

# Class Notes

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**[EDITOR'S NOTE]**

We received news of the loss of **JIM TALMAN** from his daughter, Christine, in March. The following is an excerpt from his obituary. James Barber Talman, a resident of Sewickley, PA, passed away peacefully on March 20, 2020, at the age of 103. He was the son of the late William W. and Ada (Barber) Talman. He is survived by his son, James Talman, Jr. (Jean) of Centennial, CO, and daughter Christine (Howard Cohen) of Sewickley. Jim was born in Indian Village, Detroit, on August 10, 1916. He and his brothers, William and Thomas, attended Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills. He always said that the most lasting result of his education there was being a gentleman. In 2012 he attended the first 80th class reunion ever held at Cranbrook with one other surviving classmate. Jim had an early passion for flight. He got his pilot's license and acquired his first airplane, a 40-hp Aeronca, while in college. In 1939, he graduated from the University of Michigan, where he was affiliated with the Sigma Phi fraternity and slept in the same room his father had occupied. Jim earned a degree in aeronautical engineering and immediately began work at North American Aviation in Los Angeles designing and testing the B-25 bomber. He married Margaret Harris Jones, a fellow employee, in 1944. After WWII he designed and built airplane hangars for private planes. The family subsequently moved to Palm Springs,

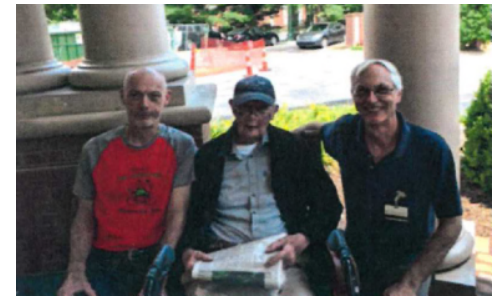
California, where he began a career in resort management. He ran Smoke Tree Ranch in the winters and Chevy Chase Inn in Port Townsend, Washington, in the summers. This gave him ample time to maintain his status as a scratch golfer and to pursue his love of tennis. After retirement Jim lived in Canyon Country, CA, and founded the Newhall Tennis Club on his home court where he spent time teaching many children in the area to play. In later years the focus of his life was playing in senior tennis tournaments, including the national clay court, grass court, indoor and hard court championships on the east and west coasts. He drove an RV, initially from his home in Southern California, to these tournaments until he was 93, with a one-year hiatus to have both knees replaced. At the age of 92 he was nationally ranked fourth in singles and seventh in doubles in his age division. After his wife Peggy's death, Jim moved to Sewickley to be near his daughter. He joined the Allegheny Country Club and informed new friends and staff of his determination to live to 100. His favorite activity during these years was acting as a volunteer coach for the Sewickley Academy girls' tennis team. He attended every practice and tournament for five years, including driving to Hershey to support the team when they won the state championship. He showed by example that tennis is a game for life. Jim was famous for his warmth, patience, optimism and even temper. A hug was his favorite form of communication. He made a point of visiting his loving network of children, grandchildren Cameron (Lisa Wise) of Washington DC, Matthew (Margo Szczygielski) of Brooklyn, NY and Victoria (Ben Owens) of Greenwood Village, CO, as well as great grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews and their children. A memorial will be held at a future time. Contributions in memory of Jim may be made to the Cranbrook Schools and sent to Cranbrook Educational Community Development, Dept 77428, PO Box 77000, Detroit, MI 48227.

 **C36**

**[EDITOR'S NOTE]**

**BILL BOOTHBY** sent greetings to the alumni office along with some photos. He said he was looking forward to his 102nd birthday in April. Bill enjoys spending time with his sons

and friends, reads the *New York Times* every day and sends his hellos to everyone on campus!



Bill Boothby and his sons

 **C41**

**[EDITOR'S NOTE]**

A quick check in with the class of 1941! **LOUIS "BUD" SPIESBERGER** and wife, Bonnie reconnected with us here in the alumni office right before they celebrated Bud's birthday with family and friends. "Even at my middle aged 97 I have never stopped remembering my Crane experience. It was life-changing for me. I have never forgotten the wonderful teachers and the feeling of camaraderie that we all felt."



Louis Spiesberger

 **C43**

**[EDITOR'S NOTE]**

Long time Class Secretary, **JIM KURFESS**, wrote into the alumni office with a great update—he and Barbara just celebrated 66 years of marriage! He says that they are both in good health and that he continues to sing in the choir with his son.



Jim Kurfess and wife, Barbara, celebrating their 66th anniversary

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## K43

### [EDITOR'S NOTE]

**NANCY LOUD KERN** passed peacefully on Christmas Day, December 25, 2019 in Bloomfield Hills. She was 93 years old. Nancy was born in Detroit on July 24, 1926, daughter of Percy Kyle Loud and Elizabeth (Betty) Parker Loud. Her father was the former President of Wright Kaye Jewelers in downtown Detroit, where the building still stands at 1500 Woodward Avenue.



Nancy Loud Kern's Kingswood yearbook photo

Nancy grew up in Bloomfield Hills and attended Kingswood School Cranbrook with her two late sisters, Judy Lou Ackerman '46 and Susan Loud MacMillan '51, and was an active member of Sigma Gamma Association. She attended Bradford Junior College in Massachusetts, and was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority at the University of Michigan from where she graduated with a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education. As a nursery school and Sunday school teacher, she would later become the Director of Echo Park School. She sat on the State of Michigan Education Board, and also earned her brokers license selling real estate for many years. Her love of teaching and reading is a treasured memory of each of her many grandchildren. In May of 1949, Nancy married Richard Charles Kern '37 of Bloomfield Hills, and Vice President of the Kern Department Store in Detroit, where the Kern Clock still stands. Together, they raised their family in Franklin, Michigan on the Franklin River. She was active in her community being President of the Board of Trustees of Detroit Orthopedic Clinic through Sigma Gamma, and of the National Society of Colonial Dames-Michigan. Nancy loved singing in the choirs of The Junior League of Birmingham, Michigan and Christ Church Cranbrook. She sang in the church choir for some 70 years. She enjoyed snow skiing, winning a Grandmother's Race at Otsego Ski Club; tennis, a beauty of the fashion; and was a devoted golfer at Orchard Lake County Club. She was also an avid gardener and a lifelong member of the Franklin Garden Club.

## C44

We know we are getting along in years when our children are in the process of retiring and our grandchildren are having babies. **TED MERRILL** and his wife, Lisa, are living in the Loomis Village Retirement Community in South Hadley, MA. Their four children, Choutese, Nathaniel, Sarah and Arria, are living from coast to coast. **JACK UPPER** and his wife, Claudia '46, are in Ft. Myers, FL, at the Shell Point Retirement Community. Their daughter, Nadia, was born in Egypt and is now an art and computer teacher in PA. Daughter, Elizabeth, lives in Boulder, CO. My wife, Judy, and I are, at the time of this writing, in a fine Tudor condominium

in Shaker Heights, OH. Judy's sons, David and Andrew, live in Cleveland and Boston, respectively. My children are Jan '69, an attorney in Redford Township, MI; Betsy '69, a retired child birth educator in Waynesville, NC, Chris '74, a sales consultant in Phoenix, AZ, Jack '75, an architect in Chicago, IL, and Philip, who attended Brookside, is a computer software coordinator in Stockholm, Sweden.

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## C47

### [EDITOR'S NOTE]

On February 1, 2020, The Reverend **JOHN ALBRECHT** celebrated his 92nd birthday. His four living children, Catherine '72, Jeffrey '76, Susan '78 and David '82, joined him from out of state for this joyous occasion. John's fifth child, Lyn '74, died of cancer in February of 2016.



John Albrecht and his children, all Cranbrook and Kingswood graduates

## K48

A tremendous honor went to a member of our class recently. **PATRICIA CHASE HARTMANN**, and her husband, Jan, were posthumously awarded the Cranbrook Founders Medal. It is the greatest honor Cranbrook can award to someone. Pat's list of achievements are tremendous and we take great pride in calling her one of our own. It's also exciting that we have found one of our lost classmates, **JUNE LAURIN GADDIE**. After more than ten years of being "lost" she has been found by alum headquarters still living in Portland, Oregon surviving and not

knowing she was lost. Again, this *Tradition* you'll read about your classmates in their own words and in their entirety. Some are personal like Martha and Pat. But Martha and I have been writing like that for years and years. And Pat's news is too delicious not to tell you about. Here we go ... **DORA "DILLY" POLK CROUCH:** "Those years at Kingswood were a great blessing in my life ... helping to form my character and sharpen my intake of knowledge and comfort. We never expected to live so many years and I still find life fascinating and rewarding! The Kingswood experiences sharpened my senses and smoothed my reflections—leading to gratitude and satisfaction. I see that the world is more complicated plus richer than it first seemed and I take it in lovingly. Living now in a formal residence pulls on surface levels and encourages exploration and reflection on the hidden components of the recent and more distant past. At least for me. I never expected to live so long and I feel it is my duty to analyze my reactions and share my learning and reflections so that the distant past interacts with the present. I am still enjoying life and still reading a lot and still involved with current events—so I read the *New York Times* three days a week and think about what it tells me. I even read their reports on sports and politics. If time permits, please write me what you are up to—Love, Dora/Dilly." **MARTHA LOVELL IRWIN:** "Loved your green as Spring paper. It's rather drier down here. Best news is that you are out and about—I feared you were stuck in bed. The grapevine reports Joanne lost her younger sister, Nancy '53. That's all I know about it. I still subscribe to the *Detroit Free Press* but have seen zero in print about it. Keep well and keep reading a book a day. Love, Martha." **PATRICIA WILCOX FANSLER** delighted me! She writes, "My Leland friends are Berkley and Nancy Duck but I don't know their addresses. Other Indy people are there but I don't remember who. We knew the older deceased members of Fortunes. I don't think they were in the newspaper business. Bill's ex-partner Blakey lives on my street and is a wonderful friend. Anyway, life here is good with Garden Club, two book clubs, exercise with tai-chi classes, 1st grade tutoring, church pantry shifts and weekly bridge." I was so delighted to get this news from Pat. The friend she mentions—Nancy Duck—is a good friend of mine and

we had never made the connection that we both knew Pat! The things you learn! **DODO BOOTH MILLER:** "My best trip this year was to a family wedding in New York City. My oldest daughter Margie had spent a week with me at my cottage on Lake Michigan, North of Harbor Springs. We then traveled to New York City where we joined her husband and family for the wedding of my class of '73 Cranbrook Alum, Jim's oldest son, Riley, a graduate with Masters from York University, and his fiancé, Kate Weiner, whom he had met at Yale. She had then received a law degree from Harvard (of course they have my brains, Joyce!!!). The service was held at the New York Public Library—a beautiful facility, a wonderful night with family, food, music and dancing. I was encouraged by a granddaughter to dance the Charleston with her. Of course, I complied much to my children's chagrin. An amazing night. I have some precious memories of that night which I have to admit included some screaming muscles. Love to everyone and yes—still "Dodo." **MARGIE BARTON MATTER** is a faithful correspondent: "I really enjoyed every word of our last *Tradition* class notes. It was good you had so many responses. I am just fine, thank you! Glad to live in Tucson away from fires, floods, earthquakes and even snow! Hope you are all doing well. With love and appreciation! -Marge." **SUSAN HUBBARD SPADEMAN** says: "At the moment I am completely captivated by the impeachment hearing and awed by the masterful presentation of Adam Schiff. I've always been interested in Constitutional law so this has been and IS spellbinding and frightening. So much is at stake. I am reading Ruth Bader Ginsberg, a biography by Jane Sherron De Hart, a fantastically comprehensive history of where we've been and how we got to this point. On the brighter side—yes, Margie and I continue to explore. In March we will be driving from Tucson to Los Angeles, visiting National Parks and monuments on the way. In LA, we will visit museums, historical sites, attend concerts and see friends. I always enjoy learning something new. My love to you. Peace! Sue." Interest in government is not a surprise, Sue! You were, after all, head of Student government at KSC in our day. **JEANINE WESSINGER DEAN** writes: "I have lots of little problems, like we all have, but none of them keeping me down.

Still do most of the things I have always done, but not taking on anything new. The key to keeping your feet on the ground is getting exercise and eating healthy and praying. Although my 90th birthday will be in April, we will celebrate it in May in France with my children and adult grandchildren. I am now planning out two nights in Paris with the Eiffel, Paris tour, Versailles Moulin Rouge and then take the fast train to Valbonne where the Barge Ladies can meet us. I have rented the canal barge EMMA, the main part of the trip. For six days as we float down the Canal du Midi. All meals by a gourmet cook and guides that take us to interesting places daily, farmers markets, castles, vineyards, interesting antiquities, etc. And back to Paris for one night (maybe shopping the outlet stores) and then fly home. Jeanine Dean (deanjeanine@gmail.com)." **GINNA KRAABEL LUNDEEN:** "I guess our big news is that I turn 90 on Friday, That means I'm boss for six weeks until Ed is 90! We both send lots of love and prayers for a good year to each and every one of you." Ha, you are older than I am! I don't get there until September. But I am delighted to do so! 90! Who would have guessed! **BUNNY DAY NOLAND** is finally getting settled: "We're finally in the middle of January and I still can't find anything. My daughter got people to help unpack for me. Footstools were a no-no and there was no way I could get on my hands and knees—had nothing to do with my hip. So panic on Christmas Day when I get my mixer out and no beaters. We still can't find them. We've settled nicely into our new, smaller home. Red is still a bit confused but that goes with the ailment. Have a woman coming in every morning so I can get some things done. It works. Not to worry about harassing me! I have very thick skin. And do keep up with your column. We (those I have talked to) love it! Keep up the good work. Bunny." Thank you for the email **MARY LEILA CURTICE BISHOP.** You were the only one who responded to my email. "Christmas Eve I was at Leila's and so were the young people. Leila's boys have moved out, bought houses and have girlfriends. And Rob's younger boy who married a year ago the end of July also sat among them and got to know them. So fun. Want to retire but have to wait until next January. \$700 a month difference. My accident case isn't settled yet. A drag on my

finances as I was out of work from July 8th to the middle of October. My children are all well and successful. Love to all my classmates, Mary Leila.” **JOANNE WHEATON WONNBERGER**: “I apologize for being a lousy correspondent!! I hope the enclosed will get you caught up! Things have calmed down since I moved and have had good cancer news! If you’re in town and want to have lunch, call me. My parotid cancer is under control but my new hair is surprising. Also two grandsons married. Grandson, Ian, got his architecture Masters and a job (and our world traveler is home which is great). The year ended sadly with my sister, class of ‘53, Nancy’s death, Dec. 28. Her service was February 6th at the Old Christ Church on Jefferson in Detroit.” JoAnne also sent a Christmas Card with more news: “Since Paul died in 2018, I’ve been having new experiences—new residence, new friends, new cultural programs, new doctors, new everything. I’m enjoying some of the many things Traverse City has to offer and going back to Empire and Glen Arbor whenever possible. I loved our 70th reunion in June and then seeing old friends while down state. Life is good to me—please put me on your list to visit whenever you’re in Traverse City. I know where the good restaurants are!!” You have so many friends, Wonn, that someone always reports for you even if you don’t write.

**WINIFRED ROEHM HIRSCH WARD** just made the deadline: “Just got this forwarded from Gresham Oregon, wonder where in tarnation they got that from. I’ve never lived in Gresham. Used to be Beaverton, OR before we moved back to Missouri. No big news. We’ll be visiting Byron’s relatives back West in March but no international travel planned. Orthopedic problems restricting us and there are plenty of interesting things going on here at the retirement community or our local university. Stay well! Lots of flu going around not to mention worse things. Fondly, Winnie.” Just got a call from **JOAN PATTEN STADLER** after her daughter Karen inspired the call because she says I only mentioned the boys and didn’t think I knew Joanie had a daughter. She is right, I didn’t know. I’ve only seen the boys. That daughter, KSC ’77 grad, lives in Boulder, CO and is visiting Joanie now while her husband visits his brothers. They’re having a great girl time.



JoAnne with daughters, Joyce '74, Jill '72 and Polly Jo '77

Karen has two boys, Rob and Peter. Rob graduated from U of Chicago with an MBA and Peter specializes in water rights. We could use him up here in Leelanau. Most of our arguments are over water rights. Thank you for getting your mom to call, Karen. Sorry we didn’t hear from everyone. I always worry if you don’t write that you “can’t” write and have no one to do it for you. As for myself—still walking, driving, going to few events with my congestive heart failure but more and more I find myself “resting” in my recliner with a book or my tablet looking out at Lake Michigan. It is where I am most content. That and family visits. Two more great grans on the way to make 13! Please keep in touch -Joyce.

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## C49

Unfortunately, our class membership is getting smaller. With **BOB LEISTER**'s death in November we are down to 17 members by my count.



Bob Leister, Fred Novy and Fred Smith



Bob Leister and wife, Lucile

**JACK SPOEHR** responds to Bob’s death with the following comment, “I can only miss very deeply the loss of Bob’s living ... and can only thank him and Lucille for sharing us in their lives. On my situation, I am lucky to find my move to a “retirement community” in Glen Mills, PA, just 3 miles from my former home in Chadds Ford for 50 years and close to my kid’s collective offspring—has been excellent.” **JIM TRUETTNER** says no big news, but has stayed close to home raising their third set of Shetland sheepdogs (now 8 months old). This is the third pair for Karen in 32+ years so she is a veteran, but it is hard work for their 88-year-old father. Still crazily maintaining three homes, Vero Beach Florida, Pebble Beach, California and Libertyville, Illinois. (20 miles north of Chicago).

**TALCOTT** and Jeanne **JONES** are taking it one day at a time and are happy each day when they wake up on the right side of the soil. Jeanne’s daughter, Lynn, who joined us at the 70th, and wonderful son, Steve, had just visited as they are not traveling any more. They are delighted that daughter, Debbie, has moved in with them to help with all the things they are no longer able to do. *Please note that shortly after these notes were sent in, Talcott Jones passed away. We know his last few years have been very happy with the first love of his life, Jeanne.* **RICHARD TOWNSEND** shared a few words about Talcott as well, “Early days, a poll of our 66 classmates saw Tal as one of our top four influentials. Part of that standing stemmed from his strong gift for salty, focused, and vigorous language. Pity that Cranbrook then didn’t have a radio station—regularly more would have been able to enjoy his humorous takes on adversities of student life.” Carol Macomber sent a wonderful note. They had a quiet, sweet first Christmas without **BILL MACOMBER**. They were all excited about the Chiefs being in the Super Bowl after 50 years. Bill was an avid fan and kept hoping

they would make it back to the big one. She knows he will be watching from up above and cheering them on (Bill had to be happy with the result). The last five minutes were very exciting. **BILL BRODER** responded to both of my calls for news. He is active and still is enjoying his morning walk along the Marin Highlands, writing his new novel, seeing his kids (who remain around and supportive), and doing a bit of socializing and corresponding. He is still in touch with some of his primary, intermediate classmates and a few from Cranbrook. Amazingly, most are around 88. What a coincidence. In response to my question "Have you read any good books?" he says his house is so full of books that even when he knows he has a book he can't find it. He offered to send me a list of his recent readings but sent a list of some his favorites over the years. I still recommend his book *Taking Care of Cleo* as one of the best novels I have ever read. Sally Landis Bohon '50 writes that her trip to Costa Rica let her know that the days of walking jungle paths and sailing on a zip line through the treetops are over. **GUNTHER BALZ** reports a great visit with the Truettners with some good meals and that work continues on the Spitfire. The **OSNOS** and **SHULEVITZ** families have limited their travels. Bill says that they are blessed with having their family nearby. **PETE SIMPSON**'s WyoFile was recognized by the American Journalism Project which for the first time is focused on the movement to support local news. I highly recommend the file. It is excellent reading done by a small number of excellent reporters. The **TOWNSEND**'s traveled to Helsinki to visit son, Dorn, who works for the UN. He rented a bicycle rickshaw and peddled his parents around town for a couple of days. They also traveled to Florida to visit Kaya and her rock climbing family and Iowa to visit Lars, following his successful eye surgery. Richard, in his new position as a church usher, got stuck in the elevator 20 times, but he says it is less frightening than climbing the long ladder in the winter to change the church marquee. My "stuck" story happened on the Nile when Kathleen and I were on our honeymoon. Kathleen had preceded me to the dining room on the top of the hotel so I was riding alone when it stopped. There was a phone so I called and the clerk said, "Yes sir, we will come for you." After 20 minutes, I called

again and said "If you don't hurry, I will miss my flight," to which he replied "If I had known you were in a hurry I would have come right away." The second hotel elevator pulled up to mine and each had a door on the side. He opened mine and I stepped over the shaft elevator into his. Kathleen has been doing a fantastic job looking after me as I am now on nightly dialysis. We think it is working. If you ever want information like classmates' phone numbers, email or mailing addresses just let me know.

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## K49

Our class is traveling again: **NANCY SHORE GILCHRIST** has left for her Mexico visit, **CONNIE CLARK JONES** and Dick will be back in Belize to visit their son and family this spring, **MOLLY SYLVESTER BERESFORD**'s latest trip was to Maine where she got together with **JOHN & LIZ GALLOGLY BACON** and had a wonderful visit in their retirement community.



Molly Sylvester Beresford visiting Liz Gallogly Bacon

**BARBARA WATKINS STRUTHERS** is treating her four granddaughters on a fun boat trip on the Rhine River this summer. She also is still playing golf and bridge. **MARYE ROSE RAIDER SCHALER** is taking an extensive cruise through the British Isles (Ireland, Scotland, Wales) this summer. I know she will enjoy this as I am taking this same trip at home through Martha Stewart's TV site called DABL. We will "Escape to the Country" where we look at three houses but will see all the highlights of that county—whether it's sheep shearing, pressing apples to cider or the castles and churches and

the views. But the trip that really caught my interest was of **IMY POWRIE SCHLEY**'s granddaughter, Gina who, as a PhD student at U of Colorado, is on a Russian ship out of Norway on her way to the Arctic as part of a project called MOSAiC—19 countries studying climate change. Gina will rotate off in April by helicopter by a London based film company. NPR will cover all 600 students with their everyday study tasks. Imy now plans to retire from her job this year as legal assistant to the same lawyer for 40 years. Enjoy your retirement, Imy. Good Job.



Imy Powrie Schley and family

**MARY SUE COOKSEY ROHWER** and family gathered to celebrate Brad's 90th birthday at their retirement home in Grand Rapids, MI.



Mary Sue Cooksey Rohwer celebrating Brad's 90th birthday

I received a short email from **SUE NOLTE DUNHAM** who has settled into her new retirement home in San Antonio, Texas and enjoying her family. A call to **PEGGY GILFILLAN COLE** was fun. She had watched Jeopardy on TV with many Michigan questions and found she knew the answers. Her grandson visited and brought her a Smart TV. She keeps up her exercises every day and today, we had to cut our visit short as she was

going out to lunch with her former teacher friends. Sounds like Peggy is enjoying her new "Dorm." Did you all enjoy Palindrome Day 02/02/2020? 1st day in 909 years. Next date is 101 years 12/12/2121. Enjoy your days.

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## C50

Let me start by encouraging you to attend our 70th reunion this June at Cranbrook. Recently heard from **ALAN SIMPSON** who was a super senior his only year at Cranbrook. After finishing law school at the University of Wyoming, he practiced law with his father in Cody, Wyoming. He then served in the Wyoming legislature from 1965–1977 when he ran for the U.S. Senate in 1978. He served there for 18 years—10 of these as the assistant Republican leader under Bob Dole. He later taught at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard from 1997–2001. He went back to Wyoming engaged in law practice with his two lawyer sons in a national law firm. Someone recently asked him if he had lived all his life in Cody—and he said, "not yet." Typical Al. I reported that **ROBERT WARD** was a retired dentist in my previous alumni news which was an error. He is in fact a retired osteopath followed by a 14-year medical teaching career at Michigan State University. All family members are Michigan State Spartans to the core, including two neurologists and three long-term faculty members in different units. He writes, "Thanks for the scholarship, Cranbrook. You gave me the tools and confidence that one can only appreciate with time's passage." Again, try to attend our 70th class reunion this June.

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## K50

Guess who has a daughter who shares a reunion year celebration? **TERRY OSMA RANDOLPH!** Terry's oldest daughter, Helen, graduated from Kingswood in 1975, so this June, Terry will celebrate her 70th reunion and Helen will celebrate her 45th. Whether

or not they will make it back is uncertain as of this writing, but the distinction is noteworthy because I can't think of any other mother-daughter alums from our class who share a reunion year. In the meantime, Terry is busier than ever with three of her children and families coming for Christmas. In February, she took a train trek from Toronto to Vancouver with her youngest daughter, Carolina, expecting to see plenty of snow and wildlife in five days. And in March she is acting as the Administrative Referee for their Senior Championship Swimming Meet. She rather leaves me breathless! **ANN PATTERSON MUNRO** and Don have moved to Salt Lake City. Naturally a big hunk of their hearts still reside in Ann Arbor where they lived for so many years, but this move puts them right across the street from their daughter, Sarah. Patter and Don will hit their 64th wedding anniversary this year. Imagine that. She also suggested a book to read: *The Far Traveler: Voyages of a Viking Woman* by Nancy Marie Brown. I was a latecomer to find one of the best books I've read in years: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. If you haven't read it, I highly recommend it. I hated it to end. **JOAN ISAACSON CHANDLER** claimed her life was too uneventful to write about (not likely) but she was happy to brag on her granddaughter Natalie who, at age sixteen, had her own gallery art show in November and was named one of "seven upcoming artists" in Hudson Valley, NY.



Natalie Horberg's Exhibition

Joanie plans to go to Detroit in April to celebrate the 90th birthday of her brother, Jo Isaacson '48. **BARBARA WAGNER COYE** also had a great Christmas with visits from her son, Bill, from Savannah, plus her grandson, Nick, and his wife, both of whom are in medical residencies at Yale, and grandson, Bill, with his wife and two children who came all the way from Luxembourg where he lives and works for Amazon.

**CAROLINE ROBERTSON GRAY** has bought a house in Westwood, MA quite near one of her daughters who, along with some of her siblings, are fixing it up so perfectly that when Caroline moves in mid-March, she will simply be able to enjoy her new home without worry. One of the joys of keeping this column going is to hear the stories from each of you of how our children continue to add so much tender love to our lives. I found a note tucked in my folder that I believe had come from **SALLY SELOVER SAUNDERS** but didn't make the last deadline. She wrote that she had had another knee replacement and her life involves lots of dinners, movies, bridge with friends, and trips to Florida and the Lake Michigan shore. As for myself, somehow I got hooked into returning as president of my garden circle and that keeps me busier than I like. I'm working on a booklet of children's projects that involve gardening that is a lot of fun. But my art work is pathetic, which is slowing me down. Spent the month of December in the cottage at New Smyrna Beach that we've rented for decades, and daughter Sally and her entire family came for Christmas, as did son, Bill. In all, we had nine with four generations. The biggest challenge was meeting the diet restrictions with one celiac, two vegetarians, and various sugar, dairy and vegetable intolerances. Whoever heard of an allergy to squash, for Pete's sake? I am convinced "gluten-free" really means "double the price." But we met the challenge by ordering lobsters from Maine for Christmas dinner. It was indeed a feast and a Christmas we will all remember. Now, stay in touch and remember: This is the place you can brag about those grandchildren all you want. They are our hope for the world.

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## C51

Enjoyed a typically pleasant chat with **BILL BROWN** while he was holed up at a rehab place over a minor issue. Bill reports generally very good health otherwise and still practices elder law (wills, trusts, etc.) several days a week while his partner

holds down the fort. Bill became a "lifetime golfer" though not taking the game up until his 40s. He and wife, Nadine, (another second-couple marriage between widowed spouses) have "traveled the world" and enjoy their eight grandchildren. Our Head Prefect **FRITZ FRIDAY** was another highly enjoyable interviewee. Fritz is now retired from his family canning business (vegetables) in Wisconsin, where he splits the year with Florida (I'll let you guess which seasons he spends where). He and wife Kathryn are both "alive and well" (if he had just said "well" I bet I could have figured out the "alive" part; I've always had an advanced analytical brain). Fritz, too, describes himself as a lifetime golfer but has now put his Florida fishing gear away. The couple share three kids and five grandchildren. Their favorite travel destinations were Australia and New Zealand. He and Wayne Lyon '50 are members of the same country club in Florida. Take care of yourself for me.

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## C53

Our class author and renowned novelist, **WARD JUST** regrettably will not write anymore books. The final page of Ward's exemplary life was turned last December when he succumbed to Lewy body dementia and died at the age of 84.



Ward Just and three 1953 classmates, George Bihler, Jim August and Elliott Trumbull

Coming from a journalistic family—he was the son and grandson of newspaper publishers—and with the same initials (WSJ) as one of America's great papers, Ward was destined

to become a writer. And, he honed his writing skills in various English classes at Cranbrook; he always gave full credit for his success to his Cranbrook English teachers. Many times, Ward returned to speak with aspiring students; in 1998, he was the speaker at the Kris Sirchio '83 lecture series, and we—I dubbed our group "Ward and the Justianians"—got together to hear many tales and adventures from our famous classmate. Ward was honored as the Distinguished Alumnus in 1970, the first of two in our class to be recognized (BUD MOORE in 2000 is the other). To show his appreciation of all that Cranbrook did for him, Ward contributed many of his manuscripts and works to the School's Archives in 1990. He continued to do so from 1998 to 2005, and now his widow, Sarah, has been working with Greg Wittkopp, Archives Director, to send the remainder of Ward's literary efforts to Cranbrook, thus completing the "Ward Swift Just Papers" collection. Ward's death was noted in the *New York Times* with a large, six-column-wide obituary, headlined: "Ward Just, an Ex-Journalist Who Found Larger Truths in Fiction, Dies at 84." A quote from the article: "His spare and graceful prose in a score of novels and numerous short stories was compared to Ernest Hemingway's, while his perceptions about American society reminded some critics of Henry James." Ward authored 18 novels with the last one coming in 2014. He was an active war correspondent in Vietnam from 1965 to '67. Injured in 1966, from a north Vietnamese grenade, he returned to covering the war after a brief hospital stay. His memorable time there led him to write his first book in 1968, "To What End: Report from Vietnam." He was one of the first writers to question our presence there, and he was highly critical of our politicians and generals, especially Gen. William Westmoreland. After starting his writing career in 1957 by working as a reporter at his family's newspaper, the *Waukegan News-Sun*, he was hired in 1965 by the famous editor, Ben Bradlee, to become the *Washington Post's* man in Vietnam. Here are some messages between the two, speaking in the unique style of cables: From Ben—"Downkeep head, upkeep copy." From Ward—"While downkeeping head infell large pothole. Can I buy cane on expense account?" and from Ben—"Okay one cane but suggest downkeeping eyes while downkeeping head outwatching potholes."

While at Cranbrook for two years, Ward was on the staff for both the Crane and Brook and served as committee chairman of what was quaintly then the Smoking Room. Bill Salot '52, Crane editor our junior year, maintains that he started Ward on his writing career when he hired him to work at the School's paper.



Ward Just, "The Old Man And The Sea"

In the 1953 *Brook*, Ward's informal photo (the genius idea of yearbook editor **PHIL LEMESSURIER**) has him banging away at a typewriter, a cigarette dangling from his mouth with the comic caption: "The Old Man And The Sea," huh! Ward was married three times and he had three children, daughters Julie and Jennifer, and a son, Ian. His literary muses led him to his writing sanctuary, at Vineyard Haven, on Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts. It was from there that over these many years I received several letters from him (typewritten of course—he had a collection of manual typewriters which he used because he said he didn't want to take time off from writing to master the computer). My WSJ file is full and now complete, but the wonderful and joyful memories will live on. RIP, WSJ. MORE BERRIES IN FLORIDA: Not the citrus kind, but Kathie and **CHARLIE BERRY** made the southward journey in January. After more than 30 years in Connecticut, where their long-time neighbor was Katharine Hepburn, they have moved to Florida. Temporarily in Ponte Vedra on the east coast south of Jacksonville, they planned to look for a permanent home in the area. But before they left, the enterprising and energetic couple crossed an item off their Bucket List—they went back to college! Both graduates of Williams (Kathie was a member of the first co-ed class there), they spent the fall semester in Williamstown. They audited classes in political science and music



appreciation, attended lectures, concerts and athletic contests. Their Christmas photo-card was of them with the Williams mascot, the Purple Cow. AND BABY MAKES FIVE: Joy and **GEORGE BIHLER** welcomed their fifth grandchild last January when their youngest daughter joined her two sisters in the glorious state of motherhood. Heidi Tramutola was born to Susan and Chris in New York City. Bihler's other daughters, Anne and Jill, each have two children, the oldest being Georgiana (Georgie) now a student at Brookside. Joy and George continue to live in their marvelous home in Bloomfield Hills, but they do get away from the Michigan winters every January to visit their long-time family condominium in Boca Raton, Florida. In closing, I would ask that all of us try to follow what dear Ward obviously did in his life, live the words of our School's motto, AIM HIGH!

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## K53

Kingswood '53 is back! Thank you to the following for responding so quickly. Publication is in order or receipt. **MARTHA WILES KRIMENDAHL**, a 60-year resident of Indianapolis, keeps busy with a schedule of volunteer work, athletics, bridge and church. Winter may find her on Sanibel Island, FL, and summers at Walloon Lake, MI, where there are numerous Kingswood grads. **JANET MAAS ROBINSON**, writes from Palo Alto, CA, that she, too, volunteers and exercises with daily walks. "I like being a volunteer proofreader at Stanford's Hoover Institution and thank Elizabeth Bennett and Josephine Waldo for their demand for proper grammar." (Amen) Jan keeps up with family by traveling to Jackson Hole, WY, La Jolla, CA, and Seattle, WA. **ANN HARRIS HUNNEWELL** lives in a 1911 Sears Roebuck stone and wood Craftsman house in Monrovia, CA. She edits newsletters for the League of Women Voters, two churches and a small local newspaper. I emailed her to find out where Monrovia is in relation of Palo Alto. Via return mail I received a CA geography lesson. **SUSAN PATERSON MALONEY**, of Tucson, AZ, gets the Amazing Adventurer Award! Last December she went skydiving in Hawaii with her daughter, son-in-law and grandson. A

repeat performance is not scheduled. Susan is in touch with **PAT BAUERVIC LEONARD** regularly. I asked if she had seen **POLLY ZOOK HIGIE** before she died and she had. **CLAIRE ZIMMERMAN DAILEY** is one of four classmates living in Naples, FL, where my family moved in 1954. Coincidence? Claire and her husband, Wayne, are longtime residents of 38 years. The Daileys escape the summer heat in Colorado. It sounds idyllic. **BETTY HAMADY SAMS**, of Washington, D.C., is fortunate to have two of her three children living nearby. She is still on the Board of the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, a master's program of the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. Betty also mentioned body part replacements, a condition with which we can all relate. Last summer, the Hamady family had a reunion in Fenton, MI, a town which figures in both our pasts. **DIANE HOLBROOK HANSARD** immigrated from Guilford, CT, to sunny Naples two years ago. Previously she and husband Hugh had just spent winters there. Now they live in a gated community with wonderful facilities, activities and nice neighbors. Naples seems to be a magnet for residents from CT. **DORSEY WIER DILLMAN** is another immigrant from CT to Naples. She and husband, Bruce, miss their children and grandchildren who remain in the northeast. None of the three who responded have run into each other even though they are in the same town. I hope the news will encourage a mini, mini reunion. **MARTHA BEMIS ROGERS** lives in Henrico, VA. She was a guide for 37 years at the Virginia State Capitol. That must be a record and she is still volunteering at a thrift store to benefit needy seniors. Martha has one child and family nearby and another in New York. Appreciation for Kingswood was on her mind which may partially explain her vocation as an artist. **JOAN THAYER KEARFOTT** called last night and we talked for a long time. She still resides in Sterling Heights, MI, where she is trying to downsize 65 years of accumulation prior to selling her home. Joan is still active, takes little to no medication, and only stopped mowing the lawn last year! Another Floridian, **GAY WRIGHT VELA**, has moved a short distance, but is still in Delray Beach. Gay keeps busy with water aerobics, writing and traveling. Recently, she attended a luncheon hosted by John

Wert '53, and was reminded of when she lived with Mrs. Saarinen while studying weaving at the Art Academy. Sadly her trip in May was to say goodbye to our **LYNN ROMNEY KEENAN**. **MARY SUSAN MARTIN TRITSCHLER** and husband, Fred, moved from Tampa, FL, to Dallas, TX, in 2016 to be near their two daughters and youngest grandson. Fred died suddenly in 2017. Support from both families has been a great solace. Keeping busy is helpful, too. I am a docent at the Dallas Museum of Art, active with a church seniors group and play bridge. It is not too late for those who have not responded. Your news can be saved for the fall issue of *Tradition*.

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## C54

There is relative quiet on the Western Front despite the stir caused by the brilliant movie 1917 that did not quite get "Best Picture" at the Academy Awards. Our communicating snowbirds—**SLOTKIN**, **GLOVER**, and **MATTER** are at this writing comfortably nested in warmer climes. Not sure where **PHIL DONDERO** is at the moment—either shivering as he is a skier or basking in the sun, but he pointed out that an attendance error occurred at our 65th reunion last June. I failed to fact check the list I was provided of our classmates who did attend. Sorry, Phil. I stand corrected! Your name was not on the list. Your sustained loyalty to Cranbrook is most impressive. Only if it had some "down-ballot" effect on our classmates who have chosen to be "out of range." Kudos to Don Slotkin who reports that his son, Robbie '80, was closely involved in producing the superb Super Bowl Jeep commercial featuring Bill Murray and his sidekick groundhog. The ad was ranked #1 by the critics. Not interested in lengthy plane rides, my wife Harriet and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary in relatively nearby Mexico City which we visited for the first time and highly recommend. Yes, it is rich in history, culture, museums and food. We highly recommend the restaurant Pujols, but reservations need to be made well in advance. The young couple from the Bay Area seated nearby booked the next opening four months earlier and THEN made travel

plans. Our son, Philip, secured the seating and gifted us this meal. Nice. So proud that Mitt Romney '65 heeded my email reminding him to AIM HIGH—as he did in his Senate impeachment vote. So much unflattering U.S. history upon us! Where are you Boyce Ricketts and Bob Hoffman? I know where you are—and with the frequent earthquakes we've been having that you are reacting to this chaos with vigor!

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## C55

Ann Reed '55 and I, co-chairs for the 65th reunion, hope that you will make a special effort to attend! Additional reunion information will be forthcoming. **MITCH FOSTER** still works every day and continues to enjoy fishing, hunting and gardening. He has realized, however, that he is not the ice skater that he once was ("I could hardly stand up") when he participated in Rev. Young's winter sports program!



Walt and Nancy Taylor

**WALT TAYLOR:** "My Cranbrook years and my good fortune to have married Nancy have laid the foundation for 51 years of adventure and happiness here in Flagstaff." Having retired from medicine 11 years ago, Walt keeps busy with yard work, hiking, some skiing, fiddle and mandolin lessons and family, including three grandsons, who live nearby. He and Nancy are looking forward to a lifelong dream trip to Africa in June with their daughter, Mary, and Charley,

her husband. **JOE PRENDERGAST** and his wife, Marlene, have sold their house, are acclimating to apartment living, and enjoying retirement in Palo Alto. **BILL ADDISON**, retired from his dental practice and is staying active with the Rotarians. In speaking with him, Bill mentioned the great respect he had for the faculty at Cranbrook. **PETE DAWKINS:** "It's timely that I report to all of you that 2019 was something of a banner year for me. Having lost my beloved Judi 3 years ago, I had settled into a comfortable routine: working at Virtu Financial, living in an Apartment in NYC in the same building as my daughter, Noel, and her family and doing the things that grandfatherly 'octogenarians' do. Early last year, however, the wife of a West Point classmate invited me to escort one of her very good friends to the 2019 Red Cross Ball—one of the premier annual Palm Beach charity events. The lady, Mary Ourisman, had recently completed a tour as the U.S. Ambassador to Barbados and was, as well, a former Chair of the Red Cross Ball. Neither of us had any expectation in mind, but the planets must all have been in their proper locations because, that evening, "lightning struck." From that moment on, it has been a virtual 'runaway train!' We met on February 9th. Were engaged on March 9th. And married on July 9th.



Newlyweds, Pete and Mary Dawkins

Since then, it has been non-stop. We have hosted parties in NYC, La Jolla and Palm Beach to introduce one-another's friends; have bought, and are re-doing a new apartment in New York City; had our vows blessed at the Vatica, and had an absolutely never-forgettable honeymoon in Positano, Italy. Where this all leads neither of us knows,

but a remarkable new life has revealed itself, and the expectation of new beginnings wakes us up each morning with wonder and joy. So, from Mary and me, fond best wishes to you all for a great 2020!" New address for Pete for you to note in your Class Directory: 300 Regent Park, Palm Beach, FL 33480.



Bill and Jan Raisch with grandson, Nick Flood

**BILL RAISCH:** In closing, I echo the "best wishes" of Pete and Mary, and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming 65th reunion!

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## K55

I am sorry to pass along the sad news of two more classmates. **ANN "OLLIE" OLIVER SPEES** died June 13, 2019, due to Alzheimer's disease. I can still hear that infectious laugh and see that smile.



Ann Oliver Spees

Ann had beautiful taste in her clothes, and I recall her owning a dress store in Beloit, WI, and later a shoe store in Palm Beach, FL. She was a bridesmaid in my wedding and my son, Brian's, godmother. I arranged for him to surprise her at our 50th reunion. They hadn't seen each other since he was a baby. They had a great time. Ann is survived by three daughters, Kim (Robert) Messer, Susan (Kevin) Copsey, and Michelle (Walter) Hunt, and eight grandchildren, Robert, Ryan, Robin, Rebecca, Brian, Megan, Kyle and Jeffrey.

**SANDRA "SANDY" COLLON WATTS** passed away November 30, 2019, from a heart attack. She was back in Pittsburgh for Thanksgiving with all her family. I remember her beautiful singing voice, which I understand she passed onto her children and grandchildren.



Sandra Collon Watts

We had some wonderful phone chats over the years, laughing and reminiscing about K'wood days and life in general. She loved her cabin in the UP where she summered. Sandy is survived by her partner, Larry LeGault, three children, Vicki (John) O'Hare, Beth Watts (partner, Tammie Squires), and Chip (Beth Ann) Watts, eight grandchildren, Kaitlin, Jessica, Kevin, Jake, David, Alex, Tia, and Asia, two great grandchildren, Finley and Murphy, and her brother, David '59. A quote from one of Sandy's favorite authors: "What is hardest to accept about the passage of time is that the people who once mattered the most to us wind up in parentheses." John Irving, *The Cider House Rules*. Our deepest sympathy to the families and also to **MELINDA BOOTH** on the loss of her last sibling, David '45. She wasn't able to attend his funeral because she

had knee surgery earlier in the week. Also deepest sympathy to **MARTHA MEHRER KELLER** on the loss of her sister, Jane Mehrer James '53, after a long illness. **JUDY EARLE GILLOW** attended her grandson, J.P.'s, graduation from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. It took place over a couple of days and was a very impressive and patriotic service with 694 recruits graduating.



Jo Bailey Firman

A Xmas card with news arrived from **JO BAILEY FIRMAN**. She continues her love of travel with a cruise last winter from Auckland to Monaco. In the fall she enjoyed a second cruise on the Baltic and in Scandinavia followed by a river cruise in the Bordeaux, France region. May/June brought two graduations and her college reunion. Children and grandchildren visited Jo on Martha's Vineyard during the summer. Her eyes have deteriorated more resulting in her giving up skiing three years ago. I'm sorry to hear that, Jo. **DRIEKA MARTIN BLOOM** reports life is about the same. Christmas was spent in Hinsdale IL, with her sister, Marilyn '51. January through March she and Jerry enjoyed warm weather in Naples, FL. May to October, Torch Lake is where you'll find her. Drieka's brother, George '61, is now living in Independence Village in Brighton, MI. She is grateful for the blessings of family, friends, and pretty good health. **LIZ KIRK CRAMER** was looking forward to spending part of the winter in Naples, FL, with her daughter and son-in-law. She said Sandy Collon Watts was her suite-mate senior year. **LYNDA GENTHE CHAMPION**, "bragging mom," reports on son, Jim, being chosen by his peers as one of

ten best lawyers in Grand Rapids, MI. He is a self-defense attorney who travels all over the state. His wife, Marsha, was awarded the Sterling Award by Amway. Lynda's granddaughter has signed up for the Air Force after her June high school graduation. Lynda is very proud of all of them. Her total shoulder replacement went very well. She continues with work and is busy with church work. **LYNN DOLZA GRIGNI** surprised me with a picture she found while cleaning out old K'wood "stuff." It is a picture of me with Pete Pence at a Xmas dance. Thanks, Lynn. I got a kick out of it. **MARIANNE DAVIDSON CURRIE** writes they are doing well living in a small but very commodious apartment with lots of light and interesting views. She has taken three classes but has discovered "much to her chagrin" reading is a problem due to her eyesight. Son, David '83, was appointed to the board of his company as a result of doing a top job managing the projects he was working on. Daughter, Margaret '86, has heard rumors that she might be moved up to assistant to the chief. Marianne says she and Sandy Collon Watts had something in common-they both came from small towns close to each other. She found Sandy so funny and fun to be with. When I spoke to **ELLEN FLINT PRICE** she had just returned from Palm Springs where she helped celebrate her sister, Sue's, 80th birthday. February 9th Ellen and her daughter, Sarah '80, embarked on her third trip to India. This time the destination was southern India for three weeks followed by a few days in Singapore on the way home. She said the flight over was about 16 hours to Singapore, no layover, and then four more hours to India. That's a lot of sitting with a bad back. Upon returning home, Ellen and Judy Earle Gillow immediately left for Tucson for their annual spa pampering. **BETTY ANN HILL GLASCOCK** had a great Xmas in Denver. Since both of her children live there now she said it was wonderful celebrating with both families together. She is going to miss Sandy Collon Watts because they had lots of good times together for 25 years when Sandy summered at her cabin in Naubinway near Betty Ann. She said Sandy talked about her family with love and pride, and they also reminisced about funny things that happened during their K'wood days." Sandy was a great friend, a wonderful person, and will be truly missed by not only Betty Ann but her

friends in Naubinway and Pittsburgh, and, of course, her loving family." **JANE CLARK SWINEHART** also had sad news to report. Her son, Clark, passed away from cancer in January. She and his older brother, Scott, spent the last two weeks of 2019 in California with him. Our deepest sympathy to you, Jane. She said she is well, still singing in the church choir and manning the choir library with another choir member. Her daughter and two granddaughters moved in with her last summer. The oldest girl is at University of Valley Forge, and the other one attends the local community college. When Jane emailed her news she was on her way to Maryland to visit the Curries. Reunion weekend is going to be extra special this year. My youngest grandson, Wesley, will be the third generation to graduate from the Cranbrook Kingswood Schools. His dad, my son, John, graduated in '86. I hope to see a lot of your smiley faces June 5, 6 and 7.

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## C56

I've received several replies from classmates who were saddened to hear of **JONATHAN HIMMELHOCH**'s passing. I am attaching one from **JAMES MAAS** here—a very nice tribute and story of a long lasting friendship. James writes, "We grew up as neighbors and best friends from 4th grade onward. Our parents transferred us together in 6th grade from the Detroit school system to Brookside. Afraid to be late-comers, Jon and I thought we would not be warmly welcomed by our peers. But when baseball season started, Jon as a great pitcher and me as his longtime catcher, we were treated as big time stars. Jon was indeed a huge Tigers fan and never missed listening to a radio broadcast of a game. We would be playing whiffle ball in my backyard and as soon as Jon remembered that it was game time he (purposely) fell down screaming "oh, the pain, the agony!" and hobbled home to hear the play-by-play action. This ruse went on for years, and I remember it in detail to this day, 70 years later. The other story I remember occurred when he was in his psychiatric residency. His supervisor was not happy that Jon preferred not to wear shoes

(loving to go barefoot since childhood) and was about to chastise him big time. However, Jon recently had been put in charge of caring for a very wealthy, demanding authoritative "crazy" patient who nobody else could treat successfully. After a very few sessions, Jon told her, in no uncertain terms and using expletives, that she was a spoiled abusive brat and that there was nothing wrong with her brain. The woman went to Jon's supervisor, told him that Jon was the first person to tell her the truth, and then she wrote the department a significant check in Jon's honor. What a guy! Your friends will miss you dearly, and I have every faith to believe you still will be listening to Tigers baseball from high above." I also received news from **AL BUTZEL**, "There's little news from my end. I continue to live in Manhattan with my wife, Brenda Radcliffe '61. Our two daughters have long since fled the nest; we have four grandchildren ages 21 to 8, half in NYE, the other two in Seattle. I still do a smidgen of law work, but it is very limited; I'm really retired four out of five days. I fell down and broke my hip this past summer but am largely back on my feet. I have Parkinson's so things are not likely to get much better. It's amazing—and perhaps a little dispiriting—that on one side of 80 or the other, age becomes real. I used to wonder what all the fuss was about—now I know. But there is still plenty of joy in my life, so what's to complain about? And Medicare is a gift from the gods. I see **CHARLES GESSNER** regularly, but no one else from our class. It would be nice to know what and how others are doing. I have been working on an autobiography and have gotten through Cranbrook. But no doubt I have missed much of what went on. If anyone has an anecdote in which I was a part, please share it, and I'll immortalize you in a manuscript that is unlikely to see the light of day." As for myself, **JOHN RAVIOLO**, I'm trying my best to be Class Secretary. I wish that some of my classmates might take a few minutes to tell the rest of us what they are doing, what they have done, and how to send a note to them. Send any old news, new news, bad news, good news or just news to me at [johnbruceraviolo@gmail.com](mailto:johnbruceraviolo@gmail.com) Go ahead, make my day!!

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## K56

Continuing ... Spring 2020. "Goodbye" to 2019 ... its happy times and its sad times! "Hello" to 2020 ... I like its sound! I like its look! Classmates, welcome to a new decade ... one in which our new experiences will continue enhancing our lives. According to Brigitte Bardot, "What could be more beautiful than a dear old lady growing wise with age?" We are now in our eighties. But, back in 1938, when most of us began our lives in this world, the life expectancy was only 59.7 years!! Our thanks go to **CYNTHIA "CINDY" COLE EUSEBI** whose gift to me, the "1938 Yearbook," has been providing us with a time capsule of historic events, as well as a curious look back at everyday life in 1938, as shared with you in our past Class Notes columns. As we have entered our octogenarian decade, we have lived many, many years full of a range of experiences, some happy, some challenging, some sad. Some of those happy times for **JUDITH "JUDIE" BARBER COOK** were greeting her six great-grandchildren as they entered her life ... three girls and three boys, ranging in age from 18 years to 8 months.



Judie Barber Cook's six great-grandchildren

Another joy in her life has been her long marriage to her husband, John, who is a retired U.S. Navy officer. In retirement, he has chosen to be a substitute math teacher at a local high school. His workday begins at 6:30 am and ends at 3:00 pm ... quite a long day for an 83-year-old! But, not only does he like doing it, his students like him being

there. He is a big hit with them who like to call him "Commander Cook!" **CATHERINE "CATHY" STERRITT GARY** started 2020 by celebrating her 62nd wedding anniversary with her husband, George '56. Last July, they were excited with the arrival of their third great-grandson, Callan.



Cathy Sterritt Gary with her third great-grandson, Callan

Perhaps their next will be a girl! Last year, Cathy had to undergo back surgery and the long recovery period. She and George decided that their traveling-the-world days were now behind them. They have become too difficult to navigate for them. They enjoy their lives just being home. However, sadly, Cathy's older sister, Ann Sterritt Hamilton, who was living in Florida, passed away. Cathy really misses her and their long phone calls. Otherwise, she feels blessed that George and their dogs, older Sandi and younger Lucky are still with her. **MARILYN MACKENZIE MONTGOMERY** agrees that we have reached an age of losing relatives, as well as friends. Her brother, Craig, died unexpectedly last February. His wife wanted him buried last August on Michigan's Upper Peninsula alongside Marilyn's and his parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and a number of other relatives. Consequently, Marilyn decided that they should have a Mackenzie reunion at the same time. She and her husband, Robert, drove to the Keweenaw Peninsula, stopping on the way on the shores of Lake Huron at Kincardine, Ontario, to where her great-great-grandfather, Simon and his large family immigrated from Scotland in 1845. Marilyn and Robert were able to find Simon's and his wife's graves. Marilyn's great-grandfather, Hector, later with his adult children and their families immigrated to the United States to work the copper mines in the Upper Peninsula. Hector was a carpenter and her grandfather,

William, was an engineer on the Calumet and Heckla mine railroad. Even though they were in that area for a sad occasion, she and Robert had a wonderful time with a number of her cousins and their families. On the trip returning to Sag Harbor, NY, they stopped in Port Huron for dinner with Robert's friends, Bill, and his wife. Bill and Robert had rowed together in 1969, 1971 and 1972. They won the U.S. and Canadian National championships in double sculls in 1969 and 1971. It was fun renewing happy memories. She and Robert visited their daughter, Monica, Tom, Julian and grandson, Jack, several times last year in Fairfax, VA, their last visit being Thanksgiving, staying for three weeks so that Robert could help them rebuild their deck. They all were in Sag Harbor for Christmas. At the beginning of the year, Jack turned 11. Our genealogical maven, **MARSHA "PENNY" RUDOLPH ADAMS O'NEILL**, has been continuing her quest to verify her ancestral lines in America. She currently belongs to 10 lineage societies which are vehicles for her to honor her forbearers. It is her way of thanking them for creating this exceptional country of ours and for giving her the opportunity to live the "charmed life" that she does. Last October, she took a 10-day tour of Daughters of the American Revolution supported schools to visit five schools located in Kentucky, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama. Each school is unique in its makeup and mission. The unifying factor is that each school was originally started by a DAR member. These members saw a need for education in the rural areas of the country, where public school systems had not reached the residents. All of the schools are developing graduates with a love of country, respect for others, strong value systems and skill-sets which will enable their graduates to function in their communities. For a few days last summer, Penny and her daughter, Stephanie, scoured cemeteries and libraries outside of Boston in Lexington, Concord, Yarmouth and Dennis Massachusetts. Also during the summer, she and her husband, Ed, went to Bethany Beach, DE, for "O'Neill Week." All five original O'Neill brothers were there, dubbed "IMMORTALS" by the younger generation. Children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, boyfriends and girlfriends participated in the week. In early September, she and Ed were in Washington, D.C., for the

wedding of Ed's great-niece. It was a perfect weekend from beginning to end. They stayed at the historic Willard Hotel that is within walking distance of the White House and other historic monuments and buildings. The rehearsal dinner was on the lawn of Tudor Place, the home of Martha Parke Custis, granddaughter of Martha and George Washington. After the wedding ceremony on the steps of the Chamber of Commerce building, the reception was moved to the rooftop, under the stars with a magnificent view of the Lincoln Memorial and the surroundings. Penny's granddaughter, Allie, who lives in the Seattle, WA area, is a junior in high school. This past summer for several weeks, Allie performed with the Seattle Shakespeare Company in their shows at outdoor venues around the city. When Penny and Ed are home in Calabasas, they enjoy attending the opera and a local community theater. Looking back on 2019, **KAREN GILDERSLEEVE SEELEY** decided that it had been a good year. One of its highlights was the arrival of her fourth granddaughter, Adalynn Sky McAvoy, on August 22nd, at noon ... 10 pounds, 2 ounces, HUGE pink cheeks. Totally beautiful! In anticipation of the big event, Karen was prepared. No matter what store she was in, she always gravitated to the baby clothes department. Every outfit was sooo adorable that she could not resist. Needless to say, baby Adalynn now has enough outfits for her entire first year! At 82, Karen wonders if she has enough stamina to keep up with her four granddaughters, 20, 10, 7 and 6 months, let alone if more should arrive in the future! In addition to shopping for Adalynn, she spent the summer buying trees and other greenery for her new lot adjoining her house. Her son, Chris, besides everything else he does, diligently planted much of it along with tending his big vegetable garden. Over the winter, they have "youngsters" that are thriving in pots waiting to be planted in the spring. In the fall, they picked 90 pounds of apples, which gave Karen lots of incentive to make lots and lots of her delicious applesauce! Her most happy time, besides Adalynn's arrival, was Christmas Eve when all her children and she were together at her home. It was a wonderful occasion with all the cousins, brothers and sisters spending such a happy time together. With their varied work schedules and the unpredictable weather, it

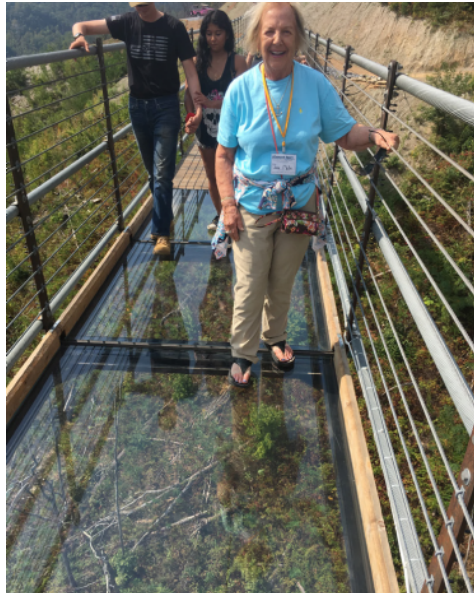
is usually impossible to plan for all of them being together. Karen even got one of her Christmas wishes. She finally got a picture of her with her children, Kim, Joel and Chris.



Karen Gildersleeve Seeley on Christmas Eve with her three children, Kim, Joel and Chris

Since it all went so well, she is hoping to do the same this year only that Adalynn will be crawling or walking ... just adding to the fun. Karen is "terribly happy" and luckily in good health. Her "secret" is that she only does the cleaning and other chores that she chooses to do. The rest she just leaves until push comes to shove! When **KAY PERRING** was in Michigan last fall during one of her semi-annual visits there, her friend, Edie, took her to Motown. Once there, a terrific Motown guide took them on an in-depth tour. The guide was memorably fantastic as she occasionally would break into song and dance and, one time, even had them line dancing to the music. Another day, Edie drove them to Ann Arbor. What changes! Not like the days when Kay was at U of M in the '50s! No longer is it a small, quaint college town, but rather a big city with skyscrapers! The highlight of their visit there was going to the Matthei Botanical Gardens, now a part of U of M. Mr. Matthei had been a family friend, whose home Kay visited when she was a teenager. Visiting the Botanical Gardens recalled pleasant memories. During her next trip to Michigan in 2020, she and Edie hope to visit Frankenmuth for a delicious chicken dinner. She wishes all our classmates a "Happy 2020"! For our journey along life's path, **JANE MCKENZIE MULLIN** sent Steve Job's list of "Six Best Doctors in the World ... sunlight, rest, exercise, diet, self-confidence and friends." These should keep us on the right path through our 80s. 2019 was an adventurous year for Jane. Last fall, she went on a trip to Pigeon Forge

in the Smokey Mountains with friends. One of the highlights was taking a chairlift to the top, then walking across the gorge on the longest suspension bridge in that part of the country, 600 feet up, holding onto the very hot steel rails on a very hot day and looking down through the glass bottom in the middle.



Jane McKenzie Mullin on a suspension bridge crossing Pigeon Forge in the Smokey Mountains

However, once her picture was taken, she turned around and went back. The bridge was swaying! She was swaying! She had not been looking forward to going on the tour of the Titanic exhibit. However, to her delight it was wonderful and very well done. There was a wall representing the iceberg, the actual water temperature the passengers experienced and lots of other artifacts such as life jackets, dishes, even the music room, etc. When she entered the exhibit, the guide gave her a card with the name of the passenger on it whom she would "become." She was Lillian, 19 years old, traveling 2nd class, on her way to Rochester, NY, to where her family had moved. She was quoted as saying, "Why would I get into one of those little life boats when this one is so much larger!" Jane was with a group of about 11 people. At the end of the excellent and educational tour, they were told if they lived or not. She made it! The ship sank in minutes. "The band played on!" After her cataract surgery at the end of the summer, she is enjoying good eyesight again. She went to her grandson, Kip's, graduation, in Chicago, last May. At the same time, her daughter, Kerry, with Scott, Piper Jane and Taygen moved from Missouri to Grand Rapids, where

Scott was starting a new job with Van Andel. Jane is very excited that they are now only four hours away from her. During 2019, she lost power several times, once for 33 hours. But her \$\$\$\$ generator came on in 10 seconds and ran the entire time. "WONDERFUL bliss!" Worth every penny! She continues playing bridge, reading for her book clubs and walking in the pool for exercise. **BARBARA WELTHER** sent us her greetings from New England! She continues enjoying her life as an independent resident at Windsor Place in Wilmington, MA and as a student. Last August and September, she took a writing course at Rolling Retreat and Conference Center in Andover. A dozen students, ranging in age from mid-twenties through middle years to seniors, met every Saturday morning to converse and read their essays. The leader set a high bar of expectation for them by giving them a variety of assignments. For Barbara, it was like her being back in graduate school! Nevertheless, everyone enjoyed the diversity of themes and styles of reading and writing. After the last class, they celebrated with a delicious luncheon, home-cooked in the Center's kitchen. In October, the new pastor at the nearby Methodist Church started a Bible Class at Windsor Place. For want of a space in which to meet, they finally chose the "Pub!" The pastor, Peter, who had studied history as well as theology, suggested that they read the book, *Evolution of the Word*, by Marcus J. Borg. The subtitle of the book is "The New Testament in the Order the Books Were Written." As a result, Barbara was rereading and gaining new insights into the concerns that the early Biblical writers, like the Apostle Paul, had. It was fascinating for Barbara. In addition to taking classes, she was studying early historical charts and maps ... such fun for her! She exclaimed that climate change abounds there. One day it is cold and stormy, the next, it is warm and rainy. Totally unpredictable! She wrote that whatever the weather does, it is keeping the meteorologists in business! In Winnetka, IL, **LYNN BURROWS DONALDSON** agrees that definitely there is climate change. With all the sadness our lives encounter, she finds that it is hard to keep optimistic. The New York Metropolitan area is also feeling the effects of climate change. There have been many more dreary days of rain and heavy wind and fewer brighter days of sunshine.

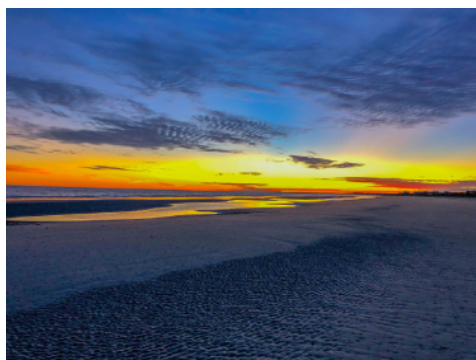
There were a couple of decent weather days, however, when I, **COLLEEN MCMAHON ORSATTI**, got into the city last year to go to two very worthwhile museum exhibits. One was The Tenant Museum on the Lower East Side. Although I have lived in this area for almost 60 years, I had never visited it. I went on a tour with a great guide who took us to a reconstructed fourth floor, walk-up, tiny three-room apartment ... kitchen, bedroom and sitting room ... where a young, immigrant Irish family with three very little children lived from 1868 to 1869. There was no plumbing nor running water. Only in the small backyard, four flights up and down, there were three outhouses and 1 faucet. In spite of the difficulties, the families who lived there felt fortunate to be in America. The tour revealed educational and fascinating details about that era that our guide made come to life for us. Another exhibit, "Auschwitz. Not long ago. Not far away." was at the Museum of Jewish Heritage at the lower end of Manhattan. It was very powerful ... very intensive ... very disturbing. What human beings were and still are capable of doing to others seems unimaginable. I experienced a much happier occasion last May when I, along with the other grandparents, spent a weekend in Boston for our granddaughter, Julia's, graduation from Tufts College. We were the guests of my son, Greg, and his wife, Kathy, my daughter-in-law at The Eliot House, a boutique hotel, on Commonwealth Avenue. During the actual two-hour graduation ceremony, nature gave us a memorable deluging downpour. Fortunately, the ceremony was held in a tent, but we got really WET walking to the site! However, it was worth it to see Julia graduate Magna Cum Laude, get her diploma and begin the next chapter of her life. We still had more rain when I and my husband, Bob, spent a 2-night stay at the Rittenhouse Hotel in Philadelphia at the end of October. Our destination was the Barnes Foundation, one of the world's greatest collections of impressionist, post-impressionist and early modern paintings. It was founded in 1922 with the personal collection of the renown pharmacist, Albert C. Barnes. I have never seen so many Renoirs or Cezannes under one roof! It was an amazing experience. In December, we had another two-night stay in NYC to experience all its holiday magic and wonder. Of course, it rained! However, we

had a break in the weather on the morning we went to the newly opened, enclosed, 102nd floor observatory in the Empire State Building. The views of Manhattan and the surrounding areas were marvelous.



Colleen McMahon Orsatti on the 102nd floor of the Empire State Building

The former, open-air observatory on the 86th is still open. However, when we got down there, it had started pouring and the fog was engulfing the views. We did not last looking at them outside for more than a minute! It was very windy and freezing cold! That evening, we visited the magnificent, very symmetrical and brightly lighted Rockefeller Christmas tree after dark. Always magical! And ... no rain! From the Broadway show, "The Band's Visit" ... "Nothing is as beautiful as something you don't expect." **KAY HELLYER SMITH** witnessed this type of beauty when she was on Kiawah, SC, welcoming 2020 with three of her children and two of her grandchildren. They all had a "super" time together, making it a totally memorable visit for her. One of them even captured an amazing picture of our precious ocean at sunset, causing Kay to exclaim, "How beautiful our world is and how important it is to do what we can to preserve it."



Kathryn Hellyer Smith's picture of a sunset over the Atlantic Ocean

That statement pertains to our friendships as well. As Eleanor Roosevelt stated, "TRUE

friends will leave footprints in your heart." We must treasure sunsets and friends always throughout our lives. To be continued ...

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## C57

**ROWDY TALIAFERRO** writes from Phuket that "when things couldn't get any worse" he discovered a beehive in his ceiling (and sent picture as proof). Still worse, coronavirus scare hitting Phuket and Thailand when non-stop flight from Wuhan arrived with 10 year-old with virus symptoms that turned out to be the flu. The Chinese can't get back home and hotels are 50% full at the height of travel season. **TED LUDWIG** spent the end of January surf fishing in Melbourne, FL, heading north at the end of February to get ready for maple syrup season (homemade—enough for all at our 50th reunion as I recall). Remaining up north is **DUNCAN BLACK** who unfortunately checks in with a torn rotator cuff that will cause him to miss ski season where instead of his usual ski patrol duties he is relegated to the First Aid area—"really frustrating." Winter brings many family birthdays, their anniversary and Dunc's 81st so some cause for celebration. At least one classmate is still skiing. **FRED FECHHEIMER** celebrated his 80th birthday in Mexico with 16 family members, then spent a week at Vail skiing with 14 family members in late January letting the grandkids take the tougher way down. Snuck in a little hiking in AZ as well. Clearly among the fittest of C57. He remains active with non-profits back in Michigan, enjoying no work responsibilities. **FRITZ KERN**, our well-traveled classmate, has only one trip on his schedule—to University of Arkansas to see a granddaughter graduate, visiting several friends in Texas along the way. **ROSS SMITH** checks in with his usual succinct summary—good health, great wife, couple bucks in his pocket and no debts. Surely a model to be emulated. No mention of skiing, however, nor any report from his brother-in-law **BRUCE MCCAUL**, both known skiers of yore. Catching up with **PETE SCHMIDT** who, with wife Pam, took a July cruise from Copenhagen to Norway, with a few days in Copenhagen at each end,

revisiting after a 40 year absence when he collaborated with a local professor. In September he joined our 80 year club, and followed in November with two weeks in Vienna visiting friends after a five year hiatus. He was invited to give a seminar at the Technical University (on some topic he mentioned which we mere mortals will never understand) but he adds "It has been a while since I have given a seminar and I must say it is not something I miss particularly in my old age." Like Fred F., **JIM AKERS** took his family (wife, two kids, spouses and five grandkids) to Mexico over December holiday break to celebrate his 80th, Renee's 70th and their 50th (all occurring from August–December)—a miracle in itself getting all schedules to converge. Granddaughter Lexi left January 3 to spend second semester of her junior year in Australia when exactly a year earlier she was skiing with grandfather Jim in Utah, leaving him to figure out how and where to catch a few runs somewhere this year like his counterpart Fred F. Stay tuned. Thunderstruck when an envelope arrived with return address of very long lost classmate **JIM HARRISON**, Jacksonville, FL, where he's been living since retiring in 2008. Enclosed was a one page typed bio starting with Middle School in AZ, then Cranbrook, Eastern Michigan University, army service followed by a long career with Ford Motor in sales, district management and parts (including racing parts). Left to own a Suzuki motorcycle dealership and then went into computer sales. Jim was a #1 producer in his various sales job. He has three sons—James, an architecture grad, now a college professor; Spencer, owner of a successful building contractor firm; and John, a "top gun" at a computer co. with 1000 employees. Two grandkids—Kristen, 28, married with a master's degree from Florida State University and now in sales in Atlanta, and Chris, 17 and working with his father in Portland, OR. Jim's wife, Ena, passed away in 2008. Concludes by reporting "currently 81 and still healthy" and "considers Cranbrook faculty, CK students the reason for his success." Welcome back. Finally, we note the loss last year of three classmates—**RALPH BARBIER**, **CARL JOHANSSON** and **CHARLES RANDAU**.

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## K57

Here we are, well into 2020 with our 80th birthday celebrations behind us and most of the palindromic focus on 2020 and 9 squared for many of us. For those of us that are number fixated, most of us graduated when we were 9 times 2 and here we are at 9 times 9. Almost all, wrote that they were amazed by the flight of time. Interesting year, historic in every sense. To prompt a response, I asked for intel about grandchildren because some of our offspring went to school with classmates' children and figured that our grandchildren would be sharing learning sites as well despite growing up in far-flung geographical settings. Some of you have great grandchildren, while others have baby grandchildren. Always a class leader **JUDY KNUDSEN CHRISTIE** may have had the first class (in every sense) grandchild. The Christies have ten grandchildren and, up until last May, four great-grandchildren (one a step great from a previous marriage of a grandson's wife). **MARILYN MERTINS JOHNSON** responded that she was approaching her 81st birthday in February and her 60th wedding anniversary in August. They have one grandson who is now deciding on which college to attend and a granddaughter who is a sophomore in high school. She reports that she is doing pretty well and has accepted that she cannot do everything that she did in earlier years. She still keeps busy with yoga classes, church volunteer work, visiting friends in nursing homes and reading. She read 70 books last year. Some of her favorite authors are Jodi Picoult, Kristin Hannah, David Baldacci and Ken Follett. She seems to enjoy psychological thrillers now that she is older. Marilyn recommends *The Stranger in the Woods* by Michael Finkel as excellent. It is the fascinating true story of a hermit who lived in the woods of Maine for 30 years. Marilyn is one of three classmates living in Williamsburg and enjoying it. The Johnsons have lived here since 2002 so it is now officially the house that we have lived in the longest. **MARY SHAW MOORE** wrote that her granddaughter, Sierra is a sophomore at University of Michigan majoring in bioscience. Granddaughter Sydney is a junior at Cranbrook. She survived the Appalachian hike in her sophomore year. Her sister, Elena,

entered Cranbrook as a freshman last fall. The girls continue to ride with their Uncle Brewster as their coach. The picture is, from left to right, Aristo, Sydney, Sierra, Elena and Rubicon.



Mary Shaw Moore's granddaughters

Mary and Bud are hanging on to their little farm in Oxford. She still has three retired ponies in the barn. Every work day, Mary goes to Brewster and Doug's house to puppy-sit for Mika and Sinead, their two Jack Russell terriers. A couple times a week, she watches the girls' riding lesson. They are doing well. Brewster is an inspirational teacher in both the classroom and the riding arena. With their father, Evan, as their veterinarian, it's a natural and symbiotic relationship. Be well! **SEAN BEVERIDGE WEBB** has been in Mobile, Alabama living in an apartment on beautiful Mobile Bay, also named the Bay of the Holy Spirit. She sees Carnival ships go past a well as others. We may need a graph to track the progeny of Sean's children—many daughters. Now, she has four beautiful granddaughters in Mobile that are all taken. The oldest married to a graduate from Duke. He had a football scholarship. He gave Sean's son his Duke hat and because Patrick was born and raised in N.C. Johnnie became his son-in-law. Tori gave her Price, Sean's first family male and a beautiful boy. Sarah married Sean's new grandson, they have Zion and one-month-old, Nola Rose. Libby is marrying a young man from New Zealand, and Becca has a new husband. These four young men are amazing. The four couples all love the Lord and go to the same church and the guys are truly best friends. The church teaches Hebrew and I gave my Chai necklace to Johnnie and my Tallit (tallis) to Hector. Signs of the times. Who would have ever thought back in 57? Sean's grandson in N.C. just adopted his wife's 7-year-old. Her name is Rylee and



she is severely disabled. John and Danielle just gave her 9th & 10th great-grandchildren Caroline. Her youngest grandchildren are 3 and 6 and live in Milwaukee. Sean's youngest daughter, Abigail, was on the mission field for 12 years and her base was Hawaii from where she traveled all over the world. Then, she ended up with an awesome young man from the cold storage of Wisconsin ... brrrr. Sean claims to do little these days. She acts as a caregiver for one of her daughters, paints some, writes some and tries to keep track of the growth of her family. **LINDA MYERS YORT** sent two pictures—one of her oldest daughter, Katie, and her daughter, Margaret, and the other of Linda and Katie's second son, Justin, at Christmas.



Linda Myers Yort and her grandson, Justin



Linda Myers Yort's daughter, Katie, and granddaughter, Margaret

**NANCY WARD HARWOOD** claimed little news which from our perspective is good news. She has a granddaughter at University of South Florida interested in animation. Nancy, too, lives in Williamsburg and enjoys the history and amenities. **JANE WERT OMAN** had great fun celebrating her 80th birthday last fall with a gathering of family and friends. She still spends her summers on Nantucket and winters in Columbus at a marvelous condominium complex. She plays tennis and feels so lucky. Exercise, socialization and using the brain to connect with her feet to get to the ball and place it over the net. Bridge, a few community boards,

symphony concerts ... there is lots to do. Jane's family is great. Sarah and Steve live in Cliffside Park, NJ and David and Amy in Bronxville NY. Alexander graduates from Kings College, University of London this spring and Annabelle is a sophomore at Suffield Academy in CT. They see a lot of each other. She recommends good books: *Where the Crawdads Sing*, Ben Sasse's *Them*, and *The Disappearing American Adult*. **SUELLEN VOORHEIS SOUCEK** wrote that she has four grandchildren in college: two at the University of Minnesota Duluth, one finishing a music teaching degree in Pennsylvania. She sings, too, and also does gigs. And has one junior at Ohio State in advanced engineering. He's also active in Phi Gamma Delta, his grandfather's frat. When she wrote, they had snow on the roof, but are doing fine and staying upright. There are many groomed trails for cross country skiing as well as cross country skiing across the lake from Washburn to Ashland. Several hundred show up for that. Dog sled races are coming. Come and see guys, it may be cold but the sun shines are most here are very active. She's a little too old herself, but cheers those on who participate. The Souceks go out daily to get mail etc. and enjoy their existence. They saw all kids over Christmas (7) plus spouses, boyfriends, girlfriends, etc. Their fifteen grandchildren range from 37-10. Something to be said for cold climates. For the Goulds, last year's travel highlight was New Zealand. My only remorse, is waiting so long to get there. Over the years, it had been highly recommended by many as an outstanding experience. Wonderful scenery, diversity, forward thinking and green metallic looking, but yummy tasting mussels. It is a very long trip by plane and forces you to think how very long it would have taken in pre-flight days. Excellent—go go!! We have eight grandchildren ranging in age from 16 to 24. The two youngest await "acceptance" and "decision-making" about where to go. Their siblings and cousins are at U of M, Michigan State, Virginia Tech, George Mason and one is a Wolverine alum. All seem to gravitate to cyber and programming of all sorts. One may be getting serious so I may have to live to 100 to see a great grandchild. Interesting times ... a very different world.

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## C59

I'll start with the bad news. **SAM MACARTHUR** has left us the 21st of December 2019. It was very sudden. By the time you read this he will already be interred in Palm Beach, FL. I knew Sam well as an athlete in soccer, track and the hockey captain. We'll miss you, my friend. **JIM KIMBALL** sent me a note about what he's been doing the last 60 years.



Jim Kimball

"From Cranbrook—and owing a lot to Cranbrook's fine education—I went to Cornell University. My father grew up on the Cornell campus, his father taught there (Engineering) and all my immediate family had gone there; it was my only choice. I was there six years, getting two engineering degrees, but also studying music, working for the music department, as well as in the sound lab of the Ornithology Department (this included making bird recordings, especially in southern Florida). ROTC took me into the army and posting to Giessen Germany. There I busied myself in military supply and maintenance, as well as learning German and involving myself with local musical activities. After three years I enrolled for a year in the university in the same city (I remember the basic tuition was about \$65, the same for a room in the dorm). Coming back to the U.S. I entered the Ethnomusicology program at Wesleyan University, studying music traditions from around the world, but taking on a specialty of folk music in European and American settings. After field work experiences in Poland and a stint with the Smithsonian Folk Life Festival, I was hired to teach world music and music history at the State University of New York at Geneseo. I'm still here, some 43 years later, teaching a range of music courses and directing a traditional ensemble, the Geneseo String Band, which I started in 1976. It's been a rewarding job—not one to get rich with, but with lots of rewarding motivation and fun.



Hank Hoffman in his uniform

I will not discuss politics in this forum, except maybe to make fun of my pal **JORY SQUIBB**, but I will indulge in a little self-criticism. It seems I have become very anti-war in my old age. I know many of you remember my uniform with all the medals, but war is simply so very wasteful of all resources, and it's possible I'm growing wiser as well as older. I'm not sure if I could have done it differently if I had it to do over, but there it is. I kind of discovered this after watching a speech I recently made to cadets at the Air Force Academy, and you can see what I mean for yourself if you search for me on YouTube.

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## K59

**MARYBETH HEINRICK KRAVETS** continues to amaze. She works full-time as Director of College Counseling at Wolcott College Prep High School and at her private Educational Consulting Practice. She also serves on two boards and is the proud mother of three accomplished children and a wonderful daughter who passed away eight years ago. Her eight grandchildren are all thriving.



Marybeth Heinrick Kravets and family

Marybeth somehow found the time last year to travel from New Zealand and Japan to Portugal and Madagascar and to manage three homes—Huntington Woods, Chicago, and Scottsdale. She said “the 60th Kingswood/Cranbrook reunion was wonderful,” and “let’s all try to reunite for our 65th in 2024.” Amen to that! **JOYCE HARLAN MACDONALD** writes that she and Bruce have a winter home on Skidaway Island, Savannah, Georgia, at the Landings. It encourages golf, tennis, biking, hiking, book clubs, bridge, mah jong and exploring Savannah. No wonder she says, “we are loving it.” **GALE HUMMEL NILL** is also in a beautiful place for the winter. She writes “Ken and I are in La Jolla for several months ... golf ... gardening ... walking ... breathing!!! We are fortunate to be in good health. With nine grandchildren we can always report on their news. But I don’t want to produce a long brag sheet!! We are all thinking about the next step ... cleaning out ... downsizing ... retirement communities ... but I choose to think to the future and hope that as I change I can still find fulfillment in a variety of activities, including rocking chairs and bon bons!! I look forward for seeing dear friends at the 65th. I loved my experience at KSC especially my amazing classmates.” Your class secretary echoes those sentiments. We haven’t heard very often from **BARB ZUELZER KUSKO**, so I’ll include almost all of her note. “I still live in the beautiful Hudson Valley in New York, whose hills and gentle mountains which, after all these years, continue to fill me with a sense of profound beauty after the flat landscape of southern Michigan. Walking is still my 'sport' of choice, though I have recently been brought up short by rather painful arthritis in one knee and the recommendation of my rheumatologist not to walk as a form of exercise. Advice I still haven't completely taken. I continue to play cello and find playing chamber music to be incredibly satisfying (wish I had known about this when I was young!) My other news, which comes too late to regale my (deceased) parents with, so I will instead regale those classmates who had to suffer through my lamentations about having to take Latin with Miss Loan (a few of you may remember how I much hated and suffered with Latin). At any rate, I have again taken up (on my own) the study of Latin. Now there are tons of text books, videos

and podcasts in Latin and I am thoroughly enjoying it (going at my own, admittedly slow, pace)! Who would have thought it—certainly not my 14-year-old self! I do feel it is a cosmic joke of sorts. My three children, as well as my husband and four grandchildren, are all in good health, which is the best thing one can ask for.” As for myself, I’m happy to report that I’m back riding my sweet Lusitano, participating in dressage schooling shows. Got the highest scores I’ve ever gotten. (Not that that’s important. LOL!) Perhaps because our travels included a dressage clinic in Portugal in November. Next major travel will be to Oahu in May for our oldest grandchild’s high school graduation. And yes, our reunion was wonderful, except for missing many of you. Let’s all aim for our 65th. Do please send me notes. Thoughts, fears, hopes, complaints. Otherwise you may hear more about my horse, which my husband assures me would be very boring.

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## C60

This is being written from my burrow overlooking Puget Sound during the closing hours of Groundhog Day. It is a very unique date: 02-02-2020. Numerologists take note. It’s been nearly 60 years since our Cranbrook graduation. Whether we were boarders or as day students, Cranbrook was a life-changing experience for us all. Our 60th reunion (June 5–7 2020) will be a time to reflect on how that long-ago experience became part of our lives. A class reunion is a time to renew old friendships. It is a time to honor and remember those we’ve lost. As I write, a few of us (myself, **DAVE FREY**, **JOHN SPRAGUE** and **LARRY WEIS**) have begun working on this, our 60th reunion. Some news from our classmates, beginning with **TIM COUGHLIN**: “I’m still working and loving it. Still married to Laurie with four children, who are still married to their original spouses, and we have nine grandchildren. Everyone is healthy! How blessed can we be? Peace.” (Amen to that Tim). A short item from **STEVE FAIRBANKS**: “Delores and I hope that many of our classmates come in June. We

look forward to seeing you." Dave Frey: "I have the dates circled on my calendar." From **TOM LEE**, "Hi Mitch—last spring Colleen and I joined a small group for a WWII history tour for two weeks. We saw tons of great stuff with a fabulous tour guide, all the way from Normandy to the Battle of the Bulge to Germany. It was one of the best trips of my life. A few years ago we bought a little place just north of San Diego where we now spend the summer. In September, we had a great visit with **ROGER ROTHENBURGER** who lives nearby. I don't think I had seen him since graduation. He has had a fascinating career as an engineer building tunnels all over the world. He is doing just fine. Beyond that, in October we had a small get together at Steve and Delores Fairbanks' home in Williamsburg, VA along with **STEVE BROWN's**. We will be together again this April in Florida, where Curt Matthews '61 and Linda will join the crew. Life is good! "A very short item from **TED SEYFARTH**: "We are on our way to another cruise Tuesday and I don't have time to write a longer missive." **PHIL SKED** is a fellow automobile enthusiast: "Two of my MG restorations—a 1936 PB and a 1952 TD racer are residing in museums. The 1936 PB is in England; the TD Racer is in the Netherlands." Finally, from Larry Weis: "The public relations agency I formed after leaving Ford Motor Company in 1995—AutoCom Associates—will be celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. We're now part of a global automotive public relations agency group with 18 partners representing more than 100 OEMs and suppliers in 33 markets around the world. On a more personal note, over the next 12-18 months, my wife Kathi and I plan to take a "northern lights" cruise in Scandinavia, visit with a number of former AutoCom interns in Bavaria and revisit to some of our favorite chateaux in France with the Commanderie de Bordeaux." Back into my burrow. Hope to see y'all in June.

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## C61

From **TOM ZAVELSON**: Gail Burgess Zavelson '61 and he enjoyed a very special four days with classmates **JIM ANDERTON**, **JOEL COHEN** and Denise Anderton in Key Largo last month.



Jim Anderton, Joel Cohen, Gail Burgess Zavelson and Tom Zavelson

There were many highlights that included sightseeing, off shore fishing, spectacular dining but best of all, wonderful conversations about their time spent in Marquis Hall, campus life and what Cranbrook and Kingswood meant to all of us. The real highlight was another spectacular talk by Joel to a sellout audience at the Culture Center at Ocean Reef Club, where Jim serves as a board member, on "Global Population." On the return trip to Gainesville, Gail and Tom stopped in Delray Beach and spent a couple of hours catching up with classmate **CHRIS DUSENBURY**. "We were able to see pictures of his family, his two fantastic grandsons and had a great time reminiscing about former life in Bloomfield Hills. We all hope to reconnect in the near future. Happy New Year and much good health to all." Chris Dusenbury wrote about how he recently spotted Zavelson on the Delray Beach drag strip. He was in a hot car with a hot woman and he was sporting the pre-disaster look of mischief that we all learned to be wary of. This sleepy unsuspecting town will never know what hit it. Joel writes, "Thank you, Cranbrook-Kingswood, for bringing us together!" **HILDY BUTERBAUGH** wrote nothing new. Just letting me know that he is getting my messages. Need some volunteers to be a committee working on our 60th reunion in 2021. Please let me know if you are interested.

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## K61

The year ended with **JOAN DANTO GARLAND** and husband, Les, foregoing Art Basel in Miami and skiing in Beaver Creek in favor of a restful holiday season spent with family and friends. Don't worry. They aren't slowing down because they took a "fantastic" trip to Lisbon, Italy and "magical" Morocco where they rode camels into the desert to watch the sunset before spending the night in a tent. This was juxtaposed by a stay in heavenly Kasbah Tamadot, a boutique hotel "close to paradise" at the foot of the Acme Mountains as well as a former palace in Marrakech. In Italy they visited old friends, Michael Zivian '61 and Irina in their Valle San Giorgio home so this trip exceeded all expectations. May will find the Garlands in Ann Arbor for a great niece's graduation, followed by a visit with friends in Bloomfield Hills. Manhattan and a whirlwind of theater, art, good food and friends follow. **SUE GASS**, our other class nomad, spent the holidays with family in Costa Rica, a holiday tradition, before walking her way around southern Italy with her husband. They enjoyed it so much that another walking trip through Georgia, the country, next fall is on their calendar. Not yet fully retired, she continues to travel for work and pleasure, sometimes a combination of both. Also on her calendar are trips to China, including Cambodia and Vietnam in the spring, the Netherlands in summer and Malaysia in the fall. Somewhere in there is a trip to Moscow where she will give a speech and frequent trips to New York where she visits her new granddaughter, Simone, a welcome addition to a family of three sons and three grandsons.



Sue Gass' granddaughter, Simone Ard

To catch her breath, she has begun weaving again and watches "Spies in Disguise" with a grandson only 5 minutes from their new home

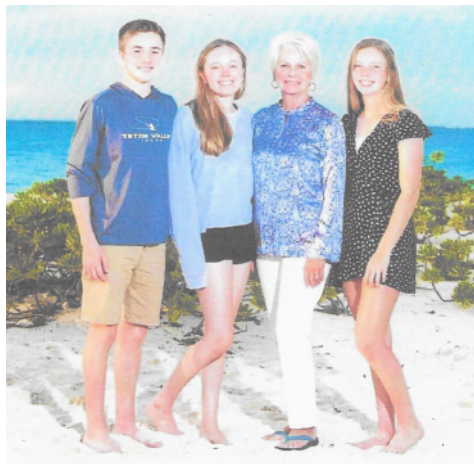
near Columbus. Another new grandmother is weaver **PATTY WILSON HRIDEL**. Grandson, Brancaccio Kintaro Embrescia-Hridel was welcomed by his two sisters, Solveig (of Old Norse fame) and Saskia (Protector of Mankind), on December 27th. In case you're wondering, Brancaccio is a neighborhood of Palermo and, therefore, a nod to his mother's descendants and Kintaro is the non-violent, Golden Boy of Japanese folklore who eventually becomes a samurai. As for his nickname, they're thinking. This family knows what being an individual means and how to subliminally influence their children's character and future through creativity. **CHARLOTTE COHEN CAGAN** knows something about creativity. Her S.O., Duke Windsor, opened a solo art exhibition in downtown San Diego to rave reviews and a full-page profile in the Sunday Arts section of the *San Diego Union-Tribune*. He's sold 15 paintings so far and continues to teach art classes in the evenings and weekend workshops in his specialty, gold leaf painting.



Charlotte Cohen Cagan's son and grandson in Italy

And Charlotte's grandson, Owen Orville, continues to excel in soccer; the team he's playing on is ranked #1 in the state of Wisconsin. And her granddaughter, Chase, has taken up horseback riding as her sport of choice. **BUNNY MILLER LENHARD**'s sport of choice continues to be Orange Theory, walking and running when she's not hiking Haleakala National Park on Maui, snorkeling off Oahu and Kauai cruising the islands or visiting Pearl Harbor which is what she did with family last fall. Only ND left to visit before all 50 states are checked off her list. In November, she celebrated her mother's 100th birthday in Michigan. Like Bunny, **NANCY MUHLITNER BRACY** has celebrated her mother's 100th and spent

time in Florida visiting her after the holidays. Her dog walking companions on the beach were **DONNA VOGT CARTWRIGHT** and **NANCY LINN**. Was Nancy B's Tai Chi class also on the beach at sunrise? Donna and Nancy B. also visited **ROSE CORBETT GORDON** in Mystic, CT where the Mystic Seaport Museum exhibited J.M.W. Turner's watercolors on loan from London's Tate Britain Museum, something they rarely do and Mystic was the only North American venue for the exhibition. When not dining and chatting with Rose, they roamed Gungywamp and Harkness Gardens and took the last lighthouse cruise of the season. Donna's creative bent has taken a turn from metal to painted paper sculpting and is good enough to have been asked to lead a March workshop. **DIANA LAPP GREEN** is still working and creating landscape designs when not vacationing with 22 family members on the Turks and Caicos over the holidays.



Diana Lapp Green and her grandchildren

A granddaughter is at Bates College in Maine, a grandson is on the Pittsburg Elites hockey team and another is playing league hockey. An accomplished ice skater herself, Diana's genes have been inherited by the boys but it's too soon to tell about her 5- and 2-year-old grandchildren. **ROXANNE RINALDO HOLLOWAY** can watch activities on the ice-covered lake in front of her MA home now that the original remodeling project is most satisfactorily completed. She is contemplating the next project with her nearby daughter. Roxanne is very happy with her reverse move. Always on the move is **GAIL BURGESS ZAVELSON**. If it's not a holiday in Texas visiting children and grandchildren, it's hiking in Yosemite or a visit with Denise and Jim Anderton '61 at Ocean Reef on Key Largo

where Joel Cohen was asked to speak at a three-day event which included fishing and many receptions. Returning home, they stopped in Boca Raton for a visit with Chris Dusenbury '61, also a Cranbrook alum. Gail and Tom's 16-year-old granddaughter was honored to sing for two hours at a White House Open House in December while her classmate accompanied her on piano. Together with family, they were treated to a private tour of the historic house. A visit with **NATALIE BRADLEY CAMPBELL** this spring is in the planning stages. Nat and twin, **MEG BRADLEY**, celebrated their early January birthday in Florida together before Nat flew to NYC to celebrate with her children. 76 trombones march on! And they do for **LINDA WELT HOROWITZ**, now that her back surgery is in her rear view mirror. So successful it was, Linda and Ira flew to Lisbon where they boarded a 12-day cruise back across the Atlantic, stopping in the Azores and ports along the Canadian coast before docking in Boston for a visit with her sister and a reunion with "girls" who attended Camp Hiawatha in Maine so many years ago. Children and grandchildren still do well, as she and Ira continue to balance their time between Dallas and Puerto Vallarta. Like Linda, **MARY LAMB LAING** has recovered well from back surgery and shortened winter by a stay in Boca Grande, FL. **SUSAN BURNS HELLBERG** joined the Florida migration where she spent January after celebrating Thanksgiving at the Broadmoor, a family tradition.



Susan Burns Hellberg and family

**ALICE BUSHONG** spent that holiday in Edinburgh and Amsterdam visiting museums, Christmas markets and stomping at concerts by longtime favorites. Horse autographed a self-portrait T-shirt for her which may not ever see the wash. **SARAH MARWIL LAMSTEIN** favors Sharpies to facilitate her poetry writing skills. Those and chocolates are de rigueur these days. Autumn days will be spent registering voters in MI. **SUZANNE CROOK WHYTE** and Fred left MI for an

extended road trip through Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia, her ancestral home. Chattanooga's magnificent Ruby Falls, the tallest and deepest underground waterfall open to the public, was a special stop as was Churchill Downs. And you can bet **NANCY REYNOLDS BOLLINI** enjoyed their family Christmas in VA where they heard from granddaughter, Bella, how different applying to schools is these days. Imagine how startled **MARGIE GREAVES ADAMS** was to see brown age spots on her hands while showering on her 76th birthday because they weren't there the day before! Which reminds me to remind you to start thinking about our 60th reunion next year. Special thoughts from all of us to any of us struggling with health issues.

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Angela Dadson Wood, Kathleen Wilson, Nancy Heller Moellentine

**MARILYN GARABRANT MORRIS:** "I have happily reconnected with Anne Lerchen Hanna who winters in Vero Beach. Just spent a wonderful day with Gretchen Cooper Athas, my goddaughter, & her family when they were in Florida after Christmas. She is **JANIE LEADER COOPER's** daughter. I'm sure other classmates come to Florida and would love to see them. **SUZY FUCHS FARBMAN:** This has been a tough year. On Nov. 19, 2018, Burton had surgery for a brain tumor. It was partially removed, and he suffered a stroke during the operation. His left

side shut down (he's left handed), and he's been in an electric wheelchair ever since. He was also mentally compromised, though for now mental clarity is improving. Throughout he's remained remarkably stoic, positive and determined—traits he's exhibited his whole life. I do my best to remain cheerful. Friends have been attentive. We watch a lot of TV at night. Reading and writing (thank you, Miss Waldo) my blog prove fine distractions. Please subscribe and send me tips on interesting/inspiring people to profile. (Sfarbman@farbman.com) We still live in a golf community in Sarasota during the winters and hope to return to our farm in Northern MI in the summer. Our whole family was here over the Christmas holiday. Great fun for all. Kids, grandkids well and thriving at this writing, thank God.



Suzy Fuchs Farbman with her family

I'm honored to be receiving the Trade Secrets award from JVS (Jewish Vocational Services) in Detroit on April 22. Best wishes to all our classmates. **CHRIS MYERS KITTREDGE:** Another busy year and that is good. It is hard for me to believe but my oldest twin granddaughters are seniors and in that crazy time of applying to college. They are the first of the eight to venture out and it is exciting to watch and guess where they will land. On the homefront we are pretty much status quo from last year. Bob is retired and keeping busy doing repairs for neighbors and ourselves and always doing a building project. I am still extremely involved in Canine Companions for Independence and my photography business. This fall, I hosted our mini KSC West Coast reunion. I think every time we get together we are more thankful for our friendships and our commitment to each other grows stronger. We lost one of our original cast of characters this past year; **SALLY FEAD GRAY.** She was so missed and it was hard to believe she was not going to appear around the corner.

Here's to 2020. Lots of positive adventures ahead. **JUDY FINDLING STANGER:** In 2018, Skip and I made a major move from our farm home of 28 years in south Jersey to Hanover, NH. The impetus for the move was it felt like the responsible thing to do for our two children, and the time was "right." Our daughter and her family moved to Hanover, the home of Dartmouth College and the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center two years earlier.



Judy Findling Stanger's grandchildren

We bought a one-story home with a New England stone wall encircling it in a village with its own library, fire station, general store and community church. We love the close proximity to lectures on campus, sporting events, theatres and concerts. I have taken Osher courses with my all-time favorite being The Problem of Selective College Admissions—Building a Class which featured speakers including the President of Dartmouth College, the Athletic Director, and the former Director of Admissions. Hanover and the college draw all the first in the nation presidential primary candidates who have been here frequently. The natural beauty of this region is remarkable. We have seen bobcats, fishers, barred owls, fox and deer in our backyard, and the evidence of bear by the destruction of our bird feeders (Skip tried to stretch the recommended feeding dates—his fault). I have become involved with many activities centered around our church one mile away. Skip is a member of Hanover Zoning Board. One of the greatest coincidences of my life occurred at an Osher meeting here when I sat at a table with Karen Hooper Sanders '63. We sat at the same Study Hall desk at night since she was also a boarder. **CAROLE EARLY CUPPS:** So things are looking up here as I continue to improve from my bike falls, TBI and subsequent surgeries. Sam and I are traveling quite a bit, seeing Italy, Israel, Provence and Paris (with our 16-year-old

granddaughter), and most recently returning from a three-week Safari in East Africa. At home, we love to play golf in the summer. No more bike riding for me! We are smitten with Pickleball as it is the fastest growing sport in the world! I love winter and hope to cross country ski and play platform tennis. I can finally read long enough to complete a novel. I play Mahjong most of the year. We go to lots of plays, concerts, musicals, and The Gilmore Music Festival which draws people from all over the USA and world. I take several OLLI (short term classes mostly for retirees) courses at Western Michigan University. I also enjoy making bead jewelry. My big claim to fame is completing a fisherman knit sweater for each of our five grandchildren (I did make adult sizes so they don't grow out of them). Of course, most joys in our life surround friends, family and grandchildren, going to soccer, ice hockey, lacrosse, and squash games in Kalamazoo (daughter Dianne) and Chicago (son Drew).

**TRICIA YINGLING WHITE** (this is from an email Tricia sent out after visiting **GAIL "GUALA" PETERSON LAUZZANA**)

As I arrived home from visiting Gail, this was occurring in Ann Arbor: From her son Emile: "Hello Fellow Travelers, Gail 'Guala' Peterson Lauzzana passed away peacefully on January 23 at 5:24 p.m. after completing her final process in this life. As was her wish in this closing chapter, she was surrounded by family, dear friends and thoughts from many more fellow travelers." Tricia continues: I intended to write to say Gay-Gail-Guala was still with us when I left her in the hospice to which she had moved Monday. I arrived Monday, left Thursday, and last saw her Wednesday late afternoon, well enough to see me blow her a final kiss from her bedside, and return the gesture with a raised hand and tweak of her fingers, goodbye. She could still whisper-speak to me and others at her bedside, and kept trying to thank us for being there, as I was thanking her for all she meant to so many. As I was descending to Raleigh-Durham in the plane, she was ascending to a very well-deserved rest after many months of failing health due to cancer. Starting small and, it was believed, easily controlled, the cancer eventually spread through her body and claimed her yesterday. She had a green burial as she wished, on Saturday, January 25. Much love, and blessings. **CAROLE**

**FRISSELLE CASSIO:** 2019 has been quite a year for me and I happily escorted it OUT! We did finally finish our big new housing project which took a total of four years from the time we bought the property and actually moved in. We built two townhouses connected by a central elevator with an eye toward the euphemistically adage "aging in place." We live now on the west side and the couple who have lived in a tiny apartment over our old garage now live on the East side. Summer was consumed with the very long punch list necessitating lots of trades working and doing all the reams of incredible paperwork to receive our first two mortgages and then doing it again to take advantage of much lower interest rates. Waiting now for our old house to sell of course! We put off our bi-annual trip to Tuscany which we sorely miss and hope to go again in the fall of 2020. It was a year of very impactful losses. We lost our last Golden Retriever after a lifetime of 18 of them. Pua is sorely missed! We also lost two very dear friends this year. Certainly this is all in our futures at this age, but that doesn't negate its difficulty. My youngest son turned 50 and my oldest grandchild went off to college at Wesleyan in Connecticut! Happily being able to spend more time in Hawaii this winter for some well needed downtime! Sending you all my best wishes for continued health and longevity and my sincerest condolences to those with losses and health issues permeating your lives.

**SARAH 'WINKY' SKINNER:** I retired in June when my contract with NKU (Northern Kentucky University) was not renewed. I spent a weekend sorting out a sock drawer, and got a call from a friend I had worked with at the Jewish Community Center ten years ago! She is Israeli and now is the director of Meals on Wheels in Cincinnati. She needed help with writing a grant and could I work with her. I said "Yes," and there I was, working again! So all summer I worked for Meals on Wheels, working in the office, and sometimes delivering meals. It was a special experience and I came away from every delivery feeling more organized, wealthy, healthy and ever so grateful that I can cook! The people were all lovely, but I realized I was older than most of the clients. Still, it's been a gratifying experience and I am still on staff. Then I signed up for a knitting class and had a fabulous time! I knitted a sweater

for my granddaughter for Christmas, and now I'm in the middle of two more sweaters (for myself) and a huge shawl with tassels!! I started knitting in the dorm, a million years ago, and hadn't done anything more than dish cloths for a long time. I am LOVING this new venture. It's creative, and kind of zen-like to knit. Shortly after the New Year, I got a call from my old boss at NKU asking me if I liked retirement—which I loved!! But then he offered me a part-time job. I figured this was an opportunity I couldn't refuse, because there just aren't that many women 75 years old who are offered a job. It's not too challenging, it makes me get up and get out, and there's an outside chance I can knit at my desk when things are quiet! I have loved working at this university, and I feel very blessed—again. My part-time hours do not interfere with my "other commitment," my knitting class on Wednesdays! I'm recently saddened by the death of Gail Peterson Lauzzana who was my "big sister" at Kingswood. I had planned on seeing her during a visit to Ann Arbor to see my grandson, Max, who is a freshman at the University of Michigan. Another dear friend, Carolyn Hastings, also lives in Ann Arbor, so I will certainly see her. I'm so aware that time is moving very fast now. We must hold each other close, and tell the people we love that we love them!! (Sounds like the lyrics of a song, right?) So, thank you, Judy, for fun times at KSC, and for that peanut butter and jelly sandwich you brought me one day! We could never get one while living in the dorm, and you brought me one. I've never forgotten that. Stay well, stay strong and brave, take good care of one another, and moisturize, moisturize, moisturize. Hugs galore.



Marietta Derwin Nilson, Jeff Nilson and Carolyn Hastings

**MARIETTA DERWIN NILSON:** Carolyn Hastings is how I met my husband of 53 years, Jeff Nilson. He and Essel Bailey '62

were Wesleyan frat brothers while I was 90 minutes away in Manhattanville. The rest is history including three kids, multiple jobs, and houses. Now I've been a realtor on Cape Cod for 40 years. Send me a buyer! Fighting breast cancer for last year but now never been so healthy in my life. Wish I lived closer to Michigan. **AMY FALVEY LAMB:** It's been a while since I wrote for the KSC alumnae news. I look forward each year to reading about our wonderful classmates from the Kingswood Class of 1962. I have fond memories of years so long ago. Since I have not returned to the reunions, I visually remember each of you as 16-year-old cute teenagers. Decades have passed, and I know we are all still beautiful! Watching the 2020 Grammy's that highlighted the artists' struggles as well as the warmth that the music icons displayed, made me realize that whether world-famous or special only to our friends and families, we all journey on similar quests to contribute and feel good about the meaning of our lives. The Kingswood experience formed much of my outlook and grounded my work as a wife, mother, scientist and artist. The last few years since I wrote have been wonderful. I have watched my children grow in their careers as an architect (my son, Rob) and a STEM innovator/educator (my daughter, Katherine.) Each has two children, so I have four amazing grandchildren who look a little bit like me and carry on my love for art, science, sports and pets.



Amy Falvey Lamb's grandson, Charley Lamb

I have continued to enjoy my work as an artist and scientist, blending my two careers to portray the amazing beauty in flora

through close-up photographs. I also have collaborated with an origami physicist to create intricate origami flowers, folded by Robert Lang, from my photographic prints. My two-dimensional flower prints "bloom" into Robert's three-dimensional origami sculptures of the same flower that I printed on the paper that he folds. (This may seem complicated, but visit my website, if you are interested). My husband, Bob, and I are enjoying Bob's retirement. We hardly travel, because we are corralled by our three furry "children" (a Goldendoodle, a Poodle and an Italian Spinone). They range in size from tiny to quite large. Living in Bethesda, so near to Washington DC, is great. Aside from the ever-present political drama, we love the museums, nature walks and other cultural advantages of a vibrant, diverse and culturally rich city.

**LYNNE CAREY HOLLBACHER:** I am now more or less splitting my time between Harbor Springs, MI and Jackson, WY. My daughter Hanni has a store in Harbor ("The Hanni Gallery") and a wonderful house in the woods right above Harbor. My bedroom (the neatest room in the house) is right next to my 13 year old granddaughter. In Jackson I share my house with youngest daughter Katy and her family (three sons ... aged 8 and twins 3 1/2 year olds). So, I get to live with all my grandchildren! (and children!) I figure I'm the luckiest grandmother/mother in the world! It makes not being able to ski anymore not a big deal at all. I have some friends in their mid-80s who still ski, and I had planned on doing one more "Town Downhill" race (on Snow King, our town hill) but ... that will have to wait for my next life. For all the rest of you out there, Jackson Hole is a really beautiful place to see! I don't remember exactly who came on the trip to Jackson ... how many years ago?? ... seems like a lifetime. Anyway, there is a guest room on the lower level of our house. When I get back to Wyoming I need to tackle the two LARGE storage buildings I'm paying rent on. (My house sold very quickly, 1 1/2 (2?) years ago, there was no time to sort). I've asked all my friends if they need—or want—anything, and everybody says NO! I keep thinking of my daughters and what they would do if I just left all that for them to deal with ... no, can't do it. Anyway, life is good. I feel, and am, so fortunate. If anybody should find themselves in (or close to) Harbor Springs, MI or Jackson, WY, please call 307.413.2414.

Best to everybody!! **ANNE LERCHEN HANNA:** Life is good! Still spending time between Birmingham and Vero Beach, FL ... more time in FL with warmer weather and a myriad of fun activities and good friends. Last June, Eric Fris (SO) and I cruised up the coast of Norway and across to the Orkney and Shetland Islands and then enjoyed time in Stockholm with his family and friends. I feel blessed to spend time with sons, John '89 and Eric '92 and their families (each with 3 boys)—visits, holidays, gatherings, sports events, etc. Eldest grandson, Owen, now at Providence College (how is that possible?) and two are now at Cranbrook (Ethan 9th, Blake 6th). Cranbrook tradition continues! I'm enjoying more Cranbrook connections as well—my cousin, Katie Lerchen Nelson '68, lives in Vero as does Sandy Adamson Clanahan '63, and hope to catch up with Marilyn Garabrant Morris.



Anne Lerchen Hanna and Marilyn Garabrant Morris

We attended a Regional Alumni Event recently in Juno Beach, FL and connected with staff and alums from so many different classes—it was a special evening and is a wonderful way to stay in touch. Be well!

**EMILY GODSHALK MARTIN:** I live in NYC on the upper west side with my husband Richard. I am semi-retired, no more classroom teaching but still quite a few graduate students and lots of writing projects. We enjoy our three grandkids, Soleil (11), Winona (6) and Chester (2).



Emily Godshalk Martin's grandchildren

Even semi-retirement is bliss: more time to watch movies, go to plays, walk in the parks, knit, read novels, play with the cats, garden, etc. Since travel was a major part of my career, I am happy to just stay near home. Warm greetings to KSC '62! **SALLY LYNCH BINARD:** Sally had a computer malfunction: after writing about her this last year including travel, seeing her three children and grandchildren, the iPad inexplicably shut off and the words were gone. Ah, technology! So we will have to let her photo suffice to enjoy our lovely spirit, Sally.



Sally Lynch Binard with daughters Emily and Kinsley '87

**PAT GASS BRAIDWOOD:** 2019–2020 have been a bit busy with wonderful trips to Portugal and Spain, then to Michigan, South Dakota, Massachusetts and Maine for family and friend visits. Road Scholar Steam Trains in the Northeast and finished with the western Caribbean! Late in the fall we received notice the apartment floor plan we wanted was available in our Forever Home of Westminster-Canterbury just 3 blocks away, so we are moving next week (Feb 1)! We are “downsizing”—48 years of stuff stashed in a variety of places. Eight houses (two overseas) in and out. What an amazing life!! Our five grandchildren visited the new digs: Sam 13; Barrett 11; Lulu 10; Doug and Pat, Curren 14 and baby Quin 15 mos. (see picture) Cheers to all!!



Pat Gass Braidwood and her grandchildren

**CAROLYN HASTINGS:** It's been a good year to see my fabulous Kingswood classmates. In February 2019 Gail/Guala Peterson Lauzzana and I traveled west to

Marshall, MI to meet Carole Early Cupps for lunch at the last remaining Win Schuler's restaurant. At the time Gail/Guala had just finished a move from her long-term home to a condo south of Ann Arbor. Despite her exhaustion, the three of us had a special time catching up. In July Leigh (my new husband) and I traveled to southwest Wisconsin to visit **GAIL COHEN GINSBERG** at her vacation home. Over the course of three days we saw two plays in a remarkable nearby outdoor theater and had fun in Madison. During the spring and summer I saw Guala every so often and knew first that she just wasn't feeling right and later that her breast cancer had returned and metastasized. In the 'every cloud has a silver lining department,' in December **ROBIN REISIG** visited to see Guala and in January Tricia Yingling White came. As you know by now, at the close of Tricia's visit Guala died. Although we are all devastated that another one of us is gone, at the end she was so weak and compromised that I was ready to let her go. She died peacefully with her family beside her. The family went on to give her a green memorial service and a green burial as she wanted and had planned. Both events were warm and beautiful. Gail/Guala was a leader in her quiet way, wasn't she. And now, in her death she is leading us again. I called her quiet just now. However, at the same time, she was determined and powerful. The younger members of her family, especially the women—the daughters-in-law, the nieces—called her the matriarch of the family. I'm still marveling at that. My view of a matriarch is stern, formal, forbidding. Guala is none of that. Far from it. What's more, she is far too young to be a matriarch! But in her quiet and determined way I think she did lead the family and hold it together. **JUDITH BARTHOLOMEW ROYER:** Thanks all for the very good response to the call for news. Everyone loves hearing from everyone. So here I am at the ranch in early February on a bright blue sky sunny day. Still wearing a patch over my right eye while it heals following two surgeries in Iowa City to fix a detached retina and remove a giant cataract, a year later. More of a nuisance than anything, so can't complain. Skipped going to our summer cottage this year as the eye thing was new, and Lake Michigan is at a record high, so we have no beach. Will definitely go this summer with a couple grandchildren as I miss being

there. In November, my cousin and I flew to Paris where we met our granddaughters. They were both studying in France for a semester from their respective colleges (CU and UT Austin), so we all planned an early November trip together. It was a hoot and a treasure. From meeting in Paris to visiting Normandy over 2 1/2 days, then on to Le Mont Saint-Michel and St. Malo. Highly recommended traveling with your 20-year-old grandchildren; adds a whole new dimension to your travels. And lots of laughs! My youngest daughter, Julie Manning, (who will be 50 this year!), and her family moved from Seattle to the ranch in June 2018. They have taken over the 'big' house here. It is an everyday joy to have them enjoying Colorado as I do. So last summer I added a first floor bedroom to my smaller house here at the ranch. A good decision and kind of lifechanging. No more stairs. And that older granddaughter, Avery Royer, who travelled France with us, has taken over my old master bedroom suite. Grandchildren galore! Can't beat it. We have lost two classmates since I last wrote: Sally Fead Gray and Gail Peterson Lauzzana. Shocking and sad for all of us. Stay well and stay close.

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## C63

**STEPHEN R. JAFFE** writes, “I continue to practice law in San Francisco and am establishing a mediation practice. Susan and I now have a home in Rancho Mirage (Palm Springs metro area) where we spend as much time as we can. Technology makes it possible to work almost anywhere. Life is good. We have a noisy, joyful home with four parrots and our dog, now 14 human years old.



Jim Alexander, and wife Donna, taken at the Conservatory in Kennett Square outside Philadelphia



**JIM ALEXANDER** checks in, “Nothing really to report—as we had no kids, we cannot regale with stories of kids and grandkids, and I have not retired and nor have we moved to some idyllic clime—we’re just plugging happily along. Most of the family in Michigan have dispersed, so we don’t return often but probably will for a wedding next summer. **BOB FRIZ** passes on some thoughts, “I have spent the past couple of years trying to improve the quality of my ignorance. Certain aspects of physics, both at the subatomic and at the cosmological level, are more clearly in focus than before. I am becoming at peace with quantum mechanics, and am close to understanding the lack of need for “dark energy” as a way to explain what is or has been generally believed to be an acceleration in the expansion of the universe. Dark matter continues to be a challenge. All of this is particularly difficult for me since I lack the mathematics background required to truly lift the rock on many aspects of my studies. My wife and I are still skiing, with each year providing ample opportunity to be more conservative on the slopes, but this goes against my overall approach—which is why I have broken bones in so many sports. I’m playing competitive bridge at a relatively high level but no longer attend national events on a regular basis. I now own a motorcycle, and as a result my physician, who has seen my birth certificate, is considering carbon-dating as a viable diagnostic tool. I can’t wait to see my Cranbrook friends at our 60th reunion! Stay well, all!”

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## K63

Greetings to all, and thank you for your 2019 news. In 2019, **KATE HOMEWOOD MURIS** performed in several shows, including a challenging role in “The Gin Game.” Husband David sold/merged his optometrist practice after 43 years, and Kate continued to volunteer at her church—bookkeeper, choir and Pastoral Care. **PENNY PENDLETON FLINT** has a full house with all three children and their families living with her on their farm. They’ve adopted

three alpacas, have a Belted Galloway herd of five, and horses from her daughter’s riding program. She wrote, “Who’d have thought I’d be shoveling manure at the ripe old age of 74? I’m living the good life!” **JANE SHOEMAKER WIMMER** also said “life is good!” She had her 26-year old grandson living with her for six months, which she loved. She gave up skiing last year, but spent a week snorkeling with the Oceanic Society in Belize and a month in Florida, helping a friend who had cancer and a broken hip. She said her friend is doing well, and an experience like that makes us all count our blessings. **PAT MARSH NELSON** retired her fiber arts business and has concentrated on tapestry weaving once again. She has one piece that is on exhibition; Impact: Climate Change, which was on display in Belmont, MA, and is now in San Francisco. There are more exhibition opportunities on the horizon. She wrote, “I am thrilled this is all coming together for me at a time when it feels so good to be a studio rat. I am immersed in 16th Century technology with my spinning wheels and looms! I may be a mountain hermit, but I am a very happy one!!! I wish everyone the contentment that I have found.” **JUDY BRADEN DILLON** had minimal weaving time last year, due to a lot of travelling. Throughout the year, she was in and out of Colorado, spending time with her son and granddaughter, who attends Denver University. In May, she spent time in Cambridge, MA, with her daughter, Nora, and then in August, she went to Japan with Nora and Nora’s partner. **SANDY YOUNG HYNES** spent 4½ months during 2019 in Europe, singing with her choir—they travelled to the Czech Republic, Italy, Spain, Austria and Germany. They were in Berlin during the anniversary celebration of the Fall of the Wall. She said they are happy to be back in warm Florida, but already planning another big trip for 2020. **TRISH SWAN SANDSTROM** and husband Van celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June and took their whole family of 18 (including 10 grandchildren) on a Tauck tour called the “Wild, Wild West.” They visited three National Parks and participated in activities that included: fly-fishing, hiking, white water rafting, horseback riding and a rodeo. **REE CUBELLIS HIRSCH** and her husband, now both fully retired, love to travel—Singapore, Cuba, Alaska, Scotland and Thailand are just some

of their destinations. She has been President and Vice President of a 501c organization, the Bluecoats of Barnstable, which supports the local police department. The organization has 340 members and has donated over \$350,000 in various ways to the police department and families of fallen officers (all money coming from dues and donations—no fund raisers). Ree’s son is an administrator at the Cambridge school of Weston and his wife is an administrator/teacher at the Pingree school in Hamilton, MA. Ree and her husband have four grandchildren. **LINDA FERAR EATON** and husband, Gary, have two sons and four granddaughters. Their second oldest granddaughter is graduating from U of M in 2020. Linda is a retired psychologist, and says she has been “enjoying the passage of time with family and friends.” **MARCY REINITZ GOLDBERG** is now selling Medicare policies to seniors, which she has found very rewarding. Her daughter, Rachel, and husband, Jonathan, are still living in Jerusalem with Marcy’s three grandchildren: Hersh is 19 and now in the Army, Leebie is 16 and does volunteer work with special needs children, and Orly, who is 14 is “sweet, shy and brilliant.” **PEGGY FRIEDMAN DAITCH** relayed that her family is well. Her son, his wife, and their two children live in Singapore, and Peggy’s daughter Karen ‘91, who attended culinary school in Italy and New York, is starting her own food delivery business in Chicago. Peggy works part-time as a philanthropic advisor with Strategic Philanthropy, Ltd., a global philanthropic advisory firm based in Chicago. They work exclusively with UHNW donors to ensure their charitable dollars are effectively spent and generating meaningful outcomes. She sees **CONNIE SCHREIBER ROSS** often and said Connie “looks great and is great.” Peggy also is currently on the Board of Governors for Cranbrook Academy of Art and Museum. She said, “As I would call myself a lapsed alum, the older I get, the more I appreciate the privilege and impact of my Kingswood experience.” **DIANA GORNICK DAY** now lives in Lafayette, CO, about eight miles from Boulder. She thinks often of her Kingswood days and the special friends she made and with whom she still stays in touch. She adopts senior dogs—mostly Beagles and Terriers. Thank goodness, there are people out there, like Diana, who adopt unwanted

pets. I hope we can get together soon! I, **SANDY ADAMSON CLANAHAN**, and my husband Denny, celebrated our 50th Anniversary last June. We took several small trips with our family to celebrate, and then in December, I took our three daughters, along with my sister Kathy and her daughter, on a Christmas Market-Rhine River cruise. It was a wonderful trip with lots of laughter! Last year while we were in Florida, we spent several fun days with **MARY SPRAGUE AMOE** and her husband, Harvey. We hope to see them again this year, as well as Anne Lerchen Hanna '62, who lives in Vero Beach FL, where we now spend our winters. Thank you again to all of you who sent in your news. And to all our classmates, I hope you are well and have a healthy, happy 2020!

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## C64

### [EDITOR'S NOTE]

With **JIM MCQUAID** officially retiring as Class Secretary, **STEVE COOK** will now be the point person for the class of '64. Please email all notes to Steve at Charlescook2@cox.net for this fall's column!

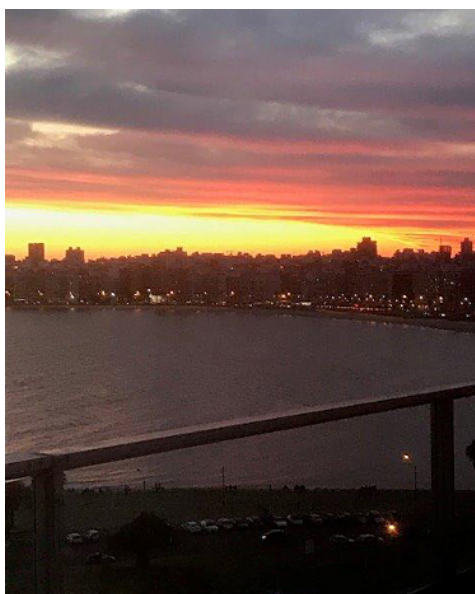
## K64

Travel, relocation and all is well from KSC '64! As of last fall, **SARAH JANE HULLINGER HOFFMAN** is the proud owner of an apartment in Rhode Island near her children and sister, Linda Hullinger Rockwell '54, and a new home in Ocala, FL in a Del Webb Community. Christmas was spent in Rhode Island with her children. SJ is officially a snowbird and excited for a new adventure! **MARGEE DENTON ROSSETTO** sent a message in January from the Hanoi airport.



Margee Denton Rossetto and Dom in Angkor Wat

They were on their way to Siem Reap, Cambodia to see Angkor Wat. Then back to Vietnam for a cruise of the Mekong to Ho Chi Minh City, which used to be Saigon. "Quite the adventure!" Easing into retirement, **PENNY HAUSER-CRAM** is now teaching one course a year at Boston College which she is so enjoying. To keep things lively on the home front, for Christmas, their grandson, Julian, was given a puppy "who is busy training us but is a lot of fun." **PAM HILL BUMP** has nothing to report, and all is well. 2019 was a busy year for **MARGARITA ESPANOL PERCIAVALLE** with two moves, one for their travel agency and the other one for their apartment. Her new address is Rambla Republica del Peru 1535, Apt 1001, Montevideo 11300, Uruguay.



View from Margarita Espanol Perciavalles apartment

"We are in front of the sea with a beautiful view" seen in the photo. **KATHY SHORE PATRIKIS** writes "In late September I had a lovely birthday visit with my sister, Nancy Shore Gilchrist '49 in Santa Fe where she lives half of the year.



Nancy Shore Gilchrist '49 and sister, Kathy Shore Patrikis '64

A bonus attraction was a reunion with my niece, Jennifer. With the New Year, Peter and I are leaving soon for India—our third trip but our first visit to Rajasthan. We return home to the arrival of our third grandchild, a little sister for Max and Via. So excitement is in the air for us and our family. I so enjoy reading all about our 55th and hope to see some of you soon." Enjoying traveling and having their grandchildren keep **MARIA BARRETT ARNOLD** and Craig busy. All is well with **FRAN FREDERICKS FERRISS**. After reunion, she and **JANIE COOPER** drove up north for a fun visit with **LIZA BARNARD** and her husband. Fran and her husband, Don "are planning to drive cross country in September or later August, northern route westward, southern route eastward. We'll stay in airbnbs as much as possible just for variety, and the much needed washer and dryer some have." Liza had so much fun seeing Fran and Janie and recalling the fond memories she has of times together at Kingswood. Next summer, Liza hopes to be fit and strong enough to race her sailboat and kayak **JEANNE EDMOND DORNOS** has relocated. "After three years in Wisconsin, I have moved to Maryland following my son, Steve, and his family. I must say I'm enjoying the milder winter weather here. Despite a few health challenges, life is good. I'm blessed with two rambunctious grandsons here and two granddaughters in Connecticut so I have plenty of entertainment. Best wishes for a healthy, happy year ahead for all my classmates." From her home, **AKOSUA BARTHWELL**

**EVANS** writes "For the past several years, I have worked informally and in my role as President of the West Boston Blvd. Block Club Association to contribute to the revitalization of my neighborhood and of Detroit. Great changes have occurred, which I am proud to have contributed to. Formerly abandoned houses have been restored and young families are moving into the neighborhood.



Akosua Barthwell Evans with Carolers

The photo reflects a new "tradition" launched last December to have holiday carolers serenade homeowners. We volunteered to be one of the homes. Although the plan was that they would sing in front of the homes, when my son, Walter, heard them, he said, "Mom, invite them in." I did and they serenaded us in our living room. I believe they were happy we broke the rules, because it was frigid outside. One of the carolers, requested a photo, and my son obliged. I was pleased over the holidays to have had the opportunity to chat with **LILLIAN MOATS (PAT HEWLETT)** and to have received a lovely letter from Penny." All the best as 2020 rolls along. Your news is welcomed at any time!

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With this being the spring issue of the *Tradition* what better way to start things off than with a chirp from the Bird, **PETE WERBEL**. "We started working on a new house this past Spring. Now have roof on and hope for completion this coming summer. Have just two master carpenters working, so the process is slow but steady. Winter weather has really not been an issue. After 40 plus years in Squaw Valley, moving to Truckee where both Knute and I work, and most of our friends live, makes sense. We have both given up downhill

skiing for nordic, so no need to still be living in Squaw. Speaking of Nordic, I am still assistant manager at Tahoe Donner Cross Country. We have been open since Thanksgiving and the skiing has been the best ever that I can remember. Have been working six plus days a week (now finally slowing down) so between work and keeping track of, and making decisions on, and being lackey labor at times on house, has kept me totally out of trouble. I have been in constant contact with **TOM VAN HORN**. He has insisted on my sending photos to him as the house progresses and has informed us that in no uncertain terms he is moving in. We are building a small apartment over the garage, and figure that we will just charge him whatever our monthly mortgage payment happens to be." Pete then ends his letter with two inquiries. "Two quick curiosity questions before I end: I remember often hitch hiking into Birmingham on Friday or Saturday nights, eating at a restaurant that at the time we thought was very hip. Can someone help me remember the name, and tell who I often accompanied? Second question: Does anyone have any information on how to contact John Thingstad, who left in the middle of our junior year? We were best buds and would like to reach out, or at the very least find out his history after leaving Cranbrook. Stay vertical and keep moving. Best advice I can give at my tender age." Not yet out of breath and having followed the Impeachment Hearings, the Bird added: "**MITT ROMNEY**, I am proud to have been your classmate. The courage you showed is remarkable. So, so glad there are at least a few in public life who can put being 'statesmen' above being 'politicians.' I had not given much thought to being at our 55th reunion, but if you will be attending, I will definitely be there, for no other reason than to shake your hand, look you in the eye, and thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are a true 'mensch'!" Several of you had similar comments about Mitt that I will include below. **JOEL BLEIER** (aka "Hoppydoc") sent us this note and a picture to go with it.



Joel Bleier

"Greetings to all my fellow Cranes of so long ago. I have been retired from active medical practice for a couple of years, after transitioning the leadership of the practice I had started to others. There are medical projects that I am still involved in, but it is definitely in the background now. I'm sending this from Naples (NOT Italy!), where my wife and I have decided to reside for a few months in the winter. We are also moving from our too-big Victorian house near Boston to a NYC area apartment. Our three children are scattered: a daughter in LA where most of the extended family is, another daughter (with the three grandchildren!) in NYC, and our son in Boston. I stay active in many sports, from Martha's Vineyard summer softball in Chilmark to running the Naples Half Marathon a couple of days ago, or golf, skiing, tennis, etc.—and zero joint issues to boot. The long distance running has been an especially fantastic way over the years to add great local exploring on our travels: in Bhutan or Egypt, Chile or Morocco, Tibet or Sicily, etc, etc, etc. Best to all and Aim High." **DICK MOON** has this news to share: "Risa and I are spending more time in SC with our horses, approximately 7–8 months of the year as I work less. Heading to NYC this weekend to meet friends for our annual theater binge. Most exciting news is that our middle daughter, Molly got married at our farm last Sept. She then shocked us as she and husband, Dan, a Michigan gentleman, moved from Boston to Maine only 15 minutes from us. Risa is now hoping to have our first grandchild. That and their locale may change some of my travel plans. Love to have visitors at either home. Best to all, Moonie." A very sad report was received from **PHIL MAXWELL** as I

was putting this letter together. Phil writes: "Butch, Sad news. My brother, Pete '64, passed away today. He had been suffering from heart problems the past ten years, and I think the old ticker had enough. He was the best of big brothers, the most generous and loyal person I ever knew. Godspeed." I remembered Pete well and told Phil that Pete had been like a big brother to a lot of us at Cranbrook. He will be sorely missed. I received another very sad letter from **DON MITCHELL**. "Butch, In December, after 13 years with Parkinson's, Sandy passed on to her heavenly life. The last five were especially difficult for her. Through it all, her attitude was inspiring. And a cloud of angels were there to support us. After the next few months of frenetic activity, I look forward to the double nickel reunion." Known for his succinctness, **BOB MCCORMICK** informs us that, "Amy and I are currently sitting by the beach in Mazunte, Mexico after a delightful stay in Oaxaca. Met up with Ray Buch '66 in Zipolite yesterday where we frolicked in the surf and then had a delicious seaside dinner together. Life is good. Hope you and all our brother Cranes are well. Mackie." And from our oenologist brother, **JIM BAILEY** relates this news: "This month my wine company in California, Knights Bridge, is embarking on a long-awaited project, eight years in the making: we are finally building our winery. Although distinguished winemakers have been making wine from Knights Valley for years, this groundbreaking is significant in that we are only the second winery to ever be built there. We'll be in good company with Peter Michael and look forward to making wine and welcoming visitors in early 2021. In addition, I'm still very busy with Cambridge Associates and Plymouth Rock, the two companies I started. I travel quite frequently visiting clients all over the world and I have no plans to retire any time soon although my recent knee replacement surgery has slowed me down a bit. My four sons, grandchildren, and significant others are all thriving and doing great. I look forward to getting back to my college level of health and fitness after my knee heals!" Good luck, Bails. We're all slowly falling apart in one way or another. Now from wine to cocktails as **GREGG 'DAQUIRI' DEARTH** tells of an interesting encounter and then some. "Today, USMC Capt. James Dearth (eldest son of Jeffrey

Dearth '68) flew back from a friend's wedding in Florida. And who was he seated next to? None other than Senator Mitt Romney. James opened the conversation with 'Didn't you go to Cranbrook?' which broke the ice nicely. According to James, their initial conversation was brief and James let Mitt attend to a lot of emails and reading during the flight. However, as they were deplaning Mitt told a story about me that he and Ann remember, but I do not. Evidently while Mitt was laid up having his appendix removed, I asked out Ann not knowing they had secretly started dating. Mitt told James this secured for me a special place in both of their memories. Fortunately, it didn't register at all with me, for I have no recollection of taking her out whatsoever. As for other Dearth news, there's very little to report. I'm retired, living with first and only wife in Norwalk, CT. We occasionally host our youngest daughter who works in NYC as a post-production coordinator on The Deuce from HBO and various other film and television productions going on in the City. And I am currently visiting our oldest daughter Gina, at her apartment in Overland Park Kansas, where she is a property manager and leasing agent. Please give my best to all you hear from." **REED SHAFER** sends greetings and a reminder that our 55th reunion is this year. "Hi, Butch, and hi, all. We're still happy, doing well, and beginning to make plans to attend the 55th class reunion this Spring. The others we attended were really fun, and I hope for a good turnout so we can re-establish old friendships and deepen new ones! Y'all come!" From our peripatetic classmate **JOHN GRAHAM** comes this travel log. "We went on a cruise to Iceland, Greenland, Scotland, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Russia, Finland and Norway. Saw the house where Reagan met Gorbachev in Iceland. Saw lots of icebergs, fisheries and "Not For Sale" signs in Greenland. Estonia was a very clean country especially in Tallinn the country's Capital. We saw the usual sights in St Petersburg, Russia: Hermitage, Winter Palace, Catherine's Palace, and the Fortress of St Peter and St Paul. We returned to the US where Joanne testified before Congress concerning the Commercialization of Space. She did well against 3 Republican/Administration Scientists as she was the only lawyer on the panel. Went to my 50th USAF

Academy Graduation reunion in Colorado Springs, visited with a number of classmates, and solved most of the problems of the world. Spent Christmas with Joanne's family in New York's Staten Island and visited my family in Michigan." Wild **BILL SCHLECTE** wrote in to say, "I am delighted that you got an extension of time for us to write you because I would have had nothing significant to say prior to the original deadline. Between that deadline and the extension I had the good fortune to listen to our classmate, Utah Senator Mitt Romney, vote in favor of conviction of Trump on the article of impeachment for abuse of power. I may not always agree with his politics, but I have always thought of him as a friend and held his father and mother in high esteem. Mitt demonstrated immense courage in the face of overwhelming pressure which I fear will continue unabated from a President who is bent on retaliation rather than reconciliation. I hope Mitt decides to attend our 55th class reunion this June so that I (and others) can tell him in person how much we appreciate his willingness to do the right thing and to offer our support. I look forward to seeing him there. Moving on to more mundane matters—life continues to be great, I have no complaints. We are in good health; Laura was elected to the local City Council in November for a 4-year term; she is a real estate broker, having been in the business since 1983; and I am about to complete 48 years as a real estate and environmental law litigator and teacher. Despite working full time, we have the opportunity to travel extensively for leisure and business, some of it via Schlecte Air (I have been a pilot since 1979, owning and flying a variety of aircraft since that time. Current plane is a Mooney Exec). Neither of us has any plan to retire. I have fulfilled my responsibility as a parent, with four self-supporting children who will never return home to live with their parents. One of them, Emily, is a litigator with a firm in Chicago and the others scattered in Georgia, Charlotte, and Michigan; and, I now have four grandkids—Cole (16), Luke (12), Lydia (4) and Maverick (3) who are all loads of fun. Lastly, I corresponded with McCormick the other day to see if he is planning on attending the reunion—he is. I have it blocked off on my calendar and look forward to catching up with everyone and to offer my personal kudos to Mr. Romney. Chaplain **MARK**

**MAYERSTEIN** had some words to pass along, some good, some bad. "Well, like the old sage used to say, 'I've got good news and I've got bad news.' The bad news is that I had a quadruple bypass surgery that lasted 12 hours. Two coronary arteries were 100 percent blocked, one was 70 percent blocked and the fourth was 80 percent blocked. Suffice it to say, the surgery was a success. On the morning of the seventh day from surgery, a pretty young nurse with the bluest eyes I have ever seen, woke me up and said, 'How would you like to go home today?' Of course, I said that would be great. So, she left. One hour went by and nothing happened. Two hours, three hours passed and finally the assistant surgeon came in and said, "Mark, the surgeon and I have been talking. Your labs are perfect, your X-Rays look great and you're bothering everyone up here. So, how would you like to go home today?" I thanked him and thanked him again for sending the nurse to tell me earlier. He asked what she looked like. I said she was about 5'4" tall, brown shoulder-length hair, very fair complexion, and the bluest eyes in the world. He asked if she told me her name. I said her name was Angel. He looked puzzled and proclaimed, "We don't have anyone like that working in this ward." Say what!?! If I would have known she was a real angel I would have asked for money and stayed in the hospital a few days longer! Well, fast forward three months. I had been walking three miles per day at a very quick pace, but one morning I felt really bad. Then the chest pains started. My charge nurse daughter scooped me up and took me to the Heart Hospital where she works. To make a long story short, they installed two stents into the right coronary artery bypass, which had failed. Now the good news. I'm feeling great and back to walking; albeit with my little bottle of nitroglycerin pills tucked safely into my pants pocket. Also, my book "Too Young to Die: Memories of Tommy and the Vietnam War" is being published and marketed by Outskirts Press. The book will be available in paperback, hardback and eventually in audio. And finally, my daughter, Buffy, has been accepted into a nurse practitioner program and is doing very well. Howdy to all those out there in Cranbrook land. I look forward to seeing you at reunion 55. Until then, may God bless you and yours." Your

class secretary has finally retired and I must admit that it was harder retiring from the law than practicing it. I told my secretary last spring that it should take only about a month to close shop. I closed the office at the end of October! Now I'm bored stiff but looking into a number of pro bono opportunities in the Philly area to fill my time. I also got a new dog that needs to go for a walk about every two hours. I've been tending to his needs since retiring but have recently enrolled him at Bark University (no kidding) where he can spend his day with other hounds once I start the pro bono work. My wife Susan continues to work in her marketing consulting company and has no intention of retiring soon. We now have two grandsons, one a four-year-old and the other just born. Like Pete Werbel, I have been in contact with Tom Van Horn on almost a regular basis for the past few years. Since he lives in Wisconsin most of our contact has been texting or on the phone. He took a trip out west recently and had a bad fall while climbing a mountain. He was laid up for quite some time but when I talked with him last week he seemed to have recovered well. My kids are fine. Son, Geoff, continues to conduct opera in cities around the country. We just saw him with the Minneapolis Opera last week and hope to visit other cities where he conducts. Daughter Liz just had a baby. She and her husband are architects in New York City. Daughter, Nora, got her PhD in computer-something and is teaching at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. Finally, I want to join the others and encourage you all to come to our 55th this summer. I hope we have a good turnout.

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## K67



Joan MacArthur Menge and Sue Wild fishing in Florida

**LUCY CALDWELL STAIR** writes that she continues to love her volunteer job leading English conversation classes at the Newton Free Library. "My town, just outside Boston, is full of foreign-born families here for study or permanent residence. I think by now I have student-friends from most of the world's countries. My husband, Tom, is retired after 40 years as an emergency department doctor and professor, and he is now busy volunteering with the Coast Guard and on scientific research ships." Their son, Peter, lives in Vancouver and works as a city planner while their daughter, Rebecca, is running for state senator in her district in Albuquerque, NM, and works in the movie business. The news from **LINDA YEE TARTOF** is that she and Dave are still upright! They consider that a success (and don't we all). "Seriously, we are very lucky and everything has been fine with the Tartofs. We continue to go back and forth between California and Chicago, seeing family in one place and all our old friends in the other. My mother remains well at age 97; my kids all look the same to me but they are getting older, as they remind me." The Tartofs have a number of disparate hobbies: Dave likes photography, collecting antiquarian books, and visiting steam locomotives when possible. Linda likes rescuing injured birds, working with a cat rescue organization, and walking with friends. "I think the key to the whole thing is not doing the same hobby!" she says. The news from **LIZ MUMFORD** is in two parts, because your doofus secretary messed up last year and didn't include the following from her: "I am still alive, painting and teaching art classes, involved with golf and choir and all the usual things. About to start my third drug trial for the breast cancer. I am the prize lab rat at Mass General. Had a terrific trip to Jerusalem and Jordan in October [2018]. Got to Petra—always a dream." Liz has started a research project to set up a website for Hyannis Port history from the 1880s to the present. She is having fun going through scrapbooks and papers from the 1920s and 1930s. Part 2, from 2019: her life lately has mostly been a roller coaster. Liz had a great time last summer, playing golf and using her new paddle board. But in the fall, cancer returned and spread further. She has been on more severe treatments since November and is keeping her fingers crossed that the current attempt will have better results.



Liz Mumford and son

"My son has moved back to the Cape to be closer and is working at Sotheby's, so all is good with him. It's a new journey for me and will be interesting in all ways. I so enjoy the support of all my friends and family. Had a good chat with **MADELEINE DENKO-CARTER** last week. Good to hear her voice again." [Our fingers are crossed for you, too, Liz.] **LYN MOON SHIELDS** reports that not a whole lot is different. She and Tom did celebrate their joint big birthdays last year, with Lyn hitting 70 and Tom, 80. "Our health holds pretty steady, just arthritis in more new places. I managed to break my elbow slipping in our garage after being super careful on the ice outside."



Lyn Shields and granddaughters at Walloon Lake

They took grandchild #10 to NYC for a long weekend and had a great time, visiting sites, going to a Red Sox/Yankees game, climbing a rock wall, seeing "Aladdin," taking the Staten Island Ferry, and eating tons of good food. They are planning their final and 11th grandchild-trip to Barcelona this June. "Tom and I spent a week in the Cotswolds last September with friends and after Tom went

home, I took another week to visit a friend in Derbyshire and then had three leisurely days in my favorite London museums. One day my phone said I walked 11 miles just in The British Museum and the National Gallery." Lyn's volunteer work remains the same: her church, a homeless shelter, the Gordon College board, a women's shelter and visiting elderly friends. Bible study and fellowship groups are still a big part of her life as well. Lyn's mother is now 97 and "her mind remains pretty sharp. I don't know that I'd like to live that long but I wouldn't mind having her memory." **CHRIS WALLACE VANLOOY** writes that life is good in their household. "Bill and I continue to be in good health, which is no longer a given at our age. We have made several fun trips in the past year, most notably a trip to Spain with our German family over the Easter holidays, and a trip to China which Bill and I both thoroughly enjoyed." At the time Chris wrote, they had just gotten back from visiting their daughter, Amy, and her family in Berlin for Christmas. "We took our eldest daughter, Heather, and her son, Carter, with us for the first family Christmas we've had in four years. It was a great trip with lots of Christmas markets, time with family, and several relaxing spa days." Chris continues to be very active, walking an average of six miles a day. "I am still taking tennis lessons and can see some improvement, though I'll never be an accomplished player. I enjoy the game and the new friends I've made." **ANN FITZGERALD LACKS** wanted to celebrate the rolling over of her tens digit last March by skydiving in Colorado, but her daughter, Erica, had a better idea: do it in Australia when mom and dad were going to visit, and mother and daughter could jump together. So it happened that on Erica's birthday, they flew up to 15,000 feet and fell out of a perfectly good plane. Ann says, "This has been a great year for us, expensive, but wonderful. Last spring we decided to replace a kitchen sink. One thing led to another and in November we had a beautiful new kitchen. It was quite an undertaking that was delayed while our designer sat in jail." In September, Ann traveled to NC for her grandson's birthday. "Mr. Precocious has already skipped a grade and is as big as his new classmates. His latest interest is ice hockey but I don't know if there are many frozen ponds nearby." Last year, Ann and Steve had the best vacation

of their lives. "First, we stopped in Singapore for three nights and were dazzled but its beauty and opulence. We golfed and played tourist and, of course, had Singapore Slings on the roof of the Sands. In Perth, we got to see the amazing house our son-in-law, Tom, has designed and Erica is constructing. It has metal ceilings, concrete walls and tons of windows, all situated in manicured gardens fed by their own spring water. Then we spent three days in a cabin by the Southern Ocean. The field across the street had a mob of about 30 kangaroos. It was cool to see one hopping by with just the legs of her joey sticking out of her pouch. We even got to watch two of them swapping punches, just like in cartoons." Congratulations to **ANN BRAND HANEY** who was presented with the 2019 Woman in Business award by the Somerset-Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce. It was a big year for Alan and **TERRY GOLDBERG AXELROD** and family which began with the marriage of their daughter, Sara, who is still working in Sydney.



David and Sara, children of Terry Goldberg Axelrod

Her brother, David, and wife, Annie, live in Seattle where he is a writer and fine art photographer; Annie has a professional organizing business. "Alan and I bought a new home in downtown Palm Springs and spent much of the year getting it outfitted for family events, including our big, crazy, mid-century modern family Thanksgiving costume

celebration for our 50th wedding anniversary. SO much fun! Seattle will always be our primary residence, though Palm Springs sure is a nice alternative to our Pacific Northwest winters." Terry also mentions that they are doing serious bucket list travel. "In 2019, we explored Turkey, Jordan, Greece, Sri Lanka and southeast Asia. We have two bucket lists now: 1) places to go while we can still walk and 2) places to go when we need to be on a cruise ship. We are tackling bucket list one now, in earnest. In not-about-me news, I was very moved to see **NANCY SCHREIBER** credited as a director of photography in the fabulous CNN special on Linda Ronstadt. Nancy deserves every accolade for her pioneering role for women in her field. She's such a star." There's a very cute picture online of **CHARLON MCMATH HIBBARD** helping her grandson, Max, ski for the first time. By the second day, he was on his own, but holding onto the end of "Oma's" ski pole and being towed by her was greatly appreciated. **ANN GUENTHER TAMMINEN** closed her Berkeley acupuncture practice and now works only 2 1/2 days a week in Sebastopol. "The fall was intense with expected and unexpected deaths of two friends, going to Paris and Provence for two weeks, flying home on my 70th birthday, and then evacuating to Berkeley two weeks later at 4 a.m. during the Kincade Fire! We were in some potential danger so we packed up the car with our old cat, photo albums, etc., and came back safely five days later." Ann has been assisting in some expressive art trainings and taking some fun acting classes. Our condolences to **LINDA WILSON GAMAGE** who lost both her father and her brother, Charlie '71, within the last year. As for LORA, your secretary, I met my daughter and niece in Hilton Head Island for several wonderful days last May (after having to spend the night in O'Hare ... don't ask). The beach is always special but perhaps especially so when you live in the southwest. All in all, it was a pretty calm year with the exception of acquiring a new cat who is a dear but who displays every bit of clichéd feline behavior imaginable. She made herself sick when she saw the suitcase I'd pulled out to take up to Maroon Bells, CO, and hike with my daughter in September. How do you communicate in cat-speak "Mom will be back"? And after I'd spent nine years at Santa Fe Clay, the studio moved and I didn't

follow them. Hard to say what I've done in the months since then—cleaned my house and been lazy—but now two new studios are opening in town and I'll be back behind the wheel soon, so to speak. How did my cat react when I left her alone so I could ski in Colorado for five days in February? Yawn. Stretch. Be like the Tartofs, Mom, stay upright. (Which I did.)

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## C68



Arthur Ensroth and Karl Sporck, July 2019

**JIM BROOKS:** This has been a wild year for Linda and me. We are loving Kauai; we live in a gorgeous house overlooking the ocean. I get to play tennis almost every day. My telemedicine job is amazing (I can work whatever hours I want from wherever in the world I want). The weather and the ocean are warm year round. We've made good friendships and are running our Shadow Work personal growth workshops and our Couples Workshops. And yet ... we are finding living here too damned expensive! So, with all that, we have decided to move back to the mainland (Iowa where we lived for 30+ years before Hawaii) for six months. The other six months are still up in the air, but it will be a warm place (or places). We are visiting Panama and Florida and Puerto Rico (yes, I know that sounds "shaky"—sorry for the bad pun) and Florida over the next few months. We also want to check out Mexico, Ecuador, Costa Rica, etc.—but definitely someplace less expensive than Hawaii! The reason for all this is that I would like to retire from practicing psychiatry within the next few years—if we stay in Hawaii that dream will never come to fruition. In any case, it was great seeing so many of you at the reunion, and I wish all of you a great 2020. Nedley and Lulu recently visited us in Hawaii—it was so heartwarming

to reconnect! And, we got to jam some blues as well! Check out the pic!!



Jim Brooks and Ned Heavenrich in Kauai

**PAT CLARK:** will escape Michigan winter weather again this year by traveling to Puerto Vallarta in Jalisco and Nuevo Vallarta in Nayarit, Mexico where he has been going for about 20 years.



Pat and Dee Clark

If classmates have any questions about this diverse region on the Pacific coast—about the same latitude as Hawaii—he has years of experience and has enjoyed just plain resting in the sun as well as scuba diving, snorkeling, swimming with dolphins, fishing, river walks to waterfalls, dune buggy rides back into the big hills, ziplines, day trips to old silver mining towns, poking around art galleries, a wonderful selection of foods, warm ocean water for beach swimming as well as pools heated or not. Oh, and 85% of the world's tequila is produced within 50 miles of where he stays! **NED HEAVENRICH:** Lulu and I spent a lovely day with Jim and Linda Brooks on the island of Kauai at the end of October. Checked out their beautiful home, and went to one of their favorite restaurants for lunch. They took us on a hike along the beach near Poipu, followed by a sunset swim on another beach in the same area. We had a quesadilla dinner

with them back in our apartment followed by a jam session with me on the guitar and Jim blowing a mighty fine blues harp! How many of you knew that Jim was in a blues band with his teenage son some years ago? That was news to me. We came up with this idea back at the 50th and it actually happened! **CHRIS KJOLHEDE:** I am anticipating my 70th birthday in March but I plan to keep seeing pediatric patients and teaching medical students. No more night call; I'm done with that. I never sang at Cranbrook (other than graduation) but I find it very therapeutic now. I sing in several groups. In June, I will attend the Berkshire Choral International choral camp at Tanglewood and will participate as a chorister in Mozart's Requiem on June 6. Should be fun and it's great area to spend a week relaxing. **TOM MURPHY** would have enjoyed doing this! **JAMES D. NORDLIE:** I am well but recovering from donating a kidney to a close friend from architecture grad school. All went well, he is doing fine and so am I. Still practicing architecture from my firm, Archivture Group in US and India and Asia and my 35th anniversary of my firm. Bought a small residence in Dana Point, California and am starting to do more work on west coast. Will leave you with a brief quote from Winston Churchill that kept me steady during donation. "To every man there comes in his lifetime that special moment when he is figuratively tapped on the shoulder and offered a chance to do a very special thing, unique to him and fitted to his talents. What a tragedy if that moment finds him unprepared or unqualified for that which would be his finest hour." **TOM BALL:** Tales I've told at five-year intervals at our reunions have had to wait; My younger son's graduation from St. Mary's conflicted with the 2013 meeting, and my gall bladder took me out in 2018. So I'm offering a few notes to catch up. The front-porch photo from Rhyolite shows the effect of many good years with Anna Mae (Annie).



Tom Ball and wife, Annie

She's second-generation Genovese and I enjoy full benefit of Italian culture. The shirt is a hand-me-up from my nephew Jeremy when he was 15. Nevada has been good to us—lots of outdoor stuff here in Reno and the biking is decent. We've been in Nevada almost continuously since 1984. Unfortunately, we've been found out, and there's now a steady flow of people and industry coming up from California. Maybe it's time to move to Rhyolite. Son, Andrew, is finishing law school and will be taking a job in IP in Portland, while son Stephen is in medical-records-management software at U Colorado Hospitals. Neither is attached. They appear to be even slower that we were in taking the big steps in life. The numbers are getting big, like 70 and 55. They just don't seem to make sense anymore. Class 55th will coincide with our 50th. The good part is that there are so many good stories in the class notes, which I look forward to each time. I read Ralph Margulis's story of his father repeatedly for inspiration, and I am trying to dejunkify this place as Ron Fallon did. Seems like we're all in pretty good shape, considering."



Michael Seadle and wife Joan

**MICHAEL SEADLE:** My wife (Joan) and I attended the climate crisis rally at the Brandenburger Tor in September. The streets were filled with orderly people carrying signs reminding people there is no "planet B" once portions of this planet become uninhabitable due to pollution, flooding and intolerable temperatures. Australia is already feeling the effects. Photo of us at the rally is attached. The Soviet war monument is in the background including a WWII era Soviet tank." **CHRIS RAY:** I received Chris' annual travels; too many to post but available for all @ www.crayivp.com **RON FALLON:** Donna and I traveled to Tanzania in September, Las

Vegas/Reno in October, Los Angeles for Thanksgiving and Hawaii in January. We have tickets to see Elton John with **LARRY RAYMOND** in Detroit in May and then off to Spain/Portugal in June. I'm not retired yet but I'm working on it.



Larry Raymond, Rick Beer, Jim Nordlie and Peter Robinson attending lunch in Birmingham

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## K68

**SHELLEY STERN GRACH,** again the first to respond, writes that daughter Stephanie is "doing wonderfully" in her residency at Mayo in Rochester. Shelley and her husband traveled to Cuba in November, enjoying the "beautiful architecture and great food," and to Disneyworld in December. Future travels to check off their bucket list include Florida for part of February, California and Sequoia National Park in May, and Europe in the fall to celebrate Shelley's 70th and their 30th wedding anniversary. Through all that, Shelley is working on her Masters in Jewish Studies, emphasizing historical bias and current rise in Anti-Semitism. **VANDY SEEBURG** is also working on her travel bucket list before her 70th in December, having visited Mexico, Brazil and Sicily, with plans for Africa in May. She reports they are enjoying good health and their current East Coast life, and now are torn, trying to decide which coast to choose. They like each for different reasons, and their thriving daughters are on opposite coasts as well. **ANNE CURTIS** reports travel to visit grandkids in April and another ocean cruise back to Scandinavia in August. Living at 8500 feet on the Continental Divide with its windy conditions, Anne goes



cross country skiing to help “keep the old joints healthy,” buying her husband a “cool looking Anorak” to encourage him to join her. Anne lost her brother to prostate cancer in December and will forever grieve his absence but recognizes that “life goes on.” **LYNNE CARPENTER** writes, “I am alive,” and is planning a Danube river cruise in the spring. **LAURI ELLIAS MURPHY** and her husband did a Viking Cruise down the Danube (pass along any advice to Lynne!), visiting Prague, Vienna and Budapest, an “old person trip” (???) she called it. She writes they both are doing well, as are their son, daughter-in-law and grandkids. **BARB HAYES THOMAS** reports their son’s wedding last February was wonderful and that **PAM MALOLEY MORRIS** attended, along with many family and friends. The newlyweds just returned from honeymooning in Thailand, Bali and Tokyo. Barb and Lee are happy and healthy. **DEBORAH KNOX DUCKWORTH** retired a year ago as a child and family psychologist and mediator. She is now slowly building a tiny house on wheels (8’x24’), named Tiny Red. She is looking forward to having a “small, tidy, simple space” of her own where she can meditate and create. For the last 15 years, she has been involved in establishing and maintaining the Quaker International Village—Canaan, now helping it to grow and hoping to continue that for the next 30 years! **CAROL STRAITH BREWER** moved from Buffalo to Madison over the summer to be where both their children live. Even bigger news was the arrival June 10 of their newborn adopted granddaughter. They do, however, continue to winter in Aiken, SC, with golf for her husband; and dressage, “Master Gardening,” painting, pottery and choir for Carol. **ALEXA KACHINKO** had two total knee replacements in 2019 and is “THRILLED” to be pain-free for tennis, golf, hiking and keeping up with the grandkids. As for me, **JAN DECKER BURGGRAAF**, I will be celebrating my 70th starting tomorrow with a trip to Arizona with my husband and kids (no spouses or grandkids). I’ll be checking off my bucket list sitting in the stands at the crazy 16th hole of the Waste Management Phoenix Open. Though not a golfer myself, I grew up in a family of golfers, and have always been a fan. Beyond some winter-escape travel, I continue to do some volunteering and play a little pickleball and Mah Jongg. I’m also

my grandkids’ biggest fan. For all of you yet to turn 70 and begin your 8th decade, life is good here!

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## C69

Three main activities seem to occupy our classmates these days. We have a lot of travelers, to all sorts of interesting places. Grandchildren are a common delight. And we have several guys dealing with some major health issues (their own and in their families) including the affliction that starts with the Big Letter “C.” We are a testament to the wonders of modern medicine as clearly the medical industry has figured out good approaches to keep us alive longer than would have been the case 50 years ago. When healthy, we travel throughout the world, to expectable places and exotic ones, foreign and domestic. **JOHN GETSINGER** and **DAN POWERS**, for two examples, often seem to be venturing off to interesting places. Two of our classmates, **ROBERT LOCHOW** and **RUDY ZELLER**, now live in South America—and both are in Ecuador. **PAUL LEWIS** is also one of our active travelers, particularly in connection with Bridge tournaments, a passion he developed in Page Hall (yeah, he lived in Marquis but he just slept there; he did most of his card playing in Page). Paul wrote me the following note in December about a tournament in China in September: “I flew to Shanghai on the 10th, then transferred to a plane to Wuhan for 14 days of world bridge championships (with indifferent results). If Wuhan is on anyone’s bucket list, then a new and different bucket list would be advisable. Wuhan has a problem we have sort of forgotten about over the last few decades: smog! I was still coughing up black soot from my lungs for days after we returned.” As we now know, Paul was lucky the tournament in Wuhan wasn’t in January or coughing up black soot would have been the least of his worries. **FRANK BELL** is another of our frequent travelers, especially South of the Border, both in Mexico and the Caribbean. Frank also devotes his time and talents to an interesting and worthwhile venture. In 2017, Frank and a long-time friend (well, sort of long-time; they didn’t even

meet until after 1969) pooled their ideas and resources to found Camp Bullwheel as a non-profit devoted to making the outdoors more accessible to those with disabilities. Headquartered in Ennis, Montana, Camp Bullwheel offers outdoor adventures on the Madison River in Western Montana, centered around float trips and fishing excursions for those who would be unable to participate without assistance. Five of those enjoying a trip last summer were veterans suffering from traumatic brain injuries; others were restricted to wheelchairs. Way to go, Frank!

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## K69

The Class of 1969 had a very good time at our 50th reunion. The years that have passed seemed like a blink of the eye. Madison Sanders ’10 in the alumni office did a great job getting us lovely venues for our meals on Friday and Saturday, and keeping all of us on schedule. Our notes are fewer this time but I expect to be back to form for the fall edition. Meanwhile, our two grandchildren are thriving in Verona, WI with our daughter Sarah and son-in-law Scott, our youngest Chip celebrated with his wife, Carissa, being made officially a ‘temporary’ Deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis, and our oldest son, Alex, and wife, Frances, continue to travel to Europe and Asia for work and family visits. We are happily occupied in Carmel and are looking forward to warmer months and spending time with the ‘kids.’ **PEGGY WILSON** writes: The seven months since reunion have been a wild ride of ups and downs for us. Within a two week period in July, our son, Peter, got engaged, my dad died, and our third granddaughter was born in California to Laura, our youngest child. I lost some friends during the fall, and my dear brother Charlie just yesterday, shortly before we embark on a trip to CA to see baby Finley again, followed by a much anticipated trip to Hawaii. The circle of life ... Happy highlights in the midst of sadness involved two trips to Stratford, where we love to see plays, time in northern Michigan, lots of time spent with Emily’s kids, our two Ann Arbor

granddaughters, and a perfectly splendid New Year's Eve wedding for Peter. Dick and I are both healthy and enjoying retirement, and I thoroughly enjoyed reconnecting with beloved classmates at the reunion dinner, while regretting that other commitments prevented me from participating in some events. Yes, an exceptional group of women. I hope 2020 brings good things to all of you. **JULIE MATTHAEI** sent this out last spring: Greetings, KSC sisters!! I'm hoping to attend our 50th reunion this June, for the first time in many many years, and look forward to seeing you and catching up!! I am retiring this June after 41 years of teaching economics at Wellesley College from a left, feminist, anti-racist, ecological perspective. My daughter Ella is 27 and is a performing artist/dancer and teacher. My husband of 15 years, Germai, is an Eritrean immigrant; we live at Cornerstone Cohousing in Cambridge with two cats. I am working on a book, *From Inequality To Solidarity: Towards A New Economics For The 21st Century*; write me if you would like to see some chapters.

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## C70

Hello, Class of 70! I retired around the holidays, and it has a feel of graduation to it I hadn't fully expected. By the time you read this, our fiftieth reunion is either imminent or just over. No matter whether you attended or not, please drop me a line by whatever means you wish to share your experiences and your dreams. Happy fiftieth, and hope to hear from you soon!

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## C71

**HARRY FORBES'** third grandchild was born in October to his son, Gil, and daughter-in-law Liza. Harry felt especially blessed at Christmas, as all his children, their spouses, and their children were with him in an Airbnb in western Massachusetts. **CHRIS MORTON** writes that offspring of Elizabeth Wallace Morton McLean '34—her birth

having prompted notion of Kingswood in her grandmother Booth's mind—will be reuniting in SC this summer. Lora Morton '67 and Jamie Morton '83 will also be there, all us remembering (and missing) Jamie's dad, Jim Morton '58. Morgan Morton will also be there along with her half-siblings, Riley and Sidney Morton, all of them being former Brooksidiers some readers may remember. Susan and **CHRIS WILHELM** bought a cottage on Platte Lake near Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore in northern Michigan. He doctors four days a week, then spends three days in his "happy place." Susan is doing major renovations, now close to completion. Both sons are at Wayne State Medical School. Kurt '10 will be finished this summer and is going into PMR. Mark '12 is half way through. Chris reports that his brother, **MARK WILHELM**, is fully retired and does not miss Medicine one bit. **STEVE GERISCH** and his wife spent a weekend in Napa celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary. The meal at the French Laundry was worth a trip to Napa all by itself. Figure about three and a half hours for the meal. They are preparing to move back to Texas this year. "We've had enough of California." Their son who graduated from SMU last spring has been working for Axa Financial (now Equitable) in Dallas and loves it. Steve: "I'll work for a while longer ... still having fun with it." **BRAD LEITHAUSER** writes, "Things OK here. I'm still doing my increasingly exhausting weekly commute from Amherst, MA (where I live) to Baltimore (where I teach, at Johns Hopkins). My new novel, *The Promise of Elsewhere*, isn't yet out in paperback but should be by the time this little update finds print. I haven't been to Michigan in 3–4 years, but will be there this spring. I'm giving a reading at Western Mich, and am using this as an excuse to see Detroit again. Needless to say, one of the highlights of my trip will be a walk around the Cranbrook campus. I'm wishing all my old classmates all the best." **ROBERT WALKER** is getting into Hellenistic astrology after spending all his time previous to this on the astrology of the past few hundred years. He likes the good community of a local Zen group in Battle Creek, and the online connection with his original Buddhist sangha as well. Robert is also working part-time at the Kalamazoo Nature Center, and welcomes emails and Facebook friendships. **TOR SHWAYDER**

reports on a somewhat annual reunion in NYC with **DAN KASLE** and Rob Kahn '72. "All of us healthy—all still married to our first wives, all with our wits about us and two of three of us still working (one retired). Great convivial dinner. A wonderful evening had by all."



Rob Kahn '72, Caroline Adams, Tor Shwayder '71, Aimee Ergas, Dan Kasle '71 and Annette Kasle

**DONN ROSS** says proudly in the spirit of Monty Python that he is, "Not dead yet," and that he is looking forward to attending our 50th reunion. In the meantime he is providing EMDR treatment for combat veterans (and sometimes their families). "It's not exactly retirement, but it's hardly work when you love what you're doing." Thanks for the reminder, Donn. Yes, it's not too early to be thinking about our 50th reunion, held one year from the time you will probably be reading this. That's a special number, and we should mark it accordingly. 50 moves us up into "Golden" status with a special cocktail party at Cranbrook House. Please send me any reunion ideas and I will forward them to you all. Be well and AIM HIGH!

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## CK72

SAVE THE DATE AND CONVENE THE COMMITTEE: By the time you read this it will be just two years from our big 50th reunion. It is not too early to protect your calendar for June 10–12, 2022. More important, let's convene a core committee of good people for party planning—perhaps a few locals and a few regional advocates from around the country. Please reach out to **SALLY CHRISTIANSEN HARRIS** and **NICK KOCH** at the e-mail addresses shown at the bottom of this column if you're interested in helping out. We're going to advocate for the significance of our gathering in columns

to come. Few things have shaped us more than our common Cranbrook experience. We should commemorate and celebrate with gusto and gravitas. And now ... some notes from our classmates: **JAN LUCAS-GRIMM** continues to work as an actor in theater primarily in Indianapolis at the Phoenix as well as Indiana Repertory Theater. She will join husband Tim Grimm in Europe in June. He leads musical tours in Ireland, The Netherlands and Scotland for about four months each year. They will have an Airbnb in Edinburgh for five weeks (June, July) so if you're in the area, let's connect! Travel in Europe each summer shows no signs of waning, but the Big 50 reunion will take precedence over all travel plans! **ROBIN ROBERTS** wrote that in October, she went to NYC for the first time since her 10th grade trip with Mr. Fleming! While she was there, she had a chance to have lunch with Darnell Carr Newsom '73. Also, she is about to take the Jeopardy test, and will let us know if she has any success. **EMILY WAYNE HULING** continues to scale back her business so they can travel more. Since they've been to all 50 states, they are taking road trips to explore a state in depth. Oregon and Montana were their picks last year. This summer will be Michigan. **DARRYL DALTON** recently spoke to **CLAY FOWLKES** and **GEORGE MUNN** who are living in Los Angeles and San Francisco, California. Darryl Taylor, DDS, '71, is close by in Florida and is helping Darryl D. keep that winning smile.



Small Cranbrook reunion in Santa Cruz with Paul Drescher, Dave Green, Norman Hajjar, John Schoetz and Roger Winkelman

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## C73

Many members of the next generation to welcome in this issue, as well as impressive accomplishments for the current one! **GERRY BRODY** writes: "Life is good for the Brodys. With great excitement, my wife, Lisa Oster Brody '78 and I welcomed our first grandchild, when our daughter, Hillary Brody Anchill '04, gave birth in March." **HUGH KERR** and family "had an early Christmas present, a baby girl! Our daughter Lauren '01 is a new mom once again; with two little boys at home and a full-time job, it's wonderful for us that we live so close. And we get to Chicago from time to time to see our other daughter Avery and her two little girls, which is a delight. The grandparent business is booming! We've enjoyed time with our adult friends, too, taking a jaunt to Nashville for a marvelous musical weekend. I'm still practicing radiology, but make time for occasional woodworking and musical endeavors to keep life interesting. Sally and I continue to travel for the appreciation of art, architecture and wine, a never-ending quest." **ALLAN MULLINS** reports that "all is well with the Mullins family here in dreary Clinton Township (NE suburb of Detroit), MI. Our youngest daughter gave birth to another girl in the spring, so we have two granddaughters. I plan on retiring at the end of this year, which means that I will go visiting the granddaughters more often in Louisville, KY. Travelling will be in the cards as well as kicking back and giving the new hip some serious hiking and biking." **GEOFF D'ALLEMAND** "retired last summer. My new day job is babysitting my four-month-old granddaughter. After more than 40 years, I'm back to singing barbershop harmony. We perform all over the Detroit area and twice annually in juried statewide competitions. I'm having a lot of fun." An understandably proud **NICOLAS MARTIN** reports that "my daughter Sofia Martin, 17, is a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist at Fishers (IN) High School. She has also been named the school's National Hispanic Scholar. Late out of the gate, I was 48 when Sofie was born." **KEVIN RODDY** is "in my 15th year of practicing law at Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer in Woodbridge, NJ—still trying cases to juries. I am still a few years away from retirement, and I am hoping that it is a

semi-retirement that permits me to take on interesting cases and causes. Joann and I will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary in August 2020. My daughter, Erin, is a veterinarian and horse breeder/trainer in New South Wales, Australia. We are relieved to say that she and their 29 horses survived the recent fires. Our son, Will, is finishing his undergraduate degree at The College of New Jersey, and we expect that politics is in his future. Our son, Logan, is a junior at James Madison University, where he is studying marketing, advertising and the media. All is well at my end of the universe."



John Carman and family at his daughter's wedding last July

**JOHN CARMAN** provides the caption for his family photo printed here: "The picture was taken at my daughter Anna's wedding last July in Estes Park, CO. (L-R) My son-in-law, Heath Harmon, my eldest daughter Aubrey Harmon, my new daughter-in-law Laura Stebbins, my daughter Anna, and my wife Mary and me. Anna and Laura are both medical professionals living in Denver; they plan to move back to Kentucky this year to be closer to their families. Mary and I are busy remodeling our home in Louisville, KY and spending time with our two grandchildren who are two and four years old." **JONATHAN MILLS** lets us know that they "are still doing fine in Cincinnati, though our older four children are moved out (one is married), and they have their own careers in other parts of the country. Our 14-year-old, Isaac, is still at home and a straight A freshman scholarship student at Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy. He is a whiz in math and science (taking algebra II as a freshman), and very heavily involved in the theater program and music. He learned to tap dance for the Loveland Stage Company production of 'Gypsy' in March. He keeps us young. We did have the whole crew together to celebrate Isaac's confirmation last fall, since his oldest

siblings Pam and Dan were godparents at his baptism. Of course we got Isaac sucking on a straw in the picture instead of smiling. At almost 93, my dad is declining with short-term memory issues, but he still clobbers all of us and my step-mom in dominos." **WALTER SHWAYDER** remains very busy. "I am caring daily for mom at 94 years young. She is living in the Hill House opposite Christ Church Cranbrook (since 1963). Mom is ambulatory and still playing chamber music with my brother Tor Shwayder '71 and a "pickup" string quartet with good sight reading of the music. Diminishing memory makes for a daily challenge. My girls: Aviva has traveled the world working for Refugees International in DC; Elianna completed her two years of TFA-Teach For America in Holyoke, MA teaching AP biology and coaching the boys track and CC teams (she was captain of her Saline High School and Harvard CC teams guiding each to #1 in Michigan and the Ivy League.) At Harvard, her field of study was HEB-Human Evolutionary Biology; her thesis was awarded Harvard's Mose award for best thesis written in HEB. She studied with Richard Engle who was Jane Goodall's protoge. Jane studied gorillas, Engle researched chimpanzees, and Elianna, baboons. She tells great, scary stories of sprinting away from raging elephants in the rain forest—that 14-mile daily warm-up run really toughens one up. Now Eli is applying to medical schools; she has spent a couple years shadowing doctors at the UM hospital. My wife, Kathe, serves as NOAA's director in Ann Arbor and DC [NOAA-National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration.] Yours truly works with HUB and Dr. Darryl Taylor, guiding the students in design thinking/analysis. I have learned that we have 15–20 minutes to get our education point of the day conveyed per class. Oh boy! Imagine back in the day how, as students, we tortured our teachers at Cranbrook (Mr. Geohagen/English comes to mind). I remember fondly Mr. Manhart's excellent geometry teaching—thank you, sir. I am still popping—waltersWOW! Gourmet KettleCorn—with distracted dedication so I can focus on mom care. I stay young and sane by swimming every day. You are always welcome for a swim—bring your trunks and then we'll eat! You all are welcome for dinner and a visit, merely call first so we may set the table. Best wishes for your families' health and

happiness! CHEERS!!" **JIM SMITH** "sends greetings from Nevada where Diane and I moved last November. In April, I took an early retirement from SAP after 21 years. Because that wasn't enough of a change, in June we sold our house in California where we had lived for 22 years, and bought a new home in Summerlin, NV, a little community within the city limits of Las Vegas. We are right up against the Red Rock mountains, about 15 miles and a world apart from the strip. In September, between selling one house and moving into another, as a retirement present to myself, I took Anne and Mike on a trip to Europe to attend Oktoberfest—something I had been wanting to do since starting with SAP, although figuring waiting until the kids were of drinking age would be best—which is about 12 in Germany. We started out in Munich, went to Prague and finished up in Berlin. Diane could not join us as her knee just wouldn't allow her to do all that walking, especially on cobblestone streets. Anne finishes her Ob/Gyn residency in June, and in July will start a fellowship in Pediatric and Adolescence Gynecology at Phoenix Children's Hospital. Mike is an associate with Goldman Sachs in New York, and Diane is still a technical writer for Abbott Medical working remotely from home. I keep busy playing pickle ball, attempting to train the new addition to our household (an 8-week-old rescue pup, part Border Collie and part German Shepherd), and getting our house all put together. If you find yourself in Las Vegas, please give us a call." For **MIKE NEFF**, "Life in North Central Washington State is grand; starting to work on an exit plan for the small food brokerage business that has kept me busy for over 30 years, as well as wishing for something other than grand-pups and grand-kittens! Don't my three daughters understand MY biological clock is ticking!! LOL. With Kristie now retired, we have plenty of travel plans: Mexico City; Joshua Tree National Park; Hawaii; Bend, OR this year; and hopefully a trip back to India, the land of my birth, in 2021. In between, business will have me traveling to the East Coast, L.A., Chicago and a number of other stops. No grass growing under these feet, though it does give me pause when I stop to consider what slowing down will actually look like! Other than a serious passion for golf (I am a low handicapper), I haven't had or

taken much time to develop hobbies. I belong to several volunteer organizations, in an effort to give back to our small community that has supported me since 1993, and am now a board member on our largest community bank. But I don't think that's enough, so will take some time to figure out how best to drift into the sunset ... Cheers to all!" Lovely thoughts from **BILL COLOSIMO**: "In June of 2019, I and my long-suffering and happily retired wife of 38 years, Linda, left our longtime Arlington homestead and moved to a brand new home in a planned community in Fredericksburg, VA. It's a lovely place, with plenty of room for guests—especially our charming grandchildren, Ruth, five, and Christopher, two—to enjoy indoors and outside! Our son, Anthony, recently left his in-school music teaching career to pursue full time activity as a busy choral arts professional—singer, coach, and chorus director; most notably with the acclaimed Alexandria Harmonizers men's chorus. He and his wife, Elizabeth, also a music teacher, live with the aforementioned charming kiddos in Falls Church. Our daughter, Catherine, lives in Arlington with her firefighter beau, is employed by a government contractor, excels with her online skin care marketing business, and performs with and serves on the board of The Alexandria Singers (the DC area's "premier pops chorus," which I'm privileged to direct). With over 45 years of professional singing, directing, voice teaching and ensemble coaching, I continue to honor our dear Cranbrook mentor, the late Fred Bellingier, by maintaining an engaged and award-winning singing life, directing the 90-voice Alexandria Singers, leading the liturgical ensembles at Saint Luke Catholic Church in McLean, VA, and working to enrich the lives of young people by offering lessons, workshops and performance opportunities through my non-profit Choral Foundation of Northern Virginia. I serve on local and national boards supporting the efforts of vocal music and other arts-related organizations, and continue to advocate for increased resources to bolster healthy music programs in schools. Everything that's good in my life today is exclusively because I have been lovingly supported through bad times and good by a loving God, a precious family, countless friends, colleagues, and my fellow travelers in a spiritual fellowship; all of whom

have helped spare me for the last 22 years from the throes of chronic alcoholism to which I fell victim from 1974 to 1997. None of the charmed life I'm so fortunate to lead, mentioned above, would be possible were it not for sobriety! And part of that charmed life is my ability to recall with absolute clarity and great joy the treasured time I spent at Cranbrook; time that helped form me in such positive ways to be willing and able to enrich others' lives through music and humble service in my community. Please feel free to reach out to me at [billcatps@aol.com](mailto:billcatps@aol.com) or follow my antics on Facebook; I'd love to hear from you!" **JOHN BEATTY** writes: "Our grandson Van graduated from high school with honors last spring and started at Milwaukee Area Community College last fall; he's interested in water science. Our great-grandson just turned two in Philadelphia. Ev and I were in Tennessee this spring, vacationing with Ev's German cousins and her Kentucky sister. If the planets aligned, I'll have finally gotten to Shiloh, Memphis, and Franklin. Begin shameless plugs: publishing *Stella's Game* was the biggest news of the last quarter—and thanks for all of you who read it and said good things. Publishing *Tideline: Friendship Abides* a couple months ago was the biggest thing this spring. For those who read *Stella's*, *Tideline* picks up where *Stella's* left off, following the friend's lives from '74 to '86; I'll have copies at the October '65th Birthday Party' for anyone interested. The third book in the trilogy, *The Safe Tree: Friendship Triumphs*, should be finished by the end of the year, but no guarantees. End shameless plugs." Speaking of "the October '65th Birthday Party"—yes, you heard it right! Mark your calendars for the long weekend of October 1–5, 2020 as the CS/KSC Class of 1973 gathers on campus to celebrate the big 6–5! The party we threw ourselves in 2015 for our 60th was a huge hit, and this sequel promises to be bigger and better! There's nothing more beautiful than our alma mater on a crisp autumn day, and nothing like the chance to hang with old pals in a stress-free, personal way that just isn't possible during the school-sponsored June reunion Weekends. As before, we've booked a block of rooms at the Homewood Suites in Troy (email me for info), and our tried-and-true 'Reunion Headquarters' (**TINA DENISON's** cozy house in Birmingham) will

be our base of operations. There will be a guided tour of Cranbrook House by your Woodie sister, **NANCY ALBERT**; an afternoon of famous downtown Detroit sites; maybe local golf; and certainly some kind of athletic scrimmage (flag football? gut frisbee?) on the old playing fields, coordinated by **CHRIS COOKE**. Spouses, partners, friends are more than welcome. If you've never attended a reunion or if you're a regular—embrace the Medicare years with your old girl and guy pals as we hang out, share memories and plan for the future: our 50th reunion in June, 2023 ... WOW! (This issue of *Tradition* will be the final one prior to our "73 is 65 Birthday Bash," but email blasts will continue to update on all the fun activities and who's attending. If you're not receiving regular annoying communiques from me, bite the bullet and let me know.) See you in October!

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## K73

It's with a heavy heart I begin by reporting the loss of two classmates, both of whom started at KSC in 7th grade. It was a complete shock to learn that **MATAYA (MARTHA) MUNRO** passed away from lung cancer on February 12 after only a few days in the hospital.



Martha Munro

Her younger sister, Mary, was with her at the end. Mataya had "returned to the fold" only a few years ago; she was a great addition to the "Birmingham regulars" who get together often, and, kindly, always when their LA-

based class secretary is in town. Very spiritual, a strong believer in homeopathic and alternative medicines, Mataya was trained in healing massage. She loved animals and the outdoors, and her calm demeanor belied a dry, deadpan sense of humor. Hopefully, there will be more information to come. Also deeply saddened by the passing of **CATHY ATEN**. "Cathy P. Aten died peacefully from complications of Primary Progressive MS at home on January 30 with her beloved dog, Emma, by her side. Cathy was born in Birmingham, MI, attended Kingswood School Cranbrook, and graduated from the College for Creative Studies in Detroit. After several years as an artist and fashion designer in Boston, she moved to Santa Fe, NM, which she dearly loved. Cathy had a long career as a textile and visual artist followed by a surprise second career as an inspirational blogger and poet when she could no longer create visual art. She lived her life with courage and grit despite her pain. As her sphere narrowed down to the one-mile radius she could reach in her power wheelchair, she never ceased to be curious and engaged. No one will forget her fabulous hats nor her ever-present lipstick. She deeply appreciated all the love and support she received over the years from friends, family, classmates, baristas, hat makers and blog readers. Her tribe was vast. Cathy is survived by her siblings and several nieces and nephews whom she dearly loved. For anyone who wants to remember her, she requested that donations be made to the Esperanza Shelter in Santa Fe, NM."



Cathy Aten

Here is a lovely personal memory from **CATHY COOPER**: "A light has gone out in

the world. Cathy was a talented artist, writer, and, in days gone by, powerful gymnast. She was also joyful, kind, brave and resilient.



Cathy Aten's second grade yearbook picture

I first met Cathy in 2nd grade at Vaughn Elementary, with [fellow eventual members of the C/K class of 1973] **ALAN HEAVENRICH, CARRIE BALLANTINE** and **JOHN GERARD**. As long as I've known her she has been creative and artistic. Though we lost touch for a couple of decades—she was creating textiles and amazing pottery, while I was teaching, farming, raising a family—when we reconnected it was easy. For someone so gifted in moving her body in strong and beautiful ways, she showed incredible grace and courage as that same body became weakened by disease. When she could no longer use her hands to create beauty, she used her words to inspire. May we, each of us, strive to exhibit Cathy's generosity of spirit. The world will be a better place for it." Coop shared this poem Cathy wrote in 2013: "What if I actually had/All the independence/I have prayed for/And altogether missed/My heart stretching/With love for all those/Who let me know/I matter to them?" Life goes on ... Glad to hear that for **SARAH ELLIS JACKSON** "this was a holiday season to cherish! My brother, Bill '70, has three sons all finally back in the US. Billy is still in England. My kids and his kids get together in small batches. This year, I had all five kids at home, and their significant others, including one granddaughter and one granddog.



Sarah Ellis Jackson's family

My son, Donald, taught Minna (two years old) how to drive using his Little Tykes go cart, which he cleaned up and bought a new battery for. By far her favorite activity! He tests cars in various conditions for Honda. One day, he is in Minnesota; next week, Death Valley, CA. Kristi will finish her master's in education in May. Praying she gets a self-sustaining job after that. She and her family are looking to go to Singapore to live and work for a year. They want to come back here to send Minna to school. I still teach! Such a blast! My husband, Ron, is retired. He does taxes for a select few out of the kindness of his heart, and is building his second Factory 5 kit car; this one is a Daytona. In January, I went to the Florida Balloon Jam, a convention for balloon artists. I learned fun new techniques that I am eager to try out. My favorite is making a firefly jar. It looks like they are flying around inside. Next year I want to learn more about building scenery. Counting blessings."

**AMANDA READ** writes: "Arnold and I are very fortunate, indeed. We have a lovely, growing family; we enjoy all of our adult kids and grandkids tremendously; and earlier this year, we purchased a house in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico that we really love. We are actually, finally, making (preliminary) plans to exit the business. Gee, scaling back on work at age 65 and 68—better late than never! Arnold's daughter, Kelsey, has left the world of politics in D.C. and has joined us in the private sector in NYC at Nipkow & Kobelt. Our hope is that Kelsey, along with the rest of our executive team, will be shoeing us off into sunsets in Mexico within the next couple of years. I plan to be less than full-time and to cut back on travel as of 2021. Son, Brandon, and his amazing wife, Meghan, have three very energetic little ones whom we see almost every weekend. We are in NY, and earlier in the year, we spent a week with all kids and grandkids, including Spenser and

Slater (Amanda's sons), in Cancun where we eight adults chased the little ones for hours on end around the kiddie pools and envied their countless slides—we adults were not allowed. Brandon and Meghan are wonderful parents—they make it look so easy, I am in awe. Arnold and I spent the following week recuperating in San Miguel before returning to the real world. Spenser and Slater are thriving in SoCal with a business they are building into a full-service ad agency, now up to 12 full-time employees and countless social media influencers. They are in a whole different world and on a whole different level from their parents, but they're having a blast, working hard, travelling to great places and enjoying their offices in Laguna Beach where they overlook Table Rock Beach and the ocean. I look at our kids and think we must have done something right. It is definitely time to retire." For **BONNIE KORTES KISS**, 2020 began with "an unexpected loss of our fur baby, Max, on January 2nd. He is now with our other fur babies and St. Francis. God rest their souls. Mike was diagnosed with Celiac disease and is gluten intolerant. It makes for interesting dinner menus; when we dine out we look for restaurants with GF options." Since her mother passed away, **CAPRICE WILSON BAUN** has been "busy putting things in order. A very long and tedious process. My son moved to Ferndale and my daughter is expecting her third child in April; she will have a boy to join my granddaughters Alastair and Sloane Parker. Very swamped this year with renovations, new grandchild, sorting through mothers possessions, etc."



Polly Jo Wheaton Kemler '77 and Sarah Bearup-Neal '73, both living in the Sleeping Bear Dunes region of Northern Michigan

**SARAH BEARUP-NEAL** sent in a "picture of Polly Jo Wheaton Kemler '77 and I, taken at Denno's Museum in Traverse City, in late January, standing in front of an installation of work by Canadian artist Karen Bondarchuk. I curate and manage the Exhibitions Program

at the Glen Arbor Arts Center, and Polly is part of the GAAC's Exhibitions Committee, a brain trust in reality. Have loved getting reconnected with Polly, both through my work at the GAAC and on these busman's holidays to other galleries in the region. She and I have been involved with the GAAC's Exhibitions Program since its inception in 2017. Interestingly, the current GAAC exhibition, 'COLOR,' includes a remarkable weaving by our very own LOIS BRYANT. Lois' work 'Constant Change' received a merit award in the GAAC show. I love all these KSC connections." The family of your Class Secretary, **LUCY CHASE WILLIAMS**, was blessed to welcome my great-niece Violet June Seitz, who arrived on January 16; parents Kate and Will are only marginally prouder than her 'Pop," my brother, Bart Williams '76. For Gibby and me, happily retired, travel continues to be a major joy: in addition to blissful visits with the extended family, we will be back to our haven, the Scottish Highlands, again this summer. **DARNELL CARR NEWSUM** says "I wish I had more exciting news to share, but I do like the opportunity of wishing our class the very best! As many of us approach the milestone of turning 65, I find myself doing more self-reflection and thinking about the goodness in our lives. I am so grateful for my family and friends and feel fortunate that many of my sensibilities were cultivated at Kingswood. I feel lucky that I made lifelong friends there and look forward to sharing future adventures with you all!" Speaking of future adventures ... By the grace of God, 2019/2020 has seen us turn 65 years old. (The family of **ANA PALMEIRIM** threw her "a surprise birthday party that I did not see coming. My last one was at age 18 when you guys surprised me at the Bryants' home on Lochridge in Bloomfield Hills!")



Ana Palmeirim celebrates turning 18 with classmates Cheryl Danley '74, Lois Bryant, Gail Dietrich, Ana, Anne Bagamery '74, Lucy Chase Williams and Showey

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## C75

Greetings, Classmates! In lieu of printed class notes this issue, let's share all of our class notes in person at our 45th reunion, June 5-7! I look forward to seeing you there. Aim high!

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## K75

### [EDITOR'S NOTE]

Pictures from the 2019 Fall *Tradition* didn't make it into our last issue, so we have them here for the class to take a look at. Reminder that the 45th reunion is June 5-7th!



Susie & Jeff Kern '75 & '72 celebrating 35 years of marriage in Aiken, SC



Susie Gordon Kern, Stathy Natisis Madias and Melissa Peirce (Bill Peirce '75) in Naples, FL



Susie Gordon Kern, Jeff Kern '72, Suzy Maggos Erker & Floridaian friend celebrating Derby Day in Fort Myers, Florida

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## C76

Well, I'm sure the Class of '76 was hoping I would just do Class Notes ONCE, but sorry guys, it's pretty hard to turn down a glamorous, high-paying gig like this

one! That being said, let's get right to it. I recently caught up with that WW1 Flying Ace, **RICK JOSEPH**.



Rick Joseph sent along this pretty cool pic of himself sticking out of the cockpit window ... man, where was Rick when they were filming the movie Mars Attacks

In the last three years, Rick has downed 22 drones, nine birthday party balloons and an unconfirmed kill of a pterodactyl just outside of Tokyo. I managed to talk Rick into landing his Sopwith Camel just long enuf to send a little update: "I'm still having a blast flying 787s for American all over Asia and Europe—favorite layovers are Tokyo and Rome. I still practice medicine, though I've cut back quite a bit, now working just a couple a 24-hour shifts a month in rural ERs. I'm looking at mandatory retirement from the airline in about three years, so this past fall I went out and got a type rating in the WW2 B 25 Mitchell bomber. The plan is to start flying the B 25 at air shows this summer for the Yankee Air Force (a lot cheaper than owning your own plane, and a lot more fun). On the home front, my daughter Alex is now working in the engineering department, Land Systems Division at General Dynamics, getting a kick out of working on the M1 Abrams Tank and Strycker Fighting Vehicle. My son, Nick, graduates from the Business School at Grand Valley this spring with a degree in Finance. Not sure where he's going to wind up since he can't decide whether to go the Wall Street route or do corporate finance. Heather and I are both tired of the Michigan winters so we have been spending a lot of time at our second home outside Phoenix whenever my flight and her horse show schedules allow it. Hope all is well with everyone else."



Tenney McGraw with sisters Maggie McGraw Mayes '88, Kathy McGraw Vine '72, Caroline McGraw Taylor '72. Tenney's dad, S. Tenney McGraw Jr., was class of '46

I've known **TENNEY MCGRAW** since I was negative 7 months old—our mothers went through pregnancy together as neighbors on Kimberly Road over near Mills Pharmacy (the local "haunt" when we were five). Poor Tenney is still wondering how to shake Bart. Tenney writes: "As for me, I've been living in South Florida for the last eight years with my wife, Amy. All our 'kids' are grown and doing so well, and we are loving the tropical life. But I still must have a Michigan fix for at least a month ever summer (in northern Michigan at Broken Rocks, tip of the thumb.) Take care everybody ... " I chased down **SKIP NICHAMIN**, who's been living the high-life (hopefully figuratively) out in Colorado. (Hey Skip, send your address to us so we can all plan our next ski trip!) Here's his report: "After nearly 30 years of practicing ophthalmology, I sold my busy eye surgical practice in Western Pennsylvania in 2014. My wife, Wendy, and I moved to our home in Beaver Creek, CO and we have now made the Vail Valley our full-time residence. My two sons, Alex (30) and Sam (26), are pictured in the family photo attached.



Skip, please tell me those boys aren't bombing around in your dad's '63 Split Window Vette!!

Alex works in private equity, is engaged, and lives in San Francisco. Sam is currently living with us as he makes his way to law school following in his mother's steps (though I forgave her for being an attorney many moons ago!). Both the boys are great

kids, were competitive collegiate golfers, and are kind and respectful to their old folks!" The movie "Into The Wild" scared the heck out of me, and **ALAN JACKNOW** is making me re-live it! He writes: "As for me, I am retired and living the life of a traveling photographer. I spent 30 years working for Kaiser Permanente in Los Angeles and retired pretty close to the first day possible. I still live in LA. Since then, I have been traveling a lot, including a planned year around the world. I was in Antarctica at the beginning of the year, but a planned additional seven weeks had to be cancelled due to wildfires in Australia, viruses in China and a quarantined ship in Japan. Part 2 should be sometime in April. I do mostly landscape and wildlife photography, trying to be fine art. I have sold some pieces and have won some awards. I run into Lisa McCord '75 occasionally at LA photo events. Her work is exceptional.



I'd heard that Alan Jacknow had gone to the dogs, but...hope he doesn't go werewolf on us...

The photo is of me photographing wolves in a sanctuary in British Columbia. I sporadically keep in touch with **DOUG PAAUW**, who is among the cadre of our fellow alums who went to the University of Michigan Medical School (more than 10% of our high school class?). He currently runs the medical student clerkship program at the University of Washington and does research on HIV. I know he is travelling and speaking a lot. He and his wife Kathy recently became grandparents of Violet Marie." **DAN DICKERSON** was such a big Tigers fan that he decided to join the team: he's been "The Radio Voice" of the Tigers for two decades (he didn't have the legs to be a cheerleader). His update: "I'm heading into my 21st year as the Detroit Tigers play-by-play radio broadcaster. There



have been a lot of great years, two trips to the World Series, some lean years—but one thing never changes, I do love what I do. I love the prep work that goes into every game and every season, and I love going to the ballpark and learning more about the game every day from managers like Ron Gardenhire and Jim Leyland, or players like Max Scherzer, Torii Hunter and Matthew Boyd. If you're wondering why I never make it to reunions—that's why. The big events are always on a Friday and Saturday night in June—and if we're not on the road, I have a night game at Comerica Park. I'll make it one of these years! Lori Anne and I celebrated our 31st anniversary last September—we've lived in Clarkston for the last 22 years. Lori is a journalism professor at Michigan State, and has done an incredible job building one of the top sports journalism programs in the country. She's had a major influence on the careers of many sportswriters and columnists across the country—several write for mlb.com, and I run into them on the road all the time. In the off-season, I head up to East Lansing to help out with her classes when I can, and I also teach a short, six-week play-by-play class in January and February. This is my fourth year teaching it, and I thoroughly enjoy it. There are so many great kids at State, and I just love being on campus and helping them develop their skills any way I can.



Detroit Tigers TEAM Photo (Dan Dickerson and family)

We have two incredible kids, Rachel and Justin. Rachel is in her 2nd semester in the Occupational Therapy Masters program at Grand Valley State, at the downtown campus in Grand Rapids. Justin is in his final semester at MSU. He wants to make movies (he's getting a chance to direct a short film this semester), and he's headed to LA when he graduates this spring. I'd love to hear from anybody with any movie connections in LA to help get him started!" In 1980, the Medical School at U of

M took in about "30 dropouts from our class of 1976" including one **JON WEISS**. Jon writes: "Maggie and I are still living in Atlanta. She retired from teaching about eight years ago and now works part-time directing the after-school program in the elementary school where she last taught. Maggie also volunteers at a local food pantry. My dermatology practice keeps me busy, along with clinical research, consulting and speaking. I try to make time for tennis, exercise/hiking and yoga whenever we can. Also, Maggie and I tend to travel quite a bit as our kids live in Chicago and Brooklyn; we try to get to Ann Arbor a few times a year during football season where we connect with Robert and **BOB GRANADIER**, Margo and **MIKE SIEGEL**, Kathy and **BUD ISAACSON**, and Kaye and **RICK WATNICK**. Spent some time with Doug Paauw at our 35th medical school reunion last October. We should be up in Michigan a bit more this year, as our son's fiancé is from West Bloomfield and the wedding is set for August in Birmingham." (Sooo, Jon has no excuse for missing the 45th reunion!!!) **DWIJEN MISRA** has gone from, yes, "Mich Med School Mad Scientist" to Intrigue Novelist!! He writes: "Hi, everyone. I have been through many events since we saw each other at the reunion.



Dwijen Misra and family

My oldest son, Ben '08, was married in Germany in 2017 to Laura, a German national; they had a daughter in May of last year! He will be entering a MBA program in the fall but is deciding which school. My daughter, Mary Allison '10, is also married; her husband's name is Mitch and they are living in Dayton. My youngest, Nate, is in his final year at University of Michigan. As for myself, I nearly died from a subdural hematoma when crossing the Atlantic on the way back from my son's wedding. I was rushed in the neurosurgical suite and not expected to

survive. Well, I did! I have made a complete recovery, but decided in January 2018 to retire. I am trying to write a novel to keep busy. I keep in close touch with **LANCE YOUNG** and **JACK TURNER**, and occasionally with **DAVID SMITH** and **JOE DORMAN**. I hope everyone is doing well." I guess Dwijen has a better excuse for retiring early than most of us!! Speaking of **SLOWING DOWN** ... If you've wondered where old, broken down hockey players go to die, apparently it's Santa Fe! **DANA BARNARD** writes: "Not sure I have ever contributed notes to alumni news but, since Bart begged: 13 years in Santa Fe, NM. Prior to that, 22 years in Houston, TX. We absolutely love the high desert! Four kids (22 to 32)—three currently in Albuquerque, one in Brooklyn, NY. Eldest son recently married in New Mexico and eldest daughter tying the knot on Labor Day, 2020. Founded and recently sold a medical device company operating in cell and gene therapy world. Continue as CEO of Barson Corp. Life is fun and interesting, with occasional financially terrifying moments—life of an entrepreneur for 36 years with my brother, Teb (Detroit Country Day). Get to see **RICHARD TAYLOR**, Bart Williams, **ALLAN MURPHY**, Lance Young and occasionally **BILL JAMES** in various locations—last time at Dick's house in northern Michigan. We email at least once per week. [Editor's note: how can I get OFF that distribution!] Despite living elsewhere, my kids are devoted to northern Michigan where we have been going in the summers for forever. Would love to see you all again!" OK, so that leaves BART. Not much new here—grandkids are starting to come out of the woodwork and we've been setting up this place we bought a couple years ago to go nuts having a "gang" of g-Kids over for "Seasonal Adventures." We've got about 45 acres, so there's lots of room for camp fires, haunted barn activities, watching "Abbott & Costello Meet The Mummy" with grandpa playing Sir Graves Ghastly ... whatever a senile, 62-year-OLD grandpa can dream up!!! My dear friend Sarah Parsons '76 and I, (and Allan Murphy if I can sober him up), are starting to work up BIG plans for our 45th reunion. So start planning for it in early June of 2021!! Take care, everyone!!

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As we launch this new decade, most of the Class of '76 are simultaneously contemplating retirement. Happily, we seem to be pretty excited about all of the possibilities that lie ahead. **GEORGEANNA WELLS** and spouse Julie have fully retired and sound a bit incredulous at the sheer happiness they have found in the trivialities of their retirement. With both sets of parents gone, they spend winters in Apache Junction, Arizona (Petticoat Junction with more sun according to Georgeanna.) Pickleball is her morning ritual followed by rekindled interests in both her baritone horn and relief woodcarving. In true Georgeanna style, she wishes us all a Happy and Healthy 2020. **KATHY YEARN GAYER** writes from Steamboat Springs that she and her husband, Dwight are as happy and active as ever. In Kathy's words; "Our two sons live in Gunnison, near Crested Butte so we are close enough to ski, hike, kayak and play together which fuels my soul."—So well said, Kathy! In addition to running her sewing and alterations/repair business, Kathy has recently acquired a 44" loom and is rediscovering her Kingswood Weaving Studio "roots". (I remember those days—How lucky were we—indeed!). **KIM STROUD** lives locally in the University District of Detroit with her husband, their 13 year old daughter, a dog, and an assortment of cats, parakeets and fish! Despite his recent retirement from Marygrove College, Kim's husband is actively working thru its Institute for Detroit Studies Department, on the launch of an interactive literary map—you will be able to click on a location and discover its literary references, as well as that site's connection to writers. (I feel like there must be a literary history in Detroit that we've not realized?!) When Kim's not busy caring for her mom who still lives in Birmingham, she is happy to be using her real estate expertise at the United Community Housing Coalition in Detroit, where she is the Director of Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention and Land Contract Support. **MARTHA YAW KLIBERT** and husband Lee are two years into their relocation to Carbondale, Colorado. This year, Martha's notes sound totally blissful! They are loving their outdoor activities—skiing, snowshoeing, biking, and hiking ... and she is happy to have traded

in the grey Michigan winters for sunny, temperate Colorado! Settling in and making friends has been great, but having their 2 1/2 year old grandson Jude along with son, Adam and daughter-in-law, Jessica a short 20 minutes away, is the best! Their youngest son Brian continues to work for Gulfstream in Savannah. What a fun place to visit! Another happy grandma, **JENNY JACKS SHREVE** writes that she and her husband welcomed grand-baby #3, a boy named Cohen on June 7, 2019.



Jenny Jacks Shreve with grandson, Cohen

Many of you may recall that Jenny retired two years ago with the main objective of helping out with the care of her aging parents. This year, she is happy to say that has been successful in setting up home health care for her 92 year old mom who is suffering with dementia. She, along with Jenny's 94-year-old father have been married for 73 years and really just wanted to be together. Congrats, Jenny! It's good to know that everything is working out well. Enjoy your upcoming November trip to Jamaica! We heard from **ANN PICKENS-CLARK** for the first time ever (yay!) she has spent the year pursuing her love of travel. This past summer, she headed up to Boston from her home in Florida where she met up with Bee Howes '78. They did the whole New England tour of art museums and quintessential East Coast villages. It all culminated in a James Taylor concert on July 4th. They met up again in October ... this time for tea at the Balmoral Hotel in Edinburgh, Scotland! Anne's son is a University of Edinburgh alum and she went back for a visit. Coincidentally,

Bee was there at the same time! Her 25th wedding anniversary celebration took Ann to Switzerland. In addition, she squeezed in visits to Vancouver (where her son is now based) and to the Caribbean —Whew! **ANNE HARVEY COX** checked in with a short but sweet update on her life in Chicago. Son, Charlie has graduated and moved to Boston where he is pursuing his career in real estate finance—the same field his older brother Tommy has pursued in Chicago. Anne continues her work in public Montessori and husband Tom is still doing his own thing. Together they are working on the fine art of being empty-nesters! **SARA ALIBER JENNINGS** writes "Our three sons, all in their 20's, are all working and living in Boston—It's fun to have them close enough to see them every now and then. Our oldest son married in July, in our field in Vermont.



Sara Aliber Jennings '76 and family at son, Peter's, wedding. Grandmother of the groom Ann Gehrke Aliber '46, in pink!

It was a beautiful ceremony on a gorgeous day. All is happy here." **SUSAN SWAIN SMITH** tells me, "My husband and I are enjoying living on the Seacoast of New Hampshire in Dover, where we moved three years ago. A year-and-a-half-ago my husband realized his lifelong dream of owning a sailboat, which we have moored in Portsmouth and spend a good amount of time on in the warmer months (luckily, I was able to get over my sickness issues with the help of Bonine). I continue to work from home in clinical trial management for a pharmaceutical company, occasionally going into my office outside of Boston. I was recently appointed to the city of Dover Energy Commission, where am pursuing my interest in helping the city to institute more sustainable energy policies." While several of you have mentioned how much you are looking forward to our upcoming 45th reunion, no one has been more enthusiastic than **SARAH PARSONS**! The truth is that I have nothing to tell you about what is new with Sarah. Instead

it seems that she and Bart Williams '76 are already talking about plans for reunion weekend and she is reaching out to us for any ideas we may have. (For the record, our 45th reunion is June 2021!) In the meantime, they are thinking about gathering at Sarah's mom's home on Willow Lane after the cocktail party at the Cranbrook Quad on Saturday night. Sarah says the more the merrier so please start making plans! So while I may not know what I'm doing next week, it seems that I am pretty clear on what I'll be doing in early June 2021! My husband, Peter, and I continue to spend more and more time at our place down in Florida. We love it! This year our annual visit to Peter's 92-year-old aunt in Vienna included our son and daughter-in-law. Suffice to say, a fun time was had by all! We've just received word that our son, Stephen, and daughter-in-law, Jess, have gone to contract on a condo in Chicago. Seems like they are real grown-ups now ... and they are planning on staying in Chicago. Brrrrrr! That's the news for now. All the best!

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Greetings, everyone. It's Super bowl Sunday, and Shakira and JLo just finished twerking. Congratulations to the Chiefs. Now that it's over, it's time to type so let's get busy. First up **STAN BENECKI**.



Stan Benecki and Walker Bagby in Cabo San Lucas

Stan writes in to say he recently had dinner with Harold Brown the new Director of Advancement for Cranbrook in Atlanta. Also, in attendance were **JAY JEHL** and his girlfriend, Laurel, Stan's wife Melanie and Josh and Lizzie Brown.



Jay Jehle and girlfriend, Melanie, Harold Brown (Director of Advancement at Cranbrook Schools), Stan Benecki with wife Melanie, Josh Brown and Lizzie Brown

They had a wonderful time hearing about Cranbrook and sharing memories. Jay, Josh and Stan all live a few miles from each other, and try to get together for dinner a few times a year. When they do it is like they're kids again back on Campus. Next up is my most reliable writer, Mr. Pi himself, **RANDY LAZER**.



Randy Lazer

Randy says he recently finished his 18th consecutive Las Vegas Marathon last November. Due to pneumonia in September, he was extremely under trained, and was planning not to run the marathon. However, the *Las Vegas Newspaper* had recently ran a story on him and his upcoming book "Running Beyond Death, Reversing Heart Disease." He initially thought they would bury the story somewhere deep in the paper. Nope. Front page! So, when he read "Randy Lazer was going to be running his 18th consecutive marathon," the exact words that came through his mind were, "Well, I guess my ass is showing up!" He actually had a good run, and is now recovered with two souvenirs—a sprained back, and a sprained ankle ... but ... he still has his streak intact! He also wound up on ESPN ... not saying hi to Shaq, but on radio, sharing a bit of his

story and the alternative therapies he's used that have kept him alive 15 years beyond his life expectancy. Despite highly accelerated coronary artery disease, he's still running. *Reader's Digest* interviewed him and asked for pics, so hopefully a good article will be out in spring on his book and crazy life. He's jamming on the final edit, bibliography and index, and hopes to be able to have the book out in 6 months, and start giving some talks to help stop heart disease be the number 1 killer of our day. His almost neverending musical work, his jazz/60s/70s violin cd, entitled "Amazing Days" is almost done ... again! He only reworked 13 of the 15 songs and hopes to have it out sometime this year. It's many levels beyond where it was, and let's just say that since graduating Cranbrook, he's had nearly 43 additional years of practice. Yep, that helped! Randy says if anybody is stopping by Las Vegas, do let him know. I also recently heard from **CHUCK COLLINS**.



Chuck Collins and family

Chuck is still living in Boston, Massachusetts working for the Institute for Policy Studies and directing their program on inequality (check [www.inequality.org](http://www.inequality.org)). A new book coming out in late 2020 about *Hidden Wealth* and the industry working to hide wealth globally. Mary and Chuck recently bought a farm outside Brattleboro Vermont with several friends, so he's spending more time there. Chuck says, "Come visit!" Next, we hear from American Airlines Captain **RAY FITZSIMONS**. Back in September, Ray went up to Barter Island, Alaska (or Kaktovik as the locals call it) north of the Arctic circle to see the polar bears.



Ray Fitzsimons and his friend the Polar Bear in Alaska

It was a terrific trip. Although quite remote, the town still had good amenities—hot water, good food and a warm bed. The bears come to town from September to October waiting for the ice to freeze so they can go and hunt seal. The locals are allowed to hunt whales for a few weeks each year. Once they are done butchering, they discard the bones on a sand/gravel bar away from the town. The bears can't resist an easy free meal. There were about 44 bears in the area when he arrived. All in all, a great trip. Got a nice email from **STEVE MAXWELL**.



Steve Maxwell and wife, Kim, on the Quad

Recently, Steve's kids took him back to Michigan for the Michigan-Notre Dame football game to celebrate his 60th birthday and of course, a quick trip back to campus was in the cards. He says it's always nice to have his kids say, "Wow, this is where you went to high school!?!?"



Brit, Crandall and Katie Maxwell, children of Steve Maxwell, in front of the Cranbrook Dining Hall

They had a great trip. They got to see John '72 and **PAUL MATURO** in Ann Arbor, and celebrate a great win for the Wolverines. Steve wanted to give many thanks to Jay Jehle

as well for supplying them with his tickets! Steve says, "Wait, did I say 60th birthday?" How did that happen? Let's all stay young!" Yep time flies. I'm with you Steve! Let's all stay young and carpe diem! I also heard from my now fellow Houstonians, **TOM BADALAMENT** and Mercedes Barker.



Tom Badalament and Mercedes Barker

Last June, Mercedes Barker and Tom moved to Katy, TX, in the Western 'burbs of Houston. They bought a big house and share their home with cadre of family members, including a granddaughter, and three very spoiled dogs. This year their real estate brokerage firm, Gabrianna Realty, has joined their synergies with Mercedes' business disciplines, a longtime financial advisor. Her company, Your Divorce Financial Analyst is a one-stop shop for amicably divorcing couples. They cater to divorcing couples that would rather keep more of their money instead of handing it over to attorneys (this is no diss to our attorney friends). The idea is she can mediate with divorcing couples, while Gabrianna Realty offers greatly reduced commissions to list their marital home. They also help these divorcing couples find new homes. Outside of his commercial real estate developments, they are into their 6th year running a food company called Fruit & Me. They manufacture (and market) a low sugar fruit dish that can be used in baking, used as a topping, or a fruit spread, all geared for retail sales. It is currently available at HEB Central Markets throughout Texas and will soon be available in California, so stay tuned! All of these ventures are keeping them very busy. They each do quite a bit of traveling throughout the Great State of Texas for his real estate projects, as well as their food company. Mercedes, is a life master bridge player, and competes in various tournaments throughout the United States. They intend on returning to Bloomfield Hills this June to see family and friends and attend the cocktail party at

the Cranbrook reunion, looking to catch up with the class of '75 and anyone else that is around. Feel free to reach out to Tom if you will be in town at that time at [tbadalament@gabriannarealty.com](mailto:tbadalament@gabriannarealty.com) As for myself, nothing new and exciting outside of what you see on Facebook. Hope you all head a great winter and spring. Until next time, carpe diem!

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Hello, wonderful classmates of 1978! Can you believe we are into a new decade! Happy 2020! Having said that ... **LAURA WILNER CRAIG** mentioned to me that another class had a 60th birthday party and said she heard it was a blast! Yes, we are all 60 years old this year. Yep! I cannot believe it! Can you?! Laura spoke with **SUSAN AIKENS POST** to find out when Homecoming is this year.



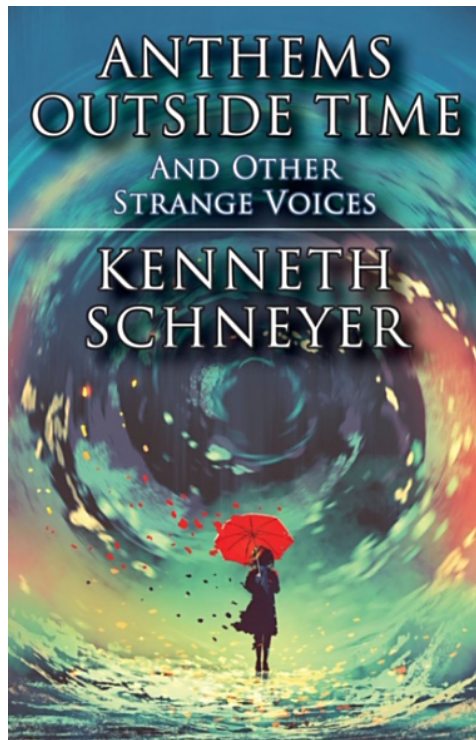
Susan Aikens Post, Tina Griffith and Martha James Quay with Harold Hancock '79 in Florida

How much fun would that be to arrange a 60th Birthday/Homecoming/Mini reunion weekend October 9–11, 2020?! There are lots of activities all weekend on campus and your Michigan connections can organize other fun things to do, like Friday and Saturday nights! This will be a great opportunity for us all to celebrate together and to get together with wonderful classmates that were unable to make our 40th reunion! I am so happy to report that **PATTY SMITH MOSS** and her family have a super exciting year ahead.



Patty Smith Moss and family

Her eldest son, Alex, has a July wedding, in Chicago and then her middle son, Jake, has a November wedding in Los Angeles! Both wonderful boys marrying lovely girls! Lots of preparations going on ... lots of happiness! I ran into **JOHN HORVATH** while shopping at Kroger, on Super Bowl Sunday! He looks great! John retired, from Chrysler in December and it definitely seems to agree with him. He spent his weekends this winter enjoying his time as a Ski Patrol at Boyne Mountain! Susan Aikens Post shared "I have had the chance to see several classmates recently. Back in November, a slew of 70s and 80s alumni showed up for the memorial for faculty member and coach Mickey Price. The service was standing room only. I got a chance to catch up with **RICK LOEWENSTEIN**, **CLIFF EWALD**, and **RAY SANTERINI** at the gathering at the Cranbrook library reading room afterward. Seeing all of Mickey's former students in that space was very moving. **DAVID TROTT** was a mentor at the career fair for Cranbrook Kingswood students in January. He had a steady flow of juniors and seniors crowding around his tables, eager to hear his experiences in business, law and politics. While I was in Florida for Cranbrook events, I got to see **KARIN HARTMANN LUDLOW** and her sister, Carolyn Hartmann '80 in Naples. **MARTHA JAMES QUAY** and **TINA GRIFFITH** came out for an alumni event in Juno Beach." **KEN SCHNEYER** (who is a Nebula-nominated science fiction and fantasy writer as well as a professor of humanities and legal studies) wrote last fall "I have been selected for a Faculty Research Fellowship at Johnson & Wales University for the fall of 2019. In my case I will have two course-releases for the sole purpose of writing fiction! In other fiction-related news, I have a story called *Foursomes* coming out in *Across the Universe* (an anthology of science fiction and fantasy stories related to The Beatles) probably sometime in December, 2019. In mid-to-late 2020, Fairwood Press is going to release my second collection of *Anthems Outside Time and Other Strange Voices*.



*Anthems Outside Time*, by Kenneth Schneyer

Three of us (Ken, his wife, Janice Okoomian, and son, Arek) spent two weeks in Ireland, in August 2019. Four days were spent at the World Science Fiction Convention, in Dublin (where I had fun serving on a panel called "The Orville versus Star Trek: Discovery")! One of the highlights of our trip was a visit to the Ireland School of Falconry, in Cong, County Mayo. Janice accepted a tenure-track position in the Department of English, at the Rhode Island College. Our son, Arek, is in his second year at Sarah Lawrence College and daughter, Phoebe Okoomian, is living in Brattleboro, Vermont, where she just recently bought her first car." As of January 25, 2020, Ken shared that the release of his book, *Outside Time and Other Strange Voices* is scheduled for release in July. You can go to [Fairwoodpress.com](http://Fairwoodpress.com) to order a copy. The cover of the book is really impressive. I am so happy to have my daughter, Charlotte, and her husband, Ben, back in the United States, after a few years in Cairo, Egypt. They are only here (Alexandria, Virginia) until the end of August, when they will deploy to another country, but only for one year, this time. I cannot wait to visit them in May, for Charlotte's birthday and Mother's Day! My Spencer is doing so well, in Austin, Texas, with his job as a Quantitative Analyst for a Hedge Fund company. I am so very proud of them all. Please let me or Laura Craig Wilner ([aljcc@aol.com](mailto:aljcc@aol.com)) know if you are interested in our fun

idea of spending our 60th birth year together Homecoming Weekend, October 9–11. We promise to put together some wonderful activities as well as the busy, fun things that go on, all weekend, on the Cranbrook/Kingswood campuses. And remember ... if I don't hear from you ... I cannot write. And we all love to know how everyone is and what's happening in your lives!! All the best! See you in October?

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## C79

**CHUCK ALEJOS** writes: Life has been good since receiving the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award I received at the Cranbrook graduation. It was fantastic to see everyone after so many years. I was honored and asked to throw out the first pitch at a Dodger game for the start of Hispanic Heritage Month.



Chuck Alejos



Chuck Alejos throwing the first pitch at a Dodger game

Of course, I had to practice ahead of time. Last thing I wanted was to have the pitch bounce in front of all the people there. The foundation I founded, Hearts with Hope, went on a mission to Lima, Peru. We operated on seven children and performed curative procedures on 17 others. As always, this was done at no cost to the patients. We have another mission planned for March 2020. I

continue to serve as president of the Michigan Medicine Alumni Society which gives me the opportunity to travel back to Michigan a few times a year. Just never during snow. UCLA keeps me busy! We performed almost double the number of transplants as the previous year with excellent results. With all that, my daughters are what keep me going! So proud of them. Alex is a second-year resident in Med/Peds at University of Minnesota and Gabriela is a social worker with the Women and Children's Center here in Los Angeles. We enjoyed catching up with **JIM ISAACSON** at reunion, and he reflected at how interesting it is to get to know classmates in such a different light now than as teenagers, and folks we didn't cross paths with much on campus.



Paul Dragos via company website

**PAUL DRAGOS** reported in from California: "After one year at Hillsdale, I transferred to the University of California and graduated in 83 with a degree in telecommunications. The Navy Recruiters visited campus my junior year and I decided I wanted to be a Navy Fighter Pilot. In 1984, I was commissioned as a Naval Officer and started flight school. I earned my Wings in 1986 and flew the F/A-18C Hornet.



Paul Dragos

I served 12 years including 67 missions over Iraq during Desert Storm in 91, leaving the service as a lieutenant.



Paul Dragos, the year he got out of the Navy

I still fly, working for a government contractor. I am divorced, no kids, and live on the beach in La Jolla. I also travel all over the world. **ANDY KURTZMAN** and I meet up on occasion and go over old times. The pictures are from my flying career, the first one people say is the best looking picture of my face (can't really argue), the next taken the year I got out of the Navy, and the last my most recent on my company website." There was a spontaneous Imbolc celebration at the Wallace Ice Arena where Cranbrook trounced U of D Jesuit 3-2 in OT. Attending were **STEPHEN SCHWARTZ, DAVID SHERMAN, LAURIE FRANKEL, ANDY COHEN** and **CHASE BRAND**.



CK crew at the Wallace Ice Arena

Stephen Schwartz went on to write: All is well in Ann Arbor. I completed my masters of public health at Dartmouth in 2019. Lots of commuting involved, but a wonderful growth experience. I will continue to practice oncology and hematology at the Detroit Medical Center for now. I hope to continue some policy work into the future. My wife, Lisa, remains board chair for the Northstar Reach Foundation, one of the many Paul Newman charities. Daughter, Kathryn Schwartz '16 is graduating Smith college and the Graduate Institution in Geneva this year with a combined BS/MS in International Relations. Son, Aaron Schwartz

'10, manages conversion rate optimization for Credit Karma in San Francisco. We missed **ROBERT DEL VALLE** at reunion, but he says he has put our 50th reunion into his Filofax, and that Boots sends his love. **GUS GOETZ** wrote: Greetings from Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Still here, beginning our 12th year in the Tetons. Since my last communication, we have welcomed Gannett Ryker Goetz, now almost 3. His brother and himself enjoy skiing, taking care of the Hoback Vistas Ranch, hiking, climbing, wildlife, fishing, etc. I remain Medical Director of the Total Joint and Spine program at St. John's Medical Center, a regional referral center for Orthopedic and Medical care. My spouse, Martha, remains busy with family care and Elevate Medical Spa. The kids are healthy, happy, and enjoy the wilds of Wyoming where it is not unusual to co-exist with the local Mule Deer, Elk, Moose, Wolves, and occasional mountain lions that share our ecosystem. We remain healthy, content and blessed. Wishing the same to all of you! Not long after we enjoyed catching up with **BOB WOODRUFF** at reunion, he was inducted into the Michigan Chapter of U.S. Lacrosse Hall of Fame for his storied career on the LAX field.



Bob Woodruff in his Colgate years

Bob was a standout in soccer, lacrosse and skiing at Cranbrook, was captain senior year, as well as earning All-State and All-Midwest honors. He applied his talents at Colgate, where he was a team captain twice, Colgate's

MVP in two seasons, and held the school's scoring title for more than 30 years! We saw online that **BOB BREEDEN** has traded the winter of Alaska for the summer of Australia with a beach fly-in.



Bob and Kristal Breeden

He was seen apparently catching lobsters with his bare hands. Also in 2019, we were saddened to learn of the death of both Margot Snyder, wife of English Master and HUB leader Ben Snyder, and of Mickey Price, hockey coach to many Cranes, and seen here with **GORDON ST. JOHN**, Rick Loewenstein '78, Mike Acheson '80, and Ray Santerini '78.



Cranbrook crew with Mickey Price

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## C80

This is a different diatribe than my usual drivel. When I think about Cranbrook friendships, I wonder after 40 years of leaving Cranbrook, what have we tried to accomplish in our lives? Have we given of ourselves to the communities we live in, order to make them better and brighter? Did

we strive to educate our minds so we can more fully understand the world around us? What about family? Did you yearn for and achieve a family unit that is meaningful and supportive for not just our spouses or kids, but the entire extended family experience? Did we touch the lives of perfect strangers, simply for the reward of making their lives better? Did we care for the elderly and young in need in our loved one's lives? Did our professional lives and accomplishments provide the meaning lives we dreamed of back in school? Our commitments for the last 40 years are important to the community we know and love and of those we've never met. Because of these quests we have had for ourselves these past four decades, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate one of our own ... **MIKE ACHESON** as this year's Distinguished Alumnus. Personally, I think the Alumni Association could not have made a better choice. I have known Mike since we were 12 years old in 7th grade and I saved his ass when he stepped on John Clark's broken toe ... and we have been friends ever since. After 40 post Cranbrook years, let's toast all of our shared commitment to our lifelong achievements and also say a special cheers to Ach for representing these special qualities as a Distinguished Alum and us as well in the class of 1980! See you all at our 40th reunion!!!!

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## C81

One year from now, we'll all be celebrating our 40th year as Cranbrook and Kingswood alumni. On Friday night, plan to check into your hotel rooms or guest rooms, unpack and head over to a Birmingham bar (to be named as soon as we lock one down) where you'll enjoy drinks and snacks, and join up with your classmates before the weekend. Let us know, via email, when you're flying in so we can coordinate trips to and from the airport. On Saturday morning, you can enjoy a round of golf with **CHARLIE COOK, BEN CONNELLY, ADAM GORDON**, myself, and whoever else we can round up. Then settle into the campus events, including the alumni baseball and lacrosse games (if any of you can still hang on either field, I applaud

you). This is usually the time I stock up on Cranbrook swag in the Kingswood lobby, so you might want to get there before me. After that, enjoy lunch and whatever campus tours the school has to offer, then enjoy your life before meeting up on the Cranbrook quad for food, selfies with friends and the hallowed class photograph. Then, it will be time to kick back and enjoy the evening with friends, teachers, and classmates at the new home of Deborah Wahl '81 on Lone Pine between Telegraph and Franklin. Of course, we'll be passing out maps to her class during the class photo. If past is prologue, we'll be partying late into the night, so rest up. Sunday morning is the campus brunch, and a last chance to say tearful goodbyes before heading to the airport. Between now and the holiday issue, we'll be scrambling to track down as many MIAs as possible. Ben Connelly, **INGO RAUTENBERG, SCOTT STUBBS**, and I had a ton of success rounding up people for the 30th reunion, but many hands make light work. **BILL ALLESEE** has agreed to join the team, and we'd love it if you, yes you, would pitch in as well. Any help you can offer will help make the difference between a good reunion and a great one. I'll be posting the list of MIAs on Facebook. Email me at Cranbrook81@gmail.com, and let me know who you'd like to help us find and we'll work together to update the information we have. I've found it to be a lot of fun calling friend's parents, siblings and others. We found **WINSTON FARROW** after we tracked down a story in the *Detroit Free Press* about his heroics in law enforcement. Most people, like **LEIGHTON THOMAS** (who now lives in Arlington, MA with his wife and two sons), don't even know they're considered MIA. Lastly, if you live near campus, we'll need ground support dealing with the setup and takedown at Chez Wahl. As for what your classmates are up to, there was a mini, pre-reunion, Ingo Rautenberg, **TIM KELLEY**, and Bill Allesee met up when Tim was in town for a day for work. They had a beer and chatted for a couple of hours. Also, Bill's band's album dropped on all the major streaming services last week. Check out Bill playing the lead guitar on All Jacked Up by Jack's Revenge. Bill's daughter, Olivia '14, is looking at grad schools with the goal of getting an MBA. Bill is now working full-time at Detroit Public Television as an editor, and he's enjoying being a part of a community

service organization. Be sure to check out our Facebook and Twitter pages for details on all of the reunion weekend festivities as they become available. Until then, go Cranes!

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## K81

Hello from a very spring like Massachusetts—strange for February, but I will take it! All is good here—I still find it VERY hard to get my head around the fact that our 40th reunion will be in 1.5 years—2021. How did that happen? We are a fun group, so while getting older, our reunions have always been very memorable, and I expect this one to be the best one yet! More info on this coming soon—if you'd like to help with planning, please let me know! I continue to work at Derby Academy in Development/Fundraising which changes enough to keep it challenging and interesting. Our daughter, Merrick, is in her junior year at Villanova and Eliza started her freshman year at Tulane in September. Empty nesting is good! Now for some news: **MARIA AJLUNI COYLE** writes "I am still working for Ascension Health, enjoying the work but not the long hours! Sean and I enjoyed 2 beautiful weeks in Greece in September and it was good to get away. My best news is that we are expecting our third grandbaby in early April! Our new granddaughter will join Chase (3) and Lauren (1), all the children of our daughter, Samar Coyle DeBenedectis '07 and her husband Nicholas." **HEIDI BLEEKER HERMAN** writes "Nothing much new here—I still live in Charleston SC and still practice law. I am with a firm in Chicago and I work remotely 3/4 of the time and spend a week a month in Chicago. Our kids are grown—our son, Mickey, is an attorney in D.C. and our daughter, Rachael, works for an insurance company in Chattanooga TN. No marriages, no grandkids. My husband, Bob, owns a mobile pet grooming business where he has a fleet of vans that travel to customer's houses and groomers take care of their dogs and cats. There are a lot of dogs and cats in the Charleston area so he is very busy. Other than work, I train for running races and

triathlons which I started spending more time doing this past year (not getting any younger so it's either now or never) and have recently gotten into gravel cycling which is tons of fun" From **DEBORAH WAHL** "So, all is great being back in MI. I'm now the global CMO for GM—working on an awesome mission for Mark Reuss '82 and Mary Barra. I would like to volunteer to have our 40th reunion party (yikes!) at my house. Getting everything ready. THANK YOU, DEBORAH!! **JACKIE ROBERTS ROBIN** writes "I was in Michigan recently and stopped by the Kingswood campus. Always feel so fortunate any time I am there and think back on those four years. My world has changed dramatically over the past few years. My husband, Mark, was diagnosed with ALS in fall 2016. He passed away in December 2017. We had enormous support from our friends, our community, our staff and our families. Mark's ALS was aggressive and very hard on everyone but the experience was also filled with an incredible amount of love and support. He expressed himself on a blog eventually communicating and writing his posts on an eye gaze computer. We received guidance from the Gleason Foundation. We lived as fully as we could and accepted all of the love and support that came our way. About a year after losing Mark I was approached by a family who wanted to buy my business. I ended up selling The Hungry Moose Market and Deli last February but continued working with the new owners through June. I am still living full-time in Big Sky. Our three boys are doing well. More about Mark, his blog, the support we received and ALS resources at bigskysoulshine.org. A friend recently said, "life is a challenge and a blessing all in one." Couldn't agree more. Hope the challenges aren't too crazy for my K'wood and C'brook friends. Best to everyone" **NANCY HEITSCH BLOSE** writes "I am currently up against another battle, this time breast cancer which attached a size into my bones. Good news I am in 50% remission from almost a year on some of the apostatized cancer. It is a battle but I am determined to win." Lots of strong women in this bunch! Thanks to you all for sending your news. More information on our 40th reunion in June 2021 coming soon!

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## CK83

Happy spring, everyone! Not too many responses this time around, so let's dive right into the updates.



Pamela Riggs Maturo with daughter, Lulu, at Reed College in Portland

It was fun to get a message and catch up one evening with **PAMELA RIGGS MATURO**. "Thrilled to have dropped off my daughter, at Reed College in Portland, Oregon this past fall. Much thanks to fellow Reedie, **SUSIE DAVIS**, for helping her with the decision process! Also so glad that I got to spend some time this summer with **GREG BROWN** and his son, Cam. They proved to be fabulous farm hands and a lot of fun! Things are going pretty well with me. My son, Paul, is a junior this year. The college quest with him is entirely different, but we are navigating our way through it." **KAREN DENN STEARNS** checked in again from Taiwan with this news: "



Karen Denn Stearns with husband, Joe, and children Haley, Michael and Cami

My husband, Joe, and I have been living in Taipei for two years and will be moving back



to Los Gatos, CA in April. While it's been fantastic, we are ready to come home!" Welcome back to the States, Karen!



Bill Judy, with wife, Mary, daughter, Carolyn, and son, Ben, at Breckenridge over the Holidays

So nice to get an update from **BILL JUDY**, who wrote, "We have been enjoying ourselves in Colorado as we live just southwest of Littleton in Roxborough Park on the front range. Our daughter, Carolyn, is studying engineering at Loyola University in Chicago and will be graduating in May. She has received an offer to work here in Denver but is still looking. She is a big city girl, so New York or Chicago would be her preference. Her plans are to come to Denver this summer then move to Thailand for a year to teach English before starting a career back in the U.S. Our son, Ben, is currently training service animals and studying to be a paramedic so he can move to Oregon, become a resident and then attend Oregon State, in pursuit of a career in veterinary medicine. My wife, Mary, has been finishing up with some of her clients in Chicago. She works in interior construction management and design. She has also started becoming a mentor and job coach for the neurodiverse community and is really passionate about it. That line of work seems to be her calling. I am with ISI in the business-consulting arena and travel to clients around the country, helping them better manage their organizations. Skiing and hiking are our favorite family activities where we can bring our dog Wrigley, and I also love to play golf from time to time. I connected with **HELENA STANISAVLJEVIC STANTON**, who lives in Boulder, and has her own company that designs and manufactures golf club covers: <https://rockettour.com>. She keeps in touch with **AARON HONIGMAN**, who lives in Park City. If anyone makes it out to Denver it would be great to reconnect, as there are so many fun things to do in the mountains—

winter or summer." I happen to be a big fan of Rocket Tour. Helena's head covers are stylish and fun and she has been outfitting collegiate and junior golf teams, pro tour players and avid golfers since 2004. I ordered some for my son's high school golf team with some fabulous personalized rugby striped knit covers for a few years and everyone loved them! If you are a golfer, check out her website! I would also love to get Aaron's email address as he's been on our "missing classmates" list for years! Always great to hear from **JOHN ZIMMERMAN**, who sent in this update: "Jenny and I are living the empty-nester life. Charlie (23) is in Boston and Maddie (24) is in Madison, WI. They are both out of college, fully employed and off the payroll. Work, travel for fun and generally having a completely open schedule has turned out great as we rediscover what life was like before kids and tuition bills. If you find yourself in Cleveland or just have that unquenched desire to visit the shores of Lake Erie give me a call: (440) 454-5646. Although a bitter-sweet occasion, it was great to see **JON DOEHR, HOWARD BROPHY**, Henry Whiting '81, **ALEX WIPPERFÜRTH, KRIS SIRCHIO, TONY YEAREGO** and many others at Mickey Price's funeral. Mickey was a great friend, teacher and mentor to many of us and it was nice to see so many people show up to pay tribute. Mr. Shaw organized a fantastic service in the Cranbrook library where he, along with Mr. Kelley, Kris Sirchio and many others, told stories about Mickey and his many escapades both on and off campus. For those of us who were fortunate enough to know Mickey, he was a great friend to all and always a source of good fun. RIP Mickey. Enjoy the endless fresh breeze that undoubtedly fills your sails as you guide your boat in heaven." Well said, John. It's a testament to his legacy as an amazing teacher, mentor and friend that so many alumni were there to say farewell. It truly is a life well lived if you have been able to positively influence and inspire so many others throughout your journey. **TODD MANNING**, Alex Wipperfürth and a few others shared some personal photos with Mickey in our class FB group. Just scroll through the posts and they'll pop up. I am happy to share with you, the amazing accomplishments of our very own, **LISA KIRSCH SATAWA**, who will be receiving a special award this March.



Lisa Kirsch Satawa

She sent me the following press release from January. "The Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan (CDAM) selected James R. Samuels (Big Rapids, MI) and Lisa Kirsch Satawa (Birmingham, MI), as recipients of their Right to Counsel Award. This award recognizes the amazing contributions of individuals in the form of legal representation or other extraordinary service. Said CDAM President Elizabeth A. LaCosse, 'More than fifteen years ago, Jim and Lisa saw a void in training for young defense attorneys. They put their heads and experience together as well as countless hours of their personal time to create and implement a training program called A is for Attorney. This program has impacted hundreds of attorneys across the state.' She continued, 'This dedication and leadership is why they earned a State Bar of Michigan award as well as the respect and accolades of CDAM. We are honored to express our appreciation and esteem for these amazing attorneys!'" congratulations Lisa! I was happy to get some news from Jon Doehr, as well. He said, "I recently joined Cascade Partners in Southfield, an investment banking firm. My daughter, Sally, is a junior at Elon University studying education and Spanish. Sally spent second semester of her sophomore year at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand and my wife, Lesley, and I visited her for three great weeks last April. We still have our house in Minnetonka, MN with our two dogs, Baker and Cooper. I look forward to connecting with classmates in the Detroit area when I am not on the road." Thanks, JD! **CHRISTINE MISKOWSKI HARRISS** is always dabbling in new creative endeavors and her latest is a mix of inspiration and style. Christine and her partner, Ann, share all their

go-to favorites and new finds for helping people elevate their style in all aspects of everyday life. I'm a big fan—check them out: [styleelevator.com](http://styleelevator.com) "I'm blogging with Style Elevator and working on increasing my social media presence on Pinterest and Instagram (Huthwaite & Harriss/Style Elevator). We're also celebrating another soon-to-be CK graduate in our family! My nephew, Ben Conti, CK 20 (can you believe it??) will be wrapping up his Cranbrook experience this June. I'm looking forward to spending time with him in Istanbul and Croatia (among other places) this summer before he heads to the University of Richmond in the fall. And after several of my annoying reminder emails, **JEFF WHITE** was kind enough to submit an update for my "last call."



Jeff White and wife Lisa at home in FL

"My wife, Lisa, and I have been living on the Space Coast of Florida for the last six years after being in Miami for four years. We get to see/feel the occasional rocket launch. I have been working for the same company for 27 years and working from home for the last 15, which has been wonderful, allowing us the freedom to move around and live anywhere. Growing up in Michigan, I didn't think I could ever get tired of summer, but after being in Florida for 10 years, I have to say, 'I'm kinda sick of summer.' I still like nice weather and not having to scrape ice off my windshield, but 10 months of summer is becoming too much. I am starting to feel like we have over-corrected, replacing too much winter with too much summer. Now we are thinking about moving somewhere in-between—a location with four seasons and reasonable summers where we'll be happy." Thank you, Jeff! Good luck finding that perfect happy place, and keep us posted. Things here in CT are good. My siblings and I are working on re-locating, downsizing and redecorating my mother's summer home from Cape Cod to CT, which

is fun but busy. Our son, Bennett, is now a college graduate of Washington & Lee Univ., and we're looking forward to his twin sister Anna's graduation from Denison in May! We're excited to watch what the next chapter has in store for them. My husband, Nick, is still busy with his Real Estate Investment firm, but has been increasing his ability to "work from anywhere" so that he can head down to FL to feed his golf and cycling habits even more this winter. Trying to join him a few times to beat the winter blahs, myself. Thanks to all of you who wrote in, and to those who just reached out with a quick thanks or hello. It's always fun to hear from you. I actually do enjoy trying to keep our class in touch, and I know most of you are excited to see a bit of news from CK83 in each issue. I would, however, really love to hear from more of you, so I'll be cooking up some ideas on how to make that happen. Remember, it doesn't have to be a lengthy update. It's just fun to see familiar names pop up that you haven't heard in a while. If you haven't joined our class website, please check it out: [cranbrookkingswood83.com](http://cranbrookkingswood83.com). The home page has instructions on how to join and only CK83 classmates can be added. There are photos albums from high school and more current pics that you've submitted. You are welcome and encouraged to add more! Look for our class FB group too! I recently found **MAZYAR HEDAYAT** (who was on my "missing list") and am happy to report that he is doing well as an attorney in the Chicago area, and has joined both groups! Until next time, wishing you all a fun-filled, healthy and adventurous summer with family and friends. I can't wait to hear all about it in the fall! Cheers!

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Dear Classmates, It's with great sadness that I report of the passing of our classmate, **JIM PRUNESKI**, on December 24, 2019.



Jim Pruneski, fourth from right and Chris Pruneski '85, center, in Cranbrook shirt, with Steggy

Summarized from his obituary: Jim fought a valiant battle against cancer for over 6 years to reach his two most important milestones—his son, James Andrew's, graduation from West Point in May 2019 and his daughter, Alexandra Nicole's, graduation from the University of Alabama on December 16, 2019. Jim was born in Mt. Clemens, MI. He and his brother, Chris '85, spent part of their teenaged years in Europe. After graduating from Cranbrook he went on to West Point and was assigned to Ft. Hood where he met Sandy Barton. They were married in December 1990 and had their twins, James and Alex, in Melbourne where Jim was teaching at the Australian Signal School. Jim also spent 17 years in Signal Corps assignments in Texas, Florida, Kansas, North Carolina, New Mexico, and the Pentagon. He was promoted to Colonel. He held several high positions in his 30 years of military service, including Director of Combat Development, US Army Space and Missile Defense Command; Chief Operations Officer for Space at the US Army Central Command; Deputy Director, Future Warfare Center, US Army Space and Missile Defense Command; and Missile Defense Command's Chief Information Officer. His final post before retirement was as Director of Capability Development and Integration. He received many awards, including two Legions of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Award, five Meritorious Service Medals, the Army Staff Identification Badge, and the Basic Air Force Space and Mission, Master Space and Senior Space Badges. In June 2019, Jim returned to the US Army Space and Mission Defense Command as a civil service employee, where he served as the Director, Space and Strategic Systems in the Technical Center until he passed away. Jim is survived by his wife of 29 years, Sandy, his twin children, James and Alex, parents James

and Lydia Pruneski, and his brother Chris and his wife, Angela. Donations can be made to West Point Electrical Engineering/Pre-Medical Internships at [www.westpointaog.org](http://www.westpointaog.org) in memory of COL James D. Pruneski. I spoke with Jim's brother, Chris '85, as well. He writes, "I just spent a very pleasant half hour on the phone with Arash. We discussed how interesting it is to look at trajectories and arcs that people follow through their lives. Standing where I am now, I tell you truly that I could never have predicted the path that I have been on. I am very thankful that Arash is allowing me a few words in the C84 *Tradition* class notes. The occasion for Arash and I talking came about because of my brother's death this past Christmas Eve. Jim's life path has been exceptional and probably not well known to even a few outside the company of his wife, our parents, and myself. Jim was ever disciplined, well informed, calm and thoughtful. These qualities carried through into everything he did. I have met highly technical peers who were thankful to be challenged by Jim to perform better and subordinates who didn't just feel but knew that Jim was working with them for success in their lives. Jim used his gifts to make a difference. Jim was only at Cranbrook for one year (it was our third high school) but that was a very important year in cementing the qualities which would carry through in his life. The challenges provided at Cranbrook and the friends with whom he was able to interact fed his understanding of purpose. Although I don't think he remained in contact with many people from C84, I believe that Jim carried those experiences and used them on a daily basis—"As iron sharpens iron" I believe the phrase is. Thank you all for that. Arash wondered if I might share a memory from Cranbrook. There are many, many since we were boarding and Cranbrook and our friends were most of our lives at that point. Here is a vignette of the night that someone moved the life-sized Stegosaurus from the Institute of Science to the Quad for a drink from the water fountain. The event was originally to have occurred the night before but there were first responders at the Institute of Science for an alarm. It was a narrow escape but I believe the nuts holding the dinosaur down were removed. The following night maybe as many as 20 boarders darted between the trees, covering the half mile very quickly. The return trip was not quite as fast

nor protected since the dinosaur was life-size and had to be carried down the middle of the road. There was also a slight problem negotiating the triple arches next to Stevens Hall and the Stegosaurus' back fins might have scraped the top of the arch. No idea how Stevens Dorm Housemaster (Mr. Firke?) didn't show up because he was especially adept at catching wayward boarders. The dinosaur was left to have a drink from the fountain and roam the quad."

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## K86

Last September **STEPHANIE GUITTARD SCIGLIANO** opened Art & Soul, a store within the Main Library in downtown Toledo which focuses on local and regional artists. She also teaches alcohol ink workshops! Follow her on social media: @artandsoultoledo.



Kingswood '86 crew

Recently, she went to South Beach with a bunch of Kingswood alums including **DIANE FERRERA ROLFE, MARY BISSELL, AUDREY ARMOUDLIAN, JAMISON WILLIAMS FALISKI, ELIZABETH CARLSON BERNARDO, ELIZABETH BELL TOWNSEND, SUSAN POLK SCYPHERS** and **JANE SMETHELLS GULLEY**. It was the first time this group had gotten together in twelve years! **WENDY KIRSCH** continues to be involved in several interesting community events, and in April she will participate in the Detroit Hot Chocolate 5K. She is always on the lookout for new clients or job opportunities in the promotional products industry, so keep her in mind.

**ALYSSA SADLER PARKINSON** also had a busy year. Natalie turned 13 and they are planning a family trip to Florida this summer. Alyssa is finishing phase one of her credential program and is applying for English and speech/drama certification at the secondary level. She will be job hunting soon. Good luck, Alyssa!

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## K87

Greetings, dear classmates. As we've all been alumni for a while now, I'm sure you know you can drop a note anytime, as well as responding to our (hopefully) twice-yearly queries as to your status. Of course many of us keep in touch already: through the social media, perhaps in real life, the occasional exchange of postcards or cross-stitch. But we encourage you to throw something new this way once in a while—even if it's not something astounding (or even if it is). **LEAH UMLAH MAGID** has serious social media game, and still managed to send this update from the other side of the world: In 2018 Leah was offered a job teaching Kindergarten for the US Department of Defense school in Iwakuni, Japan. So her husband, Jeff, retired and they moved with their cats to a town about an hour south of Hiroshima. Leah is now the grade level chairperson and the school's union faculty representative spokesperson. She is taking a few classes for certification renewal and is considering returning to school for educational leadership. Leah and Jeff are heading to New Orleans in June for their daughter's wedding. Stephanie is thoughtful and has chosen the day before Father's Day so the entire family can celebrate all weekend long. They have had a few visitors in rural Japan and have hauled them around (some on the Hello Kitty Shinkansen) everywhere from Ōsaka and Kyoto to Fukuoka and Nagasaki. Leah says there is a lot to see, so if you are in the area let her know! Thanks to Leah—and hope to hear from everyone soon.

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'89ers please mark your calendars for June 2024, it will be our 35th reunion. **GARFIELD JOHNSON**, put it on your schedule now before that weekend gets filled up by your annual rock climbing trip to Uruguay. Speaking of Garfield Johnson, he along with **CHIP FULLER, JASON HEGEDUS, GEOFF SCHICIANO, BILL EDWARDS, MIKE MANDT** and I, recently took our 9th annual '89 guys weekend. This year we went to Oxford, Mississippi. I'm not actually sure how we ended in Mississippi, but it was really fun. Good job setting it up Mandt. You are hired for next year.



Erik Stamell, Geoff Schiciano, Mike Mandt, Garfield Johnson and Jason Hegedus in Mississippi. Not pictured Chip Fuller and Bill Edwards.

Mike, is launching a new sports podcast in the next few weeks as well as producing a couple other tv shows. Look for Mike to do his Ethel Merman impersonation on the Tonight Show this summer. His friend Brutus was there in Mississippi, too, and added a lot to the trip. In the old days, I would have spent time regaling stories of Hegedus' drinking exploits or his new career translating warning labels on toys into Portuguese, but he is actually very civilized these days, so I will instead focus on his son, Nikolai. Nikolai Hegedus is a legit child soccer star and a really cute kid too. Watch for him in the 2036 World Cup. Actually Sciz has himself an athlete too. Angelo Schiciano has been tearing it up on the gridiron recently in Chicagoland. If things fall the right way, we will hopefully see his skills on display at the oval next year. That might be wishful thinking on my part.

Interestingly, Geoff woke up from a recent dental procedure with a Swedish accent. Chip is still hiking, skiing and mixing albums with his buddy Troy in Aspen, as well as otherwise still gloating about this summer's X Factorial domination on the PBA court. Chip is also really good at alphabetizing things. Garfield Johnson and **BILL EDWARDS** recently spent Christmas break with their families in Micronesia at an Esperanto Immersion Camp. According to Edwards, Esperanto is really taking off as language globally and he and Garfield thought it would be wise to be fluent, so they took their families to Micronesia for a full two week immersion. Billy Edwards '20 has really taken Charlie Stamell '27 under his wing and Charlie will be going with Bill and Garfield on next year's trip. In case you were wondering, the word for "cheeseburger" in Esperanto is "polnikes." I actually saw Mandt two weeks in a row. The first was in Mississippi and the second was at Tommy Edman's wedding. It was a glorious affair. Tommy is **JOHN EDMAN**'s middle child. Mike, **STEVE LEE** and I strongly represented Cranbrook in a sea of La Jolla Country Day grads.



Mike Mandt, Erik Stamell and Steve Lee at Tommy Edman's wedding

It was really fun and John was actually pushing us to do tequila shots. In 1989, John was not usually the guy pushing tequila shots. I suppose that he can get away with it at his son's wedding. As many of you know, Tommy Edman is currently playing major league baseball for the St. Louis Cardinals. Pretty friggin' amazing. John's oldest son Johnny just took a job with the Minnesota Twins in their data science department and Elise Edman, John's youngest is following in Johnny's footsteps into the baseball data science world after college graduation. There is a lot of baseball happening in the Edman family. John also has a new parakeet named

WobbleBobble. By the way, Steve Lee is really good at drawing with sidewalk chalk. Over Thanksgiving break, we had our 25th annual Roma Café lunch. **DANNY HOFFMAN, EDDIE ALTERMAN, ARI SHWEDEL, DARREN FRANKEL** and I ate a lot of pasta, drank some scotch and discussed Darren's new man bun and his passion for playing the Cajun cello. Recently, Ari just missed a medal by coming in fourth in the Brooklyn Regional World Series of Double Dutch. If you haven't seen Ari work the jump rope, you are really missing out. Danny is thinking about changing his name to Humphrey and he recently joined a Foreigner cover band. Eddie pulled his hamstring shooting the duck at Bonaventure, but he is still working on setting up his pilgrim themed roller rink, called Squanto's Rink of Joy. I had lunch with **DUNCAN PANKOPF** and Aaron Hegedus '88 a couple times last year. And despite Aaron's insistence on going to Zehnder's, it was great to catch up with those guys. Duncan is a Cranbrook dad these days and he is working as a bee keeper. He is also moonlighting by writing horoscopes for the Muskegon Chronicle. 2020 looks like a bad year for Scorpios. I saw **MARC SOLE** recently, too. He was in Michigan with his brother, Jay Sole '94, and Jay's cute daughter, Carly. Marc wrote a really interesting article on mid-grade fuel, entitled "The Rise and Fall of 91 Octane." Marc hopes that Eddie will pick it up for next month's *Car and Driver*. Marc also invented a new type of potato peeler. The potato skin industry is petrified. **JASON PARIS** just founded a refrigerator college because he really likes refrigerators. He has two new puppies named Fritos and The Philippines. **AMANDA BELKIN FIVERSON** is hosting a Joker's Wild reboot and she is also working on developing a new shape of pasta named after Liz Reece. **CARRIE HIGBIE** invented a new number between 8 and 9. It's not really catching on. She has also been giving sermons on the radio called *A Band of Evil Angels*. (See page 23 of the Maxwell House Haggadah). Gar said, I mean somebody said, that Danny Hoffman is moving back to Detroit to replace Aggie Usedly on the Michigan Daily Lottery Show. **JENNY WALKER** dropped her keys in the middle of the Friendship Circle and can't reach them. Sorry Jenny, I haven't made a short joke in a while. Jenny has also really taking a liking to goat yoga. That sounds

ridiculous, but Chip and Mandt actually go to goat yoga. By the way, goat yoga is really just yoga with goats walking around the room.



Mike Mandt and Chip Fuller icing themselves down after goat yoga

**DAN LYNE** is lethal with a Ginsu Knife. Well, I guess everyone is lethal with a knife that can cut through a tin can and still slice tomatoes, but he is particularly lethal. He also wrote a series of cookbooks about toast. Look for *Toad in the Hole* to be published this fall. **KAY BROPHY BAER** is going rafting in North Korea. She was also recently spotted running with scissors. **CARL KLEMMER** recently called me for bail money. He was falconing illegally in Albania. He mentioned that it borders on the Adriatic, its land is mostly mountainous, and its chief export is chrome. **CRAIG HECKER** dressed up as Squi last Halloween. He is also the lasagna eating champion of Western Quebec. **TIFFANY JEROME BENINCASA** is trying to become the patron saint of gumballs or wisdom teeth. “Parking” and “laundry” were already taken. She also just moved to Mackinac to join the circus. **JENNY WEIR COOPER** really likes gum. This one is actually true, **RENEE GOLDSBERRY-JOHNSON** was really funny in *Documentary Now*. Check it out if you haven’t seen it. I think Renee’s character finally got approved by the Co-Op board. **JESSICA CHUANG VASS** recently opened a museum of roadkill taxidermy in Las Cruces with a specialty in Armadillos. She noted that the shells of the armadillos make them particularly excellent specimens to work with (far better than possums). They have consistently received top Yelp ratings for roadkill taxidermy and the *Real Housewives of New York* recently filmed at the museum. Look for the episode to air this summer. **KEITH WEINBAUM** paid his way through college by performing as a professional Michael Jackson impersonator at birthday parties,

bar mitzvahs and sweet sixteens. This skill came in handy since the turtle racing business has been slow and he has made a strong supplemental income on the strip in Vegas the past few years. **KANOP METRIYAKOOL** ran the Boston Marathon this year in his fencing outfit from high school. Amazing that he can still fit into it. **JEFF ZWERNER** was recently hired to pick up the tee after kickoffs for the Cleveland Browns. He also is a bat boy for the Indians and voted the best T-shirt gun operator in the NBA for his work for the Cavs. **PERO DAGBOVIE** recently took second place at the 2019 World Balloon Games in Warsaw with his giraffe. Sadly, the Korean judge liked the Russian entry of the balloon Kremlin in the finals better and barely beat him. This ended his three year string of championships. Too bad, we are all rooting for you in the 2020 Helsinki Balloon Games. Well done Thetics (yes that is a word). Aim High ‘89ers and please send me something for the next issue. I’m desperate. Does anyone know anything about **JASON SAMPSON**, **IVAN BOYD** or **JAY BATTENBERG**? I would love to hear from/about those guys and everyone else. How about **ASHLEY WERNHER-COLLINS**? I think she is still driving home from graduation. Please send info to erikstamell@yahoo.com. Oh wait, I almost forgot to mention that Jason Hegedus is really big in the musical community theater of Hallandale, Florida. Look for him to star as Tad in a revival of *Cujo*, the Musical next month at the Ethel Rosenberg Theater. That doesn’t sound right, it is the Ethel Goldstein Theater. I don’t think anyone named a theater after Ethel Rosenberg.

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**BRIAN STEWART** and wife, Rachel Tronstein Stewart, and their St. Bernese Mountain Dog “Hershey” are living in Birmingham, and Brian is practicing dermatology and Rachel works for Gardner-White. Their daughter Olivia is growing up! **SETH MELTZER** is living in Bloomfield Hills with his wife Melissa and their two sons, Asher and Adam. **BRAD DUBIN** is in LA, married to CK grad Amy Berlin Dubin ‘87, working for a real estate firm called KanDu

Capital. **JEFF “HURLEY” HURLBERT** is doing great and has this to say, “Jeff Hurlbert is now Soapy Jeff!!! I own and operate 3 full service car washes in the Dallas Ft. Worth metroplex. My wife Sarah Ruth manages a team of sales executives at Coca Cola. Our Son JP spends most of his time playing AAA hockey for the Dallas Stars Elite. We are on our way to Italy this spring to watch him compete against several European teams. Our daughter Caroline bounces from one activity to the next including volleyball, basketball and lacrosse.” Little JP actually made the top 10 on ESPN for his hockey moves! BOOM!! The Wings should be recruiting Little Hurly!! **BEN WINEMAN** is living in the Chicago suburbs with his wife, Nicole, and three children: Ava, Jacob and Claudia. Ben is a principal at Mid-America Real Estate Corp. working in the retail real estate business. **KYLE MUELLER** is as always one of the nicest guys you’ll ever know, living in Birmingham, working with GM, and married to wife Erica, a Bikram instructor, and they have 1 kid. **MATT GRACE** moved to FL recently and founded a clinic to help people fighting addiction— GREAT WORK Gracie! **CHAD KOHLER** sounds positive as always and is living in Grand Rapids with his wife Cynthia and they have three kids. **SILAS BOUYER** is still serving our country with the Navy and living in San Diego with his wife and kids. **KRISTA CHOW HAMLIN** and **MIKE HAMLIN** are married and living in Boston. Mike is practicing IP law, and Krista is a therapist helping people every day. **MARK VANN** sounds great and reports “My wife (Lois) and I continue to enjoy Houston as we raise Mark (13) and Ava (7). I have yet to make it back for a reunion, but look forward to the opportunity in the near future. I catch up with CK alum Garfield Johnson ‘89, down here quite a bit, whenever he’s not on the golf course or digging in a patients Ear, Nose or throat.” Mark Vann is an orthopedic surgeon— good choice and maybe CK middle school football 0-6 record taught MV that the OTHER side of sports (sports medicine) was BETTER! MV was the center snapping the ball for me in 8th grade CK football— point fingers at me for that stunning W/L record haha!! **KEN GORSKI** is in South Carolina and doing great. **STEVE “PRUCH” PRUCHER** is living in Birmingham and doing great.

**AARON COHN** sounds great and reports "Life finds me practicing ophthalmology in Philadelphia and spending most nights splitting time between foosball with my two girls, 9 and 6, and making marble runs with my 4-year-old son. As a change of pace from past vacations we decided this summer to spend six days in a camper van driving the ring road of Iceland. I'll let you know at the next update how many kids make it home from Iceland." **JESSE KOSKEY** finished psychiatry residency in July 2019 and he and Kee moved to Oakland to be closer to family. Jesse is working for Kaiser and as of October Kee is a full-time mom to their identical twin sons, Chris and Alex!! **JACK LIGHTON** reports "We had the opportunity to host the Florida based Cranbrook Kingswood alumni at The Sea Turtle Hospital at Loggerhead Marinelife Center this past week where alarms got to enjoy a private behind-the-scenes tour of our working sea turtle hospital before hearing remarks from Mr. Shaw, Director of Stewardship, Susan Aikens Post '78, Director of Alumni Relations and Aimeclair Roche, Director of Cranbrook Schools. It was really awesome to have the opportunity to host everyone at our campus and it was exciting to hear all the great work that is going on at Cranbrook!" **CRAIG BRYANT** lives in Chicago with his wife and three kids (12, 10, 8 years old). He's the founder of a software company called Kin that helps small to mid-sized companies improve their workplace operations and employee engagement. He cut his hair in 1998. He met his future wife (who is German) in 1999. Coincidence? Haha buddy! Outside of work and family, Craig's a competitive cyclist and proponent of less work more play. Always great to hear from good man Craig! **ANISH PATEL** is an anesthesiologist and happily married and living in the DC area, and doing great. **DAVID LIU** is in Seattle. **JAY HACK** is living in Detroit, working in investment management, married and going great. **DAVID AKTARY**, his wife, Lara, and their daughter have been living in Austin, Texas for nearly four years now. Prior to Austin, David spent eight years in Southern California, where he and Lara met, but when she got an opportunity to advance her career at Austin-based ad agency GSD&M, the couple jumped at the chance. Leaving the beach in Los Angeles was difficult, but since David's

custom software development company, AktaryTech, was fully remote, there was nothing holding them back. Now, David splits his time managing AktaryTech and ERC dEX (a crypto-securities exchange that spun out of AktaryTech), and advising portfolio companies of Compostela Ventures, an early-stage venture firm. In his "spare" time, he's on the board of the Austin Duke Alumni and the advisory board for the SXSW conference, and plays in a local beach volleyball league. He'd love to get in touch with his Cranbrook Kingswood classmates, so email him (david@aktary.com) and say hi! Sally '98 and **CHRIS BELL** sound happy as always and report: are still homesteading in Oregon with their buckskin boys Pierce (4.5) and Lewis (2.5). Chris connected with the RAO family (Ajay's parents included for a real trip down high school lane) in Philly for some riotous fun, while attending a conference on Vernacular Architecture. Recently, while presenting at an open house in a library in Corvallis, Oregon, Cranbrook made a guest appearance, as the library (built in 1932, by apparently an Eliel disciple). All well, and all are always welcome to visit (if you can handle some small person noise)!" **ROBERT AXELROD** is a lawyer and working in government relations in Washington, D.C. **TERRY KALNA** sounds great and reports: "All is well in Pittsburgh and with life at the Penguins. We are still enjoying our time living in the North Hills. I see Bryan Doner '95 and Jaime Benard '95 every once in a while, during hockey season. **BRAD SPENCER** and his wife, and **MICHAEL PARIS** are all living in the Birmingham area. **RYAN UTARNACHITT** is a GI doctor and he and his wife, Mary, live in Central California. **KEITH LANGBO** sounds great and reports: "Still in Raleigh, Erin & kids (Noah & Lily) are happy & thriving!" **DOMINIC HARRIS** sounds great and lives in London with his wife and two daughters. He continues to exhibit his interactive artworks internationally, which he designs and fabricates at his Notting Hill studio. In recent years he has been granted access to Disney's catalog of characters, with which he is creating highly engaging video artworks. Dominic returns frequently to the USA. **PETER EMERY** is currently back in his hometown with his husband in Portland, OR closer to his parents and six younger siblings. Peter works remotely for FIRST, a global events agency

based in New York City handling west coast accounts and business development. He is planning to compete in a couple triathlons this summer and continuing to explore the wonders of the great Pacific Northwest. **ROSHAN HUSSAIN** reports "After 10+ years at Boston Medical Center, Roshan has moved on to become the Chief Data Officer at University of Kentucky Healthcare." And I want to give a special SHOUT to **ELISSA SLOTKIN** who's serving as a MI Congresswoman woohoooo GO E!!! As for me, my brother Jeff Imerman (CK'92) and I are 2 years into a social venture called CLOZTALK—CLOZTALK.com is the online shopping store where people can find and buy quality, charity-branded (logo) apparel for 175+ nonprofits across the US. It's free for nonprofits, and CLOZTALK donates 20% net profits back to its nonprofit partners. If anyone knows charities they love— and they need free help getting their word out (marketing)— please have them reach out. We are FREE for charities, with no obligations or asks— we do everything full-service to help their brands. Our vision is to create a world where wearing charity logo apparel at the gym, on a walk, shopping—and that exposure will help the nonprofits get the word out—and thus grow their impact. Imerman Angels is still going strong and helping thousands of cancer patients every year, our TEAM is a passionate one—please send anyone you meet touched by cancer and in need to ImermanAngels.org—we're 11,000+ volunteer survivors and family members strong worldwide (100 countries) who've all been through the cancer experience and want to give back and help others! THANKS! BE WELL y'all and anytime I can be helpful let me know! Wishing y'all all the best!! Untill next time, good humans!!

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Hello, class of 1995!!! So sorry I have been a bit delinquent on the last couple magazines. But, I need you to keep me posted so I have stuff to share. Most importantly, it is our 25th reunion this June!! Holy cow—I can hardly

believe it's been that long since we walked the halls of CK! We had a wonderful turnout for our 20th and hope we will for our 25th. I am working with the alumnae office and some other alums like **JASON EDDLESTON** to plan our weekend events. We are also hoping to raise \$25,000 for the annual fund for our 25 years. As you think of your giving plans, please think of CK and help us reach (or exceed!) our goal. I was grateful to see **EMILY SAFFORD VILLAJUAN, JENNIFER SLOAN ORTWEIN, KATY SCHMIER** and **ELIZABETH CUNNINGHAM BOBER** back in Michigan in December. I also got a weekend with Emily and her daughter, Ellory, in N. Michigan. Em is kicking ass (can I write that in the alum mag?) as always—running her own firm High EMPact as well as managing a law firm all while raising two amazing children. Jen is staying very busy with her four darling boys. I got to see both Em and Jen's sons play a hockey game at Wallace Ice Arena and wow did it bring back memories! And, they have heat now! That sure would have been a nice addition back in our day. Katy moved back to the Detroit area this summer and is acclimating to life in the greater D and loving being close to her family. Elizabeth has a stunning little girl, Maddie, who just has the cutest demeanor. I am truly grateful to have such amazing friendships from our time at CK. I just had the extreme pleasure of seeing Mike Keough '96 here in Nashville. He and his wife, Lindsay, came in for a concert and we caught up for a couple dinners and the show—truly wonderful to see them. I had also seen them this summer when I spent some time in CO where they live with their five children. All is well here in Nashville. I am busy with my own interiors company, going through a re-brand and hoping to offer some fun new services in the coming months. I hope you all are off to a wonderful 2020 and that I see your faces in June at our 25th!

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Once again, time is flying by. It feels like I only just returned to work from maternity leave, but in reality, it's almost been a year since the maternity leave started. During that

time I have been marveling at ways my son is similar to his sisters and ways he is different. Since the last class notes column, others have had new additions to their families. **AL MCWILLIAMS** and his wife welcomed Rona in November. While she did spend a little time in the NICU, she's doing well and is home, happy and right on track. Al says the downside is they no longer have full-time nurses so they can sleep—but they win some and lose some. **SARAH RITCHEY HARADON** and her husband welcomed Mason Burke Haradon in October.



Sarah Ritchey's son, Mason Burke Haradon

As you can see from his picture—he's awesome :) **ALEXA SHAW** and her wife, Evy Zwiebach, are thrilled to share the arrival of Irene Tuke Zwiebach Shaw. Alexa delivered her at the beginning of January. Alexa shared, "she is a light shining through these grey mid-winter skies and a glow that warms us. We have enjoyed hunkering down in our home in Detroit, where she has taken "Aim High" as her dictum, often directing a delighted gaze at our ceiling fans."



Irene Aims High with her gaze, often directed at the ceiling fan.

You can see the direction of the gaze in her picture. **BROOKE CROWLEY** had a fall full of teaching and research. She did a radio interview on public radio about her jaguar research and an educational video about her work with lemurs. She will get a break from teaching in Spring 2020, and participated in a scientific workshop in Barbados in February. All in all, not bad at all! **MICHAEL WAGNER** has now passed 16 years in the Air Force. He is in the Central Coast of California at Vandenberg Air Force Base. He ran into **REBECCA SWANNER** and **PATRICK VEEDER** shortly after moving as Los Angeles is only three hours from the base. He started a Master's Degree program at Angelo State University—taking classes part-time while he works full-time. He says that the move was difficult as he drove cross country with a dog and cat in the back seat, but it was fun. He plans to retire in four years and move back to DC at that time. My fall also was full, as I went back to work. We had my son's baptism in November and were grateful that **KAREN JAMROZ FERRI** and her husband Matt, and **PATRICK HANNIFORD** and his wife, Kate, could join us as godparents. Afterwards, a Mexican lunch was enjoyed by all (except the baby). Over the holidays, I also got to visit with **JASON BALL** and **NAVEEN REDDY**, albeit for short visits. My brother and sister, Rupesh '96 and Reshmi '02, and their families joined us for my son's first rice ceremony, making for a fun family celebration. Per usual, the time flew by and we had to head back to DC all too soon. Soon enough, fall will return and the kids will be another year older—and we'll be another year closer to our next big reunion. Until then—may the year bring you adventure, love, and joy.

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Hello, class of '00! Just a few updates this time around: **JACQUES DRISCOLL** reports that he and **NIKO DIMITRIJEVIC** are opening a coffee and donut shop on the east side of Detroit called "Yellow Light Coffee and Donuts."



The Kalasho Family

**MATT KALASHO** notes that "Our family welcomed our newest addition, Michael, right before Christmas last year making us a family of five. Older brothers Lucas (3.5 years old) and Joseph (2.5 years old) now have us outnumbered but we are enjoying the crazy life of toddlers. My wife, Maria, and I are celebrating our fifth wedding anniversary in November. We continue to live in Bloomfield Township, just a few miles from Cranbrook. I actually drive by the campus most days on my way to work at The Taubman Company where I have worked as in-house legal counsel for the last nine years. While it is a bit harder to travel whilst hauling three children and their stuff around an airport we are taking the kids to Disney early next year and then are looking to travel out to San Francisco to visit **CHRIS WALTERS, BRAD BUDA** and **CHRIS MCCLOSKEY** and their families. Even though they choose to live way out in Grosse Pointe I have managed to stay in touch with **MAX WIENER, MICHELLE TRACY WIENER** and their two children as well. Finally, I'll echo Matt in saying that "I hope our class will have a good turnout to upcoming 20-year reunion next summer and look forward to catching up with others from our class then." See you in June!

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  **CK01**

**COURTNEY CIULLO GILLIAM** got married in May 2019 in Detroit and **LAUREN WYNNS** was the maid of honor. Courtney works as an assistant general counsel at Superior Industries, a wheel manufacturer

in Southfield, and lives in Plymouth with her husband, Sean. In addition, her brother, Jeremy Ciullo '00 and his wife Courtney are expecting their second child, a boy, in March 2020. **ALLISON NICHOLS CHARLTON** and her husband recently bought a house in Bloomfield Hills. They are looking forward to moving back to the area this summer with their sons, Tripp and Wyatt. **JENNIFER BENINSON** passed a rigorous veterinary specialty examination to become a Diplomate of the American College of Lab Animal Medicine. **STEPHANIE PRYKUCKI CECHOVSKY** celebrated her five-year anniversary being cancer free from lymphoma! **VIVIAN CHIU** and her husband, Steve, welcomed their first child, Sebastian Lau, on September 10th, 2019. In addition to motherhood, Vivian works at Deutsche Bank Wealth Management as the Vice President of Communications for Emerging Markets. **KIMBERLY DOWDELL** relocated from Detroit to Chicago for an opportunity to help lead the Chicago office of HOK, a global design firm. She is currently serving as the president of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) and was awarded the 2020 Young Architect of the Year Award from the American Institute of Architects (AIA). Kim continues to keep busy professionally but looks forward to catching up soon with **ANDREA POPE, MARTINA SANDERS-SPIGHT CALDWELL, TABATHA PASLEY-GRIFFIN,** and **LIBERTAD FLORES OLIVEIRA**. Remember to keep your contact information up to date. Best wishes for another great year!

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  **CK02**

Happy 2020 from the Class of 2002! We heard from a few classmates this time. **EMILY DERR** has started her own venture offering public relations services for artists and creative professionals. Emily also currently serves on the board of directors for Historic Neighborhood Preservation and a museum, the Stamford History Center. At the History Center, they have partnered with the Stamford Jewish Historical Society and this summer will be screening a film about the history of the Family Store with an exhibit opening this fall.



Brian Corley and family

We also heard from **BRIAN CORLEY**, wife Kellie, and daughter, Onyx. Onyx was born in February 2019 and baby X is due to arrive in August 2020! Congrats to Brian and Kellie! Brian also donated a kidney over a year ago and is recovering well! **ADRIENNE BECKER** married Tony Castiglione in January 2020 at the Detroit Athletic Club.



Adrienne Becker and her husband, Tony Castiglione

Congrats, Adrienne and Tony! We also heard from **PARKER LYNCH** who is settling into his new home in Royal Oak with Portuguese Water Dog puppy named Houston.



Parker Lynch and puppy, Houston

Parker has also invented a five senses computer mouse (patent pending) with accompanying software geared towards children with Autism and ADHD called The Hedgehog. At this time, he is in the fundraising stage and will soon be testing it with students in an effort to promote greater inclusion in classrooms nationwide. Finally, after seven years in Massachusetts, **AARON MELAAS** and his wife Sheila Jackson



moved cross-country to California in January. Aaron accepted a job as associate director in the Center for Regional Economics at the Milken Institute in Santa Monica, researching and writing about international trade and California's place in the global economy. While he's enjoying life on the west coast so far—especially the tacos—he's also looking forward to returning to New England to see family and to wrap up his Ph.D. dissertation later this year. I've been working at Boston Children's Hospital for the last four years combining my love for career development in the Human Resources department while managing two very active kids. We're still living in Boston and love being close to the city. Great to hear from everyone and wishing you a great 2020!

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## CK03

Greetings from the class of 2003. The new year has brought a lot of fun and exciting updates from our class. As a reminder, I have taken over as class secretary this past year, and I hope to help you share all of the excitement going on in your lives. I, **STEFANIE SPIRO POHL**, have been writing for MSU and local publications and enjoying time at home with my husband Zack, our girls Stella and Margot, and our dogs Zuzu and Fozzie. I had the chance to spend time with **JEN LAU** and her husband McDonald over the holidays while they were home from Chicago.



Jen Lau and Ariel Day Gold visited together in San Francisco

Jen also recently connected with **ARIEL DAY GOLD** while visiting **GILLIAN MOHNEY** and their Oberlin classmates in San Francisco. **KATELYN WYNNS NEWELL** writes that her son, James, celebrated his first birthday in February. She and her husband, Peter, have been enjoying all of his milestones.



Katelyn Wynns Newell with her husband, Peter, and son, James

They live in their new home in Elmhurst, Illinois and Katelyn would love to connect with any CKers in the Chicago area. **ASHLIE MERRITT ROSEN** and her husband Jason welcomed their son Bennett in September. They are living in Boca Raton, Florida, but had the chance to introduce Bennett to **KAREN OBEN MERRITT**, **DANI LEVIN GABBARD**, **ANNE CARNEY STRICKLAND**, **JESSICA SCHWARTZ WEISMAN** and their children over the holidays.



Jourdan '01 and Karen Merritt's kids Hadley and Xander, Scott '01 and Anne Carney Strickland's kids Webb and Corinne, Ashlie Merritt Rosen's son Bennett

**ALLISON LAVOIE NALETTE** celebrated her first wedding anniversary with her husband, Robbie, and received an early

Christmas present when she was named equity partner/shareholder at the Law Firm of Victoria, P.C. after working at the firm for over seven years. She's excited about her new role. It was wonderful hearing from **MARIA TEJADA**, who writes that she is still busy working in theatre. After working at the Shakespeare Theatre Company in Washington, DC for six years, she moved back to Michigan. She is the production manager at Open Book Theatre in Trenton, the company manager of Roustabout Theatre Troupe in Ypsilanti, and a facilitator for Detroit Public Theatre's Shakespeare in Prison program working with the women at Huron Valley Correctional Facility. **MEREDITH GANNES** recently joined Rivian, an electric vehicle manufacturer as their color, materials & finishes mastering manager. Rivian is launching its emissions-free Electric Adventure Vehicles next year. In addition to her new job, Meredith and her husband are also expecting their first child in the spring! Wishing everyone a wonderful start to 2020 and hope to continue getting updates from you. Feel free to send a note throughout the year if you would like to be included.

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## K06

Hello, class of 2006! With the start of 2020, we're in a new decade full of new opportunities to aim high and going forth to serve our communities and the world. It was lovely to hear back from so many people who are living their passions, giving back, continuing to connect with classmates, and growing their families. **TRISTAN LEVEY** and his wife will be moving to the Bay Area as she pursues a fellowship at Stanford. He will be working in San Francisco as a pediatric anesthesiologist. Good luck on the move, Tristan! **SAMARA JOHNSON** wrote in to say that she just graduated Sotheby's Institute of Art with an MA in Contemporary Art. She is currently a curatorial intern at Dia Art Foundation in New York. Congratulations and good luck! **BRIAN AUGUST** is also living a life in the arts. Brian spent the last four and a half years living in Atlanta as the Production Stage Manager for The Atlanta Opera. Recently, Brian has relocated to Houston,

Texas, where he joins his colleague Annie as the two stage managers for Houston Grand Opera, one of the largest opera companies in North America. He continues his position as Production Stage Manager in the summer season at Des Moines Metro Opera, where he is now in his 10th season. It's been a busy year for **JESSICA SEGAL LEVY**. She has been living in Chicago for the last six years and this year started a new job at Amazon in advertising. In November, Jessica got married to Scott Levy, who is from Chicago. She is still very close with Cranbrook alumnae **ANNIE DAMRON**, who was her maid of honor, and **TOTTIE LIPPINCOTT MCCUBBREY**, who was a bridesmaid in her wedding. 2020 will be another exciting year as she is the maid of honor in Annie's wedding in September to fellow alumni, Garrett Hohendorf '03. As of September 2019, I have rejoined the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan where I am working to help create healthy policies, systems, and the built environment in the cities of Inkster, Wayne, and Westland. I was also a member of the Royal Oak 2020 Census Complete Count Committee, which was a group of residents who conducted a variety of outreach to encourage residents to complete the census. Winter is a very busy time of year for me, full of travel, winter sports and travelling for winter sports. At the time this newsletter will come out, **JULIA TORO SCHUBERT** and I will have completed our first full year curling together as a team with our significant others and hopefully we will have won a bonspiel (curling tournament) or two! I'll be looking forward to getting out in the sun, biking, running, grilling and enjoying the Michigan summer. Can you believe that in 2021, it will be our 15-year anniversary?! I would love to see a great turnout for the reunion. If you would like to be a part of a group to organize something fun, please let me know!

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## C08

Hello, friends. The class note is back—new, improved, and with pictures this time! **XANDER STREK** reports that he and his wife Anna are doing well and are very busy raising their two boys: Hudson (6) is in first

grade at Brookside, and Win (1) is very active and growing by the day, and he looks up to his big brother.



Xander Strek '08 and wife Anna's boys, Hudson and Win

Xander is still working just down the road from Cranbrook at Clarkston Capital Partners with fellow CK alum JJ Modell '90. Slightly farther away from our alma mater, **MICHAEL KUNDIAK-COWALL** moved to Stockholm, Sweden last August to work as a video game developer for Paradox Interactive. Mike has settled in nicely, although he reports that the winter days are quite short. He returned to Michigan for the holidays and saw some old friends, including **DANIEL MEHDI**. Mike hopes everyone is doing well and he wishes all gott nytt år! (According to Google Translate, that means happy New Year!) **DIMITRI MITROPOULOS** is living in Troy and working remotely as a software engineer for Weaveworks. He and his wife Katharine are expecting their second child, a boy, this spring, and Dimitri says that daughter Petra is very excited to be a big sister.



Petra, daughter of Dimitri Mitropoulos '08 and wife, Katharine

Out west, **PERRY HOLMES** has relocated to Los Angeles after graduating from University of Michigan with his MBA and a Master's degree in public policy. Perry is working now for Bird (the scooter company) on its Government Partnerships team. **M. PAUL WEEKS** is working as a software engineer at Google in New York, where he moonlights as an indie game developer and teacher. As for your Class Secretary, **PETER BAUMHART** has been busy at work preparing for a trial this spring and he hopes to reclaim something like a normal life after it's over. From time to time, he's been able to see **RYAN DREWS**, who has been tearing it up at business school both in the classroom and on the stage, as his garage band has continued to grow. After adding a few classmates on the bagpipes and theremin, they auditioned for the Emmys but were the victim of an unfortunate mailing mishap, as their demo was returned to them mysteriously burned to a crisp. An investigation is ongoing. As always, I hope that this note finds everyone well, and if you're ever in Chicago, please drop me a line!

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## K08

Towards the end of 2019, **WHITNEY CAMPAGNE** decided to leave her career in the landscaping industry and start her own business! Whitney designs and creates artificial wreaths for any season or occasion! Starting in 2020, she expanded to decorative planters and installing indoor holiday decorations. Visit her website [www.doyouwreath.com](http://www.doyouwreath.com) or find her on Facebook and Instagram @doyouwreath. **RALEIGH MARMORSTEIN** lives in Colorado working as a school psychologist and is excited to finally shorten her name when she gets married next year! **MACKENZIE MCBRIDE** is working towards her Masters in social work at Hunter College in New York, with the goal of becoming a therapist. Still living in Brooklyn, Mackenzie enjoys spending time with her sister, Morgan McBride Anadilla '06 and her niece Morrow. She loves being an aunt! She often connects with Mary Baron '10 in the city.



Lincoln FitzGerald, son of Christina Pollack Turowski and Derek Turowski

**CHRISTINA POLLACK TUROWSKI** and her husband Derek welcomed their baby boy, Lincoln FitzGerald Turowski into the world on November 6, 2019. He's the perfect addition to their little family!

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## K10

Hello Class of 2010! I'm looking forward to seeing you in June for our 10th reunion! There will be plenty of opportunities to catch up with your former classmates while on campus, but here are some class notes to tide you over until then! **SYDNEY STEINHAUS HALPIN** shares this update: "After getting a degree in Arts and Humanities and Anthropology from MSU, my husband and I tied the knot back in 2016 and have settled on the East side of Detroit. I spent some time working at historic Pewabic Pottery—a place with close ties to Cranbrook's past. I had so much fun learning about the pottery, contributing to its future in Detroit, and gaining a whole new appreciation for the special tile around the area and Cranbrook's campus (the Green Lobby, Rainbow Fountain, in Saarinen House and more). I highly recommend you all check out the pottery if you haven't before!



Sydney Steinhaus Halpin, her husband Tom, and their daughter, Heidi

Tom and I welcomed our daughter, Heidi Marie Halpin, into the world in September and we couldn't be more in love with her." Congratulations, Sydney! Although **TESSA HUTTENLOCHER** is still deep in the process of earning her PhD at the University of Pennsylvania, she took time off this past October to teach a 101-level sociology of gender and sexuality course at Clarkston United Methodist Church, which is preparing its members (some of them in their 80s) to be on the inclusive side of the ongoing schism in that denomination. This semester, she is TAing sociological methods for Penn undergrads. She can't wait to be in charge of her own courses someday—there will be Dr. Cowie-style Big Berk quizzes galore! This past summer, she and her little sister, Claire Huttenlocher '12, took a 2-week trip to Portugal, France, and the UK. **HANNAH MONTGOMERY** writes that she moved to Nantucket, MA in 2016, where she works as a wedding florist. She's proud to report that she uses wacky problem-solving skills learned through CK theater on a daily basis while doing things like making plastic look like stone. For the past six years, **ROSEMARY O'CONNOR** has been working for Racquet Up Detroit and last September, she became the program director. Racquet Up is a long-term out of school mentoring program that aims to create a new path to education and

opportunity for young Detroiters. She also recently bought a house in Ferndale! Thank you to everyone who shared a class note!

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## CK12

**COLLEEN JACOBY** had exciting news to share—she passed the July 2019 bar exam and is now a practicing attorney in Charleston, SC. She focuses on maritime, railroad and international transactions. 1st Lt. **ALEXANDRA VON BAILLOU KOCH** was recently selected as a civil affairs officer in Army Special Operations Forces (ARSOF). She completed Airborne school in November and now calls Fort Bragg, NC home. She is attending the Civil Affairs Qualification Course at the USAJFK Special Warfare Center and School, and should finish in early 2021 with a follow on assignment here at Fort Bragg. She recently saw Kendall Young '13, Kamaria Washington '13, and **MICHELLE AGUWA** for New Year's down in Miami, and had such a blast! **AMANDA REUSS** is continuing her career as a communications professional at General Motors in Detroit. Over the past year, she led a manufacturing leadership tour across more than 20 facilities across the U.S., supporting the CEO to expand upon GM's grassroots relationships and announce investments in several major plant cities. She created and launched the company's first manufacturing—focused Twitter handle, and was a member of the 2019 UAW-GM negotiating team. Following negotiations, Amanda started a new role and will be working on the GM brand and advanced technology communications team, and will work primarily on the company's electrification strategy and push towards an all-electric future. One of Amanda's additional passion points is her work with HAVEN, a non-profit based in Pontiac, MI. **MARLEE GOLDSTEIN** shared that she has been living in Washington D.C. since graduating from Vanderbilt in 2016. She currently works in government consulting for Deloitte, specializing in customer-centered design and the use of emerging technologies in the government. This past summer, she took a six-month sabbatical to work as a trip leader for an active travel company called Backroads,

leading multi-day hiking and biking trips in the Italian Dolomites. **ANDREW WILSON** is currently in the process of relocating from New York to Singapore for work. While he's excited about the opportunity to live and work (and travel!) in Southeast Asia, he'll also miss seeing CK friends in Michigan and NYC, so don't hesitate to reach out if you're in the neighborhood. His email address is [ajw81@georgetown.edu](mailto:ajw81@georgetown.edu). **PAPRAPEE BUASON** decided to move from UIUC to pursue his Ph.D. in electrical engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology. Atlanta is a big city, and he enjoys living here. There are many great things to enjoy after work and during weekends. If any CK alumni happen to be in Atlanta, please let him know! His email address is [pbuason6@gatech.edu](mailto:pbuason6@gatech.edu). If you should ever have an update to share, feel free to write to me (**SYDNEY SANDERS**) at [ssanders0603@gmail.com](mailto:ssanders0603@gmail.com)!

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## **CK17**

Class of 2017—everyone has been up to some amazing things going into the new decade! **KENZIE SMITH** was accepted into the graphic design program at Virginia Commonwealth University and spent a summer on the Little Caesar's arena design team. She's in a sorority, Alpha Sigma Alpha, and has been traveling a lot—including visits to Australia and New Zealand. Most notably, she took a year off from her program to spend a semester on a four-month trip at sea. She visited 12 countries in Europe, Africa, and South America while taking college courses on a ship with 500 other students from around the world. **ALEC EISENSHTADT** is majoring in sports management at the University of Michigan with a minor in entrepreneurship and is very involved with his fraternity Alpha Epsilon Pi. He is in the Sports Business Association and had a great experience interning at Xenith this past summer, the industry leader in football equipment. **AVIN KATYAL** transferred from Union College to the University of Michigan and is majoring in economics and minoring in political science while working part-time at the library. He is interested in going into marketing and brand management and worked at Clean Water

Action this summer. In his free time, he is starting a couple clubs focused on economics and plays intramural soccer. **ELIZABETH FAIRMAN** spent last semester in Florence, Italy, where she lived with a host family in the gorgeous city center and studied political science and Italian. At Bates, Elizabeth is working for their career development center as a Fellow this year and is majoring in politics and history with a minor in education. Her Bates' rowing team won the NCAA Women's Rowing National Championships this year. **LAURA ROED** is doing a mixture of art/design, business, and computer science at the University of Southern California's Iovine and Young Academy. She has worked on a range of projects: a green mobility project for Volkswagen, a startup designing tent insulation for refugee camps, an internship working on the Chevy Silverado ad campaign and a yearlong user experience project at USC's Cancer Lab. She joined a sketch comedy group at USC and is still playing softball. She was named West Coast Club Team Shortstop of the Year by the NCSA in 2019. This summer she will be interning at Ernst and Young doing creative consulting in Los Angeles.

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## **CK18**

Hi everyone! I hope you all are having an amazing year. I am writing to tell you about some amazing things that CK'18 alumni have been up to! First, **GARRICK ALLISON**, a history and art history double major at Dartmouth College, is an avid participant in student government and an editor at the Dartmouth Law Journal. Garrick has spent the Winter '20 semester on a French Language immersion trip in Lyon, France! Other exciting news is in East Lansing, where **THOMAS LIBCKE** has just been elected captain of the MSU Sailing Team as well as the executive board for all Midwest College Sailing. It is so amazing to see our classmates pursuing passions they found in high school onward in college! At University of Colorado at Boulder, **MAX PAGE** is continuing his aerospace engineering degree. This semester, he is focusing on a project which involves

designing and prototyping a long distance payload carrying glider. He is also enjoying his time skiing in Colorado, and he will be staying there throughout the summer as he landed an internship with Ball Aerospace! Congrats, Max! **ABBY SEIFMAN**, studying at the University of Michigan, is majoring in psychology. Being on the University of Michigan Dance Team has been a huge part of her college experience so far. She performs on the sidelines of football and basketball games, and also competes in a national competition in Florida. We are continued to be amazed by all of your amazing work and look forward to hearing more accomplishments soon!

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## **K19**

Hello everyone! I hope the Class of 2019 had a strong start to their college careers! Class secretary **AYA MILLER** has begun writing for Western Michigan University's student newspaper, *the Western Herald*. Through this, she decided to switch to a double major in communications & film, media studies. **SKY ALLISON** joined the staff of Elonthon, Elon University's dance marathon team, and has so far raised \$1,460 for Duke Children's Hospital. She will be dancing and fundraising for 24 hours at the beginning of April. **RHEA DHAR** has created a website to raise awareness of human trafficking through provocative journalism, video testimonials and readouts. "Since Michigan ranks #2 in highest trafficking rates across the US, I think it's very important to be having productive conversations about this global nightmare," she said. **CHERYN HONG** has begun writing for the University of Michigan's *the Michigan Daily* as a columnist.

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# HONORARY ALUMNI

First to report in was **RICH LAMB** announcing that he and Betsy have a second granddaughter! Isabella (Izzy) Lamb-Quirk was born in late March 2019. She is the daughter of Katy Lamb '06 and her wife, Laura Quirk. He sent a photo of Izzy—what a smile!



Izzy Lamb-Quirk

**ARLYCE SEIBERT** has been keeping herself busy. She did Head of School searches for three schools as a consultant, is serving on a strategic planning committee for an independent school and continues in her role as president-general of cum laude. I know those groups appreciate her involvement with them. She is wintering in South Carolina and enjoys attending history lectures and reconnecting with her high school friends.

**JOHN WINTER**'s life has been busy in Florida. He joined a health club, going every day and working with a trainer from Michigan! twice a week. He's also on a bowling league with a goal "to break a 100 each game." They have taken four or seven points so far! Team members hail from Wisconsin, Illinois and New Jersey with subs from Ohio, Illinois and New York! John is the captain. He also goes to the theatre, performances, museums, art shows—and the beach there. He says some of his CK colleagues have settled nearby—the Weidenbachs, Kecks, Burgesses and sees CK visitors. They all enjoy relating stories of CK. He is "off to Old Blighty" in June to attend the wedding of Nick Pink's, '96, sister and will get to see his godchildren then. In March, he plans to go to Disney World for

the new Star Wars Adventure. John also added: "I want to express the confidence and pride I have in the new leadership teams at Cranbrook Kingswood Schools and in the CEC. They have captured the essence of our unique community, and they work in harmony, making certain this great school and its institutions thrive! Brava!!!" As for me, **KATHY DISCENNA**, I have been doing a lot of genealogy research and writing in my retirement. In October, my husband and I flew to Boston and then rented a car to drive across Massachusetts to the Berkshires. We drove along the Mohawk Valley Trail through the beauty of the small mountain towns. On the way back we drove through the cities of Lawrence, Somerville and Cambridge. We were following my parents' honeymoon trip in 1932 when my father took my mother to see where he lived as a foster child and teenager. It was a memorable trip.

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## FORMER FACULTY

An alumni outreach trip to Florida included a visit with performing arts icon **NINA MACHUS** (Studebaker).



Nina Machus, Karin Hartmann Ludlow '78, Carolyn Hartmann and Charlie Shaw

Nina has been caring for her husband, Bob Machus '56. We send well wishes to Bob from all of his friends on campus. **TED KELLEY**, **BOB DEMARCO**, and **DAVID COX** gathered from distant points to attend **MICKY PRICE**'s memorial at the Cranbrook Library Reading Room. Ted

and Pat Kelley pass most of the year on the Cape. Pat shows and sells her paintings at select galleries. Still the raconteur without equal, Ted also makes sure the fairways are amply refreshed by his beverage cart services at the local golf course. Bob and Marcy enjoy retirement in the Grand Rapids area. David Cox continues to work for Habitat for Humanity, while turning out exquisite wooden articles for the home from his workshop.



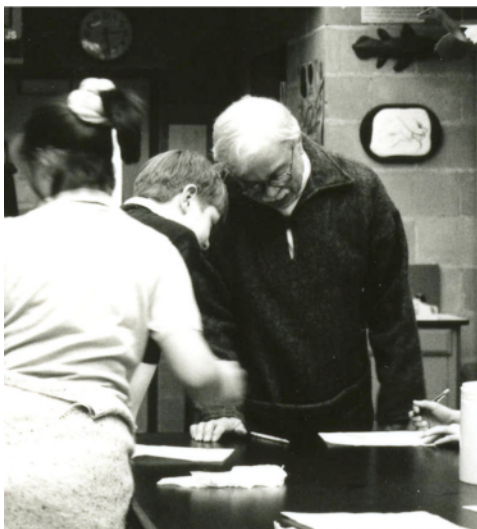
Steve Gasser '79 and Ray Santerini '78 with their coach, Ted Kelley, at the memorial for Mickey Price

**NELSON** and **CAROL LEBO** have fully retired from their duties at Northfield Mount Hermon School in Massachusetts and look forward to dividing their grandparenting calendar between residence in Colorado with son, Scott '84, and in New Zealand with son, Ned '86, and their families. **SAKIS HALAJIAN** wields his conductor's baton over the northernmost shoreline of Lake Michigan, while Barbara Halajian continues to shoulder her duties for the board of the Cranbrook Institute of Science. Chicago and children are always beckoning for their attention. Two decades of tradition were honored at this winter's musical production, when Katie Lorts and the Performing Arts Department reached out at intermission to give the thumbs-up to Sarkis, who then relayed the same to **DR. CHUCK GEROUX**, who was anxiously awaiting word in Wisconsin with wife Brigid. This fall brought sad news of the loss of former Brookside teacher **JIM SCHULTZ**.



Jim Schultz

Jim taught science at Brookside from 1977 to 2003. Jim and his wife, Virginia, were familiar faces to all, bringing their shop Clarkston Country Store to Gifforama for many years in a row. Jim’s passion for science was evident in all he did. Many Brooksidians have shared memories of field trips and experiments with Mr. Schultz.



Jim Schultz in the Brookside science lab with students. Cranbrook Historic Photograph Collection

He will be remembered with great fondness by Brooksidians and their families. We are sad to report that former staff member **MARGOT SNYDER** passed away at the age of 95. She was the wife of the late Cranbrook faculty member and founder of Horizons-Upward Bound at Cranbrook Schools, the late Ben M. Snyder III.



Ben and Margot Snyder at reunion 2013

Here are some reflections from her family upon her passing. Her life story is simultaneously tragic and inspirational. Her amazing life as “the daughter of a Jewish father and Christian mother born in Berlin as Hitler was coming to power, she experienced discrimination, fear and confusion in her formative years before the family fled in late 1938 to The Hague in The Netherlands. As Holocaust refugees, they lived a very tenuous existence—always short on food, with our mom being the only person allowed to leave their home, perpetually nervous about what their fate might be (and surviving some very close calls during the Nazi occupation). After the war, she received two degrees in art history (inspired by the four-generation art dealing family business) from the University of Leiden. In 1950, she gave a tour of the campus to a tall, single American who had just started teaching at Cranbrook School in Michigan following his service as an air force bombardier in the South Pacific during World War II. Our mom used her degrees to become the curator of galleries at the Cranbrook Academy of Art in 1955. The courage and faith that it must have taken to move to the states before the two of them were engaged was a signal of her strength and her determination to find love. They ultimately were married in the Hague in 1956, and the three of us soon followed. The personal and professional lives of our parents were deeply intertwined. Our dad’s

role at Cranbrook was demanding. When he founded Horizons Upward Bound in 1965, the two of them embarked on a lifelong journey to open up Cranbrook’s doors to the world and provide educational opportunities to those from the most under-resourced communities in Detroit and Pontiac. Together, they embodied the ideals of the civil rights movement with our mom providing the support both at home and at school without which HUB would not have flourished and evolved to serve thousands of young people over the last fifty-four years. While our dad got much of the credit, anyone close to the family knew that it was our mom who helped turn our father’s vision into practical realities. She warmly welcomed and nourished so many along the way with special attention, love and support paid to our “brother from another mother,” Darryl Taylor (the current Director of HUB), and our cousin Pauline from Holland. Throughout, she was the leader of regular adventures to visit family in Holland, the visionary who helped transform an old barn in rural Pennsylvania into a home of tremendous warmth, a practitioner of yoga “before it was fashionable,” and a walker who treasured “frische luft”(fresh air in German) until just days before her passing. Margot will be remembered at the Gathering of Golden Graduates at reunion on Saturday June 6 4–5pm in Page Hall. She and Ben will always be remembered with much love and affection by scores of former students and colleagues, so many of whom became lifelong friends.

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# CLASS NOTES



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** We apologize for our inadvertent omission of K'77 in the original compilation of spring 2020 Class Notes and are including them here.

**CINDY FRENKEL** had the pleasure of visiting with her dear, talented, Kresge-Award winning friend, **CYNTHIA GREIG**, where she breathed into a scanner for an art project that Cynthia is working on about breath. Cynthia reports "What a treat to see Cindy Frenkel after a couple year hiatus. We caught up like no time had passed between us and I'm so excited for the publication launch of her upcoming book, *The Plague of the Tender-Hearted*. How many of us are lucky enough to have dear friends who can eloquently quote poetic stanzas and cite MLK over soup and salad? I feel so grateful and enriched by the friendships made at KSC." (Pre-orders for Cindy's book will be available in the Spring. Please contact me and I will put you in touch with Cindy). **NANCY KING FERGUSON** wrote in to report that 2019 was a medical challenge for husband Bill. However, he has made tremendous strides and they are looking forward to a brighter 2020, perhaps including a trip to Ohio this spring to see family. **CAROLYN OHM HOLT** and family are into their 4th year living in beautiful Idaho where they have built their "forever" house. They love the great outdoors and are taking advantage of every opportunity to hike, fish, camp, and travel out in the wilderness via their Polaris Razor and their toy hauler RV.



Patrick Holt, 25, Carolyn Olm Holt, Gary Holt and Tim Holt, 24

Both sons have graduated college and are supporting themselves so "Life is good!" **ALISON PORTER MCADAM** wrote in from Phoenix where she has intentionally selected the slow lane to accommodate a shoulder repair. She is on the mend and happy to have the time to heal.



Alison Porter McAdam '77 and Erin Porter '78

Alison and sister Erin Porter '78 went to southern CA to attend the Living Legends of Aviation event. Erin has been involved with the organization for a few years. Alison's sons are doing well. John, 31, married a great woman in September. They're now living in Phoenix. Alison's oldest also found a wonderful woman, Anna. Both "kids" have great jobs and are thriving in both passions and pursuits. Alison saw **JILL MARTIN** and Holly Hand '78 last March. To celebrate her 60th birthday, Alison enjoyed a gorgeous trip to South Africa. She also hiked the last 100 miles of the Camino Frances this past May. Alison stays in touch regularly with **LESLIE JONES**, **CAROLYN GREELEY LUND**, Jay Hall '77, and has become great friends with Sarah Rockwell (sister of Keith Rockwell '76). Sara and Keith's parents met at CK. **DONNA KATZMAN GREENWALL**, husband Ephraim, and DJ's mother are now living in Florida. 2019 was a year of change with their move to FL, the Warriors move from Oakland to San Francisco, "The Big Bang Theory" (Bill Prady '77) ending, the closing of the Jewish Federation of the East Bay, and her nearby Valero Gas Service Station, not to mention Arlyce Seibert retiring from CK in 2018. A hearty congratulations to **CATHY GEIGER PETER** who got her MFA degree in writing for children and young adults from Vermont College of Fine Arts in January. In addition to writing 40–50 pages each month, Cathy read over 200 books, wrote a critical thesis, a creative thesis, and delivered a lecture. She

found it incredible to turn her brain back on so fully at this age and loved doing homework alongside her teenagers. Going back to school was one of the most delightful things she has done, and Cathy recommends it to anyone who is longing for a burst of new energy. **KERRIE SEIBERT GORAY** reports that all her daughters are doing well, and she says that it's fun to see all the paths they have chosen. Kerrie travelled to CA last year. She enjoys keeping up with your class secretary, oh, that would be me, and other CK friends. **JENNIFER NOLTE STEVENS** had the whole family together for the holidays.



Suzanna Stevens, Alexandra Stevens, Jennifer Nolte Stevens and Mark Stevens

Both daughters, Suzanna and Alexandra, work in the tech and biotech fields in the San Francisco Bay area where Jennifer and Mark reside. They are retired and spend their time volunteering and traveling. Recent travels include Columbia S.A., Ann Arbor, Martha's Vineyard, NYC, Scandinavia, and Palm Beach. Jennifer is looking forward to seeing Leslie Jones and other alumnae in Jackson Hole this spring. **BETH JACKSON ANCTIL** is an empty nester after 28 years. Sam is in NYC where he attends Marymount Manhattan for theater. I too, am an empty nester after 28 years. My daughter graduated from CK and now attends the School of the Art Institute of Chicago where she'll be going into fashion design. Charlotte enjoyed playing ice hockey at CK and found two leagues to join in Chicago. Cameron is at UofM-Flint and is majoring in computer information systems. Joseph and I miss the twins but we're also enjoying a more low-key life. I recently joined the board of Detroit based nonprofit, Beyond Basics, which provides one-on-one reading intervention to increase literacy. Have a great year, dear classmates!

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# in Memoriam

Jim Talman '34  
Eugene Chamberlain '37  
Robert Brody '43  
Nancy Loud Kern '43  
Sherwin Block '45  
David Gagnier Booth '45  
Maxwell Lapidés '45  
Cherry Richards Squiers '47  
Robert Day Carter '48  
Shirley Cousins Oberlin '48  
Beatrice Vogel '48  
Talcott Jones '49  
Robert Leister '49  
William "Jack" Mock '50  
Franklin Nau '50  
Carolyn McKenzie Ritter '52  
Kate Esterer '53  
Jane Mehrer James '53  
Ward Just '53  
Lynn Ann Romney '53  
Nancy Wonnberger VomSteeg '53  
Annette Fogo Harper '54  
Lynn Bennett Luckenbach Welchli '54  
Richard Martin '54  
Adelaide Wiley '54  
Ann Oliver Spees '55  
Sandra Collon Watts '55  
Jonathan Himmelhoch '56

Ralph Barbier, Jr. '57  
Sam MacArthur '59  
Robert Braud '60  
Timothy Morgan '60  
Lynn Dawson Solner '60  
Carole Glueck Brookins '61  
Gail Peterson Lauzzana '62  
David Napior '62  
Paul Adair '63  
Diana McCullough-Deesen '63  
Peter Maxwell '64  
Harry "Tony" Wise, III '70  
Charles E. Wilson, III '71  
Cathy Aten '73  
Martha Munro '73  
Dwight "Clint" Moore '74  
Jack Kaspers '75  
James Pruneski '84  
Aubin Chang '91  
Mark Schuette '06  
Phebe Goldstein, Honorary

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Tom Lusk, *husband of Gloria Lusk, former Brookside Physical Education faculty*  
Margot Snyder, *former staff and wife of Ben Snyder*  
Jim Schultz, *Brookside Science*

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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](mailto: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 and others whose passing became known to the alumni office in the past year will be remembered at the Alumni Memorial Service at reunion in June.