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Equilibrium

Looking Forward—and Back—to Develop Curriculum and Program

As Cranbrook looks to its future, it is faced with an exciting challenge: how to preserve all that has been at the heart of the school over the past century while ensuring that today's students receive the most valuable and relevant education possible. Working toward designing this symmetry is a critical part of the work now underway.

In the following pages, teachers and administrators reflect on the work they are already doing and on the paths that lie ahead.





Jeff Suzik, Ph.D.

Director of Schools

One of the things I have come to appreciate and value most here at our Schools is our unerring commitment to weaving together the “tried-and-true” with the innovative and leading-edge. From our earliest beginnings, just about one hundred years ago now, Cranbrook has been a place that expertly has done both. George Booth and Ellen Scripps Booth were deeply committed to preserving the rich traditions—artistic and otherwise—of their English heritages while, simultaneously, dipping their toes into the exciting waters of early-20th-century modernism. We see their homage to history in our Senior Pageant, the Schools’ oldest and longest-standing tradition, and we likewise find their forward-focused ingenuity and influence in the creation, over time, of now-longstanding programs like World Affairs Seminar and Horizons Upward Bound. Time and again, whether it is reflected in our celebrations, our curricular offerings, or our exquisite architecture, the Cranbrook Schools community is one that continually looks both forward and back, in almost equal measure. It’s a profound and impactful equilibrium.

As we continue to work together to develop a comprehensive pathway forward for our curriculum and program here at the Schools, maintaining and sustaining this equilibrium is an important, enduring goal. We recognize the critical importance that faculty professional development plays in that iterative and creative process. Fundamentally, we must build the systems and structures that will provide our faculty with the competencies, knowledge, and skills they require to fulfill our most essential function as a school: meeting the ever-evolving needs of the students we serve.

In the process of establishing topical and thematic priorities, we have been inspired by the work of noted botanist and member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Robin Wall Kimmerer who, in her recent monograph *Braiding Sweetgrass*, lays out a framework for thinking about the interconnections that exist between humans, human society, and nature, what Kimmerer refers to as “braiding.” Here at the Schools we

are applying Kimmerer’s concept to our emergent professional development themes for the faculty across all schoolhouses, in an effort to make sure that we are working towards a single, cohesive vision that is made up of separate but connected initiatives, including:

- Place-Based Learning practices and methodologies that we introduced to the whole Schools faculty in August through a multi-day visit by Dr. David Sobel
- Neurodiversity-aware instructional practices designed to reach all learners, that we just recently introduced to the whole Schools faculty through an in-service presentation by nationally-recognized expert in the field, Horacio Sanchez
- Schoolhouse-by-schoolhouse work that we have conducted with outside consultant Lauren Porosoff regarding our ongoing commitment to inclusion, diversity, equity, and access both at our Schools and at the wider Cranbrook Educational Community level

One fundamental priority, moving forward, is to continue centering our professional development efforts on these three pieces of our “braid,” so that we develop deep and rich understandings and applications of each one versus simplistic or superficial ones. And this includes, of course, ever-present reminders of not only who we aspire to be, but who we are and where we’ve come from. It is my hope that the vignettes shared in this issue by a number of Schools’ faculty and staff members, give you a little window into our current work as an enduringly impactful educational community.

Very Best Regards,

Jeff Suzik, Ph.D.
Director of Schools



Zaineb Hussain

Assistant Director of Schools

12,419: the highest daily step count I have achieved since arriving on this stunning, 319 acre campus.

As a native New Yorker, I prefer to walk everywhere. Walking taught me how to listen, learn and navigate a complex environment--from growing up in Queens, attending school in the Bronx, to teaching and helping administer schools in Harlem. When I arrived at Cranbrook in the summer of 2022 as the new Assistant Director of Schools, I was tasked with many responsibilities that all held a common thread: seek to understand the deep intricacies of this community, of who Cranbrook is to help us continue to build on the potential of who Cranbrook can be.

And so, to do this, I walked.

I walked from Kingswood Campus to Brookside to participate in Science Day with our Senior Kindergartners, teaching them about their bones and joints. I walked the curb of the ECC Circle, helping our youngest children out of cars at morning drop off and meeting many of our families. I walked the grounds of the Cranbrook Upper School Campus, through the Gordon Science Center, putting on a pair of gloves and goggles and joining our highschoolers for a shark dissec-

tion during anatomy lab. I walked through the back woods of our fields connecting Cranbrook to Middle School for Boys campus, my home base and where my office is located. Being a Middle School Head previously, it is one of my favorite places to be, as I sit in the halls and smile to myself as middle school chatter fills the space during transitions. I have walked past the Triton Pool by the Art Museum, past the Jonah Fountain, and past Steggy the Stegosaurus outside the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

And as I walked, I listened intently. I listened to the faculty and staff who shared their experiences as they walked with me; to the students who stopped to chat with me as I walked through classrooms and buildings; and to the members of the community who I happened to cross paths with and are a part of the larger Cranbrook Educational Community. Spending this year walking and listening with intention has allowed me to understand our community deeply and has allowed me to see the beauty of who we are and the incredible opportunities of who we can grow to be.

And as we walk on this path of potential, I am excited to look around and see how many are already walking alongside me.



Carla Young

Director of Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access

Rituals, Relationships, and Returning, oh my...

Taiye Selasi's TedTalk, *Don't ask where I'm from, ask where I'm a local* strikes a Cranbrook Schools IDEA chord as she underscores the nature of being local, or proximate to a place that for many, comes to mean home. There is a Nigerian proverb, *home is not where we live, it is where we belong*. Imagine a place where people experience growing up and developing into the person they are meant to be, a place that always calls them back home in joyous welcome, that is the heart of Cranbrook.

Our rituals of learning, compassion, and connection: classroom discourse, athletic contests, arts expression, and social community engagement abound on each campus. Student and adult customs of interest focused clubs, organizations, and affinity/identity groups abound in the schools. These are how we build relationships, maintain connections, and sometimes repair harm when it happens. We intentionally center our learning alongside internal and external matters that keep us thinking, feeling, and acting to sustain behaviors that connect us to our heart center. Our ceremonies of connection, school welcoming events, and disconnection, school moving on celebrations, remind us of who we are to each other.

We build our relationships to belong. Friendship and mentoring relationships form from the start as our youngest learners begin to see themselves as distinct parts of a unified whole. We learn that our identities are unique and elemental to our community center. These identities provide us rich cultural resources as we learn that we are free to

be, you and me. In the middle years we extend our self-exploration into awareness of our community place in a larger social context. We focus on leadership development and practice social justice discourse with a world that unites and sometimes divides us. In the upper school students become more organized and active as they share purposefully, think critically, and engage civically. Their practices extend learning and community work for a more connected world.

As a place where many are local, Cranbrook also recognizes Selasi's point, "There is no going back. Time moves on, we change, countries change, spaces change." Reflecting on her words and the ritual nature of *Where I am from* poems, this exercise allows us to imagine that place again as a place of shared identity that elevates a shared culture of belonging:

We come from our experiences, Cranbrook rituals.

We come from our connections with others, Cranbrook relationships.

We come from our restrictions, Cranbrook's growth and struggle.

People come from Cranbrook because many of our formative experiences take place here. As the Adinkra symbol of the twin crocodiles signals, unity within diversity, Cranbrook has many ways of belonging. In this truth, we are at home together.



Keith Levinthal

Upper School Athletic Director

I came to Cranbrook in July with a vision for what the future of Cranbrook Athletics could look like, inspired by the surroundings, the people, and the history of this place. Now, more than eight months into my Cranbrook experience, I'm focusing on how best to evolve the program through changes that permeate every fiber of the athletic department and build upon the foundation of athletic successes here. I'm focused on creating an environment where students and coaches can do their best work, and am willing to sacrifice short-term wins to build long-term culture from the ground up.

But what does that mean?

In my experience, healthy culture doesn't come easily. It's the work of day-in, day-out actions and communications that keep everyone focused on a shared vision and looking to a true north that guides moments of indecision. I've seen this approach work firsthand, where teams rose to unprecedented national success by focusing on four building blocks (give or take) that allow good culture to thrive and become fuel for winning.

One, Celebrate the Success of Others. It's simple, it doesn't cost us a thing, and it goes miles and miles toward building the kind of shared goodwill that carries us through challenging times. Whether it's student-athletes attending contests in other sports to root for their fellow Cranes, supporting teammates who may get more playing time but are also seeing huge gains that help raise the level of the whole team, or coaches sharing resources to encourage a mentality of "if one succeeds, we all succeed"—we all get better when we recognize the efforts among us as "ours," openly and often.

Two, Do What is Best for the Team, Selflessness is hard to teach, but it's possible. It can be hard to accept you won't always get what you want—or believe you deserve—in a team setting but trusting in the team and allowing for constant give and take teaches lessons that strengthen individuals here and in life beyond Cranbrook. This comes into play often with playing time and starting lineups. You'll notice that teams who win the most usually have the most players that win awards because doing what's right for the team often leads to winning, and winning teams recognize those who got them where they are.

Three, Commit, Commit, Commit. To me, this means giving yourself to

the team experience, knowing that it will require sacrifice. Whether opting out of family vacation during pre-season, fitting in a workout the morning after a snowstorm cancels your evening practice, or modeling teamwork and dedication for younger teammates through a positive attitude, showing up mentally and physically is key.

Four, Do the Hard Work. Starting at age 14, I worked as a picker in Connecticut tobacco fields because I wanted to go to Loomis Chaffee, a prep school in a neighboring town, to further my hockey career. While I was fortunate to receive financial aid, I was expected to work with my parents to come up with the balance of my tuition. I took the highest paying summer job I could find, doing the stickiest, dirtiest work, and it paid off when I arrived at Loomis, and my entire educational experience was transformed (and hard work was demanded). Here at Cranbrook, we'll expect student-athletes to weather sometimes-grueling practices and contests and then stick around to help clean the buses, bring in equipment, keep team benches organized, and otherwise pitch in. It will set us apart from those teams who expect success to come easy and show our community that we are willing to do the "dirty work" on and off the field.

Our role in the educational setting is to guide our students to become the best versions of themselves by creating a culture that allows them to do so. We model how to manage successes and failures, support each other and advocate for ourselves, and always be learning. By facing competition and adversity as a team, we learn to value each other's strengths, support each other in areas of weakness, and learn from mistakes in a safe, healthy space. Engaging in competition leads to growth in emotional, physical, and social skills when teams work together to meet challenges head-on.

What I've seen so far, with three sports seasons under my belt, is that we have strong programs with dedicated coaches, athletes, and families, immense potential, and the collective desire to go far. It is an honor to serve as your Athletic Director, evolving a program that promises to provide an influential and unforgettable part of your time here at Cranbrook. I am lucky to be a part of it.

Fly Cranes!



Kieren Reynolds

Upper School Computer Science Teacher

Cranbrook Schools has a rich history of inspiring students to turn simple ideas into something greater. Founded on the principle that education should be based on the integration of art, science, and the natural world, has produced a long line of innovative thinkers and problem solvers. Students at Cranbrook are encouraged to think creatively and to take risks in pursuit of their passions. The school's commitment to nurturing creativity and critical thinking has ensured that its students leave with the tools to effect positive change in the world.

High school is a place where young minds come together to learn and develop new skills. It is also a place where after-school clubs offer a platform for students to explore their interests and passions. One such club is R.A.I.D (Robotics and Artificial Intelligence Development), which in 2022 built a prosthetic arm for a charity. Now, in 2023, the club has embarked on a new project to build a mechanical arm that can perform simple tasks using machine learning.

The idea for the prosthetic arm was born out of a desire to make a difference in the lives of those in need. The club members, who were passionate about robotics and AI, realized that they could use their skills to help people with disabilities. After extensive research and collaboration, the team successfully built a prosthetic arm that was donated to a local charity.

The prosthetic arm was a significant achievement for the R.A.I.D club. It was not only a testament to the students' technical abilities but also their empathy and desire to help others. The project required them to work as a team, apply critical thinking skills, and use nothing more

than a 3D printer to create a functional and practical solution.

The success of the prosthetic arm project inspired the R.A.I.D club members to take on additional challenges. This time, they aimed to build a mechanical arm that could perform simple tasks such as writing and drawing. The club's leaders realized that machine learning could be a valuable tool in achieving this goal. Machine learning is a sub-field of AI that involves building algorithms that can learn and improve from data inputs. The R.A.I.D club members saw the potential for machine learning to enhance the capabilities of the mechanical arm they were building. By training the machine learning algorithms with data on how to perform specific tasks, the arm could learn to perform those tasks on its own.

The Mechanical arm combines engineering, robotics, and design. Building and programming the robot arm requires an understanding of these fields and the ability to apply this knowledge in a practical manner. This project teaches the fundamentals of mechanical design, electrical engineering, and programming in a way that is engaging and exciting for students.

The arm will adhere to the six-axis of freedom design of the robot arm is also a significant benefit. This feature enables the robot's arm to move in six different directions, giving students the opportunity to explore complex robotics concepts like kinematics, inverse kinematics, and motion planning. Additionally, the robot arm's programming and control systems allow students to learn about essential skills like coding, control theory, and machine learning.



Bing Gordon

'68

Bing Gordon has a knack for seeing the future – it’s what made him one of the pioneers of the video game industry in the early 1980s with Electronic Arts and what has kept him at the forefront of the digital age today as a tech-focused venture capitalist for Kleiner Perkins.

Gordon came to Cranbrook as a ninth grader, after the stress of his parents’ divorce began causing him small discipline problems at his middle school. Ed Lerchen, a 1938 Cranbrook Schools graduate, suggested Cranbrook for Gordon. “He suggested to my mom that maybe I’d do better in a school where academics weren’t socially unacceptable. I interviewed nervously (at Cranbrook) with three grown-ups in tweedy blazers and they let me in.”

At Cranbrook, Gordon did well under the guidance of his teachers. He recalls legendary English teacher Carl Wonnberger and his theme-a-week writing class. “It was the most impactful class for me,” says Gordon, who also remembers Latin teacher Howard Wert and “*arma virumque cano*,” the first phrase in *The Aeneid* that Wert made his students memorize. Former Spanish teacher and Upper School Head Sam Salas also was a favorite.

Gordon earned good grades at Cranbrook and became a prefect for the day students as well as editor of *The Crane* newspaper. “I owe the most debt to the anonymous faculty grown-ups who decided to (give me those roles),” Gordon says. “It never would have occurred to me to ask for the positions.”

Following graduation, Gordon went on to earn his bachelor’s degree from Yale University but found himself still in search of a direction. “I was broke in my early 20s,” he says. Hearing from friends who were having fun and finding work on the West Coast, he decided to move to Washington where he got a job in commercial fishing alongside fellow Cranbrook graduates Howard Gutow and Ned Heavenrich.

“I discovered that I really liked getting a paycheck,” he says, and decided to pursue a career in business. Inspired by Ned and other friends who also had enrolled, he earned his MBA from the Stanford University Graduate School of Business. It was there that he was first exposed to the tech industry.

In 1982, Gordon became one of 11 employees to launch a new business venture called Electronic Arts, founded by a former Apple employee who recognized what the impending boom in home computer sales would mean for those who could provide software—and ultimately, games – for millions of new home computer users.

Within a decade, Electronic Arts, now better known as EA, would become one of the dominant forces in gaming, launching classic franchises such as *Madden NFL*, *The Sims*, *Need for Speed*, *Battlefield*, *FIFA Soccer* and more.

Gordon headed up EA’s marketing and product development efforts and served as its chief creative officer from 1998 to 2008. He was behind the seeming ubiquity of the EA Sports brand, helping ensure that every kid, teenager and adult gamer in the country was addicted to at

least one EA Sports franchise label.

“The first decade of EA was a whirlwind,” Gordon says. “(My life’s) history was punctuated by game releases rather than life events. I remember more of *Madden* design tweaks than of birthdays or vacations.”

EA was one of the first video game companies that celebrated their software designers and programmers for their artistic rather than just their coding skills. “We shared a vision that games were a new art form that would surpass movies, books and recorded music,” Gordon says. “We believed it, but didn’t know what that kind of success would feel like. Then, one day, I got into a New York cab, carrying my EA Sports swag, a briefcase. The cabbie didn’t ask ‘where to,’ instead he called out ‘EASpohts, it’s in da game!’ I thought, that’s what a million fans feels like.”

Gordon was honored for his work at EA with the Academy of Interactive Arts & Sciences’ Lifetime Achievement Award. He also held an endowed chair in game design at the University of Southern California’s School of Cinematic Arts, the first such chair in the game industry.

Gordon retired from EA in 2008 but did not stay idle for long. That same year, he joined the venture capital firm Kleiner Perkins, known for their more than 50-year history of investing in firms that soon became household names such as Google, Twitter, Amazon, Nest, Beyond Meat, Intuit, EA and more.

Today, Gordon serves as chief product officer for Kleiner Perkins and leads their sFund, an investment initiative to “fund and build applications and services that deliver on the promise of the social web.” Currently, Gordon is also on the board of Duolingo, Truecaller, Take 2 and Dreamscape Learn, and previously spent 20 years on Amazon’s board. He was a founding member of Audible’s board of directors and has advised CEOs of such household names as Spotify, Niantic (Pokémon Go), Coursera and Cameo.

“There is a lot of luck in finding an initial product/market fit,” Gordon says, adding that it is difficult to pick the winners “before they have actual customers.” And once a firm is launched, it’s about constantly moving forward. “What separates sustained success from one-hit wonders is speed of team learning and speed of execution.”

As the tech industry continues to evolve at an unyielding pace, Gordon sees artificial general intelligence as the big game changer on the horizon. “Jeff Bezos is among the leaders who thinks it’s the most important innovation in tech since the internet in the ‘90s and the microprocessor in the ‘70s. A friend at Google believes that AlphaFold – AI that predicts 3D protein structure – is even more important than large language models like ChatGPT.”

For those young people who want to chart the same kind of trajectory into the future that Gordon has, he advises “do cool stuff, find a mentor, build a network, learn with discipline.” And ultimately? “Turn your avocation into a vocation.”

A portrait of Lisa Kulson, a woman with long, wavy, light brown hair and blue eyes. She is wearing a blue and white striped, off-the-shoulder top and a thin gold necklace. The background is a warm, wooden interior with vertical panels.

Lisa Kulson

'83

Lisa Kulson has an eye for beauty. It's a gift that led her to a highly successful career in fashion design, creating the THEORY brand, running her own self-titled design house, consulting for Tommy Hilfiger, and today, helping Spanx expand its apparel opportunities as its chief creative officer.

Even as a child, Kulson remembers her attraction to and appreciation for beauty, whether in the natural world, in music and dance, or in clothing. "I loved dressing up in my mother's clothes and changing them, making them into different styles."

Coming from an East Coast boarding school, she found that the creative spirit at Kingswood, the dedication to academics and the immersion in the unparalleled aesthetics of the school gave her a real sense of belonging and community. It was also a place that helped inspire and expand her love of beauty.

Although Kulson's time at Cranbrook was short, it proved memorable. Coming from an East Coast boarding school, Kulson spent a total of three semesters at Kingswood in her junior and senior years.

At Kingswood, she found that the creative spirit, dedication to academics and immersion in unparalleled aesthetics of the school gave her a real sense of belonging and community. It was also a place that helped inspire and expand her love of beauty.

"I remember looking at the Kingswood Dining Hall or the Cranbrook Quad," she says. "I could look around at all of the details, at the brickwork and the windows and I just remember how much I appreciated them. I'm not sure other young people my age felt that same way."

Kulson had come to Kingswood after an injury cut short a promising pursuit of dance. "When I realized I couldn't be a dancer, I said, okay, then I'll be a fashion designer," she says.

While exploring her creative side through weaving class, jewelry design and modern dance, Kulson also excelled in academics. She remembers with fondness her literature classes and her French classes, led by Prospero Dagbovie. "I felt like we really got to know the faculty, especially the ones who lived on campus," Kulson says. "It was a small campus and it always felt like a community."

After graduation, Kulson headed west to attend Southern Methodist University in Texas, where she continued to take drawing, literature and other creative courses while at the same time, studying business and marketing. Soon, she left to attend design school in California, where she worked part time at a high-end, French-owned men's clothing store. "I loved watching the tailors work," she recalls.

In Los Angeles, Kulson began working for a clothing designer who soon became her mentor. "She had started her own business in her 50s and had been Anne Klein's right-hand person alongside Donna Karan," Kulson says. Her mentor taught her all of the ins-and-outs of the business, from fabric to build to production. "I got a very well-rounded education in fashion design," she adds.

Kulson then moved to New York, where she worked for a private-label company that designed for stores such as Ann Taylor and The Limited. That experience led her to Theory, the men's and women's clothing retailer that today has global sales of more than \$1 billion.

Kulson joined Theory in 1997, the year it was launched, as its head designer. At Theory, she was able to create high-end, modern women's designs that reflected her passions for quality and elegance. "Theory was an amazing experience," she says.

After five years, Kulson left Theory to launch her own label. She moved to Italy where she focused on bringing her design visions to life, creating the type of high-quality, enduring, classic and modern styles that help women look their best.

In 2011, Kulson returned to New York where she began consulting, taking on clients such as Theory and Tommy Hilfiger to name just two. In 2013, she returned to Theory full-time as senior vice president and creative director. In 2021, she joined Spanx, where today she is helping the brand find greater creative expression for its loyal base of consumers.

As a business woman, Kulson has centered her management style on something she first felt and found at Cranbrook. "I always lead with community," she says. "At Cranbrook, it was just the right size to feel like a family, like a community. I'm a big believer in smaller, stronger teams."

Throughout her career, Kulson has remained dedicated and devoted to high standards, classic tastes and an ability to add the kind of distinguishing creative flourish to a piece that makes it an indispensable element of a woman's wardrobe. It all goes back to her ability to find beauty in the details.

And when she thinks of beauty, she thinks of Cranbrook and Kingswood and all the tiny elements that added up to such aesthetic grace. For the students walking the halls today, Kulson hopes they too find purpose in beauty and understand that everyone's path forward is different.

"Following your passion is not always a straight line. Everything you learn has value, every experience shapes you. And everyone should be exposed to the arts as part of their education. It's how you educate the whole person. That's always been one of the best things about Cranbrook."

Alumni Moments



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ALUMNI EVENT AT CRANBROOK SCIENCE INSTITUTE



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NEW YORK OUTREACH EVENT AT SOHO HOUSE





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Class Notes

In the interest of streamlining Tradition and creating a more sustainable path for class notes, we asked Class Secretaries for classes outside of the reunion milestone years who had submitted notes in the Fall/Winter issue to defer to the next issue to submit a column. Thank you for your understanding.

By the time you're reading this many of us will be packing a suitcase on our way to our 75th Reunion the weekend of June 9, 10 and 11, 2023, a nostalgic adventure. I plan to be there and hope that you will be, too. In the meantime, I'll let you in on what I've heard from several of our classmates.

"Alice is a hoot!" It's always fun to catch up with **DOROTHY BOOTH MILLER** (Dodo) who loves to report about everyone in her large family. She now has an active two-year-old great granddaughter, Alice. Alice is named after her great-great grandmother, Alice Newcomb Booth, Dodo's mother. Alice's mother is Hannah, daughter of Dodo's oldest son, Jeff. Dodo was thrilled that daughter, Barbie, and all her family were with her for Christmas joining her brothers, Jeff and Jim, and their families who live in the Harbor Springs area. Her other daughter, Marjie, lives in Utah. Dodo raves about Perry Farm, the retirement community where she lives and takes full advantage of the van transport to cultural events in the Harbor Springs-Petoskey area. She has particularly enjoyed concerts with the chorale and the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra led by its outstanding conductor, Libor Ondras.



Dodo's Great Granddaughter, Alice. 5th Generation direct descendant of George and Ellen Booth.

I was delighted to talk with **JEANINE WESSINGER DEAN** who reports that she is "happy in old age". Who could ask for more? For several years she has been an active participant in the international program, Community Bible Studies, doing research for their lo-

cal discussion group in Leland, Michigan. She says that she is also busy with the local women's and garden clubs and enjoys quilting. Her daughter, Lisa, is a therapist in Macomb County and son, Mark, is a nurse practitioner in Rockport, PA. They and her two grandchildren love visiting her in their childhood homestead that has been in their father's family for many years.

WYN ROEHM HIRSCH WARD would like to come to Cranbrook for our reunion, but finds that the transportation logistics from Cape Girardeau, MO, are overwhelming. She leads an active life in her retirement community and enjoys musical events at the local university.

GINGER RICE JOHNSON and **PAT WILCOX FANSLER** were dear friends throughout their lives until Ginger's death a few years ago. Now Pat is taking great delight in being a stand-in great-grandmother for Ginger's little ones. Wouldn't Ginger be thrilled to know that Pat is fulfilling this role! Pat's book club just finished their discussion of David McCullough's 1776 which she thinks is excellent except for learning that he kept—and mistreated—slaves.

MARTHA LOVELL IRWIN has lived in her comfortable home on Wing Lake for 55 years and is happy with her life there. Her son, Lawrence, lives with her so, as she says, she's still cooking and keeping house. She expresses a great fondness for Cranbrook which is very close by. Martha was the editor of our yearbook and takes pride in having gotten it published and in our hands before graduation. She recently attended the widely acclaimed Van Gogh show at the Detroit Institute of Arts and enjoyed lunch in the beautiful Kresge Court, a memorable experience. Martha reads a lot and is interested in new works and such subjects as Greg Wolfe's Life and Death of Ancient Cities. She depends on the Bloomfield Hills library which she thinks is superb.

JOANNE WONNBERGER WHEATON is still enjoying life at the senior residence, Glen Eagle, close to Glen Arbor where their family had a vacation home for many years. She reports that four of her six grandchildren are married and the other two are engaged. She was pleased to be able to see her first great grandchild, Betty, this past Christmas. Youngest daughter, Polly Jo, and her husband live nearby. Jill is in New Hampshire and Joyce is

in Austin, Texas. Cranbrook archives recently published the papers and letters of Wonn's parents, Carl and Annetta Wonnberger, long time faculty members. They both were very influential in our young lives. Fascinating reading! Wonn will be attending our reunion in June.

MARGIE BARTON MATTER is still enjoying independent living in her lovely home overlooking the Tucson valley planning to remain there for as long as possible if she can find people to help her maintain it – and her. For exercise she drives to the park each weekday morning to greet friends and to take her constitutional walk around the track. When we talked, she was looking forward to going to Santa Fe in February for the 60th wedding anniversary of old friends, Gillian and Chandler Gilman, whom she and Phil had introduced to each other so many years ago. Son Carl will be driving her there. She will be taking to them two of the prayer shawls that she has knit.

ANN KAMPER LESESNE lives in Grosse Pointe Farms but spends five months in the winter at the Ocean Reef Club in Palm Beach. She was there when we spoke and had just come home from her duplicate bridge group. She is still playing golf and takes full advantage of concerts and lectures at the Four Arts organization in Palm Beach. She is fortunate that many of her six children and 17 grandchildren can visit her there. Ann plans to be with us for our reunion in June.

Sad to say, **NANCY BERGDAHL ROBERTSON** lost her husband, Neel, who died in October 2022 after a very long illness. Nancy and Neel moved to Madison, Wisconsin, to be near one of their sons and his family after having lived in Hershey, PA for 50 years. She is now evaluating whether she will choose to remain there. The retirement community where she lives has a very good library; small music groups come to play there, and the local symphony orchestra is very good. She is only a couple of blocks from the state capitol building and many of her friends attend meetings there. Nancy particularly enjoys visiting another of her sons and his family at their summer home in Newcomb, New York, in the midst of the Adirondacks, near Long Lake. If she does move, she says that it will be to somewhere warmer than Madison.

JO SCHERER BEARDSLEE is still living in her large home in Grosse Pointe Farms and finds a bad ankle a bit of a handicap. She regrets that she can't get out very much. I encouraged her to come to our reunion even in a wheelchair.

BUNNY DAY NOLAND lives in Spring Grove, in Colorado Springs, where she is well looked after by her three attentive children, Betsy, Tom and Will who all live in Colorado. When we spoke, she was looking forward to attending the wedding of Betsy's son, Eric, in Seattle. Eric works for DELL there. Betsy's daughter, Carolyn, who graduated from the University of Colorado now teaches skiing on weekends and is a fifth-grade teacher during the week, the best of all possible worlds for her. Bunny is an enthusiastic member of her bridge and book groups. She is an avid reader and suggests *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff* by Christopher Moore, a very amusing spoof, she says.

MOLLY FOSKETT MOFFAT and husband Fred are still living at Plymouth Harbor enjoying the very active arts scene in Sarasota, reading, playing bridge and staying in touch with their children and grandchildren. Many of their children and their families live in Canada as Molly and Fred did for many years. The family of their great grandchild is in Fernie, British Columbia, where their son-in-law is a mining engineer – and the skiing is terrific.

I am sorry to have to report that **GINNA KRAABEL LUNDEEN** passed away on January 30, 2023. I had heard from her husband Ed Lundeen earlier this year and he let me know that Ginna had been experiencing some issues. Ginna took delight in the lives of their three granddaughters and her legacy will live on in them. One of them is a realtor living in Palm Springs. Her business handles a large group of Airbnb rentals. She is also a practicing landscape architect. Valerie lives in Washington, DC, working with the UN World Foods program and Beverly is a student at the University of Virginia studying micro-biology. It's no wonder that she was so proud of them all. Ginna will be missed.

LIZ LIND GALBREATH is still living at her retirement community in Columbus, OH. She is now there throughout the year enjoying all the activities provided by the community. I'm encouraging her to come to our reunion.

I, **SUSAN HUBBARD SPADEMAN**, am quite delighted to have been asked to be a pen-pal with a Kingswood sixth grader as part of their history class program. I haven't yet been assigned my "pal" but am looking forward to comparing notes with her on the differences – and similarities – of the Kingswood of today and those in the mid-ages when we were students there. One of the things that I think shows how different our priorities are now from what was important then pertains to lunch. My recollection is that we were assigned tables in the dining room each hosted by a member of the senior class and lunch was served to us by a wait staff. There were no conveyer belts in sight. In addition to my addiction to the meditative quality of Tai Chi, I find myself involved in many volunteer roles. As an enthusiastic gardener and believing that no one should suffer hunger, one of my favorites is working hands-on with Willing Hands, a large and well-run organization in our area growing food and gleaning from local farms to stock 60 local food shelves. Another is reading with and mentoring a very bright eight-year-old through the Everybody Wins! Vermont reading program. We've been reading *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. I think she likes reading it to me because it makes me giggle. I'm looking forward to being with those of you who will be on campus for our 75th Reunion in June when we'll have lots to giggle about. Please make every effort to come!

*Your Self-Appointed Class Secretary,
Sue Hubbard Spademan*

C49

If the Quad were to have a statue commemorating Class Secretaries (**TOM CLARK's** idea), the likeness might well be that of **WALTER DENISON**, our champion at fostering opportunities to connect. For Class Notes, milestone reunions, meals at his nearby house, and generally keeping us in touch, Walter's been a towering figure. At times across 73 years, he may have been disappointed by classmates who didn't respond to his invites for updates. Even so, steadily with smarts and gusto, he's found the time and energy to keep track of us 67 guys, to motivate our sharing, and to present us as enjoying good lives. While master Ben Snyder playfully could recall us as "mischief-making and authority-de-

fying" rowdies, we '49ers could count on Walter invoking our more mellow selves -- in his columns, phone calls, letters, and photographs, we were elevated as "Gentlemen." But then, early, and peacefully on October 25, under the loving care of his wife Kathleen, Walter died.

At the time I'm submitting this Class Note, 30 photos of Walter have appeared on a remembrance website, 28 showing him smiling. In tributes posted on that site, Walter comes across as an African adventurer, the senior partner of a ten-lawyer firm, and a member of a couple of community boards. As a book-writing authority on probate and domestic-relations, he influenced Cranes towards courtroom careers. Long after our School days, Walter "always took wonderful photos of Ergasterion's dramatic productions." He was "kind-hearted and fun to chat with," so friends of his four CK teen-agers "saw him as their friend too." In our imaginations, we further can see Walter as a grandson did, "always up for playing in the snow, sledding, and making snow angels."

Honorary Alum **KATHY DISCENNA** remembers Walter as "an important person in my life. I will miss him so much." She was one of his Alumni Office "harem" (Kathy's term) whom he befriended in assorted venues, e.g., the School, lunch at Bloomfield Hills' Village Club, the funeral of one of their husbands.

Travelling around Heaven now, likely our community organizer is still his teasing, story-telling, adventuring self. Up There, possibly Walter's serving on a couple more non-profit boards. And he's keen that Tradition continues to include a C49 column.



Walter Denison (first row, left), maintaining cohesion within ranks

In Sausalito, **BILL BRODER** “stumble(s) out every morning onto the Headlands cliffs, has weekly visits with my kids, and socializes with mostly younger friends.” He cooks, launders, listens to music, watches Shakespeare on his computer, sends e-mails across the country, and works on “a new novel provisionally entitled Afterlife.” Bill comes from a strong political family (“I wore a Landon button in 1936”) but worries about certain politicians “eating into the core of our nation...(Yet) I still treasure the lucky life I’ve been granted to live through no virtue of my own.”

Tom and Kathleen Clark had planned to visit family for Christmas in Oklahoma but he and Kathleen “ended 2022 with Covid and our car in a Texas repair shop. We feel blessed that the virus forced a trip cancellation – given December’s blizzard, a car breakdown would have been terrible. In 11-degree weather, it’d have been worse if we’d been away when a pipe burst at home.” Now Tom’s finishing rehab from a fractured L3 vertebrae. “My goal is to prove that a fall is NOT the beginning of the end of life on earth.”

From the Bay Area, **ROSS LAVERTY** e-mails that his goings-on are “quite limited.” His two children “are a long way away, one nearly in Mexico, the other nearly in Canada. We enjoy chatting with each other many evenings.” Ross is considering a move into a life-care near his son. In that case, his church’s choir could lose an anchor -- “It’s rare that I’m the only base, but often I’m the only other one.” Another concern: current U.S. politics.

Finally, **JIM TRUETTNER** is on his annual migration between a farmette near Waukegan and beach towns in Florida and California. How come? He doesn’t say, but could it be that having grown up accustomed to rugged, snowy, northern temperatures, Jim actually likes Illinois’ cold, dark winters? For the rest of the year, maybe he and Karen somehow are into Florida’s and California’s hot, humid summers? Who knows? In any event, Jim “had a pacemaker put in, so I am still able to swim, hike, and play nine holes.”

*Subbing for Walter as Class Secretary,
Richard Townsend
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K49

Excited to receive a note from **BARBARA WATKINS STRUTHERS**. She is doing fine and saw all 4 daughters in Ca. at Thanksgiving. She now has a granddaughter and a grandson to enjoy. The recent Fort Myers Storm washed out **ANNE WILLSON HALL**’s whole first floor of her senior building and she will move back in March 15th with the repairs completed. Her oldest daughter Wendy Wasman visits her daily and reports most of her furniture had to be hauled away but saved her artwork and other pieces. She contacted her God Mother; **NANCY SHORE GILCHRIST** and advised brother Michael is an author of children books and sister Anne a fashion designer in New York. Brother Jay died a few years ago, sister Fanny lives in Jackson, MI. and her younger sister Debby lives in VA. Nancy is finding her walking difficult. She has a new ankle brace -it squeaks with every step. She is learning about palms and continues to plant different varieties. Nancy will head to Connecticut the first week of June for her granddaughter Elise’s wedding and is planning a week in March in Montgomery, AL and visit all the museums of black history. She is grateful to live in her one floor house on Anna Marie Island, FL. Nancy had a note from **IMY POWRIE SCHLEY. ANN WALRAD KELLY** is living near her son Gordon in Fort Worth, TX. **SUE NOLTE DUNHAM** says ‘hello” **MAR-YE ROSE RAIDER SCHALER** is back in FL and enjoying lunch with **CONNIE CLARK JONES**.



Mary Rose and Connie

MOLLY SYLVESTER BEREฟอร์ด is now retired after 42 years of serving as bookkeeper for the Beresford Company. Her traveling days this summer will be to the Tuesday Golf League in Birmingham with her daughter Bonnie.



Molly and her daughter Bonnie

Our sad news is we lost **ALICE SPERO MARCH** last October in Austin, TX. **MAR-YE ROSE SCHALER** was able to attend her Memorial service over Zoom and express our sadness. Also, I called **PEGGY GILFILLAN COLE** and she answered but said, “Sally I fell and broke my hip and can’t talk now”. I am still working on a new address and telephone list with updates and will mail soon.

*Class Secretary,
Sally Laughlin Kehren*

C51

RICHARD R. DOLL ‘51, passed away in December 2020. Dick, as he was known, loved his experience of Cranbrook and always spoke about it with happy and very positive memories. All these years later, it continued to be a very important part of his history and life.

K52

BARBARA CAROL FAULKNER PECK ‘52, passed away on March 28, 2022, in Endwell, NY.

*Class Secretary,
Ann Wettlaufer Benjamin
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There is little class news, but I want to share the following.

JANET MAAS ROBINSON writes that she “had hoped to attend our reunion, but a recent stroke prevents me from traveling. My son and his wife moved here from Jackson Hole and are my amazing caregivers.” She continues with “The beauty of Kingswood, the grounds and lake, and its emphasis on learning and going forth to serve is a treasured gift to all of us. When I read our class news, I see that each of you has made a significant contribution and leaves the world a better place.” Thank you, Jan, for these lovely sentiments.

I end this column with more demographic trivia. Our current class list is almost evenly split between boarders and day students. 5 live in Florida, 3 in Michigan, 2 each in California, Texas, and Indiana, and 1 each in Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia and Washington, D.C. The class of 1953 has spread far and wide.

Since becoming class secretary in 2020 the response from our 21 remaining classmates has been wonderful. In June we have a chance to meet again in person at our 70th Reunion. For those who are planning to return, the alumni office will host a dinner for our class on the Cranbrook Quad on Friday night, June 9, and our class photo will be taken that evening. Unfortunately, many no longer travel long distances; you will be missed. Best wishes to all!

Class Secretary,
Sue Martin Tritschler
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An email from **LYN MALONE** says, “Over here the country of 85 keeps me alert. I’m learning at long last that Slow is Good! It makes me think of good things that can only happen slowly—bread dough rising, learning to read, a tulip opening. I no longer color my hair. Gray [silver] is wonderful.” The East River outside her window continues to flow, giving her peace. Her health has improved. Lyn has

good days and challenging days. However, good days seem to be gaining. That’s terrific news!

The week before Christmas **BETTY ANN HILL GLASCOCK** went on a “Three Generation Caribbean Cruise” with her daughter, Kiki, and her granddaughter, Anna. She swam with the dolphins and enjoyed everything about the trip. They returned to Denver, CO, for Christmas with the family. Travel is on her schedule again in May. Anna graduates from CO School of Mines, and her son’s son, Josh, is getting married the end of May. Her most exciting news is she will become a great grandmother the end of July. Samantha, her son’s oldest, and her husband, T.J., are the proud parents to be.

MARIANNE DAVIDSON CURRIE reports no more piano playing - can’t read the music anymore. However, she usually can read email. She is very excited about new drugs out for treatment of her eyes. I hope they work.

JO BAILEY FIRMAN is very excited to be traveling again. Last June she spent three weeks on a river boat up the Mississippi, New Orleans to Minneapolis. In September she went on a cruise from Stockholm to London that included a day each in Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania, all very fascinating. While attending her granddaughter’s graduation in Sun Valley, Jo came down with Type A Flu [pneumonia]. She was hospitalized on oxygen for three weeks. When I spoke to her in February, she was looking forward to a four-week trip to Asia. Jo has glaucoma in both eyes. She is blind in the right eye, and the left eye is not too good. I don’t know how she does all this traveling with her eyes the way they are. Jo has nine grandchildren. None are married.



Jo Bailey Firman in front of Blenheim Palace

While **LYNN DOLZA GRIGNI**’s sons and grandchildren got COVID, she ended up with

an advanced case of spinal scoliosis. Husband, Mario, also had medical problems, but they both were getting excellent treatment. They find living with their son, John, and his wife, Lisa, a perfect arrangement. Lisa does the driving and dinner cooking while John is in charge of the house. Their other son, Michelangelo, drives up from Georgia for visits. Grandchildren are great. Noah has illustrated several books, and Julie is working on her master’s in computer science.

MARY “DUCK” CAMPBELL DION has a new address - 2990 E. Riverside #208, St. George, Utah 84790. Her daughter from north bought a home in St. George, so Mary moved to be closer to her. Mary’s family consists of seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She lives alone with Henry, her dog. She does fun things with neighbors, and last year went on a cruise.

ELLEN FLINT PRICE had a wondrous trip to Senegal, West Africa, in November followed by six weeks of bronchitis/pneumonia, which left her with the energy of a mashed potato. She was looking forward to spring with new landscape clients. Her granddaughter, Katelyn Cloyd, was married in September. Ellen is determined to remain “erect and intact,” although it requires more concentrated effort at 85!

DRIEKA MARTIN BLOOM and Jerry spent Christmas with her sister, Marilyn Keil ‘51, and then wintered at their usual place in Naples, FL, until the end of March.

JUDY EARLE GILLOW still enjoys her summers in Harbor Springs, playing golf, volunteering at a food bank two mornings a week, and seeing many longtime friends. Back in Bloomfield Hills for the winter months Judy does some volunteering at a school in Pontiac, tries to get to Planet Fitness to exercise in the bad weather, but walks outside weather permitting. She is active at her church in a group called Knitting Ministry. They knit shawls for people who need comforting - also knit hats, scarves, and other things for foster children.

I was so happy to receive news after many years from **JEANNIE LUCE DAVIS**. She bought her little house in downtown Bozeman, MT, when she moved there in 2015. It’s the perfect place for her and Pip, her Italian Spi-

none dog. She says Bozeman is an interesting place, wild country right next to Yellowstone Park, and yet very sophisticated in many ways. Her life is simple. Very active senior center where she takes yoga and balance classes, sees friends, plays cards, etc. She does a lot of cooking and enjoys delicious meals, carry over from years in France. However, Jeannie says she misses Michigan, the lakes, and her farm up north. Daughter, Eleonore, granddaughters, Ava and Isabella, and grandson, Jack, live close by. Her address is 409 West Beall Street, Bozeman, MT 59715.

MELINDA BOOTH says she also is in pretty good shape for 85, no glasses, no hearing aids, no walker! What's your secret? In January she and Bill went to Indonesia and Singapore, stopped in Bali for three days of sightseeing. Then they spent ten days on a boat snorkeling and hiking in West Papua. Bill bought her a bright turquoise and white snorkeling outfit. Since Boothie had never done this before, the boat people watched her very carefully, staying close and giving her a 'noodle' to keep her afloat. She did it twice and was amazed at what she saw in the ocean. Lucky for them, they were away during the terrible California storms with all the rain and flooding. Their only future trips are to Bill's Yale reunion in May and visiting family on both coasts this summer.



Melinda Booth snorkeling with manta rays

MARGI "PEGGY" RUSSELL SORREN's request for class news card was returned to me "no forwarding address." So, I put on my detective hat and started digging determined to find her. After several 'not in service' calls, I struck gold! She answered and was so happy to hear from me. We talked for an hour. Peggy fell in her apartment and had surgery

on her hip and leg and was told she'd never walk again. She ended up in an assisted living. She has a daughter in Miami and a granddaughter up north. I know she would love to hear from classmates. Her address is Margi R. Sorren, Willow Bay Resort & Assisted Living, 4001 West Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33442.

Thanks to those who sent news. Have a wonderful summer. Stay well and don't fall down.

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C58

65th Reunion • June 9-10-11

Looking back and looking forward

GARY GRIKSCHIT reminisces along the following lines: I will not be able to make Reunion 65 in person but will be present in spirit. While 1958 was certainly a long time ago, memories are both enjoyable and productive. Aim High has been a lifelong mantra – facilitating my transition to Harvard and subsequently at the University of Michigan and Michigan State; as well as later as a principal in Personnel Development Associates and as a professor of business where I focused on distribution economics. After 46 years of service, I retired in 2017. My Harvard roommates and I still maintain a wonderful book club and we enjoy our monthly get-togethers and discussions after 60 years. Family-wise, Penny and I will celebrate 58 great years of marriage with two daughters – one is a pediatric surgeon and scientist living in Los Angeles and the other is an equity partner at Sidley Austin in New York. Recreationally, I am still able to take advantage of our great ski slopes in Utah, as well as swimming in the summers. Life has indeed been good, and Cranbrook helped to make it so.

Secretary's Note: All-State at Cranbrook—All-Star going forward.

BOB KLEIN follows up: My CV reflects a similar flight path that has also been productive and enjoyable in significant measure due to various Cranbrook experiences. If truth be

told, "I have never really left 500 Lone Pine Road." Subsequent to transitioning from Williams College and the University of Michigan Law School, I began my professional career at my father's firm, Butzel Eaman Long Gust & Kennedy with Cranbrook as my first client, and thereafter in retirement, starting the estate gift program at the Community serving as a community trustee and now doubling as a class agent/class secretary. Sojourns in between included 30+ years in active practice as an anti-trust and labor lawyer. Additional affiliations have also included board memberships with Beaumont Hospital, the Evans Scholars Foundation, and Marygrove College being the most significant, as well as Chair positions with the American Bar Association's Robinson Patman Act Subcommittee and the Lawyers Advisory Committee of the United States Brewers Association. 9 to 5 was not the usual workday schedule, but there was still time on the weekends and during vacation to enjoy hobbies such as golf and tennis. Family-wise, my wife, Wally, and I will celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary this November and look forward to enjoying "back nines" in what is now our Charlevoix and La Jolla, California residences. This June, though, we look forward to a weekend return to Detroit which will hopefully include reminiscences and otherwise reconnecting with fellow classmates.

FRED LAVERY makes it a threesome with a detailed description of family and family business along the following lines: I am still working at our automobile dealership business here in Birmingham and other locations around the country. My wife, Kitty, and I still live in Birmingham in the same house for the past 21 years. My one son, Evan (Class of 1991), is winding down his real estate interests and his fly-fishing retail store in the Catskill mountains of New York. He will probably relocate to someplace in the mountains west – stay tuned. My son, Shane (Class of 1995), is now the President and Principal Owner of the dealership group that I started 40 years ago. Prior to this assignment, he was an investment banker in New York. The good news is that he and his wife live just several blocks from Kitty and I, and they have two grandchildren who are now 12 and 14. Scarlett, my granddaughter, is a 6th grader at the girls' middle school and my grandson, Ryan, is an 8th grader at the boys' middle school. It probably is not a surprise to anybody to have your grandchildren live

close enough so they can ride their bikes and come see you is a great blessing. Both have won National competitions, Scarlett in ballet and Ryan in robotics. Both are very adept students and good athletes which makes being a grandparent a breeze. My son, Shane, runs the Archer Lacrosse program at Cranbrook and has coached both the girl's and boy's teams when he has been unable to find coaches. My involvement with Cranbrook is probably more extensive than most of our classmates because of where I live and the fact that my children and grandchildren are attending or had attended Cranbrook. Also, I have the dubious responsibility of heading a merit-based scholarship program for Kingswood girls that my sister (Class of 1954) and I started 10 years ago. We have six girls in our program, and it has been a new experience for me to interact with Cranbrook in this kind of a capacity.

Secretary's Note: Fred's business has enjoyed continued success under his leadership and his efforts on behalf of Cranbrook have been substantial and much appreciated.

With the addition of **TOM MCGUANE**, our threesome now becomes a foursome and Tom comes forward with a most impressive family bio, namely: I'm delighted to hear from you. I haven't seen you since you were blasting forehands many courts away from my pathetic efforts. I hope you haven't lost your touch in 65 years! I'm still doing the same old thing - reading, writing, and fishing - that I was doing then. I recently re-signed with The New Yorker, but another novel would require too many days indoors when days may be less numerous. I'm sure I differ little from many of my classmates in doting on my grandchildren. My grandson, Thomas, graduated from Montana State last year and has started a successful business in Austin, Texas. Granddaughter, Maisie, graduated last June from Harvard, Magna Cum Laude, and works in Los Angeles for a "green" investment group. Grandson, Charlie, graduates from Penn in the spring with honors but which ones are yet to be revealed. He broke some bones skiing over Christmas, but little bothers him and he is back in Philadelphia. My grandchildren are all graduates of Montana public schools and it's remarkable how many of their classmates' won scholarships in the country's best colleges. I will be in Nova Scotia fishing during the reunion but expect a full report from continuity fetishist, **FRED**

WOODWORTH, and his brilliant poet wife, Anne.

Secretary's Note: Coupled with a distinguished professional career, most of us would welcome such package even if it did not include pro-quality tennis strokes.

Class Secretary,
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K58

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The alumni office will host a dinner for our class on the Cranbrook Quad on Friday night, June 9 and the class photo will be taken that evening. There will be valet parking available. Friday night kicks off a full weekend of offerings on campus. The class secretary role is still open and reunion volunteers are needed to help communicate weekend plans to classmates. Email alumni@cranbrook.edu or call (248) 645-3253 for more information.

C59

I had a grand total of two classmates respond in the last six months. **BILL HESTER** is building a new home, doing a LOT of the physical labor himself, and he sent me a link to show you all the detail of his magnum opus. His letter is below, and the link is fascinating, worth reading.

My pact with the Grim Reaper. After decades of detrimental desk job sinning against my health on the tread mill of making ends meet and after paying high German rents, it was time for a fitness program. My desk job health sins had already developed into occasional dizzy spells and blackouts, so in the Autumn of 2015 I began working at the Leipzig Wall-breaker baseball field, where my son Nathaniel was working his way up on the hardball team. Behind the backstop of the softball field there was an overgrown hill of dirt and rubble from the days when the whole park had been a dump, so I decided to level it into mowable steps for an earthen grandstand, which became my daily work out. So, by the time I had a lot to work on for myself I had lost about 4 kg and was in fairly good shape. The hard work was very effective against the effects of diabe-

tes and was keeping the Grim Reaper at bay, better said: every day I go out and work up a good sweat is a day the Grim Reaper cannot cross out on the list of the days still allotted to me. The hard work proved beneficial, but just health benefits from hard work has its limits in motivating. So, what could be better than finally building a house for us. Early on in the times of climate change I had become active in Germany's Green Party, so there was no question about renewable energy, heating efficiency, water conservation, achieving as much living space as possible, making use of the space as flexible as possible, supporting as much green as possible, and optimizing the land use for all these. For this there was a lot of planning to do, and a lot of looking around to figure out how to manage this on a limited budget, not to mention the fear that I might not live to see its completion. The details of building and planning are to be seen at: www.multiwords.de/efficiencyhouse.htm.

I notice there are no photos of Nathaniel doing any of this manual labor with Bill, and he's only about 20 years old. Are you sparing the hod carrier, Bill? I sponsor six cadets from the Academy about the same age and they do lots of heavy lifting for me around here and I don't feel at all guilty about it!

The other letters were from **SCOTT ROMNEY**. He says: "My wife Carrie and I now have a home in CA. 27936 Dickason Drive, Valencia, California 91354-1200. Love it here. Still working at Honigman LLP in Detroit remotely and by travel. Carrie has 7 children, 6 in Southern California, I have 7 children, one in Southern California. My daughter Ronna McDaniel was elected to another two-year term as Chair of the RNC. Longest serving chair in history! My youngest daughter gave birth to my 12th grandchild last summer, a wonderful girl. Scarlett and my youngest son graduated from Harvard Law school last summer and is practicing in NYC with Kirkland Ellis. My wife and I together have 14 children, 7 apiece and 22 grandchildren."

That clearly beats **PETE SMITH'S** class record for grandchildren (7). I truly wish I had more children and more grandchildren, congratulations Scott and Pete!

Pete is the only one that shared his volunteering experiences. He is working with the local

fire department writing grant applications (not riding fire engines) and a local nature center. He is still invested in ham radio, left over from Bill Schultz' WWII tank radio in physics class. Who else is giving back with personal service?

Class Secretary,
Hank Hoffman
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K61

As secretary of the class of 1961, I sadly inform you that **CAROL HOPKINSON HARRISON** passed away December 30, 2022 in Auburn, California of Parkinson's at age 79. Although a private person, she was smart, adventuresome, and high spirited. We mourn her loss.

Class Secretary,
Margaret Greaves-Adams

C63

60th Reunion • June 9-10-11

Happy 60th! We hope to see everyone at Reunion June 9-11! Plan to be there by Friday night, June 9th as the alumni office is hosting a dinner on the Cranbrook Quad for us that evening. Our class photo is scheduled for Saturday evening at the 5:00 p.m. cocktail party.

Class Secretary,
Bill Stroud
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K63

60th Reunion • June 9-10-11

I recently learned that **KATE DERWIN MIRANDO** passed away in January 2017. She graduated from Wheelock College in Boston, where she received a degree in elementary education. She was one of the Commonwealth's educational pioneers in establishing screenings and an integrated preschool classroom for children with special needs in the Harwich Public Schools, which became a model program. She was preceded in death by her husband. At the end of her obituary, it read, "in lieu of flowers, please read a book to a child in her memory". Our condolences go

out to her family, especially her sister Marietta from the Class of 1962.

Last year **JANE SHOEMAKER WIMMER** started rearranging after-event wedding flowers for nursing homes and with a small team, has delivered over one thousand arrangements. She also has a weaving studio in her home and works with five other weavers. She spent a second season of turtle work with Caretta Research last August and in October went snorkeling in Indonesia.

PAT MARSH NELSON wrote "in general life is very quiet. I am a studio rat. But I have not been doing much artwork. Pandemic, climate change, war, the loss of my son, and my husband's health issues have all taken their tolls on my creativity. I have not given up, however, and look forward to greater depth to my view on the world. My business is retired, and I have lots of leftover materials, so I spend lots of time spinning and sometime knitting, while ideas gestate for the future". **JUDY BRADEN DILLON** says things are "finally looking up and here's my tale of 2022: life has resumed much of its normality. Seeing family frequently this year has lifted my spirits, and I find myself back in my studio once again, working on rug and upholstery designs and enjoying it".

NAN MCKAY sent an overview of what she's been doing the last fifty years. She graduated from Bucknell University and began working for the Peace Corps in Washington D.C. Over the years, she has worked at an Indiana state hospital for the developmentally disabled; and in Salem, Oregon she worked for the League of Oregon Cities as a publication editor, an event coordinator, and as a lobbyist working on juvenile justice, land use and growth management, and energy policy. In Seattle, she worked for various councils and boards, and ran her own consulting business, working for local governments, foundations, and nonprofits. She currently lives in Seattle with her partner Howard Berglund and is a part-time advisor to the (volunteer) service corps at 501 Commons, a nonprofit that provides training and capacity-building for nonprofits in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. She thinks fondly of her days at Kingswood--especially **PENNY PENDLETON, KAREN HOOPER, ELLEN KESLAR, SHEILA DEVLIN, and JANE SHOEMAKER WIMMER**. "And I still think of Elizabeth Bennett, who was the best teacher I ever had".

JUDI WIANT GAVIN and her family were able to resume travelling last year. They spent a week in Sunriver, OR, with family, three weeks in Europe on a river cruise, and a week in Cabo with their daughter and her family. Grandchildren include: Chase, a fifth grader, playing a sport every season; Jack, a first grader, who loves basketball and reading; and Emilia, ten months, who is walking (and running), and talking up a storm (in her very own language).

TRISH SWAN SANDSTROM and husband Van are now great-grandparents! Their oldest granddaughter Kharissa and her husband are the proud parents of a baby boy, born on December 9. Trish says "life is good, and we're delighted to have more family living nearby in Naples (Florida). They have ten grandchildren! Trish and **MARY SPRAGUE AMOE** were able to get together several times in December in Ann Arbor. Mary says everyone in her family is doing well. She and husband Harv come down to Florida every year, and since we are in Vero Beach, Florida, we have gotten together several times. I look forward to seeing her again this year!

I received a nice Christmas card, from **NANCY BLEDSOE WERTH**. She lives in Naples, Florida. She wrote they had little damage from Hurricane Ian, but many lost everything. So sad!

MORGAN LAMBERT LAMBERTON reported her family is well. She and husband John have four great grandchildren now! She says, "we're getting old and wrinkled, but happy".



Morgan Lambert Lamberton and her husband John—both KSC Class of 1963 graduates

ADA JO SOKOLOV MANN says she has been putting together a collection of poems that she has written during her retirement. She included one she wrote about Kingswood:

Beside the Lake

The swan opens her white wings slowly
as I sit cross-legged on the verdant banks
of Kingswood Lake.*

*I am consumed by wonder and awe
for this magnificent place,
where architectural ingenuity,
elegant nature and feminine wisdom
intertwine to offer emerging
women a well-wrought path
to our unfolding futures
as we navigate corridors
of hand-woven tapestries
and magic carpets urging us to
"enter to learn, go forth to serve".*

Ada Jo Mann
*Mary Oliver

She's also been enjoying Kevin Adkisson's art and architectural tours of the Cranbrook Estate—"a beautiful trip down memory lane" and recommends a book edited by **MARTHA CROSS NEUMAN** (KSC Class of '65) entitled "Kingswood—a study in Design".



Ada Jo and her grandkids—Scarlet, Gracie, JJ and Julian

WENDY BURGIS continues to do kumihimo bead braiding (ancient Japanese technique used for obis and armor) and donates necklaces to charity auctions. She also does research about the history (1821 to present) of crops, livestock, and oil and gas on the George Ranch, an historical park in Richmond, Texas. She says, "books and cats provide more relaxation".

KATE HOMEWOOD MURIS continues enjoying her time at her church, St. Michael's, in Sacramento. She is the bookkeeper, a member of the choir, and a Lector/Eucharistic Member, and Pastoral Caregiver. In 2021 she graduated from a three-year Spiritual Direction course, and in her spare time, takes voice lessons from "a brilliant teacher, who is bringing out the voice I was told I had, but I didn't believe it".

SANDY YOUNG HYNES and Ralph have been on the road singing again in Sonoma and Barcelona. In 2023 they'll be singing in Tanglewood, MA, and in Italy. They performed in "Guys and Doll" at a local theater and were sound and light technicians for the previous two shows. They also took a Viking world cruise last December, which had been cancelled in 2020.

Not a lot of news on my end, **SANDY ADAMSON CLANAHAN**—our oldest daughter Jennifer and her family have moved to Seville, Spain, for a year. Granddaughter Lucy (age 13) is attending an international school there, but when she's not in school, the family has done a lot of travelling. They recently spent a week in Paris, and a week skiing in Switzerland. We hope to go visit!

I hope everyone is well and planning on attending our 60th KSC Reunion in June! I know I always say this, but how did this happen? We will definitely be there, as one of my great nieces is graduating from Kingswood that same weekend. Plan to be there by Friday night, June 9th as the alumni office is hosting a dinner on the Cranbrook Quad for us that evening. Our class photo is scheduled for the Saturday evening at 5pm at the cocktail party. Love to all of you and a big thank you to those of you who responded to my plea for news.

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BRUCE HENDERSON writes, "Tragically, after fighting a mighty battle with acute myeloid leukemia, Jan, my beautiful wife of 54 years, passed away in the early hours of the morning of May 10 last year with me at her

bedside. She was the proud mother of four and grandmother of 15. Jan left her handprint on everyone she met.



Tribute to Jan Henderson

For 34 years she led a very large bible study where she made God's word come alive and fresh, revealing His plan for us. In 2012 we were blessed to be able to build a beautiful summer home on Lake Michigan near a small town called Onekama. This was Jan's summer place. She loved the home, the big lake, and the friends that she made there. She became the queen of that special place where she had a constant flow of friends and family coming to visit. Looking back, my 57 years of courting, and being married to Jan are without question God's greatest gift to me. In our community of friends, I was most often referred to as "Jan's husband". I was always very happy with that title, and I still wear it proudly today. Loving Jan and being loved by her made me a much better person. But, most importantly, she taught me about Jesus, to know Him as my personal Lord and Savior. She is now interred at the National Military Cemetery near Holly Michigan. On her gravestone are the words "WIFE, MOM, GRAMMA, BIBLE TEACHER, LOVED JESUS."

To learn more about her tremendous impact on so many people, you can find her Celebration of Life service at: www.thelakes.cc/janhenderson

 **K67**

"Not much is new here, but all is good," writes **TERRY GOLDBERG AXELROD**. "Alan and I are still based in Seattle and wintering in Palm Springs. I am semi-retired, still consulting with nonprofits nationally. Our daughter and her family (including our only grandchild, Ava, age two) live in Sydney. She works in tech for

Canva. Son David has a luxury travel business—very fun! He and wife Annie, a personal “organizer,” have a great life—and little dog—in Seattle.” Terry and Alan have been active in the Detroit Homecoming movement, now in its tenth year, and are looking forward to returning to Detroit in September. “I’ve had two hip replacements but am back to hiking and my full workout regime. We are so thankful for our good health. That’s the main thing, right?” Terry says they would enjoy seeing any classmates visiting Seattle or Palm Springs.

CHRIS WALLACE VAN LOOY writes that everything is going well. “We are all healthy and that’s no small accomplishment in these times.” She had successful knee replacement surgery in January and was looking forward to being able to resume her usual exercise activities. As for their daughter Amy, “She is still loving her job singing with the Linz Opera in Austria. We were able to see her perform for the first time in many years last spring when we visited her and her family. Ian is now 7 years old and in spite of the distance between us we have a good relationship, thanks to FaceTime,” which makes Chris very grateful for today’s technology. Daughter Heather works for the Fulton County Schools and her son Carter is now almost 12. “Since we live near them, my relationship with him is very close. Another blessing. Bill is still doing a few hours of consulting each week, but we both enjoy the retired life. I was initially worried that I might become a sloth with no schedule to keep me going, but I couldn’t have been more wrong. My life is full.”



Bill and Chris Wallace Van Looy '67 with daughter Heather and grandson Carter

Speaking of retirement, **ANN GUENTHER TAMMINEN** writes that she is feeling fortunate to be in good health and still has her acupuncture practice in Sebastopol, working three days a week, but is contemplating when

and how she wants to retire. “I continue to enjoy my work, and in the past year have studied and deepened my knowledge of classical Taoist healing practices, so retirement probably won’t happen quite yet! Other than that, I hike, dance, paint, and see friends, and am part of several Zoom groups.” Ann and Paul, who is 90% retired from his psychotherapy practice, are planning a trip to Medellin, Colombia, where some friends of theirs have a place. “We’re pretty excited about that!”

ANN FITZGERALD LACKS reports that 2022 was an improvement over the year before. “We got off to a good start in January when we visited Hollywood. It was fascinating to see the taping of two ‘Dr. Phil’ shows.” They visited the Academy Awards Museum and saw the Colorado Avalanche beat up the Anaheim Ducks. Then March was momentous because on the 8th, Jack Oregon Boyne was born in Perth, Australia. Ann and Steve visited in October, and she couldn’t get enough of grandmothering, with young Jack happily cooperating. Meanwhile, on the other side of the world, their other grandson, Peyton, “was winning athletic glory. Though a year younger than all his baseball teammates, he was the star, leading in all the stats. Also, he skates with older kids in a hockey league.”

CHARLON MCMATH HIBBARD reports “I am still on the Ski Patrol up north and have received several awards, including one for my 50 years of service. Doesn’t seem possible it has been that long.” And in March, she will also receive the Pinnacle Award from the Detroit Chapter of the National Assoc. of Women Business Owners. Her husband, Jim, is now mostly retired. Their twin sons, Jay and Brad, who own Jim’s company, “just completed the first phase of a project with gear they developed for NOAA. Our vehicles will monitor the Great Lakes during the winter under the ice to give NOAA a full year’s worth of data.” Both boys have crisscrossed the country and the world inspecting tunnels and dams, making repairs, and a whole lot more. Daughter-in-law Holly continues her online work with developing curriculum and teaching courses. She was named the Science Teacher of the Year a few years ago. Brad and Holly’s son, Max, is now 61/2 and “we hope to be able to take him with us when we head north to Nubs Nob for some long ski weekends. My Mary Kay team is growing and has earned our 22nd car.”

The big news from **VIRGINIA RUMELY MUELLER** is that on June 21, 2022, Jim and Ginny’s son, Scott, married Hannah Marx at Ghost Ranch in New Mexico. Scott and Hannah live in Albuquerque, where Scott is a doctor, and Hannah is an Assistant Professor and Curator of a museum. Their daughter and Scott’s twin sister, Jennifer Schermerhorn, is a teacher while her husband is an accountant. Ginny and Jim moved to Broomfield, CO, in 2021 to help with watching (and having fun with) their two grandchildren. They are in a Gourmet Dinner Club, and Ginny is involved with ballet, water aerobics, and several book groups. With the Junior League of Denver Fun Club, Ginny and friends are exploring the Denver area through historical walks and visits to various museums.

CYNTHIA GRISSOM EFIRD and her husband, Neil, are completely settled into their retirement life in Wisconsin, alternating between a condo in Milwaukee and a lake house in Oconomowoc. “Living just an hour from daughter Lis, son-in-law Todd, and grandson Gabriel, we are able to spend frequent weekends doing happy grandparent-things. Last semester, I taught diplomacy at Marquette University and expect to continue lecturing there in the future. We are also active in the local Episcopal Church and in Democratic Party organizations. Although no longer resident in Washington, D.C., I keep up with several organizations based there. One lesson I guess we all learned from the Covid times: where you live is no longer important, providing you have an active Zoom account!” Cindy hopes to see everyone at a future Cranbrook reunion.

Last June, in anticipation of our 55th reunion, **DORIEL BEGGS HULSE** wrote to Cranbrook and the message was forwarded to your class secretary. “Hello, everyone,” she said. “I do wish I could have been able to join you as I had such a wonderful time five years ago, staying with Ann Fitzgerald and her family, who were as warm and generous as when I came at Christmas 1966 with AFS from the UK. (I still have the blanket Ann wove and gave me when I left in 1967, and I see it pretty much daily in my car. It’s in perfect nick, not a thread out of place by the way!)” Doriel has photos in her phone from our 50th, though, to remind her of the beauty of Cranbrook. She also claims that the “most useful lessons I EVER had anywhere in the world were the Spanish 1-2-1 sessions at

Cranbrook. Most memorable: Miss Bennett's and Larry Reeside's classes; most delightful: pottery, now a lifelong hobby." She does follow news in the US pretty avidly and assures us that she will continue to remember us all, and the school.

To **LINDA YEE TARTOF**, the emails from the class secretary seem to come more and more frequently, but "on the other hand, some things are slower and slower, and that would be me! Things are good, I retired and then got pulled out of retirement and am working back at my old job one day a week. College counseling is always short staffed, and it is fun to see the young ones. When I started that gig, I was the age of their parents; now I am the age of their grandparents. I do a little consulting, but basically spend a lot of time trying to keep everything moving. Dog walking, yoga, workouts with trainers—it's all just an effort to maintain the status quo. Dave has been very happy in retirement." They did their first post-Covid European trip and it was great, although it wasn't easy to sit in a mask for the length of the flight. Linda sent a picture taken at the top of the great cathedral in Milan. "We joined a line, not knowing that it was to walk up to the roof. I think we look a lot better in it than we felt but it was fun." Linda writes that it's hard to know at this point in our lives what we actually wish for: health, relationships, maybe just plain dumb luck.



Dave and Linda Yee Tartof '67 atop cathedral in Milan

Life is good, writes **LIZ SCHAEFER**, who still lives in Ashland, OR. She and her husband of

17 years, Tom Dee, are healthy and both are retired. "No more guiding in the Arctic and the Antarctic. Covid made sure of that. So we are both busy feeding and fussing over our herd," which is composed of three horses, two large yellow labs, three feral cats who adopted them, and three city hens. "Our news is the addition to Tom's side of the family. Finial Elizabeth Dee Duncan is Tom's first granddaughter, now six months young. Even though Fini lives in Blacksburg, VA, with her professor mom and architect dad, I can't wait to put Fini on our horses when she comes out west."



Liz Schaefer '67 and friend

LYN MOON SHIELDS thought they had Covid in the rearview mirror until her husband, Tom, finally got it last September, along with pneumonia, angina (resulting in two stents) and then Long Covid. He was on the road to recovery by Christmas for which they were very grateful. "Our big gathering last year was for my mother's 100th birthday on June 16. We managed to get 15 of the 21 of us together along with other family and friends. It was quite a celebration." (A Smucker's 100th birthday label was involved too.) Tom and Lyn will have eight of their 11 grandchildren in college this fall. She says, "Kind of can't believe how fast they are growing."



Tom and Lyn Moon Shields '67 with daughter Kyra's family at Thanksgiving

As for me, your class secretary, I am well and although I was facing knee replacement last year, I discovered the Egoscue Method, which are exercises and stretches meant to correct postural issues that cause discomfort and pain. If nothing else, I've postponed surgery for a while. I went up to Colorado twice last year, once to join my daughter at Red Rocks for a Chris Isaak-Lyle Lovett concert, and then to help her move from Boulder to Lyons, a small town nearby. It's quite a magical place, and closer to the Rocky Mountain National Park where we both love seeing the elk in the fall. Haven't worked in clay for over a year but am a member of two women's groups and participate at church, so as I often say, I don't really do anything but I'm very busy.

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BING GORDON: Exciting news for our class that Bing has been selected as Distinguished Alumnus 2023. With this honor he will address the Cranbrook class of 2023 at their commencement ceremony on Friday morning, June 9. We will have a chance to toast Bing that night at a reunion class dinner on the quad hosted by the alumni office. Our class photo will be taken that night. The next morning, Bing will be presented with his award at the Alumni Assembly. It will be great to have a good showing from our class, as he joins fellow Distinguished Alumni **JEFF DEARTH, MICHAEL KINSLEY**, and the late **REVEREND DR. JAMES EVANS**. Read Bing's profile in this issue of Tradition to learn what Bing has been doing.

RICK BEER: Our family has been healthy – no covid, flu or colds. We've been pretty virus free, thankfully. My son is a computer engineer, our daughter is a sophomore in college and my wife remains active with various groups and being the heart of the family. I'm semi-retired, some months less retired than others depending on client demands. We are still very athletically active. I'm a cyclist with a fairly aggressive mileage goal each year. Catherine is an avid Peloton-er and takes our dog on 3-mile walks 5 or 6 times a week. Any-

thing but sedentary. We managed two trips last year. One to Miami in January and the second one to Paris and Bergerac France at the end of June/beginning of July. The Miami trip was a great break from the weather and filled with a lot of good food. The France trip was beautiful! The trip was arranged by very close friends who rented the Chateau de Montastruc in the Perigord. They invited us (and 6 other families) to join them on this adventure. We spent 3 days or so in Paris and 8 days in southwest France. We lived in the Chateau, using it as our base of adventure. The Bergerac Area is stunning! We enjoyed several Michelin restaurants, cave and prehistoric cliff dwelling tours, vineyard tours, wineries, chocolatiers, villages, and towns. As many of you probably know, the architecture in the region is amazing! We found the people amazing as well; very friendly and quite forgiving of my lack of language skills. The geography is remarkable, so different from Southeast Michigan, you could see the horizon! We left just before the heat wave and the forest fires threatened the area. Bergerac, with Paris at each end, made for an unforgettable vacation!

JEFF DEARTH: We are still living in Washington DC. I started phasing out of my working life in 2020 but didn't really hit full retirement per se until this year. Marion is still working but trying to cut back so that we can travel more. Last year we played in 3 of the 4 USTA national Husband & Wife tournaments – two in California (hard courts and grass) and one in Charlotte, NC (clay). We also played in an ITF tournament in Antibes, France and had our two sons join us for a holiday there. I've got a couple of personal "projects" that keep me busy but it's nice not to have any real "deadlines" as such. I had dinner last Fall with **PETER ROBINSON** when I was in the Detroit area for a memorial service for my stepmother. It was great to catch up in person after all the constraints imposed by the pandemic.

DAVID HAUKE: I'm sure all are surprised to hear from me now – I've been very inactive, and mostly neglectful of deadlines. But wanted to say I hope to make my very first Alumni reunion this year. I've wanted to but since Marsha died, have been totally disorganized. As for my life, it seems my greatest blessing is with my stepson and his wife who live with me until they can afford a house. They are Thai, he the son of divorced wife 2 and providing

a blessed life for them has been especially rewarding – can't wait for a grandbaby! I think about Cranbrook a lot. I'm probably the biggest failure in the class for a profession but have kept alive the science interests. I've read Sci Am since Cranbrook days, though the oldest copy I ever kept was 1977. And I find the attitude of many of my classmates to not match the attitude of the wealthy I have been in contact with – who feel a sort of superiority and a disdain for the "lower classes." By my choice, that is where I am, but I relish the challenge! Otherwise, my life seems a jumble – Marsha was the one that kept me organized! I seem to go from one distraction to the next: seemingly getting little done but always busy. One of my largest endeavors in the past was a large supply of Bible and related materials I would set up at Church conventions, non-profit totally, that has fallen by the wayside and I'll be delivering a large inventory to a group in Chicago – when I can get my act together better! In addition to the reunion, hope to visit Cranbrook again when I go to Chicago along with my other old haunts where I lived. I do remember the last time I was in Michigan, and that was when Marsha was alive (she passed in '05) and that Southfield where I had lived had blown up into major buildings – not the sleepy bedroom community of my youth! My most recent joy has been transforming my yard into a garden. Rather than an ecologically inferior lawn requiring upkeep for something not used, I now have minimal grass in front and none in back. Logs define paths and the rest are garden areas – trees are growing up and I'm trying to match plantings with what grows best. Kind of hard as they now say for Delaware, to find what grows best now, go down to Atlanta and see what is there! I have not remarried after the 2nd Thai wife and my companion has issues that means I probably can't bring her as she can't ride long. I did have a couple TIAs (mini-strokes, in 2010) and since then I tend to be very verbose (in case you haven't already noticed!) and cry at movies – not that I lacked compassion before, especially over acts of unmerited kindness. I also must admit, when I see pictures that include classmates, I have a hard time figuring out who is who! Hope to get it better.

RALPH MARGULIS: I live in Paradise in Bonita Springs, Florida. The weather is perfect except for something called a hurricane which was interesting to live through in late Septem-

ber. I play golf four times per week with friends and enjoy time with my girlfriend. Yes, I have been divorced for the past three years. It may be the case that **JIM NORDLIE** and I are the only single members of our class.

JIM WALKER: It has been an interesting winter here in San Diego this year. The much-needed rain caused major problems in Northern California but was not so bad locally. Catching up on three years of drought takes time! Just finished sponsoring a downtown blood drive here at the condo complex and have another scheduled in March. I knew few give and many need but never realized how difficult it is to convince people to spend a few minutes to help others needing blood. Back to Michigan in April. Hope all reading this are well! Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many. I'm still getting used to this retirement thing. We have a trans Canadian Rail trip planned for this summer with my wife's sisters and families.

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Our 55th reunion is scheduled for June 9-10-11th. The alumni office will host a dinner for our class on the Cranbrook Quad on Friday night, June 9 and our class photo will be taken that evening. There will be valet parking available. Friday night kicks off a full weekend of offerings on campus. I hope to see you there.

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CK73

50th Reunion • June 9-10-11

The Class of 1973 is 50!
Looking forward to the next half century... we hope to see everyone at Reunion June 9-11!
The Alumni Office is hosting a special 50th reunion dinner for our class starting at 6pm at the Cranbrook Dining Hall on Friday the 9th so make sure your travel plans get you there in time to join what is sure to be a memorable

gathering. Also, our class photo is scheduled for Saturday at Quadfest at 5:30pm sharp! Following the party on the Quad, we will make our way to the Little Gym to rock out with **CHRIS "COOKIE" COOKE** and East Bay Blue. Cookie encourages other talented musicians from the class to bring their instruments so they can sit in! There is lots more going on that weekend. We are missing emails for lots of you, so please update your contact info by emailing me or the alumni office at alumni@cranbrook.edu. See you on campus!



CK73 At our 40th in 2014

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Class of '74, a year from now we will be coming up on the amazing milestone of our 50th reunion, which will be held June 7-8-9 of 2024. Mark your calendars, and please send your updated contact information to me or to the alumni office at alumni@cranbrook.edu. We are missing emails for nearly half of our class, so please send along your preferred email. I will be reaching out to collect news for the fall issue of Tradition, and I hope to get updates from all of you!

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Before I share our news and musings, I need to remind everyone that our 50th reunion will be here sooner than we think. Mark your calendars June 7, 8, and 9, 2024 right now! To make this a meaningful and, most important-

ly, fun event, we all need to participate in the planning and preparation. Send me an email to indicate how you'd like to be involved.

Inspired by the first phrase of our motto, "Enter to Learn...", I asked you to share something you learned at Kingswood. I'll include these in the updates.

ANNE BAGAMERY, still in Paris, writes "I learned French at Kingswood, from teachers who not only insisted we learn it well, but who also generously shared their stories, their love for their subject, and their hopes and dreams for us." She acknowledges that would describe all our teachers at Kingswood, but is grateful to Mme Pannier, Mme Paus, Miss Myers, and Mrs. Regan "for giving me the gift of the language that I use every single day". Anne is working as European correspondent for law.com International. Though she doesn't mention it, I will share that she was honored by Dartmouth asking her to moderate one of the panel discussions at their recent 50 Years of Coeducation event. Daughter Caitlin is in London, working as visitor experience manager at the historic Chelsea Physic Garden study and events center. Husband Bob is happily retired, his two grown sons are in Paris, and "we see his 4-year-old grandson, Miles, every other Wednesday for "Grandpa-Anne Days"Life is good."

ANNE BRENNAN BELDEN is still in Maine with "no plans to move south, just plenty of warm weather vacations". Her latest creative start up is Pink Boathouse Textiles - naturally dyed small batch textiles and "Indigo Socials". She writes "weaving got into the marrow of my bones at Kingswood and my love of dyeing is an extension of that. I'm having a blast". In December she and her husband had their almost annual lunch with **KURT SCHWARTZ** and his wife, and last summer **CAROL BREITMEYER** made a visit. They plan to meet again in Florida in March. Anne would love to see anyone who is traveling to Maine.

CINDY PADNOS, in musing about the second half of the KSC motto, "Go Forth to Serve" versus Cranbrook's "Aim High", concludes "I have always felt that an individual can likely be at their best when they try to achieve both of those goals - not one or the other. Who wouldn't want to do their very best AND give the best of themselves to others?" She writes

that all is well, and, in reflecting on the loss of both parents in recent years, "I am more aware and more appreciative than ever of the effort they made to send my sister Shelly and I to Kingswood... They always made it clear they had both goals in mind for us".

DIANA SHARER lives in her home in The Villages, Florida about 9 months each year, and spends her time biking, golfing, and playing a lot of Pickleball. She spends part of the summer in Michigan and was pleased to have lunch with **KATY IRWIN** last summer.

LORIE FIESELMANN DIETZ and her husband Gary paid a visit to her Florida home a couple years ago. Diana's son, Dan CK '08, is 33 and was married in 2020 by the waterfall at Quarton Lake in Birmingham, MI. He lives and works in Lake Orion. She shares that "I spent a lot of time in the Kingswood Library. I remember the Librarian, Mrs. Losey, very fondly. That is where and when I became fond of reading newspapers! I also remember believing that the women in our class could and would grow up to be anything they wanted".

ELIZABETH McINNIS writes "What has stayed with me from Kingswood is an appreciation for art and design. It was an everyday part of life at school, and I still seek it out." She has happily relocated across the country to Cape Cod, a place where she spent summers and has always loved, and close to her aging parents.

HOLLY McCOLLUM PAIGE is still doing video production in Portland, OR, and shares that "My "Enter to Learn" lesson is this: Kingswood represented a place of limitless possibilities, and as long as I put in the work, I could turn those possibilities into reality. This lesson has been one of the guiding lights of my life."

KAREN BREHM KAUFMAN and her husband, Rob, have just completed the Great American Loop on their Greenline 45 fly motor yacht. She shares a photo of them with their Gold Looper flag, which indicates they have "crossed their wake" i.e. completed their "Loop", traveling 5283 miles from "Cape Coral, Florida up around the Atlantic Intracoastal through the Dismal Swamp to Norfolk and up the Chesapeake Bay to the Delaware Bay and then around the Atlantic coast to NYC. At that point we traveled up the Hudson, across

the Erie Canal and then through Lakes Erie, Huron, and Michigan to Chicago. From Chicago we ventured south via the Illinois waterway, Mississippi, Ohio, Cumberland, Tennessee, Ten-Tom, and Mobile Rivers to Mobile. We traveled the Florida Panhandle and then crossed from Carrabelle to Clearwater Beach and then down the coast to Cape Coral, completing our loop in 8 months and 10 days." They named their boat "Off Leash" to signify retirement from owning a veterinary hospital for 28 years and are living on the boat for now in Punta Gorda, FL, to be close to their oldest daughter and husband who are expecting Karen and Rob's first grandchild this summer.



Dockside with Karen Brehm Kauffman with husband Ro

KATY IRWIN writes from Bethesda "while visiting family in Michigan last summer, I enjoyed lunch with Diana Sharer, who graciously gave me a framed photo of the beautiful KSC Library, where we spent many hours laughing and chatting in low tones and AVOIDING our homework. I really enjoyed Mrs. Walsh's sculpture class where we could laugh and chat in LOUD TONES and make A LOT OF RACK-EY while welding metal, chopping blocks of wood, or sawing plexiglass". She says she will be at our 50th reunion unless she is "dead or disabled", and encourages anyone passing through the DC area to stop by for "more laughter and chatter".

LAUREL ROBERTSON SHOUVLIN writes that she is now and always will be on her alpaca farm in Springfield, Ohio, along with "3 dogs, 1 horse, 10 elderly chickens, 1 rescue turkey, 20 alpacas, and 20 sheep", and her husband, Tim. Her 4 kids have ventured off doing everything, "except producing grandbabies", but she is patient and hopeful. Her oldest daughter Hannah is a safari guide in Nambia, first son Luke is in Cincinnati pro-

gramming computers, second daughter Nicoleta is a legal assistant in Columbus, and youngest son Ian is "learning Levantine on the Army's dime" in Monterrey, CA. Laurel "dabbles" in weaving, dyeing, knitting, crocheting, and felting her alpaca wool, has served on various alpaca related boards and committees, and is a certified alpaca judge, traveling around the country to various alpaca shows. She has become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for local youth whose parents have "tangled somehow with our legal system"; she advocates to ensure the child's best interest. Laurel is busy, but "loves it all!", and would love to hear from or about **ROBIN THOMPSON** and **ROB GILBERT**, and is thankful that "so many of my classmates have been better contributors to our class notes than I have been. Please keep it up!".

LESLIE PETERSEN PRICE writes that she happy that their family continues the Cranbrook tradition; her two granddaughters have been attending Brookside since the age of three. One is in 5th grade, and another is in 2nd. Leslie, her daughter, her brother, and three cousins are all Brookside alumni, and all share the view with many others that they wish they had appreciated Cranbrook's beauty, landscaping, and architectural wonders more while they were there. Leslie has been retired for five years, and she reports that both of her parents are able to live in their home at age 96 and will celebrate their 75th anniversary in September!

LINDA ESCH writes from Beaumont, TX that she is making preparations for retirement, taking on occasional nursing jobs and assessments, and plans to maintain her RN license. While she is culling belongings and selling on eBay, she continues to do needlework and crafts of all kinds and is working on a quilt for the Golden Triangle Quilt Guild's biennial show. Her goal is to complete all the Master Craftsman programs through the Embroiderers' Guild of America. Linda remains active in several groups: the Daughters of the King at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, the Citizen's Police Academy Auxiliary, and Friends of the Beaumont Public Libraries. She plans to travel to Maryland in March for the funeral of Carol Faulkner Peck KSC '52, her beloved and distinguished aunt. Linda shares "probably what I really value the most is that I learned that I did, indeed, have artistic talent; I had thought I

had none. What a surprise when it completed an alabaster sculpture and it made it into the Scholastic Art Awards show!" Art continues to be a key part of Linda's life as she explores "every possible needlework and fiber technique". She is hoping to attend out 50th.



Linda Esch with donation basket for Seafarer Center

LISA LAPIDES SAWICKI writes "I came to Kingswood in the 10th grade. I was amazed and inspired by all the incredible talent and academic brilliance of my classmates. I embraced everyone without comparing myself to them or feeling competitive to their talents or achievements. I enjoyed all of my classmates for their differences from me and also our common ground connections. At the end of my senior year, I was called in to individually meet with our headmistress, Mrs. Campbell. I had no idea what she wanted to talk with me about when I went into her office and nervously sat down, wondering if everything was OK. She proceeded to tell me that my ability and strength with relating to people and affecting them in a positive way was my greatest strength and talent." Mrs. Campbell stressed the power of that talent and urged Lisa to stay true to that important skill set. Lisa has held on to those words and has used her people skills wisely in her rewarding careers as Publicist Agency Owner, Youth Advocate, and Program Director and Certified Life Coach. She is proud to have served others to reach their highest capabilities; it makes her "heart sing" to empower others. "In a school filled with

so much academic and artistic talent, Mrs. Campbell defined, highlighted, and guided my greatest skill. I never take it for granted, or misuse it. I am forever grateful to her, my fellow classmates, and Kingswood/Cranbrook."



Kim Dondero with Lisa Lapides Sawicki and husband David Sawicki

LORIE FIESELMANN DIETZ sends greetings from Watkins Lake (Waterford, MI), and all around the US and Canada. "The past 12 months have been a whirl of family, travel, and volunteerism. The best news of all is the arrival of our granddaughter in early January. Clara Collins Gearhart and her mom Karin CK '05, dad Nate, and big brother NJ are all doing well." Lorie and husband Gary feel fortunate to live nearby, enabling them to babysit and "generally help out". They had fun assisting both of their kids and spouses move into new homes in the northwest metro Detroit area this past year. As to travel, "We traveled to maritime Canada this past summer and kayaked, bicycled, and hiked across the beautiful provinces. We bicycled around northern Michigan, and in Virginia, Maryland, and West Virginia along canal paths and rail trails". They watched the sunrise at the easternmost point in North America in Newfoundland, and on Lake Huron, and many places in between, and feel fortunate to be able to explore our beautiful country. Lorie writes about volunteerism: "In terms of the Kingswood motto, "Enter to Learn; Go Forth to Serve", Gary and I have dedicated hundreds of hours to volunteering in the past few years. We are glad to give back to organizations that have given us much and to pay forward to organizations that make an impact in Detroit". Last year they worked at Free Bikes 4 Kids, packed food boxes at the Lighthouse in Pontiac, and Lorie works to support the fundraising database at the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network. "The motto has significantly influenced my desire to

volunteer over the years, and I am grateful for learning the value of "service" while at Kingswood."



Lorie Fiesselmann Dietz with her grandchildren

MELINDA LINDQUIST sends greetings and is glad to be "out in the world" again, despite being hit hard with COVID on a recent return from a trip to Rome (she's fine now). She continues to work with a start-up commercializing a "greener" replacement for plastic resin as she anticipates the approach to retirement. Melinda's husband, Parkman, continues teaching literature courses to retirees both on zoom and live. Their daughters and respective husbands live near them in Boston, where Emily is a cardiologist and Caroline is a public defender. Their "amazing granddaughter" Chloe turns two in March. Melinda writes, "I am often thankful for my experiences at Kingswood and the admonition to take these lessons to "go forth and serve", and in my small way to live up to it. Recently I have recalled the gentle, capable, encouraging attitude of Mr. Klein in the ceramic's studio. I have enjoyed ceramics ever since and participate in a wonderful community of local artists". She wishes us all good health and hopes to see many of us at next year's reunion.



Melinda Lindquist and family

NANCY CORBETT writes that she has fond memories of everyone and Kingswood, and shares her news, "I have lived in NYC or Connecticut since graduating from Duke but will be moving this summer outside of Annapolis" to be close to family there and to continue her lifelong sailboat racing hobby. She is a photographer and creates photographic panels used in interior design. She would love to catch up with fellow Woodies in Connecticut and NYC, and, starting this summer, in the DC - Annapolis area.



Nancy Corbett with her son, Chris

REBEKAH DORMAN shares her news: "I 'retired' in June last year from my role as Director of Invest in Children in Cleveland and formed my consulting practice focused on leadership development and strategic planning. I only take on "passion projects" now and love being a consultant!". She now truly enjoys summer and spends long periods away from Cleveland, and is enjoying January and February in Clearwater Beach, FL while her husband continues to work remotely. Rebekah finishing a busy two-year term as president of her large synagogue and will be heading to Portugal and then Israel for several weeks when she "hands off the leadership baton" in May. She and her husband are eager to plan more travel, after their trips to Italy and

Japan were pandemic casualties. Their two older sons live in LA with girlfriends, and their youngest is nearby in Cleveland. "No weddings or grandchildren yet but here's hoping!"

SALLY CARPENTER KERR continues to enjoy life in Bloomfield Village, MI with her recently retired husband Hugh Kerr C'73, very actively grandparenting their 5 grand-progeny in Birmingham, Chicago, and Pentwater MI. Her note about what she learned at Kingswood is a personal story about rebellion, remorse, and the joy of a fresh start. Her fresh start was bolstered by diving into Kingswood's unique fine arts offerings; weaving, ceramics, jewelry making among others. "The legacy of the school's creative arts and architecture reached me and continues to inspire me. I appreciate my classmates more than ever now and aim to extend my friendship whenever possible."



Sally Carpenter Kerr with husband Hugh Kerr

WENDY BAUM writes from their new home near Fredericksburg, in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. She spent 22 years working in Northern California and loved it for at least half of that. Two years ago, they took advantage of the housing demand in San Jose, sold their house, and bought a larger house on multiple acres. "How ironic that this Prussian heritage girl moved to a town established by Prussians!" Wendy loves Fredericksburg; it reminds her of her rural/semi-rural hometown 50 miles northwest of Detroit and has figured out how to avoid the weekend tourists. She mentions a guest room and casita.

WENDY CLOUTIER and husband Terry are both retired civil engineers, and continue to live in Midland, MI near Dow Gardens. "A big part of our life these days is being with our growing families (five grandchildren), doing house projects, and singing 'The Itsy-Bitsy

Spider.'" They traveled to Hawaii pre-COVID, when their daughter lived there. "Two kids got married. We had a lovely Airbnb tour of the Southwest. When COVID hit, life screamed and tumbled and turned grey. Two babies were born. People seemed to be acquiring dogs all the time." Wendy and her husband explored the Upper Peninsula this past summer with their daughter and her 18-month-old toddler in a camper. "The weather held, and we had a blast. Whatever you do, don't wake the baby." Wendy shares that when walking in the Dow Gardens and passes the five red bridges designed by Dow in the '70's, she is reminded of one of her favorite places at Kingswood: the red bridge in the Japanese Garden. "It is always good to take a look around you and appreciate things."



Wendy Cloutier with husband Terry Palmer

As for me, **JOYCE WHEATON LANDER**; I will keep this brief due to the delightfully strong response from my classmates. Larry and I continue to enjoy living our "retired" life in Austin, grateful to be living so close to our sons and their partners, fully engaged in our two-year-old granddaughter's life, and at last exploring our new city in the "post COVID" era. Last year, after receiving my new hip, we traveled to Savannah, Vail, New Hampshire, Maine, Sarasota, and, of course, Michigan, including a quick trip through parts of the Upper Peninsula on our return trip to Texas from our beloved beach town, Empire, mostly attending weddings and visiting family (and collecting beach stones). We look forward to our sec-

ond son's wedding in 2024. At Kingswood I learned, though I did not know the language at the time, the physical reality of a "preferred human environment". This knowledge came through experiencing daily the "mystery within an overall sense of order" which the Saarinen achieved in their masterful design of the campus, and of Kingswood School in particular. I learned the words to describe this during my architectural education, have done my best to apply the concept in my design work, and strove to teach it to my students. I also learned that serenity for me can best be achieved through "making"; all those beloved hours in the sculpture studio with Pam Walsh led to a lifetime of busy hands quieting my mind.



Joyce Wheaton Lander with sisters Jill Wheaton Martin, and Polly Jo Wheaton Kemler

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Greetings from the Class of '76!!! Apologies for missing notes last printing.... The dog ate my homework.



Williams dog. St. Bernard "Daphne"

With that established...

DAN DICKERSON writes "My wife Lori Anne and I have lived in Clarkston for 25 years now. Lori is a Journalism professor at MSU, where she has done an amazing job building a sports journalism program, and – in the last few years – a sports broadcasting program. I teach a six-week class every winter on play-by-play for a group of about 20 students (almost all students she has taught). We both love being on campus – it's just energizing being around interested, talented, enthusiastic students. She's doing great things up there. We have two kids – our son Justin is in West Hollywood, making his way in the movie-TV business. Our daughter Rachel is an Occupational Therapist in Denver – she moved there a year ago, and just loves the outdoor lifestyle in Colorado. As for me – I'm heading into my 24th year in the booth with the Tigers. I do love what I do – there have been a few lean years lately, but there's never a bad day at the ballpark. And I really, really believe we're heading into a period much like the stretch from 2006-2014, where the Tigers were in contention every single year. The new President of Baseball Operations, Scott Harris, is impressive – and

he has a plan. And AJ Hinch is simply one of the best in the game. The two of them together are going to build a winner here very, very soon. [editors note: sorry Dan, but the Indians are gonna stomp them Tigers!!!!] **MARK RAYMOND** crawled off his beach towel down in FLA long enough to write, "We are well. New grandparents which is as much fun as we hear before becoming grandparents.

I speak with **DAVID GANS** regularly and he too is well and a new grandfather. I also speak with **LAURENT RUESSMAN**. He is well with lots of kids and resides in Belgium where he practices international law and has seen **KEITH ROCKWELL** at the WTO. I think you'd have to drag **BOB WILSON** by the feet (kicking and screaming) to get him out of Michigan (I think he's hold up in a cave wearing a hoodie). He did send a pic though, attached, apparently food is tough to come by.



Sandy, Michael, Andrew, and Bob Wilson - post pheasant shoot at Hunter's Creek, Metamora, 12/22/22

ALAN JACKNOW has fully retired to a life of Photography, and you should all see his website... WOW!!!! He owes me an update but be sure to check out his work on the website!!!

DANA BARNARD is living the good life down in New Mexico...Dana Barnard News: Continue to be in regular contact with **LANCE YOUNG, BART WILLIAMS, RICHARD "DICK" TAYLOR, ALAN MURPHY** [editors note: suggest a little more discernment Dana!!!].

Saw Richard, **CHRIS POOLE** and **HEIDI PINKERT** up at Dick's place near Frankfurt Michigan [doubt they caught any fish if Richard driving the boat]. Wonderful to see Chris and Heidi again after all these years.... [Rich-

ard... not so much]. Have also seen/spoken with **SYLVIE BALL** a couple of times in the past year which was also a treat! Coming up on 37 years with Leslie! Lots of family happenings in the past year. Big news for us in 2022 was birth of our first grandson, Amos, in Albuquerque last February (to Gordon and Amanda) and wedding of eldest Kaelie in Kingston, NY and Santa Fe, NM (Kaelie and Alfred Womack). Son Maclean just announced his engagement with long time partner Nikita Gurnani, with marriage in Santa Fe, NM sometime in 2023. Continue to live and love Santa Fe, NM but, now spending some time in Sarasota, Florida. May need my head examined but started a new software business, Big Giant Donut, in September of 2022. Active in the No Code software world. Continue to be active in bioactive materials and now drug delivery worlds through Himed and Mercury Bio.



Dana Barnard holding grandson Amos with brother Teb, and eldest son Gordon

I received news from **ETHAN GUTMAN**. Man, after hearing what Ethan has been up to, I feel like I've been selling ice cream at Disneyland the past 40 years. "Hi Bart, currently in Taipei. Tying up loose ends for my new book. Focus on Uyghur and Kazakh refugees throughout Central Asia. Working title: "The Xinjiang Procedure". We'll be back in the Green Mountains of Vermont in the Spring. My son, EZ, is a history major in Bristol College, United Kingdom." [I'm hoping to get a lot more detail from Ethan for the next Notes !!!!!]



Christmas Eve 2022, Boracay, the Philippines.
Ethan Gutman and son EZ

Fun to hear from **RANDY POPKIN** after so many years. Randy gave me news of **GERRY STRIPH** who is retiring and moving to Tennessee. Randy writes: "I have 2 older kids from a 1st marriage. Daughter is a 1st grade teacher. Son works with the Santa Clara water district. And 4 grandkids. I have another son from my current wife. He's a senior in high school and will be going into aerospace engineering at Embry Riddle University in Daytona Beach. He got his private pilot's license as a junior and will be instrument rated by the time he gets out of high school. Way more motivated than I ever was. I'm a veterinarian. I sold my practice several years ago. Now I travel to dog shows from Seattle to San Diego and screen show dogs for genetic orthopedic diseases. I work 25 weekends per year and have the rest of my time with my 3 alpacas, 2 goats, 5 chickens, 2 dogs, cat, son, and wife who is a surgical RN. Phew... We're getting old. How are you doing?" (editor: Well, actually Randy, I've got almost as many animals as you do.... UGH)

DAVID MOORING is living in the wilds of Brazil. Fortaleza is on the NE coast. He writes "I is good thanks, for asking. Brazilzapoppin'. Dude, Keith retired, last year I think, so I guess they retired his shirt." [Guess **KEITH ROCKWELL** has gone underground.... But I'll find him!!!!]

JON WEISS has news and writes "The last couple of years have been eventful. My son was married in June 2021 in a scaled down pandemic-delayed wedding in Watch Hill, Rhode Island. It was a beautiful setting on the Atlantic Ocean. A larger celebration was held in West Bloomfield in July 2022 and was a great opportunity to celebrate with extended family and friends, including **BOB GRANADIER** (and Roberta) and **MIKE SIEGEL**

(and Margo). Then, on August 18, we became first-time grandparents when Ella Blake Weiss was born. This grandparenting gig is the best! We are in Chicago babysitting as I write this. Life in Atlanta remains good. My dermatology practice is busy and growing. Somehow, I became the senior partner when the founding partner retired at age 79 last year. Not sure when we became old enough to "achieve" that milestone. Maggie and I still enjoy coming to Michigan Football games and had the opportunity to tailgate with **BUDDY ISAACSON** (and Kathy) last September. Best, Jon."



Ella Blake, granddaughter of Jon Weiss

An update from **RICK JOSEPH**: "By the time you guys are reading this I will be officially retired from American Airlines. It really is amazing how quickly age 65 and mandatory retirement sneaks up on you. I'll definitely miss flying all over the world in the 787 with a great group of guys and gals. For the next several years I'll have to console myself with some part time corporate and war bird flying along with occasional shifts in the ED. I also plan on getting back on the judo mat more often and will likely reacquaint myself with the frustrations of golf (it's been over 30 years, but the PHX house is on a golf course so why not give it a go). Alex recently resigned from her position in strategic business development at General Dynamics (Land Warfare) and moved to Washington DC with her fiancé. She'll be there for 2 years while she completes her master's degree in National Security and Intelligence at Texas A&M (yeah the Aggies have a facility

in DC). Nick appears to be on the fast track at General Dynamics (his office used to be down the hall from Alex's) where he works as a Financial Analyst handling over a half billion dollars in accounts. He is also back to high level coaching at the top judo dojo in Michigan. Heather is busy as ever with her Equestrian Training Center (near Ann Arbor), which is a good thing since she will now be the full-time breadwinner once my wide body captain's pay comes to an end. Overall, no complaints, life is good and I've had a pretty cool career with lots of outstanding memories. Hope all is well with everyone else."

As for me... well, Martha just redid our kitchen resulting in Retirement Goal pushing back to 92 or 93. I caught up with fellow Brooksider **DON PETERSON** a while back... was Wonderful to speak with him after many years... twisting his arm regarding next reunion!!! I also caught **DARYL ROMEYN** for a quick phone call. He's doing well out near Seattle farming primarily in the Spring/Summer/Fall and packing up into the mountains with his donkeys whenever possible. I told him to yell if he sees any gold (see note regarding Martha Kitchen) and I'd come running. Told him to yell if he sees a Yeti and I'll also be running. In Opposite direction (sorry Rooker). Caught **TENNEY MCGRAW** up visiting his mother Nan (age 93... Go Nan!!!) and sisters Cathy (K'72) and Carolyn (K'72). All are well there. That's about it guys.... 'til next time!

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Sadly, we lost **KEITH BUTUS** January 14 to a relatively short battle with Pancreatic cancer. Keith was a resident of Niles, Michigan, and lived life to the fullest, managing to climb all 58 Fourteeners, most of which were solo ascents. He left behind his wife Sara and three beautiful daughters. He was an awesome individual. We'll miss you Keith, and we will toast you at reunion. Time goes way too fast, and we hope to see you all on campus this June for our 45th.



Keith Butus '78 (left), Brooks Wallace '79 (right)

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C80

MARK RUBINFIRE, his wife Shelly, Rhonda and I had a great time at dinner the other night at Beau's reminiscing about our friendships from Cranbrook. His son Brett is getting married this fall at Henry Ford in Dearborn and Mark is still a senior partner in the Real Estate division at the Jaffe (now Taft) law firm.

STEPHEN PARK writes he is still in Charlottesville and scheduled to go to Amsterdam to see Bruce Springsteen in May with **ADAM PERRIN**, and two other college buddies. His eldest boy got engaged, with the nuptials scheduled for May.



From left to right: Stephen, Dylan (29), Emily (newest addition), Eileen, and Austin (26)

DAVE RANDALL sends in that Shelly and he continues to love retirement after winding up

his medical practice. About seven months are spent on Marco Island, Florida and the balance in Springfield, Missouri. Dave now wonders how there was ever enough time in the day for work? Warm weather facilitates getting out for exercise. They enjoy reading and belong to a cooking group. Dave spends time on his 1984 Hatteras 53 Extended Deckhouse which was both the vessel he has always wanted and which was also the maximum size for their slip. Shelly has been a good sport and enjoys piloting "On Liberty," as well.

MARK DUNNING retired this past January from a long HR career after 21 years in the auto industry, 7 years in the medical device business and 7 years in the plastic packaging industry, which took him from Detroit to Phoenix and, most recently, to Atlanta. Without knowing where the next stop might be, he's looking forward to playing more golf and returning to tennis at his Club near his house in Atlanta. Mark's been preparing for his exit over the past year with trips to St. Lucia, Barbados, and Mexico, and in the coming months, he's already planned trips to Miami, Barcelona and Ann Arbor with his girlfriend, Veronica. He says, "I'm happy to help with HR challenges that anyone's facing, but no schedule looks like a great schedule for the moment." Ah...retirement.

Rhonda and I had a chance to spend time with **BILL HILL** and his wife Ann at Jim Narens '79 son Johnny's wedding in Boca Raton, FL this past December. We caught up with Brian Schurgin '79 and Rick Lowenstein '78 and had a great time. Bill Hill's daughter lives in NYC working as a financial billing analyst for a large law firm and they love visiting their son Andy in Boston when able. Bill is still at Wayne State and Anne runs the case management department at Trinity Health in Livonia.



Bill Hill, Rick Lowenstein '78, Brian Schurgin '79, Jim Narens '79, and Scott Weinberg

MIKE ACHESON recently lost his mom

Maggie Allesee at 94 years old! Many of us remember Maggie growing up and had a great time schmoozing with her and getting yelled at when Mike drove her crazy. She was a great mom, wife, friend, and philanthropist. She will be missed.

GREGG BARKER sent a cute photo of his new grandson Bentley George. His daughter Riley was married last year and everyone is doing great!



Gregg Barker with new grandson

For **SCOTT RUTCHIK** life is good. Huddled in for the winter. His family and kids are doing well and he is just awaiting the beginning of golf season when he can again amaze his friends with his level of play. Not too close to retirement yet, and still going strong as a urologist. Scott was in Egypt in October, where he unfortunately suffered a broken thoracic vertebrae after being thrown off a camel...yes a Camel! With an interesting experience in an Egyptian ambulance and hospital, he spent the rest of the tour in a back brace with an ambulatory pain-pump in his arm while touring the sites. Scott's recovered now, but I bet kept the pump.

JON MELNICK and I had a good conversation about his comings and goings, and it turns out he bought an old beautiful house in Holland, MI recently and will be spending the summers enjoying Michigan again as a respite from Austin, Texas. He retired from Dell and his family is doing great. At the time of this writing,

my daughter Danielle is about to give birth to our 2nd granddaughter, and we couldn't be happier. Rhonda and I still live in Bloomfield Hills and spend most of our free time with our kids and granddaughter Olivia. I keep busy this winter playing squash and pickle and flying my Ultralight Trike when the weather permits. My son Nic is a software engineer in Chicago working at McMaster Carr, living with his girlfriend Lindsey, another software engineer, and loving life. My daughter Danielle still runs her software firm CourtWorks while taking care of Olivia and making plans for the new baby on the way.

I want to announce to those who read these notes and to those lost 1980s souls over the years that this is the last Traditions update from me as Class Secretary. Our classmate **JON MELNICK** has graciously volunteered to take over as our Class Secretary starting this summer. I have enjoyed keeping up with all of you as class secretary for over 20 years now, but it is time to hand over the golden pen (laptop) to John. Thanks for sending in all those notes for the past 2 decades and with that I bid you a heartfelt adieu.

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K81

Hello from Kingswood class of 1981!

MARIA AJLUNI COYLE: My daughter, Dr. Julia Coyle, '09, and Ken Grinage were married at Christ Church Cranbrook on August 6 of this year.



Maria Ajluni Coyle daughter's wedding

HEIDI HERMAN: All is good with us down here in Charleston, SC. I continue to practice law but remotely—currently with a law firm in DC. I get up there every month or so and, in addition to working there, I get to see my son and his wife (he is also an attorney in DC and his wife is in her third year of medical residency). I continue to train and participate in runs, triathlons and other multisport events and am hoping to not flame out in a Half Ironman that I have signed up for in June. Our big event this year is our daughter's wedding here in Charleston in November. Fingers crossed for good weather!

SONIA AJLUNI PASTORE: Aria was born on August 29th to our daughter Leila CK'10 and her husband Joseph. I was happy to have many classmates at my father's funeral. In attendance were 1981 classmates **INGO RAUTENBERG, KRISTEN STUDEBAKER, DANA GETTEL, DEBORAH WAHL, KAREN HAGENLOCKER;** Dana Anderson and Tony Yearago '82, Lynn Gillow '80 and Lisa Fiesselmann Gleeson '71".



Baby Aria

DANA GETTEL BEATTY: Best update is that we have 5 grandchildren and #6 on the way this spring!! Loving every minute spent with them all!! This picture was this past Christmas in CA with all grandchildren...matching pjs of course!



Dana Gettel Beatty's grandchildren

It's been a while since I've compiled these notes and it feels good to get back at it! We're not yet at the wedding or grandbaby phase of

life yet, but love seeing the pictures of those of you who are grandparents! Hard to believe, but very, very heartwarming. Please continue to keep in touch!

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CK83

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Greetings CK83! Sorry guys - not a stellar response from our class for this issue, but it's quality over quantity, and I am (as always) truly grateful to the 3 of you who took time to write in. So, here we go.....

Exciting news for our class! Our own **LISA KULSON** will be honored as Distinguished Alumna at reunion. On Friday, June 9 she will deliver the commencement address to the Kingswood class of 2023. We will have a chance to toast Lisa that night at the cocktail party at Kingswood. The next morning at Kingswood at 11, Lisa will be presented with her award. It will be great to have a strong presence there to support her. You can read more about Lisa's career in the profile in this issue of Tradition. In the update Lisa sent me, she said, "I am writing from New York City, having recently returned from a trip to Paris where the weather was absolutely beautiful. Although I was traveling for work, I was able to get out and about a bit. This was my first European trip since pre-pandemic. I'm hoping my daughter, Louise Juliette, and I can make it back to Italy sometime this summer. We took a 2-year hiatus from New York City during the pandemic and lived at our country home in Tivoli, which is in the Hudson Valley. It was a great place to be, as we were fortunate enough to be able to get outside for hiking, biking and safely distanced outdoor visits with friends. During this time, my daughter also attended The River School with 5 other children her age. It was a small school created by friends of ours during the pandemic and was a very creative and inspiring environment for the kids and a wonderful alternative to remote learning. We also adopted our "pandemic" puppy, Harper, during that time. We loved living in the country and becoming even more a part of our community. Between my pandemic home improvement projects, (adding a pool and a screened-in porch to

our home), I worked from home consulting with several brands. One of my clients was Spanx, the shapewear brand. I joined them as a consultant in early 2020 to develop their apparel and activewear categories. I also created an upscale apparel collection for the handbag designer, Joy Gryson. You can check that out on IG, but it is only sold in Korea. We moved back to NYC in September 2020. Around that time, the Blackstone Group acquired a majority share of Spanx, and I was offered the role of Chief Creative Officer. I joined the company full-time in January 2021. Although the company is based in Atlanta, I work from my creative studio in NYC. I travel to Atlanta quite often and would love to connect with anyone from C/K who may be in the Atlanta area. Our leadership team at Spanx includes Merritt Schwedel '92, who recently joined as Chief Supply Chain and Operations Officer. I was excited to learn that she was a Kingswood girl and am looking forward to working with her. Louise Juliette just turned 15 and is a freshman at The Professional Children's School in New York City. She is a passionate and dedicated ballet dancer. Pre-lockdowns, and before she was 5'6" tall, she danced in many of the children's roles with the New York City Ballet including The Nutcracker, Sleeping Beauty and Circus Polka. She will be spending 5 weeks this summer studying with The Miami City Ballet in an intensive summer program. In the past, she has attended summer programs with The Rock School in Philadelphia and The Royal Ballet School in London. In our free time we love spending weekends at our home in the country, skiing in Vermont and attending the theater and ballet in the city. We travel back to Harbor Springs for a week every August to meet up with family and spend time in Menonaqua Beach. I was very disappointed to miss the recent Cranbrook/Kingswood alumna cocktail gathering in NYC a couple of weeks ago. I was looking forward to attending but ended up being out of town that evening. Louise Juliette and I will be coming to Cranbrook for reunion weekend. I am so looking forward to visiting again. It's been a long time! I haven't been great at staying in touch with former classmates, but I look forward to re-connecting and would welcome hearing from anyone in the NYC area and beyond!"



Lisa Kulson and daughter at Menonaqua Beach, MI in August 2022

MIKE HENNESSEY sent along a photo with his wife, Jennifer Kirk, in Venice, saying "Just celebrated 30 years of marriage with some sailing in Croatia and a couple of days in Venice. Great trip and special time! Sons have both graduated from college and are finding their ways in the world. Wonderful healthy young men discovering their adulthood."



Mike Hennessey and wife, Jennifer Kirk, celebrating their 30th anniversary in Venice, Summer 2022

I got a nice update from **LAURA ESTRADA** who wrote, "I am feeling lucky to have two

amazing children, Amelia (28) and Lucas (26), who are both living close by in the Boston area. Amelia is a PhD student at Tufts in Performance Studies. Her primary focus is dance, having performed in professional dance companies and creating provocative choreography. Lucas is also a PhD student. He's at Harvard in atmospheric chemistry. His work focuses on detection of methane emissions. I am super proud and yes, I would say I live vicariously through them! My husband Zeus and I still have our IT consulting firm, Z-TECH. It's grown to about 50 people and keeps us extremely busy. I hope to make it to reunion and look forward to reconnecting with classmates and teachers, for whom I am extraordinarily grateful. Maybe I will see you all at the reunion!"



Laura Estrada and family at the Falmouth, MA road race, Summer 2022

By the time this issue hits your mailbox, you will most likely be tired of my emails about our upcoming 40th Reunion, June 9th-11th. If you are still on the fence, PLEASE make an effort to attend! We deserve a great turnout and it's always fun to be back on campus and connect with not only CK83 classmates, but teachers and other alum! Remember that we have a class website, which has Reunion updates, a bunch of photo albums, access to CK83 classmate emails and addresses (if they shared them). Only members of our class have access to the information and photos. You must be a member and create a login before you can use the site. If your address or email has changed, please update your profile there. And remember to do the same with the Alumni office: by emailing alumni@cranbrook.edu with any updates. I will see you all at the Reunion in June! I hope you and your families have a happy, healthy and fun-filled summer!

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CK87

With apologies for the delay, we are happy to share this happy photo from the marriage ceremony of **RODNEY JOHNSON** to LaShawn Oden. In the last issue we printed the news of the wedding, but due to an oversight in the alumni office, the photo that accompanied the announcement was omitted. Enjoy!



Marriage ceremony of Rodney Johnson to LaShawn Oden

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C89

It was an unusually still morning in the spring of 1982 as if nature had stopped to watch what was about to happen on the sprawling 300-acre campus in Bloomfield Hills. Our hero entered the battlefield from the south. He wasn't the oldest or the biggest combatant, but others stepped back and watched him walk by. He didn't demand this kind of respect, but he earned it through dedication to his craft. His name was **PERO DAGBOVIE**, and he was

the apex predator of the Brookside playground. His domain was the swing set. Nobody could dismount higher or farther than Pero, and he did so every day at recess. He was mild in nature, but his playground presence was legendary. As he approached the swings that day, kids started gathering as if they knew that Pero feared nothing despite imminent treachery and danger. **JEFF PITT '90**, was an admirer of Dagbovie and on this day, he summoned enough nerve to ask his older hero if he could launch Dagbovie's swing by giving him an underdog. Jeff had been practicing underdogs all week with the hope that Pero would allow him to be a participant in Pero's playground activities. As Jeff approached and asked Pero the question, Pero politely responded, "Not today kid. I am going to do this one on my own." Pero started pumping his legs, and the wind began to pick up, then he pumped harder and the tail wind blew harder and harder. Some years later, Joey Bilyeu was overheard saying, "I wasn't a religious man, but that day changed everything for me. There was a higher power smiling on Pero that day." Joey is now living with the Dalai Lama, by the way. Pero continued to pump his legs and as he reached his peak, Otto Leudecke jumped out in front of Pero, and Pero clipped Otto's nose as he swung by, but despite this treachery, Pero continued his ascent and as he reached the pinnacle of his arc, he launched toward the horizon. An audible gasp was heard from the jungle gym as Pero flew toward the sandbox as if being carried by an eagle. Only Bob Beamon had flown further through the air and as Pero stuck his landing, he exclaimed "Monoslices" and a new language was born. Aim High 89ers!

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CK91

After nearly thirty years as our class secretary, **CASEY CHEYNE**, turned the pen over to **MATT MAISTER**, who turned the honor over to me after one cycle as he was finishing a book about his experience growing up in Bloomfield Hills (you can find it on Amazon and there are stories some of us may recall). Casey is working in tech in the Seattle area, where he and I connected a few years ago

pre-Covid when my wife, Leigh Ann, and I were in Seattle for one of our many marathons. Casey, **DAVID KRAMER**, **JUSTIN FINNICUM**, **GREG ARTZ** and I keep in touch regularly on a group chat that usually involves Michigan – Michigan State football and basketball jabs, as well as birthday and holiday wishes and sharing important or exciting news about our families and lives. Finny continues impressive architecture work in Boston, and he and his team were recognized for their work on Colby College’s athletic and recreation center by the Boston Society of Architecture. Kramer is Principal and owner of Gemini Risk Partners, an insurance brokerage firm specializing in professional liability insurance and risk management for law firms, and I just learned that he was appointed by Governor Whitmer in 2021 to serve on the Board of Trustees for Oakland University. Artz and his wife Kristi moved back to Michigan a few years ago and are living and working in the Grand Rapids area; Greg recently took his daughter Audrey on a work trip to Bangladesh where she got to scrub in and watch him perform a thyroidectomy surgery. Bringing your daughter to court is much less exciting in my house.



Greg Artz performing surgery with his daughter Audrey scrubbed in to watch

ERIC MACHUS and Holly Busch Machus '92 live in Bloomfield Hills less than one mile from Cranbrook, where their son Hans graduated last year, and daughter Sabrina is in her junior year (Spencer’s next I’m sure). Eric has been working on earning his wings as a

small aircraft pilot and says he’ll fly down to visit me in DC/Virginia, perhaps for a deer hunting trip. **TED FENTIN** is still living in the Los Angeles area where he is the President of Countour Real Estate, which has kept him busy both in the US and with at least one trip to Dubai. **MARC STEWART** and I caught up last fall on one of my many recent trips to NYC, right after he was on CNN Early Edition. He recently moved to Hong Kong where he is continuing to report for CNN and CNN International on all things Asia. **NICK HOLMES** is the General Counsel for The Whitney Museum in New York City...if you haven’t been to its “new” home, it’s truly a must see on any trip to NYC and Nick is a truly spectacular host. **DREW SMITH** and his wife Judi and their two kids are living in the Philadelphia area; I was bummed to miss them when they made a trip to Virginia for a youth travel soccer game with their kids. On a random stroke of luck, **CHRIS BAUMGARTNER** and I had one night overlapping in Maui last year, so we grabbed drinks for the first time in probably 25 years, along with Leigh Ann, and then met up again when I was on a work trip in Denver where Chris has his own law firm practice and lives with his wife. **DAVE HENNING** is living just outside Phoenix in Chandler, AZ, where he regularly wows audiences with his jazz...next trip to Phoenix I’m going to make sure I catch a show. **WEATHERLY STROH** lives in Florida where she continues to do amazing artwork, including a fantastic painting of our French bulldog that she did for my wife’s birthday a few years ago. **JEN BRIGGS JENSEN** is still doing awesome jewelry design, including a beautiful star necklace that I got for my wife on a landmark birthday a few years ago. I’ve been following **BETH ANSTANDIG** and her Take A Chance Ranch in California, where she leads The Circle Up Experience that allows people to work with horses as part of a personal growth and transformation process. I’ve also been following the design work of **RUTH MEALEY CASPER**, who started Ruth Casper Design Studio & Collaborative, and she shares some terrific interior design concepts online. When last I checked on the Sarahs, **SARAH BORNINSKI BEATTY** was living with her husband in Slovenia, **SARAH AKHTAR COOPER** retired from corporate law and is doing amazing glass blowing work in Seattle, **SARAH MUENK** is an eye surgeon in Michigan, and **SARAH MCINTYRE MADILL** lives in Washington State with our classmate

SCOTT MADILL. **BLAKE WILLIAMS** is an Associate Professor of Ceramics at Michigan State, where **PERO DAGBOVIE** '89 is a star in the MSU administration. Our class has either already hit the big 5-0 or are nearing that monumental day—Finny’s was last August but he reminded us that **DAVID ARMBRUSTER** is even older—I don’t think any of us feel or look like it. As for me, **CHRIS SCHULTZ**, after ten years government service with the SEC, I returned to private practice last year shortly after seeing Chris Baumgartner in Hawaii. Leigh Ann and I have three kids between us, with our oldest two at Oklahoma State University, and our youngest getting ready to apply to college in the Fall. We finished our goal to run a marathon in all 50 states last year and are now working on all seven continents with a race in Antarctica scheduled for March 2023. Please send me updates either on our class page on Facebook, any of my Facebook posts, by Messenger, text, or WhatsApp, or by plain old email.

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CK93

30th Reunion • June 9-10-11

Editor’s note: We hope to see everyone for our 30th at Reunion June 9-11! You are invited to a special milestone cocktail party at Kingswood Friday night so make sure your travel plans get you there in time to join what is sure to be a memorable gathering. Also, your class photo is scheduled for Saturday at Quadfest at 6:30 p.m. See you at reunion.

CK98

25th Reunion • June 9-10-11

Greetings to my fellow alum - this is a milestone year for us, marking the 25th year since graduation. I confess that I have been remiss the last couple of years with submissions and apologize if I failed to recognize important moments for any of you. I want to recognize that the last few years have had varying levels of impact on all of us. For me, there has been a real challenge adjusting to a lot of firsts in the COVID environment, especially in my pro-

fessional life, and because of it, commitments outside of family and work took a back seat. I recognized that the world was continuing outside my bubble, but I wasn't able to tend to any of it. I am however at a different place than I was even 6 months ago. And, 2023 is a new year and a new chance for reflection and change. If it's okay, I'd like to resume what I volunteered to do 25 years ago and continue being class secretary. However, if anyone objects or would prefer to take up the mantle, I will understand and pass the reins.

As I mentioned, our 25th reunion will be happening in June, and I am hoping to join the celebrations. It's too soon for me to know if I will be there with family in tow or if I will be there alone, but I do want to encourage those of us who are able to come and reflect on the last 25 years and what life has brought our way. We should remember those who are no longer with us and cherish the happy moments that we shared. We should also reflect on how much has changed since then and acknowledge the progress we have made during that time - for there is always progress. I recently saw a stunning performance of *The Tempest* at The Roundhouse Theatre in Bethesda; co-directed and co-produced by Teller (of Penn and Teller fame), the performance incorporated prestidigitation and it brought back fond memories of writing about my brave new world for Mr. Hall in 9th grade English. The playnotes described it as a revenge comedy, and it seemed appropriate that in this day and age, a 16th century story can remind us that time changes us all and even our "enemies" may merit forgiveness. I often think about our high school selves and try to imagine the clues back then hinting at who we are today. For example, when I remember **TOMMY WALDRON**, I recall that he played baseball but was also adept at throwing pottery in Ceramics. I doubt I would guess that 25 years later Tommy is living in Bend, OR with his wife and daughter, where he's the Chief Strategy Officer for a non-profit developer of affordable housing. If you're ever passing through, feel free to look Tommy up; he'd love to hear from our classmates. He was in Oakland, CA earlier in 2022 to help **CRAIG SMITH** get ready to move to Toronto with his wife and son, Caleb. He reports that Craig and his million-dollar smile are still doing great! Also doing great is **JULIE PITSONIS** who got married in October and took her honeymoon with her wife in Janu-

ary. Unsurprisingly, Julie's honeymoon included a Caribbean cruise, with snorkeling. Congratulations, Julie! Congratulations are also in order for **SHELLIE MORTON JONES**—we can officially call her Dr. Jones! While she defended her dissertation in December 2021, she celebrated her doctoral graduation this January with a week of celebrations - beginning with birthday celebrations (hers and her daughter's) and then having her parents and nephew join them for the doctoral graduation. As the Irish say, Sláinte to all of you!

I hope that all our classmates, wherever you may be, have health and happiness, or are on a path to find them. Whether you are able to be there in person or in spirit, let's all celebrate our 25th reunion in June.

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K03

20th Reunion • June 9-10-11

Hello, Class of 2003. It's hard to believe this year marks 20 years since we graduated, but our milestone reunion is finally here! Mark your calendars for Reunion Weekend, June 9-11, 2023, and stay tuned for additional details. I hope to see many of you there!

As always, it's wonderful hearing from you with your updates.

EMILY LOWE and her husband Steven Schowalter had a big year in 2022. They purchased a home on the Westside of Los Angeles last March and welcomed their first child, Oriel Elizabeth Schowalter, in June. Even though she's living her best Mom life, Emily still makes time for visiting with her old CK pals, including **STEVE MILLER JR.**, when they're in town.



Emily Lowe '03 and daughter Oriel enjoyed catching up with Steve Miller Jr. '03 this year

ALLISON LAVOIE NALETTE writes that all is well with the Nalette Family. They are excited to share that they are expecting their second baby boy, due on Valentine's Day 2023. Ally says that Robbie is a busy toddler, and she knows they will have their hands full. They enjoyed a 10-day family vacation to Boston and Cape Cod last summer and loved taking Robbie to the ocean for the first time. Work is also going well for her; she celebrated 10 years at the Law Firm of Victoria, P.C, in September 2022.



Allison Lavoie Nalette '03 and husband Robbie, pictured with son Robbie, are expecting their second son in February

ASHLIE MERRITT ROSEN is also expecting her second child, welcoming a baby girl this March! Ashlie is enjoying life in Boca Raton, Florida, with her husband Jason, their three-year-old son Bennett, and two dogs. Jason is a dermatopathologist who runs a laboratory in Delray Beach, and Ashlie is working for him at his office doing medical transcription. Ashlie plans on coming home to Michigan for Reunion Weekend, and I also heard back from **AIKO ALEE ORTEGA** that she is planning to attend our reunion this June as well.



Bennett Rosen, son of Ashlie Merritt Rosen '03 with cousins Hadley and Xander Merritt, children of Karen Oben Merritt '03 and Jourdan Merritt

Last year, **KATIE PETERSON** transitioned back to living and working on the West Side of Detroit, where she is an administrator and the K-6 Literacy Coach at Hope of Detroit Academy in Southwest Detroit. The school's motto is "The Hope of Detroit Lies Within Me." Katie is also working on her master's degree in curriculum and instruction. She has been with her partner Alex Seitz for over a year and recently became a Quaker.

I had a nice catch-up call with **LINDSAY RUBIN** this winter. She's still loving her work as an ophthalmologist alongside her mom in their Madison Heights practice, and her dad recently retired. Lindsay's also enjoying time at home with her husband Alexander and their dog Jackson, and spending time with her nieces and nephews. Between her brothers Simon

and Matt, there are six of them! **KAREN LO** writes that after three years, she was able to finally go home to Hong Kong without quarantine.

AMELIA ZUKOWSKI JASURDA is living in Chicago with her husband Jeff and their two kids, Zadie (4) and Charlie (1.5). She often gets to spend time with **KATIE RIORDAN ELSNER** and her family in the Chicago area from time to time, and the two of them enjoyed visiting **CARLY GOLDMAN GLICK** in New York City last summer with their daughters. I had a blast running into Amelia at Lady Gaga's twice-postponed Wrigley Field show last August. Keep an eye out for us at the reunion, with or without the wigs!



Daughters of Amelia Zukowski Jasurda '03, Carly Goldman Glick '03, and Katie Riordan Elsner '03 enjoying time together in NYC



Amelia Zukowski Jasurda '03 and Stefanie Spiro Pohl '03 at the Lady Gaga concert

As for me, **STEFANIE SPIRO POHL**, I was promoted to communications specialist with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's marketing and communications team last spring, where I've continued to write about the work Michigan is doing to support small businesses and attract transformational investments across the state. Our youngest daughter

Margot (6) started kindergarten last fall at the same school as big sister Stella (10). My husband Zack continues to work as Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Whitmer in her second term, and we were proud to watch the girls take part in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance on stage at her inauguration ceremony this January.

I still love making plans with **JEN LAU** whenever she's home in Michigan and was thrilled to spend an afternoon with **LAURA MECSEY BOYCE** and her three girls when she was visiting home last year during her spring break.

If you're interested in being a part of our 20th reunion plans or just want to let me know you're planning on coming, please don't hesitate to reach out! Take care of yourselves and I look forward to seeing many of you this June, if not before.

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15th Reunion • June 9-10-11

CANDICE AMMORI is excited to announce that she is starting a company called Climate Vine (climatevine.co) to help diverse experts collaborate around climate impact.

HANNAH KANECK had a big year personally. She purchased her first home in Chicago in 2021 and welcomed a son, Leonel, last May with her longtime partner Alejandro Lerma III. Professionally, she runs the data and analytics team for CVS Health's Clinical Trials business. She is enjoying motherhood and can't wait to see what new adventures this year will bring.



Hannah Kaneck '08 with partner Alejandro and son Leonel

ARIANA TYLER graduated from Michigan State University in December with a Master of Science in Management, Strategy and Leadership, and was recently promoted to Director of Events at the Greater Columbus Sports Commission.

We hope you will join us at our 15-year reunion this coming June! Please send us a message if you'd like to find out more information or haven't been receiving our emails. Hope to see you and catch up with you in person very soon!

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15th Reunion • June 9-10-11

Hello again and happy spring! For those of you who missed the last riveting installment of this class note, we have our 15-year reunion coming up this summer. That's a long time being away from Cranbrook, and what better way to celebrate that fact than to . . . go back? I guess it makes sense. Anyway, the

reunion will be held at Cranbrook from June 9-11. We've had great turnout at past milestone reunions, so come on out because we have a reputation to live up to.

On the update front, **DON LI** welcomed a son last year, Oliver James Li, who turned 1 this past March.



Don Li's son, Oliver, with dog Copper

NICK ANDERSEN, meanwhile, finally tied the knot with his husband, Luke Massa, at the Commander's Mansion in Watertown, MA, with a number of fellow CKers in attendance.

ANDREA GUMUSHIAN read a passage from *The Phantom Tollbooth* during the ceremony, and **ANDRE DOMPIERRE** was Nick's designated usher before the ceremony began. Other alums who made the trip east included Isabelle Weiss ('07), Alanna Hoffman ('11) and Lindsay Robillard ('04). As if getting married wasn't enough, Nick also recently began a new job at NPR as the first ever archives producer for *Fresh Air*. Nick and Luke are still living in Cambridge, and invite anybody passing through Boston to look them up.



Nick Andersen's wedding featuring Nick, Andre Dompierre '08, and Nick's husband Luke



Also, from Nick's wedding featuring Nick, Andrea Gumushian '08, and Nick's husband Luke

A little farther west, **ROB DOZORTSEV** also got married, and he reports that he and wife Chelsea are keeping it weird in the Silicon Hills. **JEFF SAVIN** has uprooted and moved to Kalamazoo. On the other side of the state, **XANDER STREK** stayed put in Birmingham with wife, Anna, and their 3 kids, who he notes are growing up quickly: Hudson is 9 and in 4th grade at Pierce, Win is 4 and in Pre-School at Pierce, and Goldie is 2 and has yet to start school. Xander is working with fellow Cranbrook alum JJ Modell '90 at Clarkston Capital in Bloomfield Hills. As for your class secretary, not much to report for **PETER BAUMHART** this time around, but he welcomes anyone in the D.C. area to reach out. It's always great to hear from a classmate.

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CK13

10th Reunion • June 9-10-11

ALLESANDRA TYLER has graciously volunteered to act as Class Secretary moving forward. For future questions or updates for class notes, please email Alle at: adt48@georgetown.edu. If anyone would be interested in joining forces with Alle, please email alumni@cranbrook.edu. Be sure to mark your calendars for your 10th Reunion scheduled for June 9-11. Things start on Friday night with a cocktail party at Kingswood, and class photo is scheduled for Saturday night at 7:30 at Quadfest. There is a full weekend of events on the schedule. Send your preferred email and any updates to your contact information to Allie or to the alumni office so you get the latest information and the registration link. Going forward you can send your Tradition updates directly to Allie at the address below.



CK13 at Reunion 2018

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CK15

Hi all: I believe this is the first time our class notes are featured in print! Quick things on my end: I've quit my job at Accenture to run my podcast business (University FM/Ventures FM) full-time. Keep an eye out for the next season of the Aim High podcast! I've also been on Cranbrook's campus a good amount this past few months, most recently for the CK alumni career fair. Remember that? If you're in the area next year I highly recommend volunteering for it, great way to give back. **STACEY HARIMOTO** and **LIBBY POST** were there too!



Robert Li at the Alumni Career Fair

So, to start off these class notes with Libby. She is finishing her master's in social work and working for We the People of Detroit. She is a member of the Michigan Sailing Team, Wolverine Support Network, Meditation Club AND President of the Ceramics Club. (yesss, being active in the community!). After graduation in April, Libby plans to move to Detroit and continue working as a Youth Coordinator for We the People of Detroit.



Stacy Harimoto at the Alumni Career Fair

I also caught up with **LIZZY XIONG**. She is currently living in NYC working remotely as a Program Manager at Oracle. She recently got married and is training for a half marathon in

Paris (at the time of writing this, she finished the half marathon – easy peasy – and enjoyed a baguette afterwards). She's hoping to explore more artistic outlets including dance, pottery, and getting back into photographing portraits in the city.



Lizzy Xiong wedding

Had a chance to catch **JAZZ TESTE** on the phone too. She is currently living in Chicago and recently pivoted from working in the valuation (financial services) industry to working as a project manager for the American Bar Association. As of January, Jazz began pursuing her MBA at Northwestern University. She enjoys picking up new sports such as kitesurfing, taekwondo and running, and continuing old ones such as tennis, ballroom and Latin dancing, and skiing (feeling like I should work out more... and check out the action shot below). She has taken the idea of continuous learning to heart by staying adventurous and always being down to try new things.



Jazz Teste enjoys ballroom and Latin dancing

Now for some sobering news. Our dear friend, **THIPOK "PUTTER" LERTPLAKORN**, passed away on October 22nd, 2022. Putter treasured his experience at Cranbrook and the community he became a part of. **JOHN THAVORNWONGWONGSE** was able to attend his funeral and got Putter's family a wreath on behalf of Cranbrook Kingswood. It was placed near where Putter is laid, and it reads "Our deepest condolences and deepest sympathy. From friends at Cranbrook Kingswood." Putter's family also created a memory book that you can view by scanning the QR code below. Putter is remembered as being an extremely bright, cheerful, and kind person. He was a great friend.



Remembering ThiPok "Putter" Lertplakorn



Scan to view Putter's memory book



Putter's wreath on behalf of Cranbrook Kingswood

With that said, make sure to take care of yourself as you're pursuing your ambitions.

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CK17

After Cranbrook, **ALEX LYCETT** played junior hockey in Waterloo, ON for two years and his team, the Waterloo Siskins, won the Sutherland Cup championship! He's currently playing hockey at Tufts University and majoring in economics. He's enjoying exploring the east coast, snowboarding, and hiking different spots in New England. At CK, one of his favorite memories is stopping by the bookstore to grab a cookie and talk to Mrs. Keck. **TOM-**

MY HINES loved his time at MSU and in 2021 took his current job at PwC in Dallas, TX. He has fallen in love with Texas – the history, the energy, the barbeque, being able to golf year-round (which if you know Tommy is top priority) and picking up pickleball. At PwC, he works in software-as-a-service and is finally getting the chance to meet up with colleagues in person and go into the office. He wanted to give a shoutout to Griffin Howell and many of the other teachers/advisors from his time at CK, who were big influences on who he is today. **MADDIE FINK** graduated in 2021 and then moved to Chicago where she worked in the Peter Lab at Feinberg studying RNA-based ovarian cancer therapeutics. She spent time volunteering at Lurie children's hospital and Almost Home Kids before moving back to Michigan to work as a medical assistant while applying to medical school. She's hoping to start medical school this summer and hopes to do something in pediatrics in the future. She'd like to shout out Mr. Conner for helping build her passion in biology.

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CK18

5th Reunion • June 9-10-11

Be sure to mark your calendars for our 5th Reunion scheduled for June 9-11. Things start on Friday night with a cocktail party at Kingswood, and class photo is scheduled for Saturday night at 8pm at Quadfest. There is a full weekend of events on the schedule. Send your preferred email and any updates to your contact information to the alumni office at alumni@cranbrook.edu so you can get the latest information and the registration link. See you at Reunion!

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Former Faculty

There have been some losses to our community in the past months. Dr. Jim Wells, husband of longtime faculty member **JANRIS WELLS** passed away last November. His son, Jeff Wells '80, passes along the following information about his long and productive life. "Thankfully, he had a short illness after living a remarkable 90 years. The grandson of a Tennessee sharecropper and a rural Kentucky railroad worker, Jim grew up in small communities across the South and Midwest following his father's career in ministry. After college years studying piano, he served two years in the Army before earning a Ph.D. in Botany from The Ohio State University. In 1966, he became the Botanist at the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. While at Cranbrook, he taught at Oakland University as an Adjunct Professor where he drew rave student reviews. A lifelong photographer with credits in *Life Magazine*, Jim was also a master woodworker and metalsmith with citations in *National Geographic's The Craftsman in America*. He published widely in scientific journals and textbooks but his capstone publication, [Wildflowers of the Western Great Lakes Region](#), was a coffee table book that included his own photography. Throughout his career, Jim was passionate about protecting wilderness and natural areas. He successfully fought to preserve Michigan forests and Great Lakes shoreline as an expert witness in court as well as through the Michigan Natural Areas Council and the Michigan Botanical Society." Brother James Wells '81 adds that "Dad enjoyed 64 years of happiness in marriage to my mom, Jan. In addition to his long career as a botanist at Cranbrook Institute of Science, he even taught at Cranbrook for 1 year. Dad had the "caretaker gene" taking good care of us all and loved photography and woodworking and metalsmithing in his spare time at the Cranbrook woodshop and Art Academy facilities."

We are also saddened to report the loss of longtime faculty member **JAMES WOODRUFF** (English and History from 1985-2003). James was a Wilderness Experience Leader for many years, including 1993, when a historic storm wreaked havoc on the Smoky Mountains. As one of the last participants to be evacuated, James suffered permanent dam-

age to his hands and feet.

As Math Department colleague **CLAUDIA SCHUETTE** remembers:

"James was cut from the cloth of the best instructors in the independent school world. He was serious, brilliant, detailed, clever, principled, and witty. James also remains one of the most courageous people I have ever known. Following the injuries to his hands and feet, while a leader on one of our school's wilderness trips, he persevered and returned to the classroom. James or Woody, as many of his colleagues called him, was an amazing man and will be well remembered."



Remembering James Woodruff

His students remember his beautifully written comments each quarter, and his ability to quote sonnets in geometry class, while drawing a perfect circle. Many alumni mentioned his caring nature and his ability to encourage students to "lean in" to difficult subjects.

From James's obituary he taught Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, and all levels of Geometry - his favorite subject to teach. He called himself a "geometrician". A gifted teacher, he excelled at making complex topics easily understandable. In his spare time, he was an active member of the American Chesterton Society. Many considered him an expert on the writings of G.K. Chesterton and he lectured and wrote about Chesterton for many years. James was also an active member of the Grafton Shakespeare Club in Grafton, MA. James was unusually curious and very well read on many

topics and subjects. He will be remembered by his family and friends for his intellect, kindness, sense of humor, independence, and for his devotion to and affection for teaching and learning. James will be remembered at our Reunion Memorial Service on Sunday, June 11. To read the full obituary or the comments from many of his past students visit <https://bit.ly/ckJWoodruff>.



Jim and Susie Pickett at the Cranbrook Event in Los Angeles

Word came back from the latest alumni outreach event in Los Angeles that **JIM** and **SUSIE PICKETT** joined in on the gathering. Jim has been in California for over ten years, and is now working as a consultant. Alumni happily reconnected with the Picketts, while exploring the Scandinavian Design exhibit at LACMA that featured eleven familiar pieces from campus, including Kingswood dining hall chairs. In more joyful news, it was a thrill to learn that Pero Dagbovie '89 would be the keynote speaker at Baccalaureate 2023. Along with **PROSPERO** and **FRAN DAGBOVIE**, we are filled with pride. More about this in the next issue. In the meantime, Madame Shaw and I are filling our days with travel and grandchildren. What could be finer?

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James Wells, Botanist Cranbrook Institute of Science, husband of former faculty member Jan Wells

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If you have information regarding the loss of a fellow alum, please send it to the alumni office via email (alumni@cranbrook.edu) or phone (248.645.3132). See Class Notes or contact your class secretary for further information about those listed above. The alumni and faculty above, whose passing became known to the alumni office in the past year, will be remembered at the Alumni Memorial Service at Reunion in June.

Students at the Middle School for Boys participated in the classic egg-drop engineering project. The challenge? To build a structure within specific materials guidelines that will keep a raw egg from breaking when dropped from a pre-determined height. The twist? Bloomfield Hills Public Safety provided a ladder truck to add just a little more height to the equation. Most eggs survived the drop.



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