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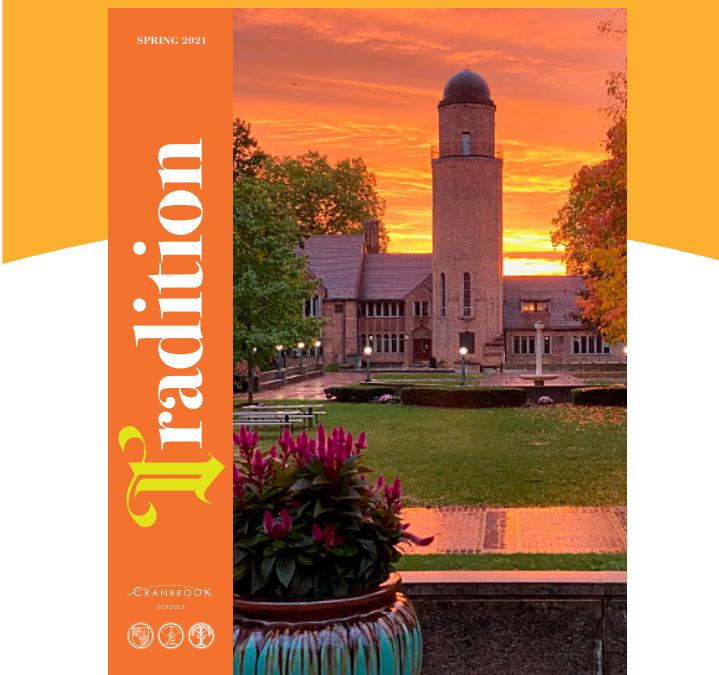
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Cranbrook Quad at Sunset—Photo by Upper School Math Teacher Shelley Chin.

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President's POINT of VIEW

Dear Cranbrook Schools Families and Friends,

When our founders first opened the School for Boys in 1927, they entrusted Cranbrook's future, with confidence, to those who would follow in their footsteps:

"We have blazed a new trail; it will be largely the work of others to extend, to widen and to improve it and make it into a highway on both sides of which may be reared lasting and beautiful edifices on a foundation which I trust will be found imperishable."

Today, I share that same trust in our next President, current Director of Schools Aimeclaire (AC) Roche, incoming Director of Schools, Jeff Suzik, Ph. D., and incoming Director of Horizons-Upward Bound (HUB), Lisa Reynolds Smoots. I can say with all certainty that all three of these extraordinary individuals will lead with the imperishable spirit of Cranbrook Educational Community.

As my career at Cranbrook draws to a close, I am delighted by the result of Cranbrook Educational Community's search process and these outstanding appointments. In welcoming AC, Jeff, and Lisa to their new roles within the community, we build upon a long legacy of committed leadership, beginning more than one hundred years ago with our founders.

While some of our team transitions this year, the museums, grounds, and cultural programs remain open to you and yours in innovative and exciting ways, including special programs and private viewings. We will also be launching a milestone art exhibition and offering virtual lectures on a wide range of topics from art and architecture, to science and gardening.

If you are in the area this summer, I hope you will visit the landmark exhibition, *With Eyes Opened: Cranbrook Academy of Art Since 1932* at Cranbrook Art Museum. Surveying the history of the Academy since its founding, this remarkable exhibition will feature more than 250 works and occupy all the Art Museum's galleries.

At the Institute of Science, a new self-produced exhibition featuring the Institute's life science collections is now installed for you and your family to enjoy. *Life on Earth* can be found in the Institute's Wasserman Gallery and is among the most visually appealing and in-depth exhibitions the Institute has ever produced.

As mentioned previously, I will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Each of you has my sincere gratitude for making my time at Cranbrook the most fulfilling of my professional life. It has truly been an honor to serve Cranbrook first as Chief Operating Officer and then as its eighth President.

I find myself overwhelmed with gratitude for the special relationships that have formed with so many of you and will be forever grateful for your trust and support.

Please stay safe, be well, and continue to Aim High and Go Forth and Serve.

Sincerely,
DOMINIC DiMARCO, PRESIDENT
Cranbrook Educational Community



Director's SCHOOL *of* THOUGHT

When I am asked to describe the 2020–2021 school year, I characterize it as both extraordinary and arduous.

One has only to look at a local or national paper to understand the burdensome and laborious nature of our work in education this year: from discerning what precautions and protocols would allow all Cranbrook students to have in-person instruction, every day, this school year; to the pandemic-related burdens placed on our teachers and their newly upended and vastly multiplied professional responsibilities; to the physical fatigue and—more important—mental stress of pandemic-related isolation we all have felt and which has affected young adults in disproportionate numbers. Add to this the pain felt by our constituents—alumni, current families and colleagues in the midst of economic uncertainty, racialized violence, and political polarization. This has been an arduous year.

It has also been an extraordinary one where we have seen Cranbrook community members rely upon each other for strength and support and where we have kept our institutional eye on a very clear objective: to sustain in-person instruction every day possible, for all our students, because the academic and social-emotional health of our students and teachers depends on it. Indeed, Cranbrook Schools plays an essential role in teaching far more than reading and arithmetic: how to care, share, and collaborate in an increasingly complex and diversely populated world. Pre-pandemic, did we take that for

granted? Post-pandemic, we never should.

My colleagues and I are proud that we have continued to deliver in-person instruction at every grade level, for the near-entirety of this school year. Notwithstanding a handful of no-class days afforded to our faculty to mitigate the burdens of the unusually demanding workload this year, to date we have experienced only one state-wide pause in in-person upper school instruction (between Thanksgiving and the new year) and our own, planned moments of online instruction to facilitate all-school PCR testing for active COVID-19 virus after each major school holiday. Throughout, we have run as many programs as logistically possible, including a successful Wilderness Expedition, which returned safely to campus in late March. Too, we have discovered that, for many Cranbrook events, Zoom and video meetings can be wildly successful, allowing constituents worldwide to gather and stay informed, as well as to discuss and reflect upon important issues affecting our community.

As the spring quarter opens, only about 3% of our students access class solely through online means. Cranbrook's teachers and students have embraced necessary precautions the altered daily schedules, daily health screenings, face coverings and physical distance that allow in-person instruction to thrive and the whole community has remained, largely COVID-free. Yearlong, Cranbrook's positivity rate for both teachers and students has remained consistently below 2%.

Certainly, inside Cranbrook schoolhouses, teachers and students

all ache for the parts of school that we cherish but have had to forego: the in-person assemblies and live performances; the shared meals; unfettered use of our full campus; and bustling in the hallways, common rooms and corridors; physically distant, we miss the casual high-fives and the heartfelt hugs.

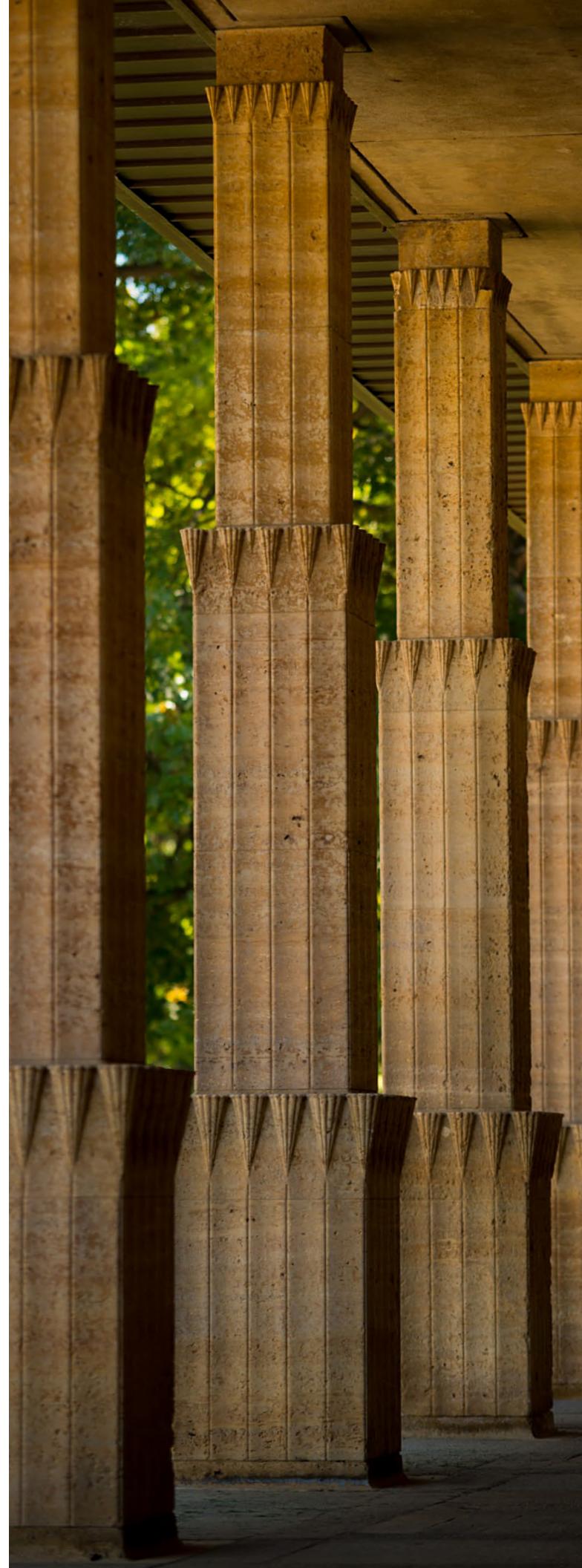
For these reasons, we are making tentative plans for in-person graduation festivities for the class of 2021, and our objective for the 2021–2022 academic year is to return, in every way possible, to a pre-pandemic class configuration and daily schedule that allows for more personal interaction in and outside of the classroom and a sustainable pace of the day. Thankfully, we estimate that nearly 90% of our teachers have availed themselves already to COVID vaccines, and we are buoyed by robust number of applicants for admission.

Joining our ranks and helping to navigate our course are leaders who will ably guide Cranbrook Schools in this next chapter. We will welcome this spring Ms. Lisa Smoots, the incoming Director of Cranbrook's Horizons Upward Bound program. We will also welcome this July Dr. Jeff Suzik, the incoming Director of Schools. Both are introduced to you in this online edition of Tradition and both are thrilled to add their care and passion to all that we do. In my new role as President of Cranbrook Educational Community, I am eager to learn from Lisa and Jeff's new perspective and ready to support their work in every way possible.

We are optimistic about the future because a robust and caring community is the only medium through which any educational content is effectively delivered, and Cranbrook Schools is where wonderful young people grapple with and discern what confidence and skills are needed to navigate not merely a syllabus but the world at large. Undoubtedly, this is why George Booth said early on about Cranbrook, "The pupils... must be led by read student-teachers who are students of life as well as of book lore and facts." As my colleagues and I have said repeatedly this year: it's not really about Latin. This is the curriculum: how we make sense of a chaotic moment; how we build relationship and demonstrate care, dedication, thoughtful engagement and respect in foul as well as fair weather.

Whether you see it as arduous or extraordinary—or a combination of the two—the 2020–2021 school year has challenged and stretched and galvanized Cranbrook Schools, allowing us to join in common cause and face exacting circumstances, supporting our students and teachers in the most meaningful way possible: with unfailing passion and tireless care.

AIMECLAIRE ROCHE
Director of Cranbrook Schools





Steward's TABLE

The protocol of spring at Cranbrook is timeless: the quickening of life around the parking lot at 550 Lone Pine, the babbling of campus fountains resumed, the notes of well-loved songs drifting from the PAC and the music building, the ceaseless march of teams across the Oval and the Lower Fields, the circuit of joyful walkers and joggers around Kingswood Lake.

Over the course of 45 springtimes I have taken equal measures of wry satisfaction and wry disapproval as a new senior class re-enacts the comic drama of entropy that leads to graduation. Inexorably, their torpor must surrender to the stern offices and duties surrounding graduation. As I observed annually to my colleagues, the ageless June contest always ends the same way, with faculty yielding to victorious students headed for summer.

This year I am the one carried along by the recessional, however atypical this one might be. An English teacher never fails to pay special attention to the confluence of beginnings and endings. Among the most vivid of my memories are those indelible lightning strikes of years one and two. Yes, a sideways glance from an older faculty member could cripple the soul. But at that time Cranbrook was all of one sunny piece to me. Cranbrook was a world unto itself.

As dorm master of Marquis Hall, my mission was to make this venerable space a microcosm of the surrounding splendor. Marquis would be a space of concord and beauty. Plants and hallway hangings were thoughtfully arranged. Work duty was

to be a scrupulous and joyful gospel. The third-floor lounge was appointed with the furniture of a cozy study. Wondrous dishes would emerge periodically from my wife Sandra's kitchen.

Never for a moment was I forgetful of a past quite alive in all the nooks and crannies. The original barber shop (that preceded Ev Arthur's site off the bookstore) with all its original tile work had been incorporated at some earlier moment into the first-floor apartment. It astonished. The steam tunnels could be accessed from the basement laundry room. The windows of Marquis Hall were endlessly fascinating and all seemed to be different, one from another. In the attic of Coulter Hall I came across the original plaster molds of Eero Saarinen's gargoyle masks that adorn the vertical banding of Page Hall.

As my own graduation has loomed, I am potently reminded of the twin mottos of Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School, "Aim High" and "Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve." Much energy has been expended over the years trying to decide which school symbol, motto, or culture was in the ascendant at any one moment. As I bring closure to a career that has included the roles of teacher, coach, director of residence, dean of faculty, head of Upper School, and now director of stewardship, I am persuaded that George and Ellen Booth were very thoughtful in their choice of mottoes. In fact, here I see only more evidence of the Booth genius.

"Aim High" of course is the world of the epic poem, in this case, the Aeneid. It speaks to the individual, to contest, to glory

and perhaps perfectibility. "Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve" speaks to community, to shared values, to serving and sacrifice and perhaps process. While the two mottoes would appear to be differentiated by the gender and architecture with which each is associated, my belief is that the Booths saw the two as interdependent and inseparable. Everything about my 45 years suggests that neither motto can represent Cranbrook Kingswood in the absence of the other.

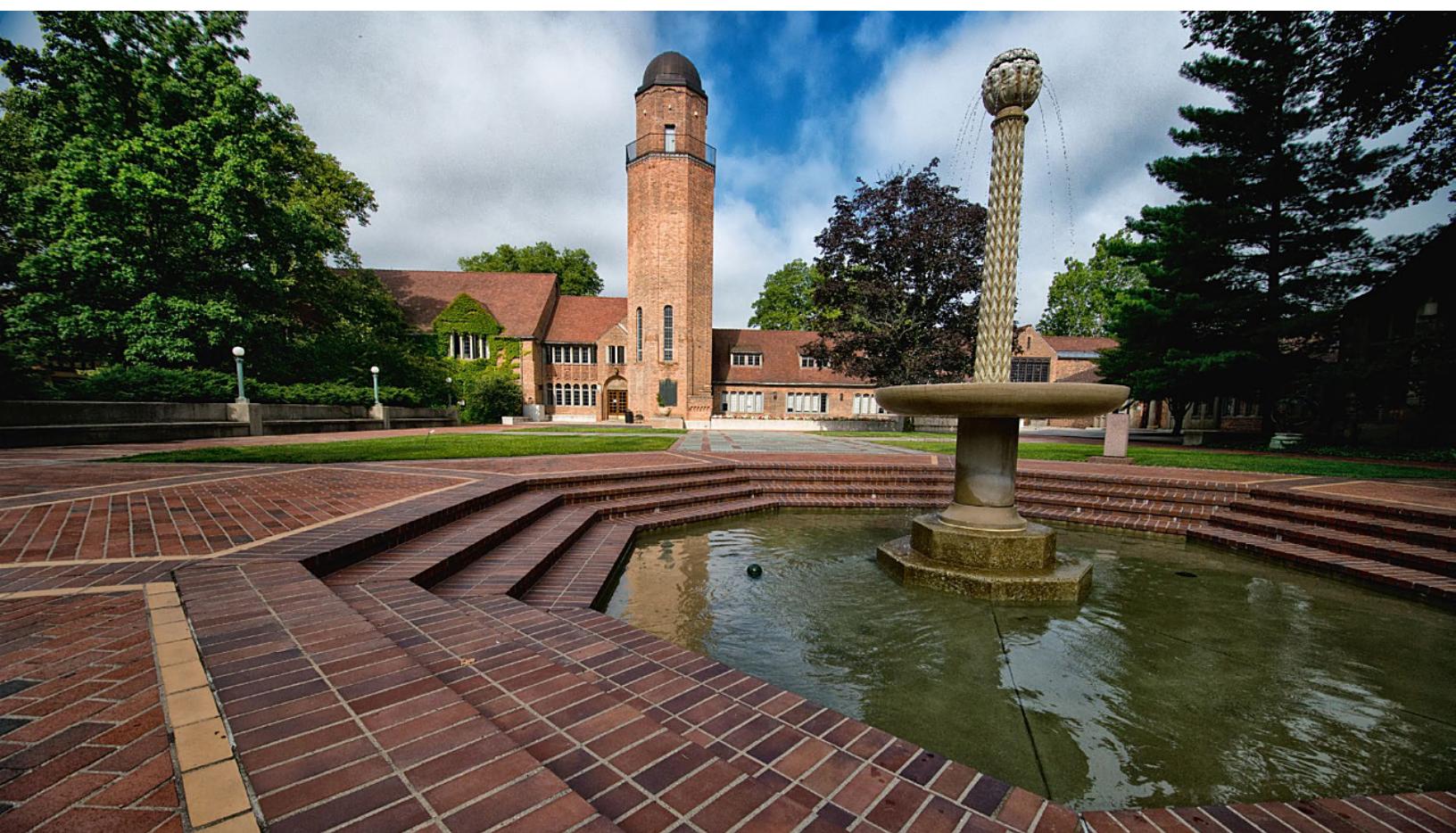
Perhaps my first intimation of this was at Marquis when I discovered the depth of the bonds of caring that bound the boys and me together. I saw that some of the boys were very adept at bedside visitations at the nursing home on Square Lake. Traditional prep school culture enshrined physical exertion and athletic contest as the domain of boys. What was sweeter than victory over a bitter rival? But over the course of a 20-year coaching career, I learned, sometimes painfully, that a coach with no vision other than winning will soon falter. Good coaching was as much about serving as aiming high.

I learned over time that a classroom was not an indoor version of the athletic field. The creation of gladiatorial spectacle was natural in the all-boys classroom. Leading students through the rigors of scholarship in such a way as to offer honor and victory to all was a slower, more difficult discovery. The best teachers did not create winners and losers. And what more clever alchemy of winning and serving was to be found than the Wilderness Expedition!

The second half of my career acquainted me with school administration. In this context "Aim High" meant bringing honors and national preeminence to Cranbrook Schools: creating the most innovative and exciting of school programs, carrying off athletic championships, winning distinction for our performing and fine arts students. And constantly boasting of our faculty. However, I quickly learned only a happy faculty was up to the herculean labors that the school year sets. A successful school leader always looks for the right opportunities to serve: listening, compromising, sharing the work of decision-making. As I experienced each spring, our student awards equally measured raw achievement and the genius of community-building. Also, I would venture to say that, as the merger of Cranbrook and Kingswood receded into memory, we became, as one school, more nimble, more balanced. We learned the arts of building up rather than taking down.

Cranbrook Kingswood proved to be one classroom in which we all—students, faculty, staff, and administrators alike—were pupils. At even the most challenging and lonely moments of a long career here, I was always both child and parent, forever entering to learn. I am, and always will be, forever grateful to this place of wonder.

Sincerely,
CHARLIE SHAW
Director of Stewardship





Honoring a Life,

ADVANCING A MISSION



The gift of the new Sidney Barthwell Jr. Scholarship celebrates the life of an alum by changing the lives of future students.

When Cranbrook alum and Cambridge Associates founder James N. (Jim) Bailey '65 decided to establish a new scholarship at Cranbrook, his decision was much more than a purely financial calculation. For Bailey, it was a profoundly meaningful way to memorialize a friend, to ensure that friend's story would always be told and to recognize how much he had personally gotten out of his own Cranbrook experience.

The scholarship is named for Sidney (Sid) Barthwell Jr. '65, who passed away last spring, leaving behind a loving family, lifelong friends and a legacy that is one of the great Cranbrook stories.

One of Cranbrook's first African American graduates, Barthwell was a devoted brother, husband and uncle, a marathon runner, a published poet, a graduate of Wayne State University and Harvard Law School (where he became good friends with the future President of the United States, Barack Obama), a successful attorney, founder of his own legal firm and ultimately retired as a magistrate in the 36th District Court in Detroit.

His sister, Dr. Akosua Barthwell Evans '64, remembers Sid as both a renaissance man and a man of great integrity. She also remembers the profound impression he made on all those who knew him, recalling that, as she shared the news of his death, "What always amazed me when I would talk to people who knew my brother was that they all thought they had really lost a special friend."

One of those people—indeed the first person with whom she shared the news outside of the immediate family—was Jim Bailey, Sid's close friend of nearly 60 years.

Jim and Sid first met on Jim's very first day at Cranbrook. Jim's mother had literally just dropped him off in the family pickup truck that they used on their farm.

"I arrived at Cranbrook as a very poor person and knew no one at the school," Jim recollects.

As Jim was just learning to navigate the dorm, Sid approached him in the hall and introduced himself. The two connected over basketball and immediately began a friendship that would continue their whole lives.

"It was one of those kinds of relationships that began out of nowhere but that, over time, led to be incredibly close," recalls Bailey.

Both ended up as anchors on the basketball team and both became prefects. Ultimately, they would both go on to graduate from Harvard Law.

Dr. Evans, herself the first African American student at Kingswood and who would graduate as president of the student council, recalls "(Sid) was very effervescent, people naturally liked him, he was very confident."

Nonetheless, the social climate of the day presented tremendous challenges, and there were times that, despite his remarkable talents and intellect, Barthwell found himself up against a prevailing culture of prejudice.

Barthwell used his poetry as an outlet for his thoughts and feelings regarding his own struggles and the obstacles facing African Americans—a practice that he began while a student at Cranbrook.

"He was an intellectual," recalls Dr. Evans, "and would write reams of poetry as a kid."

He was also the author of the book *Runner: Traversing the Road of Life* which describes many of his insights about his experiences, particularly as an African American man.

Those inequities and obstacles must have been particularly confounding for a young man who grew up in a household like the Barthwell's. A respected civic leader, Sid's father, Sidney Barthwell Sr., was founder and CEO of Barthwell's Drug Stores, the largest chain of drugstores ever owned by an African American. He also manufactured the popular Barthwell's Ice Cream. Mr. Barthwell was the President for two terms of the Booker T. Washington Trade Association (an organization of African-American business persons); served on the boards of many not-for-profit organizations, including the Detroit Urban League and was a delegate to the Michigan Constitutional Convention. His mother, Gladys Whitfield Barthwell, was a librarian and schoolteacher, and was deeply involved with their local community. She was also the president of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, and in 1947, established the Delta Home for Girls, which gave unwed mothers a chance to continue their education

and be valued—something unheard of at the time.

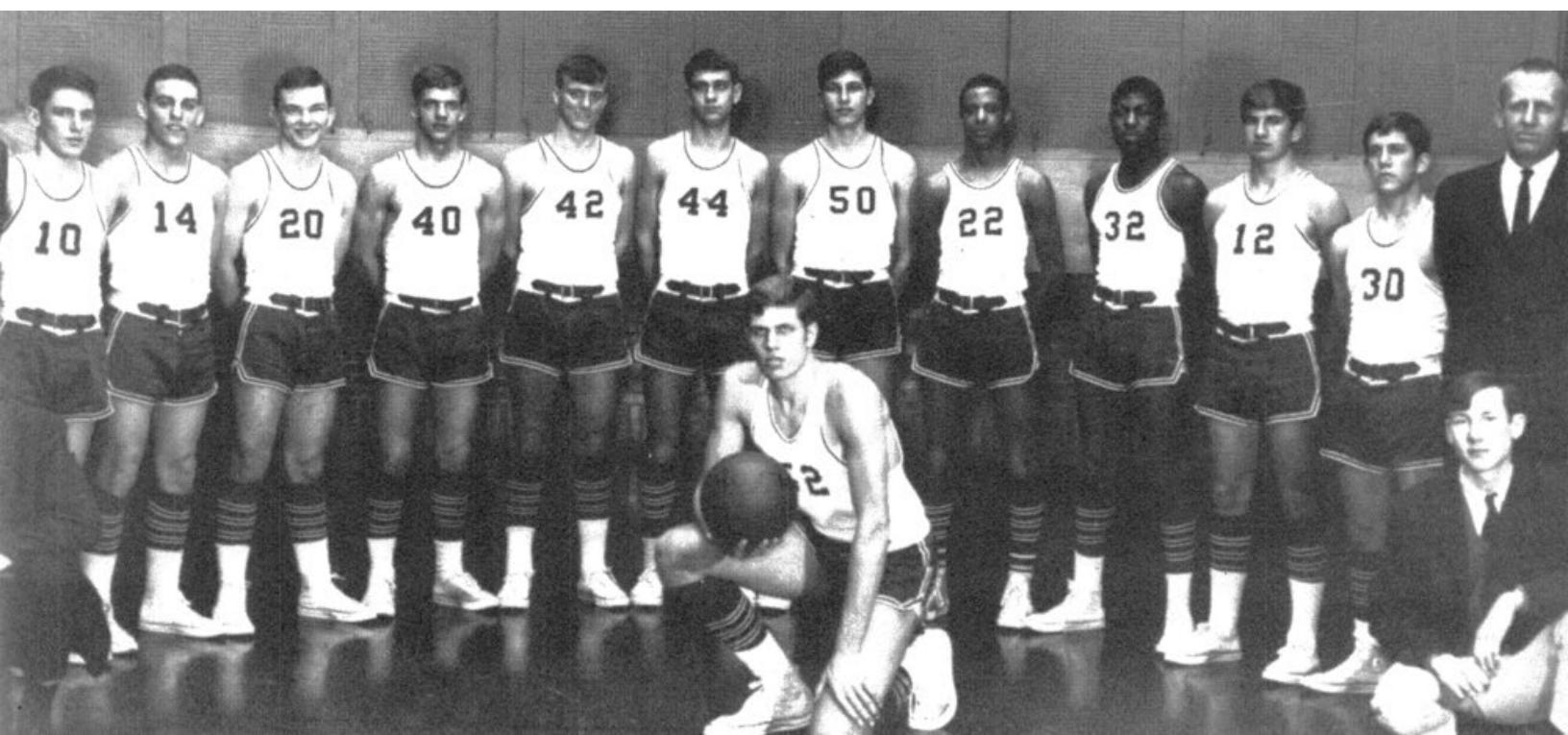
"We grew up in a house where we were told anything was possible," says Dr. Evans.

It was partly out of the desire to remove such obstacles that the scholarship was born. The scholarship benefits "a demographically disadvantaged Upper School boarding student who has faced social inequities. The scholarship covers the full cost of tuition, room and board." In other words, it provides a talented student with an opportunity—a Cranbrook opportunity—that would have otherwise been impossible.

As Dr. Akosua Barthwell Evans puts it, "There are other 'Sids' in the world, male or female, who could also be wonderful and accomplish a lot but who don't have the means to have the best education. To me, (the scholarship) is very special. Now he's really being recognized and being recognized in a way that he deserves."

According to Jim, "Three things motivated me—one, I would be absolutely nowhere if I had not gone away to Cranbrook School. Two, Sid got a huge amount out of the Cranbrook experience. Third—and to me this is incredibly important—there are going to be more 'Sids', there are more 'Sids' and there need to be more opportunities for people like him: talented people who need the opportunity to realize that talent and be supported by the school."

Thanks to the shared friendship of two young Cranbrook students all those years ago, The Sidney Barthwell Jr. Scholarship will provide that opportunity for generations.



Retiring Cranbrook Educational Community President Leaves Legacy of Achievement

Certain leaders seem made for their times. That has certainly been the case for Cranbrook Educational Community President Dom DiMarco. With his calm, pragmatic and compassionate style, he has helped lead Cranbrook through not just one but two global crises: the Great Recession and the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

Last spring, as DiMarco prepared to retire after a 12-year career at Cranbrook, the first Covid-19 cases began making their way to Michigan from the West Coast, soon overwhelming hospitals and bringing the normal patterns of life to a halt. It quickly became clear that this was a crisis unlike any the country had seen in more than a century.

Asked to extend his tenure one more year, DiMarco readily agreed and joined with Cranbrook's board and administrative leadership team to find ways to keep students, faculty, families and staff safe while ensuring the health of the organization as a whole.

"He is a true partner," says Director of Schools Aimee Claire Roche, who will succeed DiMarco as CEC president. "He trusts the people he works with to do their jobs. He is uncompromising on the concept of 'we do things the right way' by adhering to a process and by maintaining our values. To have that kind of

ethical compassion in a leader is wonderful."

This July, DiMarco will attempt retirement once more, looking back over a chapter in Cranbrook history that has seen tremendous growth with a steadfast adherence to the original intention of Cranbrook's founders: to create a place of great beauty where intellectual and creative excellence can thrive.

PART OF THE CRANBROOK FAMILY

DiMarco's first experience with Cranbrook was "as a father at the front door of Brookside and it has happily evolved into the journey of a lifetime," he says. "From that first day on campus to my last, I will continue to be energized by the great spirit of this community."

In 2008, after a lengthy and distinguished career at Ford Motor Company, DiMarco joined Cranbrook as its chief operating officer, mere months before the onset of the Great Recession. At a time when the entire country—and soon, the rest of the world—was hit with a seismic economic shock, DiMarco quickly put his years of experience to work in helping Cranbrook navigate the difficult path ahead.

The recession hit right as the community was set to undertake two of its most expansive, important and long-awaited capital

efforts: the construction of the Cranbrook Kingswood Middle School for Girls and the Art Museum renovation and expansion.

While other organizations put a stop to construction, it was not so simple a decision with these two projects. The Girls Middle School had quite simply outgrown its confined footprint in the lower level of the Kingwood School building and with major alumni investments in the development of a new space, it was not something easily put on hold. Similarly, the expansion and renovation of the Art Museum had become a matter of protecting historically valuable artwork and ensuring that Academy of Art graduate students had the space to develop their often groundbreaking creative initiatives.

"Cranbrook never shied away from the commitment to do these projects," says Jean-Claude Azar, director of capital projects at Cranbrook. "They came at the worst time during the financial collapse, but Dom argued that it was the best time to do this because we would get more for our money. No one was working, and I remember lines of contractors (wanting to take part). Dom had the courage to do this."

The situation marked an early sign of DiMarco's commitment to the Cranbrook campus and what it means to the entire Cranbrook

experience. "His love for the physical place has a huge impact," says Roche. Having a campus that matches the excellence of the work going on in the classroom plays an important role in classroom instruction, she adds. "It gives children a sense of self-esteem. They feel respected and worthy of a beautiful place. If a place is falling down, kids would think differently about themselves."

BUILDING TOWARD THE FUTURE

Investing in the Cranbrook campus became a hallmark of DiMarco's tenure, helping bring the storied acres and architecture back to their original glory while adding pieces that expanded that beauty and utility even further.

Says Cranbrook Schools Director of Stewardship Charlie Shaw, "Dom brought to his tenure at Cranbrook a readiness to plunge into campus restoration, repair and building. It's been delightful to all of us who have seen the wavering fortunes of campus infrastructure over the years. Dom's attention really was panoramic, and he took a really intense interest in the work, including restoration that had been deemed to be too daunting or too difficult to undertake."

The results of that work have been outstanding, restoring the



Aimeclaire Roche and Dom DiMarco flanked by spouses Nathan Costa and Erin DiMarco at the Cranbrook Winter Pageant



beauty of the campus and its structures and adding new elements that build upon the history and artistry of the community as a whole. "Alumni unfailingly exclaim about the appearance of the campus," says Shaw. A long walk across campus reveals the true breadth of that transformation, with projects including:

- A new entrance to Cranbrook House and Gardens, incorporating original Samuel Yellin gates, long stored and unused;
- The Art Museum addition with its expanded visitor spaces, artist studios and state-of-the-art collections building;
- The long-awaited Girls Middle School building, with unique spaces for each grade level;
- The Thompson Oval with the rebuilt stands for spectators, press box, scoreboard and synthetic field;
- The Cranbrook Quad and Alumni Courtyard, the culmination of a decade-long project designed to honor and celebrate graduates, faculty and the history of the space;
- The Kingswood Café in the lower level of Kingswood, giving students a place to gather and call their own;
- The Keppel Gymnasium locker rooms, ensuring equitable

facilities for boys' and girls' varsity and junior varsity teams;

- The Brookside roof, a five-year repair and renovation project that ensured historical accuracy for the school's familiar slate roof.

PEOPLE MAKE THE PLACE

Beyond the expansion and renovation of physical spaces at Cranbrook, DiMarco also supported initiatives that opened Cranbrook up to more people and built upon its reputation for academic excellence.

He supported, for example, free admission to Cranbrook Gardens, welcoming individuals and families from throughout the area to celebrate and enjoy the beauty of the lovingly tended flower beds—the work of hundreds of dedicated volunteers.

During his tenure, Cranbrook Schools became the first school in the Midwest to form an educational collaboration with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Edgerton Center, helping Cranbrook educators accelerate innovation in curriculum and teaching.

He has also earned the trust and respect of Cranbrook's top

philanthropic partners, who have invested significantly in Cranbrook's campus and programs, creating a solid foundation for future growth. That foundation is supported by a campus master plan that DiMarco spearheaded, one that is designed to further expand and solidify Cranbrook's legacy as a leading center for education, science and art.

"I'm proud to have been able to support our dedicated program directors, staff and faculty on these remarkable projects, and most pleased with the collaborative nature of our community," DiMarco says.

All of these efforts have been designed to support Cranbrook's greatest asset: its people. "In my opinion, it really is the people that make Cranbrook such a special place," DiMarco says. "It's Cranbrook's founders, George and Ellen Booth, with their incredible vision and spirit of giving; it's the dedicated employees and volunteers; it's the passionate donors; it's the admirable alumni from the Schools and the Academy of Art; it's the current students who strive for excellence; and, of course, our visitors to our public museums."

SECURING THE FUTURE

As DiMarco prepares to step into his well-deserved retirement this summer, he remains focused on ensuring the safety and prosperity of a community he loves. First and foremost, the goal is to continue to keep students, faculty, staff and visitors safe as the pandemic continues. Schools administrators, for example, were

able to make use of the CEC's extraordinary campus to create distance for its students and implement safety protocols that have made in-person classroom instruction possible throughout the academic year.

"He is a person who can make decisions even in critical times," says Azar. "Even if it's tough, he'll stick with it and see it through."

Adds Roche, "The whole concept of safety and security has flourished (with Dom)," says Roche. "Kids need to feel that their environment is one they can be in safely. They need that to learn."

That has meant trusting and supporting the work of his colleagues as they chart a course through this unprecedented time. "He believes the people he works with are his partners, and he trusts them to do their jobs," says Roche. "He's versed across place and program and understands everyone's work. Because of that, he has absolute credibility. He's like the mayor of a small town."

DiMarco says he will continue to celebrate and support this community that has meant so much to him. "Cranbrook has served the most fulfilling chapters of my professional life, and I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the trust and special relationships that have developed with trustees, governors, parents, alumni and, of course, our faculty and staff during this time. To be a part of something and some place so special has truly been my honor."



Dom DiMarco and 2016 Distinguished Alumnus Brian Barefoot '61 prepare for commencement

ALUMNI GIVING



REFLECTIONS ON MY NEW SCHOOL

A comforting breeze flows through my windows in Hoey Hall. The Oval, PAC, and Alumni Court are in clear view against a sparkling blue sky. Three lacrosse players are stretching near the east goalpost where an array of balls frame a lacrosse net. It is the middle of spring break, a time for students and faculty to recharge and prepare for the activities that will culminate at commencement. On this glorious day, I find myself reflecting on my first fifteen months at Cranbrook.

If it is true that the character of a person is revealed during hard times, then it is equally true of the character and quality of a school community. During most of my tenure at Cranbrook the pandemic, "sheltering in place", PPEs, and "social injustice" dominated conversations and disrupted living patterns here and worldwide. One could surmise that times like these would evoke complementary emotions, such as anger, despair, frustration, or sadness. However, the emotions that dominate this reflection and what have been so present within me these months are appreciation, gratitude, and pride. Appreciation, for the

welcoming and nurturing community that is Cranbrook. Gratitude, for the people of Cranbrook, its founders, faculty, alumni, students, parents, and staff. Pride, for the pervasive and palpable "can do" spirit of Cranbrook that serves as salve, inspiration, and motivator.

"Cranbrook is a sweet drink from a fire hose." That is how I described Cranbrook in my early days. The schoolhouse and its people were as warm in December as when I first toured the campus in September. The holiday concerts, student caroling, Senior Pageant, special school meals, and the lore and reverence of The Friendship Circle, are just a few of the rich traditions and multi-layered dimensions of Cranbrook that contributed to my transition to this community.

When spring came in 2020, along with the ominous winds of a pandemic, the sweetness and strength of Cranbrook were no less apparent. The care, creativity, and imagination of the faculty were demonstrated first by a near seamless transition to the "virtual schoolhouse". That was followed by an intense effort and resolve to open the schoolhouse in September. When I ask students in Stevens Hall where I do duty, how things are going, they all say they are happy and proud that their school is open. No doubt those sentiments will be added to their Cranbrook memories.

Over these months, I was not surprised to hear similar sentiments from alumni as they shared their feelings and memories of Cranbrook. All conversations revealed a high level of appreciation for the quality of the education they received as well as the lifelong friendships that began on campus. "Freshman year was a breeze after Cranbrook." "Who I am as a person was shaped by Cranbrook." "The place wasn't perfect, but I'm glad I went there." "I met my best friend at Cranbrook." Sound familiar?

I was surprised to learn that despite the high degree of



Harold Brown (center) meets alumnae at the Denver regional event in 2020

love for Cranbrook Kingswood expressed by alumni, their participation in the Schools Annual Fund was only 11%. During my conversations, I have asked alumni to guess the participation percentage. Their answers ranged from 30% to 80%. Shock, surprise and embarrassment describe the range of their reactions to the actual participation percentage, especially after I informed them that the participation rates of top performing schools, Cranbrook's peer group, range from 35% to 40%.

You might ask, "Why is alumni participation in the annual fund important?" One of the criteria that accreditation and rating agencies use to determine the health of a school is alumni participation in the annual fund. It is one indicator of the viability of a school. If alumni do not support the school, why should other potential investors? To me, it is the "pay it forward" quotient. Do alumni value the educational experience they received enough to support the education of students that follow them?

I do not believe that 11% participation reflects the alumni affinity for Cranbrook. However, I do believe that the quality of a Cranbrook education that we aspire to cannot

be sustained with alumni participation at 11%. Your gift, in any amount, reflects your desire to "pay it forward" for this generation of students. It is your personal commitment to provide them the opportunity to strive for excellence, to "Aim High" and "Go Forth to Serve". Faculty participation in the Annual Fund has been 100% for nearly two decades, reflecting their commitment to Cranbrook. Will you join them in support of our school?



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA

When architect Kimberly Dowdell, '01, sees a problem, she does not hesitate to address it. That instinct was there when, as a child growing up in Detroit in the 1980s and 1990s, she saw the deterioration of buildings and neighborhoods around her. "I remember the old Hudson's department store downtown and seeing it boarded up," Dowdell says. "I remember this distinct moment, thinking 'I would like to fix this building.' That was the genesis for me."

Today, Dowdell is the marketing principal for the global design firm HOK's Chicago studio, where she helps guide large-scale projects from vision to fruition. Her past work includes an airport and corporate headquarters, while HOK designs a wide variety of project types, including sports, recreation and entertainment facilities such as Detroit's own Little Caesar's Arena. One simple yet expansive vision guides her work – "to improve the quality of life for people living in cities," putting into practice a desire to build in ways that really help a wide variety of people.

She has incorporated that belief system into nearly every aspect of her professional life, serving in leadership roles that have allowed her to engage others in addressing issues of racial, social and environmental justice as they relate to architecture, design and community building.



Kimberly
DOWDELL '01

BUILDS FOR A BETTER FUTURE FOR OTHERS

Dowdell recently completed a two-year term as one of the youngest presidents in the 50-year history of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA), where she was also the fourth woman president. Dowdell helped the organization amplify its voice this past summer after the death of George Floyd and along with the uprisings that erupted in protest of racial injustice all across the United States and around the world.

"We were able to make a powerful public statement on behalf of NOMA and it was almost like a turning point for our organization," she says. She encouraged not only members of NOMA but all citizens, neighbors and colleagues to "be BRAVE – an acronym standing for "Banish racism. Reach out to those who are grieving. Advocate for the disinherited. Vote in every American election. Engage each human that you meet as YOU would want to be engaged."

The response was overwhelmingly positive. NOMA's membership grew by nearly 200 percent during Dowdell's tenure, during which time she also helped the organization earn recognition among the world's top architectural professional organizations.

Inequality and its broader effects are issues that Dowdell works to keep front and center for architects and others engaged in the work of city planning and related legislation. "Architecture is a context in which we live our lives," she says. Another part of that context entails asking critical questions. "Why aren't Black families building wealth or experiencing health outcomes on par with other racial groups? It's a very complicated set of issues."

For example, the approximate median net worth of a White family is \$120,000 while the median net worth of a Black family is about \$1,200. "A lot of that is linked to decades-old policies surrounding the availability of mortgages and the overwhelming lack of access to capital in the Black community," Dowdell explains. Another metric to look at is life expectancy.

"In Chicago, there's a heat map that shows life expectancy. In the areas on the north side that are mostly White that number is 90 years and on the south side which is mostly Black, that number is 60 years. That's what we need to talk about – quality of life and quantity of life, in year. Equity means working toward a goal of creating as much access as possible to healthier outcomes for everyone."

Dowdell began trying to address these issues during her first years out of college. In 2005, she co-founded the organization Social Economic Environmental Design (SEED), a principle-based network of individuals and organizations dedicated to building and supporting a culture of civic responsibility and

engagement in the built environment and the public realm. It was designed to act like LEED certification does in environmental design and helped shine a spotlight on the need for social and economic considerations in building design and real estate development.

Dowdell's leadership was clear during her four years at Cranbrook, where she was a boarding student and became head resident advisor for her dorm at Kingswood. "It was cool to support the younger girls as resident advisor and coordinate with my fellow RAs to ensure that everyone was having an optimal experience," she says.

She was also president of Gold Key, the student group that shows interested families around the campus and was co-captain of the softball team in her senior year. Dowdell was also a highly dedicated and successful student, who favored art but committed to excellence in all aspects of instruction.

"I enjoyed all of my art classes," she says. "That was part of my draw to Cranbrook. It exposed me to so many different ways to express myself creatively."

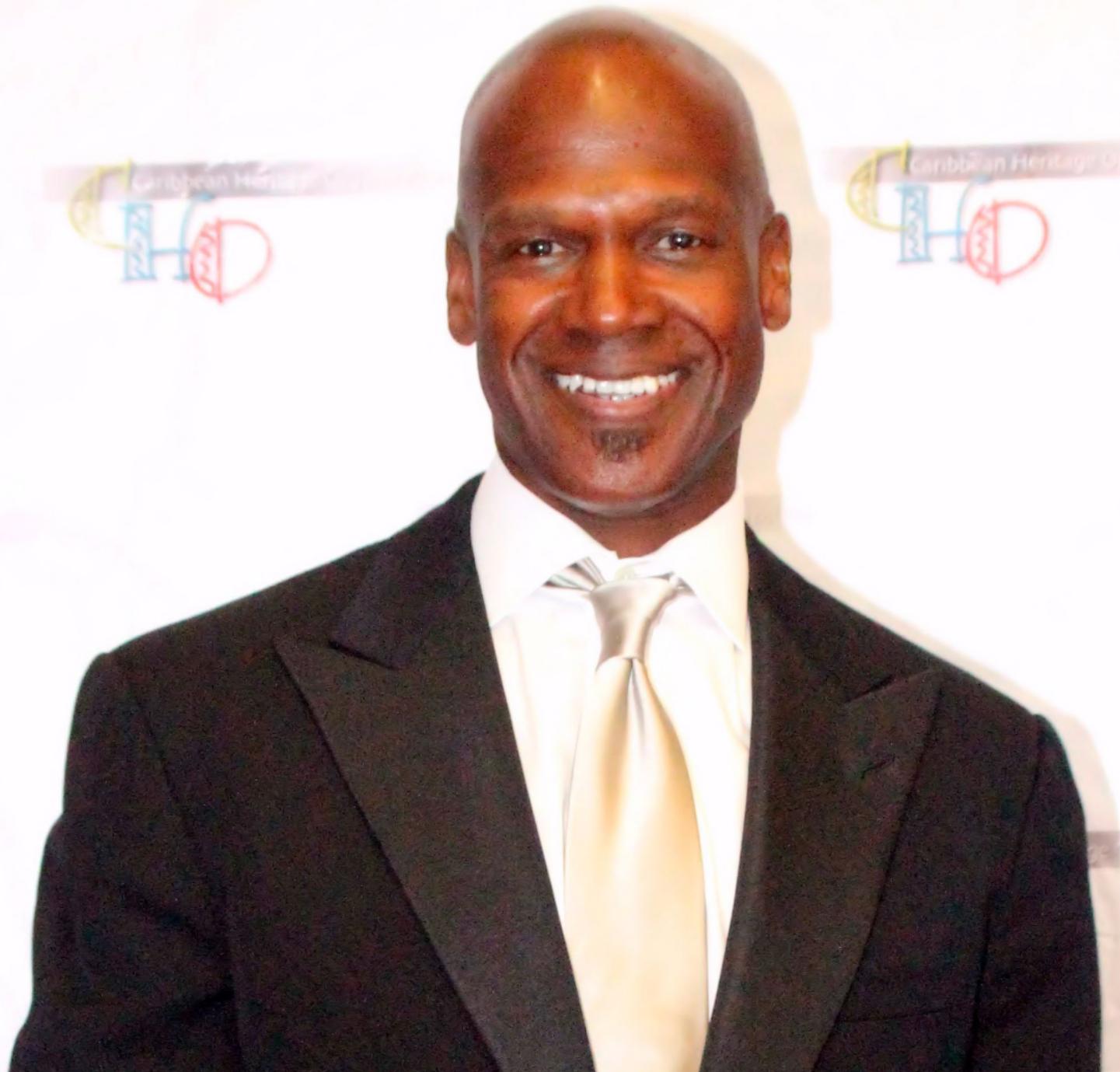
After graduation, Dowdell enrolled in Cornell University's prestigious five-year architecture program, earning her professional license seven years later. Shortly after she completed her bachelor's degree, she was invited to serve as a national board member at NOMA and was at work on developing the concept for SEED. From 2008 through 2011, she did her first stint at HOK in their New York office.

In recent years, Dowdell was been named a "40 Under 40" honoree by Crain's Detroit Business and Crain's Chicago Business, which called her a "change agent disguised as an architect" and recognized her promotion of healthier cities and equity in the design profession. In 2020, Dowdell earned the prestigious AIA Young Architects Award and was honored for her activism with Architectural Record's Women in Architecture Award.

She returned to HOK two years ago when the opportunity to help lead the Chicago studio came up. "I wanted to do larger and more impactful projects," she says. "It's been amazing working with an incredible leadership team and a wonderful group of architects and designers."

Dowdell will continue to work toward her life goal of using architecture to improve lives, a profession that can do so much to protect the health, welfare and safety of communities. With her ability to lead, she no doubt will inspire countless architects and other partners in the built environment to join her in the cause.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS



Rob
EDWARDS '81

TELLS UNFORGETTABLE STORIES FOR THE SCREEN

Six months in advance of his address to the Cranbrook class of 2021, this year's Distinguished Alumnus Rob Edwards was already tacking notes for his speech onto the walls of his office – no surprise for an award-winning screenwriter entering his fifth decade in Hollywood.

Growing up as a self-described "quiet kid who liked to read" and a "wise guy who liked to crack jokes," writing proved the ideal career path for Edwards. He was a student at Cranbrook when he found his earliest writing success, taking a January term class on science fiction short stories. He wrote several of his own short stories that caught the attention of the instructor, who shared one with renowned author T. Coraghessan Boyle, who praised the work.

The next year, Edwards taught his own January term class on movie making, "mostly so I could get a bunch of other kids to help me make a movie. It went to a couple of festivals and did well." Soon after, Dr. Charles Geroux, former Cranbrook theatre instructor, invited Edwards to direct an Oscar Wilde play.

"It was cool because there was no one looking at whether I was going to succeed or fail," Edwards says. "They told me just to have fun, and I did. I thought, if there's a way to do this as a career, then I want to do it."

Edwards came to Cranbrook as a seventh-grade boarder. "I think I proved that seventh graders were too young to be boarders because I was the last one," he says, laughing. Because of all of the time he spent on campus, he became fast friends with faculty kids and their parents.

"I got a unique viewpoint of campus because I saw teachers as human beings in their daily lives," he says. He became very close to several faculty families, including retired Upper School teachers Prospero and Fran Dagbovie. "They basically became part of my own family," Edwards recalls. "My parents were always inviting them over for dinner."

Upper School English teacher Dr. Jeffrey Welch took on a special role, encouraging Edwards to pursue his dreams. "As an African American student and the only one in seventh and eighth grade – and as a young person being away from home – it was easy to feel alone," Edwards says. "Jeff believed in me. He is one of the smartest guys I know, and I wanted to be like him."

He adds, "At that age, it's a good feeling if you know someone is cheering you on. There was no one prouder of me than Jeff when I wrote to him and told him to turn on his TV on a Thursday night to see my name in the credits."

Following graduation from Cranbrook, Edwards enrolled at Syracuse University. Despite the clear trajectory that Edwards

envisioned for his career, there was still one very important person he had to convince: his physician father who had long dreamed of working alongside his son in a family medical practice.

When Edwards graduated from Syracuse, his father gave him nine months to find a job in Hollywood – or he would have to come home and go to medical school. Upon arrival in Los Angeles, Edwards wasted no time in finding work. "I had to be working fast, and so I tried to learn as much as I could as quickly as I could," he says.

Tenacity and talent proved a powerful force and soon he was refining his natural talents on such primetime hits as *A Different World*, *In Living Color*, *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*.

Working on *The Fresh Prince* "was the most fun I ever had because no one knew what the show was going to be but us -- we knew it was going to be great," Edwards says. "No one knew Will Smith or the rest of the cast, but we started writing for Will and realized there was nothing this guy couldn't do. And (co-star) Alfonso (Ribeiro) had been acting since he was a zygote so they were just a great comedy duo."

Edwards later created his own NBC sitcom *Out All Night* starring Patti LaBelle and worked alongside Aaron Sorkin on *Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip*. Edwards's work in television soon led to writing for the big screen, amassing a lengthy list of credits including such latter-day Disney classics as *The Princess and the Frog* and *Treasure Planet*, both nominated for Academy Awards. He consulted, too, on *Wreck-It Ralph*, *Tangled* and *Frozen*, adding to a string of animation successes.

With two films forthcoming in 2023, Edwards is adding to the rich history of Disney and now Marvel. "I've been wanting to do something in their world for a long-time," he says of the superhero universe. "I'm very proud of both of these projects."

When not working on his own projects, Edwards teaches screenwriting at Syracuse University. "Someone always had a niece or nephew whose script they wanted me to read and I'd see kids making the same mistakes over and over," Edwards says. "Eventually I asked someone why these kids kept making these errors and they said, 'because guys like you don't teach.' I realized it was time to put my money where my mouth is."

When it comes to sharing advice for aspiring writers and filmmakers, he encourages young people to "model success. Study people who are incredible and then work to fill those shoes, so when you get your chance, you're ready," Edwards says. "It's like Steve Martin said, 'Be so excellent they can't deny you.'"

IN ALUMNI



IN MOMENTS

HISTORIAN DR. ANASA HICKS '07, HONORS CRANBROOK SCHOOLS' 2020 CUM LAUDE INDUCTEES

On October 21, 2020, Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School honored its 2020 Cum Laude Society inductees with a virtual ceremony featuring a video from guest speaker and class of 2007 graduate, Dr. Anasa Hicks, professor of history at Florida State University.

Known as a fearless intellectual risk taker during her time at Cranbrook, Dr. Hicks today specializes in Latin American and Caribbean history with a special focus on Cuba. Hicks shared details of her professional path, which started when she earned a Morehead-Cain Scholarship to attend the University of North Carolina, intent on becoming a journalist after a successful tenure as editor of the *Crane-Clarion* at Cranbrook.

When tragedy struck the University of North Carolina campus during her freshman year, Hicks realized that journalism was not her calling and instead turned her attention to history, where she could learn and share stories that had shaped societies past and present. Cuba and neighboring countries in the Caribbean and Latin America inspired her scholarly imagination after she traveled to the island nation to improve her command of Spanish.

Cuba, she said, was nothing like what she expected, and it so unsettled her that she wanted nothing more than to return home. Once back in the states, however, she found she could not get Cuba off her mind. Soon, she was committed to learning everything she could about its history and the dual track it shared with the United States and the horrors of slavery.

Through her study of history, Hicks realized that "anything is possible." It is a sentiment, she added, that can be taken in myriad ways, as "a promise. And a warning. And a call to political action."

As professor, author and activist, Hicks focuses on issues of women and gender and labor studies. A McKnight Fellow, she is at work on a manuscript that explores questions of race, gender and ethnicity in relation to Cuba's slave society past. She is also currently at work on a book examining the experiences of Cuban veterans of African wars. Hicks is a founding member of the Tallahassee Bail Fund, advocating for bail relief, prison abolition and racial justice. Following graduation from the University of North Carolina, Hicks attended New York University where she earned her master's degree, received a Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship in Women's Studies and completed her PhD in 2017.

The 2020 Cum Laude Society event was hosted by 11th and 12th Grade Academic Dean Gail Chun, Upper School Head Noel Doherty and Director of Cultural Studies Carla Young.

As Anasa Hicks told her Cum Laude audience, "When people talk about the future leaders of this country, they're talking about you. You're really smart. Make sure you do something with that." Because, as Hicks has said, "anything is possible."

Watch the Keynote by Anasa Hicks at:
<https://youtu.be/SWFPro2pwr8>

CLASS NOTES

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BILL BOOTHBY sent wishes for a happy new year from Nashville. Bill still enjoys a good cup of coffee and the New York Times every morning. His greeting went out to a long list of friends, including one who reminisced about a wonderful visit to see him in Gstaad while he was teaching mathematics at University of Geneva.



Bill Boothby

Bill is looking forward to celebrating his 103rd birthday on April 1! [Editor's note: We are sorry to inform readers that William Munger Boothby died peacefully in his sleep on February 14, 2021. His family writes, "It is a joy that he was lucid and engaged to the

end, content, in good spirits and free of any pain. We thank you for your friendship and kindness over the years, which were very dear to him. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Ruth Robin Boothby after 67 years of marriage and is survived by his sons, Daniel (Nicole Brazeau), Thomas (Anne Trout) and Mark (Jin Chen) and by his grandchildren, Ian, Clara and Kathryn."]

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WILLIAM R. STADLER passed away on October 26, 2020 at the age of 93 in his home in Boca Raton, FL. Bill was the first of the Stadler family to attend Cranbrook Schools. A lifelong bachelor, he is survived by brothers Chuck '48 and Jim '52; nephews Marc '71 and Bill '73; niece Karen '77. He is pre-deceased by his sister-in-law Joan Patten Stadler '48. Bill arrived at Cranbrook in 1943 from the family farm in Ohio. After Cranbrook, Bill attended Wittenberg University and opened Chrysler dealerships in Almont and Grand Rapids, MI. He later returned to the family farm as a partner with Chuck. Bill was like a second father to Marc, Bill and Karen. He taught Marc and Bill how to ride bikes and shoot. He taught Karen to drive. He was a world champion skeet shooter and very active in boating in Florida.

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K46

The class of '46 has reported in! **NANCY WHITELAW DOWNING** writes from her new retirement home in Denver. In spite of the pandemic, all is well with her and her still-growing nearby family—weddings and great-grandchildren coming soon. Nancy has fond memories of Kingswood, except perhaps those days when we went to Miss Augur's office to go over our report cards. How well I remember that, too! **KAY BALLANTYNE**

POLANSKY is staying in touch with family and friends via Zoom and FaceTime, but wishes it could be the real thing. Kay wanted to visit her brother in Birmingham, but had to put that off. I hope to see her as soon as travel resumes. Heard from **CLAUDIA REID**

UPPER that she and Jack are "still out there," in their community in Ft. Myers, FL—pills and physical therapy keeping them going. They keep in touch with their book group via Zoom, and their daughter, Lisa, has moved nearby and they see each other regularly. Their daughter, Nadia, teaches art in CA, online for the time being. Claudia and Jack have an 18-year-old great-granddaughter at Texas A&M. **MARY SUE EKELUND**

MEYER says the Christmas decorations at her Canterbury retirement home are beautiful and give hope for a better year to come! We all look forward to that! **DORIS CHAPMAN HINDS** called from Tryon, NC to say she likes her retirement community, but still owns the home nearby where her daughter and grandchildren live, where she visits regularly. Reporting in from Mill Valley,

CA, BARBARA STAMM MACDONALD wrote from her lovely retirement residence. She sees her children frequently, as they live in CA and WA state. **BETTY MILLER GOSSELIN** spent Christmas in Charlevoix with her son's family and planned to head to Florida for some sunshine. Sounds like a plan! From my faithful correspondent, **MARILYN SPOEHR LUND**, I learn that she is confined to a wheelchair due to a hip condition. Her husband, Bob, has taken over the running of the household. Her daughters and families live in the Boston area and her son and his family live in Minneapolis. Many years ago, they welcomed two more families, one from Asia and one from Africa, and Marilyn has always treasured the bonds she has with her extended family. Yes, I have had this "job" for many years—and I love it. Just the fact that you respond, as we are all 90-plus, is a real joy to me. So, let's keep it up! I've had additions to my family, married grandchildren and some great-grandchildren, and what a great ray of hope that is in a year that hasn't exactly been the best for us all. I'm looking forward to fewer restrictions, more visiting and FUN in the year to come!

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MARGIE BARTON MATTER was the one who let me know about **JOANIE PATTON STADLER**'s death. "As Joanie has been my oldest and best friend since we were in second grade and seven-years-olds. We kept up the friendship all these many years, I was close to her family too—when I got no answer to my phone call, I called her son, Marc, and learned she was not well. Marc called the next day to say she had died. The children were all with her and Chuck and they had a small church service for her very soon afterwards. Joanie was really the matriarch of that family and she was a leader in our class of 1948—she is and will be greatly missed." Thank you, Margie!! You are so right. What I admired most about Joanie is that she was EVERYONE's friend-- a friend to all whether you were a day girl, boarder, athlete or

scholar, she greeted you. My first info after that came from **MARTHA LOVELL IRWIN** telling me "She is not dead," which I was very glad to know. That came from a Jeanine Wessinger Dean joke. She told Martha that she was done sending Christmas cards, but she shouldn't be assumed dead because of it. My "pen pal" since graduating so many years ago, Martha is still faithful. It began because of the alphabet you know—H for Howard, L for Lovell put us on the same table. And you couldn't expect us to put all that time into study. Martha didn't even need to study. She knows my life history, including the fact that my grandson Mitchell Howard Frank is now at Cranbrook Academy of Art, which of course, delights me. **JEANINE WESSINGER DEAN**, as usual, has a perfect answer to "What is it like to be 90?" She says, "I think it is a bit of hard work. Everything takes longer so time becomes more important. There are now more doctor, dentist, physical therapy and ophthalmology appointments. I take classes in the Bible, exercise daily and walk two miles weekly. I visit friends in nursing homes or make calls to them. I go to more funerals than parties. I shop by catalogue. It takes the computer a long time to do what I want it to do. Yes, Jeanine, that is what I wanted—'90s in a nutshell.' All of it is me also EXCEPT you and others exercising. Going up and down the three flights of stairs is all I am able—actually willing—to do. Except my kids are huge hikers and I go to trails to watch them. **PAT WILCOX FANSLER** is cautious about decade birthdays. For her 70th they had a large, wonderful celebration, but when her 80th rolled around she became a widow. "Now at my 90th we're all overwhelmed with worldwickness and death. No way to imagine my 100th! I better not be here. Actually, I am doing fine. My overriding thought and prayer is gratitude with pain free neuropathy—my legs and feet are going dumb slowly so I give thanks for every step I take, walking two miles a day and every time I get in my car, I give thanks that I can still drive. I am so blessed that my eldest daughter lives five minutes away. Naturally it makes all the difference. My other two daughters live in Florida and Arizona so we won't see them soon. I am very impressed with **ALISON CLARK FULLER**. She did just what I asked. She told me what it was like for her to be 90.

"As to your query re: being 90, first I felt grumpy. I had no intention of living this long. My parents and brother died in their 70s. The only long lived relative I had was my grandmother, who lived to be 94, and after living with my mother had finally gone into a nursing home. I didn't intend to do either. Still live alone in my home and LOVE it. I plan to die in January of starvation so you need not ask me for news. One comment: it is always a thrill to see Jonesy's son, Congressman Portman, on TV. He looks just like her! I enjoy seeing him also, he's like a monument to Jonesy. The rest of my classmates probably won't understand this next part—Alison and I both went to Camp Bryn Afon. She told me she could sing one of the poems in its entirety—and she did! Except one word—it's "friends and pals." Such fun singing it as I read it. Dodo, didn't you go to Bryn Afon also? When we last heard from **BUNNY DAY NOLAN**, she was ensconced by boxes during her move. But she says she's now somewhat settled." I could say I have spent all this home time being very organized, cleaning closets and shelves. But I have not been constructive at all. I'm just enjoying the 100s of books on my Kindle. It has saved my sanity. And being in a gated community has many advantages, people walking their dogs all the time so you see your neighbors. Didn't have any in the last house. Damn shame about Joanie—so talented and I really thought she was indestructible. Guess we all have our own time. Interesting that I have lost so many friends this year, but none from COVID. Who are all those thousands of people? Take care of yourselves, don't drop your guard." Bunny, I almost lost my physician son to COVID. He had the kind with lingering effects, unfortunately. **DODO BOOTH** reports, "My 90th birthday was wonderful, great fun! If I'd known it would have been so, I would have been 90 sooner. My family gave me a beautiful party with decorations, my favorite foods, lots of caramel and a grownup tricycle. I ride it every day at least a mile, and sometimes two. I find living here at Perry Farm, I have to get out for some fresh air and exercise. However, I feel lucky to live here. Nice apartment, good friends, one I've known since we lived next door to each other in Indian Village when we were only four and six years old. New friends, too. But with the pandemic we are asked to stay in our own

apartment to do our large breakfast. They bring dinner to our rooms. I have family nearby including great-grands who come to visit. I'm in pretty good health—probably because I'm putting our local pharmacist's children to college. Sorry to be so long-winded, but remember that's ME. I miss all of you class of '48! **DORA POLK CROUCH** has left the West and moved to the East. She is grateful to hear from '48-ers. Says we "make her day. She says life is quiet here, so I'm especially glad to hear from you! I moved to upstate New York now. I live with my oldest daughter out in the country. My address is: 109 Maxwell Rd., Latham, NY 12110." The rest of her card acknowledges "Professor Emeritus, School of Architecture Rensselaer Polytechnic Ins." Proud of you, Dilly. From **MARY LEILA CURTICE BISHOP** comes, "Joyce dear, happy to hear life is going well for you. Sorry to hear about your son's COVID. Hope time and care will work its charms. Missing Joanie—are there thoughts about a memoriam for her and maybe Chatty too? My life is knitting (lots of challenges), friends and family. Leila's youngest, Dean, asked his girl to marry him before Thanksgiving. Jeremy and Maria had a little boy in April. Babies having a baby! Bob, Leila's son, is having Christmas Eve as usual. She and I are making a Christmas Croquembouche. She and Steph and Art who were in Morgan, Colorado are now in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Margot's family is doing well. Being confined for so long was difficult. Claire finishes her senior year in Glasgow this year. Zoe is enjoying college and her Pharaoh Hound Darcy. Love, hugs and be Merry!. Mary Leila." The **MOLLY BIXBY BARTLETT** news has Tom joining many of us at 90 in August. Molly will join the rest of us next March. They managed to escape the threatening air quality in Portland caused by the forest wildfires on the West Coast by flying to NYC to be with son, Richard, and his family for a week and then on to Nashville to be with son Tom and his wife Lou for five days. They are currently quarantined in their Oregon apartment. They are fortunate to have very nice neighbors on their floor so they are not totally isolated. Molly, like many of us, is hoping for another KSC reunion—and hopes to see us there!! We need a full-fledged band and 24 trumpets! The lost is found! **MARIE O'DONNELL** has

been lost to us for a long time. Turns out she was still in NYC and staying home now, of course, because of the COVID virus. She says she has no news but anything about her is news to us. She says, "we're here. We're 90, as we are the first to see this age." Me too, Marie. No one in my family lived beyond 65 until now so I'm really celebrating. Can't wait to tell Martha and Jo about you. Our day girls are few. She also said, "several friends from work visit me and it's good—missed baseball this summer but hope it will be back in October. Wishing you a healthy, happy and safe new year! – Marie." Thank you so much, Marie, for responding. **MARY BAKER BERRY**'s daughter, Trish Berry '79 was so very sweet to contact us on Mary's behalf to wish us the best in 2021. She took such great care of her mother, Mary. The **LUNDEENs (GINNA and Ed)** tell us things at 90 aren't so different for them. "We, too, have the usual aches and pains and we pray for your good health. My biggest challenge is of all things, MEMORY!!! Not fun. We are blessed with great meal delivery here at W. Village. Difficult part is total confinement. Our Bill and Allison and their three girls still have quartered in River Forest. Valerie, UN Carolina grad, majored in public policy and is employed by Hamilton Place Strategies. Virginia at Clemson studies lab science toward Med School. Bevi, a stay at home, a top of class senior, blew the lid off the SAT, and is probably headed for college in Virginia. Mom, Allison, is now the Reverend Dr. Ally. Dad, Bill, busy with his Tax Law/IPS. Our son, Jim Jr., and family retired in Cleveland near his son, Jim, and family so we have two greats: granddaughter Patty and Jonathan home loving 29 Palms California. Ed keeps busy here as treasurer and is Santa Claus each year for the employees. Fun! Happy, healthy 2021. Love, Ed and Ginna. Like all of us, **WINNIE ROEHM WARD** is deeply saddened to read of Joan Patton Stadler's death. "We go clear back to grade school together and I will miss her very much. If we decide to sponsor a scholarship in her name, I'd be glad to donate. Life goes on in my family. No COVID so far in any family but we respect it and are trying to be careful. We make one trip to our remote cabin at Kentucky Lake and hope to go to Kansas City to be with my girls at Christmas but things are still indefinite as of now. We've not been back to

Oregon to see Byron's boys or how the house renovation went and our planned 90th birthday trip to Alaska was cancelled so we're basically holed up here. Resident management is very tight and all 100 of us are fine for now. As to the 90s—all the aches and pains! But we shudder at the inevitable alternatives and are glad to be dying a piece at a time. I read that Lake Michigan is at a new high and threatening some of your beautiful bluffs. Hope this is not a problem for you. Fondly, Winnie." Actually, it is. We had a couple landslides that have cut off our access to beach but right now we are living at my house on Lime Lake. Fred plugged a sink on the third floor then went to bed. It overflowed three of the four floors. Drywall, flooring, ceilings all have to be replaced. So, we are at my house—as previously mentioned, my physician son had a bad case of COVID. He's back to work but not fully recovered. Got another great-grand—Everett—my 13th great-grand to date. She is Rick and Wendy's granddaughter. My 90s feel a lot like yours. I can still work, drive, but tire easily, names don't pop up right away—and my son and his wife insist I stay home quarantined so they shop for my groceries, etc. To me, the hardest part of being 90 has been the loss of friends. I feel like the Lone Ranger. So hard to not have old friends with whom to reminisce. So, all of you—take care! I don't want to lose any more friends!



Beloved Class Secretary, Joyce Howard Stackable

[Editor's Note: We regret to inform readers that **JOYCE HOWARD STACKABLE** passed away in early March. The following is an excerpt from her obituary, written by her son, Joyce Howard Frank Stackable died

peacefully on March 10, 2021 in her beloved Snug Harbor home on Lime Lake in Cedar, Michigan, surrounded in love by her family. Joyce was born in Detroit on September 12, 1930 to Dr. Austin Howard and wife Bessie, where she grew up with her much loved sisters, Shirley and Arlene. Like many in her generation, Joyce was raised for domesticity and lived the life of an eager housewife until circumstances demanded that she return to school. This change resulted in a distinguished, award-filled career as a grade-school educator. Joyce graduated from Kingswood School, Cranbrook, and earned a B.A from the University of Michigan before returning to earn an M.A. from Michigan State University. Though she often said, "All I ever wanted to do was be a mother," many are fortunate that this wish did not come true. She went on to a career of generative empowerment as a single mother of four children, widely remembered as the "best teacher I ever had" by most of the 500 children fortunate to be included among her cherished students. Joyce was a kind, independent, strong-willed woman of enormous determination and resolve. There was very little that she put her mind to that she couldn't accomplish. She was highly competitive and an athlete, riding horses across the state with Fred and the Michigan Trail Riders, and still driving snowmobiles in Leelanau County until she was 80 years old. She built three prominent legacies in her lifetime. First and foremost, her family. Second, her 2nd grade students from Haslett, Michigan, many of whom still maintained contact with her decades later as a 90-year-old Facebook user. And third, her innovative, influentia, and award winning approach to teaching that literally brought real life into the elementary school classroom. The latter two legacies are, of course, inextricably entwined. But the students, as they all know, mattered far more than the awards. Joyce's students remember her for what she taught, how she taught and especially how she nurtured. She was ever attentive to the students in most need of support and love and offered this with unmatched generosity through 24 years of teaching. Many still treasure mementos of her classroom through the creative and enduring crafts made for and with her students. Many have made the pilgrimage to her home in Leelanau County, Michigan to express their deep gratitude for the impact she had on their

lives. She held a special talent for helping each student recognize how special they were, which in turn brought the best out in each of them. Donations in her memory may be directed to the Leelanau Conservancy or any fund benefiting education or your community. To read the obituary in full, please visit: <https://www.leelanaunews.com/articles/joyce-h-f-stackable/>

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As you all know from my earlier email, we have lost **GUNTHER BALZ** and **BILL SHULEVITZ**. Gunther, who was in good health, contracted COVID-19 and was hospitalized where it went into pneumonia and he died. Bill went from a heart attack combined with myelodysplastic syndrome, which he never revealed to us. He worked hard in his father's industrial/laundry business and later with the Garment Corp of America, which he left in 1979 and ran the Puerto Rico branch of the laundry, which his son manages now. He was a regular at our reunions. Gunther was equally active and always kept us amused by his dry comments, like moving to a retirement home (getting ready for the next stage of life and/or his race with the Spitfire as to who would get finished first).



Gunther's Spitfire

Susan, his widow, says he did get to ground test it, but never flew it. Sad. She sent a picture and it is a beautiful machine, and it is "for sale." **ROSS LAVERTY** writes, "Thanks for keeping in contact. I am alive and well (as nearly as I know). Last summer, I had a small cancer on my ear, which now looks mutilated but is clear. My wife of fifty-six years, Doree, died in October 2019. Since then, I've been

living alone, and since the virus, "sheltering in place," except for weekly grocery trips. I have been living between two empty houses for most of the year, but fortunately a family has moved into of them recently. For years I have enjoyed being in my church choir and a community orchestra, but now they both are suspended until COVID is over. I have two children who have their own families (one grandson is on the Theodore Roosevelt), but they live in Escondido (near San Diego) and Mount Vernon, Washington (near Canada), so they are roughly the same distance away from me. I haven't seen any of them for too long. **BILL BRODER** writes, "Sorry to hear about Gunther and Bill and all the rest. It's been a fraught year and we're still not out of it. I remain, waiting on the vaccine, still stumbling out in the morning for a walk, still writing, etc. Family all well, so far. And grateful that you are still carrying on, with your bow still cocked and aiming high." Sally Bohon '50 wishes us all luck with getting the vaccine. Her county gets 500 doses a week and has 135,000 senior citizens. She reports on her half-life, "except for being half blind, half deaf and half lame, the other half is doing well." She is a great writer to be sure and read her column K-50. **JAMES TRUETTNER** and wife Karen are "hiding" in their Vero Beach, FL home on the Indian River. "Get our second vaccine shot this Saturday and then will be more social with dining out, golf and croquet as well as swimming. Still hope to go to Pebble Beach home in spring, fish with the men in the family in June on the snake river in Idaho, and then back to our country home North of Libertyville, IL for the summer. I feel fine and stay busy. Doing a little freelance writing for the local paper and historical society. Meet with my kids on Zoom now, which is weird. All but the youngest are retired now. Imagine that! I've got four kids collecting social security! Our families are all healthy as of today. Keep praying for each other. Best to everyone, especially you and Gordon Dicks (alias Townsend)." **TOM CLARK** writes, "72 years from Cranbrook graduation and I am feeling very blessed but feel like I am on the downside of life. Recently, I ended up in the hospital with pneumonia and more recently with a mild stroke. I am still ticking! God must have more plans for me. Kathleen and I are enjoying our pandemic quarantine time together." Carol Macomber

reported her highlights, "Let's see... here is a list of all the interesting things I've done since the last issue: 1....2....3.... And here are all the wonderful places I've traveled to: 1....2....3.... All kidding aside, right now I am very thankful to have been spared by this horrible virus, and I'm patiently waiting for my turn to be vaccinated. I send best wishes for health and safety to everyone." **JACK SPOEHR** comments: "Walt, extremely sorry to hear about Gunter and Shulevitz. Good to hear from you. I'm doing okay here at Ivy Creek Senior Living. I've been keeping myself very busy, meeting many new interesting people who live here. Lately, I've been in charge of the library here." **DON JONES** email was returned and his telephone is no longer in service. We have his new address in D.C., so I wrote **DAVE OSNOS** and asked if someone from his office would drive by it and see if it is occupied. Dewey Barrow lets us know that **ARMAND SMITH** died August 20th with the comment that Army had wonderful, happy memories of his years at Cranbrook. I wrote **BOB LEISTER** and Lucille's son, Chris, to see if Lucille had any message for us. She, like me, does not do well on the phone. I had a long talk with **TOBY MAXWELL**, who has been going as Charles in recent years. He is known as the US Oil Guru. At present, his favorite is a company that was trying to patent a flat screen TV and are now into medical research trying to patent a possible cancer cure. I know I have an email from Dave Osnos but I can't find it. He said he and Glenn had given up travel and were staying close to home. **RICHARD TOWNSEND** and Tom are winding down our website and will be writing you when their plan is complete. Richard recently had some blood tests, but couldn't supply an adequate specimen so they gave him a jug to take home and bring back when adequately filled. Terrible what we must do to stay alive. Kathleen and I are on the list for the vaccine. We are going to take it and hopefully it works and our side effects are minimal. Our son, Ken '97, is coming home to cook my 90th birthday dinner, fillet rare, baked potato, endive salad and caramel cake and ice cream. My calls were not totally successful. I got **PETER SIMPSON**'s machine and **ROBERT HAYMAN'S** is disconnected. Louise Lowell and I had a brief conversation after four tries on a scratch line. Things are well with her and she avoided the virus. The

family is all doing well. **FRED SMITH** fell and hit his head which caused a brain bleed that required surgery to stop it. He was in good spirits as was his wife, Pompea. She is taking good care of him and they are hoping to get the vaccine shot shortly through UCLA where he worked.

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It's good to hear news about **ANNE WILLSON HALL**. She has eight children, 14 grandchildren & five great grandchildren and they are scattered from France to Australia, New York to California. Anne is in good health, keeps contact with her family while staying safe at Cypress Cove in Ft. Myers. She keeps busy with daily exercise classes, walks around courtyards and of course, KNITTING. The Sunshine Knitters have sent scarves to homeless shelters in Chicago for over 18 years now. **MARYE ROSE RAIDER SCHALER** met her granddaughter, Jessica, at an outside restaurant on the Florida Intercoastal for a little reunion (see picture).



Marye Rose Raider Schaler

Marye Rose had her first COVID shot and soon her second. She is keeping busy with two book clubs and bridge online, plus a few in person games with her "bubble" people. They find they can dine safely at many outdoor restaurants. **CONNIE CLARK JONES** & Dick are enjoying the Florida weather and their pool while staying "safe." Connie and

I did celebrate our July Birthdays via phone! **BARBARA WATKINS STRUTHERS** plays golf twice a week but her big news is her first great-grandchild, a boy, born February 2020.



Molly Sylvester Beresford in Vietnam

MOLLY SYLVESTER BERESFORD during her February 2020 pre-COVID trip to Vietnam assisted a Vietnamese communal farm. What an amazing trip Molly enjoyed.



Molly Sylvester Beresford and Elizabeth Gallogly Bacon on a recent trip to NH (pre-covid)

Recently, Molly has recovered from colitis and is stronger with her PT workouts. Two sons live nearby, but son Peter and Susan have retired to the west coast. She is still very much involved in their business and spends a few days working from home. **NANCY SHORE GILCHRIST** is still sequestered on Anna Maria Island in Florida, with beach walking and planting new palms. She is expanding her creativity into cooking and sharing with neighbors. She misses not seeing her family but is hoping with the vaccine, she can return to Santa Fe in 2021. **SUE NOLTE DUNHAM** is staying in her new cottage in San Antonio, a senior living place. She misses her old house on the lake and the grandchildren coming to swim. Please note her phone number on our list is incorrect. It's 512-962-7166, so give

her a call. She spent a joyous Christmas with her son and family nearby and is staying safe. Now this summer, **JESSIE KINDEL PALMER** wrote that she is hankered down on the beautiful Lake Michigan in Holland. They love their environment but wearing masks and keeping their distance. Their daughter and one grandchild stay with them and the rest of the family come on weekends. However, Jessie died unexpectedly on December 21, 2020 of complications following abdominal surgery with her husband of 60 years beside her. Jessie succeeded in her life with family, education and loved children and art. We remember her news of joining the docent program at the Metropolitan Museum of Art with tours for children. In reading her OB, I did not realize they lived a year in Sweden and six months in Taiwan. We will miss you, Jessie. I tried calling **PEGGY GILFILLAN COLE** four times, but the lady I talked to at her Senior Residence of 70 seniors, said Peggy is very involved in their activities and goes to the dining room for her meals. I remember they did shut their whole place down in 2020 immediately and Peggy could only wave to her children through the window. No one at the complex got the COVID and, finally, the kids could wave across the room on the porch, but I just received a letter from Peggy and she states they are still not allowed any visitors. She did receive a nice letter from Bob Palmer about Jessie. She hadn't seen Jessie in many years but she remembered the fun she & Jessie had at Kingswood. (I also remember them living next door in the Suites and the mice who got into their food) When the Palmers first moved to NYC, the four of them got together for many fun times. **IMY POWRIE SCHLEY** has emailed several times that she is staying safe and we know she spent last summer at her Wisconsin summer home with her family, but the question still is: did you retire Imy from your legal assistant job after 40 years with that lawyer? Now **ALICE SPERO MARCH** did not enjoy living in New York last summer because of its hot and humid weather. She did Interview #56 on her Global Radio Show with a lady who went from being a bond trader on Wall Street to a healer of stress, anxiety and other uncomfortable feelings, using an old Japanese tool, Jin Shin Jyutsu. Alice was elected as Top Radio Show Host of the year by the International Association of Top Professionals for her WHY

OUR ATTENTION MATTERS. Alice loves her work and is forever researching new topics and wants to start speaking again. She did make contact with **ANN WALRAD KELLY** and all is well. On a sad note, we have to say farewell to **JEANNE BROWN JONES, MARY SUE COOKSEY ROHWER, NANCY RUTHERFORD BRYANT** and **JESSIE KINDEL PALMER**. You all will be missed. I am working on a new classmates list for the first day of spring—March 20, 2021.

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It's always a jolt to get a letter back from the next of kin when we lose another classmate, so I am sad to tell you that **GINGER FUNSTON THOMAS** died in October 2019 at Tapestry Senior Living in Tallahassee. Ginger had a full life, for sure, and I recall she drove all the way from Tallahassee to Bloomfield Hills to attend one of our last reunions. She was on the Duplicate Bridge circuit the last time I saw her and had achieved Life Master status. Not long after she remarried, she and her new husband (who was a college sweetheart) were in Daytona Beach, so Jack and I went over to take them to dinner. According to Ginger's obituary he, unfortunately, did not live long after they were married. On a happier note, most of the news you all sent was really quite good. It has been a difficult year for everyone, but virtually everyone seemed to be coping. **DOROTHY DAVIDSON FOULDS**, like many, turned to Bridge to fill the hours. She is looking forward to her second great-grandchild arriving in June. The cheeriest note was from **JOAN ISAACSON CHANDLER** who is over the moon with happiness at the huge success of the TV mini-series, *The Queen's Gambit*, which her son, William Horberg, co-produced. If you haven't seen it, I cannot recommend it more highly; it is a riveting story of a young orphan girl who enters the world of chess. (I won't give away another thing.) Joanie had fun acting as Bill's "agent," booking him on two talk shows. Beyond missing her calling (she says) she spent the year like the rest of us, behind a mask, socially distanced, and meeting with friends outdoors

in the park. **SALLY SELOVER SAUNDERS** says her family has happily been spared the virus, and that daughter, Hillary, plus granddaughter, Maia, plus son Tony, plus granddaughter Annabelle, spent a few days with her in Harbor Springs on their annual trip to "somewhere with water, beach and shops." That was fun. Having less fun, at least for Christmas, was **CAROL ROBERTSON GRAY** who went into the hospital on Christmas Eve with peritonitis. Carol, you may recall, lives on dialysis, so this was no small matter. With her constant good humor, she made light of it, but it sounded grim with shifts of nurses and massive antibiotics. Curiously, I had gotten an email from Carol written on Christmas Eve saying she was planning a very low-key Christmas this year and then—wham!—on January 3 comes the email of her hospitalization. It is a good thing that Carol moved to Massachusetts, bringing her closer to family. Her daughter, Hillary, lives nearby and Carol has a passel of children that are ever watchful. **ANN PATTERSON MUNRO**, who now lives in Salt Lake City, where she and Don live close to daughter Sarah and family, called me and she sounded wonderful! She said she has a view of—I think—the Wasatch Mountains from her home. Ever the avid-reader, "Patter" sends along a couple of book recommendations which sound really good: *The Year 1000: When Explorers Connected the World—and Globalization Began* by Valerie Hansen and *Eleanor: A Life (Roosevelt)* by David Michaelis. Bob Sukenik, who now handles the correspondence for **LUANNE LAW SUKENIK** sent a really interesting email explaining how their lives had changed with COVID restrictions in Presbyterian Village North, a retirement community in North Dallas. Where they used to eat in a communal dining-hall and engage in activities, the dinner is now delivered to their house daily. Bob orders groceries online and does a non-contact pick-up. Bob says Luanne does just about everything she used to do, but communication is difficult. Nevertheless, with Zoom they are able to meet with their children monthly, including a granddaughter Katie from Hong Kong. They celebrated the arrival this year of three great-grandchildren: Sam, Anders and Adam. And their granddaughter, Lauren, was promoted to President and CEO of Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Greater LA

Wow! **BARBARA WAGNER COYE** also called, and we chatted on the merits of living in a really tiny, rural community like Suttons Bay where they have been largely spared from the virus. Other than a bit of sailing on the boat her late husband built, Barb stays hunkered down, but enjoys a weekend meal with her sister Nancy '56, who doesn't live too far away.. I hadn't heard from **JANICE WESSINGER BARTLETT** in a while, so was delighted to get her note that they were able to get over to Glen Lake for several weeks in the summer and enjoy visits with relatives before the hammer came down on moving around. If there was a mutual thread in all the correspondence, it was lamenting the confinement and not being able to see our families. No doubt Doctoral dissertations are now being written on this subject. From Arizona, **MARYLON HOWLETT BARNES** wrote that she has spent the year staying home alone, not socializing even with her family; forgoing even Thanksgiving and Christmas. Several of her family got the virus and several others battled cancer, but survived. She looks forward to the arrival of great-grandchild number thirteen in May, with more weddings planned for the fall, so there is brightness in that. Our other Arizona classmate, **JOANIE PATERSON JARRATT** found life a bit easier in Tucson. Adjusting to the new restrictions in dining, etc., Joanie nevertheless could move about fairly freely. In Mount Shasta, California **ANNE GILMOUR HILL** probably had more to contend with than the rest of us since she and Preston also had the ever-threatening fires. They spent time clearing the heavily forested area behind their home which slopes about 60 degrees down to a creek. They had planned to go to Italy last summer to visit their daughter, Karen, who was on a sabbatical leave to study an experimental school in Florence, but the school shut down, so that was that! Anne, though, keeps busy with her racing shell, skiing and art. Doesn't sound too shabby. You all were superb in answering my plea for news and I am grateful. My life here in Florida is just like yours. But the weather is probably better. Several of my family had the virus. Most had light cases, but Connie in Texas got pneumonia from it, and it was a pretty close call. She recovered, but is a weaker person. I see my kids regularly on Zoom. Which reminds me: if you are interested in having

a Class '50 Zoom meeting, let me know and I will see what I can arrange. Since we are unlikely to ever have another class reunion it would be fun to just get together for an hour or so to see how we are doing. My email is at the end of this column. Let. Me. Know. Love to you all.

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I have the pleasure of frequent contact with **DR. JOHN COLWELL**, who's enjoying a relaxing northern California retirement with wife, Betty. John came out of a week's COVID bug, spent all at home, and remains very sharp of body and mind. His grandson, a baseball player good enough to make most college teams, chose Michigan instead, and I had the pleasure of meeting him...arm's length, of course...on campus before classes began. John promised to make our 70th, and I hope to host him for a Michigan home football game in the fall if they open the stands and if it coincides with his Medical School reunion. **JON DESENBERG**, long retired from his medical malpractice defense law firm, divides much of his time beating everyone in his age group in 5K races and spending January through April annually in southern Florida with Judy Bobrow, who also shares with him their Ann Arbor outskirts home. See them often to my delight. Had a great talk after all these years with the elusive **CHUCK CARTER**. He's still recovering from a broken hip (fall on ice) whereby subsequent surgery resulted in a minor (non-disabling) stroke. John studied product design at Michigan, a smart choice, since design of one thing or another was his highly successful life's work. He started out at North American Air, designing Navy and Air Force jet planes and went from there to Lear, which also produced a plane he helped design. Since then, Chuck has designed homes (mainly), furniture and even landscaping. His designed homes can be seen in the likes of Sun Valley, Jackson Hole, Hilton Head, Delray Beach and North Palm Beach

for starters, a 30-year occupation he plied as a one-man operation until 1972. Chuck tried to downplay everything about himself from his successes to his athletic ability, but I wasn't fooled; he was a soccer co-captain our senior year. When I told him how happy I was to see how sharp his mind is, he said, "I'm not sure it ever was." Received a great call from **REY FRACASSI** resulting in a great lunch date with him soon after. He's enjoying a clean bill of health mentally and physically, open-heart surgery at The University of Michigan hospital last June notwithstanding ... still some residual weakness, though. Rey reflected longingly on the days of Headmasters Stabler and Hoey and his valued classmates, a breed he wishes were in existence today. He ran into our late **RICARDO NUNEZ** about 10 years ago but couldn't take Ricardo up on his invite to visit his "compound" for two or three weeks. Rey is still slightly into the (mostly business) insurance company he's had since 1972. His recently late partner had been a Golden Gloves (boxing) champion. One of Rey's grandsons is a scholarship football player at John Carroll and the older brother of a hot college prospect and wide receiver who drew serious attention at a "recent 7-on-7 competition in Florida." Rey misses so many of you and mentioned the late **BOB GENTRY** and '50 grad Rufus Beardsley in particular. Rey also promised to make our BIG 70th if it comes off, if I'm there, and you KNOW I will be (if I'm anywhere then). Please, guys, TRY to make our 70th the biggest it can be, and keep in touch!

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We will be celebrating our 70th anniversary year of graduation from Kingswood this June. Pretty amazing, isn't it? Sadly, the COVID pandemic will make it difficult for us to gather on campus to toast this remarkable event. I will keep you all posted on any updates to reunion. John Dixon, husband of **BROOKE TUCKER DIXON**, died of a stroke, but

made it home from his Atlanta therapy clinic to spend his last Christmas with family. Brooke is now living in Port Charlotte, Florida. **MARY BARTON LETTS** lost her husband, Chuck, last fall. Both Chuck and John were wonderful men, full of life and much loved by their friends and family and will be missed dearly. **JANE BARTH** spent last summer as she has spent most summers of her life; in the family cottage in Michigan's thumb. **MARCI KELLEY WILLS** is still at Skiddaway Island in Georgia, but she and Larry are keeping open the possibility of moving to an independent living place very near their home. She said she won't have to change stores or doctors. She is still an active bridge player. **BETSY BREWSTER** overcame COVID-19 this fall. She lives in a community near Westport Point, Massachusetts, where her family spent many happy summers. She hopes to return to a more normal schedule of voice lessons and events in her community soon. My life has probably been much like yours; lots of books read, daily walks and nightly dates with Netflix. I send wishes to you for good health and the end of the virus. And happy 70th.

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Quarantine. Isolation. Masks. COVID-19. Election or non-election. Politics. Climate change. 2020. Enough already!!!! All of the above, and more, generated lots of news, fake or otherwise, but seem to have dried up any news from you, my classmates. I'm writing these notes on January 31, 2021—most of the classmates I've contacted are in the midst of the COVID Vaccination process and have received at least one shot. Many of us, doddering old fellers in our eighties, have moved, are moving, or are contemplating moving, to smaller living quarters or warmer climates. Bucking the trend are the **PATERSONs**, who moved from Arizona to New England, where Jim says it's been tough to again get used to the winter cold and snow after many years in the Southwest. The entire Paterson family endured mild cases of the virus. **MIKE SCHIRMER**, a winter-acclimated Northern Michigander, reports

that he can still step out of his front door, onto his cross-country skis, just as he did as a five-year-old, when the home belonged to his grandparents. **DAVE WILLIAMS** continues to terrorize the alligators on various Florida golf courses. **CARL** and **Carol LUCKENBACH** have relocated to Jacksonville, FL. After many years in MI, they are now Floridians. Carl's eyesight is severely compromised, due to glaucoma. Both sounded quite chipper whilst I conversed with them in early February. Further travel is pretty much out of the question. **KEN** and Pam **WILSON** avoided COVID-19 by staying home in Aiken SC, about 100 miles from the Carolina coast. They did venture to Des Moines, Iowa, to visit their daughter and her family. **JIM STADLER** writes extensive letters and emails to Cranbrook officials and others, voicing with great eloquence his disdain for the path being taken by academia in the education, training, discipline and mentoring of our youth, citing changes he has noted at Cranbrook and elsewhere. Jim and Betty are among the class who are planning to downsize. **JACK** and Mary **ALWAY** are still in Mainville, OH, midway between Dayton and Cincinnati. Jack still mentors residents in the medical program he established years ago. Due to COVID, Jack has postponed elective knee replacement surgery. Speaking of Cincinnati, **FRANK HUSS**, who, despite various infirmities, still chases eclipses, but lost out in 2020, due to the COVID pandemic. **RAY BRANT** now resides in an assisted living facility in Dover, NH, near his daughter. COVID pretty much restricts his activities, due to the need for an oxygen supply to be always close at hand. **DICK DESKIN** and canine companion, Pearl, live on Torch Lake in Northern Michigan, where Dick spends plenty of winter time, pushing or blowing snow with his snowplow. Pearl is a German short-haired pointer, supposedly a great outdoors and hunting dog, but has become more of a lap dog. Dick suspects some genetic dysfunction, since Pearl is afraid of thunder, lightning and gunshots, as well as rain dropping on his metal roof. By the time you read this, Dick will have become a great-grandfather for the second time. He has three daughters and seven grandchildren. In a delightful phone conversation with **SIG HEUSER**, I learned that both he and his late wife, Suzy, attended Ripon College in Wisconsin, where they met.

Both their daughter and son also attended Ripon. Sig and his son, Kurt, sold the family company, Bokrum, whereupon Kurt retired and joined Sig in their neverending project of restoring a century-old farmhouse near Lapeer Michigan, where Kurt hopes to live someday. On their property is their own private lake, where Sig is in a yearly battle trying to rid the lake of Northern Pike. Sig's daughter lives in Minnesota with Sig's four grandchildren. **JOHN** and Penny **EDISON** winter in North Palm Beach, where two magnificent bronze cranes reside in their backyard. John admits to some difficulty ambulating, but finds relief and exercise in water exercising. Following the trend noted above, **CHUCK** and Ann **HUTCHINS** have moved to La Posada, a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. They found that getting rid of a lifetime accumulation of "stuff" isn't all that easy. Some physical and health issues along the way didn't help. However, they are extremely happy in their apartment and are enjoying "settling in." **DICK** and Joan **JONES** winter in Tucson, AZ, in the home Dick's Dad bought 60 years ago. Driving from MI to AZ is no longer an option, so they have cars in both Tucson and Lake Angelus. They, too, are contemplating downsizing, but Dick hates the thought of leaving Lake Angelus. **BILL** and Ann **SALOT** paid me a visit in St. Clair at the end of January, also to see the condo that I had purchased. Ann has a flair for architecture/interior design and I valued her comments. Bill uses a walker, but gets around very well. Kindly, Bill refrained from ragging on me about the 2020 election. **ANDY RABE** has tolerated the life changes cause by COVID and was happy to report receiving his first vaccine shot, as did **FRANK HUSS**. Held a phone conversation with **BOB MAST**, who continues to enjoy his one-floor home, complete with a backyard full of trees and a small pond, teeming with wildlife. Since walking is a problem, he relies upon a "power plate" which he says professional athletes swear by—it stimulates your muscles and joints with vibration as you stand on it. **DUNC PATTEN** and Eva find that living in Big Sky Country makes the COVID quarantine much easier than in more densely populated areas. Work on Dunc's second book was brought to a standstill by the pandemic, as he was wary of the travel necessary to take the photographs

he wanted in Yellowstone, Cody, WY, and Billings, MT. **JOHN** and Sheila **YOUEL** are happy to have received their first COVID vaccine. John had four-way bypass open-heart surgery in 2020 and is recovering with the help of a physical therapist. He hopes to be back golfing in the spring at the fabulous Farmington Country Club in Charlottesville, VA. They are contemplating selling their home and "downsizing" [if you can call it that] from a 5,000 square foot home to a similar sized condo. **TONY STEELE**, our sole Canadian classmate, sold his home and car and is now living in a senior citizen independent living facility. He doesn't have a TV, but is an avid listener of CBC radio. Most of the **STONER** clan is currently hunkered down on Captiva Island, FL, hiding from COVID, Northern blizzards, etc., but keeping a sharp eye out for alligators. Tom has been devoting much effort to assuring the perpetuity of the family charitable foundation called www.naturesacred.org. Look it up! **JOHN** and Judy **HATCH** have been pretty much confined to their apartment in Bloomington, MN, during the pandemic. They were unable to return to the family cottage in Grand Haven, MI, in 2020, but hope to be able to spend some time there in 2021. John's boys have taken over and will keep the cottage in the family. John stays active with exercise daily. On a sad note, **JOE HACKER** passed away on September 4, 2020, at home in Champaign, Illinois. Joe was 84. He is survived by, wife Frances, son Joseph, daughter Beth, one granddaughter and his sister. Joe was an Air Force veteran and an employee of the University of Illinois for over thirty years. Before sitting down to compose these notes on my aging computer, I tried to reach all known living classmates. From four, I received no response, or couldn't reach **ROBERT GILLOW**, **CARL LUCKENBACH**, **DAVID MEADE** and **RICHARD SARGENT**. Twenty-three out of twenty-seven isn't bad, I figure, since we're all around 86 years young. If you read this and your name isn't mentioned, let me know. Keep those emails and letters coming. Let me know if you want contact info for any of the other class members. If you have an email address and aren't part of the exchange, drop me a line at this address: hirtstan@umich.edu.

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Greetings from Dallas, TX: I was very happy to hear from so many of you. The notes and emails were a great help during this long drought of little contact. Last winter, I had a phone call from Elliott Trumbull, who has been the Cranbrook '53 secretary since our graduation. He has earned his spot in the hereafter! Elliott and his wife live in Naples, FL, along with four of our classmates. It was a joy talking with him and I promised to call when I next visit my brother. **KIT NOLTE MORRIS** called in March from Kerrville, TX, where she and her husband had relocated four years ago. I had had no luck trying to contact her at their Dallas number. Fortunately, they were not here to experience the 10 tornadoes of October, 2019, which devastated the section of Dallas where they had lived. It has been over a year and the destruction is yet to be fully addressed. Kerrville is a small Hill Country community of 30,000. The Hill Country is famous for its scenery, towns influenced by their German immigrant population, blue bells and wild flowers. The draw for the Morris' was their son and his family. Some time ago, Kit had a bad automobile accident injuring her foot and leg. Luck was with her, though, her son is an orthopedic doctor. What great foresight! Three daughters round out the Morris family. **SUE BLAIR LEMSER** and her husband, Larry, live in Montrose, CO. Larry answered my post card. Sue is not in good health and broke her hip, leaving her with limited mobility. **PAT BAUERVIC LEONARD** stays in touch with the Lemsers and wrote that two of their three girls live nearby which is surely a blessing. Pat took me on a Michigan geographic tour. Sutton's Bay is in northern Michigan's Leelanau County. Remember how we held up our hand as the outline of the state? If you do it palm out, Leelanau is the little finger and Sutton's Bay is on the peninsula's east coast, half way down to Traverse City. Pat has lived there for over 30 years. Her husband, Jim, died five years ago. Four of their five children live in Michigan and the fifth in Colorado. Eleven grandchildren fill out the Leonard roster. The entire family traveled to Sutton's Bay for Christmas 2019 where they "experienced true up North Michigan with snowfalls, wood-burning

stoves, jigsaw puzzles and old family pictures." Pat is in touch with Claire Zimmerman, Sue Paterson and Gay Wright. She keeps busy running her father's 51- year-old private educational foundation. "Several earlier grants went to Kingswood in the 80s, but now mostly to colleges. I truly enjoy meeting new grant applicants and reviewing their requests for new and innovative projects. It has been a most gratifying experience."

BETTY HAMADY SAMS wrote in May that since March life has simplified. Daughter Victoria is living with her during renovations to her apartment. Victoria is a senior program officer in education for the National Endowment of the Humanities. The two keep busy with in-home projects and walks for exercise and fresh air. Betty's son, Jim, and his wife, Lisa, are also residents of Washington D.C. Her other daughter, Alicia, and her husband, Tom, live in Oak Park, IL. She is fortunate, as am I, to have several children watching over us during this incredibly lengthy pandemic. **SUE PATERSON MALONEY** also answered my May email. Her two daughters, Peggy from Mesa, AZ, and Betty from Chicago, visited her for Mother's Day. Betty was able to give a positive report on air travel with United Air Lines for whom her husband works. Sue reports that United was parking some of its aircraft in Roswell, NM, during the downtime for the airlines. This pandemic has affected businesses of all sizes, in addition to many aspects of our daily lives. (I am hoping to have Sue re-send me the photo of her skydiving adventure from last December.) **JANET MAAS ROBINSON** is spending a lot of time walking ... for the exercise and peace of mind. Oaks, Eucalyptus, Redwoods, Cedars, Magnolias and Deodora trees fill the landscape of Palo Alto which must make her route very scenic. Her brother and his wife have moved to Ft. Worth, sister city of Dallas. I hope to meet them and see Janet when she visits; of course, that is dependent on the end of COVID-19. **LINKIE WILES KRIMENDAHL** was able to spend four months at Walloon Lake last summer, but there were few social gatherings in deference to COVID. One of her volunteer activities "excused" her due to the risk. That is happening to everyone no matter their age. However, isn't it nice that we (seniors) are receiving the concern of the medical community and general population? Hooray

for Grey Hair status! **LIZ METCALF DURHAM** and her husband, Lee, left MI in 1997, moving to Reynolds Plantation on Lake Oconee in Greensboro, GA. Three years ago, they moved again, this time to a retirement community in Marietta, GA, outside Atlanta. They have two sons. Lee is married to Cindy Warner from Grosse Pointe; their two daughters graduated from Auburn University and are "well employed." David lives in Jacksonville, FL. Liz reports that she and Lee are in good health and now that we have her new-ish address hopes she will hear from old friends. I have requested a current class list mailed to each of you, but just in case, Liz's address is 4220 Lower Roswell Rd., Cottage 6200, Marietta, GA, 30062. Email: leebd@plantationcable.net.

MARILYN SCHIRMER BERLING wrote last January after I had sent in my first "news" and then again in October answering my email. She lives in Indianapolis. Unfortunately, she sent the sad news of the death of **MARY BURNS MCKEE** with whom she kept in regular contact. Mary's last K'wood address was Deerfield Beach, FL, but she had moved to Raleigh-Durham to be near a daughter. In the realm of coincidences both Schrim and Link knew a good friend of my husband's who was also from Indianapolis. "Do we ever make such good friends as those we had in high school? I think about those friends and wish I knew more about their 'adventures' since KSC." This quote from Schrim sums up what I hope for with this newsletter. **ANN HARRIS HUNNEWELL**'s response to my email was very descriptive. "I am sitting out COVID in my good old house in Monrovia, CA. Every day I walk nearly a mile, talk to various dogs and neighbors, masked and maintaining appropriate distance...especially from the larger dogs. During the heat of the day I edit for one church newsletter, the League of Women Voters, and one start up newspaper ColoradoBlvd.net. I even get to do graphics for the newspaper. News! The Bobcat fire came so close! Three or four blocks away. I could see the flames flicker from the dining room window. Heard a quartet of coyotes harmonizing one night. Wonderful!" Ann sent two amazing photographs. I cannot grasp why the fires erupt annually. After all the destruction it is hard to imagine that there is anything left to burn. **DIANE HOLBROOK HANSARD** writes from Naples, FL, that

COVID has affected any plans that she had to get in touch with the other Neapolitan '53ers. That is the cautious way; my two girls heartily approve. She and Hugh are expecting visits from their two children in the next few months. Amazon Prime offerings from PBS and BBC have helped pass the time. (I am addicted to both,) I decided to share the wonderful work of two of our classmates. This is not an exclusive section of the newsletter...just what I have on hand. If there are others involved with the arts, we would love to hear from you. Calling any and all... writers, sculptors, designers, actors, art lovers and promoters.

MARTHA BEMIS ROGERS sent me photographs of three of her paintings. Green Garden is based on an old photograph of a Japanese garden at Kingswood. It no longer exists, but Martha understands that a groundskeeper created and maintained it. Harbor is an image of Falmouth, England, and Mexican Walls is a collage inspired by architect Jose Luis Barragan's work. The walls are made of different fabrics. (I was delighted to receive these. Both Green Garden and Harbor are too light to copy well.) **MARY HOLMES HATCH** contacted me after the winter Tradition deadline. We have been catching up ever since. Mary went to Skidmore with **JO ROTHMAN**

TRUETTNER as a Fine Arts Major. In her second year she met her husband, Van Hatch, a law student at U of M. They married the following year, moved to Kalamazoo, and had two children, Mary and David. She finished her BA degree and also a Masters degree at Western Michigan University. Her artistic career began in 1975 when she was able to devote full time to it. Mary is represented by a number of galleries. Here is her website: <https://maryhatch.com/print-portfolio-mary-hatch/> I received a lovely book of Mary's paintings paired with short poems, "Art Speaks, Paintings and Poetry." It has taken a prominent place on my coffee table. Below is a print from a J. Peters Galleries show in October. **SUE MARTIN**

TRITSCHLER has spent the last months in relative solitude. Early on my two daughters, Laura and Cynthia, "decreed" that we would see only each other. In February, Laura's husband, David, died of cancer at the young age of 57. Amidst our grief we were thankful that he had not experienced the pandemic. Cynthia, our chef, has had Laura and me for

dinner every Saturday night. The five of us, John, Cynthia's husband; their 12-year-old son, Grant; and we three ladies made the most of our weekly gatherings. Oh, yes, and also Boomer, the rescue dog. The class news was a god-send. It has kept me busy, thank goodness. My church has become a stalwart communicator. Laura and I attend services every Sunday on the small screen. The Dallas Museum of Art where I am a docent resumed training this fall via computer which certainly helps to keep the grey cells engaged. My son-in-law asked me to do his genealogy, another computer activity, but one filled with challenging Spanish, Italian and Greek names. The Alumnae office and I are still trying to generate an updated class list. I am about to write to **SUE BEARDSLEY, GAY KERSTEN DONNAHOE** and **AUDREY BRAUN TEETER** who are new to my list. As soon as possible you will receive an accurate list.

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The 2020 year of COVID has clipped the wings of **GEORGE** and **Liz GLOVER** who in recent years have snow-birded (that's "birded" not "boarded") to the Tucson area where they have reconnected annually with Fred Matter. Following his retirement from the University of Arizona, Fred has split the year-one-half back home on the family platte in Indiana and the other half at his home in Tucson. The Grovers and **DOUG RICHMOND** in Brunswick, Maine had together watched Tom Brady work his magic on television for many years as a New England Patriot, but Super Bowl wasn't quite the same this year. Not only is Brady now a Tampa Bay Buccaneer and New England languishing in his absence, but COVID intervened and social distancing prevailed i.e. the regular and frequent Glover-Richmond reunions did not happen. The Grovers have taken CDC Guidelines seriously. George has not had a haircut since March, 2020. He says he's wearing it in a bun. Regrettably, he declined my invitation to post a selfie of his new coif in this issue of the Tradition. From the Bay

Area, **DAVE CHITTENDEN** has continued to source and electronically inform his many anti-Trump friends with a steady stream of clever witticisms that have chronicled the perilous state of our democracy. Did Boyce Ricketts and Bob Hoffman prepare us to witness its demise in our "Forty Years On"? Their turning in their graves following Trump's second acquittal must have registered on the Richter scale. Like the rest of us, COVID has clipped his and Claudia's wings—they may have the class record for airline mileage! Dave will finally stop doing medicine in April and with the blessing of COVID vaccinations, they hope to resume their travel—of course, assuming like all of us, that health issues don't force us to "stand back." You probably have noticed from the news that **DON SLOTKIN**'s niece, Elissa Slotkin '94, continues to distinguish herself in Congress i.e. retaining her seat in the district that includes Troy (MI), Cranbrook's politically conservative neighbor to the east. Unfortunately, she has had little time to celebrate as her fund-raising treadmill for the 2022 election must be in perpetual motion. Why NOT federally-funded elections? Meanwhile, Don and Edie Slotkin continue their seasonal cycle between the Slotkin farm in Michigan and their home in Jupiter, FL. Clearly, Don is our hands down designated Class Renaissance Man. Don's brains and athletic prowess were obvious to all at Cranbrook and later at Harvard. In addition to having become a major Cranbrook benefactor, he also has displayed his prodigious musical talent and artistry as a composer and pianist. Since the appearance of the dark clouds of the COVID pandemic, he has produced an album of pieces he has composed that capture the pleasures of twenty-five of the many places he and Edie have visited in their extensive travels over the years. Aptly, the pianist performing these musical reminiscences is Jackson Steiger '12—a former Slotkin Scholar at Cranbrook—I think it's a brilliant collaboration and recommend getting their CD (Don's website: www.donslotkin.com). It clearly succeeds in his effort "... to find the bright side" of the dark COVID cloud that continues to linger overhead!

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The common thread among the responses to my request for news this year was "I am staying home, washing my hands, wearing a mask and keeping a social distance from everyone." **JANIE WALLACE WEBER** was on her way to her Texas home from California to be vaccinated for the virus. California didn't have enough vaccine to respond efficiently. They will stay in Texas until after the second shot and it is safe to travel. Janie said they have been well through the pandemic, the political unrest and the racial disparity concerns. They did travel to Bois Blanc Island in Michigan and to Palm Desert, California, their other homes. Instead of other trips, Janie has been Zooming a college course, enjoying webinars and participating in Sacred Ground of the Episcopal church. She has kept busy with nonprofit Zoom meetings, enjoyed two book groups and played Mahjong, all virtual. Outdoors she has played golf, taken hikes and enjoyed water aerobics. She is a busy lady! She is ready for hugs and camaraderie. I would second that. **MARY LOU HOWLETT MABEE** set up a hand sanitation station for anyone who comes to visit. Good idea. She, too, is ready for hugs. She added who would have ever thought that getting a vaccine would be an exciting event. She tries to take a walk as often as possible, just to get outside. **ALICE MOHLER DELANA** suggested we have a Zoom meeting for our class. I will talk to the alumni secretary and see if we can arrange it. Wouldn't that be fun? Stay tuned! Alice has been staying home reading, watching more TV than she has ever watched and learning via Zoom, she said she has learned a lot. Alice also admits to taking an occasional nap. I suspect others might admit to the same pastime. She occasionally hears from former students which is a special treat. Alice said the boards she has been on don't want old people. I don't know any "old" people, do you? **SHELLEY SCARNEY BUCHANAN** continues to help her husband, Pat, with his writing, TV appearances and radio programs. They are an amazing team. Shelley is also the chief cook and bottle washer, laundress and grocery shopper. They operate out of their home office. Florida is home for **JAN WALTERS RAISON** and her husband this winter. They are doing all they can do to avoid

COVID and worry that is not enough. Jan has added to her weekly schedule, call a friend she hasn't seen or talked to in a long time, what a nice idea. **MARGARET McCAUL CABBAN** is living in her Whitefish, MT home for the duration. She has more freedom there than in her beautiful San Francisco apartment. She doesn't have to worry whether someone else will be in the elevator when she comes and goes. Meg has a friendly squirrel who comes to her deck to be fed. She doesn't know whether it is a boy or a girl but calls him/her Herbie. It was wonderful hearing from **LEE COOPER VAN DE VELDE**. She and her husband visited Hays and **LINDA HULLINGER ROCKWELL** "at their charming house," in Rhode Island this summer. They had lunch outside and "for hours we were four healthy, happy old friends eagerly remembering better days and laughing about old times and yes, vowing that we would meet again." Lee said she has binged on television as well as reading. She recommends "Caste," by Isabel Wilkerson a book filled with compassion and human history. She misses her good friend Fogo, don't we all? **MARCI GREENSHIELDS** said her life continues to be like a soap opera. She has 16 books on Amazon, 18 on Kindle. WOW! Her eyesight and finances keep her from pursuing the business of writing. She also has permanent damage to her lungs from repeated bouts with pneumonia and secondhand smoke. She highly recommends we all take vitamin C. She is an advocate for natural health both online and in her own writing. Marcia edits for others and has formed special friendships with the people for whom she edits. Two of her authors are Dr. Joseph Falker and Sara Enochs. Both have books on Amazon. Marcia closed reminiscing about our Kingswood moto "Go forth and serve." She wants to serve the best that she can. Me, too too. Thank goodness for Zoom! **LOUISE SHERIFF ALDEN** said that she and her family had a Christmas call with family in Vancouver, Bellingham, WA, New Orleans, Los Angeles, Toronto, Providence, RI and Orlando, FL—there were 21 in all. Two great-grandsons were sleeping or there would have been 23 participating. This is modern technology at its best. I loved Louise's closing comment as they enjoy their lovely home and the companionship of each other, "No whining on the yacht!" A Christmas card from Linda Hullinger

Rockwell and Hays included pictures of all of their family. They are looking forward to the wedding of a grandchild when COVID allows. What a celebration that will be. **BEV SCALES HOGLUND** is in Naples, FL and still busy doing needlepoint. She is amazing. She will be a -grandmother in the summer. Her grandson, Drew, and his wife are the expectant parents. **SARAJANE TRYTHALL**

MOTSCH is another Florida resident. Her daughter, Kristin Schlacter, visits her mom regularly, although due to the virus their visits are done with Sarajane inside and her daughter outside. **MARY ABBOTT TERRY**

CUMMING is still busy caring for her horses and two boarding horses. Her son, Peter, lives across the street and is a great help. I thought I was busy with a dog and a parrot.

Imagine providing care for horses. A letter I sent to **SALLY STEVENS SITZENSTOCK** was returned to me just as I was finishing this article. After the death of her husband, and the tragic loss of 3 of her children she sold the home they had lived in for 50 years. Stevie, as we know her, has moved to Defiance, OH and is living with a daughter and around the corner from another daughter. We had a wonderful visit and we will stay in touch. I asked her if she ever heard from **SHARON SANDERS STEVENS**, our only lost alumna.

She has not heard from Sharon for years, but thought Sharon moved to California. As for me, I am grateful that my daughter and her family live only five minutes from me. They keep an eye on me and make sure I behave. I am still on several committees at church and have become comfortable with Zoom. No one knows that my usual wardrobe is jeans—all anyone sees is from the waist up. I clean off the clutter from the table behind me and the house looks neat and tidy. This Christmas, my youngest granddaughter and I edited a cookbook for our family with favorite recipes. We told the others we were working on a secret project. It was great fun for me and working with Lila was special. I learned about Google Docs and she loved teaching me. Now if I can just remember all she taught me. It was with sadness that I learned that **SUE STRAHLE STRALEY** died February 2, 2020.

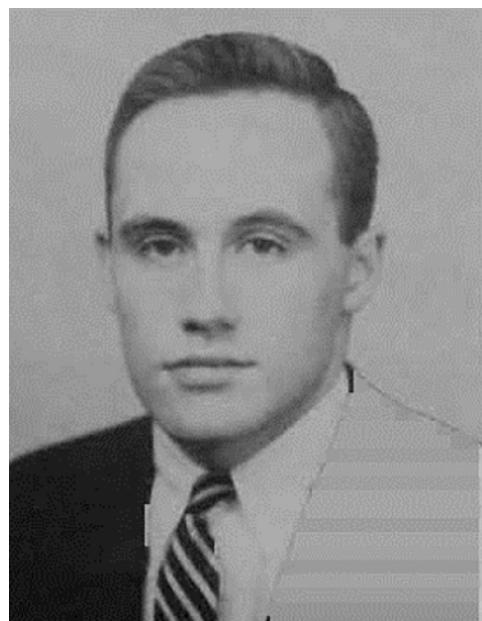
Sue and her husband retired to northern Michigan where Sue continued her passion for health and fitness. Tennis, golf, running, cycling, swimming—she did them all. It is an honor to be on the Cranbrook Kingswood

alumni committee. Since I am emeritus I don't have a vote, I just listen and volunteer when asked. Take care, dear friends. Continue to follow the protocols, this too shall pass. I heard a quote from Julie Andrews told to her by her mother during World War II. "In every situation there is a beginning, a middle and an end." I feel this is wise counsel. We are in the middle, approaching the end! I love hearing from you! It's like having a visit. Each note brings back memories of our years at Kingswood. Remember when...Please stay in touch.

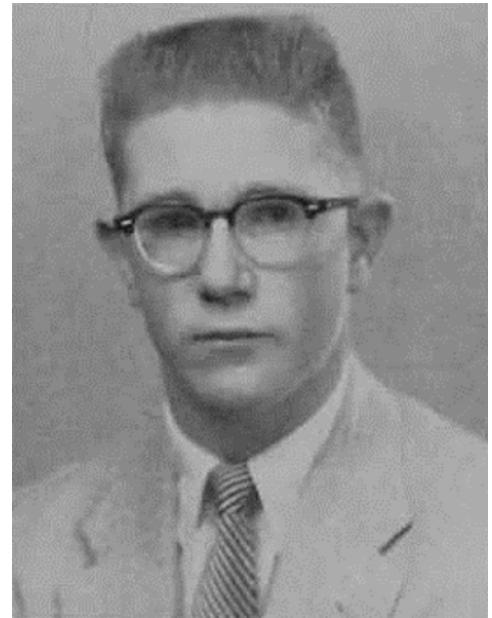
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We begin on a sad note. During the spring/summer of 2020, **JOE PRENDERGAST** (4/21/20) and **CHUCK DUNKEL** (8/19/20) died. In the email correspondence we as classmates had at the time of their passing, we shared our thoughts...Joe, our leader as Head Prefect, known for, among others things, his competitiveness on the athletic field as well as his supportive and gentle manner...and Chuck being remembered for many reasons also, such as his great smile and loving gentleness. Both enjoyed successful careers ...Joe as an endocrinologist and Chuck in banking.



Joe Prendergast



Chuck Dunkel

Additionally, compounding this sadness, **PETER CARTWRIGHT** lost Mary, his wife of many years, last September. Similarly, **HILLIARD GOLDMAN**'s life took a sad turn in August with the passing of his wife, Bonnie. After five months of self-quarantine, **PETE DAWKINS** and his wife, Mary, took a 13-day driving trip along the California coast. It was, in Pete's words, "...a reminder of just how spectacular a place this country of ours is!" **DON YOUNG**: "Elaine and I are relatively quite healthy...a few joint replacements." Don, who practiced medicine for 42 years, talks with **WALT TAYLOR** occasionally, stays busy with his vineyard and adds "...the goals espoused at Cranbrook remain exceptional...sad that our previous president never knew about them." **DAVE WARD**: "Since I lost Barbara three years ago, I have lived in New Hampshire on the lake. I need to leave my house as it is more than I need. If I can accomplish that I will likely end up back in Michigan and have the opportunity to enjoy Cranbrook again." Dave's family consists of five children, twelve grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, spread through five states from MA to AZ. **GORDON LAPIDES** lamented from his home in the United Kingdom, "COVID is frightening with no end in sight, but we have been sheltering in our peaceful home overlooking the river and staying safe...there is music and Cornish summer weather to enjoy." Unfortunately, Gordon suffered a broken arm over the December holidays. **JACK FOSTER**, enjoying life in New

Canaan, CT, experienced a mild case of COVID last March. **KINGSLEY GRAHAM** reported last July: "I am in good health... spending the summer in a cottage I own at Black Lake in northern Michigan." A scuba diver, Kingsley's planned diving trip to Fiji was suspended due to COVID. **MITCH FOSTER** says he and Starr '59 are healthy, have six grandkids and continue to enjoy their flower and vegetable gardening as well as outdoor activity at their lake property east of Ludington, MI. **IAN MACNIVEN** stays busy with gardening, photography and writing among other things. He and Peggy love living on the Hudson River, bounded by 66 acres of a conservancy which protects them from potential developers. As 2020 concluded, Ian was close to completing his second historical novel about his native Surinam. He has also arranged for his biography of Lawrence Durrell (a New York Times Notable Book of the Year in 1998) to be republished as an e-book (available on Amazon). **ROGER MORRISON** and his wife, Linda, are happily situated in a condominium which overlooks beautiful Tampa Bay, FL. Their happiness is enhanced by having two of their children living nearby. Their other five children live all over the USA. "My Kodak career involved much travel, so travel is out of 'my system.' I love being at home with a great wife, a dog who sleeps all day, a good book and a beer."

FRANK DUNCAN: "As the 2021 new year begins, I focus on my Mediterranean diet, extended stride walking, socializing with my good neighbors and financial market research." **WALT TAYLOR:** "I'm still enjoying retirement with three grandsons in Flagstaff, AZ, and two granddaughters doing well near Tucson. Obviously, this last year has been very different, but we are all trying to help others get through it. Nancy and I are keeping healthy thanks to our dogs and friends, my mandolin and fiddle lessons and lots of walks on the mountain." **IVAN BOESKY** and his children and grandchildren are well now, although his daughter and granddaughter did experience COVID. He is still actively engaged in finance, continuing to enjoy the daily activity. **PAUL DODYK:** "Delight and I are settling into our new urban apartment life in Cambridge, MA, where we have now lived for a little over a year. I am happy to report that it was for us a great success particularly with the support of our daughter, a nurse

practitioner who lives in Cambridge, and my two grandsons who have become my scout-helpers as I explore the cyberverse from my study overlooking the Charles River. We were really just starting on our exploration of Boston's vibrant cultural life when the COVID virus took over our lives...but with the new vaccines, we look forward to the return of our freedom to see and do what we can while there is still time." **CLIFF COLWELL** and wife, Carolyn, have socialized with Pete and Mary Dawkins when Pete and Mary have been at their home in La Jolla, CA, where the Colwells live nearby. Cliff is still active raising money through philanthropy and grants for his biological laboratory.

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We lost three more classmates. Our original class count was 56, and we now stand at 31 classmates still living. **SALLY GRAVES MCCOY** passed away July 12, 2019, from dementia. After Kingswood, Sally attended Michigan State and Ball State, and in later years she received a master's degree from U of Rochester.



Sally Graves McCoy

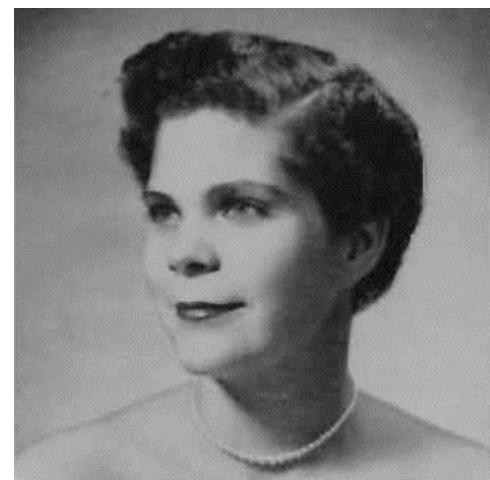
She met Bill McCoy, her second husband, when they were both 40 years old. He had five children from a previous marriage, and she had three. During her lifetime, Sally was a teacher, counselor, letter carrier and a wonderful artist. Her husband described her "as a very dynamic and forceful person." Sally is survived by her husband, Bill, children

Eric, Jane and Sara, and three grandchildren. **BARBARA SMITH WILLIAMS** died May 1, 2020, from ovarian cancer. Following K'wood Barbara attended U of M for a very short time, leaving to marry David Williams '52. After their divorce she and the children moved to Boca Raton, FL. She was active in Junior League, the Morikami Museum, a garden club and a book club, as well as the Antiques Club of Boca Raton.



Barbara Smith Williams

She was a tremendous cook and created a food and BlogSpot, Moveable Feasts, plus she published two family recipe cookbooks. In addition, Barbara was a world traveler, and she and her daughter explored the globe. She is survived by her three children, Tracy, Perry and David, and grandchildren, Makenzie and Marshall, as well as her sister and brother. **LUANNE AULEPP** also passed away in 2020. Lu graduated Phi Beta Kappa from U of Colorado, and upon graduation she received the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. When she returned, Time-Life magazine immediately hired her as an executive assistant.



Luanne Aulepp

Lu married Joe Bulik, an agronomist, a specialist in agriculture in the Middle East. They lived on a beautiful ranch outside of Loveland, CO, where Lu raised horses and also held the post of local postmistress. After Joe's death, she spent time at their condo in Breckinridge, CO. Lu loved hiking, reading, music, and every dimension of world affairs.

ELLEN FLINT PRICE's news was short and to the point. "A third wondrous trip to India with daughter, Sarah '80, a special Arizona spa reunion with **JUDY EARLE GILLOW**, a lovable new Corgi puppy named JoJo, a 3-way fractured shoulder after tripping over said puppy, and gratitude beyond words for loving family and friends." Sorry to hear about the shoulder. Hope you are all healed by now. You'll have to put a bell on JoJo's collar. **MARTHA BUHS HENRY** has been in touch with **LYN MALONE**. They have "picked up a 65-year friendship." Lyn is also grateful and delighted to have heard from 14 other classmates who have reached out to her during her health issues. I hope other classmates will do the same. Send a card, a note, a text, but no phone calls please. On April 8, 2020, **JOANNE BALCH THOMAS** and Graham moved into an independent living facility in Delray Beach, FL. It was a major move, as she had to clean out 38 years of stuff. Her son took the family antiques while her daughter only wanted "small stuff."

JEANNE LUCE DAVIS says life in Bozeman, MT, is sunny and uneventful, and she has survived the pandemic without any problems.

LYNN DOLZA GRIGNI reported they had a nice 2020 in spite of the pandemic. They live with their youngest son, John, and his wife, Lisa, out in the country. So, they watched the birds and wildlife, and Mario pursued his favorite hobby, photography. Lynn cooked up a storm and wrote lots of letters. However, they missed seeing their other son, Michelangelo, and his family in Atlanta, but they had virtual holiday celebrations together. They even ate Mario's favorite Italian panettone from Italy. Lynn said, "We are so lucky compared to those being devastated financially and health wise by this pandemic." **LIZ KIRK**

CRAMER reports her big news is she will be moving this year into an independent living facility in Wellesley, MA, ten minutes from her daughter, Martha. Be sure to let me know your new address and phone number. Liz will keep her Cape house for summers. "Can't bear to

leave the Cape. All my happiest memories are here." **JO BAILEY FIRMAN** writes, "2020 has been the strangest and craziest ever." Early February she boarded a ship in Papeete, Tahiti, and sailed the South Pacific, circumnavigated both New Zealand and Australia. The cruise ended suddenly in Perth. She had six weeks left, but no place to go. All the ports ahead had closed as well as country borders. When she disembarked in Perth, she had three days to return to the USA. She made it in two days. Since March 2020, Jo has been hiding from COVID in her Florida home, except for six eye surgeries. Boy, you've had a terrible time with your eyes. Jo says family get togethers on Zoom are wonderful. **JUDY EARLE GILLOW** says she and **ELLEN FLINT PRICE** made their yearly trip to the spa just before COVID hit. Summer in Harbor Springs sure was different, but she was able to play golf and take long walks. Judy has read 28 books and done many puzzles since March. Wow, I'm impressed. The one activity she has missed though is her volunteer work. Judy sent **LYN MALONE** a beautiful blue/green shawl from our class. Such a thoughtful gift. Many thanks, Judy. **MARIANNE DAVIDSON CURRIE** writes, "Jim and I are happy to have each other to talk to and do things with." They do miss gathering for classes and concerts, but instead rely on PBS. Daughter, Colleen '86, visits often and plays the piano with Jim. She will soon be promoted to chief judge of her office. Son, Dave '83, stays busy or traveling. They don't see him often, but Marianne's sister, Alice, who lives on Long Island, keeps his parents up-to-date on his activities. From Michigan's UP comes word from **BETTY ANN HILL GLASCOCK**. She said thus far the winter had been very mild. She missed Christmas in Denver with her children and grandchildren, but they get together virtually. She is still working on a history project about the 22 historic lumber camps [1880s-1930s] that existed on the 35,000 acres of the Hiawatha Sportsmen's Club, where she lives. When she wrote, Betty Ann was trying to find biographies of the lumber camp owners, which have turned out to be very interesting. A newsy letter arrived from **BARBARA KNOBLOCK RONA**. She and husband, Tom, are ensconced in a Seattle home with 40 feet of windows overlooking beautiful Lake Washington and Mt. Rainier. When her youngest son, Robert, was little he

referred to the house as "It's an up-in-the-air house." Robert, 56, is now an actor, a lyricist and an ecumenical minister in NYC. Another son, David, lives in Anacortes, WA, and does computer stuff as the head of software for Alpha Technology. Tom, another son, translates and edits core Buddhist texts and teaches Buddhism at Columbia U. Grandson, Matthew, graduated online from Amherst last June with honors in biochemistry and history. He is now in an MIT lab researching viruses. Barbara fell down a slope last June and broke her hip. I hope it is all healed by now. She is continuing her writing on her book, *Upending the Attraction Game: Changing How We See Not Just How We Look*. Husband, Tom, has been teaching 8th grade math over Zoom while looking after Barbara as she recovers. **MELINDA BOOTH** writes, "Bill and I are sheltering in place with the only complaint being not having people over for dinner or a party of some kind." They take walks, and Boothie is cooking up a storm. Good thing Bill likes to eat. They are both active in their church though services are by Zoom. She said her art and knitting projects have been placed on a "really back burner." They have been replaced by Bill. Boothie says, "It's great to have someone to love in your 80s. People are never too old to fall in love." She is trying to get back to reading, I think as a result of her daughter's Christmas gift—4 books. **LYNDA GENTHE CHAMPION** called to tell me about her granddaughter, Brooke, who entered the Air Force following high school. After eight weeks of training she graduated from the Air Force Logistics School one point from the top of her class. Following that, she came home on vacation, bought herself a new car and drove out to Boise, ID. She will be stationed in the desert for nine months. When COVID hit, Lynda only made it back to work for three shifts after her shoulder surgery. So now she is fully retired. My grandson, Wesley Reed '20, is a freshman at U of Cincinnati and doing very well. Andy, his brother, graduated from U of M last June and has a job in California, but is working from his parent's house here in Michigan.



The Reed Family; Ann Marseles Reed, Grandson, Wesley '20 and son, John '86

As Jo Bailey Firman says, "Stay well and behind those masks and keep smiling."

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PETER BEDFORD writes, "John, nice to hear from you. I am sequestering myself at home in Napa during the pandemic. I am healthy, fighting Parkinson's and sad to see a lot of my friends pass away in our age bracket. I am building a self-storage for sale project in Napa that keeps me busy, and enjoying learning to Zoom with my grandchildren in Wyoming. Cranbrook seems years ago as does the politics of today—we certainly haven't left the world in a better place with climate change, the pandemic, governance and taxes. I wonder what Howard Ricketts would have said. Stay healthy and the best to everyone." **BOB ISABELL** writes, "Happy New Year! 2020 has been an unforgettable year for all the wrong reasons! We now have four members of our daughter Lynn's family with COVID, all mild cases so far.

We had to cancel trips to see two of our grandchildrens' college graduations, and a third granddaughter's high school graduation. Additionally, my 60th and Sue's 55th college reunions were cancelled. Otherwise, we are feeling well and cueing up for vaccinations now being given to over 70 seniors in Florida. We're as looking forward to emerging from this pandemic hopefully in the second half of 2021. I have been doing volunteer work at the Tampa Museum of Art and at the Tampa Bay History Center for a number of years since retirement from my group's radiology practice. Sue and I enjoyed having **BRUCE ROCKWELL** and his delightful friend, Karen, visit us in Tampa last year. Really, at this stage of life, it's all about staying active, pursuing interests we enjoy and generally making the most of each day. We would love to see any class of '56 alumni going forward should their travels bring them to Tampa!"

CARL BOCHMANN writes, "2020 can hardly fill a newsletter, so this is a brief note. Of course, we started the year with our six weeks in Florida. It was a lovely way to spend all of our travel time for the year. Returning to Gnaw Bone to be home-bound, we were happy to discover free broadcasts from the Metropolitan Opera every night to help folks stay at home. We enjoyed very many of the offerings and learned quite a lot about opera, we even discovered a new favorite for us—"Rusalka" by Dvorak. With no broadcast TV here, we are likely to continue our opera evenings in the new year. The remainder of 2020 was devoted to enjoying our home in the woods and delighting (mostly) in each other's company. We greatly missed time with our kids and grandkids as well as our social life, but on balance it was another wonderful year." **ALAN SHAVER** writes, "like everyone, this has been a 'challenging' year. We were able to spend three months early in the year in the sunny south, returning to Maine in the latter part of May and quarantining for 14 days. Since then, we have learned all kinds of new 'electronic tricks,' such as 'Zooming' with the family, connecting the computer to the television and participating in Sunday services at the National Cathedral in Washington. For my birthday Ellen gave me a subscription to Story Worth. Each Monday I get an email with a different question about me, my life, my family, etc. I prepare a written response, upload it to Story Worth. At the

end of the year, all the submissions will be printed and bound into a book that can be given to the children and grandchildren. Wish that our parents and grandparents had done similarly. The Christmas season was 'hard' with the deaths of two close friends and the shocking loss of a grandnephew who took his own life. One of the 'disadvantages' of youth is not realizing that one will not always 'feel this way' Finally, Ellen and I both enrolled in Ancestry.com to learn what our DNA reveals about our origins. I discovered I am even more of a WASP than I realized. This coming year will be large in several ways for us, including our 60th wedding anniversary on February 1. Life is good, but will be better when we can once again gather together and hug one another." As for **JOHN RAVIOLI**, he says things have quieted since he and his wife were ordered to evacuate because the Slater fire was just down the road, a mile or less away. They left as soon as possible, and spent the next 12 days in a motel 88 miles from home, the nearest motel that would allow their cat. On day 3-4 they were wakened at 2:30 a.m., by a sheriff deputy shouting they had to get dressed and get out of their room, because the building was on fire. Evacuating from an evacuation! Turned out it was a fire in the kitchen, and not really very threatening, so after an hour or so in the parking lot, they got permission to go back into their room. Hurrah!! Their home was untouched by the Slater fire. Phew!! More excitement than they are used to! Peace and quiet have returned!

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Continuing...spring 2021. Since our spring 2020 Tradition, we have been living with the difficult challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, certainly a coronavirus that few of us, if any, ever expected to have to endure in our lifetime. We now know that that is no longer the case. We have all had to adapt to this new, very intrusive and unsettling "monster." However, as we are now octogenarians, we have learned that our "old age is the right to be absolutely ourselves," (Jan Morris). Consequently, we are living through this disturbing period positively,

making the most of it that we can. **MARSHA "PENNY" RUDOLPH ADAMS O'NEILL**, acknowledged that 2020–2021 has been an exceptional period of time, if not an actual bizarre one that has been affecting our daily lives and celebrations. For past Christmases, her daughter, Stephanie, and she have gone to Seattle to spend the holiday with her son, John, and his family, Anne and Allie. However, this past Christmas 2020, Penny, Ed, her husband, Stephanie and her dog stayed in Calabasas, as John, Anne and Allie stayed in Seattle. 2020 began as in prior years, quite "normally." That March, she went to San Ramon for the annual meeting week for several lineage societies as well as for the California State DAR Conference. She was planning to fly home to Calabasas afterward. However, her children, John and Stephanie, became terrified of the virus and of her traveling on an airplane, so that she decided to use her rental car and drove the 370 miles from Redwood City to Calabasas with no stops for fear of contracting the virus. That same day, the Governor of California shut down the State. The shutdowns actually became a blessing for her Societies in that they were forced, in spite of various obstacles, to rapidly devise ways to conduct business meetings and projects through technology and virtual meetings. By October 2020, Ed had enough of the "stay-at-home" routine. So, after they had quarantined at home, they decided to expand their horizon by going north to Carmel, where they spent a beautiful, fall weekend, staying at a lovely French-style inn. They were amazed at the creativity for outdoor dining there by the restaurateurs who enlarged their outdoor dining facilities into parking lots in front of their restaurants. Penny and Ed were stunned by the large number of people touring the Carmel/Monterey area. The roads, both north and south of Carmel, were packed with cars. It seemed that Californians were finished with the lockdown! On the other coast, in New York City, **KAY PERRING** has also been experiencing creative outdoor dining and take-out only. There is no inside eating. The restaurateurs there, consequently, have also been very imaginative, creating sheds and plastic "pods" on sidewalks plus extending the eating space into blocked-off areas in the streets. She, along with some friends, has eaten out in these venues about once a week. However,

the temperature has to be ABOVE 45 degrees! Their favorite is "Friend of a Farmer," near Gramercy Park. It has overhead heaters and tapestry on the walls. Very pleasant! And, the food is delicious! During the holidays, Kay had interesting phone, catch-up conversations with **GAIL GERHARDT EVANS** in Colorado and with **JANE MCKENZIE MULLIN** in northern Michigan. Gail sold her place in Denver and moved to a senior complex relatively nearby. She is comfortable in her new surroundings and is doing well. She continues volunteering at her library, which she really enjoys. Jane sends her regards to all of us for a "Healthy 2021!" As we all have done, she has been staying close to home since February 2020. For Mother's Day last year, her daughter Kerry's family, with Scott, Piper Jane and Taygen surprised her by coming to see her with a big brunch that they set up in the garage. They brought the table and chairs, flowers, champagne, waffles and eggs. Delicious and lots of fun! This past Thanksgiving was her first one in 82 years that she was basically alone, except for Scott, her son-in-law, and Piper Jane, her granddaughter, who visited her in the afternoon, returning home the next morning. Besides going to the grocery store, she has started to go to the pool to exercise. She participates in her two book clubs through Zoom. She finds that "pretty cool!" Both puppy dog, Lucky, and 18/19-year-old cat, Miss Kitty, are doing well. She got her COVID-19 vaccine on January 30th and will get her second one on February 20th. The process took place outside with 20-30 workers who were very efficient. Now she has started to feel safer for the year ahead. **KAREN GILDERSLEEVE SEELEY** has had to deal with the challenges of this horrible pandemic, but also with family issues. Her good news is that she and her family have remained healthy. The same good news holds true for **CYNTHIA "CINDY" COLE EUSEBI**, as she has maintained sheltering at home. Last February, 2020, **MARILYN MACKENZIE MONTGOMERY** and Robert, her husband, were in Virginia with Monica, their daughter, for her birthday. Marilyn had heard news stories about a virus in Washington state and was already very concerned. So, the day after Monica's birthday, they returned to their home in Sag Harbor, NY. Once back home, they "hit"

Costco and "loaded up," filling the freezer and pantry. Fortunately, they were a couple of weeks ahead of the national panic setting in. They then hunkered down for the duration. For the following several months, they mostly did not go anywhere or do much of anything. However, when the good weather arrived, she sat on the deck and read or got into the pool for some good exercise. Robert, however, was frustrated because he could not row. Being summer, all the farm markets were open and they could get fresh fruit and vegetables. Disappointingly, summer came to an end....back to regular supermarket shopping! Marilyn discovered that 8 o'clock on Monday mornings was the best time to go to replenish supplies....many fewer people. Otherwise, she and Robert were mainly back to staring at each other and the TV. The insanity in Washington, D.C. was only getting worse. For several months, Monica had been talking about their moving closer to her in Virginia. She finally decided that it was time for them to do so. She came up to Sag Harbor in mid-November to help them clean out the attic, the shed and the many cubby holes throughout the house. After multiple trips to charity shops and the dump, Marilyn and Robert put the house on the market and drove down to live with Monica, Tom, her partner, his son, Julian and Marilyn's grandson, Jack. Putting the house in Sag Harbor on the market was quite traumatic for Marilyn. It was her dream house in her dream location. But she has been adjusting and enjoying spending time with Monica and her family. Their Sag Harbor house went into contract at the beginning of this year and is expected to close in mid-March, after which they will look for their own place nearby. More good news for her is that they got their vaccine shots with the second ones due at the end of January. Hopefully, 2021 will continue to be a healthy year for hem. **BARBARA WELTHER** also had sold her place a couple of years ago. She has now been enjoying life at Windsor Place of Wilmington in Massachusetts, a lovely community, just north of Boston, owned and managed by a lovely couple. But then last March, COVID-19 arrived. All the residents were put under quarantine for three months. Aides, dressed in what looked like space suits, delivered meals to their rooms three times daily and checked their temperatures and oxygen levels. By June, she

was more than ready to step into the sunshine and fresh air. Of course, everyone had to wear a face mask whenever they left their rooms. She was scheduled to be vaccinated in later January, which gave her hope that wearing masks will eventually be eliminated. In addition to reading newspapers and books, she has been assembling jigsaw puzzles with two other residents in the "Country Kitchen" where there are two large dining tables. They have much more fun collaborating together than solving the puzzles alone in their separate rooms. She also has morning exercise classes and afternoon programs that include crafts, discussions of short stories, games such as Bingo, Jingo, Trivia and Shout It Out! As an independent resident, Barbara still has her SUV there. She occasionally takes joy rides around the scenic New England countryside, which she finds very restorative. Throughout the pandemic **LYNN BURROWS DONALDSON** and her family have stayed healthy and feel truly blessed. She very caringly and succinctly summarized the painful effects this horrendous coronavirus has caused.... enormous losses for so many of life, friends, opportunity, hope, respect for democracy, respect for the health of others, three meals daily, jobs and on and on....so much darkness! It is hard to manage so much deep and unsettling sadness. However, for her and her family, there was a little bright light...her ten-year-old special needs grandson surprised all of them this past summer by learning to read! A wondrous accomplishment. Lynn expressed her gratitude for our Class Notes column and my continued commitment to keeping us all connected in a thoughtful, positive spirit. Thank you, Lynn! As I, **COLLEEN MCMAHON ORSATTI**, sit here in the warmth of my home, writing this column for Tradition, the wintry weather is raging outside! A brutal, blustery blizzard/nor'easter has been moving up the New England coast since yesterday and forecast not to taper off until tomorrow. My personal, disappointing news caused by this storm was that my husband, Bob, and I were scheduled to get our first COVID-19 vaccine shots this morning in Hoboken, NJ, about a 40-minute drive southeast of here! Of course, it was canceled and we have to reschedule. Otherwise, we, too, have stayed healthy throughout this challenging pandemic.

However, my daughter-in-law, who lives across the Hudson River from me and is a radiologist at a New York City hospital, contracted this coronavirus at the beginning of January. Fortunately, the hospital emergency room discharged her to isolate and slowly recover at home. She is now up, back on her feet, getting an appetite and becoming stronger. This pandemic has enlightened my daily vocabulary with the addition of two constantly used and meaningful expressions...mask wearing and social distancing. My main weekly "activities" have been going grocery shopping and doing the laundry...two totally unavoidable chores! Eventually in the fall, I was able to start much-needed, in-person exercise classes offered in town. For "entertainment," reading is my mainstay. I have loved exploring various novels, mainly by talented female authors recommended by close friends. A very memorable one was "Me Before You," by Jojo Moyes. I became very "attached" to the two protagonists whom I had a difficult time leaving at the end. Once our NJ Governor allowed indoor dining, Bob and I occasionally have enjoyed dinners out in certain, "safe" restaurants...a nice change of pace! I have not been tempted to venture into NYC for over a year. I have no desire to take the bus and go in to a relatively very different city. So, in general, our lives have slowed down and become relatively quiet. I leave you for now with these hopeful thoughts for the months ahead: "The new dawn blooms as we free it, For there is always light, If only we're brave enough to see it, If only we're brave enough to be it," from 23-year-old Amanda Gorman's Inaugural Poem, "The Hill We Climb," she cited at President Joseph R. Biden Jr.'s Inauguration on January 20, 2021. To be continued....

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COVID-19 at this writing continues to define our lives and lifestyle with excitement provided by whether we've gotten our first vaccine dose, even the second. Have a few current notes plus some unpublished leftovers from 2020. **FRITZ KERN** chose between

going crazy or getting out of the house last summer, so he and Janis drove up the west coast to Cambria for fresh air and sunshine. Back home spent time with **ROMEO**—retired old men eating out with former biz colleagues. Got first shot, waiting for next. Whoopee! Likewise, **ROSS** (Nevada) **SMITH** is feeling healthy and happy and busy with projects—a long list sent last summer: geologist, first responder, gardener, trail master, historian, horologist, history writer, road commissioner and more. Walks, exercises and dreams of having a beer with friends. Prize for busiest classmate. **DUNCAN BLACK** wasn't able to cross Canadian border last summer to get to his cottage on Lake Huron. He was able to visit with wife in an assisted living facility but now it's on lockdown. He remained busy in the Fall with the local ski patrol planning on how to cope with COVID and protocols of the ski area. **FRED BRENDER**'s succinct "still here" wins the prize for shortest response but we hope it applies as well to the non-responders. Some news from early 2020 and after. **JIM VARY**'s wife started the year with a hip operation which went fine until an infection took over for an awful six months. Jim gave his last lecture in May, and is fully retired. They sold their house and moved into a "palatial retirement apartment" still in Wheaton IL. Most everything closed. Getting second shot soon and will be able to resume volunteering at local hospital. **BILL WATERS** and Anne sold their Seattle home mid-year, picked up and moved to a new home in Parkland FL. A long April email from **ROWDY TALIAFERRO** from Phuket said it's a bit of a mess—masks out of the house, curfew in your neighborhood (which tourists, foreigners don't know). Bridge, airport, beaches closed. He and Christine are unable to travel for medical attention but at least the local hospital is decent. No recent news so I hope things have improved. **PETE SCHMIDT** and wife cancelled travel plans, got supplies (wine an essential) delivered. Zoom with family and he still works on molecular physics research of interest. Said if nothing changed in 2021, reread the above. An October note from **TED LUDWIG** said they are foregoing their usual trip to FL to avoid any health situations away from home. They're storing wood for the upcoming maple syrup season in March/April. The other approach was taken by **JIM AKERS** and Renee who looked

at the weather map, saw an opening between storm fronts and hopped in the car on Dec. 22 and drove to FL. Trip not getting any shorter. Been quite cool into mid Feb. State is open but they're dining in but may venture out after getting second dose soon. Renee has perfected a few recipes and they're providing an abundance of fresh bread and cookies to their condo neighbors. Have avoided adding COVID lbs. fortunately. Late word that **DOUG SHAW** passed away on Feb 1st. Our condolences to his family. Wish all well as we begin navigating through 2021.

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Since we last connected in 2019, this has been a most unusual time. At first, many of us thought that we would awake to reality. Then, we tried to avoid the media looking for other diversions and finally, realized that it is a different era and that time travel may be the only mode to return to our past lives. For many of us at this point in time, we await the opportunity to get our vaccine. Whoever would have imagined that a shot in the arm would be so highly desired? In my classmate outreach, good reads were anticipated. But, let's start with the wonderful happy news from **JUDY KNUDSON CHRISTIE**. She reports that they have spent the past months hunkered down like everyone else.



Judy Knudson Christie's great-grandson, Fredrick

Their happy news is that on September 19th they welcomed a new great-grandson, Fredrick Scott Krajacic, Freddy for short, who joins our other three great-grandchildren. I'm attaching a photo of Freddy with Alicia, his mom. Judy shares her hope that all her classmates and family are well. She is waiting for the vaccine! **BARBARA COOKSEY BOWERS** is sure that everyone is struggling to come up with anything to write to add to the Tradition issue, as most of us have stayed home, stayed safe and missed the comings and goings of our family and friends and curtailed all parties, travel plans and holiday gatherings. This was her case, although when this all started, Cookie was in Florida and needed to travel back to Michigan in June. Armed with sanitizer wipes, gloves, sprays and assorted paraphernalia, they made the 2 1/2 day drive in separate cars back to her cabin in the woods. She needed that peace and serenity as in May she lost her beloved sister, Mary Sue, who was also a graduate of Kingswood, class of '49. Cookie's son and his family from L.A. did get to visit for nearly two weeks as they drove to Michigan pulling a trailer with a big SUV loaded with the two big boys, his wife and two very large Australian Shepherds. Such fun as always, with the grandsons, the hiking, the driving lessons and hours on the river. They returned to Florida in October and have since moved twice into different rentals. They are finally settled into a great house in Port Charlotte and will be there until June. Home cooking and carry-out is their normal modus operandi, but she does miss white tablecloths, candlelight and being waited on. Must be fatigue brought on by how many candles she has on her birthday cake!! She still hacks away at a golf ball a few times a week, which gets her out safely in the fresh air with moderate exercise. And of course, walking her wonderful Standard Poodle a total of around three miles a day. Bones and joints complain about all of the above, but we just keep on fighting those aches and pains. Wearing a mask everywhere does have its benefits, as they definitely hide wrinkles and she is sure I can now pass for at least... hmm...let me see....79?? **BECKY ERWIN CAWLEY** is grateful that her daughter and homeschooling grandkids are nearby. She sees them several times a week. Also, she has a weekly online bridge game and monthly Zoom book group. Otherwise she has read

lots of books, done puzzles, even discovered doing "velvet paintings." (Look them up surprisingly fun) and knitting from her "stash." Becky's been notified by health care service that they will be making appointments for vaccines for 80 plus soon! In 2020, **GINNY WESTOVER-WEINER** went through her third evacuation from smoke and ash since moving to Sonoma County three years ago. She wonders what '21 will bring! Sharing our love for opera and symphony, Ginny reports that they have brilliant new directors at both SF Opera and SF Symphony but empty seats up to now... **LYN BAILEY WHITEHEAD** is still mainly staying home, so there is not too much exciting news to report. She did get her first vaccine and so looking forward to the second one. Lyn has a whole new feeling of empathy for people that are housebound for whatever reason. She used to visit "shut-ins" from her church, wondering if she might be a nuisance. Now, she realizes that her visits could have been important to them. She has a whole list of things to do when she is liberated. **JO SHELLEY FULLER** is safe and hunkered for nearly a year! Both of their children live close by. Son Steve's business, internet security, is in Ann Arbor, but he and his employees work from home currently. His older son works with Steve and his twin sons, who are sophomores at Kalamazoo College, are living at home and taking classes online at this juncture. Daughter Laura works from home as well. She will be taking her daughter, the youngest grandchild, to Middlebury College in VT at the end of February to begin her freshman year. Her son is currently living and working from her home. Michigan is essentially still "shut-down" for the most part. Book recommendation.... Shakespeare in a Divided America by Robert Shapiro. As many of you most likely know, there is a fabulous Shakespeare Festival venue in Stratford, Ontario just three hours away from them. They have been members for over 50 years. **MARTHA VICINUS** still is leading courses at the Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement. She has moved away from my specialty (nineteenth-century Britain). Her recent courses include "The British Literature and Art of World War I," "The Harlem Renaissance" and "Post-Stonewall: The Best of LGBTQ Literature." She has co-led the latter course with a dear friend who was an AIDS counselor back in the 1980s. Boston by

Foot cancelled its walking tours except by appointment, but many of us shifted to offering online tours. Martha will be very happy to give up Zoom, but over this past year it has been a wonderful way to stay in touch with friends and family. All of you have three classmates in Colonial Williamsburg feeling that this is a re-enactment that we would prefer to imagine rather than live through. **NANCY WARD HARWOOD** really doesn't have anything to report. Still waiting to get the vaccine. Once a month, she prepares a meal for people living in motels. She tries to get out and walk whenever possible. **MARILYN MERTINS JOHNSON** reports there is some indication of life—such as it is! Husband Ralph had his first vaccination, but she hasn't had hers yet. Not much news obviously!! No travel and they have not seen their children or grandchildren since last February! Her sister-in-law in Wyoming died two weeks ago of COVID. I know they were not wearing masks or social distancing out there, not even at the funeral. Their family was all there for Christmas, and she got it after that. It was very fast for her. Marilyn still enjoys reading as her favorite pastime. She does all the errands for the both of them so that keeps her busy also. Their grandson started at Penn State last fall and is doing well. I keep thinking how lucky that we took our trips to New Zealand and Alaska in 2019. Life is very simple and I've gone back to re-reading Gore Vidal as well as the newest Meacham. Yes, word puzzles and Sudoku do occupy me. I'm preparing for a new mode of living and new priorities. Ginny would like a "virtual" reunion ... let's see if we can arrange one. Zoom and zest.

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I'm feeling a little like Wonnburger—I asked **RON RIEDER** what it was like living in NYC during pandemic and riot. He sent me this free verse:

Notes from an Epicenter

The Words I've Felt and Heard, from New York, NY

Deaths, Fear, Old Men, Coughs, Cases, Friends, Family, Faces, Zoom,

- Then -

Black Lives, Murder, Protest, Destruction, Police, Violence, Victims, Anger, Sadness.

I like it, Ron, and I give it first prize for creativity. I'm betting Karl does, too, but he says it's too short and your use of capitalization is funky. **BEN AURAND** has a more real-world answer: "Nancy and I drove up from Texas on the 14th of March just before it started to get crazy. We are now at our home in the boreal forest on a bluff overlooking Lake Superior; like Superman in his Fortress of Solitude. Our granddaughter is here, too, from college in London. But since she lives in Brooklyn, she isn't exactly out of the fire. Strange times indeed. Best to everyone."

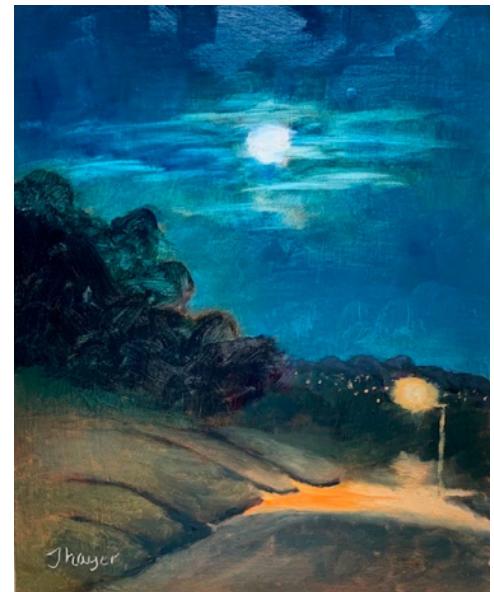
CHIP WOOD writes from Jacksonville FL and says: "Nancy and I are hunkered down by our pool. Got lots of food and toilet paper. So far entire family symptom-free. May we all stay safe." **DAVE COLLON** says: "My wife and I were feeling very comfortable in our new home in Ketchum/Sun Valley, Idaho. Then suddenly the Brotherhood of Skiers came into town for their yearly meeting. Now as of yesterday, Ketchum with a population of a little over 2000 has 17 cases not counting the Brotherhood's cases counted in other states that the Brotherhood took home. All supposedly from a large party at the River Run lodge at the base of the mountain. Ketchum has been designated as a disaster area and we aren't supposed to leave our homes for seven days. **TOM BRAY**, are you reading these? Are you and Dale in Montana? If so, don't come south. We are hoping to see you when this thing is over. We are still very happy with the decision to move here but it isn't starting out quite the way we expected. Make good decisions everyone and we will all get through this well and with some good stories."

I have been watching with interest a chain letter among classmates about COVID (more or less). If you'd like to get in on it, be sure I have your email address and I will copy you the latest.

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COVID-19 restrictions have impacted all of our ability to see our beloved families, as Thayer mentions below. I was lucky enough to have my son and daughter, John and Margaret, and their families visit us at our Walloon Lake cottage last summer, socially distanced and masked around us, of course. John, from Oahu, and Margaret from Colorado, respected our rules, but it was hard on me. Husband Bill survived first an attack of necrotizing fasciitis to his right arm, following a minor bike accident and subsequent stitches, and then survived COVID-19, following skilled nursing care in a Pinehurst facility (the monoclonal antibody infusion and Remdesivir shots seem to have worked)! He's now back home. I got my second vaccine up in Winston-Salem on February 1 (bigger cities have earlier and more vaccines). So, I'm now riding my Lusitano several times a week. **THAYER WILSON WINE** writes, "Not much news to tell because this past year has been spent at home most of the time. I guess it was a good time to be quarantined, because I broke my wrist just at the beginning of the national lockdown. Before long, most of my usual activities, from meetings to art and exercise classes, began coming to me by Zoom several times a week. Fortunately, as I write this, my wrist is nearly healed and I'm getting used to the convenience of being home. I do miss visiting with my family, especially to watch the grandchildren grow up."



Thayer Wilson Wine's night ski painting, a few from her driveway

My son, Charlie, a real estate agent in Tucson, AZ, and his youngest son, Leo, surprised me with a wonderful, but brief, visit on my birthday last year. My daughter, Marjorie, and her dog, Janet, drove down to Nashville from her home and job at the University of Kansas for a quick Christmas visit. Otherwise, no travel for the past year for me. Grateful to be healthy and able to stay busy. Big hugs (virtual, of course)!" **KAREN GILRAY STREET** writes, "As I am certain all of you are, I have been transitioning, adapting, cleaning, sorting, discarding, cooking, masking, wiping, etc. while trying to be patient, brave and true. Sick of it!! Fortunately, our family is COVID-19 free and enjoys the times we gather. Conversations are easily stimulating and lively thanks to constant political events and Netflix programs. Online duplicate bridge and Zoom lectures certainly help pass the time and are grand substitutes for the activities we took advantage of, and I do anxiously await their return. **KAREN**

VANFLEET STARK has permitted me to tell me you she is relocating later this spring to Columbus, OH. Her son, Brian, and his wife, Amy, and their daughter, Emma, have lived there for years and have found her a well located apartment with a view. Karen is thrilled. She is also enjoying working part-time at the library from which she retired five years ago. I also have an update on **JOYCE HARLAN MACDONALD**: Joyce and husband, Bruce, have enjoyed a condo in beautiful Savannah for three years. They're returning in March preparatory to "right-sizing" from their Bloomfield Hills home to a home in Bingham Farms." Thanks to my intrepid predecessor, Karen Street, who also talked with **SHERRY MARKER** today, I'm happy to pass this along: After a brief visit stateside, Sherry has been back in London since March, with a brief visit hop to Massachusetts in October. Her husband, Gerald, had been hospitalized for most of 2020 and, thus far, most of 2021. Their flat is within walking distance of the hospital, and Sherry was there so much, one of the doctors deemed Sherry an "essential worker." Thankfully Gerald is now home. Check out Thayer's paintings on Facebook. They're wonderful! Hoping to hear from more of you next time! Love to all, and best wishes for a healthier 2021.



Sally Waddell Goshorn and her horse

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It's been a terrible year, and not just because of the pandemic. In February, we lost **BOB BRAUD**; a few months later, **JOHN WOOLLEY** passed away. Despite last year's unending turmoil, I did receive responses from a few classmates. From **ROGER ROTHENBURGER**: "Sorry to hear about Bob Braud and John Woolley. Here is what's new. I did what may be my last project recently, for about a year up in northern British Columbia on the Kemano T2 Tunnel Project. Very remote: after arriving at a small airport (Terrace, BC near US Alaskan border) it was one-hour drive to town, 2.5 hours by boat up a Pacific fiord to the little town of Kitimat, then another hour drive up to the mountain top to the Camp and tunnel portal. Twenty days on then ten days off. Avalanches all winter and bears (black and grizzly) all spring and summer. I'm glad to be back in sunny San Diego area. I managed to connect with **TOM LEE** and his lovely wife. They were down in the area where they have a rental. I have, after four years, finally finished renovating my daughter's house. I am now renting it out, living in two rooms at one end and putting the rent towards granddaughter's college education fund. College costs are just plain ridiculous—she is at University of Puget Sound in Tacoma. She has a volleyball scholarship. Anyhow, glad to hear from you. Thanks for

all you have done for class of 1960." This from **DIRK SCHOLTEN**: "It has been a long time since my last contact. The sad reminder of the death of two more classmates only highlights the need to avoid postponing some of my good intentions. In spite of all there is to cause alarm and despair this past year, there have been some positive changes. My wife, Cindy, and I managed to sort through our fifty-two years of collected stuff to make way for a move to the independent living phase of a continued care facility. We will remain in Ames, Iowa as our home base but for the last ten years we have been spending increasing time during the cold and grey months of winter in Venice, FL. Even with the pandemic raging, it is still possible to spend time out in the sun and greet friends from a distance. By following the CDC guidelines and common sense of Dr. Fauci, we have managed to stay healthy. I wish you and our classmates well as we all adapt to major changes." A two-part message from **TED SEYFARTH**: "Monday, January 18th 18—Was 2020 the whimper with which the world ends? If so, I don't remember anything about masks in the literature we read in school, so maybe it was just a bad year after many good ones. I expect to see much literary output from these times (remember how John Steinbeck flourished during the Depression?) There will certainly be plenty of grimly fascinating stories from this turbulent era. The biggest disadvantage to these COVID times is that I have still not learned the trick of easily identifying a mask-wearing friend. We had been scheduled to leave on another cruise-away-from-winter trip for six weeks, starting in Cape Town and ending in Bangkok. (We have been doing these trips for several years, rather than fleeing to Florida with our other Midwestern comrades), so 2021 isn't starting all that well. Fortunately, we have had plenty to keep us occupied, but I must say, wondering how monks lived their lives is not so difficult to picture. With all last year presented, I hope to have a chance to share some of my thoughts with classmates sometime soon. Monday, February 1st—it snowed, for the second weekend in a row, about 10" of marshmallow-looking cold and ice. January was 21.9" after no snow in December. Next weekend is to be sub-zero. I miss my winter cruising in a warm place! This will be the first February we have been at home in several years; now

I remember why. Sally and I had our first COVIDshots on January 28th; we go back for our second on March 1st. Hope it works, because we are taking the family to Turks and Caicos at the end of March and I want to be protected." As for yours truly, what is there to say about 2020 that hasn't already been said? Somehow Denise '62 and I have stayed safe and (I think) sane during an awful year, mostly by staying isolated. One sign of these very strange times—thanks to Amazon and Costco, I have memorized my credit card number. I haven't used cash in nearly a year. Although Zoom doesn't quite cut it for synagogue services and schmoozing with groups of friends, it works great for staying connected to my granddaughters and their mother who live near New York City. But, despite all the riots and rebellions, trials and tribulations, life goes on. **HARVEY CROZE** provided this joyous photo of frolicking elephants via Facebook.



Harvey Croze provided this joyous photo of frolicking elephants

Harvey wrote: "Cavorting young elephant orphans at their morning waterhole visit. Ithumba Hill, Tsavo East National Park, Kenya. You can read about the incredible work being done to rescue and re-wild elephants by the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust at: <https://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org>" Here's to a better year for everybody. "Be careful out there."

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By the time you read this, COVID should be on the decline and normalcy in our headlights. Very little news is available to share but **NANCY MUHLITNER BRACY**

was in New Smyrna Beach for three months to close her 104-year-old mother's estate after her death in mid-December. To her and **BUNNY MILLER LENHARD** who lost her 101-year-old mother mid-November, we send our collective condolences. Earlier she and family spent a week on the ocean on St. Simon's Island. **SUSAN GASS**, **SUSAN BURNS HELLBERG** and **CHRIS WALLACE LAMARCHE** were in Florida to take a break from the winter blahs. Welcoming in the New Year, 22 classmates reconnected in a class Zoom as a precursor to our 60th reunion. It was a reaffirming, relaxing and often humorous meeting where the past 60 years melted away. Most continue their artistic endeavors like painters **ALICE BUSHONG** and **NATALIE BRADLEY CAMPBELL**, potter **NANCY LINN**, prolific weaver **PATTY WILSON HRIDEL** and quilter **GAIL BURGESS ZAVELSON**. Some have expanded their talents to include beading and needlepointing. Poet and author, **SARAH MARWIL LAMSTEIN**, welcomed the uninterrupted time to finish projects, including a book begun a couple of years ago. While not Zooming art classes with her 20 oldsters, **BETSY BARBOUR STINE** is distanced skiing, or was it shussing, the slopes of Vermont, hardly a grandmother's activity but she still does it. Grandmothers, **MARTHA ANN SHRODER PAIGE** and Chris were actively involved in their grandchildren's education, as **DONNA VOGT CARTWRIGHT** welcomed another grandchild, Jens, this fall in Wisconsin where **CHARLOTTE COHEN CAGAN**'s son has incorporated additional responsibilities to train COVID testers. **JACKIE ZUELZER ANDERSON** smoothly and seamlessly transitioned performances of professional musicians from her home to online by offering Emerson Avenue Salons which can also be viewed on YouTube, a wonderful way to decompress. Just ask Copland, her cat, who often is present and snoozing off screen. More energetic were **DIANA LAPP GREEN** and **LINDA WELT HOROWITZ**, who packed up and moved to digs better suited to their current lifestyles. Only one of **JULIE FITZGERALD WALKER**'s activities includes arranging, dusting and admiring her many bridge awards while preparing for her next Zoom tournament. Did her proficiency begin in Senior Cabin? **JOAN DANTO**

GARLAND's prowess in the kitchen has been rediscovered while watching stunning sunsets over Manhattan Beach now that she has taken a hiatus from sampling cuisines around the world. When she's not cooking while listening to audio books or paddling her wherry on a Napa canal, **ELIZABETH ROEDIGER PARKER** is active in the need for civil education and national security. Events that didn't occur over the past year were Susan's annual family stay in Italy and Costa Rica, Joan's annual attendance at Miami's Art Basel and **ROSE CORBETT GORDON**'s celebration of daughter Sasha's birthday although she still participates in book and Shakespeare clubs. Nor did **MARGIE GREAVES ADAMS** star as Cassie in the winter Broadway revival of "A Chorus Line" due to the COVIDovid. But most of all we'll miss **CAROLE GLUECK BROOKINS** who passed away from the virus in March 2020. More than her many and outstanding accomplishments, most notably the U.S. Executive Director of The World Bank Group, requiring Senate confirmation, we'll miss her intellect and thoughtfulness at our Zooms and reunions. To those struggling, our thoughts are with you.

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I am writing this in January 2021, and looking forward to a much better year than last. 2020 was a scary, challenging year for so many. We were reminded, however, to appreciate our first responders, doctors, and nurses—those people who put their lives on the line for us. Also, to slow down and connect with family and friends. I have always enjoyed hearing from all of you, and appreciate your staying connected! **JUDY BRADEN DILLON** reported that all of her family and extended family are well. They were able to Zoom, phone and FaceTime weekly over the year, and have actually been in contact more often than usual. During the Pandemic, Judy did a lot of weaving and designing rugs and textiles. She hopes to work in her studio every day in 2021. **KATE HOMEWOOD**

MURIS wrote to say that last year was tough in several ways. Her husband, David, passed away in February, and in October she fell while walking and broke both of her wrists. She had surgery and is continuing therapy. She has been able to do some theater on Zoom, however, and began writing poetry. She wrote a hymn, composed it and sang it a Capella at her church. She also has been studying to become a Spiritual Director.

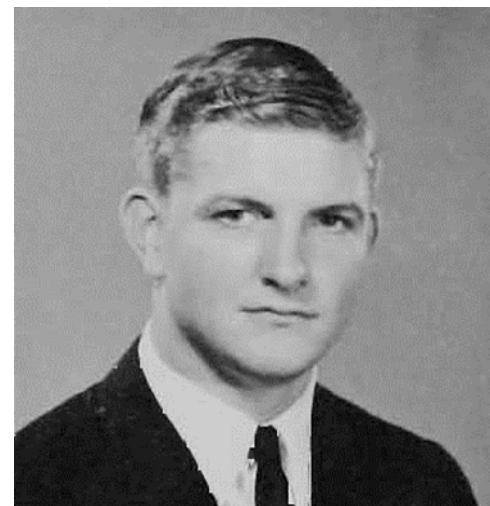
MARY ELLEN DOUGLAS ANDERSON checked in from Vail, CO, to say all was well with her family. Her eldest grandson was home from NYC and working from home. Her second grandson returned home from his senior year in college and would remain there until the end of January. Mary Ellen hopes to do more skiing this year. **SANDY YOUNG HYNES** and Ralph have joined several different choruses via Zoom, and are planning to sing in groups from the Ukraine, the Netherlands, Rome, Burgos, Spain and Transylvania. They are also saving money for a world cruise in 2021. **BEV FEAD LEYS** and her husband, George, took their annual three-month trip (Jan.-April) to Arizona, living in their trailer "off the grid." She said their "survivalist life style fit in well with the current COVID scenarios." During the summer they had visits from both their children and their families. Their grandchildren are now 11, 11, and 14. **TRISH SWAN SANDSTROM** wrote to say they had a year of ups and downs, but were fortunate to all be in good health. While spending the winter in Florida, they went out for morning bike rides and played golf. Three of their granddaughters are in college, and one in law school. Their eldest granddaughter is engaged and will be married in October in Arizona. **LINDA FERAR EATON** is a retired psychologist, living in San Diego. She is married to her high school boyfriend Gary, and they have two sons and four granddaughters. She kept busy during the Pandemic, taking long walks on the beach, reading, and watching "Emily in Paris." Sadly, **WINIFRED BURGIS HUTTO**'s husband Tom passed away in March, 2020, from Multiple System Atrophy, a rare relative of Parkinson's disease. He had been ill for four years. Daughter Katherine moved back to Houston from Canada, where she was studying makeup and hair design for film and television. Wendy is volunteering at the George Ranch Historical Park in Richmond,

TX. The ranch goes back four generations to Sam Houston's original three hundred settlers. She is studying how the soil influenced the ranch's history and the oil fields on the ranch. She also volunteers at the museum of Natural Science in Sugar Land. During the pandemic, **JUDI WIANT GAVIN** and husband, David, managed to take a few trips to Carmel, Lake Tahoe and Oregon to see family. She wrote to say they are tired of COVID, but thankful for good health. I, **SANDY ADAMSON CLANAHAN** and my husband, Denny, are currently in Florida and will be here through May. We are healthy and enjoying our wonderful condominium on the Intercoastal Waterway. The only drawback is missing our three daughters and their families in Denver. Our grandchildren are 9, 10, 10, 11, 12, and 14, and they are growing up much too quickly. I, again, thank all of you for writing, and I wish you a healthy and safe 2021!

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JOHN KOPCHICK indicated that he and his wife were in Arcadia last summer at a B&B as part of their 49th wedding anniversary. He also said he plays golf with **CHUCK STODDARD** every couple of weeks. **BOB LAKIN** and his wife said they had just finished two weeks of sailing from his home in Marblehead, MA. They spent the rest of the summer at their summer home in Pemaquid, MN. **DOUG LIEBERMAN** reported he returned to work at IBM as an instructional designer for the P-Tech initiative. They are trying to get a couple of vacations in the near future (a Provencal cruise and a month in Hawaii) but due to COVID the plans were iffy. **ED BAILEY** said he was winding down his 50 years of practicing law. His son is a Marine pilot and is stationed in Hawaii and his daughter is in her last year of dental school at the University of Pennsylvania. Coincidentally, the new President of the Cranbrook Educational Community was an assistant Headmaster at Groton when his daughter was there. I also wanted to share the passing of classmate **PETER MAXWELL**, who passed away last February.



Peter Maxwell

As for myself, nothing special has happened recently. Our 50th wedding anniversary cruise to the Mediterranean was canceled due to COVID. We did manage to travel to Colorado Springs to celebrate my granddaughter's sixth birthday. Since our birthdays are one day apart, we also celebrated mine.

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As we began 2021, "Hi! All is well!" was the message from **PAM HILL BUMP** with **KRIS KNUDSEN GREGG** echoing the same sentiment. We are very glad to hear it. Thanks to both of you! Following their adventurous trip to Vietnam and Cambodia in January 2020 mentioned in our last notes, **MARGE DENTON ROSSETTO** and Dominic hope to travel to Dubai, Egypt and the Pyramids when the world opens up.



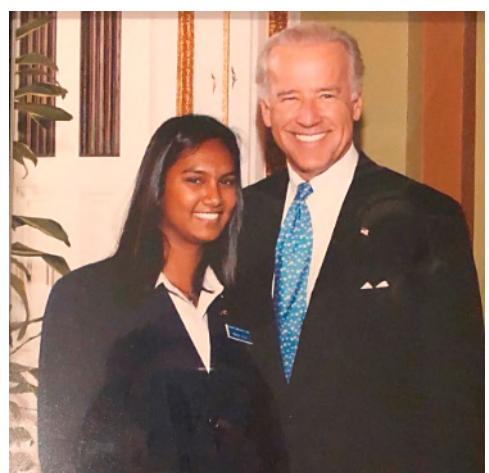
Andy, Margee, and Dominic Rossetto

A road trip to North and South Carolina in March was fun until everything shut down. They returned home to Wisconsin

and have been there ever since. Their son, Andy, attended a three-week bicycle frame building workshop in Michigan in October. He continues to work at Trek Bicycle Corp. remotely from his home in Sun Prairie, WI. The Rossettos enjoyed the holidays at home, and Margee wishes everyone a happy and healthy 2021. Two bright spots for the family of **KATHY SHORE PATRIKIS** last year were the birth of Zoe Patrikis in late February to Kathy's son, Alexander, and his wife, Al, and the engagement of their other son, Stefan, and Jennifer Sinnott as the year ended. Stephen and Jen now teach at Ohio State. Kathy wishes everyone a Happy (and more hopeful) New Year! **PENNY HAUSER-CRAM** is doing online teaching with their grandson, Julian, as well as some professional writing. "We are healthy so that is the main thing!" I couldn't agree more, Penny! Sadly, I inform you that **MARGARITA ESPANOL PERCIAVALLE** lost her husband Alberto in September of last year. Please keep Margarita, her three sons, six grandchildren and their extended families in your thoughts and prayers. In Del Ray Beach, FL, **NANCY EMERMAN SOLOMON** remains at home with no travel plans, but they are well as is their family and that is all that matters. For anyone in the metro Detroit area, Nancy's daughter- in- law has a new business that is wonderfully delicious. Bomb Shell Treat Bar is the name. You can check her out on Facebook and other social media. These delicious and beautiful ice cream treats are available by delivery to your home packed in dry ice. An avid, longtime reader and first time contributor to our notes is **CONNIE BENNETT COOLIDGE**. "David and I live in Kenilworth, IL in the same house since we moved here from the city in 1978. We have three children, Lisa, Stephanie and David. Lisa is divorced and remarried to an Englishman. She has four children, Cameron, 14, Bennett, 20, Caroline, 23 and Spencer, 25. Cameron is at Portsmouth Abbey, dodging the coronavirus, Bennett is trying to become a pro golfer, Caroline (University of Wisconsin) is feverishly working for a NY startup and Spencer (Princeton) worked for Credit Suisse in NYC and currently has a one-year stint with a family office in Chicago, in lieu of a planned year in Beijing in a Chinese immersion program. Lisa's husband, William, has two daughters, also 14, so their family has three 14-year-old girls. Stephanie and

Shawn live in Glencoe with their son, David. He is 4, and luckily his Montessori is in person and just a block away. Sumaiya, Dave and Zayn, 6, live in Oakland, CA. Zayn is going to school remotely, Sumaiya works for Sequoia Capital, and Dave is getting his PhD at Union Theological Seminary at Berkeley. They have one more child on the way which will give us seven grandchildren including the two step-grandchildren from William. David and I have been very involved in the city of Chicago since the early years of our marriage. My main involvements are the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab, the best physical Rehabilitation Hospital in the world; the University of Chicago (because I got my MBA at the Booth School) and The Art Institute of Chicago. David is involved with Williams College, his alma mater, Rush University Medical Center and the Coolidge Foundation. He has always worked for William Blair and still does. This stuff is all very factual, and I suppose our real life reads between the lines. It includes lots of ups and downs, the difficult times being the most interesting and influential parts of our lives, the moments when we learn and grow and hopefully create depth of character. On the flip side, we take many wonderful family trips to special places in the world; my favorite family trips have been on Safari in Africa, touring the Greek Islands on our own chartered yacht and attending the '88 Olympics in Calgary. My husband was actually relieved we couldn't take a family trip this year due to COVID, as these trips with all family present are sometime logistical nightmares, due to lost passports, sickness, political uprisings, etc. For me, the trip planner, it is so much fun to see everything lay out with family, who rise to the occasion, despite all the logistical problems. We also have a family house in Florida and still have our family cabin in Michigan where, to our great delight, Morley and I and our husbands got together two years ago. Her cottage on Higgins Lake is about one hour from us. My quick COVID thoughts: I feel that this has been a time for everyone to reset, to think deeply about what life means, and amid the many struggles COVID has created, to see the humanity that is highlighted to remind us of what it means to have lived a meaningful life. On the lighter side, it has been a chance to clean out my closets! Now that I've written, I'll plan to keep up the correspondence and

won't have to bore you next year with all the background. I love hearing from all of you and was so saddened by the losses we suffered in our class this year. Love, Connie Coolidge." **JULIE WILLIAMS HOWTING** continues to enjoy life in La Quinta. "Buzz's golf game is better than ever. I cannot say the same for mine but I manage to play a couple of times a week and also my beloved tennis. Between those activities, patio Pilates classes and backyard book club meetings, I get plenty of fresh air and see friends... including my neighbors **GAIL HAMMONDS GALLAUDET** and her husband, Tom. Phone conversations with **KRIS KNUDSEN GREGG** are just as scintillating as when we were at Kingswood. The topics have changed but not us! With Carrie and family in Newport Beach, two hours away, I count my many blessings." When she wrote to me in January, **DIANE LIFSEY** reflected on her life in Washington, DC. "I came to Washington, DC to attend college and have been here ever since. There has never been a time in any of our lives like the past few weeks here. Having worked in the Senate for 24 years, it was unbelievable to see invaders on the Senate floor rummaging through desks, etc. Thankfully President Biden's inauguration went well and Washington is returning to our pandemic normal. My daughter, Maria, and I have stayed healthy although she works in a hospital with COVID patients. She has been vaccinated and I am halfway there. I hope that my classmates and their children and grandchildren are staying healthy, and I know we are all looking forward to the time when we can safely get together with our families and friends. I have stayed in touch with Nancy Bauer and enjoyed a chat with her after the election. She is doing great."



Diane Lifsey's daughter, Maria

The photo of Diane's daughter, Maria, was taken when she was a Senate page in high school. **FRAN FREDERICKS FERRISS** writes, "Like most people, we are keeping away from people as much as possible, shopping during the Crones and Hags hour at the market, and decided not to travel to meet our kids at Christmas. Good news is our son, Tom, and his fiancée are getting married in September. Hopefully, we will be vaccinated by then, but we will go and quarantine if necessary. Lucky for us, it is going to be within a day's drive, in upstate NY. They are currently travelling from one monthly Airbnb to another, exploring the Pacific northwest, both working remotely during the week, playing on weekends. Our other son is in Austin, with his lovely girlfriend, both working hard from home. I hope you are all well and avoiding COVID." By the time these notes reach you, we all hope that the world will be in a better place. Stay well and safe.

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I was pleased to see that so many of you found time during this pandemic to reach out to us and let us know you are well and adapting to the new life we have in the world today. I will start with a note from **DICK MOON** describing how he and family are weathering this disaster. Moonie writes: COVID of course changed everything. Cancelled trips, did not see kids, worked from home kicked myself for not investing in Zoom, but got more farm repairs done. We will have our first grandchild in two weeks and Risa will go from SC where we are with horses and other animals to Maine to help her daughter with newborn. Amazingly, our son-in-law and Molly moved to Maine from Boston last fall and have a great house with five acres only 15 minutes from us. Dan is super talented with tools and other equipment. His real job is an analyst with Uber directing a team of other analysts. Whatever the house and very large garage needed he has been able to do. Our other children are weathering these times in fairly good shape, but the social isolation for our son in LA is hard. Risa and I continue to

foster puppies from a shelter in Aiken, SC, and will be competing our horse in eventing down here until we return to Maine in mid-May. I am trying to work less. But for management employment attorneys, the virus and all its fallout has required us to work extra hard to get our clients and their employees through the economic and medical turmoil. We all hope the vaccines will change the game, but I fear that we are a long way from out of this nightmare. I will avoid a diatribe about what happened at the capitol, but I hope all rioters, thugs, looters, assaulters of police and other criminals everywhere are arrested and the legal book is thrown at them. Please don't let or cause it to happen again. I hope everyone in our class is ok and that their families have not suffered from COVID. Stay safe." **STEVE HANWAY** also lets us know about his dealing with the COVID. "Yes, I hope and pray that all our class have not had to suffer this virus. All is well here. As for the 5000 word Essay on 'How I coped with the lockdowns' which is due on Monday I say: 'No sweat G.I, I will start that assignment out on Sunday 1:00 AM.' There better not be any sentence errors or at least that is how I remember from so long, long, long ago. Hope we all can get back to some kind of normal life by next fall if not sooner." Our next brother, **BOB MCCORMICK**, has this to say about coping with all this craziness. Mackie writes: "Hey Butch, I hope you are well despite the madness and the sickness all around us. What a bizarre time in our history. Let's hope there is some silver lining to this all. We're well, thanks, hunkered down, not socializing in person and even having our groceries delivered. I've missed my handball buddies and other friends, but we're faring well overall and grateful for it. I did have the bittersweet pleasure of joining Jim Bailey for Sid's virtual funeral last spring. It was a heartwarming event hosted by Sid's sister, Akosua '64 and his wife, Judy. I miss hearing from Sid, especially in the wake of the nation's racial reckoning this year—he died just ten days before George Floyd's murder. Even in the darkest of times, Sid could always coax a laugh or two out of me. I've been hearing a few arbitration cases by Zoom, but am slowly winding down my practice after 40 years. Like all of us, I'm looking forward to more travel, exercise, music, reading and time with friends and family. While I'm at it, let me put in

a plug for Once in a Great City by David Maraniss. It is a portrait of Detroit circa 1963—our time and place. A wonderful read by a terrific journalist that will resonate with many of our crew. Here's to 2021—may it be a healthy, happy year for us all." Ditto that, Mackie! Next up is **RICH HOWARD**. "All 11 Howards are safe and us two oldies are being very careful. I've been forced into Zoom and FaceTime use. The enforced quarantine has led to numerous in-home projects. Most recently, a closet clean out involved finding a 50+ year old Cranbrook letter sweater. Sadly, it did not fit, and Yvette '65, my Kingswood girl, ordered it (sans letter) to Goodwill. We hope to be at the 55/56 reunion later this year." Thanks for that reminder, Rich. I too am hoping that we can get a large group back for Reunion, as we missed that big one in 2020. Having gone back to the books to begin his note, **TOM VAN HORN** quotes an old Irishman as he begins, "Edmund Burke once said 'The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing' (I looked it up!). My news for the Tradition is not about me at all—it is about how very proud I am to be a classmate of Mitt Romney. The only legislator to stand up to the evildoer in Washington, not only at his Senate hearing after impeachment but after the recent Capitol insurrection. To confront his peers with the truth is becoming a habit which makes this classmate proud to know him and leaves the country fortunate to have him in a leadership role. Cranbrook can stand tall today!" Well said, Tom. However, the only Edmund Burke I can remember is "To read without reflecting is like eating without digesting." (Huh?) **BILL SCHLECTE** is our next contributor and relates that, "Everyone in my family has avoided the virus, but I have had several friends who contracted it, a couple with severe complication that required hospitalization. I keep hearing horror stories from others, and, at the same time, some tell me that they contracted the virus and had few if any symptoms. Strange and very troubling. I have been lying low since last March spending almost all my time at our cottage in Tawas City. Quit the club downstate and joined Red Hawk Golf Course there. Hilly course that I walked/carried over 100 9-hole rounds after work throughout the summer—always as a single, avoiding playing with any of my buddies up there. Great exercise, but really

missed the socialization. Oh—and I honed my game to the fine edge of perfection! I say this seriously—I am playing as well as I have ever played and hitting it farther too. I adopted the Matthew Wolf/Bryson DeChambeau method—just rear back and swing as hard as you possibly can. It works! Hope you and I can play at the next reunion. I thought that the legal biz would slow down as a result of COVID-19, but was very wrong. I guess the only good thing that has come out of the pandemic is the switch from in-person court appearances to Zoom and other virtual platforms—both in the State and Federal courts. Motions, pretrials, mediations, etc. have gone smoothly, but all trials have been postponed indefinitely until they figure out how to do them safely in person or come up with some better methodology for examining witnesses and admitting exhibits via remote. Most of my trials are bench, but even those are not being conducted at present. My hope is that the courts continue the use of virtual hearings even after we are through with this awful virus. Zoom has also been great for conducting seminars—no more traveling to forums throughout the state. These are 6-hour continuing education seminars and I was at first skeptical of whether it was going to work, but they turned out well. Laura's real estate business is going gangbusters as well—but I keep thinking the bubble has to burst soon. I consider us to be very fortunate to still be able to work while so many are stymied due to C-10 restrictions, closures and lockdowns. I am not sure how they are able to cope and my heart goes out to them. On a Cranbrook related note, I talk with McCormick from time to time, but a face-to-face meeting will wait until we get the vaccine. **MATHEW FRIEDEMANN**, who lives in Tawas, retired from his dental practice and has dropped out of sight. Best wishes to you and yours for a Happy, Healthy, and Safe New Year!" Wow! That was an earful. 900 holes of golf? Iron man! Thanks, Wild Bill. Next, **JOHN GRAHAM** wrote: "We stayed at home and went food shopping about once every three weeks. Our dogs want to kick us out of the house! I also urge everyone to contribute to Jim Bailey's fund for a scholarship in memory of Sid Barthwell. I feel it's important and a special way of honoring our special friend and classmate. Take care!" Indeed, it is a special way, John, and Jim will be talking

more about it later in the letter. Now, our Reverend brother **MARK MAYERSTEIN** sends us this missive: "I pray all are well and that COVID-19 hasn't seriously impacted anyone. My youngest daughter was working as a charge nurse in a local hospital's ER, but that became so stressful she developed PTSD. She transitioned to hospice full-time, and works as a critical care flight nurse three shifts per month. This combination seems to be working out much better for her, as she can now dedicate more time to her nurse practitioner studies. My son, an explosive ordnance disposal MSgt, and his family returned from a three-year assignment to Osan AB, South Korea. All of us were glad they are out of there. He's now working as a USAF Recruiter in Colorado Springs, and they just moved into a new home they had built. My oldest daughter's husband, a USAF Pararescue MSgt, were reassigned to Patrick AFB, FL and he is working for the new Space Command. He trains military and civilians in a variety of skill sets, and floats around in the ocean periodically waiting to provide emergency assistance should the Space Shuttles land a little short. I guess you could say my kids and their spouses are adrenaline junkies just like their dad. My six grandchildren are still insane and I don't see that changing—ever! At the end of July, I completed the academic portion of my Doctor of Theology degree program and I'm now enjoying the challenge of writing my dissertation. Weekly my frustration concerning just about everything involved in this process reminds me of what Oliver Hardy used to say to Stan Laurel: "Well, here's another fine mess you've gotten us into." Obviously, he didn't listen when his English teacher admonished her class never to end a sentence with a preposition. That is certainly something up with which I will not put, to quote Sir Winston. However, I'll complete this process at some point and I'll then be able to add those two very costly letters (Dr) to my name. Will all the effort, sleepless nights and terminally bloodshot eyes be worth it? Only time will tell. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has significantly impacted church and Bible study attendance. Worse, we have had a number of COVID-related deaths and many people contracted COVID, but, thankfully, recovered. What is extremely difficult in this context is that it is virtually impossible to care for people who

are in the hospital. My pastor card only gets me so far. Moreover, graveside and memorial services also present significant challenges of their own. You know, it's easy to have faith when times are good. But it's during times of challenge that we have to constantly remind ourselves that God is in control, and whatever He does to us or for us will always be for our good. Easy to say, but tough to do. Like virtually everyone else, regardless of which side of the isle they inhabit, I believe we are in for a difficult year. Between politics and COVID our resolve will be tested to its limits. And so, my prayer for the New Year is one for peace, understanding and love. I pray that all of the hatred, violence, destruction and unrest we've witnessed in America (especially during this past year) will cease and that Americans will find a way to come together despite our Constitutionally guaranteed right to disagree with one another. I pray that the shutdowns we've experienced that have had such a devastating effect upon America and the world be brought to an end. I pray for a cure and prevention of COVID and any of its mutations or follow-ons. I pray that God protects anyone in the world who is being persecuted for religious beliefs as long as they do not persecute others for the same. I pray that God heals those suffering from diseases or physical infirmities. I pray for the safety of our troops, first-responders, and the medical community. But most of all, I pray for the installation of selfless leaders worldwide who will forego self-aggrandizement, self-empowerment and self-enrichment for dedication to serving their respective populations in godly and moral ways. In that spirit, let God's words resonate in your minds and hearts: "For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart, (Jer 29:11-13)" Amen, Rev. The next shorter message comes from **LANCE LEITHAUSER** who indicates that he made it through so far. "Waiting now for a vaccine. We're not quite old enough to get in the first round! Nothing much going on. I was down in my Florida home a couple of weeks ago, but I'm back in Maryland now. Almost everything is shut down here. Boring!" **REED SHAFER** says

he's glad the alum magazine will be up and rolling again, and thanked me for my role in past years with the alumni effort. Reed continued, "This year has been a challenge for my wife Nola and I, as it has been for so many. A year ago, things seemed just great... lots of good snow in Steamboat, and the skiing was phenomenal. Then with an influx of infected tourists from lots of places, Steamboat was hit early and hard with COVID... and everything shut down in mid-March. We had just signed up for a trip to Ireland, and were making plans for more local summer travels... and of course, that also shut down. We've found that quarantining is relatively easy if one lives rurally, and we've been pretty much hunkered down as everyone else has. The family are all well and uninfected, and we've had two grandchildren born this past spring, in Steamboat and in Montana. We did get up to Montana this past summer in the Airstream for a few days' visit. Otherwise, close to home. This past summer's fires were a trip... close enough to us to foul the air and raise our concern. We hope for good things for classmates and their families, and may be back to Cranbrook for this year's reunion. Till then, Be well!" Next, **RON SILL** expounds on his COVID travails: "Well, what a world we live in, eh? First of all, our Panama adventure has gone to hell in a hand basket (due, in large part, to an unscrupulous builder) so, we're still here in California trying our best to remain healthy in spite of the frightening number of COVID cases in our area. While this is largely a "red" area we live in, a majority of people wear masks (some, sadly, with noses uncovered) and businesses are careful not to over crowd. The situation has had quite an impact on our family. Our son had a great job at a company supplying equipment to live events and after being furloughed for about six months was let go (with the stipulation he'd be "top of the list" when things turn around). He's now working at an Amazon warehouse and while moving up rapidly there. It's not what he's "trained in" and he's making a lot less than he made at VER, in addition to working 4pm to 2am over an hour away. Our son-in law that was working as an auto service rep is now installing leaf guards on gutters. Our other son-in law and family moved to Georgia last summer because the west coast office of his company closed (he also is in a business that

supplies equipment for live events). The world has turned upside down and it is unbelievable that we as a nation have not been able to follow how other countries have done a far better job of preventing illness and death. All because DJT is more interested in how he looks on TV and how he can benefit himself while playing golf. And then there's what happened on Wednesday the 6th of Jan. Another date that will live in infamy. Fortunately, our classmate has the "stuff" to call down the criminal in the White House. But, will he vote to convict when Articles of Impeachment come up again? I hope so. Here's to a better year(s) ahead." **GREGG DEARTH** found time to write but confessed there is "Little or nothing to report beyond being hunkered down in Norwalk, CT, waiting to get the vaccine and hoping life will return to some sense of normalcy in the not too distant future. So far, we're all healthy and COVID-free. Hope all is well with you and yours." Hoppy Doc **JOEL BLEIER** got into politics in his note saying: "All I care about is that the DI (destructive idiot), whose name will never be uttered again, is gone! Hallelujah. Just want to not be remiss and say a "thank you" for putting our class notes together. They are great. You can NEVER resign from the position. I'll let someone else fill the space this time in the class notes." Thanks, Doc, I think! Always loyal to the cause, the Bird, **PETER WERBEL**, warbles this melodious message to the group. "First off, I want to say I am proud and honored to have been a classmate of Mitt's. I do not have a single friend who would not want to personally thank and shake Mitt's hand if the opportunity arose, for the positions he has taken. He has shown true courage. And, the vast majority of my friends are Democrats or liberal leaning. I do hope there is a class reunion in the not too distant future with Mitt and Anne in attendance, so that I too can personally thank Mitt, and Anne as well. Mitt is a true politician of integrity. Not too many of these on either side of the aisle. Sure wish Mitt had made it to the White House. On to COVID—and life. Last March was working full time at Tahoe Donner Cross Country and building our new home in Truckee. When the pandemic hit, we immediately shut the Nordic Center down (now back open within COVID limitations) which actually gave me time to do all the small projects on our old house, which one

lets go until selling. So, like almost everyone else I was mostly at home, but did not mind at all. For exercise, my wife and I took long walks around the neighborhood and for the first time in all my years at Tahoe, on two different occasions saw Bobcats. One just a couple of hundred yards from our house. Being a lover of wild animals, this was exciting. It is not uncommon for them to be seen, but I just had not been lucky. With very few cars on the streets and roads, it was amazing how much wildlife venture into the neighborhood. Our new house took 20 months to build but the attention to detail was everything we had hoped for. I was the gopher, laborer and clean up guy so there was plenty of work for me to do every day. We moved in in November, and just now have gotten to the point of unpacking most boxes, and organizing clutter into something that is truly livable, comfortable. I must say that the most challenging aspect of this whole adventure was packing and moving everything, which we did ourselves with the help of friends. A big mistake. Never again will I do that. If I did not mention when last I wrote our property butts up to 130 acres of Land Trust, we can walk one mile into downtown Truckee and just minutes away from highways. Very, very convenient yet very, very quiet. At present, no one has built on either side of our lot or in front (which will change as everyone from the Bay Area wants to move here) so it really seems like we are in the middle of a forest and not in a neighborhood. Have rambled long enough. Not sure this is all that interesting. You better edit. What I should have just said is: "all is well despite challenges of pandemic and our government and I hope the same for everyone else." You think I could edit I could edit all of that, Bird? I wouldn't even try. Moving on, I thought I had lost an email from **PHIL MAXWELL** and I wrote him to send me another copy for the letter. Flip shot back: "A clever approach, Howard, but "no" I didn't send one." Phil then continued "It's been a boring year, practicing law via Zoom." I won't say I picked the best for last because I haven't written my piece yet. However, **JIM BAILEY** has provided us with a terrific presentation of his current work and especially the work he has done with Cranbrook and Harvard Law School to keep the flame of the tremendous life of **SIDNEY BARTHWELL** from ever

going out. Jim writes, "My wife, four sons, grandchildren, and their significant others are all healthy and doing great, but this year was not without its challenges. For me personally, the most difficult experience was losing our classmate and my dear friend Sidney Barthwell Jr. on May 15, 2020. As many of you know, I established the Honorable Sidney Barthwell, Jr. Scholarship Fund at Cranbrook in the fall of 2020 to honor his extraordinary legacy. This transformative scholarship funds four-years' tuition, room and board at Cranbrook Upper School. The scholarship recognizes academically-promising young scholars from demographically underrepresented communities who embody Sidney's commitment to equity, community, cultural bridge-building, family and service. The scholarship has already been awarded to a promising young student in 2020 and we are hard at work encouraging others to donate so we can hopefully award the scholarship to additional students in 2021. My hope is to eventually broaden this outside of Cranbrook and sponsor scholarships at other secondary schools across the United States. You can learn more by visiting our recently launched website: www.HonorableBarthwellScholars.org. I also established a scholarship fund in Sidney's name at Harvard Law School where he earned his JD. If you are interested in learning more about the Harvard scholarship, you can read about it here: The Honorable Sidney Barthwell, Jr. JD90 Memorial Scholarship Fund. In addition, I keep extremely busy with Cambridge Associates and Plymouth Rock, the two companies I started. I look forward to resuming travel later this year and visiting clients all over the world again. I have no plans to retire any time soon! My wine company in California, Knights Bridge, also keeps me busy and is a huge passion of mine. We count ourselves very fortunate that the devastating Glass Fire in October 2020 did not badly affect Knights Valley and we were able to harvest all our Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay, as well as a portion of our Cabernet Sauvignon. I am also happy to report that we are on track to open our new winery to visitors in September 2021. I hope to see you there!" By the way, I'll be the first to tell you all that, although I haven't been to

Knights Bridge, I did talk to Jim about his winery after I read his letter. Much to my surprise, Jim sent me some of his wines (chardonnay and sauvignon blanc) and they are wonderful. "And now, from the only US Senator in our class come these words from **MITT ROMNEY**: With Ann and my 25 grandkids living from Boston to San Diego, you are bound to bump into us flying to see them. Washington occupies most of my time, of course, as I continue to try to atone there for my childish misdeeds at Cranbrook. It is not true that making a law is like making sausage: It is much uglier than that. I am delighted to occasionally hear from one of my classmates—I'm convinced that friendships are a big part of the true currency in life." As for your class secretary, I am now a grandfather of two young boys, one five years old and living in Germany, the other 1+ and living in Brooklyn. My son, Geoff, an opera conductor in the US, had his entire 2020 performance schedule cancelled in the states as a result of the virus. The good news, however, is that he went back to Aachen Germany where his wife and boy live while he is conducting in the US and has gotten to know his son so much better as a result of being home for a year. He's hopeful, from a professional point of view, that his career can be continued in a short while. Who knows? In the meantime, he is keeping busy by writing on music perception/psychology at a Hamburg University. My daughter, Elizabeth, gave birth to son Max a year ago (a great name for a McDonald). She and her husband are both architects in NYC working virtually from home as everyone else seems to be doing. My daughter, Nora, is a professor at University of Maryland teaching information science. Susan is still president of her marketing consulting firm, NexionThinking, in Philly but she and all of her employees and clients communicate by Zoom and laptops. I retired from the practice of law at the end of 2019. Ouch.... Was that ever bad timing! I've now spent 12+ months doing crossword puzzles, walking my dog 4-5 miles a day and binge-watching ESPN and MSNBC. Not the most exciting lifestyle for a recent retiree. Well, that wraps it up guys. I'm glad that so many of you were able to share your news. I hope that you all stay healthy and safe in this

environment. Wear your masks, keep your distances, wash your hands regularly and Aim High.

CLASS SECRETARY, GRAHAM McDONALD
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Despite claims of "no news" or "non-news," the class of '65 found things to write about, resulting in the most responses to my request for news since I have been your class secretary! To avoid being too repetitive, I'll say here that we are collectively hunkered down, awaiting the vaccine, longing to visit family (especially grandchildren), saddened by the cancellation of our travel plans, Zooming, reading, exercising and in general doing our best to get through it all. **ANNE FUCHS TOWBES** has been babysitting her "Four Adorables," playing tennis and using Zoom to play bridge, piano and stay in touch with community organizations.



Anne Fuchs Towbes and family

Living in her gated community allows her to walk, play tennis, and order food delivered from the clubhouse. On weekends she drives to her getaway house in Solvang, CA, where she appreciates the change of scene. She says, "I continue to live in gratitude and hope that in the coming years our country can get its breath and light back, that we all can find common ground to appreciate and treat each other equally, and that 2021 is a good year for us all." **KARIN CHRISTIANSEN**

FOWLER writes that she and Scott are walking four to five miles every morning on the trails around their house in northern California. They often wear T-shirts which say, "Solvitur Ambulando," meaning "It is solved by walking."



Karin Christiansen Fowler and husband Scott

It is her way of saluting our Kingswood Latin teacher, Richard T. Urban, (of "Huic deus optandi gratum" fame) and **FRAN STAIR WHITE**'s husband, Harry Evans, a retired professor of Classics. **ILENE ROGERS TYLER** continues to study Italian, despite the cancellation of two trips to Italy. It keeps alive hopes for future travel, and she enjoys the challenge of learning a new language. A bright note for them was adopting an adorable kitten, Oliver, who adds humor and softness to their endless days at home.



Ilene Rogers Tyler and Oliver

She is grateful to live in a big house with an ample yard, within walking or delivery distance of great food options, and the opportunity for riverside walks. She started keeping a journal at the beginning of the pandemic and (when she wrote this) was in week 46. She finds it cathartic and educational and in hindsight a good decision. **CANDY PORTER** has also been writing, in her case a collection of personal essays. She

recalls our ninth-grade autobiographies—he still has hers—and thinks that Miss Kussrow would be proud. After two major excursions within a short period of time (Peru/Amazon in late 2019 and Kenya in early 2020), she returned from Nairobi in mid-February, just as our country started to "wake up" to the pandemic, thankful that she ventured out into the world when she did. She looks forward to returning to the Midwest as soon as prudently possible to see and hug her kids, grands, and one-year-old great-grand, Rowan.

LOUISE BOWEN LECKLITNER wrote that she got her first COVID vaccine on January 17th. Living in San Diego, she is able to get outside regularly. She and her granddaughter visit via Zoom several times a week. Her granddaughter, whose school has been on Zoom for the entire nine months, enjoys these visits a lot more than classes. **BARBARA CUSTAR REYNOLDS** has been tackling house projects and has painted all the upstairs bedrooms and a bathroom! Daily yoga and pickle ball have been saviors. Their new chocolate lab puppy is keeping them active. She hopes that her rescheduled trip to London and Paris with her granddaughters will take place this summer (post vaccine). **JULIE SCOFIELD** checked in to say she has no news and hasn't left town since returning from New Zealand in early March, 2020. **BONNIE HUMSEY HELMER** has been knitting and watching DVDs with her husband for the past ten months. She commented that she enjoys reading news from other classes in Tradition, as well as ours. **FRAN STAIR WHITE** says she has learned patience and adaptation in a whole new way since March (of 2020). They were lucky to see kids and grandgirls over the summer and into fall, when being outside, masked and socially distanced, was possible.

Now that the girls are back in school it will be months until their next meeting. Reading "tons" over the past months, she was currently reading Dark Salt Clear, by Lamorna Ash, and among the very good series on Netflix, she highly recommends The Queen's Gambit. A real pleasure on their daily neighborhood walks has been getting to know (masked and socially distant) people who are working from home now—and their dogs, as well as the oldest and youngest age groups. "Onward to vaccine availability!" In contrast to most of us, **BETTY KRAUSE RUDDY** hasn't had ANY solitude since the pandemic began. Her

son, his wife, two-year-old son, and neurotic dog fled Manhattan in mid-March to live with Betty in Connecticut. Then her daughter and husband sold their house in New Jersey and, with their two daughters, spent a couple of months at Betty's before moving to Seattle. In late summer, her son's in-laws came up from Florida for six weeks to help out with child care, so for those six weeks they were a household of ten! And there was a week with no power, hence no running water (Betty has a well). Her son and his family also decided to move back to Seattle (where Betty's kids grew up), and Betty flew out to care for little Max for five weeks. When she wrote, she was about to return to Connecticut, mentally and physically exhausted, and looking forward to some solitude. Over the next year she plans to transition to living in the Seattle area to be close to her grandchildren, although she loves living in rural NW Connecticut. **JACKIE DONER MOORE** has had an especially difficult year, as she fell in her yard New Year's Eve day of 2019 ("very sober," as she assures us), and broke her femur in two places: above the kneecap, below the hip, and to top it off, shattered the shaft. After surgery, weeks in a rehab center and finally home, she returned to work at the library the week before the country shut down. She spent the summer going to outpatient rehab and spending time with her bubble (daughters, son-in-law, and two grandkids).



Ben, grandson of Jackie Doner Moore



Ellie, granddaughter of Jackie Doner Moore

She is now back to work, with COVID-19-restricted hours, and is reading like mad, mostly "fluff." **GINA BURNES NUTTALL** writing from the UK, said that life B.C. (Before COVID) seems like a distant memory. They have had severe restrictions there since March of 2020, and they were currently in a national lockdown that even limited their allowed one-hour of outdoor exercise to the local area. Her weekly grocery shopping consists of driving to the supermarket six miles away and collecting what she's ordered online, without even leaving the car. Her "new best friends" are the guys who pack her trunk, and she hasn't actually been inside a supermarket for nine months! She commented: "And still the virus rages...as does the fallout from our folly that is Brexit." She still has some freelance editing commissions, and in her free time she has enjoyed the company of fictitious characters when pleasure-reading and film/play viewing. She has been amazed at what those in the Arts have been able to create during this trying period. Gina has been very involved in the process of her grandsons' home learning (via FaceTime and Zoom) and related this wonderful anecdote: "Just recently, when helping out with the creation of a Facebook page for Shakespeare ("Oh no!" I hear Miss Bennett cry), my grandson reminded me that Shakespeare survived several plagues and wrote some of his greatest plays when London theatres were forced to close." In conclusion, she expressed gratitude that she has reasons to be thankful—

her family, friends, and classmates. **MARCIAMAYHEW ROLLINS** sent greetings from Colorado, where she and Fred had received their first vaccine and were beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel. The highlight of the past year was a trip in August, planned pre-COVID, to a family camp in the Colorado mountains. Their daughters and families joined them for a great five-day stay, with no resulting COVID repercussions. The atmosphere was smoky at times, as one of the Colorado fires was burning just over the ridge from them. In the fall, her nearby daughter and her two children had mild cases of COVID. Walking in the Colorado sunshine most days has kept Marcia's spirits up. **SHARON CROMMETT BOBECZKO** has been back on land since March 27, 2020. They first learned of the coronavirus when they were in the Cook Islands. The ship had to head for San Diego, cancelling the planned stop in Tahiti, and they had to stay onboard during a refueling stop in Hawaii. Upon arrival in San Diego, they holed up in a hotel in Irvine until June. Realizing that cruising wasn't going to be an option for a while, they rented a condo near their daughters and grandchildren. Not having a cabin attendant to clean and change sheets and towels, etc., required an adjustment. Michael loves to shop for groceries, and he comes home with whatever he finds on sale, whereupon Sharon plays "Iron Chef" and tries to make a meal of his random choices. She notes, "It was fun for a while." **JANICE PAUL ANDAHAZY**, like most of us, has "adapted to a hermit's life." She feels fortunate that her son, his wife, and two granddaughters live just a mile-and-a-half away, enabling them to remain a family group, as the adults have been working remotely for nearly a year. Janice wanted to take this opportunity to leave a comment directed to our Cranbrook classmate, Mitt Romney. She would like to thank him for speaking what he considered to be truths and for going his own way. Several classmates, specifically **MARILYN MAUCK SANDERS, CHRYSTINE JONES TAUBER, and ANNE FUCHS TOWBES**, joined in praising Mitt's courage, integrity and high principles and conveying their admiration and respect. Chrystine has been incredibly busy with her garden design business and continues to acquire new clients every month. Her regular clients all want to enhance their

gardens and patio pots as well. Fortunately, her plant resourcing at wholesalers is all outdoors, as is her installation work with her crews. Ninety percent of her work is inside the polo club where they live, which is extremely convenient, and she interacts with wonderful people and friends every day. She had just received her first vaccine the day she wrote this, so life in Florida was good! Marilyn noted how time-consuming doing nothing can be! Marilyn's husband, David, survived a serious illness this past year; he finally had to be transfused. How and why he got to be a couple of pints low continued to be a mystery. They are both very thankful for his recovery. She expressed gratitude for the news anchors, who seem to have become part of the family. Since their kids and grandkids can see them only in the driveway (assuming they won't freeze!), the news people fill in gaps at their table, and she is thankful for their dogged, fearless (varyingly-truthful) reporting. Also, on Marilyn's gratitude list are all of her classmates and the valuable treasure of a Kingswood education. The emails exchanged among our class inspired **MICHAEL DUFFY KRAMER** to respond. They are hunkering down and trying not to feel too guilty about not using this time to clean out all the closets, write that novel, learn a new language. Her mother, who graduated from Kingswood in 1935, turned 103 in January. She was a day student and often skied to class during the winter! Mino's brother has used this time to interview their mother about her life – then and especially during the war. "As they say, her memory is very good when you travel back to those times, though a little shaky about yesterday." Mino says there are days when she feels the same way! She hopes we're on the road to new adventures again. I, **YVETTE DAUNIC HOWARD**, am thankful to report that Rich '65 and I and our family are healthy and have weathered the last year in much the same fashion as the rest of you. This winter we see kids and grandchildren briefly in the garage. Spring and summer allowed distanced gatherings on decks and under the shade of the giant oak tree in our back yard. Who knew my "lifetime supply" of fabric would come in handy for sewing face masks? Who knew the vast quantity of reclaimed wood that Rich stashed in the barn 16 years ago would keep him busy in his workshop all this past year? Who knew how appreciative

we would be that we have not downsized? Our perspective on many aspects of life has changed this year! I continue to be grateful to you for taking the time to contribute to our class notes for Tradition. That so many of you care to keep in touch with classmates from 56 years ago is very special. I hope that when next winter's issue comes around, we will all have had the vaccine and will be able to embark on some wonderful adventures... which, of course, you will relate to me!

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Men of '66, where to begin? Since the last publication of the alumni rag and since our glorious 50th Reunion in the Hills of Bloomfield, not too much has happened in the heartland. Let me noodle on that one. Well ok, there was an election in '16. And there is a pandemic of some concern. And an attempted coup of our republic made the news a few weeks ago. Anything new in your world? Any reflections on how the past four years have altered the autumn of your years? I believe that two quotes adequately sum up 2020. "If 2020 were a drink, it would be a Colonoscopy Prep," Jake Tapper ~ CNN. "I've come a long way since you met me and right now, I'm at the edge of my comfort zone." My Wife of 51 years ~ Ann Arbor, MI (God bless her. She's in the basement knitting nooses and digging a tunnel). I am fairly certain that none of the lessons that we learned at Cranbrook prepared us for these events since 2016. Yet, we may be able to see the horizon as 2021 unfolds. With gratification, I can announce today that I have finished the entire catalog of Netflix!! Every documentary, in fact every category! Working on Hulu and Amazon. Second of all, I am proud to report that I have avoided the virus and these typical physical consequences; soft skull, strawberry nose, tictac teeth and one big toe. Although, I must admit that I have a harder time deciphering between boredom and hunger. Thusly, let me offer five helpful hints for distraction if you feel yourself on the verge of an emotional/mental breakdown and if your half-gallon of Monthly Moscow Mules have not arrived. 1) Browse the internet for images of the mob in The

Capitol and find someone you know like your dental hygienist or your financial advisor. 2) Assemble a piece of furniture from IKEA. 3) Go shopping at the nearest mall for hours and then try to find your car. Most exercise you have had in months. 4) Read anything that Karen Pence authored. 5) Host a Zoom meeting with relatives who all struggle with the concept of "cut and paste." I might suggest that you google Jeffrey Toobin for a short tutorial on Zoom decorum! Lots of contributors this time from Long Island to Arkansas to Hong Kong to Darwin to Mt. Rainier to Suffolk in the UK to Texas to California! **STEPH LADY** provided this salutation from Australia, "Greetings and G'day from Down Under. We begin our third year in Oz this June, and will be eligible for citizenship soon. It has been, literally, quite a journey. Our adopted daughter, Isabel, whom we got when she was barely four, is beginning senior high reminding us all—as if we needed it—that tempus fugit, carpe diem, etc. etc. (RIP Howie Wert.) We've been fortunate in dealing with the coronavirus here—fewer than a thousand people have died in Australia and none since last Spring. Due to strict guidelines, mandatory quarantine and strong popular support, there hasn't been a single community transmission here where we live in the Northern Territory. I guess it turns out that a functional government following scientific advice was key all along. (Heckuva job, Donnie!) I continue writing movies, realizing too late that writers only retire horizontally. Our hearts go out to any of you who may have lost someone, and to all of you who yet persevere during an extraordinary time. May the vaccine be with you." **STEVE "ACE" MOLINA** checked in from Dallas. "Other than receiving the first shot of the Moderna vaccine, I haven't accomplished a damned thing. I am still teaching at the University of Texas at Dallas, in person." I replied, "Oh Ace, You are too modest. You have accomplished loads during this era. Look at all of the posts that you make to FB. Sometimes 8 per day. You are a busy little Longhorn." Quickly, Steve snorted back, "Hating politicians isn't really an accomplishment." **JEF KURFESS**, always a loyal contributor, penned this; "Most of this past year hasn't been dramatically different for me than it would have been. I sat at my computer, wrote comments on the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Los Angeles

Times. I played the stock market a bit, but mostly cringed and hunkered down in anticipation of the bubble bursting. I made fewer trips to the grocery store. This was a sacrifice. I like grocery shopping. I worked occasionally on a Stephen King sort of children's story that I am told should never be read by anyone, let alone children. Kathy and I were very fortunate, though, to get in some good trips before the world shut down. We went on a skiing trip to Park City, UT in January. We followed this up with a bucket list trip to the Galapagos, on a National Geographic expedition cruise, in February. We got in right under the wire, before cruising shut down, before Guayaquil, Ecuador was hit hard by COVID-19. Kathy arranged an ingenious way to celebrate Thanksgiving. Ojai, CA has Caravan Outfitters. They operate a small campground with a dozen or so Airstream trailers. We assembled the extended family, each to their own trailer, meeting only open air to eat. My son, Will, did the turkey on his Traeger smoker. It all worked out great. It didn't even turn into a micro spreader event. So far, no members of our family have gotten the virus, though we now finally know a few people who have. We continue to be careful. As soon as California gets its act together and we can get the vaccine, we will. Looking forward to our next trips. Before I am an infirm, I want to go back to the South Pacific for some world class snorkeling. We may do a walking trip in the UK. We are also thinking about going to the UK to just park someplace in the Cotswolds and chill. We want to go to the South Island of New Zealand. We went on a cruise a few years ago and bad weather made the ship totally bypass the South Island!" This snippet from **TOM ELLIOTT** came over the transom. "I made it through 2020 uninfected and unindicted. Fingers crossed for 2021. I did have to get a pacemaker in November to keep the various parts of my heart talking to one another in a civil fashion. I am delighted that it is keeping me on this side of the sod, but it is a little troublesome to be so reliant on aftermarket parts." The gallant **DAY KROLIK** added this; "The country is suffering from PTSD and I think we need humor. I'm proud that when some authority polled the saddest year in our nation's history, I correctly guessed 1862 (you don't have to be a history major); 2020 only came in eighth and 1968 was right

up there. Several of my ancestors fought, and died, in the Civil War so I have always found it of historical interest. We don't need another one. I will observe that you know you are getting on when the current year sounds like the date in a science fiction novel you read during your Cranbrook years. I just want to take advantage of this opportunity to extend greetings and best wishes to my fellow members of the class of '66. Manhattan is currently a shadow of its former self and I am very happy, at the moment, to be living with my wife and daughter out at our house on the East End of Long Island." Our favorite Limey, the highbrow extraordinaire, **MARK PACKARD** piped in with this; "You think the USA has problems, in Britain we have a dud for a prime minister, have left the European Union (big mistake) and we will see the island nations split up soon. Linda and I left Central London in September for Suffolk, where I spent my childhood. The air is fresher and we can enjoy a local community. The move also means we can cope better with lockdown. Best wishes to all of you and what a wonderful year I had at Cranbrook." Always a crowd pleaser, always undaunted, **RAY BUCH** chipped in with wisdom, "Present and accounted, sir! Still wondering if the demagogues will continue to push their lies and falsehoods. Or, whether we will muster the backbone to disrupt those patterns and the steadfastness to educate and promote pluralism and responsibility. Sold the old place in East Lansing and downsized to a house in Iowa City and a part year cottage in Berkeley, CA. I am still looking for anything authored by Karen Pence. Not using the passing lane so much, but my gauge says I need to find a gas station without hitting the off ramp. Keepin' on. Ray" I was unable to connect with **JOHN BENNISON** in Leland, MI this summer as he stayed in northern CA. However, we exchanged emails and discovered that we both had written many times to a Senator in D.C. who showed some courage. "The Era of COVID has left Germaine and me somewhat conflicted with a combination of gratitude and guilt that we have been spared any of the disastrous catastrophes that have befallen so many others. The non-profit Mountain Shadow Film Society I direct has gone virtual, and nonetheless still thrives. Still un-retired, I assist clients with some residential real estate, while

continuing to write for my Words & Ways website, and a few other publications. I purchased a share in a modest aircraft this year to keep up my flying skills. But our best acquisition and venture this year was our fourth golden retriever pup, Nellie." "Dear Stu and Crew, A voice out of the past! **PAUL SHANK** here trying to catch up with former Cranes from days gone by, and not miss the next gathering held by the "Class of 66." It's hard to believe that it has been 55 years and I still have the same wife, same two kids, three grandchildren and live in Chico, CA., working part-time as a Physician's Assistant in surgery. Life has been good traveling has been put on hold for a while, but before the pandemic we were able to get to China, Europe with the Galapagos Islands as our next destination. We still continue to ski, wakeboard and hang out at the Lake House in Chester, CA at the base of Mt. Shasta. I would love to hear about what everyone has been up to for the last 55 years, and if you get a chance, we'd love to have you stop for lake time, snow time and catching up in general. Email me at Shanksoccer@comcast.net" **DR. MIKE MUIRHEAD**, an aspiring novelist, wrote this from below the Mason-Dixon line. "No longer being a physician, I'm electronically queued, along with my wife, for the COVID vaccination. That's pretty exciting, don't you think? We live in Arkansas but we didn't see any of our new friends at the Capitol earlier this month, I swear on Trump's Bible. I'm writing books but so far I haven't been published and I'm pretty upset about it. I wonder what Wonnberger would say. He hated me until I won a Detroit News prize with an essay for which he gave a C+. After that, he loved me. That's how fickle this business is." The good Doctor reports that his latest effort begins at Eastover School in 1959 but quickly gets to 2006 wherein a ruggedly handsome class secretary from a fictional prep school, writing from Iraq, makes a familiar plea to his classmates, "While I wait to ferry across the Tigris River with various subcontractors and military types, I commend to you a vista of barques and bulrushes worthy of an ancient empire. But enough of Babble-On! As your class secretary, I'm committed to celebrating the value of a liberal education. As your classmate, I'm planning to come halfway around the world to be with you in Bloomfield Hills, MI the first week in

June. Whether you're a mogul or a menial, don't wait for the celestial reaper to further thin our ranks!" Oh, that's good, Doc! Can't wait for the movie! Our resident golfer, **JOHN FRENCH**, took a break from the links and sent this from Santa Monica, or thereabouts. "As to me, been hunkering down in LA during the winter trying to avoid the madness out here. I was lucky to get in the first batch of vaccine people at Beaumont Hospital so I flew in for the shot a couple of weeks ago and am flying in next week for the 2nd dose. I was amazed at how well Beaumont had things running. It was smooth as silk, so organized. Golf is tough out here, getting tee times anywhere is like the lottery. Hope all is somewhat normal by when I get back to MI. Stay healthy and safe." Our intrepid outdoor adventure classmate, **DAVE CAMPBELL**, passed this along, "I'm sure that we needed prompting with a sledgehammer to pull our heads out of isolation and communicate. Debbie and I have been taking to the wilderness trails quite a bit this past year. We repeated a hike we did in 1972 upon arrival in Washington Toleak Point, Olympic National Park, a 30-mile round trip beach hike on one of the few wilderness ocean beaches in the country in early March. When we were returning, the governor's message blaring from every freeway billboard was "STAY HOME, STAY SAFE". We felt guilty, but so glad that we were able to do that trip. All the trails in the state were closed the next week, so we walked the roads/sidewalks/trails of our neighborhood and did fitness videos in our living room. We did a cross-country trip in October to visit family in MI, pulling our 16' teardrop trailer to avoid hotels and became experts at social distancing in freeway rest areas. We spent several hours / days visiting Debbie's mom and sister, who are both in different care facilities. It was good to see and talk with them, but also hard without being able to give them a hug. But our favorite pastime for 2020 and beyond is backpacking. Here's a picture of our tent spot at Mt. Rainier NP, 1/23/2021, 17 degrees F when we crawled out of the tent (only a bit more than 2 mi. from the car)."



Dave Campbell camping at Mt. Ranier

From the best goalie ever, **ROD DAVIES** wins the second longest email award. "Cindy and I have just arrived back in Hong Kong and are commencing our 21-day quarantine in a government selected hotel. Ugh. But it's our opportunity to catch up with you on the Netflix gig. We are both Hong Kong residents now and travel to the States less frequently.



Rod Davies

Home to Utah last week to celebrate our 50th anniversary with our eight kids and 35 grandkids. I never thought I would still be working at this age, but I'm actually loving this circumstance. From a tiny Idaho start-up to an emerging (still tiny) global player—at BioLogiQ we make plastic from plants like potatoes, corn and cassava; it's fun to be part this timely endeavor. Our first customer was Walmart; now many brands are following. I'm not up to the hiking pace that Dave and Debbie Campbell report, but trying! Hong Kong hiking trails humble me in my meager efforts. I can report a few near death experiences trying to pretend I'm still fit. (The bathroom scale and the bathroom mirror should convince me otherwise, but I press on.) Retirement is rapidly approaching. Truly. We're contemplating a humanitarian mission to the Philippines with a group of friends, but keeping our options open." And this from Captain **WILLIAM HOWE** who continues to tickle me. "Since last writing I have completely retired from law enforcement...26 years with Battle Creek PD Forensic Science

Unit, 12 years with the Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office working Cold Case Homicides and lastly 40 years as an instructor with the Kellogg Community College Police Academy. Was time to move on. However, the family legacy continues with my two sons as **LEOs** in SW Michigan. It is time, however to leave Battle Creek and move closer to my two sons in the Grand Haven area because my 5-year-old grandson, Beckett, is talking about becoming a firefighter. We have never had a "hose roller" in the family and it is time for family intervention, so I am summoned to be closer to help with straightening him out. Wife Karen (47 years married) and I play pickleball 4-5 days a week which is a perfect activity for a guy with a pacemaker, two new knees and a twice repaired rotator cuff ... thanks to high school and college sports. Once we move to Grand Haven, I will begin a sequel to my first book for kids about my humorous adventures as a cop. My first book, "Cuffed" did not sell well because Amazon put it into the adult book section thinking, by the name and with a pair of handcuffs on the cover, it was a book on Sadomasochism. People looking for a kid's book on police work would not ever look there and people looking for a good book on S & M would be greatly disappointed. So, I will try a sequel with a more descriptive title. Two seasons ago, **KEN COLLARD** and I attended a football game between Cranbrook and U of D High in the relatively new Del Walden Stadium. We were very impressed with the facility. The Cranes lost despite our screaming out the cheers we recalled from our assembly hall days in 1966. 'Iron 'Em Out! Iron 'Em Out! SMOOOOOOTH!' Finally, I must reveal something. I wasn't allowed to say anything but it's now okay for me to share that I volunteered for the COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine is the one that was developed in Russia. I received my first dose on 12/1 at 09:20 am, and I wanted to let you know that it is safe and I'm ok, with no side effects whatsoever, and that I feel *я чувю себя немного странно и я думю, что вытл осные уши. чувству себя немго страо.*

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The class of 1966 has stayed in touch during the pandemic. Through emails, we have shared humorous stories and jokes and uplifting cultural postings. Members of our class also organized a Zoom meeting so we could see each in person as much as possible. However, in relating class news, the pandemic and its effects as well as politics are foremost in the minds of classmates. For many, it was a strange year, preventing families from taking part in normal events. Nonetheless, people found creative ways to gather safely, stay busy and help others work through 2020.

JANET DOOLITTLE BRODESSER sums up 2020 in one sentence, "Interesting Times: the good, the bad and the ugly. This year has been my year for finding silver linings. The plant nursery I work for was deemed essential here in Upstate N.Y., so I am not laid off. My husband made it through two major surgeries, then a couple of acute crises, then caught COVID-19 in the hospital and was sent home with it. He has successfully recovered from all these things and is fully himself. I, as his home care nurse, contracted COVID as I expected I might. But I am fine and look forward to being called back to work in early March. I am working on the illustrations for a science book my sister has written. Our mother turns 100 years old in April. She has lots to say about everything. May our nation find her way to health, dignity, integrity, peace and joy this year I pray." **MARY LARSEN HOLMES** also had a succinct way to describe the past year: "If we have learned anything in 2020, it is how to wait, to look forward to, to hope. Looking back on it, we were so lucky that Molly and Sallena came to Cleveland at the end of February to visit for a few days before flying off with me in tow for a conference at Yale on Social Emotional Learning. We had two nights with family in the East. None of us knows when we will see each other again. This past summer, I contacted a farmer who had lots to sell, but no customers and set up a weekly delivery at my house for about thirty customers. Delivery was in my garage with each bag packed with individual names and content. More waving from a distance as people drove up to collect their bags. I bought a bike in March and have had so much fun riding with my biking buddies. Like everyone

else, I'm reading, even in the daytime! After I watched all the multiple seasons of Monk, I've struggled to find things to watch, although I loved the Queen's Gambit' and now know I will never learn chess. I'm Zooming with a group called White Women Waking Up who are reading everything from How to be an Anti-Racist to James Baldwin and Richard Wright. If you haven't read, The Warmth of Other Suns, by Isabell Wilkerson, do it! Such an important part of American history that we were not taught." **SHERIDAN**

STRICKLAND is glad to put 2020 in the rearview mirror: "My year started out tragically when my sister-in-law was killed in a skiing accident in Colorado. Then came the pandemic, with my cancelled volunteer job at the National Gallery, cancelled Vienna-Venice trip, and closed gym. I learned that you can never say 'I love you' often enough. 2021 will be better. I am willing to FedEx my arm anywhere to get the vaccine." The past year's changing dynamics had a profound effect on **ANITA MANHART**

MCCONNELL: "Ted and I moved from the greater Richmond area this past spring to Waynesboro, VA. We moved to be nearer our new church home and to be in the mountains away from the turmoil of Richmond. The downtown Richmond area was hit with racial riots last spring, and then the pandemic hit and nothing is open at all—no museums or libraries and even the blight that came with the riots remains uncleared in 2021. The famous monuments are all gone or covered with paint and graffiti. Downtown businesses have closed or moved away. We love being away from the continual turmoil of unhappy Richmond residents and being here in the mountains where people are civil and kind toward everyone and we all work together to adapt to the virus restrictions. My DAR duties grew larger since nearly all activities went virtual including all reports and service projects. We never dreamed in 1966 that when we all were in our 70s we would be learning new ways to communicate and write and file reports. Our family holidays were very quiet and a bit lonely with just the two of us sitting in front of a computer or phone to talk to family members virtually. We lost my mother in July and had to wait until September before we had official clearance to hold a mini-funeral service for her. So far, we are both still healthy and waiting to hear when we

can get the vaccine. At the risk of sounding like Miss Bennett, I urge all of you to write down your reflections, experiences and new ways of living during the COVID virus for posterity. Someday our descendants will eagerly read those notes and be amazed at how we survived the pandemic." COVID-19 had an early effect on **MARTHA ALLING D'ALESSANDRO**'s jewelry business, but she kept it going as well as seeing family in 2020. "We have been hunkered down for almost a year. We attended the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show last February, wearing masks and face shields on the plane and the show. That was February, before we really knew what was coming. We haven't been inside a restaurant since then. Drive thru is as close as we get. Now, our main topic of conversation with friends is when will we get our vaccinations. January 30th and February 8th. We drove to Minnesota for our granddaughter's first birthday and Christening in July. Close family, beautiful day, backyard, social distancing. I flew back up in October because I couldn't stand being so far away and we had four glorious days together. After that, the virus just seems to have taken over and I won't go again until after I have my vaccinations. Our jewelry business took a nosedive in March. Didn't even have any lookers for months. So, I made new stock and Peter did a lot of photography. We were blessed to have had a very good December. We are a senior living home for Labrador Retrievers, which means they don't stay with us for a long time. Both of ours crossed the rainbow bridge in 2020. However, Cyka came back from Minnesota with us. She is nine, black, AKC Master Hunter and fixed after producing her two litters. We love her dearly. We send videos back to her owner of her antics here: Retrieving and sleeping on the sofa, or any other place she chooses. Facetime is wonderful. I talk with our son, Chris, in LA and his new pup. I talk with Sloane, Ash, and Alex in MN. Yesterday was Peter's birthday, he had his cake in one hand and the other hand on Cyka's head which was on his lap. We were horrified by the events of two weeks ago in Washington. I was almost mesmerized watching it. I then spent most of Inauguration day in front of the TV again. Flawless. We are blessed to be healthy." Events in Washington, DC were also on **CICELY GUENTHER WINTER**'s mind:

"I'm writing this on January 20 in honor of the (fervently hoped for) Rebirth of our Democracy with Joe Biden's inauguration and the birth just hours later of our granddaughter Emilia Inés Arango Winter (parents Ceci, our youngest, and her husband, Carlos). We would love to hop on a plane to meet her and visit our other kids and grandkids in the US but are still wary about getting COVID which is as rampant in Mexico as it is in the US. Once the vaccine is available, we are on the first flight out of here! Katie is in Oaxaca this year so fortunately we do have some family nearby. Marcus and I haven't fared so badly with the restrictions since we both have plenty of deskwork and are privileged with wonderful weather, beautiful open spaces for afternoon walks, and the possibility of socializing with friends outside. The pandemic has been really hard on Emi and Lucas with their children in school online while they try to keep up with their own work. I continue to direct the Instituto de Órganos Históricos de Oaxaca and am busier than I'd like to be with organ lessons, virtual concerts and rewriting our web page." COVID-19 is definitely keeping most of us at home and safe. **LOIS**

WELT LAWSON writes, "We are all healthy and doing well. Not doing very much especially now that it is winter and the virus numbers are out of control. I hope you and yours are all healthy. Happy New Year."

MELINDA FITZGERALD BAUMAN is staying close to home: "My husband, Ken, and I have been home isolating since last March. I haven't read so many books in years. Despite everything going on we are staying relatively sane, healthy and, happily still getting along. We definitely are living 'Groundhog Day' sans Bill Murray. My mother turned 100 years old 9-15-20 and passed away from COVID related pneumonia on 12-23-20. She had an amazing life and will be sorely missed. I hope this finds you all safe and well." The pandemic has also affected

SUSHI HORWITZ up in Canada: "I was hoping I might have more interesting news by now, but here it is at the eleventh hour and it hasn't happened! Happy to say that I am well and hope everyone else is. I am still at our main center out in the backwoods of Ontario. I live in a building with almost 50 other people, so the COVID lockdown is not very isolating. My duties are cooking, cleaning and writing a little family newsletter. If anyone

is up by Algonquin Park, it would be wonderful to see you." My husband and I were in almost total lockdown for 11 weeks. While I couldn't swim or do pool running, I was able to save my sanity by riding my tricycle almost every nice day. This summer they re-opened our health club, and I went back to teaching swimming. It was scary at first, but they gave us face shields to wear in the pool, told us that CDC had determined chlorinated water kills COVID. Since the lock down, there has been little change to my workweek, I am still writing a daily newsletter for 300+ lobbyists, who like me, worked on all the COVID funding bills. We are all former appropriations committee staffers. When we worked in those jobs one of the greatest privileges was to be able to go to the House or Senate floors and help your boss with his or her legislative priorities. To see the Congressional chambers overrun by people in costumes who have no understanding of that privilege was disturbing and jarring.

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It is a cold and snowy late January day as I write up my notes for Tradition. My last submission was in August of 2019 for the winter edition. Of course, several months after you all received your copy of the magazine, we experienced a year we will all remember—marked primarily by a deadly pandemic that continues, and a contentious election and its aftermath. Hopefully by the time you read this the world will have settled down. Sadly, the class of 1967 lost another classmate last October with the news that **BOB STRONG** had passed away after fighting cancer for several years. Bob was an accomplished attorney, dedicated husband and father and is remembered by all as a real gentleman. We all wish Bob's wife, Mary, and family our very best. Last August, **DON McDougall** wrote that he and Mary were in good health and taking all the precautions of wearing masks and social distancing. He further mentioned that after 47 years living in Chicago's Old Town neighborhood that he would officially be moving a mile inland to Mary's Row House. While on a week-long

visit to Los Angeles, earlier in the year prior to pandemic restrictions, they celebrated birthdays for Mary and her son, Jeremy, a writer. They also had an "all too short visit with **STU BLOOMBERG** and wife, Mary, in their wonderful Venice home." I heard briefly from **PETER STRYKER** that all was well with Kathi and family. He was trying to think of ways "to make being hunkered down for nine months sound interesting!" Don't we all! I heard from **HUGH MAHLER** and he writes that he and Darlene are battling the challenges of the pandemic, but both have remained safe and are healthy. They are doing a fair amount of jigsaw puzzles and in Hugh's words, "trying to come to grips with our divided society and understanding what the future brings." Hugh is a board member for the Forgotten Harvest organization which is a food rescue entity in SE Michigan. He has also organized fifteen fellow volunteers to use their vehicles to do food pick-ups throughout the community and deliver to several food pantry agencies. Hugh adds that "in our first year we rescued over 180,000 pounds of food that otherwise would not have been collected and made available to others. It has been a great experience and has attracted a great group of retirees who dedicate a day a week to help out." He reports that **BRAD HOST**, who is a City Commissioner in Birmingham, "is doing a great job for Birmingham residents and speaking out on our behalf." Over the course of the past year, I have emailed and spoken with **DOUG MORAN** and **JIM LONGLEY** about a number of topics ranging from current events (politics, fires on the west coast, the pandemic, elections) to excursions on the Olympic Peninsula and the water levels on the Great Lakes. Mostly politics however! Recently on a phone conversation with Doug he mentioned that he and Rosy were planning to move down state from their home in Kewadin, Michigan on Grand Traverse Bay to Marysville near Port Huron to be closer to their son, Alan, his wife, Erin and grandson Emmett. **ERIC ANDERSON** writes that he continues to be heavily involved in architecture projects in the Northwest section of the country. He adds "The Seattle region is on fire with new developments, new light rail systems, housing of all types and the supporting retail stores and schools. Since Seattle is home to Amazon, Microsoft and other tech biggies there is no end in sight for

all manner of development. It is a good time to be an architect or engineer." He continues that he has morphed his degree in architecture into a Business Development leader and has worked with some of the largest engineering firms in the region. Lastly, Eric reports that "oh—and we are almost empty nesters!" From his home in Huntington, Maryland, **STEVE LANDEFELD** writes that "they are well, but missing family, friends, eating out, travel and just about everything we usually do." He said they cope by "taking walks, playing golf, and daily 'visits and book readings' (via Google Duo) with the grandkids." Steve adds that work has kept him busy, although he is tired of Zoom meetings. Some of his earlier and more recent work has been cited in discussions regarding the appropriate trade-off between the economy and public health, the distribution of economic growth, and the long-term sustainability of growth. Steve is also chairing a National Academy of Sciences panel on measuring and assessing the impact of the transformation of retail trade. As far as your class secretary is concerned, I can echo many of the comments by my classmates as it relates to the restrictions of the pandemic. We and our family are, first and foremost, well. We do wear our masks and social distance. We stay in touch with kids and grandkids (seven in total) through FaceTime and Zoom, but it is certainly not the same. We stay active in our community by delivering Meals on Wheels and I am continuing to develop a non-profit that will one day when it is safe, help seniors remain in their homes and communities by aging in place. This past summer we enjoyed time in Cape Cod Bay in our little boat and in our kayaks. I played "at" golf and continued my mediocre game into the first two years of my seventies! If you are a CS '67 classmate, and you are reading this and don't see your name, I can tell you that all of your classmates would love to hear what you have been up to over the last year or two. Write or call me anytime. Stay safe and healthy!

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Well, shiver me timbers and blow me down, but **JOANNE GOSLING** has emerged! "I think I fell off the Kingswood radar a couple of years ago as I haven't heard from anyone. I was sad to miss the last reunion. As with many of us, 2020 was not a great year for me. The lesson I take away is that I have so much to be grateful for—especially dear friends who have been thoughtful and caring during the difficult times. BP (before the pandemic) I was living a joyous life doing two things that unfailingly make me happy. I was in a program where we taught second graders to read. They are an absolute hoot to work with. I had to stay alert and learn about such things as 'Paw Patrol' so we could communicate. The program is moving online but I don't think it will be as much fun not being with the kids in person. My other passion is scuba diving and all things ocean. I like to go to the most remote locations, preferably on a liveaboard where I can immerse (pun intended) myself in learning about life in the ocean. I get very excited when I see octopuses, seahorses, nudibranchs and other fascinating critters. When the pandemic is over, I hope to get back to traveling." Joanne says to look for her in tropical locations. From **TERRY GOLDBERG AXELROD** comes the sentiment most often expressed by those who sent in their news: what a year. "My only news—which is very big for me but will be fairly ho-hum for those who got an earlier start—is the arrival (after 51 years of marriage) of Alan's and my first grandchild, in Sydney in December 2020. Through a series of near miracles, I was able to get a special visa to travel to Sydney, undergo a rigorous 14-day quarantine in a small hotel room, and come out in time to attend the water-birth delivery of Ava Betty La Mela!"



Ava Betty La Mela, granddaughter of Terry Axelrod

Daughter Sara and son-in-law, Tom, are savoring every minute of being 'older' parents!" The rest of Terry's year was probably pretty similar to everyone else's: Zoom, sweatpants, Netflix and watching the news. [Yup.] "What a year!" writes **LYN MOON SHIELDS**. [See?] "I imagine everyone will be saying that. I'm aware of my age when the first things that come to mind during this past year are all health-related.



Tom and Lyn Moon Shields

Oregon—home to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, and wild fires in September left many of their neighbors homeless. "With gratitude I say, though, that we are home, safe and healthy. We have three horses, two yellow labs, three urban chickens and one rescued cat from the Almeda fire that we fostered back to health and have adopted. We are so fortunate to be able to get out and ride in our Siskiyou Mountains close by.



Liz Schaefer

Thankfully I am mostly fine but my 98-year-old mother and my husband, Tom, 82 by print time, have both had some challenges; however, he is back playing tennis which is his measuring stick for his health." Lyn has been spending five days a week visiting her mother who is still living independently in a retirement community. Lyn says, "We've not seen much of our family at all, some now for over a year, but hopefully that will change soon. Our two oldest grandchildren started college this past fall, and #3 grandchild will be a freshman at UVA next fall. Virtual school for all the grandchildren has been a challenge and sometimes a real disappointment. I can't imagine missing our entire senior year at Kingswood, for example. We are so grateful to live where we do and be blessed to have all our needs met. We are privileged to be able to help some of the many organizations in our area that are trying to make a difference." Not surprisingly, **LIZ SCHAEFER** reports that the virus has shut down tours to Antarctica (where she has "worked" since 2004), it has shut down their quaint tourist town (Ashland,

I hope that all classmates and their families are healthy and are persevering through these hard times." In spite of everything, **CHRIS WALLACE VANLOOY** says they have had a good year. "Both of our daughters are doing well in their careers. Amy actually got a job singing for an opera company in Linz, Austria, after years of training and very little actual work singing opera. She's thrilled to finally be working in her chosen profession. She commutes back and forth between Austria and Berlin, where she still lives with her husband and son." Chris keeps busy homeschooling her nine-year-old grandson, Carter, until a more normal school life can be entertained. "It's definitely prevented me from getting bored with all of my other activities having screeched to a halt. I won't lie, it wasn't my chosen profession and I'll be glad when a more familiar life can resume, but it's a workable solution for now." Last August, **SUE WILD** moved from Largo, FL, to Branson, MO—"better fishing," she explains. But the winter weather is quite a change for her. **LISA PURDY** sends word that they've "been doing

okay but in the last two months Malcolm has been undergoing a series of heart surgeries so it's been tense. He's fine now and all is fixed." They haven't been to Santa Fe much, where they own a rental, and they've lost a lot of customers due to the virus, but are hoping that business will pick up again soon. Even in times like these, galleries hold open competitions to find art that meets their standards, and one of Lisa's pieces was selected for an annual December exhibit at D'Art Gallery in Denver. "I think that this last year was spent trying to remain sane," writes **LINDA YEE TARTOF**, "but the good news is that we more or less achieved that goal. Our family is all fine, and Dave and I are still putting around our townhouse in Chicago with a certain amount of contentment. I miss travel, and we have not seen our family in a year, but talk all the time," and they discovered that there is such a thing as over-Zooming. [Yup.] "Dave and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary, watching a movie on Netflix and getting take-out—he let me choose Mexican, which is not his favorite!"



Linda Yee Tartof at her 70th birthday party with husband Mike and their two daughters

Dave is restoring his large collection of antiquarian books and has used the pandemic to get really good at repair. I have been watching a lot of escapist reality TV, and we both are trying to be more health conscious, although the glass of wine at the end of the day is something to look forward to." The news from **ANN FITZGERALD LACKS** is that she and her husband had their golf leagues last summer which was a huge relief as they were able to get outside, play and socialize with others. They also took a road trip to Aspen, appreciating that beautiful scenery. "My daughter, Laura, works at Duke Hospital. They closed down her Cardio/Thoracic department for a few weeks because they weren't doing surgery, but since then she has been working a full

schedule as a nurse practitioner. Both her son and husband (a teacher) have been remotely schooling. My other daughter, Erica, kept herself busy by finishing a house that her husband designed, and which the couple has moved into. Along with that, she is a curator for the Western Australian Museum which opened last November. Besides working on exhibits, she also had to help move and organize the transfer of artifacts to the new museum." I feel that I should mention, just in case any of you missed my email, the passing of our classmate **LIZ MUMFORD** who lost her battle with cancer last September. As for me, **LORA MORTON**, I would normally go over my calendar for the last 12 months and look for interesting or unusual things I might have done, but there's hardly anything. I did clean my house from top to bottom when we first shut down, and was dismayed to discover that by December, I needed to do it again. I haven't seen my daughter since a year ago February but we had Christmas via Zoom, (which you all know is a poor substitute). When I'm not at a new clay studio that opened last summer, you can find me on the comfortable new sofa I ordered for watching Netflix. Here's hoping we all have different tales to tell next year

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TIM BARRETT: Greetings from your normally radio silent classmate. I retired this year as director of the University of Iowa Center for the Book and have been enjoying every second free from my administrative and teaching responsibilities. My wife, Jodie Plumert, is staying on as a developmental psychologist in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences. Our daughter, Grace, is teaching English to youngsters in Korea and spending quality time with her Korean boyfriend who, like her, recently graduated from Kalamazoo College. Our son, Will, is a budding self-taught computer game designer. After taking a COVID gap year, he'll start at RIT in the fall. We're all praying that 2021 is more calm and sane than this past year. **PAT CLARK:** cancelled three (3) international travel trips in

2020 and hope that effective vaccines will allow us to continue our worldwide adventures in 2022. "We did manage a trip up north North to visit fellow classmate **JIM WALKER** while the virus conditions were relatively safer. I also helped crew a sailboat from South Carolina to Florida before the serious late Fall rise in infections. Our daughters live within walking distance but we are avoiding close contact. We are hunkered down again in our home and wishing good health to ALL. Our new normal has settled in, and continues to morph in odd ways. We were able to launch our sailboat and this provided escape from our backyard. We enjoyed about two months of social distancing from land and everybody ashore, often taking both lunch and dinner with us to accompany book reading and napping, about 2 miles offshore. When the weather got hot, our giant heatsink was just one step away off of the stern. I did play a lot of golf. One nine hole league plus a couple more rounds per week. It was weird riding one player per motorized cart, or walking with a pull cart, to maintain safe distances. Then, the biopsy came back confirming the spike in PSA numbers. I decided on a Prostatectomy in mid-July versus continuing summer activities and doing it in the fall—I was, and still am, concerned about a fall virus flare up restricting elective surgery. The road to recovery has been long: eight weeks so far. I am thankful that no further treatment is needed! While on the mend, I decided to trade in our ten-year-old Ford Escape SUV on what Dee has dubbed my "Late Life Crisis Car", a new red Mustang GT convertible! It certainly is not a minivan nor an SUV, which had exclusively populated our garage for about 25 years! What a hoot to "drive" again! Our extended family is healthy and all doing the things that they should be. Working from home is normal. My younger daughter has been told her downtown Detroit big office building will not reopen until at least Spring of 2021. Grandkids left physical school early last Spring, but they will return for a face-to-face classroom education now. We are hopeful their small class bubbles are safe. I am really enjoying my photography hobby. It fits right in to communing with nature. My backyard flowers have never been so extensively studied. I also have thousands of travel pictures to post-process and build into printed books and online digital galleries. I

remember exactly when and where I really got hooked on photography: Cranbrook Lower School, basement darkroom in Page Hall, the Crane and the Brook newspaper and yearbook. In prior times my open invitation to: "come visit and let's go sailing before we haul out the boat for winter storage", would again be extended. This year, sorry. We are living a new normal." **ED LEE:** I need to transition from my working life. Would like to retire soon, but without anything to do and nowhere to go, I may as well keep working. **GUY NEFF:** Hello all, well, 2020 has certainly turned out to be an eventful year for the Neff family! It's like that old Chinese curse, "May you live in interesting times" has really come true. Somewhat like Pat, I underwent a TURP procedure in February after struggling with an enlarged prostate for several years. It was fortunate that I did, as they discovered a non-invasive bladder cancer that was undetected until that time. They took out a tumor and it appears the cancer has not penetrated the bladder wall or muscle, which is good news. In the meantime, all our Airstream Caravans (Blue Ridge Parkway, Montana dude ranch and Kentucky Bourbon) were cancelled, and like the rest of the world, we are mostly sequestered at home. Dawn decided it would be a good time to have foot surgery (before all elective surgery was shut down), and has been in a transport chair and boot for the last four months. She just got released to do physical therapy. I've been nursemaid, chauffeur and chief cook and bottle washer for that time, so life has not been boring! Life during COVID-19 is opening back up slowly here in Orlando—we've actually been out to a restaurant a couple of times. Masks and hand sanitizer have become habits, for now. Granddaughter is starting school in south Florida, with a modified schedule, some in-person, some online classes. It'll be interesting to see how that turns out. Other than the above, all is well with us, and I'm looking forward to the fall hunting and fishing seasons so I can continue my social distancing in the woods and on the water. **LARRY RAYMOND:** "I'm adjusting to life without the business concerns; I merged/sold the firm to one of our sister organizations (Sentinel) in January. So, I'm just a "consultant" until the end of 2021...." **MICHAEL SEADLE:** I am in a grey zone between being retired and not-really-retired.

Officially German professors must retire at 65, but the university can push the date out for 3 years. When my three years expired, the university gave me a contract as "senior researcher" to continue my various grant projects. I am also executive director of the international iSchools, Inc., which currently has 120 member universities on all inhabited continents. This used to mean I traveled a lot, but today it means I spend a lot of time on Zoom. My wife and I are members of the Anglican/Episcopal church in Berlin, and I recently agreed to chair its Eco church committee. A retirement project maybe? I have a number of non-biological academic "children" (and grandchildren), some scattered across the globe, but mostly in Berlin. I spent yesterday with a "daughter" and her three-and-a-half-year old child in Domäne Dahlem, which is a farm museum run by the FU-Berlin. Berlin has more parks and gardens and green outdoor spaces than most German cities, which is a big advantage in these COVID times. As for me, **RON FALLON**, it's been a long year in partial lockdown here in Maryland. My youngest, Rachel, is in her last semester at Ga Tech in computer science, 4.0 GPA, and looking for what she will be doing after graduation. She's thinking of going to Germany, where her boyfriend may have a job if they allow them to travel there for a Masters program. Michael Seadle is helping her make the appropriate contacts in Berlin. THANKS MICHAEL... Next is Danielle, who moved to SFO in December to work for Plenty in mechanical Engineering, designing some of their systems for plant irrigation in their vertical gardens. She's not sure she likes it better than when she worked for Virgin Orbit or Space EX but feeding the planet is more to her environmental side. My son, Aaron, is unfortunately, without work after OVID basically shut down the commercial photography industry, and has temporarily moved to Apremont, France where his wife is a French citizen. He says he can just as easily fly from there as from L.A. if anything develops. The cost of living is much less as they have free health care and education; he plans to stay for the school year before returning back to L.A. next summer. He's living on a Manor estate where the Knights Templar stayed during the 11-13th century, in a "outbuilding" from the manor house. Acres of land, ½ hour from the water,

where he can let his daughter run free in the grass. He was able to photograph both the start and finish of the around the world one man boat race Vendée Globe in Les Sables-d'Olonne, France... (quite a change from Venice Beach, CA,) I'm still working 3 days a week. Fortunately, the PET industry is booming during the pandemic, so I've not seen a significant slowdown. I had planned to retire, BUT, without anything else to do and nowhere to go, I'd rather continue working until I can safely travel; whenever that is. I also wanted to share that classmate **MARK STEINER** passed away- you can read his obituary here: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bostonglobe/obituary.aspx?n=mark-steiner&pid=197326697&fhid=15200>

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ANNE CURTIS, who replied about 8 minutes after my email request, writes, "I am actually enjoying the slower pandemic pace, but want to see the grandkids and have not been able. We are signed up for another Viking ocean cruise to Iceland and Norway in August, but are wondering whether to delay it (another!) year. Getting my first dose of vaccine this week, so we'll see. Chuck has to wait because he's younger. Hope all are well." **MARNIE GREENWOOD** reports that all is well. They are in RI in a town "out in the boonies," having sold their 300+-year-old house in CT. They hope to get back there in the fall after, hopefully, a renovation of a "derelict condo." She's become very involved in advocacy for trees and forests in CT, and hopes to be able to travel again post COVID. **LAURI ELLIAS MURPHY** and Jim are still "vertical" and, so far, have no need for "a divorce or criminal defense attorney." Their kids in CA are good, and they're waiting to get the vaccine. She also hopes all classmates and families are doing well. **MARY GERISCH** is still grieving the loss of her baby brother, Steven '71, whom some might remember. She says she is okay, doing well, and sends her love. **CYNTHIA MAGUIRE BRUNS**, having moved to Portland, OR, and starting to enjoy exploring the NW, found herself in COVID quarantine. Fortunately,

their kids and grandkids are near, and they have been getting together under a tent in a daughter's backyard. They are hoping to get the vaccine soon and are looking forward to a safe and happy 2021. **CHRIS WALKER TAKACH** reports that Gene has had to return to chemo treatments after a reoccurrence of his Lymphoma after over three years since his last stint in the hospital. Chris is okay, a little bored with being cooped up, but is spending lots of time quilting. She made 3 T-shirt quilts for their son and two grandsons for Christmas and has donated some to "Quilts for Kids," based in PA, that distributes quilts to kids in hospitals or having experienced trauma due to hurricanes, disasters, etc. She was able to head to Portland to help their daughter after foot surgery, and sees their son and his family frequently, as they are close by. A welcome escape to Marco Island happened in October, and they felt very safe flying. They, too, are anxious to get the vaccine. **BETH MUZZY HOLMQUIST** started 2020 with a breast cancer diagnosis, and she reports that the "journey has gone pretty well." She is grateful that both daughters were able to come to Savannah to help out, and that they've been able to enjoy the outdoors throughout this pandemic. Having received the first vaccine dose, they'll get their second on February 5. She encourages everyone to stay healthy! **LYNNE CARPENTER** wants to know who went to Hockey and Lacrosse camp in Portland, Maine, over the summer of 1966? It was \$55 and included meals, lodging and training! She is splitting time between Harbor Springs and West Bloomfield, spending time with her sisters sorting out four generations of stuff. She writes, "At the age of 80 my parents wanted to downsize. They gave up. Dad told Sue, my sister, that it would be up to us to do it." Lynne is having fun, though, with the project providing a distraction from COVID, politics and other stressors and coming across Kingswood items has helped her fondly remember classmates and years together. **SHELLEY STERN GRACH** and Mark are doing fine. He is still consulting, and Shelley is still working on her Masters. Daughter Stephanie is now fully vaccinated, and they are relieved as she was seeing many COVID patients. Shelley and Mark are on the schedule to receive theirs. **RIKKI VANLENNEP CALDWELL** has been okay and busy with the farm. Although daughter,

Elizabeth, contracted COVID, both Rikki and her son were able to avoid it. She is waiting on the vaccine and hoping for a better rest of the year. **CAROL STRAITH BREWER** and John were looking forward to their first full summer in Madison, but all the COVID restrictions made it difficult to get to know anyone. Fortunately, they were able to "pod" with both kids, their daughter-in-law and granddaughter. They were able to golf, ride and do pottery, as they continue to do now while wintering in Aiken, SC. **LUCY VANDY SEEBURG** writes, "We are all well I am glad to say and glad 2020 is finally in the rearview. Michael and I, plus elderly poodle, fled the virus in NY and are back in CA since March. We plan to return to NY in April but await our vaccinations and the demise of the dog who cannot be easily moved. We still are unable to decide where we want to be permanently, the time is not conducive to making major plans... but we remain grateful that we are all healthy and that we have the luxury of such problems." **JANET FISHER BELL** and Graham are doing well. She writes, "We are in the same boat as everyone else waiting for that vaccine. My computer has crashed twice trying to get an appointment." They celebrated an early Christmas with their daughter and her family who traveled from CO. It had been over a year since Janet and Graham had seen their 3- and 4-year-old grandkids, who kept saying, "Nonna, it's not Christmas, yet." Janet just replied that in FL it was. **JANICE HORVATH BRIGHT** enjoys reading all the news from classmates, having warm memories of our Kingswood years. She writes, "To say that 2020 was unusual, unexpected and not entirely welcome pretty much captures how I feel about last year. I spent way too much time worrying about the ridiculous political situation, the drought here in Colorado, the wildfires that came within 10 miles of us, and, of course, COVID, so it was easy to forget the many things I am grateful for. Of these things, I feel most fortunate for the health of my family and friends and that we have warmth and few financial worries." Their daughter, Lisa '01, has moved closer, now just 10 miles away, and Janice is happy to no longer worry about her making the 8-hour trip over the mountains and through Denver to visit. Their first grandchild, a little girl about to turn 2, lives in Oslo, and travel restrictions have made time together even more difficult.

Janice still rides and races her horses, and travels, when possible, to their vacation home in Mexico. **ANDREA CALLARD** writes, "Hello Everyone, so nice to hear from you all. What a wild and difficult year (plus some fun and achievement). Here's the good news: My son, Luke Geller, married Jenny Hartman the day before the New Year. Trying to get married soon proved onerous in NYC. They took a vacation along the Maryland shore where it was much easier, a super simple ceremony.



Son and Daughter-in-Law of Andrea Callard

A party is planned for when we can gather. Towards the end of 2019, I ended full time media making for Green Planet 21 in nine locations west of the Mississippi. It had been interesting and consuming. Now I teach one course in the Media & Technology department at BMCC, a college of the City University of New York, on Zoom. In 2013, I helped found the XFR Collective, Inc. It's a group of early to mid-career media archivists; we digitize media on obsolete, mostly video, formats. The National Film Preservation Foundation recently awarded us funds to preserve two films by experimental filmmaker Naomi Uman and also Ruins by Jesse Lerner, an Avant-Garde Master's designee...a little glamour from time to time is nice. I am sorting out my studio and loft where I have lived since 1976. In about a year-and-a-half, I expect to move into the urban forest that is Saint Louis. Bernt, my college beau from Washington U., and I began traveling together three years ago. Last summer, before COVID erupted

everywhere, we had a couple of road trips. We drove belongings from both coasts and partially moved into a lovely house in a friendly historic neighborhood. The Midwest feels spacious and beautiful; it has been fun to drive and hike there. Our adult children are on both coasts and in Denver so we will be sort of in the middle." **LEE ANN ELLINGSWORTH** is dealing with eye problems, but was able to report that she is okay and just wants to get back to normal. For me, **JAN DECKER BURGGRAAF**, 2020 will be remembered for some wonderful times—highlighted by a birthday trip with Jim and kids to AZ in January and sheltering in Hilton Head with all 15 of us for three weeks in the Spring. It will also be remembered as the year of surgeries—cataracts and knee replacement. I have been fortunate enough to be fully vaccinated as of last week, and Jim has had 1 of 2 shots so far. We plan to escape to Hilton Head for four weeks beginning mid-March, with all kids and grandkids joining in for the last week. Wishing you all peace and good health in 2021!

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Our class seems to be riding out the Pandemic reasonably well. Only one classmate to my knowledge tested positive, and even though he belonged to several vulnerable groups, he sailed through with just "flu-like symptoms" for a week or two. Bad enough—but relatively speaking, a light hit. Otherwise, most of us have just hunkered down. But many of us have remained connected to some degree through an e-mail list where we discuss everything from the cars and music of our youth to stories of Detroit, past and present, to our own present surroundings. Any classmate who would like to join in—let me know! Our class's collective favorite pastime—travel—has certainly taken a hit from the health restrictions of the last year. Nevertheless, some intrepid souls have ventured out, with suitable precautions. **JIM SAFRAN** sent a photo of his flight from Detroit to L.A.; if they had diverted to Neptune instead, it looked like he would have been adequately equipped. **ALAN CAMPBELL**

undertook the most socially-conscious travel. Instead of remaining retired in Oregon, he decided that his political input would be most advantageous in purple Arizona instead of reliably blue Oregon. He moved to Arizona around Labor Day and worked full-time for the Biden campaign until the election. Not only should he be commended for his effort, but the fact that Arizona was one of the cliff-hanger states demonstrated his wisdom, in a state that extra effort could make a significant electoral difference. Furthermore, he found a classmate: **JIM RECTOR**. See attached photo that needs no date stamp: it's 2020.



Alan Campbell and Jim Rector

Meanwhile, **STORMY COLMAN** wrote a book! Not just any book—one available on Amazon, and Barnes & Noble, and elsewhere. (Hint: they all think he's really known as "Price.") *Second Skin* is the name of it, about a Genetic Engineering Scientist who goes missing in Colorado. In July, 2021, **BOB LEVENTHAL** will join the ranks of the semi-retired, going part-time in his job as a leadership consultant to Jewish Synagogues throughout the country. He fled New York and COVID in March and has spent most of his time in Charleston, South Carolina. And Bob wrote a book too: *Stepping Forward Together: Synagogue Visioning and Planning*. As for your trusty class secretary, although I have semi-retired to Idaho, I have found myself working more lately than I expected. My niche in a 40+ year career of Maritime Law has been to represent cargo interests when container ships lose containers overboard in the middle of their voyages across the ocean. November through January has brought an unprecedented flurry of container ship calamities, notably involving three of the largest ones, One Aquila, One Apus, and Maersk Essen. Each one left China bound for the West Coast, but lost over 2,500 containers among them during transit.

They all sought ports of refuge and through the wonders of our remote world, I was involved in coordinating inspections in Japan and Mexico from the comfort of my couch. One of the by-products of the pandemic was a short-time slowdown in the transport of international goods, followed by supply-line freeze-up, followed by China loading every departing ship to the gills to re-supply inventories. A record number of the containers intended for re-supply are now at the bottom of the Pacific instead. And, regrettably, we lost two stalwart members of our classes, both doctors: **DAN KESSLER** and **Tom O'Hara**. They constitute an interesting duo in life and death: one boarder, one day boy; one short, one tall. Both relatively quiet by the boisterous standards of our class, but both very intelligent guys to people who took the time to notice. Both went off to Ann Arbor after Cranbrook and then fought through the long slog of doctor education. Dan became a Urologist; Tom a Neurosurgeon. On their off days they both had pastimes involving speeding things: horses for Dan and fast cars for Tom. Tom continued his connection with Cranbrook through his son Trey '20 (our Tom was a Jr.).



Tom O'Hara at our 50th. Lurking closer to the Dining Hall (blue shirt, white hat), Bruce Bartlett

And they both had class connections among their patients. As a resident in Seattle in the early 80s, Dan treated my father-in-law.



Dan Kessler

As Dan entered the recovery room to give the news of the surgery to the family gathered around the still-sedated patient, he said "Hi Rod" and I returned the greeting briefly, and then he got down to business. After he left, my wife asked me how I knew the doctor. I hadn't seen Dan for 15 years after Commencement and didn't know he was in Seattle—but I always knew Dan anywhere. Tom O'Hara's patient was our own **GEORGE LEES**. The story was recounted in the Class Notes last year after our 50th Reunion, but the short story is that Tom literally saved George's life, but neither doctor nor patient realized the Cranbrook connection until they were among those reuniting for our 50th. We lost two great classmates; the world lost two great doctors. And in late-breaking news (as of February), **JOHN WINKLEPLECK** died on February 21st, in Florida, with his long-time wife and college sweetheart, Nancy, by his side.



John Winklepleck at our 50th reunion

John also left behind their daughter in Chicago, and two grandsons. John arrived at Cranbrook from Hudson, Ohio in the fall of 1965 as a 9th grader. He, along with four other new boys from Ohio (Berry, Fonda, McGraw and Willard) lived in Page. An always amiable guy, John was beloved on both sides of Kingswood Lake. He went on to Ripon College and then moved back to the Cleveland area where he was in the banking business his entire career. After retiring, he and Nancy moved to Florida, where he continued to refine his golf game. He was a consistent attendee at '69 Reunions, including our 50th in June, 2019—and he will be sorely missed at our next one!

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Starting from the West and moving East, **MARIAN WEBSTER** writes: I really do not have a lot to report other than I am finally a grandmother and loving it. Attached is my Christmas card with a couple photos.



Marian Webster's Christmas card

I live halftime on the Big Island of Hawaii and half in Washington state and have a lot to be thankful for. It was so nice to see the folks that made it to the 50th reunion. It was so special and we truly missed the absentees!

JULIA MARTIN PARKER says: What a year this has been on so many fronts. Cases are spiking in CA as well but mostly with ages 18- 45, obviously a more active age group! My husband is a physician and the first shipment of the vaccine arrived today at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View! Being an orthopedic surgeon, he's not first in line but hopefully it will be available to all of us soon. Our eldest son and family, who lived around the corner from us in Menlo Park moved to Bend, Oregon this summer. They realized that they could work successfully from home and opted for an adventure! They are loving the outdoor, laid back life style of a small town. We've driven up twice so far and agree it's a very special area. At least we can get there in 8 hours by car!! Our "chef" son started cooking for friends and family this past summer on his day off. Realizing that the future of fine dining in our area wasn't viable, he opened his own meal delivery business and has never been happier! Although we dearly miss seeing family and friends, Zoom gatherings are keeping us in touch and golf is keeping us sane!!! Wishing you a happy, quiet holiday with hopes of putting this year behind us! From California, **ANN BOOTH COX** says: I was so glad that I attended our 50th reunion and still marvel at the way so

many of us were able to re-connect after 50 years of not seeing each other. Hadn't even thought about the 55th... but why not? Let's do it! Don't really wish to wait until our 75th to see each other again. At the beginning of 2020, Brian and I took a trip to Australia where we hiked around Ayers Rock with the millions of flies, drove the Great Ocean Road and from Hamilton Island snorkeled the Great Barrier Reef. A real highlight was seeing old friends of mine from when I lived there just prior to coming to Kingswood in 1967. We departed Sydney just as COVID-19 was beginning to rock the world. Other than that, a couple of very careful trips to Indianapolis to see our newly transplanted daughter, son-in-law and three grandchildren. Back here in Southern CA., I've had the joy of caring for our youngest infant/now toddler grandson three days a week while his parents attempt to work from home. The hour drive along the coast to get to their place really recharges the soul and gets me out of the house. Hoping everyone is staying healthy and safe. So sorry to hear about Marta who taught me many things! **HANNAH MORRISON FISHER** writes: This year started very well. My husband was among those being honored by our synagogue at a beautiful evening event for which a friend and I did the floral centerpieces. A few days later, we left for a two-week trip to Israel which was fabulous: sightseeing, reconnecting with friends and family and enjoying amazing food and boutique hotels in central locations. Three weeks after we returned home, the shutdown upended our normal routines—as it did for much of the rest of the world. Since then, we drove once to Dayton to visit our younger son's family who we had not seen since early January. Other than that, we've rarely left our county. My main activity has been entertaining my young local grandsons part-time, while their parents work full-time from home. Weather permitting, we go to local parks and playgrounds—if they're empty. We do arts and crafts projects, the occasional science experiment, play games, read stories etc. The only pre-pandemic activity I've continued is meeting weekly—via Zoom—with a group of fellow writers to share and critique our short stories. In January 2021, I may resume watercolor classes with my marvelous teacher from the local senior center, now also online. The dahlia season

ran late this year, because it was such a hot summer and lingering fall. There were two small local shows outdoors, but no national or Philadelphia show. There were no artistic design competitions, to my knowledge. I will be doing the floral design for the Valentine's Day wedding of a close friend's son. It's been fun to plan and anticipate. Unless we're vaccinated before then, we will only attend the ceremony. I was sorry to miss the 50th reunion, especially because it was so well-attended. The timing didn't work for me. Hopefully, we can all get to the 55th. I was at the tenth and the fortieth. Let's all hope the new year will be much better. Best wishes for good health and high spirits! **DEE FLANNERY PHILLIPS** is changing her life quite a bit: I have been well, but busy, even if spending much more time closer to home. I did, however, drive to Vermont last June to see my granddaughter, my first grandchild. With logistical COVID arrangements made on both ends, my daughter, her husband and the baby and I had a wonderful visit. Only the second time I had seen the baby in person since her birth in November 2019. Thank heavens for Zoom and video calls! Thinking I might actually retire in 2019, I was offered a job last June with a start-up industrial hemp company as lead science officer. So, I continue working as a consultant. 2021 looks to be a year of transitions for me. I have just sold part of my farm, but kept enough land to build a smaller house and barn. This downsizing process is quite daunting, but am looking forward to the next chapter. **CATHERINE MOORE ANDERSON-WEGERT** writes: It's been an interesting year. Plans totally changed for us all and I got to start rejuvenating some of our gardens. A lot of work, but well worth it. Several more years to go at least. Have been baking a lot and trying not to gain weight. Neighbors love it though. Bill got so stir crazy, he bought an RV before Thanksgiving so we could travel more safely until we feel comfortable flying again. Andrew moved in with his girlfriend and we've seen them a lot as they are great at staying safe. Lastly, in August, Bob, and I got away from the city and ventured to Northern Lower Michigan, Les Cheneaux Islands and then down to Madison, WI to see our daughter, son-in-law and two grandkids. It was a good decision as they are hard hit now, as is our son and daughter-in-law in SF. Charles, our youngest,

was ordained as an Episcopal priest this month in VA. The Zoom link failed that day, but he is on video! We are missing all of our family and friends, both near and far, but I am looking forward to a brighter year in 2021.

BEST TO ALL AND WISHING YOU ALL GOOD HEALTH,
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Welcome all to our first joint Class Notes! First, Liz reports: We start a recap of this remarkable year by celebrating the lives of our beloved classmates, **LYNN GAWNE HUGHES** and **CHICA LOVE**. Lynn worked tirelessly over the years to keep the class more connected and the week before she died, she sent out a beautiful email to the class saying goodbye. People were quick to respond and **LIZ HILDER** succinctly summed it up the sentiments when she wrote, "The outpouring of support and eloquent tributes from your far flung classmates is a vivid testament to a life well-lived." Chica spent her last days working with Lynn and **W.A.P. JOHN** on a tribute to **GAIL MCCUE LEAVINES**. If you haven't had a chance to see this wonderful post on YouTube, you can check it out at: Gail McCue Leavines celebration of life. **W.A.P.** is working on a project celebrating Lynn and **MARY BETH KELLEY-LOWE** is putting together photos and clips to share with the class and Chica's daughter, Emily Love Platt who administered palliative care to her mom. We are certain that all of you who participated in the 50th reunion Zoom considered our get-together one of the happy highlights on 2020. **AMY SKILLMAN** was kind enough to set everything up for us. Unfortunately, a huge storm blew through the Mid-Atlantic region and Amy lost power so she couldn't be with us; we all missed her. **LESLIE ERB LIEDTKE** took on the leadership role of moderating the reunion and made each and every classmate feel valued and important; she did a magnificent job. It was amazing to see so many wonderful faces in one place and hear peoples' stories; it was as though no time had passed. Amy is working with Liz, Jeff and W.A.P. to schedule another Zoom party before June and we hope everyone can join this time. Amy continues

to direct the MA in Cultural Sustainability at Goucher College and teach in the program. Besides teaching about cultural equity, one of her favorite classes to teach is a leadership course that includes three or four days of sailing. The teamwork on a sailboat is a fabulous metaphor for leadership in action. She does a lot of hiking in, and writing about, the woods and trails of northern Maryland and finds it stretches her legs and eyes after hours on Zoom. Leslie reports that two of her three kids now live in Denver. Her daughter, Lark, transplanted from NYC in March to "shelter at home." Mimi came the year before and now she has a "grand" to pamper... Winnie, a beautiful lab to puppy-sit often. Her son, J. Hugh, lives in Austin, married his darling bride, Morgan, in Jackson, WY, scaled back to 22-person family wedding. After the wedding, she and her girls did a three-night road-trip through Yellowstone. She LOVED re-connecting with everyone during the Zoom reunion and looks forward to reconnecting in-person on campus at Cranbrook! **SARAH TAYLOR** let us know that her family is great. Sarah is a truly devoted daughter and was disappointed that she was unable to see her mother (Mrs. Taylor just turned 96) on her birthday for the first time in 15 years. Her sister, Anne, who already survived cancer, a bone marrow transplant and COVID was able to be with Mrs. Taylor so Sarah was grateful. Always upbeat and positive, Sarah continues to make the most of every day spending quality time with her kids and grandkids. **CAMILLE MAJZOUB JAYNE** retired from full-time turnaround CEO work after doing that for 23 years. She remarked that what she did had great challenges, she believes it was never as hard as working in the home bringing up children—or harder yet having children and also working outside the home and admires all who did that. During the last year of her career, she commuted cross country from MI to CA each week until COVID hit.



Camille Majzoub Jayne and her 98-year old mom (whom we all adore!)

She hadn't been able to see her beautiful 98-year mother until she was finally able to get back to Michigan; she and Brad have put their plans to build another home in California on hold until they can move in in late 2022. Never one to sit on her laurels, Camille is currently mentoring business professionals, and advising/teaching classes to business women through a Women's Business Institute she helped start (wbi.usa.com.) **DEBBIE SLABECK BAKER** spent most of 2020 alone and making art except for finally being able to visit her daughter and new grandchild, Lulu.



Debbie Slaybeck Baker and her family

She had a most memorable experience at a three-day embroidery workshop at Kingswood during which time she stayed on the grounds and dine with some of the faculty, hang out in the weaving room and teach a truly incredible group of students. She participated in a textile show at the Scarab Club in Detroit in March and was also invited to be one of four women in a show in Denmark about meditative stitching for the fall of 2022. She just launched a new website: deborahslabeckbaker.com. which her kids created for her as holiday gift. It's pretty amazing and you will enjoy looking at her designs. **HOLLIS BOOTH RADIN** retired from her hospital massage therapy work at the beginning of the epidemic and focused on helping her daughter with her first baby (her third grandchild), and on learning Zoom skills in order to help keep the local folk dance community together. Her husband (also from Michigan) and she frequently lead dances for online folk dance classes sometimes with over 200 attendees. She gave a big shout out to Jesse Sinclair for introducing us to Greek dances, to Dean Sousanis to introducing us to Greek Town in Detroit and local Greek

culture, and to her German teacher for telling her that she dressed "like a Bulgarian peasant" (Bulgarian dances are her favorites!) **PAMELA TUCKER BLAKLEY** told us that the two big things in 2020 were the death of her mom, and the birth of her fourth grandchild, John, who took his very first steps during the time her mom was in hospice, which she said brought into focus the very big circle of life.



Pam Tucker Blakley and family

Most of her time over the last few years was taken up with caregiving, and she admires the hell out of anyone who can do it for a living.

JACKIE ROWLEY MAYFIELD and her husband, Milton, continue to soldier through the challenges of teaching online at Texas A & M. She said that she has been busier than ever since the outset of the pandemic. She and Milton published another book and continue to edit a journal. Her resolution for 2021 is to proceed more mindfully at a reasonable pace.

MARY BETH KELLEY-LOWE spent 2020 homeschooling her beautiful granddaughter, Aria, and looks forward to the next chapter.

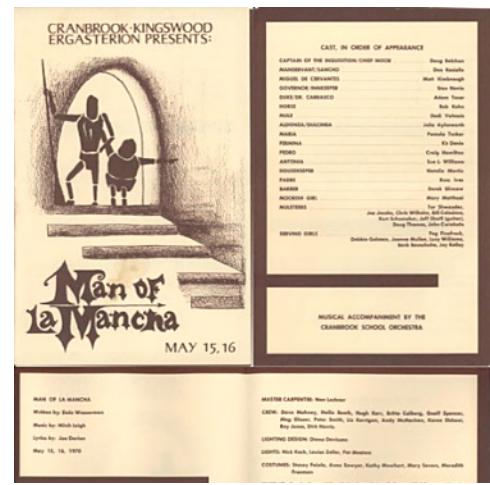
KATI ZELLER BUEHLER also retired from her job and is enjoying spending time with her grandchildren, Sarah and Jack. She and

CATHLEEN COSTELLEO were able to get together in January when Cathleen visited the Buehler's in Santa Barbara. Over to Jeff...

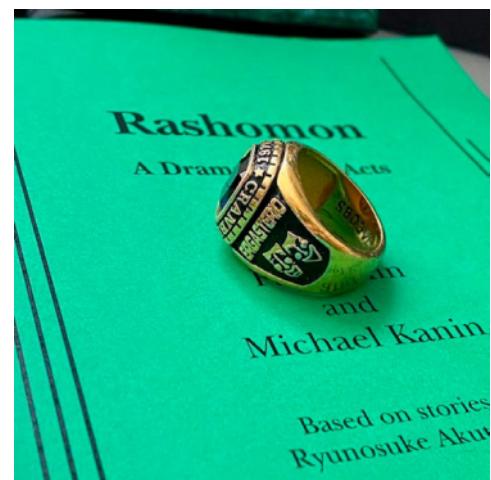
CHRIS CAUWE ...A time it was and what a time it was. Grateful for a wonderful AFS year that still hasn't come to an end. What an experience. There is so much to be said. I think I want to write to you all, one of these days. In the meantime, greetings from rainy Belgium, you know that little "*" somewhere in Europe. **DON STEVENS** has memories of we boarders hitchhiking to Birmingham on Saturday to buy record albums and eating at Albans. Or, returning from Christ Church through the estate to have a smoke while eluding the ever-vigilant Herr Hoffman. "Being removed from my rural Southwest MI little pond to be put into boarding school was a real culture shock. "In Loco Parentis" was a term I grokked pretty quickly. New rules and

Instructors were challenging. Certainly "Aim High" was more than a motto! But man, did we have some great Masters! Imagine Ron Penny, Del Walden, or Sam Salas's reaction upon hearing, "let's keep it light." Okay, maybe Dave, "The Jazz Club," Lundin would emphatically smile, YEAH! We were maturing in an extremely advantaged environment, at a time when authority was being questioned in society. We read Camus, Sartre, Kierkegaard, Hesse, etc. in the "Culture In Crisis" class while at the same time, read about women's rights, civil rights, voting rights, abortion, and the war in the Detroit Free Press. Ultimately, the Cranbrook experience taught me Critical Thinking. I very much look forward to seeing classmate friends I keep up with, as well as others I haven't for fifty-one years."

DAVE FULTZ sent wonderful La Mancha, Rhinoceros and Rashomon pictures.



La Mancha, from our Spring musical



Ergasterion Ring from Joseph Jacobs including the program from Roshomon (our winter play in February of 1970)

DOUG SCALES The times we had in the day! Boyce Ricketts with his identical stories in history year after year. Speech class with

Carl Wonnberger (who threatened to have me expelled because I told some jokes from verboten Playboy magazine). Del Walden who taught me the value of teamwork and camaraderie that were invaluable throughout my career. **SONNY DUMAS** Greetings from the island of Samos (Greece). We are extremely fortunate here with not only our own organic garden, a Mediterranean climate and empty beaches but, until now, no one has been hospitalized nor any reported cases of COVID-19.



A shot of Sonny Dumas' spectacular spread in California

We are all hoping to keep it this way until vaccinations arrive... time will tell. **EDGAR SOUDEK** Here is a short update on yours truly: I am 82, I started teaching at Cranbrook in 1965, at the tender age of 26...I honestly forgot what academic subjects I was teaching during my seven or eight years there, but I do remember coaching the Varsity soccer team, being an assistant to Ben Snyder in track, and directing plays....I also took the soccer teams of 1969 and 1971 to Germany, Austria and Hungary, coming home with good results and great memories. After Cranbrook, I taught in Brazil, Mexico, Kenya, Thailand, Austria, back in the USA at Woodberry Forest School in Virginia for 17 years, concluding my 50-year career at Liberty High School in Virginia, retiring at 76. I can look back at a very, very happy and full life. I simply can't seem to stop, so I will take a group of ex-students to Ecuador this coming summer... that is pretty much all! Thank you to all my students and colleagues for shaping me!!!! **ANDY GORDON** I am writing this from northern California (just across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco) where I, and later my wife and kids, have lived for the last 45+ years. I have been enjoying reading the missives from all of you. What a perceptive, thoughtful and articulate group! I appreciate the ability of so many of you to communicate so effectively on a wide range of topics. I am sure that some credit for that is attributable to

the education we received during our very formative years at the CK schools and our interactions with each other in the wondrous community we created. Like many of you, I feel much more youthful than my age. Where have all those years gone? A sobering reminder of the passage of time and our inexorable movement down the conveyor belt of life comes when one of our good friends, family members or classmates passes. I appreciate the involvement of others, and in particular **W.A.P**, for his voluntarily assumed role of class communicator and especially for his keeping us informed about the declining health and then death of one of our beloved classmates, Lynn Gawne Hughes. I spoke with Lynn a few months ago and then later wrote a note of appreciation and admiration to her which I think may have arrived too late for her to read. I was one of the "new kids on the block" when I started at Cranbrook in the 10th grade as many of you had been in the Cranbrook/Kingswood school system since 9th grade, 7th grade, or for some of you since the 1st grade at Brookside. Many of you were well steeped in the CK culture already when I arrived from the nearby public school system. As a newbie, it was a bit overwhelming for me, as I am sure it was for many of you who started at the schools later. But both John Cwiakala and Lynn played important roles for me at the time by introducing me to others at Cranbrook and Kingswood and helping me integrate into the social life at our schools. They were both so socially adept—and their guidance in facilitating this adjustment to the unique and different CK culture was much appreciated. I imagine that many others of you also had similar experiences with both Lynn and John. When I knew Lynn in high school she was always so positive, energetic, caring, socially sophisticated, empathetic, and lots of fun. From what I could glean by talking with her and observing her interactions at our reunions, it appeared as those all of these positive personality traits served her well both in her family and working life. And, those attributes continued to be remarkable as she dealt with her dire health issues and her impending death. From my perspective, she approached her challenges and difficulties with realism, candor and positive energy. She did not wallow in self-pity but rather seemed to deal with things as they came. I admired how she faced her health

issues but was not at all surprised since this was consistent with how she approached life—even when she was a teenager. I appreciate Lynn for how she touched and improved my life during those formative teenage years but even more importantly, I admire her for providing an enduring and not to be forgotten model for how to approach and deal with adversity. This I will always remember. Thank you, Lynn. **JOSEPH JACOBS**... "Café ad Crémorà." **JOHN CROSS** When I attended Cranbrook I couldn't wait to get out. After leaving, I realized what a huge leg up it was. I thought of it as a trial by fire. Later, I came to appreciate the school for its' concentration of smart and talented people. Only now do I realize that it was a deeply tolerant place. I think it evolved to that during our tenure.

MATT KIMBROUGH Greetings from Austin, TX where my wife is working on Fear the Walking Dead and I'm in exile from LA until COVID calms down or I get vaccinated. [...] From a thread about dating] My dating tradition was to go to a little "Mob-owned" Italian restaurant at 7 Mile and Woodward called The Paradiso. They knew my dad well and I would take my companion there. Dinner for two less than \$20 and I would order for us "Italian Coffees" which was Chianti served in a coffee cup. **RON LICHTWARDT** Aloha Hollis and classmates! Ronald Lichtwardt here, on the other side of the Big Island from Claudia. **TED BURG** [from a thread about school food] Food, food, food for thought. Waiting out at the phone booth on Lone Pine Road for pizza delivery on a freezing winter night. Cheese Whiz and Triscuits in Marquis Hall. Waiting table in the dining hall. Two couples, Crannies and Woodies, eating at one or another of a pair of Italian restaurants across the street from each other down Woodward in Detroit. Hot dogs in the bookstore, which I thought were too extravagant to try (see Cheese Whiz and Triscuit, above). **RICK SMITH** Greetings from Franklin, Michigan. Hope to see everyone soon. I sure do miss assembly every morning. And, **DAVID THOMPSON**, "I came to Cranbrook from Chicago as a Junior resident, Page Hall, and I have vibrant memories of the dining hall meals (all three meals sit-down until senior year), coat and tie (with some outstanding interpretations), and lonely weekend hallway/room chats and

discussions. True confessions: in my two years besides enjoying athletic success, I learned how to study, learned to be happy (survive) being alone, learned how to be resourceful, learned to hitchhike, learned to be a good prefect (who thought up that term?), learned to think independently, learned to type (), learned to embrace diversity (though not knowing what that word meant then) and learned many personal attributes. I cannot truly put words to them, that I am proud of today. I have a wonderful wife of 42 years, two wonderful children, a granddaughter, a great career and now a very comfortable retirement (COVID notwithstanding). When asked by others what the key influence was, I usually simply reply... Cranbrook. My guess is, I am not alone in that response. That said, I do have some regrets. The most being, especially after reading many of these alumni emails, is that in my two years I never visited the Kingswood campus (perhaps hard to believe, but true) and never met any of you wonderful ladies. In this regards, I do hope that I am alone in that Cranbrook experience. Please write it off to shyness, fear and laziness. Who knows? It is what it is. (My social life did eventually pick up!) I know I am not alone among my classmates in my love of music during those two years. My record player (it was not a stereo!) was on all the time, though the volume was kept very low during study hours. Jethro Tull, Beatles, Moody Blues, the Who, Stones, among others and the Isle of Wright and Woodstock festivals—it was a 2 year music explosion. And let's not forget the Motown hits! To this day I listen to that era's music more than any other. (FYI, I am typing this listening to "Aqualung.") My best friend from my Cranbrook years, **DARRYL TAYLOR**, and I have remained very close for over 50 years. He has been and will always be a shining example of the influence Cranbrook can have on its students. But I am sad that I did not maintain other close classmate connections. Thanks for reading. Maybe I have touched on some tidbits of Cranbrook life that you also share. I hope we can have a 50th (51st) reunion this year. If not, I look forward to our 55th in 2025. Stay well, and stay safe." On a final note, Jeff, Liz and W.A.P. launched CK'70 Commons. The goal of this experiment is to bring us all closer. It is still a work in progress, but we hope to refine the list and

process, so we keep in touch more often than just two times a year through Tradition. We know some of you have been overwhelmed by the threads, but we are working to make it a great user experience.

All our best,

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As I write these class notes in February with COVID vaccines just ramping up, the prospects for our 50th class reunion are uncertain. As you read this you will know what happened. If our 50th didn't happen, I will hope that we can somehow get together before another five years pass. Here is our class news as sent to your class secretary. I first must report some sad news of my own. My mother, Joan Patten Stadler '48, passed away on October 1, 2020. She loved Kingswood and her classmates. I recall her mentioning at least one of her classmates every day. Class secretaries run in the family—she served in that position for the class of 1948 for more than 50 years. My mom and dad, Chuck '48, were together for 73 years, counting their high school romance. Less than a month after my mom's death my Uncle Bill Stadler '46 passed away. He and my dad grew up in the farmhouse where Shary and I now live. I am also sorry to report that our classmate, **STEVE GERISCH**, passed away on November 15. Steve and his wife Carol had moved from Calif. to Houston just 13 days earlier. You all will remember Steve as a modest, friendly guy. It was only after reading his obituary that I discovered he was a talented classical guitarist who studied with Segovia and won a national age-level competition at 14. In the 1970s, he formed Stream, a classic rock cover band with Doug Seed '70 and Dave Collie '70. **CHRIS MORTON** acted as a roadie and sound engineer. Steve also had a passion for golf and was involved in many civic activities. Steve is survived by his wife, Carol, and son, Steve. After more than 31 years in **MS., HARRY FORBES** moved to a downsized home in Venice, Fla. His 97-year-old dad spends his winters in a nearby condo. Harry's children remain in the Northeast (two

in NYC, one in Mass., one in Maine). No one in the family has contracted COVID or lost work. Harry is still working, but when travel again becomes possible he will re-evaluate. **ROBERT WALKER** is teaching Buddhism in Kalamazoo and also studying and practicing astrology. "All of that has been going well. Living alone is working out, finally figuring out how to do that. Walking with friends, talking on the phone, making soup. No cable or network television. Appreciating alternative news sources. Not particularly sick. Wishing everyone well." **GEOFF RAWLING** has moved from CA to FL. "Taxes and the cost of living. Smart move, like everyone else leaving CA. and NY," he says. He also has a house in Costa Rica. Geoff is going to be a grandpa soon. His son is still shooting up SpaceEX Falcon 9 rockets and satellites into space—orbital objects. I received a nice note from a long-lost member of our class, **DALE HAUKE**, who is looking forward to reconnecting with old friends. Dale was at Cranbrook from first through fifth and graduated from Southfield-Lathrup high school. He got a BS in Forestry and an MS in statistics from University of Michigan-- Ann Arbor. He has worked in the forest industry as a biometrician, data analyst for the military, environmental consultant and has been in the recycling industry for the past 20 years. He has been with Pozzolan Concrete, a post-consumer waste glass concrete firm, for the past 14 years. He and his wife of 34 years, Nina, have a daughter, Tasha, and a two-month-old grandson. Nina is retired from the financial services industry and now operates a business on Amazon selling mycorrhizal fungi for organic farmers and gardeners. Dale is busy with work, cooking, organic gardening household projects, reading, jazz, and travel—although not so much travel since COVID. **DERRY** and Charlene **KABCENELL** are tired of staying home and having every day seem the same, but they are grateful that they and extended families have escaped any serious consequences of the pandemic. Derry's volunteer boards include a Tony-winning regional theatre, MIT, and the communications unit of his local sheriff's office. The theatre is strong despite the pandemic, as it successfully reinvented itself for the virtual world. Derry is serving MIT "from a distance." And it sounds like the sheriff's office is a lot of fun. He and

a colleague were assigned to track down radio equipment that was interfering with the sheriff's emergency equipment. They spent time with a mobile antenna atop many high rooftops in the area and eventually nabbed the culprit. Most of the jobs aren't quite as exciting, involving planning training classes, writing certification tests, and serving as the on-call officer. Derry's looking forward to his vaccine and has this message for classmates: "Stay safe; still holding hope that I will see you all in June." **CHRIS MORTON** was so looking forward to a 50th "pull out the stops" blowout reunion, but writes that it's unlikely to be able to occur in June. He's been working from home—something not new to him—in cybersecurity, data analytics and healthcare device clients. He also presented "how-to" LinkedIn webinars to business groups and delivered an "effective business writing" session to a client's content team in India.

BRAD LEITHAUSER wrote: "Please, Marc, you deserve a pat on the back for rousing all of us, year after year, so please print this note (this paragraph!) from me in which on behalf of all our classmates I/we send our thanks! Not surprisingly, not much news here. As it happens, I begin teaching again tomorrow, after a semester on sabbatical. Usually, a return to teaching means a return to campus, but in this case, I'll be operating remotely, and probably not getting out of my house any more often, which is to say seldom! I'll be sorry if we don't have a reunion in June. I was especially looking forward to a combined reunion ('71 and '70), and perhaps whenever we do have a reunion we could combine it with a neighboring class. Like the rest of you, I'm guessing, I had many friends in that wonderful class of '70 and would love a chance to cross paths with them!" **RON**

QUINTERO sent this news that a wonderful description of life in the time of COVID: "My wife and I are approaching the 11-month mark of sheltering in place, during which time we have gone outdoors for an aggregate total of about two hours, including our recent COVID vaccinations. My last haircut was at the beginning of March; I have since added a beard that facilitates my resemblance to the members of the Duck Dynasty mob that stormed the Capitol. I am able to conceal this look for video depositions, as my practice as an expert witness continues to be as busy as ever. This year I will take the witness stand

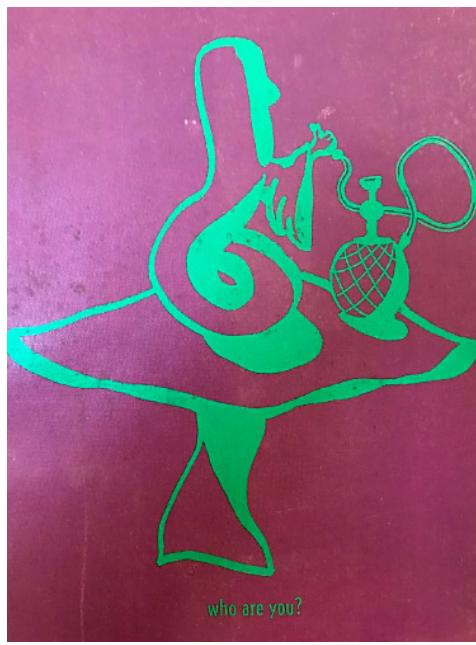
after Elon Musk in a lawsuit on behalf of Tesla shareholders. I am also approaching another milestone: a decade ago I had four children in college at the same time; since then, they have earned or are in the process of earning six graduate degrees, in entirely different fields, from schools that include Harvard, Columbia and NYU. If you think in nominal (non-inflation) dollars, the aggregate tuition, room, and board (ignoring financial aid) of the entire class of 1971 was approximately \$258,000 ($86 \times \$3,000/\text{classmate}$); many of us, including me, have spent much more than that on the education of each of our children. The next shoe to drop is the weddings. I thank Cranbrook for enhancing my appreciation of education and my ability to pay for it."

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K71

"I thought growing old would take longer." Pictured is the cover of Woodwinds, nearly 50 years ago.



Cover of Woodwinds '71

"Who are you?" it asks. A better question would be "Where are you?" Missing from the pages of Tradition for the past four years has been the Kingswood Class of 1971. We have all been busy growing old, marking the passage of that time by marching to our own set of experiences and scattered to the winds. But now, the 50th anniversary of our

high school graduation looms on the horizon this June. It's a chance to see people who are now moving towards the edge of their sixties, with 18-year-old eyes (the age you were when you last saw them). It only happens once, like an eclipse or something. If you can be there, come and at least walk around the lake. If you can't come, throw me a sentence or two with an update about you. You may find it matters to more than you know. I hope you are all safe, well and content.

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CK72

By the time you read this, our 50th Reunion will be just over one year away: June 10 – 12, 2022. Your Class of '72 reunion committee is mobilized and working. If you are interested in helping out, please send a note to your class secretaries listed below. If you are on Facebook, please join our Class of '72 Facebook page. That and e-mail will be the primary communication vehicles. A key part of our work is to make sure everyone's contact information is up to date and that we try to find 'lost' classmates. So far, we have been in touch with about 50% of our classmates. Soon we will provide a list of lost classmates in case some of you know where they are. One classmate who resurfaced was **SHERRY COGSWELL** who wrote from Ann Arbor "The last couple of years have been complicated, with the passing of two beloved family members (my mom and my aunt), taking on the executorship of two family trusts, managing work and home during COVID, etc.... The good news is I'm now more in control of my schedule; I retired from my full-time position as a department administrator in the University of Michigan Medical School this past December, and I'm working part-time helping to transition my replacement. My husband, Steve Stefanac, is still working as a faculty member in the U of M Dental School, and we are both well, and looking forward to brighter days, a saner political environment and an end to COVID. We have big-time cabin fever and can't wait until we can safely travel again and can see family and friends." **ROBIN ROBERTS** reports that "in the pandemic year the best news is that no

one in my family has been sick—and since my husband and son are essential workers, they have continued to be at risk. Meantime, with all the free time we have, I painted a vestibule, wallpapered a bathroom, finished three cross stitch projects and finished hanging a gallery wall in the living room. Oh, and I have watched all of Midsummer Murder, most of Vera and dozens of other British murder mysteries. All in all, a very 'busy' year!" "Bob and I are enjoying being close to our family in Colorado, our pod" says **MARY (Bunny) JOHNSTON MILNE**. "In December we took a weekend trip to a back country hut called Anna's Cabin near Leadville, CO.



Mary (Bunny) Johnston Milne and Family

We skied or snow shoed a 2-mile trail, which started at 10,000 feet elevation to the cabin at 11,700. Such an awesome experience. Our son and his fiancée were our knowledgeable guides. I look forward to our 50th reunion!"

PETER ROSE says, "Family is well and good, though my mother has left the business and is, through dementia of some undiagnosed sort, going away. My father is still a rock in this business at 85, still insists on coming in virtually every day. My youngest daughter and her husband/store manager had their first baby (girl) in 2020, providing some real cheer in a difficult year. Apparel sales have been hit hard by COVID. Sales for both men's and women's stores were down dramatically in 2020, and 2021 is starting off worse compared to last year. Our industry's business model includes the necessity to project sales, and to commit to merchandise selections as much as 6-8 months out. And there is absolutely no way to know or sense the level of demand, so we're operating VERY differently until things settle back down. Meanwhile, restaurants being closed hurts our businesses; reducing traffic to our town. I feel for them. If local, indie businesses fail, they render cities worse off, less financially

sound, and less desirable. I'm grateful for the new administration and the end of the old and am happy with the Georgia run-offs. The next four will be positively interesting and hopefully fruitful." "Despite COVID, Heidi and I had an adventuresome summer in Maine." Thus, begins a note from **JOHN MATURO**. "We sailed to Portland in late June and worked our way up to Acadia. Isle Au Haut and Frenchboro were our favorite ports of call for the lost-in-time feel we experienced at both. Our Golden, Beau, was on board the whole trip and thoroughly enjoyed it despite his advanced age of 11. Maine was certainly a world apart from the sadness in the greater NYC area and we felt a bit guilty to be so carefree cruising the mostly deserted waters of Maine. Late in the summer I became a grandfather—Jack was born July 31, 2020 to my son, Clark, and his wife Soren. Because of COVID I have only seen him four times in the last six months even though they live in Brooklyn, a relatively short drive from New Haven. I guess the upside is no diaper-changing for me to date. I would enjoy being a more involved grandfather, but until we are vaccinated, no dice. I will close with two items: Heidi delivered a five by seven foot abstract oil to a client in midtown Manhattan in December and I learned yesterday, the glorious day of inauguration, that Sail magazine is going to publish my article about last summer's cruise.



John Maturo and wife Heidi

We look forward to seeing you all at reunion in 2022. Also, I will put it to our eastern

classmates; Heidi and I would love to host a mini-reunion this fall as a lead up to the full event." **SHERMAN WISSINGER**'s world view and humor remains unchanged in this nugget: "I'm Sherman Wissinger, and while exploring hypnotism with my college girlfriend, found she could channel ET aliens from the Batana system, who despite technology way past ours, got bumped from their home planet by an unvaccinable pandemic. Now decades later, they're pressuring me to make the case why homo sapiens should hold onto Earth. But they don't know that I know they've already lost all their trees: Case closed! But if there actually were a '72 reunion, I couldn't discuss any of this, as conspiracy theorists are hiding microphones everywhere. Maybe we discuss my YouTube of Bohemian Rhapsody and why my music is still wobbly as it was in Hugh Kerr's basement."



Sherman Wissinger playing Bohemian Rhapsody

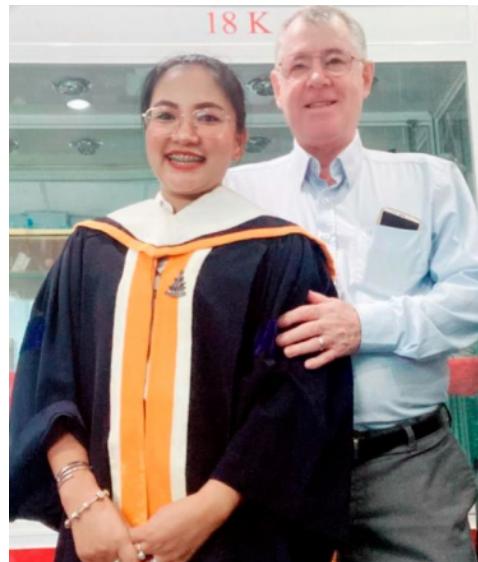
Judge for yourself: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RCI0ZAFv800> **JEFF KERN** writes, "Susie and I are working on plans to build in South Carolina. We hope to break ground by early summer. Our youngest, Paget, is engaged and we are also planning a wedding. We are staying busy. Visited **STEVE** and **KIM LUCKENBACH LADD** in Venice, FL." **PHOEBE LAWRENCE ERDMAN** says, "You don't have to twist my arm too hard to get me to send a picture of my granddaughter, Janie Lawrence Wernig, now 21 months old. She lives in San Francisco with mom, Annie Lawrence Wernig and dad, Patrick, so we don't get to see them as much as we'd like. Hope to fit a visit in as soon as it's safe to do so as Janie will be joined by a baby sister in mid-February, 2021, and we will want to meet her!"



Janie Wernig, granddaughter of Phoebe Lawrence Erdman

On a personal note, it's been fun reconnecting with both KSC and CS classmates as we have been meeting via Zoom to plan our 50th reunion. We have lots of great ideas and hope everyone has those dates of June 10-12, 2022 in their calendars, we want to shatter attendance records!" Our beloved **MIRANDA MILLS** writes from Australia: "Dear Friends and Classmates of Kingswood '72: Such a long time since those heady days and now so much water racing under the bridge. There is too much I could write, a book in fact, so I will keep this short. Firstly, thank you for all your kindness and friendship to the young Tasmanian/Australian who came amongst you that final year. I mean this from the depth of my heart. I had a great/crazy time. I literally was really 'ungrounded' but wheeee!! What a ride. You and America blew me away, I thought I had come to an extraordinary place with an amazing bunch of 'gals,' Cranbrook fellas and caring folk, so different and so far from the people and the little Island where I was born and now live again. As the most recent update, I care for a very ancient mother, trying to keep her out of a nursing home along with my siblings' input, but at 97 she is so very frail. This is time-consuming but a job I feel honored to do and be a part of seeing her out well. I live in Hobart, and have made a life here again, probably not from choice but necessity. I still work part-time and have finished Fine Arts Degree with Honors as a wonderful new and brain tingling experience, expanding the notion of my arts-based practice into story making using moving image. I'm not sure where this will go, and it really does not matter in the larger scheme of things unfolding and at this stage of

life. I also share a beautiful piece of wild land up in the north east tip of the island, rich with wildlife, a profound Indigenous history and beauty amongst a backdrop of giant wind towers. Australia has been spared mostly with strict closures, lockdowns and contact tracing, so a silver lining to the lack of ability or even the wish to travel. We watch what is happening in the States very closely, we are sorry for all the upheaval, stress and sorrows that must be part of our times now. I and we, as a nation are closely tied to you and wish you the very best. With deep regard to you all and warm wishes, Miranda." Also, among our international classmates, **WARREN BRENNAN** continues his career in gems and jewelry and has moved from Brazil to Bangkok, Thailand where he and his wife, Orapun, run their jewelry manufacturing business. He writes, "I am in sunny Thailand, 99% COVID-free Thailand! Although lately a few dozen cases are creeping in through the uncontrolled northern border with Burma so we'll see how much longer our tranquility and health lasts. My attorney wife graduated from law school last year, but spends most of her time managing our business."



Warren Brennan and wife Orapun at her law school graduation

JILL WHEATON DEBOER reports "there have been silver linings in 2020. One was embracing a year of outdoor life in New Hampshire, where we pruned bushes and harvested a decent crop from our 100+ blueberry bushes. I enjoyed planting a large vegetable garden, which led to canning, dehydrating and baking. Now we're in winter mode and clearing out portions of

overgrown woods, snow shoeing and back to pruning bushes again. Nature's cycles are comforting, and I previously lived pretty unaware of these rhythms. Relocating to NH has given George and me an appreciation for simpler pleasures. We find it better to think about what we do have than what we don't. Glad that we're both healthy and fit enough to do this work! I have joined the AARP New Hampshire Speakers Bureau team and have been giving live online presentations on a range of topics relevant to older Americans. I relish the opportunity to use my resale/move management expertise and talk about downsizing and decluttering. I think we've all discovered how enriching online classes and special interest communities can be. I got involved in advocacy outreach through the Dover Democrats and AARP Capital City Task Force, where focus over the pandemic period has been on safe voting procedures. Finally, I'm indulging my creative urges with painting, sewing, cooking and crafting projects, including virtual Nana craft time with my grandsons and weekly Zoom art sessions with my sisters. I'm anxious to see the vaccination process move forward and open up our lives again, certainly by our 50th class reunion in 2022!" **SUE STONER KLEINPELL** writes, "What a crazy year! Art and I are living most of the year in Charlevoix, MI after completing construction on a home in 2019. We try to spend four months of the winter in Southern California. We were in Newport Beach, CA, last March when COVID hit and had a harrowing drive cross country as hotels and restaurants were closing all around us! The silver lining of the pandemic was our daughter, Mary '98, and her husband, Christopher Martella '97, had their first baby in June! We are FINALLY grandparents, and it couldn't be more fun. We have spent quite a bit of time visiting them after repeated quarantines and testing. With not much else to do but sit and watch Helen develop it's like being in a baby research lab. You can literally hear her cells diving and neurons firing! FaceTime fills in the days between visits. Art and I are looking forward to the reunion, and at the rate time is flying it will be here before we know it." **JIM OLSEN** is doing well in Catawba Island, OH where he is in frequent contact with Hugh Kerr '73 and friends from other classes. There are discussions about lobbying some incarnation of his former band (Kook and the

Bazooks) which also included, Hugh Kerr, **JON BERMAN, JOHNNY SCHOETZ** and Doug Seed '70. He is keeping in tune with a band close to home. **JEFFRY STEELE** has been riding out the pandemic on Orcas Island, in the waters between Vancouver and Washington State. He says "there have been relatively few COVID positives and no deaths here. I am still working full-time as child and family therapist, though client numbers are down. I adore my fellow treatment team members at least. Pandemic projects have included arranging all of Bach's solo cello and violin music for eight-string guitar and creating a 12-minute spoken word piece backed by guitars and recorders about the state of our nation from a psychotherapist's [i.e. trauma-informed] perspective. Inside I'm still the rebel, but outside I look as old as the rest of class of '72. Don't think my hair has ever been this long." **DARRYL DALTON**, after completing a doctorate in epidemiology while at the CDC says, "I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I am now retired, so I spend a lot of time in my Atlanta office these days busy in post-production work. I am a content producer for TV, film and social media platforms."



Darryl Dalton flashing his Cranbrook ring

Judge **ROGER WINKELMAN** is meting out justice in Santa Barbara, CA, as he maintains his polymath interests in design, politics, policy and the environment. We learned with regret that **MARK S. SMITH** of Centennial, CO died on April 23, 2020, at the age of 65 after a brief illness. He earned an undergraduate and MBAs from the University of Denver. Mark lived in the

Denver area since graduating and worked as an investment adviser. Mark's pride and joy was his son, Ryan. He and Ryan shared many interests, among them music, games and Corvettes. Mark was a member of the Mile High Corvette Club. He also loved his extended family with whom he shared many wonderful times at Whitefish Lake in Gordon, WI. You have had three Cranbrook class secretaries over the past 48 years. Your first was **STEVE HARRIS** who left his corporate counsel position in 2009 to get his PhD. He is currently teaching European, world and democratic history at the San Francisco State University and blogs weekly on history and politics on his website (www.steveharris.net). He is concerned about civil society in America and global environment but says: "There is no shortage of opportunities to make the world a better place." Architect and Professor **MARK SCHATZ** your second secretary, teaches architecture at Cal Poly and UC Berkeley, continues to practice architecture and creates art glass in Novato, CA. He learned a lot this past fall with part-time gigs as a polling place deputy and census enumerator. His wife, Amy Peele, was elected to the local City Council, and is looking forward to the release of her second medical murder mystery, Match, this April. Your current class secretary, **NICK KOCH**, is doing as well as possible in Minneapolis. "It has been a challenging year of isolation and social unrest made more personal as I live two miles from where George Floyd was murdered in May 2020. I was fortunate to get a good two-week sail around Lake Superior last summer that included stops in the Michigan Upper Peninsula. In October, I got to see

ELIZABETH EMERY SWANCHARA and **DEBBIE DIETRICH** complete with a visit to the campus and a memorial lunch at Big Boy.



Debbie Dietrich, Nick Koch and Beth Emery Swanchara

As your Kingswood class secretary, **SALLY CHRISTIANSEN HARRIS**, let me conclude with the news that 2020 was a rough year to say the least but there were a couple of bright spots. Mike and I were able to squeeze in two separate memorable photography trips to Cuba before mid-March. Remaining photography trips for the year were cancelled or postponed. The silver lining is that many of the professional photographers we admire, also stuck at home, began presenting online seminars and workshops that Mike and I took advantage of! Some were photographers I may never have had the opportunity to hear speak or meet. I was looking forward to a trip to Japan and when it was postponed, the enterprising, well-connected Japanese photographer who was leading it pulled together a months-long speaker series that featured well-known photographers from all over the world. It was sold out within hours and ended up raising over \$30,000 in nominal participation fees and generous sponsorships from photography-related companies for COVID relief. The other highlight for the Harris family was a wedding. After postponing their nuptials several times, daughter Brooke and Juliette, decided to have a small ceremony for immediate family. The ten of us, masked and bundled up, assembled on our backyard patio on October 31 to celebrate this wonderful, happy couple. We all look forward to a larger wedding celebration in September, 2021.

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It's with renewed spirits of optimism and hope for the future that we joyfully reconnect with our Crannie brothers.



Kerry Ball

During these tough times, I have enjoyed letting my mind go back to Cranbrook ... picturing our spectacular campus, remembering days on the athletic fields and nights in the dorm, laughing over parties with friends (Beach Boys on the stereo, right, Cookie??), anguishing over cramming for an exam, feeling pride in conquering the challenges of Outward Bound, swallowing nerves before stepping out on a concert stage, still grateful for the patience of a special teacher. Entering 2021, we Aim High. Sadly, I begin with shocking news from **HUGH KERR** that our fellow Brookside, KARY BALL, passed away unexpectedly in his sleep early in the morning of January 31. Hugh says: "I know very little but understand that he had not been ill and his girlfriend of six years was told it was a heart attack. He has been cremated and she will plan a memorial this spring." May Kary's memory be a blessing ... Hugh continues with his own update: "Always looking for the silver lining, though the past year has denied many opportunities to get together musically with friends, it has encouraged the adoption of digital recording techniques that can be shared, which has allowed us to continue to enjoy the creative outlet of music by collaborating remotely. Of course, this requires acquisition of new skills which is challenging, yet satisfying when the goal is reached. Perfect opportunity for those 'Aim High' moments! Sally '74 and I also enjoy virtual get togethers with friends in different parts of the country, as so many of us have. Our little family is growing, with five wonderful grandchildren, three in Birmingham and the other two in Chicago. We were privileged to spend a month with the Chicago gang on the

shores of Lake Michigan last summer (after appropriate quarantine) sailing, playing at the beach, picking blueberries and pursuing numerous other outdoor activities. The Birmingham kids were also at the cottage throughout the summer, and we are lucky to see them regularly at home, almost every day! Happily, we get out to Cranbrook quite often, and I can report progress continues on the restoration of the Alumni Court. Sally is weaving with a project on the loom and lots of new ideas, and I keep busy with the occasional woodworking project. So far, so good!" A bittersweet report from **MIKE ELLEDGE**: "While it's great to learn of all the interesting things going on with classmates, I'm sad to hear of losses of loved ones—my younger daughter's partner lost his uncle to COVID, and we lost an old friend who'd been in poor health. Both sets of parents passed before the pandemic hit, so they didn't have to deal with the fear and uncertainty, thankfully. All in all, we've been fine. Cooped up and out-of-sorts, but thankful nonetheless. I'm still recuperating from my stroke, a long and slow process, but improving. It may be awhile before I can join my wife on the paddle court (and I'll never match her skill!) but I'm determined to get there. Speaking of Amy, she continues to shoulder the lion's share of household upkeep and administration and she misses her grandkids terribly. (I miss mine as well.) One of the drawbacks to raising independent children is that none of them live nearby, so in the year of COVID we've had to stay in touch with FaceTime. Fortunately, the grandkids are preschoolers and have avoided the remote/hybrid/in-class dilemma. Stay well everyone; wear your masks, maintain a safe distance and wash your hands often. And get vaccinated; I was able to get both of mine, so it can happen." **HENRY JAMPEL** calls 2020 "A year in slow motion, just trying to survive, like the rest of you. Risa and I, as well as our three kids and their spouses/partners, have managed to stay healthy, but both my father and her mother both died from COVID-19. It is not kind to the very old. With vaccinations coming (but not fast enough) and regimen change in Washington, 2021 does look brighter. I continue as an academic ophthalmologist at Johns Hopkins, and am toying with a five to six-year endgame before retiring the ophthalmoscope—I enjoy the students, residents and patients far too

much to retire yet. Risa recently joined the faculty in Dermatology at the University of Maryland and is enjoying new challenges. We are grateful and feel lucky for the way our three children have turned out. Catherine has a recent PhD in geography and is a lecturer at the State University of New York. She is engaged to Evan, who is studying for a PhD in clinical psych. Joseph is an attorney for a non-profit law firm in Philadelphia and an expert in affordable housing. His wife, Mika, is an intern in medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. Sarah is an editor at Bon Appetit magazine and manages the 'Basically' section at the back of each issue. She is expecting and due in June—we are just a little excited! I am editor-in-chief of the leading journal in the little corner of my world, glaucoma and spend a decent amount of time as Board Chair of the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation. Exercise remains a constant, with a steady rotation of swimming, spinning and running. It is amazing how the same amount of effort results in so much less forward motion than it used to! Stay safe for now." **MARTIN PHILLIPS** begins optimistically: "Given that 2020 was kind of a mess, I have to say that we did OK: we all have avoided any serious virus issues so far, and I hope that is the same for you. After a decade in academic medicine, I have had various roles in biotech over the last 25 years, and started a company a few years ago with some scientists at the University of Michigan. We just optioned it to a top ten pharma, so we will operate it for a few more years. Working on a bunch of non-dilutive money is a nice feeling. This company has an elegant monoclonal antibody for serious inflammatory diseases (Dupixent will be our closest competitor). We are a small, close management team and we are incubating a couple more ideas. Let me know if you like angel investing—we will put your money to good use. Otherwise, the girls are in limbo because this is a lousy time to be young and altering your career course. We got a second labradoodle puppy (Oberon to be a companion for Puck), and an Audi e-tron (all electric—it's a blast). Having work done on our 1885 house in Bryn Mawr and spending summers on an island in Penobscot Bay where my wife has a bookstore. Have a good pandemic and hope to see you after the second dose of vaccine." **ALAN HEAVENRICH** describes

2020 as "a nothing year, almost, for me personally, though I do have some events worthy of mention and many more causes for gratitude. In chronological order, then ... Our eldest daughter, Miriam, was married in a small and lovely celebration last August 23rd during a brief lull in the pandemic which permitted 22 of us, mostly immediate family, to gather outdoors and witness their loving commitment. Chris is a great partner for her and they are good supports one to the other!"



Alan Heavenrich at this daughter's wedding

Miriam continues to work as a speech and language pathologist at a Toronto clinic three to four days of the week (down from full time and mostly remote due to the pandemic) while Chris works with the CFL office in Toronto, also remotely. They've suspended their season, so there is a lot of uncertainty he's had to deal with. Next: Joan and I celebrated our 35th anniversary quietly in early November. Both of us are continuing to tutor part-time since my 2015 retirement, but easing up on the number of hours we put in. I really miss my two to three hockey games per week (mostly over-40 groups), and may have difficulty returning when the rinks open up again, as I was already a few steps slower than the younger crowd. [Ed: Say it ain't so, Alan!] Next: Middle son, Sam, returned to Toronto and is now in Hamilton (Ontario), working towards his master's degree in Fluid Dynamics at McMaster University. He had already worked for four years at Bendix in Elyria, OH as an engineer working on their truck stability control systems and autonomous driving initiatives. Next: Youngest, Ben, completed his degree (the last year remotely) in Environmental Science at Guelph last December and is living at home trying to figure out his next steps. What the future holds is not clear, but I hope to do more sailing in Lake Huron (on my 25 foot C&C) and perhaps in warmer climes if only I can find a decent boat within reach of my limited budget. I look

forward to being able to travel and reunite with friends and family in a healthier, more stable future. Take care until we meet again, my friends!" Writing from the UK, **DAVID ERB** reports that "It was an eventful year: my wife's debut novel (*Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus) was the big book of the (virtual) 2020 Frankfurt Book Fair and has gotten deals from 31 publishers (publication March 2022) and from Hollywood (it will be an Apple TV limited series starring Brie Larson). Our mobile game company just published our first app, *The Hamiltonian Circuit*, on iOS, with an Android version in the works. Our two daughters managed to stay fully employed through the pandemic (one is helping underrepresented groups gain access to college in Ann Arbor, the other is a senior designer at Penguin). Our retired racing greyhound, 99, suffered a brutal attack in Kensington Gardens (we live in London just south of the museums), but has made a full recovery. I contracted COVID in March 2020, but it was mild and lasted just a week. Looking forward to the world getting back on track in 2021—we're off to a good start on that!" **BERNIE POLEN** hopes "this finds all of you well and safe. I may have mentioned this in the past (CRS), but after way too many years in the food business, we sold our company to Perdue Premium Meats, a division of Perdue Farms. Great people and a great company to continue 75 years of Alexander & Hornung. We closed the deal on March 20, 2020 ... just as the pandemic ramped up. Perfect timing on my part. I was asked to stay for as long as I wanted—it ended up being just two months. I am happily retired as of last May and enjoying every moment. Cathy and I have a place in Bonita Springs which will become our main residence this year. I am still making frequent trips back to Michigan. I still enjoy tinkering with my cars and a few other hobbies that keep me busy. Cathy has made lots of friends and while the pandemic is keeping her home too much, she still manages to organize a few card games with a small group every week. I have taken up the frustrating game of golf and think that Robin Williams described it perfectly: I get lots of exercise with lots of swings. Bicycling and kayaking regularly and when home, lots of walks with the dog. Our daughter, Nikki, is in the Indy area working as a nurse in an ICU, most of the time on a COVID floor. We are

all grateful for all those on the frontline. Both she and her husband contracted the virus and came through it quite well. Our son, Andy, remained with our company and is enjoying working for Perdue. They have promoted him and given him lots of responsibility—I think he likes them better than me. We look forward to getting back to normal but feel fortunate to be healthy and too well nourished. Stay well."

ROBERT GAMBURD made your class secretary grin in response to the request for contributions, thanking her for "herding cats" as he provided an update: "This pandemic year has been subdued personally and chaotic professionally. My daughter Jocelyn, and her husband, Mark, had a daughter, our first grandchild: Hadley Olive Palmer, "Hopsy."



Robert Gamburd and granddaughter, Hadley

We have been able to visit, and were in Connecticut when the lockdown started. Sounds cliché but it is a new and wonderful kind of love. My son, David, and daughter-in-law, Cori, returned to Portland, OR after living and starting a business in Quito, Ecuador. David is running his own company, Alta Andina, which makes wonderful leather goods from the States. He's also running a nonprofit reading program for grade school children in Portland. Betsy went back to work, in the Development Office at Stanford. I'm still practicing medicine, and enjoying having the social contact through the lockdown, but with all the infection concerns and precautions. I miss the ceramics studio which has been closed in Palo Alto due to the pandemic; I continue to paint mostly figurative lately. And, with the ceramics studio closed, I'm swimming

and cycling almost every day, one of the benefits of California living. My best to all."

JOHN CARMAN says that he retired three years ago, and "Throughout this pandemic, my wife Mary and I have been able to work to refurbish our home (built in 1942,) in Louisville, Kentucky. We have spent the majority of the time thus far working on two rooms in our basement. One is a so-called man cave with my desk, a couple of couches, some chairs and of course a large TV. I don't call it a man cave, though, as I refer to it by the name of my favorite college football team (which shall go unidentified.) This has given me the ability to properly display my sports memorabilia that I acquired during my career with the Boy Scouts of America. Loads of autographed pictures, balls and other items. We have stayed very busy as we spent five months watching our two grandchildren, ages two and four, for five days a week last March after their preschool shut down. We realize we were blessed to be able to do so. Fortunately, their parents, our eldest daughter and son-in-law, have been employed throughout the pandemic. He works for University of Louisville Medical School and she is an attorney who works for WellCare. In 2019, our younger daughter, Anna, had a destination wedding in Estes Park, Colorado. Her wife's family lives on Wampers Lake in Michigan.



John Carman and family

They lived in Inglewood, Colorado at the time but moved back to Louisville this past August. They work as a Physical Therapist and an Occupational Therapist at Frazier Rehab here. It is very nice having our family in one town again. Best wishes to all for a safe, healthy and happy 2021." **CHRISTOPHER JONES** also "retired last May, amidst the craziness of a pandemic, widespread racial unrest and a truly bizarre government situation. Seemed like the perfect time. Since then, I've been focusing most of my energy on writing (I'm a regular contributor to several metaphysical

periodicals) and my prison chaplaincy, which continues to be active in both my local county jail as well as San Quentin. I'm busy, too, with the love of my life, my 16-year-old son, a junior at Marin Academy (his mom felt Cranbrook was just too far away, sadly), and who's turning out to be significantly brighter, better balanced and more active than I was at that age. Looking forward to a vaccine and a mask-less existence again, but not losing sleep in the meantime!" **GEOFF D'ALLEMAND** has "nothing unusual to report. Like many of our generation, I have been preoccupied in recent years with the daily care of aging and dying parents, the decision to complete a rewarding career and the excitement of watching my son start a family and career of his own. My wife, Maggie, and I have been fortunate to remain healthy and comfortable during the pandemic. I appreciate the opportunities, experiences and friendships from my six years at Cranbrook. I regret that I have allowed myself to lose contact with those who are so important from my past. I'm sure that most of you have had the same life experiences. I welcome anyone who wants to reconnect." **ALLAN MULLINS** writes: "All is well with the Mullins clan here in chilly Clinton Township, MI. Officially retired from PPG Industries last year and do not miss the turmoil of the automotive industry. Barb and I welcomed our second granddaughter—Mabel Jean Van Dyke—just as COVID hit last spring, and as of January, have seen her (F2F) only twice, so that is a bit of a downer. Zoom works well but not the same as holding a little bundle.



Allan Mullins and granddaughter, Mabel

Last December, we journeyed to Red River Gorge (near Lexington, KY) to hike about the natural bridges in the area—it was nice to get some fresh air and stretch the legs. Keep the faith." From **PHIL BROWN**: "Hello to my old dear friends! I am relieved to report the Phil Brown family is safe, and healthy thus far. Sadly, I must report that several of my close friends have died as a result of COVID-19 since January 2020. I pray that all of you and your families and friends remain safe and healthy, and that we will get a chance to see each other some time in the future. Until then, be safe and stay healthy." With COVID-19 "keeping things shut down," **JON MILLS** and family "are at home a lot and don't have a lot to report. I retired from First Data/Fiserv as of January 1, 2021 so I am embarking on the next phase of life. I am supposed to become eligible for vaccine in Hamilton County on February 8th so hopefully it won't be too long before I am immune and can be more active outside the house. Patty is continuing to work from home (too many hours), but is looking forward to retiring when Isaac goes off to college. As a sophomore, Isaac is taking AP Statistics, AP American History, honors pre-Calculus, Latin 3, English and Chemistry, and is hanging in there as a straight A student. The homework load is crushing, but with COVID, most outside activities are on hiatus. CHCA has been in-person school all year, following mask and distancing protocol. While there have been instances of students contracting the virus and quarantining from family or group transmission outside of school, so far there has not been a documented case of transmission at school (knock on wood). Isaac's big theater project right now is learning to play the whole second violin part for the Beauty and the Beast score on his viola (reading treble instead of alto clef), since there is no viola part in the score. Because of social distancing, the orchestra will pre-record the music in about a month, and then Isaac will rejoin the Student Production Team (set and light crew) for the actual stage performances. There is a Health Department-approved COVID protocol for the cast, along with clear masks to deal with for acting, singing and microphones. Audience is limited to 20% capacity, so it is pretty much just parents. Patty has been sewing costumes at home that Isaac delivers when he goes into school. So much for the impact of COVID on

the fine arts at school. So, we soldier on into the COVID wilderness and hope the vaccine brings salvation soon." **MIKE NEFF** sends "Healthy good wishes from Wenatchee, WA! Our little slice of small town heaven is slowly becoming Seattle EAST as bunches of folks, who are either retiring or have discovered they can work remotely, look to depart the big city and relocate to places a little more sane and comfortable. We're two- and- a-half hours away over a couple of great forested ski mountains but real estate values have still jumped enormously in our dinky little valley town. Yours truly just turned 65 as I write this, so I'm eligible for the so-very-precious-and-elusive COVID vaccine, and once Kristie and I manage to get double poked we'll responsibly find someplace warm to take a short break! Thoughts of retirement are slowly creeping into this feeble brain, but my problem is I haven't been able to answer the oft used phrase: 'Don't retire from something, retire to something!' The food brokerage business continues to keep me engaged, though I have to admit I'm slowly tiring of all the admin b.s. even a small company encounters. I'm in conversation with a couple of larger brokerage companies to buy my book of business with the thought of staying on a few more years to ensure a smooth transition, as well as stay engaged on the marketing side. At the same time, I'm working hard to get back into decent physical shape so we can enjoy these upcoming 'golden years!' Our eldest daughter and son-in-law have moved back to town to good jobs, and the other two, also married, are thriving beautifully in their respective places and professions. I'm proud to say we have our first grandchild on the way, due in April, and are terribly excited! Everyone please stay safe and healthy, and I look forward to the next opportunity to be together. Cheers!" [Ed: More on that later ...] **JIM SMITH** reports that "The Smiths are all healthy and well. I having been enjoying retirement in Summerlin (Las Vegas) NV, bordering beautiful Red Rock Canyon, while Diane continues, remotely, working for Abbott.



Jim Smith and wife Diane at Cornell

During the past crazy year, daughter Anne completed her UMKC OBGYN residency and has started a Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology fellowship at Phoenix Children's Hospital, while Michael has moved on from Goldman Sachs to pursue a Law degree at Cornell. Diane and I look forward to getting together with all of our C/K friends at upcoming events! [Ed: More on that later ...] Stay safe!" As **WARREN WARREN** sees it, "There is at least one advantage to being 65—my wife and I each got our first vaccine in late January. The world will change a lot between now and the time the next issue of Tradition is published, and perhaps the current COVID stress will be just a bad memory. But I doubt it. Viruses mutate, because survival of the fittest is real; today the mutations which thrive are the ones which make it more contagious, but someday the mutations which thrive will be the ones that get around the vaccine. All in all, however, we have been doing OK. We actually had a chance to get out to the Blue Ridge mountains a few months ago—including Pisgah National Forest, which is forever engraved in the memories of many of us (it didn't snow, though)! I have been teaching online (Chemistry last semester, Physics for premeds this semester), but my research group is getting into the lab regularly, so our real projects (improving melanoma diagnosis, designing next generation MRIs) are making progress. Unfortunately, my three grandkids are all stuck with Zoom school until the fall at best, which as you can imagine is pretty tough

on a five-year-old. It is hard to avoid being depressed about how craven, self-absorbed and cowardly all of our institutions have become: including universities, the national news media, and almost every politician you can name. Still, I hold out hope that the COVID experience will get people to refocus on what is actually important." **WALTER SHWAYDER** bids "Happy 2021, my Crannie brothers and Woodie sisters! Our world changes and simultaneously remains static. I continue Masters level Elder-Care cognition training and maintain caring for mom in the big house opposite Christ Church Cranbrook. My weekly release is flying—cognitively and actively training with my brother Tor so I fly safely in place of the auto-pilot and can land the plane in case of an emergency. Pre-pandemic, I was Masters swimming daily. My daughters: Aviva is still working for Refugees International, having recently moved to Denver; Eliana, having been accepted to medical schools, awaits March announcements to make a final decision. My wife, Kathe, continues to develop policy for NOAA. I wish to use this avenue to reach out to those technologically brilliant members of our class, to ask for assistance in developing a patent pending, digital, nano-technology cyber valve for medical application—whichever self-qualifies, please alert me. Thank goodness I have the beauty of Cranbrook to enjoy on a daily basis. I wish peace, health and safety to all of you and your families—please contact me when you come to town. I daily walk for miles around Cranbrook Lake—please join me and we will walk together." What a lovely invite! Congratulations to **KEVIN RODDY**: in 2020, he and wife Joann celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary "by finally downsizing. We moved from Brielle to Manasquan—on the Jersey Shore—and are enjoying beachfront living. Daughter, Erin, who moved to Australia on graduation from vet school, is training and rehabbing horses in New South Wales. Son, William, graduated from College of New Jersey and is working as press officer at the Connecticut statehouse. Son, Logan, graduated from James Madison University and is working as a newspaper and radio journalist and producer in Western Virginia. Joann continues her successful real estate career. I am continuing to practice law at Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer in Woodbridge, NJ. Best wishes to

everyone and we will see you at our 50th Class Reunion in 2023." [More on that in the next issue, but mark your calendars now!] As **JIM SUKENIK** sees it: "The question I think many of us are asking: how did we get to be 65, so quickly? With this in mind, I am so glad that Tradition is continuing so that we can stay together in these important coming years! My story: Anita and I are healthy, super happy to be enjoying our first and second grandsons, and glad to be living on Reeds Lake, in East Grand Rapids, Michigan. Thankfully, we have biking and running trails, two boats and a lakeside fire pit around which we have been able to safely gather with our friends—all of this in a neighborhood where neighbors engage with neighbors. We do not under-appreciate how lucky we are. Kid report: David, Michael and Sarah, married to good people, each busy in real estate development, hedge fund trade analysis and nursing, respectively.



Jim Sukenik and family

In 2020, Sarah and Joe had baby Sam, David and Alexia had baby Adam, and Michael married sweetheart Amanda. And, yes, we love grandparenting! Bakergroup, the foodservice consulting business I founded 36 years ago, continues. I would like to retire, like so many of you lucky classmates, but I love the design work, the firm is nicely profitable, the team excellent—and I haven't figured out my exit plan. Guessing I will be hanging around for a few more years! So, buddies, don't be strangers and hoping to see you in 2023!" And this note from **JOHN BEATTY**: "The only good things I have to report are: that Ev and I and the whole family are still healthy, and that I published the second edition of my short story anthology, *Sergeant's Business And Other Stories*, in December, available at your favorite booksellers. I look forward to seeing all and sundry again at one reunion or another—even a 66th Birthday Bash." Speaking of which!! Last spring, we were all

eagerly anticipating gathering on campus in the autumn to celebrate turning 65, repeating the enormous success of our "60th Birthday Bash" in 2015. Your hospitality team has been in discussions, and we feel there is still a 10% chance that our "65th Birthday Bash" may be rescheduled for fall 2021. This issue of Tradition will be the only one published prior to that time, so IF IF IF "things" improve, there will be email blasts containing all the information. And if we don't celebrate turning 65 when we're actually 66, well, there's always 67! And finally ... as Jim and Kevin remind us, 2023 will be the Class of 1973's 50th reunion! We expect to pull out all the stops, so mark your calendars NOW. Stay safe. Stay strong. Be patient. Be kind.

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It's with renewed spirits of optimism and hope for the future that we joyfully reconnect with our Woodie sisters and Crannie brothers! During these tough times, I had found great pleasure in letting my mind go back to Kingswood ... picturing our spectacular campus, remembering days on the athletic fields and nights in the Dorm, laughing over parties with friends, anguish over cramming for an exam, heart pounding before stepping on stage, still grateful for the patience of a special teacher ... and above all, in my mind's ear, hearing the spooky theme of everyone's favorite tv series, "Dark Shadows" ... I must begin with an acknowledgment of loss, and sorrow. Since we won't be able to say farewell to departed classmates at a school-sponsored alumni memorial, I'm including more details than usual—I know positive remembrances are helpful for many. In the Class Notes for Spring 2020 (available online only), we reported on the passing of two sisters: **CATHY ATEN** died peacefully from complications of Primary Progressive MS in January, at home with her beloved dog by her side. 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. 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. **MATAYA (MARTHA) MUNRO** succumbed to lung cancer in February. Very spiritual, a strong believer in homeopathic and alternative medicines, Mataya loved animals and the outdoors, and her rather serious demeanor belied a wonderful dead-pan sense of humor. Last May, we lost an integral lynchpin of KSC '73 when **TINA DENISON** passed away suddenly during her battle with cancer. Known for her compassion and kindness, Tina served as a social worker with the Oakland County corrections department for over 30 years. She was a very involved KSC alumna, and a tireless local volunteer (Junior League, Washtenaw County women's shelter, Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency.) The well-being of animals were also important to her. Tina was considered the glue by her family and friends, planning gatherings and nourishing connections. Cheerfully, she opened to '73 classmates the home she and brother Dirk Denison '75 owned in Birmingham, and for years "Reunion Headquarters" served as a cozy, welcoming hang out during official 5-year reunions, the now-legendary "60th Birthday Bash," and many informal get togethers whenever out of-town school mates, especially your grateful class secretary visited. She will be remembered for her acceptance, understanding and inclusion. Finally, we recently received word from the alumni office that **JANE KNOWLTON** died in September. After a career as a small town reporter in Ohio, she relocated to DC and spent 15 working in public affairs for the US Air Force. Her interest in conservation led her to switch gears and join the US Forest Service, where she spent the rest of her government career. Jane became the key liaison between several inter-departmental agencies, focusing on America's National Wilderness Preservation System. The winner of numerous awards for her inspiring journalistic features, her outside passions included photography and weaving. A scholarship at C/K is being established in Jane's honor. And life goes on ... Moving into 2021, most of our sisters had something to say about 2020. **ELAINE FIELD** describes it as "frustrating with cancellations and limited social activities. We were fortunate with our

health and jobs when so many were suffering, and still are, with so much more loss. The light is at the end of the tunnel. Sure, would help if we could find a vaccine available sooner than later! A couple highlights including my retirement (with an added bonus to leave!) after 30 years as Chief of Vehicle Maintenance at Metro Transit. Lisa still works in Public Health and I am on her benefits. Just trying to keep out of her way as she works from home most of the time. Plus the election!! How do you spell relief!! January 2021 marked our 27th anniversary. Mid-month, my mom peacefully passed away at 93 years old; several of you probably remember her during sleepovers and parties at our house. I brought her to Seattle several years ago when she was having medical issues in Florida, and moved her into assisted living so I could look out after her. We'll be taking her remains cross country, probably in the fall, to bury her in New York. She had her spirit and sense of humor up to the end. Hoping and optimistic for a better year ahead!" **BONNIE KORTES KISS** provided her "Kingswood Update Letter YE 2020. Maybe 2020 was the year of INCEPTION. We were all caught in a dream within a dream, and the further we went into the layers of 2020, the more nightmare-like it became. I spent 2020 in isolation, only venturing out for perishable groceries and doctor appointments (that includes my furbabies' veterinarian appointments). Mike was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, so once per month I would drop him off for his chemo treatments. We lost our dog, Max, at the beginning of the year and waited six months before adopting another dog. His name is Legend and he has PTSD and came from a very sad previous situation.



Bonnie Kortes Kiss and new family member, Legend

He does not like to be touched and is afraid of every noise, sudden movements etc. He gets

along well with our other dog, Bella; the two have bonded. Mike has been working with Legend and has made progress; I think it keeps his mind off of the cancer treatments. We binge-watch Prime and Netflix—the movie Tenet was excellent, even more intriguing than Inception. (If you see it, pay attention to the timeline and characters—ask yourself, are they moving forward or backwards in time?) And of course, being sci-fi enthusiasts, we watch The Expanse—outstanding FX. I have subscribed to several news feeds: 'A Starting Point,' 'Smerconish' and 'The Dodo.' Well, I will end with some good news. Mike is in remission with his cancer. And wait for it ... Georgia turned BLUE!!" **LORI DRESNER** shared her thoughts: "2020. A NON year. Not much happened. I officially did NOT turn 65. I officially did NOT go on Medicare. And I officially did NOT travel to Michigan, or anywhere else for that matter. (That's actually true.) Once COVID hit, Pete and I hunkered down, first in Denver then in Aspen. My days have been spent hiking and hiking and sometimes hiking. Skiing sucks this year. I could blame that on the pandemic but actually this is the driest snow year in 40 years. My art studio is in Denver, so making art has slowed down although I am trying to do things on paper. Not ready to share though. I cook a lot and find myself reading recipe books again, something I haven't done since France. I've become more asocial than I ever was, but I crave human company beyond my family of husband and dog. So, we got another dog, a Jack Russell terrier named Tia. At first, she was a lot of fun, then she became the terrorist that everyone fears, so we sent her off to boarding school, where she remains until mid-February. Her brother, Boshi, thinks this is grand because he has his humans to himself again. Poor guy. Just wait! In October I had major hand surgery, which also contributed to my lack of new artwork. I have an art show that opens in March, but that will be a NON opening. Another COVID casualty. The fact that I have made very little new ceramic work shouldn't be a problem since nobody was able to come to the last show. COVID again. My ceramics are all on line though (www.lceramix.com) and I have actually made sales that way. Hooray for the Internet! And who knows. Maybe I'll be brave enough to display the new works on paper. TBD. Meanwhile, I keep my chin up and a smile on my face. Life is

good. We are healthy and plan to stay that way. Waiting for my vaccine Love to all!" For **MARY SEVERS SPEISER**, "The year of COVID has certainly been a time of fear, upheaval and also reflection. I always try to find the blessings inside the curse and actually have found some. Technology has helped with the loneliness and boredom. I always look forward to my Sunday afternoon chats with my Kingswood friends. Technology has also allowed my piano group to continue to meet and play for each other. The pianos don't sound very good, because no one has a good microphone, but the camaraderie is wonderful. I continue to participate in dog agility. My beautiful dog is much better at this than I am, since he can run and I really can't. But we've been able to train and even compete a little. By the time this is published, I hope for him to have three Novice agility titles. And finally, this year has me thinking about lost friends—lost through death or just lost through absence. And there is no blessing to be found inside that curse. **BYRON BAKER**—where are you???" **MEREDITH FREEMAN** also is "Much enjoying a weekly Zoom with a group of '73 KSC classmates. Heading into my 25th year in Los Angeles—how time does fly. Living with Rick and the furry ones. Keeping my foot in creative endeavors. Going 'up north' Michigan most summers—hopefully this one too." **JOAN BURNES** is "always a bit disheartened when I don't have much to report after our class secretary's 'sales pitches'! I certainly enjoy our little KSC group Sunday chats and look forward to them, unless I get so caught up in work that I forget to turn my phone on! All my sisters are well, thank God, and we constantly commiserate how hard it's been, being unable to physically get together. Last Thanksgiving was the first in almost 25 years that we didn't get together in Boston. Thank God for Zoom calls, but it's still not same as a warm body to hug. Everybody stay well!!" So great to hear from **ANN FLANNERY**, writing from Maine: "Never mind all that wasn't in 2020. I was able to resume my annual boatbuilding class for local youth after our March and April hiatus. With masks and social distancing, we completed and launched our 12-foot work skiff.



Learning boat building from Ann Flannery

We raffled the boat and the proceeds went to a local non-profit that supports keeping the working waterfronts working. Fishing instead of development. Teaching the kids and watching them develop skills and learn cooperation and teamwork is truly rewarding. A new group of kids has started our 2021 boat." Also, on the east coast, **DARNELL CARR NEWSUM** sends "Greetings from Brooklyn, NY. This year has been pretty much consumed with managing COVID-19. In the early days of the pandemic, NY was the epicenter and COVID stopped by our home early on. Fortunately, we are better, but it has been a process. Thank goodness for online groceries and incredible family, friends and neighbors! It's been a good time to reflect on what is important, including life's next chapters (and I hope I have something notable to share for our next newsletter). I have appreciated keeping up with classmates on social media and via phone calls. I was hoping to have learned some new skill during 'Life in the Time of COVID' but instead worked steadily to refine my cooking skills, since it has not been the best of times to go out. I am proud to note that I am now expert at roasting a chicken! So, looking forward to celebrating our 50th reunion—it truly is hard to believe we are close to that milestone. Wishing good health to everyone. Please take care and stay safe." All the way from Portugal, **ANA PALMEIRIM** writes: "The year 2020 started well with a surprise birthday party in January for my 65th birthday, the first since the one in 1973 when I was at Kingswood. Tricked by my sons, I walked into a room full of family and friends. Then, like the rest of the world, the months that followed were mostly spent at home and worrying about the spread of COVID. Although it didn't hit my close family hard, my two sons did get it,

but they were mostly asymptomatic. Portugal did reasonably well during the first wave, and summer resembled a faint washed-out version of normalcy. However, the fall months were worse and the post-Christmas surge devastating. Among the few good things has been the reconnection with distant friends online, such as my Kingswood friends. And, as a belated birthday present in 2021, overshadowing even last year's fabulous surprise party, was the arrival on 27th January at 1:50 GMT of my first grandchild, a beautiful baby boy, bringing with him hope for better days!" A short and sweet note from

CAPRICE WILSON BAUN: "I/we have three grandchildren (ages one, two and four.) Everything is slow but fine. Boring but lots of reading."



Caprice Wilson Baun and (lookalike!) daughter Wellesley

News from **LOIS BRYANT** is also brief, but definitely big! "My big news of 2020: my daughter Rebecca got married in July. I continue to maintain my art studio—please visit www.LoisBryantStudio.com." Claiming that she's not certain if she felt "inspired or shamed into writing" [ha!], **SUZANNE HOUGHTEN KNOX** says: "Welcome all to Medicare! I hope everyone had an easier time navigating all the intricacies of the program. Despite watching videos, reading explanations and getting the advice of my husband and one of his partners, I still erroneously signed up for Part B and started receiving astronomical monthly bills. Fortunately, it was easier to unwind than to figure out how to enroll. Leave

it to the federal government to give one a simple explanation. I had the same dilemma trying to figure out the PPP loan program for my business during our lockdown. Thanks to COVID, I am developing permanent lines on my cheeks from wearing the N95 mask. Wish the pandemic could have occurred when I still had some collagen. In January, I received my second dose of the vaccine. We are expecting our first grandchild at the beginning of March, a boy. Unfortunately, COVID will prevent us from holding him for some time as my son and his wife reside in CA and we are in CT. Our daughter, Lydia, is a meteorologist with CNY Central in Syracuse, NY and does the 6:00, 10:00, and 11:00 news if anyone cares to livestream her. A recommendation for golf enthusiasts—Whistling Straits on Lake Michigan in WI. We escaped there for a few days last summer before the state experienced their surge of the virus. For now, we are enjoying skiing in VT." **CHRISTINE HILL HALLER** sent in this update: "As some of my KSC friends know, my husband died from pancreatic cancer in 2017. Not long after, I uprooted myself from Chicago (been there since 1973) and moved to Dallas where both my daughters are located.



Christine Hill Haller celebrates turning 65 with daughters Kim and Lindsay

A drastic change, but it gave me the motivation I needed to get a part-time job at Ballard Designs, join a widows' support group, and explore my new city. Of course, COVID threw a wrench into my life as it did for all of us. I took advantage of being off work and got a knee replacement once elective surgeries were allowed. I'm so looking forward to working again, seeing people without masks, and travelling! I stay in touch with **LORIE NEIMAN KESSLER**, **ANNE HALL LECLAIR**, and **PAIGE**

JONES. Wishing everyone a healthy year ahead!" Speaking of Paige Jones, she insists she has "absolutely ZERO" to contribute, but we are all glad to have reconnected with her a few years ago nonetheless! "My life is as dull as dishwater (as my dear mom used to say!), being made up of drinking coffee over the Dallas Morning News, reading, coloring, watching HGTV and playing with my cat, Sammy. I share my bubble with my wonderful 82-year-old neighbor, Helen, who has five indoor cats—between my Sammy and her five, they provide endless entertainment! And oh yes, I have HOPE once again in my life with our new residents of the White House." Speaking as an educator during the time of COVID, **SARAH ELLIS JACKSON** writes: "As a teacher of technology for primary grades, the past 10 have been a real learning adventure. I am truly amazed by the ability of five-year-olds to be able to grasp how to do all the tricks on a computer. My daughter, also a teacher (English as a second language) in San Francisco to adults in the US on education visas, had to resort to all remote teaching last March. The silver lining: she could teach from anywhere! That 'anywhere' turned out to be our house! So much fun having her family here with us from last May to this January. Also, she finished her master's degree, so we celebrated that. Her daughter turned three here. So, we celebrated that. Her health insurance only pays in California, so they had to go back for her to deliver her baby, due in March. My retired husband is building a race car replica from a Factory 5 kit, called the Daytona. He is at the point where he can start painting. It's a pretty darned amazing project. This is his second car build: he and my son also completed a Cobra roadster. Hoping in May to return to California for the graduation of my nephew, Nick, as a doctor of physical therapy. Billy and wife will come from England for that as well. Should be a great family reunion for us. If we can do it. Always look forward to coming back to campus and I am a big fan of helping with renovations--last time I was there, I could see parts of campus needed some touch ups. It is a magnificent campus. I am all for helping with the maintenance. Counting blessings."

DEY YOUNG admits that "This last year has been such a strange, isolating time, but at the same time it has brought forth a lot of self- and health-reflection and a time to focus on

gratitude, beginning with my daughter Shane, who is living in Portland, Oregon and is in graduate school for psychology. It was difficult not being able to spend the holidays together, given all the travel restrictions. Very grateful for my partner, Hugo, and the life we have created here in LA. We have taken up chess and he loves to cook, so I'm the beneficiary of amazing meals!! Our Westie, Gracie, brings great joy and laughter to our lives. During this time with so many creative outlets shut down, I brought my sculpture studio home. I created two pieces during COVID, both bronzes. The first was very inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement and also my time in Haiti in the late '80s, when I made a movie there—both times of social and political unrest. I named her 'Josephine and the Songbird' after Empress Josephine, first wife of Napoleon. The bird—a songbird, a white dove, sitting on her shoulder, traditionally the bird of Peace, sings for equality. The second piece is 'The Couple' and it came out of this time when hugs and embraces from friends and family are now hard to come by and came so easily without consideration in years past. As an actress, despite the restrictions I continued working. I shot a few commercials and I have just joined the cast of the star-studded 'Untitled David O. Russell' movie—filming begins in February. I know very little about the script or my role because everything is very secretive BUT I'm so excited and grateful to be working with such amazing talent. I do miss traveling and exploring new places and seeing and hugging dear friends and family ... which brings me to my last photo of **DAVID STRICKLAND** and myself skiing with **MIKE PHILLIPS** and family last February.



David Strickland, Dey Young, Mike Phillips

We are having an after-ski cocktail at Mike and Barb's new Blue Sky Luxury Resort in Park City, Utah, a must visit Auberge destination! We missed **CINDY MAY** and **AMY MATHAEI** this year. It was my last trip since the onset of COVID-19. Sending love and good health to fellow classmates." Thoughts from **SARAH BEARUP-NEAL**: "My husband, Rod, jokes that we've been in training for lockdown and pandemic hibernation for decades. He and I lead home-centric lives; so, in many ways, our lives here tick on as they have despite the public health crisis roiling beyond our front door. Having said that, the last year has been one of upheaval and learning how to roll with it. Never before have I been so focused on, humbled by and cognizant of the things for which I feel deep and abiding gratitude: First, my work curating and managing exhibitions for the Glen Arbor Arts Center [Leelanau County, Michigan], through some miracle, continues. I work in the arts and remain fully employed, which should be an oxymoron. I could not be more grateful for the gift of creative work, and to be given the chance to engage other people in the life-affirming nature of making, and giving ideas material form. Second, my home is a safe and loving place of shelter and comfort, and much dog hair; there are two big dogs. Third, in the last year I've tried to read, write and think more without the aid of the Internet because the Internet is eating my brain. And have begun to make lists of people and places I want to visit when it seems sensible to do so. Mostly, I want to make the hajj to Cranbrook so I can touch base at the place where so much of what constitutes my life started 50 years ago." **GAIL DIETRICH JAGELS** took pity on your class secretary, "in an effort to save your delicate knees from further abuse, I will wrack my numb and delicate brain for some, any, newsworthy tidbits of the year: Sister Carol Dietrich '74 and Jim Franchek '74 drove their Airstream trailer across the country last February/March. During the California part of the visit, we were having a grand ol' time showing them the sights, taking in the beach, mountains and desert when the governor issued a "shelter in place" order. Well, what else could we do but hang out in Palm Springs week after week, suffering the blue skies and desert breezes! Hiking, biking and barbecuing were the daily routine. Thanks to the internet, Carol and Jim

found (and purchased!) their dream house in Ludington, Michigan (while quarantining in California), during the pandemic. They have since completed the move to the 'third coast' and are loving it. Cousin Debbie Dietrich '72 and I keep in contact as her daughter Kelsey (also a Woodie) lives and works in Southern California. My dad passed away in 2019, but Debbie, Kelsey, Carol and Jim all made it out to Palm Springs to celebrate his 100th birthday just three months before his passing. What a nice memory. Our daughter is engaged, but plans have been delayed due to the pandemic. One son is married and became parent to a second son in early February. Our other son plays a fabulous Santa, and the two-year-old grandsons were indeed impressed, especially when Santa gave him a set of four Ninja Turtles, complete with their plastic weapons. I got my first vaccination at the end of January, which I guess signaled the beginning of the ending of the pandemic. That will be a welcome relief, of course, but thanks again to the Internet. I've enjoyed learning new skills and listening to lectures. What a way to crash into retirement! Take care all." **NANCY ALBERT** leaves us with a lovely wish: "As many of you know, Tina had been like a sister to me since we first met in 7th grade. I want to thank many classmates who reached out to me after her passing. Your thoughtfulness has meant so much. Our futures reunions and class celebrations will be different without Tina's generosity of sharing her house as 'Reunion HQ.' In her honor, I hope that classmates who may not have attended reunions in the past will consider coming to upcoming events." As for **LUCY CHASE WILLIAMS**, she's been doing—and not doing—many of the same kind of things as all of you. Toughest "not doing": visiting two wonderful great-nieces born in 2020—Violet June Seitz and Eden Grace Bass. Video chats are no substitute for squeezing stuffings out. Silliest "doing": building re-issue kits of the Universal monsters models we had so much fun gluing together and painting in the 1960s. Thankfully, Gibby and I remain healthy, and we determined to remain optimistic about the future ... And speaking of "upcoming events," 2023 will be the Class of 1973's 50th reunion! We expect to pull out all the stops, so mark your calendars NOW. In the meantime, it was last spring that we were all eagerly anticipating gathering on campus in

the autumn to celebrate turning 65, repeating the enormous success of our "60th Birthday Bash" in 2015. Your hospitality team has been in discussions, and we feel there is still a 10% chance that our "65th Birthday Bash" may be rescheduled for fall 2021. This issue of Tradition will be the only one published prior to that time, so IF IF IF "things" improve, there will be email blasts containing all the information. And if we don't celebrate turning 65 when we're actually 66, there's always 67! Stay safe. Stay strong. Be patient. Be kind.

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In reading through these notes, and other classes' I suspect, the theme of adjusting to and coping with the pandemic is prevalent, and with it a hopeful determination to make the most of what we have and what we can offer. **LINDA ESCH** writes that during the lockdown, she switched to over-the-phone long-term care nursing assessments, and in the process learned to use wireless earbuds. She has recently resumed in person visits, and is hoping for COVID-19 vaccination assignments. She continues to enjoy needlework and crafting. **DEBBY KANTER KLAUS** offers the following first ever notes submission! My year: I had two successful hip replacements at the end of 2019, rehabbing all through the start of 2020, went back to work full time 6 weeks before COVID shut it all down. I have transitioned in my work life, and became an LCSW-C with a thriving private practice that is now all completely telehealth. I am grateful to have a steady income at this time, and honored to help the people who share their stories. Nature has been rejuvenating at this difficult time, and I am so thankful that I can again hike, and continue to bike ride. In fact, I had the pleasure of a short hike at the beginning of COVID with **KATY IRWIN**! Our family camped in the west every summer, and my husband and I have continued that tradition with a "grown-up" fully decked teardrop camper that has also been a "safe respite" whenever we can get away and find a quiet place. I am enjoying visually reconnecting

with people on Facebook and hope everyone is making it through with their health and well-being. **MELINDA LINDQUIST** lives near Boston with husband Parkman. She recently joined a startup making a degradable replacement for plastic, following a career in healthcare. Oldest daughter Emily and her new husband returned to Boston in July after a spring treating COVID-19 in NYC as they completed medical residencies. They expect a baby daughter – Mel's first grandchild in March—so look forward! Younger daughter, Caroline, is a public defense attorney, recently engaged, also now in Boston. Come visit us when the coast is clear.

CARLA WRIGHT I am still in Milwaukee and yes still practicing medicine, caring for elders that are both physically and many of them cognitively challenged. This has been somewhat difficult in this current COVID-19 pandemic. So, I have been keeping my head down, and my gloves, gown and masks on. I do also use telemedicine when I can. I have been in contact with **CHERYL DANLEY** pretty much ongoing since January 2020, and **KAREN MCCREE HARVEY** off and on including just yesterday. Both are doing well. Please keep me in the loop as always. A shout out to **BEKI DORMAN**, and **MONICA URBAN**; I would like to know what you are up to. **HOLLY MCCOLLUM PAIGE** writes from Portland, OR: 2020 was challenging but my husband and I were able to hang on to our business, and we have done everything we can to stay safe. So far, so good. One of the things I was grateful for in 2020 was Zoom, because it allowed me to work with clients, as well as stay in touch with friends and family. I've used video conferencing technology to re-connect with Lucy Chase Williams '73, **ANNE BAGAMERY**, **JOYCE WHEATON LANDER** and **LORIE FIESELLEMAN DIETZ**, rekindling old friendships and launching new ones. **MADDY MARASCIULO** tells us she doesn't have much to add since our last update except that "it was a really rotten year and I hated every minute of not being able to travel and spend time with friends. Zoom helped a lot but it doesn't replace a hug. I did drive from North Carolina to Austin, Texas to visit my daughters in Austin for a few weeks and that was the highlight of my year. Happy New Year. **CARINA STOVER** writes: My husband, Spike, and I have been living in

Madison, Wisconsin for the past three years after moving from South Korea. This is essentially one of our few stints in the US in almost 40 years. 2020 started with us both traveling. I was in Thailand and Spike was in India and we got back to the US just as COVID took off. Luckily, we are both well and staying away from it so far. My dreams for 2021 are that we finally get a handle on the COVID vaccine, we get past the Presidential election and find normal again, and that we all can travel again. A big virtual hug to everyone. **JENNY SQIBB ARMSTRONG** has moved to Magnolia, Texas to be closer to grandkids—she and her husband now have 11! She writes that life is “nice and slow” and she is enjoying retirement. **DIANA SHARER** reports “I am retired, and live in my home in The Villages, Florida about eight months a year. I spend the summers in Bloomfield Township. The best thing about 2020 was my son, Dan Chichester CK '08, got married. Thanks to COVID, there were 10 of us by the Quarton Lake falls. In the past few months, have been delighted to visit with **KATY IRWIN** and **LORIE FIESSELMANN DIETZ**. I am playing a lot of golf and pickleball, as well as bicycling frequently. It is a pleasure to walk the beautiful Cranbrook grounds when I am in Michigan.” **SALLY CARPENTER KERR** shares her upbeat news, “Several fabulous events happened in my life since we last shared our Tradition news. Foremost, Lillian Avery Freund, our third grandchild by Lauren '01, was born Dec. 20, 2019 and life is sweeter with her in it! We are fortunate that we live nearby and have such a close relationship with the Freuds! Another wonderful thing was due to the pandemic; we spent weeks with Avery '03 and her family from Chicago. Ian kept his boat on Pentwater Lake and we had some epic sunset sails with Gracie Gordon, age 3, at the wheel. We celebrated my dad's (Glenn Carpenter '44) 94th birthday in the backyard of the house I grew up in (with my mom and brother Jim '76). Time spent with family was our scene this year! Garden therapy helped focus my energy in the summer and lately I've returned to weaving. Lastly, I learned how much I like to get rid of things, not do errands, cook creatively and love living with Hugh '73 by my side. Life is good!” **GAYLE STERN EUBANKS** also has wisdom to share, “Over this last year, I've learned the value of being

with people even if it's over a screen. I've learned how to teach Pilates virtually either via Zoom or FaceTime. I must say I really appreciate when I'm able to be with people in person. I hang out with my 4-year-old grandson on FaceTime and read him stories at bedtime whenever I can. I'm so happy that my daughter Emily will finish her hand surgery fellowship and is moving back to our area at the end of July. She'll be with the practice Michigan Surgery Specialists starting in September (If anyone needs a good hand surgeon). She is also expecting twins in the middle of June. I'm hoping for a vaccination soon so I can help her and her family out. Our son Noah who has lived in Berlin for the last 7 years is also expecting a baby with his longtime girlfriend.....I sure wish that vaccine would be more available. They are due in early April. I'm looking forward to a brighter 2021.” **LORIE FIESSELMANN DIETZ** writes, “In the past, it was fun to think about the year 2020 with all its other meanings, “normal” visual acuity and even better, 20/20 hindsight. Who knew in the year 2020 the world would be thrown into a global pandemic and so many routine and not so routine activities would change dramatically. Through it all, we are grateful for the health and safety of our family. We spent even more time outdoors, riding bicycles, kayaking and enjoying the lake. As long as the weather permitted, we enjoyed almost every meal outdoors. We also recognized that we are incredibly fortunate to quarantine in a safe and beautiful location. With retirement came more opportunities to volunteer. Gary and I have packed food at the local food pantry, and repaired and cleaned over fifty donated bikes at Free Bikes for Kids. Gary has done dozens of astronomy presentations for libraries and community parks & rec programs via Zoom instead of outdoors in a dark field with his telescope. I am helping the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network with their member and donor management system so they can continue to serve the food security needs of Detroit. (Hat tip to **CHERYL DANLEY** for making that connection!) While we had hoped to travel more in 2020, we managed a few trips. We found that traveling in a rented motorhome met our own COVID safety requirements. (In other words, no hotels, no restaurants, limited to outdoor activities and the only indoor task not in the

RV was grocery shopping.) We drove over 7,000 miles visiting the Dakotas, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Florida and places in between. We enjoyed a sunset kayak on the Mississippi, observed the conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter on a beach in Florida, rode over 300 miles on rail-to-trails and hiked many miles in the National Parks we visited along the way. We expect 2021 to be a very exciting year. Karin Dietz Gearhart '05 and husband, Nate, are expecting a baby in May. In July, David Dietz '09 and Kelsey will be married on a beach in Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore. Nate and David will graduate with new degrees. Gary and I plan to travel as much as possible around those important dates while maintaining our volunteering schedules and grandbaby duties! Sending best wishes to my Woodie classmates and their families. Hoping for a healthy, happy and safe 2021.” **LESLIE PETERSEN PRICE** writes that her family has been directly affected by COVID-19, her 94-year-old parents had hospital stays in the fall, as did her brother, who is experiencing residual effects and is participating in a University of Michigan study on the aftermaths of the virus. She had to suspend her hospital volunteer work in Emergency on March 12, when she was confronted with a system not yet prepared to handle the risk. She has since resumed volunteering, but elsewhere in the hospital. “Before we really even knew about the virus in January, I adopted my now 11-year old, 17-pound ginger cat that was named Hobbes. He's been a fun buddy to have during all this quarantining. My two granddaughters, Alex Ramos (2030) in Senior Kindergarten and Sam Ramos (2027) in third grade have been in school since coming back from Spring Break in April. I'm so grateful that Cranbrook has been cautious and thorough and is therefore able to keep them in attendance with saliva testing, even smaller class sizes, and no bus riding. I hope all my classmates and their families are well. Let's all be kind to one another to get us through this craziness.” **KATY IRWIN** writes that despite the tumult of - restrictions, she and her husband have found solace outside their new home in Maryland, including the many bike trails and paddling routes on the Potomac (that recalls Lodestar trips in high school). Strolling with her family through the Japanese garden behind Kingswood and connecting with KSC classmates have also been calming.

In response to the pandemic, she figured out how to convert a traditional, in-person preventive medical residency program into virtual format, has lectured on COVID at local universities, and continues to celebrate the wonders of telehealth. Your class secretary, **JOYCE WHEATON LANDER** feels fortunate that my family has endured the pandemic with grace, and my mother, JoAnne Wonnberger Wheaton '48, survived her mild case last fall. As the lockdown began in earnest, I was gifted a new outlet for my sewing/crafting—news of an expected grandchild! Betty Lander arrived on September 11, and Larry and I drove cautiously to San Francisco to meet her in late October. We had perfected our pandemic car trip protocol (all meals from the coolers in the car, minimum overnights, highway rest stops vs. gas stations) driving to and from Michigan, where we were able to work (Larry) and sew (Joyce) in beautiful semi-seclusion. Although our social calendar was severely restricted, we managed to have distanced visits with **SALLY CARPENTER KERR** and Hugh Kerr CS '73, and then with **LORIE FIESELLEMAN DIETZ** and Gary. As a solution to pandemic restrictions, we enjoyed many socially distanced picnics with my sister, Polly Jo Wheaton Kemler '77 and her husband, Jamie. With my other sister, Jill Wheaton Martin '72, stuck at her home in New Hampshire, we started a weekly Sister Art Zoom session, and have continued it since. I value the ability to keep up with classmates on social media, and look forward to more posts!

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Greetings, classmates! I hope you and yours are staying healthy, and doing as well as possible during these difficult times. As I write these notes, the COVID pandemic rages on, and the vaccination process remains in its early stages; by the time you read these notes, I hope that that process is far along, and that most (if not all) of us will finally be protected—and beginning to resume some semblance of normalcy in our daily lives.

Whatever that may be ... Also at the time of this writing, plans are still underway for us to celebrate our 45th + 1 class reunion in June, at least in some form or manner. Hold open the weekend of June 11-13, 2021, and stay tuned for further information (if you have not received it already)! And while we are on the subject of reunion, I am pleased to report that the Cranbrook and Kingswood Class of 1975 really came through with a 45th reunion class gift last spring/summer! We exceeded our class goal. My personal thanks to everyone who participated; I know that the Schools greatly appreciated our collective generosity. Since we have not published any C'75 Class Notes for quite a while, this set contains information received over an extended period of time. So, if anything seems a little dated to any of you, it very well may be; in these unusual times, currency and timeliness are not prerequisites for class notes. First, some sad news to report...many of you are already aware, but for those of you who may not yet know, we lost two of our classmates in 2020: **JACK KASPERS** passed away in January, and **MARK OKSTER** passed away in August. Some of you shared fond memories of both Jack and Mark when the news broke for each of them. We will continue to share our memories at our next reunion, where we will remember both Jack and Mark, as well as our other classmates who are no longer with us. (Far too many...) **JON KOTTLER** reported—pre-pandemic—that he had dinner with **MARK KOGAN** and **NEAL MOZEN**, and coincidentally Carol Segal Zieck '75 was at the same restaurant with her family.



Neal Mozen, Carol Segal Zieck, Jon Kottler and Mark Kogan

"We had a grand time catching up," and everyone is looking forward to the next reunion! **TOM LYNN** reported that he was on sabbatical in the fall 2020 semester but taught the second half of spring 2020 semester via Zoom. "It's certainly better than nothing, but with large classes, I felt that much of my connection to my students evaporated." **GREGG LEION** and his wife relocated from Maui to Central Oregon the winter before last (2019) after more than five years "in the middle of the pond. A huge change but variety is indeed a great thing. Somewhat ironically, a major reason for our move was to be closer to our family. We at least have been able to have a few socially distanced 'curbside' and backyard visits with family since the pandemic, but it's obviously not what any of us anticipated." Gregg reported that his daughter is a newly minted RN and started her first job—in the middle of the pandemic—working in the same hospital that she was born in. "She is loving her job and dealing with the challenges in a way that continues to amaze me. We're looking forward to being able to see more of her later this year if things hopefully improve."

ARTHUR FERRELL voiced what many of us have been thinking about 2020: "To say that this has been an incredibly challenging year would be an understatement." Arthur reported that just before the pandemic, his mother passed, "leaving our family the incredible legacy of her 93 years of life." (Our condolences, Arthur...) But on a positive note, Arthur began a new job last September as the Vice President of Human Resources with the Perot Museum of Nature and Science. And at the beginning of 2021, Arthur's son, Khari, announced his engagement to be married, so "this year is already budding with hope and promise!" **DON RODIE** reported that, as a commercial real estate broker representing tenants leasing office space, the past year has been "pretty dismal. But that didn't slow my wife Susie or me down at all." They went diving in Little Cayman before COVID really took off; after that, they stayed active hiking, working out in the park, taking their 18-month-old granddaughter for walks and getting take-out during the lockdown to support all their favorite restaurants. "We do everything and go everywhere with our awesome dog, Harry. Everybody loves Harry everywhere we go." Don and Susie summered in Whitefish,

MT, and bought a great house on Whitefish Lake; "it came with a boat slip so naturally, we had to buy a boat too."



Don and Susie Rodie

Don enjoys working remotely from Whitefish. "Phoenix in the winter is a glorious escape from the sub-zero Montana temps, snow and ice. Whitefish in the summer is a glorious escape from the relentless, Arizona 110–115 degree days." Don reported that his son, stepson, stepdaughter, and their respective spouses/significant others are all doing well, and everyone remains employed despite the pandemic. **BILL POWELL** reported that he "continues to work remotely for the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio in Cleveland as Canon to the Ordinary in what continues to be a challenging time for churches. We look forward to when we can regather in person." But Bill did provide some exciting family news, on two separate fronts: first, Bill announced the birth of his 5th grandchild, Luke, to daughter Cameron and her husband, Wes, joining big brother Davis (2). Bill and his wife, Sandra, have three other granddaughters: Lilah (8), Weezie (4) and Milly (18 months). Bill also reported that his daughter, Whitney, is engaged to Andy Holmes '10, although their wedding had to be postponed due to the pandemic. (Congratulations on both, Bill!) Bill said that "we were fortunate to have our extended family "merge bubbles" for a week in Michigan last summer, but other than that, we have kept to ourselves." During that Michigan trip, Bill visited with **DENIS CASH** in Charlevoix. Bill is looking forward to gathering with classmates again at Reunion this June; his uncle, Harley Warner, C '50, "is planning to travel from California for a do-over of his 70th!"



A socially distant "100" Reunion photo, taken June 2020- pictured left to right, Bob Powell '75 (45 years), Andy Holmes, '10 (10 years), Denie Cash '75 (45 years)

I had a good conversation recently with **NORM FILL**; we spoke a bit about Jack and Mark, as well as life in general. I also talk periodically with **ROGER SILVERSTEIN**; whenever I speak with Roger, I always learn something interesting about some up-and-coming musicians, or the music scene in Detroit (although lately...well, you know). For any of you who would prefer to call in your class notes instead of writing them out—or just catch up, that's good too! I invite you to call in (my phone numbers are below). As for your humble secretary, my wife Susan and I remain hunkered down here in Tampa, FL, which—all things considered—is not a bad place to have to hunker during a pandemic! At least we have the chance to continue (non-winter-related) outdoor activities, all year long. And the performance of our local professional sports teams over the past year has been a welcome diversion, despite our being unable to attend any games—or championship parades—in person. Daughters, Sherri Berger '01 and Tracy Berger '03, and their respective husbands, remain healthy and employed, which seems to be the baseline metric for determining how anyone is doing these days...everything else is a bonus! Of course, our visits with them lately have been few and far-between; but we are looking forward to seeing them more frequently once we get vaccinated. We took in a stray dog just before the pandemic began, and when extended efforts to find her (prior) owners proved unsuccessful, made her a permanent member of the family; Stella has been a welcome addition, especially while we have been stuck at home. I am still practicing commercial real estate law, although I am starting to phase the work out and phase into retirement; among other things, I'm focusing more time and energy on volunteer work with several non-profits. I'm also working on my

drum chops; when the pandemic ends and my bands finally start getting gigs again, I'll be ready to play! Until next issue: Aim High, keep your class notes coming, and I hope to see you—whether in person or virtually—at our Reunion in June!

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It's February and I have just returned from a cross country ski outing. I feel great after getting some fresh air and sunshine. No mask! It has been at least two years since we have had good snow for more than one day. What else can we expect after almost a year of social distancing and stay at home restrictions. I have been doing lots of reading, cooking, knitting and am able to watch my niece ski on TV. Hailey Swirbul is on the US Cross Country Ski Team and has competed in World Cup races in Europe with Switzerland as her home base. No more races in North America as crossing back and forth over the Atlantic is prohibited this year. Not allowing spectators at events has really hurt a sports enthusiast like me! **SUZANNE TAICHERT** reports, "I've continued playing the piano and Celtic harp, as well as some singing with a Methodist church." Most of Suzanne's Celtic gigs have been cancelled but she was able to record a video on e-Solid Grounds. She is still able to teach piano lessons online. Suzanne is looking forward to 2021 and some kind of normalcy. Thank goodness for her music! Take care to all classmates and do drop me a line whenever you feel like it, for more words from the Swirbs.

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Well, it's been a year since you've heard from us, and what a year ... I won't even get started ... So, how 'bout we get started with **BOB**

GRANADIER who writes: "The C'Brook Class of '76 had a nice turnout at the 35th Michigan Medical School reunion.



Jon Weiss, Rick Watnick and Bob Granadier sharing a moment at the 35th Michigan Medical school reunion

Also, in attendance was **JIM CARPENTER**. I know, who'd have thunk it! [Who'd have thunk U of M had become so desperate—that's a pretty motley crew!]



Jim Carpenter and family

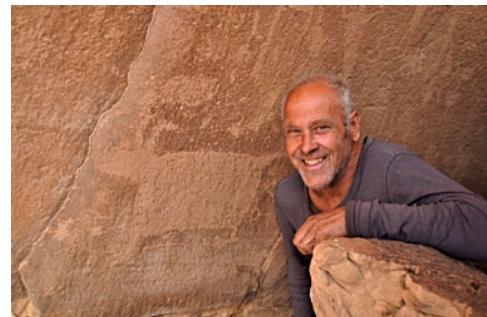
It was great to hear from old friend **CARL CUTLER**: "I spend most of the year at John's Island in Vero Beach, FL. Good buddy **WADE MEZEY** (and wife Sally) closed on a place there in February. The 'fun' continues. [I better alert the Vero Cops—those two have been up to no good for about 45 years].



Wade Mezey promoting C'Brook Sports wear, and Carl Cutler

I retired about seven years ago and after my divorce, I bought a place here in Vero. I spend eight months here and the balance in Philadelphia, with a month in Bermuda. My brother, **BILL CUTLER** '74, lives in Boulder, CO and is winding down his working life. Spends a ton of time skiing, fishing, golfing, etc. He stays in touch with a bunch of C'Brook guys, although not sure he comes back for any reunions." Carl comes up to play golf with Wade at Bloomfield CC, so we'll have to coax him back around reunion time with a promise of 36 holes! Another old soccer buddy **BOB WILSON** thought he could evade Class Notes—no such luck! "Hi, guys. Hope you are well. I'm sorry that it looks like we won't be able to get together on the Quad this year for our 45th reunion. Maybe the Alumni Office will put together a virtual party! In any case, since my retirement in 2014 from my law practice in the Bloomfield Hills Office of Butzel Long, I've been spending more time working on a variety of committees and projects at Cranbrook. It's been rewarding—something like a second Cranbrook education. I am on the Board of Governors of the Cranbrook Academy of Art and Cranbrook Art Museum, and serve on the Board of Trustees for the CEC as a whole. My wife, Sandy, is a Trustee and the current chair of the Board of Trustees Advancement Committee. I have also been involved with the Cranbrook Center for Collections and Research, a relatively new program on campus that has really taken off and deserves exploring: check it out at center.cranbrook.edu. The Center provides entertaining, fascinating and informative online programming about all things Cranbrook, as well as virtual tours of our three historic houses. The Center's online presence has allowed folks from all over the world to learn about and stay in touch with Cranbrook during the pandemic, a genuine silver lining during difficult times. One of the other projects I have been working on has been a task force to plan and raise funds for a permanent, state-of-the-art Archives Facility to preserve the many legacies of George and Ellen Booth. This is a very important project for the CEC. If you're interested in learning more about it, please contact our Chief Advancement Officer, Eileen Savage (esavage@cranbrook.edu). On a more personal note, our oldest son, Andrew Wilson '12, is a VP for Citigroup in Singapore. Our

younger son, Michael Wilson '16, who had our classmate, Kai Benjamin Robinson '76, as a teacher at Brookside, is a software engineer for Amazon Web Services in Seattle. Sadly, all our involvement with Cranbrook since last March has been via Zoom. The parties on campus, and in-person contact, have been much missed. It has been a privilege and pleasure to work with Dom DiMarco during his tenure as President—the CEC owes a huge debt to him. Our incoming President, Aimeclaire Roche, is a worthy successor. On a final note, if you haven't had a chance to visit campus lately, check out the drone video Michael put together a few years back at: <https://vimeo.com/174960305>." Good news ... Bob ran out of INK!! I've been trying to drag lifelong friend **DARYL ROMEYN** back to Detroit for about 30 years—guess being a fellow Brookside junior kindergartener wasn't enough of a draw. But he did write in: "A highlight last year was camping in Utah with my brother, Richard Romeyn '71, when we searched out ancient Anasazi rock art."



Daryl Romeyn with a petroglyph panel in Coal Wash Book Cliff

Daryl has been out in Oregon and Washington state for decades, and when he can sneak away from the farming, often packs up his mules/donkeys and goes "Jeremiah Johnson" for several weeks. Let us know when you find the mother lode, Rooker!!! Daryl's sister, Karen Romeyn '74, is out there and keeps a close eye on him—can you say, full-time job?! Speaking of gum on your shoe, another lifelong friend and fellow Brookside junior kindergartener, **CLARK SHULER**, sends news: "Amy and I are just waiting out another gray Michigan winter. Our two recent college graduate daughters are underemployed largely due to the COVID nonsense. The coming of spring will be even more welcome than usual for us. I'm looking forward to getting vaccinated. Surely the nanobots will do no worse of a job controlling my life than I have." I could go on and on

for pages, sharing memories of 14 years at Cranbrook with Clark and Daryl and other unmentionable "Lifers" whose initials are **DICK TAYLOR, SCOTT NEDERLANDER** and **JEFF FAUVER**. Clark was always cutting up—one of the funniest people any of us knew! Especially when he and Scott turned on the bidet on the 1969 Greek Trip and it flooded the place. I will say Clark had some pretty good insight too when things were a little more quiet, occasionally sharing "Harveyisms" from his father. I had a nice talk with **DWIJEN MISRA** recently who writes... "Hi everyone from Michigan. I stay in touch regularly with **DAVID SMITH, JACK TURNER** and **LANCE YOUNG**. Lance came up for my birthday in September and we had a blast. My son, Ben '08, is pursuing his MBA in Connecticut, while daughter, Mary Allison '10, is applying for MBA programs as well. My youngest is finishing up at Michigan. I retired from surgery in 2018, but now have found a new endeavor. I have started working with a scientist in CA on SARS COV-2, it has been rewarding. I studied virology at Michigan for six years before going to medical school. I am single and do date occasionally but have not found any one that could compare to Nancy. **RICK JOSEPH** is at it again making full use of his "Junior Pilot Wings," writing: "Well, that was a year that we would all love to forget, though most of us won't. Fortunately, we are all healthy and gainfully employed. Alex is still at General Dynamics (Land Warfare Division) and enjoying the perks of working for a major defense contractor. She jumped back onto the equestrian circuit for just a couple of weeks this summer and managed to qualify for the National Championships in Kentucky with a couple of high place finishes. Once there, she placed 15th out of 84 riders, not what she wanted, but better than expected after not showing for more than two years. Nick graduated from the Business School at Grand Valley at the end of July with a degree in Finance. Despite it being a lousy time to enter the job market, he managed to land a position with New York Life as a Finance Agent down in their Knoxville, TN office. Heather and I have been spending a lot of time at the Phoenix house during the winter months and even managed to sneak in a family ski trip to Breckenridge a week before COVID closed down the mountain. I'm still flying (pilot) full

schedules on the B787 to Asia and Europe, though it's now 80% cargo and just 20% people. I've also been fortunate in that the ERs I cover, have never been overwhelmed with COVID patients and we always had plenty of PPE." Well, at least some of us don't have failing eyesight yet. It was great to see **JIM KELLOGG** at our 40th reunion, he doesn't look much different! He writes: "I don't remember the last time I updated classmates on my life's whereabouts. I have been in Georgia for 31 years, approximately half of my life, and have been living in a suburb of Atlanta called Vinings [a.k.a. Skid Row] for the past five years. This was the first step to downsizing prior to retirement, when my daughter went off to Texas Christian University. She graduated in the spring of 2020 and is currently doing mission work in Wisconsin prior to her move overseas for three years. Her mother and I, along with our new puppy named Lucy will miss her greatly. Tami, my wife and Delta Flight Attendant of 32 years from Athens, Georgia, celebrated our 25th Anniversary in the Highlands of North Georgia last October. The weather was spectacular! We continue to love traveling and the benefits have allowed us a trip each year to Mexico, along with big sightseeing ventures to Portugal, Spain and Italy these past couple of years.



Jim Kellogg with Tami and Emily Ann

COVID-19 has forced me to exercise regularly and I continue to play golf at least a couple times a week. I am still working for a Canadian Asphalt company that supplies many of the domestic Asphalt Shingle Mfgs. I enjoyed our last reunion get together and look for the next one. I urge all my classmates to stay safe during these tough times. If you ever pass through Georgia, please look me up." I also heard from **JOHN WEISS**: "Sorry, but I don't have a whole lot for you." [unless we count the drug charge, polygamy suit and tax

fraud subpoena]. "A quiet pandemic year at home, managing our dermatology practice through the economic minefield.



John Weiss at his dermatology practice [photo from the movie TEENAGE FRANKENSTEIN]

Fortunately, it has worked out well. We have spent a lot of time focusing on family and friends, socially-distanced or via Zoom, of course. Hope you and your family are staying safe and well and that we get beyond this with everyone doing OK." **TENNEY McGRAW** sends news from Florida [how about sending a crate of Sunshine 10-E!]. He writes: "Happy days indeed! Just continuing to enjoy the Florida life"



Tenney McGraw with "better half" Amy (Guild) McGraw

Tenney and his sisters just celebrated their mom's 90th birthday! I grew up with her as almost a second mom, so here's to many more, Nan! My old Cranbrook Day Camp buddy **JIM CARPENTER** sent in the following: "Thanks for coercing classmates to get something in. I was just at Cranbrook last week—walking the campus brought back

some memories—a few of them were actually good! I am still living in Ann Arbor, practicing orthopedic surgery and sports medicine at University of Michigan. Jenny and I have now been married for 37 years—we are really old. COVID has been a bummer, but after a couple of months of shutdown in March/April, I stepped down from the department chair position so I have some more time on my hands, which is great. We continue to go to Lake Michigan as much as possible in the summer (seems like a long way away right now). My three children (and one grandchild) live within a mile of each other, but they are 2,500 miles away in Seattle. We expect to spend more and more time there. Perhaps I'll find out if there are some Cranbrook connections around that area. Take care." Well, last and certainly least, I heard from **ALLAN MURPHY**, the assistant to the assistant to the assistant to your class secretary, who writes: "All good with Betsy and me, living in Darien, Connecticut and still plugging away in ad sales (Betsy) and commercial real estate (me)" [think Lincoln Logs...]. "Kids CJ and Parker have been all over the place working and studying remotely, but CJ soon headed back to NYC finance world and Parker to Ithaca for her last semester at Cornell before starting a finance job in NYC. Hoping we may have an in-person 45th, back on the hallowed grounds of Cranbrook! Best of health to all!"



Allan Murphy and family

One additional note, classmate **GERRY ZIOLA** passed on back in June of last year. Gerry was the last of the "Ziola brothers Track Team" at Cranbrook. Here's to ya, Gerry...another classmate gone too early. Well, as for me, not much new down here in

Cleveland. Got four daughters and three new granddaughters—hopelessly outnumbered—pretty grim. But the Cleveland Browns are back! We'll be in touch soon on what the heck we're gonna do for a reunion. (Did someone say, party at Lance's?)

Take care everybody.

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It's fair to say that 2020 tested us all. As I read the submissions for this issue, it became obvious to me that the following definition pretty much says it all.

flex/i/bil/i/ty (noun)

- the quality of bending easily without breaking
- willingness to change or compromise
- synonyms: resilience, adaptability

MARTHA YAW KLIBERT exercises in the garage instead of the gym. She and Lee snowshoe instead of going to the ski resorts. They order in instead of going to restaurants, and they stay connected with family and friends through Zoom these days. Of course, travel plans had to be pushed, but in the grand scheme of things, she feels very fortunate. Martha and Lee are also happy to help out as a once a week daycare for their grandson. 2-year-olds are evidently excellent antidotes to COVID boredom! She was able to have her whole family together for the holidays this year, but not without some extra effort. Youngest son, Brian, lives in Savannah. They met up in St. Louis (the halfway point—15 hour drive) and then they all drove back together to Colorado. 18 days later they did it all in reverse! Grandbaby #2 is due to arrive March '21. That happy event, along with a vaccine should pretty much make Martha's 2021! **JENNY JACKS**

SHREVE and husband, Don, are expecting a new grandbaby as well. This will make #4 for them! Sadly, Jenny's 2020 began with the loss of her dear, 94-year-old father on Valentine's Day. As Jenny's Mom is in an assisted living home, the task of clearing out the house and selling it, fell to Jenny—no easy feat ever, but during a pandemic? UGH! In addition, Jenny broke her lower leg in two spots in June,

thanks to a very low blood sugar count. (She is expecting a fancy new insulin pump soon that should help.) Needless to say, Jenny has had to be extraordinarily cautious. She readily admits that she finds it difficult not seeing her children and grandchildren. She is happy to 'see' **STEPHANAE FITZGERALD, ANN DUDLEY BURNS, MARY MINOR, MAYA MAHUE, NANCY HOAGLAND, FAITH KATZER NEMETH** and **GEORGEANNA WELLS** weekly via Zoom. Collectively, these ladies are all wondering about our upcoming 45th reunion. The good news is that **SARAH PARSONS**' mom, Sally is still in Birmingham and willing to host a casual get together. The bad news is that I cannot imagine that reunions will happen this year. (Instead, let's just dream of what a HUGE, FUN event it will be once we all can travel again!) Sarah has kept busy during the pandemic. She spent the summer with her Mom in Charlevoix along with lots of extended family and friends. Her son, David, proposed to his wonderful girlfriend in October at sunrise over Lake Winnipesaukee. They are planning a September 2022 wedding. Her most fabulous news (my editorial comment) is that she is a grandma! Greyson Baker Zackheim was born in November to son, Alex, and his wife, Sydney.



Alex, Sydney and Greyson Zackheim (grandson of Sarah Parsons) on Malibu Beach

Despite the increasing COVID numbers near their Laurel Canyon, CA home, they are happily hunkering down with their adorable baby boy. **JULIE WALTERS RAFFKIND** writes, "Life in Dallas is playing tennis with a mask on, Amazon watch parties with

my kids and lots of Zoom classes where I conquered Dante's Inferno and am moving on to Purgatory, which pretty much sums up my life!" Too Funny! **ANN HARVEY COX** wrote a quick note to let us know that everything with her in Chicago was fine. So-o-o, while many of us are struggling to keep our minds (and bodies) from turning to mush, **MOLLY MILLER JAHN** writes that as of January 4, 2021, she has been formally lent by the University of Wisconsin—Madison, to the US Department of Defense to work on new strategies for humanitarian relief and disaster preparedness. I am filled with admiration at this immense achievement and the possible contribution she might make, to changing the course of life's events. Congratulations, Molly! My husband, Peter, and I have officially relocated to our home in Hillsboro Beach, FL. This was always our plan, but once his office in Manhattan shut down, and Peter realized that he could work remotely, we headed South! Retirement should soon follow. My Christmas miracle this year was that our son and daughter-in-law drove down from Chicago. It had been a year since we had last been together, and my old sentimental self was feeling very sad. We had six wonderful, sundrenched weeks together. The truth is, that if you have to wait out a pandemic, this is a pretty terrific way to do it. With future travel being so uncertain, I just committed to renting a house near Interlochen for the month of September. We're actually looking forward to this big road trip. After 45 years, I can't begin to imagine how things have changed! Thanks to all who wrote in. To those we didn't hear from, no worries. It's hard to come up with "news" when we all have basically been stalled for a year. Here's to a better, safer and more spontaneous 2021!

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Annus Horribilis 2020! Right now (end of January), 2021 isn't looking any better. The world is upside down, spinning backwards and our flux capacitor is malfunctioning. Hopefully there will soon be a temporal shift, the vaccine works, and we can all get back to our normal state of dysfunction. I

know a few of you have had the plague but have fortunately made a full recovery. Okay, enough of COVID. First up, as usual, is **RANDY LAZER**. Randy writes in to say he ran his 25th marathon in November 2019 with a bit of congestive heart failure. He had yet another heart surgery this past June. He thinks he is one of the few people in this world who can use the phrase "after my 7th heart surgery!" He's now running and cycling and trying to regain the fitness level that he had, although it seems the major obstacle, I have to overcome is... being 61!



Randy Lazer after running the Las Vegas Marathon

His jazz/60s/70s violin CD entitled "Amazing Days," should be out when it is once again safe to attend concerts, and that includes some new arrangements of some of the great tunes we used to listen to during our Cranbrook days. He also learned how to play a bit of jazz piano and will record an arrangement of Brubeck's "Take Five" that sounds like something Rachmaninoff would play... if he had been drinking heavily! He had no clue that he would rewrite his book on reversing heart disease five times, for which he has done his best to make it a truly entertaining and humorous read. His personal mission for this effort that's taken many years, is to not have heart disease be the number one killer of our day. He's hoping to complete the very last, final, final edit by the end of February. I also recently heard from **ANDY CRAIG** and his wife, Laura. Andy and Laura are now grandparents! Their son, James, and his wife, Stephanie, had a little girl on September 23rd.



Charlotte Craig, grand-daughter of Andy Craig C'77 and Laura Craig K'78

Her name is Charlotte James Craig. Congratulations to the Craig family! **STEVE SALLEN** wrote in to share some news of his own. Steve says 2020 was a mixed bag for sure, but their family celebrated many wonderful things in last year. First of all, Steve had a very severe case of COVID in March, but with the help of his wife and doctor, he survived and has fully recovered. His oldest daughter, Carolyn Sallen-Thomas, had a baby girl in September. His son, Robert Sallen, had a baby boy in November, and his youngest child, Lauren Sallen, became engaged to be married in September to Dr. Dorin Deitch. So, all-in-all, 2020 treated his family to many blessings. Yes, Congratulations to the Sallen family! As for myself, I'm just trying to keep my sanity during these crazy times. Fortunately, I have pills to mitigate that. The story of my life these days is grocery shopping, physical therapy, lots of TV, repeat. Amazon deliveries now seem like Christmas presents. No COVID shot yet. The only shots I was able to score last year were a flu shot, two shingles shots (one of which gave me a brief fever), Novocain at the dentist, and 40 ccs of baclofen in my pump. Until all of this passes, stay safe everyone! Hopefully, we can attend our 45th in 2022 without masks and social distancing. Our class picture would otherwise be a bit problematic. Until then, Carpe Diem!

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MAGGY BURNES was the first to respond to my request for news for Class Notes. She said she got a laugh out of my request for news during a pandemic. Maggy wrote, "News: lockdown, COVID, stay home, wear a mask, social distancing. That was my 2020." When time passed and no one else responded, I realized how right she was and why people were hesitant to write. So, I sent out a new request asking if my dear classmates would be willing to tell me about the best thing that happened to them in 2020, what they missed about their usual life while living in a pandemic, and what they hoped to do by the end of 2021 (assuming that most of the country gets vaccinated by the fall). That led to many responses. Thank you, Maggy! Without you, we may have had only a short blurb in this issue of Tradition. **DONNA KATZMAN GREENWALL** loves that she and her family have slowed down, cooked and enjoyed their community. The family dogs are very pleased to have DJ and husband, Ephraim, at home more. Last April, children Channi, Sam and Dora visited for a month while DJ, Ephraim, and DJ's mother vacationed in Miami Beach. DJ's goal for 2021 is to find **ANA FANEGO** and arrange a trip to visit Arlyce Seibert. I had the pleasure of visiting DJ for a day in Miami Beach last March where we celebrated our 60th birthdays just before quarantine started. I was also fortunate enough to see her again in January for a lovely outdoor lunch with **CAROL HIMELHOCH** and her Steve, followed by a fun and beautiful drive around the area where my vacation home is.



Carol Himelhoch, Julie Rodecker, Steve Ball, Donna Katzman Greenwall

JULES KNITTEL PIERI reports that she has enjoyed regular Zoom calls with **DONNA STOCKTON, MARTTA TUOMALA, Bee**

Howes '78, Beverly Brown Ruggia '78, and Raquel Villarruel Thueme '79. They share COVID war stories and handicap the political scene. Jules says that she's certain that they would all say that the best thing about 2020 was voting in a new administration, especially seeing the first woman/black/Asian Vice President. She recalls "I will never forget the moment in eighth grade Civics class when the teacher showed us the % of women in various levels of government. I heard a rush in my head and the world stopped. I cannot overstate how devastating that knowledge was, to my young naive heart. It's taken five decades since then, but we are finally seeing representation in our government, for at least our current and future grandchildren."

ALISON PORTER MCADAM says that the best part of this chapter is the gift of slowing down. She found that the very few socially distanced gatherings were particularly satisfying. COVID has made Alison appreciate the many gifts that she has. Also, having access to the outdoors for golf and hiking helped her sanity. Friends, family and good technology were also huge bonuses. Alison especially enjoyed Kevin Adkisson's "Live at 5" virtual tours of Cranbrook. She disengaged from politics and those who were overly zealous about all that was happening in our country. The loss of life, not being able to gather to pay our respects to loved ones, hardship stories, lost jobs, seniors in isolation, navigating home schooling and family illnesses deeply sadden Alison. She is "grateful for excellent health, a happy homelife and a clear calendar to strengthen those areas" of her life and hopes to remember the lessons of a calmer life when this is over so as not to rush to fill up her life.

BETH JACKSON ANCTIL wrote to say that her job which involved weekly travel a year ago has been completely remote since March. Over the summer she had six people working remotely from her home. She found it fun to meet up with everyone over dinner after having been sequestered to their remote corners of the house all day. In the fall, husband, Mike, started to go into work. Daughter, Paige, found an apartment nearby, and son, Sam, returned to college in NYC. Daughter, Rachel, had not been home since they rang in 2020 so when she returned for Thanksgiving, they convinced her to stay for a while. Rachel headed back to CA in February.

Beth says that it has been a blessing to spend time with their adult children. **CAROLYN OHM HOLT** lives on a cul-de-sac where there are only three homes, in a semi-rural area in Star, ID. One day last summer, while retrieving her mail she looked closely at a For Sale sign. The realtor's name was **KELLY EXLINE**. How many Kelly Exline's can there be? Carolyn called the phone number, and it was our Kelly Exline. Kelly came over to say hello the next day. Carolyn thanks Kelly for bringing them wonderful new neighbors. The Holt family was fortunate in 2020 to have good health and continued employment.

CINDY FRENKEL's daughter, Hannah, is a social worker in Ann Arbor and has started her own practice. She remains a delight as do Cindy's Kingswood friendships which have sustained her over the years. Cindy recently had a book of poetry published, *The Plague of the Tender-Hearted*, and she has experienced her "14.5 minutes of fame with various coverage." Get the details at www.cindyfrenkel.com. Cindy was touched that she heard from a number of classmates about her book and is thrilled to report that a few beloved Kingswood friends have offered to throw her book parties. Being homebound during these strange times is something that Cindy doesn't mind. In fact, she wrote a poem entitled "My Beautiful Solitude" about that very topic. It was included in a performance exhibition in Windsor where an actor recited her work. Cindy was paired with a Canadian painter who created a painting based on Cindy's poem. In other news, Cindy is fostering animals and has many paws around her. She continues to teach at Lawrence Tech and is virtually teaching "Creative Writing for Video Gamers" which she designed with the help of faculty. Cindy also has a piece coming out in *Wired* in the near future. **CHRISTINE RAU**'s thoughts about 2020 are that the best things are knowing love, learning the meaning of gratitude, understanding how quickly time passes, making a difference, and making it matter. Chris submitted an adorable photo with her sweet granddaughter, Reese, who painted Chris's mask for her.



Chris Rau and granddaughter Reese

LAURA BRIGGS and husband, Jonathan Knowles, live in Providence, RI where she teaches at Rhode Island School of Design and was the head of the Architecture Department for four years. Laura says she's lucky to have wonderful students who do beautiful, speculative work and research. She and Jonathan have an architectural practice and were recently featured in Dwell magazine regarding a house they completed for wonderful clients and friends from NYC. They are focused on environmentally sensitive projects that make the most of natural settings, are zero energy and create healthy environments. Jonathan's father lives nearby so they see him and other Knowles family members. They've also been able to enjoy visiting the family house in Maine. It has been a challenge to get together with the Briggs family, so they have regular Zoom meetings and text frequently. They hope to have a big family reunion in northern MI in the late summer or early fall. **KERRIE SEIBERT GORAY** wrote to say that as challenging as the pandemic has been it has offered her time to connect with friends, including those from Kingswood. In fact, Kerrie and I met for outdoor coffee when she was in MI to bring her daughter to college. **CATHERINE FAIRLY** was married in October! Congratulations! Cassie considers it a blessing to have a later-in-life opportunity after having been single for over 20 years. She is looking forward to seeing people smile once the mask mandates are lifted. **NANCY KING FERGUSON** is happy to report that husband, Bill, passed his first anniversary with the feeding tube on October 10th which also happened to be the first birthday of their youngest great niece.

Nancy says that watching her grow during the pandemic has brought them great joy and they hope to meet her in person soon. Fortunately, Bill has regained some weight and while happy to take care of him, Nancy is looking forward to when they can have in-home care again to help with the lifting.

KAREN STADLER VAN DUSEN and husband, Gordy, spent much of last year at the family ranch in MT with extended family. They feel very fortunate that they were able to enjoy time there with their children, cousins, aunts and uncles. Sadly, Karen's mother, Joan Patten Stadler '48 died in October, just short of her 90th birthday. Some of Joan's fondest memories were of her years at Kingswood and her closest friends were fellow Woodies. We send you our deepest regrets for your loss, Karen. While **JENNIFER NOLTE STEVENS** and husband, Mark, had to cancel two trips (a safari in Botswana and a scuba/touring trip in Australia), it provided her the opportunity to reconnect with some CK alumni during the CA wildfires. She saw **LISA SCHOENFELD TOUSLEY** in ID, Walker Bagby '77 in MT, and **BRUCE AIKENS '77, ANNIE LOWERY, LESLIE JONES ZELLER**, Leslie's mother, Allison, and Lisa Schoenfeld Tousley, in WY.



Bruce Aikens, Annie Lowery, Allison Jones, Leslie Jones Zeller, Lisa Schoenfeld Tousley, and Jennifer Nolte Stevens

Jennifer and Mark visited five national parks, Yellowstone, Yosemite, Grand Teton, Glacier, and Joshua Tree and took several trips to southern CA to see Jennifer's sister, Suzanne Nolte Saunders '81 and other friends. They were able to take a mini vacation in Palm Springs and enjoyed a summer of social distancing around the pool with cocktails in hand. Now it's time around the fire pit with a few close friends and family. Jennifer hopes that 2021 will bring good health, widespread vaccines and international travel.

JOSEPHINE GORDENKER DUFRESNE

and husband, Jeff, moved into their new home, Pax Domus, about a year ago. Three weeks later, they self-quarantined there. With their free time, they started a mushroom farm on their property with their first stab at Shitake, Lion's Mane and Oyster mushrooms.



Josephine Gordenker DuFresne

Next will be Chanterelles, which Josephine is looking forward to. They intend to sell to local farm-to-table restaurants and local mycologists. Farmer Josephine reports that they are well, including Josephine's mother. The resounding theme from K77 was one of gratitude for good health, family and friends and hopes for a better 2021 for all. Thank you to all who wrote. I love being your class secretary and appreciate your kind words.

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Hats-off and huzzah to our class allied health professionals who have worked so hard last year to keep us from dying. Thank you. **JIM ISAACSON** writes: We've all had a tough year in varying ways, some with death, some with economic woes and more. I'll focus on some positives. We've had the pleasure of having our daughter, Abby, home from Manhattan since March thanks to remote working. She planned on coming home for a week. I shifted to consulting from full-time employment a year ago, but just recently joined one of my client start-ups on a full-time basis. **DAVID SHERMAN** writes: My fifth child at Cranbrook will graduate in June 2021 and I already have five grandchildren

ages one through four with eyes on CK. Lots of Shermans and my wife, **ELLEN JAFFE** '82, are graduates. I'm currently COO of a safety compliance facility in Hazel Park called Steadfast Labs. We test Cannabis for the State of Michigan growers and processors. My daughter will be attending OSU to play lacrosse for the Buckeyes. **DEAN DARIN** writes: I am enjoying life and still working in our family business in charge of retail operations and also do a lot of purchasing. For the last 20 years, I have been traveling to China, Hong Kong, Thailand and Germany working with vendors purchasing furniture, christmas lights and artificial trees. My oldest daughter, Chelsea, a third-grade school teacher, will be getting married on July 24th. Exciting times if we can pull off a large wedding in July. Our fingers are crossed! I enjoy golfing in the summer and still playing hockey in the winter twice a week (although the pandemic has put hockey on hold this winter). My wife thinks I am nuts. **MICHAEL SCHWARTZ** writes: My oldest daughter, who has been teaching in the Boston Public School system since graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2015, is moving down Interstate-90 this fall to start graduate school studies in ESL at the University of Washington in Seattle. My son, who graduated from Indiana University Bloomington in May, is looking to move to Denver to start his employment endeavors at the base of the Rocky Mountains. And my youngest daughter is continuing her studies in retail/consumer science and fashion at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Indeed, she and I had dinner over this past Christmas holiday with fellow classmate **LIZ KANTER**

GROSKIND and her husband, Eric. I took an "early" retirement on December 31 from the national accounting /consulting firm RSM US LLP, where I built up the real estate advisory practice over a nearly twenty-year stint, to start my own Firm, Continental Lease Advisors LLC. At the new "gig," I will continue to serve national real estate owners, lenders and operators of commercial real estate in connection with their lease and financial underwriting as well as operational management issues, and look forward to real estate emerging from COVID hibernation. And speaking of gigs, I continue to play drums for a band here in the Chicago area called Sofa Kings. As COVID put a stop to our public playing in mid-March 2020, we

just booked several 2021 summer festivals in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago with the hopes that the pandemic will subside by then and we can again partake in safe and fun social gatherings with live music! Check us out on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/SOFAKINGLOUD/> Finally, I touched base over New Year's this year with classmate **DAVID GREY**, who as a successful ophthalmologist in Bloomfield Hills, I am hoping will improve our 2020 vision with a farbetter outlook in 2021. Elsewhere we learned that accomplished landscape photographer **STEPHEN DONALDSON** opened his first brick-and-mortar store "Gallery SGD" in Great Barrington, MA.



Stephen Donaldson's Gallery

Stop in for a couple of adequately-sized prints, or a coffee table book when you are in town. **BOB BREEDEN** continues his I ain't afraid-of-no-SARS-CoV-2 aviation tour of the world, reporting in from Georgia, Tennessee and Ohio.



Bob Breeden

ANGUS GOETZ became a grand-daddy, and has relocated to Michigan, joining a new orthopedic practice. **STEPHEN SCHWARTZ**, has been in the skies as well, and posted a parting shot from a week on Isle Royale with his number one son.



Stephen Schwartz's picture of Isle Royale

Are you in touch with any of our "lost" classmates? Please contact the Secretary with details regarding: **STEVEN BIENENFELD, A.D. MILLER, HANS PINKERT, PETER THOMAS, KARRI TOIVENEN, JAMES WILSON**. On a sad note, we lost classmate and varsity golfer **RICHARD TORGERSON** this past year. Jim Isaacson shared that it was a pleasure to be able to speak with Richard several times in the week before he passed, although quite unusual to know any of those 3-4 conversations could be the last.



Richard Torgerson

Richard shared these lyrics by George Harrison in our yearbook: "We were talking about the space between us all And the people who hide themselves behind a wall of illusion Never glimpse the truth Then it's far too late When they pass away Try to realize it's all within yourself No one else can make you change And life flows on within you and without you." Obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/freep/obituary.aspx?n=richard-mallory-torgerson&pid=197104849&fhid=2511>

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MIKE SIMMONS writes that he saw a few friends over the fall and winter including a lot of golf. **MARK RUBENFIRE** hosted a few C'80 friends including **DAN (JAMES?) DWORMAN, CARL BOOKSTEIN** and himself. Had a great time catching up. Also saw **BILL HILL** a few times and played paddle tennis with Jeff Brown often. Glad to say all is well with them and their families. In October, Mike's family's jewelry business in downtown Detroit celebrated 95 years, while sadly his father passed away last month also at the age of 95. He is very proud to continue their legacy and commitment to the city as the third generation owner and happy to announce that his daughter, Megan '12, was recently married and has moved to Bristol, England with her husband. Mike's youngest daughter, Amanda '15, was their officiant. **STEPHEN PARK** says it's safe to say that 2020 was one boring year for him. He plucked his youngest son from NYC in March of last year, and he still hasn't left. Ha. Oldest is working in Boston with commercial real estate. Still in touch with **ADAM PERRIN** and **PHIL SMITH**, both of whom are doing well. Looking forward to the next reunion in 2021. **RUSS BAUER** states that he is surviving the pandemic in Frankfurt, Germany. Russ been working on the USAID/Libya program helping to improve public financial management and private sector development in this transitional N. African country. Prior to Germany's multiple lockdowns and travel restrictions, he was traveling to Tunis, Tunisia on a regular basis where most of the non-Libyan USAID staff are based. He feels that, all tolled, Germany has managed the pandemic better than many other countries so he is grateful to be there and healthy. **MARK RUBENFIRE** says: It is the middle of a pandemic, all he does is work and do Zoom calls with Scott and Rhonda Weinberg. (So true.) I heard from **JOE DIEBOLL** who has been very busy framing art for people who are stuck in their homes staring at their walls during the pandemic. He has also been printing a lot of art. So, the pandemic, after slowing his printing and framing business down in March and April, has actually helped it since then. Joe lives 60 miles out of New York City and many people have been

moving out into their area of Cold Spring, NY after the city was hit hard by the virus. **BILL HILL** sent in that as of last spring, he is Asst. Dean of two divisions within the College of Education at Wayne State University: Administrative and Organizational Studies and Theoretical and Behavioral Foundations. This takes up a lot of his time. For fun he started skiing again (it's been eight years) with his kids Andy and Lauren, in the Poconos, which has been a boatload of fun. (Come on Bill, you were the greatest, shortest, high jumper of our era...skiing?) Bill's son, Andy, and my son, Nic, worked together at GreatMinds.org, a nonprofit school curriculum company. It is always cool to see the kids of our friends become friends. **SCOTT RUTCHIK** notes that it's been a challenging year for all. As of Feb. he received both vaccine injections and looking forward to traveling again, gathering with friends and family and even being able to dine somewhere other than his kitchen! He hopes to be able to have some sort of reunion this year. If not, he pleads come on down to his rockin' metropolis of Niles, MI. As for the **WEINBERGS**, we celebrated the birth of our first granddaughter, Olivia Sloane Kroll, on June 24, 2020. Poppy and Mimi get to spend a lot of time playing with our precious Olivia at our daughter, Danielle Kroll's, house in Bloomfield Hills. My son, Nic, graduated from the University of Michigan in Mathematics and Computer Science and is working at McMaster-Carr near Chicago as a Systems Engineer. He lives with his partner Lindsey, both of whom went to the Rooper school together. Rhonda and I celebrated our 33rd wedding anniversary last October 31. I have been flying my sport light Trike (powered Hang Glider) and loving my new sport of flying!



OD, Bink, Ach and Sarah Aikens Post

KEVIN O'DONNELL, BILL HARVEY, MIKE ACHESON and I had a great time up north at Bink's place in L'arbre Croche last

summer, but missed **GORDON KELLY** and **GREGG BARKER** who were set to fly in from Texas and Colorado, but the pandemic hijacked the plane and their plans. Rescheduled for up north next summer and then attend the reunion!



Scott Weinberg and future Cranbrook and U of M Alum

Speaking of reunion: We are celebrating our last year's 40th reunion with '81's 40th this year on June 11-13, 2021. Everyone try to make it...assuming we can leave our houses!

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BARBARA SIBLEY writes that her crazy year has been also one to be creative and realize what is possible. As of this writing she has donated over 45 thousand meals to frontline hospital workers, nursing homes, soup kitchens and homeless shelters. She had enjoyed doing a few videos and Zoom cooking and cocktail classes. Her kids Alex (17) and Arielle (12) are in hybrid school which changes their schedule daily. She is happy to report that her family is all doing well. **CAROLYN HARTMANN** made some big changes lately. After 30 of years living in Washington, DC, and raising her two amazing kids, she got divorced and moved to Baltimore in 2019. She bought several buildings with the hope of turning

them into an art gallery, activist space and a print studio for her own work. "It's my dream to join together my two passions: art and activism," she notes. Her renovations continue slowly, and we can follow her progress on Instagram: [@NomuNomu](https://instagram.com/_nomu.nomu_?igshid=1f36rc1hkglm) and [@SkarieStudio](https://instagram.com/skariestudio?igshid=1tgbzpreo83e6). Carolyn is hoping to be up running by springtime. In the meantime, she and her team are doing virtual music and art shows and trying to support local artists' residency programs. Carolyn has built several art studios, but has never even remodeled a bathroom before, so she often feels challenged in a new city during the pandemic. "Never a dull moment," she adds. Like many of us, Carolyn has done a lot of Zoom calls with different groups of friends which keeps her "marginally sane." She enjoys our Kingswood calls and hopes for a reunion as soon as it is safe. Carolyn signs off with a greeting to "be well and stay safe everyone." **MOLLY MCRAIN HULL** left her job in North Dakota to return to Alaska to be close to her family and three grandchildren. Her old house was rented out for 8 years and is now in the process of renovation. Molly loves her mountain view and is so glad to be back home! The school district called her back as an EL Case Manager for four schools, where students have been "in school" learning since August. "They have a great COVID mitigation plan for students/faculty. Hope everyone is safe and healthy!"

NATALIE HOFLAND survived five months being homeless due to water damage from a bad roof job. Her silver lining is she have new floors and paint. She also racked up tons of hotel points to use when it is safer to travels. She writes, "During that time I did travel up to Oregon for a week and stayed on the coast for a friend's birthday.



Natalie Hofland and Tina Chase Gilmore

Survived hotel hopping only to come down with shingles then COVID shortly after I moved

back home." She was lucky to have a mild case, so she went to Costa Rica after to take advantage of her immunity once recovering. Natalie is one of many of us who have not seen many friends due to COVID. She stays in touch with **LINDA ROSALIK** who is down in Haiti as a diplomat with the State Department. Linda was up in Harbor skiing with **LINDSEY AIKENS HEFTER, SARAH AIKENS POST** and Susan Aikens Post '78. Natalie saw Regan Stoutermire '80 and **REBECCA ROSENBERG** up in Alameda on their beautiful houseboat on the way to wine country for her birthday. They joined one of the Kingswood Zoom meetings and enjoyed getting back in contact with classmates. Congratulations to Natalie for receiving her doctorate in Educational Leadership, Administration and Policy at Pepperdine with honors in April 2020. She hopes to walk in the ceremony when gatherings can resume. Natalie's celebration had to be virtual and Linda Rosalik, Linda Adams '81, Lindsey Aikens Hefter, Sarah Aikens Post and Susan Aikens Post, were among the many who joined the Zoom organized by Natalie's sister. **JULIE SINGER CHERNOFF** was one of the folks who had to have a dog during the pandemic. Juniper (aka Juni.B.Doodle) arrived in September. "She's a mini Bernedoodle, although 'mini' might be a bit of a misnomer, as she's eight months old and already weighs 40 pounds! But she is the light of our lives."



Julie Singer Chernoff's dog, Juniper

This has been a bizarre and often depressing year, and this dog is proving better than any drug in combatting the blues." Julie thinks that Juni is as close to a grandbaby as they will get for a while! Juni, like a toddler, is alternately calm and crazy, sleeps a lot, and loves to snuggle, but unlike a baby human, she is

going on long walks along Lake Michigan and getting crate trained. The Chernoffs are enjoying her canine company thoroughly. As for me, Sarah, I am still working at Brookside teaching Physical Education in the Early Childhood Center. We are proud Grandparents to Andrew Wagner, son of my daughter Katie Post Wagner '05 and her husband, Drew. Andrew is 2-and-a-half and full of energy. We had him on skis this winter and I was lucky to still be able to get him on and off the chairlift!



Sarah, Katie and Andrew on the chairlift

My son, Robbie Post '08, married his bride, Sara, on Halloween on our back deck. It was a small family service with a renaissance theme. I went crazy decorating with my assistant, **AMY RITTER MURPHY**. We had black lace, bats, loads of twinkle lights, black and white roses, Chinese lanterns and luminaries. We even had a skeleton using the elliptical in a black top hat. The night ended with some dancing and a bonfire under the full moon. In spite of the difficult year, we had many blessings and look forward to many more.

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By the time you read this, many of the things that I'm about to assert will probably have changed, so please take a look at the "Cranbrook/Kingswood 1981" Facebook page or contact me directly to get on the email chain for updates on all things reunion.

That's right. We are currently planning to have our 40th reunion this year. In fact, I will be this year's guest speaker at commencement so I know I'll be there and I'd appreciate seeing a few familiar faces in the crowd. Hopefully, by then, I'll be able to share information about the MARVEL project I'm working on. By the way, it's very possible that there's an interview with me in this very magazine. Anyway, as you recall from previous issues before last year took a turn for the worst, we were planning to team up with the class of 1980 for this year's reunion. Given the shifting sands of fate, I'm not sure if they'll still be able to join us. I'm also not sure if the classes of '80, '81 and '82 will or won't all descend on Cranbrook next year after everybody's got their shots and the world is a little closer to normal. As for me, I'm currently planning to fly in both this year and next. Now on to the notes! Of course, COVID-19 was front of mind with everybody I spoke with for this issue, and everyone has been making their adjustments. **BEN CONNELLY**, who was in town last week to visit his daughter and who graciously made enough time for dinner with yours truly says, "If I knew what day it was, I could tell you how well the pandemic has been going, but the "days are really blurred together." **TIM KELLEY** said it's completely changed his work life.

BILL ALLESEE, who just passed his one-year anniversary working full-time for Detroit Public Television, says, "Joan and I have both been working mainly from home and can't complain. We turned one of our daughter's old bedrooms into an office so we each have our own space to work and do Zoom/Teams meetings. We meet in the kitchen for a mid-morning coffee break and to compare notes on the morning commute." As for work, he says, "I'm still enjoying it." **ERIC MAZURE** has also been feeling the COVID strain. "You haven't seen me post pictures of going out with multiple hotties lately. Each day I wake up thinking, shave today or let it go. I need this to go away so we can all meet for the 40th reunion." I agree completely. I caught up with **JIM WELLS**, who says, "The five of us (Jim, Thekla, Christopher (23), Constantin (19) and Alex (15)) are coping pretty well with COVID. We are lucky that the kids are not so young that it would disturb my working from home. The facility for people with special needs that Christopher attends is open every other week and Consti and Alex do remote learning

from home." Jim had planned a mini-reunion with Tim Kelley and **HENRY WHITING** in Germany, but it was canceled due to COVID restrictions. He says they'll try to meet in a beer garden there in Germany sometime later in 2021. Speaking of Tim Kelley, he's still Head of the International School of Stuttgart. He's been elected to the Board of a leading worldwide consultancy group, the Educational Collaborative of International Schools based in London. And, he says, "We are working to break ground on a 25 million Upper School innovative education facility later this summer." He continues, "School is being reinvented nearly every month, and I am very proud how my colleagues and students continue to be leaders in distance learning, or what we call 'Keep Learning.'" Mazure has also been doing his best to get through the year. His family is attempting to remain vigilant and wear their masks. "When so many have fallen, it's vital that we do our best. Mask up, people!" He continues, "I must say that I am gaining a few extra pounds on top of the extra few I already had. Drastic measures must be taken. I will, again, be starting my walk at Cranbrook during the evenings and during the day on the weekends. I will post times on Facebook but, once the weather breaks, I need to go all in. All are welcome to join." Ben Connelly had a similar experience but has found his own way to stay active. "At the tail end of the summer, I took some sailing classes and hope to someday be able to use the knowledge in the Caribbean." Tim stays active this way, "Family life is occasionally stressful, especially with two teenage boys in need of sports programs that are closed, but we are finding all sorts of creative ways of getting out and enjoying the fresh air. For example, we have all become proficient horseback riders!" As for family life, Ben says, "This is my second year working in a high school (remotely) with kids who need extra support. The technology works, but it is a terrible way to go through high school. My wife and I have one kid out of college and one still in. My daughter graduated last May, and my son is doing a semester at Berklee College of Music from the other bedroom (remotely, of course.)" I think we'll all be happy when we can delete Zoom from our laptops. I've been teaching screenwriting to students of Syracuse University's Newhouse School via Zoom since the quarantine began and I can't wait to

get back into the classroom. Allesee says his girls are also doing well. "Meredith '11 and her boyfriend are moving from Chicago to NYC. They can both work remotely, so they figured they would take advantage of the cheap rents in the city and have a little adventure. So, they signed a year lease on an apartment on the upper west side. They are both very careful about masking and distancing, so we feel pretty comfortable about the move. We are going to miss having them only a few hours away though. Olivia '14 is in her second semester of her MBA at Michigan State University. It's going well. She has even found time to find a boyfriend. The next hurdle is landing an internship for the summer." Jim Wells says that the big change for him has been that "Jan 'sem, sem, sem space" Wells and my Dad are downsizing from an eight-room house to a two-room retirement home and relocating, so my brother Jeff '80 and I are helping a lot with that." Thanks for the "sem space" earworm, Jim. Your mom's voice is in my head every time I make a typo. **INGO RAUTENBERG** replied to my email... probably out of fear that I'd make up a story about him, I don't know, crewing on a friend's Pikes Peak Race to the Clouds team last August. Oh, my bad. That's what he actually did. Ingo has been spending some time at his friend's place in Grand Lake, which was, unfortunately, consumed by the raging wildfires there the following month. Other than that, he says, "My social calendar has indeed been nonexistent." But there's hope. "Luckily, I've been physically at work the whole time, and so I have had social interactions with my coworkers (though it's not the same.)" He concludes that he's looking forward to more normalcy in the coming months. As are we all. Everybody I spoke to left us with hope for The Aftertimes. Connelly shares this, "Our thoughts are with all those of my classmates who are in the medical profession and dealing with COVID-19 on the frontlines. Here's hoping that the next Tradition update brings better news to report. Stay healthy!" Allesee adds, "I'm hoping that the COVID gets under control by June because I'd like to see everyone! Fingers crossed. Mask up and get vaccinated, everyone!" And Mazure brings it home with this, "Has anyone noticed that the biggest problem with wearing a mask is that no one can see you smile? I started a new slogan when you talk with people, point

to your mouth, and say, "I'm smiling." Every little bit helps." One hundred, Maze. Again, please keep your eyes on the Facebook page. This may come down to a game-time decision. As a baseline, plan to gather at a West Bloomfield restaurant on Friday night, take the class pic on the Quad on Saturday afternoon, and then driving over to Deborah Wahl's house to eat and connect. Until then, GO CRANES!

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It's a little mind-blowing to realize that we graduated from Kingswood coming up on 39 years ago. So, I'll just leave that there for everyone to ruminate on and jump into the updates. Though, I will also say I'm very glad that by the time our 40th reunion rolls around, we should be well past the pandemic. If you don't live in the southeastern Michigan area, start planning your trip now! **CAROL HITCHCOCK NICHOLSON** wrote, "I am still living on the east side of Seattle and teaching first grade. This year has been challenging teaching remotely with 6-year-olds, however, kids are incredibly resilient and have learned to adapt—more easily than their teacher! But I still love what I do and I continue working towards my doctorate—a forever student. Enjoyed Christmas 2020 dressing up as Santa and Mrs. Claus with my husband (and dog, Rosa) to deliver presents to children in our area.



Carol Hitchcock Nicholson with her husband, Paul, and dog, Rosa

Paul is retiring this summer and has been trying to convince me to join him. But I'm not quite ready after only 34 years of teaching. Think I will teach for 6 more years to make it to 40! Hoping to connect with **BARB BREEDEN** and **NANCY TORGERSON.**"

JOCELYN COHEN's son graduated from high school and is now a freshman at Stony Brook University. She recently moved from New York back to Michigan and shared that, "In the middle of a pandemic, I escaped from New York. I think a lot of other people had the same idea because it was pretty hairy. Friday after Thanksgiving I went to pick up my U-Haul in Jersey and they sent me from Hoboken to Patterson, after I reserved in Jersey because there wasn't a U-Haul to be found for miles, etc...stuff like that! I had the incredible pleasure to hang out with **DANA ANDERSON BEHLMER** in Clarkston a few days ago, and I'm looking forward to spending more time with old friends perhaps, who can find me on LinkedIn or YouTube. It would be great to see people again. I hope that all our old Kingswood and Cranbrook friends are faring well during the pandemic."

KINA CLINE-DONLAN checked in to say, "I have a side gig these days along with my "real" job as communications director for the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau (I sell sunshine so feel free to come on down). I started teaching a kindness class at Florida Gulf Coast University. It's called the Kindness Effect. I stole the idea from a professor at Stanford and it's been one of the best things I've ever done.



Kina Cline-Donlan and her Kindness Effect students

The class centers around the science and research that backs up the extraordinary power of kindness. Plus, the students do all sorts of kindness challenges. So, during these challenging times—be kind to yourself. And if anyone wants to teach a kindness class, call me. We need more of it." **ABIGAIL FISHER**

shared that "2020 was a year fraught with tremendous challenges from which no one was immune. As I, too, sought resiliency amid the chaos—COVID-19, CA fires, the death of my sister, Mary, a relentlessly toxic political environment and social injustice—one of my greatest joys and keys to my overall resilience was reconnecting with my Cranbrook community. I am profoundly grateful to all of my classmates for their support on Facebook, as well as to those who accompanied me in virtual conversation along my many hikes, including **ALLISON GOODWIN**, Lynn Gillow '81, and **AMI WALSH**. Childhood friendships are pure and enduring, and I am ever grateful for those cultivated within our wonderful Cranbrook community." I couldn't agree with Abby more about the beauty of childhood friendships, and stay in close contact with **HILARY WOLF BORMAN**, **PATTY SOLOMON FREUD**, **SARAH LEVINE JACOBS** and **DANA ANDERSON BEHLMER**. We could have not connected for six days, six weeks, or six months and it doesn't matter...we pick up the phone and it's as if nothing has changed. Because, through the span of our lasting relationships, nothing between us really has. We are so fortunate for that. **ANN MAZURE** continues to live in the historic, hidden treasure of Marshall, MI and said, "Having at last resigned myself to staying in Marshall, I now appear destined to live here as my mother has bought a Marshall home and will now split her time between Port St. Lucie (FL) and this tiny town where she grew up (a.k.a. the land of my grandfather's grandfather). In the absence of anything more interesting to contribute after a lackluster year, I'll just share something I've learned: 'The high value put upon every minute of time, the idea of hurry-hurry as the most important objective of living, is unquestionably the most dangerous enemy of joy.' [Hermann Hesse, 1905]" Annie also sent me some very sad news just as this was going to press. I am very sorry to share that **SUZY BILYEU BERRY** passed away in early February, after a 10-year battle with cancer. She leaves behind her husband and daughter. Her obituary can be found on the website of the Robison-BahnMiller funeral home. As for me, 2020 was the year I decided to do something about some pretty severe and chronic back pain (I had scoliosis and, previously unbeknownst to me, it can

get worse as one gets older...and that's what happened in my case). So, after trying every non-surgical treatment imaginable, I had a spinal fusion in June to correct what turned out to be three different spinal curves. I was on the operating table for eight hours and took a medical leave from work for about 10 weeks to recover. I have to say...the recovery is not for sissies, but I feel quite good and have none of the pain that plagued me for 11 years. And 2020 was the perfect year to do it, because I missed absolutely nothing! I hope everyone is safe and well, and that 2021 brings us a return to normalcy. Please stay in touch.

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Hi! I hope this issue finds everyone doing well. Such a crazy year, but I'm also sick of talking about it, so let's just dive right into the updates! **GAIL DAVIDSON HAYES** checked in from Arizona and said, "I am still living in Phoenix, Arizona and continue to work as a behavior intervention specialist in a large public school, in a private Emotional Disabled Kinder–4th grade program. I love working with these kids but HATE this virtual school world we are currently in. My hope for 2021 is that we quickly get through it and can start 2022 in a more "normal" way. My husband, Michael, and I are in our 31st year of marriage and our 26-year-old son, Michael, is a salesman for a large company and currently based out of Reno, Nevada. We made it through the INCREDIBLY hot summer (most days over 110 on record, a record I hope to never break again!) by spending as much time up north at our cabin as possible. Hoping to get back to Michigan sometime this year. Take care of yourselves and your loved ones!" **SONIA GUSTAFSON THOMSEN** wrote in from VA and said, "My husband Rob and I have four kids ages 15 to 23. We live in Vienna, VA, just outside of Washington, DC, and are both "recovered lawyers" who have been in real estate for the past eight years. We love it! We're also both on the board of the small Christian school that we helped found in 2004, and, in fact, I've been Board Chair for the last two years. Although we hate the pandemic as much as everyone

else does, it has actually been a great year for us in real estate—everyone wants a bigger house to quarantine in! Sadly, we lost my dad to COVID in September and my mom's health is also failing, so I've traveled back to Holland, MI, many times over the last couple of years. Might consider coming back to our 40th reunion in 2023 just because I am so looking forward to being able to travel and gather in large groups!" I'm so very sorry for your loss, Sonia. Very happy to hear that your business is doing so well! **DEBRA FELDMAN SINGER** had some happy news to share. "My daughter, Jessica Singer '09, and her husband had their first child in late October in the thick of all this. A baby girl, named Margot Elliot.



Margot Elliot, granddaughter of Deborah Feldman Singer

All are well and we are enjoying the little peanut. That's all I have!" Always nice to hear from **PETE LONG**, who wrote, "Just a quick check-in to say hello to everyone! I am still in Michigan, loving life! Doing all I can to stay safe from COVID-19. I have been a state registered sports official for high school football and basketball. I took this year off due to the pandemic. I do miss it! I've had a football final at Ford Field in 2016, and two unofficial State Championship basketball games between the #1 and #2 teams in the State! Great times!

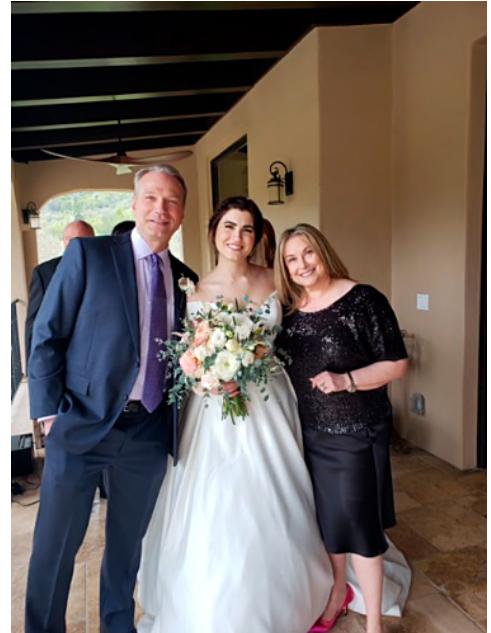


Pete Long officiating MI high school final football game, Ford Field 2016



Pete Long officiating MI High School Basketball State Championship

I hope everyone is wonderful and safe!" It's great to be able to share more happy news with you from **JILL GREENBERG-JENIK**. "We had a wedding end of January this year! Holly, our daughter got married in CA. It was a very small wedding (30 people).



Jill Greenberg-Jenik with husband and daughter Holly, at her wedding in 2020

We set up COVID testing at the house, so everyone was "safe" and we got to lose the masks for a short while!" Wow! Congratulations on the wedding, and for pulling off ANY kind of event in California in 2020! Lol. **DANNY PLOTNICK** also had an exciting update. "I published a book last summer. It's a coffee-table art book about the history of Super 8 called Super 8: An Illustrated History. It features hundreds of images that I took, over 30 interviews with independent filmmakers and a lot of vintage advertisements. It's available wherever fine

books are sold—and even Amazon! I'm pretty excited about it. The book has been well received. I did a lot of virtual book talks over the spring and fall and will probably do a handful more over the coming months." Congratulations Danny! Just ordered my copy. **MEGAN FOSTER BELVAL** wrote in from CT and sent a recent photo of her twin boys and daughter.



Megan Foster Belval's children and fur child

"My boys are now in 10th grade and playing JV basketball. My daughter is also playing basketball for her 8th grade team. I'm keeping busy with their activities, as well as with my activism for freedom and truth!" It sounds like **HARVEY KANER** is doing well with all the recent changes in his life. He sent this update from CA: "It's been a roller coaster ride this past year, pandemic aside. I was laid off from Edmunds during a 25% cut last January but found work through a former boss who contacted me the day of the layoff. That turned into nine months at a B2B video game company, Xsolla, which helps developers and publishers bring their games to the world and get paid. I was head of creative in the payments department. When my boss left for Facebook, I was let go. Lucky again, I landed full-time contract work within a month at an ad agency, working to become full-time. I also moved to a gorgeous new luxury apartment building, where I'm resident manager. It's been a ton of work, but finally starting to settle down as I button up everything from the construction and fill the building with residents. Working with

a trainer virtually, I got into the best shape of my life, down to my high school weight, but stronger than ever. Silver lining to the pandemic. Kids are doing great. My 19-year-old daughter is self-supporting and moved to Seattle, and my son is nationally ranked on his video game and we're hoping he'll get into UC Irvine for engineering, and pay for it with an e-sports scholarship. College tuition from video gaming? Yep, that's now a thing. Grateful for that. Oh, and every so often, I talk to the Craigs (**CRAIG FREDRICK** and **CRAIG RUBIN**). They're both doing well. I'm hoping to salvage this snowboard season somehow, but travel is still sketchy right now. Hi to all! 310-254-4970, harveykaner@gmail.com, harveykanercreative.com." I am currently on an extended Christmas visit in Palm Beach. After not seeing our mother for almost a year because of the C word, we realized she needed another hip replacement surgery and were able to get it done last week. My sister, **KATHERINE REWEY-SEXTON** '85, and I are here for a bit longer during the recovery, but I can't complain too much since the weather is beautiful and we've already missed three snowstorms and bitter cold back in CT. My daughter, Anna, graduated virtually from Denison University last May (like the zillions of other high school and college seniors). She's now working for a startup fashion designer in NYC and living in Brooklyn. Sad for her that the city is such a closed up mess and not nearly as fun and vibrant as it was when I lived there in my 20s. Her twin brother, Bennett, is currently living at home and working remotely for a consulting firm in Atlanta. I'm praying for all this to be over before the next issue, and that each of you and your families stay healthy and emotionally strong. Until next time....

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Dear Classmates, hoping that you are all staying safe and healthy during this pandemic era. Also hoping that you will find a vaccine when your time comes. I meant to keep these notes brief, but in the spirit of trying to hear from classmates with whom we've been out

of touch I was fortunate enough to hear from **ERIK HUDSON**. He writes, "Thirty-seven years in 53 words: graduated U of M, moved to Chicago, hit by a taxi (broken femur), met and married Judy, we have two children (Sam about to graduate UW-Milwaukee, and Ilana, sophomore at UW-Madison), moved to Milwaukee, graduate school (accounting), have a great dog (Baxter), ski every Saturday in winter (National Ski Patrol), am more blessed than I know." I also got the good word that Erik received a COVID vaccine already due to his first responder status. Also had the very good fortune of connecting with **HOWARD DAVIDSON** and getting the 37 year update from him: Ok, buckle up, here we go. Life since Cranbrook has been a ride: Graduated Cranbrook 1984. Graduated Arizona State University 1988 with a BS in Management. Family: I will be celebrating my 30th wedding anniversary in April this year to my incredible wife, Sandy. As every good man will say, she has for sure molded me into a way better person than I would have been on my own. I have learned a new meaning to the words strength, perseverance and determination through her. We have two amazing children. Our son, Michael, will be 29 this year and works in the IT field for a medical company in Ann Arbor. Our daughter, Lindsey, will be 27 is an elementary teacher (4th grade) just outside of Holland Michigan. Michael graduated from Eastern Michigan and Lindsey from Hope College. Lindsey is getting married this year on July 24th. She was supposed to get married on August 1st last year but as all things COVID, it was postponed in hopes of closer to normal celebration...that is yet to be determined but it looks like we should be fine. Since my original knee injury and surgery in high school my junior year I had five other knee surgeries over the years. Three maintenances as I continued to abuse it with sports (which I slowly gave up one by one as time went on) but I was too young to have it replaced so in 1996 I had a meniscal allograft done...that was a huge life changer so I could still be active with my kids, just no hard sports. That was a 13-month process from start to finish but totally worth the price of admission! I finally gave into the pain/limitations in February 2019 and had it replaced...OMG what an amazing transformation. My knee is now the only part of my old body that does not hurt (Ha!). I

have been working as the general manager at Michigan Pneumatic Tool, Inc. since August 2004. I plan on working until I no longer enjoy getting up for work in the mornings. I love what I do. Then, my idea of retirement is getting a 40 hr/week job where I can go to work and come home not having to stress/worry about running a business. Those are some quick highlights of 37 years. I have so many wonderful things that have happened, so many awesome things we have done as a family and countless accomplishments that my family/kids have achieved in all this time but that would take way too much time. I just continue to be blessed in my life and I take so much joy in watching/loving my family grow up and together. There are so many more wonderful things down the road. I'm just here for the ride and would not have it any other way. Finally, via my faithful counterpart **LIZ BURROWS CHAPIN: RAVI CHANDRA** reports he's especially glad he decided to come to our 35th reunion in 2019. This and his college reunion turned out to be a nice preamble to the deconstituting year we've all had. What seems like a lifelong collision with racial justice issues came to a particular head in 2020, as George Floyd was murdered on his birthday, May 25th. He's been writing from the intersection of black and Asian lives since then at East Wind eZine (<https://eastwindezine.com>, look for "Memoirs of a Superfan"). He is "looking forward to a reconstitution, in all senses." On my end, barring or despite something unforeseen before early March (meteoric rise in coronavirus variant cases), we are building a COVID-free bubble and moving forward with the CK Wilderness Program (WE52) in North Carolina for 35 sophomores, student leaders (juniors/seniors), faculty and a few alumni. Looking forward to our time again in the woods. May you have good health in these pandemic times. Looking forward to reuniting again.

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I heard some what I initially thought to be unfortunate news from **CACKIE BOOMER**,

but she is dealing with her situation with her usual grace, fortitude, optimism and wit. I expected nothing less. She writes: I have breast cancer. Sucks, truly...but I'm finding it hard to feel anything other than grateful. Grateful it was caught early, grateful it is a curable type (triple positive), grateful I have a life that allows me to just nestle in and focus on healing, grateful the pandemic has freed up Eloise and Bo to be at the cottage and take care of me. Honestly, there are hard days. Chemo sucks, after each infusion, it's like I have a four-day hangover. So, I give myself permission to watch bad TV and chill. The remaining time between infusions (three weeks total) is spent catching up on life, laundry, a bit of work, needlepoint, knitting, reading a bit, though I don't have the stamina to really pay attention. Being bald isn't so bad. I've only had to deal with it when it's been cold out and I can wear a beanie. But, where would I go anyway? I guess I'll transition to a ball cap in the spring. I got a wig, but not really a fan. After chemo, I will go to DC in March for surgery and radiation. I guess I qualify for what is called 'oncoplastic reconstructive surgery.' I'll have a lumpectomy and then the surgeon will do a lift and reduction to match the side with the tumor. Effectively I'm getting a b**b job; so fully embracing my cougar status. I'm hopeful my DC Bumble feed will be more interesting now with the new administration. On the professional side of things, I've been slowly developing a consulting business to work with families, couples and individuals to plan for their aging. After I spent three years as a compassionate companion for my parents, I saw a real need for people to have a coach to guide them along this path. So, I completed a master's program in mediation and conflict resolution and am slowly taking on clients. It's been very fulfilling and speaks to much of my personal and professional experience as a teacher and coach. I fill the spaces between the legal, medical and geriatric teams. I stop short of being a therapist, but help my clients look at things with a new perspective on their aging. My service is very niche-y, but I am driven to make a difference and have had great feedback. I also heard from **LISA LEMANS**, who, at least according to her Facebook photos, looks about 15 minutes older than she did in high school. She writes: I am well, have been healthy throughout this mess.

As everyone else has experienced as well, there have been friends and family who have successfully and unsuccessfully navigated through this health challenge. Nothing really new and exciting in my life, but having a great time. My focus is on peace, health, happiness and LESS STRESS! Part of this is the fact that in 2020 my online businesses have quadrupled. Great news, but a challenge to keep the focus on work/life balance. The skiing is beautiful this winter in northern Michigan! We've had many warm and sunny days and are waiting for a foot of snow as we speak! Every summer, June through October, I migrate from the Lake Michigan coast, and onto the boat, to live on the Lake Huron coast, and spend my mornings working. In the afternoons, we enjoy the water and the camaraderie of fellow boaters as we travel throughout the Great Lakes. The last couple of years **ARASH BABAOFF** came out to the boat and we had a great time—I love that guy! My mom moved up to Petoskey 10 years ago and we enjoy a lot of wonderful time together as well. She is doing great and lives in an apartment very close by so we see each other at least a couple of times a week and go out on adventures and turn the town upside down! (ok, at least we have fun! lol) As for me, I am still living here in Canby, OR, just outside of Portland. Somehow my family weathered the pandemic successfully. My son, Spencer, now a junior, has actually really enjoyed online school. Online band class is the most challenging for me, as he is a percussionist. However, a friend of mine's son plays the trumpet, so I count my blessings. Spencer has turned out to be an interesting soul, he is like a 52-year-old man in a 16-year-old's body. He has no interest in driving, he has subscriptions to the Wall Street Journal, The New York Times and the Washington Post and he loves politics, history and trading stocks. When he was younger, it was all about sports stats and March Madness, etc. Then one day, it became poll numbers and news trends and how his "ETFs" are doing. Once again, Bill and I have no idea what he is talking about half the time. We don't really have time to figure it out because 18 months ago we moved my in-laws here (which explains my lack of notes the last few sessions). We've been taking care of Bill's parents. I never anticipated how difficult it would be, but to put them in a facility was out of the question

for us. His dad has dementia, and his mom has end-stage Parkinson's and the on-and-off dementia that accompanies that. Challenging does not begin to describe it. I know many of you are also, like us, taking care of both older parents and teenagers, so once again I salute you. I am doing the same. We are doing the work ourselves, besides caregivers. They live in a little apartment in town because the logistics of our house layout did not work. We are managing somehow, and no one got sick, but my life is complicated. My son is stressing over math and cannot find his drumsticks, Grandma thinks there is a demon living in her dryer, and Grandpa refuses to eat anything except chocolate milk. I am not really sure what life is going to look like when Bill's parents "reach their destination" (not far off, in all likelihood) and, at the same time, Spencer leaves for college (most likely University of Oregon for politics and finance). I am not exactly sure what Bill and I are going to do then: I guess just stare at each other and put the dogs in little outfits. I hope everyone here in this especially trying and difficult past year has survived it with everything and everyone intact. If you are a bit worse for wear, take heart that this has been a very difficult time in history. I hope you all give yourselves a break. I hope that you are all well and healthy. I find myself most valuing relationships and ideas. This period of lockdown has been a time of change, slowing down and reflection. In some ways it was suffocating, and in other ways it was brilliant, really, because many of us had to slow down, turn inward a bit, look around, look in the mirror, look at our families and celebrate what we have. I try to look at everything in a positive light. I know I treasure my family and friends near and far more than ever. I look forward to seeing more people in attendance at the next 5-year reunion in 2024. It was wonderful to see the people who came to the last one. It is my honor to be your class secretary for all these years. I started this 16 years ago, when Spencer was a tiny baby. I really do treasure hearing from all of you. I know Arash feels the same way. Please stay safe, and PLEASE make a plan to attend our 40th.

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Welcome to the COVID edition of the 1986 class notes. I'm sure that **JOSH SIMON** describes many of our experiences since last March when he says he is "surviving the pandemic, working full-time from home." Across the pond, the same goes for **NICK ADDYMAN** who is helping the businesses and charities cope with the pandemic, especially the English National Opera. **TAYLOR GALYEAN** reports that while there won't be any Marti Gras parades this year in New Orleans, the "festive vibe" is evident with houses being decorated instead of floats. He also reported some excellent news that one year after his cancer diagnosis, his scans and tests are clear. I know I speak for everyone in wishing him continued health. **JOHN STANLEY** sent a picture of him and his boys (plus one) skiing in North Carolina.



John Stanley and his boys skiing

The boys are close to his home in Durham with one attending UNC-Chapel Hill and the other attending Duke, which—as everyone knows—is THE University of North Carolina :-). Another Reed has been added to the Alumni Court in 2020 with **JOHN REED**'s youngest graduating from Cranbrook Kingswood the same spring as his eldest graduated from the University of Michigan.



Sons of John Reed

ANDREW LAST wonders what all this white stuff is on the Wisconsin ground, apparently forgetting—after 25+ years in California—that some places get snow in the winter. Besides being "an old country doc in the middle of nowhere," he and his children are raising 18 laying hens. Also, down on the farm, in this case way, way down, **NED LEBO** writes from New Zealand that his "small farm has drawn national and international attention for our education programmes and holistic management strategies," as evidenced by a recent magazine cover.



Ned Lebo on the cover of Lifestyle Block

Given how he now spells "programs," it is

clear that he and his family feel "pretty much like Kiwis now," so much so that he sent his "kind regards" in Maori ("nga mihi"). An email from **GORDON WHITE** supplied a 32-year update on his life: after 16 years in NYC working as a professional dancer, he moved to Miami, where he started his own consulting firm, Slalom. Married with two boys who are "serious gamers, [and] true Miami boys," he has lived there for the last sixteen. He writes, "If anyone else has Miami in their plans, don't hesitate to reach out. I'm always good for a mojito or four and would love to see you." **AARON ALIZADEH** sent a picture of himself, his wife Diana, and three kids—Sonia, Teo, and Pablo—taken right before the pandemic on a visit to the Bahamas, his first trip back since Scott Frederick took him down there during high school.



Aaron Alizadeh and family

Despite the pandemic, his oncology practice in Atlanta has been quite busy. Like everybody else, I'm adapting to present conditions and waiting for my arm jabs; during the pandemic, my partner and I have converted a high-top van into a camper and are traveling around the country boondocking in National Forests and staying socially distant while I teach English online, waiting to get back in the classroom when all this is over. Here's hoping that we can see each other face-to-face on the quad sometime soon to celebrate our 35th high school reunion! Stay safe, y'all!

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K86

Greetings Kingswood Class of 1986! It's been a historic year for all of us, and if we learned anything, it's the value of staying connected. With that said, here are some updates from our fellow classmates. We begin with a pre-COVID fairy tale. Once Upon a Time in January 2020, nine beautifully seasoned women converged in Miami. (Where by coincidence we ran into Stacy May Klein '85 at the rooftop bar.) **KRISTEN MESSELIAN SHAPIRO**, a dedicated food bank volunteer in her hometown of Old Greenwich, CT, could not attend, but is now an afterparty Zoomer. **ELIZABETH CARLSON BERNARDO** had to hurry home to Jacksonville, FL, to host traveling Princeton undergrads as president of her local alumni club. **SUSIE POLK SCYPHERS** came from her new hometown of Englewood, CO, where she sings a cappella and raises boys and horses. **DIANE FERRERA ROLFE**, a Scarsdale, NY chick, used her mad Wall Street finance skills to help us split the tabs. **JAMISON WILLIAMS FALISKI** kept us laughing, and artist **STEPHANIE GUITTARD SCIGLIANO** led us to visit Miami's colorful Wynwood Walls murals. **AUDREY ARMOUDLIAN, ELIZABETH BELL TOWNSEND**, and I (**JANE SMETHELLS GULLEY**) down-dogged in the very back row of an 8 am yoga class. And **MARY BISSELL**, Washington DC-area child advocate and attorney, found us the hotel for this dreamy getaway...an escape from "Normal Life"...which we would soon so keenly miss. Writing now in January 2021, we wish everybody the Happily Ever After, as soon as possible. In other news,

SHERI LEE BRODSKY enjoyed working from home and did not miss commuting. She savored spending time with her immediate family and is grateful they got along so well. Binge watching helped her get through 2020, and she is looking forward to being able to safely travel again. Hopefully, that will come in 2021; but, if not, she will be more than ready to take a big trip in 2022. **WENDY KIRSCH** got through 2020 with support from a small bubble of people that she saw in person, her grandmother, who turned 98 and is still going strong, and her cat, Kitty Kitty No Name. She reconnected with many and felt lots of love! To keep busy, she played

Virtual Bingo (won a mug) and sponsored a Drag Queen Tupperware Party. She also walked the Virtual Hot Chocolate Run 5K and shared Zoom Calls with friends and Alum (**KC COHEN ZALESIN, STEPHANIE RUTH KEENE** and **SHERI LEE BRODSKY**). She cleaned out her entire house and donated six times to charity, watched lots of great shows, and, of course, shopped online. The best news—she got an amazing new position as an assistant buyer at Sharper Image. What are her hopes for 2021? She wishes all the stress of worrying about COVID will be lifted, that she will get to work in her actual office, and that she will collect on all of the missed hugs and kisses. One of my recent highlights has been re-connecting with **LISA BLOTNER WEINBERG**, as our daughters entered the University of Michigan together. Having dinner at Sava's in Ann Arbor (pre-COVID), we shared many fond and vivid memories from our years together at Kingswood, as if they happened yesterday.

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C89

Greetings fellow 89ers. Please mark your calendars for June 2024. Our 35th reunion is right around the corner. **GARFIELD JOHNSON** put it on your schedule now, so it doesn't interfere with your fly fishing trip to Yellowknife. Since I haven't left my house since last March, I haven't seen anyone, but I do have some updates from some Zoom calls that I've been on with many of you. Let's see what everyone has been doing since COVID began. The aforementioned Garfield has been working on his sourdough starter. **JASON HEGEDUS** has just recently started showering before noon. **GEOFF SCHICIANO** is wearing pajamas to work. **MIKE MANDT** has been reading magazines. **CHIP FULLER** has been playing poker with stuffed animals. **JOHN EDMAN** is building a puzzle. **MARC SOLE** has ordered a lot of DoorDash. **KEITH WEINBAUM** is watching Tiger King. **BILL EDWARDS** is doing a lot of laundry. **STEVE LEE** is helping his kids with homework. **JASON PARIS** found two interesting shapes in the clouds. **CRAIG HECKER** has been

taking a seminar on fashion trends in medieval Portugal. **JEFF ZWERNER** has been playing with his neighbor's cats. **ARI SHWEDEL** is reorganizing his sock drawer. **PERO DAGBOVIE** said "Mono-slices", that's not verbatim. **KANOP METRIYAKOOL** joined a book club and took up quilting. He's been busier than most. But things are looking up for 2021. **KAY BROPHY** will be writing her masterpiece, Children of the Corn, the Musical. **DARREN FRANKEL** thinks that he can invent a new kind of roast beef.



Elena Valle CK '21, daughter of Elizabeth Holowinski

We are very proud! **KRISTIN BRESCOLL**

LONERGAN: I changed my role at Staples last summer to director of product and packaging design which has been a big undertaking all being done remotely. But I am learning a lot. I also added two more dogs to my household (had one big one already) which is keeping me very busy working from home in Providence, RI. I hope you and the whole class of '89 are staying safe and healthy in this crisis. **AMINA WATSON-MILLER**: I am still practicing pediatrics at Johns Hopkins in Maryland. My daughter, Aya Miller, graduated from Kingswood two years ago. I had to drive back to MD, so I could not stick around for alumni activities :(**EKTA LOBO WILCOX**'s daughter also graduated then, and she tried her best to get me to hang out for a bit. My daughter is now at Western Michigan studying film and media. My son, Damani, is in his junior year at Cranbrook, and I cannot believe he will be graduating in 2022! Time flies! So, I am often in Michigan checking on my kids and extended family. I am still working on a writing career, and have self-published a book of poetry called Life Pieces under my pen name Mina Miller which is available on Amazon. Other than that, I am focusing on staying safe during this time, keeping active and enjoying life! **ALICE FECKO**: I've been working full-time (I'm an ophthalmologist in Marquette, MI). I joined Eye Associates of Marquette and moved to up here in January 2015, not a great time of year to move to the UP, but I love it and am now a partner in the practice. I got married in 2011 and my husband and I have two beautiful little girls (Shea, 5 and Zoë 1-and-a-half).

Zoë is the reason I didn't make it to our 2019 class reunion. I had her on May 22nd of that year. I'm learning all kind of new things like how to tap trees for maple syrup, how to brew beer and make mead as well as learning to snowshoe and embrace being outdoors in winter in general (not something I love). My husband, Rob, is from Marquette and so we have friends and family in the area, which helps a lot when it's a 7-hour drive back home. We do make it to SE Michigan about six times a year. My parents insisted we bring the grandkids back often to spend time with them, so we do. I miss Cranbrook and go walking over on the grounds as often as I can. I'm looking forward to the next time we can all meet in person, and feel free to reach out if you're going to be in the UP, we love to show visitors around! **DEBORAH BAMFORD McDONOUGH**: Life is good. I am living outside Providence, RI, with my husband, Craig, my 15-year-old daughter, Julia, and my 90-pound rescue dog, Akira. For those of you who remember my mom, Suzan Bamford, from all her Cranbrook volunteer work, she lives about 10 minutes from us and gets to spend lots of quality time with her granddaughter and granddog. I hope you are well. **JILL SMETHHELLS FREDERICKSON** writes: I am alive and hunkered in doing help desk support for international virtual meetings. The puppetry business is not especially COVID friendly, so that is on hiatus. My husband and I are eager to get the vaccine, but being wildly inessential, will likely be waiting until April. Also, **CLARE WITTER HOLLAND** wrote from the UK: I'm convinced that my semester at CK in 1989 shaped the rest of my life!



Clare Holland, our UK exchange student

Having completed my degree in the UK at Birmingham University I returned to the US for my master's (in English and American Literature—thanks for the head start Dr. Roth!) at Georgetown. As well as being

mum to three kids (now experiencing various lockdown educations with varying success) I also love my new job combining career guidance and alumni relations programmes in secondary schools. Particularly in the early days of setting up alumni offices I've been massively influenced by the programrs and material from CK—and I still have the mug on my desk so think of you all often! As for me (Kay), my children have been doing remote learning, which has been a challenge, but I love having them home and don't miss all the driving! They have been ski racing this winter, so we've been spending lots of time out on the slopes which has been great. We're looking forward to sailing this summer and hopefully seeing friends and family whom we haven't seen in months! My niece, Mallory Brophy '21, graduates this spring. Congratulations, Mallory! I hope everyone stays healthy and well this year.

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CK '94 Seniors



CK '94 during our Senior year

BRIAN STEWART and wife, Rachel Tronstein Stewart, and their St. Bernese

Mountain Dog, "Hershey," are living in Birmingham. 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. Talked to **JEFF "Hurly" HURLBERT** recently and he's doing great and has this to say: "Jeff Hurlbert is now Soapy Jeff!!! I own and operate four full-service car washes in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. 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. 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.

ERNEST ADAMS relocated from DC to the Greater NYC area in April to start working at Ralph Lauren where he is the SVP, head of global talent. He is looking forward to catching up with NYC classmates post-COVID, **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. They have one daughter. **MATT GRACE** is doing great and living in FL. **CHAD KOHLER** sounds positive as always and is living in Grand Rapids with his wife, Cynthia, and 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. **DR. MARK VANN** is an orthopedic surgeon and living strong in Houston. Hereports "All is well down here in Houston. Hiding out from COVID like the rest of the country, but slowly getting back to normal + Mask. Looking forward to getting back to Michigan, perhaps this summer. My wife (Lois) and the kids (Mark and Ava) are all doing well and we have certainly grown closer through the

lockdowns, quarantine and road trips since this pandemic began. Things were so slow in April and May, that I got a taste of what easing into retirement might be like. Half days in the office, more free time than I've had since the summer before college...not bad." **KEN GORSKI** is in South Carolina and doing great. **STEVE "Pruch" PRUCHER** is living in Birmingham and doing great. **AARON COHN** is an ophthalmologist in Philly, has two kids and is doing great! **JESSE KOSKEY** has identical twin sons and he, wife Kee, and the kids love living in Oakland, CA! Jesse is a psychiatrist—we all need you brother, especially this year! ;) **JACK LIGHTON** is doing very well and reports "All good here in Florida. We finished up our campus expansion at The Sea Turtle Hospital at Loggerhead Marineliife Center and the new campus is really spectacular. Interesting fact, our last public event at the Center prior to the pandemic was the Florida Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni reception in early 2020. The Center and the sea turtles are in great shape and I have stepped down as CEO so I can take some time to travel the country in our RV. I have formed my own consulting company and am working with a number of firms to help advance their ESG efforts in particular for conservation and sustainability. I have also joined a new nonprofit board, Friends of Manatee Lagoon a conservation and education facility founded by FPL/NextEra Energy. When in Florida, give me a call and come on over to visit the sea turtles and manatee!" **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 futurewife (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 a 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 married, living in Detroit, working in investment management, and going great. **DAVID AKTARY**, his wife, Lara, and their daughter have been living in Austin, TX, for nearly five 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! **CHRIS BELL** and Sally '98 remain mostly sane in the hamlet of Eugene, OR. Rearing their now three and five-year-old boys does require above average staying power. Chris is starting up a youth lacrosse program for 4-5 year olds. Oregon lacrosse in 2021 is like Michigan in 1994, so it is perfect. The highlight has been skiing on weekends—for the kids, mostly for the cross-cut fries, and for the parents, mostly the cross-cut fries. Otherwise, like many, have not left the zip code in what feels like a decade. **ROBERT AXELROD** is in Washington, DC, where he works in government affairs for Oscar Health. He and his wife Tami had a daughter named Isabella last summer. **TERRY KALNA** is in Pittsburgh and still working for the Penguins, doing great and reports: "Getting the NHL season going again, even without fans, has made work better for me and my team at the Penguins. Fortunately, through all of this, our family has been healthy and my kids have had sports (on and off) to keep them active. I missed one of my daughter's games in Columbus where she randomly met Chris Regner '93 and family at the rink. It was an awesome surprise phone call from her and Wags that night. The winter cold set in here and we built our first ever backyard rink. That should keep us happy until we thaw out in spring." Please see the attached picture of the Kalna fam on the ice!



Terry Kalna's family

Go CK hockey!! **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 and thriving!" **DOMINIC HARRIS** sounds great and reports "Dominic Harris remains based in London, with his wife, two daughters and Bali, his standard poodle. Dominic continues to exhibit and install his interactive artworks internationally, with his recent works finding their way increasingly to permanent collections within the USA. Dominic says of his visit to the 30-year reunion: "I had never imagined how great it would be to catch-up and reconnect, and to be reminded of how beautiful our campus continues to be—I will definitely be going to the next big reunion, too!" **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** is living in Lexington, KY and is the chief data officer at University of Kentucky Healthcare. And I want to give a special SHOUT to **ELISSA SOLTIN** who's serving as a MI Congresswoman woo-hoo! GO, El!! As for me, after 15 great years in Chicago, I moved to NYC. My brother, Jeff Imerman '92, and are three years into a social impact venture called CLOZTALK—CLOZTALK.com is the online shopping store where people can find and buy quality, charity-branded (logo) apparel for 290+ vetted nonprofits across the US. It's free for nonprofits and we creatively drive traffic to inspire people to buy and rock their favorite nonprofit logo swag. If anyone

has a nonprofit they love—and they need free exposure/branding—please send them to us. 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 nonprofit 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 12,000+ 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! Also, REALLY proud of the Imerman Angels board. In early 2021, Imerman Angels board added 15 new board members (doubling the size of the board) and EVERY one of them is a woman, a person of color, or BOTH! Amped for Imerman Angels to be one of the most inclusive and mixed boards ANYWHERE and hope to inspire more board rooms to do the same. We need INCLUSION NOW and it starts at the top—in board rooms. Wishing everyone and their families a safe year—it's been a tough on with COVID and healthy wishes to all... BE WELL y'all and anytime I can be helpful let me know! Wishing y'all all the best!! Till next time good humans!!

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K95

Hi Class! I hope this finds everyone as well as can be after such an "interesting" 2020. It was such a bummer to miss your 25th but it is rescheduled for this year (assuming all goes as planned) so mark your calendars! I hope to see as many of you as possible! All still good with me. I am still in Nashville and running my business, Kate Richard Interiors—and looking forward to a better 2021. **MEREDITH SCHUETTE-HAATAJA** writes to say, "My son, Michael is graduating from CK this year."



Meredith Schutte Haataja's son

MEGAN FOX MORSETH writes in to say: "I got my masters in education—special education from Purdue in 2019. I'm working with high school aged students who are considered high/intense needs. I start my masters degree in human services Counseling this month in the hope of providing a broader range of assistance to the families within the school system." As a side note, Megan and I are working together on some house redecorating for her—it's been so fun to reconnect! She has an amazing home in Indiana so we are working virtually and it's fun to see her face over video so frequently.

HILLARY STEPHENSON KEENEY writes: "Alive and well with my husband, Brad, still living in New Orleans. We literally haven't left our property for 10 months because of COVID, but oddly it has been an amazing, fruitful time. Hoping everyone is well!"

DREW LUND writes to say, "Michelle, Dylan, Elle and Chief are all doing great and we are still living in Oakland Twp, MI. Michelle is a sonographer for Ascension and I got back into pharmaceutical sales last year with a small biopharma company out of Ireland. The kids have been playing a lot of tennis recently which I'm excited about. Hope everyone is safe & well right now!!"

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K96

Happy 2021, class of 1996! This certainly has been a crazy 12 months with lots of ups, downs and unknowns. Please continue to stay safe with your families. A few of us were able to catch up via Zoom, and hope to do it again in the near future.



Zoom catch up with members from CK'96

JOHN COOKE, ERIC CLARKE, KAI KNIGHT, CHRISSY WOLFRAM TAYLOR, BIANCA FRABOTTA CORDS, BECCA TUFTS-BHOWMICK, MATT HENSON and I chatted about our kids, families and some fond CK memories! It does seem crazy that we are approaching our 25-year reunion!! How has time flown by? There are days when I still feel like I'm back on the Quad with a warm Marty's cookie. :) Please shoot me your email, or comment on the FB PAGE, if you would like to be included in the next Zoom. Please also check the FB page/ email inbox for any reunion updates.

Stay well!

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K98

Congrats to **ERIN KESSEL BEATTIE** on the birth of her daughter, Willa! This past year has been a challenge for so many of us on so many different levels, whether it is the pandemic, civil unrest or just loss. I don't even know what to say that wouldn't seem trite or empty. I leave you all with two quotes that I have been reflecting on in the last several years: "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness." – Desmond Tutu "The very least you can do in your life is figure out what you hope for. And the most you can do is live inside that hope. Not admire it from a distance but live right in it, under its roof." – Barbara Kingsolver

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ELISE HALAJIAN MAYER and husband, Stockton Mayer, along with kiddos Naz, Naya and Quade are healthy and happy in Chicago. As frontline doctors, Elise and Stockton are grateful (as we all are) for the development of vaccines. **MIKEY SIEGEL** and his wife, Bianca, have had a challenging year as they both are in medicine. They, too, are thankful to be vaccinated and are enjoying spending time with Sebastian (3.5) and Oliver (19 months). Mikey engages in regular sports banter with **RICK CLARK** about all of their Ohio/Michigan/Cleveland/Detroit sports rivalries and Mikey just helped put together a 40th birthday video message for **ALEX LIU**. Alex is doing great in Singapore where he and his family have lived for a few years. **GENIE LOMIZE** reports that she had the opportunity to return to Cranbrook this summer from Washington, DC, to explore the grounds with her son, Lev Nikolai Libster, born January 2020.



Genie Lomize's son Lev

She wandered the campus with classmate **JEN COOK** and had the chance to visit the ceramics studio where she bumped into faculty members Joe Smith and Nancy Mosley.



Lev at Cranbrook with Joe Smith

ERIKA FURMAN is a real estate agent and investor and works for Keller Williams Home in Farmington Hills, Michigan.



Erika Furman and family

Her son Xavier, 4 and daughter, Leila, 3 attend the local Montessori. **CATHARINA BAEHR** writes from Germany that she and her husband have been working at home and home schooling their children Mathilda, 8 and Emanuel, 3. Catharina is looking forward to returning to a mask-free life soon. **LIZZY WALLACE ULMER** has a son, Wally, at Vaughn (Boys Middle School) in 7th grade and he loves it! She reports that Cranbrook has done a great job at keeping the kids in school safely. Lizzy's COVID crew includes **STEVE STRICKLAND** and Scott Strickland '01 and Anne (Carney) Strickland '03 and their families. She sends her best wishes to all of you for a happy and healthy 2021 and is expecting to see you all at the next reunion! **CHARLOTTE TOWNE** is an entertainment, trademark and copyright attorney. She also stays busy as a professional mermaid, toy

inventor and music technology entrepreneur. Charlotte, her husband, and two kids live near the beach in sunny South Florida.



Charlotte Towne and family

KATIE BANKS acted in the movie *No Sudden Move* in the fall of 2020 which was directed by Stephen Soderbergh and shot in Detroit. She played the mother of current Brookside student, Claudia Russell. Katie said it was very sweet to have a Cranbrook connection with her. The film will be released sometime later in this year. **SAMANTHA SCHMOYER** has returned to Birmingham after four years in Denver working for a healthcare system. Sam is working as a market success manager with MHP Radiation Oncology. She is loving her new job and being back close to family. **SHANTELL TAYLOR WASAG** and her husband settled back in Michigan and purchased a home in Lake Orion, only 10 minutes away from Shantelle's childhood home in Clarkston. After 14 years in California, Michigan is home again! Shantelle and her husband have a daughter, Celina, 2, who is a super talkative, social butterfly like her mom.



Shantelle Taylor Wasag and family

Shantelle is also busy growing her marketing consultancy, Spellbound Marketing Group which helps consumer products companies

with branding and strategic marketing initiatives. **CHRIS ALLEN** and Heidi (Harlan) Allen '03 were married on October 10, 2020. It was a pandemic wedding; intimate and special.



Chris Allen and Heidi Harlan '03

Participating alums included Tim Allen '98, **HEATHER HARLAN LEWANDOWSKI** and Jonathan Harlan '06. Heather is super excited to have Chris, a fellow classmate, in the family! And finally, my husband, Jamie, and I and our three kiddos (Ella, 9, Madeline, 7, and Jonah, 4) moved back to town (Birmingham) in August from Toronto. We have enjoyed a few beautiful walks at Cranbrook and look forward to seeing many of you soon.

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COURTNEY CIULLO GILLIAM and her husband, Sean, welcomed their first child, Oliver Jerome, on October 30, 2020. Courtney is currently working as the Assistant General Counsel at Superior Industries, an automotive supplier. In addition, her brother, Jeremy Ciullo '00 and his wife, Courtney, welcomed their second child, Sebastian, in March 2020. **JENNIFER BENINSON** continues to enjoy her work at Columbia University as a board-certified lab animal medicine veterinarian. **ADA BOETTCHER WHITTON** is halfway through her adult

nursing training at Oxford Brookes University. She has been volunteering throughout the pandemic providing assistance to local care homes and neighbors. With Peter Whitten not flying as much as previously, they have enjoyed spending extra time at home during the United Kingdom lockdown with their children, Beatrice (4) and Aidan (2). **MAYA LANG GOREE** is practicing law in Arkansas at Cross, Gunter, Witherspoon & Galchus, P.C. in the areas of estate planning, estate administration, elder law, property law and corporate law. Her husband, Johnathan, is still enjoying his faculty appointment as the Director of Interventional Pain Management at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Both Johnathan and Maya are excited for their boys, Jeremiah (7) and Jonas (5) to experience Cranbrook this summer for a couple weeks at Brookside's day camp. As for me, **SARAH JACOB**, I returned to Michigan State University at the end of last year as an assistant professor of endocrinology where my primary responsibilities include utilizing my skills as a large animal internal medicine specialist in diagnostic service, research and teaching. Please remember to keep your contact information up to date. Stay safe!

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Class of 2002 - while juggling so much with a pandemic you managed to pull through with some great updates! **JO PRICE RAMOS** has returned to school at Boston University studying forensic genealogy! She is hoping to work in solving cold cases. Her two daughters attend Brookside; Sam is in 3rd grade and Alex is a senior kindergartener. A few new potential Class of 2039 (yikes!) children joined the growing group of 2002 offspring.



The Battin Crew—Crosby, James and Graham

ELIZ MILLER BATTIN welcomed her third son, James Frederick in June, **KRISTIN DRISCOLL** and her husband Scott welcomed their third son, Ronan in August.



The Driscoll Family; Benjamin, Kristin, Ronan, Scott and Ryan

KRISTEN BAIARDI welcomed her son, JP, in October.



JP Baiardi

ELLIOTT DARVICK and his wife, Elizabeth, welcomed their second daughter, Leah. **ADRIENNE BECKER** and husband,

Tony, welcomed Ella Grace Castiglione in December.



Adrienne Becker and husband Tony with daughter Ella Grace Castiglione

JENNIFER SCHANES and husband, Josh Mendelsohn, welcomed Josie Shana in December. Congratulations to all! **TRACI AKRON** wrote in announcing her marriage to Kevin Scheel.



Traci Akron and husband Kevin Scheel

They didn't let COVID get in the way and celebrated via Zoom in Mt. Hood. They look forward to celebrating with friends and family once it's safe. **KAREN KRAMER MIZELL**, husband, Tripp, and two-year-old daughter, Ruby, moved to Lake Tahoe, California. They're grateful that they can continue their jobs working remotely, while living in the mountains near the outdoor activities they enjoy. **KACEE MUST** reports surviving 2020 and the launch of a custom Citizen Yoga App with 150+ videos of on-demand content. The new platform is dedicated to mental health and fitness. We have therapists, meditation, yoga, life coaches and more. It was a big project

in response to being closed for 10 months of 2020. **EMILY DERR** started a consulting business working with artists and museums to help them establish "transformational collaborations" with the business community and allowing their message to resonate with the next generation of collectors and museum goers. She also serves on the board for the Historic Neighborhood Preservation program that recently saved a 100-year-old typewriter factory from demolition in Stamford, CT. **PARKER LYNCH** launched Hedgehog Health, a behavioral health company that helps kids with autism reach their full potential by equipping parents with an expert care team, personalized training and tech-enabled tools. In September, he launched the Hoglet Fidget Mouse and raised over \$71,000 from 2100+ backers on Kickstarter. In mid-October, they began promoting their ABA Parent-led coaching program for families who are on waitlists at autism centers.

AQUAN GRANT continues her journey in education as the director of school quality for National Heritage Academy Schools. She partnered with Parker Lynch to bring his innovative technology to her students.



Aquan Grant

Aquan is always seeking partnerships to bring equity and access to all students. She encourages you to reach out if you are willing and able to provide your time and talent! Finally, **RAJEEV BALCHANDANI** has been treating COVID patients and participating in clinical trials as a hospitalist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. In addition to

playing a role in vaccine development, he got vaccinated as soon as it became available—and he encourages everyone to get a vaccine as soon as they can.



Rajeev Balchandani getting his vaccine

In addition to his clinical work, Rajeev is also an assistant professor for second-year medical students at BCM and studying how new technologies optimize training experience during the pandemic. Outside the hospital, his son Aarav is turning five this year and is excited to join the powerhouse little league pipeline in Pearland, TX. (The program reached the Little League World Series three times in the past decade!) Thank you all for your updates, we love to hear them so keep them coming!

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JACK ROBINSON is in his 7th year of teaching students with significant disabilities in the NYC Department of Education. He recently bought an apartment in Brooklyn. He is halfway through a masters of education in school building leadership at Columbia Teachers College. **ROBERT TROMBLEY** moved back to Baltimore from Michigan in 2018. He started a new role as a senior policy advisor in the U.S. Department of Labor as a career federal employee after about eight years at the Department of Education. He is busy on the transition to a new administration during a time of uncertainty in the country. He has been able to get out and about and do a lot of hiking and other outdoor activities to keep active and healthy, and online schooling

has worked pretty well for his family. He feels very fortunate to have good jobs, health and he looks forward to returning to Michigan to see friends and family and to celebrate all we love and mourn all we have lost. **NIKHIL KURAPATI**, your secretary, is currently a resident physician in Pittsburgh and has a baby on the way with his wife, Harika. It has been a pleasure to hear from everyone. With condolences to everyone touched by the loss of Ariel, we would also like to share our deepest sympathies.

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K03

Hello, Class of 2003. As many already know, 2020 was a particularly difficult year for our class, beyond the challenges of COVID-19 and how it has changed all of our lives in different ways. In the fall of 2020, we lost our beloved classmate **ARIEL DAY GOLD**, who passed away on October 18th. Ariel was a friend, daughter, sister, wife, mother and an incredibly talented artist. In the days that followed her passing, I like many of our classmates reflected on my memories of her, from shenanigans in the girls' middle school to reconnecting in San Francisco and our reunions in the Cranbrook quad. Though each connection was personal, the feeling of warmth and happiness she brought to others was universal. In the time since her passing, I've had the chance to chat with many who also admired and/or collected her art, including **JILLIAN AUSTIN, KATELYN WYNNS NEWELL, CAROLYN MOSS** and Eliz Miller Battin '02. May Ariel's art keep her spirit alive and make all of our spaces more vibrant for the years to come. Due to the pandemic, a celebration of life was held via Zoom in December. **KATHERINE TEODOSIC** and **ALICIA FREEZE MUNRO** did a beautiful job eulogizing their dear friend and helping put together the event under the hardest of circumstances. Below is an excerpt from Ariel's obituary, which reflects on the ways she was inspired by her time at Cranbrook Kingswood and how she has left her mark on the world: Born May 5, 1985 in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, Ariel was captivated by color and textures at an early age. She

graduated from Cranbrook Kingswood Schools in Bloomfield Hills, MI, and attended Lasell College in Newton, Mass., University of Memphis, and Academy of Art University in San Francisco. She fiercely pursued a career as a painter, culminating in her being selected for an exhibition at the prestigious de Young Museum in San Francisco where her painting, 33 Years, is currently on display. Her love of color theory pulsated in her work. Ariel fully embraced her maxim, Live Vibrantly. People on the streets of San Francisco and elsewhere inspired her. She didn't focus on the person but rather the vibe or energy that he or she embodied. During quarantine those opportunities dwindled, so she called up memories of her family and friends and created a colorful optimism that resonated with all who viewed her work. "I don't see a subject," Ariel wrote, "but rather feel what they represent and the joy these memories hold. These works are like visual songs that make you dance or sing or call an old friend because you just want to say, 'I love you.'" In addition to her husband, Eric, and beloved daughters, Rylin and Presley, Ariel is survived by her mother, Maria Leonhauser, retired president of Franco Public Relations Group in Detroit, and stepfather Peter Brown, retired publisher and editorial director of Automotive News. Her father, Bill Day (Susan), formerly editorial cartoonist for The Detroit Free Press; half-sister Emily Harrison; half-brothers Bill, Sam, Robby and Zach Day; and stepbrothers Nicholas, Gregory and Douglas Brown. Ariel's loving spirit will also be felt forever within her nucleus of friends and extended family—dearest friends, her San Francisco mom's group, artists in San Francisco and the community at Cranbrook Kingswood. While college, travel and imagination honed her artistic talent, it was her experience at Cranbrook that nurtured her evolving creative spirit and gave her the confidence to pursue fine art as a career. She will live on with us, and her optimism will always give us strength as we grieve her loss. In 2003, Ariel wrote, "If eyes are the windows to the soul, then what a magnificent gallery the soul must be." To view Ariel's gallery of paintings, visit www.arielgoldart.com. Please Live Vibrantly in her memory. **KAREN LO** writes that she married her partner of 12 years in New Zealand in January 2020. Since graduating college, Karen has worked for her family's business,

Cheoy Lee Shipyards, which manufactures yachts and commercial boats in China that are sold worldwide. Karen also reflected on her time with Ariel at CK, mentioning their time together as boarders, in classes, and on the lacrosse team. **HEIDI HARLAN ALLEN** married Chris Allen '99 in an intimate and special celebration on October 10, 2020. Because she couldn't try on dresses due to the pandemic, Heidi had the ultimate "something borrowed" for the big day, wearing her sister Heather Harlan Lewandowski's '99 wedding gown and her mom's veil.



Heidi Harlan Allen and Chris Allen '99 were married in October 2020

Other CK alumni in attendance included Tim Allen '98 and Jonathan Harlan '06. Congratulations, Karen and Heidi!

MEREDITH GANNES ALVES moved to Irvine, California at the beginning of the year and would love to connect with fellow alumni out west. Meredith started working at Rivian, an electric automotive start up, in late 2019. They will be launching their first vehicle this year and it's been very exciting! In more exciting news, I'm extending many congrats to **ALLISON LAVOIE NALETTE** and her husband, Robbie, who are expecting their first baby, a boy, due at the end of March. They also recently purchased a new home in Rochester and love having more space and a beautiful yard. **KATIE PETERSON** teaches fourth grade at River City Scholars Charter Academy in Grand Rapids, and is also pursuing her master's degree in education. She enjoys spending time with her family, including her niece, Genevieve, daughter of Beth Peterson-Minor '02, and her dog,

Oliver. Katie recently helped publish a book of science and social studies lessons based on Northern Michigan. In November 2020, **NAINA GULATI POMERANTZ** and her husband, Aaron, welcomed their son, Raahi Asher Pomerantz to the world. Congrats, Naina!



Naina Gulati Pomerantz and her husband Aaron welcomed their son Raahi to the world in November 2020

She and her family currently live in Brooklyn. As for me, **STEFANIE SPIRO POHL**, I have traded in writing projects for homeschooling, helping our girls, Stella and Margot, navigate virtual learning as many other parents have done this past year.



Stefanie Spiro Pohl and her daughters Stella and Margot spent time with Jen Lau in the summertime

In 2020, I enjoyed several themed Zoom dates with **KYLE KOSZEWNICK**, **CAROLYN MOSS** and **LINDSAY RUBIN**. Big congrats go out to Lindsay, who married her husband, Alexander Russell, in an intimate ceremony in late December. I can't wait until we can properly celebrate one day soon. It was also wonderful to spend some socially distanced time with **JEN LAU** and her husband, McDonald, over the beautiful Michigan summer and her birthday in September. Sending you all well wishes and hopes for better days ahead. When our 20th reunion

comes around in 2023 (can that really only be two years away?) I hope all of the challenges we've faced will feel like distant memories. Be safe and hope to hear from you soon.

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JAE EUN CHUNG lives in Seattle with her husband, Andrew, and their 3-month-old baby Magnolia. Jae is on maternity leave and enjoying motherhood. They are going outside for walks around the neighborhood and their garden as often as they can. They have been getting in touch with friends around the world through Zoom and FaceTime since they are reportedly starved for social interaction. **SARAH WON COLDIRON** had an eventful year. She got married to Ian Coldiron on September 26th at COSI in downtown Columbus. Check out their picture. They were able to get by and have their wedding (with some COVID precautions, of course). Having it outside was the best decision that they made.



Sarah Won Coldiron and Ian Coldiron at their wedding

They also moved into the home that they built in Galena, OH, in August. Sarah is still an intervention specialist at Dublin Scioto High School—trying to get through all of the remote learning, "which is oh SO fun haha." And lastly, they got a puppy, a French bulldog named Frank. So, it has definitely been busy over at their household for the past few months! **SHEILA O'CONNELL JOHNSON** and her husband, Kevin, welcomed their third daughter, Claire Francis, on May 7th in the middle of the pandemic.



Sheila O'Connell Johnson, Kevin and 3 daughters, Paige (4), Elizabeth (3) and Claire Francis (born May 2020)

Her older sisters, Paige (4) and Elizabeth (3), have really enjoyed helping Sheila out (which she has appreciated)! Sheila went back to work in September, still working for Lockton in their health and benefits consulting practice. Check out the picture of their family. **CARLY KATZ-HACKMAN** and her husband, David, are still in Brooklyn, and hopefully closed on their new house in the Bushwick neighborhood before the end of the year. She's been fortunate enough to continue working full time through the pandemic, even being promoted to director of sales for her high-end catering company! Their daughter, Daisy, just turned three, and is sitting out virtual pre-school this year, though that doesn't stop her from reading and writing already! They've been housebound for most of the year, but have felt lucky to spend this time together, as their lives are usually pretty hectic. "We're seeing the silver lining, but looking forward to a spring and summer out and about with friends!" **GLORIA LEE** graduated from Columbia University College of Dental Medicine in 2011 with a dental degree (DDS), and then went back to specialize in orthodontics at Columbia University and graduated in 2020. She then moved to Milwaukee, WI, for a full-time job as an orthodontist. If anyone is in the area she would love to catch up! **SABRINA MUST** is still living in Southern California, splitting time between Encinitas and Laguna Beach. She manages a few investment properties, runs her digital content marketing company, WriteLessBad.com, and creatively writes for her blog Sabrinamust.com. Sabrina's family is healthy and doing seemingly well, despite the pandemic. **JORDAN NOSANCHUK** became STOTT Pilates certified and offers private reformer sessions out of her home in midtown Detroit. You can find her on Instagram @jkn.pilates. During the first

lockdown she spent some time creating art for her living room wall, which she proudly stands in front of in the picture.



Jordan Nosanchuk in front of her artwork

PAIGE SMITH SPEARIN had a big year. She and her husband, Reid, moved to Chicago and welcomed their son, Brewster Reid Spearin, in July.



Paige Smith and her husband Reid Spearin and their son Brewster at Cranbrook house in September

Paige is still painting and designing for her business, Ekelund Studio, and designing prints for Lilly Pulitzer. She and Reid are happy to be closer to family back in Michigan. See their picture at Cranbrook. **MEGAN DORAN SMITH** is living in Naples, FL, with her

daughter, Parker, and their two dogs. She has an interior design business which keeps her busy. They love living in paradise and are so thankful to have the beach in their backyard and beautiful weather to enjoy. **MICHELLE THOMAS** moved back to Michigan this past summer after completing her MFA in fiction at Colorado State University. She has started a copywriting business and is currently working on her first novel. In March 2019, **KIM TRUBIRO-NAGEL** and her husband Michael eloped at the Canadian Rockies. Check out the photo. They felt lucky to get their wedding in before COVID hit less than a year later.



Kim Trubiro-Nagel and her husband Michael eloped at the Canadian Rockies

Since then, they've been hunkered down, working from home in downtown Indianapolis. They both work for Cummins Inc., Michael as a digital brand leader and Kim as a strategic communications leader. Over the last two years, they've caught up with **DARRIS LEE** in NYC and **FAYE KARABELSKI ROOHI** during a trip home to Michigan. They can't wait to travel again! I, **JULIA KRAMER PONG** am still in the Los Angeles area with my family. I still run an in-home daycare with 4-6 kids including our own, Oakley (5) and August (3). Oakley loves online kindergarten and August is skipping preschool this year. Chris, still at NASA JPL, is working almost exclusively from home. He's controlling the attitude of the Mars 2020 spacecraft, ensuring the rover gets from Earth to Mars. It lands in February. We've enjoyed a couple camping trips but mostly just enjoy our home and backyard.

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This past year brought great change: changes in the way we work, changes in health and changes in our interpersonal relationships. Despite these hard times, our class still managed to connect with each other. Luckily, the pandemic has not limited us in achieving the great and exciting things that life has to offer. Visiting each other in person during the pandemic has been especially challenging, however **SARAH TWEDT CONDON**'s wedding was a joyous moment that brought classmates together to reminisce over old times. In attendance were **LAIN PERKINS**, **JORDAN**, **IVY FORESTER**, **MELANIE AUGUST MILLER**, **KELSEY ZUKOWSKI**, **JOHN SCOTT** and **ADAM MORRIS**.

Laine was still able to travel to Bulgaria this past year for work despite many travel restrictions. **EMILY ECKHOUS** is working and living in Amsterdam, Netherlands. She has been working on non-financial reporting for a global optical retailer and she published her second annual report for the company in early March. She sees this as the future of corporate governance and hopes the USA will join in on more transparent reporting and corporate accountability in the future. Using technology as a tool to foster relationships, **VICTORIA TRUDEAU** and **LAUREN RIVARD** have used FaceTime so that their daughters can get to know one another. **LUCY LIU** took advantage of working from home by leaving San Francisco to fully embrace remote work and nature, spending the past year hiking through the Grand Canyon, the five national parks in Utah and the Rocky Mountains. She decided to eventually move to Colorado with fellow classmate, Symone Jackson Kumar. **TRENT ROOK** relocated to Traverse City with his wife, Renee and two children, Hunter and Parker. He was recently happily vaccinated as he was on the front lines treating and intubating COVID patients for the past year as a cardiothoracic anesthesiologist. **KATIE** and **JOSH SIEGEL** welcomed their first child, Elliott, in late spring 2020. They have enjoyed getting acquainted, staying at home in Novi, MI. **ALISHA VARDE** and I met baby Elliott during a social distancing meet-and-greet in Michigan when Alisha was visiting the US from London, England. We are both planning

to move to Houston, TX, this coming fall and are excited to finally live in the same city! I realize this has been a crazy year and has been an especially eye opening experience for those of us working in hospitals and health care settings. I wanted to thank my classmates who have been giving dedicated service to help the lives of others: **KASHIF AHMED, ALICIA BERRY, BRETT BRAZIER, SARAH DOWD, IMKE WASSERMAN LIEVENS, MACKENZIE MAYO, ERIN KENNEDY O'LOUGHLIN, ALEX ROACH, ARIANA SHANE, ANDREW SILAPASWAN, ALEX ROACH, TRENT ROOK** and any others I may have missed. Please reach out to classmates in your current city as we strive to keep connected during this unusual time.

STAY HEALTHY AND BE HAPPY, SAMRITA VARDE
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C08

What a difference a year makes. One year ago, I wrote our class note with little idea what was ahead of us. Although I'm confident it's been a trying time for us all, I hope this note finds everyone healthy and well nonetheless. On a positive note, even the pandemic hasn't been able to stop love. On the nuptials front, **AARON ROBINS**, now a third-year psychiatry resident in metro Detroit, finally settled down and is enjoying married life with his wife, Michelle. **ANDREW BATES** also tied the knot in August 2020 with wife, Tara. The two of them had a small ceremony in the mountains of New Hampshire with family and friends. Out West, meanwhile, **THAD NAPIER-DUNNINGS** graduated from law school at USC and is spending some time at home in Michigan with family before joining the ranks of our finest profession. Also, on the move is **JAMES ROSS**, who recently completed his OBGYN residency in Pittsburgh and has moved to the Buckeye State (ugh) to start a fellowship in female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery at the Cleveland Clinic. On the other side of the coin, **NICK ANDERSEN** has mostly been staying put in Cambridge, MA, but did enjoy a vacation in Palm Springs with his fiancé in February 2020, at which time they were lucky enough to spend an evening with fellow '08 alum

Andrea Gumushian, who was visiting the desert with her family at the same time. Nick says, "It's wild to think that a trip that long ago was the last travel or the last other person seen, but that's what it was." **JARRETT ABRAHAM** is also settled in Denver with his fiancée Emily and heckin' good doggo Flinders. Jarret reports that he has joined the crypto revolution and helped build a company called SALT, a fintech company that builds lending and wealth management solutions for bitcoin and other crypto assets. He currently leads the corporate development team there and still finds time to co-host a podcast called Not Today Bitcoin. M. **PAUL WEEKS** is still living in NYC with his partner Amy and cat Peppercorn. Paul and Amy started working together in 2019 to create a free indie fighting game called Tough Love Arena. The game is now in public beta, so Paul spends most of his nights and weekends working on it. Paul has been grateful to have this project, Amy, and his cat to keep him sane during the pandemic. I hope we've all found something or someone to help us stay sane through these unprecedented times. For me, it's been innovating new, at-home hobbies with my fiancée, Sam. By far, the most successful for us has been our "Cocktail Challenge," a weekly Chopped-esque competition where we blindly draw airplane bottles of liquor from a shoebox and then have to make a drink out of them, with our concoctions posted to Instagram for the voting public's amusement. We hope to continue the competition in our new home—Arlington, Virginia, where I have taken a new job as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Civil Division of the Eastern District of Virginia. So, if anyone's in the DC area (either living or just stopping by once travel is OK again), it would be great to get together. Until then, stay safe, my friends.

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C09

MARY BETH SKYLIS is working full-time as a freelance writer. At the time that this is being written, her permanent address is in Colorado, she's in Michigan, and she pays rent in North Carolina. She's currently researching the relationship between PTSD,

mental health and the outdoors. You can find her work in Backpacker Magazine, Outside Online, and on her website: TheDirtbag.org. Reach out if you'd like to connect!

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C10

Hello, wonderful people of the Class of 2010! It's been forever since we've all been together (can you believe it's been 11 years since we graduated?!). As we enter into this new decade, I wish you all happiness, health and satisfaction! Lots of exciting news this time around (with pictures, too!). On November 11, 2020 **ADAM DAVIDSON** and his wife, Sami, welcomed their son, Leo, to their family.



Adam Davidson with wife, Sami, and baby, Leo

Welcome to the CK family, little Leo! We all know that Google is useful for lots of things, but I'm not sure if **MICHAEL ST. GERMAIN** thought he would meet his fiancée, Sophia Werne, while they both were working there.



Michael St. Germain and his fiancée, Sophia

They got engaged on Mackinac Island and have decided to buy a house in Birmingham. Congrats, MSG! Miss you, buddy. In January,

ADDISON ROSE VINCENT celebrated four years together with their spouse, Ethan, and they're currently in the process of fertility preservation and family planning.



Addison Rose Vincent and spouse Ethan

Joe Smith's ceramics classes were pivotal for many of us, but Joe's classes sparked a passion that led Addison to become a ceramics teacher at POT. POT is a queer women of color owned pottery studio in Los Angeles. In December of 2020, Addison also completed their year as a Fellow with Blue Shield of California Foundation where they were able to develop a domestic violence prevention strategy called History Reimagined. To top it off, Addison celebrated the 1 year anniversary as CEO of their own consulting firm, Break The Binary LLC. Break The Binary provides LGBTQ+ related educational training, programming, and consultation services to schools, businesses and organizations. Sending a HUGE shout out to Addison for doing the darn thing!! **KEVIN ZHANG** will be starting his hematology-oncology fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center—Harvard Medical School in July. He's finishing up his internal medicine residency at Indiana University. We know you've been working hard on this! And that's all folks. Tons of great content here, but I know there's so much more out there that you want to share with everyone. Just send me a text or email if you want to be included.

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Hello Class of 2010! Only a few updates in this time around! **KATHLEEN GRACE MADURO** married Jonathan Maduro in

Miami on March 1, 2020. They have been social distancing at their home in the Lakeview neighborhood of Chicago ever since, but are extremely grateful that their wedding wasn't impacted by the pandemic.



Kathleen Grace Maduro and husband Jonathan

Congratulations, Kathleen! **TESSA HUTTENLOCHER** spent a very solitary spring and summer in Philadelphia after the University of Pennsylvania went virtual—at one point, Philadelphia was under quarantine lockdown, police curfew and severe storm-related shelter in place, all at once! Beginning in October, she temporarily moved back in with her parents in Clarkston, MI, where she was able to take her last comprehensive exam of her PhD program with the benefit of home-cooked meals and frequent hugs. She continues to work virtually, supervising a team of undergraduate research assistants and chipping away at her paper projects. Like many, Tessa took up pandemic craft projects, including a small cross-stitch inspired by Loja Saarinen's Coronation of the May Queen (the tapestry in the Kingswood Dining Hall).



Tessa Huttenlocher's cross-stitch, inspired by Loja Saarinen's Coronation of the May Queen

Sometimes, the best way to deal with stress is to stab something a zillion times! Tough times tend to shrink the number of class note submissions as people face difficulties in

their lives. Wherever these class notes reach you, I hope you are finding strength in your communities and growing through any challenges you might be facing.

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Some very exciting news to start off with, **MADI HEIMERDINGER VERCCELLI** and her husband welcomed their first baby, Beckett, on July 20, 2020! This past August, **ADRI VALTIERRA** graduated from Vanderbilt University with her masters in speech-language pathology, moved to the Kansas City area, and began working as a speech-language pathologist at the Kansas State School for the Deaf. When she's not practicing American Sign Language, finding delicious KC barbecue, or exploring the outdoor spaces of Kansas City, she has enjoyed seeing many CK pals on Zoom several times since last spring. After many years of long-distance best friendship, **LUNA ZHANG** and **SOPHIE ZUCKER** are finally in the same city! Luna is an OB/GYN resident at Flushing Medical Center and Sophie is working at a health technology startup in Manhattan. They're very excited to spend all their time together again like they did in high school. Also, Luna and Kevin Zen '13 got engaged this past winter! In the last year, **CHANCE MORGAN** also became engaged to his college sweetheart, Alexis O'Neil, and moved to Colorado to pursue opportunities in the cannabis industry. **MAGGIE HUDSON** lives in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood and recently moved in with Alyssa Barone '11. After spending more than four years at a research foundation serving the rare disease community, Maggie recently accepted a new position at One Tail at a Time, a Chicago-area animal rescue and community organization. One Tail at a Time not only rescues animals from high-risk shelters, but also works to address the underlying systemic issues that contribute to pet homelessness in Chicago's many diverse communities. This is exciting both professionally and personally since Maggie has been a long-time volunteer with the organization and her own dog, Piper,

was saved by One Tail at a Time. Another highlight of Maggie's past year was getting the chance to see **SYDNEY SANDERS** for picnics at Cranbrook over the spring and summer. I can definitely say that seeing Maggie (and moving from San Francisco to Washington DC!) was a huge highlight for me as well! Feel free to send along any updates throughout 2021 to me at ssanders0603@gmail.com.

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CK16

Hello! To start, I would like to send well wishes of health and safety to every graduating class as we continue to live in a time of uncertainty. We must all lean into our (virtual) communities and lift one another up when we are down. Since leaving CK in 2016, our class has been growing, learning and navigating what becoming an adult (or "adult") means. Many of us have finished college and have or are entering a job market that is rather interesting, to say the least. All of us are using the tools we learned at Cranbrook Kingswood and beyond to find our way in this world, accomplishing incredible things and experiencing the simple joys of life along the way. These are some snippets of our stories.

NICO BENNETT-CARPENTER: Nico and Kit Bennett-Carpenter '15 got married December 20, 2020 in Carrollton, GA.



Nico Bennett-Carpenter and wife, Kit '15

They now live in Fort Benning Georgia. Nico graduated West Point in 2020 and commissioned as an Infantry officer. He finished his Infantry Basic Officer Leaders Course (IBOLC) in November and begins Ranger school on February 1st.



Nico Bennett-Carpenter and Andrew Ladi.

ANDREW LADI: Andrew graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 2020. By fate, he and Nico were in the same Infantry Basic Officer Leader Course. They became branch qualified Infantry Officers and will be off to their duty stations soon. **CHRIS WANG:** Chris is working in Amsterdam for Flow Traders as a software engineer, moving to trader in mid 2021. He is down for a drink if anyone passes through NL, also happy to help if anyone's trying to get into prop trading. **VERONICA DANNIS-DOBROCYNSKI:**

Veronica recently completed her BFA in Visual Arts from Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts and is currently in her first year of her MFA in Painting at Boston University College of Fine Arts. **REILLY COOMBS:** Since graduating from Cranbrook Kingswood in 2016, I graduated from the University of Michigan in May 2019 with a Bachelors of Science in Anthropology. During my time at Michigan, I was a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority and served as both Reference Chair and House Manager during my time as a collegiate member.



Reilly Coombs

Additionally, I had the opportunity to be a part of the Mexican Exposures Research Project based out of Mexico City. My work as a part of the research team enabled me to see how inseparable my two passions are, culture and medicine. Upon graduating from U of M, I pursued a master's degree in Physiology and Biophysics from Georgetown University School of Medicine which I completed in June 2020. The program I was a part of gave me the unique opportunity to take the first year of medical school classes alongside the Georgetown M1s. I'm looking forward to using the skills I have gained in this program as a future medical student and physician.

TAYLOR BLAU: I enjoyed my gap year working at GitHub in their Boulder, Colorado office: the same place I did my Senior May. In September, 2017, I began studying at the University of Washington. While at UW, I continued to work at GitHub part-time. This past June, I graduated cum laude with a degree in Computer Science with honors, and a minor in Mathematics. Since graduating, my fiancée Maya Lippard and I moved in together in Rochester, NY while she completes her last year of undergrad at the University of Rochester.



Taylor Blau and fiancée Maya Lippard

We are enjoying our new puppy, Ellie, while Maya applies to MD/PhD programs, and the both of us plan our wedding for July, 2021. I continue to work at GitHub as a senior software engineer, and enjoy it just as much as I did way back during my Senior May project. I am sending well-wishes to everybody for a better 2021, and look forward to catching up

with all of you, in one way or another, at our five-year reunion.



Wade Kogler

WADE KOGLER: I graduated from MSU during COVID, which I feel that we all can share that experience. Since the job market is quite difficult to navigate at the present moment, I have been volunteering at the Michigan Animal Rescue League; a non-profit shelter that is doing really good work for displaced animals. The best part about volunteering there is that they allow volunteers to host dog and cat sleepovers to help the animals become more comfortable in their forever homes. As I am still on my post-collegiate job search, I know that devoting two days a week to volunteer my time is important and meaningful to those animals.



Allen Luo

ALLEN LUO: I've recently started my job as a Brand Strategy Consultant at Lippincott. They are one of the oldest creative consultancies in

the country and have completed rebrands for Delta, Starbucks, and Walmart. I look forward to jump starting my career in branding and hopefully moving to NYC once the pandemic is behind us. I also got this really cool shirt in college. Steven Meng: Steven recently graduated from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business and started full-time remotely for IBM. Outside of work he has organized multiple ultra-endurance events for charity and trains to compete in half Ironman triathlons. Still an avid outdoor enthusiast, he wishes to explore more of Michigan's natural beauty before moving to New York City in the future. **COLBY KELLN:** After graduation from the University of Michigan in December 2019 with a Bachelor of Science in mathematics, I am a graduate research fellow pursuing a PhD in math at Cornell as a National Science Foundation fellow. **SEAN ANDERSON:** After finishing degrees in French Horn Performance and Cognitive Science at University of Michigan, Sean Anderson converted his childhood bedroom into a highly sophisticated intelligence lab complete with a desk, keyboard and mouse. He currently uses it to deliver radical and break-proof insights to his human and machine learning team at Rutgers. His senior recital last year marked the release of his brother Neal's (CK '09) new album Why Wait?, which Sean never misses a chance to advertise. If only Sean had been a little more risk-tolerant in his financial portfolio, he would have secured an impressive \$0.24 return on an initial \$0.07 Gamestop investment. He wishes the best of health and finances to his peers.



Sufia Ahmed

SUFIA AHMED: I graduated from Rollins College in May 2020 and am currently in my

first year of medical school at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.



Elijah Pollak

ELIJAH POLLAK: Elijah has been studying music therapy at Berklee College of Music in Boston and is finishing up his final semester. Following graduation, he plans to complete his music therapy internship as well as the music therapy board-certification exam to become a licensed music therapist. Elijah has worked with students who have physical and cognitive disabilities, geriatrics (specifically dementia/Alzheimer's), psychiatric patients, and individuals with neurological disabilities. After becoming licensed, he is hoping to work with adolescents in the psychiatric setting.

BETSY SAYLOR: Betsy graduated from the University of Michigan in May 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts in French and American Culture. She was able to continue her love of the outdoors, leadership development and team building (first learned with Wilderness Expedition) with U of M's Adventure Leadership program. She also found a passion for mental health in becoming a peer support leader and eventually the Director of Leader Development for the student organization called Wolverine Support Network. Though her original post-grad plans were canceled, Betsy was able to find a job as a Project Manager at Epic Systems in Madison, Wisconsin, where she is currently living and working.

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We've got the 2021 update on the Class of 2017 squad: **SIMON WANG** is finishing up his time at UCLA where he has studied Business Economics and Cognitive Science. He has definitely kept himself busy in LA. For starters, he is the co-president of the Photography Club (follow their Instagram @uclaphoto) and exclaims that "LA is a paradise for photographers." Also, because he loved his time as a MasterSinger at Cranbrook, he has joined UCLA Chorale and SouLA Acapella to not only perform classical and pop music, but also do video work, stream, and arrange for various projects. Through internships, Simon has become passionate about product management/design and is planning to get a master's degree in human-computer interaction in the fall. He says that some of his favorite memories at Cranbrook include CKXC and Wilderness, but one memory that stands out was when the entire dorm exploded in response to snowday announcements! He hopes all his fellow alumni are staying safe in these unpredictable times and will definitely catch up with more friends soon. Aim high! Wear masks! **LACEY MODEL** is graduating this semester with a B.A. in psychology from the University of Michigan. Through her experience at UM, between classes, study abroad in Australia, and her time in sorority Sigma Delta Tau, she has learned that she loves the connection between psychology and law! After graduation, she plans to go to law school to pursue those interests and to ultimately help people defend themselves against wrongdoings. One of the things she is most grateful for from this last year is that she feels incredibly lucky to have gotten to spend so much quality time with her family and three other siblings. She can't believe so many of us are graduating this year and wishes everyone the best! **WAI CHUNG TSE** is saving the world. No, literally. He is currently a research fellow in Australia working in public health spaces including addiction medicine, medical epidemiology and the COVID-19 response! He plans to undertake a PhD in public health, hopefully in Europe, and work towards his end goal of working for Médecins Sans Frontières and the WHO. One of his favorite recent memories was backpacking

with fellow alums **OCEAN CHEUNG** and **TEDDY AJLUNI** prior to moving to Australia. Wai Chung reminisces on chatting with Dr. Brown about random life things and encourages his fellow alums to reconnect with CK teachers who impacted you in a special way. He says you'd be surprised by how your perspective on them has changed. **NICK DAVIS** has had a great run at the University of Michigan pursuing a dual degree in Business and Computer Science, and is hoping for work in the consulting field after graduation! He still absolutely loves sports and after graduation from CK stayed on as the primary varsity linebacker coach for CK for two years! After that, he spent two years working on the film team Michigan's football team, recording games and practices and even traveling to away games to film. While he worked there, Joey Files '15 was a tight end for the team! Nick is also grateful to have gotten to spend extended periods of time with his family this year. **MATTHEW YANG** is completing his computer Sscience and finance degree at Washington University. He has absolutely loved his college life in St. Louis—meeting lifelong friends, eating yummy barbecue and competing on the varsity swim team. He placed 4th at the UAA Conference Championship and is currently a captain. While he is saddened that the end of his swim career came early due to COVID, he is so appreciative of the 17 years of swimming and excited about the opportunities ahead. Speaking of which, Matthew can't wait to move to NYC to be a software engineer at Bloomberg after graduation. If anyone is in the city, please reach out! Matthew has loved hearing about all the incredible things fellow alums have been doing and is sending a big congrats to all those who have graduated or will be graduating soon. Stay safe and go CK '17!

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CK18

Hi everyone! We hope everyone has been safe and healthy during this crazy time. Charlie and I are writing to update on some lives on CK '18 Alumni. I, **ALEX GRANT**, am

currently back on campus in Ann Arbor and taking classes virtually. I have declared my major as Economics with an Applied Statistics minor, and will be spending my summer in Chicago working with JPMorgan Chase & Co. in their Global Finance department! Second, **CHARLIE PANFIL** went home to quarantine with his family and ended up being home for the longest amount of time since he started boarding at Cranbrook. Now back in the DC area, he is finishing up his last semester of undergrad before staying at GW to get his Masters in Legislative Affairs. Outside of school, he has been interning for a lobbying firm called The Daschle Group and has joined the LGBTQ+ Victory Fund and National Institute for Lobbying and Ethics to increase Gen Z and LGBTQ+ representation in government. **HARRY JONES** has also had an exciting quarantine. He has left Babson College and is now working for a tech start up in New York City called Polymarket. The company runs a decentralized information markets platform built on Ethereum smart contracts that allows people to trade and bet on news of the day. Users can predict the outcomes of football games, political events and other trending topics.

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CK20



Alex Miller '21, Jacob Miller '21, Ian Rosenberg '21 and Marci Edwards '20 at the last Quiz Bowl meeting on August 27th

Good morning, perhaps. This is **ALEX STAMELL**. After years of reading Tradition, I'm delighted to share my first class notes. Since graduation, my connection with Cranbrook has only strengthened: I've read

Bruce Coulter's, Ben Snyder's, and Betsy Clark's histories of the school; perused the yearbooks and restaurant menus in the Archives Digital Collections; watched Cranbrook Theatre's commendable production of *Clue*; participated in Quiz Bowl; unearthed ancient gin bottles near Robin Hill; and met several former classmates for the first time through my secretarial duties. As of February, we've held three virtual reunions for our class and faculty. During Thanksgiving Break, we played Among Us, which revealed shades of Ramón Mercader in Chip Wiswall. **JADE MAYER** proved her erudition equaled her effervescence when she won Jeffrey Welch's Cranbrook trivia game the next day. (Troy Dostert and Bruce Kohl were equally impressive.) Lastly, we played Skribbl.io and Broken Picturephone in January. **TREY O'HARA** forwarded me a fascinating account of Sandoe-era Cranbrook—i.e., a solid 0.5% of our class has sent me something. For comparison, Jeb Bush—who had dropped out weeks earlier—received 0.81% of the vote in the 2016 Michigan primary. Next issue, let's beat Bush's 7.84% in South Carolina. I'll even make it easier: If you've never met me and you email me an update, I'll count you as a full percent. Yes, I want eight people to send me—or another class secretary—anything. There will be Allwyn Cole-inspired consequences for noncompliance. Follow us on Instagram @classof2020_ck and join our Facebook group, Cranbrook Kingswood '20, to stay informed about reunions and other happenings. If you haven't given Cranbrook your email address, contact alumni@cranbrook.edu immediately so you don't miss important news. Hello! **SHERRYE YE** reporting live from home. Like Alex, I'm grateful for the ways in which I've been able to keep in touch with Cranbrook whether it be through visits to the art museum or campus walks that feel somewhat touristy, but familiar all the same. Happy to report that I've also kept in contact with classmates via Zoom and other virtual platforms. Halfway across the world in Shenzhen, China, **JIAYI HAO** has been throwing down in her local ceramics studio, creating lovely mixed clay cups and bowls. Meanwhile, **MADISON FAN** agrees with her brother, Bill '19, that a gap year is like living alone at the top of a mountain for the purpose of self improvement. In other words, she's a UX Design Intern at Volvo Shanghai and enjoying her year off

from school. Hello everyone! It's **CAMILLA-TONIA OGOL**; while enjoying the uniquely vast and culturally wealthy aura of the Middle East with my family, I have been able to pursue a few equestrian endeavors that have greatly increased my inclination to interact with the natural world. Conversely, I have amalgamated reading books with taking up various online courses to develop a much deeper understanding for others through their differentiating lenses of experience. As **BECCA BLUM** trained to get her EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) certification this past fall, learning from others to better empathize with them was also a major point of significance for her. She was drawn to emergency medicine as the field is a facet of space medicine, the latter being a subject she wishes to pursue professionally in the future. The most notable parts of her experience were during her field internships on ambulances and clinicals that tested her acquired skills: checking vital signs, performing general medical assessments, and interacting with patients. Even when dealing with the most minute of tasks, she found meaning by assisting and interacting with those who were in pain during the COVID-19 pandemic. **LAUREN WINEGARDEN** spent most of her time enjoying the homely familiarities of Cranbrook with family over the break and has kept in touch with friends via socially distant gatherings. Though many activities have been deferred for the time being, Lauren is looking forward to studying abroad and focusing on her internships once they recommence. Taking on a more scientific approach by working alongside his organic chemistry professor in the laboratory, **NOAH ROLLISON** has been methodically synthesizing a pre-existing cancer drug trying to alter it to have less side effects in the body as his research before medical school. Similarly operating to assuage effects of the malignancy medication is **DIANA KERNEN**; she is involved on a research team that is currently focused on the direct evolution of nanobodies, and is also a member of the medical emergency services and student volunteer bureau organizations at her institution. It is wonderful to know that even during times of uncertainty, the Cranbrook community has demonstrated by connecting with each other that together we can serve others while still individualistically taking on challenging pursuits. As formerly mentioned

by Alex, please share your experiences with us so that many can continue being inspired by your sincere efforts.

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HONORARY ALUMNI

The BIG news is that we have two new members in our special group. **RUSS CONNER** and **RANDY TUFTS** were chosen to be honorary alumni, and I was so pleased to hear from both of them for this column.



Russ Conner in his home office

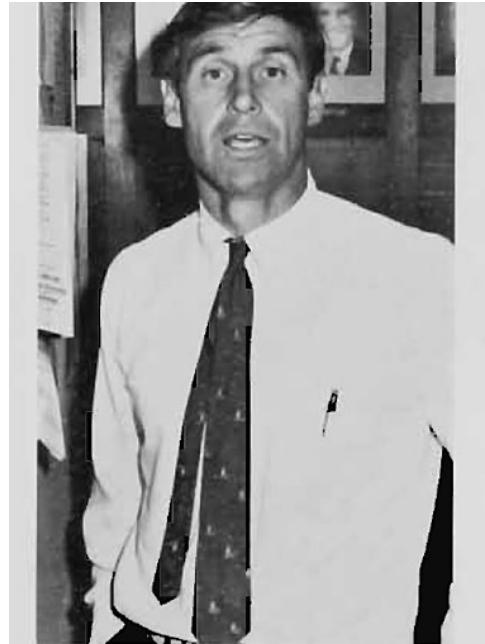
Russ said this year was not what he expected his 51st year of teaching to be. He's been teaching online for the entire year from his basement office at home. While he doesn't have to commute, he had to master several new assessment sites and work through best practices for how to approach his three huge sections of AP Bio that meet either in DeSalle auditorium or in the CIS auditorium, as well as coordinating with colleagues to deal with the hands-on aspects of the IPE classes. He said teaching students in multiple time zones has been interesting with some as much as 13 hours off of Eastern Time. He adds all is going well. Russ will be retiring as of the end of this academic year. Russ, we hope you find retirement to be all you're hoping for. Stay in touch. Randy responded to say "All is well with the Tufts" and that he has been pretty much housebound since he retired in June. He does lots of reading, computer games and TV. He and his wife, Ellen, facetime with their granddaughters every day, but still miss them so much. They were waiting patiently for their turn to get the COVID shot. As for me,

I'm grateful that things have opened up a bit here in Michigan, so I can once again meet with the Book Club and Writers' Group here at our Senior Center. We all agree that these groups are good for our mental health and have missed them since November. I hope we will hear from more of you for the next issue of Tradition.

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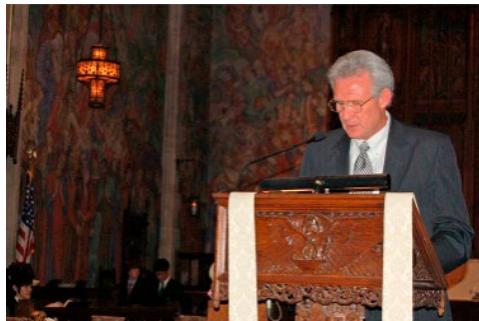
David Smart '85 reports that his mom **JEAN SMART** is going strong at 95. She is in assisted living in Idaho. The restrictions due to the pandemic made it difficult for her to see family, but they are looking forward to resuming in-person visits with family and friends. Last May we lost renaissance man **MACK GOODWIN**.



Mack Goodwin

He taught at Cranbrook from 1962–1973, including such diverse subjects as painting, shop, math and coaching basketball, hockey, bike racing and chess. He was a residential faculty member and his children Anne Goodwin Sides '80, Allison Goodwin '82 and Tor Goodwin '88 were all able to be with him at the end of his life, playing his favorite music and sharing old stories. We will all miss

DAVID TIDWELL who passed away at the end of 2020.



David Tidwell at Baccalaureate

David was at Cranbrook from 1997 to 2011, serving as the head of the Religion and Philosophy Department and Chaplain of the school, while coaching tennis and football. A line from his obituary captured his essence perfectly. "More than anything, he loved a good discussion on topics ranging from Existentialism to the Detroit Lions. He was intrigued by the basic contradictions of humanity—good and evil, cynicism and altruism, love and loss." David generous spirit touched many lives while he was here. Brookside music teacher **CAROLYN TOWER** passed away last spring.



Katie Lorts and Carolyn Tower

She had retired after teaching at Brookside from 1963 to 1999. Former students can readily picture her at the piano or directing their Orff performances with great enthusiasm or collaborating with her longtime teaching partner **CONNIE HEIDT**. Carolyn's legacy will endure at Brookside. She composed many beautiful original songs for performances there, the building will continue to ring with her music in perpetuity. Another collaborator of Carolyn's passed away this spring. The former author of this column, **BETSY CLARK**

passed away at the end of February.



Mary Lou Simons, Charlie Shaw and Betsy Clark

Betsy served as a beloved English/Language Arts teacher at Brookside starting in 1968 and moved to the Girls Middle School when instruction of sixth-graders migrated to the GMS in the 1980s. During that time Betsy also served as head of the GMS. In 1972, she took up residence with her four children, Gil, Beth, John and Tim on Faculty Way. Betsy retired in 1999 but continued to be vitally connected to the Schools. She then turned her teaching gifts to the instruction of the students of Horizons Upward Bound for a number of years. Betsy continued to be a trusted guide for our girls in her role with Aftercare at the GMS. Betsy was commissioned by the Kingswood Alumnae Association to write the first official history of Kingswood School for Girls, which was published in 2006. Beside a Lake; A History of Kingswood School Cranbrook, cherished by thousands of alums, was a labor of love for Betsy and resides in all of our libraries. Betsy's fierce devotion to the instruction of grammar was unforgettable, gently loving, and legendary. The lyrics she wrote for Carolyn Towers' compositions will continue to echo in the Brookside halls. The impact she had on her students were numerous. As pointed out in her obituary, "Although as an educator she could be intimidating, she nevertheless became beloved by generations of students, and many of them kept in regular contact with her long into their adulthoods. As the decades passed, students she taught in the '60s and '70s sent their children to her classrooms in the '80s and '90s. An impressive number of the girls who passed through her English classes are now writers and editors at some of the country's most prestigious publications." Interment of Betsy's ashes will be in the Columbarium at Christ Church Cranbrook at a future date to be determined. Brookside's beloved teacher and head of many years, **HONNIE McCLEAR** shares time between Florida and Frankfort in northern Lower Michigan in summertime. She

is never far from family or a golf course and quick to assume grandparenting chores for sons Kevin '79 and Chris '81. A speedy return to the links is in prospect for **DEL WALDEN** is making a nice recovery from his most recent hip replacement surgery in Florida. Longtime Brookside teacher **VIRGINIA WALDEN** keeps the dean to his rehabilitation schedule. They share time between Florida and Harbor Springs. **CHRIS MARTIN** is pulling up stakes from Charlotte, NC, and is looking for a new residence in northwest Connecticut, somewhere nearby the communities in which children, Richard '85 (The Gunnery School) and Cara '88 (Kent School), continue the family tradition. Chris has been a very active tutor to children in Charlotte and can still summon arcane baseball facts at will. **DAVID COX** has had to put his Habitat for Humanity work on the back burner for the time being, but he continues to enjoy regular biking trips in the Rochester area. **JOHN SHILTS** continues to enrich his vast treasury of stories about prep school track coaches and track stars. He stays in correspondence with many former runners and enjoys his volunteer gardening work at the Detroit Zoo, which is only a few blocks from his home. Former dean of girls, **SHARON PEACOCK**, stays in touch with many of her Kingswood flock from her home in nearby Troy. She and former academic dean **LAURIE PULLEN** are faithful walking partners and always hard at work planning for their next travel destination. Former dean of boys, **JOHN WINTER**, stays in touch with countless alums across the globe. He stays trim and active with plenty of beach-walking. He is moving inland into a new house closer to Sarasota. Yours truly will be turning over his Former Faculty quill and ink at the end of this school year, putting to rest a great 45-year run. **MADAME SHAW** and I have purchased a home in nearby Huntington Woods, so games, performances and reunions will be close at hand. Joining this year's faculty "graduation" exercise will be several other long-serving faculty, including **RUSS CONNER, TOM and MARCY DE CRAENE, BOB GREENE, JIM LADD, RIC BOWDY, LINDA STONE and SUZANNE TENNENT.**

FORMER FACULTY CLASS SECRETARY, CHARLES SHAW

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William Boothby '36
Charles Himelhoch '38
Fenton Ludtke '42
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If you have information regarding the loss of a fellow alum, please send it to the alumni office via email (alumni@cranbrook.edu) or phone (248.645.3132). See Class Notes or contact your class secretary for further information about those listed above. The alumni and faculty above 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.

Come together virtually from across the globe to support each other and engage with Cranbrook Kingswood

Friday, June 11

10:30 a.m. EST | **COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY—CRANBROOK 2021**
Featuring an address by Distinguished Alumnus 2021, Rob Edwards '81
Register at <http://bit.ly/CKreunionPage>

3 p.m. EST | **COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY—KINGSWOOD 2021**
Featuring an address by Distinguished Alumna 2021, Kimberly Dowdell, '01
Register at <http://bit.ly/CKreunionPage>

Saturday, June 12

10 a.m. EST | **KINGSWOOD CAMPUS TOUR**
Livestreamed from the Kingswood Campus
Kevin Adkisson, resident curator at the Cranbrook Center for Collections will host one of his legendary live campus tours, taking alumni on an early morning stroll around Kingswood. Fans of Kevin's live tours know that his knowledge of the history, art, and architecture of our campus is deep and his narratives are rich with detail. Log on and be transported to the campus that is widely considered Eliel Saarinen's architectural masterpiece.
Register at <http://bit.ly/CKreunionPage>

11 a.m. EST | **ALUMNI ASSEMBLY & DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI 2021 PRESENTATIONS**

Director of Schools Aimeclaire Roche welcomes alumni to celebrate our Distinguished Alumni for 2021, Rob Edwards '81 and Kimberly Dowdell '01.
Register at <http://bit.ly/CKreunionPage>

5 p.m. EST | **LEGACY CELEBRATION**

Have a glass ready to toast legacy retiring faculty with Cranbrook Kingswood careers of more than 30 years. In the order of the year they arrived on campus:
Russ Conner (1970), Randy Tufts (1970), Charlie Shaw (1977), Katie Lorts (1980), Bob Greene (1982), Jim Ladd (1983), Ric Bowdy (1984) and Tom DeCraene (1986) Their careers here have spanned across four and even five decades, leaving a legacy of inspiration, caring, and commitment to excellence. We invite you to share in some of their reflections on their careers and experiences on our campus and toast them as they move to the next chapter in their lives.

Register at <http://bit.ly/CKreunionPage>

5:30-6:30 p.m. EST | **VIRTUAL MILESTONE CLASS CONNECTIONS**

Registration is required to receive the link to join the virtual event. Virtual gathering rooms will be opened only for classes with pre-registered participants.

Register at <http://bit.ly/CKreunionPage>

Opportunities to connect as a class virtually will be offered for each individual milestone classes:

1950, 1951 (70th), 1955, 1956 (65th), 1960, 1961 (60th), 1965, 1966 (55th), 1970, 1971 (50th), 1975, 1976 (45th), 1980, 1981 (40th), 1985, 1986 (35th), 1990, 1991 (30th), 1995, 1996 (25th), 2000, 2001 (20th), 2005, 2006 (15th), 2010, 2011 (10th), 2015, 2016 (5th)

Those who wish to refresh their alumni spirit wear collection before their class gathering can visit <http://bit.ly/CKreunionPage>

CKshop for a selection of items from the Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association.

If you can help as a point person for your virtual class gathering, please email Alumni Engagement Coordinator Madison Sanders at msanders@cranbrook.edu.
Register at <http://bit.ly/CKreunionPage>

Sunday, June 13

10 a.m. EST | **ALUMNI MEMORIAL SERVICE**

We remember the alumni and faculty we have lost. The service focuses on those alumni and faculty whose deaths were recorded by the school during this past calendar year. Links to the program are provided in the download section of the reunion page at <http://bit.ly/CKreunionPage>. If you have information regarding the recent loss of a fellow alum please email it to alumni@cranbrook.edu.
Register at <http://bit.ly/CKreunionPage>

3 p.m. EST | **REUNION FAREWELL AND CRANBROOK CAMPUS TOUR**

Livestreamed from the Cranbrook Campus

We will wrap up our virtual programming with a brief farewell from campus luminaries followed by a Cranbrook Campus Tour with Kevin Adkisson, resident curator at the Cranbrook Center for Collections. This tour will take you through some of the most iconic spots on the Cranbrook campus and help you remember why "A Life Without Beauty is Only Half Lived."

Register at <http://bit.ly/CKreunionPage>

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CAMPUS EVENTS FOR MILESTONE CLASSES

Milestone alumni from class years ending in 0 and 5, and 1 and 6: We are moving forward with plans to offer you—the members of our milestone classes—an opportunity to gather in person on campus during the weekend. We are planning a rotation of individual outdoor events for each milestone group. The in-person events require pre-registration and will be organized to comply with campus safety standards. We undertake these plans with your understanding that they are dependent on continuous assessment of health and safety protocols as we approach June. We encourage you to participate in the virtual components as well. The virtual schedule is designed to complement the in-person event schedule and include those alumni who are not attending in person events at this time.

On campus events will be offered for each two-class milestone group:

1940 & 1941	1970 & 1971	2000 & 2001
1945 & 1946	1975 & 1975	2005 & 2006
1950 & 1951	1980 & 1981	2010 & 2011
1955 & 1956	1985 & 1986	2015 & 2016
1960 & 1961	1990 & 1991	
1965 & 1966	1995 & 1996	

The weekend schedule for milestone groups is posted on our reunion page at <http://bit.ly/CKreunionPage>. Check to see when your milestone event is scheduled and to register. Stay tuned to the reunion page for all the latest details.



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