**, who returned home in Paris a few days after the Bataclan terrorist attack. Not the first time she stared down trouble. Undaunted from living a normal life, Carole flew to NYC for theater and shopping, after looking at the Pentagon on 9/11. Trial runs for this horror were two trips to Baghdad during our "liberation" period. The first, her hotel's perimeter was hit by mortar-fire, and the second, terrorists blew up her hotel and the Red Cross headquarters hours before her arrival. **ELIZABETH ROEDIGER PARKER** and Bob spend after work hours watching boats and ferries crisscross the bay at the Embarcadero, only a block from her office as the new executive director of the State Bar of California. Apparently, retirement isn't for her...yet. Despite the rigors of a new job, in late October when fall colors peaked this year, they cruised the St. Lawrence from Montreal to NYC via the Erie Canal and the Hudson River. Their "trip of a lifetime" was Vietnam in December, and because they survived an army of scooters there, they continued to the Philippines, where World War II sites like Corregidor were memorable and sobering, but visiting their friend and former boarder, the U.S. Ambassador,

and riding in his motorcade was a special experience. Travel agrees with them, and safari agrees with **JOAN DANTO GARLAND** and Les, who were in Botswana tracking its wildlife. Their trip began in South Africa's private reserves of Sabi Sands and Krueger National Park, continuing to Botswana's vast and beautiful Chobe National Park and the pristine Okavango Delta. Cape Town and its vineyards ended their "trip of a lifetime." **CHRIS WALLACE LAMARCHE** and Paul, will enjoy endless relaxation now that he has scaled his workweek way back, allowing time for future travel like their long trip to Scotland last spring and time spent with 12 grandchildren, four of whom are "bonuses" due to their daughter's remarriage. What can holidays be like in the Lamarche house? **SALLY MIERAS BURNS** had a week's holiday on the Big Island and another week on Kauai in March with her lawyer son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren, 8 and 6. Renting homes there is freeing, which is what vacation is all about. Sally is very much involved in politics so is quite busy this election year. Especially concerned about the environment and copper and nickel mining in northern Minnesota specifically, she is working to elect candidates whose agenda is hers. **DONNA VOGT CARTWRIGHT** has elected to table metal sculpting in favor of knitting. Yes, knitting little things for her new grandson, Soren, son of her daughter in Colorado, who is getting her doctorate in statistical ecology, which entails analyzing the elk population of Rocky Mountain National Park. Soren's dad is finishing his doctorate in neuroscience at the University of Colorado. Best wishes to our newest grandmother! **SARAH MARWIL LAMSTEIN** knows lifting and getting on the floor with grandchildren are a grandmother's pleasure. To facilitate those movements, she had her hip replaced in December before going to Vermont. Recovery was uneventful, and her annual Florida trip shortened her winter once again. But what did her neighbors in their Yiddish study group do without her? And what would **LINDA ALLEN JEDLICKA** do without Charlie? I missed talking with her but had a wonderful conversation with her husband, who is such a good person. They read our class news together, when he's not monitoring their grandchildren's ice cream intake, by the gallon. It's obvious **MARY-MAC LAMB LAING** loves her grandchildren

a bushel and a peck, a good thing because in February she became a grandmother all over again. A stream of children and grandchildren, some under the age of 6, over the holidays conjured forgotten memories when she was a young mom and memories of a more relaxing time on their Alaskan cruise, chosen to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Sharing a ship, well-prepared meals (no black tie, please) and zodiac excursions with 84 like-minded-passengers ranks up there as one of the best vacations she and Don have taken. On-board lectures by experts in their field prepared passengers for the next day's wilderness adventure or trip into small villages. Sweet memories!



Mary-Mac Lamb Laing, '61, son, Andrew, wife, Lauren, Paige, Peter and Drew

And **MARTHA SHRODER PAIGE** has them of a ski trip to Boyne Mountain with Mrs. Corbett and several other girls during a short break, which may or may not have prompted her to give her grandchildren lessons in snowy Utah. Protective of her knee after its replacement, she prefers to hear all about skiing from the fast learners rather than



Charlotte Cagan, '61, and Dale, patrons of the Prado

**CHARLOTTE CAGAN** who must have 34-hour days, continues to be a mover and a shaker, as she has mounted a comprehensive collaborative exhibit in San Diego and Santa Barbara among seven other museums. It focuses on the work of



insufficiently recognized San Diego architect, Irving J. Gill. If that isn't enough, she and S.O. Duke Windsor continue to restore the architecturally significant house they share outside San Diego. Artist, exhibit designer, opera singer, and bull rider, now that's a Renaissance man! Renewed interest in the historic round barns popular in the early 1900s is only one reason **LINDA WELT HOROWITZ** and sister, Lois, visited one on their last trip to Michigan. On their grandparents' farm on Walnut Lake was a circular barn named Shenandoah with the silo up the middle. It has since been converted into an artist's live-work space and is probably more interesting and comfortable than the school she spent the night in while waiting out Patricia, the most powerful Pacific hurricane ever, having winds reaching 200 mph. **MARGIE GREAVES ADAMS** learned how to start and drive a Model-T through the cornfields of Michigan, but she couldn't get it past 35 mph; however, if you ever need to exit harm's way and the only vehicle available is a Model-T, call her. She and **ALICE BUSHONG** will fly their kites on the shores of Lake Michigan this summer, where Margie spent many childhood summers. Revisiting England and touring Wales and Scotland last fall, Alice learned how to build mortar-less stone walls that last far longer than any of our great-great-grandchildren (more thought demanding and interesting than you think), and as a long-time fan, she attended a Horse Rock concert in Edinburgh. She had time to unpack and repack for a family wedding in Mexico, where she went deep sea fishing with the groom's family, caught nothing but landed a big one. Did you know Alice is an artist? Yes, she is. She bakes pies instead of cakes, when the spirit moves her, because pies invite improvisation, but cake recipes are an unforgiving science, kind of like chemistry. Stone walls, kite flying, pies, birding, professional sports, the American Indian, and family gatherings; is there anything that doesn't interest her? Yes, chemistry and cakes. **ANN BIRD SEABERG** had a perfect family gathering of three generations in Puerto Rico, and so she decided to do it again in one of the Finger Lakes with her mother's side of the family. Like the rest of us who have had their share of mishaps, aches and pains, she swears by exercise and hiking to keep their recurrence at bay. And **SUZANNE CROOK WHYTE** swears by

boating to wash away winter's dulls. Annually, she and Fred cruise to Mackinac Island, often over the Fourth. **SUSAN BURNS HELLBERG** shuttles to Galesburg every homecoming weekend and will continue to do so for one more year, as she has accepted another term on Knox's Alumni Council. If anyone can straighten out the Millennials' sense of entitlement, she can and will, but produce a winning football team? I don't think so. A winter month in Florida with friends was enough time to recuperate from the holidays that began with a Thanksgiving trip to Tiburon to see her daughter and grandkids and ended with a New Year's Eve celebration back home in Amarillo. **JOAN MCDONALD BECK** celebrates her 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Larry's 50<sup>th</sup> medical school graduation in June so will not be attending our Kingswood 55<sup>th</sup>. For those not attending, you'd better have, or make up, good stories why you're not!

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## K1962

**MELINDA BROWN KLOPFENSTEIN** writes, "I can't say anything exciting has happened this past year, but I am proud of my grandchildren's accomplishments. Nathan, the oldest, was accepted into Michigan State's school of business and was accepted into the supply chain management program. According to several people this is a great accomplishment, since it is one of the toughest business schools to be accepted into and especially into that particular program. He also obtained an internship with Corning for the summer in Dallas. Connor, the middle grandchild, is doing exceptionally well as a junior at Midland High, as is Amber, the youngest, at Peace Lutheran's middle school. She is taking a high school algebra class as a seventh grader. That is an accomplishment, because she hates math. So I am proud of them. I am getting ready to take a break from my responsibilities and head to Florida for a week to see friends. Am looking forward to doing something other than the everyday duties." **CAROLE EARLY CUPPS:** "Not much new here. Here's the bad

and good. The bad news is that it will be 30 years that I have struggled with chronic neck and back pain from an oil truck rear ending my car. On top of that I now have to struggle with a brain injury. Two-and-a-half years ago I catapulted over my bicycle handlebars and down a hill, due to torn up pavement and erosion. I landed on my helmeted head. I have had four surgeries and have just been released from physical, occupational and cognitive therapy, plus a long stint in a rehab facility last fall. So now I am ready to begin a long journey of exercise to gain strength and stamina and try to enter the real world of cooking, errands, concerts, theatre, trips etc. I still have the unbelievable joy of my grands, now 9 and 13, coming to our house every day after school. They have kept me going. Our daughter is a program director for Family and Children Services at Kalamazoo Community Health. We have also been lucky to see our Chicago son, who owns Cupps Capital Management, and family more often since he bought a second home on nearby Gull Lake. They use it in all seasons. And now I am well enough to begin visiting Chicago to see all three grands, 6, 8, and 10, play soccer, basketball, and squash. My 96-year-old mom still lives independently in a condo near me. She's part of all of our family get-togethers and more. She can walk, see, has some trouble hearing, and dresses to the nines. I love to tease her, as she often doesn't get it and never has. Such a joy. My husband of 49 1/2 years finally retired from the family real estate business (Early Realtors). No more family involvement. He had a second stroke a couple years ago but has recovered quite well. He still enjoys golf, bowling, and playing paddle ball at the club. We are looking forward to possibly taking a river cruise so we don't have to pack, and move, and repack etc.!" **CHRIS MYERS KITTREDGE:** "All is fine in Sonoma County. Bob and I still live in Santa Rosa in the middle of grapes and wine. Bob is retired but fills his days working in his workshop, creating some amazing wood furniture and forever fixing all those things that go wrong in older houses. I am still very involved with Canine Companions for Independence and my photography business. Two major highlights of the year were the birth of our eighth grandchild, Caroline Frances Kittredge, and the gathering of our entire family (16) at our house for Christmas. And, of course, there were also three dogs and a litter of

puppies! It was wild and crazy but wonderful. Unfortunately, I was not able to make our western KSC reunion, but did get together with **SALLY LYNCH BINARD, KATHLEEN CURTIS WILSON, JOANIE GETSINGER,** and **ANGELA DADSON WOOD** for a wonderful holiday brunch and reunion. Wonderful stories and memories. Life is good!"

**JUDY FINDLING STANGER:** "My husband, Skip, and I are enjoying our retirement years, now approaching 11. Our primary home is a small farm, and we do all the outdoor work ourselves, including the flower and vegetable gardens and a lot of mowing. I still walk behind a commercial size John Deere mower to accomplish that. My sole volunteer activity now is serving on our Presbyterian Church Board. Our grandchildren, ages 8, 6, and 5, are a lot of fun. I love imagining what they will study and do later on. As an extended family we spend time at our second home at Cape May Point, the birding capital of North America, 60 miles away. Skip and I, now married for 51 years, are grateful for our lives together and for each day."

**KATHLEEN CURTIS WILSON:** "It is the weekend, and I am hard at work writing my fourth book, *An Enslaved Woman and her Dressmaker Daughter* – the manuscript has to be at the publisher's by May 1. I will again be in Virginia for most of March doing final research for the book and giving a few lectures across the state. I was recently asked to give a two-hour site visit lecture in Savannah as part of the Textile Society of America conference in October. Very pleased about the opportunity. It will be held at the First African Baptist Church, reported to be the oldest African American church in North America. I am still working full time, managing my daughter's law firm. My oldest granddaughter just got her driver's license, so I am doing less carpooling, but I seem to stay just as busy. Everyone here is healthy, busy, and productive, and very supportive of my writing career, so I am fortunate. I see Morley and Angela occasionally, Chrissie and Joan less often, but we all manage to get together when Sally B comes to town. Whether it is three or six of us together, we always have a great time. Hope to see you in 2016."

**KATHY MANSFIELD CHOI:** "Our biggest news is the marriage of our grandson, Mark Choi, on December 26. His wife adds Chinese to our family's ethnic mix. His little sister is getting married this August to a sweet Irish fellow.

How long should I wait before I start nagging for great-grandchildren? Aloha." **CAROLE FRISSELLE CASSIO:** "I've just returned from warm Hawaii to cold snowy Boulder; not my usual winter pattern to be sure! Lots to do to catch-up on, but more importantly more rehab for me for my left (thankfully) hand, as I still struggle with CRPS. I have made a lot of progress since the initial diagnosis and intend to make more. I have a wonderful therapist, who specializes in 'hands' and makes going to rehab 'almost' pleasurable. On the exciting side of the equation, we are in the midst of designing a new living space for us. We have purchased a flat lot at the far western end of Pearl Street and will build two townhouses connected by a central elevator: one side for us and one side for Mike and Sarah, who have so lovingly and graciously agreed to 'take care of us!' As many of you already know, we love this process and feel blessed to be able to do it one more time. We just picked our contractor and hope to break ground in early summer, if the good ol' City of Boulder doesn't hang us up. And yes, to those of you who have been here on 5th St., it will be difficult to leave. All family is doing well, and we added another grandson, Mark Alden Hanson, in November. Now all my grandchildren are five years apart." **EMILY GODSHALK MARTIN:** "I moved to the Upper West Side, NYC, looking ahead to retiring in a couple of years and facing the end of NYU subsidized housing. Attended a reunion for KSC and C'brook alums who live in Manhattan and was happy to meet up with Alice Spero March, '49, and Natalie Bradley Campbell, '61, plus others. Our two granddaughters are Soleil, 7, and Winona, 2, and they live in Berkeley, CA, and Essex, MA, respectively." **SARAH "WINKY" SKINNER:** "My hot news is that I visited **CAROLYN HASTINGS** in Ann Arbor one long weekend in the fall. We had a lovely couple of dinners with Gail (Guala) Peterson and Nina Howard. Ann Arbor is perhaps one of the coolest cities in America, and Carolyn drove me all around. We had the nicest visit. AND, she has a boyfriend, whom I had met previously, and he was part of the nice visit too! Carolyn has made a serious effort to connect with a lot of our classmates. She's just warm and loving in an action kind of way! It's great. I am feeling very sentimental and tender towards my girlhood friends, and they are manifesting in even more wonderful ways than in the past. I

can see that I was very smart to choose such lovey people as friends, because Carolyn, and Gail, and Nina all lead purposeful lives with high values. I think most of us do – but I got to see these ladies this year, so they are current in my thought. My outward life remains much the same as it did a year ago. I am still working in a call center, answering questions about people's vision insurance. It is not easy, because there is an impossible load of information we are responsible for having immediately accessible, and the pay is ridiculous. Hence the turnover is unbelievable and huge. HOWEVER, on some strange level, I find deep satisfaction in solving a problem for some cranky old person (usually younger than we are!), or just in dealing with the public in general. It's the problem solving that I enjoy – and it can be complicated. Since I'm still there, I'm a sort of a puzzlement, but that's nothing new. One of my deepest gifts and flaws is loyalty, so here I still am. My children are well, their children are well. My granddaughter made her debut in Cincinnati this summer, so I got to buy a fancy dress and dance to live music. This fall I visited my daughter in Burlingame, CA, and watched two other grandchildren play in the marching band. Life is good. I have enjoyed Facebook connections with lots of our classmates, and that has been fun. I'm sure you will get the information from those involved, but I just loved seeing it on my computer. **CHRIS MYERS KITTREDGE** took a fabulous photograph of **KATHY WILSON** – it is just knock-out!! **SUZY FUCHS FARBMAN** is winning golf tournaments left and right, and Marietta Derwin takes some amazing photographs too. **SALLY LYNCH BINARD** is taking the trips I wish I could take, but she's so adorable about it, and her politics match mine, so I'm not jealous. Speaking of politics, I just can't wait to hear what Donald Trump says next. When my mother told me I'd be glad I behaved like a lady, I didn't believe her. I do now and just wonder if The Donald will live long enough to regret his un-gentlemanly behavior. Probably not!" **SUZY FUCHS FARBMAN:** "Just back from a lovely visit to Miraval Spa in Arizona with my daughters-in-law. Son, Andy, went skiing, and Grandpa Burt spelled him in Glencoe with our three granddaughters. Fine time had by all. My recent excitement was captaining the winning team of the Ladies Draft golf tournament at Laurel Oak Country Club in



Sarasota. Aside from the glory, it netted me \$500. (Already spent on earrings.) We continue to relish time with our granddaughters and three grandsons, in northern Michigan during summers, in Florida during the winter. I continue to enjoy writing my blog on inspiring people or ordinary people doing inspiring things. Check it out, and subscribe, at [suzyfarbman.com](http://suzyfarbman.com). Speaking for a cancer center fundraiser in Vero Beach in March. Really miss **BOBBY LEVY GOLDBURG**, such a part of my life for so long. I keep in touch with her daughters. Wishing all our classmates health and happiness. Thanks for being such an awesome scribe." **GAIL PETERSON LAUZZANA**: "This past year I marked several one year anniversaries; in April one year since the mammogram that revealed breast cancer, in June one year since the unilateral mastectomy, in October my first haircut, and one year after my last chemo treatment. I feel good. The Unitarian Universalist Church we attend continues to play a big role in our lives. I'm still active on the Mindful Eating Team. One of our big projects is growing food at Farmer Bill's, 50% of which he donates to Food Gatherer. In 2015 we contributed 2,900 pounds of fresh produce and \$3,000 from the farm stand sales in front of Bill's house. Our meditation group meets at church every Monday. Many of my friends are people I met there. The services inspire me to be my best self. I took my grandkids to the Christmas party. When each child sat on Santa's lap, he asked them what they had done for the community – NOT what they wanted for Christmas. I loved it! And I was proud of the fact that both Raven, 8, and Leif, 6, had something to tell Santa in response. My other two grandkids live near our place close to Lake Michigan, so we see them every other weekend when we go to the lake. I am so grateful that they all live close to me. Ricardo and I have been thinking about how long we'll keep living in our home. We visited seven senior living places last spring during a week of open houses. We read and discussed Atul Gawande's book, "*Being Mortal*," with our meditation group. Sobering stuff, but these are things we need to think about, without, if possible, getting dismayed. There are many decisions to make and many unknown variables, so as far as I can tell, you make your best guess and improvise as you go along. On a larger scale, there are many things happening in the world to which my

response is sadness, indignation, despair. Global climate change is, for me, a major concern. But the basso continuo of life is good. I feel a sense of well-being in the midst of it all. Maybe that's one of the gifts of being an elder." **PATRICIA GASS BRAIDWOOD**: "It's been a good year, another trip to Meeker, CO, Sheep Dog Trials and our third annual week with the whole family at Smith Mountain Lake in southwestern Virginia. I had a bit of an 'aging' wake up call, a hip replacement the end of October and only regret we didn't figure out the problem earlier. I feel great now but working on getting the knees back in line and my stamina to what it was. We had such a good time at our reunion, we're going to my 50th college reunion in Wisconsin near Green Lake. So it should be a good getaway even if it isn't as much fun! I'm still involved with a lot of different things with our church and helping at the grandkids' school. It's nice to have them all in the same one. Our son is remarrying the end of this summer at the historic Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs, WV, so there is a lot of planning going on for that. As always, I enjoy reading about y'all's year, and thank you, Judy, for doing all the hard work!" **JUDITH BARTHOLOMEW ROYER**: I had a lovely winter getaway to Long Island in the Bahamas with my daughter, Susan. Two weeks of bliss and then back to a fresh 31 inches of snow here at the ranch. Ye gads! My daughter, Julie, arrives today from Shoreline, WA, to attend her LIUB/Aspen (Light It Up Blue) benefit to support autism awareness and the Extreme Camp here in the valley that her daughter/my granddaughter, Olivia, attends. Chris and his family are living in Aspen now with all four children attending the Aspen schools. Avery, 18, is busy applying to colleges mostly in Europe. I see a trip overseas next year for me. My mom, at age 97, is hanging in there. It's a miracle, as my grandson would say. Thanks all for your good news. Best to you for 2016.

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**BOB BERRY** paused in his globe-trotting to send in a note in January 2016: "I am heading for Laos and Yunnan in March. Saw **WHIT CONRAD** for a drink in NYC and visited **MONTY LOUD** September 2015 in Aspen."



*Joe Kimble, '63, and award*

**JOE KIMBLE** is now Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Western Michigan University, Cooley Law School. He wrote in January 2016: "It seems that I received the 2015 John W. Reed Lawyer Legacy Award from the State Bar of Michigan. It is given periodically to a Michigan law-school educator 'whose influence on lawyers has elevated the quality of legal practice in our state.' I'm still busy writing, editing, and giving seminars. Hope to have a third book out later this year. My best to everyone." Books: <http://www.cupress.com>, Twitter: @ProfJoeKimble, Seminars: [kimblewritingseminars.com](http://kimblewritingseminars.com). **JESS BREWER** emailed from British Columbia: "1. Still vertical. 2. Missed teaching, though not marking, so I'm giving a course "Physics, Poetry & Philosophy" [a combination of stuff I'm supposed to know, stuff everyone thinks they know, and stuff nobody knows much about] in the Elder College of Vancouver Island University – students have to be over 50 [kids!] – see <http://jick.net/phpo/> and links therein. 3. Signed up for the Americas Masters Games in Burnaby, BC, Sept. 2016. Gulp. See practice hurdles set up last summer in my front yard: <https://goo.gl/photos/XjwLBJxiZ2pn1N4c6>. 4. Discovered <http://quora.com> and found it addictive; now I'm a "Top Writer" – apparently this is a big deal, judging by the agonized wails of people who were QTWs last year and didn't

get renewed. Who knew? Check it out! 5. Currently at Nani Kai Hale in Kihei, Maui, soaking up some rain – see <https://goo.gl/photos/xQL9dYkfGsVgJZQU6> 6. Last Feb. - Mar. we were in Hopkins, Belize for a month. Great food, good fishing, happy people. 7. Last June we were in NC and I visited the school I flunked out of before Cranbrook – see <http://jick.net/wordpress/?p=191>. 8. Last September I was privileged to attend the 100th birthday party – see <https://goo.gl/photos/LtL2P2zYEg1Dd3Vw8> – of Roberta McCloud, the lady who raised me and most of my cousins in Florida. That would have to be the high point of the past year.” Yours truly enjoyed a driving trip to Fort Lauderdale, FL, in January and February to go on the 2016 Country Music Cruise to Jamaica and Cayman Island.



Carolyn Green, Ranger Doug Green, '64, and Ken Haller, '63

Cranbrook's own **DOUG GREEN**, '64, better known as Ranger Doug, and his Riders in the Sky group proved to be a highlight of the cruise, which also featured the Oak Ridge Boys, Bobby Bare, Kenny Rogers, and many others. It was great to be able to hear Doug's group perform and spend time with him and his lovely wife, Carolyn, as well as the other members of the group. Riders in the Sky tour continually. They were approaching the 7,000 performance mark at the time of the cruise. In fact, they flew out to Phoenix a day or so after the end of the cruise to resume touring. Back in February they appeared in Idaho, Montana, Washington, Nashville (at Grand Old Opry), Zurich, Switzerland, and Florida. They were in Monroe, MI, at the River Raisin Centre for the Arts on April 16. I strongly urge you to go see this incredible talent when you get the chance. Google "Riders in

the Sky tour schedule" or visit <http://www.ridersinthesky.com/tour>.

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I loved hearing from all of you, thanks so much for writing. Most of us have turned 70 years old (yikes!) this past year and continue to have busy lives, with travel, grandchildren, and work. **KATE HOMEWOOD MURIS** continues to manage husband, David's, practice and perform in a number of theatrical roles. She was nominated for an "Elly" award for her role in "Pygmalion" and continues to be very involved at her church, as a pastoral minister. **SUSAN GERDAN BRANDT** wrote, "I, too, welcomed age 70 in 2015. On that bright day in November, I used the men's bathroom in a fast food restaurant on Connecticut Avenue in northwest Washington D.C. Lesson learned: even at 70 I can expect to have new and surprising experiences." **ADA JO SOKOLOV MANN** wrote she had much to be thankful for this past year, as her fourth grandchild, Scarlet Josephine, was born on her brother, Julian's, fourth birthday. Ada Jo has moved from Washington, D.C., to a new home in Maryland. The neighborhood is called Sherwood Forest, which is the same name as the neighborhood she grew up in in Detroit. **MARY BARKER KOHLMEIER** welcomed grandchild number six, another boy, in March. She took two knitting cruises last year, one to Alaska with a friend, and one crossing the Atlantic with her husband, John, preceded by a cruise through the Baltic. This year they are planning a two-week tour to England and Scotland in late summer. They also have two long stays every year in a rented house on Lake Michigan, a spring week on Cape Cod, and six weeks in Oceanside, CA, where they visit family. **JUDI WIAANT GAVIN** and husband, David, welcomed grandson, Jack, in December. He joins big brother, Chase, both children of Judi and David's son, King, and his wife, Lauren. In 2015 the Gavins spent a month in Spain and Portugal, took the family to

Hawaii, and did a two-week road trip in Oregon and Washington. In 2016 they are planning a number of trips, including a three-week Caribbean cruise in March and three weeks in Switzerland and Italy in August and September. **TRISH SWAN SANDSTROM** and husband, Van, spend their winters in Naples, FL, with lots of visits from children and grandchildren. Trish received a phone call from **KAY CROSBY WALL**, who was in our class for two years. She, too, spends her winters in the Naples area and was hoping to get together with Trish. Trish and Van are always taking wonderful trips and are planning a two-week trip to Scotland and Ireland in May. **REE CUBELLIS HIRSCH** and her husband, David, traveled to Scotland, finishing the trip with two days in London, and are now planning a river cruise in France. Ree has retired from teaching and plans to spend more time with her grandchildren, Jacob, 15, Eli, 14, Sarah, 10, and Amelia, 6. **SANDY YOUNG HYNES** is preparing to retire from her library work sometime this year. Last year she and Ralph were in Portland, OR, at the Berkshire Choral International summer "singing camp," visited her cousins in Seattle, and returned to Florida to perform in "South Pacific," the summer musical at the Art Center Theater in Hernando. This year they are doing their summer camp singing in Newport Beach, RI, and Vienna, Austria, followed by a Danube River Cruise. **MARY SPRAGUE AMOE** and husband, Harv, took a wonderful trip to Ireland last September. During the summer and Thanksgiving, the Amoes spent time at their Port Huron home with their family. They now have four grandsons, ages 4, 3, 2, and 1. **BEV FEAD LEYS** had a great visit last July in Wyoming with **CAROLE CHARLES TURTLE** and her husband, James. They all visited Grand Teton National Park and Yellowstone, "amid much laughter and the joys a long friendship brings." The Turtles travel often and visited not just Wyoming, but the Grand Canyon and Santa Fe. Their son, Lance, and his wife, Nadja, and two daughters live in Liverpool, and daughter, Rachel, and her husband, Nick, and son live in London. Last year the whole family traveled to Spain. **JUDY BRADEN DILLON**, was rehired, after retiring, by Duke University and sent to China for three months to work at a new university Duke was involved with, just west of Shanghai. She set up the administrative office for grant-supported



research, similar to the one she directed at Duke for ten years. Three months eventually became nineteen, but Judy found the job fascinating. She is now back in retirement mode and has unearthed her weaving studio, "which always carries me back to memories of Kingswood." **WENDY BURGIS HUTTO** is enjoying her retirement. She and husband, Tom, have moved to a Del Webb community in Richmond, TX. She continues to volunteer at the Houston Museum of Natural Science in earth science. She and her team have developed a microscope lab with a range of equipment from simple monocular scopes to high-end research scopes donated by ExxonMobil. Wendy was very proud to receive the "2015 Star Volunteer" award from Fort Bend County, where the museum is located. Wendy and Tom's daughter moved to Canada to attend the Vancouver Film School in their prestigious program in Makeup Design for Film and TV. **MARCY REINITZ GOLDBERG** continues to raise Sha'La, 7, and work in her life insurance business. Last summer she visited daughter, Rachel, and her family (husband, Jon, and their three children) in Jerusalem for Marcy's granddaughter's bat mitzvah. She has also added a new activity to her busy schedule. She is a high school math tutor for the Chicago Public Schools in the inner city. As for me, **SANDY ADAMSON CLANAHAN**, my husband, Denny, and I are about to leave for Florida for a month. I never thought I would want to go south for the winter, but the snow and ice are starting to get to me. We'll see how it goes this year and maybe stay longer next year. We are also going on a river cruise in April through the Netherlands and Belgium. Life is good and our family is healthy! I hope you all are, as well, and have a happy 2016!

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I got a brief note from **JOHN HARADA**, who reports that despite his brief attendance (just two years) he enjoys getting updates. John wondered if anyone had

any information about **DAVID SINCLAIR**, who as far as I know kind of vanished. **DOUG LIEBERMAN** reports that son, Alex, graduated from Knox College, while daughter, Tory, continues to study at the Maryland Institute. An article of Doug's about innovative training was recently published, and a curriculum Doug designed won a "Brandon Hall" award. Wife, Bev, who is a partner in Golan & Christie, is writing a book about intellectual property. Doug enclosed a photo of a recent visit to Hawaii. However, it's not a "laying on beach" kind of photo. It shows Doug and Bev at the Kalaupapa airport in the historic leper colony on Molokai, which Doug visited years ago with his father. He reports that it is a spectacular place with an amazing history. Still not sure it would be on my list for visiting Hawaii!



*Doug Lieberman, '64, and wife, Beverly*

**STEVE O'GRADY** continues to enjoy mid-coast Maine. The contrast to Wall Street is apparently refreshing and long lasting. His first granddaughter, made her appearance last November, joining four grandsons. When not enjoying the sight of eagles flying nearby, Steve serves on three exchange traded fund boards. I caught a brief interview with **JOHN STRICKLAND** on my local news broadcast recently. As a prominent citizen in Pinehurst, NC, and recent (alas, unsuccessful) candidate for the job of mayor, John was interviewed about a revered local restaurant and resale shop. If you're curious about his political run, his web site (<http://stricklandforpinehurst.com/>) was still active at the time this was written. **BOB CHAMBERS** reports yet another **RANGER DOUG GREEN** sighting, this time in La Quinta, CA. Riders in the Sky performed there last November. He enclosed a photo of Doug taking a selfie of the two of them. Thanksgiving found Bob and Elspeth back in Whitefish, MT, with son and daughter, but they are shortly

leaving Montana permanently for the sunny clime of the Phoenix area. Meanwhile, I'm writing and shooting video and film. I have a highly tentative but extremely intriguing opportunity to direct a feature film this summer. More if that materializes!



*Doug Green and Bob Chambers, both '64*

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It's another big year for our class as we mark our 70<sup>th</sup> birthdays. Celebrate as though it's 1964! **STEPHANIE OKUN MIRON** writes that life just keeps moving on. Her daughter, nicknamed Nana, who lives in Switzerland with her German husband and seven-year-old son, Wolfe, had a baby girl, Anouk, nicknamed Nunnu, early in 2016. Stephanie is Baba and Oona is her other granddaughter. On the American side grandchildren, Otto and Fede, keep their grandparents on their toes. In addition to an active design and antique business, Stephanie was off to Switzerland for almost a month to be night nurse and chef. "May collapse in March!" **PENNY HAUSER CRAM** and Bestor enjoy their grandson, Julian. There's nothing like a three-year-old to light up your life. Last summer Penny hiked in the Bavarian Alps, only to break

an ankle when they were on their way to a mountain hut. She is finally done with PT, and the ankle is back in shape, so she plans to hike again this coming summer. When she wrote to me in January, it was nine degrees in Rhode Island where **SARAH JANE HULLINGER HOFFMAN** had just spent two great weeks with all of her children and grandchildren. Activities included seeing the newest *Star Wars* movie; Sarah Jane had taken her children to see the '70s and '80s versions. Traveling to Newport she saw her sister, Linda, '54, and her husband, Hays, '54, who are both doing well. On the way back to Florida, she and her dog, Trooper, will be visiting in D.C. and Hilton Head. Sarah Jane is still working two days a week in pre-op. Dominic and **MARGEE DENTON ROSSETTO** left Wisconsin in October 2015, traveling to see their son, Andy, in Vail, CO, and then on to Healdsburg, CA, for November and December. In January they started driving east to spend two months in Santa Fe, NM. She hopes to see **CLAYTON DORN COBURN** while in New Mexico. Their house in Wisconsin went on the market in the spring, and they plan to move west, perhaps to Santa Fe or California. If they settle in California, she hopes to see **ESTHER GOODSTEIN BOYNTON** and **GAIL HAMMONDS GALLAUDET** among others. She enjoyed seeing all of our classmates at reunion in 2014 and especially the city tour and luncheon hosted by **AKOSUA BARTHWELL EVANS**.



Akosua Barthwell Evans and Lillian Moats, both '64



Anne Clark Carlyle, '64, Hometown Hero

Margee wishes everyone in the Kingswood class of 1964 her very best. Congratulations are in order for **ANNE CLARK CARLYLE**, who was named a Hometown Hero by a contemporary Christian music radio station in Grand Rapids, MI, near her home in Plainwell. The award is presented twice a month "honoring folks who do nice things for others." In addition to helping her son run their local roofing business, Anne raises funds for cancer research, oversees a food pantry, and each year the children of a local mobile home park look forward to a back-to-school festival that she has personally organized. "Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve" certainly applies to Anne. **JULIE WILLIAMS HOWTING** and Buzz enjoy their daughter, Carrie, and her family who live just two hours away in Newport Beach, CA. Granddaughter, Bridget, is a front-toothless first grader and avid reader, and Henry is an active truck, train, and vacuum cleaner-loving three-year-old. In September 2015 Julie and neighbor, **GAIL HAMMONDS GALLAUDET**, welcomed Julie's cousin, **SUSIE MCGRAW AQEEL**, for three busy laugh filled days in La Quinta. Moni McGraw Doran, '66, and her husband, Peter, were in Vero Beach, FL, in December to visit with Julie and her mother. Amazing how no one had changed a bit over the years!



Nolan, Lilah and Harper, grandchildren of Kris Knudsen Gregg, '64

Grandchildren grow up so fast that **KRIS KNUDSEN GREGG** sent a photo of Nolan and Lilah, children of Kris's son, Hunter,

who live in Portland, and Harper, Knute's daughter, who lives in San Francisco. A project for the family is a vineyard, and they have their first chardonnay from the older vines that came with the property. Their vineyard name is "Greggarius" with a label designed by their daughter-in-law, which is a calligram: all the hairs of the dog are words dealing with being gregarious. Kris plans to see her Julie and Gail when she visits California in the next year.



Kris Knudsen Gregg, '64, label of Greggarius Vineyard



Diane Lifsey, '64, and daughter, Maria, at the White House



**DIANE LIFSEY** sent a photo with her daughter, Maria, taken when they attended a Holiday Reception at the White House. Diane continues her work lobbying Congress and the Administration to boost Social Security benefits and improve Medicare. Her meetings and briefings are held at the White House, but the party with the President and Mrs. Obama was very special. Maria is back in Washington, D.C., enjoying her work as an occupational therapist. In the summer of 2015, Diane provided foster care for two months for an adorable two-and-a-half-year-old boy until he was able to be placed with a family member. "It was fun but very challenging." Diane was in Michigan this spring for her mother's memorial service. We extend our deepest sympathy to Diane and her family. **LILLIAN HEWLETT MOATS (Pat Hewlett)** writes that 2015 was an eventful year for her family: Michael adjusted well to his first year of retirement, their son, Dave, completed his PhD in the sociology of science, Michael and Lillian and their filmmaking partner, J.P. Somersaulter, restored and digitized most of their films, which will soon be available to the public through Chicago Film Archives, and Lillian launched her fifth book, *Hope, a Myth Reawakened*. "One of the most meaningful developments of the year has grown out of Akosua's attendance at my book launch (which was in a sense a kind of retirement party.) We had been trying to coordinate our calendars for a get together since our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. I was so moved that Akosua took the train from Detroit to Chicago leaving at 5 a.m. to spend the launch day, stay overnight and have breakfast with us the next morning. Since then, we are aiming to see each other at least quarterly!"



Maria Barrett Arnold and Leslie Schimpke Johnston, both '64, at wedding of Allen Arnold, '99

A beautiful September day, and evening in Michigan, were the settings for the wedding celebration of **MARIA BARRETT ARNOLD** and Craig's son, Allen, '99, and Kimberly Check. Jim and I were the happy godparents in attendance. While visiting in Columbus, OH, in January for our granddaughter's first birthday, **RUTH SICKINGER BROWN** and I met for brunch to catch up on life in the retirement/grandparent zone. Please stay in touch, and we hope to see many of you at our mini-reunion in June.

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By the time you read this I should be dug out of one of the heaviest snowfalls in Philly history. The city got about 30 inches, and it was deeper in some of the surrounding suburbs. I received a Xmas card from **JOHN GRAHAM** with a long letter that he agreed I should put in *Tradition*. John wrote: "It was really a treat to see as many of our classmates that showed up at the Cranbrook reunion, and listen to many 'old yarns,' and hear about the many success stories. We are here at the BIT campus, where Joanne has been teaching space law to Chinese students. This year she also has students from Russia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Mexico, and one from Brooklyn, USA. I joked with her about finally getting a student after 30 years that she can communicate with in her native language, Brooklynese! Several friends took us to a Thanksgiving dinner at a restored Qing Dynasty prince's home. It was like dining in a palace. There were luxurious gardens, gorgeous tapestries and paintings, and beautiful furniture. The staff served Beijing Duck with all the trimmings. No turkey here on Thanksgiving. Speaking of Beijing Ducks, we saw a Chinese Basketball Association game between the Ducks and the Tianshing Golden Lions. Plenty of good NBA-class play but lots of wild times as well. We are headed home on December 15, first time at home for the holidays in several years." **GARY HUMMEL** was a bit more concise, "I was

hired as adjunct professor of architecture at Broward College in Fort Lauderdale. Enjoying my new job! In addition to teaching, I am also a licensed Florida realtor, who is assisting clients in purchasing property in the Fort Lauderdale area." **LANCE LEITHAUSER** was equally succinct, "I'm going to Dominica in three weeks to dive with sperm whales. Still working full time." He also added that he has five grandchildren. **SID BARTHWELL** sent a letter indicating, "Judy and I are in Florida for the winter missing all of the bad weather in Michigan. We are gradually redesigning our house. Also, I am playing a little golf. If you or any of the fellas get down here, give me a call; I am in Fort Myers (313-815-1550). Congrats to Gary Hummel. Hope that all is well with you and family." **TOM VAN HORN** was also to the point, "Nothing happening here, except I am getting older. For our 55th we need to get together on Thursday and then at the formal dinner on Friday. Just giving you an early heads-up. Hope all is well in Philadelphia and your snow blower is tuned up! We got a little over an inch!" An inch? You live in Wisconsin, Tom! Another intrepid globe trotter, Hoppy Doc **JOEL BLEIER** gives John Graham a run for his money with this piece: "I am writing from St. Barts in the Caribbean, where my wife (still the original one) and I are once again staying for this part of the winter. I retired (new degree is FCD or Formerly Called Doctor) nearly two years ago, and seem to have adjusted as I expected, fine. We still travel often, although a bit more than before. Three weeks on a southern road trip starting in New Orleans around Halloween last year were wild. I ran the 1/2 marathon there (I've been a long distance runner my whole adult life), along with two of my children. After, we toured from St Augustine up to Charleston, absolutely fabulous. We had been in Japan for a little over three weeks before that in September/October, and will be off for a month to the Dalmatian coast and a bit of adjacent Greece this spring. Why not? We were in Cuba last year, which was socially/politically like no other country we had seen, and also to Peru and Ecuador to visit Machu Picchu and the Galapagos. I can order food and ask for a bathroom in many languages. Some of our three adult children and two grandchildren are a bit scattered; one out in Seattle (but a move back to Boston is probably in the works), another in California (where my

family lives), although our son lives in Boston with his wife. We get to see the distant ones occasionally but not as much as we would like. In the summer, when we stay on Martha's Vineyard, we have been 'kidnapping' the two Seattle grandchildren for two to three weeks without their parents; a tremendous amount of fun without all the rules of the parents! I'm certain many of you know what I am referencing." I do, Doc. We met our first in December. (More on that later). **GREGG DEARTH** sent us more family news to enjoy, "Latest news from me regards our youngest daughter, Anna. While finishing up at Ohio University, she got an internship on the Jerry Springer Show for Universal. Among her duties was checking to see that participants had all their teeth, and if not, arranging dental work in advance of their appearance on the show. True story. That internship led to another one working on *Late Show* with Seth Meyers. After graduation she landed a position as an editorial production assistant on the new *Zoolander 2* film. And that has led to her recent hire as an assistant to Ben Stiller. If you stay in the theater long enough for all the credits on a Ben Stiller film to roll through, you'll probably see her name somewhere toward the end. Meanwhile, life continues to hasten by far too fast. Hope you and yours are all doing well." Ever peripatetic **REED SHAFER** sent us this, "Hi, all! I must admit Nola Jean and I thoroughly enjoyed our trip back to 'The Brook' last summer, and renewing old friendships, and reviving old memories. We have done some traveling around the West in our Airstream, and again learned to avoid 'high holy season!' It took 45 minutes to get into Yellowstone on our way back from Montana after our son's wedding in July! The wedding was an epic family event, a great celebration. This winter we're spending most of our time at the Steamboat Springs condo... huge snowfall (thank you, el Nino), great skiing! We are in good health and plotting our next getaways. Love being retired! Hope our longtime friends are similarly well and happy... Aim High!" Yo, Reed. That's my line, Dude! Yvette's husband, **RICH HOWARD**, made simple work of his letter writing, "The Rich that Yvette Daunic Howard speaks of in her '65 class note is in fact me. Meanwhile, retirement, which has meant a dramatic increase in my household chores, is a mixed blessing." Our class horse whisperer, **DICK MOON**, shied a bit before jumping on his contribution, "I will send

something soon today. Heck right now. Since our terrific reunion I have had a silly mishap. Fractured seven ribs in early October when I tried to jump but my horse did not. No sympathy from spouse as she had just said I was riding poorly and should not jump (had not ridden in several weeks). But sucked it up and went five days later to Portugal and Spain for two weeks with friends. Lots of pain; therefore, lots of good wine. Great trip and only dropped out of two activities due to ribs. But no sleep for two weeks. Healed and back riding regularly and competing again. Horses and Risa in Aiken, SC, for the winter, and thus I hope to see Stu White, '66, where he lives in Camden, SC, and **JAY GARDNER**, when he is visiting a grandchild in Columbia, SC? Yes I still work full time, as too many horses and way too many farm expenses. But it is all good, and I feel very lucky. If in Maine or South Carolina stop by." You might want to start yelling, Moonie. Sounds like whispering isn't doing the trick. From the home of the 2016 Republican National Convention, **TOM BUFORD** sends us this note: "Ms. Diane and I are healthy and busy here in beautiful Cleveland, aka the Paris of the North Coast. Very belatedly, I offer my sincere thanks to H. Graham, Brock, Anne, et.al. for their hard work on what was a splendid 50th reunion. What fun to reminisce about dormitory 'hijinx' (or the euphemism of your choice), often involving moi, Mac, Bird, Sid, and, of course, Messers. Van Horn and Bleier (to name just a few), extraordinary teachers, delightfully eccentric classmates, and, sadly, to lament the loss of such remarkable folks as Pike, Eric, and Norbie, among others. I have always been grateful for my 'Cranbrook Education,' but am particularly grateful for the lifelong friendships. We look forward to your visits to Cleveland (note: when a certain 'national convention' comes to Our City in July, we plan to be approximately 7,500 miles away). We offer world class art, music, theater, food, historic neighborhoods (such as ours), the tragicomedy of the Cleveland Indians, and other-worldly delights. Until then, Cheers, Peace, and AIM HIGH. 'Rev. Father Rabbi Swami Lama Tom Buford.' "Yo, Tom. That's my line, Swami! Our penultimate message is tweet. Need I say more? The Bird, **PETE WERBEL** is, "still thinking about the 50th and wishing we had had more time to spend with everyone. Not much exciting to report other than our new Nordic Lodge at Tahoe Donner

was completed this past fall, and I can now say I am the assistant manager at a 'World Class Nordic Resort' without it being an exaggeration. I have been told by many of my friends who have skied all over North America and the world, that our facility is as nice, if not nicer than anything in the U.S. or Canada. I know cross-country skiing is a real niche sport, but it is still wonderful to be able to work in one of the nicest facilities anywhere and ski on as good terrain as there is. My major role is the retail department, as well as managing the tech room. Minor department is taking care of anything else that needs to be done, other than grooming, which I leave to the real pros. As opposed to our drought last year, we have had absolutely fabulous snow and skiing ever since Thanksgiving. Maybe a once in 20 year occurrence. There are lots of huge smiles and grins in the Tahoe area, and for the first time in four years the local winter economy is booming. The only other thing to report of significance is that my daughter will be getting married at Lake Tahoe this summer, so I am saving all my shekels for what should be a fantastic weekend. Always room at the house for anyone who wants to come out this way. Stay vertical. Stay healthy. Play hard!"



*Graham McDonald, '65, teaches grandson, Jacob, the fine art of napping*

Finally, as I mentioned above, Susan and I became grandparents for the first time in December. Our son, Geoff, and his wife, Katharina, had a boy, Jacob Ian, born in Aachen Germany in December. Geoff is a conductor plying his trade for a few years with German opera companies, and Katharina is a soprano in the Aachen Theater Opera. Susan and I and our two daughters went to Aachen just before Christmas to welcome Jacob to the clan. We also visited



friends in Belgium, where I was able to play golf on a course next to the North Sea on December 30! I thought that was a pretty big deal until I returned home and found out it had been 70 degrees in Philly on Christmas Day. Susan and I are still working, if you call what I am doing working. Our girls, an architect and a marketing consultant, are both living in Brooklyn. Hope you and your families are well and thinking about our 55<sup>th</sup>. Until next time, do what Tom and Reed suggested.

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 **K1965**

It was so nice to hear from the 15 of you who responded to my requests (reminders, nagging, nudges, pleas?) for news to submit to this issue of *Tradition*. It may seem like the deadline comes around too often, but it's really just twice a year! The first to reply was **BONNIE HUMSEY HELMER**. After 14 years in Florida, she and Joe have moved to Las Vegas and are busy settling in and decorating their new home. Getting used to the colder winters is a challenge, but the drier climate is better for Joe's health. While in Florida she joined a writers' group, edited a novel, worked its screenplay adaptation, and translated (from the French) a children's picture book.



Anne Fuchs Towbes, '65, and Michael at Burning Man

**ANNE FUCHS TOWBES** and Michael have had adventures since our last issue of *Tradition*. They took a two week Viking River Cruise to China, enjoying Shanghai, the Yangtse River, the Three Gorges Dam, the Terra Cotta Warriors of Xian, and the iconic historic sites in Beijing. Their most unusual adventure last year was spending a few days at Burning Man. (Google it.) "It is a celebration of creativity and freedom, an artistic version of Woodstock in the desert near Reno, where a virtual city of 70,000 people springs up yearly for a 10-day festival." Anne's husband, Michael, "was such a good sport, as he was one of the oldest 'Burners' there." Anne sent a photo of them in outfits that were among those they wore during their 2-1/2 day stay, offering visible proof of their adventurous spirits! When at home, Anne spends as much time as she can with her three granddaughters and is busy with charitable organizations in Santa Barbara. She urges us to stay in touch and cherish our friendships.



Hannah and Liza Manning, granddaughters of Fran Stair White, '65

**FRAN STAIR WHITE** took time to write on a January day spent shoveling out and raking the roof after a foot of snow fell in Connecticut. Her granddaughters, Hannah, looking forward to kindergarten next September, and Liza, 2, see only the magic of snow, not the ordeal. Fran and Harry are looking forward to a Scandinavian trip next fall, a highlight of which will be a visit to Eliel Saarinen's home. She reflects that, as many agreed at our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, the memories of our school run deep, and it's great to stay in touch with so many classmates. "On to the 55<sup>th</sup>!" The months since our reunion have been very eventful for **SHARON CROMMETT**. In mid-September she met Michael. Sixty days later they closed on a house. Two days after that they were in

Frankfurt, Germany, spending Thanksgiving with Sharon's daughter and her family. Following a visit to the Christmas Markets in Germany, they took a Danube river cruise from Passau to Budapest. They arrived home to complete chaos, and then the first week in January Sharon had surgery to repair a badly torn rotator cuff. Michael took charge of getting them settled in the new house and "taking care of my every wish." (He sounds like a keeper!) They plan to travel a lot this year while they undertake a major remodel of the new house. Sharon closed with, "It is all very busy and spontaneous, but I am loving it!" **JANICE PAUL ANDAHAZY** keeps busy babysitting Charlotte "Charlie", 1-1/2, and Raylan, 3-1/2, two or three days a week, with "serious recuperation the remaining days. A true but embarrassing admission." (You are not alone, Janice!) She looks forward to escaping winter with a scuba trip to Belize in February.



Ilene Rogers Tyler, '65, and family



Judy Shaffer McBride, '65, Morgan McBride Anadilla, '06, husband, Marvin, and Mackenzie McBride, '08

**ILENE ROGERS TYLER** enjoyed her first year of retirement, although she is still consulting, writing, and teaching, now on her own time and terms. She and Norm spent three weeks in France, from Paris to St. Remy, to Pepieux, to Carcassone, then on to Barcelona. Her French from Mrs. Licklider served her well! Other travel included family

vacations in Florida and Michigan. Every year they celebrate their anniversary (46<sup>th</sup> this year) at the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario. They are happy to spend most of the year in downtown Ann Arbor, “with its walkable downtown, U-M culture, and the summer art fairs, lots to do!” **JUDY SCHAFFER MCBRIDE** had a beautiful and exciting fall. On September 25 her older daughter, Morgan, '06, married Marvin Anadilla on the shore of Lake Tahoe. A great many family members and friends attended. Both daughters live in New York and work in Manhattan, and Judy visits frequently. She still lives across the street from Cranbrook and remembers the class of '65 during her many walks on the campus. **GINA BURNES NUTTALL**'s work is keeping her busy. One of her current projects is Americanizing a series of UK-published children's books for the U.S. market. She is amazed by the number of cultural and linguistic differences. “Divided by a common language? So true!” She delights in having her grandchildren close by and feeling an important part of their lives, and maintains that there isn't a kids' movie she hasn't seen! During her annual trip to Boston for Thanksgiving with her five siblings, Gina met **SANDRA TRUBOW FAIRBANK** for lunch, during which **SUSAN BIRNDORF** called her, unaware that they were lunching together. **KARIN CHRISTIANSEN FOWLER** checked in to say hi, but didn't have any news this time. **MARCIA MAYHEW ROLLINS** wrote from San Diego, where she and Fred were dog sitting their three “grand dogs,” while daughter Kelly and her husband went on a ski vacation. They were enjoying the respite from colder Colorado temperatures, as well as the opportunity to sightsee and visit with old friends. Back home, their two granddaughters, 4 and 6, keep them busy and enjoying life. She recalled the fun of reconnecting with so many classmates at our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion last June and thinks “we are quite a group of achievers.” **BARBARA CUSTAR REYNOLDS** reported that the August trip she and John took with **JANE MAYS LYON** and Chuck to London, Normandy, and Paris was great. Barbara also checked out the Christmas Markets in Austria and Germany in December, “a magical time.” The former head of the Cranbrook Educational Community, Rick Nahm, and his wife, Sandy, have moved to their neighborhood. They are having fun talking about Kingswood/Cranbrook life

back in the '60s and how it is today. Fall was busy for **CANDY PORTER**: getting settled into her new home, working “kinda” in her semi-retirement, and squeezing in a fantastic 18-day trip to France and Switzerland with friends. She says there is nothing like slowly drifting down the Burgundy Canal for a week on an eight-passenger barge! “In vino veritas, wouldn't Mr. Urban be proud?” Candy's oldest granddaughter was married in October, and she wonders, “Is anyone in our class a great-grandmother yet? So far I'm not, but I guess I'm a likely candidate for a potential class first...what a hoot!” She sends love to all. **MARILYN MOCK SANDERS** and her husband discovered that being two hours away from their grandchildren was too far, so, despite having said they would never move again...they are moving to the Annapolis side of the Bay Bridge. Winter storm Jonas nearly flooded them, they currently live at the beach in Delaware, and provided an additional motivation to get into their new home. Last October she did a wedding on the roof of an ocean-side hotel, because the previous weekend's storm had ruined plans for a beach wedding. “As lovely as it was, it certainly was a sign...” Marilyn sends “best blessings to ALL of you, Aardvarks.” After our reunion **CHRISTINE JONES TAUBER** was off to the Pan Am Games in Toronto, where all three of our Olympic equestrian disciplines qualified for the Olympic Games in Rio in August 2016. Fall found her attending numerous championships and annual meetings, and in January she was in Lexington, KY, for the annual meeting of the U.S. Equestrian Federation. She and George had a great vacation in Dubai in mid-December, even skiing on their indoor ski hill. Upon her return from the UAE, the pressure was on to decorate and prepare for Christmas, as all but one of her siblings came to Florida to celebrate together. **BETTY KRAUSE RUDDY** reported that she and **SUSAN BIRNDORF** had dinner in Birmingham in early January, and that Susan is about ready to sell her house and move on to the next phase of life. They discovered they have the same brand of hearing aid, which you can connect to a smart phone. They promptly took out their smart phones and each cleared up some confusion for the other. “We had a big laugh about it all: Two women in their late 60s with hearing aids, but nonetheless at the cutting edge of hearing aid technology, solving problems on our

phones. We felt quite with it!” Betty's story made me, **YVETTE DAUNIC HOWARD**, feel better, as I also have a hearing aid, although I'm not nearly as tech-savvy as Betty and Susan. Will have to check out these new developments. I'm going to experience another “old lady” event tomorrow, when I have cataract surgery. I'm fighting the senior citizen aspects of life by working out with a personal trainer twice a week and being worked on by a physical therapist weekly. Rich, the children, and grandchildren are all fine. Just a thought: If any of you are receiving the *Tradition* but not my emails, it means the school and I do not have your current email address. Please get in touch. Your classmates would love to hear your news! Until next time, love and best wishes to all for a healthy and happy year.

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## C1966

Men of the Half Century! As Boyce Ricketts often said, “White! Those of you who got a C- in history are doomed to repeat it. And I'm also talking to you, Augenbaugh!” Let us not forget the history of 1966, when gas was three cents a gallon, cigarettes were free, there was no legal drinking age, Twinkies had a shelf life of infinity, and renting a room at the Lee Motel on Telegraph was a rite of passage. 1966. The Cold War was simmering, and we were still layin' in canned goods and making sure that the short wave in the root cellar was still working. Kurt Vonnegut said it all that year, “...true terror is to wake up one morning and discover that your high school class is running the country.” 1966. When our commencement speaker sent us out of Christ Church into the bright sunlight of hope with this resounding encouragement: “Don't believe everything that you think, and the only true mystery in life is why kamikaze pilots wore helmets.” Eight track players were just introduced as accessories on Ford products, and we could play “96 Tears,” that indelible duet by Petula Clark and Sgt. Barry Sadler, as we cruised north on Woodward until we intersected with Square



Lake Road and slid into a stall at TED's for a 5x5 Burger. 1966. Just on the cusp of the extreme harshing of the collective mellow. Men o' the Quad, dust off your Cranbrook graduation picture and compare it to your college graduation image. Ri-dic-to-the-hic-u-lous! The former looks like something you would attach to your employment application for "Up with America," and the latter looks like a snapshot of Jerry Rubin in his NSA file. The good news was that we all still had hair, and our PSA number was low. The world was our oyster taco. To endure and embrace the zeitgeist of those formative years was rollicking and reckless. Sometimes experimentation became habits, and there were lapses of resolve, sometimes The Blues Magoos just became the blues, and somehow mortgages and diminished dreams replaced the contact buzz from the Ravi Shankar outdoor concert, but no regrets. It was all prologue. All of those changes have funneled down to a 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in the Hills of Bloomfield in June. Could there be any better way to test your rereads, take a test lap on the memory track as you remember the second line of "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida," and take a true risk, as you eschew the adult underwear for a weekend? You have nothing to lose when you commit to two days in Michigan with old pals who coincidentally suffer from the same pharmaceutical side-effects of Argyle Pattern Baldness, Multibrow, and Eyeball. And now for some class news. Just like the nun at my old elementary school, I am making a habit of this. Last time we heard from first timers **WALTER LEWIS** (who I hope to see in March in San Diego) and **DAVE CAMPBELL**. Once again we are hearing from a classmate who has never offered a contribution.



*John Bennison, '66, and wife, Germaine*

**JOHN BENNISON** sent this along: "To my recollection, I've never yet submitted anything to the alumni news but always enjoyed reading other's updates. In appreciation of the class secretary's

persistent efforts, I've resolved to respond at least once every half century with a brief rundown of how I've spent the last fifty years. After the first decade in college and grad school, and with a doctorate in religion, I spent much of the next 30 years in parish ministry, building up a wonderful congregation, and raising two daughters. The last decade has been spent in residential real estate in the San Francisco East Bay markets, while launching and leading two non-profits. One is a free-based progressive Christian community, without buildings, budgets, or any restraints on unorthodox and heretical thinking. It also includes an online blog called wordsnways.com to a larger cyberspace readership. (Of all the benefits a Cranbrook education provided me, the two most valuable have proved to be all the English composition assignments that honed a writing craft, along with the touch typing class in the basement of Hoey Hall!) The other non-profit is a community-wide film society that brings the best of foreign and independent filmmaking that's otherwise unavailable in our locale. I believe we live our lives by myths and metaphors, and I'm convinced great film clearly provides the most powerful, post-modern medium to do just that. With any spare time, and with a private pilot's license, Germaine and I enjoy flying into airstrips along the northern California coastline or vineyards. A 'working retirement' is probably the best non sequitur to describe it all. We reside in Walnut Creek, along with Sally, the golden retriever. We'd be delighted to hear from any old classmates if you're ever in the area." John and I shared a freshman year at DePauw University in Greencastle, IN. He escaped, mercifully, after one year. **BOB "THAL" GOLDENTHAL**, who it seems has become our poet laureate waxed thusly: "I am looking forward to sharing some memories, stories, grins, and drinks with you and the boys of sixty-six. I recall that in my youth at Cranbrook I could not imagine what 'Forty Years On' would look like, much less fifty. The Harrow School Song sticks in my mind. That most of us have survived 50 years, given individual risk-taking behaviors, perils of aging, and random bad things that happen to good people, can only be explained by good fortune and other factors too numerous and controversial to mention. The mystery of that future has been unmasked by the fourth dimension for all of us. As some have said, all we really

have on this earth is time. That we have had over 430,000 hours since graduation is something to be thankful for! Since June 1966, so many things, people, governments, technologies, cultural norms, scientific theories and business cycles have come and gone that it would take too long to chronicle them. Now, we are looking forward to 100 years on. According to the actuarial tables of today, the probability is zero that any of us will get there. However, we don't know what longevity gifts technology will bring from here to 2066 or what plagues or wars may befall us. Some of us have or will have descendants who will hopefully see that year. To paraphrase a folksinger of our youth, 'the odds, they are a changing.' Looking forward to celebrating the Golden Anniversary of our youth in the Quadrangle, which has not changed its glorious splendor." **LEVI "PEEWEE" SMITH**, my loyal General Sports softball wizard, says, "I live in Birmingham, so I will ride my comfort bike up to the quad for a drink. My daughter just got married in Miami, and Dr. and Mrs. **CRAIG SHADUR** of Des Moines attended. Quite a mini reunion. Thanks for keeping this together." **JEF KURFESS**, always loyal, writes, "I'm coming for sure. We are grandparents of two great kids, a boy, 3 1/2, who likes 'big boy hikes,' and a year-old girl. Our sons and wives are close by, so we see everyone frequently. Kathy and I have been traveling a lot, as Kathy says, 'Before our hips and knees give out.' Vietnam, Cambodia, and Hong Kong most recently. Before that Argentina, Tierra del Fuego, and Chile, and before that Australia and New Zealand. With recent stock market action, we are now doing our part to show the 'negative wealth effect' by reducing our burn rate." And this from The Arizona Wildman, **STEVE TROXEL**, "...things remain pretty constant with my family out here in Arizona. Yes, we survive the Arizona summer heat, but remember, it's a 'Dry Heat,' just like walking into a blast furnace! I'm still hanging in with the State, although I could long since say the 'Heck with it!' and walk away, but that would drive my wife nuts, who would be insisting that I need to 'Get a Job,' and Wal-Mart is always hiring! My family continues to grow, and it makes me feel really old when I realize that my three granddaughters are now in high school and middle school, so we now have three young ladies, not kids anymore! I'm just a bit prejudiced as they are all good

girls with their heads firmly placed on their shoulders, with firm goals facing each one of them! My father, Lynn, '39, is still living out here. Physically, he's 95 years old and has some major health issues, but at least, most of the time, mentally he is right on and just seems to live (and die) for his beloved Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions, which he watches when he can! My two daughters are doing fine and keeping active. My oldest daughter is about 2/3 the way through her MBA Program at the University of Phoenix, and my youngest daughter is getting ready to start (again) her college career at the University of Phoenix." It seems that **DAVE CAMPBELL** (#50 on your chart, #1 in your heart) has become a regular responder: "You can count me and the lovely Debbie Campbell, who I've been dating for over 50 years, in for attendance June 10-12. We have lodging reserved, and plane tickets will be procured soon. Attached is a recent image of our Christmas time backpack in the Grand Canyon. We love to hike, and Debbie loves staying out in the tent, where my snoring can be muffled by a howling wind or roaring river. Looking forward to June."



Larry Olson, '66, and sons

Captain, My Captain, **LARRY OLSON**, wrote from his new home in Atlanta: "Geeze 50 years ago is one thing, but was it really 10 years ago we convened for the 40th? Who knew that all of our brains were time stamped for the 40th? Like the automatons we are, we obeyed that primal directive. Really glad it was so...We (my two sons and myself) are finishing our third movie since the 40th after having had to spend a good deal of time just figuring out how to make the endeavor a business as opposed to a hope and a prayer. The plan finally revealed itself, and our proof of concept, *Unknown Caller*, no name talent, worked out great. It

has sold worldwide and has just been sold domestically for release in March. Our second has sold worldwide and domestically and should be available at many Redbox outlets, called *Operator*, Luke Goss, Ving Rhames, Mischa Barton, and Michael Pare, 'B' level action thriller. Most recent is in post and will not be finished for a few more months. Moving up the food chain each time re: talent. One of these days we will have an actor that people have heard of... it's a bitch of an industry, not recommended to anyone who values their health, welfare, and relationships with other humans outside of work. Trailers etc. on [www.olsonpictures.com](http://www.olsonpictures.com). We are producing feature films outside Atlanta, if anyone is in the area, reach out. Moved out of Wilmington, NC, (following the film tax incentive dollars to Georgia) in 2014, gave away all my accumulated household possessions to a church group and moved into a 34' RV, where I have been living since. What a life, I swear it gets even more weird the older I get. Definitely keeps the grey cells clicking along though, no time for sloth, and having partners as driven as I am (my kids) has been really great. More driven actually, but they've got the advantage of youth. And the arrogance, I am sure we all can remember. Last spring after a business trip to Los Angeles, I took my first full week off in 10 years. Rented a car there, bought a tent, and drove north up Route 1 alone, coast hills on the right and Pacific on the left, on the bucket list since before there was such a word. Ran or walked the dry hills and redwood groves in the day and slept above the ocean at night, no cell phone connection, no lights at night, under a googolplex of stars. Crawled out of my tent and hobbled to the cliff, where I dropped a stream from John Henry Junior to the ocean so far below I could not hear the waves that I could see crashing against the rocks in the new moon light. Shuddered, freezing in the moist night springtime air, took in the magnificence for a moment, and hobbled back to my tent and warm sleeping bag on the hard ground. My routine most nights. Dawdled my way to Monterrey and turned around, leaving San Francisco for another time. Feel like I am letting you down with no reunion travel plans to report. Best to you and the rest of the guys. The five years I spent under the spell of Saarinen's magic are deeply embedded. Fond remembrances of all and everybody." **STEVE MOLINA** has a huge surprise: "The

Ace" has become Mr. Chips! He's not exactly your favorite cuddly prep school master. I told "The Ace" that he was perfect; crusty and stern, with a rapier wit and a propensity for revenge. You finally have a modicum of understanding just how "The Hair" felt. "Just finished my first class at University of Texas at Dallas. School has 24,000+ kids, 40% of which are international students. I have Ethiopia, Nigeria, Albania, China and Zambia. By the way, I now know how tough it must have been for you to deal with your administration throughout your career. I teach an energy course in the graduate school that they had me design and start. It is a mandatory course for the finance degree. I have ten graduate students so far, all working on advanced degrees. The undergraduate course covers 'regulations.' That, of course, is at the root of the big vs. smaller government argument. I cover domestic and foreign regulatory issues. Twenty-five kids in there. Being referred to as Dr. Molina was a hoot." **GREG "BUCKY" BOWER**, unwavering in his dependable contributions to the class notes says, "I plan on attending our 50th, arriving by automobile. At an average speed of 15 mph, the trip from Ann Arbor should take maybe four to five hours, counting rest stops and naps. And with the usual encouragement from fellow motorists, who so often line up behind me and show their support by honking (sometimes accompanied by colorful hand gestures), I should arrive in good spirits." **MARK PACKARD** sent this over the transom from Jolly Ol'; "Greetings from the UK. I have put the June 10/11 reunion dates in my diary and want to be there. I am still residing a few miles from Bath in the west of the UK, keeping up the spirits of local liberals after a resounding defeat locally in the 2015 General Election. We also share a house with our youngest son, who works in Gibraltar in southernmost Spain, so that we now get at least a few weeks of sun each year! Pip, pip!" And the eternal bon vivant, **RICK ERB**, penned this message: "I'll be there in June and am looking forward to seeing old friends and to seeing how we have all evolved. Now I'm retired and my main job is to play every day. Winter in Steamboat Springs, snowboard and ski. I've got a little place with a little dock and some little boats on Anna Maria Island, FL, where I go spring and fall. I row or sail most mornings or evenings. Walk and throw the ball for my black Lab every day and skeet shoot and bird hunt with her



in the fall. I still visit the family cottage on the shore of Lake Huron in Bayfield, Ontario, and will be there in early June. Living the dream." Dudes o' the Decades, these classmates have already confirmed their attendance at our 50<sup>th</sup>: Shank, Molina, Kurfess, Bower, Stern, Levi Smith, Campbell, Fonda, Muirhead, Packard, Livingstone, Goldenthal, Lady, and Hunter. Many more will follow their lead and renew those bonds of youth. Give it your best shot!

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*Sonia Rauda Meijer, '67*

Miraculously, we are back in touch with **SONIA RAUDA MEIJER**, our foreign exchange student senior year from El Salvador. (Remember all those Chiquita Banana stickers we collected, thanks to Chris Darwall and Jamme Hilder, '66? The United Fruit Company donated \$2,600 for a scholarship fund.) Sonia writes, "I am the Honorary Consul of the Republic of El Salvador in the Kingdom of the Netherlands. I have two small businesses in The Hague, Holland. After I left Michigan, I went back to my country and continued to study, but I had a dream to continue my life out of El Salvador in bigger cities. I had the opportunity to win another scholarship to study in the south of Brazil, where I started studying translator/

interpreter. After some years in Porto Alegre, my government appointed me the Honorary Consul of El Salvador. Then I went to Montevideo, Uruguay, again as a diplomat, and there I met someone and ended up in Holland, marrying a Dutch man, but after 22 years we separated. I keep on working in my two businesses, and I am now opening the Latin American Ambassadors Table in one of the most elite clubs in The Hague. It attracts personalities like princesses, kings, and intellectuals. The Kingswood School Cranbrook I knew was the beginning of my seeing a new wonderful world." **ANN FITZGERALD LACKS** and her husband took an amazing three-week trip to Australia a year ago, taking in everything from the Great Barrier Reef to a scary, narrow-gauge railroad. They went to Perth to see their daughter, Erica, her husband, and his family, as well as the stunning vacation house that he designed. Steve and Ann were in Durham, NC, several times last year as well, visiting their grandson, Peyton (who looks very much like a Fitzgerald, imo.). Ann's daughter, Laura, works as a nurse, while Peyton's dad, Stevie, teaches English and manages the school yearbook. During one of those visits, **JOAN MACARTHUR MENGE** and **DEBBY WALKER** came to see her, which she really appreciated. Ann continues to umpire tennis and serve on the Grievance Board for the teachers' union. **KRISTIN VANDENBERG WHITFIELD** sold her house on Cape Cod and moved to Ann Arbor permanently in mid-December. Tom and **LYN MOON SHIELDS** moved also, downsizing after 33 years to nearby Manchester, MA. "We have a stunning ocean view when the leaves are off the trees and will have a much smaller one come spring and summer, but we are just a five-minute walk from the beach. Our entire family had a terrific get-together at Walloon Lake last November, the best gathering we've ever had, with tennis matches, ping pong, a three-day indoor shuffleboard tournament, and lots of relaxing in front of the fire. The 11 grandkids all helped with cooking on Thanksgiving, and they put on a variety show the last night we were there." Lyn had a big trip to South Africa planned with a friend for February (and then in July my daughter and I will be in Cape Ann, and hope to see her and Tom.) **LIZ MUMFORD** writes that she keeps busy with painting, occasional art history lectures, and teaching drawing classes. "Last summer was filled with gardening, playing

golf, and helping with charity auctions. I became an empty nester in August, when my son moved out to be with his girlfriend, but I got his dog! She gets me to the beach every day for walks." Another new empty nester is **BROOKE THOMAS DOLD**, who says she is still working as a paralegal for a law firm with the same attorney she has been with since 1998. "Our son and his family live nearby in Houston, our oldest daughter and family are in Virginia, and our younger daughter was engaged to be married on New Year's Eve. Last year I became swept up in the Save Sweet Briar College campaign, which really rocked the academic world of private/single sex institutions and led to a fantastic victory driven by the SBC alumnae."



*Linda Yee Tartof, '67, and Dave*

Congratulations to Dave and **LINDA YEE TARTOF**, who both retired on the same day last year and are not regretting it at all. Over time medical practice got harder and harder for Dave, and Linda found that she got too tired of the bureaucracy at the University of Chicago. "It was the Peter Principle, kind of; I went up the ladder and found the top of my little ladder pretty unbearable. Too much administration, too many meetings! I miss seeing students but do not miss my job. So we are now burning a path between Chicago, L.A., and San Francisco. We have four grandchildren, who all live in California, which was one of the main reasons for retiring—so that we can see them more. It is so nice to do what we want when we want...but I know we wouldn't appreciate this were it not for 40

years of work!" Congratulations to first-time grandmother, **GINNY RUMELY MUELLER**, whose daughter, Jennifer, a third grade teacher in Fishers, IN, gave birth to Addison Rose Schermerhorn last September. "Addi is a happy baby, who seems to understand all conversation, especially 'go for a stroller ride' and 'cookie!' Our son, Scott, has graduated from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences and is now doing his first year emergency room residency at the St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, MI." Ginny is still the Penn-Harris-Madison night school director, helping the 315 full-time and 166 part-time students earn their high school diplomas. Her husband, Jim, is working for the Transportation Security Administration at the South Bend Regional Airport, assisting Ginny at Penn Night School, and teaching math at Indiana University South Bend.



*Addison, granddaughter of Ginny Rumely Mueller, '67*

**MADELEINE DENKO-CARTER** reports that she has been co-director of dance for Parkinson's Oregon for the last four years. "My colleague and I teach three dance classes a week to people with Parkinson's and do all of the administration, marketing, etc. We are an affiliate program of the national Dance for PD program, developed by the Mark Morris Dance Group and the Brooklyn Parkinson Group. We combine elements of a variety of different dance forms with wonderful music to help improve balance, gait, and strength." Last May she and her husband, Steve, went to Scotland, where they visited Edinburgh, the central Highlands, the lovely village of Killin, and the Isles of Mull and Iona. From there they visited friends in Paris and in the medieval

bastide village of Monflanquin. The big news from **TRISH DWYER BROCK** is that she has moved to Mexico and is now living in San Miguel de Allende. "My snail mail arrives via a courier service from Laredo, so things take a while to arrive. In short, I have been here three-and-a-half years, love living in Mexico, don't miss the snow. I have been traveling a bit over the past few years, doing a small amount of consulting, and otherwise enjoying my life." Trish sees her daughter, Annie, who is now 27, several times a year. "She loves visiting me in SMA, and I go back to see her, as well as friends in Denver."



*Trish Dwyer Brock, '67, and company*

It was an eventful year for **CHRIS WALLACE VAN LOOY** and family. "Amy got married in July 2015 and then had a baby a month later. She is married to a German, living in Berlin, so Bill and I went over for five weeks at the end of August. We then returned to have our first family Christmas since she moved to Germany four years ago. We brought our other daughter, Heather, and our 4-year-old grandson, Carter, over with us. We spent New Year's Eve in Berlin, which I had heard was something not to miss. All of the locals set off fireworks for a solid 30 minutes at midnight. Heather has left the classroom and is the technology integration specialist at her school, a position she loves and seems perfectly suited for. Bill and I are still working as independent contractors, part-time at this point, which is allowing us to start planning some trips together as semi-retired people." **TERRY GOLDBERG**

**AXELROD** writes the she and Alan have been back in Detroit a bit more lately as part of *Crain's Detroit's* Homecoming events for Detroit expatriates, "and it turns out there are a lot of Cranbrook alumni in that group. We stayed downtown, walked all over at night, and attended rooftop parties in cool loft buildings looking out over the lights of the city. Really exciting stuff! My goal is to support the move to bring this wave of energy and funding to the neighborhoods." Their daughter, Sara, is living in Sydney, Australia, with a great young man from Perth, while their son, David, is building a remarkable travel brand for his generation and is now engaged to a fabulous young woman. Wedding date and plans TBD.



*Ann Guenther Tamminen, '67, and family*

**ANN GUENTHER TAMMINEN** also spent time in Detroit last year. "I was with my son for a few days last fall, and we stayed in an Airbnb on an urban farm. It was so sad to see what's happened, but we also talked with some amazing, resilient people there. What a contrast to then visit Birmingham and Cranbrook." Earlier last year, Ann traveled to Guatemala by herself and lived with a family while she studied Spanish, then met up with friends, and promptly sprained her ankle badly. "A different adventure than I'd planned, to be sure! In May our son, Lucas, graduated from Pomona College, ending how many years of kids in school?! He is now living in Oakland, hoping to find a job saving the planet. Lia, 25, has been living in Seattle for three years, first doing Americorps and now working with foster youth." Besides still enjoying her work as an acupuncturist, Ann has been having a lot of fun these past couple of years doing "intuitive painting" and art journaling. She says, "My goal is to get younger in spirit no matter what my body does!" So, how young in spirit will our class be next June? I'm planning to be at our 50<sup>th</sup> and hope that all of you are, too. Last year



was pretty uneventful for me. My home-away-from-home is Santa Fe Clay where I keep throwing pots, adding some calligraphy lately, particularly what I learned at a week-long, international calligraphy conference in Sonoma last summer. Malcolm and **LISA PURDY** were in town at their rental property a few times (it's very popular and often occupied), so we were able to get together for some fun dinners. While in Birmingham last June for the interment of my oldest brother's ashes at Christ Church (James Morton, '58), I had dinner with **CHARLON MCMATH HIBBARD** and **DEBORAH FIELD CAVANAUGH** (who announces the birth of her granddaughter, Moira Erin Cavanaugh, last October), ostensibly to plan for next year's reunion, but the Crannies didn't show up, and there was a special on wine that night...anyway, trust us, it's going to be something sensational.

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**DAVE DYE**, "It is 30 degrees, snowy, and cloudy in Spring Lake, MI. Darcy and I moved here last year. We are near Lake Michigan and see spectacular sunsets and get blanketed with lake effect snow. I am in my last five months of teaching full-time at Grand Rapids Community College. I retire in late June. I hope to find a part-time job, so I can keep busy after retirement. It has been suggested to me to be a Walmart greeter, but I was hoping to find something in the area of sustainable architecture." **MARK HENDRICKSON**: "No big news. Still teaching economics and writing — 400+ articles and two-and-a-half books ('half' means I was co-author) in last eight years. Daughter, Karin, lives in London. Wife, Eileen, is fine, sometimes doing two hours of tennis and an hour of Zumba, back to back, putting me to shame. Best wishes to all the guys and their families." **JOHN ISSITT**: "Seems like only yesterday that we were patrolling the halls of the lower school. I am alive, retired, and well, living in Gilbert, AZ. Moved out here after I retired from the Southfield Police

Department where I was in charge of the Financial Crimes Unit. I moved to Arizona and was recruited to run corporate security for U.S. Bank. After seven years of that, I had enough of Corporate America and retired a second time. After Cranbrook I spent a couple years in college and decided to go out and work for a while. While I was working in Reno, I won the only lottery I have ever won and for my efforts received an all-expense paid vacation to Southeast Asia. They even clothed me and gave me all the bullets I could carry, what fun. Anyway I finished my BS and then got an MPA from Michigan. I haven't been back to Michigan for several years and will try to make it back for our 50th." **BILL KURFESS**: "Terry and I are not travelling a lot yet. I am still doing commercial real estate and find the SF Peninsula Market to be beyond crazy, watching the likes of Apple, Facebook, Google, LinkedIn, Salesforce buying up and leasing all of our land and buildings, and their employees running prices up to compete with the highest price markets around the world! Reminds me of Bridge over the River Kwai... 'Nuts' 'Nuts' 'Nuts.' We are building millions of square feet of new office, and we have no new transportation infrastructure... 'Nuts' 'Nuts' 'Nuts!' If you come for the Super Bowl, or for any reason, realize now the Bay Area has the traffic issues, formerly encountered in the Los Angeles area! We are enjoying having the proximity of both of our children. Elizabeth has left GE and started her own 'coaching' business in San Francisco. Doug and his wife, Ili, live with their three daughters in Redwood City. He continues to be a sales director for Sales Force and she works at Battery Ventures on Sand Hill Road as an admin to some partners. Terry just retired as director of development for the Visa Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and is now contemplating her next life. I haven't seen too many folks from Cranbrook lately. I have had contact with **IAN ABERNETHY** and Bill McGraw, '69, of late and was told my nephew had a wonderful lunch last week with Hugh Mahler, '67. Hugh is founding partner of Challenge Detroit, and after graduating from Purdue last year my nephew is a fellow there now." **RALPH MARGULIS**: "Thank you to all who have sent me e-mails of condolence since Peter was kind enough to send out a notice to you. My father died at 96-years-old. He lived a full and complete

life full of adventures. He escaped from Facist Yugoslavia with my uncle during World War II by walking to Italy. He was one of only 1000 immigrants who Franklin Roosevelt sought to save from Europe before the U.S. joined the war. He was interred in a camp in the U.S. for over two years in upstate New York, while the U.S. Government attempted to determine what to do with these 1000 refugees. With the help of Mrs. Roosevelt, my father and uncle were admitted to Harvard Medical School, where they each graduated first in their respective classes, having to learn the English language from a dictionary. My father became an OBGYN, who delivered four generations of babies in the Birmingham/Bloomfield community. He was head of the OBGYN Department at William Beaumont Hospital for over 18 years, was vice chief of staff of the hospital for many years, founded the first HMO in Michigan, and the largest physician organization in Michigan. He was a pioneer in his field, inventing new ways to treat cancer in women. With all of that, he was a wonderful father to my brother and me and a wonderful grandfather to his grandchildren. He played golf until he died... only seven holes at the end and continued to read about world events in seven languages. He was truly a renaissance man enjoying art, music, theatre, and politics. With a twinkle in his eye, he often said in his later years that you have to get used to the idea of dying by purchasing a coffin and spend a few minutes lying in the coffin each day. Of course, he never bought a coffin because living life was too much fun." **GUY NEFF**: "Dawn and I are doing well and managing to keep busy. We spent Thanksgiving and Christmas in Atlanta with daughter, Courtney, husband, Chad, and the three grandbabies. Mercer, 2, is a real tank, and he loves to climb into "Papa G's" lap and play. My lower back always suffers from all the lifting and carrying, and I pay for it for weeks after each visit. Dawn had some serious foot surgery (bones fused in her right foot) in September and was in a hard boot for three months. She was finally put in a soft boot, so she could drive, and I was relieved of my chauffeur duties. So, with her foot and my back, we seem to be getting a little creaky. We remain active in our church, and I spend most of my free time hunting and fishing. Since I can't play soccer, tennis, or golf anymore, I gotta find something to do with my time! As they say, getting old isn't for sissies, but at least it's better than the alternative! I will

retire in 2016, and then we plan to do a lot more traveling. It would be nice to see some of our Cranbrook classmates around the country. Hope everyone has a great 2016!"

**CHRIS RAY:** "Kim and I have just returned from a cruise around the Horn and can report that both Buenos Aires and Santiago are bustling first world cities with restaurants that can hold their own with SF's best, without the price tags. Wine scene is really happening there as well. On the SF front, it seems like we just got over the Warriors and the America's Cup in time for the city fathers to block most of the major thoroughfares in the downtown area to hold three weeks-worth of Super Bowl parties. What are they thinking? The game is in Santa Clara, about an hour from here. On a more personal note, both Kim and I are hale and hearty and looking forward to another Africa trip this summer, can't wait." **RON FALLON:** Not much new for me. Our family had its yearly reunion in Sonoma, CA. It was much colder there than I had anticipated. We spent winter break in USVI and are just now recovering from the 30-inch snow that closed down the Washington, Baltimore area, schools, etc. for the better part of a week. My daughter had a longer break than for Christmas. We plan to travel this summer but to where is not yet decided. ONLY TWO MORE YEARS TILL OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION, so mark your calendars now.

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Since most of us were born in 1951 or thereabouts, these days we've been turning from hearing McCartney serenades on our birthdays to the next chapter of being Medicare-eligible. My efforts to forget how old I am are thwarted by near-weekly reminders from AARP that I might benefit from its services. Sadly, I'm almost ready to believe it could be true. Anyway, here's the news: taking me up on my announced policy of posting a photo any time one or more classmates congregate, four of our contingent gathered for a meal, when **PAUL**

**LEWIS** traveled to Denver and corralled **BOB ALLMAN, DIRK DIETERS,** and **MIKE LANGWORTHY.** A good time was had by all, and fortunately they forwarded the photo to me to prove it. **BILL MCGRAW** reported in from Cleveland. He is theoretically retired, although he seems to work more now than ever. One of his activities is serving as chair of the Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation, a private foundation in Hudson (yes, home of WRA), dedicated to issues of mental health, education, and the arts in the Akron area and throughout Northeastern Ohio. Bill has Cranbrook "company" on the board since Jon Pavloff, '67, brother of our Mike, serves as treasurer. In another sign of the times common in our class, Bill recently delivered his fourth eulogy, for a close buddy from University of Virginia. But as with many of us, he delights in the successes of the next generation. His daughter, Margeaux, is an OBGYN resident at the University of South Carolina, Greenville. Young Dr. McGraw reports that she loves her work, but wishes there were more hours to sleep.



*Mike Langworthy, Paul Lewis, Dirk Dieters and Bob Allman all '59 in Denver*

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I got the loveliest email from **LYNN GAWNE HUGHES.** I always admired her in high school for her intelligence and athletic prowess. So delighted to hear she is enjoying her life to the fullest. **JACKIE ROWLEY MAYFIELD** and I keep tabs on one another via LinkedIn. She's learning MORE languages – Duolingo or Busuu! She recommends free,

fun apps, which serve as great therapy after a challenging day. She and her wonderful husband, Milton, presented some research at a conference in Seattle, went back to France for a while, and are currently co-editors of a special issue of the *International Journal of Business Communication*, topic: Leadership Communication. She is one busy, smart, lady. **KITTY DENIO JOSPE** was thrilled to announce the engagement of her son to a terrific woman. She also had glowing reports about her daughter, who is an xc ski coach. Her husband, Nick, is contemplating retirement, but in the meantime he is "exercising Zen dignity in face of administrative confrontations." (No easy task!) Kitty graciously extends the offer to all to come to Rochester, promising lovely guest quarters with breathtaking views. **CATHLEEN COSTELLO** hated missing our 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion but was in D.C. for a major client engagement. She loves her new rental in Chicago, does a ton of yoga, and walks at least two to three miles, four days a week (You go, girl!). Her son is enjoying his top notch EMT AND Wilderness Certification Program. Her business is booming, and she's taken on executive coaching as part of her growing practice. **CAMILLE MAJZOUB JAYNE** is trying to throttle back in 2016, after way too much consulting work in 2015. She turned down two full-time CEO positions and is pouring all her energy into non-profit board and mentoring work. She's co-chair for a huge project for the Detroit Historical Society called "Detroit 67" which is a community wide project, commemorating the 1967 riots here, looking back leading up to 1967, but more importantly, lessons to communities of how to move forward in the next 50 years and do much better. It involves the mayor's office, Detroit Police Department, neighborhood councils, corporate and community partners (the Detroit Symphony Orchestra is commissioning a piece of music reflecting the music of '67), etc., and, of course, a huge exhibit at the museum set to open July 2017 (the 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.) If done right, it will become a traveling exhibit that will help guide other cities around the U.S. **PAM JAHNCKE MCGRATH** and her husband continue their travels across the U.S.A. and Canada. In the last exciting episode, they were in Naples, FL, for the winter in an RV park, and in the spring they plan a trip up the east coast to Maine. After that leg, they



are debating whether or not they'll explore Canada by motorcycle. I'm so impressed. It sounds fabulous. I look forward to hearing more from all of you! All the best!

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**TOM DART** produced *Boogie Stomp*, a very lively off Broadway musical that ran for 10 weeks last fall. The show tracks the evolution of boogie piano through jazz, blues, and rock and roll. Playing at the Elektra Theatre, it featured two talented piano artists, Bob Baldori and Arthur Migliazza.



*Dan Kasle and Tor Shwayder, both '71*

**TOR SHWAYDER** was in NYC for New Year's, too late to attend the show, but had drinks with **DAN KASLE** and his wife, Annette, and Rob Kahn, '72, and his wife, Caroline. They enjoyed playing "dueling grandfather photos," displaying photos of their grandchildren on their digital devices.

**JB FORD** was scheduled to have hip replacement surgery this winter. He plans to live in the D.C. area one more year, then begin a mobile lifestyle. He and his longtime girlfriend, Annie, will buy an Airstream travel trailer; he just bought the towing vehicle, a Dodge Ram 1500 diesel. His plans are to live in it up in the Virginia mountains during the summers, then move it to warmer climes in Texas, Florida, or Arizona for the winters. JB has grown fond of the Blue Ridge area, where he enjoys great motorcycling and friends he has made there. He would like to put a small motorcycle in the bed of the pickup. "Out

with the old and in with the new." Susan and **CHRIS WILHELM**'s eldest son, Kurt, '10, has been accepted to Wayne State University School of Medicine for this fall. Chris and his brother, **MARK** are also Wayne State grads. Youngest son, Mark, '12, will be graduating from U-M this spring. He plans to apply to med school after a gap year. Chris and Susan are enjoying the empty nest and doing more traveling. **JEFF GERARD** reports that Simons Soldiers Foundation, the organization he created and heads, is really taking off now. The foundation employs veterans to find and train homeless rescue and shelter dogs to be emotional support companions for combat vets disabled by post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The head trainer is a former Marine bomb dog handler with three tours and his own experience with PTSD. Jeff has met some amazing people through this work, and every vet who has come through the program has wanted to pay the service forward to other vets. Orthopedic surgeon, **MIKE ZAHN**, had another bike crash in September, breaking his right hip. He probably knows some good doctors, although he did decline surgery. He was back on the bike in four weeks and able to ski in January. Mike has been reading classics lately, some he missed over the years: *Moby Dick* and *War and Peace*. Mike's wife, Debbie, had a total knee-replacement recently. Their son, Hayden, attends Bard College, enjoys skiing, and is planning a tour of the Celtic countries this summer.



*40th anniversary of Chris Morton, '71, and wife, Joanne*

Joanne and **CHRIS MORTON** recently celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. "Like all of you, both of us are left wondering where the time went, although we look back through our photographic record and quickly recall who those people (including our doppelgängers) and places are in all of the pictures." Doing business as "Isn't That

Write," Chris is the freelance editor at large for Incapsula, a global internet security firm. He has a foundation in TCP/IP, but to bolster his understanding he is also taking some cybersecurity courses. "My goal is to eventually get connected with the nearby Center for Internet Security to see me into retirement." The Grande Ballroom handbill Chris designed in 1968 for a B.B. King concert is featured in a video segment of *Louder Than Love*, a recent documentary about the Grande's importance in relation to the global music. Wolfgang's Vault is offering a couple of his collectible handbill originals at \$205 each. **DOUG GRANT**, in his first-ever offering of news, reports from Naples, FL, where he has a real estate firm named The Grant Group. A couple of years ago he returned to Cranbrook for the first time in more than 40 years. When he wandered through the offices, "there was Darryl Taylor, '70, working on Horizon Upward Bound, just like old times." Doug attended Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH, and then coached football at a local high school for two years. He has enjoyed scanning the online alumni directory. He notes that **MIKE ZAHN** is now an orthopedic surgeon: "He can come to Florida to replace my ailing shoulder." Doug is planning to attend our 45<sup>th</sup> reunion at Cranbrook in June. So are many other classmates. If this edition of class notes is published before the event, please join your old friends at what will be a great reunion!

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By the time you read this it will be one year to our 45<sup>th</sup> reunion, so we'd better start planning. Who is interested in a party in June 2017? Let's convene a party committee on Facebook! When I spoke to **ROB KAHN** about this idea, he suggested that we bring Woodstock-appropriate outfits. If so, he would make an appearance looking like his late father, because for those of you who remember Bill Kahn—Rob has become his own father—which is appropriate, as he is

now a first time grandfather with grandson, Maksim, born in Brooklyn last November. Rob writes, "I am ecstatic to be a grandfather. And I am glad to see my dad every day as I look in the mirror. I look forward to seeing all my friends, who have turned into their parents at our 45th Reunion next year."



*New grandpa, Rob Kahn, '72*

For fun, wine, and boating, be sure to reconnect with **JIM OLSEN**, who also looks forward to seeing classmates in 2017. For amusement park fans, Jim provides contract legal services to the general counsel of Cedar Fair, LP (NYSE "FUN"). That is keeping him in the corporate counsel game in a liability-risky industry, since they own 11 amusement parks including Cedar Point and Knott's Berry Farms. He is also a magistrate in Ottawa County, OH. Jim says that he continues to boat in season and play guitar whenever he can. Jim's spouse, Sue, is a sommelier and works in resort community management. He hears from Hugh, '73, and wife, Sally Carpenter Kerr, '74, from time-to-time. On a more serious note, Jim has two accomplished adult children and writes, "My son, Jimmy, is leading battalion mortar field exercises for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve while splitting his time at The Ohio State University. Next summer he will participate in a large-scale desert military exercise at 29 Palms, CA. He completed mountain warfare school this year. Upon completion of college, he will be eligible for deployment. It is a surprising twist in life to have a family member in the military,

especially having lived through the Vietnam era. Whatever he chooses to do, he will do it with courage, honor, and commitment." Jim's daughter graduated last year from Rutgers University. She remains in New Brunswick and is a communications manager for a non-profit called the Brain Injury Alliance of New Jersey, which is dedicated to improving the quality of life people experience after brain injury. **MICHAEL HODGES** reports he has 12 exciting months before he has to turn in 150 images and 50,000 words to Wayne State University Press for his coffee table book on architect Albert Kahn. Wayne State published his previous book, *Michigan's Historic Railroad Stations* in 2012. He insists he only writes books so he can take the pictures. After 35 years of parish ministry, **MARK RUTENBAR** reports, "I retired from full time ministry as an Episcopal priest. My wife, who is also an Episcopal priest, followed me for 30 years, so now it is her turn, and I am following her in her calling. We are in Indianapolis, though our permanent home is in Michigan. We have just finished a renovation of our home and look forward to retiring there, when my wife decides she will also retire. I am serving part-time at the Cathedral in Indianapolis and enjoying serving people and not going to many meetings. Last year I reconnected with **BOB SEDLMEYER** in Fort Wayne just before he retired from the faculty at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. It is amazing that most of us are celebrating the transition to new chapters now 'forty years on...'" **DARRYL DALTON** reports, "I am traveling to Central Asia for the conference of business investment companies that encourage growth in science and technology. I have begun writing my doctoral dissertation and will do so for a year in Central Asia and Eastern Europe. As an epidemiologist I have decided to write on maternal mortality rates during WWII and work with community health center physicians to advance global health to bridge our Syndronic Surveillance data with Tele-Health technology. My multi-media interest continues to expand professionally into other projects such as Mercedes Benz and autonomous driving automobiles, feature film writing and production, and I celebrate my 25 years as a member of the Screen Actors Guild. After developing and taking a leadership role to bring Motown greats to the screen in Los Angeles, the DGA, and

IASTE with the Teamsters and Writers Guild, and, of course, AFM, and Universal Music. Dr. **STEVE HARRIS** says, "My only news of note is that I completed my PhD in history at U.C. Davis last spring. My dissertation (soon to be a major motion picture) is entitled: "Between Law and Diplomacy: International Dispute Resolution in the Long Nineteenth Century." Those who are curious or insomniac, can download the magnum opus or the abstract at my website: steveharris.net. I am currently teaching modern European and world history and historiography at San Francisco State." It was great to hear from **FRITZ HERSHEY**, who is in Southern California doing commercial work among other things, "a nice gig when you can get it," he says. **SANDIE MORSETH BEALL** decided to retire this year. "I had a wonderful career mostly as a toxicology consultant to the pharmaceutical industry, but I decided that I had other things I would rather do. It feels a bit strange not getting up and immediately checking to see what emails came in overnight, but I think I can get used to it! My first order of business is to head to Vail. I have always loved to ski and to relax in the mountains. My father skied until he was 95, so I am thinking I have a few good years left, even though I now look at a Black Diamond run and think 'maybe after lunch.' We live in Maryland north of the District and plan to stay put. We have an old house, built in 1818, on about 10 acres so that keeps us busy. No more horses, just cats now. I like to garden with native plants and have a Monarch garden that I hope to expand this summer. Lots of berries, pumpkins, roses, and herbs to keep weeded. No shortage of projects there!"



*Mary (Bunny) Johnston Milne and Colleen Maggos Dash, both '72*



Another classmate going back to the slopes is **MARY (BUNNY) JOHNSTON MILNE** who moved from Grand Rapids to Denver about a year ago. Husband, Bob, has a new job still in IT, and Bunny loves being Gramma Nanny to their granddaughter. This fall, Bunny met up with **COLLEEN MAGGOS DASH** in NYC when Bunny and her family were there cheering on her daughter in the NYC marathon! Sincere condolences to **NAN STOCKY O'CONNOR**, who lost her husband just over a year ago. She writes, "I sold my Birmingham house and have permanently moved to my beach house in Empire, MI, where I continue doing research for Campbell Ewald advertising remotely while watching the waves roll in. Best of both worlds; I've been with the agency almost 38 years now! Son, Brian, got his master's from the University of Chicago in June. He is now with Deloitte Health Care consulting and is based in Chicago. Thrilled he is close enough to visit me and my two dogs on occasion." Condolences also go out to **JEANNE MULLEN GROAT** whose mother, Barbara "Bobbie" Mullen passed away in December 2015. Bobbie was beloved by Kingswood and Cranbrook classmates alike in our generation, and she is remembered as a kind and warm woman, who loved her family and late husband and was so very kind to all of Jeanne's friends. And condolences to **DURENE BUTLER BROWN** whose mother died this fall. Durene had been Ombudsman of Detroit until her appointment ended this past fall. Since then she has been campaign manager for a candidate for state rep.



John Dorsey, '72, and family



David Lynn, John Dorsey and Michael Hodges, all '72

**JOHN DORSEY** said he began writing their 2015 Christmas card with a lament—same house, same jobs, same cars, same schools, same dogs, same relatives as in 2014—and, while casting about for a suitable punch line for this setup, realized that, as he put it, "these are things to be grateful for, not bemoaned, and I finished the card in an entirely different spirit than the one in which I'd began it. It's not quite O. Henry, but was a nice little twist. Yet as elevating as the experience was, I'm still a bit at sea when it comes to offering up news for class notes—there's not much new to report! I'm still in the D.C. area, working for the FDIC—where, incidentally, I expect to remain for another 10 years or so until our girls Betty, 11, and Katie, 9, get beyond college. Please think of me during your comfortable and happy retirements! One thing we do every year, for which we are grateful without any need for reflection, is to join classmates **MICHAEL HODGES** and **DAVID LYNN** and family for a week in in the summer at the Hodges' family lodge in Charlevoix. We were best friends at Cranbrook, and are best friends now, and I am immensely lucky to know them." Another Class of '72 mini-reunion took place, when **PETE HARBEC** and **JOHN MATURO** joined **ALAN DECLERCK** to cheer on daughter, Keiko's, '15, ice hockey game with the Princeton women's team.



Mini-reunion with Peter Harbeck, Alan deClerck, and John Maturo, all '72



Mark Sakwa and Alan DeClerck, both '72, with Alan's son



Dean Sung, Robert Matthews, both '72. Bing Swanson, '71, and Steve Craig, '72, skiing at Vail

Judge **ROGER 'Wink' WINKELMAN** is a Federal Administrative Law Judge in Santa Barbara, CA, and enjoying life there while also teaching at the local law school. He is a keen observer of architecture, urban design, and technology. If you are fortunate enough to be one of his friends, you can count on being kept up to date on developments in those fields. He stays in touch with **DEAN SUNG** and **DAVID GREEN**, and reports that they are well with no outstanding warrants. Speaking of design, **ANDRA BIRKERTS** sends greetings from Wellesley, MA, where she runs an interior design practice. One of her recent projects appeared in the January/February 2016 issue of *New England Home* magazine under the title "Lofty Idea," that shows a sophisticated high rise interior that combines modernity, warmth, and sophistication. When not engaged in professional practice she engages in her own art, swims, and says, "I sort of walk after two hip replacements and a knee replacement, and wonder how my kids are, and where the time goes. Owen, 25, is at Columbia pursuing a PhD in psychology and neuroscience, my daughter, Liv, 21, is at Wesleyan in Connecticut as an undergraduate psych major. I see **MARY MATTHJAEI** whenever possible. Greetings to all, especially **MIRANDA MILLS, CYNTHIA STAFFORD**

**BRANNON, NAN STOCKY O'CONNOR, EMILY WAYNE HULING** and wherever you are: Victoria Swain Blincow, '71. **ART SCHANKLER** sent a link to an article in England's notable publication, *The Guardian*, about the golfing prowess of **SCOTT MCNEALY's** son, Maverick. Like father, like son. Under the blog heading, "Sport in 2016: 12 Names to Watch," the post discusses Maverick's career options of commerce, science, or professional golf. **JOHN QUAY** writes about his daughter and granddaughters: "Courtney Quay Gardiner, '02, lives in Greenwich, CT, with her husband, Zander, and two daughters, Jane Courtney, 2-, and Elizabeth Quay, 1-, they call her 'Quay.' Jane started school in the fall at Greenwich Academy and all is well. Martha and I have a son, James, who is teaching at the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University and pursuing a PhD in organizational behavior and development. Our other son is finishing his undergraduate degree at Miami University in finance. As for me, I sold my steel processing businesses a few years ago and am now, after consulting for a couple of years, **RETIRED!** And very happily so. Thanks to our class secretaries for doing the tough job of chasing down old classmates like me." Your Cranbrook Class Secretary, **NICK KOCH**, sends greetings to all. Keeping up our tradition of fraternization, I plied **DEBBIE DIETRICH** with good beer at the Surly Brewery in Saint Paul last November. I am taking ballroom dancing lessons with the same tall blonde with whom I went to Paris last Valentine's Day. She continues to change my life for the better. Be well, stay strong, and hit the gym. Your Kingswood Class Secretary, **SALLY CHRISTIANSEN HARRIS**, continues to travel and photograph with husband, Mike. Trips coming up this year are a photography tour in Oaxaca, Mexico, a workshop in the Mississippi Delta region, and a cross country road trip in the fall! Best to all of you.

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Greetings to the '73 Cranes, from classmate, Lucy Chase Williams, K'73, standing in for **HUGH KERR** this issue as class notes gatherer. (And a huge THANKS to the record number of you who answered my siren call to write in!) Last October your Woodie sisters were pleased to have several old boyfriends join us on campus for our "73 is 60! Birthday Bash," **JIM HOLMES, KARY BALL, BRUCE KRIDLER, RICHARD HARRIS** and wife, Tati, **ALAN HEAVENRICH, JONATHAN MILLS, DAVID STRICKLAND, JOHN BEATTY** and wife, Evelyn, **CHRIS COOKE**, and **MIKE ELLEDGE. RICHARD HARRIS**, "Had a great time reconnecting with my Kingswood friends at the 60th birthday reunion bash. It was a fun-filled weekend, and my thanks to Lucy, Tina, and Nancy for doing an outstanding job in organizing all of the activities for our enjoyment. It was great fun reconnecting with old friends and making some new ones along the way. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our 45th reunion!"



*Walter Denison, '49, harmonizes with Chris Cooke and Jonathan Mills, both '73, to belt out the school song at the "73 is 60! Birthday Bash"*



*'73 Cranes Chris Cooke, John Beatty, Alan Heavenrich and Richard Harris celebrate turning 60 with the '73 Aardvarks*



*Attending the "73 is 60! Birthday Bash" are Nancy Elkington (Brookside classmate), Bruce Kridler, Colby Bennett and Jim Holmes, all '73*

**CHRIS COOKE** is "still pursuing justice in northern Michigan from my office in Traverse City. However, I have joined forces with the law firm of Smith, Rolfes & Skavdahl, a nationally recognized firm based out of Cincinnati. I principally will be handling their first party property issues out of the Livonia office. This will create a little more road warrior time, but it will be good to get back around some of my old stomping grounds in the metro area. I had a great time at the October Birthday Bash. It is always a pleasure to see my old high school chums. We always have a good time and share many fond memories of our times together. Greetings to all!" **MIKE ELLEDGE** agrees, "It was great to see the Birthday Bash Ladies last fall. I particularly enjoyed Susan Post's humorous update in the Kingswood Library. There is lots to report for the Elledge family. Amy and I will be married June 25th at Christ Church Cranbrook, where we met during coffee hour a few years ago. Eldest daughter, Heather, and husband, Josh, are expecting in August (grandchild #1!) and loving Northern California. Middle daughter, Jennifer, '07, lives in St. Paul and is contemplating her next career move. Youngest daughter, Lindsay, '11, is thriving in L.A. while pursuing an MSW at USC. Amy's daughter, Elizabeth, '06, is a year shy of her PhD at Yale. She and husband, John, live in Boston, and George, '10, is midway through Columbia Law. Amy continues to shepherd the young ladies of the KW dorm, and I facilitate the accessibility efforts at Ford Motor Company. We'll be visiting ArtPrize this fall and hope to catch up with Anita and **JIM SUKENIK**. I occasionally cross paths with **HUGH KERR** and **JIM HOLMES**, who generally have tales of warm and/or exotic travels. Best to everyone."



Speaking of **HUGH KERR**, “Sally and I are so happy to be doting grandparents to little Luke, almost 2 years old. Our daughter, Lauren, ‘01, and her husband have settled in Birmingham, and we see them often. Lauren will be president of the Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association next year! Younger daughter, Avery, ‘03, recently moved to Chicago with her husband. It’s close enough that we see them frequently. Sally is weaving regularly with two looms in her home studio. She rehabilitated a Cranbrook loom over the last couple of years and substitute teaches in the weaving studio at Kingswood. I’m still jamming pretty regularly and got together recently with old Cranbrook pal, John Berman, ‘72, for a little home hootenanny. I stay involved with the school, producing bronzes for the Alumni Association and other CK fundraisers. Plus I’m still practicing radiology, as long as they’ll let me! Unfortunately I couldn’t attend the 60th birthday event, but want to thank Lucy, Tina, and Nancy for organizing it. Aim High!” **AL BACON** writes, “My wife and her two daughters joined me on a great trip to Europe last fall. We went to Copenhagen, Berlin, Munich (made it to Oktoberfest!), Salzburg, and Stockholm. Highlights included traveling out to Millesgarden to appreciate more of those statues scattered around the Cranbrook Kingswood grounds. Also interesting to see the various connections to Cranbrook and the impact it had on Milles. I’m working in downtown Detroit for a venture capital firm, as we try to do our part to keep the comeback going! I manage to have lunch every two to three months with **JIM HOLMES** and **BRUCE KRIDLER**, as we remember with fondness our Cranbrook days!” **JONATHAN MILLS** says, “We’re just real busy here in Cincinnati. My fourth grade son, Isaac, and I spent February rehearsing for the Loveland Stage Company production of *Will Rogers Follie*’ that ran in March. Isaac is playing James Rogers, while I’m having to power through arthritis to do ensemble choreography and singing like I’m 40 again! I’m also planning to help my Kingswood alumna daughter, Emily, with lighting during tech week for a community theater production of *Beauty and the Beast* the first week of May. So, what Dr. Geroux taught us lives on after all these years!” **JOHN BEATTY**’s “grandson turned 15 last November, my granddaughter turned 22 in February, and my great-grandson turned two

only three weeks later. Oh, and I published five books on Kindle (essay collections, really) since I last saw you guys. If you’re on Kindle Unlimited, you can read them all for free.” **ALAN HEAVENRICH** says, “Hi, fellow sexagenarians! (Like the sound of that, don’t cha?!) In February I completed an 11-week experience, sailing and living aboard some friends’ boat, Prima Luce, in Rodney Bay, Saint Lucia. I took care of the boat (a 39-foot Beneteau) while they traveled to Australia for their daughter’s wedding. I spent most of the weeks with crew, mostly various family members (Joan came down for four weeks, son, Sam, and Bro’, Ted, for nine days, Bro’, Lou, and Sue, for three weeks, and daughter, Miriam, made an appearance as well), and have made it down as far as Union Island in the Grenadines and up to Martinique for two visits. It’s a beautiful way to start one’s retirement. I was incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity! I left there for the cooler climes of Toronto, where my over-40 hockey team started our playoff run. Hope I can stay on my feet while the ice is still swaying beneath them!” **KEVIN P. RODDY** reports from the Jersey Shore. “I am still practicing law, handling complex litigation and class actions at Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer in Woodbridge, NJ. I enjoy the work, but there is too much travel involved. Joann and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary in August 1995. Joann is now in the real estate biz and is doing well. Daughter, Erin, is a veterinarian in New South Wales, Australia. Son, William, is a freshman at South Carolina Honors College. Son, Logan, is a junior at Manasquan High School. We enjoyed our class reunion in 2013, and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2018.” **ROBERT ROSS** has some big news: “My son, Peter, married Holly Gibson on February 20. The wedding was held at the new Wessen Lawn Tennis club in Pontiac, MI, where Pete is the manager. The clubhouse is a restored 1920s gem, and we love the 24 grass courts all summer. I am also blessed to be able to take a medical team to our ‘2nd home’ in the Dominican Republic, where we have established a heart care program for children of need. This has grown incredibly since I started this in 2003, and we are excited to be going there for the opening of a new heart institute in March. My latest work projects include publishing new guidelines for the training of Fellows in Pediatric Cardiology, a work force assessment of their job

opportunities, and editing a new textbook on emergency care of children with heart failure using the ‘Ross Classification’ which has now been used in the field for nearly 30 years.” [Editorial remark from LCW, just to clarify Rob’s contribution at the risk of embarrassing him, the wife of my brother, Bart Williams, ‘76, who is a career pediatric nurse practitioner, describes Ross Classification, as “a game changer in Pediatric Cardiology.” Wow! **BERNIE POLEN** writes, “Cathy and her new sidekick, Kippy (a two-year-old German Shepherd rescue), are enjoying the winter in southwest Florida. I go visit every three weeks or so to warm up. We finally found a small home in Franklin and are enjoying the cozy environment. I still enjoy playing with my cars, Jensens, for those of you who may be curious, and my son, Andy, just bought his first Jensen-Healey, which we expect to make roadworthy by early spring. Nikki, our oldest, is married and just started a nursing program in central Indiana. Andy is spending his days following in my footsteps. I failed to talk him out of that.” In February **MIKE PHILLIPS** had “just returned from Copenhagen. Raising our 12th fund. Blue Sky Ranch is bustling with the High West Distillery going strong. Try the Campfire if you get a chance. Skiing in Park City has been epic this year. **DAVID STRICKLAND** and Cindy May, K’73, are coming to visit, and all the Tom Strickland, ‘70, clan with John Wallace and Andy Gordon, both ‘70, are coming with a fun big group.” Great to hear from **BILL JOHNSTON**: “First time responding to class notes; thanks for the motivational kick. After 30 years in Chicago in the trenches of clinical medicine, I retired in June and am trying something new. I got my pilots license a few years back and am working through the ratings to become an instructor. Daughter, Erin, is finishing up at North Carolina with plans to return to Chicago this summer. She’s a flight instructor, so I’ll have plenty of help pursuing the next chapter. Daughter, Delaney, is finishing up her flight training (it’s become the family passion) and is most likely off to University of Wisconsin in the fall. Still managing to play a little hockey, not a pretty sight at 60, and I catch up annually with **ALAN HEAVENRICH** and his brother, Ted, ‘70, at the Oberlin alumni game. Ten years ago my wife and I fell in love with Park City. We’re out there every year skiing, and this summer I’m kicking off retirement by flying myself out for a couple

of weeks of hiking and mountain flying. My route into Park City takes me right over the High West Distillery. So, 'Jacques Bozo,' maybe I'll pop in for a drink. I'll look for JB at the bar." **MARTIN PHILLIPS** provides, "43 years in a couple of sentences, we can do that. Although I entered with the class of '74, I graduated in '73 and spent a fabulous gap year working in Africa and backpacking in the Rockies. U-M, med school, 15 years in Texas, 10 on the faculty of Baylor and U Texas med schools. First wife, terrific daughter, now 21, and in art school. No NIH grants to be had in the '90s, pharmaceutical exec, chief medical officer of two biotechs, deliriously happy with second wife, advisor to biotechs, my own company developing therapeutic monoclonal antibodies virtually from Bryn Mawr, PA and Islesboro, ME. I see Ted Green, '72, when I am in Ann Arbor, and I miss Robbe Moore, '72, RIP, my friend. Stop in for coffee if you are in 19010 or 04848, and especially you, '74ers too." **JIM SUKENIK** sends a warm hello from East Grand Rapids, MI. "As another first time responder, I thought a family update instead of a travel log might be a good use of print. Anita and I married in 1986 and are about to celebrate the Big 30 (which used to be when you turned 30, but now is when you've been married for three decades!). We have three young adult kids, David, Michael, and Sarah. This past summer U-M grad, David, wed his tenth grade girlfriend, both live and work in Dallas. Michael, also a U-M grad, works for a hedge fund in Chicago. Sarah is in her final term at Marquette University, starting her career as a nurse. The food service design firm I founded 30 years ago continues to be a great outlet for my creative interests, with mostly fun projects all over the country. Dad and mom (also Cranbrook and Kingswood grads) are doing well in Durham, NC. I will always think of Cranbrook as one of the handful of experiences that change your life (Kingswood, too!). Best to all." According to **TAYLOR DARBY**, "Well, someone has to do the boring stuff in life. I still live in the Detroit area, born and raised in Motown, and work for the largest coatings supplier in the world, PPG Industries aka Pittsburgh Paint. Working as a product manager in adhesives and sealants has allowed me to travel to China, Korea, and Europe over the years. Married for 35 years, putting two great daughters through college (U-M and MSU), one is a doctor of veterinary medicine in K'zoo, and

other daughter in IT in Louisville. Staying active with tennis, bicycling, and annual alumni soccer. I guess if we had listened to Mr. Hammerstrom more about computer technology and worked on our computer skills we might be up there with Bill Gates and Scott McNealy. Be safe." **JOHN CARMAN** continues to "serve as the executive director of the Boy Scout Council in Little Rock, AK, with responsibility for just over half the state. My youngest daughter, Anna, finished grad school in the spring at Spalding College in Louisville with a degree in occupational therapy. My eldest daughter, Aubrey, gave birth to our first grandchild on January 6 of this year, so my wife of 37 years, Mary, recently retired, will spend much of her time in Louisville until I retire in 2018, at which time we will establish permanent residence there. Two years ago I met up with classmate, **MIKE GILSTER**, during his visit to Little Rock. Mike and I are looking for **KEVIN MCINTYRE** if anyone knows how to contact him." **MICHAEL GILSTER** "moved to the piney woods of NETX (Longview) 11 years ago after raising 26- and 29-year-olds in Louisiana. They are both still single, so no grands. I do stay in touch with **JOHN CARMAN** up in Little Rock, and we've been talking the last few years about hitting the next reunion but nada so far. Any Cranes/Woodies ever in DFW or in Crested Butte, CO (summer/fall), give me some notice as I may be able to meet." **WARREN S. WARREN** is "now chair of the department of physics at Duke, after having been the chair of chemistry for five years. That switch is pretty unusual; in fact, you can probably count the number of people who ever did that anywhere on the fingers of one hand, even if you played with fireworks a lot as a kid. What it reflects is that the names of departments don't mean much anymore; my last five students to go into faculty positions are in chemistry, physics, radiology, biomedical engineering and electrical engineering. In the end that is what keeps scientific research fun, you can keep reinventing yourself and doing new things. I am now up to three grandkids (ages 8, 3, and under 1), and all of them are local. My daughter also works at Duke, doing animal handling. My son runs the robotics program at the Dalton School in NYC (after his PhD in neurobiology, go figure!) and has actually encountered the Cranbrook robotics team at national competitions." For **BILL COLOSIMO**, 2015

was an amazing year, on many fronts! "In my musical/professional life, I had the privilege of preparing and directing numerous major performances for my two D.C.-area choruses, The Alexandria Singers (a mixed-voice adult 'pops' chorus, fun!) and The Singing Capital Chorus (D.C.'s men's a cappella/barbershop chorus). In addition, I was fortunate to offer a number of choral, and leadership workshops, and coaching sessions up and down the East Coast. I brushed off my grant-writing skills to obtain some generous support for youth singing opportunities in the area. I enjoyed my continuing work with young singers and instrumentalists in my 'church gig' at St. Luke in McLean, VA. Several performance tours were awesome, too; St. Luke's Festival Choir performed in cathedrals throughout western Pennsylvania, and the Alexandria Singers enjoyed an amazing tour to Salzburg, Austria, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of *The Sound of Music*. I continue to serve on several boards of international choral and local arts organizations, contributing in some small way to propagation and support of the performing arts. And in my 'spare time' I continue to enjoy singing in select ensembles, cabaret-type gigs, and solo opportunities. Even with so many blessings in our lives through those activities, the most precious event of all for our whole family was the birth of our first grandchild, Ruth Marie, who just turned one year old! Her dad, our son, Anthony, 32, and our precious daughter-in-law, Elizabeth, are both music educators, directors, coaches, and singers. So you can imagine that Ruth is already singing and laughing to bring great joy to all of us! Our lovely daughter, Catherine, 31, is a vice president of The Alexandria Singers and has grown into a wonderful vocal performer, too! Meanwhile, the REAL mainstay of the family, my wife, Linda, who's been our loving 'rock' for nearly 34 years, continues to amaze us all with her support and kindness...and she LOVES being a grandmother, too! I thoroughly enjoy 'visiting' with so many of you via Facebook, and encourage you to 'Friend' me so we can keep up with each other! I particularly want to mention a wonderful time I had with Chris Cooke earlier in the year, when he visited D.C. on business. His visit and my constant memories of Cranbrook and Kingswood (and the amazing people associated with each!) make me ever-grateful for my Cranbrook experience, which has enriched my life



beyond measure!" **HENRY JAMPEL** writes, "My wife, Risa, and I have lived in Baltimore for 33 years, with bleak prospects for early release for good behavior. Seriously, Johns Hopkins has been very, very good to me in my role of professor of ophthalmology. As recently as this past Christmas my son, Joseph, a second year law student at Yale, and I took a run on the Cranbrook campus. We have two daughters, Catherine, a PhD student at Clark University in Worcester, MA, and Sarah, an editor at *Food 52*, a New York City based online food magazine. No marriages or grandchildren yet." **ROGER ROSS** reports, "I've had a wonderful life practicing veterinary medicine in the little town of Seneca, SC, at the base of the mountains, raising cattle, horses, and four sons. I'm recently single and have moved into a 130-year-old home that I'm fixing up in our historic district. I still enjoy community theatre, art, cooking, working on our tree farm (the cattle and horses are gone now), and fishing our world class trout streams nearby. Now that I have several young vets in our busy practice to share the work load, I look forward to traveling and enjoying other aspects of life. God Bless." **BARNEY REAGAN** "is still keeping score for all my clients as a CPA in Columbus, OH. I do a fair amount of hiking, and I always think back to the greatest hike of my life, Outward Bound in North Carolina during spring break of 1971. To think that was 45 years ago is astounding. Cheers and applause to all my fellow O.B.'ers! And get out of the bus racks!" **JIM (JB) SMITH** writes, "All is well for the Smiths in Southern California. May was busy for us as our daughter, Anne, graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and is awaiting her 'Match Day' residency assignment, while our son, Michael, graduated from The Ohio State University. During visits to OSU, Diane and I had the opportunity to catch up with Pam Benjamin Blank, '75, on several occasions. Pam was a good sport and came to watch Michael and the Buckeye Water Polo team play! After our 40th reunion, I was able to catch up with **BILL STADLER** and **ART KLEINPELL** for a charity golf event at University of San Diego, and we have enjoyed some fun dinners with our wives. Bill has moved back to Dallas, but we're looking for an excuse to catch up soon. Art and his wife, Sue Stoner Kleinpell, '72, and Diane and I, have kept our New Year's resolution to get together once a

month, most recently in Manhattan Beach! Also was thrilled to see Dey Young Ladd, K'73, in her production of *Good in Bed* at The Actors Studio, not surprisingly, she was fabulous. Also enjoyed seeing **MIKE PHILLIPS** on *Booze Traveler*. I plan to belly-up to the bar at the High West Distillery soon! Also had a wonderful meal in Manhattan at my sister, Polly's, '80, classmate, Barbara Sibley. La Palapa Cocina Mexicana. You must go if in Manhattan. Finally it's great to have my brother, Mark Smith, '76, living nearby in the desert resort of La Quinta, but expected my golf game to improve more rapidly." **CHRIS JONES** says, "Yes, made it to 60, albeit with a new hip. Keeping busy writing children's books (might as well put all those great Cranbrook memories to use, no?) and raising my son, Owen, now 11." From **WALTER SHWAYDER**, "Aviva is graduating from Middlebury College on her way to D.C. in government relations. Elianna, a sophomore at Harvard, is a straight-A pre-med student, who represents Harvard running XC-10,000 meters at national meets. The school only flies their top four runners around the country. Wife, Kathe, is creating the NOAA national methodology program to coordinate scientists' findings and facilitate implementing same by government agencies. I am digitizing 30 years of analog music recordings of the American Artists Series to create/digitally make available my mom's musical legacy of unique concert recordings." **GEOFF D'ALLEMAND** has been living in Royal Oak since 1985. "I'm marking my 33rd year as a physician assistant in general pediatrics for the Henry Ford Health System. I'm now seeing the children of my former patients. My wife, Maggie, is retired from more than 30 years of teaching French at Detroit Country Day. Our son is a music teacher who appears to have 'found the right girl.' We have lately spent much of our time caring for our aging and dying parents. We look forward to the prospect of a new generation of our family." For his 60th birthday last summer, **BARRY ROSTEK** "had a dinner party at my house in Mill Valley that included the likes of David Green, '72, **TOM MCKINLEY**, Paco Leon, '71, and **LANCE STONE**. All are well and thriving in the Bay Area. Johnny Schoetz, '72, phoned it in from Panama. A grand time was had by all. I am grateful to still have such good friends from Cranbrook more than '40 Years On." **ERIC LEINS** is "happily into my fifth year of semi-

retirement, although the 'semi' is becoming less and less all the time. I'm traveling internationally four to five times each year, consulting for my former company. Last year took me to France, Spain, Germany, Dubai, and Austria (HQ) on their behalf. I'm also working on a Resort re-development project just off of St. Thomas which, coincidentally, was the hotel my step-father was running in 1969 when I arrived at Cranbrook. Things do tend to come full-circle. Fortunately there's quite a bit of leisure time as well. Time at home here in the St. Augustine area is spent golfing or boating. We also managed to spend this past summer in upstate New York and the prior summer in coastal Maine. In February we headed to New Orleans to celebrate my 60th (yuck), and we're spending this fall in southern Italy to celebrate our 10th anniversary. I've never had children of my own (just a series of very spoiled cats), but raised three step-sons in my previous marriage, one's an administrator at UCF in Orlando, another is an attorney in Miami, and the youngest is a chef in Orlando. I was sorry to miss our 40th reunion in 2013 due to last-minute business, but am going to make a more serious effort to make our 45th. Regards to all!" **ROBERT GAMBURD** provided, "News on my front, I am continuing to practice medicine, but taking more time to paint, and more recently returned to ceramics: not quite as beautiful a studio as Kingswood's. My wife, Betsy, keeps changing careers, is now a college counselor. After a tough year with a generation of her family passing, we have resolved to travel more and enjoy the world. My daughter, Jocelyn, married Mark Palmer on 10/10/15. We had a grand celebration and danced the night away. They are living happily in San Diego, so it is much easier to visit than the decade they spent on the east coast. My son, David, is living in Denver, working in the solar power industry, and enjoying the Rockies. Seems like this generation has a better work/life balance, as he skis or is in the mountains every week. At his age all I did was work. Not too scintillating..." **PHIL BROWN** says, "Hello to fellow members of Class of '73. I'm sending this greeting from beautiful downtown Deeeetroit, MI, which still pumps out the best damn drinking water in the world! (Gee I wish that nerd in Lansing would have thought of that before trying to save a penny in Flint.) Some of you may remember that back in the 1970s the Black students of

Cranbrook and Kingswood had a club called Kusanya Watu (which means 'Bringing Black People Together' in Swahili). In today's world it would be very politically un-correct, but back in the '70s, it helped many of us survive and even thrive behind those ivy covered walls along Lone Pine Road.



Reunion of the 1970s Cranbrook club, Kusanya Watu: (L-R) Herb White, '74, Robert "Ando" Anderson, '73, Larry Richardson, '74, and Phil Brown, '73



Phil Brown, '73, with Prospero and Fran Dagbovie at the HUB 50th dinner

About a year ago fellow '73 grad **ROBERT ("ANDO") ANDERSON**, broke bread with me along with '74 grads, Herb White and Larry Richardson for what was a reunion of sorts of 'KW.' And then earlier this year we met again in Downtown Detroit and were joined by another '74 class member, Victor Douglas. Ando and our classmate, **DAVE MCMURRAY**, were supposed to have attended, but prior commitments caused their absence. By all accounts, the six of us are holding up well. But I must admit, '60' ain't no joke. At both gatherings we reminisced about the good and not so good (but mostly good) times we shared 40 plus years ago. We spoke fondly of our classmates, **KURUSH BHARUCHA-REID** and **MIKE CAMPBELL**, and others who have passed on, whom we so dearly miss. And most important, we agreed that we will try much harder to keep in touch as we march 40 years onward. Here's hoping the best for all of you." **DAVE MCMURRAY** wrote in from

Paris, "As of February, I've been here the last eight months performing with French star, Johnny Hallyday, and I still can't speak French. But having a great time. Still playing the sax, talking crazy, and loving life. I look forward to seeing everyone again soon!"



Dave McMurray, '73, rocks his sax in concert in Paris with Johnny Hallyday

**ROD ALLEN** offers a Salute to Cranes and Woodies of '73! "I am enjoying my 14th year as science teacher, after 20 years as geologist. Two kids out of college, one to go. Life is great. See you at our 45th or 50th reunion boogie." **MIKE NEFF**, "Like most of my Cranbrook brothers, I turned 60 in January. But perhaps unlike them, I threw myself a hell of a bash here in 'lil 'ol Wenatchee-town, together with family and about 60 of my closest friends. To say we partied-down would be an understatement; I just hope none of my daughters see fit to post any of the video as I don't believe any of my dance moves would do anything other than create peals of laughter. But how fun to be surrounded by loved ones and friends at this stage in our lives! Life is good here in the Pacific Northwest, and like so many others, we are entering into the 'first daughter getting married' phase of life. It's certainly nice to have our three young ladies on the West Coast (Denver, Reno and Seattle), although that's probably the best we can hope for. Otherwise Kristie and my thoughts drift to 'How much longer do we want to work, and what do we want to do in our next phase of life?' I enjoy the food brokerage business sufficiently to want to leave it in the next few years, but certainly it will be nice to take more time off and slowly throttle back. The body is still holding up, although the joints are a bit more crooked and achy, everything is still original, but who knows how much longer that will last!? I would like to know if any of you fellas are thinking about attending our 2018 reunion

for our 45th?" As a final note from your Stand-in Class Secretary, I hope ALL you fellas are thinking about attending the 2018 Reunion Weekend for the Class of 1973's 45th!

LUCY CHASE WILLIAMS FOR CLASS SECRETARY,  
HUGH KERR



## K1973

During the weekend of October 15-18, 2015, the Kingswood Class of 1973, with a few Crannie brothers, plus spouses, and family members, celebrated turning 60 years old together back on our beloved campus. (Some 300 photos are uploaded to DropBox, email me for info on access.) We picked a date when school would be in session and the halls bustling, just as we remembered them; and while the autumn weather was a bit brisk and gloomy (alas, no golf), it didn't dampen any spirits.



The Class of '73 celebrates turning 60 on the Kingswood School steps



Pretending to be seniors again in the Saarinen chairs

The final group included: **LUCY CHASE WILLIAMS** and husband, Gibby Brand, **TINA DENISON**, **NANCY ALBERT**, **LAURIE PROCK MORGAN** and husband,



Dana, **LOIS BRYANT, ANA PALMEIRIM, SHOWEY, MARGARET WIDDIFIELD IZUTSU, MATAYA (MARTHA) MUNRO, LAURA MCLANE FOX, BAT-SHEVA NIVY LERNER, PAM BARCLAY ZINKEL, COLBY BENNETT, JOAN BURNES, K. MELISSA REED, MARY SEVERS SPEISER** and husband, Marc, **AMY MATTHAEI, LORIE NEIMAN KESSLER, CHRISTINE HILL HALLER, JIM HOLMES, KARY BALL, BRUCE KRIDLER, RICHARD HARRIS** and wife, Tati, **ALAN HEAVENRICH, JONATHAN MILLS, DAVID STRICKLAND, JOHN BEATTY** and wife, Evelyn, **CHRIS COOKE, MIKE ELLEDGE**, Robin Roberts, '72; Brookside classmate Nancy Elkington; Walter Denison, '49, and Elizabeth Denison, '12.



Beloved faculty, Larry Reeside, Debbie Rutzen and Claudia Schuette



Elizabeth Denison, '12, and veteran teacher, Debbie Rutzen at "73 is 60! Birthday Bash"

We gathered from California, and Florida, and as far away as Portugal, and Israel. Some of us booked rooms at the nearby

Homewood Suites by Hilton (highly recommended); a few bunked at Tina's house in Birmingham, dubbed "Reunion Headquarters." There was a printed Schedule of Events, with something planned for every interest, and the option to just hang out and relax at RHQ. From the get-go, Susan Aikens Post, '78, director of alumni relations, went above and beyond to be supportive of our crazy idea to return during an "off-year." Susan does a fabulous job in encouraging alums to maintain their link to the school.



Green vs. White!



Looking pretty good at 60, at the "RHQ" during Birthday Bash

Here's a condensed (really!) version of our activities: *Thursday 10/15*: A great turnout for dinner under a C/K banner at Shield's Restaurant in Troy to kick off the weekend. *Friday 10/16*: After a tour of Cranbrook House, which most of us still refer to as Booth House, we met for lunch in the Kingswood dining hall. These days, kids check in and/or swipe a student ID, and food is selected from a cafeteria line in the kitchen or sandwich bar (no more assigned tables with faculty serving!). We were joined by Mrs. Seibert and Susan Post, who arranged for our (free) lunch, as well as a brief tour of the school by a very knowledgeable guide who took us back up to "Heaven." Next, four of us Brooksidiers and a few others invaded our beloved grade school. We went up to the art room and climbed the Tower, which nearly

killed us, posing for pictures in front of the beautiful school entrance as "the Class of 1967." That group dashed to Christ Church (where many in our class were confirmed) for another tour by a wonderful docent. We then staggered over to RHQ, where Tina and Nancy had bent over backwards to create the perfect hangout with endless drinks and food galore (soup, homemade chili with all the fixings, salad and cookies). Susan Post dropped by, and we all had a laugh riot watching a video of one of **CAPRICE WILSON BAUN**'s pool parties from around ninth grade in which almost all of us behaved like idiots. '70s music played while we gabbed all night. *Saturday 10/17*: After coffee and muffins at RHQ, Nancy took a group of 14 on a whirlwind tour of all that's great about Detroit, starting with a "brisk" visit to Eastern Market on the coldest morning of the season. Then on to Pewabic Pottery, where tiles for many of Detroit's historic buildings were created, including the Kingswood Green Lobby. Lunch at Traffic Jam and Snug in Midtown (the recently renovated area of the city) and a quick visit next door to Shinola, where watches are being made in the U.S. for the first time in decades. Finally, a walk through the gorgeous Fisher Building lobby. A separate group spent the day hanging out at RHQ, while a few braved the cold to watch the Cranes lose their football game (alas badly) at the Oval, and a large group went on a tour of Saarinen House. After that, we began the main celebration at RHQ, and what a bash it was! Endless drinks and a sumptuous Chinese take-out buffet, followed by a beautiful birthday cake. We sang the school songs, oohed and aahed over yearbooks, watched video excerpts of the TV show, *Dark Shadows* (admit it, you raced home to watch!), and chatted till our voices were hoarse. We welcomed distinguished Cranbrook alumnus Walter Denison, Class of '49 (my mother's year) and his granddaughter, Elizabeth Denison, CK 12. Very special guests of the evening were our beloved KSC faculty members (whom almost no one managed to call by their first names, ha!) Miss Rutzen, Mrs. Schuette, Mr. Conner, Mr. Tufts, and Mr. Reeside. *Sunday 10/18*: An incredible finale! For a few hours in the morning we lingered at RHQ, enjoying articles several of us had written in original *Clarions* (lovingly preserved by Laura and presented to the Class Secretary at our last

reunion). High noon found about 10 of us on the KSC grounds by the lake, meeting Susan Post and the current phys ed director who brought sticks and balls for field hockey scrimmage. The weather was heavenly, brisk but bright, and I am proud to say we did not entirely disgrace ourselves. Afterwards we enjoyed cider, donuts, and a fruit and cheese spread, provided by Susan, in the gorgeous new library. We sat by the roaring fire as Susan updated us on many aspects of a current CS/KSC experience, and before we left, we posed for pictures sitting in "our senior chairs," the original Saarinen seats that in our day constituted the front rows in the auditorium. Late in the afternoon, back at RHQ, we began to say goodbye as girls slowly went their way, although we hung out long enough for leftovers of Nancy's fabulous chili, yum! The entire weekend was just as wonderful as organizers, Tina, Nancy and I, had hoped it would be, and it is highly recommended as an off-year event for other classes. **LORIE NEIMAN KESSLER** "loved seeing everyone at the Birthday Bash. Decided we all look good for a bunch of 60-year-olds! Thinking we should start planning our 65th immediately. Returned in February from vacation in Mexico, where I dodged a not-so-horrible winter in Michigan. Looking forward to my son, Adam's, wedding in April." **JOAN BURNES** "had an awesome time at the reunion. Seeing all my buddies and making new long-lasting buddies, seeing the wonderful faculty. (Mr. Reeside, I just cannot call him Larry, is a hoot!) The trip to downtown Detroit was the best ever. BIG kudos to Nancy for arranging it. We must do that again and spend more time at the Farmers Market." **LAURA MCLANE FOX** "loved seeing everyone last fall for our 60th birthday party. Loved the Detroit tour, my girls loved the Pewabic cat tiles I brought home, and I ordered from their Website to get my two sisters (Woodies as well) Christmas gifts! I am living in Shaker Heights, OH, still working as a clinical service manager/nurse practitioner for Optum (part of United Healthcare), and hoping to retire in 2017 to pursue more worldwide travel. I still have my two daughters, Maggie, 24, and Rebecca, 21, living at home. I'm hoping to also help them get launched this year as well." **CHRISTINE HILL HALLER** wrote in, her first time ever contributing to class notes, yay! "I attended the 60th birthday party, and while I didn't partake of all the activities, I

certainly enjoyed what I was able to fit in. I had not been back to Birmingham since my mom died in 2008, so I also wanted to see family while I was in town. Lunch at Traffic Jam in Detroit was great, the Wayne State corridor is booming. Met up with **LORIE NEIMAN KESSLER** before the dinner at Tina's house, and we immediately were giggling like it was 1973. Already discussing a get together in Chicago as her daughter lives there. Dinner at Tina's was lovely. Being a bit clueless, I did not recognize Mr. Reeside at first, I had just said hello to **LOIS BRYANT**, and with a straight-face he immediately introduced himself to me as Lois's husband! Truly enjoyed catching up with everyone who was there. Just recently I was able to connect with another great friend, **ANNE HALL LECLAIR**, who was in Chicago for a seminar. Wonderful to reconnect with two of my dearest high school friends. Hope a trip to Napa is in the works with Anne! My husband, Mike, and I are still outside Chicago in Wilmette. He's a financial consultant with Merrill Lynch (30 plus years) and I continue to work in the interior design field for a design group in Winnetka. Our two daughters, Kim and Lindsay, are both in Dallas (both SMU grads), one in accounting with PWC, and one in PR with Weber Shandwick. Hope to connect with **PAIGE JONES** in the near future on a trip to Dallas. Retirement is somewhere in the not too distant future, hopefully to Hilton Head, SC, which is one of our favorite getaways. Thanks to Lucy, Tina, and Nancy for all their hard work for the 60th. Best to everyone!" **K. MELISSA REED**, "I had so much fun at the October weekend reunion/birthday events. It was truly a pleasure to reconnect with classmates, and I loved the chance to visit with faculty I remembered. The organized events were terrific and I loved just strolling the campus again after so many years. I missed **KAREN OPPLIGER** and **ELAINE FIELD**. Maybe next time!" One of the reasons **ELAINE FIELD** didn't make the birthday festivities: "Last October, I had a wonderful trip to Bangkok and Bhutan in a strenuous high altitude trek. Came back to a very busy holiday time including my mom's 88th birthday. She is in assisted living a mile from us. Lisa and I headed to New Zealand in mid-February and were all over both islands for a month. After our return, kitchen folks will come over to remodel for five weeks, which will keep me home and in debt for a

while! My best to everyone. If ever in the Seattle area, give us a shout for a visit or if a place to stay is needed." For **LORIE PROCK MORGAN**, "The best part of the fall of 2015 was visiting with so many of my gal pals, teachers, and even a few Crannies at the mini reunion in Birmingham. It was so great to see **MELISSA REED** and **JOAN BURNES** after all these years! I still flee to Palm Harbor, FL, for the winters. Keeping me company this year are my two wonderful Shorkie pups and a baby parrot. Sharing time with our old classmates was truly energizing for the heart, and if you have not yet returned to experience a reunion, please try to make our 45th. You will leave with a fuller heart." According to **SARAH ELLIS**, "nothing grand is happening in my corner. I am teaching (always a total blast) science and computers (K-4). My son is back to school studying engineering, my daughter is in SF teaching English as a second language and yoga, and my husband's busy season is about to begin, as he prepares taxes both for corporations and individuals. In February my brother, Billy Ellis, '70, was in Paris for the weekend at a teaching ESL meeting. His students are with online French businesses, and in person he has quite a following of Polish speakers. There is a large population of Polish, who have come to get better jobs in England in his area, where he lives near Exeter in the county of Devon in England." **PAIGE JONES** is "starting off 2016 with some ideas for relaxation and renewal. First, I am an enthusiastic new devotee to adult coloring! I received three books, underwater, animals, and shapes etc., from friends for my 60th birthday and Christmas. I find it very soothing and makes me feel artistic (which I am NOT). Secondly, I am going to delve into my Jones/Henning ancestry with the help of my 89-year-old mother, Mary. Last, I am eager to try to find a yoga class that will take into account my bad spine and joints. Meanwhile I am an avid reader and PBS watcher with my two-year-old black and white cat named Samcat!" **MARNIE OLIVER LIPA** reports, "All is well with me! Enjoying the sultry Australian summer days and storms! Our daughter, Elizabeth, is living and working in London. She surprised us with a quick visit back to Oz for Australia Day, and I am enjoying having her here! Planning a trip to the US this year and hoping to connect with my best ever friend, **JOLIE KALMAN BEHMLANDER**. Hope everyone is well as we



embrace our 60s!!" **CONNIE WATKINS PASS** announces, "I welcomed my first grandchild to this world last September, down in Chesapeake, VA. My daughter, Rachel, and son-in-law, Mike, moved there in 2014 from Rhode Island, which is where I have been these many years since graduation. I now have the honor of being not only Nana but Nanny to my darling, Zoe Constance Scagos. I was in Virginia until the beginning of April, which made Rachel's return to work easier on her. It's a good thing my partner, Gary, is understanding of these things ... then again, we spent a lot of time nannying his twin grandsons in 2014 and 2015. Good thing I retired early. Never in a million years did I think I'd love being a mother or grandmother, not to mention being reasonably decent at it. Now, I'm betting no one expected this from me, right?" Glad to hear that **DEY YOUNG LADD** "Had a very creative year last year doing two different well-received plays back to back in Los Angeles. I then purchased a 1919 California Bungalow in an historic area in the Hollywood Hills. I love renovating the property! My sculptures (check out [www.deyyoungart.com](http://www.deyyoungart.com)) are now being sold in Galerie Michael in the Rodeo Collection, as well as in Carmel, CA, and Santa Fe, NM. In February I filmed a movie titled *Unbridled* in North Carolina, hopefully catching up with my dear friends, Jay and **LAURA SWAIN LADD**, while working in their neck of the woods! Grateful to be alive and thriving!" For **BETH FRIEDMAN LERNER**, "Life is good. Enjoying every day, living a pretty simple life. And it would be even better if we all could spend a weekend together every year, like the one last October. Until next time, you are all in my thoughts!" **SHOWEY** writes, "What can I say besides 'Greetings from the Great Lakes State?' Our hearts go out to all who live or have friends or family in Flint. Much of life pales in comparison to what is happening here. As a former mentor in the HUB program, I am especially proud to see that the current students have joined in collecting bottled water and filters for Flint residents. The outpouring of people from all sorts of organizations and even individuals packing up a car or truck and heading to Flint warms my soul. I hope we can all take a moment to appreciate what we have, even down to a simple glass of clean water." For **GAIL DIETRICH JAGELS**, "The year 2015 was filled with travel, most of it related to caring

for elderly parents. However, Jeff and I were able to fit in a trip on the Rhine River and an excursion to San Francisco. Our middle son was married in Sun Valley, ID in February, coinciding with my daughter's 21st birthday and my 60th. The bride and groom created a signature cocktail for the rehearsal dinner dubbed the 'All Hail Gail' in my honor. I continue to volunteer at our local community hospital and to do some local hiking." **MERA JETTON KOHLER** says, "So gratifying last summer to see **MOLLY MOXAM KALIFUT**, who came up to Traverse City during her summer retreat near Frankfort to visit me. It's become our annual get-together, and I relish it. Daughter, Hallie, and I just returned from the Sundance Film Festival. Free tickets to the offbeat documentary, *Nuts!* that I hope goes mainstream. Hallie can take credit as the cinematographer." **MEREDITH FREEMAN** is "settling into life upon 60. She lives in Echo Park, Los Angeles, in the company of four animals and one homo sapien." In February **BONNIE KORTES** and her husband, Mike, "donated art to the local NE Georgia Humane Society for 'Art with a Heart' charity event, an annual fundraiser we have attended for the past eight years. It is amazing we have lived in Georgia for nine years, the longest stretch we have ever lived anywhere in our 29 years of marriage." **LORI DRESNER** insists there is "not much new here in the West. My ever faithful companion, Kawaii, turned sweet 16 last July, and we had a huge birthday party for her with lots of dogs and humans. It was quite a success. She is still puppy jumping and dancing around, and I feel very blessed for that. Last September I moved my entire art studio to Denver, so my husband, Pete, and I, can actually live together during the week as well as the weekends. The same month I had a pop up sculpture event at a friend's gallery and sold several of my sculptures. As a result, I am now part of a co-op gallery called CORE New Art Center in the Santa Fe Arts District (in Denver, not Santa Fe, NM), and my work is also being shown and sold in a gallery/jewelry store called Hannah by Design. So the art career is moving along. Travel wise, Pete and I visited Vancouver for the first time, what a cool city, and went on a fly fishing expedition in British Columbia. I never thought I would turn into a fly fisherman (woman, whatever), but there I was, catching huge rainbow trout in the wild. It was pretty gorgeous up there, and I did a lot of

photography as well: osprey, bald eagles, and even a couple of bears. The glaciers are incredible. I can't think of anything else exciting going on, other than a few broken bones in 2015, first my hands and then my hip. I think I am done now." **AMANDA READ** and her husband, Arnold Kobelt, "were in Boca Raton in February for some rest and tennis, and met up with **DION FLANNERY** and **COLBY BENNETT**, and had a great old time. Arnold and Dion's husband, Bill Diener, were very patient throughout our reminiscing of good times far too long ago. You know your partners love you when they at least pretend to listen and enjoy, keepers, those two are. In China again early March and back in New York in April." **MARGARET WIDDIFIELD IZUTSU** submitted a nice long letter, "As I began to write this, my first thought was, 'I love my classmates!' This is not mere nostalgia or feelings welling up from a bygone era; to the contrary, our recent gathering at KSC on the occasion of our collective 60th birthdays was the booster shot par excellence of that most sacred sentiment. In addition to a thoughtfully diverse set of activities (from cozy dinners at RHQ, to field hockey skirmishes, to tours of Eastern Market, and other attractive Detroit highlights, school tours, and talks by both the current KSC architect and alumnae rep), the expected long, leisurely visits with old friends turned up unexpected treasures and delights, as life lessons served up a rare and delicious fare of food for thought and fodder for forging NEW friendships, and satisfyingly close encounters, and deep bonds. As a late-comer to the reunion experience (I came to our fifth and not again until our 35th), I can vouch for the value of our KSC education in cultivating a richly reflective group of not-so-young-anymore women with such a variety of experiences and interests that it is hard for even the not-so-extroverted among us (namely, me) to stay away or take time out of the enticing prospects of conversation and camaraderie that our classmates provide. **COLBY BENNETT** and I, for instance, didn't really know each other during KSC but had the pleasure of sleeping at RHQ. We found ourselves comparing notes on Monday morning and landing in the same spot: feeling like we'd spent our wad of available energy already by Saturday afternoon, but by Monday morning, getting a second wind and feeling as though we could still use a couple more days together and in the area! Will

wonders ever cease. I'd love to list all those who were missed, but you (I HOPE) know who you are. It is an all-inclusive list, I assure you. Hope to see more friends at our 45th reunion, it's just around the corner, ya know! Meanwhile, back at the ranch, well, just off a ranch road, in any event, I'm hard at work on a book I'm calling *Making the World Safe for Sorrow: How Japanese Ritual Can Change Our Approach to Grieving*. If you'd be interested in knowing when it comes out, please drop me a line, [mizutsu@theritesource.org](mailto:mizutsu@theritesource.org), and check out my interactive website, designed to help folks create a reverential space for ongoing memorializing of loved ones and tasteful and appropriate socially supportive events."

**DARNELL CARR NEWSUM** writes, "Here's to being 60! Was so disappointed to miss our October birthday bash but was trying to recover from a tendon tear in my foot. Kudos to the organizers and hosts – I heard it was an incredibly special event. No major news to report on my end, but would love to arrange for a mini-reunion in the NYC area: please get in touch with our amazing class secretary or email me ([darnell.newsom@gmail.com](mailto:darnell.newsom@gmail.com)). Yes, ladies, local mini-get-togethers are a great way to stay in touch, in between official, five-year school reunion weekends. The Southern California group of eight meets once or twice a year. If you're interested, contact me, and I'll put you in touch with Woodies in your area. And...here's to our 60s!

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## K1974

Hello, ladies of Kingswood class of 1974! I know it's been a couple of years since I last wrote. My life has been busy with work and my mother's health issues. It is that time of life that pulls us in many directions. **LINDA ESCH** is living in Texas keeping busy as a member of Friends of the Library, Golden Triangle Quilt Guild, the devotions leader for Daughters of the King, and as the birthday chairman for Spindletop Stickers. She traveled to England and was excited to meet Richard Adams, the author of *Watership Down*. She was also able to visit the oldest

working silk mill in England. Lastly, Linda is attending school full time at Lamar University for a master of public health. "The entire program is done online, and I have taken to online education like a duck to water!" **EVA ZELLER SANDLIN** has been very busy over the past two years selling their homes in Whistler and Vanquero, TX. She and Mike bought a home in Santa Fe, NM, where they plan to spend summers to escape the Texas summer heat. Her two sons are doing well, and she is a grandmother to Elizabeth, 6. They still love to travel and finally completed their bucket list of visiting all seven continents last summer with a trip to Africa, and plan to visit the Arctic this summer, land of frozen ice. They still have their "trusty labs," Gracie and Lucy and three cats, Ralph, Sophie, and Bella. Now for some very sad news, our classmate, **LYN ALBRECHT**, lost her eight year battle against both colon and ovarian cancers on February 1. **KATY IRWIN** reports that Lyn was surrounded by many family members at a residential hospice over her last few weeks and died peacefully. She lived a rich, interesting, and caring life. She made extremely important contributions to wounded veterans and other patients as an eminent medical and scientific writer. Lyn was a beloved member of her church and neighborhood. Katy shared, "I felt very lucky to have spent a few hours with her on New Year's Day while I was in D.C. Despite her intense pain, she graciously shared her creative spirit and keen intelligence, and made me laugh." Here are the many thoughts, memories, and condolences about Lyn which many of you have shared. **GINA AMALFITANO** wrote, "It was wonderful to reconnect with Lyn via Facebook these past few years and to learn that she was a woman so accomplished and so supremely brave. We were not close friends in high school – my loss. Many of our class of '74 knew Lyn well and have eloquently expressed how your lives were made more whole through that knowing. To you I extend my sincere condolences. May Lyn remain in our hearts and may she rest in eternal peace." **TRISH MILLIKEN**, "I didn't know Lyn very well at KSC. I was always a bit intimidated by her intelligence in class and in awe of all she was involved in. I always thought that she possessed some wry secret behind her quiet ways that I didn't know how to access. I always admired her calm demeanor as opposed to my frenetic spastic-ness." **KAREN ROMEYN**, "Lyn and I occasionally walked around Kingswood Lake. It was good

for body and soul. We were in our 20s figuring out life and career, soaking up the beauty. Sometimes we talked about our faith. I still remember being affected by how Lyn articulated the promises in Scripture. Lyn was not stamped from a mold. She liked sci-fi or a Jane Austen novel. There was an artist and writer in her. We colored beeswax Ukrainian Easter eggs because she liked symbols and meanings (the anthropology major). She liked pretty china cups and saucers which she actually used, collected tiny purses then giant ones, which matched zany outfits. She pursued intellectual endeavors, took her job seriously, played the piano, sang at church, roasted a great leg of lamb, journaled, and even took a belly dancing class once. And Lyn was a great friend. A couple autumns ago I witnessed Lyn's faith in action during one of her chemo sessions. She dressed in bright sunny colors for the appointment. Taking a seat in the roomful of people receiving treatment, she made cheerful introductions and started conversation. The mood lifted before my eyes. Lyn was a letter from Christ." **TINA MANUEL JOHNSON**, "Lyn was one of the loveliest people I've ever known. She was one of a kind, indefinable and unconventional, with a smile that could light up a room. Her intellect and artistry combined to make an extraordinary individual who was not just okay, but excelled at everything she did and made it seem easy. Our friendship spanned more than 40 years. We reconnected in our twenties when we both lived in the Washington, D.C. area. She called me so excited that she had found a wonderful apartment. She said it was like new; the kitchen appliances had never been used. When she gave me the address, I realized it was the apartment Jack, then my fiancé, who never cooked, had just vacated when he was transferred to New York. We laughed about that for years. We had many fun times as young professionals exploring the city, sharing experiences, and endless talking about our lives, hopes, and dreams. When I saw her at our 40<sup>th</sup> reunion, she laughingly said that somehow since her cancer diagnosis everything seemed funny. She had a great perspective and marvelous sense of humor, which she used to lighten her courageous cancer journey. Lyn had a quiet strength, and an unwavering faith that gave me confidence when I was with her. Knowing Lyn enriched my life; she was a good friend, and a beautiful soul. I am grateful she is now free from pain, and wrapped in God's eternal



love.” **KATY IRWIN**, “This weekend I had the great honor to attend Lyn’s funeral at her church in Maryland. The service was a soulful celebration of an amazing woman, whom I have admired for more than four decades for her kindness, grace, intelligence, independence, and courage. The songs and prayers that she selected over the last months of her life were her final gift to her family and friends. They reflected her lifelong goal to serve others, her unflinching faith in God, and her conviction that path ahead promised everlasting life. As one hymn verse read, ‘Trees do bend though straight and tall; so must we to others’ call. Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.’ I am so grateful that God has finally released her from pain, clothed her in immortality, and granted her peace.” **LISA LAPIDES SAWICKI**, “I remember Lyn having a wisdom, sense of self, and an unusual discipline ethic way beyond her years. She followed the ‘beat of her own drum’ and even during the teenage phase of ‘following the crowd,’ she didn’t. Even at such a young teenage-age she was gifted with a strong sense of self, and her very own unique style and flavor of everything she was. Lyn was brave enough to search and implement her own style and way of being true to herself. She was an inspiration.” **ANNE BAGAMERY**, “When I think of Lyn, the first word that comes to mind is grace. She was naturally, inherently, deeply graceful. The way she moved – she didn’t walk, she glided. And who can ever forget seeing her run, fast and elegant, like a gazelle in ballet slippers. Lyn was also gracious. Her whole manner was kind, and respectful, and curious. She greeted you with a smile and, by the time you parted, made you laugh. I know Lyn worked as hard as any of us in school, but you never saw her struggle. It all seemed to come easily to her – the right answer in class, the thoughtful question, the clever idea. When she was named the winner of the Augur Cup – Kingswood’s version of class valedictorian – it was no surprise, except maybe to her. I wonder what it was like for Lyn to be one of the first women at Princeton. She probably handled it with the same good grace and humor that she brought to everything she did at Kingswood. I have a feeling she blazed trails in her work, in her life, for many others to follow. Seeing her at our 40th reunion, I was reminded all over again of how she could light up the room and command attention in her quiet, serene way. Her passing leaves a hole in all of our hearts. She was one of us

- our happy little Class of ‘74 gang. And in addition to the many other gifts she shared with us, she showed us how to face the final challenge with courage. Grace under pressure.” **MARGARET EDDY ANDERSON**, “Lyn and I both took high school calculus, conducted at Cranbrook in those days. The next year, 1976, we were both freshmen at Princeton and tossed into second semester calculus, but in different sections. My instructor was a mathematician, but not much of a math teacher. He would repeatedly point at his scrawls on the blackboard as if they were self-evident. I sought out Lyn, and she patiently went through it with me. I mastered enough to pass the class, thanks to Lyn. That was the end of my flirtation with majoring in math! Best to all.” **WENDY CLOUTIER**, “Lyn Albrecht was delightful: strong, bright, spiritual, beautiful, and organized. We met in third grade. I was a new kid. The teacher told Lyn she had to walk me home. As her Aunt Kathy said, she had a penchant for unique clothes. Lately it’s been all about the purses. It was really great that she was able to make it to our 40th high school reunion in 2014. She missed the official picture taken on the Quad, but the photographer was able to Photoshop her in. How cool. She had a blast at the dinner. She was holding court. Peace.” **LINDA A. ESCH**, “I remember Lyn Albrecht as an intensely brilliant student. She won the Augur Cup, and I remember Mr. Hemmer saying he needed to remind the person who got it to remember that the cup was in two pieces and not to drop them! I also remember seeing her play the piano. We had a good time together at our 5th reunion, too.” **HOLLY MCCOLLUM PAIGE**, “During the spring and summer months of high school I’d watch Lyn run by my house. I was captivated by her grace and elegance as she ticked off the miles. Fast forward to 2001, and I finally got serious about running and joined a running group. During short sprints and long runs, I thought of Lyn and her graceful running style. This image got me to the finish line of two marathons, dozens of half marathons, and shorter races. Thanks, Lyn, for showing me what graceful running looks like.”

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## C1975



*Tom Lynn, '75, and son, Jeremy, at Oxford University Mansfield College*

Greetings, Classmates! My thanks to those of you who sent in notes; always great to hear from you! **TOM LYNN** commented on how good it was to see everyone at reunion! He recently presented a paper at Oxford University’s Mansfield College (well done, Tom!). **DIRK DENISON** reported having had “an exciting year, with new work in D.C., L.A., and New York, teaching and growing our America’s Prize (MCHAP) at IIT; and focusing on friends and family.” Dirk and his architecture students competed and won first place in a hybrid housing competition for Detroit, sponsored by Dan Gilbert’s development company, Bedrock (congratulations, Dirk!). He wrote that “it is the next wave of growth for the city, bringing new construction to downtown. I had a lot of fun sharing the experiences of our proud city of 50 years ago, and together we developed ideas on how to approach the city’s reinvestment.” Dirk visited with many alumni/ae in a variety of places. He reported seeing **CHARLES WILSON** with Nancy Albert, ‘73, and Dirk’s niece, Elizabeth Denison, ‘12, in Petoskey (noting that Elizabeth “loves working for Barbara May, ‘76, in her amazing business, B. May Bags”), Ruthie Fruehauf, K’75, “when her triumphant book tour brought her to Chicago”, Jeff Harris, ‘73, in New York, and Tod Williams, ‘61, at a recent Cranbrook Art Academy Advisory Council meeting. And last but certainly not least, Dirk was looking forward to an 85<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for his father, Walter Denison, ‘49, in Detroit. **BILL POWEL** reported that his still (relatively) new job at the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio is going well. Bill even had an opportunity to

get “into the pulpit to preach late last year, which was quite an experience, definitely a different kind of public speaking.” Bill is enjoying grandparenthood. He has a 3-year-old granddaughter who lives nearby, so he sees her and one of his daughters often. Other daughters are “married in Chicago, engaged in Boston, and single in New Canaan.” Last summer Bill attended a dinner hosted by Sue and Jim Parsons, ‘74, which included Mary and **STEVE HOLMES**, Sarah Parsons, ‘76, and two sons, of Bill Holmes, ‘79, Perry, ‘08, and Andy, ‘11. **BEN SNYDER** wrote to say that he was sorry to miss our 40th Reunion, but he was out of the country on a sabbatical year. Ben spent extended amounts of time in Japan, Africa and other parts of Asia. Ben reported that “it was a magical year with plenty of time with my parents (now in Maine), in Vermont, and around the world. We are very lucky.” Indeed, Ben, indeed. **ROGER SILVERSTEIN** sent in a short note reporting that things were pretty much status quo. He and his wife, Susan, are still “doing the pediatrics thing.” Roger sent me a link to a You Tube video with a world-premiere performance of a new Paul Simon song, which was quite good. I can always count on Roger to expand my musical horizons, and connect me to music that I would not otherwise be aware of. Thanks, Roger!



Wendy Bell, and Steve Ellis and David Richard, both ‘75

And on the subject of music, **DAVID RICHARD** wrote that he puts on a monthly live music fundraising series in the Corinth, VT, town hall. Dave gets local musicians together to volunteer their performances. He has been doing this for seven years! (Great work!) **STEVE ELLIS** (guitar) and his friend, Wendy Bell (vocals), recently played an evening of jazz standards to an appreciative audience on the coldest night of the season (-20 degrees. Ouch!). Dave reported that Steve lives nearby, and they get together regularly. Dave’s band, “Turnip Truck.” recently went into a local recording studio and recorded eight songs in various musical styles. Dave wrote that “it came out very well. We don’t have a CD yet, but if any old friends are interested, they can email me for a link to listen.” (Sign me up, Dave! I’ll even share it with Roger...) Dave reported seeing the 40th reunion picture in the last issue of *Tradition*: “Wish I could’ve been there, maybe the next one.” Until next issue...keep your class notes coming!

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 **K1975**

Thank you to everyone who helped make our 40th reunion a success. It is always such fun to visit with so many of you during the reunions. Our class is setting the standards for others to follow, especially when it comes to reunion turnout and class fundraising. I can’t wait to see what we accomplish in the next five to ten years!



Cynthia Hansen, Susie Gordon Kern, Diane Limia and Pam Benjamin Blank, all ‘75

**PAM BENJAMIN BLANK** wrote that last summer during a bike ride across lower-Michigan she broke her arm, which required surgery. “Still not fully recovered,” she reported. Pam is keeping in touch with **CYNTHIA HANSON**, who is stopping in Columbus, OH. Cynthia frequently travels cross country from St. Louis to Massachusetts, and Pam’s house is a perfect pit stop.



Diane Limia, Terry Lobdell Wild, Susie Gordon Kern and Lisa McClaine Jensen, all ‘75



Pam Bacon Cabot, Diane Limia and Karen Climie Lakanen, all ‘75



Lisa Pincus, Kim Swirbul, Amy Hackett Palmer, Diane Limia, and Sheila Johnson, all ‘75



Since reunion, **TERRI LOBDELL WILD** and I have had lunch. We enjoy getting together and hashing things out as the world changes. Terri was making arrangements to spend the holidays in Colorado. We plan to see each other again possibly in Ann Arbor. So if you would like to join us, let me know.

**DIANE LIMIA** emailed that it was a great 40th Reunion. "I loved seeing a few people that I hadn't seen since graduation, **SHELIA JOHNSON** and **LISA PINCUS**." Diane was able to thank **PAM BACON CABOT** one more time to being responsible for getting Diane to Kingswood in the first place. She would like to thank **SUSIE GORDON KERN** for being such a great friend and for being an amazing hostess! A big thank you is extended to **MIMI DORE O'CONNELL SCULLY**, whose Christmas card announced her new address in Charlottesville, VA. Her enthusiasm for a reunion class fund and support offered was most appreciated. Not only did we exceed our class gift, but Mimi's generosity provided a bus trip throughout downtown Detroit, an added attraction to reunion weekend. We have so many things to look forward to in the coming years. Let's keep up the good work and stay in touch for more "Words from the Swirbs."

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 **C1977**



*Chuck Collins, '77, and family*

Greetings, classmates. I hope the past few months have treated you well. As I write, Super Bowl 50 is just a few days away. I hope everyone enjoyed the game. Okay, first to write in this time is **CHUCK COLLINS**. He was back in Birmingham Bloomfield recently, giving a talk at a Birmingham church about "Escalating Inequality." He had dinner with Carol Himelhoch, K'77, saw our sixth grade English teacher Betsy Clark, and walked the snow covered Cranbrook grounds, which look as glorious as ever. Chuck says we were so lucky to get to go to school in such an environment. (Yes we were!) He is living in Jamaica Plain with his partner, Mary Wallace, and their merged family of three kids, Sam, 23, Nora, 20, and Caleb, 17. Chuck is still working at the Institute for Policy Studies and co-editing [www.inequality.org](http://www.inequality.org) for commentary and analysis. He says "Come visit if you're in Boston!"



*Paul Maturo and Jay Jehle, both '77, and Paula and Clark Shuler, '77*

I also heard from **PAUL MATURO** and **JAY JEHL**. This past summer they got together for dinner with Paula Shuler, K'77, and her brother Clark, '76, at their cottage on Torch Lake. Finally I heard from **CURT VANCE** who celebrated a recent birthday with friends. His mind wanders to the water crisis in Flint,

MI, and globally. He also gathered a few folks from private sector, United Nations, and media to discuss launching a Mobile-IT initiative to raise awareness and find both immediate and long term solutions to address this problem. The technology is already in place. He believes it is now a matter of harnessing the talent and resources. He says stand by, he promises to keep you updated.



*Curt Vance, '77*

On another note, they were fortunate, for those who love snow, to have quite a bit of it recently. Oh what fun! More importantly, the area weathered the storm bravely and safely. He wishes everyone in our class and the Cranbrook community the very best. As for myself, for those who don't keep up with me on Facebook, my rehab and physical therapy are coming along nicely. (I won't talk about falling over backwards in my wheelchair this week. No damage other than my pride.) I want to thank everyone for their support over the past several months. Even though most of it is through my iPhone on Facebook, your support means the world to me, especially during those difficult early days. As I've mentioned before, the most important part of healing is the mind, and even something as simple as a "Like" makes a big difference, and I can't thank you enough! That's about all for me. Already thinking about our 40<sup>th</sup> reunion. It will be here before you know it! Until then... carpe diem!

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 **K1976**

It is with great sadness that we hear about the loss of our classmate, **COLLEEN MCNULTY MACRIS**. She fought many years of health challenges while sharing her blessings with so many friends, her thoughtful love, her contagious laughter, her quick wit, and so many funny adventures. Colleen is now with the love of her life, her husband, Steve. They are happily reunited in time for Valentine's Day. She will be dearly missed, and forever light up our hearts and instigate smiles as she now 'dances at that big party in the sky.'

**ALISON PORTER McADAM** and the usual group of KSC ski bums didn't make it to Vail this year, but she had fun visiting with **LESLIE JONES ZELLER** in Jackson Hole and also spending time with **LISA SCHOENFELD TOUSLEY**, whom she hadn't seen in years. Alison is back in school in the "try before you buy" program with ASU and enjoys flexing her brain again after 30+ years. This May she plans to hike the Portuguese Camino but not the entire 400+ miles! Upon her return Alison will spend the summer in Vail. Leslie reports that she is serving on the UM Stamps School of Art and Design's Deans Advisory Council, which brings her back to Ann Arbor from Chicago now and then. Her family (including her parents) is happy and well. **POLLY JO WHEATON KEMLER** and husband, Jamie, are relocating to Traverse City, after having lived in the Boston area for 20 years. They look forward to experiencing the daily beauty of northern Michigan. **BETSY RUBINER** recently was Polly Jo's guest when Betsy was in Boston for a conference. They had a great mini reunion. Polly Jo and Jamie enjoyed a fun and yummy dinner with **CAROL HIMELHOCH** and Carol's husband, Steve Ball, when they were passing through Ann Arbor. Carol is excited about Polly Jo's move back to Michigan, since she anticipates seeing much more of the Kemlers. (My husband and I have been fortunate to dine with Carol and Steve at least quarterly, when we celebrate our birthdays. It is now a tradition.) Carol and Steve had dinner with Chuck Collins, C'77, when he was in Birmingham in January. They attended Chuck's talk on income inequality, where they learned a great deal. Carol's 94-year-old father, Chuck Himelhoch, '38, and Carol's mother are both doing well. **CATHY GEIGER PETTER** continues to be the chauffeur, umm...mother, to three kids. (I think that many of us know that feeling!) Her oldest, Ellie, will be graduating high school next year, probably around the time of our 40<sup>th</sup>. My fingers are crossed, as I'm sure yours are, that the dates won't conflict, so that she will be able to join us. **CAROLYN OHM HOLT** is officially an empty nester. Her 21-year-old son, Patrick, is at Boise State, where he studies construction management/engineering. Tim, 20, transferred to the

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, on a football scholarship and will be playing for the Rebels this fall. Carolyn and husband, Gary, are particularly looking forward to the game at Boise State, so that they can see both sons. There's a game planned at the University of Hawaii, and they certainly don't want to miss that one! Carolyn and Gary are working on their house with the intention of downsizing. Also in the downsizing mode is **NANCY KING FERGUSON**, who wrote in from Massachusetts, where she and her husband, Bill, live. They are enjoying their new condo with fewer homeowner responsibilities. They've been updating their house to prepare to sell it in the spring.



*Jennifer Nolte Stevens, '77, and family*  
**JENNIFER NOLTE STEVENS** is another classmate adjusting to empty nester life. Daughter, Suzanna, is a junior at the University of Arizona, where she's majoring in sociology and communications. Daughter, Alexandra, is a freshman at U-M, studying neuroscience. Jennifer has almost completely recovered from being hit by a car in February 2015 and is happy to be enjoying athletic activities once again. She keeps busy with her volunteer work for the ALS Association and the Center for Domestic Peace (a local nonprofit that provides services to families suffering from domestic violence). Jennifer also volunteers in a third-grade classroom, where she assists ESL children with reading and math. Husband,

Mark, is still with Wells Fargo and loves his five-minute commute. The Stevens continue to travel frequently with trips this year to Panama for diving, to Florida to celebrate Jennifer's mother's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, and to Charleston to visit Mark's mother. **JOEY PICKERING BUGYIE** wrote in to say that life is beginning to get a bit easier with time after her husband, Bob, passed away in January 2015. Bob's cousins kidnapped her and drove her to the northwestern part of Wisconsin to see his family. She returned over the Christmas holidays to visit her sister-in-law, Fran, with whom she is close. Joey had fun with her great-nieces and nephews. They kept her entertained. She loves the woods, horses, cats, dogs, and lots of snow. She is still working on three campuses, at two colleges, and hopes to sell her Chicago bungalow in the spring.



*Ginny Sexton, and Emily Moore and Claudia Lynn Haluska, both '77*

**EMILY MOORE** and **CLAUDIA LYNN-HALUSKA** traveled to Mexico with Emily's friend, Ginny, in January. They had a nice getaway, enjoying great food, cocktails, and the beach. What's not to like? Emily is pleased to report that her oldest son, Alex, is moving back to Chicago this summer after having been gone for nine years. He has a PhD in chemistry and will be working for a consulting firm. Emily and I recently met **JILL YOUNG SIARTO** for breakfast. Jill is enjoying being a grandma times two. She has a new granddaughter named Arden Joy. I've been fortunate to be able to meet **KERRIE SEIBERT GORAY** for breakfast, when she comes to town to visit her family. It's always great to see her and catch up. I am also in touch with **DANIELLE WENNER SCHOENINGER**. Sadly, she reported that Dick's mother passed away at 101 years old.



Danielle said that she was an inspiration. Speaking of being an inspiration, my daughter, Charlotte, will hopefully meet **JULES KNITTEL PIERI** in a couple of weeks (long before this goes to press) when Jules will be at CK as the Sirchio Lecturer for this year's World Affairs Seminar. She feels that the crown jewel of the visit will be speaking at two small student sessions after the lecture. Jules is looking forward to staying in the Cranbrook guest house. "Our campus architecture has always been embedded in my soul, and it will be a treat to experience it through adult eyes." In January I had dinner in Florida with **PAM EYRE MARTIN**, her husband, Patrick, and their daughter, Caroline. They were there for Caroline's riding competition. Pam and I were able to rendezvous a second time for a little shopping expedition. I'm looking forward to a Florida visit with **JANET GARRITY TAGETT** this spring. All is well in my crazy busy house. My oldest son, Aaron, continues his IT work at Oakland Schools. He purchased a small condo and loves being out on his own. Ryan moved back to the metro Detroit area from Rockford, IL, to take a job with U. S. Steel in supply chain management. The twins are doing well. Now that we're into the second semester of ninth grade they (and us!) have adjusted to all the changes. My husband, Joseph, was in a community theater production of "The Butler Did It." It was quite funny and had lots of twists and turns. I saw a side of him that I hadn't seen before! I want to take a moment to tell you how much I enjoy hearing from you. Everyone who writes, at one time or another, thanks me for being class secretary. I feel that it is me who should thank you for this honor and for supporting me in this position over the years. I am blessed to have attended Kingswood with all of you and to continue to have you in my life. Even if years go by between communications there is a special and unique bond that we share. I'm getting excited about our 40<sup>th</sup>. Please email me with your ideas! I can't wait to see you back on campus in June 2017!

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Class of 1978,

I am saddened to have to pass along sad news of the loss of two of our classmates in the past few months. **LEE OKSTER** passed away in February and we lost **DAVID RICHARDSON** in March. Passing along this poignant message from Lee's brother Mark Okster '75: It is with a heavy heart that I tell all my Facebook friends and family that my brother Lee passed away early this morning from his long-term battle with brain cancer, stage 4 glioblastoma. He went peacefully in his sleep while we gathered around him. He leaves behind his wife Claudia O'Brien, his boys Dylan and Colin as well as both sets of Grandparents and his sister Karen Okster and myself. He was only 56 years old but lived a very full life. I will miss him greatly but I will be forever linked to his wife and sons who carry on his legacy. To his friends from Kingswood Cranbrook class of '78 and his friends from all over the country, his memorial service will be held sometime in March, I will keep everyone posted. I would like to thank all of you who sent your well wishes and prayers on Lee's behalf; I truly believe he heard them. Thanks again. All my best, Mark Okster. **RICHARD SMITH** and his wife Jody Broad Smith '76 attended the memorial, along with **KEN SCHNEYER** and his wife. Richard reported that "The service was lovely, and what I think you'll all be happy to hear is that several of Lee's more recent friends from adulthood went to the podium with stories of his intense courage and dedication in relationships and mentoring... but these are all things we had seen going back to the 5th grade. I brought our 6th grade class picture to his wife, Claudia, and described how many of the "kids" there, who maybe hadn't seen Lee in decades still remembered him so fondly. While there were certainly tears during the service and reception, I have to say I've never been to one of these that had as up-beat of a feeling over celebrating somebody's positive impact on family and friends in my life: a pretty good send off for such an up-beat positive guy." When I think of Lee, at Cranbrook, I am positive that I never saw him without a pearly white smile and sparkle in those beautiful eyes. Lee went on to live life to the fullest. He worked at the EPA for years

then went back to Georgetown to get his PhD in philosophy. He then was a professor at George Washington University teaching philosophy. From what his wife, Claudia wrote, they spent the last couple of years fulfilling his bucket list, with his wife and sons. Our hockey players will surely have fond memories to share of fellow player **DAVID RICHARDSON**. From his obituary: "David W. Richardson of Ypsilanti passed away March 10, 2016 at 56 years of age. Born and raised in Waterford, David aka "George" was a beloved son of Harold and the late Barbara Richardson. David graduated in 1978 from Cranbrook High School where he played hockey and earned his bachelor's degree from University of Michigan in 1983. He was a man of many talents and interests and operated his own company, Just Call George, with a large customer base in the Ann Arbor area. David also founded SEMIWW (Southeast Michigan Woodworkers) and Men of Steel (MOS), specializing in steel work. Memorials may be made to Habitat for Humanity or Toys for Tots. To send a condolence visit:

[www.CoatsFuneralHome.com](http://www.CoatsFuneralHome.com). The funeral home and Woodworking group websites were filled with reminiscences of Dave and his generous spirit, and the way he was always willing to help another person. Every snowfall he would take the time to plow out the driveways of neighbors who needed help. As one of his woodworking buddies observed, "At the (SEMIWW) meetings it was quite apparent that he was a wealth of knowledge, a helping hand, and great friend. Every meeting it seemed like there was some story of him helping with someone's project whether it be a remodel, picking a tool up, or moving a stack of lumber. He will be missed." God Speed, my friends, to both of you and your families. They will both be remembered at the alumni memorial service at reunion June 11th. At that service at Kingswood beginning at 10:30 a.m., alumni are welcome to share their memories of these fine men. On a lighter note, **SUSAN AIKENS POST** had a few things to share from the alumni office: "I have been on a few alumni outreach events since the last issue of Tradition, and I wanted to update you on some '78s I got to see. In November, the schools visited Boston, and **LISA WEIMER LILLELUND** and **KARIN HARTMANN LUDLOW** came out. Karin is a Production Stage Manager for Odyssey Opera Theater and was preparing for a show

called The Fisherman and His Wife. Between her job and her middle school daughter, it sounds like life is very full. Lisa has lots of exciting work in consulting in sustainability that keeps her hopping to Detroit regularly, as well as exotic locales such as Jackson Hole, Wyoming.



*Lisa Weimer Lillelund, Susan Aikens Post and Karin Hartmann Ludlow in Boston*

In Los Angeles, it was fun to see **KATHERINE ROSS GOVAN**. She had just gotten back from a business trip to New York where she still has consults with clients on branding strategy and marketing. While her trips to New York and Chicago are welcome, she says she has gotten quite used to the California climate and is enjoying life there with her husband and college senior stepdaughter and 11-year-old daughter.

**MARLENE DERSARKISSIAN** and **SHELLY PRILLERMAN HARRELL** had conflicts but promised to come out next time we are near. In San Francisco, I had dinner with **TOM ROBINSON**, who is busy teaching and leading research efforts at Stanford. He does a kind of reverse commute - living in downtown San Francisco and taking the train to Palo Alto. Tom has had a chance to do some important work in pediatrics related to behavior-related wellness initiatives. His apartment downtown overlooks Giants stadium, so he catches quite a few baseball games during the course of a season, and also manages to get out to Aspen skiing a couple of times a winter. There are a few more '78 grads in San Francisco who promise to come in future years – **JULIE FORBES**, **PHIL FORRER**, **MATT TUCHOW** and **JESSICA DAVIDSON** all had work related conflicts. Jessica emailed that “My life is going along as it has for the last however many years. I am married to Ken Bullis, a programmer. We have two kids: Shira is a junior in HS, looking at colleges now (we just got back from Boston) and Jeremy is in 6th grade. I work only part-time as a doctor

now, in a retirement community I have taken care of for 16 years. I am also their medical director and in that role am developing some Wellness Programs that hopefully can see some more widespread implementation in other facilities. I am also writing a book, which is very exciting.” Looking forward to hearing more about Jessica’s book! Final '78 news in alumni outreach is that **ERIN PORTER** has agreed to be a regional alumni representative for the Washington D.C. area, so we are sure to have some fun coming up in that area next spring. Stay tuned. I am happy to report that the class of 1978 was very well represented at the alumni career fair for seniors held at Kingswood auditorium in January.



*Cliff Ewald and Ray Santerini at the alumni career fair*



*John Horvath gives advice to a budding engineer at the career fair*

**LISA OSTER BRODY** was there to speak to students about journalism, **CLIFF EWALD** came straight from a training session with the lacrosse team to talk to kids about careers in strength and fitness training. **RAY SANTERINI** was there to discuss motivational speaking and leadership training. **JOHN HORVATH** had a long line of future engineers waiting to talk to him about his career at Chrysler. This will be an annual event the last week of January, and if there are any other '78 grads who want to get involved, just let me know. It is a fun evening and the students really appreciate getting feedback from alumni about career

and school options.” Wishing all of you a happy spring and a wonderful summer! Send me your updates – I look forward to hearing from you!

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## C1979

Greetings from the great Northwest, Cranes. As some of you know, my wife, Carol, is a flight attendant for United Airlines, which means that we travel. A lot. One of the great pleasures of being able to go anywhere in the world on a whim is getting to run into old friends from Cranbrook. Last summer we had the pleasure of getting together with **HAROLD HANCOCK** and his wife, Camille, and kids, Skyler and Alex, up-north on Higgins Lake where my family has a house.



*Chris Ohlson and Chase Brand, both '79*



*Families of Chase Brand and Harold Hancock, both '79*



Then in the fall we took a trip to London, where, after many years, I was able to link up with former exchange student, **CHRIS OHLSON**. He took us to lunch at Rules, which is one of the oldest restaurants in London and recently featured on *Downton Abbey*. We tossed back a couple of tankards of bitter and shared a meal of kidney pie, lamb, and pheasant. It was great to see Chris after all these years, and he was his same cheerful and energetic self. Finally, on a trip to Sydney my wife pointed out a young man wearing a Cranbrook Kingswood shirt. He was a recent grad, Michael St. Germain, '10, and we had a nice chat about the school and gossiped about some of the old timers still knocking around the campus 35 years later like Charlie Shaw, Jeff Welch, Arlyce Seibert, John White, and Claudia Schuette. From Texas **JOHN STUDEBAKER** writes: "I think my last update was six years ago, after I was let go in a massive company downsizing. I've since started my own manufacturing representative business, selling electronic components and subsystems, mainly to defense companies in Texas and adjoining states. Business hasn't been great, but I've been able to add another salesperson, which makes my life much more enjoyable. My oldest daughter graduated from Rice University with a bio-medical engineering degree but somehow ended up working for Baker Hughes as a field drilling engineer. She spends every other two weeks on an offshore rig in the Gulf of Mexico, and the other two weeks she seems to travel the world with her boyfriend. She's probably been to twice as many countries as I have in her 22 years. My youngest daughter just started at Chapman University, studying film production and screen writing at their Dodge College of Film and Media Arts. She has an imposing passion for the art, so although I have my reservations on the career potential, I continue to push her to work for her dreams. My new business has allowed me the flexibility to pursue my late-in-life passion for endurance sports. I keep trying to push my limits. I've finished three Ironman races but still not qualified for Kona (my ultimate goal). Last year I finished the Leadville 100 mountain bike race and will run my fifth Boston Marathon this spring. This summer I am trying to become a Leadman, a compilation of five events (26 mile Leadville Marathon, 50 mile Silver Rush trail run, Leadville 100 mountain bike race, Leadville

100 mile trail run). All those events start at 10,000 feet, so it's real fun to train for down here in the prairies of north Texas at 600 feet altitude. My bride, Kim, still supports me through all these escapades, probably because I'm a much nicer person to be around with all the stress relief. **RICHARD TORGERSON** may keep in touch with her more than I. Haha" Perhaps Richard would like to chime in on this? **JIM ISAACSON** piped up after a brief interaction on our Facebook page, Cranbrook Class of '79: "In the interests of hopefully augmenting, if not replacing my Facebook post, which may do even further damage to our class' reputation, allow me to add the following: I thought it was just an expression that life begins when the dog dies, and the kids leave home. Low and behold our dog of 12 years died last spring, and this past fall our youngest daughter left home and is a freshman at Indiana. Our older son is a senior at University of Colorado, Boulder. Gotta love out-of-state tuition! We're in Utah and would enjoy entertaining any interested visitors in the winters, skiing, or summers, national parks." Please check out the Facebook page to find friends and classmates. All are welcome.

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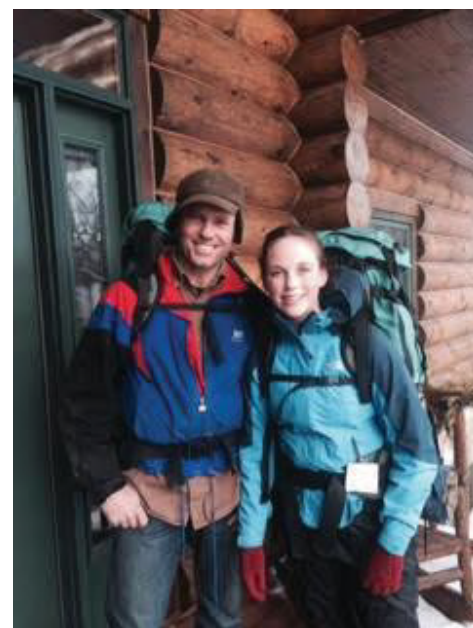
 **C1980**



*Joe Dieboll, '80, and family*

Hard to believe that it is coming up on 36 years since graduation. Man that sounds like a big number. Glad to hear from some people thought to be in hiding. It's nice to know that **JOE DIEBOLL** is still kicking and

especially writes that he appreciates the great job that I have been doing as our class secretary! Compliments will always get you first billing! He sends a picture of wife, Lisa, and two daughters, Sarah, 21, and Hannah, 24. Lisa and he work together as fine art printmakers for artists, photographers, and themselves, for their company, The Highland Studio, located in Cold Spring, NY: [www.thehighlandstudio.com](http://www.thehighlandstudio.com) Hannah recently received a master degree in biology at Clark University in Worcester, MA. Sarah is studying graphic design and physics at City College in New York. Joe still roots for the Michigan sports teams and keeps in touch with family and things in the area around Detroit.



*Evan Moore, '80, and daughter, Sierra*

**EVAN MOORE** is keeping horses healthy in Oxford, MI, and I received a great picture from his wife, Amy, helping his daughter, Sierra, '18, train for her wilderness trip on the trails behind their log home. (Go, Frank Norton) **RUSS BAUER** writes, "I am now serving as the director of the Office of Economic Development and Energy for USAID/Jordan. I left Sri Lanka and moved to Amman in April 2015. I plan on being here through September 2020. It is a great opportunity to serve in an exciting and strategically vital ally to the U.S. My team here manages a portfolio of activities that run the range from tourism and antiquities to public financial management and fiscal reform. The work focuses on diversification of Jordan's energy profile and renewables. Jordan is remarkable and rich in cultural and historical treasures. Those

who have seen the movie, “*The Martian*,” are already familiar with Jordan. It was filmed in Wadi Rum, an ecologically significant natural reserve whose canyons hide some of the earliest forms of written language in the region.” **BILL HILL** (hillbilly) told me he saw Julie Singer Chernoff, K’80, two weeks ago when she was in town. His son, Andy, will be graduating this spring from MSU, and daughter, Lauren, will be finishing her second year at U-M. She will be studying abroad this summer, and they plan on getting to Rome to see her. **JEFF WELLS** found me and says, “These days I am serving as the senior warden (board chair) of my local Episcopal Church, All Souls Memorial, here in Washington, D.C. I guess Cranbrook’s Episcopal heritage rubbed off on me. We just completed a \$2.5M capital campaign and accessibility addition. As anyone knows who is active on a volunteer board, it’s both a labor of love and sometimes a second full-time job.” **SCOTT RUTCHIK** is always good for a chuckle and stories from the operating room. Scott was nice enough to grab Ach and me some hard to find Kentucky whiskey last fall from Indiana, which of course was gone in two seconds. He says, “Great to catch up with everybody at homecoming this year, you included! We need to make it an annual event. All is well. Got to spend my birthday with my fams, as well as **ADAM PERRIN** and his family. Did a little skiing in Colorado and now waiting for an early golf season. Wishing Class of ‘80 well, and, Weinberg, pay me for my whiskey.”



*Gregg Barker, '80, and family*

**GREGG BARKER** and wife, Barbi, sent a Christmas picture and comments: He’s working at Lincoln Property Company, directing the management services group and playing lots of racquetball. “Lindsay,

17, has been driving for a year, and we have only had to go to court once so far. (And she didn’t call me...rats.) She just finished her third year on Cherry Creek’s varsity swim team. Riley, 14, likes lacrosse, boys, and concerts. I have told both girls that boys are bad, but they both have boyfriends. (Barks...bad compared to home from L’abre Croche, skiing at Nubs, and Ach isn’t fishing in Florida.)” As for me, I am playing lots of squash and paddle at the BAC for exercise. Rhonda and I are married in our 29<sup>th</sup> year, practicing law, and working on some new projects dealing with the Court system. Our daughter, Danielle, is a recent U-M grad with a master in public administration, worked at JPMorgan in funding Detroit’s community development programs and co-founded a technology firm that helps courts manage individuals on probation. My son, Nic, is now a junior at U-M Ann Arbor studying mathematics and physics (obviously got his brains from his mother). Until the next harangue...**Weinjack** out.

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 **C1981**

By the time this issue comes out we’ll be weeks away from our 35th Reunion. Personally, I can’t wait to come to Bloomfield Hills, crash at Chez Stubbs, and drink myself into a stupor, while we reminisce over those halcyon days. I’ve been working closely with **BEN CONNELLY, SCOTT STUBBS, INGO RAUTENBERG**, and Jami Pyle Gregory, K’81, to bring you guys events that will rival the ones we had at the 30th. I don’t know if we’ll outdo the amazing parties from five years ago, but my buddy, Acestes, once told me that I should “Aim High.” The goal is to have great food, music, and drinks in a comfortable venue that’s conducive to laughing and reminiscing about the days before gray hairs and stiff joints. If you’d like to help out, please reach out. Otherwise, please like us on our Facebook page at “Cranbrook/Kingswood 1981” and follow us on our Twitter feed “@Cranbrook81” for more details. Here’s the schedule as we know it so far: On Friday there will be an official

reception on campus. Five years ago it was at the Girls’ Middle School building. Five years before that it was at the Natatorium. So expect an elegant reception in a fun venue. Later that night we’ll be gathering at a bar somewhere in Birmingham for some informal fun. This was one of my favorite events at the last reunion. I met a police officer whose daughter loved “*The Princess and the Frog*” and later, that same police officer came to Deb Wahl’s, K’81, house to check out a noise complaint, and we had enough good will in the bank to smooth things over and keep the party going. That worked out rather nicely. Anyway, after the bar event, we’ll be joining up for cigars, wine and cheese around the fire at Scott Stubbs’ home (address will be provided). On Saturday **CHARLIE COOK** will be hosting an early morning golf outing. Rent some clubs and join us for a round. Scott and Charlie are scratch golfers, but for the rest of us, it’s Mulligan-palooza. If you choose not to join us on the links, I believe you can sign up to play baseball, lacrosse, or tennis against the students, tour the campus, or just get ready for the Picnic at Kingswood Lake. Immediately after lunch we’ll have the party. There are no details on that yet, because that’s what Ben, Scott, Ingo, and I will be planning between now and the reunion itself. On Sunday there’s the Brunch on the Quad. Five years ago only a few of us made it. I assume everybody else was hung over or driving to the airport. For this issue, I sent out an email blast asking my fellow Cranes a pair of questions, “Who do you most want to see at the reunion and why?” and “What do you most hope to do at the reunion and why?” Here are some of the responses... First up, **ADAM GORDON** said, “I wish I could see our late friend, Brad. I had the most fun at Deb’s party (with great thanks to all involved) and yes to golf, Olga’s, and a Coney!” Yep. I think we’re all going to miss **BRAD**. Rest in peace, Bud. **CHARLIE COOK** says he’s looking forward to the golf outing! “It was a blast last time! Hopefully, we can get more people out and some women golfers too! I’m really hoping we can get **BEN** to keep his pants up!” Fun fact, if you hit from the men’s tee and your ball doesn’t go past the ladies’ tee, you have to drop trou. Another fun fact, there are parts of **BEN CONNELLY** that are as white as dining hall china. For his part, **BEN CONNELLY** says, “I am most looking forward to seeing those classmates who missed the 30th. And



I hope **DAVE STALLAND** shows up!" **INGO RAUTENBERG** agrees with him, "I'm with Ben on this, it'd be especially nice to see those who missed the 30th. Of course, I'm just happy to see everyone that can make it out!" **SCOTT STUBBS** says, "It would be a special treat to see **LEIGHTON THOMAS**. Such fond memories of riding the bus along with **ROB EDWARDS** early in the morning with Lennie, the long-bearded gentleman behind the wheel of our yellow bus. And also to see guys from the eighth grade soccer team: **BOB CULVER, JEFF HORVATH, TIM CANNON, JOSE FANEGO,** and **MICHAEL 'BOO' HOGAN**. All coached by Eugenio Protzi, the greatest biology teacher from Bologna, Italy!" **ERIC WEXLER** is looking forward to "walking the campus with the hope we can have some kind of gathering during the reunion in the dining hall over light snacks and cocktails." Well, that's it. I've tried to keep this one short, so you guys will read it all. I'll see you on Facebook and Twitter. And, speaking of reminiscing, as I type this, I can't help but think about Mrs. Wells' 7th grade typing class. Her voice has a way of sticking with you "sem... sem... sem... space." Go Cranes! I can't wait to see you guys!

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  **CK1983**



*Kelly, Casey, and Jack, children of Marcia Hanna Conlon, '83*

Hello, CK'83! Long time no column, I know, but I'm happy to have heard from a handful of you and be back in print! Here's what

you fabulous people are doing out there in the world. It's always so much fun for me to message back and forth with **MARCIA HANNA CONLON**, whose amazing sense of humor is sharper than ever and clearly a key factor in maintaining her sanity as a parent of three busy children in Northern Michigan. She writes, "My kids are 13, 15, and 18. My first thought when I see that is, holy crap, I'm old. But, then I remember, if you're reading this, you're old too! And I laugh and laugh. Anyway, my oldest, Jack, is heading for college this fall, either Chicago or Ann Arbor. He wants to be in Chicago, like yesterday, but there's a little Maize and Blue part of my heart that would love for him to choose Michigan. Growing up in a small town makes him yearn for the big city, and I get that. Whatever his heart desires will make me happy. (Go Blue!) My youngest daughter, Kelly, is a competitive dancer, so I spend much of my time chauffeuring her around. I always had a secret wish to become a professional dancer (is it too late?) so I am enjoying living vicariously through my child, as one does. My middle girl, Casey, started high school this year and is doing great as always. Middle child curse. I'm having a bit of a mid-life thing right now; I'm not sure what direction I'm going to take. I've been a full-time professional mom for so long, I'm kind of spinning my wheels in the career department. I envy those of you who took a path and kept with it. Let's just leave that at that. I haven't had much contact with any other CK people in awhile. I did have a quick lunch/catch up with **KATHY GALANTOWICZ JURIGA** and her kids this past summer, while they were on a trip 'up-north.' I'm still in Traverse City, hit me up if you're vacationing my way!"



*Alyse Belkin Attenson, '83, with daughter, son-in-law and son*

**ALYSE BELKIN ATTENSON** checked in from West Bloomfield to say, "I have been teaching first grade for 26 years. I started a

tutoring business a few years ago, and it has expanded and grown. I love doing both! In June 2015, I graduated with an ed. specialty in leadership. It was a challenging 22-month post-grad program but very rewarding, and I learned so much! My daughter, Mollie, is 23, married, and just bought a home in Berkley, MI. My son, David, is a junior defensive lineman at Northwood University in Midland. I see **MONIQUE SUTTS, LAURA KATZ ADLER, PAM APPLEBAUM,** and **DEBBIE SCHWARTZ** (when she comes to town). This spring, I am going to Israel and Prague for the first time and am looking forward to the opportunity. Life is good!" It was also great to hear from **PATRICK MERCIER**, who is still in Grosse Pointe and shared that all is well, and that he had recently returned from a trip with some of his Cranbrook crew and had an absolute blast. I know he is in the midst of planning another golf trip abroad with my husband and his Miami Univ. buddies, so hopefully he will have a great photo to share next time!



*Kathy Polk Osborne, '83, and family celebrating her 50th*

**KATHY POLK OSBORNE** is busy working and raising two active cute boys and several furry children in Northampton, MA. She writes, "I'm working with the family office, which takes me back to Michigan several times a year. I've been able to visit **CHRISSE MISKOWSKI HARRISS** and **WENDY HALSTED BEARD** when I'm there, which is always fun. I made it up north for a few weeks last summer, and love teaching the kids to chop wood and water ski (we are holding strong with no TV or Internet at the cottage so I make them play cards, read books, and talk to me). I'm still very active with my volunteer work, doing reading programs and

stress relief events with my therapy dogs. I've hit that stage where the kids' hobbies are starting to take over my life. I spent several weekends at air shows, WW2 re-enactments, and white water kayaking events this year. I even took a white water kayaking clinic, which was quite humbling. I only mastered falling out of the boat properly, practice makes perfect!"



Christine Miskowski Harriss, '83, with husband, Bill, Jud Askins, '84, and wife, Mapy, in Naples, FL



Mimi Cestar Schwartz, '83, founder of start-up company, WashClub DC

It's been awhile since we've heard from **MIMI CESTAR SCHWARTZ**, so I was happy to see her update appear in my inbox! "For our 20th wedding anniversary my husband gave me a company to run (I've always wanted to be an entrepreneur). It's called WashClub DC. It's a website/app for on-demand, free pick-up and delivery laundry service. It's like 'Uber' for your laundry. I am having a blast! Yet, launching a start-up at age 50 is certainly interesting! Thank goodness for ambitious, smart, young, college women in our area who want to intern for me. Their energy gets me through to the next event, idea, and hurdle. Our teenage sons, age 17 and 14, are licking their chops having me so distracted, AND passionate about laundry. Now, not only do I not bother them about their lives, they also always have clean, fresh, neatly folded clothes to wear, so they're ready

to go! Look for my Ted Talk in 2017, either 'How To Accelerate Aging And Drop Dead Early' or 'How To Reinvigorate Yourself and Get The Brass Ring!'" I love that idea, Mimi! I have no doubt you will be a big success and have sent the link to all my D.C. peeps. I am blessed to remain in close contact with my inspirational coach and partner in crime, **CHRISTINE MISKOWSKI HARRISS**. She is still fabulous, doing marketing and branding for her company, Quill Communications, but also spicing it up by representing a clothing line based out of New York. She reports that it's going great, and she loves it, and I am enjoying having such a stylish personal shopper! She just sent me a cute photo from a fun dinner in Naples with Jud Askins, '84, and his wife.



TG Johnson, '83, wife, Kate, and children, Addie, Eliza, Gabe, Otto, Isaac and Stella

It was also great to hear from our Ohio friend, **TRUMAN JOHNSON**, who sent a photo of his darling, huge brood at Niagara Falls this past summer. TG and his wife, Kate, have six children, Addie, Eliza, Gabe, Otto, Isaac and Stella. He writes, "I am busy at work in Urbana making pressure vessels for Johnson Welded Products, our family business. JWP manufactures air reservoirs for on- and off-road vehicle brake systems. The next time you hear the whoosh of air from a semi-truck or trailer...think of me!" Well, I just returned from a five-hour road trip and DID think of you! **LINDA JAKUBS** sends a hello to everyone from Chicago, where she is still with the same law practice. She also keeps her busy and happy life filled with charity work, split-state residency, two swans, nine ducks, one dog, two equines, one cat, five stepchildren, and six grandchildren! Always fun to hear from you, Jakubs, and your life is FAR from boring! Also checking in from the Windy City was **MIKE HENNESSEY**, who writes "I am happily living in the Chicago area with my wife, Jenny Kirk,

and two sons, Collin and Jack. My oldest is a freshman at USC, studying mathematical economics. My youngest is now a junior in high school. Their high school experiences bring back memories, fond and stressful; big tests, deadlines, weekends sleeping in, and going to hang out at Burger King. I am working as an ophthalmologist outside of Chicago and thrive on sailing Lake Michigan in the summers. We had a great family trip to Peru last summer, hiking the Inca trail to Machu Picchu."



Mike Hennessey, '83, with wife, Jenny Kirk, and sons, Collin and Jack, hiking the Inca Trail in Peru

From the warmer West Coast, **HARVEY KANER** has this to report, "I just accepted a full-time position at Edmunds, the leading car research and shopping site. I had been freelancing there as the marketing and advertising copywriter for the past eight months, waiting for things to settle after a complete shake-up of the marketing department. I survived two rounds of layoffs in my department, and now things are finally looking up. It's a really great company with amazing benefits. I've been able to take advantage of so many of them already, even as a contract hire, like weekly yoga and guided meditation, and a monthly painting class. Not bad, huh? Also, we're about to move into a state-of-the-art office across the street from where we are now in Santa Monica. It will have a slide from the second floor to the first, tons of indoor/outdoor workspace, and a 2016 Chevy Corvette wheels to wheels with a 1966 Chevy Corvette, hanging right over the two-story reception area (to commemorate the company's 50th anniversary). Super excited to move into the headquarters (they actually have a satellite office in Detroit, too). Other than that the family's doing great. I recently spoke with **CRAIG FREDRICK** and **CRAIG RUBIN**, who are both well. All



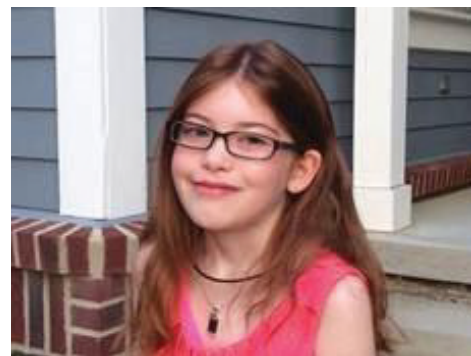
the best to everyone! I love reading about what you all are doing.” Wow, California life! Congratulations, Harvey, and I will need photos of this indoor playground/office! **LISA KIRSCH SATAWA** checked in from Michigan with some exciting career news. “In August of 2015, I opened my own law firm in downtown Birmingham called Kirsch Leach & Associates. We specialize in criminal defense of children, teens, and adults, family law, child protection, and immigration. My daughter, Megan, is almost 16 and a sophomore at Mercy High School. She is actively entrenched in the college recruitment process for softball. My son, Justin, is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at BHMS and hopes to play in the NHL! Would love to catch up with you all!” Congratulations and best of luck to you, Lisa! Finally, from one of my favorite places to visit this time of year, **CYNTHIA LINDBLOOM CARRINO** reports, “Greetings from sunny Florida! We just moved into a new house in Jupiter and are (almost) done with the renovations! My daughter, Olivia, is a freshman in high school and loves it. She is enrolled in the Environmental Science and Field Studies Academy at her school. Florida is a great place to study the environment, especially when you can comfortably visit the beach in February for water samples or to observe sea life. She is a member of the ‘Envirothon Team’ (think Jeopardy for tree huggers) and will be competing in the state finals later this month. She also joined the marching band this year and is a proud member of the Jupiter High School Drum Line, the lone freshman and only girl! Last November the band competed in Tampa and came away with the Class 4A Class State Championship. My daughter, Helena, 13, is in seventh grade. She is an avid equestrian and fearless! I, on the other hand, am not. Before each jump, I close my eyes and wait for the sound of the horse’s hooves to hit the ground before I open them again! I am still working for the Office of the Attorney General in West Palm Beach, currently assigned to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. As you can imagine, no shortage of cases here. Over the holidays we visited a great place in Central Florida called River Ranch. We decided to opt for ‘glamping’ (a.k.a. glamorous camping.) Similar to the movie, *Out of Africa*. It was perfect, breakfast served tent side, a ‘smores kit upon arrival and private bathrooms. I highly recommend it! In general, trying to move along with life’s flow. Hope you are

all well and doing the same!” When putting this report together, I realized I had saved a note from 2014, when I didn’t post due to a lack of submissions. So I apologize to **JONATHAN JACOBS**, but thought it was still something worth mentioning. He wrote, “My business, The Robot Garage, that I run with my wife, Sarah Levine Jacobs, ‘82, won a \$250,000 grant from Chase, as part of their mission main street grants program. [Http://missionmainstreetgrants.com](http://missionmainstreetgrants.com).” I spent a little time reading about this amazing family-run business that Jonathan and Sarah started with their three daughters. Based in Birmingham, MI, The Robot Garage is a maker space that teaches hands-on engineering and robotics to kids. They offer a drop-in space and an extensive array of clinics, workshops, camps, and work with hundreds of schools. There is also a Robot Garage Store that provides unique building systems, engineering toys, and robotics kits from all over the world, including new and vintage LEGO merchandise as part of the LEGO GOLD PROGRAM. I’m happy to report that since receiving the grant, they have expanded to two more locations in Rochester Hills and Grosse Pointe Park. Congratulations on all your success, Jonathan! [www.therobotgarage.com](http://www.therobotgarage.com). Thank you all for writing in. I apologize for the lapse in getting our class news in print. Just over a year ago we lost my amazing sweet father, much too soon. One of the greatest gifts he gave the four of us was our educational journey through Cranbrook Kingswood. It was life-changing, eye-opening, and we will always be grateful to stay connected to this inspirational establishment. Unfortunately, I know there are several of you who have gone through similar experiences over the last couple of years, including my dearest friend. My heart goes out to you all. Remember that you have an extended community thinking of you during the tough moments that most likely will never completely disappear. I know how much I have appreciated hearing words of encouragement from so many of you. I’ll end this on a happier note. My twins, Anna and Bennett, turned 18 and graduated from high school last June. My son is a freshman at Washington and Lee University and my daughter is taking a gap year, but will start studying art history at Denison University as a freshman in September. Hang in there all you parents of multiples, and there are several in our class! The college application

year is far from stress-free, but you will all survive and shine. Everything else is going well here. Please remember that you do not need to wait for my “call for entries” to write and give me news. I will save it for the next edition. Everyone enjoys seeing your posts on FB, but there is something fun about opening *Tradition* and seeing a column for CK’83, so don’t be shy! Until then, I wish you and your families good health, great adventures, and an abundance of fun!

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*Natalie, daughter of Alyssa Sadler Parkinson, '86*



*Natalie, daughter of Alyssa Sadler Parkinson, '86, in local theater*

**ALYSSA SADLER PARKINSON:** “I cannot believe we are at the 30-year mark. It seems like yesterday that I was watching TV during study hall in the second floor lounge, as seniors we could do that, while hiding our

younger classmates under the furniture. Ahh, dorm life! Well, this little Beastie is all grown up and enjoying midlife as a wife to Tim and mother to Natalie. After Natalie was born I gave up my library job to stay home and have since re-entered the workforce in many ways. First working at an awesome, local toy store, then as a tutor at a local community college, and most recently as a substitute teacher in Natalie's school district. Our beautiful girl is now 9. Natalie started the district's TAG program this year and finally likes school! She is still active with our local youth theater group and is on her 14th show. It is a family affair. As parents, we contribute our time building sets and stage managing. The Parkinson family is well and we hope the class of 1986 is healthy and enjoying life. I hope to see you all at reunion this summer!"



Wendy Kirsch, '86, paddling in *The Dragon on the Lake*

**WENDY KIRSCH:** "I paddled with 19 other breast cancer survivors in *The Dragon on the Lake*, Dragon Boat Races on Lake Orion. It was one of the most amazing things I have ever been a part of. Thinking about joining the Ford team. I also went stand up paddle boarding in Ohio. I recently changed employers as well. I am now with SMG (Sales Marketing Group) in Southfield, MI, 248-593-6600, smgusa.net. Please let me know if anyone needs giveaways for parties or corporate promotions. During my time of unemployment I decided I would not only use the time to look for a

new job but also pursue my dreams, so I am working on publishing two children's books I wrote; manufacture and distribute some pedicure shoes I invented; and meet a nice guy as well. If you can assist in any of the above, please contact me. Thanks '86 — You rock!" **LIZ LUCKENBACH:** "Well, I'm not sure where to begin! Since my last update, there's a lot to share (most of which you've shared with me on FB). January 2 this year I married Chris McLogan, the most wonderful man I have ever known and who added two beautiful daughters to my family of three daughters. Celebrating with us were several CK alumni, including my dad, Carl Luckenbach, '52, my sister, Kim Luckenbach Ladd, '72, Karen Gilray Street, '59, Jeff Weiss, '84, **KRISTI ANDERSON HAMED, DARCY PIEDMONTE**, Eric Lang, C'86, Lance Piedmonte, '84, and Andrea Dinu Guttilla, '85. Katie, Chris's eldest, graduated in December from MSU (GO GREEN). Colby, my eldest, is finishing her junior year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, majoring in psychology and completing a certificate program in criminal justice. Chris's youngest, Emily, is a sophomore at MSU, majoring in criminal justice. Claudia, my middle, just started her college career at Columbia College Chicago and plans to major in photo journalism. Last but not least, my youngest, Maggie, is in sixth grade at Derby Middle School in Birmingham. I am still practicing law, primarily probate litigation, with Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss. I visited my nephew, his wife, and adorable baby girl (a grandniece!) last spring in Broomfield, CO, and had the chance to see **REBECCA HARRIS HUDSON**, who was as beautiful and radiant as always." TJ and I are adjusting quite nicely to an empty nest with Tim and Jimmy at Western Michigan. We miss them and love getting together, but are also really happy to see what wonderful young men they have grown to be and watch them launch their adult lives and careers. Tim, an aspiring brew master and fermentation scientist, has taken his chemistry and biology background to WMU to complete a BS in sustainable craft brewing science; meanwhile, Jimmy is nearing completion of his degrees in accounting, finance, and data analytics. They enjoy being at the same school and spend quite a bit of time together. They are both working as research assistants in their respective fields, getting great grades, and hustling to find their dream internships. I am still at Dow

for TCS as EH&S team leader and project manager; teach 1 section each of marketing, management, and finance at Northwood University; and am nearing the halfway point in the pursuit of my PhD in organizational leadership. I have enjoyed becoming more active in my DAR chapter, and I recently accepted the role of faculty advisor for the Alpha Gamma Delta chapter at NU as well, a chapter I helped to start back in the 80s as an Alpha Gam at MSU. TJ, a financial advisor at PNC Investments, is very happy and busy as ever. When weather permits, we like to golf; otherwise, we are hunting, fishing, or enjoying friends and family near a jazz festival or craft beer event. This year we will celebrate our 27<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and look forward to many, many more! We hope everyone is making plans to attend our 30<sup>th</sup> class reunion this June. **DENISE ELSON PARKER** has been leading a group to organize a fantastic weekend for us all. If you use Facebook, please join our class page, "Cranbrook Kingswood Class of '86," for all of the class-specific weekend plans. If you do not use Facebook, though, and are looking for those updates, please feel free to contact me by email at [robinkoss@att.net](mailto:robinkoss@att.net) and I will relay updates as I learn of them or put you in touch with others with more information. Take care, friends, and see you in June!

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## CK1989

Please consider this your three-year notice for the 30th reunion. It will be in June of 2019. I don't want anyone to complain that they did not receive proper notice. **GARFIELD JOHNSON**, I'm talking to you. Please try and squeeze this in among your 14 scheduled vacations in 2019. Maybe somewhere between wild boar hunting in Bolivia and the BMX World Championships? Seriously, let's try and have a great turnout for our 30th. I am basically begging any of you to please send me an email and give me some content for the update. Otherwise I will be forced to continue to make up stories about Hegedus. Here is something that is



actually true about **JASON HEGEDUS**. He and his wife have had their second baby recently, and they are living in Miami. He is also a business partner of my wife, Jackie Stamell, in a law firm. That still seems kind of strange to me, but so far so good. **CRAIG HECKER** is also living in Miami. In addition to hanging with Hegedus and running a specialty finance company, Hecker can be found at the local ice rink coaching his son, Harrison, who will likely be the first Miami Jew in the NHL. I saw **JOHN EDMAN** recently. Other than having a little less hair than he did thirty years ago, he is still pretty close to the perfect human. Of course, he and Maureen have three awesome kids who are basically in college or almost in college. **DANNY HOFFMAN** moved to California, and, while it wasn't necessarily to be closer to Edman, it probably doesn't hurt to be in the same state. Hoffman is living and practicing medicine in Beverly Hills. **MIKE MANDT** is still throwing his elbows around in pick-up games around California too. Mike has produced a lot of great TV shows and movies including *Million Dollar Arm*, which was a really good movie. We need more content, so please email me updates at [erikstamell@yahoo.com](mailto:erikstamell@yahoo.com).

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**LAURA ADDERLEY** is starting school in the fall, and she and her family of dogs are settling in nicely in her new home in Houston, TX. **KIRIN DAUGHARTY-HUBBARD**, you may remember, is a retired animator, now working in conservation at the Los Angeles Zoo. About two years ago Disney (via her husband, who is a story artist at the studio) asked her to come in and consult on animal behavior and enrichment for their film *Zootopia*. Check it out, it's a great film! She's also starting work on her second children's book. Her first book, *Penny and the Penguin*, can be found on Amazon.com! **SUSAN GUNDERSON McCREADIE** caught up with **SELMA BLAIR BEITNER** and her son, Arthur Saint, in L.A. in October. They

wished **KELLY SPENCE WANDOFF** and **FRANCES LEE CARLSON** could have joined them. Sue continues to practice holistic pediatrics and has taken the first steps of many to write a book merging her two passions, health and spirituality. The wedding bells rang for **GERALDINE CRIGLER MOORE**, who was married last September at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, IL. Congratulations, Geri! **JENNIFER GREENEBAUM PETRUCCELLI** attended the Sundance Film Festival 2016 in Park City. She is getting back into writing and directing films. Her kids are 8, 10, 12, and 13. She loved seeing everyone at the reunion! **MELISSA SORONGON** feels so lucky to know so many wonderful and interesting people. This year she has stayed in touch with many on Facebook, but also got to see face to face a few people including, **LAURIE RALL PRITCHARD**, **MARIA QUIROGA**, Rachel Harris '89, and **ALISON SLACK**. Alison saved her in a working-mother-solidarity move by connecting her with childcare for Juliet so she could work the SF market and schlep her wines around town. She felt so grateful to Alison and also elated to see Juliet have a great time with Alison's twin daughters, who are incredible. She also saw Renée Goldsberry-Johnson, '89, in *Hamilton*, which was amazing and nostalgic. This past year she and her family have done some crazy good trips, including Japan, Telluride, and Grand Cayman. She is now taking over 100% of the baking and milling at their bakery in Lompoc and is managing the farming of their local grain. Busy, busy. Owing one's own business is not for the faint of heart! **SANDY TSAI YOO** and her family moved to Kildeer about a year ago, yet another suburb of Chicago. With three kids they outgrew their old home and love their new place! She also stopped practicing family-medicine at the end of 2015, and now works for a medical insurance company. Her pay and hours are infinitely better than before, and she can work from home, which as a doctor she never thought she would do! Sounds great, Sandy! Congrats! **KEIA PERRY FARR** has graciously offered to take on responsibilities for our class secretarial duties, so I will be passing the torch to her for the next issue of *Tradition*. Thank you, Keia! I will continue to contribute updates, though this is my last one as secretary. It has been an honor to serve our class in this way. I am living with my boyfriend, Mark, and have turned

my own apartment into a thriving Airbnb business in Hollywood. We have adopted a lovely rescue dog, a boy Shiba Inu Chihuahua named Sal. You've probably already seen him many times on Facebook! I continue to design films, teach Kundalini Yoga, and am now studying Vastu, the Indian Feng Shui. Art and design continue to inspire. Keep "Aiming High," and "Going Forth to Serve!"

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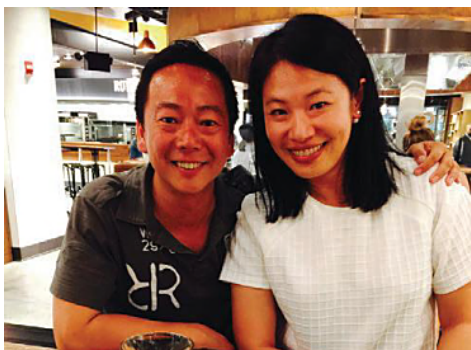
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Hi everybody, yes it's been about five years since I've contributed to this so that must mean a reunion is around the corner. I hope to see you all June 10-12 for our 25<sup>th</sup> reunion. Julie Tontapanish and I are planning a class of 1991 cocktail reception in the alumni court before the cocktail party...details to follow. We're also looking for volunteers to help us build out a class of '91 Facebook page, and, of course, if anyone would like to contribute to the future class notes, I'd be thrilled. Cranbrook's page for the reunion is <http://schools.cranbrook.edu/Page/Alumni/Reunion> so please check back there for details as we get closer to June. I haven't heard from too many of you lately, but I'll tell you what I know. **JUSTIN FINNICUM** is living in the Sudbury area outside of Boston with his wife and three kids. **GREG ARTZ** and wife, Kristi, together with their three girls, spent the last year in New Zealand, doing some overseas M.D. exchange work. They have now returned and relocated to the Grand Rapids area from Philadelphia. I recently learned that **JULIE TONTAPANISH**, husband, Chad, and her family have moved to Las Vegas. **JENNIFER BRIGGS JENKINS** and husband, Jared, of 21 years, are also living outside Boston with their two boys, Wilson, 16, and Caleb, 12, and are doing well. A summer trip to New Hampshire and swimming in an ice cold river reminded Jen of the Wilderness trip sophomore year. She has returned to her jewelry business

over the last several years and is enjoying that a lot and recently upgraded her studio to handle the increased demand. **ANNE WOLFE COLES** and family are planning on getting together with Jen and her family this summer after the reunion. **TERRY GRAY** writes that he's living in Boca Raton, FL, with his son, Xavier, 5, and works on commercial and securities litigation cases for his law firm. **BRIGITTE HARMS DEMOSS** is a pathologist down in Thibodaux, LA, along with her husband, who is also a doctor, and her two kids. They live near a sugar plantation and are presently trying to steer clear of all the Mardi Gras celebrations that are underway. **DAN KRANEFUSS** and his twin daughters, 12, relocated to Cleveland from North Carolina. Dan works as a software developer and still races go-karts and plays guitar. **DAVE MUNROE** and his wife, Naz Hedayat, '90, welcomed twin girls in 2013, and are living in Larchmont, NY. Dave left Sony after 10 years and is now director of information security for the NHL, and he's really enjoying it. **LINCOLN SIMONI** lives in Keego Harbor and recently celebrated 20 years at his employer, a paint company. He has three kids, 18, 16, and 13, and his oldest will graduate from high school during our reunion weekend. In his spare time he likes to tinker with his Jeep, that has over 200K miles on it, and compete in Tough Mudders. **DARRICK JACKSON** is dean of students at a theological school in Chicago, where he also teaches. He'll be celebrating 11 years of marriage to husband, Jim Olsen, when we convene at the reunion this summer. **CHRISTIAN SCHULTZ** and wife, Leigh Ann, are living in Alexandria, VA, with their three kids and are actively running marathons and participating in triathalons. They've done 38 between them since the 20<sup>th</sup> reunion. Christian is a litigator for the SEC focused on high profile fraud and insider trading cases.



*Julia Kao and Ricky Cheng, both '91, having a mini-reunion I NYC, 2015*

**JULIA KAO** met up with **RICKY CHENG** for a drink in NYC this past summer. I got to see **DAVID HENNING** back in April while down in Arizona. David and his wife are living in the Phoenix area. He's retired from lacrosse coaching but keeps himself busy with his work at NXP semiconductor and still plays 80+ jazz gigs, piano only, per year. In his free time Dave plays ultimate Frisbee, sails, enjoys gardening and hanging out with his pit bull.



*Orma Bradford Smith, '91 and family*

**ORMA BRADFORD SMITH** is ending her tenure as an administrator with Detroit Public Schools and will be moving into a healing role as a therapist at a Christian counseling clinic, while working on her PhD at Liberty University. She's married with two daughters, 10 and 6. **LISA LOWENTHAL SAMBOL** is living in Israel with her husband and four children. She runs a needlepoint design business and an after school science program for elementary aged children. **TED FENTIN** is in L.A. with his wife and three boys, 7, 5, and 3, and is a managing director with a real estate private equity fund. In his spare time he coaches his boys in soccer and basketball and squeezes in some golf when he can. As for me, I left Microsoft about 18 months ago after nine years there, and I am now working at a startup that focuses on the virtual desktop/software as a service space. My customer is Amazon Web Services. My wife, Cindy, and I live outside Seattle in a town called Sammamish, and our two boys, Hayden, 9, and Mitchell, 6, are full of energy and tons of fun as are our two girls, Ginger and Clover, both Brittany spaniels. Let's give Cranbrook a great showing at the reunion this summer. I look forward to seeing you all there.



*Casey Cheyne, '91, and family, Seattle 2015*

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**CK1994**

**BRIAN STEWART** married Rachel Tronstein in the fall of 2015! Rachel is AWESOME. Indisputable haha! They and their new dog are living in Birmingham, and Brian is practicing dermatology. **BEN WINEMAN** lives in the Chicago suburbs with his wife, Nicole, and three children, Ava, Jacob, and Claudia. Ben is a principal at Mid-America Real Estate Corp., working in the retail real estate business. **SETH MELTZER** is living in Bloomfield Hills with his wife, Melissa, and their two sons, Asher and Adam. Seth is running quite a few marathons! **BRAD DUBIN** is in L.A., married to CK grad, Amy Berlin Dubin, '87, working for a real estate firm called KanDu Capital. **JEFF HURLBERT** and his wife, Sarah Ruth, are living in Dallas, TX, and have two kids. I just hung out with Hurlly in Dallas, and the man is as jacked as ever and doing great! (World's strongest quarterback EV-ER haha, truth!) **KYLE MUELLER** is in Birmingham, working with GM, and married to wife Erica, a powerhouse



Bikram instructor! **MATT GRACE** is in Florida and doing great. Sadly, Harvey Grace, Matt's dad, passed away in 2015, and we will all miss him. What a great guy Harvey was. **CHAD KOHLER** lives in Grand Rapids with his wife, Cynthia, and son, Caleb. I had drinks with Chad recently in Chi! **SILAS BOUYER** serves our country with the Navy in San Diego with his wife and kids. **MIKE** and **KRISTA CHOW HAMLIN** are happily married and living in Boston. **MARK VANN** is an orthopedic surgeon in Houston. **KEN GORSKI** is doing great in South Carolina! **STEVE PRUCHER** is living in Birmingham. **AARON COHN** is an ophthalmologist in Philadelphia, and is married with two girls. **ANISH PATEL** is an anesthesiologist and happily married in the D.C. area. **DAVID LIU** is in Seattle. **JAY HACK** is in Detroit, working in investment management. He recently got married and going great as always! Sally, '98, and **CHRIS BELL** are living in Portland and as usual spreading good positive energy to everyone they TOUCH in the state of Oregon! **BRAD SPENCER** and his wife, and **MICHAEL PARIS** are living in the Birmingham area. **RYAN UTARNACHITT** is a GI doctor, and he and his wife, Mary, live in central California. **KEITH LANGBO** is in the Raleigh-Durham area. **DOMINIC HARRIS** is in London with his wife and daughter. **PETER EMERY** is living in San Francisco and doing great! As for me, I work for a non-profit organization called Imerman Angels ([www.ImermanAngels.org](http://www.ImermanAngels.org)). We are a "1-on-1 Cancer Support" service, where we connect a person fighting cancer to someone who already beat the same cancer. Each person fighting cancer gets a "big brother" or "big sister," who is uniquely familiar with the fight. It's all about friendship, motivation, and believing you can overcome any challenge! The service is free and our goal is CONNECT this entire cancer world! IF YOU KNOW ANYONE TOUCHED BY CANCER, regardless where they live, PLEASE SEND THEM TO US, and we will take care of them! Thank you, crew. My brother, Jeff Imerman, '92, is living in Birmingham and runs Imerman Cake Company. They make organic, healthier, lower fat coffee cakes! They are available at Plum Market, Holiday Market, Market Square, and others in the Detroit-area, and Plum Market in Chicago! Best of luck to everyone and most importantly keep healthy and well!

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 **CK1996**

Hello, CK'96ers! Well, it's official! Our 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion is this summer, and we are officially old! Please look for updates over the next few months via email and regular mail. I have also started a CK'96 Facebook page, so we can keep in contact without flooding our news feeds. Remember, **Reunion is the weekend of June 10-12!** I hope you are able to make at least a portion of the weekend festivities. Email me: [tiffanyharris03@hotmail.com](mailto:tiffanyharris03@hotmail.com), call or text: 248.709.3017 with any questions/comments! I received a few updates, along with some adorable pictures!



*Maya, daughter of Becca Tufts Bhowmick, '96*



*Mazen and Zayn, sons of Jasmin Latif Mian, '96*

**BECCA TUFTS BHOWMICK** and her husband welcomed a second daughter, Maya, on March 8, 2015. **JASMIN LATIF MIAN** is "so excited to see everyone at our upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> reunion this summer! I hope we have lots of '96ers planning to attend! Since I last saw everyone at our 10<sup>th</sup>, I've been living in central New Jersey, where my husband, Nimer, hails from. I earned my master's in secondary education from U-M in 2007 and also got married that same year at our beloved Cranbrook, something I will cherish forever. Teaching high school biology and integrated science was crazy challenging but a lot of fun, and now I spend my days at home full-time with my two boys, Mazen, 4.5, and Zayn, 2.5." **STEPHEN THURMON** writes, "I will be graduating from U-M with an MBA in finance on May 1. Cannot wait to check this off the list and spend more time with my family and less time studying! When I'm not studying or working, I am skiing with my kids, who are enrolled in Blizzards ski school on the weekends. We will be going to Boyne Highlands for their winter break. After graduating, we will be taking a nice vacation through the UP later this summer. I have enjoyed keeping up with some people on Facebook but hope to see more of our class this reunion!"



*Laura Ragsdale Shullman, '96, with daughters, Lillian and Stella*

**LAURA RAGSDALE SHULLMAN** is enjoying her sweet baby girls, who came home from the hospital in November after a 4.5 month stay in the NICU. They are thriving and are

true fighters. Laura is loving her time at home as a Mommy! **HEATHER KAMINS** was married to Patrick Iwanicki in a small ceremony in San Francisco on October 13, 2015. Fellow CK alums, **BREE ROBERTS** and **KYLE STONER**, were in attendance. She lives in Los Angeles, CA, and is working as an attorney/agent at Creative Artists Agency. **AARON GILLUM** writes, "A lot of cool things have been happening in my professional and personal life. I co-founded a venture capital fund, Caerus Investment Partners, along with a business school classmate, focused on early stage technology companies in the Midwest and New York areas. I love working with tech startups as an advisor and investor. And I was recently featured on the front page of Crain's Chicago Business and named one of the Tech 50 (<http://www.chicagobusiness.com/section/tech-50#Gillum>). We are in the process of fundraising so that we can make more great investments in the future. I am also engaged and hope to be married sometime in 2016."

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 **CK1997**

**JONATHAN BENINSON** writes that his wife, Lida, and daughter, Eva, love life in D.C. His company, House of Genius, has grown over the last year and is now in 13 countries. They are also providing services to the State Department as a tool for international soft diplomacy. Jonathan facilitated a session at the White House in January. He has been hanging out with **DANIEL TOMLINSON**, who also recently moved back to D.C., and will soon be flying out to Colorado to see Jervis and his new baby! "At no point in the past year have I chased girls to try to kiss them. Also, I was scrolling through your page, and I saw you were looking for a dermatologist. Tor is a family friend and a great guy. Also a Cranbrook guy. He is brilliant. If you go to him, tell him I said, 'Hi.'" **REBECCA BIBER** wrote in to say, "I am currently music directing a production of *Man of La Mancha* at St. Dunstan's. The show has sold out and was recently attended

by Mr. DeCraene, Mrs. Seibert, and other CK administrators, teachers, and students. It has been a great trip down memory lane for me. Other than that, I still live in Ann Arbor, where I am a freelance music teacher and accompanist." **CHRIS GONYA** shared that his latest project called The Pioneer won the 2015 urban development of the year, for which he is very proud, with good reason! He met up with **LYNN WIGGINS**, who was in town running Bernie Sanders' presidential primary for Nevada. **LANAYA ETHINGTON OLSZEWSKI** writes in with her exciting news, "Kevin and I welcomed our third daughter, Elliot Lynn, into the world on December 21, 2015. She joins big sisters, Imogen and Agatha. We live in Iowa City, where I practice as a psychologist at the University of Iowa."



*Lynn Wiggins and Chris Gonya, both '97*



*Imogen, Agatha and Elliot, daughters of Lanaya Ethington Olszewski, '97*

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Notes are short this time around. **NAVEEN REDDY** is enjoying his new job at a GI practice here in Michigan, where he lives with his wife and son. **KAT HERSKOVIC** had a one woman comedy show, Neurotica, on February 6 at the Greenhouse Theater in Chicago. Feel free to check out her website at [www.katisthebomb.com](http://www.katisthebomb.com) - congratulations! Congratulations are also in order for **BETSY MUENK**, who got engaged recently. Very happy for everyone all around!

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Greetings, Class of 1999. I was fortunate enough to attend a mutual friend's wedding with **HEATHER HARLAN LEWANDOWSKI** and **ETHAN ORLEY** in the fall. Ethan, his wife, Laurel, and their two children recently moved to Nashville, TN, where Ethan is working on real estate development projects. Heather and her husband, Stephen, welcomed their fourth child, Julia Rose, to their family this December. The Lewandowski family resides in Easton, CT.



*Jodie Kaufman Davis and Heather Harlan Lewandowski, both '99*





Julia Rose, daughter of Heather Harlan Lewandowski, '99



Josie, daughter of Steve Strickland, '99



Safia, daughter of Nicole Winton, '99

I also had the pleasure of visiting with **STEVE STRICKLAND** on his recent business trip to Toronto. Steve was working as a project manager at Freund Andrus Construction, and we had the opportunity to work together on a project which brought him to Toronto in January. Steve and his wife, Julie, became parents on November 1, to daughter, Josephine, born at 6 lbs. 12 oz. Across the ocean, **NICOLE WINTON** reports she previously left her career as a commercial

litigator to become a full-time mom to daughter, Safia, 4, and is now pursuing yoga teaching in Sydney, Australia. As always, please continue to send me your updates via Facebook or at [jodiekdavis@gmail.com](mailto:jodiekdavis@gmail.com).

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## CK2002

Greetings, Everyone! Boston and New York are once again in the throes of winter, but we did want to send out warmest wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2016 to all of you!

**EMILY NISCH TERRELL** wrote in to say that she has had a very busy year raising her new baby, Jane, who just so happened to be born the same week that Emily graduated from Duke University with her master of theological studies. Congratulations, Emily! Meanwhile, **LIZZIE LETTS MOHAMMED's** family has also grown, as she tied the knot with her husband Daren on Mackinac Island in August 2014, and they welcomed the birth of their first child, Henry, in May 2015. Lizzie is working as an account director for the Westin Seattle, and she and her family are also enjoying first-time home ownership, after recently purchasing a new home in Greenwood. Congratulations, Lizzie! **HASAN CHAUDHRY** and his wife, Maham, have also become first-time homeowners out in Phoenix and are enjoying the experience thoroughly. In addition to his new home improvement pastime, Hasan completed his residency training and began practicing medicine. He also found time to catch up with Aaron Johnson, '01, on a recent trip to Orlando. If anyone is traveling through Arizona soon, please let Hasan know, he looks forward to meeting up! Elsewhere in the world of medicine, **LAUREN KESHISHIAN** graduated from SUNY Medical School last May and married Zachary Schott six days later. After honeymooning in the Loire Valley, they moved to Arlington, VA, where Lauren has been able to spend quality time with **ANNE LITTMAN** and **OLIVIA SPIRO BRYANT**, in addition to beginning her internship at MedStar Washington Hospital Center in D.C. Finally, **LAUREL WAMSLEY** is also a new D.C. resident, having relocated

from Chicago to work as a producer at NPR, though she's also creating the pilot episodes for her own podcast project and having fun hanging out with **DENA ROTH**. She writes, "It's great to be back in the District!" Thanks again to everyone for sharing their good news, and we look forward to hearing more in the months to come!

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## CK2004

It has been a while since the last Boys' Class submission. Fortunately, a lot of great things have happened in that time. **FLAVIO KUPERMAN** is a software engineer at Microsoft, where he has been for the past five years. **CHI-HOON KIM** is in Korea, working at General Motors, designing Chevrolet and Buick cars and SUVs. **BRAD BIDWELL** married his husband, Kyle, in December of 2014 and lives in Midland. He is the lead privacy attorney and counsel for information security for The Dow Chemical Company. Kyle is finishing up his second bachelor's degree in nursing. **JAKE CUNNINGHAM** graduated from law school in 2012 and is a judicial staff attorney for the Honorable Mary Ellen Brennan in the family division of the Oakland County Circuit Court. Jake and his partner of eight years, Mark, live in Ferndale with their lab-beagle mix Charlie. **JESSE VARGA** is living and working in Keene, NH, after completing a master's degree in environmental studies at Antioch University New England in 2014. He is working with The Caterpillar Lab, a new non-profit dedicated to educational, scientific, and artistic pursuits using live native caterpillars. His work focuses on the many educational shows and programs the lab produces at museums, nature centers,

schools, and summer camps across New England. He also has two pet rats named after cheeses (because, of course). **GALEN WIESE** is back in the Midwest after spending time in the Bay area and receiving his master's. He teaches third grade in Madison, WI, and continues with the pottery that he started at Cranbrook by teaching ceramics at the University of Wisconsin. **BRETT TREMAIN** works as a vice president for a private equity firm, spending most of his time evaluating automotive investments. Last year he got engaged and is getting married in May. They recently bought a house together in Bloomfield Hills. They often spend time over at Cranbrook, usually running the grounds. **HARRISON BAI** graduated from Yale Medical School in 2013 and is now a PGY-3 radiology resident at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. **JON FIRTH** has been working for National CineMedia for the past four years. He handles onscreen advertising at AMC, Cinemark, and Regal movie theaters across the country. He is the regional account director and has relocated to Nashville to handle the territory. **MATTHEW MOMON** recently went to New York with **SAM CLEMENTS** and **MICHAEL CHEN** to visit **DANIEL VANDER KOLK** and his wife and kids. Last October he completed the *Detroit Free Press* Marathon, his first, and is training for this year's as well. **JOSH CLOUSE** has been working at Flex-N-Gate as a full-fledged quality engineer since last January, participating in a local leadership and service development program, and working on an engineering degree of some kind. He looks forward to finding time for another Michigan trip or two this year to see Clark Adamczyk, '03, **ABI BLATT**, Matt Schinco, '05, and Janice David, '05, again.



Vernon Baker, '04, with Rep. Mike Thompson

**VERNON BAKER** is in Washington, D.C., working for Representative Mike Thompson (D-CA) as a tax policy advisor. **CG MCCLURE** and his wife moved to San Francisco a few years ago in order to pursue a PhD. He often catches up with **DANE**

**ROOK**, who is also there working on his post-doc. **PHIL TAEHAN KIM** has been busy the past 12 years where he completed his bachelor's in forensic chemistry at University of Toronto and then obtained his PhD in chemistry at Yale in 2014. He went back to South Korea to fulfill his mandatory military service (stationed at a local middle school), and is planning to start medical school at Stanford this August. Also on the West Coast, **ANAND PARIKH** is in San Francisco, where he just left his job at Morrison & Foerster LLP for an exciting role at a digital health startup focused on diabetes. He was in Costa Rica over Christmas and saw **STEFFI DAVIDSON** in a grocery store in Monteverde and on a ferry to the Nicoya Peninsula, where they were able to catch up. **MIKE DUPREE** is involved with Bitcoin. His company, Easybit, is the premier bitcoin ATM operator in the world right now, with machines in 13 countries. **BRAYTON GROTH** is in a transitional period right now after working in sales for several years after graduating from Michigan State University. He is currently finishing a vascular ultrasound program and is almost done fulfilling his clinical duties at Beaumont hospital in the vascular ultrasound department. He should be graduating as an RVT in June and hopes to continue working with Beaumont's vascular lab in the future. **GABE PERLOW** resides in Pittsburgh, PA, with his wife, Hayley, and two children, Madison, 3, and Isaac, who was born September 7, 2015. He serves as Associate General Counsel for McKnight Realty Partners, a real estate development firm headquartered in Downtown Pittsburgh. **DR. ELI MELAAS** of West Roxbury, MA, (formerly of Oxford, MI) has received his PhD degree from Boston University. He will remain at Boston University completing post-doctoral research under a grant from NASA. He is happily married and is conducting research on improving understanding of how forests are responding to climate change. He also had a great time catching up with Aaron Melaas, '02, **STEPHANIE DAVIDSON**, and Molly Ryan, '06, at the New England Alumni Regional Gathering this past November. **ERIC GREGORY** is working as an employee benefits attorney at Dickinson Wright, handling legal issues on behalf of employers with their retirement and healthcare plans. He works in the Troy office along with **CHRISTIAN OHANIAN**,

who is a litigator at the firm. In July he bought a new house and moved to Troy with his wife, Ashley. **ADAM MARTIN** is finishing up his MBA at University of Michigan's Ross School of Business, where he is specializing in healthcare management. He'll be working as a regional director of operations for an international dialysis provider after he graduates in May. He's excited about moving to Detroit and getting further involved in the revitalization of the city. He hopes to connect with other CK alums living in Detroit. **JASON RIOPELLE** began a new position in August in the project engineering department at Gulfstream, where he manages some of the project for the G650 and G650ER aircraft. He is also the chairman of the local section of the aerospace professional organization, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Other than that, he hangs out with his dog, Bosco, which he found a little over two years ago. After finishing Reed College with a degree in economics and working in finance for a few years and completing his MBA at the University of Oxford ('12), **ANDREI STEPHENS** has made the transition to the tech industry and moved back to Detroit after being in Portland for a couple of years. He is now the mobile product manager at Quicken Loans downtown and is looking forward to getting back into what's happening in the city. **NATHAN SKIDMORE** and his wife moved to McAllen, TX, about three years ago. They are expecting their first child. They bought a house last summer and plan on going on wilderness this year. **VAL WASHINGTON** lives in New York City practicing corporate law, specializing in capital markets.



Tom LaGrasso, '04, and wife, Katie



**TOM LAGRASSO** works at LaGrasso Bros., Inc., in the purchasing department and customer service, helping with sales and deliveries. He recently tied the knot in August at Old St. Mary's Church in Greentown. **ADAM GAJDOS** and his family have now settled down in Brno, which is halfway between Prague and his home town Bratislava. In October he and his wife welcomed their second daughter, Agáta, which increased domestic fun exponentially. Professionally, he is slowly moving towards finishing his PhD in the sociology of collective memory and starting to look for a way to step, with at least one foot, outside of academia. **BLAKE ROLLER** has been working in marketing locally in Birmingham and has been collaborating with **LAYNE MORELAND's** husband, Josh Bryant, on building a new logistics business. He has enjoyed living in the City of Detroit the past three years, and spending time with fellow CK alums, **BRENT BARNHART**, **ELLIOT VILDERS**, and **ZAC ROLAND**. He is encouraging all CK alums to come witness how far the city of Detroit has come and be prepared not to leave. **JOHN JARBOE** founded the Bearded Ladies Cabaret in 2010 in Philadelphia. [www.beardedladiescabaret.com](http://www.beardedladiescabaret.com). They have created ten original works in five years. They make poison cookies and music driven cabaret/plays that use nostalgia and pleasure as a weapon for social commentary. Also, they premiered their most ambitious project in fall of 2015, a new opera-cabaret hybrid called *Andy: A Popera*, in collaboration with Opera Philadelphia. John wrote the libretto and directed the piece, which included twelve opera singers, five cabaret performers, and a five-person band. He is the first drag artist to perform at the National Constitution Center, and is currently building a project about the atom bomb and queer family entitled *Atomic Family Cabaret*. The Bearded Ladies will be touring to Detroit, Miami, and Seattle in the next year. As for me, after years of expat life in Seoul, I returned to school in 2014 to focus on HIV/TB research, health financing, and health policy in developing countries. I am currently finishing my MSPH at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in global disease epidemiology and control. My graduate work has taken me all over the world, and I will be in Lima, Peru, for six months starting in March, conducting research on HIV and

Toxoplasmosis co-infection. I am currently writing from Yaoundé, Cameroon, where I am finishing up my portion of the study on HIV among key populations (Men who have sex with men, and female sex workers). I have been based here since August of 2015 and will continue my public health studies at Harvard to begin my DrPH in the fall.



*Daniel Choi, '04, in Cameroon*

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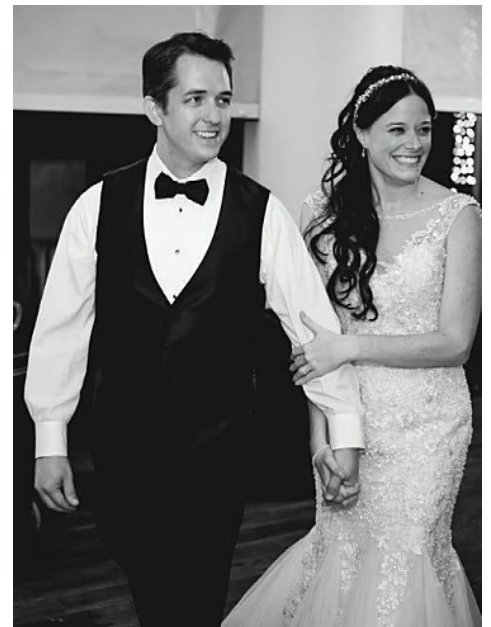
Hi everyone. I hope your new year is off to a great start so far. Only a few updates to share this time around. **MARK CRAIN**, his wife, Hazel, and his boys, Musa and Haroon, live on the west side of Detroit. Mark is still a campaign director with MoveOn.org and project director for Dream of Detroit, a neighborhood improvement organization. He recently co-founded a new advocacy group, MPower Change, whose mission is to fight anti-Muslim racism and push for a more inclusive United States. **BLAKE GEORGE** is continuing to grow his digital media company, BMG Media, both domestically and abroad, and he reports that he's been expanding his local team to become a more advanced development firm. **MIKE ILITCH** loves working in U.S. development for Little Caesars Pizza in Detroit, and he will be getting married in May. Congrats, Mike! As for me, **RYAN ZAMPARDO**, I will be finishing up my MBA at Northwestern University in the spring and moving to the Bay Area, where my wife will be entering business school at Stanford in the fall.

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 **CK2005**

The Ladies of Cranbrook Kingswood Class of 2005 had many exciting updates to share! **ALANA BERGFELD WILSON** and her husband, Jacob, welcomed their daughter, Analeigh Catherine, into the world on January 28, 2016. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces, was 20.5 inches long, had a full head of brown hair, and blue eyes. Her mother and father are hoping she will be a swimmer just like they are! **PRIYA CHATTERJEE** has been living in D.C. for the past two years, working in federal healthcare consulting. In her spare time she still practices yoga at a nearby studio, volunteers at a local shelter, and travels as much as work allows. **KATIE GROSTEFFON** has been promoted to senior consultant with her company, Humantech, an ergonomics consulting firm based in Ann Arbor, MI. In her new role she will be providing consulting support for Toyota's new model projects. After spending a month in Japan this spring for training, she will be relocating to the Lexington, KY, area.



*Jaclyn Julow, '05, married Bill Cunningham*

**JACLYN JULOW** married Bill Cunningham in December 2015 in Fort Myers, FL. Her maid of honor was fellow CK grad, **HAYLEY WALTERS**. Also in attendance were **KAT**

**WEBER MONTGOMERY, KARIN DIETZ,** and **RENEE HELPPIE CHASE.** Jaclyn also got a chance to see **MICHELLE BARNES HARMAN, LEILA KALLEY,** and **SUSANNA COX** at Renee's wedding in October in Detroit. **ALEXA TATE** graduated from the University of Chicago Law School and is working as a human rights lawyer in India. She is living in Jharkhand, doing a field study for public interest litigation on human trafficking. She will return to New Delhi to work on maternal health and child marriage issue for Supreme Court litigation. **GAYA MURUGAPPAN** and **MATT HILLYARD,** C'05, welcomed a baby boy, Ethan Oliver, on September 6, 2015. They are loving their little bundle of joy! As always, thank you for sharing all of your new and exciting endeavors.



*Ethan Oliver, son of Gaya Murugappan and Matt Hillyard, both '05*

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Thank you to everyone who turned in an update! It was lovely to hear from some new voices! **RACHEL NEITHERCUT** is working on her master of library and information science, specializing in information management from Wayne State University.

She plans to complete her studies in August 2016 and is looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion June 10-12! **LUKA FISHER** manages the band MRK, which was just listed by *LA Weekly* as one of the ten bands to follow. **MATT MOURA** graduated from Northwestern University last summer, receiving his PhD in chemical and biological engineering. He moved to the Boston area and has started working for Greenlight Biosciences, a biotech company focused on the biological production of varying chemicals and fuels. **KARA HOLLAND BILLINGS** and her husband, Joe, have a small farm in Bend, OR, where they have two dogs, horses, alpacas, goats, and chickens. She also is running her own business, which is a line of grooming products called Twinkle Products, Inc. Kara and Joe welcomed the birth of their first child, a daughter, Maybel Ray, on January 31. Last February **LAUREN VILDERS** took a three month sabbatical from YouTube/Google to travel throughout India and trek the Annapurna Circuit in Nepal. Shortly after arriving home she quit her job (and went to Burning Man). In the fall Lauren started a new gig as a researcher for Internet.org at Facebook, studying the interaction between culture and technology in emerging markets. She has been lucky to travel to India and Peru already for field research, and Uganda is next! She still lives in San Francisco and can't think of any other place she'd rather be. Lauren also completed a 200-hour yoga teacher training in the fall and is now enrolled in a 500-hour program. **STEPHANIE SCHWARTZ** is a buyer at Bloomingdales and recently moved to a new apartment in Flatiron in NYC. She serves as a vice chair on the Financial Literacy Committee of the NYJL and is on the junior board of a housing center in the East Village. Stephanie continues to travel as much as work allows and is looking forward to an upcoming trip to Norway and Croatia. The year 2015 was pretty exciting for **MORGAN MCBRIDE ANADILLA!** Morgan was married in Lake Tahoe, CA, in September 2015 to her long-time love, and former roommate, Marvin. Marvin and Morgan met in Lake Tahoe as roommates and lived there for several years before moving to New York City in 2013. It was a dream of theirs to be married in the mountains by the lake. Morgan's sister, Mackenzie McBride, '08, was her maid of honor, Drew Kraniak, '05, was a "bridesman," and, of course, her mother, Judy Schaffer

McBride, '65, was a stunning mother of the bride. Despite the great distance, they were lucky enough to be surrounded by many cherished Cranbrook friends, including Will Carroll, '05, and Anthony Baron, '07. Morgan is living in New York City where she works as an analyst at Koch Supply & Trading. She is running, pursuing photography as a hobby, and enjoying the big city.



*Morgan McBride Anadilla, '06, and husband, Marvin*



*Theresa Tejada, '06, on Jeopardy*

As for me, **THERESA TEJADA,** I was able to fulfill a lifelong dream of mine and competed on Jeopardy! December 22-23, 2015. As part of the audition process I was able to spend some time with **MATT MOURA** and Nick Andersen, '08, in Boston. On the show I was lucky to be able to speak to the influence that Doc Rosenquist had on my education, but much thanks also goes to all of my former teachers at Cranbrook, who helped form a strong academic foundation in me that led to a Jeopardy! Win! Thank you also to the supportive Cranbrook community who



reached out and cheered me on during my appearances. I also was happy to see David Coleman at the CK Career Fair for the senior class, who shared his advice on how to be a successful in business to emerging leaders and future CK alumni! I am so excited to see everyone at our 10 year reunion! Whew, time has really flown!

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  **CK2007**

It has been great to hear from a lot of you either late last year or this year. I'm hoping to highlight some news on our classmates and would especially love to hear from those I haven't heard from in a while.

**CATHERINE LAGRASSO** continues to work in accounting, communication, and human resources at LaGrasso Bros., Inc., a family-run company, which recently celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Catherine's brothers, Tom, '04, and Joe, '11, work for LaGrasso Bros. **SAM TAZZIA** is currently enrolled to earn a master's degree in advertising from the Newhouse School at Syracuse. She will graduate in June. **ERIN KELLEY** works for Delta Air Lines and will be getting married in July in Atlanta, GA. After residing in Atlanta for five years, she will be moving to Louisville, KY, to join her fiancé, while he finishes dental school. **OLIVIA PETRIE** relocated to Houston, TX, last year after living in New York City for seven years. She is working as an artist and decorative finisher in a variety of mediums, with a focus on steel sculpture. Olivia is in the process of establishing a custom furniture company and is also pursuing other ventures in the fitness industry, having recently earned her personal training certificate. She is loving Texas and is happy to be close to her family. I am happy to report that many of our fellow classmates have been in touch with each other. **LIANE PERKINS** lives in Fort Worth, TX, and works for Lockheed Martin in supply chain management/purchasing and account management. She is in close touch with **EMILY RAYMOND** with whom she reconnected while in New York. They

haven't stopped talking since! Liane got married on January 30, 2016, to her fiancé, Bubba Jordan. A slew of Cranbrook alumni attended the wedding to help celebrate the occasion. Liane and Bubba will be honeymooning in Mexico and then spending the remainder of the year focusing on their career goals. In attendance at Liane's wedding were **SARAH TWEDT, KELSEY ZUKOWSKI, IVY FORESTER, MELANIE AUGUST**, Adam Morris, C'07; John Scott Buell, C'07; Mark Schuette, '06; Xander Strek, '08; Matt Broder, '08; Justin LaPoten, '07; Leila Kalley, '05; Brad Bailey, '05; and of course, her brother, Ian Perkins, '05.



*Wedding of Liane Perkins Jordan, '07*



*Matt Rubin and Alex Pavloff, both '07*

A few classmates have reconnected by coincidence. Matt Rubin, C'07, has been working on John Kasich's campaign and recently bumped into Alex Pavloff, C'07, in New Hampshire. **SAMRITA VARDE** and I

went on a sisterly bonding trip to Thailand, Indonesia, and Singapore at the end of 2015. The highlight of our trip was spending a day at "elephant day care," feeding, cleaning, and bathing our newfound elephant friends in Thailand. Since my return from Asia, I have been traveling back and forth to Santiago, Chile, helping integrate a company recently acquired by Liberty Mutual, my employer. It has been a rewarding albeit challenging experience, particularly since several people I work with only speak Spanish. I hope everyone else is doing well. Please reach out if you are ever in Boston! Best.

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  **CK2008**

Greetings again, fellow members of the Class of '08. This has been a busy few months for us. **SEAN COLLON** relocated to Nashville, TN, where he has begun medical school at Vanderbilt University. On the technology front, **THEO DASHER's** company in Austin, TX, recently produced an app called Double Dog, which allows you to "dare" your friends. It can be found at <http://double.dog/>. **NICK ANDERSEN** has continued to stay connected with other Cranbrook alums, meeting up with Mackenzie McBride and Andrea Gumushian, both K'08, on CK's campus during a sojourn to Michigan for the holidays, as well as Matt Moura, '06, in Cambridge, MA. In the Bloomfield area, **XANDER STREK** is working as an investment counselor at Clarkston Capital Partners and is looking to obtain his Certified Financial Planner (CFP) designation this summer. **TED LORTS** recently left his job as a software developer and has returned to Cranbrook, where he serves as a mentor to the schools' robotics teams. Since we graduated, the program has ballooned from just three teams in high school to ten, as well as eight middle school teams and even three teams at Brookside! All told, over 100 students participate in the Cranbrook robotics program, and Ted supervises all of them, in addition to teaching after-school introductory classes to Brookside students.

I am also pleased to report another marriage in the Class of '08: this past December.



*Dimitri Mitropolous, '08, and wife, Katharine*

**DIMITRI MITROPOULOS** married his long-time girlfriend, Katharine, whom he met during his time in college. Congratulations, Dimitri and Katharine! After graduating with three bachelor's degrees (in linguistics, speech pathology, and classics - Latin and Ancient Greek), Dimitri now works for Kelly Services in Troy, MI, as a senior software designer. Down in sunny Florida **MIKE FITZGERALD** is working towards his PhD in marriage and family therapy at Florida State, focusing his research on childhood maltreatment, dating violence, and emotional regulation. This past summer **JAKE FRIEDMAN** graduated from Penn State with a degree in finance where he also played Division 1 hockey. Jake is now working as a mortgage underwriter at United Shore Financial Services, LLC, whose President and CEO, Matthew Ishbea, is also a former Big Ten athlete, having played basketball at Michigan State. After leaving his job at Deloitte Consulting, **CALEB REED** co-founded Corredata, where he is building technology to help investment managers save time and better understand their portfolio holdings. He says it's like Mint.com for professional investors. **JUSTIN CAMERON** has also relocated, moving to Charlotte, NC, to work for Total Quality Logistics, which is a third-party logistics provider. In his spare time Justin Skypes into rehearsals for **RYAN DREWS'** garage band, providing much-needed services on the electric xylophone. The group is still on the lookout for a kazoo/vuvuzela player, however. As for your Class Secretary, **PETER BAUMHART**, I passed the Illinois Bar Exam

and am now a licensed attorney. After wrapping up a federal district court clerkship in Dallas, TX, I will move to San Diego, CA, in August to begin a second clerkship for a federal appellate judge. It was great to hear from so many of you this time around. Please stay in touch and let me know if you are in the Dallas or San Diego area.

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**JEREMY BRILL** is living in San Diego, CA, working in health experience. What's that mean? Essentially he helps hospitals design a more positive patient experience, start to finish. He also was recently a professional driver for Acura. Cool. Note: He does NOT surf. **ARTUR FRUMAN** is living in New York, working on a startup called Welzoo, a totally free and effortless way for people to raise money for their favorite cause. Occasionally he travels to Florida to visit his family and snapchat his little sister. Check out [welzoo.com](http://welzoo.com). **JOE GRANZOTTO**, **ANDREW ECKHOUS**, and **ERIC FISHMAN** are currently snowed-in in a yurt in lower Mongolia, where they were searching for clues regarding the whereabouts of the long lost tomb of Ghengis Kahn. **ADAM WELLS** is doing freelance marketing and photography. You can see his work at [www.ajwells.news](http://www.ajwells.news). Drop him a line if you're ever in Denver. **MARY BETH SKYLIS** spent last summer hiking the Appalachian Trail. The whole thing, Georgia to Maine. "It was pretty much the most pointless and rewarding experience of my life. It led me to other opportunities (freelance writing work for *Backpacker Magazine* and working on a book about this incredible woman I met on the trail). Now I'm trying to figure out a way to move somewhere out west." **LUCY XU** is in New York City, avidly exploring the Silicon Alley tech scene and working in digital marketing at rising startup, Curalate.

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I, **SYED ARHAAM AHMED**, am pursuing an electrical and electronics engineering degree at PES University in Bangalore, India. I have worked on cell phone signal jammer and grid synchronization of photovoltaic panel projects, and I am currently the head of college fashion team, for the college fest, "Aatmatrisha," happening in March. I am also a member of "SAMARPANA," a non-profit organization that supports the Indian Armed Forces. **MOHAMMAD OZAIR SHAREEF** has co-founded a non-profit organization called "Detroit is My Home," that assists the homeless in the Detroit area. He is currently in his third year at Wayne State University. Mohammad is majoring in psychology with a minor in business and plans to pursue a MD/MBA program. **PATRICK BARCLAY** has transferred to Albion and is pursuing a business major. He is playing tennis and has joined a fraternity.



*Colton Graub, '13*

**COLTON GRAUB** is majoring in political science and minoring in entrepreneurship at U-M. He is the photography editor of *Michiganensian* (Michigan's official yearbook). He is on the executive board of the Michigan Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America, and he has recently been vigorously involved in aerial and travel photography. His website is [www.coltongraub.com](http://www.coltongraub.com). **BENJAMIN HAMATI** is majoring in economics at Reed College. He is the first president of the investment club there (managed \$50k). He is currently studying abroad in Beirut, Lebanon.



**CARLTON SHANE** is majoring in political science and minoring in economics. He plans to travel to Israel and Palestine next summer on a service abroad trip to gain a better understanding of the conflict.



*Kevin Shand, '13, and friends*

**KEVIN SHAND** won't be going to college until next year. He has been playing three years of professional hockey; he is playing for the Metro Jets. **ABDULLAH RAFIQ** is majoring in civil engineering at NED University. He recently interned at AAA Partnership Pvt. Ltd. **CHRISTOPHER (KODI) ALVORD** is in pre-med and majoring in ethnicity, race and majority (ER&M). He is the current president of "Blue Feather Drum group." Former vice president and current secretary of the Association of Native Americans at Yale, Kodi is also the vice president of Yale Chapter of American Indian Science and Engineering Society, which seeks to provide a support network for native students entering STEM fields. Last year he worked at Vanderbilt School of Medicine and served as a mentor to middle school students in New Haven. **JOSEPH MIHELIC, VI** is majoring in economics at NYU, spent his freshman year in London, and travelled across Europe visiting Italy, Croatia, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Scotland, and Germany to learn the European way of life, which helped him grow as an individual. **ALAN WILLIAMS** is majoring in performing and media arts for film at Cornell University. His work can be appreciated on the YouTube channel link <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMUvvpem3M5YdpuUBCqtYX>. **WILLIAM ERWIN** is in his second year as part of Iovine-Young Academy at USC. He is actively involved in an entrepreneurial club called "Lava Lab," and he also helped start

the "Design for America" chapter at USC. Focusing in the field of product design, Will not only successfully designed a full-size boat, but also brought it to life via a virtual reality experience.

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*(Editor's Note)*

It is with great sadness that the schools received notification of **ELIZABETH GRACE WATSON**, member of the class of 2013. The following was excerpted from her obituary: Elizabeth Grace Watson, 21, of the City of Grosse Pointe passed away quietly and peacefully March 1 at her home, with her parents at her side, after succumbing to her courageous ten-year battle with anorexia nervosa. Elizabeth's sparkling blue eyes, her radiant smile, keen intellect, sharp wit, and her abundant kindness will be greatly missed. She attended Cranbrook Kingswood School in Bloomfield Hills for high school, as a member of the class of 2013. She was very excited about the prospect of attending boarding school, however, her illness limited her time in the dormitory to a mere semester. She persevered as a day student, ultimately graduated on time, and was accepted to her dream school, Wellesley College in Wellesley, MA. She enrolled for her first semester, undertook a rigorous curriculum, did very well academically, but sadly had to withdraw when she became too ill to continue. While there, she wrote several *Prize Papers*, all of which were published, was named the top French student, won the History Award, and was an AP Scholar with Honors. She was a National Merit Semi Finalist, and was a member of the Cranbrook Kingswood's Cum Laude Society, Gold Key student ambassador program, model United Nations, was faculty-appointed to the Student Conduct Relations Board, and was president of the French Club. She received the Augur Pin for having one of the highest grade point averages in her class. Elizabeth was very musically inclined, studying violin and piano for several years before concentrating on her beautiful soprano

voice. She sang with Michigan Opera Theater Children's Chorus and was a member of the Kingswood Madrigals for four years. Elizabeth was a truly caring and sensitive person. Even when ill, she volunteered at Beaumont helping patients be comfortable. She cried easily when deeply wounded and was often overcome with anxieties and feelings of inadequacy. She was likely more fragile than anyone ever knew, but she hid it well behind her enormous ambition and accomplishments, all while her eating disorder was raging in her head incessantly. No stone was left unturned in her treatment, but the intensity and duration took an enormous toll on her ability to learn to thrive as a young woman. Elizabeth had aspired to become a psychiatrist. She wanted someday to be able to positively impact the countless young women suffering from this insidious illness, through the development of new treatments and perhaps even a cure. Eating disorders are very serious illnesses that are misunderstood and feature the highest mortality rate of mental health disorders. Memorial donations in Elizabeth's memory can be made to Cranbrook Kingswood's vocal music program by writing a check payable to Cranbrook Schools and sending it to Cranbrook Schools Office of Development, PO Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801, or online at [schools.cranbrook.edu/givenow](http://schools.cranbrook.edu/givenow). Additionally, donations in Elizabeth's name may be made to the benefit of educational programs at Michigan Opera Theater and Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, MI 48226.

 **CK2014**

**ROHIN PATEL** is currently studying at the U-M, concentrating in cellular and molecular biology as well as history. In addition, he rows crew for the U-M Men's Rowing Team. In his second year at Emory University, **WYATT KANE** is majoring in finance at the Goizueta Business School and minoring in Spanish. He is planning to go to law school after college. As for me, **TRENTON MANNIS**, I am taking a gap year in order to earn more work experience. I am working in media management with Corktown's Incubator Company, Ponyride, under the Director, Stella Sefari. Furthermore, I am delving into

the service industry as a waiter in a small Japanese restaurant in the city. Along with learning Japanese and Korean within my spare time, I have also taken up photography and plan to create a portfolio of my work before returning to Tufts University in the fall. I plan to switch my major to international letters and visual studies with an emphasis on language, culture, and possibly film theory.

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 **CK2015**

As a freshman on Princeton University's women's ice hockey team, **KEIKO DECLERCK** finished with six goals and six assists during the program's most successful season since 2006, which took home the Ivy League title and was ranked eighth in the nation. **LEXA PROKOPETZ** took a gap semester to do seven weeks of community service in Fiji, hike New Zealand, and explore the Gold Coast of Australia. **ARIANA VESPA** walked onto the U-M's Women's Lacrosse Team, making her Division 1 debut during the team's home opener against Central Michigan University. **JAIMEE BECKETT** plans to work as a whitewater rafting instructor this summer in Glenwood Springs, CO. **JENNA GOLDSTEIN** will be interning in Rio, Brazil, for MSNBC during the 2016 Summer Olympic Games.

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## HONORARY ALUMNI

**BEN SNYDER** was joined by his wife, Margot, son, Ben Jr., '75, and daughters, Abby, '77, and Amy, '80, when he was celebrated as one of the co-founders of Horizons – Upward Bound at their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala. There

was a crowd of alumni and fans around the Snyder table all night long, and hardly a dry eye in the house when President, Dom DiMarco, and Arlyce Seibert presented him with a commemorative plaque for his many contributions. **DEBBIE RUTZEN** hasn't retired yet, but as her time in the classroom drew to a close in January, a huge crowd gathered around room 12 to honor her with a "Clap-Off." This very special send-off involves students, faculty, and administrators gathering outside the classroom and giving the teacher a standing ovation as they finish their final class. In Debbie's case, the hallways were almost impassable in three directions, and the clapping of appreciative students and colleagues echoed through the hallways as Debbie moved through the crowd, passing out hugs. A fitting finale to 46 years in the classroom. Debbie is doing special projects at the school until she fully retires in June. Check the reunion page on CranNet for more information on celebrating the retirement on Saturday, June 10 at reunion. Note: Debbie received the first recognition as an honorary alumna by the Kingswood Alumnae Association in 2003. **JOHN WINTER** sent the following news: "Connections are always abundant within the Cranbrook Community and in all cases provide a sense of homecoming and warm welcome. I had an opportunity to accept a Christmas invitation with some past parents and alumni in the Isle of Palms, SC, renewing and remembering my 'early days' with our host, Carolyn Richardson, her son, Blane, '88, and her granddaughter, Sophia; Mary Jo and Don Carlson and their daughter, DeeDee, '85. Arlyce Seibert, honorary alumna, joined the festivities and laughter, as we all recalled stories spanning over 40 years of the Cranbrook Community's history. Alex Smith, '06, and I caught up over lunch in St. Armand's Circle at Tommy Bahama's – was delighted to learn that George Smith, '08, is now living in Ellenton, FL, get ready for my visit, George! Zander Talman, '10, stopped by my condo on Longboat Key and shared his good news of his June 2016 marriage to his fiancée, Paige, as well as his training for Olympic time trials early in 2016 – you can connect with Zander on Facebook to offer encouragement and support! Bernie Liu, '01, will marry his fiancée, Stephanie, in London this year – really looking forward to my trip across the pond this fall! Over the course of the last six months I received joyous news

announcing new births, so it is only fitting to offer congratulations to: Charles Shaw, '98, his wife, Tanya, and their son, Peter; Chris Freeman, '93, and his wife, Colette, and their son, Finnegan; Waqas Idrees, '06, his wife, Shiza, and their daughter, Salina; Janna Burrell Volz, '00, her husband, Justin, and son, Max, welcomed Wesley; Jennifer Miller Heath, '00, her husband, Jason, and son, Charlie, welcomed William; Nick Pink '96, his wife, Libby and son, Jenson, welcomed Maria; Lanaya Ethington, '97, her husband, Kevin, and daughters, Imogen and Agatha, welcomed Elliot Lynn; Chris Bergfield, '01, his wife, Amanda, and son, Michael, welcomed Nicholas; Alana Bergfield Wilson, '05, her husband, Jacob, and their daughter, Analeigh; Alex Haimann, '04, his wife, Sarah, and their daughter Karinne, and I can't wait to meet Johnny, Jake, Clare, and Ella, the children of John Arvai, '92, and his wife Bree as they visit Hidden Cove Resort this summer! Other alumni are making strides in areas of the fine and performing arts – so let's give a shout out to: Riham Mustafa Thulfiqar, '99, whose singing career had a brilliant go in "The Voice/Arabia" as she competed this past November in Egypt; Carlos Navarrete-Patino, '01, is designing opening/closing ceremonies for the Invictus Games (Prince Harry originated these games to champion the athleticism of wounded warriors - this is the first to be held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex) to be held in Orlando, FL, this May 8-12; Jere Williams, '89, is showing his wood sculptures in the Bond Gallery, Richmond, VA, in March of this year; Kirke Martin, '93, (he and his wife, Meghan Nealis-Martin, '93) own M4 Studios in Keedysville, MD, presents 'Amorphus X' at an exhibit in the Tomandy Art Gallery in Fredrick, MD; and Renée Elise Goldsberry-Johnson, '89, for her incredible talent in not only directing but acting in *Hamilton* on Broadway this year! Stay in touch. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Cranbrook Kingswood Reunion June 10, 11, and 12, 2016." As for me, my husband, Tom, and I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary over the Christmas holidays when all the family was together. We were toasted by all three of our grandsons, Benji, Sammy, and Thomas. The highlight of the evening at D'Amato's in Royal Oak was a slideshow my daughter-in-law, Lisa, put together with photos I had scanned from the last 50 years to which she added such beautiful and touching music, enough to



make us cry, and realize it had all been worth every minute.



*Kathy Discenna, Honorary Alumna, and family on her 50th anniversary*

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# FORMER FACULTY



*Bill McInville, former faculty*



*David Low, former teacher and administrator*

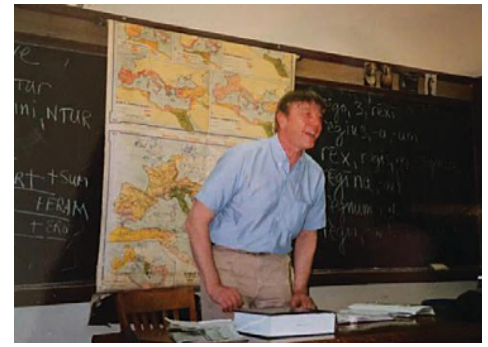
Former science teacher **BILL MCINVALLE** reported in from Langley, Washington, "I am the owner of Bur Oak Acres, LLC an organic produce farm on Whidbey Island,

WA. I have been doing this for 20+ plus years, starting with a farm in Northfield, MN when I worked at Saint Olaf college. Next it was a bigger effort on a farm in Lancaster, NH. And now Bur Oak Acres "West" here in Washington. I have fond memories of Cranbrook, especially the faculty (too many to mention here)." Bill's sister Kristine helps with managing the farmer's market and planting, weeding and harvesting and his sons Morgan and Caleb lend a hand when they are in town. Diane Nine '80 emailed to say that she was recently in Florida with a client who plays tennis with longtime coach and Brookside physical education teacher **DON BROWN**. They had a chance to visit with Don and his wife Susan in Vero Beach, and Diane reports that they are enjoying life in Florida. Don plays lots of tennis and still gives private lessons.



*Diane Nine '80 (center) with Don and Susan Brown (right) and clients*

Former English teacher and dean of admission **DAVID LOW** checked in from Vermont, reporting that "After leaving Cranbrook in 1979, I served as Dean of Students and Assistant Headmaster at Blair Academy in western New Jersey for 32 years before retiring in 2011." He and his wife, Candy, (another familiar face on campus in the 70s) and I live in southern Vermont, just outside of Williamstown, Massachusetts." We received the sad news of the loss of former GMS head **PATRICIA HALL** last winter. Her husband, former English teacher **WARREN HALL** reports that he has recently moved to North Vernon, Indiana and sends his best to everyone at the schools.



*Doc Rosenquist in the classroom*

Another sad note is that former Latin teacher **STEPHEN "DOC" ROSENQUIST** passed away in September. From former Latin student Liz Lent '89: Dr. Rosenquist taught at Cranbrook for nearly 20 years, starting in 1986 when he arrived from Minnesota to replace another beloved Latin teacher, Robert Hoffman. It soon became clear that one larger-than-life personality had succeeded another. With a penchant for narrative diversions that could take a conversation from Cicero to Greek history to Turkish coffee, Rosenquist quickly became a favorite among students, who appreciated his ability to listen, ask questions and always find the right thing to say. In the days following his death, as news spread among alumni and a steady stream of remembrances began to appear on his Facebook page, one common theme became clear: Doc had changed a lot of lives for the better. There will be an opportunity for alumni to gather and remember Doc starting at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 11th in the Cranbrook Library Reading Room during reunion weekend. Please check the reunion page at <http://bit.ly/reunionck> for details. If you are not able to attend the memorial but wish to send on a memory or story you can email it to [alumni@cranbrook.edu](mailto:alumni@cranbrook.edu).

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