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# TRADITION

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# DO YOU REMEMBER?

We know you always will. If you don't want photos from the past to come back to haunt you, it is probably unwise to spend your career in a school environment. It is pretty clear that fashions and hairstyles may come and go, but the tradition of excellence that has been established at Cranbrook Schools has been firmly in place for decades. As they retire, we are celebrating the careers of Arlyce Seibert, Claudia Schuette, Jeff Miller, Tom Burgess and Sandy Hertz. They are a part of a strong foundation on which this community will continue to build.

From top: Jeff Miller, Arlyce Seibert and her posse hit the quad, David Watson, Sandy Hertz coaching girls' lacrosse, Arlyce Seibert and Tom Burgess flank Honnie McClear, Lillian Bauder, Betsy Clark and Sharon Maher, Claudia Schuette teaching math at Kingswood, David Watson, Claudia Schuette, Arlyce Seibert, Claudia Schuette in plaid, and lower right, Arlyce Seibert above Jeff Miller. Did you get them all?



Retiring Director of Cranbrook Schools Arlyce M. Seibert.  
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# RESIDENT'S Point of View

DEAR CRANBROOK SCHOOLS' ALUMNI,

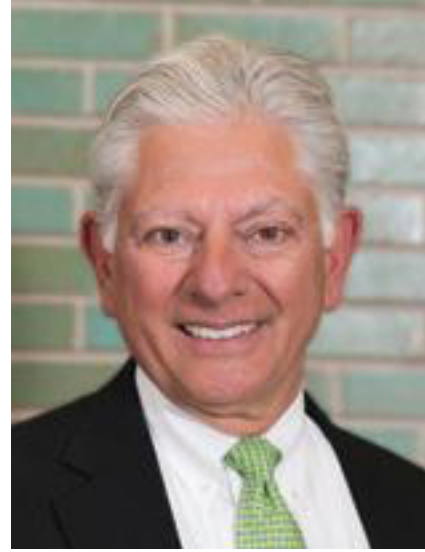
The end of our fiscal year this June will draw to a close a very special chapter in Cranbrook's rich and compelling history. After 47 years of outstanding service to the Cranbrook Community, our students and the international world of independent schools, Arlyce Seibert, our Director of Schools will be retiring from Cranbrook.

Beyond her skills as a gifted educator, Arlyce has helped shape the educational system at Cranbrook and beyond as a thoughtful and talented administrator on a national and international scale. During her 23 years as Director of Cranbrook Schools, our school has grown into one of the largest and most prestigious independent schools in the Midwest. According to the recently published NICHE ratings, Cranbrook is one of the top 10 private k-12 schools in the country.

One of my favorite parts about working at Cranbrook is that I have the opportunity to meet with alums from all different classes. I have heard so many wonderful stories about how Cranbrook changed their lives in some important way, but one of the most common themes mentioned by alumni from the 70s, 80s, and 90s is that Arlyce was the best teacher that they ever had. Those of you who know Arlyce can attest to the level of personal attention and care she has always shown to our students and all of those who work beside or interact with her in some way. Arlyce is a sterling example, at the highest level, of Cranbrook's commitment to serving others.

As I'm sure you can imagine, replacing a dynamic and inspirational leader like Arlyce was no easy task. After a national search, I feel extraordinarily fortunate that Cranbrook Schools will welcome Aime Claire Lambert Roche as the next Director of Cranbrook Schools.

Aime Claire brings to Cranbrook over 30 years of leadership and expertise in education, most recently serving as the head of The Bishop's School in La Jolla, California and



President of the Board of Directors at the California Association of Independent Schools. I am confident that Aime Claire is the right person to lead Cranbrook Schools into its second century and elevate our students, faculty and administration to even greater heights of success and accomplishment.

Events celebrating Arlyce and welcoming Aime Claire will take place during the spring and fall of this year. I hope you have the opportunity to join me in these festivities.

In closing, I would like to share a quote from Cranbrook founder George Booth, "Our schools have been founded for the special training of youth; and in the end the youth they have trained will become their foundation... Cranbrook depends in turn upon another foundation made up of things invisible—that is, of thought, vision, and ideals."

Continuing in the Cranbrook Schools tradition, Arlyce has brought to Cranbrook the brightest of visions and the strongest ideals. I hope you will join me in thanking her and wishing her all the very best as she begins her next journey. I know that she would appreciate receiving a note from you as she departs Cranbrook. Arlyce can be reached at [aseibert@cranbrook.edu](mailto:aseibert@cranbrook.edu).

Please know that you are a valued part of our community and your continued friendship is so much appreciated. My personal thanks to each of you for all that you do for Cranbrook!

Sincerely,  
DOMINIC DIMARCO, PRESIDENT  
*Cranbrook Educational Community*



# TEWARD'S Table



In 1997, Arlyce Seibert wrote in the epilogue to Ben Snyder's *Once More With Joy*, "As the next millennium looms closer, the future of Cranbrook Schools appears strong and vibrant.... A positive tone and climate exist in all divisions."

This is a rather modest accounting of what would be a shaping hand in the creation of today's Cranbrook Schools. To some extent, the incomparable success of her 23-year tenure as director of schools can be attributed to her mastery of so many preparatory roles, from department head to division head. More importantly, this task of school-making called for large feats of collaboration, innovation, team formation and consensus-building, gifts that Arlyce possessed in abundance.

No task, however, more fully revealed Arlyce's devotion to school and place than her love of school ceremony. In school ceremony were her moments of purest delight and of purest delightfulness.

And not by reason of solemnity. On the contrary, it was the momentary escape from rigor and routine, the complete embrace of innocence and school family, that she so loved. The spectacle of the student body in formal dress walking to Christ Church Cranbrook always gladdened her. Convocation was the setting for her to speak from the heart about a saga of survival in the wake of a hurricane or the joys of owning a dog.

Homecoming provided that hint of permission for hilarity or nuttiness that she savored. The melodrama of Spirit Week, Powderpuff, and Homecoming—the color schemes, the decoration, the mascots, the cider, the whistles, the uniforms, the cheers and the Oval—all was welcomed by her.

As anyone who knows Arlyce will affirm, Halloween denominated not a date, but a season and an aura that illuminated her. The orange heraldry of October gradually found its way into every wardrobe accessory and office corner, culminating with a full-throated celebration of

costumes, treats, and the Brookside parade. The holiday only came to rest when Arlyce joined the youngest trick-or-treaters and their faculty parents at the Senior Cabin.

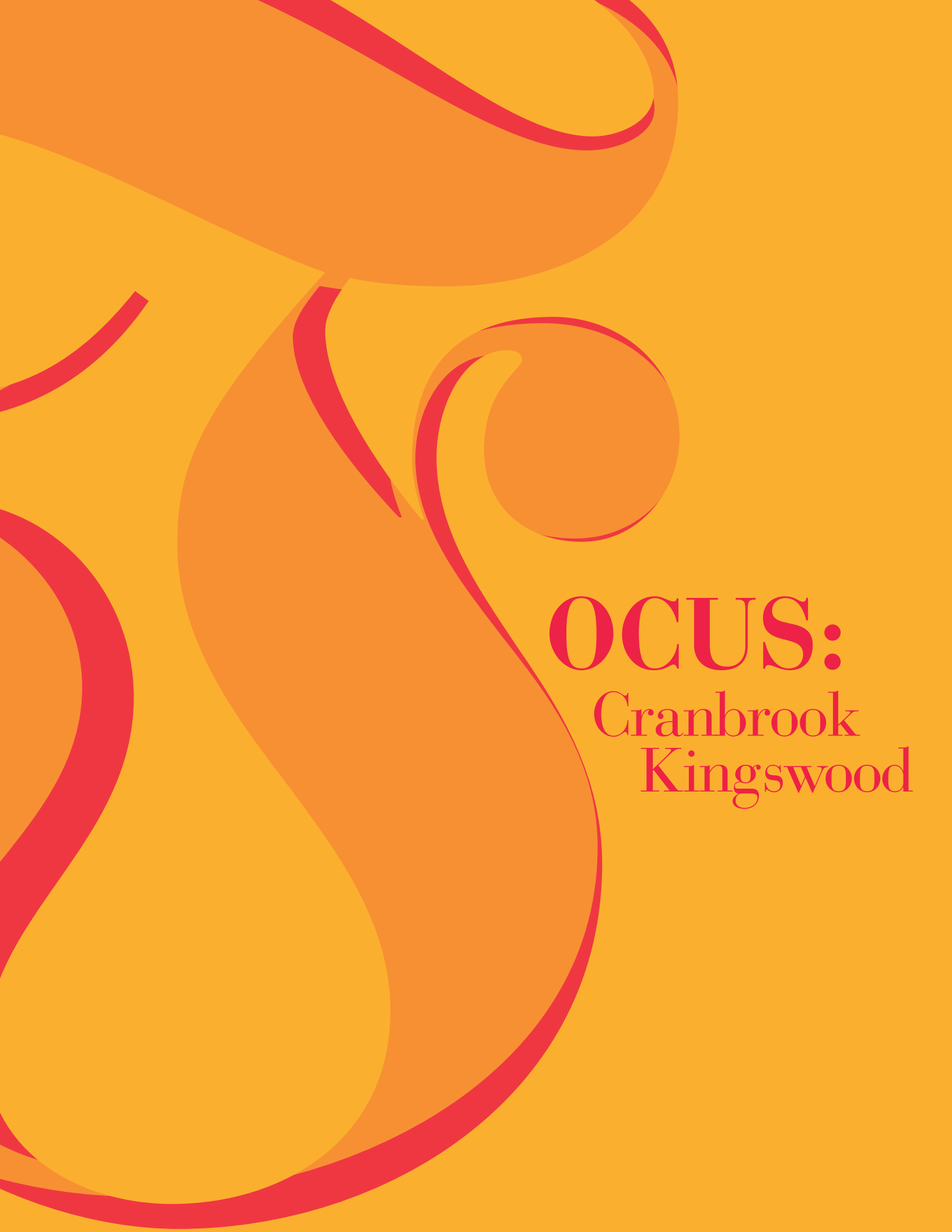
At concerts, musicals, and plays, no vocal, dance, or acting gift was undeserving of critical surrender, no contribution too slight to warrant praise for the ages. Parents and grandparents left the PAC confident that the latest performance represented a high-water mark not soon to be eclipsed at Cranbrook. Arlyce's expression of pleasure or astonishment was truly a force of nature.

Arlyce happily gave center stage to emotions at public leave-takings and end-of-year events. Stories of great sacrifice and unswerving loyalty, astonishing reversals and coincidences were always heightened by the element of surprise and the presentation of an aptly chosen gift. Catching of the breath and eyes welling up confirmed a job well done.

Arlyce was always fiercely protective of emotion, however. Her favorite musical, "Man of La Mancha," celebrates a man who casts himself in fevered dreams as a brave and embattled knight. Arlyce was exquisitely sensitive to the place of romance and honor in adolescent lives. Nothing tugged at her heartstrings more reliably than the sophomore boys whom she taught for many years. No evening called upon her genius for praise as did the revue of special dresses and tuxedos on prom night.

Her supreme joy was watching students being called forth one by one. Recitations of names, special dress codes, and elaborations of processional and recessional were cherished and guarded. Ring Day, Passage of Leadership, and Commencement were occasions that mixed the sacred and the festive. Ceremony was that moment when honesty bared itself. We came to know that, for Arlyce, there was no treasure greater than honesty.

CHARLIE SHAW  
*Director of Stewardship*



**OCUS:**  
Cranbrook  
Kingswood



**F**all brought the exciting news that Aime Claire Roche, Head of The Bishop's School in La Jolla, California and President of the Board of Directors at the California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS), has been named the next Director of Schools. Roche will succeed Arlyce Seibert, who last winter announced her plan to retire after the 2017-2018 school year. Prior to her appointment as Head of The Bishop's School, Roche was Assistant Head of Groton School and served as Director of College Counseling and the Department Head for Classical Languages at St. Andrew's School in Middletown, Delaware. She has taught at both Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire and The Williams School in New London, Connecticut. The next issue of *Tradition* will provide a complete introduction to Ms. Roche.

### ACADEMICS

It has been five years since the time and space utilization task force introduced the new weekly schedule at the upper school. Committee co-chair and Dean of Faculty Claudia Schuette shares positive feedback from faculty

and students that the changes have created more variability, more choice, and more opportunity for special interest programming and conferencing within the school week. Class duration and meeting times vary within the week, giving students with diverse biorhythms a chance to face their most challenging subject when they are at their best at least once a week. Three days a week there is a common period at the end of the school day when students can meet with teachers outside class or make plans for club events. Time for community activity such as assemblies, class meetings and advisory are consolidated on Wednesdays.

The advent of Wednesday Workshops were made possible by the new weekly schedule. These are offered during the common lunch period on Wednesdays by various campus entities such as College Counseling, the Academic Deans and Alumni Relations. On a recent Wednesday, students grabbed box lunches and headed to the Cranbrook Auditorium to hear a presentation on "Virtual Design and Construction," given by Stephen Strickland '99, who shared his industry experience in construction and design

technology at Barton Malow. Students got to see firsthand how virtual reality is being used in building design and engineering in real-time using the VIVE virtual reality system. Strickland brought headsets that his company uses to allow students to experience virtual reality technology, allowing them to virtually walk through buildings and navigate projects.

## STUDENT LIFE

With the announcement of the impending retirement of longtime faculty member and *Crane-Clarion* advisor David Watson this June, it is especially gratifying to report on the recognition the paper has received this year. The newspaper has recently been awarded a gold medalist rating from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. This rating is one of the highest awarded to the newspaper in its history and is accompanied by the CPSA-awarded All-Columbian honors, an additional merit for newspapers of particular distinction. The National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) has also weighed in on *The Crane-Clarion's* excellence, awarding it a first-class rating. As the NSPA concerns itself with promoting standards of ethical journalism in print, broadcast, and electronic media in the

United States, awards from this organization speak to the high-quality journalism that Cranbrook's students have been providing through *The Crane-Clarion*.

In nearly thirty years of advising the paper, Watson has inspired countless *Crane-Clarion* journalists to pursue writing in college and as a career. As former *Crane-Clarion* editor and current CNN Senior Writer Catherine Shoichet '00 put it, "Mr. Watson pushed us to engage with our community, find our voices and fight for our beliefs." He leaves the newspaper in the competent hands of English teacher Jordan Rossen, who has worked in an advisory capacity alongside Watson for the past few years. With a track record of excellence that goes back through the decades, *The Crane-Clarion* is positioned to continue to provide an incredible platform for student journalism.

The Office of Community and Multicultural Programs hosted a visit from Dr. Howard Stevenson from University of Pennsylvania this fall. He addressed upper school students and held a lunchtime fireside chat for interested staff and students before continuing the conversation in an evening event that was open to the public on the topic of racial literacy. He introduced the notion of recasting racial



*Stephen Strickland '99 led a Wednesday Workshop on virtual reality and construction design*





*Catherine Shoichet '00 visited Crane-Clarton staff when she spoke at the Cum Laude Assembly*

threat as an activity of self-reflection that increases “in the moment” encounters and offered strategies to appraise and reduce the stress of racial encounters through using mindfulness techniques.

Since its beginning in July of 1994, the Office of Community and Multicultural Programs has provided educational, anti-bias and outreach programming to the schools and the Cranbrook Educational Community. We provide institutional support through initiatives that focus within and across constituent groups to build comprehensive diversity, inclusion, equity and justice programs. According to director Carla Young, this program achieves its goals through close partnerships with student groups like 4A, Bridge the Divide, CK Brown, as well as involvement in initiatives like World Affairs Seminar, Sino Night, Student Leadership Retreats (SLR), Bridge the Divide and many other programs that help the community explore and support our rich identities.

The competitive robotics program has grown in scope and volume since its beginnings nearly twenty years ago. As of press time, multiple VEX Robotics teams from the

lower, middle and upper school have qualified for the VEX Robotics World Championships to be held in Louisville, Kentucky. These dedicated students spend on average ten hours per week building their robots and working on their autonomous programs in preparation for the qualifying competitions. In addition to receiving Tournament Champion and Excellence Awards at multiple divisions, our CK robotics teams have won awards in categories like Design, Sportsmanship, and Judges' Choice. All five of the upper school teams are headed to the world championships this year. At this level of competition students will have an opportunity to meet and compete with Vex IQ national winners from countries all over the world.

The 49th annual Wilderness Experience launched this March with a full complement of 77 sophomore boys and girls. Faculty co-directors Audrey Armoudlian '86 and David Cohen '90 were joined by a roster of a dozen alumni leaders on this trip. The connections the sophomores make on this 11-day trip to the Nantahala National Forest continue to provide transformational experiences that awaken skills and confidence, deepen their relationship

with nature and prepare them for leadership roles going into their upperclassman years. The main changes over the past few years have come in the form of expanded training and preparation for leaders and students. An integral component of the success of the Wilderness Experience program lies in the longtime culture of respect for the wilderness instilled in the leaders, both student and adult. The schools recognize the importance of risk management and preparedness in an initiative like Wilderness. Going into the fiftieth anniversary of Wilderness Experience, Armodlian and Cohen will share a sabbatical, in which their course loads will be reduced to give them time to focus on the assessment, planning and training initiatives needed to ensure the continued success of the program.

Student leaders from the newly formed Peer2Peer Support Group led by Cranbrook counselor Dr. Michael Young gave a presentation to the community in conjunction with CK alumni who are part of the Wolverine Support Network at the University of Michigan. Members from both groups talked about how they are working to support their fellow students' mental well-being through peer-facilitated groups. Both the student and alumni leaders gave examples of ways in which the peer networks are

helping to challenge the stigma around mental health issues, connecting students struggling with depression or anxiety with professional resources. The student-led Peer2Peer groups meet weekly to provide an environment where students can share their feelings with peers in an environment that is safe and supportive.

There were special presentations of the documentary film *Angst: Breaking the Stigma Around Anxiety* that included comments from the film's Partner Development Specialist Meg Ferron '92. The film takes an insightful look at anxiety, its causes and effects, and things that can be done to manage chronic anxiety. At the screening for students, Ferron spoke candidly about her experiences with anxiety. The evening screening was open to the wider community and featured a post-film discussion with Ferron and mental health professionals.

## PERFORMING ARTS

Internationally-known jazz pianist Tamir Hendelman spent time working with dozens of our students this fall on a creative collaboration around the theme of community. The inspiration for this theme originated from the summer





community read, *Station Eleven*. All fall, e-mail and video conferencing workshops took place between Hendelman, students and faculty. This culminated in Hendelman's visit to campus and a breathtaking presentation of the original works and collaborations. The performance involved student groups across campus as original musical compositions, dance pieces, poems, art work, and robotics-led light displays showcased our student talent.

Cranbrook Kingswood music students continue to successfully compete at both district and state festivals, receiving 115 district medalist ratings and 49 state medalist ratings this year alone. The six current Slotkin Music Scholars are significantly enhancing the performance level of orchestra, band and vocal music programs. Most recently, freshman Slotkin Music Scholar Tejas Shivaraman won first place in the Grand Prize Virtuoso International Competition on piano. As a result of this win, Tejas was invited to play in a special performance in Rome at the Auditorium Parco della Musica, Teatro Studio. He performed Rachmaninoff's Moments Musical Opus 4, No. 16. Another Slotkin Music Scholar, Soyoung Cho '19, was

selected to play violin for the National Youth Orchestra sponsored by Carnegie Hall and its Weill Music Institute. Soyoung is the first violinist selected for this program from the state of Michigan since the program was launched.

Theatre students have won acclaim through participation in the Michigan Thespian Festival. Fourteen students received top awards at this year's event in categories that ranged from Lighting Design to Monologue. Two students took top prizes that included scholarship audition offers.

This year's spring musical *Hello Dolly* brought together the talent of Cranbrook Kingswood actors, stage crew, singers and dancers in a series of magical performances that transported audiences back to turn of the century Yonkers, New York. The on-stage orchestra pit was featured as the centerpiece of the set design.

## FINE ARTS

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have an impressive date back to 1923, when Scholastic Founder, Robbie Robinson, started the program as a way to honor the

creative achievement of high school students. Upper School artists received notice from the judges this year, with a total of 67 regional awards, in the form of 22 Gold Key awards, 28 Silver Keys, and 15 Honorable Mentions. Two students received Gold Key Portfolio awards with senior Yifan You receiving a prestigious Best in Show award for his piece “Skin Deep.”

With an increasing number of students pursuing educational paths in the fine arts and design after they graduate from Cranbrook Kingswood, the College Counseling department has added a Fine Arts College Panel to their offerings. This year’s panel guests included representatives from Boston Architectural College, College for Creative Studies, University of Michigan’s Stamps School of Art & Design and Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning.

Fine Arts faculty are getting notice at home and abroad. Department Head Gary Kulak participated in the International Digital Stone Project 2017 in Gramolaza, Italy. He was challenged to create a digital form that was then sent to Italy and carved with a 7-axis robot. Gary then spent the month of June finishing the work by hand for exhibition

in Pietrasanta, Italy. M. Joe Smith was one of 20 Americans invited to show his work in the 2018 International Glory Ceramics Master Works Exhibition in Taiwan. Painting and drawing instructor Senghor Reid had two paintings in the *Say it Loud: Art, History, Rebellion* exhibit at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

## ATHLETICS

The Cranbrook Kingswood girls’ swimming and diving team, led by four freshmen, a sophomore and three juniors, stormed to a state championship with 292 points while Bloomfield Hills Marian was second with 207 and Grand Rapids Catholic Central was third with 199. Coach Chris Bagley was named coach of the year. In other state championship news, for the third straight season, boys’ tennis team came away a state championship title—holding off a familiar foe in longtime rival Detroit Country Day.

Many CK athletes are continuing their athletic careers beyond high school. The athletic department is currently tracking the careers of more than 60 male and female college-aged alumni athletes who are competing in every



*Dancers and orchestra pit in action at the spring musical Hello, Dolly*

*The girls' swimming and diving team brought home a state championship this fall*



division of the NCAA. This year alone, thirteen CK athletes signed letters of intent to compete at the college level, in a diverse cross-section of sports that includes squash, rowing, men's and women's hockey, football, golf, tennis, soccer, and men's and women's lacrosse. In the past decade, the athletic offerings have expanded to include co-ed varsity rowing and sailing and girls' figure skating teams, as well as opportunities to compete at club or intramural level in squash, fencing, badminton, Taekwondo, rock climbing, archery, ultimate Frisbee and more.

Cranbrook Kingswood athletes are also proud to contribute to the wider community. This year, the football, soccer, volleyball, cross country, swim and dive and ice hockey teams put energy into service efforts outside their own community. Cranbrook Kingswood has been recognized by MLive Media as one of the most successful athletic programs in the State of Michigan. Accolades for a successful program are wonderful, but nothing makes the coaches prouder than seeing their athletes acknowledge their responsibility to help make the world a better place by reaching out to those in need.

# 1999



uch can change in a quarter of a century. Even at a place like Cranbrook Schools, with its long history of proven traditions and values, time brings transformations. Perhaps it is those very traditions and values that have driven Cranbrook forward, always guiding the school along the path toward becoming the best version of itself. And in these past twenty-five years, there have been unprecedented milestones that have helped propel Cranbrook to its current place as a nationally and internationally recognized leader in education.

As the Cranbrook Schools community looks forward to a future that is refocused on the innovation, creativity, and critical thinking that first created the school, it is a good time to look back at those milestones and remember the remarkable initiatives that have become reality under this generation of leadership at Cranbrook Schools.



# 2016

# 1999



## WILLIAMS NATATORIUM

Cranbrook Schools is recognized nationally for the superior quality of its academic and athletic programs. As student population and participation in athletics grew in the mid-1990s, so did the need for a natatorium to accommodate competitive and recreational swimmers at all levels. Cranbrook's Architectural Advisory Council selected architects Tod Williams, C'61, and Billie Tsien to design the Williams Natatorium.

They incorporated natural lighting whenever possible and brought the outdoors into the design through louvered wooden panels and large oculi in the ceiling that open to allow for natural ventilation and the occasional curious bird. They also scattered miniature lights in random pattern across the dark ceiling to mimic a starry night. And one exterior wall is made largely of glass, allowing swimmers to measure their progress by watching the trees go by outside.

The building was recognized in 2001 by the American Institute of Architects.

# 2001

## SMART BOARDS

Early in the national conversation about the integration of technology into classrooms, Cranbrook Schools took what was at the time a radical step. Rather than focusing on classroom computers, the Schools began installing SMART Board technology instead. The boards provided access to the formidable resources of the Internet as well as multimedia and enhanced connectedness. They also preserved Cranbrook's long-proven pedagogical method and kept the focus on the instructor and quality classroom interaction rather than on individual screens and what was, at the time, the technical burden of managing multiple laptops during every class.

Cranbrook Schools was identified by SMART Technologies Inc. as a leader in the adoption and integration of technology to enhance teaching and learning. Cranbrook Schools was awarded the designation of SMART Showcase School for leadership in education. Today, SMART Boards are a standard component in almost all classroom, lab, and studio spaces around campus.



# 2008

## CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR BOYS GYM AND RENOVATIONS

The first major project completed after the transformational comprehensive campaign, these new and renovated spaces provide sixth through eighth grade boys athletic facilities that rival those of most high schools. In addition to the state-of-the-art gymnasium and locker areas, the renovations also included a stunning new lobby and entrance, an all-new fitness room with top-of-the-line equipment, and a bigger, brighter dining area that, by accommodating more students at once, allows for more flexible scheduling options for the entire school.

The new lobby area was named in honor of long-time Cranbrook Schools faculty members Prospero and Fran Dagbovie.

# 2011

## CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS- KINGSWOOD

The Cranbrook Kingswood Middle School for Girls—Kingswood was the first completely new campus at Cranbrook since the time of the Booths. It moved the girls program out of the garden level in the original Kingswood building, which was then thoughtfully repurposed into spaces for the Upper School.

It has been recognized nationally by The American Institute of Architects Committee on Architecture for Education.

Situated between a wooded grove and an open meadow, the school is organized around three classroom commons, one for each of the three grade clusters, which also serve as portals to the landscape beyond. Art, science, and languages are thoughtfully integrated in creative, dedicated spaces. The design and function of the space was created through cooperation with the teachers and administrators responsible for the education of Cranbrook sixth through eighth grade girls, resulting in a campus that is uniquely suited to the students who call it home.



# 2011 CONTINUED

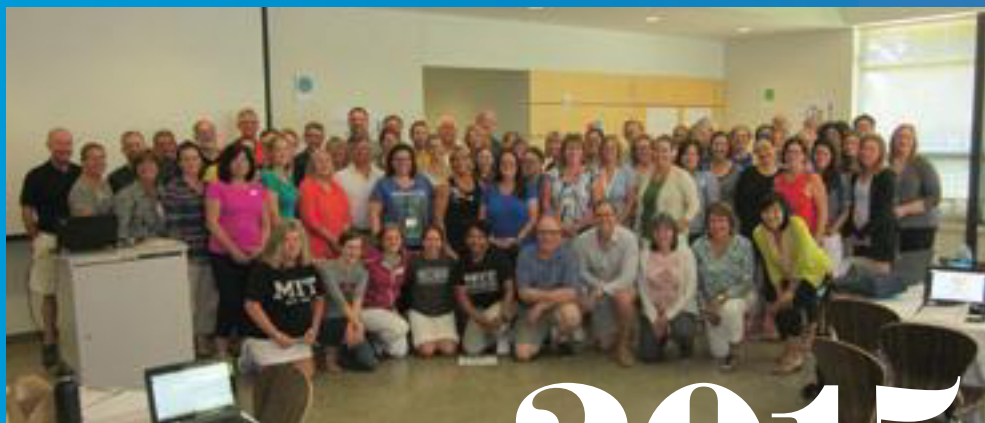


## GLOBAL ONLINE ACADEMY

Global Online Academy was founded in 2011 by a consortium of 10 independent schools, including Cranbrook, each committed to offering best-in-class online learning, and developing a partnership of peer schools to lead the effort to prepare students for a global future

The mission of Global Online Academy is to replicate in online classrooms the intellectually rigorous programs and excellent teaching that are hallmarks of its member schools; to foster new and effective ways, through best practices in online education, for students to learn; and to promote students' global awareness and understanding by creating truly diverse, worldwide, online schoolroom communities.

As school membership has grown, so has the number and variety of course offerings. Cranbrook now has both faculty and students participating in multiple online course offerings each semester.



## WORLD LEADING SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

The WLSA Foundation is a member driven, international education non-profit that aims to bridge where east meets west in international education. It is a joint educational foundation which aims to promote cooperation and academic exchange and culturally broadening programs between leading associate secondary schools in the world as well as experts in the field of higher education and college counseling.

The foundation upholds the development of cultural understanding between leading secondary schools by promoting the exchange of innovative ideas and experiences. WLSA aims to create strong and responsible global leaders. Cranbrook's membership has also provided internships at financial institutions in China for our students.

# 2015 INNOVATION INITIATIVE

Building on the spirit of Cranbrook's founders, faculty and staff at Cranbrook Schools engaged in a year of research on innovation visiting 30 different schools in 10 different States in order to formalize the concept of innovation in curriculum and learning. Today, that initiative has resulted in a vast array of programmatic enhancements for students including Design Thinking, maker spaces, and curriculum enhancements, all while faculty-driven groups continue to examine what innovation can mean to students and faculty alike.

The spirit of innovation, creativity, problem solving, and design thinking has taken a renewed place at the forefront of Cranbrook School's culture. Cranbrook is committed to remaining true to its history and becoming a leader in this growing national and international focus in education. It has been a remarkable and rapid first three years, and it is only the beginning.





# 2016

## RENOVATION OF THE WALLACE ICE ARENA

Since 1979, Cranbrook has earned more MHSAA State Hockey Titles than any other school in Michigan. Through the years, Wallace Arena has become synonymous with CK Hockey. To ensure the facility remained outfitted with the space and resources befitting a program of its caliber, a major renovation project was undertaken to address critical needs that had developed over twenty years.

The renovation included new locker rooms for the boys and girls varsity and junior varsity teams; a fitness center; new coaching offices; and an alumni room which serves as a study hall between practices as well as a gathering place for past and present players.

Thanks to the project, the Wallace Ice Arena is a vastly improved resource for Cranbrook Schools student athletes and visitors alike.

## THE KINGSWOOD CAFÉ

The Kingswood Café opened in 2016 as a gathering place for Upper School students and faculty, but also serves as a collaborative study space, a destination for club meetings, and a venue for cooking demonstrations and classes. When the dining hall is unavailable, the café provides food service for female boarding students. The café pioneered a new menu concept focusing on clean eating and has been visited and studied by schools around the area.

Remaining true to the original architecture of the Kingswood campus, Kingswood Café immediately became tremendously popular with Upper School students who avail themselves of the excellent food as well as the workspace, and I.T. amenities including wireless and charging stations.

The seating area was expanded the following year to accommodate student demand.



## MIT COLLABORATIVE

The start of the 2016-17 academic year saw the beginning of one of the most remarkable relationships that Cranbrook Schools has ever entered. The Edgerton Center at MIT and Cranbrook Schools began working together in an educational collaborative, empowering Cranbrook faculty to accelerate innovation and Design Thinking in their curriculum and teaching. In return, Cranbrook Schools became a testing site for the Edgerton Center. This collaboration has the potential to change the way K-12 curriculum is developed nationally. Even more remarkably, Cranbrook was the third school in the nation, and the first outside of the Boston area, to have been selected for this experimental learning consortium.

Cranbrook's faculty are working alongside Edgerton Center staff and consortium members to guide, support, encourage and lead schools in developing and documenting the importance of experiential learning for students of all ages. Even the school's summer camps programs are benefitting from the relationship and now are one of only a handful of such programs in the nation to offer STEM camps experiences designed by MIT.



Celebrating  
Lifetimes  
*in*  
Education



**T**oday's Cranbrook Schools has been shaped in part by a generation of educators who have devoted most—or all—of their entire careers to the school and its students. And as long-serving as many of the school's most beloved faculty are, there are some who seem to have simply always been fixtures at Cranbrook.

In addition to the retirement of Director of Cranbrook Schools Arlyce Seibert, this year sees the retirement of four such teachers, people who have made Cranbrook their professional home, and shaped the lives of students, for more than thirty years each.

They each took time out to reflect on their time at Cranbrook, what the school has meant to them, and where it is headed in the future.



Portrait by Naturally Photography

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# Arlyce Seibert

At the time of this writing, I am weeks away from completing my final days at Cranbrook Schools. As I consider the closing of my tenure, I cannot help but reflect on how privileged I have been to have had a career rooted in George and Ellen Booth's educational vision. Their legacy has touched and shaped many lives in incredible ways, as evidenced by the character and accomplishments of our students, faculty, and alumni. At the heart of this legacy are the relationships—and friendships—that are forged as part of a Cranbrook education. It has been my great fortune to be a member of this dynamic community for a very long time, and to have received the gift of the many friendships which have defined for me my own time at Cranbrook.

Here are some remarkable statistics to consider about the school today:

- More than 10,000 active alumni
- More than 1,660 students
- 190 faculty with average tenure of 26 years
- 54 interscholastic and 19 intramural sports offered by the Upper School
- 602,380 meals prepared every year for Schools' dining halls
- 100 years of history for the Brookside Meeting House
- 9 board chairs and 5 presidents of Cranbrook have served since the last appointment of a new director of schools

The above statistics are both amazing and thought provoking. For me, they are also deeply personal. I have witnessed much of the growth and evolution that lead to those figures during my 47 years here, 23 as director of schools.

But Cranbrook Schools is so much more than the statistical sum of its achievements. It is truly the embodiment of the finest ideals for the education of young people. All of us who have the honor of working here are tasked with the same responsibility: to preserve the high standards and important legacy that we inherit, to provide the best preparation and guidance to those students with whom we are entrusted, and to secure and prepare the school for a future that we will ourselves not see.

It might seem that, for a head of school, the success of

meeting that responsibility could be measured in even more statistics: in students graduated, in dollars raised, in new buildings and initiatives completed. But I believe the true test of a head is in meeting those challenges that impact the very heart and soul of the community itself and that cannot be easily measured. In confronting those rare moment when some of us are not our best—moments of bullying, of racism, of intolerance, of bad judgment—that is where a head is measured. In guiding the school during times of tragedy, including the heartbreaking loss of a student, that is where a head is tested and stands or falls. I will leave it to others to decide if I have succeeded or failed in meeting that tremendous responsibility all of us here share. In all my years at Cranbrook, I have never had a higher priority than the people who make up this truly special place. The future of Cranbrook Schools is now theirs—and yours. I have every confidence in that future.

Please know that I write to all of you with gratitude and appreciation for a career well lived. I cannot help but be reminded of the words of *To Kingswood*, a poem by Conco John '41.

*Since I have lived with beauty for so long  
Beauty of trees and water and carved stone  
Beauty of forms and color, speech and song,  
When I am gone, I shall not go alone.  
For memories of beauty will be mine  
To hold and share for as long as I shall live.  
May I make life a beautiful design  
Freely I have received - so I may give.*

I hope to see you personally at the many events that characterize the end of the year. Best wishes to all.

# Tom Burgess

**T**om Burgess never applied to work at Cranbrook Schools.

He found a voicemail from Cranbrook on his answering machine regarding a job and, after his wife found out, he called the school back. He was hired as a sixth-grade math teacher on the very same day he was interviewed. That was in 1981 and the rest, as they say, is history. The 2017-2108 academic year was his 37th year at Cranbrook.

He has been a math teacher, team leader, coach, dean, and registrar. He was also appointed the first head of the Middle School for Boys program at the same time Betsy Clark was appointed the first head for the girls. It was a position he held for ten years before his desire to return to teaching and reconnect with students more fully led him back to the classroom.

“It’s really been just a changing evolution for me,” says Burgess. “People ask me how I could be here this long. I tell them it’s easy—and it’s easy to have that attitude in a place that encourages you to think outside the box.”

Burgess witnessed many important transitions at Cranbrook during his tenure, including the establishment of the middle school as an independent program, the Cranbrook-Kingswood merger, multiple changes in the Director of Schools’ office, and the first wave of major construction on the campus in fifty years.

Throughout those years of transition and progress, Burgess found his grounding in the classroom and the students he taught for nearly four decades. On the eve of his retirement, he reflected on where the Schools have arrived today.

“Over the years, Cranbrook has bounced between the reputation of an arts school, a liberal arts school, an athletic school. Yet we have been able to come together and been able to balance all those things and make them all work. And we have been incredibly successful in all of those things, from academics to athletics, over the past ten years. It’s incredible.”

What will retirement mean to him after so many years at the middle school? Burgess echoed the same sentiment he shared when he was recognized at an all-schools assembly last December.

“I’m really not going to miss the place. The place will always

be here. It’s the people I will miss. For the most part, everybody here tries to do what’s best for kids and what’s best overall for the institution,” he says.

“Personally, outside of my immediate family, Cranbrook is my family.”



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# 1981



1971



# Claudia Schuette

Claudia Schuette began her career at Cranbrook 47 years ago. She was hired as a math teacher for Kingswood School directly out of The University of Michigan in 1971. Although her first experience at Cranbrook—her interview—was not on a school day, the campus still gave her pause.

As she recalls, “I thought: it’s such a maze—how will I ever figure it out?”

“At my interview, they said to me, ‘now if you get the job what you need to understand is that working here is not a job—it’s a way of life.’ That is the most important statement anybody told me because that is absolutely the truth. It’s absolutely what working here is all about.”

Over time, the school became a way of life for both her and her family. She is the mother of three alumni, Meredith, ’95, Christopher, ’04, and Mark, ’06. Her husband Michael has been involved in coaching at Cranbrook since the late 1990s. She has been the recipient of the President’s Award for Excellence, the Dawkins Award, and the Excellence in Teaching award.

During her tenure at Cranbrook Schools, she was heavily involved in the merger of Cranbrook and Kingswood, representing the latter in a small team tasked with studying the relationship between the two schools before the merger was decided upon. And, she says, an increase in coeducation was already underway when she arrived.

“We were really merging before the merger. The school was already starting to change. The changes were working and they were welcome.”

After the merger, Claudia became Director of Projects heading projects that included the first combined teacher evaluation system and the first all-school faculty handbook. But her love of the classroom led her back to teaching full time after two years.

“That’s who I was. I am always happier in the classroom. I love teaching. I love being with the kids. Nothing was ever a chore about teaching.”

But the merging of Cranbrook and Kingswood was only a part of the changes she has seen over the years.

“Our transitions from grades 5 to 6 and grades 8 to 9 have really developed. We look at ourselves much more vertically. Cranbrook Schools is on a good continuum. It continues to evolve and change and that’s exactly where

you want a school to be. As opportunities surface, as technology changes, as the nature of a young person changes, all of these things cause our school to continue to evolve.

“I want us to always remain aware of the next changes and be on the lookout for those. The one thing I don’t see changing—I hope it never does as this needs to be there in the future—is our awareness that we are a talking school. I believe the students we create are wonderful because of the intangible. There are a lot of takeaways that don’t show up on a report card or a transcript.”

As for her own future, it is clear that Cranbrook Schools will always have a place in her heart.

“Besides my family, this place is everything to me. This place raised me. I don’t know who Claudia Schuette would be if I had been that person who had been in a lot of different places. From the time I was 21 years old, this has been my culture. If you can be a product of a school if you are a lifer after 15 years, try 47.

My colleagues—I value them a lot. The students are what make the place. From that point of view, since most of my career here was in the classroom, they, the students, have kept me here—generations and generations of these wonderful kids. Many of them, decades after, are still people whom I call friend and I care about. It’s really an amazing place for me to have spent my career.”

# Jeff Miller

Jeff Miller has taught Latin for most of his 38 years at Cranbrook Schools. And like all things that have endured at the school, the subject, as he explains, is a relevant today as it was in the school's past.

Miller has, in fact, done a lot during his time at Cranbrook, including having coached a variety of sports over the past twenty years (including varsity volleyball, middle school lacrosse, baseball, basketball, and more), living and working in the dorm for more than a decade, and serving as the long-time co-chair of the all-schools curriculum committee.

Miller started his career at Kingswood when it was a seventh through twelfth grade girls school. At one point, he was even teaching at both the Middle School for Girls and the Middle School for Boys before the faculty fully split and he found his full-time home in the boys' program. He was awarded the Booster Club Coach's Award in 1999 and the Excellence in Teaching Award (Middle School) in 1998.

Over the years, he has seen many things change and many things remain the same. "I used to know everybody," says Miller. "I can't say that anymore. Things have grown. But there are good things happening."

"If someone from 38 years ago visited today, they would recognize the campus—with the addition of a couple of buildings. But I think that some of the focus has shifted in some ways. They would have to spend some time getting used to what's going on now with innovation and design thinking. There's a big push there. It's all apropos: things are going on now that need to change," he reflects.

"Change is inevitable. I think that a lot of the changes have been for the best. We keep getting better at what we do.

But what about Latin?

"That doesn't change much!" he laughs.

But how does a classical language fit into a world of 3D printers and augmented reality?

"To be honest, I like some of the gadgetry and got into it pretty early on when we were using TRS-80 ("Trash 80") and old Apple computers. I currently use an online text which is really enhanced quite a bit with video capabilities that students can't get out of a printed book. I really like that."

Latin, Miller explains, remains relevant today not only as

an academic subject, but as a reference for many of the values Cranbrook seeks to instill in its students.

"What you get from the classics? The idea of a classical education, even to the Romans, is not just the historical aspect of it but it's the character building component. The Romans looked at history as having lessons in character. We focus a lot now on character education, and we use formalized programs like the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, but it's all contained right there in the classics."

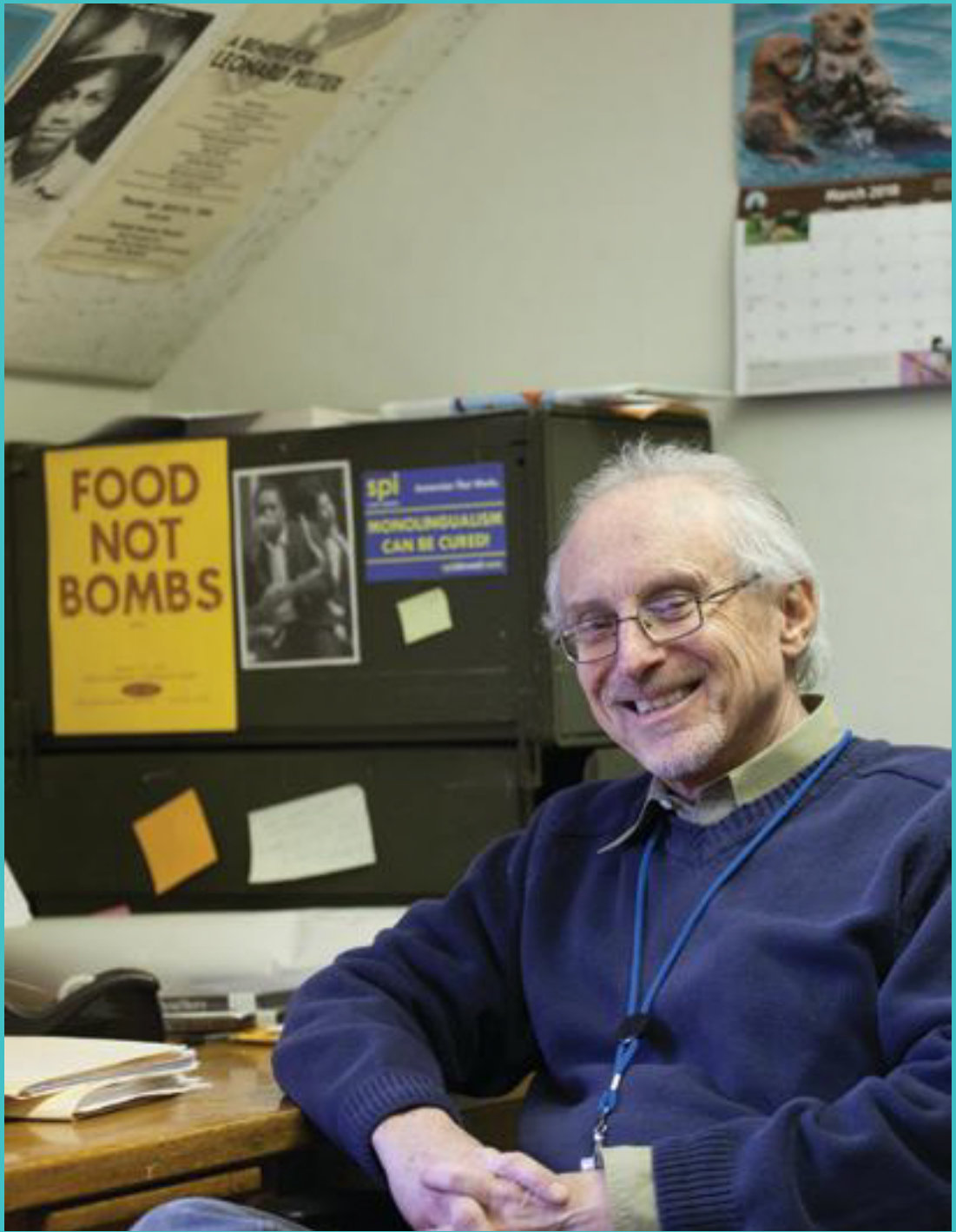
While Miller's hallmark subject is a language from the past, his perspective on Cranbrook's future is very bright.

"I think Cranbrook is going in the right direction. As long as we keep increasing opportunities for our students and honing their skills of inquiry—how to look into things, research—those sorts of things don't go away. The technology changes. The kids still must have that "grit"—to know how to investigate, get along with people, and collaborate.

He adds, "Cranbrook has been a great place to live, to work, and to play. It's been a great opportunity for me. And freedom—it's a big, big thing for me. As a teacher, I have been able to work with my curriculum in the way that I want to and experiment with the technology. I've had the freedom to try things at Cranbrook. That has been huge for me."



*1980*



1984

# David Watson

“I’ve always sort of been the resident activist here,” muses David Watson.

While Watson may have been Cranbrook’s resident activist, throughout his 34-year career he has been much more. Well known as the long-time faculty advisor to the student newspaper (since 1989), he has taught both Spanish and English and founded the student environmental club.

Yet he did not originally plan to stay long. “The more I worked the more people seemed to appreciate what I was doing and supported me. It just became the place to be,” he admits.

Like all faculty of his tenure, Watson remembers the merger in the 1980s.

“In terms of the merger, I thought it was so healthy. I came in right at the time it was all starting to happen. I remember being impressed with the Kingswood women teachers. I thought there was a lot of great teaching going on there.”

He also has thoughts on some of the other changes that have re-shaped Cranbrook over the years.

“It’s very much more diverse and that’s a good feeling. It’s been a great benefit to everyone. I think also girls have taken a lot of leadership roles in the school, and they had models of leadership in the administration from women.”

“In my tenure here, in my last several years, I have seen a growing understanding about learning differences, for example. It’s complicated. I’m looking forward to seeing what more they are going to do. In the new emerging leadership, I’ve seen some great things.”

He has seen tremendous changes in the student newspaper as well.

“It became a much bigger part of the culture. It was always an important part of the culture because so much writing was going on in these schools. You look at the list of people, way before my time, who went off to become writers or use writing in some important way. It was a really a big profile. I think now you look at the way they use the paper—they use it in admissions, they use it in development—people are proud of the paper.

“When I came here I was kind of a fire-breathing radical. I came here and I had no ambitions about changing this place. But I had to make a living and I have always been a

very practical guy when it comes down to it. And I really like talking to kids. Kids question authority, question my authority.

“At the time I started working on the paper it was a place you could think about writing, think about thinking. Producing the newspaper is a very intense Socratic process—with kids who are, many of them, smarter than you. But they don’t have your experience. It’s like playing basketball with a bunch of Michael Jordans, but you’re an old dog who can teach them some tricks.

“I am pleased with the faculty working on the paper, with Jordan Rossen, who has taken my place. Right out of the box we won gold medals and an All Columbia award—as good as I ever did in the previous 27 years.”

There is no doubt that, like so many of Cranbrook school’s storied faculty, Watson helped make the school an important place of teaching. But in reflecting back on his career, Watson sees it as important place of learning, not just for students, but also for himself.

“I got an education here. I got an education from working with very smart kids, and some very smart colleagues. I became a better writer, I became a better thinker, and partly it came from colleagues who challenged my views about a lot of things. The other thing was I had to work with people. If you’re an activist as I was, you can live in a little bubble and everybody you talk to has your position. But when you have to work in a school you have to learn to coexist with people who disagree. It opened me in ways I didn’t foresee. In Buddhism, which has been very important to me, one is not supposed to be attached to fixed notions. Ideas come and go. I changed, I evolved. I think I’ve become a better man and a better teacher by working with kids all my life. It’s changed me in ways for which I am deeply grateful. First it was a job, a way to make a living. It became a vocation, a mission. Then it became a life. It’s gone by kind of fast.

“I’ll be connected to this place forever.”

# Celebrating a Tradition of PHILANTHROPY

## *The Vlastic Family Early Childhood Center*

Cranbrook Schools unveiled a new building for pre-kindergarten kids in 1996. The Vlastic Family Early Childhood Center was an \$8.7 million project, funded largely by Robert J. Vlastic and his children. The new facility added an important dimension to the lower school program, while creating a new stream of revenue for the institution.

Today, the Early Childhood Center provides comprehensive curriculum for young children to build a solid academic foundation while instilling a true love of learning. Instruction includes hands-on activities and extensive opportunities for higher order thinking, deep knowledge, substantive conversation, and connections beyond the classroom.

## *Williams Natatorium*

As the student population and athletic participation grew through the 1990s, so did the need for a natatorium to accommodate competitive and recreational swimmers at all levels. Cranbrook's Architectural Advisory Council selected architects Tod Williams '61 and Billie Tsien to design the Williams Natatorium, which was completed in 1999.

Williams' and Tsien's design used building materials like those used by the original architect Eliel Saarinen, providing a thoughtful union of old and new. They incorporated natural lighting whenever possible and brought the outdoors into the design through louvered wooden panels and large oculi in the ceiling that open to allow for natural ventilation and the occasional curious bird.

The building, which was recognized in 2001 by the American Institute of Architects with an award, comprises approximately 20,000 square feet. In addition to helping cultivate championship-winning boys' and girls' swim and dive teams, the Williams Natatorium generates needed revenue for Cranbrook Schools through membership and facilities rentals.

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**1999**

KINGSWOOD GREEN LOBBY FLOOR  
RESTORATION

KINGSWOOD ROOF RESTORATION

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**2005**

KINGSWOOD ENTRANCE PLAZA RESTORATION

WENGER GYM RENOVATION



## *The Arlyce M. Seibert Faculty Endowment*

The Arlyce M. Seibert Faculty Endowment was established in 2008 through the generosity of alumna Ellen Flint Price '55, who championed the campaign to increase compensation for Cranbrook's teachers by matching all contributions to the fund, dollar for dollar, over a period of two years.

The challenge generated more than \$1 million to support the named endowment, as well as the momentum that was needed to design and implement a new paradigm for compensating the Schools' faculty, who often earn less at Cranbrook than they might in the public school system.

Unlike the former compensation model, in which salaries grew year over year on a percentage basis, the new model was designed to recognize measurable growth in the faculty in discrete steps, and to reward individuals on the basis of experience, commitment, and leadership. Salaries for early and mid-career teachers have thus increased without diminishing returns for those in the later stages of their careers. High performers and those willing to accept leadership roles are also incentivized by the new model.

## *The Cranbrook Kingswood Middle School for Boys*

When the building that houses the Boys Middle School was first constructed in the 1920s, it was built for elementary school children, not growing young men in need of a place to stretch their bodies as well as their minds. That changed in fall 2008 with the completion of the Boys Middle School expansion and renovation, a project that provided much-needed elbow room for its occupants.

The project brought the addition of a new light-filled entrance as well as a gymnasium large enough to accommodate physical education classes, competitive sports, school-wide assemblies and other key functions. The former gym has been converted into a full-size dining room while the old cafeteria became physical education classrooms and a fitness room. Outdoors, a new drop-off point serves as a graceful complement to the clean lines of the entrance while a few yards away, new athletic fields were added, ready for fierce and friendly competitions.

Then-parents Stephen and Bobbi Polk provided the lead gift needed to advance the project. As a result, the students of the Cranbrook Kingswood Middle School for Boys have the space they need to expand their minds, test their bodies, push their limits, and grow.



*2008*

KINGSWOOD AUDITORIUM RESTORATION

*2009*

BROOKSIDE ORIEL WINDOW RESTORATION

BROOKSIDE CHILDREN'S GARDEN

CRANBROOK TENNIS COURTS IMPROVEMENT



## *The Cranbrook Kingswood Middle School for Girls— Kingswood*

In 2010, the young women of the Cranbrook Kingswood Middle School got a building to call their own, marking the completion of the first new campus built at Cranbrook in more than 60 years. The \$16 million project, designed by the Texas-based firm Lake Flato Architects, was made possible through a lead gift from alumna Julie Fisher Cummings '73 as well as major contributions from alumnae like Pamela Applebaum '83.

The 47,000 square foot building maintains close aesthetic ties to the rest of Cranbrook's internationally renowned campus. Green brick in the library, light wood paneling, the use and placement of windows, the width of the hallways—even the inclusion of seating nooks and corridors throughout the building—all pay homage to Saarinen's Kingswood, where the Girls Middle School was originally located.

Each class, grades 6 through 8, has its own unique space including various classrooms, a science laboratory, and outdoor garden spaces. Every classroom is equipped with a SMART Board, ensuring that students have access to the latest in educational technologies. Spacious common areas are shared by all, including a dining hall, gymnasium, library and workout room. From the moment it opened, the response to the building has been overwhelmingly positive.

The new Girls Middle School building is also the first on campus to achieve LEED Silver requirements with its rain water collection system and its use of recycled and Michigan-made construction products and furnishings. Much of the artwork was provided by Cranbrook artists and alumni, including a torchère in the lobby designed by David Nosanchuk '87.

The result is a building of exceptional beauty and function, which will inspire young girls to embrace the Kingswood motto "Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve" for generations to come.

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**2010**

HOEY COMMONS ROOM RESTORATION

NEW BASEBALL DUGOUTS

BROOKSIDE TOWER RESTORATION

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**2011**

DIANA COURTYARD AND FOUNTAIN  
RESTORATION

## *Quadrangle Restoration*

Among the most sacred spaces at Cranbrook Schools is the Cranbrook Quadrangle, a crossroads where today's students tread the same paths as thousands of graduates who came before them.

In 2012, work crews completed the multi-year restoration of a Quad that was showing the wear and tear of its 80-plus years. The scope of the project included the replacement of hundreds of square feet of brick and stone with a specially crafted snow melt system and new, highly durable pavers. Handicap access points were added, new fire safety systems installed, the fountain restored, the Peacock Gate rebuilt and much, much more.

From the outset, alumni, parents, faculty and friends were excited to support this project. Among them were lead donors Wayne Lyon C'50 and Lucius McKelvey C'63, whose generosity helped to ensure that the Quad will remain a place of joy and beauty for students for many years to come.

## *Oval Restoration and Turf Field*

Del Walden Field was named through the generosity of Bobby Taubman '72, who made a major contribution in 2007 to support the restoration of the Thompson Oval in honor of teacher, coach and administrator Del Walden.





In 2013, a major contribution from John Giampetroni '83 and his family (in partnership with the Athletic Booster Club) was directed to support a series of renovations to the field and surrounding area, including the installation of an all-weather turf field and polyurethane track, bleacher reconstruction, new landscaping and infrastructure, and a pedestrian walkway around the west berm.

The naming and transformation of these spaces have not only improved safety conditions for student athletes and spectators, but have also helped re-invigorate our athletic programs. The Schools recently hosted its third annual Friday Night Lights football game, which drew hundreds of families with children of all ages. The new field also helped lead boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, and boys football to state titles in the past four years.

## 2015

KEPPEL GYMNASIUM LOCKER ROOMS

WALLACE ICE ARENA RENOVATION AND ADDITION

BROOKSIDE ROOF RESTORATION

## 2016

KINGSWOOD CAFÉ

GIRLS SOFTBALL DUGOUTS

# Conroy Scholarship Program

In 2017, Cranbrook Schools received a major gift in its history from an unlikely source: Michael Conroy was not a Schools' graduate, nor was he a parent. His connection to Cranbrook was based on fond memories of childhood visits to campus, and personal relationships with some loyal Cranbrook families.

Conroy was also very interested in helping underprivileged young men and women get into prep school, as a stepping stone to a better college. This is why, when he passed away in 2016, he left his entire \$5 million estate to Cranbrook Schools to establish the Michael Conroy Scholarship Program. This endowment will be used to offer the opportunity of a lifetime to students who would otherwise be unable to afford the cost of tuition.

In recent years, the need for scholarship support has increased dramatically for independent schools across the country. Approximately 30% of Cranbrook's student body currently receives some form of aid at a cost of more than \$7 million per year. As tuition increases, so too does the list of families requesting support. The Conroy gift will expand Cranbrook's capacity to offer substantial assistance to talented and deserving students for many years to come.

## 2017

ALUMNI COURTYARD RESTORATION

# Ann and Robert Aikens Wellness Initiative

In 2017, Cranbrook Schools received a generous gift from former trustee Ann Aikens, who served as the Cranbrook Educational Committee's first female trustee and on a variety of CEC boards.

Her \$2 million commitment will be used to establish the Ann and Robert Aikens Wellness Initiative to develop skills that foster social-emotional learning, peer support, and stress management as a means of preparing students to succeed in the increasingly complex world. The initiative will also encompass programming in resilience, anti-bullying, and learning differences.

National data suggests that children today are increasingly susceptible to depression, loneliness, and feelings of inadequacy, but are often reluctant to share these feelings with adults. Counseling services at Cranbrook have been successful among those students comfortable with seeking help, but the school has been looking for additional ways to reach out and provide support.

Aikens, many of whose children and grandchildren have attended Cranbrook Schools, wants to offer all students the opportunity to gain the skills necessary to make their mental and emotional health a priority.



‘88

Distinguished Alumnus

Jay

ADELSON

Jay Adelson '88 likes a challenge. Whether literally building the Internet, launching a tech start-up or refurbishing classic pinball machines, he has mastered the art of creation.

Still in his 40s, Adelson has founded, co-founded or helped launch more than a dozen tech companies. “For once, my wife would like me to stay long enough for the company to go public,” he jokes. Instead, he finds it difficult to resist the next new venture. “Anything I’m working on, when it catches and it’s done, I’m out,” he says.

While a student at Cranbrook and throughout his four years at Boston University, Adelson sought to create through the visual arts. He earned his undergraduate degree in filmmaking with a concentration in computer science and soon moved to California to take an unpaid internship with Skywalker Sound, part of Lucasfilm, the masterminds behind “Star Wars.”

Like most interns, he needed another paying job to support himself and began doing tech work on the side, using the skills he learned in Rich Lamb’s Cranbrook computer classes and in college to help a friend who was launching the first Internet service provider in the United States.

In the early days of the Internet, after it left the hands of the government and began its evolution into a commercial entity, the telecommunications companies managed its use, thinking of it simply as a research tool and not a commercial enterprise. Each company kept their pocket of the Internet in a separate silo. Something needed to be done to create hubs and “bridges,” allowing communication between these silos.

That solution came in the form of Equinix, which Adelson co-founded in 1998. The company would build the equivalent of international airports for Internet traffic, providing fast, reliable and stable routes between the different hubs. “Equinix sounds like the most boring company ever, but it came from a place of desperate need, to see a pervasive Internet,” Adelson says. “Now you see kids using the Internet like it’s air, like they expect it to be there.”

Adelson and Equinix had to convince all of the telecommunications firms at the time “to let us control all of this and build it,” he says. “We had a theory that we could lift the ceiling off the Internet and really let it grow. At the time, I thought to myself, ‘I went to film school. I’m supposed to do this?’ But no one else was filling the gap.”

Today, Equinix operates more than 250 different data centers in 22 countries on five continents and is an S&P 500 company worth \$32 billion. Adelson and his partners started Equinix 20 years ago this June. “There are people still working there who started with us,” he says. “They’ve

gotten married, raised families. How a business can have an impact on people—that’s incredibly satisfying.”

Over those last two decades, Adelson has launched more than a dozen other tech businesses, including Revision3, one of the first forays into web-based television, and Digg, one of the web’s original news aggregators. Other firms include SimpleGEO, a services company that was the first to allow the embedding of location data in mobile apps, and his most recent, Center Electric, a venture capital firm focused on the Internet of Things or the technologies that connect our smart devices and appliances.

“I look back and feel like all of them started as experiments, where I wanted to learn something,” Adelson says. “I look at start-ups that some people would say failed, like Digg, but I don’t see it that way because I got to learn about media and journalism, consumer behaviors and marketing.”

Adelson prefers the early stages of start-up development. “Once a company requires a finance team, it’s already too big for me,” he says. “It’s got to be about the customers and product, the excitement of being able to viscerally see the results of what you do.”

For now, though, Adelson is taking a break, rebuilding vintage pinball machines with his son, who taught himself the process via the same Internet his father helped build. Adelson also finds himself considering a new career path, one that would allow him to mentor and guide others outside of the tech realm. “My goal in life now is to teach,” he says. “I’m proud of the stuff I’ve done, but my perspective is shifting. It’s a little less about what can I do and more about what can I help others do.”

Distinguished Alumna

Jennifer Sibley

CLEMENT

'78



**A**uthor Jennifer Clement, '78, turns the difficult into the sublime, meshing prose that National Public Radio has called “elegant, spare (and) riveting” with compelling narratives that speak to humanitarian issues such as drugs and gun violence.

Born in Connecticut, Clement’s parents moved the family, including their toddler daughter, to Mexico City, where she still lives today. Clement came to Kingswood in the 11th grade as a boarding student. “My parents wanted me to get a strong high school education in order to go to a U.S. university,” she says. “What I remember most is an environment of rigor. The school’s motto ‘aim high’ was a true part of the experience.”

That rigorous environment prepared her well for an academic career that would include an undergraduate degree in English literature and anthropology from New York University and a master of fine arts degree from the University of Southern Maine. “The level of education was so high at Kingswood that my education at NYU felt easy to me,” Clement says.

Her academic accomplishments supported a passion for writing that had been with her since childhood. “I began to write poems when I was six or seven years old,” she says.

It is the ability to transport oneself into other worlds, characters and situations that most inspires Clement. “I like what Gustave Flaubert says about imagination, which is: It is a delicious thing to write, to be no longer yourself but to move in an entire universe of your own creating.”

Clement’s body of work includes fiction, poetry and memoir, earning accolades for each. Her novel, *Prayers for the Stolen*, which chronicled the lives of women in Mexico who endure violence in the shadow of the drug war, earned Clement a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, the *Gran Prix des Lectrices Lyceenes de ELLE 2015*, was a PEN/Faulkner Award finalist and a New York Times Book Review Editor’s Choice.

Her latest book, *Gun Love*, was published in March of this year. Clement won a Guggenheim Fellowship for the novel, which follows the story of a young woman and her mother in a culture filled with guns. The novel is an Oprah Book Club selection. The *Washington Post* described the book as “full of sorrow and aching sweetness,” adding, *Gun Love* provides a glimpse of people who dwell every day knee deep in the toxic waste of our gun culture. They may be America’s forgotten children, but after reading this novel, you are not likely to forget them.”

Beyond her own work, Clement has been a staunch and enduring advocate on behalf of other writers worldwide. In 2015, she became the first female president of PEN International, which promotes friendship, intellectual co-

operation and exchange between writers from around the world.

“PEN also stands for freedom of expression and acts as a powerful voice on behalf of writers who are harassed, imprisoned and even killed for their work,” Clement says. “Since PEN was established almost one hundred years ago, our members across the globe have been the voice of the silenced.”

PEN International addresses the broader issues of how communication or its lack can lead to cultural and political repression. “As the first woman president, I’ve addressed gender issues for writers and crafted the PEN International Women’s Manifesto,” says Clement. “This manifesto’s core issue is the way in which tradition, religion and culture are used to encourage or defend harm against women and girls.”

Her work with PEN frequently takes her abroad to meetings with “some of the bravest writers in the world—those who have been harassed or jailed in their work to reveal the truth,” she says. “I was recently in Turkey to protest against the government’s incarceration of 151 journalists. I also went to the north of India to meet the Tibetan writers in exile and His Holiness the Dalai Lama.”

More than two decades ago, Clement and her sister Barbara Sibley, '80, launched San Miguel Poetry Week, held annually in San Miguel de Allende. Writers attend classes and hone their own work while hearing from renowned poets at readings in the evening. “It’s been rewarding to meet so many of the contemporary great poets of Mexico, USA and the UK,” she says. “Now, as so much time has passed, we’re able to see how an actual ‘school’ has developed in terms of themes and craft.”

Clement says she was “surprised and honored” to be named the 2018 Distinguished Alumna. “I have not been back since I was eighteen so I’m very much looking forward to walking the beautiful grounds again.”

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## C36

(Editor's Note)

**BILL BOOTHBY** celebrated his 100th birthday in Nashville, Tennessee on Saturday, March 31. Bill is the last remaining member of the Class of 1936. He entered Cranbrook School in September of 1930 as a seventh grader and quickly developed a reputation as an outstanding mathematician and artist, providing art direction and drawings for The Brook.



*Bill Boothby, lower right, hard at work on the 1936 Brook*

After collecting three degrees from University of Michigan, he finished up with a Ph.D. in Mathematics. Bill was a professor for many years, and is a Professor Emeritus of Mathematics at Washington University in St. Louis. He will celebrate his birthday with his sons and extended family, former colleagues and friends. Happy 100th birthday, Bill!

## K38

We made it through Hurricane Irma in good shape. There were over a thousand of us in the shelter together, but they managed to feed us and shelter us well. I came out of the shelter to learn my youngest son, Walter H. Shealor Jr., had died while I was out of touch. He had been ill, but this was unexpected. Walt was a fine artist and a good friend, and I shall miss him. I had my terracotta figure of St Francis cast in bronze and gave it to Iona-Hope Episcopal Church in his memory. They were happy to have it, I was happy to give it, and I know Walt would be pleased. On January 30 they are breaking ground for the \$15 million art center here at Shell Point. It will take two years to build, so I am planning on throwing a pot on the wheel in our new pottery studio on my 100th birthday. It looks as though I am going

to make it to my 80th reunion, and I am looking forward to it.

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## K46

A really BIG "thank you" to those of you who responded to my postcard. I don't know how the rest of you are doing, I hope OK! **BARBARA STAMM MACDONALD** has sold her house in Napa in wine country and moved to Mill Valley, CA, to a retirement home near her daughter. She is enjoying meeting new friends AND retirement. Still in Denver, **NANCY WHITELAW DOWNING** says she wished she were closer to Kingswood, but she loves Colorado. I know she does! She is grateful that she is still able to stay in her own home and that her wonderful family takes good care of her. She is happy to be able to gather with family at graduations and weddings, and she has her first great-grandchild. I received a great picture from **BETTY GOLDBERG GOLDBERG** of her and her children, all Kingswood and Cranbrook grads.



*Bill Goldberg, '73, Nancy Goldberg Edelstein, '69, Betty Goldberg Goldberg, '46, and Terry Goldberg Axelrod, '67*

Betty and her children take a short trip together each year, without spouses or grandchildren. They have enjoyed great trips, great food, and great family togetherness. Betty has lived year-round in Boca Raton for many years. She has a good friend (a retired Air Force Colonel who flew many missions over Japan in WWII) with whom she travels, sees friends and plays bridge. Betty and I usually have a few phone conversations when I get to Florida in the winter. From Chevy Chase, we've heard from **KAY BALLANTYNE**

**POLANSKY**, who has had a most delightful family year. First was a wedding of her niece and her partner. Then a visit to Michigan's west coast to join family, see the dunes along the lake, and attend a concert at Interlochen. And finally Kay traveled to California to celebrate a nephew's birthday. As always, she sounds like she is happily busy. I got just a few words by phone from **MARY SUE EKELUND MEYER**. She is "okay" and likes living at Canterbury in Waterford, MI. We are still getting good news from **MARILYN SPOEHR LUND** who lives in Lexington, MA. Her family is spread out: Boston, Minnesota, London, and Hamburg. A very important part of her life is the Yung family, an immigrant family who joined Marilyn's family 30 years ago when the mother came to the U.S. to do medical research. The Lunds attend many family graduations and weddings and have a new great-grandson. Marilyn has become somewhat limited in her activities because of bone chips in her hip, and she takes a nap when needed. Sounds like a lot of us! Marilyn is very interested in the news of our country, and our world, and in all the politics and policies which have engulfed us. I think we share concerns about the future of our world. After 40 years of teaching at the University of Pennsylvania, **NANCY WOLFNER BAUER** has retired! Penn held a large reception for Nancy, attended by many of her former students and colleagues. She began her teaching career at Kingswood after graduation from college. She went on to earn her doctorate and to become a very distinguished professor at Penn. Quite an accomplishment! Because she had not responded to my postcard, as she always does, I called **CLAUDIA REID UPPER**. Her husband, Jack, answered. We had a nice talk, and he told me Claudia was in the hospital. I then talked to Claudia. She sounded great and was going home that day in time for Christmas. Their daughter and granddaughter were visiting them in Florida. **DORIS CHAPMAN HINDS** wrote that she is still in the same retirement place in Tryon, NC. Her daughter, Sara, and Sara's two children live in Doris's house in Tryon, and husband, George, is still in Chicago. Doris says she's fine for 89! I received a nice but sad note from **JOANNE SMITH JOHNSON**'s niece saying that Jo passed away in August. Jo had told me some time ago that she wasn't very well, but she always sounded upbeat. As for me, **ANN GEHRKE ALIBER**, all is well. All of my family were in Florida from December 26 - January 2 for our annual get-

together. Everyone loves to see and be with each other. My favorite time of all! My loving dog Mini had to be put to sleep in the spring. I took in another rescue dog over the summer but had to return him, because he was a bit too much for me to handle. He needed someone younger and more active than I, and I hope he has found a young, loving family. Thank you all for responding. Please send me a note any time to let us know about you. We would all love to hear from you!

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## K48

At our last reunion **DORA POLK CROUCH** agreed to be our class secretary for which I have been most grateful. Still living in San Diego, Dilly has now retired to an assisted living place because of memory loss. Thank you again, Dilly, for the years you wrote this article. **MARY BAKER BERRY** is living near Kingswood at Woodward Hills Nursing Center. Her daughter, Trish, '79, comes every month to visit from her job at the Boston Hilton, and I hope she will help get Mary to our 70th Reunion dinner, where we will be guests of Cranbrook Kingswood Friday evening in the Cranbrook House dining room. Two special classmates, **MARGIE BARTON MATTER** and **SUE HUBBARD SPADEMAN**, enjoyed their driving trip last summer across the southwest doing ten national parks and monuments. This spring they will meet in Orlando for a week, and April will find them in Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg looking forward to more national parks next summer, with Sue the driver and Margie the navigator. **MARY LEILA CURTICE BISHOP** arranged a memorable and special in-between reunion for us, between our 65th and 70th reunions, and she plans to attend our 70th. From her home in Ft. Lauderdale, she will spend a short holiday in Vero Beach, and we will have our own reunion in Boca Raton in March. No more dancing for Mary Leila, just lots of knitting instead. **MOLLY BIXBY BARTLETT** and Tom are proud parents and grandparents. They have one of their grandsons living with them in Portland, studying hard for a medical school entrance exam. Molly is still involved with their small Episcopal Church, which feeds about 150,000 meals a year to the homeless.

In February they will go to Cairo for the board meeting of the American University. Count on Molly to attend our reunion. **PAT CHASE HARTMANN** is rarely without many family house guests in Naples, like daughters, Karin, '78, and Carolyn, '80. To feed them all she calls her favorite restaurant and pays for the hot meals and delivery by credit card. Pronto! For **BUNNY DAY NOLAND** and Red, Christmas comes to Vail with all the family. Their cruises this year were from Montreal to Florida, and the Panama Canal, a favorite. If and when they travel, it is only on a cruise. From Indianapolis, **PAT WILCOX FANSLER** wrote that after the holidays she and daughter, Katie, were flying to Tucson where Pat's daughter, Susan, and husband are spending his sabbatical. **JOANNE WONNBERGER WHEATON** has retired to Traverse City to the Traverse Manor near the family cottage and where her daughter, Polly Jo Kemler, '77, and husband live. **JEANINE WESSINGER DEAN** lives in Empire near Traverse City and took JoAnne to lunch with much thanks from JoAnne.



*Joanne Wonnberger Wheaton and Jeanine Wessinger Dean, both '48*

Jeanine mentors at Glen Lake School and studies Bible at Glen Lake Church and Community Bible School. She is jewelry chairman for the Glen Lake Art Fair. I have saved **JOYCE HOWARD STACKABLE** for last, because I am most thankful to her for agreeing to be our class secretary starting in September. Can you guess how appreciative and thankful I am for her loyalty to the Kingswood we love? Joyce and Fred took a ten-day river cruise on a 400-foot paddle wheel steamer from Memphis to New Orleans stopping all along the way. Fred loved the history, and Joyce said unfortunately she

loved the food! I could write at least a page about their wonderful family. The best part being that many of them are moving closer and closer to them. Looking forward to our 70th Reunion, June 8-10, 2018 and seeing you!

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## C49

**JACK BOHON** wished for a beach party to celebrate his passing. Just after Christmas his entire family honored that wish and gathered with friends at the cottage they had rented for 35 years.



*Sally, '50, and Jack Bohon, '49*

They came from California, Texas, Maine, Colorado, and Kansas. Sally says it was a joyous occasion with music from the 40s and 50s flowing out of the cottage and onto the deck and beach. Many kind words were spoken, and a video of his life played set to period music, prepared by their daughter, Sally. It was full of family pictures with a duologue written by Jack to his children years ago as a Christmas gift, and many scenes from his Cranbrook days. Low Country Shrimp Boil, one of Jack's favorite meals, was a highlight. The eulogy given by Father Keen was wonderful and began with... "Now I can check something off my bucket list that I never thought possible: giving a eulogy from a piano bar." When it came time to close the celebration, Sally and all of the children crossed the beach covered with luminaries in sea shells into the ocean as friends tossed flowers from the beach and carried Jack's ashes into the waves and as they washed out to sea, a shower of fireworks shot into the sky, bursting into great balls

of fire, ending the celebration of a life well lived by a man well loved. (Please go to the K'50 article written by Sally for "the rest of the story" and to our website for a special classmate of the month featuring Jack). The Texas Christian University, where Jack was an honored professor and where he taught for 30 years, saluted Jack's passing by flying the college flag at half-mast.



*Texas Christian University flying flags at half-mast for Jack Bohon, '49*

**GUNTHER BALZ** says life in the old folks' home is a hum-drum routine, but he is keeping up with airplane building, mathematical physics, and tennis. The highlight of **TOM PETERSON's** recent months was having his four children for Thanksgiving. **TOM CLARK** says he and Kathleen keep a suitcase packed at all times so they can respond quickly to any opportunity to use Kathleen's retirement benefits with American Airlines that allows them to visit their six kids and five brothers and sisters spread throughout the U.S. "Since they will not be celebrating a 50th wedding anniversary (number six coming up in May) they will take a celebration trip on November 28 which would have been Tom and Pearl's 50th. In their words they will make it a special occasion." They continue to be active in projects at the church, and the Lewy Body Dementia Association, plus tutoring. Elementary school children reading skills and staying in touch with friends on social media. They have an apartment on the first floor of lake-house so if you would like to highlight your 2018 travel plans with a trip to the Clarks' "y'all come on down and visit."

I talked to **JACK SPOEHR** at Christmas to see how he was doing since Olga's passing. He was holding us and he is blessed with having their son and daughter living close. His son will be taking him to Jack's sister's 92nd birthday and then over to **LEISTER's** for an afternoon visit. We are among the lucky ones who get the **LEISTERS'** Christmas letter that comes in 14 x 8 1/2 with text on one side with a couple of pictures and the reverse side is covered with family pictures in color. The family accomplishments are widespread: military, medical, teaching, engineering, trucking, research, and more. I believe that if civilization were to collapse and their family survived they could rebuild what was lost. Bob and Lucille were very happy to be active in-house and although they do venture out, they don't go far. **LOUISE LOWELL** is well and enjoying life with nothing exciting to report. When we talked, it was 40 degrees in Boulder and no snow. **JOHN HOLDSWORTH** and I had a long discussion as he attempts to recover from his fall. His right hand and arm have permanent damage which is limiting what he can do. He still has caregivers which his dog attacked and a friend is caring for the dog. Jack says his overprotective dog weighs 12 pounds but thinks it's a Doberman. Since the post office and FedEx wouldn't take the box of kitchen matches I found in northern Michigan to **ROSS LAVERY** and thinking of Sally Bohon's comment that nerds can solve problems, I looked on the box and low and behold, a website which led to a phone number. They sent me a list of all of the stores that sold them in Ross's area, which I forwarded. They are the same size as the ones we used but not as good of quality as the ones we used. Kathleen and I are just back from a month in Florida where the weather was not kind to us, so we did a lot of reading. Our drive home was difficult—rain, fog, snow, ice and accidents. Our son, Ken '97, is home for a few weeks helping his mother with projects. He is a big help. Please support our web masters' efforts by visiting our '49er site. They have done a marvelous job. If at any time I can help you with a classmate's email or phone number, let me know. Aim High, and enjoy 2018.

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## K49

**MARY SUE COOKSEY** and Brad Rohwer are excited about their new great-granddaughter, Amanda. The happy parents live in Salt Lake City, UT, where their grandson is an ER doctor. In October, another grandson was married in Madison, WI, and the whole family united. Happy times. **NANCY RUTHERFORD BRYANT** loves her apartment at a senior living place in Indianapolis. Her view is of their marvelously landscaped grounds where she often walks with her granddaughter, Becka. Her direct phone number is on your list so give her a call. **NANCY SHORE GILCHRIST** can hardly wait until next year to attend our reunion, but in the meantime she is headed to one of her favorite places, Oaxaca, Mexico, for three weeks. She always feels this is a "happening place," so much going on in the plaza, not to mention that she loves it there. **ALICE SPERO MARCH's** new book comes out this spring. She has joined a new group Dining for Women.org, which brings women together for a pot luck, hear a presentation on a charity, and then you contribute what you would have paid for a dinner out. She is also doing a workshop for a yoga friend and met a man from Port Huron, MI, where she lived at one time. Small world. Her granddaughter, Elisabeth Winkelman, has a six-page spread in *House and Garden Magazine* about her business, Craft, in Austin, TX, and is hearing from people all over the world. Alice did find out that **ANN WALRAD KELLY** is enjoying her apartment in Birmingham, where she can walk in town, enjoy all the stores, and take in a movie. **JEANNE BROWN JONES** enjoyed Christmas with Lynn and her family. Jeanne's grandson, Colin, received his master's degree in investment banking and has a great job in San Francisco. Granddaughter, Meghan, got her degree in interior design and is an apprentice now. Jeanne's other daughter, Debbie, is visiting her for a month from Florida. **IMY POWRIE SCHLEY** wants everyone to promise they will stay well and healthy so we can all get to our 2019 reunion. **PATTY JEWETT JONES** spent two weeks in California visiting her sons and families in Santa Barbara/Santa Rosa last June. Her daughter, Paula, and family visited her in September from Chattanooga, TN, where Paula starts her new hospital job. Tony and Patty sang their Christmas music with the choir in all the church services.

## K50

Who of us do not recall **FRITZI JOY KURTZ SCIACY** but with affection? She had some of the longest and strongest ties to Kingswood, having entered in 1945. I felt I knew Fritzi before ever coming to Kingswood, for my sister, Margaret, '47, told her she had a little sister coming who would be in her class, and Fritzi began writing me letters before I ever arrived. Fritzi was into everything: weaving, music, church, hockey, and perfect French! I still smile at the memory of the '48 Fall Festival "Fifties Follies" when she and Judy Farmer, decked out in rags and burlap, mimicked the Spike Jones rendition of *Chloe*. Thus, I am exceedingly sad to report that Fritzi died on December 31, succumbing to heart failure after more than a year with Alzheimer's. Alas, we have now lost precisely half of our graduating Class of '48. According to her obituary, Fritzi enjoyed a full life, graduating from Carlton College, marrying Albert Sciacy in Chicago in 1957, and continuing to be heavily involved in both civic and cultural affairs in the woodsy southwest suburb of Palos Park where she and Albert raised their family. Because I've just gone through a hip replacement, several of you wrote me "Welcome to the club!" It's apparently a very popular remedy for our aging bodies as we wend our way into becoming a bionic generation. **JOAN PATERSON JARRATT** has been through it three times: both hips plus one revision. Her brother, Jim, referred to her as "tri-pod." Joanie writes that she doesn't travel now, but enjoys her little home in Sunsites (Pearce) and will continue to live there as long as she can take care of herself. **JOAN ISAACSON CHANDLER** wittily referred to us as a band of "hipsters." Joan noted that her granddaughter, Natalie, will be celebrating her 15th birthday this year with a Quinceañera celebration, a fun way to honor her Latina roots. Uncertain of exactly what a Quinceañera was, I looked it up and found; "This birthday is celebrated differently from any other as it marks the transition from childhood to young womanhood." Perhaps it is loosely related to what our generation celebrated as "coming out parties," or cotillions. I recall my mother, following her southern inclinations, thought to hold such a party for me, but I decided to marry Jack instead! **BARBARA PRIEST JESKE** writes that she and Stu are now reasonably settled

into their new senior living home, and she finds it really cool to have someone else to do the cooking when she's not in the mood. They are not doing much traveling now, canes and walkers just don't make travel very easy, so they enjoyed the holidays in their new home. Life for **BARBARA WAGNER COYE** is quiet up in snow land, but she spends a surprising amount of time just keeping up with the amazing activities of her six grandchildren and seven greats (two new babies a few months ago!). They are spread all over the country but none in northern Michigan, so she doesn't get to see them nearly as often as she'd like. You may recall that for many years Barb was heavily involved in the establishment of a community volunteer service program called ShareCare, which is now in its 24th year. Her status, however, is now somewhat changed. Although she is still an occasional volunteer, she now receives the benefits of the program as well. Its volunteers have helped her with spring cleanup and pre-winter tasks, and the Care Team and the RN make their regular calls and visits because Barb falls into the "At Risk" category, since she lives alone and, in her own words, is getting old. If she should become unable to drive, the program has a Driver of the Day who would take her anywhere or just do errands when needed. Having personally been unable to drive for a month with the hip replacement, this strikes me as a remarkable service that would benefit most communities. Barb may feel her years, but her Christmas photo showed her at the helm of her sailboat, so not all has changed. In the spring, she will travel to Florida and then Savannah, GA, to visit her son. If you have never seen the moss-hung bricked neighborhoods of Savannah in the springtime, ablaze with pink, purple, and white azaleas, and every home and garden sparkingly groomed to the nines, you should put it on your bucket list. It is dazzling! **SHARON SMITH SAYLES** was able to pull off another great Christmas in the North Country, with the help of her daughter. Sharon said, "It was one of the coldest and snowiest in my memory, and the roads were horrible. But four different planes flew in and out and on time ... which is also a first." Sharon will be skipping her usual excursion to Florida this year, since it takes her two planes, which has now become cumbersome. Instead she plans to cozy up in front of the fire with some good books and her needlepoint. To that end, **ANN PATTERSON MUNRO** sent a list of four books on different subjects that she recommends: Code



Patty Jewett Soxman Jones, '49, and Tony Jones

Patty loves reading about everyone in *Tradition*. John and **LIZ GALLOGLY BACON** are no longer bound to a schedule, and time is their own to use or waste. They enjoy the view of other skiers from the lodge fireplace. A look at Great Learning discs and books on their desks reveal interesting places or things. Their health is good, their families are a joy, and their long friendships with us maintain their pleasures.



Connie Clark Jones and Marye Rose Raider Schaler, both '49

**CONNIE CLARK** and **DICK JONES** flew to Belize on the northeast side of Central America in the Caribbean for a week to visit their son, Rick, and family and do some fishing. July will find them on another cruise from Stockholm to Copenhagen and back. Connie is looking forward to visiting the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg again.

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*Girls* (Liza Mundy 2017), *Hidden Figures* (Margot Lee Shetterly 2016), both of which deal with the role of women in American security and mathematical expertise; *The Soul of an Octopus* (Sy Montgomery 2015), an interesting read by a naturalist into the personalities of different octopuses; and *The Gatekeeper* (Kathryn Smith 2016), about the FDR presidency and the role played by Missy LeHand, his private secretary for more than twenty years. Patter says she has just started *How Democracies Die* (by Levitsky and Ziblatt, 2018) and finds it fascinating! Always on the prowl for suggestions of good books, let me hear from you, and I will pass along the info to the others. On the eve of my deadline, I received the following from Sara, **PATTY MORGAN SMITH'S** daughter, who wrote for her mother: "I am 'hanging in there,' slow but sure. I live in Seattle with my daughter and son-in-law in a beautiful mother-in-law apartment. We share their dog, Harley, so he's really 'our dog.' He's a happy companion for me. I have the joy of three great-grandchildren, extended family, friends at church, and the caregivers who help me every day. I will be 86 in July, which is hard to believe. I hope you are all well, too." That was such a sweet note, so typical of Patty, who is always a cheerful soul despite her struggle with health issues. As for myself, I am getting along very well, grateful for the roots grown deep into this old Florida town that hold me together.



Sally Landis Bohon, '50, and family

We had a family reunion in Texas for Thanksgiving, complete but for the Maine branch who were coming later to Florida. Just after Christmas we held a beach party to celebrate Jack's life, and I have to admit it has completely changed my thinking about final services, be they funerals or memorials. The kids orchestrated a joyous celebration that Jack would have loved, complete with a jazz bar, Low Country Shrimp Boil, and the surf lit by votive candles in sea shells. His ashes went to sea with the minister's blessing, among a cascade of flowers beneath a shower of

fireworks. It was memorable. Now, in closing, I have not heard from some of you in a very long time, which concerns me. So try to drop me a note or email just to let me know you are okay. It matters.

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## C51

**BOB BEHRENS, DAN BELLINGER, DICK DOLL** and **ED GODFREY**, your Christmas cards were returned to me for wrong address. Margi Brown has nicely updated me with new addresses for all but you, **DICK DOLL**. Let me know where you are and how you are faring, please. **BILL JAMES** suggested to me that we put together soon (long before you read this) a get-together of classmates who live nearby (or not) just to be together and catch up. By now, that should have taken place, and I will report on that next time. Perhaps it was twenty-some years ago that one or more Jewish students at Cranbrook convinced the decision powers there to remove Pilgrims Chorus from its traditional place among other revered classic memories at the school...on the grounds that its composer, Wagner (pronounced Vogner, naturally) was an anti-Semite. Being Jewish myself, I have no problem identifying with the horrors Jews have suffered historically, and there is no shortage of the kinship I feel with these well-minded students. What I do have a problem with is the idea that, somehow, Wagner has benefitted by Cranbrook's tradition with this hauntingly beautiful melody and/or, that he is deservedly harmed by its removal. Ben Snyder, who lived and died without a single inhumane bone in his body, sided strongly against this removal. Jack Sanders, '42, certainly the greatest in-kind (at least) donor in the school's history (and never to be equaled), called it "political correctness run amok." I couldn't agree more. Are all Jews and Jewish sympathizers supposed to boycott Ford products because Henry Ford was an anti-Semite? Etc. If you agree, why not write the school and plead our case?

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## C52

Brenda **MAREAN** reports that **FRANK** is still residing in a nursing facility, which Brenda calls a "Zen place," content with his surroundings and cared for by extraordinary staff. Frank is suffering from dementia and Parkinsonism, which "continue to remove a little of his essence each day." **JIM PATERSON**, still in Arizona, figures that his cancer is well under control, so he and Jeanine have purchased a pre-used 24-year-old motor home, which they are refurbishing and have already ventured to Quartzite, AZ. Further travel is planned starting in March 2018. Jim Taylor, '53, passed away on December 18, 2018. At the request of Elliott Trumbull, '53, I attended Jim's funeral in Canton, MI, on behalf of the Class of 1953, as well as the Class of 1952. Sheila and **JOHN YOUEL** are anxiously awaiting the publication date of Sheila's book about her time in the White House as Nancy Reagan's press secretary. Publication date for *The Lady in Red, An Intimate Portrait of Nancy Reagan*, was April 10, 2018. John continues being very active golfing, singing, playing the bagpipes, and traveling. **DICK DESKIN** remains in Boyne City, MI. My older son, Brian, and I had dinner with Ann and **BILL SALOT** recently. Bill has Parkinson's, which is slowing him down physically, but he retains his sharp mind and keen sense of humor. Ardis was unable to join us, since we placed her under hospice care in late December, suffering from a trifecta of physical woes. We also ran into Karen and **DAVE NOE**, who are well and were headed for their annual sojourn on Maui early in 2018. **RAY BRANT** is living in a retirement independent living facility in Dover, NH, near his daughter. He plans to return to the links game we all love as soon as weather permits. He admits that his game may be a little rusty, since he hasn't golfed since moving from Texas four years ago. Pam and **KEN WILSON** continue to enjoy their southern living in Aiken, SC. Pam is a serious water colorist. They sent me a card with a beautiful painting by Pam. Ken has pretty much given up his musical life due to health problems, but still meets with his former music-mates from time to time. **FRANK HUSS** is recuperating from some serious injuries due to a fall from a ladder, a sport I gave up years ago, but it hasn't stopped him from chasing eclipses and such all over the world. Penny and **JOHN EDISON** continue to split their time between west

Michigan and North Palm Beach, FL. Keep those emails and letters coming. If you have an email address and aren't part of the exchange, drop me a line at this address: hirtstan@umich.edu. **JIM STADLER** checked in with a chatty email and some family and class pictures. Jim and Betty are past counting grandchildren and are now numbering great-grandchildren. They are still playing golf and bridge but mourn losing friends at a rapid clip, sign of our age! **DICK DESKIN** was contacted by me on one of those infernal "butt calls" from my cell phone. A delightful conversation ensued, revealing that Dick and his canine companion, Pearl, are residing on Torch Lake, MI, in a small stone house, with heated stone floors, but ice-cold, 18-inch thick stone walls. Dick says his feet are warm, but he dares not touch the ice-cold walls. He chastised those classmates who failed to attend last June's Friday night class dinner at the 65th reunion. **DAVE WILLIAMS** still golfs, Florida in the winter, and Michigan in the summer. He misses business, mostly for all the traveling that his job entailed, which took him to various parts of the world: Germany, Japan, France, and Argentina. Apparently, he is a world authority on the best steaks around: Argentine beef in Buenos Aires, Kobe beef in Tokyo, etc. He is spending much time with daughter and grandchildren.

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Almost a year has passed since our 65th class reunion, hard to believe. We had a great weekend, and as always it was so much fun to reconnect with classmates, share old memories of our days at Kingswood, and make new memories that we will cherish. We are getting older, but when together, we're as young as ever. We missed those who were unable to be with us. Attending the reunion were **JOAN HOWLETT JONES, GLORIA MACARTHUR VANDUYNE, MARTHA BROWNING MAST, MARY LOU SIMONS ZIEVE, BARB BLACK DONDERO, CONNIE VANDEVEER BERESFORD, JACQUI HARRIS GARD, JANE PHILIPP BOUTON, JACKIE ROWE SHILLINGTON,** and me. Friday afternoon, we joined our Cranbrook classmates at beautiful Cranbrook House for a cocktail party followed by a wonderful

dinner there. Saturday lunch was at Kingswood down by the lake, and it was fun being with classmates, as well as old friends from other classes, a really nice afternoon. Later that day we gathered again in the Cranbrook Quad for the annual cocktail party and great buffet dinner. I have sad news to report again this year. I learned in December that **CYNTHIA COPELAND VAN TUYL** passed away suddenly in September. Her daughter sent me a lovely card, and I know you all join me in sending condolences to her family. "Good to hear from you," says **GAIL GLOVER VINCE**. "Yes, Cynthia died last fall very quickly and unexpectedly. She had gone to the gym to exercise, fell down and died. She went as she would have liked to, as she was most concerned about being a burden to her children with them in Massachusetts and New Hampshire and she in Vero. There was a funeral service at Trinity Episcopal in Vero Beach, and her ashes were buried beside Jerry's in Massachusetts. Will really miss Cynth; we always celebrated our birthdays together—they were one day a part." Gail and Bob are not returning to Vero this winter. The ride is too long for Bob. He has had some health issues but is doing better. "Do think we chose a hard winter to stay north? I am well but certainly missing so many of my good friends who have died. My 'sister' MaryAnn Lutomski Shurly, '62, died on St. Patrick's Day last year, so it has been a hard year after Larry and Trixie's deaths. NO, it is not fun to grow older and see such monumental changes happening. I have finally truly retired. Cannot do the steps by the altar and feel it is a distraction to the congregation." **CAROL FAULKNER PECK** writes that she is still very happy to be in an upstate New York retirement community, where she can be active in many areas. "I belong to a reading group, a writing group, and a social group (we are all named Carol!)." In addition, she is teaching a poetry-writing course at the branch of Binghamton University that is for people over 50. This spring, she will teach an advanced level one, and next fall will repeat the beginning one. She enjoys her small garden, grew a bumper crop of tomatoes last summer, but does not miss snow shoveling or yard work. Last fall, a publisher in Hawaii contacted her, asking her to send a collection of her poems to be turned into an e-book, available online. "That is in progress, and the book, *Connecting Energies*, is even illustrated—a dream come true! I love being able to see my daughter and her family

more often, and my son and his family even visited from Seattle last July. I send best wishes to all!" I also heard from **GLORIA MACARTHUR VANDUYNE**. "After 42 years (and two knee replacements) I closed my shop. Quite a change. With the advent of the Internet, business was not quite what it used to be." Both Gloria and Erick are now home, as he also retired after 56 years from family medicine." We have lots of company, cat, dog, donkey, and small horse, doesn't everybody?" They keep them busy and homebound. They now have 25 grandchildren and just had their 13th great. "We have two weddings coming up. Seems like every time there is a class event, reunion I have a graduation or wedding, but one of these days. Happy New Year to all." **LYDIA IRVIN MILLER** called me, and we had a nice chat. She is doing pretty well. I enjoyed hearing about all her grandchildren, who are all grown up now. She lives in a beautiful independent living community and has made some wonderful friends there. Travel is still a big part of **MARY LOU SIMONS ZIEVE's** life. In April she traveled to New York for daughter, Missy's, '78, birthday, London in June, Boston in July, Santa Fe in August with Michigan Opera Theatre board members, river cruise to Vienna and Budapest in October, and Thanksgiving in Maine with Missy and family and Abby Snyder, '77, and her family. As for her health, a few minor "things," a torn rotator cuff and plantar fasciitis, which she's "willing" to heal. Her son, Rob, is 62 and thinking about retiring. Melissa (aka Missy) has two daughters, and the youngest, Julia, is a senior at Carleton in Minneapolis, majoring in history. She recently had an internship at the Smithsonian, which she thoroughly enjoyed. Missy's older daughter, Sara, has just moved from Philadelphia to Brooklyn and has completed some interesting art work, including the illustration of a children's book. She's very talented. Mary Lou is still involved with her theatre group and a few other community organizations. She enjoys helping and seeing their accomplishments. She says, "You ask what I've been up to. Well, the last time I looked I was just 5' when I stand up straight and inhale. I'm fighting to hold onto my 5!" She loved having **JANE PHILIPP BOUTON** stay with her for our 65th reunion. This is the first year Norm was unable to come. They loved walking around the Cranbrook grounds, reminiscing." "My news this year is not so happy," writes **SALLY LOWE BECKER**. "January 8 I lost my partner of 64 years." Ed

had a stroke July 30 and had not been able to talk since. He was not paralyzed but his right side was weakened, even his throat was affected, which meant his meat had to be chopped, but otherwise he was able to eat. He also walked a few steps when he shouldn't have and fell but never was injured. He was in a care home in Alliance, NE, which is 50 miles from her, so Sally drove down at least three times a week. "His quality of life was not what he would have wanted, but he was very compliant and never disagreeable, and the care he got there was outstanding." On January 8 he passed away, and his funeral was January 13. He was cremated and will have interment in the spring in Hyannis, where both families are buried. "I'm doing pretty well because I got used to living alone since July. The girls are great about visiting, and I go to their houses, too. I will probably go to our place in Arizona later on but only briefly to see our friends there, no horses however! They are turned out at the ranch. I do miss the love of my life, however. He had been in my life since I was 15! That's all for this year, happier times ahead, I hope!" Thank you for writing, Sally. I'm so sorry for your loss. I had a great visit on the phone with **PATSY HOEY WHITLOCK**. We talked about an hour and got caught up, laughed about similar "symptoms" of this "getting old thing," and decided we were pretty happy to still be here. She is living in an independent/assisted living complex and doing well. Her daughter, Beth, lives close by, and Patsy enjoys seeing her often. She hopes to come for a visit here when her daughter, Susan, and husband move back to Ann Arbor sometime later this year. She occasionally goes to Middleton to visit her grandchildren and still goes to Gloucester once a month to have lunch with a group of her longtime close friends. **CONNIE VANDEVEER BERESFORD** and Jim are in Florida as usual and both are healthy. Last year daughter, Ann, said that the old place they have been renting from her was about to collapse under them. So, this year they are in a pretty rental and enjoying it. Anything they missed, they went over and got from the old place. "She plans to clear it off and rent the slab until Tom retires, and they can build a really nice place on the river." Connie and Jim are still in the same place in Livonia but are planning to look around at retirement communities when they get home, "getting tired of big house and big garden." "We now have three married grandkids, one getting

married next summer, and two great grandkids (one almost two, one almost one). They are SO fun! Love coming back to reunions and seeing whoever comes." I called **TONIE GOSSETT DENNING**, and we had a wonderful visit, reminiscing about such good times together over the years, growing up together, and then coming back for reunions, which she hasn't been able to do in recent years. She wanted to hear about everyone back here and wishes she could come to visit. She said to tell everyone hello and that she misses us so much. Tonie lives with her daughter, Jen, and husband, Casey. Our year was mostly good. We spent about seven weeks in Hawaii, came home April 5, and a few days later I broke my left wrist (I'm left handed!). That was so annoying and took months to heal (is that maybe because I'm 83?). My friend, Ann Merseles Reed, '55, drove me everywhere nonstop every week and helped me so much. In August, we went to Sunriver, OR, for a week. Our son, Chris, '81, rented two large houses, and our whole family was there, 19 of us. We had a great time, and there was so much for everyone to do; white river rafting, not me; tubing, not me; fly fishing, not me; hiking, not me; but we all spent an afternoon at Elk Lake on two large pontoon boats, so much fun. We also went up to the top of Mt. Bachelor late one afternoon on the chairlift and came down at sunset. It was so beautiful. Thanks to our kids doing the shopping and cooking, we had some fantastic dinners and even homemade ice cream a couple of times. This reunion was definitely a "home run." Thanks to all who responded. I hope you all have a wonderful, healthy 2018.

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## C53

"Hello, JMT, this is EAT calling" - So began many telephone conversations that I had with **JIM TAYLOR** over the years. Sadly, there won't be any more such calls because Jim died last December at the age of 83. A friendship that started in grade school at Brookside and spanned over 70 years has ended. Jim died of kidney failure a week before Christmas and two months before his and Sue's 60th wedding anniversary. They were living in Canton, MI, in a senior living facility after

Jim developed health problems. Jim and Sue had two children, Amy and Tod (with whom I share a birthdate, May 24, but 28 years apart). Also surviving are five grandchildren and Jim's brother, Walt, '55. For many years, the Taylors had a house in St. Clair, MI, a spacious home with a large lawn leading down to the river. They loved being "on the water." Jim enjoyed watching the freighters go by and he even did some kayaking. He spent many years sailing in the Port Huron to Mackinac race. I made the journey out to St. Clair once, in 1996. The photo shows us displaying our personal copies of Brookside's Class of 1946 photo, 50 years on!



*Elliott Trumbull and Jim Taylor, both '53*

Earlier the Taylor family resided in Birmingham when Jim was a sales rep in the auto supply industry for 20 years. They regularly attended services at Christ Church Cranbrook, Sue singing in the choir and Jim serving as an usher. As to our friendly phone greetings, we also enjoyed using our middle names: it was "James Morrison" and "Elliott Arthur" for many calls, both local and then long-distance after Patti and I moved to Florida in 1999. They became renters in Naples for several "snowbird seasons," and we got together for many lunches, dinners and even a hockey game. "JMT" and "James Morrison" are gone, but our great memories live on. "STAN HURTS" - My fellow class secretary of one column ahead, Stan Hirt, '52, had a horrific year in 2017. His brother, Jake, '55, died in September after a tragic accident, and then he had to put his dear wife, Ardis, in hospice. They lived in St. Clair and were great friends with the Taylors. I asked Stan to represent our class at Jim's funeral last January, and despite his personal troubles, he did. Stan sent a note saying, "I think I was the only Cranbrook guy there." Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Taylor family and Stan and any other Cranbrook

people in dire straits. "40 YEARS ON PLUS 25" - Jim Taylor is our 25th classmate to die. The remaining 29 of us hopefully will gather for our 65th reunion on the weekend of June 8-10. Please respond to the mailing you have received if interested in returning. As always, I leave you with the usual send-off, our school's motto, AIM HIGH!

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## C54

Neuroscientists tell us that with aging, remote memory is preserved and recent recall is at risk to go. So it is that Class of '54 members also have many of the same warm recollections of Ben Snyder that were expressed in the last edition of *Tradition*. **DON SLOTKIN** recalls Big Ben as the "ultimate Renaissance Man, a veteran of World War II, Harvard-educated, an historian, a traveler, a World Federalist (in its very nascent days), a supportive athletic coach, one who believed everyone deserved a fair chance in life, and most importantly, he was genuine and someone you wanted to be with!" **JAMIE BARNES** writes from his home in Indio, CA, where he continues to play tennis three to four times a week, and since 2009 writes Barry and Rebecca Forester novels that sell on Kindle. To Jamie, Ben was a "wonderful man"—remarkable not only for his kindness, which was so obvious, but also for his memory. Years (many?) after our graduation Jamie was working in Thailand for AT&T. At the time his son, Andrew, was a student at the Bangkok International School and wanted to attend Cranbrook when they relocated back to the U.S. When Jamie contacted Ben from Thailand for assistance in Andrew's transferring schools, much to his surprise Ben remembered him, did all the prep work related to admissions (he was accepted), and even asked him about his parents! From Delray Beach, FL **KURT KEYDEL**'s recollection of Ben is of a different sort. When Kurt arrived at Cranbrook in 1951—fresh from the rigorous academic preparation offered by the Detroit public school system—he first encountered Ben as a student in his Modern European History course. Because Kurt's performance was sub-par, he spent part of a summer being tutored on the subject by Boyce Ricketts! Wow, the history department on steroids! Years later, when Kurt's sister,

Julia, '52, presented him with a copy of Ben's book *Once More with Joy* as a birthday gift, it included a personal note from Ben, who remembered Kurt well. Yes, Ben, thanks again for your memory!

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## K54

By the time you read this article, the snow and cold which have been relentless this winter should be just a memory. Spring will have "sprung," the grass will be green, and we will be looking forward to summer. I can't wait. I had a wonderful visit with **ALICE MOEHLER DELANA** in January. She was in town visiting her sister, Jane. Even though it had been several years since we last saw each other, we picked up right where we left off the last time we were together. Alice loves living in Cambridge, MA. It seems as though there is always something to do. Alice is no longer taking others on wonderful trips. I will always regret that I didn't take advantage of Alice's second career. I owe **BARBARA UNDERHILL STRATTON** an apology. I called her by the wrong name in the fall issue of *Tradition*. The error slipped by me, as well as by our *Tradition* editor. I assure you that is not the first or last mistake I have made or will make. I talked to **SHELLEY SCARNEY BUCHANAN** after Christmas. She and Pat are BUSY trying to keep up with the political scene in our nation's capitol. **BEV SCALES HOGLUND** is glad to be back in Florida. I don't think she misses cold weather. **MARY LOU HOWLETT MABEE** went to Las Vegas in January to see her great grandson. Mary Lou's grandson, Matt, gave her an incredible gift, a helicopter ride into the Grand Canyon. Mary Lou said it was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. A Christmas letter from **LINDA HULLINGER ROCKWELL** and Hays, C'54, brought me up to date in all that is happening in their family. Linda and Hays celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in September 2017. As part of Linda's mission work for the tiny St. Johns Parish to which they belong, she takes soup to the fishermen on the docks at Port Judith. To quote Hays, "The men are very glad for the lunch she brings and the cheer she adds to the menu." Linda is also active with the Children's Museum in Providence. I will try again to include in this issue a picture of Quina

Schmidlapp and her granddaughter and great-granddaughter.



Three Clarindas: Quina, '54, her granddaughter, Clarinda (Rini), and baby, Clarinda (Larin)

Somehow it was left out last time. If you can find the fall issue of *Tradition*, take a minute and read the class letter written by June Daisley Lockhart, '38. She will be here in June for her 80th reunion. She is amazing. I can't wait to meet her. I had an opportunity to read resumes of Kingswood graduates who were being considered for the 2018 Distinguished Alumna award. I was impressed with the talent and accomplishments of Kingswood alumnae. We should all be very proud of "our school." Do you remember the phone booths by the Green Lobby? I peeked in one when I was last at Kingswood. It is now a broom closet. All the students have cell phones. I wonder if day students receive mail at the office, probably not. Texts, tweets, Facetime, etc. have changed so many things. What has not changed is the friendships we made and the memories we share of our years together. Lucky us! Please stay in touch.

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## C55

Reflecting on the impact of Cranbrook on their lives as I spoke with them by phone, **BILL ADDISON** recalled the value of the academics



and his fondness for Floyd Bunt. **LEO BUTZEL**, in addition to sharing his current interests in reading, yardwork, and volunteering at the local blood bank, mentioned the lasting value of the teachings of Ben Snyder, his soccer coach. **KARL HAMADY** spoke of his love for Cranbrook ... the academics, living on campus, the relationships with faculty and classmates. **JACK FOSTER** further emphasized the merits of his academic experience as well as the concept of service as embedded within the spirit of the Cranbrook Schools. Hence, he chooses to serve others by teaching at the New York Institute of Finance. Jack has made a career of credit finance and has authored four books on the subject. My final phone chat was with **DON ANDREASSON** who, when speaking of the impact Cranbrook made on his life, said the academics were key. His involvement as stage manager was a memorable experience for him as he learned to work with others in designing and constructing stage sets. Further, his woodworking and drafting classes nurtured an interest in architecture. Following Cranbrook, he attended Lawrence Tech and then began to work in a family machine shop. The building of tabernacle models has been a source of satisfaction for him, as they have been used by churches, for example, for Sunday school instruction. **HILLIARD GOLDMAN** offered a further thought regarding **DWIGHT DAVIS**, "Dwight will always have a place in my heart. He was a good man." **CLIFF COLWELL** writes, "Our oldest granddaughter is graduating from high school this spring and looking forward to college next fall. Now we just have five more to do. We are presenting our progress in stem cell development for the treatment of arthritis at our National Academy meeting in New Orleans in March and will finish our animal work this year with, hopefully, a human trial in 2019. Still enjoying singles tennis, although not a threat to Roger Federer or anyone else for that matter. Your ranking is based on age grouping and with so few people playing singles at our age, the ranking can look pretty good. We are planning on, again, spending time at Higgins Lake this summer at which all of the children and grandchildren will gather and a bike trip in Costa Rica in December for grandparents and children only. It should be a blast! Looking forward to 2020 already and hope that our classmates will remain healthy and will attempt to attend the reunion." **JOE BRAFF** (11/6/17), "I have been trying to reach **CHUCK DUNKEL**

(Santa Rosa, CA). I heard that the fire was just above their house. They were evacuated for a week, but everything is now OK. They are moving to Southern California to be near his wife's sister." **DON YOUNG**, "Elaine and I are doing well ... healthier than Trump. Not sure when we will back in your area again." When thinking of Cranbrook **FRANK DUNCAN** says, "The privilege of the Cranbrook experience awakened my creativity during six years of full scholarship as a boarder. Later I really appreciated the opportunity to teach physics for a few years as an adjunct faculty member. It was like double dipping!" **ALAN CARLIN**, "My major news is that our younger daughter gave birth to our eighth grandchild last spring. The new arrival, Teddy, lives with his family in California near San Francisco. I took trips during the last year to San Francisco to see Teddy, and southern Utah (to do some photography), Houston (climate conferences) and plan one to Costa Rica this spring (photography). **PETE DAWKINS** (11/6/17), "The beat goes on for me, principally in NYC. A lot going on at Virtu Financial, and I'm about to make a series of globe-trotting visits to our offices around the world: California, Chicago, Dublin, London, Stockholm, Sydney, Hong Kong, and Singapore. (I'm more than a little 'long in the tooth' to be taking this on but, as they say, it's bound to 'keep me out of trouble.')" In a more recent email, Pete mentioned that he is experiencing some spine/hip issues for which he is receiving treatment at the Steadman Clinic in Vail, CO. **JIM CURRIE** continues with his interest in music and his woodshop. He and his wife, Marianne Davidson, K'55, who has been active in the community, are planning to move from Hilton Head, SC, to the Silver Spring, MD, area in the near future. **IAN MACNIVEN**, "In 2017, Peggy and I were in France for the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Cambrai on 20 November 1917, in which my father, John MacNiven, commanded a Mark IV tank in the embryonic British Tank Corps. My father's tank was the 'Dollar Princess,' which he had named for his Scottish public school, Dollar Academy. This was the first battle anywhere in which tanks played a major part. His tank was one of nearly 200 tanks destroyed, almost half of the entire force, by German artillery. Some 500 serving members of the Royal Tank Corps paraded before approximately 30,000 spectators, mainly local French citizens. I have donated my father's hat and tunic to the tank museum in the small town of Flesquieres,

where my father's tank was knocked out. So far as I know, although there were a number of grandchildren of tank corps veterans present for the commemoration, I was the only son of a tank veteran there. Let me say that the courtesy, friendliness, and, indeed, adulation that the French showed toward all of us visitors was most heartwarming. I felt also that I became even closer to my much-loved father through walking in the treads of his tank." **GORDON LAPIDES**, "Our big news for 2017 was our move from our cottage on the Lizard Peninsula in Cornwall to a new house about an hour north in Malpas, a village outside of Truro, Cornwall. Our house overlooks the tidal Tresillian River and the hillside woodland on the far bank. We are wrapped in peacefulness. The tide rolls in, the tide rolls out. (The people, however, do not 'gather around and all begin to shout.')

Lots of birds and bird song. Little egrets feeding on the banks and then suddenly swooping into the air. Pairs of swans, mated for life. Herons, owls, curlews, oyster catchers, and blackbirds. Sailboats, rowers, and groups of two-man kayaks pass by. Just up the Tresillian River, on a narrow woody path, is the Village of St. Clements with its 14th century church. Although you wouldn't know it, we are only ten minutes from the heart of Truro, the busy county town of Cornwall. My health is better than it has been for years, although as you can see I suffer from 'house proud.' They say it will pass. Best to all of our classmates." **BOB DAVIDOW** attended Ben Snyder's memorial service with me last September. On a sad note as reported to you earlier, **DICK SCHULTZ** passed away on November 26, 2017. Dick worked for General Motors as an engineer involved with truck testing. Lastly, the **BILL RAISCH** family is now all together in the Hilton Head, SC, area now that our son and his family moved here last fall from Texas. Our daughter and her family moved to Hilton Head from California a few years ago. What a joy for Jan and me to have all five grandkids, ages 10-15, and their parents nearby! Stay well and stay in touch, letting me know of news you would like to share with your classmates as well as changes in your contact information.

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Starting off on a sad note, we have lost another classmate. **MARIA MAYO DONOVAN** passed away August 30, 2016 at her home on the farm in Rochester, MN, where she raised Arabian horses. Artistic endeavors that she pursued during her lifetime were painting, drawing, sewing, and metalwork. She is survived by her husband, Bernard, four children, and ten grandchildren. Maria's father was Dr. Charles Mayo of the Mayo Clinic.



Condolences to **MELINDA BOOTH** on the loss of her husband, Bob, last August after a long battle with dementia. She has so many happy memories of their 32 years together. She stays very busy. In January, she was off to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for a relaxing week with three ladies from her water class. A trip to Seattle in March to visit her son and family was next on the agenda, followed by a trip to Hawaii in April for a family birthday. Next fall will find her visiting South Africa with a friend she met on a trip to the Czech Republic. Melinda sings in the church choir, and knitting and painting/pasteling are still of interest, along with reading and daily crossword puzzles. Her niece, one of her sister Martha's daughters, is now living with her. She is good company, they get along well, and both love to cook, plus she introduced Melinda to Netflix streaming. She says, "I'm in great health and feel very peppy for 80, feel and act more like 65!" **LIZ KIRK CRAMER's** children took her to Las Vegas to celebrate her 80th. "What a crazy idea, but we had fun," she said. This is the third year alone in the house on the Cape, but family is nearby. **JANE CLARK SWINEHART** celebrated her 80th birthday with her brother

and his family in Vieques, Puerto Rico. She said, "Every day of the glorious two weeks was spent at one of the beaches. Jane also took a wonderful two-week road trip with a friend last fall with stops in Ontario, Canada, Rochester, NY, and Newport, RI. She sings in the choir, volunteers in the choir library, heads up a women's circle, and tries to make the gym three days a week. **MARIANNE DAVIDSON CURRIE** said, "All things considered, it was a pretty good year. No major health issues, and Irma didn't affect us personally." She and Jim spent time in Washington, D.C., visiting daughter, Colleen, and doing some sight-seeing. However, it sounded like you spent a lot of time getting lost in the city. While there, they visited Ridgewood in Silver Spring, MD, which hopefully will be their next address. Now they are busy getting their house in Hilton Head ready for sale. In spite of her vision issues, Marianne is able to keep up with the secretary's job for the HH Audubon. Received a beautiful Christmas card with photos of **MARTHA MEHRER KELLER** and Don's combined families. According to Martha, she and Don live a relatively quiet life. She said, "All is well here, but life is passing so quickly. Woosh! Just yesterday we were out in the Kingswood courtyard having lemonade!" How true.



**DRIEKA MARTIN BLOOM** writes, "From May to October we logged many miles on I-75 between Troy and our cottage on Torch Lake." The cold days in December had Drieka and Jerry looking forward to their winter stay at Falling Waters Beach Resort in East Naples, FL. They have been going there for over ten years and now consider it their home away from home. **SANDRA COLLON WATTS** is ecstatic over being a great-grandmother to Finnley Marie, born to her daughter Vicki's middle child, Jessica, and Matt Bartkowski, a professional hockey player in Canada. Vicki's oldest daughter, Kaitlin, and Miranda celebrated their marriage with a three-day family celebration at the Breakers. Sandra plans to be back at her cabin this summer. She invites any of you driving along US2 to stop for a short visit. No meals, no sleepovers, but some laughter and clean bathrooms are available. 906-477-6474. **MARTHA BUHS HENRY** reports, "I've had a blissfully lazy winter so far, after directing *Twelfth Night* on the Festival Stage in Stratford, Ontario, last season with a phenomenal cast. Now I'm getting ready for cataract surgery." She hopes to be healed in time to begin rehearsals for *The Tempest*, which opens the 2018 season. Martha is playing Prospero, traditionally a male part. She sends the warmest possible wishes to all from 1955 with hopes for robust health all year long. **LYNN DOLZA GRIGNI** says, "Nothing much has happened, which at our age is great! Mario is enjoying his photographic clubs, and I am enjoying family, friends, and community groups."



Lynn Dolza Gringni, '55, and husband, Mario

In 2016, they considered moving into retirement housing but instead adapted their house to live with their son, John, and his wife, Lisa. It certainly has made life easier for them. Grandson, Noah, is in his final year of college, while granddaughter, Julie, is graduating from high school. **JOANNE BALCH THOMAS** reports they are still buzzing along at Ocean Reef in Florida. They spent the holidays there

with what seemed like multitudes in and out: children, grandchildren, grandchildren's friends, significant others, college roommates, plus two grand dogs! Joanne and Graham took an American Cruise Line trip up the East Coast last fall but no other travel plans. They play a lot of duplicate bridge and canasta. She gave tennis up due to knee problems but still works out. Eleven family members and six dogs gathered in Michigan's UP last August to celebrate **BETTY ANN HILL GLASCOCK's** 80th birthday. Lots of fun. She is involved in the Naubinway community and the Hiawatha Sportsman Club, especially the museum. Betty Ann is also part of a group of twelve widows that meet each week for lunch in the winter and dinner in the summer. **GAYLE SMITH** now makes St. George, UT, her home. She lives near **MARY "DUCK" CAMPBELL DION**, and I understand they have gotten together for some golf. Gayle says, "My church activities are my favorite form of activities." She teaches a Class of fourteen 12-15-year-old Sunday school students, although she admits several of the boys are corkers! Her greatest love is to be an ordinance worker in the St. George Temple, which she performs at each early Saturday morning shift.



Mary Campbell Dion and Gayle Smith, both '55

Gayle still enjoys singing and is a member of three choruses. **LYNDA GENTHE CHAMPION** had a successful knee replacement done by makoplasty. She loves her new surroundings in Howell, MI. Her one-floor condo is perfect for her and her two little dogs. It is located just three miles from work and very close to church. After 25 years, Lynda is still a Mary Kay rep. I spoke to **ELLEN FLINT PRICE** in Arizona where she and **JUDY**

**EARLE GILLOW** were enjoying a week of pampering at the spa, their fifth year of doing this. She said, "We are forever the girls with grandmother faces." Ellen spent her 80th birthday back in India for the second time with an additional magical week in Bhutane. Daughter, Sarah, '80, accompanied her mom. Stay well and keep in touch. Call, email, snail mail anytime.

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## K56

Continuing, spring 2018. It is a Scottish tradition to open the front door on New Year's Eve just before midnight to let the old year out and the New Year in. However, before welcoming 2018 into our current class notes column, I shall first share our experiences of ALL of 2017: wonderful times/celebrations with family and friends, interesting trips, life-changing decisions, weather challenges, serious health issues, and, sadly, the loss of a classmate. Unfortunately, I was unable to write our "news" for last fall's *Tradition* because I had a debilitating fall in August, when I was visiting my daughter and her family in Iowa. But now, happily, I am able to function once again as our class secretary.



Rhona Newcomb Neuwirth, '56, yearbook photo

Our saddest "news" in 2017 is that in March **RHONA NEWCOMB NEUWIRTH** succumbed to breast cancer that had metastasized throughout her body. Several classmates wrote touching memories of her. **BARBARA WELTHER** related Rhona's many outstanding attributes with fun and caring anecdotes. Barbara knew that a couple of years ago Rhona and her husband had relocated to the wonderful senior community, Kendal at Hanover, NH, near Dartmouth. When Barbara was at Kingswood, she remembered that on one occasion Rhona talked about Frank Lloyd Wright visiting her home in Grand Rapids, which he designed, and discussing architecture with her father. On another occasion, it was John Wayne who dropped by to talk about acting and the movies. Barbara recognized that Rhona was a very special and talented gal. She had beautiful penmanship. With a special fountain pen filled with bright blue ink and held in her left hand, she wrote prose that became poetry. She wrote slowly, carefully, thoughtfully, beautifully. She related very well with her teachers. She was much more mature and sophisticated than the rest of us. It was clear that she would thrive at Vassar. In our English classes with Elizabeth Bennett, Rhona brought her vast knowledge and various interests into our discussions of prose and poetry. She was a joy to Miss Bennett and a wonder to the rest of us. In Helen Loane's Latin classes, Rhona improvised beautiful translations of Virgil from her store of idioms and adages, gleaned from the vast number of classics she had read at an early age. While the rest of us stumbled along on a word-by-word interpretation of passages, Rhona would paint beautiful word pictures of what Virgil meant. Clearly, Rhona prevailed in the classroom during our years at Kingswood. It was only the games of hockey, tennis, and lacrosse that leveled the playing field for all of us. It was there that she shivered in her navy nylon jacket and green pinny to the point of missing the ball or fouling the play. So she was just as human as the rest of us! Alas, her physical fragility has now taken her away from us much too early. Her wit and wisdom will certainly be missed. **LYNN BURROWS DONALDSON** thought that Barbara's outstanding tribute to Rhona rivaled Rhona's talents. Lynn was grateful to Barbara for sharing her lovely memories and admiration of Rhona, as were **JUDITH (JUDIE) BARBER COOK, KAREN GILDERSLEEVE SEELEY, JANE MCKENZIE MULLIN, LINDA**

**JOHNSON LEMIEUX, MARSHA (PENNY) RUDOLPH ADAMS O'NEILL** and myself. When Judie came to Kingswood in January '53, she became Rhona's roommate since Rhona did not have one. Her room was actually not even on the main hall but around the corner. Each of them did not quite know what to make of the other because each was so different. Rhona was very quiet but sweet. Shortly after Judie's arrival, Rhona left for England for Queen Elizabeth's coronation. Her father had a position in the government! To quote Judie, "The world has lost another kind soul." When Rhona and **ALTHEA ROMAINE WELCH** were roommates in our junior year, Karen and **KAREN THOMPSON** lived across the hall from them. Karen remembers Rhona being very nice, quiet, and studious. Jane thanked Barbara for her special recollections. Jane found them very informative and learned a lot about Rhona that she did not know. "A sad loss." Linda echoes this sadness of Rhona's passing. For her, the years have gone by much too quickly since our Kingswood days! When Penny realized that Rhona had just had her 78th birthday, it gave her a jolt, realizing that that was also where she was, and not still in her 60s! She found it sad that she really did not know Rhona as a person, only that she was from Grand Rapids, that her father was an older gentleman, and that she was a serious student ... rather "buttoned-up and quiet" I, on the other hand, was given an opportunity to reconnect with Rhona about a year before our 50th reunion. When she responded to my request for class notes, I learned that she lived relatively nearby in Westchester County, NY, and that she made frequent day trips to NYC, as I did. We discovered that we enjoyed many similar city experiences and began to share them, museums, theater, and restaurants. As we got to know and appreciate each other, we developed a close, caring, and meaningful friendship that was filled with much joy and laughter. Her passing is a deep, heartfelt, daily loss. Relating to my serious fall, **ANNE SAUNDERS KIRKPATRICK** shared that she experienced a similar fall two years earlier, stating that "perhaps we do the same things at the same age!" When she was standing in front of her condo building in Chicago one evening, a taxi zoomed by at about 70 MPH. Its draft was so strong that it knocked over most of the people standing there. Anne fell on her back, hitting the concrete pavement and fractured her skull. When an ambulance took her to the emergency room at Northwestern

Hospital, she was unconscious. They were not sure if she would survive. Her neurosurgeon diagnosed that she had a hematoma on her brain, a traumatic brain injury. She basically has recovered, although at times she still feels dizzy and unbalanced. Falls, especially at our age, always seem to cause damage. 2017 was a challenging year for **KAREN GILDERSLEEVE SEELEY**. She did not fall, but her right knee became extremely painful, perhaps the result of a pinched nerve or arthritis. However, after various scans nothing was conclusive. She decided to go to a chiropractor. According to Karen, "THAT WAS THE MISTAKE!" After a few sessions with him, her pain had become so excruciating that it forced her into bed for two weeks. He had also messed up her bladder. Eventually he was fired and lost his license. She then tried sessions with a physical therapist, having to complete a questionnaire, one question being, "How fast can you run a mile?" RUN a mile? Karen answered that she had become a little slower, but then, what is expected at 80? "SERIOUSLY!" Her left leg keeps her going. She still managed to pick apples, make her delicious applesauce, play with her granddaughters, as well as babysit, and do the holiday shopping. She even became a temporary "Kitty Mom," when she thought that she was tossing peanuts to little squirrels in her backyard. Actually they were cute little black kittens. They added themselves to her cat family outdoors. However, she soon noticed that one of the "kittens" actually had just given birth to four kittens, so that, inside they went! After six rather chaotic weeks and their getting bigger and bigger, homes were found for them, much to Karen's relief! Now, however, whenever, a "new" cat sort of "moves in," off to the vet, IMMEDIATELY! Some of our classmates had milestone celebrations in 2017. Happy congratulations to **CATHERINE STERRITT GARY** and her husband, George, C'56, on their 60th wedding anniversary!



*George and Catherine Sterritt Gary, both '56*

Over the holidays, their three children, Pam, Debbie, and Steve gave them a three-day celebration in southern California. Their five grandkids with spouses and boyfriends, and two great-grandsons also joined them for the milestone celebration. It began with a visit to Disneyland and breakfast at Goofie's Kitchen. The highlight was a Newport Beach chartered boat trip, 20 people, catered food, perfect weather of 72 degrees. Cathy treasures their grandchildren's very special "gifts" to them, which were individual, personalized letters to Cathy and to George about encouraging them to follow their dreams and supporting all their activities. Each also wrote different funny stories of things they did on their yearly family vacations or simply just about their spending time with them. Cathy and George are still close to and very proud of each of their grandchildren: Meredith, a teacher for special needs kids; Drew, a returnee college student after serving three years in the Army/Iraq; Katie, an employee at Amazon; Connor, a student in medical school; and Kelly, a last-year student in international law. Cathy feels that she has been so blessed over all her 60 years of married life. More happy congratulations to **MARILYN MACKENZIE MONTGOMERY** and her husband, Robert, on their 40th wedding anniversary. In January, Marilyn reminded Robert that it was a "big year" for them, and they should go somewhere special for dinner. They looked at each other and simultaneously said, "Rules," the oldest restaurant in London, one of their favorites! At the beginning of their celebratory London

trip, they stayed with dear friends in their wonderful and cozy 17th-century cottage in Milford, Surrey. From there, they stayed in a Landmark Trust property, a restored gatehouse among the ruins of Storgursey Castle, surrounded by a protective moat in Somerset. Besides exploring the countryside there, they visited Stonehenge and went to Bosham, one of their favorite villages on the English Channel. After meeting their daughter, Monica, and her partner, Tom, at the airport, the four of them proceeded to London to spend the next few days together. Soon after arriving, Tom got “knighted” on the top of his head by a pigeon sitting in a tree during their walk. Of course, all thought that it was hilarious, except Tom! Finally, they all enjoyed a phenomenal dinner at Rules, a terrific finale to their celebratory trip! During the year, they traveled to Virginia to visit Monica and Tom and their boys, Jack and Julian. Monica is now working as a civilian for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency as the deputy chief for risk management. Tom is a civilian employee of the U.S. Army and is the deputy director, architecture, operations, networks and space. They attended his induction into the senior executive service for the “pinning ceremony” in the Joint Staff Flag Room in the Pentagon. Afterward, Tom gave them a tour of the Pentagon, during which he showed them Saddam Hussein's gold-plated AK47! Both Marilyn and Robert are doing well with no major mishaps during the year. Marilyn still needs a cane for walking, and her eyesight is not good, but Robert's broken shoulder healed. Also, Thor, their rescued border collie, has become a really good dog, because they think he finally appreciates having a good home. Still more congratulations!

**JUDITH (JUDIE) BARBER COOK's** oldest granddaughter, Kalynn, was married, a truly gorgeous bride.



*Kalynn, granddaughter of Judie Barber Cook, '56*

It was a very private wedding in NYC with only her mother and the groom's parents attending. Kalynn is truly very special to Judie and her husband, John. She is the only girl child born to one of their children. Judie and John started the year by planning to downsize and move to a “really cool adult community.” However, they soon realized how much work it would entail! So, they are still in their large home in Crownsville, MD, and feel that it was a wise decision for them. On the other hand, near the end of the year **SUSAN HODGES MACFADYEN** actually did decide to sell her London house of 30 years and move to be near the sea in Rye, one of the ancient Cinque Ports in East Sussex. She is anticipating “big changes ahead!” For other classmates, 2017 was a traveling year. **CYNTHIA (CINDY) COLE EUSEBI** came from Michigan to NYC to see Bette Midler in *Hello Dolly*. She invited her daughter, Alexandra, and granddaughter, Alison, from Austin, TX, to join her. She also invited **KAY PERRING** and me, **COLLEEN MCMAHON ORSATTI**, from the NYC metropolitan area to share the evening with them.



*Cindy Cole Eusebi, Kay Perring and Colleen McMahon Orsatti, all '56*

All of us had a marvelously fun experience together, starting with dinner at a Times Square Irish pub, then walking through the unbelievably crowded Broadway/Times Square area to the theater. We had wonderful seats for seeing Bette, whom we all thoroughly enjoyed, still an audience pleaser and totally amazing at age 71! Cindy is a very talented artist. Every Friday she paints watercolors with a group of other artists. During the year, she had one of her paintings chosen to be viewed at an exhibit in Birmingham. She is very grateful for her years at Kingswood for giving her the desire to be creative. For **KAY PERRING**, one of the highlights of the year was seeing Bette Midler in *Hello Dolly*, made possible by Cindy's generosity. It actually was the night before Bette won the Tony for “her” *Dolly*. Two other highlights for Kay were her annual spring and fall trips to Michigan. On each visit, her Detroit tour guide/friend, Edie, drove her to more places of interest in and around Detroit. One was the fabulous zoo. Kay loved watching the polar bears swimming overhead, as she and Edie walked through the underground all-glass tunnel. In downtown Detroit, they strolled along the lovely riverfront promenade, after which they took a tour of the refurbished Book Cadillac Hotel and marveled at the gorgeous ballroom. They visited the Holocaust Museum in West Bloomfield for a moving and educational tour, enhanced by listening to the audio interviews with survivors and by having very attentive high school students in their group. In the

fall, they spent two days visiting the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. On the first day they visited the outdoor exhibits that were reproductions of village shops, vintage of the early 1900s, and interacted with wonderful docents in period dress. Kay was particularly attracted to the Thomas Edison exhibits. It was all historical but still very relevant. This entire area was formerly known as Greenfield Village. The next day, they toured the inside of the museum, culminating in a lineup of presidential limousines, including the one that JFK was riding in when he was assassinated in Dallas. Some of the exhibits are updated and oriented toward the digital age. They also enjoyed eating dinner at a very popular restaurant in the area named after the museum. Kay has been enjoying witnessing the recovery of Detroit. Not so long ago downtown Detroit was anything but a must-see destination, rather, its empty streets and decaying buildings were unnerving. After declaring bankruptcy, its reputation of a failed city was sealed, until downtown Motor City started revving back once Quicken Loans moved its massive headquarters there. Activists, artists, and small business owners spearheaded the regeneration effort, making the city livable again. Now even a new Q-Line streetcar whispers along Woodward Avenue. Detroit's future continues being written.

**MARSHA (PENNY) RUDOLPH ADAMS O'NEILL** and her husband, Ed, chose Ireland and the English countryside to be their European destination for their fall trip. In Kent, England, they stayed in Hever Castle, once the childhood home of Anne Boleyn and today an incredible bed and breakfast. While driving through the countryside, they stopped in Bremhill, the childhood village of one of Penny's ancestors, Thomas Hungerford. It was a very picturesque, two-block-long village. At its highest point was a tiny English church with a churchyard, which they explored and discovered some monuments to the Hungerfords of the 1600s. It was very exciting for Penny who claims herself to be an "ancestor seeker!" In Buckinghamshire, they stayed in a National Trust hotel, Hartwell House, the history of which is incredible. Down through the ages, John of England, Louis XVIII of France, as well as other famous French and European nobility lived in the house. Going north to the Windermere area in the Lake District, they found Beatrix Potter's home, Hill Top, in a charming village. Her home and garden have been beautifully preserved.

The Lake District turned out to be another "ancestor find" for Penny. While staying at the Gilpin Hotel and Lake House, she discovered that the property on which the hotel was located had been given to Richard de Guylpyn in 1206 and that he is the direct-line antecedent of her Quaker ancestor who came to Chester County, PA, in 1605. Penny was ecstatic! Needless to say, genealogy research is still her passion. Her granddaughter, Allie, 13, is developing into a joyful, special young lady and a thespian. She acts with her city-wide Shakespeare theater group and in her school plays. Additionally, she is a formidable ninth grader! During the summer, Penny's daughter, Stephanie, visited her at her home in St. Ignace, MI. They spent two weeks of "playtime" doing all the activities that have become family traditions: visiting family members, going to Mackinac, shopping in Petoskey and in the "Soo," and eating at their favorite restaurants. In July, **VIRGINIA (GINI) CUMINGS INMAN** was the guest of her daughter, Fenton, for a week's stay on Maui, HI. Gini's grandson and Fenton's son, Paul, went with them. Her stay was full of amazing highlights. One day, they flew from Maui to Honolulu to visit Pearl Harbor. The Memorial sculpture there is emotionally moving and beautiful. On Maui, they took a day-long hike in the rainforest with a small group, led by a young guide, who felt that often people go too fast on hikes and miss the beauty of why they are hiking. Consequently, he led the group at a modest pace, stopping along the way to tell them about the bushes, trees, and flowers, which he had them smell, and even taste. They stopped at three different, high waterfalls, so that anyone in the group could climb the rocks to the top and jump or dive down. Much to Gini's amazement, her grandson did a back flip off the high rocks! Another day she and Paul took a one-hour helicopter ride over Maui, a very scenic and gorgeous tour. They flew over Maui with many dips and turns down into canyons and up to the top of the long ribbons of the many waterfalls. They also flew over the jungle and the ocean, including a huge reef that never seemed to end. It was such a lovely trip that an hour passed by much too quickly. In fact, their entire Hawaiian trip was over too quickly.



*Gini Cumings Inman, '56, and family*

For the holidays Gini drove to Denver to spend them with her daughters, Fenton and Miles, and their families. One night over Thanksgiving they went to the Denver Botanical Garden's Christmas Tree Extravaganza, many and varied colored lights on every tree, bush, and flower. It took an hour to walk through all that beauty. "Gorgeous!" For Christmas she shared a sumptuous Christmas dinner with Fenton and her family at Denver's famous Brown Derby, very lush and beautifully decorated with wreaths and poinsettias everywhere. For Gini, 2017 was a very memorable year! During the year, **PEGGY DURHAM** took two trips to Europe to visit family members. In the spring, she spent a week in France, visiting her granddaughter, Tori, who was at school in Dijon. She also saw her son, Rob, separately. She returned to Geneva in late December to spend the holidays with Rob and his wife, Trudy, before going to Edinburgh for Tori's wedding to a British fellow she had met at school. It was a very small wedding to be followed by a large celebration in New Hampshire in the summer, depending on Peggy's grandson-in-law-to-be getting his Green Card. Point of interest ... Peggy mentioned that she had read last spring that **JANE ROMNEY's** son announced his run for governor of Colorado. **JANE MCKENZIE MULLIN** also spent the holidays with family. She enjoyed Thanksgiving in Chicago with her older daughter. Then she shared the Christmas festivities at her home in East Jordan, MI, with her younger daughter, Kerry, and her family—Scott, Piper Jane, and Taygen, who visited from Missouri. Snow was very plentiful and for Jane, "Beautiful!" For **LINDA JOHNSON LEMIEUX**, it was too much snow! Regardless, it was worth her very challenging drive in a blizzard to Ann Arbor from Flint on Christmas Eve day to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mary Linda, and family, Larry, John, Abby, and Sam. She was very relieved to arrive safely! **NANCY SWAN WILLIAMS** and her husband, Dave, decided to stay in

Harbor Springs and not go south for the winter. According to Nancy, this winter has been a really BIG one ... very cold and LOTS of snow! It seemed that there was one blizzard after another. Fortunately, they had saved most of their winter clothes and boots ... even Dave's snowshoes! Dave enjoyed skiing on powder with his son, David, his granddaughter, Eva, and George, Nancy's younger brother, who lives in Florida and had recently bought a condo in Harbor Springs. They enjoyed a marvelous Christmas holiday at their son's home but had to leave earlier than planned due to the hazardous conditions of another blizzard. At the end of the year, Nancy and Dave had their 57th wedding anniversary. They celebrated it by stringing their big fir tree in the front yard with many bright, colorful lights. They were totally delighted with their celebratory achievement! 2017 was definitely the year of "The Wind," Blizzards ... in Michigan! Fires ... in California! Fortunately, the winds blew in the other direction away from **MARSHA (PENNY) RUDOLPH ADAMS O'NEILL's** area in southern California. Because of the mountains, **JERADY CARTER HAWKINS's** area in northern California also escaped the fires. However, the fires north of San Francisco were devastating. Fortunately, none of their friends lost their homes, but some had to evacuate. The exciting highlight of the year for Jerady and her husband, Bill, was having all six of their children and most of their grandchildren visit them during the summer. **KATHRYN HELLYER SMITH** related a very interesting part of her family background after reading about the exhibit at the NYC Metropolitan Museum, "Bamboo Art: The Abbey Collection" ... very creative and intricate bamboo vases, baskets, and sculpture. Her family was in the tea business in Japan. Her father and uncle were born there. Japanese art is unique. Several works of art that her family acquired there survived the trip back to the States. She has some and marvels at them every day. In Japan, bamboo is used to make their brushes and pens. Kay has used these tools out of curiosity. They invite fluidity and simplicity. It is important to let the simple tools rule the flow of your thoughts and marks on paper. The paper is made with rice. It is very thin. No going over a stroke. There is no other option than to know your subject well. The best art that we have mimics the directness of their techniques. They were geniuses. Her uncle never made it out of that country. He was knifed in the back! War,

perhaps, is a part of creativity? I, **COLLEEN MCMAHON ORSATTI**, took advantage of the opportunity to take an in-depth, curator-led tour of "The Abbey Collection" exhibit at The Met ... an invaluable experience. For me, it was a year of positive experiences as well as negative ones. One of the positive ones was definitely seeing Bette Midler in *Hello Dolly*, as Cindy's guest along with Kay, meeting Cindy's daughter and granddaughter from Texas, and enjoying our truly fun evening together. Another, in a totally different vein, was seeing the exhibit at The Museum of Jewish Heritage, "Operation Finale: The Capture and Trial of Adolf Eichmann." It was an extremely well-developed and informative exhibit of the covert operation to capture Eichmann in Argentina and to return him to Jerusalem for trial in 1961. It was chilling to watch him during the video-taped trial. Memorable and shocking! Now my negative one ... as I mentioned, I had a serious fall last summer when I was visiting my daughter in Des Moines. I missed the bottom cement step into the garage, hitting the back of my head on the cement floor, fracturing my skull, and causing two brain bleeds. I stayed with my daughter and her wonderfully understanding family for six weeks, recuperating before I could fly home to New Jersey. As negative an experience as the fall was, the beautiful positive result was that my daughter and I had six weeks of quality time together. We are both extremely grateful for having that precious time. A gift! I am still undergoing physical therapy for hamstring and shoulder issues on my right side, but otherwise my life is back to "normal." I am very grateful ... it could have been much worse. My husband, Bob, and I celebrated the holiday season in December by treating ourselves to a two-night stay in NYC ... a truly magical experience ... everything we had hoped it would be! Nice hotel room, great music, delicious food, Saks Fifth Avenue's adorably decorated Snow White windows, ice-skaters below the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree, truly Christmas in NYC! New Year's Eve arrived! The door was opened. Welcome 2018! Our octogenarian decade with new experiences began! "Let's be brave enough to dream big, huge, embarrassingly impossible dreams!" (Melody Ross) To be continued...

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A missed email and therefore a belated call for notes brought just a few responses, so a very short column this issue. A couple of classmates are avoiding winter weather in Florida. **KEN CAMERON** and wife, Sherilyn, are in Dunedin, getting lots of exercise to work off the fare at favorite restaurants. **CARL JOHANSSON** is in Jupiter near daughters and families. They got an invite from a college fraternity brother (not seen since 1962) for lunch at Mar-a-Lago. We'll get details for next issue. As usual, the **AKERS** are hanging out in Sarasota until mid-March. Oldest grandchild, Lexi, started college in the fall, loves it and is doing well. Grandson, Isaac, 14, tried out for and made it into the main adult (high school) group of the Chicago Childrens' Choir and made the cut for the 1/2 of the choir that will be performing in Germany and Israel for ten days this summer. Already living in a warmer climate, the **FRITZ KERNS** spent the holidays in Tucson. Second weekend in March, Fritz, for the seventh year, will serve as a marshall at the Toshiba Classic Senior PGA tournament in Newport Beach. Look for him on TV at the tee box at the signature 17th hole. Sticking with winter is **DUNCAN BLACK**, who's skiing again this season. The Blacks just celebrated their 50th anniversary. Another family athlete, ninth-grade granddaughter, Kenna, earned her second varsity letter in gymnastics. Olympics next? **ROSS (NEVADA) SMITH** writes he'll be visiting Hawaii's volcanoes this summer. Son, William, a software engineer, volunteers as a mentor and coach to a local high school's robotics club in Seattle and led it to an unexpected Washington state championship. Congratulations in order. **PETE SCHMIDT's** holiday letter provided a wealth of info and included pictures of the oft-mentioned lake cottage, now completed. Wife, Pam, is planning to retire in June, while Pete continues his research. Last summer they did the unusual, took a commercial tour to Ireland, home of two of her great-grandparents. They spent weekends at the cottage, August to October, getting property ready for winter, coercing a crew of family members to help clear the growth, and restore a view of the lake. They concluded the year celebrating Christmas at the Greenbrier resort in West Virginia. Most notable family event occurred last autumn with marriage of granddaughter, Lauren, in western Ohio. Finally, more travel

planned after Pam's retirement. Dr. **PAUL WOOLLEY's** frequent contributions to notes often included news of his daughter, Catie, and son, Kevin. Sadly, news this time comes from, not about, Catie, who emailed November 30 that Paul had passed away two days before. Paul was a true Cranbrook loyalist, a generous donor, contributor to class notes, and attendee at all our reunions except the last one. After Cranbrook, he attended Cornell, took classes at Colombia required to enter U-M Med School, graduating a third generation physician. He became a full professor of medicine and pharmacology at Georgetown U. A gifted oncologist and hematologist, he was appointed chief of the division of medical oncology at the Lombardi Cancer Center in 1983. He authored or co-authored more than 150 papers. A lover of books and classical music, he served on the boards of a local symphony and art museum. Just a short bit of his lengthy bio. The family requested that donations in his memory go to U-M, Medical Development, 1000 Oakbrook, Ste. 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. To our friend, Paul, one of the good guys, Vaya con Dios!

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## K57

During the last year, our coastal classmates were besieged by floods, mudslides, and fires that challenged their living conditions. Their accounts sent some of us to Internet maps, not realizing that the dire news weather reports touched those we know. Yes, many of us now live not far from coastal waters, having relocated from our Great Lakes background. At the end of 2017, **VIRGINIA WESTOVER WEINER** wrote that she felt very lucky to be spared from the horrendous Northern California fires that were in her area. Her living complex was evacuated about 6 a.m. the first morning of the fire. Luckily, there was a disaster plan in place. However, Ginny only had time to grab JJ, her Bichon, his food, and insulin, leaving with the clothes on her back. She first stayed in a shelter at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds set up by the Red Cross with army cots and blankets. People with pets stayed in a separate building. The next day, friends from Lafayette came to fetch her to share their home. After three days, Ginny was

taken to San Francisco where she and JJ spent the next 10 days at the Marines Memorial Club and Hotel. Meanwhile, she acquired dog food and put together a very small, basic "wardrobe" at Wal-Mart. Her bank delivered cash and a debit card. Returning home, Ginny reported that parts of town look like Hiroshima. A fire break was built around part of her complex, which was near the Oakmont fire and had the winds shifted they would have been vulnerable. In follow up to her wildfire experience, she admits to still feeling a bit nervous and very lucky that she has a place to call home. Living south of Boston along the Atlantic coast, **ANNE COUGHLIN COLLINS** reports that she survived the extremely heavy snow in Cohasset that caused massive flooding in her area, because her hillside home kept her high and dry. Sending a big hello from her new location in the West Coast's Palm Springs, **LINDA MYERS YORT** escaped the miserable weather. Her daughter, Chrissie, lives in Santa Barbara and a good friend of hers in Ventura. Both are safe, but know friends who are not. The mud slides were beyond imagination and devastation. Windy recently went to Santa Rosa, an area of wild fires. She drove around the burn zones to find that a friend's daughter and husband's condo burned down, as well as the care facility where they were living at the time. Windy has cut back on work and is enjoying some relaxing time. However, she is now looking forward to getting involved in something meaningful in this new town, and gathering a few more clients. All family are well. From afar, Windy is enjoying her granddaughter being at U-M and playing water polo on a team that beat UCSB. After some sleuthing and help from a sibling, I reconnected with another West Coast classmate who we hadn't heard from in several years. I found **BECKY ERWIN CAWLEY** who had relocated to a Del Webb community near Sacramento. Becky is only about 20 minutes from her daughter, Kathleen, and her twin grandchildren who are now nearly 8. She has lived near them since they were born and has really enjoyed watching them grow, helping where she can. Becky keeps busy with bridge, knitting, swimming, and participating in the local AAUW group. Back problems require that she use a walker when going any distance, which has limited her travel to occasional visits to other children in Phoenix, Denver, and Concord, MA. In recent years Becky has visited Sedona, Santa Fe, and Banff. **JUDY KNUDSEN CHRISTIE** reports that two more

great-grandchildren are expected in May, bringing the total to four. (I think that Judy may lead the class in the number and ages of her offspring. Correct me if I'm wrong.) Other than that, she left in early February for a month in London, staying with daughter MB (a Kingswood grad) and April, her granddaughter (14, and at the eye-rolling stage). **JEANNE HARGREAVES GRAHAM** reports that all is well, and she is very much enjoying the Cranbrook Art Museum, wishing that it had been accessible to us in our day. She went to a lecture on architecture that was quite over her head, having to write some words on a paper napkin to look up at home, triggering Jeanne signing up for a six-week series of lectures on the history of architecture. This wonderful asset is keeping her brain active. Our most northerly classmate **SUELLEN VOORHEIS SOUCEK** reports that she is doing well, still on Madeline Island, where there are only 300 winter residents. It's beautiful with lots to do if you're young enough to handle snowshoeing, cross country skiing, ice fishing, etc. There are groomed trails through the woods. She reports that all seven kids are fine, as are 15 grandkids, three are in college including one at Ohio State in the engineering honors program. Lee Stecklein, John's granddaughter, is again in the women's hockey Olympics. She took the silver last time. That's exciting and gives them something special to do in February. Keeping busy thanks to her daughter's urging, Suellen is back to oil painting again, having sold a lot of them last summer. Despite John's objections, they recently acquired two rescue cats, which John adores. They're very amusing and keep their home lively. Suellen is still on a couple of boards and works some in the summer. **"CURLY" CAROLLEE (WORTHINGTON) METROKA** is alive and well after surgery in June. She was diagnosed with a condition NPH (Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus) more commonly known as "water on the brain." She asks forgiveness as she launches into her public service announcement about this disorder. It is one of the most under-diagnosed and misdiagnosed conditions of the over-60 crowd. It is progressive and often mistaken for Parkinson's or dementia or Alzheimer's—that was the diagnosis that Curly had for four years. However, she didn't accept this prognosis, persevered and luckily, was directed to a neurosurgeon in Naples, FL, who correctly diagnosed her condition with a simple MRI and spinal tap. In June on her birthday, a permanent shunt was placed



in her brain to drain the excess fluid. It was a success, and she is back to her old self with much improved walking and talking. It was indeed a miracle ... an amazingly simple overnight procedure, which changed her life from the prospect of a nursing home confined to a wheel chair to fully enjoying all aspects of life. The doctors didn't want her to fly for eight weeks, so she remained on Marco Island to recuperate until Hurricane Irma came calling last September 10, and she was given the green light to fly back home to New York. She is spending the winter back in Florida doing all the things that she loves to do. Curly's eldest daughter bought a condo on the beach in Marco, but unfortunately her condo was badly damaged due to the reported 175 mph winds of Hurricane Irma. Curly has decided to leave New York City and move to Marco Island permanently to take care of her property. She recently bought another property in Naples and will now make Florida her forever home. Curly's other two daughters and their families are beautiful and thriving. She has been blessed with six gorgeous grandchildren all grown up and doing so well, but of course! Life is wonderful. She wishes all her classmates blessings, joy and good cheer! Be well and stay as sassy as ever. All is well with the Goulds. I continue with volunteer work, issue lobbying, voter activities, as well as travel. In 2019. I hope to get to new locations in New Zealand, and finally our own Banff, Alaska, and other West Coast sites. This year it is another mystery cruise and a return to new areas of the Hebrides on a small boat. Stay healthy and send your good reading suggestions.

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## C58

PEN America announced on Tuesday that **EDMUND WHITE** has won the 2018 PEN/ Saul Bellow Award for Career Achievement in American Fiction. "Unsentimental tenderness, sharply observant wit, and an unsparing examination of the self, mark the fiction of this year's winner," the panel of judges wrote in a statement. "To the age of AIDS, the age of loss, the struggle against evangelical Christian hatred, the explosion of gender identities, Edmund White employs a deceptively light touch." "It doesn't seem real yet," White told *Time Magazine* in an interview last week. "I

was totally surprised because there was no indication, no advance warning, and although I've won a few things in my life, I've never won anything so important."



Edmund White, '59

The biannual award was established in 2009 and has previously recognized living legends like Phillip Roth, Don DeLillo, Cormac McCarthy, Toni Morrison, and Louise Erdrich, who was actually a student of White's at Johns Hopkins many years ago. "I admire them all," says White, "so it's very nice to be in that company, but it feels almost too exalted." Alongside Porochista Khakpour and Adam Johnson, Erdrich was in fact one of the judges on the panel to select White. "He personifies a cosmopolitan Americanism at home in the world yet increasingly endangered at home," she wrote in a statement. Many of White's best-known novels, like *A Boy's Own Story* (1982), *The Beautiful Room Is Empty* (1988) and *The Farewell Symphony* (1997) deal with the experience of being gay in America. "I wrote my first novel when I was 15, never published, never seen by anybody, but in my archives at Yale," he says. "It was already a gay book. In 1955 that was pretty unusual. I had never read a gay book, but I had this burning need. I suppose I thought by expressing myself or by finding the truth, that I would keep my head above water. Then I think about the time I was 30 I lost that psychological necessity of writing, and I began to be interested in the actual craft." Reflecting on what it means for the award to recognize an author who contributed so greatly to the gay canon, White says, "In these politically correct days, I suppose it helps being gay, although the latest surveys show that the American public, after having been *for* gays, has now turned slightly against them. I don't know. But anyway, I'm glad it's happening. And I think it is, for sure, partly a recognition of my

minority status." But his next novel, *A Saint in Texas*, "isn't, oddly enough, a gay novel," he says. "My parents are both Texans and I've always been intrigued by Texas, so I'm writing about twin sisters, one of whom becomes a saint." At 78, he says, he is writing "full speed ahead." Taken from *Time Magazine*, an article by Sarah Begley, February 6, 2018

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## K58

**JULIE ALLEN LARSEN** cleverly decided to go down memory lane from the viewpoint of a Kingswood boarder ... Memories are made of this: Do you remember Mrs. Houston teaching us to play lacrosse? Formal dances at both schools, wearing strapless dresses with stays so our dresses could stand up by themselves and prevent our partner's from "getting too close?" Miss Furstenberg's modern dance class? Riding in Wally's bus to games and dances, singing all the way? When the lunch bell rang, running as fast as we could to lunch from classes and study hall to the dining hall? Illegally riding in the dorm elevator? Receiving our senior class rings? Church at beautiful Christ Church Cranbrook? Assemblies? Headmistress Miss Goodale breaking an apple in two with her hands? Her dog, "King," and Miss Siefert's bird, "Woodie?" Singing grace at lunch? Winning the banner at the end of the year? Take time to remember the classrooms, the halls, the walls, the architecture, your desk in study hall, blue books, teachers, the pillows in "Heaven" on the benches, beautiful tile on the floors, getting mail at noon, the library, the lake, learning that swans are not gentle birds, etc. Let your minds roam like Proust and return to our teens. And **JULIE GILDERSLEEVE HICKS'S** mom's chocolate chip cookies. Yummy! And so much more. **ANNE VANDERZEE CREED** echoes that she always enjoys the news of classmates near and far! "All is well in Wayzata, MN, especially after the Vikings magically won their NFL playoff game on Sunday against the New Orleans Saints. This city is going crazy in preparation for the Super Bowl, a little over the top, I'd have to say." After this news goes to print we will know which team won. Anne continues, "I am doing well, as are my girls. Julie lives in Evanston and is VP of real estate and investor

relations for a large executive recruitment firm in Chicago. Sarah and her family live in a suburb north of Boston and her oldest will graduate from high school in May. Katie is on the business staff of a large UCC church and lives near me with her two children. My days are happily filled with volunteering at a local nonprofit resale shop. I will be going to Andover, MA, for Tommy's graduation in May. I wish distances weren't quite so far so we could get together." **JULIE GILDERSLEEVE HICKS** responds. Funny to read the memories from people. Really great, bringing back such vivid pictures in our heads with all the details. I will go through a few of my own. Remember that one afternoon a week when a Machus Bakery brought over wonderful strawberry tarts for tea after class? Remember when we'd have to run around the fields in the mornings to rev up for either hockey or lacrosse? Remember Senior Cabin? Whatever happened to the sketchy night watchman who was a peeping Tom. What happened to the Village Store in Birmingham that we'd go to for a couple hours on Saturdays? And those Saturday night viewings of a movie at Cranbrook and the red, white and blue bus ride back singing all the way? And our white senior blazers! And Spanish class with Mmselle Vanacker with only three of us in the class. What a scream that was. Spanish with a French accent. Glad **JULIE ALLEN LARSEN** remembers my mother's chocolate chip cookies and don't forget the Rice Krispie squares! And a note to **NONNIE HAMADY MARKESET**, we were SUCH a hit singing Three Juvenile Delinquents wearing pillow cases painted with prison stripes. Remember? **PAT THOMPSON WRIGHT** writes, "I am still working four days a week at Boulevards of Travel and sold my half of the company to my partner on my 70th birthday, so now I work for her, taking care of the same clients, as always. John and I only take cruises now, and we always see **ANN SCHROEDER ANDERSON** and her wonderful husband if we sail out of Miami. Her watercolors are beautiful, and I am now the proud owner of two of her paintings. Pat closes asking if we are going to have a meaningful 60th reunion this year and what the dates are. ALUM RELATIONS MARGI BROWN might chime in here. (Reunion 2018 is June 8-10.) **KAY LEVY MELET** says that since the last issue of *Tradition* she has had both knees totally replaced, between August and December 2017, and everything is looking great for 2018. So let's reset the button, stay

in touch with the kind-hearted friends in our lives, and hope that the rest of the world will learn to be kind, cooperative, and peaceful! With laughter, the best of health, and many more memories. Until next time...

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## K59

Class of '59, I'm your new Class Secretary. Karen did such an outstanding job that no one else volunteered, so here goes my first account. **DEEDEE COOPER GRABER**, who lives in Breckenridge, CO, agreed to send some information about Rosa, who, as you recall, was our AFS exchange student. Rosa passed away last year. DeeDee wrote, "Our senior year **ROSA ELINA OLASCOAGA** came from Mendoza, Argentina, to live with my family. She arrived during the summer. I wasn't back from France, where I was that summer. Rosa liked to be called by her nickname, 'Ocho,' or 'Ocholina.' I was dating Henry Hoffman, C'59, that year and had his letter sweater, and Rosa was mostly dating Tom Waylett, C'59, and had his letter sweater! After her year at Kingswood, Rosa returned to Mendoza and college. She pursued English, planning to become an English teacher. She also took English shorthand. In 1968, I, my parents, my husband, and 18-month-old daughter visited the Olascoagas in Argentina. We met Carlos Arrambide, Rosa's fiancé. After a long courtship, they married and had two daughters, Florencia, and Maria. Rosa, Carlos, and the girls moved to Cadiz, Spain, where Rosa taught English, fulfilling her long ago plan." **KAREN GILRAY STREET** is still a source of classmate news, for which I thank her very much. She tells me that in June 2016 she had lunch with **CAROLE DYE LANDIS**, from Arizona, and others from the Birmingham area. She spoke with Carole recently, with **SHERRY MARKER** in December, and saw **STARR WALKER FOSTER** at Christmas Eve service. **THAYER WILSON WINE** writes that the very best part of 2017 was that her son, Charlie Spaulding, decided to spend his 50th birthday with her. He left his home, family, and real estate work in Tucson to meet her in Nashville last August. From there they flew to Boston and on to New Castle, ME, to be with a family gathering for a cousin's 50th wedding anniversary. They spent nearly a

week together, exploring that corner of Maine with family they hadn't been with in a long time. They also stopped by Lawrence, MA, to visit daughter, Marjorie, who moved there to take a new job with Measured Progress about 1 1/2 years ago. She commutes to Dover, NH. Thayer, having grown up in Tennessee and living in Arizona, still doesn't fare well in the cold. Husband, Fred, is slowing down a bit and even sold his big Honda Shadow motorcycle last summer. Thayer is still heavily involved in painting classes, Jazzercise, and traveling to Tucson to watch Wilson, 11, and Leo, 7, Charlie's two boys. I am looking forward to seeing Thayer in early February, when I take my new horse to Nashville to be "restarted" by my first trainer, who is a dressage and natural horsemanship professional. My first horse went lame and is still up in northern Michigan slowly recovering. I spent much longer at Walloon than anticipated after husband, Bill, fell from the roof while transitioning to the ladder alone. (I'm usually holding the ladder.) Listen up, husbands! It doesn't cost much to have someone else blow those leaves off. Having broken his arm in four places, not being able to drive for a month, undergoing painful physical therapy for several months, uncertain about ever playing golf relatively well again, he definitely regrets it. We didn't get to Pinehurst till New Year's Day. So stay well, everyone, and stay off ladders!

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## C61

**ART GLICK** and wife, Celia, are both retired, although Celia still does some consulting. Their preoccupations are family, three grandchildren near Austin, TX, home additions/remodeling, and travel, Cape Cod last summer and two weeks in Scotland last fall. "That's it, pretty ordinary for retired folks, but we stay busy and enjoy what we're doing. Keep up the good work herding all of us barely communicative alums." **DICK GILDERSLEEVE** celebrated his 50th with family, six grandchildren, in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Great time. He still has his Crab Shell Restaurant in Stamford, CT. Exit 7 off I-95. Very close ... please stop by. **BRIAN BAREFOOT** had nothing to report, except he had knee replacement surgery in mid-November and is

almost back to new. It was a bitch getting old but now, not so bad. **JIM ANDERTON** and wife, Denise, split their time between Walloon Lake in northern Michigan in the summer and the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, FL, in the winter, although he is still working. Their two children, J.V. (James F. Anderton V) and Sarah, are examples of Mendel's Law, where good genes skip a generation; they got the good ones! And, yes, there is a James F. Anderton VI. The curse continues. Would love to host any of us coming their way in Michigan or Florida. They send their best to all! **TOM HIPPLE** is still at work but he says he is like a kid in a candy store. It is fun! He is looking forward to reading about our classmates. It is always a treat to be brought up-to-date. **CHARLES DUSENBURY** wanted to know—are any members of our class in caretaker mode? Good question. Respond to Charles or me as I am interested in the answer. I only know of one, **PETER CUMMING**, because of an email last fall. **TOM ZAVELSON** and wife, Gail, K'61, have been pretty busy these past six to nine months. During the summer, they spent time in and around St. Augustine, boating and unfortunately, still trying to recover from the damage caused by hurricanes Matthew and Irma. They traveled to Ohio to visit with his mom and watch their son, Dave, drive in his second of two Road to Indy races that he participated in this past summer. Wonderful memories watching him race his Pro-Formula Mazda, Indy Light class, to really good finishes at Mid-Ohio, where Tom used to race many years ago. Watkins Glen is on the schedule for this summer. They spent two weeks this past fall RV'ing, hiking, and geocaching in the north Georgia mountains, attended several horse and car shows, besides entertaining family and friends who came through Gainesville. He is still very active as a board of trustee member of The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind in St. Augustine. They hope that 2018 will be a healthy year for all classmates. **TOM DEMRICK** wrote that he had lost count of our classmates who can't be with us anymore. He had to admit he was surprised at the sudden increase in numbers. He told me to include that list in the next alumni publication, because he can't believe he's the only one who will be surprised. He was hibernating through another Michigan winter and desperately trying to avoid getting the flu. He had never really liked retirement, so a couple of years ago he decided to become the business manager for his private community as well as being

treasurer. He enjoys keeping relatively up to speed with technology, so his latest endeavor is to help develop training for his church audio/video team. The church live streams one of its Sunday services, among other events, over the Internet. He actually knew nothing about video technology, so learning the basics helps keep his brain from turning to mush. He is also trying to re-engage with photography and bought a new Nikon DSLR "beginner" camera and hopes to get over to Cranbrook this summer to practice. He recently attended an evening event at the Cranbrook Institute of Science and was amazed at how it's improved. It would be well worth visiting again if anyone is in the area. Well, can't think of anything to ramble on about, don't have any news about classmates so hope you can use some of my thoughts for the class updates. **ANDY GOOD** and wife, Allie, are trying to sell their house and will downsize to a condo in "downtown" Rochester. He continues to sing in the symphony chorale and give art tours at Mayo. And Minnesota is still COLD! **JOEL COHEN's** third grandchild, Lionel An-Ren Cohen, was born February 19, 2017, to his son, Adam, and daughter-in-law, Jen Hou. In February 2018 he will deliver a special invited lecture on, "*Life time: the meanings and limits of age*" at the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Jerusalem. It is a topic of increasing relevance to all survivors of the Class of 1961. **JOHN SCHAEFER** writes there is nothing much new at his law firm, still plugging away. He often sees Rick Williams, '59, and Rick Rattner, '63, whose offices are across the hall, and is happy to report that they are both well. Marta and I just returned from 10 days at Lyford Cay in the Bahamas, where we ran into John Wallace, '70, and wife, Barb Fuller, '70. **MIKE HILDER** and wife, Barbara, have become "snow birds" spending most of the winter in Sarasota, FL, where they recently got together with Nancy and **BARRY SHAPIRO**. They shared memories of Cranbrook and stories of travel adventures. We wondered if any other member of our class has migrated to the Florida Gulf Coast. If you did not receive an email from me in February, it means I do not have your address. Please send it so I can include, if you wish, any info you want to share. AIM HIGH!

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## K61

As a class we have survived the natural disasters of 2017. Competent hands at hurricane damage control, **GAIL BURGESS ZAVELSON** and Tom tied down everything in sight, moved their boat to a safer marina, drained the pool, and hunkered down. When the skies cleared, they found flying debris caused minor damage to the boat unlike the previous hurricane, but they lost their private marina, a few trees and branches. They and their home remained dry; preparation and clean-up hardly challenged their stamina. By chance **ESTELLE LOUD** was in the Bronx visiting a friend before taking a train up the Hudson for three weeks. Because she lives inland from the Atlantic, tornadoes hiding in the outer bands of a hurricane are a threat but one that spared her place this year. She was tempted to stay put and do some plein air painting of the fall foliage until utilities were restored. **CAROLE GLUECK BROOKINS** was at home in Paris discovering more of Paris' life, history, culture and people when Maria and Irma struck. She has given up her place in Bal Harbor in favor of a newly renovated condo in Palm Beach. On the West Coast, **DIANA LAPP GREEN** was buffered from this fall's wildfires by the Getty and UCLA campus, although she did have to clean up half an inch of ashes on her patio. Driving to clients, blowing ash and embers were a nuisance. The positive side to her autumn was the arrival of her 5th grandchild, a girl named Quinn, which gave her bragging rights during a 19-member family reunion on Turks and Caicos over the holidays. Her four other grandchildren also live on the East Coast so visits there are in her future. Now retired as the Executive Director of the State Bar of California, **ELIZABETH ROEDIGER PARKER** and husband, Bob, came close to evacuating their home in Napa but in the end were advised to wear the not-so-chic N95 masks for a week of smoke protection.



Liz Roediger Parker, '61, and husband, Bob

While in San Francisco, she was on the periphery of Bob's building a 106-foot brigantine, the Matthew Turner, and then attended a bar regulators conference in Singapore. They now divide their time between Napa and New York, where she had lunch with **NANCY LINN** after the holidays. Like Diana, they welcomed a grandchild, a first, and spent a month in Paris visiting Hudson and his parents when not touring the Netherlands and Bordeaux. (The photo captured from a newsletter was Photoshopped.) While not directly affected by fire and mud, **JOAN DANTO GARLAND** and Les graciously welcomed two evacuated families into their home after planning a three-week trip to China for this spring, a favored travel season for them, as it was spring 2017 when they cruised from Barcelona around Portugal up the western coast of Europe to Amsterdam, St. Petersburg, Estonia, Helsinki, and Stockholm, land of the midnight sun, which wasn't shining on the south due to last winter's unusual snow and ice storms. But don't feel sorry for **BUNNY MILLER LENHARD** in Georgia because her life is spinning figuratively and literally with vacation-like adventures in her new neighborhood and frequent trips to Orangetheory where she continues to develop cardio strength and endurance through intensive workouts, training several times a week. The Energizer Bunny will continue to tick along like her 98-year-old mother whom she visited in Detroit with her son, Steve. Is it possible her two oldest grandchildren are old enough to have significant others? Dinners with that foursome keep Bunny and Bob forever young at heart, which is what **JOAN ANDERSON** is.



Joan Anderson, '61

In 24 hours she planned, packed, and drove north on a 50-day, 9,000-mile dream road trip to Saskatoon. Saskatoon? Not relying solely on Airbnb for accommodations, she camped in the boondocks some nights! To her, camping was a gift after having three boys in three years, and she took to it and an air mattress well. She zig-zagged across Canada to Vancouver where she cut through Washington to meet a grade school friend in Portland, OR, for a birthday celebration. Visiting national parks broke up the return trip home to Austin. Friends made on Vashon Island and in Grand Junction beckon her for a return trip but for now Santa Fe to visit her son is a frequent destination. The road trip made up for the disappointment in not going to Vietnam, a 40-day trip carefully planned and studied for with three Vietnamese sisters. Not a sister but a brother is what **SARAH MARWIL LAMSTEIN's** grandson, Owen, got in November when Eli, one of five grandchildren under the age of 4, was born. Imagine the holiday chaos! Tempering family gatherings is college-bound granddaughter, Lila, so Sarah adjusts to a broad spectrum of activity. She also avoided a natural disaster when Boston was flooded by harbor water this past winter but her husband's office wasn't. **PATTY WILSON HRIDEL** is another new grandmother as of this past fall when Saskia Therese was born. Like her sister, Solveig, Saskia's name has special meaning, protector of humanity, a tall order for someone so small and young, but she'll grow into it and do well. Having the necessary energy to hold up well, Patty and Jerry are host to their daughter, son-in-law, and large black Lab, Guinness, for a short time during the rehab of their home. BTW, what is the origin of Guinness's name? Becoming a tradition is the Thanksgiving

holiday at the Broadmoor in Denver for **SUSAN BURNS HELLBERG**, her daughter, son, and families where once a year they're all together. The buffets are over the top, laser tag is a favorite among the grandchildren despite a broad age range but falconry will have to wait until next year. We're waiting!



Susan Burns Hellberg, '61, and family

Christmas in Tiburon with her daughter and family was followed by a month with friends in Florida, another tradition in the making. Vero Beach threw out the welcome mat for **CHRIS WALLACE LAMARCHE** and her husband this past winter. Her replaced ankle is well healed, and his back surgery is behind him; the vacation is deserved. For a while, their college-age grandchildren will have to do without visits, and the cheering section at the others' sporting events will be a little softer. If you can say this is all routine, then include annual vacations at their summer home on a Canadian island part of the routine. **LINDA WELT HOROWITZ** and husband, Ira, are routinely exercising, eating well, and losing weight, prompted by Ira's surgery and recovery, which were so successful they left for a 12-day Mediterranean cruise four weeks later. Settling into Puerto Vallarta upon returning, they later welcomed family whose children swam with the dolphins, a highlight. **NATALIE BRADLEY CAMPBELL** is well settled into her new condo in North Carolina and has adjusted to her new surroundings. She strolled the beach at Oak Island with friends where the flu her grandchildren and daughter succumbed to at Thanksgiving couldn't reach her. The sound of gunshots reached **NANCY**

**REYNOLDS BOLLINI** on the Wicomico River at 7 a.m., breaking small town silence as hunters searched for their Christmas goose. Was that on the holiday menu at her son and grandchildren's home in Virginia where she and Jim visited? Both have adjusted to their new environment in Salisbury, MD, where, "Ya gotta love crabs" ... and goose. Both are retired now, allowing time for doing more things together, except in the art community where Nancy volunteers; she thrives on activity. Still active in Zonta International, a group devoted to women's issues with consultative status at the United Nations, **SUZANNE CROOK WHYTE** was recognized for her 40-year membership at the District 15 conference in Midland, MI, last fall. She supported her niece at her high school graduation in Clarence, a suburb of Buffalo, and cheered her on at her swimming meet at Calvin College. Daughter, Carolyn, is the principal of Weyland Middle School near Grand Rapids, while son, Peter with a degree in resource ecology and management from U-M, is in a management position at the Otsego Club in Gaylord, MI. Suzanne still assesses properties in Burt and Waverly Township in northern Michigan when she isn't sailing to Mackinac Island in the summer months. Less active for the moment is **CHARLOTTE COHEN CAGAN**, who is struggling with some health problems. Having begun tai chi late in the summer, **MARGIE GREAVES ADAMS**'s problem is positioning all body parts just so, more difficult than casual observation reveals. Repeating the beginners' class (by choice!) has been most helpful for duplicating its nuances. **CAROL YAMASAKI** can roll her eyes heavenward here. Weather permitting, **ALICE BUSHONG** and Margie hope to view the heavens while crossing Lake Michigan this summer. Until then Alice continues her watercolor class and playing cribbage weekly. Her sense of humor remains intact. So does **MARYMAC LAMB LAING**'s while adjusting to her husband's recent retirement. After 45 years in the investment world here and abroad, Don serves on a few boards now but is also learning how to unload the dishwasher and where its contents are shelved. Late in February, they went to Harbor Island in the Bahamas and have gone to "A River Runs Through It" country, Montana and Wyoming, on a ranch in June. Don has traveled far and wide on fishing trips, if you remember, so most likely fishing the Gallatin or Boulder River is on the agenda. Their nine grandchildren are scattered from coast to

coast as is their age range, one at Pepperdine and a two-year old in Charlotte. If keeping track of them isn't enough, Marymac is on the volunteer board at the University of Virginia museum, a member of the garden club, and volunteers at the Episcopal Church. She also has her eye on the new botanical garden that has just opened in Charlottesville. **JOAN MCDONALD BECK** and Larry's roots in Pennsylvania have beckoned, so in May they moved there permanently from Florida where they had been with the Cleveland Clinic for 20 years. As a final celebration before leaving, their entire family of three children and seven grandchildren, ranging from college age to a one-year-old, gathered in Florida for her 75th birthday, an infrequent gathering due to their homes being in Boston, Toronto, Philadelphia, and Richmond. Home is still New York for **JOAN PAPE UHLE**, where she is most content with her surroundings and friends.



*Joan Pape Uhle's, '61, son, Dagan, and grandson, Bauer*

While enjoying our collective current celebrations and adventures, let us spend a moment to reflect on those no longer with us, which now includes **LINDA KAY ALLEN JEDLICKA** who passed away in 2016.

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## C62

### (EDITOR'S NOTE)

Excerpted from a post by Paul Gipe, former AWEA colleague of **THOMAS GRAY**, who passed away in August of 2017:



Tom Gray, former executive director of the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) died Wednesday. Tom was one of the US Wind industry's stalwarts. He was the "go-to man" for decades on US renewable energy policy, wind's environmental benefits, and the role wind energy plays in mitigating climate change. For many years Tom was the face and the voice of the wind industry in the United States as AWEA's executive director. It's safe to say that without Tom's commitment, AWEA wouldn't exist today. Tom was an effective tactician and his quick wit could often turn a tense situation to his—and the wind industry's—advantage. He continued to support wind energy against the naysayers even in his retirement. As a former congressional aide, Tom knew Congress and knew what made the men and women in it tick. This served him well in the days when the administration and many members of Congress were openly hostile to wind energy. He persevered when most of his former colleagues had abandoned wind energy for other, more lucrative occupations. His steadfastness put AWEA and the wind industry on a stable footing, enabling it to grow rapidly when the political climate became more hospitable. Tom's death marks another passage of the pioneers that built the booming renewable energy industry we have today. He will be sorely missed.

## K62

**MELINDA BROWN KLOPFENSTEIN:** "Life in Saginaw has not changed much since the last time I wrote. My oldest grandson, Nathan, has graduated with a degree in

supply chain management and is working for Rolls Royce in Indianapolis. My second grandson, Connor, is a freshman in college, and my granddaughter, Amber, is a freshman in high school. Life for me has changed a little in that I am driving to Detroit every other week to work at a dental health clinic. I am helping with their accounting. I go past the entrance on Woodward to Cranbrook every time I drive down there and it feels like being home and being young again. Can't figure out how I got to be this 'old.' I enjoy my free time by helping at the food pantry my church is involved with, as well as many other volunteer 'jobs.' Binky." **SARAH SKINNER:** "Hey, Jude! (Good name for a song title.) I am delighted to report that I have a permanent job as the "academic assistant" in the dean's office, in the College of Education and Human Services at Northern Kentucky University. This is an amazingly beautiful, small campus just over the Ohio River from Cincinnati. There are about 14,000 students, and I have the privilege of working in the college where the teachers, counselors, and social workers get their educations. The dean is a delightful woman, young and energetic, and I just love it! I build spreadsheets full of data, edit, and proof letters, etc., and just love every minute. Tuition is at a huge discount, and there is much to learn on the computer techie side of things. I'm committed to doing as much for as long as I possibly can! Before Christmas Carolyn Hastings and her wonderful husband, Leigh, came through Cincinnati, and we had dinner. I have decided to try to keep in touch with as many of you as I can. My former husband died in July, and one of his regrets was not spending enough time with his grandchildren. I'm going to spend as many hours with them as I possibly can, and adding my dear friends from Kingswood to that list, too. You all are becoming more and more precious as the years tick by. **SALLY LYNCH BINARD** is just four hours away, and she will probably have to deal with me some weekend! My six grandchildren are all well, my three children growing older, but all well, too. Life is good, finances more solid and predictable (whew!), and I have never been happier. I'm annoyed that I have wrinkles, but then everyone else does, too, so I'm getting over it. My love to you ALL! Winky." **CHRIS MYERS KITTREDGE:** "Life is amazingly the same, and I guess at this age that is good. We were very fortunate to have not been in the burn zone when the fires took over our beloved town of Santa

Rosa this past fall. So many of our friends were not as fortunate, and the landscape has changed for a very long time. On the positive side our three boys are great, and it is a joy to watch, either by text, FaceTime, or visits, our eight grandchildren grow. Bob is happily retired, and I am still heavily involved in Canine Companions for Independence and my photography business.



*Chris Myers Kittredge, Carole Frissell Cassio, Sally Fead Gray, and Sally Lynch Binard, all '62*



*Kingswood Class of '62 mini-reunion dinner*

At least once a year I get together with the 'West Coast Kingswood Gang,' and it always reminds me that there is nothing better than deep roots. Great friends!" **CAROLE FRISSELLE CASSIO:** "Aloha. Once again, thankfully, writing from the warmth of the Hawaiian Islands. I'm making a few shorter trips this year due to the construction of our new home in Boulder. Happy to report that it is progressing well, and we are still extremely pleased with both our architect and our builder. The relatively mild winter in Boulder has allowed lots of work to be done even though our windows have been delayed. They will finally arrive in early February. Still hoping for a Labor Day move. Sarah and I have been doing all the interiors and have found that the interior decorating business has certainly changed. Not as many showrooms, no more 'tear sheets,' most everything online. Since

I'm a 'touch' sensitive person, it's a little frustrating, but on the other hand there are many new wonderful materials to choose from. Cass and I enjoyed another Tuscan adventure last fall. We keep remarking to each other that it was our best trip to date. Eyeing another one in 2019, God willing. More wine headed for our new wine cellar; that will be a monumental task of moving all those bottles that are now stashed everywhere. So thankful for our good health and wish the same for everyone. Mahalo, Carole." **MARILYN GARABRANT MORRIS:** "I hope to connect with Anne Lerchen Hanna in Vero Beach this winter. I follow Mimi McLoughlin on Facebook and email. If any other classmates from '62 come to south Florida, please let me know! MGM" **JUDY FINDLING STANGER:** "After 53 years of marriage my husband, Skip, and I are planning a significant change. After living in south Jersey for 48 years, 28 of which in our current beloved farm home, we are hoping to move to Hanover, NH. Our daughter and her family are there now. Dartmouth College is there, with all of the activities that a college town offers, along with a great medical center and many retirement communities. The 'clean out' process has been so much work. Skip is a saver, and I am just the opposite. We very much enjoyed a trip to Sicily with friends in June. This summer we are taking our children, their spouses, and our three grandchildren on a tour from Jackson Hole to Mount Rushmore." **SALLY LYNCH BINARD:** "Year of travel and time spent with family and friends. My sister and I took grandkids to Ireland this summer. We circled the island with even a stop at Lynch Castle! Spent a few days in London visiting Diana Gornick Day, '63. Was blessed by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City on New Year's Day. Spent glorious days in California with daughters, Kinsley and Emily, grandsons, James, Robert, and Arthur, and lunches and another mini reunion with '62 classmates.



*Grandsons of Sally Lynch Binard, '62*

Emily has abandoned NYC for Southern California! Our whole family was together for the first time in over five years on the Saturday following Thanksgiving in San Francisco, with Art and Ryo making the trek in from Japan for our holiday.



Children of Sally Lynch Binard, '62

I am still fundraising with friends for mental health awareness. HEART & SOUL is in its 15th year! I have a love/hate relationship with Facebook as it consumes time and energy, but I so value the reconnections with lifelong friends and especially Kingswood classmates! Health and happiness to all! Sally B." **ANNE LERCHEN HANNA**: "I feel like 'life' is very good, as it was last year when I wrote. Still spending winter months in Vero Beach and summers in Birmingham. Sons, John and Eric, and their families are all thriving, just getting older and busier. Eric Fris (significant other) and I had a wonderful time last June on a Baltic cruise, and one of the highlights was visiting Saarinen's summer home, Hvittrask, outside of Helsinki. With Eric's Swedish background, we spent two additional weeks in Sweden, Stockholm, and more, visiting his family and friends. What adventures and fun we had! Seeing Milles Garden was a special reminder of the treasures we enjoy at Cranbrook. Cranbrook connections continue. I see my cousin, Katie Lerchen Nelson, '68, often, had lunch with **SUZY FUCHS FARBMAN**, hope to catch up with

Marilyn Garabrant Morris, who lives close by, and with Sandy Adamson Clanahan, '63, who is new to Vero! Miss seeing you all in person but love hearing your news!" **CAROLE EARLY CUPPS**: "I am slowly recovering some skills since my brain injury and surgeries over the past four years. I can read, knit, travel, and I am starting to play very bad golf. Sam and I had a wonderful Viking European river boat trip in September. We are just returning from a week cruise to Belize and Mexico with many of his cousins and his two sisters. That was followed by a week with his sisters in Orlando, then two weeks of visiting a variety of our friends, and playing some golf. Next up is Italy in mid-September." **SUZY FUCHS FARBMAN**: "Hi, Gang. Hugs from Sarasota, where we were lucky enough to dodge Hurricane Irma last fall. Recently my sister, Anne Fuchs Towbes Smith, '65, wasn't so lucky. In the Montecito, CA, mudslides, she slid out of bed. Mud had oozed under all the doors in the back of her new ranch house, where she'd just moved and had refinished the floors. But she was okay, thank God. The other good part was she came to visit me and extended her stay. I'm just back from my annual trip to Miraval Spa in Tucson with my daughters-in-law. Always a joy. My time to show how much I appreciate them. Our six grandchildren are thriving. Andy and Amy and three girls and David and Nadine and three boys visited us over the Christmas/New Year's holidays. Always great fun. We love seeing them all together. I wrote a fun blog post on the adventure we had zip-lining. In case you missed the column, you can read it at [suzyfarbman.com](http://suzyfarbman.com). I continue to write, once a week, about inspiring people and/or events. Some of you subscribe or see my blog on FB. Thanks for reading. I love doing a blog. It gives me entrée to meet or get to know better some amazing people. Some subjects have become good friends. Aside from that, I continue to TRY to play golf and bridge. The former for camaraderie; the latter for brain development. Jury's out on whether the latter is helping! And I read a lot. Burton and I enjoy spending winters in Florida; summers in northern Michigan. Traveled to Peru last June and climbed (the last fraction of) Machu Picchu. I developed new appreciation for Incan architecture. Had a fun lunch with **AMY FALVEY LAMB** last March in D.C. and hope to see her again soon. I stay in touch with Gretchen Goldberg Klein, '90, in LA. Still miss her mom. And with some of you on FB. I'm always looking for inspiring stories/

people. If you run across any, please let me know. I look forward to hearing about our class. As always, Judy, thanks for being our trusty scribe." **JUDITH BARTHOLOMEW ROYER**: "Thanks to all who contributed this time around. All nine grandchildren and their families were here for Christmas. It was a very jolly holiday even though the snow was, and is, sparse for good skiing. My son has snowmobiles on the mountain, so there were alternative fun adventures! **MORLEY HELLER MOELLENTINE** and **ANGELA DADSON WOOD** hosted a wonderful West Coast mini reunion at Morley's house in the Presidio in San Francisco. Also in attendance were **KATHLEEN WILSON**, **JOANIE GETSINGER**, **SALLY LYNCH BINARD**, **SALLY FEAD GRAY**, **SUZANNE MAYS RICHARDSON**, **ANN AINSWORTH SLOME**, **CHRIS MYERS KITTREDGE**, **CAROLE FRISSELLE CASSIO**, **MERRILL MCLOUGHLIN**, **SARAH 'WINKY' SKINNER**, **JUDY BARTHOLOMEW ROYER**."

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## C63

Consistent contributor **BOB BERRY** posted in Feb. 2018, "Just a quick note to let you know I am headed for Morocco and Portugal. Looking forward to our reunion." Good to hear from **BOB FRIZ**, "Not much to report this time around. My wife and I did ski last week, and my complete knee replacement did not slow me down a bit! Top speed was about 50 mph, but I shied away from the moguls for now, perhaps next year. We are planning to be at this year's 55th reunion, and look forward to seeing everyone again!"

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## K63

It was very gratifying to hear many of you say this year that your life is good. You are enjoying good health, retirement, wonderful times with grandchildren and family, and fun travels. Let's hope 2018 brings more of the same! **JANE GUEST DUFFY** and husband, Mike, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in

August, and both marked their tenth year of “sweet, satisfying retirement.” Jane likes to knit, do crafting, read, watch British television mysteries, and play Scrabble games with friends in person and online. Son, Chris, lives in Astoria, OR, where he operates a senior nutrition program, and daughter, Elizabeth, is working to develop an international emergency medicine research network at the U-M. **SANDY YOUNG HYNES** retired after working 13 years at the library. She and Ralph now travel to New Orleans, St. Petersburg, FL, and Charleston, SC, and have a three-month trip planned to France and England in 2018. **JUDI WIAN T GAVIN** and husband, David, continue to do a lot of traveling. In 2017, they took their annual trip to spring training in Arizona, spent two weeks in Kauai, and traveled to Sicily, Bruges, and France. In 2018, they are planning a trip to Vietnam, Cambodia, and India. When home in California, they love spending time with their two grandsons, Chase, 6, and Jack, 2 1/2. Last June, **BEV FEAD LEYS** went to Vermont to celebrate her 50th Middlebury College Reunion. She said, “I was impressed by the positive nature of energy and service recounted and the continued idealism.” In September, she and husband, George, spent a month in Italy, where they rented a car and camped out in their tent. She writes, “I am grateful for the ways I was able to fulfill a number of personal dreams in the last few years, including a long stay last summer at our cabin in the Ontario woods and completing a decade of writing projects. I am now looking forward to a more exploratory direction with interest and eagerness.” **MARCY REINITZ GOLDBERG** once again traveled to Jerusalem, where she visited her daughter, Rachel, son-in-law, Jonathan, and her three grandchildren. Her youngest grandchild, Orly, had her bat mitzvah, which was a joyous occasion. Marcy is working on a Medicare insurance project with Aon and is still raising her nine-year-old daughter, Sha’La. **KATE HOMEWOOD MURIS** continues her busy life with acting, singing, church work, and helping husband, David, with his practice. Kate acted in several productions last year and received an outstanding achievement award for her lead role in a comedy titled, *Exit Laughing*. She co-directed for the first time in 2017 and hopes to do more acting in 2018. She is senior warden of St. Michaels Church and is now doing their bookkeeping, as well. She has been singing in the choir for 41 years and is a licensed Eucharistic minister

and lector. **WENDY BURGIS** continues her volunteer work in earth science at the Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land and makes jewelry, especially bead weaving. Her daughter remains in Vancouver and is taking a year’s course in hair design to complement her certificate in makeup design for film and television. I had a great phone conversation with **SUSAN GERDAN BRANDT**. She was about to celebrate the holidays with her daughter Hilary and her grandson. She continues to spend summers at her 93-year-old cottage in northern Michigan and visit family in Washington, D.C. She just celebrated the five-year mark since her transplant and is feeling good! She has a new email address: brandtsusang@gmail.com. I also had a very fun lunch with **JUDY BRADEN DILLON**. She continues to come to Colorado often to see her son and 16-year-old granddaughter, who live in Lyons. Judy creates interior textiles (rugs), drapes, upholstery, and linens and also has a weaving and printing business online. Her son, Jeff, works for a software company, and her daughter, Nara, teaches Chinese political science at Harvard. **JANE SHOEMAKER WIMMER** visited Kingswood last year, where she donated a Lillian Holm tapestry to the KSC Middle School. Other travels include skiing at Telluride and snorkelling in Palau. She teaches a weekly weaving class at her local art center, enjoys time with her three grandchildren, and is involved in community activities and volunteering. She and a fellow social worker recently published a book titled, *Bereavement Camps for Children and Adolescents: Planning, Curriculum, and Evaluation*. **TRISH SWAN SANDSTROM** and husband, Van, live in Ann Arbor part of the year.



Trish Swan Sandstrom and Mary Sprague Amoe, both '63, Van Sandstrom and Harv Amoe

All three of their daughters and their families live nearby. They took a river cruise last

June on the Mosel and Rhine Rivers and in January spent three weeks in Australia and New Zealand with daughter, Jenny, and granddaughter, Alexis. **MARY SPRAGUE AMOE** and husband, Harv, are also blessed to have their children and grandchildren living nearby. Their daughter, Alison, and husband, Tim, are the proud parents of Collin, 6, and Tanner, 3. Mary and Harv’s son, Chip, and his wife, Emily, also have two boys, Tyler, 5, and Henry, 4. As for me, **SANDY ADAMSON CLANAHAN**, we have had a great year. My husband, Denny, and I took a fall Canadian cruise to Montreal, and are planning a trip to Cape Cod in June with our children and grandchildren. We purchased a condominium in Vero Beach, FL, and are excited to start spending part of our winters there. I will not be able to go to our 50th reunion June 8-10 but hope many of you will be able to attend. It’s always such a wonderful time to renew friendships and enjoy the beauty of Kingswood.

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## K64

We extend our deepest sympathy to **LILLIAN MOATS (PAT HEWLETT)** on the death of her sister. “The loss of my sister, Chris Hewlett, '60, came unexpectedly near the end of the year. Some of our classmates will remember her from Kingswood, as she was a senior when we were in eighth grade. I miss our daily phone calls, which we counted on during the five years since she had a major stroke. She was always the optimist and very socially active until just a few days before her death. She was loved and will be missed by so many!” 2017 was a wonderful year for **SHERYL VALASSIS PULLEY** and Jack, '63, when they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Their family includes three children and six grandchildren. “Like so many of us I embraced ‘Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve.’ Over the years I’ve been on committees, councils, and boards from church, schools, to local, area, and state. After I got a master’s of public administration, I became a community coordinator for a federal grant/state program for 13 years. Now I read, babysit, and knit. Over the last 20 years, I’ve knit 664 sweaters for needy four year olds.” Sheryl proudly mentioned we could check out



DMPulley.com to learn about their daughter, a best-selling author of mystery/thrillers. Thank you, Sheryl, for sharing all that has happened in your life since our school days. Five children and now five grandchildren would be “too much to catalogue” from **STEPHANIE OKUN MIRON**.



*NYC family of Stephanie Okun Miron, '64*

Instead we meet Stephanie's daughter, Tatyana, and her family: Oona, Otto, Werner, and the redhead, Fede, in NYC and her other daughter's Swiss/German children in their photos. **SARAH JANE HULLINGER HOFFMAN** loves being retired! She is busy singing with the Marion County (Florida) Civic Chorale, playing bells, and singing in the church choir. All her family gathered in Atlanta for Thanksgiving to take part in the Turkey Run, layered for the 30-degree weather.



*Family of Sarah Hullinger Hoffman, '64*

**MARGEE DENTON ROSSETTO** now has a Kingswood pal in Wisconsin. **JEANNE EDMOND DORNBOIS** is enjoying her new house on the west side of Milwaukee, plus a new calico cat. Jeanne has two young grandsons living blocks away, and she sees them often. Her other son lives in Connecticut with two daughters, who Jeanne tries to visit several times a year. Margee and Jeanne plan to see each other at least once a month. In late January, Margee and Dominic were ready to leave for Australia and New Zealand, taking a 17-day cruise and staying in Sydney for a week beforehand and Auckland for two

week afterwards. They will be home in early March. Now that their son is back in Wisconsin working for Trek, they have postponed plans to relocate west. Last winter Margee and **GAIL HAMMONDS GALLAUDET** had lunch in La Quinta, when Margee and Dominic spent a month in the area and really liked the California desert weather. After playing telephone tag with **ESTHER GOODSTEIN BOYNTON**, Margee hopes to get together with her the next time she visits California. Margee often thinks about our 50th reunion and how delightful it was to see everyone. **GAIL HAMMONDS GALLAUDET** writes “This year was very special for us as on July 12 we got another grandson, John Edward Gallaudet, called Jack.



*Son and family of Gail Hammonds Gallaudet, '64*

He is, of course, one of the two cutest baby boys ever born, the other being his big brother, Thomas, 2 1/2. That family lives in Manhattan, which is a little far away from La Quinta, CA. However, so far we have been able to see them about every three or four months, so we really can't complain too much. I'm attaching a Christmas card picture of that family including: TG, Christine, Jack, 16-months, and Thomas. Our other son, Tyler, is doing well as a building contractor here in La Quinta. He is still single so if anyone knows any cute single ladies in their early 30s, let us know! In August Tom and I went on a Viking River Cruise up the Danube. We highly recommend it. We had never been on a river cruise before, and it was even better than we had hoped. Viking was really wonderful—from the staff up to accommodations, food, etc. We are now back home, still selling real estate and happy to be in sunny La Quinta, CA. We welcome all to come and visit any time. You won't want to leave!” Stay in good health and put our 55th reunion, June 2019, on your calendar!

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Not a real great response this time, but several of you managed to send in a sentence or two about your current comings and goings. And one of you, Wild **BILL SCHLECTE**, made up for his absence from the last several *Tradition* magazines in great fashion: “Sorry I have not written you for the last few requested status reports, just nothing particularly exciting happening. I keep plugging along practicing law full-time and traveling here and there when my wife, Laura, and I can get away. Seems like our classmates are retiring at an accelerating pace (e.g., I just found out the other day that **MATT FRIEDEMANN** retired a month or so ago from his dentistry practice in East Tawas, MI), but not here. I continue to maintain an extremely active and interesting real estate and environmental law practice in Michigan with tons of litigation and commercial transactions. Despite a full caseload, I do find some time to educate my growing number of grandchildren, two teens, Luke and Cole, and two toddlers, Maverick and Lydia, who need much guidance and wisdom from their wise and wizened grandfather, who is quite willing to offer both, much to the chagrin of their worried parents. Laura is swamped with work in her real estate brokerage and is also very active in local politics. I unfortunately find those politics to be positively mundane in light of the constant hilarity emanating from Washington, D.C. Perhaps one or two of my classmates can tell me when the Republicans will regrow their spines and stand up to the ‘Stable Genius,’ who is taking up valuable space in the Oval Office (remember, I am from Ann Arbor). Other than what is transpiring in Washington, I have zero complaints. Health is good; I still have my pilot's license and do a fair amount of flying for biz and pleasure; and I never lack for entertainment, fun or sport despite the workload. Attached is a picture of my Springer Spaniel, Lahti, and yours truly on the tarmac in beautiful Gregory, SD, getting ready for the return from another successful pheasant season. Lahti is loyal, obedient, never barks, and is always glad to see me. Hmmmm, now that I see it in writing, I realize that there is a marked difference in the way Laura and Lahti treat me. I never made the connection! Hope you and yours are well and enjoying life. Again, sorry for not writing sooner and for penning something which does not recite any exciting adventures (no

Himalayan mountains climbed; no swimming with whales off the shore of Tahiti; and no offers for me to replace Jeff Sessions as AG). But, I will say that growing older is not so bad. Apart from the collapse of our democracy, there is lots to be thankful for and joyful about DC.” **GREGG DEARTH** emailed this short note: “I regret to say my life is too mundane to have anything new this time around. Feel free to make up stuff about me if your write-up is running short. One thing I’ve been dying to ask you: How did you end up in Philadelphia? Not that it isn’t a great American city with a winning football team, but it’s not your usual destination for a C’brook grad.” Well, Daiquari, the 47 years I have spent in Philly have been fantastic, and tomorrow I will be at a parade celebrating the World Champion Iggles. I’m not sure why there aren’t more Cranbrook alum here. I will refrain from making stuff up about you, since I do reside in the City of Brotherly Love. Here’s the Chirp from the Bird, **PETE WERBEL** that we have all come to expect, “Well, here I sit at my desk looking out at what little snow we have, melting fast. Not really much to report. Temperatures have been in the 50s this past week, increasing into the 60s next week. There is no snow in the long range forecast. Our Nordic Center has been open all of 15 days, five before Christmas and ten just recently. Probably will shut down after this weekend and maybe even for the rest of the year, although one never knows when snow will come to the Sierras. After an incredible last year, we are now back into drought mode with temps. We have never seen at this time of year. Who says there is not global warming? Besides our lack of snow and the issue it is causing both environmentally and for the economy, all is fine. My wife, Knute, daughter, Ashley, and her husband, Dustin, as well as myself, are all healthy and able to pay the bills. On top of that, we still have some great friends that like us.” **REED SHAFER** provided this bit of info to us all: “Hanging out in Steamboat most of the time this ski season and hoping for more snow! Life is good, and health is holding together, living the dream in the Rocky Mountain west.” Finally, **LANCE LEITHAUSER** gives us this succinct description of his scheduled travels: “Not much news. Still working full time. Heading to Easter Island in March, Tanzania in September. Best wishes.” Clan McDonald is doing fine. Neither Susan nor I have retired, although I am giving it serious consideration. I am looking at several pro bono law opportunities in Philly,

which I hope to begin in the summer. Kids are good. Liz and Nora are working and living in NYC. Geoff ‘resides’ in Acchen, Germany, with his wife and two-year-old son but spends almost half of his time in the U.S. conducting. Susan and I are going to Chicago next week to hear him conduct the Chicago Opera, and we will be meeting up with my old pal, Stu White, ’66, and his wife there. ‘Til we meet again, Aim High.

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## K65

After reading the last *Tradition*, **LOUISE BOWEN LECKLITNER** updated her email address and reconnected. So nice to get news from a long-silent classmate! She retired from the County of San Diego four-and-a-half years ago and loves retirement. San Diego is still home, and she has been in a relationship with Mic for 26 years. Along with lots of work with genealogy and various lineage societies, she keeps busy volunteering, traveling, and visiting grandchildren. Her daughter and two grandchildren live in Santa Cruz, CA, and her son is in San Diego. She is in a study and on a task force dealing with healthy aging. Future plans include a summer trip to New England and genealogy work in Virginia in the fall. **KARIN CHRISTIANSEN FOWLER** and Scott had just arrived back in California in late January after closing on the sale of their home in Grand Haven, MI. For the last few years they’ve enjoyed spending summer and fall in Michigan and winter and spring in California, but now they are ready to settle in one place permanently. Both sons and their families are in the Sacramento area, so they’ve settled in suburban Rocklin. They look forward to being near their four grandchildren, ages 5-14, all year. **ILENE ROGERS TYLER** said that the book on historic preservation that she and her husband wrote should be in print by the time you read this. Besides a ski trip in January ‘17 and a summer road trip through eastern Canada, they went to Japan in October on their first U-M Alumni trip, fabulous in spite of almost constant rain. Several trips to see their kids and grandkids in California completed their travel adventures for the year. They still go to all the U-M home football games, and Ilene asks that anyone

in town for a game please be in touch. “Go Blue!” **SHARON CROMMETT** reported that she and Michael sold their Huntington Beach home in December, and are now both “officially unemployed and homeless.” They plan to travel during the next six months to a year. Plans include a road trip to see friends in the San Francisco Bay area, followed by a visit to Cabo San Lucas, and then Hawaii. They hope to spend the rest of 2018 in Central and South America, visiting expat friends in Costa Rica, Mexico, Panama, Colombia, and Ecuador. For 2019, they have set their sights on wandering around Europe. When they decided to sell their house, they had that “what is next” conversation, and agreed that if they are going to travel and become engaged with foreign locals, they needed to do it while still in good health, because: “at 80 things start to fall apart even more than at 70.” Happy travels, Sharon! **ANNE FUCHS TOWBES** has dealt with some very challenging issues lately, as has her community of Montecito, CA. On December 4 they were hit with California’s largest forest fire. Everyone in town had to evacuate for over two weeks. They were home for a week and on January 4 mudslides hit the town, necessitating another evacuation. Anne ended up in eight locations, and when she wrote she had just returned from a ten-day visit with her sister, Suzy, ’62, in Florida. The new house Anne recently purchased in a lovely gated community was flooded when a mudslide landed in the pond behind the house, raising the level of the pond, and coming through the glass doors onto the brand new floors. Anne sent a photo of her foot’s imprint as she slid out of bed into the mud all over the floors.



Anne Fuchs Smith Towbes, ’65, footprint from mudslide

The repairs may take months, but Anne is grateful that her family and their homes are safe. Her old home, that she shared with Michael and hasn't sold yet, is undamaged, and she will stay there for a while. She dearly misses Michael, her husband of "12 amazing years," and she reflected that his generosity and love for their community will long be remembered. Anne is an active and happy grandma to Leo Nathaniel Smith (born last year), his sister, Ella, 3, children of Anne's son, Michael, and his wife, Nati, Leighton, 9, and Carrington, 5, children of daughter, Jennifer, and her husband, Nicholas Hale. Another highlight for Anne is the fact that the Frank Lloyd Wright house built by her late in-laws, Sara and Melvyn Maxwell Smith, is now owned by Cranbrook. She writes, "My late husband, Bob Smith, always wanted the house to eventually belong to Cranbrook, and my second late husband, Michael, made it happen!" Although it has been a tough couple of years, Anne is still counting her many blessings. She sends much love to all. **MARCIA MAYHEW ROLLINS** wrote from San Diego, where she and Fred were babysitting their daughter's three dogs as part of their winter getaway. This was preceded by attending the St. George, UT, winter bird festival, which they enjoyed so much that they foresee planning future trips around other such events. Marcia described her 70th birthday celebration last October. Fred started planning the event about nine months in advance. He compiled a digital photo album (from over 60,000 pictures on his computer!) to document her life. After that huge undertaking, he created two other memory keepsakes: a book of letters from special people reminiscing about times shared with Marcia and a chronology of her life, including a whole page on Kingswood. A surprise weekend celebration in Vail with daughters, their husbands, and grandchildren was the icing on the cake.



*Marcia Mayhew Rollins, '65, with daughters, Kristin and Kelly, and granddaughters, Ella and Claire*

Not surprisingly, Fred was in withdrawal afterwards! **FRAN STAIR WHITE** raised the topic of our next reunion, "2025 seems a long time away, so should we really wait for our 60th reunion to gather again? Or shall we plan for 2020, when we are still closer to 70 years old than 80? Harry and I remain in the same house, now among the neighborhood's oldest residents, as more and more houses have been sold to energetic young families with lively children. We are perfectly situated between Michael in Brooklyn and Jordan in Providence and zigzag culturally between the Julliard String Quartet one weekend and Pinkalicious with the grandgirls the next. Spring cannot come soon enough after yet another endless, dark, grey Connecticut winter. Hope to see many of you in 2020." Finally, I, **YVETTE DAUNIC HOWARD**, am happy to report that all is well with my family. My Cranbrook boy and I look forward to celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary this summer! How did we get so old? We feel blessed to have had the chance to "live happily ever after," with five grandchildren a special bonus. My thanks to all who sent news for this issue, and I hope to hear from more of you, next time.

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## K67

"Anything I say will be anticlimactic after a fantastic reunion!" writes **LINDA YEE TARTOF**. "I was surprised how much fun that was. I have not been back to that part of the world since we graduated, and it was great to see how beautiful the school still is. I had always known that the beauty of the school was wasted on me when I was there! Good to know I can appreciate it now. Reconnecting with some old friends at Kingswood was truly special." She says that the Yee-Tartof crew muddles forward. Grandchildren get cuter and older, while she and Dave get less cute and more creaky (her words). "Dave and I continue to enjoy retirement. At this very moment he is putting in a new faucet in my bathroom, and I am getting ready to go get a rescue cat and deliver it to its new foster parents. That is what we do. We get a little more travel in, get to see the California family more, and remain in good spirits." **LIZ MUMFORD** reports that she is doing very well in the drug program

for metastatic breast cancer and is back to normal activities. She participated in a fashion show in Boston for MGH/Cancer Center last October, which was lots of fun, with makeup done by Armani professionals.



*Liz Mumford, '67, struts her stuff in a fashion show*

She managed to make it down the runway in three-inch heels! With over a year of retirement behind her, **CHRIS WALLACE VAN LOOY** can truly say that she loves it. "As much as I enjoyed my job, retirement is the bomb. Fortunately, we have the time, health, and funds to travel when we want to, and we've done a lot of it recently. Our first trip was to San Francisco, Sonoma and Yosemite, then two cruises, and finally to Mammoth Caves and Falling Waters, which we've talked about doing for years." Chris continues, "I took several months to do only what appealed, but finally decided it was time to get a little bit of structure back into my life. I started taking tennis lessons. I have never really played, but have always thought I would like to. I have also joined a group called Knitting for Peace, which meets weekly to knit for charity. We make chemo hats, prayer shawls, preemie blankets, mittens, and such. It's a great group of women and it feels good to be doing something for others in some small way." Bill and Chris were leaving at the end of January to visit their daughter, Amy, her husband, and two-year-old son in Berlin. "We only see them a couple of times a year, so when we go we stay for five-six weeks. That gives us a chance to really bond with Ian, the grandson, and experience what life in Germany is like. We rent our own apartment, so that we and they can have some quiet, alone time when needed. As much as I wish Amy lived closer to home, I thoroughly enjoy my German life when I'm over there." **DEBORAH FIELD CAVANAUGH** writes that her son, Paul, is getting married in May. "My son, Sean, who got married last June 17, is expecting his first baby this June! Ted Lerchen, '62, leaves for Central America

on January 18. I'm staying home to sell real estate and take care of my granddaughter, Moira, now two. She and I are great buddies. Loved seeing everyone last year at the 50th! Just didn't seem to have enough time to visit with everyone." **LIZ SCHAEFER** reports that her husband, Tom Dee, finally retired from his corporate lawyer position in St. Louis. "We are all settled now in Ashland, OR, the Rogue Valley, where I have been the last 42 years. Tom's daughter, my stepdaughter, is a professor at Virginia Tech University and is married to an architect in Blacksburg, VA. So we are grateful for the technology of FaceTime, email, etc. Out west here we are living the good life riding our horses, riding my motorcycles, hiking, playing tennis, and gathering fresh eggs from our urban hens. Town is just a few blocks away and 125 feet from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival theaters. We feel so grateful for where we have landed." Liz is still guiding in Antarctica. She was leaving on her 12th expedition in mid-February and couldn't wait to go back. "To welcome our entrance into our 70s, we have rented a home on the Oregon coast next fall just outside of Bandon. We will ride our horses on the beach every day and share our good health and good fortune with old friends and visiting family." **LYN MOON SHIELDS** writes, "It was wonderful to see so many of our classmates at our 50th reunion. I must say it was a fun time, and I was amazed at things classmates remembered that I had totally forgotten. Eight of our 11 grandchildren are the ages we were when we were at KSC. They seem so young to me, and yet I know I felt so knowing and worldly at that age. Ha!"



*Lyn Moon Shields, '67, with her grandson who's holding the commemorative tag for his hole-in-one at Gleneagles in Scotland*

They had a couple of fun family gatherings in 2017, on Martha's Vineyard in July at their daughter's home in Chilmark, and then again at Thanksgiving on Walloon Lake in Michigan.

The cousins all love being together and are asked to put on a show for everyone the final night, which is always a good laugh. "A highlight of the year was a trip to Scotland with our grandson, Will, for his tenth birthday. He is the ninth grandchild we've taken on a trip; just two more to go. He chose Scotland because he likes to play golf, so we planned a day at Gleneagles. We arrived just minutes after an armed robbery with machetes and guns (fortunately, no one was hurt) which was very exciting. When we finally got out on the course in the rain, Will got a hole in one on the very first hole! Wow, were we all floating on air the rest of the trip." Otherwise, Lyn and Tom are up to the usual stuff, although he is working a bit harder running a genome sequencing company. In Denver, **ANN FITZGERALD LACKS** is proud of her daughter, Laura, who received a special award from Duke Hospital. Out of several thousand nurses employed there, about 200 were nominated for the Friends of Nursing Award, and Laura was one of only 36 recipients last year. "In addition to her regular nursing duties, Laura worked 30+ hours a week toward her nurse practitioner degree. Don't know how she does it. Peyton is so energetic and is growing like a weed. While just three, he can pass for six. Fearless and highly athletic, he clearly takes after both his parents." Ann's husband, Steve, has been trying hard to improve both his golf game and his bowling score. His problem: his ball rolls too straight! In golf, that is a positive; in bowling, not so much. Ann is also golfing; it's slower paced and easier on the body. She is no longer umpiring tennis. Their daughter, Erica, interviewed for her dream job as a curator at the Western Australia Museum in Perth and finally got it, while Tom's architectural practice is doing well. Ann says, "Last summer it felt like we had a third daughter. Munkhaya Boldbaatar (Mooji), one of Steve's former students, lived with us for four months. She was finishing up her degree at D.U. and had no place to stay. We cooked, watched movies, and listened to stories about her growing up in Mongolia. It was fun having a young person in the house again." **TERRY GOLDBERG AXELROD** reports that all is good up in the Northwest. "Alan and I have been involved in the Detroit Homecoming events, originated by *Crain's Detroit*, for Detroit 'ex-pats' to come back annually to learn about and get involved in what is happening in Detroit. We're hosting our second Detroit Dinner here in Seattle this spring, replete with Coney's, Sanders, Buddy's

pizza, and Vernors. We have many Detroit natives out here, who really want to be more connected, and who are in a position to give back, businesswise and socially. I'm working with a group of women in Detroit, who are putting together an angel fund to invest in women entrepreneurs, right in the city. Very exciting!" On the (sort of) home front, their daughter, Sara, who lives in Sydney, is engaged to her Aussie guy. She and Terry are scouting out wedding venues, which is a bit of a location challenge; in the final running are Bali and Hawaii. "I'm learning a lot about how weddings are done these days, especially after our son and his fabulous wife eloped! It's quite an industry." Maybe Terry should talk to **LINDA WILSON GAMAGE** who spent a week in Bali and three weeks in Sri Lanka at the beginning of the year. "Fabulous time with new friends, and especially loved the Sri Lankan food and people. We were in many places unspoiled by tourists. Visited schools and temples, some very exotic spots! A lot of hiking in rice paddies and some high altitudes which at times was rigorous. Loved every minute, learning about the history, culture, and religions of the two countries, and my family survived without me at home!" Here's an update on the fall that **ANN GUENTHER TAMMINEN** had three days before the reunion. "It ended up being a much longer ordeal than I imagined at the time. I had a concussion and clavicle fracture, as well as four cracked ribs and a knee injury," Ann writes. "After 11 weeks, when I thought I was pretty well healed, I had an X-ray and my clavicle hadn't healed at all, because the problem was in a place with little blood flow! So back to square one! Anyway, although I still go to PT for my shoulder, eight months later I am 90% there. When I think back on the reunion, I realize the power of shock and adrenaline that made all that I did possible! I'm so glad for that, because I had a great time and the reality hadn't hit me yet! It truly was wonderful to reconnect with so many of you, and sorry not everyone could be there. Otherwise, all is well, I'm enjoying my acupuncture practice, and just signed up for a teacher training program for the intuitive painting process I do. It should be fun and interesting, and maybe I'll teach when I retire someday!" A one-sentence update from **NANCY SCHREIBER**: "I was at the Denver Film Fest last fall but only for a day, with a film I shot in Trinidad." The girl keeps on truckin'. Thank you to **PAT HERRMANN**, who let me know a bit more about the beautiful quilt, emailing "That was quite an undertaking!"

You should have seen them 'secretly' running around getting everyone to write on the squares in the midst of the dinner Saturday night." I told her I must have been blind ... or you all are just super sneaky. Let me tell you once again how touched I was by your acknowledgment of your class secretary. Thank you to everyone (**JOAN MACARTHUR MENGE**), especially **DEB WALKER**, who, I failed to mention in my email last fall, wrote an incredibly lovely letter to go along with the quilt. Here is part of it: "Those of us who quilt do more than sew fabric together into pretty designs.



*Lisa Purdy and Lora Morton, both '67, hold up the quilt that was given to Lora by the class*

We love what we do, and love is very much a part of every quilt made. Even though I assembled the quilt, the squares represent the love and respect that we classmates have for you. I had help with the choice of fabrics and much encouragement and support in the process. This really was a group effort. Know that when you look at or use this quilt, you are receiving hugs from us." You all are the best! When I'm not reading in my living room, wrapped in my quilt, I continue to go to Santa Fe Clay and work at a potter's wheel, although life has changed there. The studio was bought by two New Yorkers, who brought their MBAs with them, and who are attempting to turn the place into a real money-making business without considering what Governor Lew Wallace wrote back in the 1870s: "Every calculation based on experience elsewhere fails in New Mexico." Sadly, I don't know if it will survive as a creative art space. My daughter moved from LA to Boulder last fall, and I love having her only a six-hour drive away. It was around that time that I learned I have some food allergies, which now make high-altitude baking even more of a challenge. But I have to admit that the inflammation in my knees is better for the changes. (And at this point,

isn't much of our life about holding onto those body parts that still function?) In case any of you who haven't shared your email address with me or the school were wondering, I did not send out postcards this year. Did you miss them? Please be assured that I am interested in and grateful for your news, all the time, no matter how you get it to me.

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## C68

**CHRIS RAY** writes, "While our (Kim's) bucket list should have gotten a little bit shorter after a truly spectacular trip to Antarctica. I've given eight presentations on it to date, it turns out that it just continues to expand. We also got in a week of wine tastings at chateaux in a broiling Bordeaux, the highlight of which was dinner at Chateaux Margaux. After a summer of chasing racing sailboats with my camera, we've just returned from Australia and New Zealand. This time we spent most of our time in the North Island, which is also very beautiful, in a different way than the South. Our websites just get bigger; pix of many of our favorite hotels, restaurants, & etc at: [www.justaskkim.smugmug.com](http://www.justaskkim.smugmug.com) and [www.crayivp.com](http://www.crayivp.com). Curriki, Kim's K-12 web-based EDU non-profit, continues to grow ([www.curriki.org](http://www.curriki.org) over 14 million users now) and I've published some more coffee table photo books which you can preview at [www.blurb.com/user/crayivp](http://www.blurb.com/user/crayivp). Drop me a line, I'd love to hear from you! [crayivp@yahoo.com](mailto:crayivp@yahoo.com)." **WALTER SHARE:** Shares his Memorial Garden Poem written after our 45th Reunion. **RON FALLON:** A number of big life changes. I sold my house of 25+ years to downsize. It's very difficult and stressful to do so. Trying to cram all that "stuff" in 1/2 the space is impossible. A lot to Goodwill, donations, and garage sales. My youngest, Rachel, is a freshman at Georgia Tech in computer engineering and computer science. 4.0 GPA first semester and scored an internship in Chicago this summer for a company that's into 'smart' home technology. Danielle graduated magna cum laude from the USC and is now working for Virgin Orbit as a mechanical engineer (rocket scientist). Donna and I escaped to Machu Picchu, and then an Eco Tour in the Amazon, and spent a week with her twin sister who lives in La Paz, Bolivia.

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## MEMORIAL GARDEN

W Share ~ June 2013  
Within a perfect circle  
within this perfect square  
sleep these aging stones  
laid out by those who care

For those who come to reminisce  
this quiet square of grass  
will bring to life the memories  
of those of us who've passed.

The names etched in the columns  
and written in each plaque  
echoes of our time here  
that swiftly take us back  
to study halls and lessons learned  
that forged us as we grew  
to growing pains we knew  
to friendships that were true

And with each passing autumn  
the mourning trees will paint  
this square with colored leaves  
like tears without restraint  
they flutter in the breeze  
they turn from red to brown  
they float without a sound  
to find their final resting place  
upon this sleeping ground

The wind will give the eulogy  
the sun will dry each tear  
the leaves will bud and bloom again  
in spring from year to year  
as classes gather here.

And as the generations pass  
our memories we'll share  
til we complete the circle  
within this waiting square.

## K68

Not too much news to report this time...  
hope everyone's saving it up to share at the  
reunion in June! **CAROL STRAITH BREWER**  
writes, "... We are well and settled happily  
into complete retirement (both from the

University at Buffalo as faculty)." Carol keeps busy with dressage, art (hand building clay, watercolor, oils, and acrylics), gardening, and singing in the choir with her husband, John. After two years in the Netherlands, their son has settled in Madison with his wife ... also where their daughter lives and works. Carol hopes all are well "and, perhaps will see you in June." **SHELLEY STERN GRACH** wrote from Disneyworld! She is "still working full time, maybe one more year." A three-week vacation in Europe is on the schedule for the spring, and some commitments in Chicago may prevent her from attending the reunion. **CHRIS WALKER TAKACH** reminds us that this 50th reunion is a big one, and is "special that we graduated in '68, and we will all be 68 years old! No other class can say that about their 50th reunion." **VANDY SEEBURG** won't be attending the reunion but loves being retired. She is busy with hiking, book groups, botanical drawing classes, and traveling. She writes that their daughters are thriving. "Alice and husband, Leon, are both journalists based in Brooklyn, and Gracie is in Portland, OR, working in communications for a tech foundation." Vandy and her husband, Michael, will be renting out their house in Bolinas, CA, to head to Rhinebeck, NY, where they have purchased and will rehab a farmhouse built in 1862. Neither of them has lived on the East Coast, so they're anticipating a big adventure, especially in the winter. As for me, **JAN DECKER BURGGRAAF**, I'm hoping to see many classmates at the reunion!

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## C69

**ENNIS BERKER** is the latest, and I suspect, the last of our class to send a son/daughter to the homeland in Bloomfield Hills. His son is now a junior. Ennis reports the most startling development, and a clear sign of the collapse of Western Civilization as we knew it: Cranbrook students (and Kingswood? Did they do the same?) no longer tag their teachers with "clever" nicknames. They're probably too busy on their iPhones to exercise their imaginations as we did in our youth. Or perhaps they just weren't as witty as we were (or thought we were). **DREW BRACH** and **MARK SHWAYDER** also sent their offspring to CK, but they graduated a few years ago. Are

there any others? For those of us no longer paying tuition, many of us continue to do a lot of traveling. **JOHN GETSINGER** is in the race, both for most frequent international ventures and most off-the-beaten-path. He and Cathy roamed around Kyrgyzstan in August (2017) on horseback, and biked in the mountains, and sailed in the Caribbean in January 2018 as crew on a 54-foot sailboat, traveling from St. Lucia to Santa Marta. **BILL MCGRAW** also did some roaming around the U.S. in a vehicle of a different sort: his restored '65 Airstream that he has named the "Toaster." **MARTIN MILES**, ESU's gift to our class, has surfaced, and he is hoping/planning to attend our 50th Reunion. After Cranbrook he retreated to the UK and graduated with a math degree from Cambridge. He became an actuary, concentrating on the Pensions field. He retired from work in 2016 but remains active in charitable work, particularly in education. Martin and his wife, Sarah, a biologist, have three adult children, all working in London. He stayed in touch with two Cranbrook masters, who were at the top of all our lists, the late Ben Snyder and Sam Salas. This news just in, as continuation of a prior trend that is becoming all too frequent, as soon as the class notes are sent in, I learn of the death of a classmate. **HANK GHOLZ** died in a rock-climbing accident in September, 2017 in Rocky Mountain National Park, near his post-retirement home of Fort Collins, CO. Hank was a friendly and smart guy at Cranbrook, who was lucky enough to find his niche as an adult. He went to Hamilton College for undergrad, then attended Oregon State, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree and a doctorate in Forest Science. He taught for 22 years at the School of Forest Resources and Conservation at the University of Florida, successfully doing what all of us aspire to do, finding a career that was a labor of love while also being socially useful. But there was more: after he left academia, he worked for the National Science Foundation for 10 years. Along the way he met and married a fellow tree-lover, Jan Engert, who worked for the U.S. Forest Service. Hank also leaves behind two sons, a daughter, and three grandchildren.

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## C70

Thanks for responding once again, guys. Here's the report: I missed this sometime back, but I still want to get it in the record! **TED BURG** responded, "The Spring 2015 *Tradition* printed a small photo of Jessie Sinclair and some students that **WAP JOHN** took, and Reg Wells, '71, sent in. There's Reg on the side, a surprisingly young-looking Jessie up front, and way in the background, bushy-haired me. The next school year, Reg and I hung out quite a bit at Cranbrook and U-M, and one time caught a ride to Chicago with **JOE JACOBS** and **DOUG LICHTERMAN**, where we somehow missed the rendezvous, had to hitchhike back, and a good time was had by all." Ted says, "When I see how old we look now, I remember the scene in *Yellow Submarine* where the Beatles grow long, white beards while singing 'When I'm Sixty-Four.' **TIM CLARK** and I wrote a parody of that song for Boyce Ricketts because he often went on about being 64 years of age, and I just want to say that there is no way we are approaching that age ourselves. Although, sadness alert, when I think of the friends who left us far too soon, I'm satisfied to be any age at all." **TED HEAVENRICH** writes, "After 42 years of teaching prep school math, I retired in June 2016. I was going to move up to my house in southern Vermont, near Mt. Snow, but having spent a sabbatical year up there a decade ago, I knew it could be pretty deadly in the winter (if you aren't an avid skier). So I bought a condo about a mile from the Taft School, which is where I spent the last 41 years teaching, coaching, advising, and mentoring. Retirement is great! I can exercise regularly, get enough sleep, read to my heart's content, and expand my volunteer activities. I am on the boards of two local non-profits. I look forward to doing some traveling in the near future. I get free entertainment when I attend athletic contests and arts events at Taft. Our boys' soccer team is superb, and our hockey league is the most competitive in the nation. I still play hockey with the Senile Six, our faculty hockey group. I was out at Cranbrook in late September for the memorial service for Ben Snyder. I had a chance to chat briefly with our classmate and HUB director, **DARRYL TAYLOR**. It was good to have a chance to revisit my childhood home and see the changes that have been wrought. This past summer I was out in your neck of the woods. I even caught a play, *Vino Veritas*,

at The Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea. It was a great production. This coming summer, I will be back out in the Detroit area for a Heavenrich (extended) family reunion the weekend after the CBK reunion. I see Tor Shwayder, '71, and his lovely spouse, Aimee, with some regularity. I spend summers in Vermont, so if classmates are in the area, they should come by for a visit. There is good hiking, world class chamber music (Marlboro), sailing and swimming, and a vibrant arts community." **JOHN CROSS** wrote, "I'm retired, married with two adult sons, and divide my time between NYC and Naples, FL. I developed affordable and not-so-affordable housing in NYC for many years. Now I race other people's sailboats, manage the properties I've retained, and have started painting. I majored in fine arts in college and was an aspiring artist in NYC when I was young." **DOUG SEED** responded, "Last April, I organized a reunion with Don Coombe, '71, Jimmy Olsen, '72, and Hugh Kerr, '73, to visit Cranbrook. We went to one of the last Red Wings games at Joe Louis Arena, got to sit in with Huey's band, who sound awesome, and visit the holy shrine of Buddy's Pizza, a frequent, off-grounds destination back then, and still the best pizza going. We also had lunch with **RICKY SMITH**, who lives in the area and manages cutting-edge music groups. While touring the Cranbrook grounds, we ran into **DARRYL TAYLOR**, who updated us on the school's current happenings. We all were reminded 'what a long, strange trip it's been!' Our trip bears witness to some lifelong friendships formed during those high school years. See you June 2020." **ROD MILLER** said, "I spent the evening with Cecilia and Sam Salas yesterday, and they are both doing well. He described his time as headmaster of the Breck School in Minneapolis as a '20-year honeymoon.' Sam continues to volunteer his time with the community and was recently recognized for his efforts by the Catholic Diocese. As for me, in June I will mark 46 years with the nonprofit that **JOHN BREITMEYER** and I started while at U-M. I worked with Alpena County, MI, last year to assess needs for a new jail, and they passed a millage in November to build a new facility. I will be working with them frequently over the next two years and have already been up there twice in January. As I write this, I am in Houghton, MI, for a three-day design session to lay out a large addition for their antiquated jail. Nice to be working in Michigan again. I continue to work with large jail systems

on staffing issues, and I have several 'serial clients' that keep having me back over the years." **DOUG SCALES** said, "After 35 years in pharmaceutical R&D and biotech, I retired in 2015, and my wife and I recently moved back close to Ann Arbor and now reside in Dexter, MI. It is wonderful to be back 'home' near old friends and family after 25 years living in other states. We are enjoying being back where it all began and reacquainting ourselves with all the wonderful activities here in Ann Arbor and nearby in Detroit and Cranbrook. We have been privileged to reconnect with **DARRYL TAYLOR** and to volunteer in the Horizons-Upward Bound program under his directorship, continuing the legacy started by Ben Snyder. I can think of no more capable director to carry that torch that Ben lit during our years at Cranbrook, and still shines bright for so many kids from the Detroit area. I look forward to reconnecting with all our '70 classmates in the coming months as we rocket toward our 50th reunion in 2020." As for me, I'm still in Chelsea, MI, still working at U-M as a Data Architect in the Med School Office of Research. I've also taught a couple of informatics classes in the School of Nursing, which has been a great experience. I run into **ED FEAD** and **WAP JOHN** around town. My son has taken to travelling to Europe whenever he can. Two years ago, Jennifer and I joined him in Munich, after which he went off to Stockholm while we went to Helsinki before joining back up in Sweden to fly home. Last year, we spent a month going up the Pacific coast from LA to Seattle, visiting with **JOE JACOBS** and his husband in SF. I hope to see you all at Reunion 2020.

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There is always something exciting happening in the **HARRY FORBES** family. In 2017, a wedding, a new doctor, the first in three generations, and an engagement. Six weeks after graduating from Purdue College of Veterinary Medicine, his daughter, Rachel, married Devin O'Brien in Ballston Spa, NY. After a honeymoon in Spain, the couple moved to Great Falls, MT, where Rachel joined an animal hospital, and Devin is finishing a Ph.D. in evolutionary biology at the University of Montana. Son, Pete, was selected for

promotion to Navy Lt Commander. Pete flies fixed wing aircraft and manages the flight operations of a Navy logistics squadron in Tokyo. He is engaged to Alisa Suzuki, whom he met in Tokyo. Son, Gil, and his wife, Liza, and their one-year-old, Leona, moved to a roomier place in NYC. Son, David, lives in Bridgewater, MA, and visits Harry on many weekends. Harry continues his work at ARC and travels extensively, which included a visit to see Pete in Tokyo. He writes, "No romances in sight, but given that I go out maybe once a month, that's to be expected, I guess. No worries." **MILES HOISINGTON** and **RON QUINTERO** are collaborating again. This time Miles is doing some consulting and support work for Ron as he prepares an expert report concerning a merger challenged on antitrust grounds. The following news came to me in a very roundabout way, passed along to me by a surfing buddy who attended Denison University with our classmates: **JACK MCNAUGHTON** has been inducted into the Denison University Sports Hall of Fame. He earned his place in history through his exploits in collegiate soccer and tennis. Jack won four letters in soccer, three in tennis. He was team MVP and captain in both sports, anchoring one of the most successful stretches in Denison soccer history. During Jack's four seasons, the squad posted a record of 36-12-4 and advanced to the 1974 NCAA Division III tournament. In tennis, he won a conference championship at second doubles, and a singles championship. Thinking back to our Cranbrook freshman year in 1967, Jack was the star of our football team until he broke his leg. He decided to switch to soccer after his recovery, and our team would never be the same without him. **TOR SHWAYDER** and his wife, Aimee, spent a week in Yosemite Park, hosted by Ruthie Fruehauf, '75. Ruthie lives on the edge of the park and gives professional tours there. She guided them to a wonderful insider view of the park. One morning Tor, a general aviation pilot, took a motorized glider lesson over Yosemite. He sent me some photos he took, which I think would impress Ansel Adams. **JOHN LONGLEY** and his wife, Ginny, celebrated their 25th anniversary in October. They are adjusting well to their new empty-nester status and trying to get into the downsizing mentality. Son, Jackson, is a freshman at the University of Alabama. During a winter campus visit for parents' weekend and Jackson's fraternity initiation and induction, John watched a parade honoring the Crimson

Tide as national football champions. **BRAD LEITHAUSER** sends greetings “to all my old classmates. I hope you’re all flourishing, though this aging business is unnerving me a bit. I went for the first time in my life to a financial planner and was told that if I keep working steadily, if the stock market has no serious corrections, if I scale back on expenses, I should be able to retire just before my 97th birthday. Fortunately, I like my job. I’m still teaching literature and fiction writing at Johns Hopkins. I did have some good news recently: a two-book contract for my new novel and for a book about poetic structures for the non-specialist. I think the poetry book has a nifty title, *Rhyme’s Rooms: The Architecture of Poetry*. I’d like to think that Mr. Steele would be pleased. The novel is about somebody who teaches at what may be the silliest college in Michigan. He plans a trip to India and winds up in Greenland. I’m thinking the book is quite funny. If it isn’t, it’s a real mess.” **STEVE GERISCH** reported from Shenzhen, China, while on a business trip. He says he loves the beauty of California, but as retirement looms, retiring outside of that state is looking better all the time. Steve’s son loves SMU and enjoys Dallas and his Kappa Sig buddies. “I could certainly get used to college life again.” Steve and his wife are celebrating their 28th anniversary. “All is pretty good on this end. I hope everyone else in our class is enjoying life as much as I am!” **CHRIS MORTON** is celebrating his fourth year as a remote, independent business communications contractor. His work includes global market analysis, user manuals, and editing and writing blog posts and case studies. Last year he was a featured member in *The Freelancer* and *Editorial Freelancers Association Quarterly*. In September, he spoke at the Be a Better Freelancer conference. His new business website is [Isn'tThatWrite.com](http://Isn'tThatWrite.com). **DONN ROSS** has completed a second master’s degree, this one in addiction counseling, and has achieved an independent license as a chemical dependency counselor in the state of Ohio. He’s also working on finalizing a clinical supervisor addendum to that license. He has been working in the field for 18 years. Donn is employed at a facility in downtown Columbus, OH, and is in the process of starting his own clinic for chemically dependent combat veterans suffering with PTSD. “Unfortunately, as I’m sure you are aware, business has been very good as of late.” Donn and his soul mate celebrated 15 years of marriage last May.

His son is stationed in Guantanamo, and his daughter is a supervisor in admissions at Franklin University. “I’m very proud of both of them. As time goes on, I appreciate my Cranbrook education more and more. I am grateful for the exposure to diverse ways of thinking and relating to life.” Your class secretary’s pawpaw patch finally kicked in. We harvested 600 lbs. of fruit last fall. This is just a fraction of what we might expect as the other trees in our patch come into bearing age. We hope the world loves pawpaws, America’s forgotten fruit!

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## K71

“In our twenties, when there is still so much time ahead of us, time that seems ample for a hundred indecisions, for a hundred visions and revisions—we draw a card, and we must decide right then and there whether to keep that card and discard the next, or discard the first card and keep the second. And before we know it, the deck has been played out, and the decisions we have just made will shape our lives for decades to come.” (Amor Towles, *Rules of Civility*) And now in our sixties, we’re not playing with a full deck anymore. It has been awhile since notes have been posted about the Class of 1971. Bits and pieces of your presence can be culled from social media or from an occasional Christmas card. I attended last June’s reunion with Penny Floyd Hannett, ’72, and saw many familiar faces from that class, but except for **PAM TODOROFF**, none from our own.



Nancy Nordlie and Nancy Henry Story, both '71

Last June I also had the pleasure of meeting up with **NANCY NORDLIE** for a quick visit, too quick. She, like perhaps many of you, has had a

major health issue to confront in recent years. Facing that, she says, lends “a new, rather desperate intensity to everything.” Health issues, wealth issues, losing parents, gaining grandchildren, there have been so many hurdles and high points since our twenties. As we slow down, so too, do we feel the urge to pick up the pace. The emails and addresses I have for all of you are ancient; the alumni office does its best but we’re a scattered lot. My email address is still the same, however, so I’m using this issue of *Tradition* as a solicitation for proof of your existence. Send me news of travels, triumphs, trials, and tribulations. How has your life been shaped over the decades?

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## CK72

We must begin with the sad news that two classmates have lost spouses. **ELIZABETH EMERY SWANCHARA**’s husband, David, passed away on November 5, 2017, and **ROBERT TAUBMAN** lost his wife, Julia Reyes, on January 28, 2018. We are so sorry for you both. Please know that in addition to your families you are also surrounded and supported by your classmates. In addition to news from classmates, there are two themes in this report, mini-reunions and updates, as some of us become grandparents. In December, a multi-generational group of Kingswood alumnae gathered over lunch in Glen Arbor, MI. From our class were **NAN STOCKY O’CONNOR**, **CAROL BAWDEN**, and **JILL WHEATON MARTIN DEBOER** who joined Jill’s mom, JoAnne Wonnberger Wheaton and Jeanine Wessinger Dean, both from the Class of ‘48.



Carol Bawden, ’72, Jeanine Wessinger Dean, ’48, JoAnne Wonnberger Wheaton, ’48, Jill Wheaton Minor DeBoer, and Nan Stockey O’Connor, both ’72



Jill has started a new job with Orchestrated Moves, a relocation and downsizing company specializing in senior moves. She's known the owners from her consignment business and is excited about working with them to help relieve the stress of moving for folks in the D.C. area. They can coordinate all aspects of a move or focus on the parts people hate, which is often figuring out how to get started. She continues to represent the Worth clothing line in D.C. Other mini reunions: **SALLY CHRISTIANSEN HARRIS** met up with **HOWARD ZITSMAN** on the Ohio Wesleyan University campus where Howard is teaching economics and Sally is a trustee.



Mike and Sally Christensen Harris, '72, with Art Schankler, '72, and wife, Claire

When **ART SCHANKLER** was in NYC he had lunch with **ROB KAHN**; then visited Greenwich, CT, with his wife, Claire, to see Mike and Sally's photography exhibit of Route 66. **ROB KAHN** and **NICK KOCH** convened in NYC last fall when Nick was there to see an Eric Clapton concert. **JOHN MATURO** and **ALAN DECLERCK** connected at Princeton to cheer Keiko DeClerck, '15.



John Maturo and Alan DeClerck, both '72

**STEVE CRAIG** and **DEAN SUNG** got together with **ROBERT MATTHEWS** in Chicago to

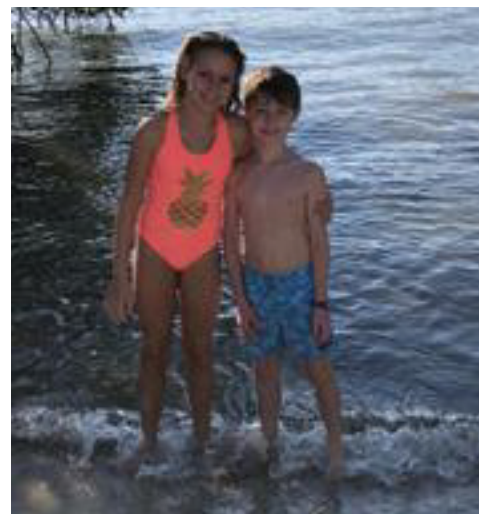
watch the NFC championship over drinks and dinner.



Robert Matthews, Dean Sung and Steve Craig, all '72

As always, a great time was had by all. **MICHAEL HODGES** will visit **DAVID LYNN** in Oxford, England, where the latter is partway through a four-month writing fellowship at Oxford University. As noted in the previous class notes, Michael's Albert Kahn biography comes out April 16 from Wayne State University Press. He's planning a rocking book-launch party! **ROBIN ROBERTS** spent time visiting New Orleans, Natchez, and Vicksburg, MS. She hopes to spend more time traveling in the future. She is semi-retired and works part-time at Greenfield Village/Henry Ford Museum. **JEFFRY STEELE** writes from Washington State that he is starting a new career as a licensed mental health counselor, after finishing a rigorous masters-level curriculum. He is doing meaningful and important work, some of which addresses opioid addiction. By the time this is published, **STACIE FAIOLA HUMPHREY** and her husband will be grandparents! Their son and daughter-in-law live in Washington, D.C., and they are keeping their fingers crossed that D.C.'s annual snow-mageddon, as it was called last year, happens after the baby arrives. Stacie and her husband will venture up to D.C. as soon as they're sure the weather will cooperate! Her recent health issues are slowly, slowly resolving, 23 doctors later. Despite feeling like "an ancient building, like some of the downtown Detroit architectural treasures, whose bits and pieces of facades fall off and hit passersby," she still gets asked to do modeling gigs! She says this is, no doubt, "due to the extreme scarcity of \*really\* skinny old ladies here in Biscuit-Land." More grandchildren are due for **ANNETTE UFNER EWING**. Both her daughter and son will be welcoming new additions to their families this spring. Annette spent almost a month in Africa with a friend

in the fall. They were on safari for two weeks and then in Johannesburg and Cape Town. It was a wonderful trip, and the safari was amazing. She is in Florida for three months this winter, where she will play some golf and enjoy a visit with **COLLEEN MAGGOS DASH**. Also enjoying the grandparent status are **NANCY MAY** and husband, Richard, who are officially Florida residents and planning to be in Tequesta, FL, for eight months this year before heading back to Massachusetts on May 31. She visited her mom a few times in Petoskey, MI over the summer.



Nancy May's, '72, grandchildren, Sophie and Sam

Mrs. May will be 93 in March and is still going strong! Your Kingswood class secretary, **SALLY CHRISTIANSEN HARRIS**, and her husband, Mike's, road trip on Route 66 last summer resulted in a month-long photography exhibit in Greenwich, a self-published book, and several presentations to groups in town. Next stop: Oaxaca, Mexico, where they will spend a month living in and photographing this historical, colorful town.



Ted Green, '72, and wife, Debbie, enjoy their new hobby of building and racing cars

For up-to-the-minute news and photos, go to Facebook and sign-on to the Cranbrook

Kingswood Class of 1972 page. Best to all from your class secretaries.

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In anticipation of our 45th Reunion this year, several '73 Cranes have submitted news with promises to attend. We're holding you to 'em! It was great to hear from **ERIC LEINS**, who admits, "Though I rarely contribute, I always enjoy reading the class notes columns. As of January, my last few months had been spent assisting friends with recovery efforts in the U.S. Virgin Islands, assembling and coordinating shipments from here in northeast Florida, then traveling to St. Thomas and St. Croix to assist with unloading and distribution. A lot of work but very rewarding. I have the dates for our 45th on my calendar and hope nothing intervenes to prevent my attendance this time." Also as of late January, **MIKE PHILLIPS** reports, "We finally got snow out here in the west. Despite what the current administration alleges, the climate is changing, and the earth is warming. We are seeing it here in the mountains with wider fluctuations in the winter snowpack. We have some exciting things happening at Blue Sky. The High West Distillery at Blue Sky continues to be busier by the day. We are building a new road to accommodate the shipments of whiskey. Sometimes I feel like a bootlegger during Prohibition, only it's legal, but just barely here in Utah. Keep drinking. The Lodge at Blue Sky will open with 50 luxury rooms at the very end of this year. We are part of the Auberge Collection out of Napa. I hope to see some Crannies and Woodies booking their vacations in 2019. Speaking of which, I've been keeping in touch with **PHIL BROWN** through Facebook, and he's been letting me know what's been happening with all **DAVE MCMURRAY**'s success in the music scene. I'm a big fan and listen to Dave's music every

day. Not sure if everyone has been keeping up, but Dave has played with Bob James and many of the jazz greats; I think he was in France for nine months playing with Johnny Hallyday, the French pop icon, before Johnny died last December. I hope to see Phil and Dave when I get to the reunion in June. Dey Young and Cindy May, both K'73, and **DAVID STRICKLAND** came for our annual Cranbrook/Kingswood skiing reunion at my house in February. It's like *The Big Chill* only nobody dies. Dey continues to make beautiful sculptures and to star in plays and movies in L.A. Cindy's daughters had babies, while Cindy managed to send her son, Theo, off to college. David continues his yoga, nurturing his consciousness in tune with the universe. I think he made a lot of progress in Mexico. His wife, Barb, rescued a racehorse from Puerto Rico after the hurricane displaced many of the animals on the island. Arch Traveler was a distinguished three-year-old in his racing days, but at nine he was in bad shape and needed a permanent home. He now has one at Saving Gracies Equine Healing Foundation in conjunction with Blue Sky. You can follow on Instagram, Facebook, and our website: [www.blueskyutah.com](http://www.blueskyutah.com). "We also rescued a couple of two-year-old mustangs out of Reno, NV. Barb will have them on a halter in no time, and then the fun will start, to get them gentle to ride for our guests. All my children and grandchildren are doing well, thank goodness. That's it from Park City." **KEVIN RODDY** and his wife, "are now officially empty nesters! My daughter, Erin, a veterinarian, is a horse breeder and trainer in New South Wales, Australia. Our older son, Will, is a junior at The College of New Jersey, and our youngest, Logan, is a freshman at James Madison University in Virginia. I am still practicing law in Woodbridge, NJ, and we live down the shore in Brielle, NJ. I am happy to have a remote Internet connection with classmate, **ROB ORLEY**, through Peloton (indoor cycling). When I plugged into my favorite instructor's live class one Sunday morning in January, she was shouting out Rob, who was taking the class live in the studio in NYC. Joann and I look forward to the Reunion in June." **ALAN HEAVENRICH** says, "Hello, there, Classmates! I'm hoping to make the reunion in June. At the end of January, Joan and I flew to London to visit our eldest daughter, Miriam, who is living and working there as a speech and language path/therapist. A lot of fun with visits to many

museums. We have been living in Toronto in a kid-free zone for the past 3.5 years, since our youngest, Ben, went away to Guelph for University. Our middle fella, Sam, is living and working near Cleveland as an engineer at Bendix Corp in Elyria, near my *alma mater*, Oberlin. I joined him and my brother, Ted, in early March for the alumni hockey game at Obie-land. I retired from full-time teaching 2.5 years ago; Joan and I are both tutoring local kids to keep the accounts fluid and to feel useful. Have done some volunteer work as well with Syrian families that came to Canada over the past year or two. Tried to learn Arabic but haven't worked at it hard enough! I've also been busy trying to arrange for a Heavenrich family reunion in Detroit in June (the weekend after C/K) which looks like it will happen! Getting excited about that, as it's been far too long! Not much else to add, other than greetings to all my friends and classmates out there, and the hope that something positive will come from all the turmoil we've experienced over the past two years: That we can all pull together to promote environmental sustainability, human rights, social justice, and the causes of freedom and equality." **JONATHAN MILLS** writes, "Patty and I are tentatively planning to come to the reunion. Our four older children are all moved out and working. Our 12-year-old son, Isaac, will be touring in South Africa and Swaziland during the Cranbrook reunion with the Cincinnati Boychoir (!). Isaac was accepted into their elite ambassadors touring choir this year (he normally sings alto), so with rehearsals and gigs, he keeps us hopping. Boychoir performed Vivaldi's 'Gloria' in Christ Church Cathedral in downtown Cincinnati in February. 'Et in Terra Pax Hominibus' and 'Domine Fili Unigenite' bring back a lot of memories of Fred Bellingier. [Ed. note: Oh, yes, they do, Jon! Thanks for the reminder of those wonderful glee club days!] Isaac skipped sixth grade this year, is in gifted classes in seventh grade, and studying French. I've encouraged him to correspond with Charles and Brigid Geroux for practice when his French gets better. He also is in Scouts, classics club, and confirmation class, and plays piano and viola. So Patty and I are his taxi service, while we brag on him like good parents. Since he will finish high school a year earlier, I might get to retire a year earlier. Work is really busy for both Patty and me. The 21st Century Cures Act signed by Obama created a national funded mandate for

Electronic Visit Verification for Medicaid in every state by 2019. Since that is my product, we are seeing a huge increase in inquiries and sales activity. We now have six states and counting. All the best to my classmates, and we are looking forward to June.” **CHRIS JONES** is “still working (and loves it) as chief development officer at a residential treatment center for troubled teens in Sonoma, CA, which fortunately (but barely) escaped the fires last October. My 13-year-old son is headed off to high school this fall, sadly not Cranbrook, despite my pleas. His mother couldn’t bear the thought of boarding school, but we have some great private school options in Marin County where I live. Otherwise, I have been serving for more than a decade as a chaplain in San Quentin and our county jail, something I may end up doing more of once, and if, I ever retire.” An update from **HENRY JAMPEL**, “Risa and I are in the home stretch (no pun intended) of building a house three miles from our current house in Baltimore County. The justification for the project was to have a first-floor master bedroom to anticipate our lifestyle for the next twenty years. Although there will be less stair climbing, we will have an exercise room adjacent to the bedroom. As I write in January, we should be moving in March. We still have three kids. Catherine has isolated herself, with her boyfriend, in rural Massachusetts, so that she can finish her doctoral dissertation in geography; Joseph got married in June 2017 to a medical student at Penn, and is working as an attorney in support of affordable housing in Philadelphia; and Sarah is a pastry chef in Manhattan but is looking to more fully use her English degree from Yale.” Glad to hear from **HUGH KERR** that, “2017 was a good year for our family, with two new grandchildren, a baby girl in June and a baby boy in November. So that brings our crew of kids up to three, and they are the light of our lives. Sally remains involved with Kingswood in the weaving program as a substitute teacher and caretaker for all those beautiful old looms. She is on the squash courts twice a week, is an avid student of Pilates, and puts in overtime as Grandmother Gogo! I maintain involvement with the CK Alumni Association, supporting fundraising and recognition efforts with Cranbrook and Kingswood bronzes: this year sees the introduction of a bronze Brookside Owl. I am still into music and spent a little time in a recording studio over the last year, but no platinum record yet! With the odd

woodworking project, an occasional trip abroad, and summer days on Lake Michigan, another year sails by.” Musings from **JOHN BEATTY**, “Other than looking forward to seeing everyone in June, not a lot going on. Still planning on getting my book, *Why the Samurai Lost*, out at the end of the year, and all the sweat required for that. Occasional tech writing contract here and there. Researching *Tug of War* at the same time keeps me busy but doesn’t add a lot of interest to the class notes. Best to one and all!” **ROBERT ROSS** writes, “I enjoy hearing about the latest feats of classmates and their families. My colleagues and I—I am a co-editor—are about to see our book in print: *Cardiac Emergencies in Children: A Practical Approach to Diagnosis and Management*, (Springer, 2018.). We have also added a new member to the family, Quinn, a velvety black Lab puppy, who is a bundle of energy and joy. See you in June!” **ALLAN MULLINS** sends “Greetings from Clinton Township, MI (northeast suburb of Detroit). My wife, Barb, and I became new members of the grandparent’s club last December, when our youngest daughter, Sarah, Louisville, KY, blessed us with our first grandchild, Corinne Mae. So Barb and I will be wearing a path in the road to Louisville, KY, over the next few years. Our oldest daughter, Rachel, is enjoying her life as a veterinarian at a small animal practice in Portage, MI, near Kalamazoo. My bride of 36 years continues to do a lot of volunteer work and is now a co-leader for the local Days for Girls chapter, which provides feminine hygiene kits and education for young women globally. As for me, still a product manager with PPG Industries, a leading manufacturer of coatings and adhesives to the automotive, aerospace, industrial, and DIY paint markets. My job has afforded me the opportunity to travel globally, which has been a nice perk. Managing to remain healthy by walking, playing tennis, and cycling. Gone are the days of soccer, save for one last alumni game last August! All for now.” **MIKE NEFF** sends “Greetings all from small town north central Washington State. I submit this in the event I don’t make the reunion this June. I had every intention of being in attendance, but youngest daughter, Karlie, married last spring in a last minute civil ceremony in Reno, NV, (sounds rather bad doesn’t it?), has determined she’ll spend a chunk of the old man’s money having a large reception this year out at their five-acre home

during the third weekend of June. So if Mama-san allows me to sneak away just prior to that event, I’ll see many of you, hopefully on the dance floor shimmying away to Cookie’s Brewz Brotherz band! As with many of you, Kristie and I are in the downsizing mode, having recently sold our larger home, where we raised three beeyootiful daughters, trading it for a one-level, no yard, wonderfully-appointed three-bedroom smaller home on the golf course. But let me just say, moving after 24 years was no easy task, especially when you’re married to a no-nonsense, get rid of it, ‘Are you serious (giggling)! You’ll never fit into those again!’ type lady, who put a serious dent in my hoarder mentality stash. To say it stressed the marital bonds would be an understatement. I can honestly say the only thing missing in my life is grandchildren, and, of course, the ladies laugh at me when I tell them I’m concerned about MY biological clock, not theirs! The food business is too much fun to quit, so I chug along making sure there is plenty of time off for travel and other fun things. My warmest regards to all of you, and I genuinely hope to see you in June.” From **WALTER SHWAYDER**, “Greetings to all. My family consists of our two wonderful daughters: Aviva, a graduate of Middlebury College in Vermont now working in Washington, D.C. in the non-profit sector; and Elianna, captain of the women’s cross country team at Harvard, majoring in human evolutionary biology, graduating this year. Elianna will teach biology in western Massachusetts as a ‘Teach for America’ participant, as she prepares for medical school. Kathe, my spouse, parses NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) findings into ‘How does this apply to my world?’ concepts that politicians may understand. My mother still lives in the ‘Hill House’ opposite Cranbrook and my job is to keep her healthy, hearty, entertained, and well nourished. She is faring well, and every day is a journey into the kitchens of Jacques Pepin and *Cooks Illustrated*. My French, amazingly enough, is still fluent, post 1974-75 Paris, studying mime communication with Jacques LeCoq!” **AL BACON** has been traveling. “Last November my wife, Jennifer, my two step-daughters, and I took the trip of a lifetime to Australia and New Zealand.



Al Bacon, '73, and wife, Jennifer, on the Sydney Bridge climb

We toured rainforests, snorkeled at the Great Barrier Reef, and climbed Ben Lomond in Queenstown, New Zealand's self-proclaimed world adventure capital. Thanksgiving was spent having a marvelous lunch at the Cable Bay Vineyard with a spectacular view of Auckland. Since both Jennifer and I are avid tennis players, we toured the Melbourne Park tennis facility where the Australian Open is held each January, and finished with a drive down the Great Ocean Road. I encourage anyone to head 'down under' on vacation. Looking forward to celebrating our 45th reunion with everyone." June will probably be upon us by the time you all are reading this. I trust the Class of '73 is celebrating up a storm at the old *alma mater*: here's to "45 'n' Thrivin!" Blackmail photos and anecdotes next issue!

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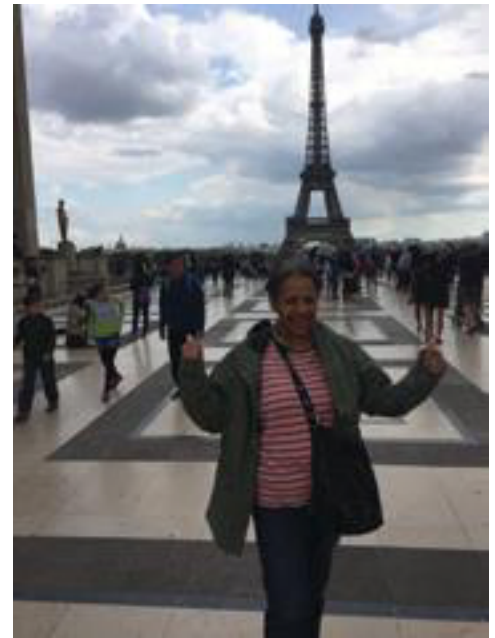
## K73

So glad to hear that many '73 Woodies anticipate making our 45th Reunion! **NANCY ALBERT** is "looking forward to seeing many classmates in June. A couple times a year, local class members, **PAM BARCLAY ZINKEL, LOIS BRYANT, KAREN RYAN, TINA DENISON, MATAYA MUNRO, MARY SEVERS SPEISER** (and husband, Marc, our unofficial classmate, and me get together.



Christmas with the Denisons, (L-R) David Salkin; proud parents, Thomas Shingler and Elizabeth Denison, '12; Dirk Denison, '75; Walter Denison, '49; Tina Denison, '73; and baby, Jason

Last time, Mary and Marc brought their new English Cocker Spaniel puppy, Henry, who was the hit of the evening." **LAURA MCLANE FOX** is "looking forward to seeing everyone at our 45th, and hoping that the 'headquarters' will be up and running again! [Ed. note: It will be!] I am recently retired and starting to tackle the awful job of purging our house in an effort to move to a smaller home, meanwhile launching the kids who seem to want to stay around. See you this summer!" News of two classmates from **PAIGE JONES: "CHRIS HILL HALLER** and I had a long awaited reunion over lunch last November, now that she is a Dallas resident. She looked wonderful, and we had so much to catch up on, and we are looking forward to more get togethers. On October 31, 2017, my wonderful mother, Mary Jones, passed away at the age of 92. Thanks to her, I got my excellent education at Brookside and Kingswood, and she was so proud of that!" **DARNELL CARR NEWSUM** sends "Greetings from New York! I wish I had some exciting news to share, but it is good to report that all is well despite some of the aches and pains that seem to come along 45 years, post-high school graduation! I attended the Cranbrook NYC alumni event in October 2017. While I missed seeing '73 Woodies, I ran across '73 Crannie, Jeff Harris, and his younger sister, Julie Harris, '75, as well as Lawrence Richardson and Wendell Bristol, both '74, and Barry Surman, '80. I also had the opportunity to chat with Arlyce Seibert as she prepares to move on from her official role (I have the feeling she will always be connected to Cranbrook) and also saw Susan Aikens Post, '78.



Darnell Carr Newsum, '73, in Paris

I went to Paris in September, traveling with my sister, Gail Carr Williams, '75, and her daughter.



Darnell Carr Newsum, '73, and sister, Gail Carr Williams, '75

I was so grateful for my six years of French at Kingswood and was delighted when Madame Geroux commented on my Facebook posts while I was there! I am making plans to attend our reunion. It will be a treat to see everyone!" **CYNTHIA MAY** is "working, living in Brooklyn, youngest child now a freshman at Kenyon in Ohio, and thrilled to be grandmother to two beautiful, one-year-old grandchildren, a girl and a boy! The cousins were born nine days apart in January 2017 and have helped to take the edge off the political circus we find ourselves in!" **SARAH ELLIS JACKSON** "loves being a grandma. Kristi's baby has a passport and by six months had been to Tahiti, Hawaii,

New Jersey, and here in Ohio. She's had her toes in the Atlantic, the Pacific, and Lake Erie. They live in San Francisco. In January I went to the Florida Super Jam. We had balloon sculpture instructors from California to Florida, England, Israel, and Japan. It was so very inspiring! February, I went skiing in Kirkwood, outside of South Lake Tahoe. May brought Baja racing. My son races his college SAE Baja car. This year he is head of the design team building the car. He builds, too. The races will be in Oregon, Kansas, and Maryland. I am still teaching science and technology. So everything is fun in my life these days! Looking forward to June and our KSC reunion. You girls really put together a grand event!" **LORI DRESNER** reports, "In January, my husband, Pete, and I were in Niseko on a ski trip. Japan is fascinating and fabulous. What can I say? It has been a bucket list trip for me since I was a little girl. We skied for a week and then met an old friend of mine from Paris and his Japanese wife, who took us around Kyoto and Tokyo. I then continued on to Naoshima, the art island. The trip was amazing! On another note, I am very proud of the Vera and Joseph Dresner Foundation, which is going on its fifth year of supporting youth, health, and animal welfare. Please check it out at [www.dresnerfoundation.org](http://www.dresnerfoundation.org). And on the art front, I sold my first commissioned sculpture last December to someone who saw my work on the Internet! Not bad for an amateur!" What a wonderful report from **ANN FLANNERY**" "Last December **AMY MATTHAEI** and I co-lead a yoga and qigong retreat in the Yucatan, Mexico.



Among those pictured are six '73 classmates: Ann Flannery, Amy Matthaei, Dey Young, Laura Swain Ladd, Cathy Cooper, and David Strickland

Besides Amy and me, **DEY YOUNG**, along with partner Hugo Van Seenus, **LAURA SWAIN LADD, CATHY COOPER**, and David Strickland, C'73, spent the week laughing, reminiscing, and telling stories of love, loss, and life. And oh yes, sharing the yoga and qigong was the perfect anecdote to ground us and connect us. Much fun was had by all. I'd say it was unanimous. The week was such a gift to reconnect and under such lovely conditions."

**GAIL DIETRICH JAGELS** "Had a couple of out-of-state visitors after New Year's. My sister, Carol Dietrich Spence, '74, came from Boston for ten days enjoying our unseasonably warm weather and visiting our 98-year-old father in Palm Springs. Cousin, Debbie Dietrich, '72, was here, also visiting my dad and her daughter, Kelsey, who lives in 'SoCal.' My big news is that at the end of January/early February I was expecting my first grandchild! My son and his wife live an hour-and-a-half away in San Clemente, a far drive, but pleasant place to visit! Hope to see everyone at the reunion!" **AMANDA READ** writes, "Reading the comments sent in by others has been fun. I wonder if I am the only one to feel as though the older I get, the faster time flies! It seems like just yesterday we were all talking about what our jobs were after college, and now, we are counting grandchildren. Yipes! We welcomed grandchild number two last October. Little Emerson (Emmy) joined 2-year-old brother, Brooks, and thus far she has been delightfully quiet and cooperative, which is especially good since Brooks is perpetual motion personified. All four of our Read-Kobelt kids are thriving. Arnold's son, Brandon, a financial manager on Wall Street, has the grandchildren. Arnold's daughter, Kelsey, who works on 'the Hill,' recently completed her master's degree in public policy and is trying to maintain her own sanity amidst the chaos around her. On the Read

side, Spenser and Slater are both healthy and working hard. After competing in swimming at the 2016 Olympic Trials, Spenser retired from swimming competitively and started Tablerock Management, a company that manages social media influencers. As of January 1, he has office space in Laguna Beach, CA, where he has a wonderful view of Tablerock Beach, the company's namesake. Slater is in his last year of college at Cornell, at least I hope this is the last one, where he is an RA in the fraternity in which he lives. He also swims on the varsity team and somehow juggles schoolwork and manages to produce promotional videos for on-campus organizations. Arnold and I still fly back and forth across the country on a much too frequent basis. We both prefer to be in California, but our company headquarters is in New York, and much of our family is in the surrounding area or a few small states away, so I don't see staying on the West Coast more permanently until a few other things fall into place. Still playing tennis, bicycling, hiking, and working out, so we can enjoy those things. Above all, we are enjoying any time we can spend with our ever-growing, blended and extended, family. Although we have lost three of our four parents to age and failing health, we spend as much time on weekends in New York with Arnold's mother and appreciate our precious time with her. Arnold and I have been so fortunate to have escaped any major health crises ourselves. I look forward to reading about more of you and will hope to see many of you in June." **ELAINE FIELD** writes that she and her wife, Lisa, Sokanoff, "enjoyed celebrating my mom's 90th birthday last November! Been able to get out snowshoeing and skiing a couple times so far.



Laura Swain Ladd, Cathy Cooper, Amy Matthaei and Ann Flannery, all '73

In the group of 11, six participants were from the Kingswood Class of '73. The other five participants were so kind and tolerant, while at times the six of us relived our days at KSC, and for some, going back to Brookside.



Elaine Field, '73, and her wife, Lisa Sokanoff, in Botswana

Our last trip to Mt. Bachelor got cut short when Lisa's sister passed away following surgery, and we had to head down to L.A. in January. We're busy planning our trip for the Class of '73's 45th this June (!! ) and will

add more time to explore more of Michigan. Looking forward to seeing everyone.” **LORIE NEIMAN KESSLER** “Vacationed in Mexico to escape the winter woes in Michigan. I'm loving retirement and being a grandma. Grandson, Ethan, is almost four, and I have two granddaughters who were born nine days apart in late November/early December. Family, friends, some non-profit work, and a little bit of occasional communications freelancing keep me busy and happy. I enjoyed some time with Chris Hill Haller when she was in Michigan over Thanksgiving, and I marvel as to how we can so easily pick-up where we left off a few decades ago. I'm looking forward to the 45th and eager to see everyone.” After an unhappy 2017, your class secretary was glad to welcome 2018 with a wonderful visit to brother, Bart Williams, '76, and his family in Cleveland, OH. Two weeks after reunion weekend, my husband and I will return to our beloved Scotland for a blissful two-month holiday, mostly in the Highlands, during which we will golf, bird watch, read, hike, explore historical sites and ruins, raise more than our fair share of pints (actually, Gibby prefers the single malt), and yes, eat haggis! June will probably be upon us by the time you all are reading this. I trust the Class of '73 is celebrating up a storm at the old *alma mater*. Here's to “45 'n' Thrivin'!” Blackmail photos and anecdotes next issue!

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## K75

**AMY HACKETT PALMER** wrote a nice Christmas note reading, “The view from our window at this time of year has changed but our joy of life and family remains the same.” Amy and David became grandparents to Holden David Palmer on September 29.



*David and Amy Hackett Palmer, '75, and grandson, Holden David*

“What an absolutely pure spirit of joy he is.” Amy is enjoying life in Austin, TX, and has her daughter, Amanda, with boyfriend, Justin, living within a block. In December, **PATTI MORRIS PHILLIPS** sent an email stating, “Jerry Kanter, C'75, passed away last night.” Patti believed it was due to a heart attack. There is no other news to report at this time. Please continue to send me updates for more “Words from the Swirbs.”

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## K76

As I begin to write this edition of our class notes, I feel compelled to face a new normal. Not only did the Eagles win the Super Bowl last night, but most of us will be turning 60 this year. HOLY COW! **MARTHA YAW KLIEBERT** was the first to get back to me with news that she and her husband—now retired—have relocated from Okemos to Carbondale, CO. Carbondale is 20 minutes from where their oldest son and daughter-in-law live in Glenwood Springs and just 30 minutes from Aspen/Snowmass. Their new home sits up at 6,700 ft. and has a magnificent view of Mt. Sopris. Martha's new normal will include winter skiing and summer biking with lots of travel sprinkled in between, as their

youngest son lives in Savannah, GA. As a side note, Martha is hoping to reconnect with **LORI MURPHY FERRARA**. So, if you are reading this, Lori, our retirement theme continues with news from **JENNY JACKS SHREVE**. Jenny left her post as a school psychologist a year ahead of schedule in order to focus on family and health. Her new Medtronic 670G insulin pump is known as the “world's first artificial pancreas.” She is part of the post-clinical-trial study for the device. The good news, no, the great news, is that it is working! That said, the technology is so new that it has taken lots of Jenny's time and effort to learn how to operate it. With her newfound time and energy, she is gratified to be able to do more with and for her 93- and 91-year-old parents. Jenny and her family welcomed a second grandchild this past June 19, Waylynn Jade Shreve.



*Jenny Jacks Shreve, '76, and granddaughter, Waylynn Jade*

Heartfelt congrats, Jenny. You are a lucky girl! **SUSAN SWAIN SMITH** writes, “My husband and I now live on the seacoast of Dover, NH, after having been nomads for two years. The wait was worth it, we love the area!” She is able to continue her ten years of work in drug development from her new home. With the exception of their middle daughter, who is in Jackson Hole, her children are close enough

that they are able to see each other regularly. Now that her youngest child has turned 21, Sue is enjoying this new phase of parenting. She writes, "It's fun going to the bar with your kids!" After 40 years, Sue has traded in her running shoes for a bicycle. Happily, she is finding it easy to embrace her new past-time in her new surroundings. All in all, Sue is happy, and "life is great!" **MARTA HOSKINS** sends us all her best from her home in France. She has been drawing in and around Pigalle this past year and had a show in November at a gallery in Paris. In addition she's been teaching drawing, in English. She says that it's amusing (Ha! I bet.) Marta's sons, Jacob and Ptolémé, both finished their masters this past year and are launched. She is anticipating a trip to the States this year. Many of you are already aware that **KAI BENJAMIN ROBINSON** lost her husband, Miles, while on vacation in Wyoming in July 2016. Miles passed away as a result of injuries he suffered in a bicycling accident. Kai writes that she and her family "felt the love and support of our family, Michigan friends, and the Cranbrook community" during the celebration of Miles' life that was held at Cranbrook. There was also a West Coast celebration of Miles' life, where he was originally from, and where he and Kai lived for 14 years during their early marriage. Kai and her children, Jack, '03, and Hannah, '05, are striving to move forward and live their lives to the fullest as they know Miles would have wanted. They were all together for Miles' birthday this past June for the annual bike tour across Michigan. Kai continues as the assistant head at Brookside, but sprinkled in between there have been family reunion trips, Ironman races, and a marathon. How ironic then, that she suffered a broken hip while cheering on her daughter, Hannah, at Ironman Mont Tremblant! (UGH). It sounds like she's feeling much better and healing well. She and Hannah will be off to the Maldives in March for a swim vacation. Thanks for writing, Kai. I know I speak for us all in wishing you safe travels and only the best! At last I'm able to write that our son, Stephen, and his long-time girlfriend, Jessica Weeg, are engaged! They will be married this coming May 20 in Charleston, SC. Needless to say, we are delighted. In fact, I just finished the calligraphy on their invitations. I launched my business, Vogl Ink Arts, just this past year, but I've been taking classes for ages. My plan is to have this little business to keep me occupied when I'm a little old lady! The other big news is that Stephen has just been accepted into

the MBA program at Kellogg. He will start this coming September. Of course, we are thrilled for him, but this does mean that he and Jess will be moving to Chicago, which I know they will LOVE. It's been wonderful having them so close at hand, but I knew it couldn't last forever. Something tells me that we'll be seeing a lot of them down in Florida during those cold Chicago winters. That's the news.

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## C77

Greetings, classmates. I hope all is well. As I write, the Super Bowl is just around the corner. By the time you read this, we shall see if Brady gets his sixth. If so, nice bragging rights for New England and U-M. First off, I must start off with some sad news. Just a few weeks ago, **JOHN (PETE) HOVEY** passed away. As you may remember from last summer, Pete had been suffering from cancer off and on for the past several years, with this most recent occurrence in his lungs. Between the radiation treatments and the medication he was taking to help battle the side effects of radiation, he developed an infection and pneumonia from which he would not recover. His daughter Amber was by his side the whole time, and according to her, he died peacefully and in no apparent pain. Pete was a fighter, and he will be greatly missed. RIP my friend. Okay, on a more upbeat note, I recently heard from **DON HUBBARD**. He writes in to say that it was great seeing everyone, including **BILL YETZER**, this past summer. He especially got a kick out of our seventh-grade group photo. He was wondering if he was the only non-Brooksider in our clan. (Nope, there were others.) His only update is very recent. Don and his wife, Jill, were in Hawaii last week (the island of Kauai) when the incoming ballistic missile warning was sent. You really get a sense of priorities when you're faced with the prospect of having 15-20 minutes to live. Basically all he did was gather some water, fruit, and their cellphones and put them in a backpack by the door. He then called his kids to tell them he loved them and possibly goodbye. Hugged his wife and watched out the window for an incoming (or outgoing) missile trail and waited for the blast that thankfully never came. He cannot even imagine what it must be like to live under that threat every day and was

extremely grateful that the message turned out to be incorrect. I also got a quick note from **ANDREW DURBIN** saying that he and his wife recently moved. I know how stressful moving can be. I hope all went well, Andrew. Okay, next up is **ALEX BAXTER**. He writes in to say that he just returned from several weeks as a volunteer radiologist in rural Tanzania. It was a remarkable experience, and he wanted to bring our classmates attention to a superb institution that has a major impact on the health and well-being of people in the area around Karatu, Tanzania. FAME (Foundation for African Medicine and Education; [www.fameafrica.org](http://www.fameafrica.org)) provides 24-hour emergency care as well as maternity, pediatric, general medical, and surgical services. It presently has an outpatient clinic, maternity and medical inpatient wards, as well as an organized laboratory, an operating room, and the reason he was there, a new CT and radiography suite. Visiting physicians and nurses come throughout the year with the aim of helping to educate the local Tanzanian medical staff. There is not yet capacity to solve the most complex health issues, but the work there is impressive and meaningful. So, classmates, if any of you are already involved in an established philanthropy, have an interest in coming to Tanzania to do medical or other support work, or would like to know how to otherwise contribute, please contact him directly, and he'll point you in the right direction. He knows that many of you are constantly harassed for donations to political candidates, cultural institutions, and every school you ever attended ... but from personal experience, this is definitely one of the good ones. I also got a quick note from **JEREMY STERN** who just returned from a family vacation to Costa Rica over the holiday break.



*Jeremy Stern and family at the Savegie River in Costa Rica*

They were in Manuel Antonio on the Pacific Ocean and at the Arenal volcano.



Jeremy Stern and Family in Costa Rica at Arenal Volcano

They experienced an amazing country with beautiful rainforests and wonderful people. That's all I have for this semester. Until next time, carpe diem!

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## C79

While most of us were chilling our way through the winter in northern latitudes, **GEORGE KING** wrote in from Hawaii. "My wife, Jennifer, and I have been married 26 years. We moved back to Hawaii about 20 years ago for family reasons. All is well.



George King's, '79, daughter graduates from high school

Our daughter started her freshman year at USC last fall as an international relations/economics double major with a minor in East Asian languages (she is semi fluent in Japanese and learning Korean). Anyone who hits Oahu can give me a call if they want." Also chillin' out in southern climes as well as points south is **CHUCK ALEJOS** who writes in from LA, "My daughters are doing well. Prouder than ever of them. Gabi graduated with her MSW in social work from USC. She now works for UCLA Project Focus, which works with returning vets and their families and reintegration into their lives. My older daughter, Alex, is graduating from U-M Medical School and planning on a career in med-peds. Jewel and I are very proud of them. Jewel is taking a break from teaching but works as a tutor. I continue to be quite busy at UCLA. I had rotator cuff surgery in May, which wasn't a lot of fun, but my fastball is better than ever! I continue to run the Pediatric Heart Transplant and Heart Failure program as well as the pulmonary hypertension program. Also continue to have success with Hearts with Hope. We did three missions this past year to Peru and Honduras. Operated on 27 kids and intervened on 64 in the cath lab. Always rewarding! Never a dull moment. I want to get back home for a reunion!" We look forward to seeing you there Chuck! And ANOTHER northern transplant, **RICHARD GOLDEN** has been holding court in San Diego where he has recently met up with **CURT CUTLER** and **MICHAEL SCHWARTZ**.



Richard Golden and Curt Cutler, both '79



Richard Golden and Michael Schwartz, both '79

Uniquely, **ALAN BINKOW** has been making lateral moves and writes, "So Jenn (Jennifer Noon, K'79) and I are now living in Troy. I'm no longer a teacher. I took a summer job back in 2015, and they made me an offer I couldn't turn down. Then, that company was bought by the Dana Corporation, where I now work as a business analyst. I'm also the president of St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild (right back at Cranbrook!), where I'm going to be directing, *Oliver!* at the Greek Theatre in June. Thinking of everyone who was in it back when we were students!" Over here in the Pacific Northwest **ADAM BACHER** sends this update: Hard to believe my oldest daughter will be graduating law school this year, and my youngest daughter will be finishing her undergraduate studies. Still going strong with my freelance commercial photography business. This year, a personal project took off and is taking on a life of its own. I've been photographing ravens in the wild the last four winters and had three exhibits last year. I'm giving a big talk to the Portland Rotary this spring, "Quoth the Raven: Inspiration, Photography and Carefree Living." The images are amazing. Please take a look: <https://conspiracyofravens.com/>. So while the day students are migrating south, the Boarding Students, were doing just the opposite. The annual meeting/party/reunion at Schwartie's farm in beautiful Suttons Bay, MI, this fall drew myself from Oregon, **HAROLD HANCOCK**, formerly of Florida and recently from New York, **STEVE SCHWARTZ** from Ann Arbor, and **STEVE DONALDSON** from Massachusetts. Steve, who is a landscape photographer by trade, recorded the event spectacularly. You can see some of the photos on the FB page Cranbrook Class of '79. To round out the party were Aaron Schwartz and Alex Vanderkolk, both Class of 2010.





Six Cranes outstanding in a field, Harold Hancock, Chase Brand, Steve Schwartz, Aaron Schwartz, Alex Vanderkoek and Steve Donaldson

Steve says all are welcome every year, and there appears to be plenty of room for everyone. Glad to hear from all of you as we gear up for our reunion next year. I hope that all of you can make it! Contact me at chase.brand60@gmail.com for any future updates.

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## K80

**BECCA GREEN SHER** went to Isabela Island in the Galapagos with Class of '79 alums Annabel Cohen, Barb Gibbons Kotzen, Ann Murphy, and Penny Smith Huynen in early December.



Becca Green Sher, '80, Annabel Cohen, Barb Gibbons Kotzen, and Ann Murphy, all '79

They were invited by Claudia Hodari, '79, who lives there for part of the year. Claudia planned wonderful excursions for them, including snorkeling with sea turtles, as well as hiking and horseback riding to a volcanic rim. Becca enthused, "The week absolutely flew by!" Becca's daughter, Marissa, works at SNL as a graphic designer for the film unit, and she is engaged to Leigh McGrath, an animation artist. They live in Brooklyn and are planning a

September wedding. Becca and her husband, Bruce, divide their time between Boston and the Cape. She still volunteers as a docent at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, in addition to her photography and gallery work. Becca welcomes visitors to Beantown, if you happen to be here for business, pleasure, or college visits. **KARIANNE HOSKINS BONELLO** attends craft fairs once a month to sell her craft items. She has started a website and blog to market her wares. This comes after battling a serious infection that went systemic and required a lengthy recuperation of about 18 months and four surgeries. As she regained her strength, she took to crafting—at first, crocheting and making hand-stitched antique quilt ornaments, and then the larger crafting projects such as Harry Potter wands and small handmade wooden items. Karianne would love some input on her blog. She writes, "If anyone has knowledge of Wordpress and knows why my side bar appears only on the bottom instead of on the side as programmed, I'd love to hear from you." **LEANNE CONLEY** wishes everyone a great year. She is heading to South Lake Tahoe this spring to help with a few restaurants she is involved with and to ski. Leanne is working on a book about her father in World War II called, *War Stories, A Father Talks to His Daughter*. Leanne just conducted writing workshops for the West Florida Literary Federation entitled, "Stand up to speak." **LISA WELSH RITTER's** daughter, Danni, welcomed a daughter, Lucia, to join her older brother, Lukos. Also, after extensive remodeling and decorating, their place in Cascais, Portugal, is finally finished. The Ritters plan on spending half the year there and half the year in the states. When they aren't in Portugal, their apartment will be in the rental pool. Lisa offers special rates for classmates!

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## C81

I remember singing the song, "Forty Years On" at graduation and thinking about what kind of geezer I would be 40 years from the 17 year old I was on that day. Now, as I rapidly close in on that day, I think back on that Bowen and Farmer song more and more often. So I put out the question, seeing that it is "40 Years On" since most of us were wide-eyed seventh

graders at Cranbrook, what have you guys been looking back on ... and what are you up to now? **JIM WELLS** wrote this, "I took an in-house consulting gig for 18 months to consult to Sky Germany (which is like Direct TV over here). They are getting bought by 21st Century Fox (Murdoch) who after that is selling out to Disney, so tough to keep track of, but it stays interesting. I'm still happily married to the German woman, Thekla, whom I met in Santa Monica 26 years ago. We have three boys, Christopher, 20, Constantin, 16, and Alex, 12. Christopher is a special needs kid who lives with us, brightens every day of our lives, and keeps us young. Constantin will graduate from his German high school in June. After tryouts last summer in Florida, when I saw **ZIM** as per a previous *Tradition* write-up, he was accepted to a U.S. Development Academy soccer team (highest league for under-18s in the USA), but instead he decided to stay in Germany and go for a bachelors in biz school here. Tuition is free, so that helps my personal biz plan a lot! Concerning 40-years-on remembrances, of course, I think about Cranbrook a lot since it was my home, playground, and/or school from age 2-18. I will send a shout-out when I finally get back there, probably sometime in 2019. Looking back 40 years on, here are some memories of seventh grade: seems like all the lockers were sorted alphabetically, so the first friends I met and made were Bennet Walsh and **ERIC WEXLER**. I remember having NO girls in any class with the one exception of Sandi Smith, K'81, in Latin. I recollect playing 'book ball' on the bricks near the Oval since they had yellow-brick borders which acted as the tennis lines; a clipboard would work, best, but the Latin books were also a good size. I recall the 'Mummer's Play' but still never quite got what all the fuss and significance of it was about. I remember two things about Bob Thayer: 1) when we were goofing off and an adult in the cafeteria said, 'act your age, not your shoe size.' Bob was age 12 with size 13 shoes in the seventh grade, so the joke kind of backfired. 2) Bob selling Playboys to other students from his orange locker in the locker room since with his beard he could easily pass for age 16. I remember the Athenians versus the Spartans competitions Coach Pete Slater—football, writing the 'How to Do' English papers (i.e. how to wrap a package, etc) for Mr. Richley, and Mr. DeWitt throwing erasers to get your attention in math class. Wow, thanks for the impetus for this great trip down memory lane."

I also heard from **BOB LABES** who wrote, "With Mitt Romney, '65, back in the news, and *The Post* being released in movie theaters, I have been thinking often lately about Cranbrook and how the Cranbrook experience shapes the lives of its graduates. Back in college I wrote a paper about Daniel Ellsberg, '48, and Pete Dawkins, '55, two Cranbrook graduates who ended up playing very different roles in the United States' involvement in the Vietnam War, and examining that same question. While I am not sure any broad, general conclusions can be drawn, I do believe that my Cranbrook experience shaped me as much or more than any other experience in my life. Going all the way back to middle school, Cranbrook taught me that it was not only okay to be an independent thinker, but that it was an important and necessary part of human development. At Cranbrook, I never felt that I had to be part of any one clique or group, and that I could and should explore that which interested me, not that which others thought was 'cool' or what I should do. Studying art, music, foreign language, and other subjects in middle school well before my friends who attended our local public school reinforced the notion that I was getting a first-rate, life-shaping education in a demanding yet nurturing environment. As a parent I have tried to instill in my children the same sense of intellectual curiosity that Cranbrook nurtured in me, and as an attorney I think that my educational training at Cranbrook has been as important to my career as my undergraduate or law school training. As for my current life, my wife and I are busy building a house in Falls Church, VA, and continuing to adjust to our life as East Coasters. I haven't seen any classmates in the past six months, but have kept up with many through Facebook and other social media. All in all life is good." And **ERIC WEXLER** wrote in to say, "It's hard to take the time to look back 40 years ago when we are hunkered in our home in metro Detroit in the midst of an early February snowstorm. I can't help thinking about what it's like to live in a warm climate and why I continue to endure this dreadful time of the year. Nevertheless, the moment that I continue to recall was our orientation just prior to the start of seventh grade in the fall of 1976, when we were asked to travail 70 feet down the tower into the Quad. Although I did not give it much thought then, I realize now that the experience symbolized one of the

many gifts that Cranbrook would bestow. It was a place where risks were permitted, failure was ok and bouncing back from life's stiffest challenges were fostered. These are characteristics that are so relevant and essential today. As I look back to our era, I also gravitate to our teachers from Prozzi to Richele. They enriched our lives and helped us form bonds that are forever cherished. Turning back to the snow here in West Bloomfield, which continues to fall as I write this note, the family is gratefully doing well. This year, Sherry and I will be celebrating our 30th wedding anniversary! Our son, Austin, is at Lawrence Tech pursuing a mechanical engineering degree, while our daughter, Jordyn, is at Michigan State focusing on media and information. Our big news is we added to our family this past December when we picked up a Golden Retriever, Arthur, in Jeffersonville, OH. He and our 9-year old Cocker Spaniel, Pepper, have become fast friends. Unfortunately, I do not see a lot of our classmates with the exception of **SANFORD SCHULMAN**. We bumped into each other at Buddy's in Farmington Hills several months ago. However, I do stay in touch with **TODD HORKINS** who is a radiologist in Stuart, FL. We hope to see Todd next month when we take a well-needed vacation in Miami, and I will be sure to pass along a photo." **DOUG ADKINS** sent this, "The last year was an amazing time of transformation in our lives. We have taken a break from Florida politics with myself stepping down from the Republican Party of Florida State Committee and Janet stepping out of the ring for the time being. This has also been a time of new beginnings in so many other areas of our lives. Our son, Douglas, 16, is a junior at Bolles School in Jax, where he enjoys soccer, and surprisingly many of the same traditions at Cranbrook seem to find their way into these other private schools as well. My daughter, Emily, is now at University of North Florida and is loving her health administration major. This year, we put a new emphasis on expansion at our business, and we are now poised to start construction on building #2 at our senior living campus, which will be a \$1.9 million addition to the campus. We have added a new program at our mental health facility that we call the Sunrise Care Coordination Project, which allows mental health patients from the state hospitals to transition back to the community. We are looking at the Phantom Ranch this year for a hike to the Grand Canyon so anyone with

ideas on that, we would welcome your thoughts. The political landscape continues to concern me and the forces that are shaping the world around us. I have come to this truth, it is necessary for us to focus on helping people find success, at all levels, we must lead and work towards helping others find success and in that we will shape our own. Cranbrook was a moment in time, in many ways the same things about my experiences at Cranbrook have held lasting influence and given me reason to share those opportunities with others. As I shape the campus of my new senior living community, it is hard not to recall the splendor of the grounds I once called home outside Coulter Hall so many years ago." **INGO RAUTENBERG** says, "I just found out a music video I'd filmed last year has been nominated in the best music video category for the Detroit Music Awards. I was fortunate enough to be an instructor/demonstrator of Cadillac's new Super Cruise hands-free freeway driving feature. Who would've thought with all my professional driver/instruction experience I'd tell people to let go of the wheel? I've been doing boxing/cardio/core training and am probably the most fit I've been in the last 25 years." **SCOTT STUBBS** writes in to say, "Greetings from Colorado! I relocated here last fall to take a position at The Stanley Hotel campus, managing real estate for our hotels, concerts, and event properties. It's a creative assignment that's a great challenge. If you like Rick Springfield, Jackson Browne, David Crosby, and Leftover Salmon, stop by Estes Park at the foot of the Rocky Mountain National Park. First drink is on me! Estes Park reminds me of Petoskey and Harbor Springs, but in the mountains. I enjoy life in Colorado. It's full of outdoor adventure, active lifestyle, and many Cranbrook-Kingswood alumni. As a matter of fact, I've been in touch with **ALDO** and Helena ('83) **STANTON**, which is a special treat. I understand many of our class (plus/minus a few classes) are spread between Denver and Boulder, so I look forward to re-connecting after all these years!" And **BEN CONNELLY** said, "Not much to report. Too poor to retire. Health is better. All's well in Portland. Starting to look at colleges for my youngest. He is interested in singing, so we are looking at some schools on the East Coast. I wish I had more to report." And such is the state of our class "Forty Years On." Although I find my 54-year-old self-taking umbrage to lyrics like "Feeble of foot and rheumatic of shoulder.

What will it help you that once you were strong?" I find my feeble feet and rheumatic shoulders reminiscing about those halcyon days of rappelling down the tower in white hot fear, playing broom ball on the ice rink, making the mistake of putting on boxing gloves against Kurt Peterson when I was a seventh grade boarder at Stevens, donning my blue Athenian shirt at the end of every season and going against the Spartans, slinking past big Ted Kelley on the way to listen to the band, Boston, with **TIM KELLEY**, and getting my first experiences with band, wrestling, and track. In other news, I'm still writing away out here. I have a few comedies and some action movies that I'll tell you about as they get closer to release. My son, Jay, is now 25 and an investment banker at Intermediate Capital Group in NYC. Sammy is 21 and playing midfield for the Loyola Greyhounds lacrosse team, which is currently in the NCAA top 10. If your wives are interested in estate jewelry, they should check out Michele's @missmixter page on Instagram. We'll be celebrating our 28th anniversary this summer. As always, I urge you guys to check out on any of the social media feeds listed below. Until then, go Cranes!



Dana Anderson and Tony Yearego, both '82

Tony joined Dana in Lake Tahoe last March to start their new life together again, after all these years. Congratulations to you both! On a side note, it was fun for me to see Dana and meet her kids in NYC this past summer. **CAROL HITCHCOCK-NICHOLSON** also shared happy news: "I got remarried two years ago and am teaching first grade in the east side of Seattle in 'Microsoftland.'

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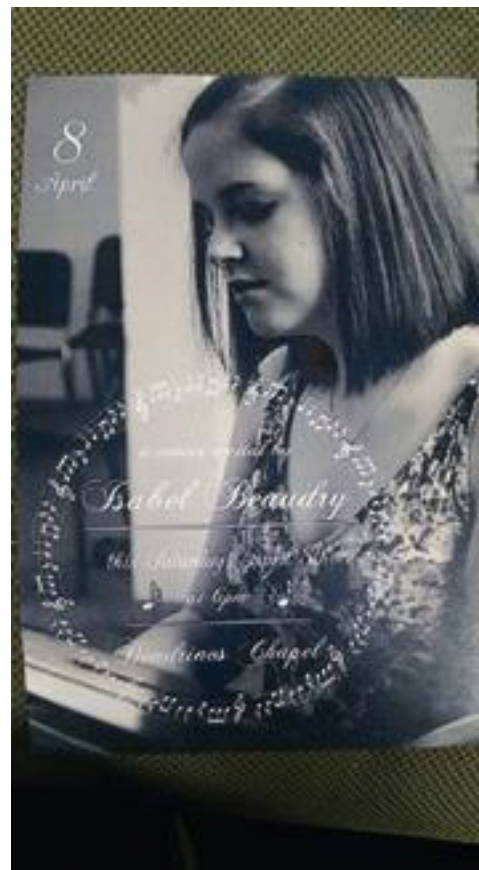
## K82

After a lengthy hiatus, the K'82 class is back in *Tradition!* As I wrote to my classmates, I just hated seeing that empty spot in the magazine, so I'm giving it another go. We have a great story to kick off our renewed presence because it's about a renewed relationship! Some of you may recall that **DANA ANDERSON** and Tony Yearego, C'82, dated during our senior year of high school. They went to college together and saw each other off and on for a while, but eventually Dana settled in California and Tony in Michigan. Not long ago, when both found themselves single again, their romance rekindled, and they are together again after all these years.



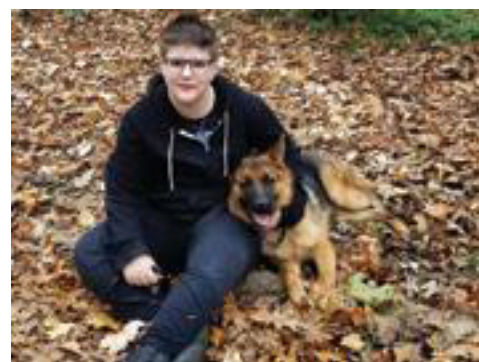
Carol Hitchcock Nicholson's, '82, wedding

My husband, Paul, and I love living in the Seattle area. As empty nesters, we adopted a puppy named Rosa Parks." Carol sent in her beautiful wedding picture and also wants to connect with **NANCY TORGERSON**. **MARGIE (PEGGY) SCHNEYER BEAUDRY** wrote, "I live in Maryland, work in public health, and keep busy with my musician husband, Jeff, two kids, and three dogs. Daughter, Isabel, is a freshman at Berklee College of Music in Boston.



Margie (Peggy) Schneyer Beaudry's, '82, daughter, Isabel

The apple falls right next to the tree! She plays four instruments, writes and performs her music, and is studying film scoring. Son Lucas, an eighth grader, plans to be an EMT, a vet, or a dog trainer.



Margie (Peggy) Schneyer Beaudry's, '82, son, Lucas, and dog, Zelig

He is doing well with his new service dog, Zelig. I keep up on Facebook with **DIANE SOUBLY**, **DANA ANDERSON**, **JOCELYN COHEN**, **AMY GRATCH HOYLE**, David Baxter, C'82, Martin Kihn, C'82, Susan (Suzy) Albright Slussear, **BETH HAGENLOCKER**, Charlie Clippert, C'82, and many others." **ANNIE MAZURE** wrote, "I moved back to Marshall, MI, last October, and am enjoying

it here with my friend, Mike, again. My father died October 23, 2016, which was the reason I had moved back to Bloomfield/Birmingham at the end of 2014, so I've wanted to return to Marshall since." Annie asked me to share her contact info too. Her email is afm2092@gmail.com, and her phone number is 269-558-8175.

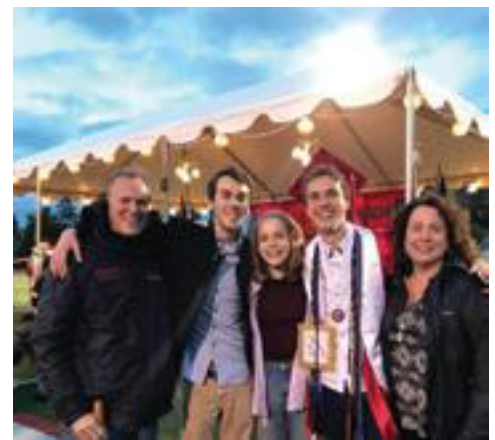
**MARLA SCHRAM WOLFE** responded to my request for news with this: "What's not very new is that I live in Royal Oak with my husband, daughter (eighth grade), and two dogs. Just came home from dinner to find my girl and her friend on the kitchen floor cracking up because they hid 15 pots and my toothbrush, why I don't know, around the house. They were sweet and collected everything again. Being her mom is the best! Looking forward to reading K'82 messages." It was great to hear from **LISA HARDY**, who wrote, "I graduated from Yale School of Nursing with an MSN and am a certified nurse-midwife. I've been living with my husband, John, and two kids (whom we adopted from Ethiopia) in Vermont since 2004. I teach nursing full-time at Norwich University and specialize in community health." **KIM VIERGEVER EASTON** wrote in from Colorado, where she practices law and said, "My husband and I are busy raising our daughter Scout, 18, a competitive swimmer, and son, Grayden, 15, a lacrosse player and free-ride competitive skier. We were in Charlevoix last summer. I miss the lakes. You cannot believe how many people I run into from Michigan, who have connections with people from Cranbrook/Kingswood. Come skiing!" **AMY LYNN SMITH** chimed in with, "I'm living in Metro Detroit and working as a freelance writer and content strategist, specializing in issue advocacy, particularly healthcare. I work with nonprofits and public interest communication firms on a variety of issues, including advocacy for people who are blind or visually impaired, healthcare access, LGBTQ equality, women's rights, and more. I do everything from speechwriting, to annual reports, to messaging development, and I deeply value the opportunity to use my skills to help others, and I love the fact that no two days are the same for me. Over the last 20+ years I've done a lot of theatre, both performing and directing, and although my schedule doesn't permit a heavy level of involvement, I still get my hand in every so often, most recently as Sara Jane Moore in Sondheim's 'Assassins' in 2016." **VENU DHUPA** wrote about her work with a charity in East London, England. "It is a social action

charity, offering youth and employability programs, health programs and advice to people in need. In this area of London, which hosted the 2012 Olympics, life has not changed much for those on low incomes, poor housing, and little chance of employment. The area has a diverse population with a young demographic, but life expectancy is 8.5 years less than in the more affluent parts of London. The use of foodbanks in London has grown by 400% since 2010." Venu shared that she also sits on an NHS Mental Health Trust Board and is patron of the Asha Foundation, a charity for leadership development for young people from across the world. You can find out more at [www.venudhupa.com](http://www.venudhupa.com). **MARIA CZAMANSKE STUART** said, "I'm still in Oregon where my husband, Rob, and I have a winery called R. Stuart & Co. Rob is the winemaker, and I do the marketing. We're in a small town called McMinnville, which is the heart of the Willamette Valley.



*Maria Czamanske Stuart, '82, with husband, Rob*

If you are interested in Oregon wine or travel, you may have noticed that our little town and the Willamette Valley are getting lots of press right now. Apparently, we have officially achieved 'darling' status, and with good reason, if I do say so myself. By and large, Oregon wines are truly fantastic, and everyone loves to visit our authentically charming community. Rob and I have three kids ages 14, 19, and 20, all of whom make me immensely proud and give me hope for the future of this world.



*Maria Czamanske Stuart's, '82, family*

If anyone is coming to Oregon for a visit and wants to check out wine country, please be in touch. I'd love to see you." **JOCELYN COHEN** wrote to share that she is in Brooklyn, NY, teaching the New York State government and economics requirements to a range of grades in high school. She's raising her son and recently took up the ukulele! **ALLISON GOODWIN** sent in the following, "I worked for a number of years in development in the feature film business in New York before leaving to take a place in Syracuse University's MFA Creative Writing program (fiction). I've since taught writing, screenwriting, and literature at Syracuse University, National Taiwan University, and the School of Visual Arts in New York, and lived in Asia for over seven years. Recently I moved home to Michigan to help out my parents, who've had some serious health problems, and I am working as a Mandarin language translator, which gives me a good deal of flexibility as I work online, primarily with a global company with offices in New York, Europe, and Hong Kong. For about a decade, I've been directing a project that works with non-profits, activists, religious leaders, scholars, and academic institutions to transform religions' negative teachings about women and other groups, as well as rules and traditions that limit such groups' status, rights, and opportunities in religious organizations. We do this through programs and publications that increase awareness of the large body of psychological and social research on the harmful effects of discrimination, and by arranging for the translation, publication, and dissemination some of the best scholarly work that presents evidence that such discriminatory teachings and rules were later interpolations into the canon. I'm on LinkedIn and would love to hear from classmates!" As for me, I've been in New York for 26+ years. I

moved to Brooklyn Heights in 2010 and live in a wonderful building that's right on the water of New York Harbor. It is one subway stop from Manhattan, and I love being close to the chaos without living right in the middle of it. I work in public relations, and I am still in close touch with **PATTY SOLOMON FREUD**, **HILARY WOLF BORMAN**, and **SARAH LEVINE JACOBS**. A few weeks ago Patty and I went to see Bob Woodruff, '79, give a talk about his experiences as a war correspondent and how he recovered from the head injury he suffered in Iraq.



Lori Grey and Patty Solomon Freud, both '82, Helayne Schiff and Emily Alejos, both '81, and Bob Woodruff, '79

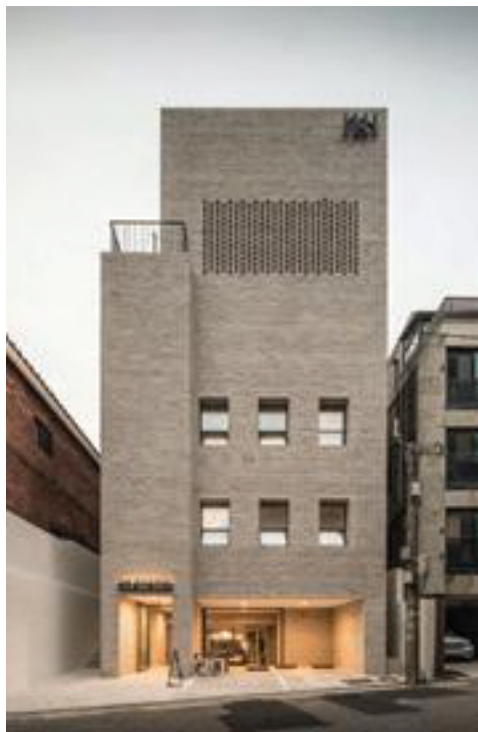
It was fun to see Helayne Schiff, '81, and Emily Alejos, '81, there too. To those in the class who didn't get an email from me, it means the alumni office didn't have your email address. Please let me know what it is so I can reach out to you next time!

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Greetings from the East Coast, '83 Woodies and Cranes! By the time this issue hits your mailboxes, our 35th reunion will be just around the corner, and you will undoubtedly have had your fill of my electronic attempts to coerce and plead for you to make an appearance. If you still remain undecided, here's my last-ditch pitch: "Do NOT be intimidated by a number. Instead, focus on being grateful for the rare opportunity to gather with old friends (no, not an age reference) to laugh, reminisce, and catch up with former classmates,

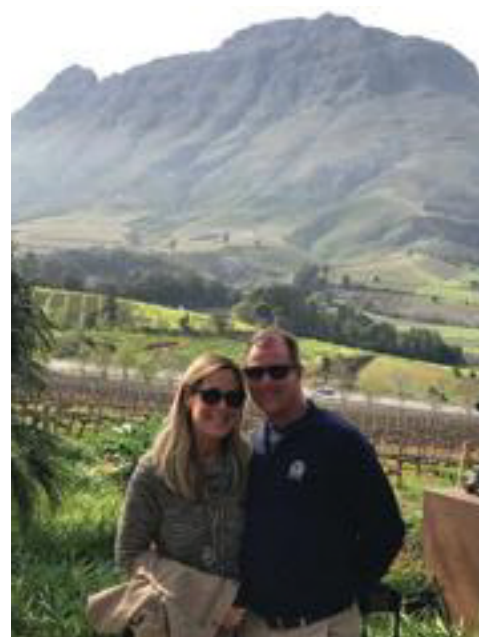
teachers, and coaches, and also enjoy time on our beautiful and historic campus." Besides, in another five years you'll only be griping more. Unfortunately, the number of responses was sparse for this issue, but I assume that most of you decided to hold back for the in-person updates in June. Marvelous idea! Here's the latest and greatest news from both classes: **ALYSE BELKIN ATTENSON** was first to check in with some exciting news. "I am going to be a grandma in March! My daughter and her husband are expecting a baby girl (I do not feel old enough), and we are beyond excited! Last summer I moved my son to Chicago after his college graduation, and thankfully he loves it! Last summer, I also left my teaching position after 27 years with West Bloomfield schools, and am now working at Roper's Upper School and absolutely adore it. I feel like I won the 'job lottery!'. Life is good. Looking forward to the reunion." **TAE SUN HONG** wished everyone well and said, "I am now in Seoul, Korea, working on 20 architecture projects in Korea, Vietnam, China, and Belize. We just moved into our new building in Seoul!"



Tae Sun Hong, '83, his latest design and new office space in Seoul, Korea

Congratulations Tae! **DEBRA FELDMAN SINGER** wrote in with this announcement, "Well, I am officially old. My eldest daughter is getting married this weekend. We are so excited for her. The wedding will be at Planterra in West Bloomfield, which is so fitting, as Jessica, '09, is a master

gardener and landscape architect. My middle daughter, Stephanie, '11, has just returned from launching the new Ford Navigator and Expedition in Louisville, KY, as a Ford engineer, and my son, Maxwell, is off for a semester in Prague. All wonderful experiences as life marches forward." Great attitude, Deb! Got this update from my dear friend, the always entertaining and life-loving socialite, **CHRISTINE MISKOWSKI HARRISS**, who had this to share: "After over 25 years in the advertising world, I'm still doing special creative projects, but I also rep the fashion line, W by Worth New York, as a stylist. Sitting on an advisory board gets me to New York to see family and friends like **BARBARA REWEY NEWMAN**. I love the flexibility it gives me to amp up the personal travel.



Christine Miskowski Harriss, '83, and husband, Bill, on safari in Africa

It's been especially fun to explore exciting locations like Russia and Africa, where my husband, Bill, and I spent two incredible weeks with friends on safari. Next up: Israel. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at reunion!" Happy to hear from the fabulous **MELINDA NORTH SAYLOR** who wrote, "After a very long tenure with the Herman Miller dealer in Michigan, I have taken a new job with a competitor. I will be starting a new vertical market channel for them and am truly enthusiastic. I also threw my hat in the ring for the Christ Church Cranbrook vestry and have been nominated. Here we go on the next chapter! Hattie, 22, will graduate from Butler University in May, and Betsy, 20, is a sophomore at U-M. Joe and I are empty

nesters and fill the spaces with our dog, Tucket. I get to see many of our classmates out and about. Most recently, I ran into **SETH GOULD** and his wife, Debora, at the Michigan-Minnesota football game. I also saw **RUTH WHITING LOOMIS** at her mother's memorial service. She and her husband, John, have opened a great new business, The Cheese Shop of Saline, and welcome all patrons and visitors. There is a group of cross-generational Woodies that gets together about once a month. We would love to add additional people, so if you are interested in joining, please give me a ring. Looking forward to seeing everyone at reunion in June!" And from our Nation's Capitol, **MATT NOSANCHUK** sent this update, "I left the Obama Administration on January 20, 2017, after an incredible run working at the White House on the National Security Council and at the Departments of State, Justice, and Homeland Security. I spent 2017 doing independent consulting and speaking around the country about my administration experience, in addition to memorable journeys to Rwanda, Papua New Guinea, Italy, Greece, Cambodia, and Vietnam. At the beginning of 2018, I joined Quadrant Strategies as a vice president. Quadrant is a fast-growing, DC-based firm, working all over the country to craft strategies, backed up by market research, for companies' and NGOs' biggest challenges, whether crises or just the need to provide communications or marketing blueprints for moving an organization forward. In family news, my son, Seth, is a sophomore at Stanford." As for me, nothing tremendously exciting to report, but I am venturing into some interesting health and wellness experiences with my sister, Katherine Rewey Sexton, '85, who recently re-located from NYC to Connecticut. So fun to finally have family nearby again, especially since she is a great inspiration for adventure, positivity, and laughter for me! Nick and I continue to enjoy life in New Canaan. Our daughter, Anna, 20, is at Denison University and son, Bennett, 20, is at Washington & Lee University. I had a fabulous Miami University girls' weekend in Charleston last fall, and I got to spend much-needed, quality time with my cute dear friend, **JULIE STULBERG ROTHSTEIN**, and simultaneously celebrate her birthday. Lots of great laughs!



*Children of Barbara Rewey Newman, '83, Katherine Rewey Sexton, '85, and Ann Rewey Lalas, '88, in Palm Beach (L-R) Rennett Newman, William Sexton, Sophie Lalas, Anna Newman, Beatrice Sexton, Henry Lalas*

I was blessed to have had a couple of (always) fun visits from **CHRISTINE MISKOWSKI HARRISS** over the past year, too. We're looking forward to a family wedding in downtown Detroit in June and getting to explore the exciting new developments that everyone is raving about in the Motor City. It's been too long! Then onto reunion Weekend 2018! I hope this post finds you all well, and that we get a great turnout for #35! The more the merrier, trust me! In the meantime, wishing health, happiness, much laughter, and great adventures to each of you and your families!

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## C84

Dear Fellow Classmates, hope that you all have been well, and I get a chance to catch up with more of you in time. For this edition of *Tradition*, I have updates from three of our classmates. **RJ HAGGERTY** lives with his significant other, Jennifer Fox, in beautiful Telluride, CO, where they both practice law. He is a volunteer firefighter in the small ski town high up in the Colorado Rockies. He extends his best wishes to the Class of 1984. **JEFF NEWCOMER** writes: "Kristen and I are getting ready to celebrate our 20th wedding anniversary this spring. We're still hanging out in Bellingham, WA, and teaching at Western Washington University, where I'm chair of the engineering and design department. We still do a lot of traveling, and I needed another healthy release, so I started running half marathons last year. I'm trying to do a lot of destination runs, so come join me at something

like the 1st Half Marathon in San Francisco on July 29, I looked it up, or the Surf City Half Marathon in the OC next February. I've also got events in Arkansas, Arizona, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming, and more in California, if any of those sound better." I hadn't had the pleasure of connecting with **JAMES HOUSTON** since graduation 1/3 of a century ago. He called from his home in Bingham Farms, MI, though he spends about half his time and a good part of the summers up on Torch Lake. After graduating from Michigan State University with a degree in communications/television, he went on to be on the coaching staff for the International Hockey League Detroit Vipers, hockey being one of his passions from Cranbrook days. After the team folded in 2001, James moved on to other projects, including the preparation and donation of Draper-Houston Meadows Preserve, just west of Milan, MI, over to Washtenaw County. His only regret is that his grandparents aren't alive to see it flourish. For my part I've had recent medical volunteer work in Malawi, Mexico, Cambodia, and have an upcoming one in India. Let's start thinking about our 35th reunion in 2019. Would be wonderful to see everyone and catch up.

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## CK86

Greetings, Cranes and Aardvarks of '86. We have several updates to share in this publication, for which we have **WENDY KIRSCH** to thank. Wendy has put a lot of work into rallying our class to participate more in these regular communications, and it is evident in the response received most recently. Thank you, Wendy! **KIRK AMBROSE** is a professor of art history at the University of Colorado in Boulder, and his wife, Kim Dickey, is an artist. They have two children, Freddie, 13, and Helen, 15. Kirk is celebrating his 50th birthday with a safari in Tanzania later this year. (Send us pics, Kirk!)



Stephanie Rubino Serra, Kristi Anderson Hamed, Lesley Danley, Denise Elson Parker and Amanda Shilts Klahr, all '86

**KRISTI ANDERSON HAMED:** "We were fortunate to have **AMANDA SHILTS KLAHR** living here for nine months, while she ran the psychiatric ward at a local hospital. My 10-year-old son, who became great friends with Amanda, was very sad when she left to move back to Denver, CO.



Alex and Katherine, children of Kristie Anderson Hamed, '86

We loved getting to know Amanda's two kids, Althea and Max, as well. With Amanda in town, it brought the opportunity to get together with other high school friends. We did a lot of catching up. As for me, I'm still selling residential real estate. I work in the same office with **MEREDITH RANDS COLBURN**. I have been with the same wonderful man for 25 years and have two kids. Our daughter, Kathryn, '16, is a sophomore in college and loving life. Our son, Alex, is in the fifth grade at Brookside. Two of his best friends are **DENISE ELSON PARKER's** twins. So, I am fortunate to see Denise on a regular basis. Since our kids attend Cranbrook, Denise and I are lucky to see CK grads every day." **BRIAN HENNESSEY:** "Hello from Linz, Austria! I moved here from San Francisco a few years ago with my wife, Aloisia, and two kids, Francine, 9, and Alan, 6.



Children of Brian Hennessey, '86, Francine and Alan

We moved here in pursuit of Aloisia's work, even though we are separated. I'm working from home with a patent law firm in the U.S., while developing my own clients here. It is great being near the mountains and traveling to Europe, though the language is challenging. I traveled to the U.S. with my kids last summer for an epic five-week road trip up the East Coast from Miami to Vermont. We turned left at Vermont, drove through Canada to Michigan, and then onto Chicago before returning to Miami. We met lots of friends and family including **HOLLY FRIDHOLM CLUBOK**, who hosted us in Washington D.C. I expect to be in Europe for at least the next five years, so if anyone is traveling to Austria, let's meet up." **WENDY KIRSCH:** "I am five years cancer-free and so grateful. I am in the promotion product biz entering year 20. I celebrated my 50th with a fun trip to Chicago with my sister, Lisa Kirsch Satawa, '84, and my mom. I am still celebrating. Went to dinner with **SHERI LEE** (we have the same birthday), **STEPHANIE RUTH KEENE**, and **K.C. COHEN ZALESIN**. It was so great to catch up with them. Stephanie turned 50 in January and K.C. in February. We will be getting together again soon to celebrate their big days. Sheri is the baby of the bunch, so we will celebrate hers in 2019. Happy, healthy birthday to all! Shout outs to all of the Class of '86 celebrations, new families, new jobs, and new adventures. Stay connected and thanks for sharing. Last August **ROBIN SANDERS KOSS**, her husband, TJ, and my sister, Lisa, participated in The Dragon on The Lake boat race.



Wendy Kirsch and Robin Koss Sanders, both '86

If you want to support or paddle, get in touch with me right way. Paddlers in my boat are all breast cancer survivors. So much fun! Funny how life moves in circles. I've had the opportunity to collaborate with **JOHN REED** on some projects this year. John launched his own consulting firm almost eight years ago, advising law firms across the U.S. on business development and marketing strategies. In 2017, John and his team were honored as 'Best Legal Business Development & Coaching Services' and 'Best Legal Marketing Company' in *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* first-ever Reader Ranking Awards, though he's prouder of his two sons. John's eldest son, Andy, is a sophomore at the U-M and his youngest, Wesley, is a sophomore at Cranbrook Kingswood." **KATIE BELLISSIMO RICHARDSON:** "Well, I've got two puppies so I walk them about 20 times a day, in addition to driving my kids around, buying groceries and cooking them, and trying to clean my house! Exciting days!"



Katie Bellissimo Richardson's, '86, new puppies

**Laurie Brown Sabin:** "It's hard to believe I'm 50 because it feels like yesterday I was in tenth grade hiking on the wilderness trip alongside **Darcy Piedmont**. It was great to see her and so many other classmates at our 30-year reunion. Thanks to **Denise Elson Parker** for taking charge once again. Also, a shout-out to **Robin Sanders Koss** and **Wendy Kirsch** for their efforts to keep the Class of 1986 connected via social media. I was fortunate to celebrate my 50th birthday in San Diego with my wonderful husband, Brad, and our four terrific children." **Josh Simon** has had eight different offices in the ten years he has been working at U-M and in March will move again to office nine. Aside from the frequent moves, Josh is doing well. **Stephanie Guittard Scigliano:** "I just opened a studio for art workshops. I've been teaching other places, but now I'm in my own place in a second-floor loft space above a gallery. Find it on Facebook at "Our Studio with olive m'lou." **Craig Kessler:** "Well, I usually stay pretty much under-the-radar, but I am happy to report that I got married last summer to jewelry designer, Marla Trudine.



Craig Kessler, '86, and Marla Trudine

Officiating at our wedding was my best friend since our junior year, **Eric Romain** who got ordained just for this event." **Tom Legoff:** "Hello, Folks. I am still living in NYC making photographs, and teaching teenagers in the summer. But for my mid-life crisis I went to graduate school in Louisville and

just received my MFA. Now I get to turn 50." **Alyssa Sadler Parkinson:** "I gave up my career to stay home with Natalie. I sub-teach, and my life revolves around my family! I do know the latest slime recipe, play Minecraft, as well as monitor music lessons and theater practice." **Robin Sanders Koss:** 2018 has already been a year like no other. I was contacted by a recruiter shortly after last Thanksgiving about a position with Celanese as their global hazard communications leader, which would require moving to Texas. Always up for the next adventure and with the freedom of empty-nesters, when offered the position mid-January, TJ and I went all-in. With the help of Celanese and their fantastic relo folks, we started prepping for the listing of our Midland home of 20 years and found a really cool loft on Lake Carolyn in the Las Colinas area of Irving between Dallas and Fort Worth. The sculpture, "Mustangs of Las Colinas" is just around the corner, which I walk by every day on my 1-mile walk to my office. Our boys are awesome, grown men now, and we are fortunate to spend a fair amount of time with them. They are each considering their own move to Texas to keep our family close. Please keep sending your updates to **Wendy Kirsch** and/or me, put *Tradition* update in the subject line, and we will be sure to include it in the next publication. Happy 50th, y'all!

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Greetings to the Class of '87. Our featured alumni this time are **Jason Berkley** and **Jennifer Vince**. Since coming to reunion last spring, Jenn has started a new job as executive director of a start-up hospice foundation. Jason was not able to make it to reunion, though he's already planning to attend the next big one (good advice! It's in 2022, mark your calendars now). Jason is in solo practice as a spine pain management physician at Cedars-Sinai in Beverly Hills, CA. He and Audrey have been married for 10 years and have two daughters, Eliana, 5, and Maya, 1.



Jason Berkley, '87, and family

While Jason enjoys living in Southern California, he also misses Michigan, so he tries to make it back to visit once or twice per year. Jason keeps in touch with **Steve Schlussek**, **Mike Diponio**, and **Matt Prucher**. He and Matt caught up in person a couple of years ago at a Bruce Springsteen concert in Boston. Hope to hear from you all next time. Look for us on Facebook!

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Looking forward to our 30th reunion June 8-9! **Jay Adelson**, "I'm living in Mill Valley, CA, with my wife, Brenda, and two of my three kids, who are still in high school. My oldest attends U.C. Santa Cruz, studying biochemistry. I've taken a break from running Internet companies for a bit, and I'm focused on volunteering, advising, and to some extent teaching. I spend some of my time restoring pinball machines with my son, seeing a ton of live music, and trying not to panic when we get tsunami warnings at three a.m." **Jody**



**PODOLSKY COLAIACO**, "Attached are two photos, one I took in 1986 at Cranbrook, and one that was taken at my wedding in 2001, 15 years apart, same line-up, same friendships!



1986 at Cranbrook, Jennifer Rothenberg Siegel, Meredith Weissman Kaplan, Andrea Partrich Brown, Erin Pitt Frankel, Michelle Krass Silberstein, Julie May Kaplan and Jody Podolsky Colaiaco, all '88



Same women, Jody Podolsky Colaiaco's wedding in 2001

It was amazing back then to look at the intervening years, and easy even then to get emotional about all that had transpired in between: college experiences, marriages, children, career paths launched. Another 17 years have passed since my wedding, 32 years since the 10th-grade snap, and the math makes me wistful, achy, and grateful. I look at the photos again. Tumult and tragedy among us, happiness and innumerable highlights, too. Marriage transformations, 'adventurous' child-rearing, big laughs, excruciating loss, values and goals evolved, and through it all, these friends. THANK YOU, CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD! It all began with you..." **ANNA BRAY DUFF** wrote, "I have been living near Seattle for the past 13 years, mainly at home with the kids. It's hard to believe when I see this list of classmates on your email that the last time I saw many of them was when I was as old as my daughter, Katie, is now. She is 17 and a senior in high school. My son, Jimmy, is 14 and in eighth grade. I am really hoping to make it back for our reunion, but that will depend

on my daughter's high school graduation schedule. As my own children go through school, I realize more and more every day what an exceptional place Cranbrook Kingswood is. Last spring I enjoyed seeing **JANE SHETTEL WILLIAMS** at our 25th college reunion with her husband and daughter. She is teaching at Kingswood Middle School and is the same lovely calm presence I remember from many of my classes. I almost saw **MARK PERIARD** this summer. It turns out that my son went to the same summer camp as his daughter in Colorado, not far from where my husband grew up. Our paths did not cross on pickup day because they were in different parts of camp, but he recognized me from a photo album the camp put online. Next August in Estes Park, Mark! If not at Cranbrook in June." **IRIS FUCHS** reports, "I probably won't make the reunion. I do want to thank my fellow Class of '88 classmates for reaching out. Also, my consolation to Dr. Nancy Pell, may her memory leave a legacy. And, my condolences to the family of Sonja Scott, '89. I remember her kindness. I am also trying to look into creating a fund for youth/ kids at-risk, support in terms of advocacy such as counseling and funding for schooling, high school and college."



Dorothy Grunes, '88, and twins

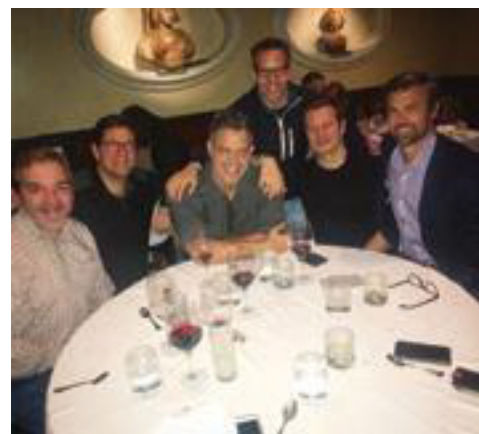
**DOROTHY GRUNES** reports that her twins are three, and she has written a book entitled *What Shakespeare Teaches Us about Psychoanalysis: A Local Habitation and a Name*, which can be found online at <http://us.karnacbooks.com>. **DON MUENK**, "Hello, Everyone, what a blast from the past. You may not see me/us for the reunion, we shall see, details below. I am living in Troy, working in the area. We actually just moved here for the schools, strong municipality, and actual cultural/economic diversity. Hopefully the city can stay strong for our stay here. The house is killing me though, the homes in Troy are generally hitting the 50-year mark, and they aren't all aging gracefully. I have a deeply, viciously low opinion of realtors at the

moment. Personally, I'll be ten years married around the time of the reunion and, strangely enough, we are expecting our second child right around Memorial Day as well. Currently we have a five year old. Marriage and kids are the great surprise in my life, quite frankly, didn't expect either. Hopefully everything goes well, even the doc is cracking wise with old parent jokes. So all well-wishing and prayers are accepted. The due date is Memorial Day, the reunion weekend. Professionally, I've worked in and around computers for a while, some medical management. I was in med school about twelve years ago but a closed head injury derailed that, went back to contract programming and so on."

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## C89

I have very little to do today, Christmas Day 2017. I have already decided which Chinese restaurant to check out for dinner. It will be pretty easy to get a minyan at Hung Hua. If you don't know what I'm talking about, it probably means that you have something better to do for Christmas. Christmas Day also means that we are about 18 months from our 30th reunion. By the time you read this, we will be about 12 months away. Please plan your schedules to squeeze in a few days in Michigan in June 2019. **GARFIELD JOHNSON**, I'm talking to you. Speaking of **GARFIELD JOHNSON**, he was one of nine '89ers to make our 3rd annual (sort of) trip to see the Lions play. This year Gar, **JASON PARIS**, **CHIP FULLER**, **MARC SOLE**, Bill Edwards, **GEOFF SCHICIANO**, **MIKE MANDT**, **JASON HEGEDUS** and I tripped to Tampa to see the Lions-Bucs game.



Marc Sole, Erik Stamell, Mike Mandt, Geoff Schiciano, Jason Paris and Chip Fuller, all '89

Despite Heg's travel issues, we had a great time with highlights including an absolute pig out at Bern's Steakhouse and a pretty fun Lions' victory. Next year at Lambeau. Winner, winner, chicken dinner for **DEAN SMITH** for actually sending in a real update. Dean, for a prize, you get to hold the Class of '89 sign during the 30th reunion picture. Here is Dean's real update: "We are still a family of five. My kids are Cheryl, 14, David, 13, and Tanner, 10. We still have a dog. We are down to one guinea pig. We've added one bird. Perhaps of greater significance, I've moved on from my job as Youth and Family Pastor in Owatonna, MN, to take a position as the director of spiritual programs with Appalachia Service Project. ASP is a Christian-based organization whose mission is to make homes warmer, safer, and drier for families in central Appalachia. We do this by hosting 12,000-15,000 volunteers who participate in home repair and new building opportunities. I'm writing the materials for pre-trip preparation, devotional time while on site, and experience processing during a group's week of service. So, for the time being, I'm not working in a church, but instead I'm working with an organization with an amazing mission that I support fully. I'm really excited to be in Tennessee doing what I get to do. It's a bit of a challenge for my family to adjust to life in Johnson City, TN, when they've lived in Minnesota all their lives, but it's a whole lot easier to be here when the Minnesota wind chill is 10-below." Dean, congrats, best of luck and Aim High in your new opportunity. It's great that you are so dedicated to helping others. **MATT LEDDY** is living in Washington, D.C., leading cross country ski tours of the historical sites, starting on the Mall and ending at the Capitol. It looks a little awkward in August to see a tour group on skis, but apparently people are getting used to it. In his spare time, he drives the Zamboni for the Georgetown hockey team and works the night shift at White Castle steaming the buns. Debuting in this issue is a new feature entitled, "Interview with a Distinguished Alum." For the Class of '89, we are taking some liberties with "Distinguished." As evidence for that point, I will bring you the first interview with **JASON HEGEDUS**. In addition to being one of my closest friends and my degenerate gambling partner, Jason lives in Miami with his beautiful wife, Juliette, and their two cute kids, and he is the senior partner in a consumer protection law firm. (Q) "Jason, your fellow classmates

remember you for wearing the Delray Steel jacket and for getting into a lot of trouble. Tell us all something that we don't know about one of your many visits to Del Walden's office." (A) "Getting a little intel from Mr. Hoffman prior to going into Del's office was the key to getting out of there successfully. If he was in a good mood, I would walk in there confidently with a nice joke to start things off, and everything was good to go. If he was in a bad mood, I would suddenly become ill, or I had an important tutoring session that I forgot about, or had a sudden family emergency I had to attend to and therefore must reschedule. Going over to Bob Hoffman's for dinner or to visit once a month helped cultivate the relationship that was instrumental in Operation 'How's Del.'" (Q) "Who had the best mullet at Cranbrook in late '80s?" (A) "Gotta go with **JASON PARIS**. Greek God like, although most of the hockey team was a close second." (Q) "You were one of the few boarders that converted into being a day student. Please tell the rest of us day students something that we still don't know about being a boarder." (A) "Lights Out" every night was more like a suggestion than a rule. That's when the real fun began. And it is in fact true that there is a 'tunnel system' of sorts at Cranbrook." (Q) "Among your fellow '89ers, who surprised you by not being a total moron after high school?" (A) "Define 'total' moron because I think there are a lot of the guys I still talk to that have quite a bit of moron still left in them so that would be a tight race, and I'm definitely in the mix." (Q) "On a more serious note, please share a favorite Cranbrook experience." (A) "Besides **MIKE MANDT** and **JASON PARIS** parties and playing one-on-one football with **CHIP FULLER** on the sidelines of football games, there are so many favorite moments. The overall tradition, Aim High, the great faculty and students, the incredible campus, the great education, living in the dorms, playing hockey after study hall in our own ice rink, the life lessons from Del Walden, and just generally being so well prepared for college were all great experiences, but one of my favorite single experiences was us crushing DCD in the hockey playoffs in a game that featured a ripped up DCD school banner, ice rink full of bouncing tennis balls, chants about how we felt about DCD, an alleged bounty collected for the biggest hit on a player, and a brawl that started on the ice and continued into the corridor and emptied the stands. It may not have been the Red Wings/Avs of the

late '90s, but that was one intense and fun game." While we don't have a Tony Award-winning actress like Renee Goldsberry, K'89, on the boys' side, **MARC SOLE** is actually someone that Cranbrook '89ers should be proud of. Not as proud as we are of Renee, but we will take what we can get. Marc began his career as an attorney, but quickly moved into finance. He is working for SoundPoint Capital and living in NYC with his lovely wife, Pam, and two awesome daughters. (Q) "Marc, you and I have been good friends for over 40 years. What is your secret for putting up with me for all these years? I need to share it with my kids, who seem sick of me after a lot less time." (A) "You had way more Star Wars action figures than I did back in the first grade. Plus, your mom always let us stay up as late as we wanted, and your old babysitter, Cindy, was an easy mark." (Q) "Marc, I know you were always in advanced classes, and while I certainly have appreciated the humility that you have shown over the years, it's time to set the record straight on something. Is it true or an urban myth that in ninth grade you had passed all the math classes that Cranbrook had to offer and since you were not old enough to drive, Lenny, the bus driver, bused you to Oakland University for math classes?" (A) "False. I was old enough to drive at the time, but **KEITH WEINBAUM** refused to help me get a New Mexico driver's license like he did. And no, I didn't pass all the Cranbrook math classes in the ninth grade. You have me confused I think with Filbert Hong, '92." (Q) "Speaking of Lenny, and since you probably know him better than anyone after spending all that time together, can you please confirm whether he was (a) kicked out of ZZ Top for stealing Billy Gibbons's BBQ sauce recipe; (b) in witness protection or (c) just a guy with a long beard who drove a bus at Cranbrook?" (A) "Lenny was a quiet, but very kind guy. He always looked out for me." (Q) "What is the craziest thing that Mr. Dagbovie ever yelled in your presence?" (A) "You mean besides lovingly referring to every one of his male students as 'you ugly kid?' I think I saw him most agitated on our junior year trip to France when we were nearly kicked out of our Paris hotel because a classmate (from the Kingswood side to be clear) had thrown up on a pillow after drinking too much cheap wine and tossed the pillow out the window." (Q) "On a more serious note, how did Cranbrook help you succeed in life?" (A) "I was fortunate to have many, many, many great teachers who

pushed me not just to settle for what came easy but to take on challenges at every turn. The Cranbrook faculty taught me how to think analytically, how to consider what other people think, and how to express myself cogently. I draw on these tools every day and to all of my teachers I am forever grateful." For our third Q&A session, we have a few questions for **GARFIELD JOHNSON**. Gar practices medicine and lives in Houston with his beautiful wife, Jakeen, and their two great kids. (Q) "We all loved coach Schuele. He might not have been the best football coach, but he was pretty good, and we all loved playing for him. What was your favorite Coach Schuele-ism?" (A) "Coach Schuele was a wonderful man. My favorite one-liner from Coach Schuele was his opening line before the first game of every season, 'Well, I tell you I've never seen a team go 9-0 and lose the first one! Now let's get out there and get this win!'" (Q) "Along those lines, was there any hidden meaning behind the 'Rack Your Weights' signs in the weight-room?" (A) "Ha! No hidden meaning. I don't think..." (Q) "We have been good friends since the first day of seventh grade when you famously pulled your desk between mine and **JOHN EDMAN**'s. What the hell were you thinking?" (A) "Hey man, it was the only place that appeared open for me to move my chair! And I'm glad I did, as I have remained close to you and John since that time. It was great being with you this fall at the Michigan-Michigan State football game in Ann Arbor, as well as with John in Corpus Christi, TX, watching his son hit a home run in a minor league baseball game!" (Q) "Speaking of seventh grade Latin, I really thought that Don Firke was one of the best teachers that I have ever had and not just at Cranbrook. Do you have any favorite moments from Latin memories?" (A) "Mr. Firke was a phenomenal teacher, no doubt about it. What I'm most amazed by is how little Latin I remember!" (Q) "How did Cranbrook help influence your life after graduation?" (A) "My years at Cranbrook have proven to be one of the greatest blessings of my life. Academically, it set a tremendous groundwork for achievement. Upon graduation we all felt very confident and prepared to take on any collegiate curriculum. But above all else, Cranbrook is simply a special community. The faculty, the students, the campus, what an unbelievable place. Aim High!" The 30th reunion is right around the corner. Please

try and make it. If anyone wants to help plan the festivities, please reach out to me at erikstamell@yahoo.com. Also, if anyone wants to contribute an update for future editions of *Tradition*, please email me as well. There will be prizes involved.

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## K89

Greetings, Class of '89! It's been literally years! My sincere thanks to the ever-funny Erik Stamell, C'89, and those who have written in, for keeping us informed... I am living in Rockford, IL, where my husband, Oliver Baer, works in aerospace. We have a son, Diesel James, 8, and a daughter, Ayrshire ("Asher") Elizabeth, 7. I am thoroughly enjoying participating in their school activities and making the rounds to soccer games, sailing, karate, and ballet. Our children love sailing at nearby Lake Geneva, WI, in the summer, and we like to go skiing, snowboarding, and snowshoeing in the winter.



*Howard Brophy, '83, Margie Brophy Kowal, '85, and Kay Brophy Baer, '89, and families*

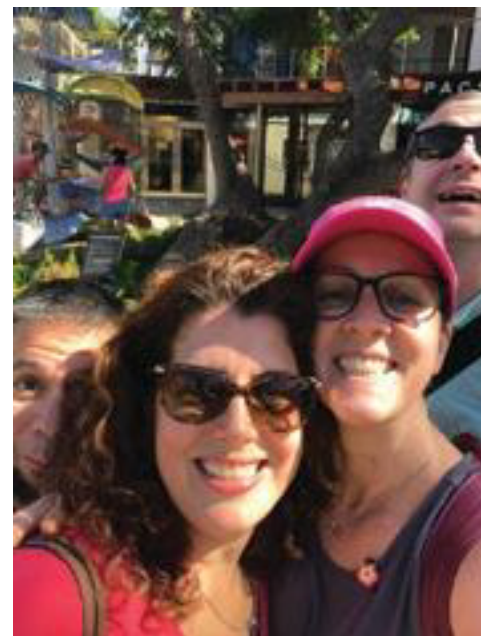
When our son was born, I started my own marketing, branding and design business, Baer Agency LLC, doing work for clients ranging from industrial automation to restaurants and museums. I've also loved being involved in fundraising, event planning and serving on arts and preservation boards and committees, which are close to my heart. This past year we renovated our house, leaving no floors or walls untouched, and thankfully we are on the other side and able to enjoy life without a constant revolving door of contractors. It was completely consuming, but I thoroughly enjoyed the creative process and transformation. I am so aware of how much Cranbrook, the faculty, students, and campus has influenced my life creatively and in so many ways. Since we moved to Rockford, I've

been taking classes in Chicago, my excuse to get into the city. We saw *Hamilton* last year. I just wish I had seen the original with **RENEE GOLDSBERRY-JOHNSON**! We went to a recent Chicago alumni get together at Jim Akers, '57, and his lovely wife's home. It was so great seeing Arlyce Seibert, Charlie Shaw, Susan Aikens Post, '78, Susan Strickland Muskovitz, '97, and Deborah Wahl, '81. I've been in touch with Carrington Powers Smith, '88, and recently saw **MITZI RICHARD MARTIN**. I love keeping up with other CK alumnae on Facebook. I attended my nieces', Catherine (Cate) Kowal, '17, and Claire Brophy, '17, CK graduation and the reunion last June with my sister, Margie Brophy Kowal, '85, and Howard Brophy, '83. Nieces and nephews, Lawson Brophy, '19, Kelsey Kowal, '20, and Mallory Brophy, '21, were also 'in tow.' It was great to see so many familiar faces including **CARRIE HIGBIE**, Claudia Schuette, Del Walden, and other alumni. Hard to believe our 30th reunion is right around the corner. I hope everyone is healthy and doing well. Wishing you all the best in 2018.

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## K90

It's a new year, and the Class of 1990 has some updates to share. **ALISON SLACK** and **MARLA DAVIDSON KARIMIPOUR** made time for some family fun.



*Alison Slaack and Marla Davidson Karimipour, both '90, on Maui*

The two lovely ladies shared a brief but priceless moment in Maui of all places! They both truly enjoyed being able to reunite with one another and share a big hug. You can see from their picture they were all smiles! **SUE GUNDERSON MCCREADIE** checked in to say that she stays up-to-date via text on the happenings with **SELMA BLAIR BEITNER, FRANCES LEE CARLSON, KELLY SPENCE WANDOFF,** and **CHRIS KEOUGH.** Sue and Chris get to see each other every fall and spring and their children love spending time together!

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**NATALIE HARRIS SENNE** lives in suburban Chicago with her husband, Eric, and their daughters, Violet, 8, and Clara, 5, and their little black Maltipoo, Tater, 9. Eric teaches seventh grade writing at Wilmette Junior High School. Natalie is a partner at Mandell Menkes LLC, a boutique law firm specializing in representing print, broadcast, and digital media in First Amendment, privacy and other content-related matters. They celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary with a fun-filled trip to New Orleans. They love to watch offbeat movies at the old Music Box Theater in Chicago, ride bikes in the local preserves, and goof around with their girls. **MATT CARMICHAEL** is no longer slacking off as class secretary, thanks to the amazing offer from **SUSAN POULTON** to take over. He is greatly relieved and will no longer hide his head in shame at reunion. He lives outside Chicago with his wife, Pam, and three kids (in fourth, first, and first grades). He works for a polling firm called Ipsos in an editorial role and oversees its magazine, *GenPop*. He is back in the Detroit area frequently and should really get better about meeting up with classmates when he's there. **THERESA RONQUILLO** writes, "After 13 years living in Seattle, my family packed up and moved to Richmond, VA, in October 2016. I worked remotely for my faculty development job at the University of Washington for a year, where I also co-founded and co-directed a social justice interactive theater program, very hard to do remotely! I recently started a new position at Virginia Commonwealth University. Last Memorial Day weekend, **HOLLY OMANSIEK**

**LUDLAM** and **ANABEL KIM** flew into Richmond and graced us with their presence. Last summer we attended the U2 concert near Washington, D.C., with **KATE ZYLA** and her husband. We're enjoying the food scene here and getting used to living through four seasons again." **JASON KAROLAK** sends in this update: "I am an artist and a professor living in Brooklyn with my fiancée, Alison. We enjoyed seeing a screening of **MEG RICHARD FERRON's** film project, *Angst*, with **TIM CHOW.** We also get together with **JASON CANNER** and **BECKY BROOKS** from time to time." **JEN COBB MIDDLETON** is living in Washington, D.C., with her husband, Eric, and two kids, Hadley, 11, and Chase, 9, and black lab mix, Basil. She stays home with the kids, but spends most days at the barn with their two horses, Malcolm and Sochi, and teaches riding lessons to adults. She sees **EMILY BLUESTEIN TACK** when in Longboat Key, FL, and has seen **MICHELLE TISEO REICH** in Colorado and **ANNE MARIE GALACZ HALL** when in Michigan. Weekends are busy with horse shows, soccer, or skiing in the winter, and they spend a lot of time in the summer up at Crystal Lake in Michigan. **MICHELLE TISEO REICH** writes, "I'm living in Colorado Springs, CO (21 years now!), and I am a development officer for UCHHealth Memorial Hospital, raising funds to support patients and programs in southern Colorado. My husband, Danny, is busy with his commercial co-packing company, which creates shelf-stable food products for small batch food producers in several western states. Our daughter, Hannah, is a senior in high school (yikes!), anxiously awaiting college determinations and planning her few first steps into adulthood, and our son, Trey, is happy to be 8, and loves attending second grade at his sister's elementary school.



*Michelle Tiseo Reich, '92, and daughter, Hannah.*

We were lucky to have a visit with **ANNE MARIE GALACZ HALL** and her family in July of 2017, enjoying summertime in the

Rockies along the Blue River and in Fairplay, even making a trip to Leadville to visit the hometown of **MEG RICHARD FERRON's** grandfather! My parents moved to Colorado a few years ago, so trips back home to Michigan are becoming less and less frequent, although we do try to make a summer visit to see friends and family each year. We would always love to see anyone who happens to be traveling through Colorado." **JANE VAN DAM HOWISON** says, "We moved next door to my dad a year and a half ago, and Beth is in L.A. so she visits us lots. We are thankful to be so close. Our boys are eight years old now with lots of precocious energy. Probably our favorite family activity is skiing on Mt. Hood. We don't make it to Michigan with any regularity, but let me know if you're making it to Portland!" **SARAH HAMPTON BIELMAN** writes, "I am still in Traverse City, where I am the business manager and catering coordinator for two amazing restaurants, Trattoria Stella (voted best Italian restaurant by mlive in 2017) and The Franklin. In addition to my 'day job' I have been working with Parallel 45 Theatre, the only professional theatre company in northern Michigan. In 2017, I performed with them in Andre Gregory's adaptation of *Alice in Wonderland* as well as Anne Wasburn's, *Mr. Burns*. Ironically, Anne is **AMANDA FOX's** sister-in-law! I am in rehearsals for Steven Dietz & Allison Gregory's adaptation of the children's book, *Go Dog, Go!* Last fall, I did a turn at the community theatre in Traverse City as Miss Hannigan in *Annie*. My husband, Karl, and kids, Ainsley, 11, and Gus, 9, are amazingly supportive of my creative endeavors! I was lucky enough to have separate visits from **STEPHANIE POTTS, MEG RICHARD FERRON,** and **JASON FORSBERG** last summer/fall! Finally, I just returned from an amazing weekend in New Orleans, where we celebrated my dad's 80th birthday!" **JEFFREY CALCOTT IMERMAN** and his brother, Jonny, '94, are launching CLOZTALK ([www.CLOZTALK.com](http://www.CLOZTALK.com)). The social-impact company produces apparel (e.g., t-shirts, hats, hoodies, etc.) for charities, nonprofits, and socially minded for-profits to help brand these great groups, so more people know about them and their services.



CLOZTALK doesn't charge the organizations a cent and donates 20% of net profit back to them. Your clothes can "talk" and spark conversations, raise awareness for good causes, and bring friends and strangers together! **NICOLE BONK** writes, "I can't believe it has been almost six years since I moved back to Chicago to take a job at Facebook. It seems like just yesterday I was moving from Chicago back to Detroit. Every five years or so I make a move across Lake Michigan. It has been an incredible journey which included weekly trips to NYC, so I was lucky to get to spend time with **TIM CHOW, AMANDA FOX, JASON KAROLAK, VICTOR ARROYO,** and Kim Schaefer, '87. I don't get to the East Coast as much these days as I changed roles, but I still make it to the West Coast regularly where I get to spend time with Tricia Meiners, Patricia Johnson, and Caitlyn Fox. I look forward to coffee catch-ups at Commonwealth with **ANNE MARIE GALACZ HALL** and **STEPHANIE POTTS** on my frequent trips home to Michigan. I feel so fortunate for the Cranbrook community and life-long friends. I will be taking my sabbatical, called 'recharge,' this June, so I will miss seeing everyone at reunion. I am in the process of planning my six-week adventure as I write this, so I will look forward to sharing the highlights in the next class notes." **CARLA CLOUTIER GALE, AUBREY AGEE,** and **JEFFREY CALCOTT IMERMAN** all recently participated in the 2018 Cranbrook Career Fair, talking to the juniors and seniors about careers and college.



Jeff Imerman, Carla Cloutier Gale, and Aubrey Agee, all '92

**SUSAN POULTON** is the chief digital officer at The Franklin Institute Science Museum in Philadelphia. She spends her spare time on photography. She also travels to work with refugees and other non-profits in various countries. She sees **KATE ZYLA** and her family often while traveling back and forth to Washington, D.C., and visited with **TIA SIMONI** this summer in Michigan for the U2 concert in Detroit. She's really looking forward to her role as the class secretary for the Class of 1992 and working more with the alumni! On an incredibly sad note, the Class of 1992 lost two beloved classmates this year. **ELIZABETH ANN BENDER** passed away in late 2017, and Kristen Spriggs (sixth-ninth grade) died last summer after an accidental fall from her balcony. They are missed by so many. **ANNE MARIE GALACZ HALL** writes about her good friend, "Sadly, November 27, 2017, our classmate, **ELIZABETH ANN BENDER**, lost her valiant and courageous battle with cancer. Liz resided in the Fort Myers area of Florida with her son, Isaac, who started college this past fall. Like his mother he shares an innate ability in artistic endeavors. Liz worked very actively for the Democratic Party in Lee County for the Obama administration and the most recent election. Liz had a wonderfully creative soul, she won the Gala de Cuisine poster contest as an eighth grader at Kingswood. Many of her artistic works and literary writings were published in *Gallimaufry* in high school. She also wrote articles for the local newspaper on Sanibel Island. Liz was a maternal force, sharing her wit and wisdom with those who knew her."

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**BRIAN STEWART** and awesome wife, Rachel Tronstein, and their St. Bernese Mountain dog, Hershey, are living in Birmingham, and Brian is practicing dermatology. **BEN WINEMAN** is living 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. **BRAD DUBIN** is in LA, married to 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. **KYLE MUELLER** is in Birmingham, working for GM and married to wife, Erica, a powerhouse Bikram instructor, and they have one kid. **MATT GRACE** is living in Birmingham, just got a new house, and is doing a lot of great community work on the side. **CHAD KOHLER** is living in Grand Rapids with his wife, Cynthia, and kids, and doing well. **SILAS BOUYER** is still serving our country with the Navy and living in San Diego with his wife and kids. **KRISTA CHOW HAMLIN** and **MIKE HAMLIN** are happily married and living in Boston. **MARK VANN** is in Houston and an orthopedic surgeon, married, and doing great. Recently in the D, I saw Mark's sister, Monique Vann-Brown, '92, and she's doing great and is so nice. **KEN GORSKI** is in South Carolina and doing great. **STEVE PRUCHER** is living in Birmingham, happy and well. **AARON COHN** is an eye doctor in Philly, married, and doing great. CONGRATS on an EAGLES WIN! **ANISH PATEL** is an anesthesiologist, happily married, living in the D.C. area. **DAVID LIU** is in Seattle. **JAY HACK** is living in Detroit, working in investment management, is married, and everything is going great. Sally Hall Bell, '98, and **CHRIS BELL** are living in Portland, and as usual spreading good positive energy to everyone they touch. **ROBERT AXELROD** and wife, Tami, are living in D.C., where Robert is an attorney. **TERRY KALNA** is working for the Pittsburgh Penguins and doing well. **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 living 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. And I want to give a special shout-out to **ELISSA SLOTKIN**, who's running for Congress in Michigan. We support you, girl! You GO, and keep up all the GOOD! As for me, my brother, Jeff Imerman, '92, and I recently launched a start-up called "CLOZTALK." It was given its name by former CK Mothers' Council president, Janie Imerman! Ha! True :) FYI she also named Imerman Angels! CLOZTALK.com = APPAREL THAT BRANDS CAUSES THAT DO GOOD! Our mission is to help non-profits and social causes BRAND BETTER by inspiring and empowering people to wear CAUSE-LOGO APPAREL, encouraging everyday people to REP a brand that's meaningful to them, and

you're volunteering by just being you! Check out CLYDE, our 30 foot BEAST of a truck that is almost always on the streets of Chi-town or the D. Flag us down and say hi when you see us! We've got LED tape lights, 8 JL speakers, and a PA, this is no ordinary truck! If you see us on the streets, jump in. A free ride for any CK grad. :) CLOZTALK.com. Imerman Angels is still rolling forward and helping thousands of cancer patients every year. Our TEAM is a passionate one, please send anyone you meet touched by cancer and in need to ImermanAngels.org. We're 8,900+ volunteers strong worldwide, who've all been through the cancer experience and want to give back and help others. THANKS! BE WELL, Y'ALL, and anytime I can be helpful let me know. Wishing you all the best. Till next time!

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 **CK95**

Hi, fellow classmates. I hope everyone is having a wonderful start to 2018! We had a few of you write in this time and share. Please keep me posted throughout the year. I look forward to hearing from you. **HILLARY STEPHENSON KEENEY** writes, "My news is that my husband, Brad, and I have just moved back to New Orleans, and we will be conducting all of our retreats and private sessions here." **KATE BAINBRIDGE TOVIAS** shares, "August 16, 2017 was a huge day in my family when we added two little ones to our lives."



*Kate Bainbridge Tovias, '95, and family*

We adopted Cialani and Cole Tovias and have completed our little family of four (plus two dog children)." **VANESSA BONSKY SEACREST** writes, "Still living in the Bay Area but moved to the suburbs three years ago. I started my own interior decorating business two years ago and love working for myself. We just welcomed our second son, Journey, in August. Our son, Sebastian, is 4."



*Vanessa Bonskey Seacrest, '95, and family*

**ELIZABETH CUNNINGHAM BOBER** welcomed her first child, a little girl, Madelyn Barbara, on 1/14/18. Mom, dad, and baby are doing great!



*Madelyn, daughter of Elizabeth Cunningham Biber, '95*

**EMILY SAFFORD VILLAJUAN** recently started her own business, High EMPact—Patient and Deliberate Guidance Simplified. It is a business focusing on estate closure and downsizing based in metro Detroit but available across the country. Good luck, Em! I know it will be awesome. **STEPHEN SHAPIRO** just made the deadline and writes, "Parenting has continued to surprise me as I am now homeschooling my kids in Carbondale, CO. (And still co-sleeping!)" I am in Nashville and have my own design and professional organization firm, Kate Richard Design (original name, right?). I adore this city, and business is keeping me very busy, so I can't complain. If anyone finds themselves in Music City, please give me a shout. As always, send your updates to me. Until next time. XX, Kate.

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 **CK96**

Hello, Class of 1996! I hope you are all doing well. So, I'm trying to figure out ways to reach out to more of you, so we can stay connected. I know that many classmates use social media, but our class page on Facebook doesn't see much traffic. If you have any ideas about how to increase communication, please let me know. It is with much sadness that I report that

**BRIANNA WILLIAMS** and **BRIAN WILLS** lost their 12-year-old son, Calder, to cancer this past November after a long, brave fight over a year-and-a-half. He leaves behind three siblings including a twin brother. His fight was so inspiring that he made the newspaper's list of most influential people in 2017. "During his fight, we highlighted the need to register as a bone marrow donor and were able to find matches for two other children in need of matches. We are focusing our grief by working to fund community projects in his name to honor his memory." You can follow his journey and legacy on Facebook at #CalderStrong. **MELISSA BURSTEIN GORDON** and her husband, Ryan, are expecting their first baby this summer. Please send updates and pictures.

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## CK97

Happy 2018 to everyone! **ROB MARDIGIAN** is engaged to Lindsay Sklar, '04. The two are planning to get married in 2018 and live in Birmingham. In November 2017, **REBECCA BIBER**, who lives in Ann Arbor, published a book of poetry titled, *Technical Solace*, through Fifth Avenue Press. It's available online and in local bookstores. Such an amazing accomplishment! **CINDY WU**, assistant professor at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and her husband welcomed their son, Matteo, into the world on August 31, 2017. **JONATHAN BENINSON** has avoided jumping off any indoor pool cliffs and recently started a new company. He has been traveling around the world and just went to the Vatican to meet with Church officials as part of an international innovation initiative and is advising the UN on the Equator Initiative. I'm pretty sure **STEPHANIE REAME SPOONER** was the first one in our class to get her driver's license, we were all so jealous, so it only makes sense she reached the "Big Four-O" before the rest of us. She rang in her birthday Miami-style with **TARYN STOLLER CANNARSA**, **JULIE KRIEDEL TAYLOR**, **JENNIFER LASTER SHORE**, and Lizze Dubin Gottlieb '98. I, **LEAH ORNSTEIN GROTH**, am writing this update surrounded by boxes in our new home in Philadelphia. I will dub this my nomadic decade, as this is my SIXTH move in five years. I am looking forward to starting a new chapter of life with my husband, two

children, and pooch in our little red-doored brownstone in the city. Please keep sending me updates and photos!

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## CK98

Looking at the calendar, it seems impossible that 20 years have flown by, and yet, it seems that many of us are preparing to make it back for the festivities, June 8-10. **NAVEEN REDDY** and his wife, Sravya, are enjoying life with two children, which is busier but worth it, and are looking forward to a great turnout for reunion in June. **AKHIL GULATI** and his wife, Rachna, welcomed their first child, son, Aiden, in February. Congratulations on the new addition to your family! **ANGIE MCIVER** has been in Houston, TX, for the last six years, working as a reservoir engineer at Oxy Oil and Gas. She started her own travel company (Infinite Discovery Travel) last year, because she loves to travel and help others. She's been in touch with others from our class, who are also in disbelief that the 20-year reunion is right around the corner. **MICHELLE BYNUM** has also been loving to travel—she crossed off a bucket list trip this February by celebrating her February birthday, attending world-famous Carnival in Trinidad and Tobago! What a way to celebrate! **CINDY PHILLIPS SKANDERUP** won't have far to travel for reunion, as she moved her family and business to Michigan from Los Angeles during the summer of 2017. She had her second child, a baby boy—Bastien, aka Bash. His big sister, Grey, is super psyched and has been loving her first winter. Also running around after two, **SALLY HALL BELL** and **CHRIS BELL, '94**, welcomed their second son, Lewis Marshall, last July. Big brother, Pierce, is smitten, and now Sally is super outnumbered by the boys. The Bells continue to love life in Eugene, OR, one of the best kept secrets on the West Coast. Life is naturally chaotic with two small boys, and more than full time work at the University of Oregon running corporate relations at the business school. When they are not chasing high-energy toddlers at home, they are exploring the Pacific Northwest in their VW van. Also looking forward to reunion and enjoying life is **BRIDGET COWAN**, who has been living in Los Angeles along with **BRANDON MARLAN**. Not everyone waits for

reunion to get together. For everyone else, we look forward to seeing you in June!

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## CK99

It was great to hear from many of you who have been out of touch for a while! **TOM MADDEN** was appointed president and chief executive officer of Barbizon Lighting in November. Barbizon's customers range from theatres such as the Kennedy Center and Lincoln Center to film and television studios, that range from ESPN to CNN, MSNBC, and FOX, from houses of worship to large-scale architectural projects, such as 1 World Trade Center, and from museums, such as the Smithsonian, to themed environments, such as Disney, and various cruise lines. **ETHAN ORLEY** and his wife, Laurel, welcomed their third child, son, Julian, to the family last September.



Children of Ethan Orley, '99

The Orleys reside in Nashville, where Ethan has been developing a hotel, [www.fairlanehotel.com](http://www.fairlanehotel.com), to be opened this March. They are looking forward to spending the summer in Israel. **VALERIE SATHE BRUGEMAN** and husband, Josh, welcomed their second daughter, Vera, in the summer of 2016. Vera joins big sister, Mira, 5. The family loves life in Ann Arbor where Valerie works at the Center for Automotive Research, exploring intersections between mobility,

connected and automated vehicles, and economic development. **AMANDA MILLER HOOD** recently celebrated her one-year wedding anniversary to husband, Chris, and they welcomed daughter, Lauren Reese. **MICHAEL SIEGEL** and wife, Bianca, are excited to announce the arrival of their son, Sebastian, last August. The family lives in Detroit where Bianca is a Pediatric EMT at Children's Hospital, and Michael is an ophthalmologist in private practice and is the newly appointed section head of glaucoma at Beaumont. He is spending a full day a week doing academics, which he enjoys. Please keep in touch, and continue to send your updates!

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## CK00

Greetings, Class of 2000! Short updates this time around. If you did not get an email requesting an update, please be in touch with the alumni office so I have your correct address moving forward. **GREG PIZZINO** writes that he will be "starring in my third original production with Ypsilanti's Neighborhood Theater Group, *Cryptic*, February 23-25." I'm sure he'd love it if you dropped by. **DARA GUZY SISOURA** writes, "KOKY left for South Korea in September for an unaccompanied tour for one year after being selected back to active duty Army as a major.



*Dara Guzy Sisoura, '00, and family in Korea*

Just before Christmas I took our three kids, Carson, 8, Beckett, 6, and Reagan, 1, to visit Koky. We had a great time exploring Seoul. I am holding down the household in Michigan and working part-time running three e-commerce websites. Our oldest daughter, Carson, is in fourth grade and active in Girl Scouts, where I'm her troop leader and she is

also busy playing ice hockey like her dad. Our son, Beckett, is in kindergarten and enjoys Cub Scouts, where I got roped into being the den leader. Our youngest daughter, Reagan, keeps us on our toes and is full of spunk. She will be two in April. This summer we will be relocating with the Army but haven't found out where yet, so the Sisouras may be coming to a town near you." As she promised last time, **KRISTIN HOLMES UTZINGER** tied the knot with Scott Utzinger.



*Kristin Holmes Utzinger, '00, and husband, Scott*

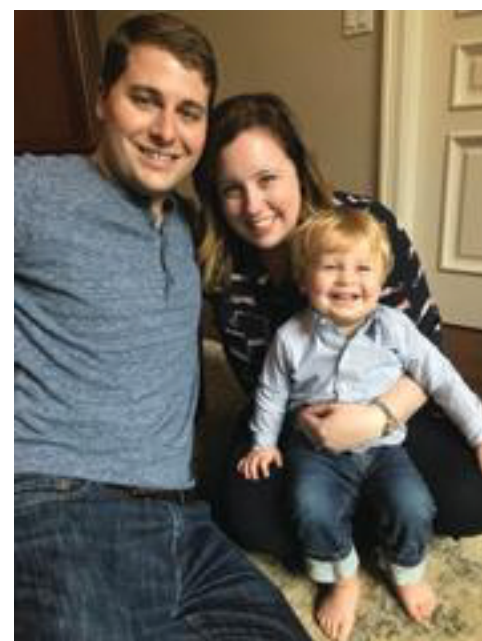
They are splitting time between Jupiter, FL, and Boston. Kristin notes, "Our wedding was a mini CK reunion, as our guests spanned over three generations of CK graduates! My brother, Jay, '03, shared the important responsibility of officiating the ceremony with my new sister-in-law, which was so meaningful and filled with a fun-loving perspective only a sibling could provide." Send future updates to me at [slade4@gmail.com](mailto:slade4@gmail.com). Cheers!

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## CK02

It was so wonderful to hear from so many of you! Starting abroad, **ALEX ERCHOV** reports in from St. Petersburg, Russia, as the head of Siemens projects and Siemens quality management (power and gas). He and his wife of three years are looking to move to Denmark. **BRADLEY BERMAN** has moved back stateside after 10 years in the UK. Living in New Jersey he has taken on the role of vice president of BodyBio, Inc., a nutraceutical company. He and his wife, Jess, welcomed their first child, Baer Marty, on December 26, 2017, and are enjoying the new addition to their family. **RANDEE MILLER WATSON** also expanded her family in July when she and husband, Andrew, welcomed their daughter,

Josephine Graham. She has been enjoying managing her new role as mom, in addition to her work as a retina specialist in private practice in Southfield. **CHRIS STEWART** got a dog. He is not pouty about it. **ALEXANDER TEODOSIC** is pleased to announce his recent engagement to Jaclyn Bloch. Since her last update, **KACEE MUST** opened Citizen Yoga Bloomfield (now a staple in my visits home), will be opening her first out-of-state studio Citizen Yoga Cleveland in August 2018, and was recently engaged to Adam Leeb. **CASSY ROUMELL** is set to plan her wedding! **JAMIE KANE MILLER** reports that she is running operations for a company called NYIAX. She and her husband, Ray, are moving within NYC to Tribeca in March, where they look forward to celebrating their son, Owen's, second birthday.



*Jamie Kane Miller, '02, and family*

**JENNIFER BUSTANCE**, living in San Diego, has much on her writing plate these days! She signed with an agent at Donald Maass Literary Agency in New York for her young adult novel, *Glass Hands* (working title), which will go on submission later this year. It is a book she wrote while at a residency in northern Italy last year. She also wrote a play called, *To Fall in Love with Anyone, Do This*, which won the Tennessee Williams/New Orleans New Play Contest and Outstanding Writing and Outstanding Drama at the San Diego Fringe Festival. It was shot as an indie film over the summer, and is currently in post-production, and will be published in *The Bayou Magazine* in the coming months. **KRISTEN BAIARDI** continues her involvement with the CK Alumni



Association and the Board of Governors and is doing a fair share of volunteering with a local animal rescue by fostering cats. In bigger news, she made partner at her law firm this year! **EMILY DERR** is co-launching a brand of sustainable wearable art and home items and promoting a freelance artist client at the LA Art Show and LA County Alliance, benefitting the Boys and Girls Club. **WARNER WASHINGTON**, long-time reader, first-time writer, lives in New York City and has recently invested in Voodoo Brewery. He has been a personal trainer for the past 10 years and is moving into a management role for Equinox. He continues to work on his art and is focusing his efforts specifically on comic books. **AARON ROSENHAUS** won the 2017 Young Builder of the Year by the Home Builders Association for his work with the HBA and Multifamily Renovation projects that he and his company are performing in Detroit and the Metro Detroit area. Pictured here with his family and girlfriend, Casey Nesterowich, '07, at the Home Builders Association awards dinner.



*Aaron Rosenhaus, '02, wins 2017 Young Builder of the Year*

**AQUAN GRANT** continues to enjoy a rewarding career in education. Now in her sixth year of administration, she works to create professional development and mentor opportunities for upcoming leaders. She and her daughter, Amora-Jade, have finally been bitten by the travel bug.



*Aquan Grant, '02, and daughter, Amora-Jade*

They spent last spring break in Costa Rica and look forward to their upcoming trip to Paris and Barcelona this April. Aquan is also looking forward to connecting with CK/HUB alumni in a few events this spring and summer. As for me, I continue to live in New York with my husband, Peter, and two sons, Graham and Crosby. I catch up with **JENNIFER SCHANES**, **LINDSEY SCHOSTAK GAL**, **JESSICA ROBINS**, **LAUREN SCHMALE ESTACIO** and **COURTNEY QUAY GARDINER** in and around the city as much as I can. I am still teaching at the New York School of Interior Design and continuing to feel the time pass through my fingertips. I try to make trips to Michigan frequently to see friends and family and am constantly reminded about how fortunate I am to have these CK friends near and far. Congratulations to everyone on all of your achievements! Thank you for writing and keeping in touch.

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## C05

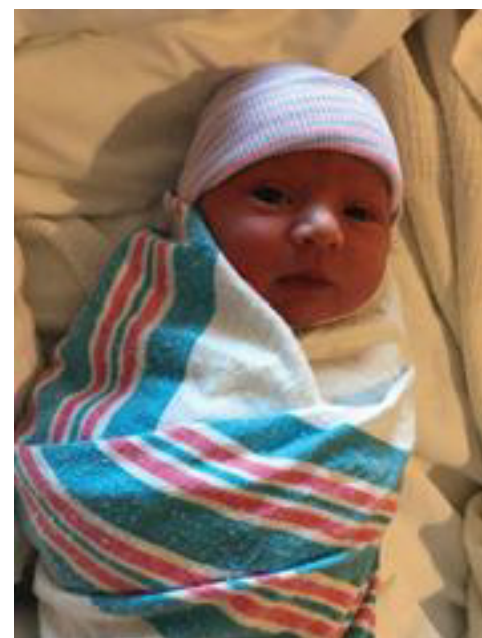
Hi, Class of 2005. Here are the latest updates from the class. **BLAKE GEORGE** got married this past November to his wife, Jewels. **MIKE ILITCH III** reports that he's living in Metro

Detroit, working for Little Caesars U.S. Development, and enjoying spending time with his wife, Victoria, and daughter, Sara, who turns 1 in March. **RYAN ROACH** got married in May of last year to his wife, Stacy, in Scottsdale, AZ. They live in Eagle, CO, near Vail, where Stacy is from. This is his third season with Beaver Creek Ski Patrol, and he is looking forward to his eighth season with The Club at Cordillera as a golf professional this summer. **RYAN TAUBE** is living in south Florida and recently got married to wife, Jessyca. He's also officially board certified in emergency medicine and is training future doctors at the University of Miami. As for me, **RYAN ZAMPARDO**, I recently made the move back to Detroit and will be living and working downtown on a real estate development business I started last year, focusing on renovating small apartment buildings in Detroit neighborhoods. I would love to hear from more of you in the future. If you'd like to be included in future updates, please email me at rzampardo@gmail.com.

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## K05

The Kingswood Class of 2005 is happy to share many exciting updates. **JANICE DAVID** and her husband, Mike, welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world on December 13. They named her Charlie.



*Charlie, daughter of Janice David, '05*

This is their second child; her big sister, Kaylee, is very proud and excited. After a brief break, Janice will continue to work on her MBA at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, MI. In September, **RACHEL FERTIG** completed her two-year fellowship at the U.S. Copyright Office, the highlight of which was helping to secure a key ruling in the Supreme Court. After taking time to travel throughout Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, and Cambodia. Rachel looks forward to joining the IP practice at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP in Washington D.C. **ANNA GANGADHARAN** married Jeremy Bleier on May 20, 2017, at Oakland Hills Country Club. A few months later they rescued a puppy, Luna. They love married life with their new pup. Jeremy will be a summer associate at Jones Day this summer and will graduate from Wayne State Law School in spring 2019. **KAT WEBER MONTGOMERY** and her husband, Christian, welcomed their first child, Lee Creighton, in September. **ALEXA TATE** and her husband are living in New Delhi, India. She is working on a Fulbright research grant regarding domestic servitude and trafficking issues. Last December, she gave birth to her first child, a healthy little girl, Elisabeth!

## C06

I hear of lots of changes in peoples' lives through social media and the grapevine, but few people wrote in this time. All of them highlighted life changes, however. **ADAM BLEZNAK** and his wife, Meryl, had a baby girl in January, Frankie Fay, who he hopes will play hockey at Cranbrook in the future.



*Frankie Fay, daughter of Adam Bleznak, '06*

**BRIAN HARBOUR** moved to Boston last fall to join his wife and live in the same city. He is working at Morgan Stanley, enjoying life living downtown. I got to see him on a trip to Boston shortly after his move. He attended **DEREK GOLLNITZ's** wedding in Chicago in October as well. **MOIN SYED** visited me in Houston from Toronto in January when I overloaded him with steak, barbecue, and more food, as we spent a weekend reminiscing about our Cranbrook days. He is working in Toronto as an equities analyst at Sustainalytics, covering the technology, media, and telecom sectors. Moin, Brian, and **JOE DREWS** also joined my wife and me on our wedding day last May.



*Elisabeth, daughter of Alexa Tate, '05*

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*(L-R) Brian Harbour, '06, wife, Noor Iqbal, Mussadiq Akram, '06, Moin Syed and Joe Drews, both '06*

I live in Houston, and made it through Hurricane Harvey without incident, and enjoyed watching Justin Verlander bring a World Series pennant to the city. I travel often, and hope to see many of you on my travels, as I did run into **TAYLOR BALAMES** on a trip to Chicago last summer and also had dinner with **RACHEL NEITHERCUT**. I also promise the same treatment Moin got if you ever find yourself in Space City.

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## CK06

Hello, Class of 2006! Can you believe that we are on the cusp or already in our 30s? We're getting married, working jobs, having babies, buying houses, traveling the world. We are officially adults. I don't know about you, but I can't believe it came so quickly. Some of us have stayed close to Cranbrook, and some of us have moved far away, but I hope that wherever you live and whatever you are doing, you still reflect fondly on your time at Cranbrook, and that it will always feel a little bit like home. I am constantly grateful to have had the experience of being a student at this extraordinary institution and to have learned, played, and lived with my fellow Class of

2006. I want to extend my thanks to all of my fellow classmates who sent me an update and I encourage everyone to feel welcome to send in an update as well! Even if you feel like you haven't been up to anything notable, you have! We would all love to hear from you! **TRISTAN LEVEY** is in his third year of residency at the University of Chicago. He got married in June 2017 in Chicago to a fellow resident, Natalie Tanaskar. Congratulations to the happy couple! **BREWSTER SMITH** lives in Birmingham and works as the president of The Financial Planning Company. He enjoyed seeing everyone at the 10-year anniversary! **ADAM BLEZNAK** and his wife, Meryl, welcomed a future CK girls' hockey player, Frankie Fay, on January 9, 2018. She weighed in at 7 lbs., 2 oz. and 19" long. Welcome to the world, Frankie! **SARAH LAVOIE KAPLUNOV** is also adding to her family! She moved from Royal Oak to Huntington Woods with her husband, Sam, and their son, Harrison, in spring 2017 and are now expecting a second baby, a girl, at the beginning of April! She is enjoying her work as a registered nurse for cardiovascular and thoracic surgery patients at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital. **ALEXANDRA LASKY** is getting married this April in Miami where she and her fiancé, Larry Masarsky, live. Alex works at a Miami tech start up and helps to design and build a new communications app. Alex and Larry will be traveling to Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, and Bali for their honeymoon. Happy travels! As for me, I love that **JULIA TORO** has joined the Detroit Curling Club! We curl at least every Monday, and I am so impressed with how naturally good she is, especially since she just picked up the sport this winter! Julia lives in Ferndale in an awesome 1920s house with her boyfriend and dogs and works at the Detroit Institute of Arts. I also can't wait to go to Boston someday to see **MATT MOURA** perform with the Boston Gay Men's Chorus! In addition to singing, he works for GreenLight Biosciences as his day job and lives in Cambridge. I have spent a lot of time this winter getting excited to watch the Winter Olympics, through the aforementioned curling and also through a fun trip to Park City, UT, where my boyfriend and I skied, ice skated, and bobsledded. I live in Royal Oak and work providing grant writing and operational consultation to a variety of nonprofit clients, while assisting with business development for the organization I work for, called Metro Solutions. I visit Cranbrook from time to time, but I don't see fellow alumni

nearly enough. If you are ever in Metro Detroit and want to grab a drink or meal, let me know!

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## CK07

Hi, Everyone! I'd love to incorporate more of you in future *Tradition* magazines so please continue to send me your updates. I first wanted to catch up on some updates. **VICTORIA TRUDEAU** married her college sweetheart, Colbert Lucey, on September 10, 2016, in L'Arbre Croche MI. Her brother, Brooks Trudeau, '09, flew in from California to be her "Man of Honor," and many CK friends were in attendance, including classmates **LAUREN RIVARD**, **ISABELLE WEISS**, **MACKENZIE MAYO**, **SARAH BILSKY**, **SIOBHAN CRONIN**, **ALEX VLASIC**, and **EVAN ROSS**, along with Nick Andersen, '08, and Gavin Freeman, '10. **LAUREN RIVARD** got married to John Mickley last spring on April 1, 2017, in New Orleans. Katie Rivard, '09, was maid of honor, and **VICTORIA TRUDEAU** did a reading during the ceremony.



Wedding of Lauren Rivard Mickley, '07, her sister Katie, '09, was maid of honor

**MATT RUBIN** and his wife, Breanne, welcomed their son, Jack Irving, on November 18.



Jack Irving, son of Matt Rubin, '07

Both mom and baby are happy and healthy. **SAM TAZZIA** just moved to San Jose, CA, recently and will be starting a new job as a strategist at a branding agency called Liquid. **JUSTIN LAPOTEN** loves life in Houston, TX, and recently raised his first venture fund focused on early stage technologies. Best of luck with career moves, guys! **EMILY ECKHOUS** just started her MBA at Rotterdam School of Management. From my experience of living in Europe, she's going to have a blast! **SYMONE JACKSON** also started her MBA at U-M's Ross School of Business. Best of luck to you both! **JOSH SIEGEL**'s work was recently published in the November issue of the journal *Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence*. His start-up called DataDriven is working on commercializing diagnostic tools for the automotive industry. Look out for the release of the smart phone app in the near future. **SAMRITA VARDE** just started her family medicine residency at Beaumont Health. Reach out to her if you are in the Michigan area. **MELANIE AUGUST** is living in Columbus, OH, working in merchandising at Express corporate office. She saw **IVY FORESTER** and **KELSEY ZUKOWSKI** over the holidays. She wrote to me from Maui, HI, when she was visiting her sister, Allison August, '10. **KELSEY ZUKOWSKI** moved from Chicago and is now living in Orange County working for CareerBuilder. After starting an alternative investment fund with his partners and spending five years in the Cayman Islands, **JOSHUA WLUDYKA** now resides in Oregon, where he helps his mentor operate his winery, Lingua Franca. If anyone is visiting the Willamette Valley or Burgundy, where he recently purchased a home, feel free to reach out. Until next time, everyone! Best.

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## C08

Hello, Best Friends. As I am writing, a massive winter storm is bearing down on Chicago, and I just saw on Facebook that Cranbrook has already canceled school tomorrow. (But the hockey rink will be open, obviously.) It takes me back to that week of severely subzero temperatures in high school when literally every other school in southeast Michigan was closed, even though those students didn't have to wait outside, sometimes multiple times

a day, for transportation between campuses like we did. What a character-building exercise that was. But I digress. Anyway, by the time you read this, it will be early summer and the weather will, presumably, be less unrelentingly awful. Most importantly, our 10-year reunion will be right around the corner! This reminder probably won't do you much good at this point, but I've talked about the reunion in the last two class notes, so I've really done all that I can. Between the wide readership of *Tradition* and the rigorous discipline that our Cranbrook education instilled in us, however, I'm optimistic that you've heeded my impassioned calls to action and already plan to attend. To prepare you for encountering one another after a decade apart, I have a few updates from our classmates to share. **STEVEN SIEGEL** has moved back from Los Angeles and traded in his turntables for a heavy dose of Microsoft Excel. He is the senior analyst at Q10 Lutz Financial Services in Birmingham, MI, where he values commercial real estate for clients and secures debt and equity placements for them. He enjoys meeting up with fellow alums, **DAVID BLEZNAK**, **XANDER STREK**, and **NOAH JACOB** on lunch breaks in Birmingham. In addition, he and **ZACK BOBOWSKI** are still searching for the perfect techno song, but have not found anything close to when they (and **INTAEK YEO**) got the upper school hooked on David Guetta in spring 2008 with the world-famous Cranbrook Techno Community. Speaking of catching up with fellow alums, I bro'd down with **ROB DOZORTSEV**, which he described as the "highlight of 2017," when he visited Chicago this winter. He reports that all is well in Houston, and we had a great time recalling the CK glory days. **M. PAUL WEEKS** is living in NYC, but he is on sabbatical as he transitions from writing code to teaching others how to write code. **NICK ANDERSEN**, on the other hand, reports that there have been no significant life changes for him, but that he was happy to see some retiring faculty and longtime friends at the CK alumni event in Boston in late 2017. Back in Michigan, **JAKE FRIEDMAN** is settling into the accountant life at Friedman & Associates, P.C., as he works on getting his CPA license. **PAUL DRENTH** is working as a registered nurse in the emergency department in Mount Pleasant, where he recently moved with his wife, Jodi, and son, Jack Dean, who will turn one this March and is in the phase where he loves to laugh, is learning to walk, and is

just generally into everything. Jodi has been putting her doctorate of nursing practice to good use in Mount Pleasant, Paul says, and he is working toward the same degree at Saginaw Valley State University. Up in Eau Claire, WI, **CAMERON KEISER** is also enjoying married life with his wife, Jillian, and their almost-two-year-old daughter, Evelyn. Cameron has taken a permanent job as one of Menards Inc.'s operations managers, in which role he oversees front end operations and financial policy for the company. He is looking forward to attending the reunion and catching up with everyone this summer, so *don't let him down!* (I added that last part, but I'm sure Cam would agree that you should all go to the reunion.) We originally planned to have music at the reunion provided by the garage band comprised of our own **RYAN DREWS**, **JUSTIN CAMERON**, and **AARON ROBINS**, but a cease-and-desist order following the band's recent transition to the electronica/polka genre has put everything on hold while they assess their legal options. Frankly, I don't think the court has a leg to stand on, and its invocation of "cruel and unusual punishment" was totally uncalled for. As for your beloved class secretary, **PETER BAUMHART** has spent the past several months learning that *Suits* is a very misleading portrayal of life at a large law firm. He is looking forward to a welcome respite at the reunion this summer, and hopes that you will join him and your other classmates there as well.

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## K08

Hannah and I loved hearing from you this January, fellow classmates from '08! Thank you for your updates and news. Incredibly, our ten-year reunion is upon us. It is remarkable to hear what you have been up to during the past several years! **ELYSE CANTOR** and her husband recently moved from Chicago to LA, where she is acting and he is a lawyer. **NEVEEN ELIAS** lives in Chicago where she writes and performs sketch comedy. **HALI GREENE** lives in Cincinnati and works for the Women's Crisis Center, providing counseling and advocacy for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Hali is also on the steering committee of Black Lives Matter Cincinnati. She is training for the Flying Pig

Marathon in May and still has her wonderful cats! **BRITTANY HAURY EVANS** loves her position managing a local dive shop and scuba training facility in Texas, and she welcomed daughter, Lorelai Emma, on July 1, 2017!



Lorelai Emma, daughter of Brittany Haury Evans, '08

Brittany and Lorelai eagerly await the return of husband/father, Sgt Christopher Evans, who is due back from his fourth deployment any day. **GABRIELLE LOCHARD** is living in Oakland, CA, and pursuing a Ph.D. in music history at U.C. Berkeley. She also works part time at a local elementary school and at a community acupuncture clinic in Berkeley. The rest of the time she works as a pianist and singer in the Bay Area. **MACKENZIE MCBRIDE** had a reading of her play, *A Lovely Damaged Quality*, in Jersey City this fall. She is still living in Red Hook, Brooklyn. She also works with several non-profits that bring arts programming to public schools in NYC, including teaching poetry in juvenile detention centers and foster homes around the city. **ELLEN MOELLER** is in San Francisco, working on financial partnerships and new country expansion for Stripe, a SF-based payments startup. **KRISTEN NEITHERCUT** lives in Bozeman, MT, managing events at a brand new theater downtown, a venue ideal for live shows as well as meetings and private events. **ELIZABETH RATTNER HESSLING** is on active duty as a linguist in the United States Navy, although she hopes to start law school this fall through the Navy JAG Program. Elizabeth is still writing; her first novel is in

its editing stages right now. She is stationed in Maryland with her husband of two years. **JENNIFER SHAPIRO** lives with her family in North Carolina. Her daughter, Zara, now four, is blossoming into quite the creative and adventurous little lady, capturing hearts and blowing minds daily!



*Jennifer Shapiro, '08, and family at sister, Rebecca's, '11 wedding*

Jen is PR and affiliate manager for Face Yoga Method, and her partner, David, is about to publish his first book and podcast on spirituality and creative awakening. They are always squeezing in as much hiking, yoga, and anything musical that they can! **IMAN TAYLOR** is graduating from Stanford with dual MA education and MBA degrees this year. She married her husband last year, and they are so excited to be expecting their first child, a daughter, this spring! My co-secretary **HANNAH KANECK** is living in Evanston, IL, with her partner, Alex, and working as a data scientist for CVS Health. She volunteers with Northwestern University's Community Council for International Students teaching conversational English. For myself, I'm on track to finish my architecture licensure exams this spring. I continue to work on house projects with Todd and volunteer with the high school youth group at our church. I look forward to seeing you in June at the Reunion!

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## C09

Until May of 2017 **NEAL ANDERSON** was serving as chief operating officer of Supported Intelligence, a decision-making software startup in East Lansing, MI. Last May, he made the decision to make a career as a musician. He moved to Hamtramck, MI, and is working his way into the Detroit jazz scene. This Feb 12-15, he was doing a mini-tour with the Neal Anderson Quintet performing all original music in Lansing, Ypsilanti, and at Cliff Bell's in Detroit. Several of the CK faculty members attended! They filmed two videos to promote the tour, directed by Ben Curry, '08! **ERIC HARBOUR** is getting schooled, graduate style, and escaping Trumpism with the hobbits down in New Zealand. **KHEVNA SHAH** is happy to say she's working at Girls Who Code in San Francisco as a curriculum developer! #GoForthToServe. After much deliberation, **ANDREW ECKHOUS** recently changed his sign from Aries to Gemini. **YONG IL KWON** is doing great in Tokyo, working as an application engineer. If anyone visits Tokyo, please let him know. **TETSU KIKUCHI** is also working in Tokyo as a contractor for the Japanese Ministry of Defense. **ELI TOWNSEND** is living on Capitol Hill in Denver and working nearby for Corona Environmental Consulting. Recently he began working on three separate drinking water treatment facility evaluations in southern Louisiana with a prime emphasis on improving treatment efficiency, reducing source water concerns, and developing response plans for episodic source water events (flood, seasonal runoff, algae blooms). As part of one of the evaluations, he was fortunate enough to perform first-of-its-kind testing on natural toxins that are not yet regulated. He also passed his professional engineer's exam last year and is awaiting his professional engineer's license in the coming months. **CHRIS JEON** is living in NYC. Go say hi to him. After months tracking big-game poachers through the African savannah, **DYLAN HANDELSMAN**, **ERIC FISHMAN**, **JOE GRANZOTTO**, **BRENT MOFFETT**, and **ANDREW ECKHOUS** have decided to bring their two passions, deli meats and preserving the planet, to the Outback. They recently moved to Brisbane, Australia, where they've joined the preservation effort for the hawksbill sea turtle in the Great Barrier Reef. By night, they operate a deli called, "Kanga-Reuben," which quickly developed a reputation for the

best 'Roo north of New South Wales. Please visit their website MeatsNReefs.com for more information. **ADAM WELLS** is living in Seattle, WA, where he decided to gamble on the institution of marriage and proposed to Annie Rothrock in December of 2017. They plan to marry in 2019. To submit your 2009 class updates please email Adam Wells at adam.joseph.wells@gmail.com, or Leonard Robinson at robinson.leonardc@gmail.com.

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## K10

**TESSA HUTTENLOCHER** is still a doctoral student in the University of Pennsylvania, department of sociology. She started teaching undergraduates this year, and has taught recitation sections for "Intro to Sociology and Sociology of Media and Popular Culture." She now has over 100 former students, so the sea of faces on campus is getting more familiar each day! Her current research, which is based on 14 months of ethnographic observation, focuses on inter-organizational collaboration in the nonprofit sector. **ROSEMARY O'CONNOR** has been working for Racquet Up Detroit for four years. In her roles as director of squash and college prep coordinator, she teaches students from Detroit how to play squash and mentors them through the college application process. She loves her job and is incredibly proud of her students! A recent highlight is that a team made up of six of her players won Urban Team Nationals! In May of 2017, **JESSICA SPARKS** married Kevin Jett, a University of Toledo English professor, whom she describes as "the love of my life."



*The wedding of Jessica Sparks, '10, and Kevin Jett*

CK classmate, **JESSICA BUHL**, was maid of honor at their wedding. Jessica and Kevin are closing on a house and are eager to start their life together! Jessica Sparks' career is also taking off: she went from staff pharmacist in Milford, MI, to pharmacy manager in Linden, MI, and then, in September 2017, she got promoted to pharmacy district manager with Rite Aid pharmacy. She currently runs 27 pharmacies in mid-Michigan and enjoys the challenging work. **EMILY WILLIAMS** is living in NYC, where she is roommates with Casey Levy, '11. She is the senior director of marketing at independent record label Downtown Records. She had the pleasure of working on many great releases in 2017, including Mura Masa's debut record, which was nominated for Best Dance/Electronic Album at the 2018 Grammys. Thank you for sharing your news!

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## CK11

Short recap from the Class of 2011! **LUKAS WINKLERPRINS** is living in Los Angeles and is a high school math and woodshop teacher. He's applying to graduate school programs in civil engineering. **ALEX TOENNIGES** lives in Bloomington, IN, where she teaches a form of somatic education called the Feldenkrais Method, as well as teaches youth programs in nature connection at a forest school. She lives in an intentional community called Green Acres Village and Urban Farm, which is centered around permaculture and sustainability. **SAMI GEORGE** is working as a certified special FX artist for the film industry in Metro Detroit, while simultaneously planning her September wedding on Mackinac Island to her fiancé, Brian Maskill. She couldn't do it without the help of her amazing maids of honor, **GRACE MATHIEU** and **GEORGIA HAMPTON**, and her adorable chihuahua/pug mix, Watson! **STEPHANIE SINGER** helped launch the 2018 Navigator, Lincoln's first-ever truck of the year.

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## CK12

Only a few updates to report this time around, but definitely some great ones! **MAGGIE HUDSON** works at a research nonprofit in Chicago, working on education programs for patients who live with a rare disease. She lives in Wicker Park and recently rescued a dog who is the light of her life and her best friend. Also in Chicago, **MAX HIMELHOCH** is a marketer at PepsiCo, working on their North American Nutrition brands. With Quaker Oats, he helped develop advertisements across TV, print, digital, and more, working from initial strategy through activation. Max also supported the brand strategy through new partnerships with companies like West Elm, Chef'd, and the National Honey Board. Now with Tropicana, he is helping develop the brand's Beyond-OJ strategy, working on the probiotics and premium drinks portfolio. **ALEXANDRA 'ALI' VON BAILLOU KOCH** is stationed in Fort Drum, NY, with 7th Engineer Battalion, 10th Mountain Division. She will be deploying in support of an AFRICOM mission within the next few weeks in order to assist in teaching Counter IED tactics for UN Peacekeeping missions. She also has recently completed the Air Assault and Sapper Leader Course. Ali is really excited to get involved in future alumni events, to interact with current students, and have the chance to speak with them about her experience with the Army and hopefully increase the knowledge of all the military has to offer students. Feel free to reach out to her at alexandravonbaillou@gmail.com. Please continue to send me, **SYDNEY SANDERS**, email updates at ssanders0603@gmail.com, and let me know if you're ever in San Francisco!

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## CK17

We hope you all had a great first year and are planning to have an amazing summer break! Here's a little update from your Class of 2017. **COURTNEY WRIGHT** took a gap semester in the fall and traveled to Central America. She spent five weeks in Nicaragua and seven weeks in Guatemala with a group of about ten other American students getting immersed in the culture, speaking Spanish, and learning

about the theme "resistance." Courtney laughed when talking about the trip, "My Spanish hasn't even gotten any better!" She had an amazing time. It was a totally different world there, and it was really strange to live in a place that is against capitalism. Besides getting stung by a scorpion and killing a huge snake with her bare hands, Courtney made it unscathed. Over winter break, she really missed living with the ten other students she had spent so much time with on the trip, but in February she was off to Middlebury for her first semester. She wishes everyone from CK the best. Aim high! **COLE THOMPSON** spent his first year in the U-M's music theatre program, where he is continuing to pursue his passion for the performing arts. For his first semester Cole became quickly involved in the production, this time as a costume crew member for the musical, *One Hit Wonder*. Through this role he learned the different points of view that go into a musical and gained a greater appreciation for the overall show. In his second semester Cole was cast as Caiaphas the Elder in the play, *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot*. He recalls that he felt confident during the audition process but was surprised when he got the good news! Are we surprised though? For this role he hopes to really analyze the script and become one with the character. Cole, as do we, wish our fellow CK alumni success in their endeavors.

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## HONORARY ALUMNI

In October, I attended the annual Alumni Senior Dinner at Cranbrook House. Honorary alumna, **ARLYCE SEIBERT**, invited some of the long-standing faculty to share some of their memories. There were five of us honorary alumni present: Arlyce, **CHARLIE SHAW**, **DEBRA RUTZEN**, **PHEBE GOLDSTEIN**, and me. Debbie told me about her new lifestyle in Leelanau. She loves it, and promised she would send news for us soon. I was so happy to see Phebe. She was wheelchair-bound and said she had had a stroke but was doing

okay. I told her I'd be sure to mention seeing her in this column. By the time you read this, I will have a new granddaughter. We have three sons and one daughter, and now we will have three grandsons and one granddaughter. Three of them live in California, but thanks to today's technology, we will be able to see them regularly.

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## FORMER FACULTY

On November 23, 2017, we received word of the passing of **JOHN "JOCK" DENIO**, beloved headmaster of Brookside School from 1962-1982. Jock filled Brookside School with his good will, wisdom, and love of the elementary school classroom. Denio succeeded Jessie Winter, the first head of Brookside School, and served in many leadership capacities across the independent school world.



*Jock Denio with Brookside students in the art room*

After Brookside, he and his wife Sue retired to Traverse City, where he dedicated his time to family, jazz, and children's literature. The memorial service for Jock will be held 2:00 pm on Saturday June 9, 2018 at the First Congregational Church of Traverse City. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to either The Jock Denio Fund, Cranbrook Schools, P.O. Box 801, Bloomfield Hills 48304-0801 or The Civic Strings Ensemble Program of the TSO: 300 E. Front St, Ste 230, Traverse City, MI 49684. Alumni and colleagues have an opportunity

to send condolences and share memories of Jock around reunion, and can email those to [alumni@cranbrook.edu](mailto:alumni@cranbrook.edu) or sign the guest book available in the Cranbrook Library that weekend. This past November, many friends celebrated the life of former Director of College Counseling, **BILL MCILRATH**, who passed on October 4, 2017. Bill retired in 1998 after almost two decades of leadership in college counseling. Former colleagues remembered fondly Bill's deep love of the arts and literature, his friendliness and quick wit, and of course his dedication to crossword puzzles, which he both constructed and completed. Having remained active on campus with assignments in the HUB summer program and in aftercare at the girls' middle school for many years, former English teacher and GMS dean **BETSY CLARK** has officially retired. This past winter brought some health challenges, but Betsy is working on regaining her strength and would love to hear from colleagues or former students.



*Betsy Clark with former student Liz Luckenbach '86 at reunion 2017*

Notes may be sent in care of her son Gil Clark, 186 Crocker, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043. Former assistant principal of Kingswood School **LARRY REESIDE** mentored and hired many of the Kingswood teachers who went on to leadership roles in the merged Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School. After Kingswood, Larry was appointed head of Orchard Lake St. Mary's School, just up the road from Cranbrook. Larry stays active in the local area as a volunteer in the Bloomfield Township Library and looks back on his career fondly.



*Arlyce Seibert with Tom and Linda Burgess at the 89th annual senior pageant*

Faculty and students recently bid a very fond farewell to **TOM BURGESS**, who retired in January, 2018, to the lush breezes of Florida. Teacher of math and physical education for many years, Tom was also beloved head of the Boys' Middle School for ten years. There were many tributes to Tom, but perhaps the sweetest was the standing ovation by the boys' senior class at the annual Senior Pageant in the Cranbrook Dining Hall in December. Tom takes him with many golden memories of interim trips with the boys and co-leading the ISACS accreditation process. **CONNIE** and **DAVID ROBINSON** have enjoyed the quieter rhythms of life on the eastern shore of Maryland, a perfect setting for two "old salts" to remember the early years of the crew program, which they founded at CK.



*Connie and David Robinson*

Both of the Robinsons continue to assist worship in Episcopal churches nearby. They also make time for miniature, museum-quality woodworking projects. Over the past year they restored an antique structure, the

Pepper Doll House, with new flooring, lights, electricity, and furniture.



*The restored Pepper Doll House*

They also created a model of a camper's cabin from Connie's girlhood summer camp experiences in the Delaware Water Gap.

**DAVID COX** is a master of woodworking in a different vein. He creates exquisite hardwood functional wares that become highly prized auction items which he donates to Kaleidoscope. David also maintains a very ambitious schedule of work with Habitat for Humanity. **JOHN HAZARD** ponders a decision to forsake his annual automobile pilgrimage to poetry workshops in Florida: "There are only so many two-lane roads to explore through Georgia and S. Carolina! And what's more dismal than WV mountains in winter? New Hazardian poems coming out soon in *New Ohio Review* (2), *Valparaiso Poetry Review*, *Midwest Quarterly*, and *Harper Palate* (3). Not *New Yorker*, but I'll take it. They said in the fall. It's fall. Come on, boys and girls. Get on it." That inimitable Mr. Hazard!

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#### **A NOTE FROM FORMER FACULTY MEMBER MICKEY PRICE TO FORMER CRANBROOK VARSITY HOCKEY PLAYERS**

Cranbrook Hockey Heritage

We had been here before, the finals of the State Hockey Championship. This was our third straight year, our success attracted scrutiny. Every team strove to knock off the perennial favorites, the supposed "rich kids" from Cranbrook. Right at the beginning of the game the officials, without warning, informed us that several of the boys who initially played on the Junior Varsity squad were disqualified from competing. So, our lines had to be quickly adjusted, with fewer player than needed. The first few minutes of

the game were characterized by early game jitters. By mid-way through the period, the first two lines were finally beginning to click. Then, the Calumet Coach sought to break our rhythm by calling for a mouth guard check on the first line right wing, Sean Flynn. Unfortunately, Sean had neglected to use his mouth guard; the referee slapped us with a two-minute minor. Calumet, realizing they had an opportunity to even the score, came hard, hoping to utilize their normally effective power play to the fullest. For the first time in the game, we had difficulty getting the puck out of our zone. Calumet smelled blood and used some very aggressive play believing that we would lose our concentration and composure and retaliate, giving them an overwhelming two-man advantage. The referees apparently had agreed to let the two teams play with little interference, only blowing the whistle if there was blatant retaliation. The two-year veteran state champions, Cranbrook kept their discipline and killed the penalty ending the hard-fought and tension filled period. The third Period was totally dominated by Cranbrook. Calumet had given their all during the second period; they were totally done in, gassed from their maximum effort. They were unable to develop any meaningful threats on the Cranbrook goal, ensuring an unprecedented third State Championship. The leadership offered by veteran players bound the team together. They had learned to live by the school motto, "Aim High." The Boys of the 1987 State Championship Team began the season with considerably justified apprehension, but that victory with so many obstacles thrown in their path was remarkable. By the end of the season most had matured from the tremors that nearly turned their hopes and dreams upside down, and were justifiable proud of their accomplishment. Few teams can ever claim to have three successive state championships. Thankfully, there have been many state championships since that tumultuous year. Why bring up tales of old hockey history? This was one of many remarkable stories that characterize the success of the Cranbrook hockey program. But, how many other amusing stories have failed to be passed on or remembered by those who lived them, or disappeared altogether? The objective of this letter is to introduce the alumni hockey players to a project that will allow us to remember your own time playing and enjoy the stories of others that skated for Cranbrook before

and after you. Recall the joy, the events you experienced that made the years playing ice hockey very special. What is requested of you is to recall your favorite story while playing hockey at Cranbrook. With enough people contributing, I will create an anthology of these collected memories for you, the players, for your enjoyment, remembrance, and to entertain your friends and family.

MICKEY PRICE

Please send your stories to my gmail account: [ckhockeymemories@gmail.com](mailto:ckhockeymemories@gmail.com)



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