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DO YOU REMEMBER?

Sadly, there are not many left who have firsthand memories of this day, so we will give you some clues. The fourth girl from the left in the front row is Florence Schust Knoll Bassett, who passed away on January 25th at 101 years of age. When Florence was orphaned as a young girl growing up in Saginaw, she and her appointed guardian selected Kingswood School and she entered as a boarding student. Her Kingswood art teacher, Rachel de Wolfe Raseman

encouraged her interest in architecture, introducing her to Eliel Saarinen, who became a mentor. The Saarinen family became a surrogate family for Florence, taking her on trips to Finland and Europe, and inspiring her to continue her studies at Cranbrook Art Academy. Read more about Florence in the K'34 Class Notes. If you can identify any of her classmates or tell us more about this photo, email alumni@cranbrook.edu.



Fall/Winter 2018: Do You Remember? Follow Up

Melissa Zieve '78, emailed to identify the alumni from photo #2—one being herself!

"This was taken in January 1976. We were the first class of girls allowed to go. So we had a lot to prove! We had to show we were as tough as the boys and could keep up. And clearly, we were so fabulous—girls have been going ever since..." Top right: Melissa (Missy) Zieve '78, Beth Clark De Ceseña '78, Bonnie Harvey Clark '78, James Vizzaccaro '78, Mont Wickham '78, (partly cutoff) Eric Shimabukuro '78.

Missy wasn't the only one who saw familiar faces—Doug Bourgon '89 spied himself in photo #1 with classmates Alice Fecko and Tracey Bedford doing a river crossing in Joyce Kilmer.

Of course, Wilderness legend Frank Norton put in his two cents, identifying photo #3 as leader training in Hell, Michigan 1981. With Frank were Dave Foster, Bob Labes '81, Sarah Bach '82, Sue Daniels Cowan '81, Charles Clippert '82, Barbara Breeden-Schmenk '82.

Photo #4 (year of the storm). Back: Christine Donlon '88, James Woodruff, Kristen Smith Cahn von Seelen '87, Ned Lebo '86, Michelle Ehret, Alexa Stannard, Tom Murdock, Sam Jackson. Front: Kim Alger-Norton, Marcy Paisley Miller '93, Kirk Norton '11 (5-month assistant bus chaperone), Frank Norton, Andy Farbman '93, Dylan Cooper '93, Caroline Leknius '94, Jan Reelitz.

That leaves photos #5 and #6. Photo #5 is Jen Briggs from Wilderness Expedition '91. We still need the identity of the young man in photo #6, but it was labeled Lodestar '71.



Uphill leg on Wilderness Expedition 35

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RESIDENT'S

Point of View



As we transitioned this year to a new Director of Schools, Director of Academy of Art, and welcomed many new leaders in our Advancement office and beyond, I find myself thinking deeply about how we define and foster leadership at Cranbrook.

In fact, I'm frequently asked what's the secret to Cranbrook's enduring excellence in education, science and the arts and our continuing ability to develop graduates who, generation after generation, truly understand what it means to "Aim High" and "Go Forth to Serve." I often receive a look of shock when I reply, "It's simple," because, in my opinion, leadership can be defined by two simple words: People first.

Certainly, the beauty and depth of our campus and collections is a factor in Cranbrook's unparalleled reputation. What really makes Cranbrook special though is our people. It's the talented faculty and staff, dedicated volunteers, and generous donors who bring true meaning

to our educational mission. It's our alumni, who make a positive impact on the world, and in doing so, continually demonstrate the value of their own Cranbrook education.

From our founders, George and Ellen Booth, to present day faculty and staff, Cranbrook inspires us to be leaders—to have the courage to innovate and be authentic, accountable and sincere in our service to others. Upon further thought, it became apparent that our practice of leadership follows the same footprint of our core values that guide our steps as an entire Cranbrook Educational Community:

EXCELLENCE

INNOVATION

COLLABORATION

INCLUSIVENESS

STEWARDSHIP AND SERVICE

EXCELLENCE

Have a compelling vision and a commitment to quality in execution and delivery.

From the opening of the boys school in September of 1927, George and Ellen Booth led by example in their pursuit of excellence. Along the way, the Booths never wavered in their appreciation and celebration of the people—Saarinen, Milles, Vettraino and many others—who worked tirelessly to create, build, and sustain Cranbrook as a beacon of excellence for teaching and learning.

INNOVATION

Propose a plan, find a way and have a positive attitude.

From the design-thinking curriculum at the Schools, the introduction of the 4D Design Department at the Academy, the exploreLAB at the Institute of Science...innovation is embedded in all corners of our campus. While we tend to celebrate the innovations, it's the people with creative courage, the true innovators, who lead us with energy to explore new ideas.

COLLABORATION

Encourage teamwork in the pursuit of clear goals.

Collaborative learning has become an educational buzzword, but, for Cranbrook, it's always been central to who we are. Through interdisciplinary study that begins with our youngest learners at Brookside and extends all the way to the Academy of Art graduate program, Cranbrook has long recognized how collaboration enriches the entire educational experience.

INCLUSIVENESS

Respect, listen, help and appreciate each other.

One of my mantras is, "Everyone is included" or as Maya Angelou puts it more poetically, "in diversity there is beauty and there is strength." By recognizing, celebrating and including diverse thinking, backgrounds, ethnicities, and beliefs we become stronger in our understanding of global perspectives, challenging injustices and moving forward with respect for all people and cultures.

STEWARDSHIP AND SERVICE

Have fun, enjoy the journey and be accountable.

It's remarkable and equally admirable to see how passionate our volunteers, especially alumni, are about Cranbrook. It's the responsibility of each of us to make sure that Cranbrook's legacy perseveres for future generations. Whether you serve on a committee, support a scholarship, or simply spread the word about our campus, I am truly grateful for your service to Cranbrook.

At the dedication ceremony for the opening of Cranbrook Schools, George Booth said that "Cranbrook School is given to this great country of abundant opportunity—one more means of enlightenment and education—that we... may move just a little nearer to the goal of perfection for which we must ever strive."

I am humbled and grateful for my colleagues and others in the Cranbrook family who so admirably invest in these core values daily to help shape our historic institution. It is a privilege to share and learn from your leadership.

Sincerely,

DOMINIC DIMARCO, President

Cranbrook Educational Community



DIRECTOR'S School of Thought



HELP WANTED: Mission Then Vision

In a recent blog to heads of school, Donna Orem, the Executive Director of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) wrote:

Henry Ford once said, “If I had asked people what they wanted, they would have said a faster horse.” Whenever I think about strategy-making, this quote comes to mind, as so many well-thought-out strategic plans end up as a collection of faster horses instead of a better mode of transportation. Why is that? Are traditional strategic-planning processes inherently designed to push us to build on what we know versus what we may need but not yet fully understand? Can these processes serve us well in this time of great change?

Orem’s reflections resonate with me and my colleagues, first because they hearken to a local icon and legendary innovator; second, because at Cranbrook Schools we are in the midst of important and arduous strategy-making. As the new director of schools, I have the fortune to forge with my colleagues a vision for the Schools that will ensure a Cranbrook education remains preeminent. And in this time of transition and change—both at Cranbrook and in the wider landscape of elementary and secondary education—my colleagues and I are thinking earnestly about Orem’s questions: what we know, what our current students and—most important—their successors need, and what we understand and envision about the most effective contemporary modes of education.

We ask these questions in part because good educators always do, challenging ourselves to think beyond what

is known and comfortable. Simultaneously, Cranbrook's faculty is preparing to engage during the 2019-2020 academic year in an important, formal process of self-study, peer-review and accreditation by the Independent Schools of the Central States (ISACS). This accreditation process occurs every seven years. It requires that our faculty and administration examine all aspects of our academic and cocurricular program, our goals and objectives, as well as what motivates our educational decisions; we must also articulate how, in all areas, we welcome feedback from our constituents, challenge our own assumptions and, as an institution, assess our progress and success. Ultimately, our comprehensive written reflections will be submitted to ISACS, reviewed and appraised by a visiting committee of peer educators from outside Cranbrook who, in the fall of 2020, will spend several days on campus, and ultimately recommend to ISACS our next term of accreditation, a critical imprimatur for independent schools.

As educators, we take the self-study and accreditation process seriously because independent schools are just that—independent. We, as a faculty and administration, must establish our own curriculum, set our own goals and determine for ourselves appropriate metrics by which we measure success. It is a weighty responsibility because independent schools are not subject to oversight or curricular decision-making by external or governmental agencies; we are mission driven, autonomous and self-governing. The routine process of self-study, peer-review and accreditation helps to ensure that our programmatic decisions are thoughtfully made, are aligned with Cranbrook's mission and keep the best interests of our current and future students front and center. The integrity of the self-study and accreditation process, actually, ensures the vitality of Cranbrook's educational independence, the efficacy of our unique programs and—ideally—allows for visionary strategic planning.

It is fortunate for me to have joined this school community at this time; the self-study and accreditation process affords a natural opportunity to fully describe and, with my colleagues, assess all that Cranbrook Schools offers. The process also begins with a critically important, fundamental first phase: reviewing the school's mission statement. For, we want to ensure that our mission statement always captures Cranbrook's core values and beliefs about education; the ISACS process invites us wholeheartedly to refresh the language of the mission statement if we feel it doesn't fully, or no longer, captures who we are.

I especially appreciate this invitation because a compelling mission statement articulates succinctly what is at the core of a Cranbrook education: what is our essential—and arguably timeless and unique—purpose? What is our *raison d'être*? Powerful mission statements convey what values are most important to the institution; and in turn effectively guide our vision, future decisions and strategy-making—what we intend to do, in service of that mission, that no other school can. An articulate mission statement is the bedrock upon which all vision statements proudly and authentically stand; without the mission, one cannot have the vision.

This is why on a recent survey sent electronically to all alumni, current parents, students, governors, faculty and staff, we asked an important and challenging question: if you were to write a one-sentence mission statement for Cranbrook Schools, what would it be? We thank every constituent who took the time to respond to that question; there are hundreds of you! Rest assured, my colleagues and I are reading all of your responses, which resonate, inform our thinking and offer us authentic language that speaks to what we, as a school community, truly value.

Our current mission statement, last updated in 2006, reads:

Cranbrook Schools are independent day and boarding schools that provide students with a challenging and comprehensive college preparatory education. We motivate students from diverse backgrounds to strive for intellectual, creative, and physical excellence, to develop a deep appreciation for the arts and different cultures, and to employ the technological tools of our modern age. Our schools seek to instill in students a strong sense of personal and social responsibility, the ability to think critically, and the competence to communicate and contribute in an increasingly global community.

Many elements of this statement—critical and creative thinking, diversity and difference, as well as personal and social responsibility—resonate with Cranbrook constituents as enduring commitments.

Nevertheless, throughout this community when thoughtful and candid interlocutors read our current mission statement, they worry that it could apply to any great school. Some confess that the text does not fully convey



*Director of Schools Aime Claire Roche
observes students in a design workshop*

that Cranbrook is a uniquely transformative educational environment; others admit that the statement lists many important assets but does not capture our greatest advantage: the close relationships through which a Cranbrook education always occurs.

Many of Cranbrook's most fervent advocates—frankly—challenge us to put more magic in that mission! Further they caution: when you get to strategic planning, don't mistake a vast curriculum for a compelling vision or confuse what we offer for what we aspire! Thus, all of our current work, as part of the self-study and accreditation process, is opportune.

Our first task is, with the endorsement of our board of governors, to refresh the language of the current mission statement to more succinctly capture what is at the core of a Cranbrook education. We are on a quest to find just the right words to describe what was and is the Cranbrook educational experience. If you didn't have a chance to respond to our survey, we still, of course, welcome your reflections. Either electronically at SchoolsMission@cranbrook.edu or by mail to the Director of Schools,

39221 Woodward Ave Bloomfield Hills MI 48303, please share with us: if you were to write a one-sentence mission statement for Cranbrook Schools, what would it be?

Our second task then will be to articulate a vision for Cranbrook's future that—hopefully—isn't just a faster horse! But a leading and innovative mode of education that allows a contemporary student to fulfill his or her promise, that will continue to inspire and that will ensure Cranbrook's continued strength well into the future.

We have much good work to do, and we count on your help doing it. Thank you for your support of this important process and for your love of Cranbrook Schools, past, present and future.

AIMECLAIRE ROCHE
Director of Cranbrook Schools



STEWARD'S Table



Bill Prady '77, winner of many awards for television and co-creator of the *The Big Bang Theory*, spoke recently about the richness of his Cranbrook education.

The conversation turned to the values of performance and the performing arts learned at the side of Dr. Chuck Geroux, director of theater at Cranbrook School. "He treated us like adults and with complete respect. He taught us about the expectations and recognitions of performance. If you didn't have something, you had to make it."

Alexi Lalas '88, USA soccer legend and Fox Sports analyst, visited school recently to deliver this year's lecture for the Sirchio Distinguished Speaker Series and lead sessions of the World Affairs Seminar. Alexi too spoke about performance at Cranbrook: on the soccer field, on the stage, and on the page. Alexi was a Mastersinger, and his rock band was the winner of the school's talent show.

Two long-serving and beloved faculty members depart this year: Sarkis Halajian (Mr. H) and Richard (Doc) Lamb. Both are teaching legends. Both have accompanied countless students through the gates of excellence in performance. Under Sark's baton, CK musicians have attained every level of proficiency from state festival recognition to the professional. Rich has always directed computer students to the solution of real-world problems and has helped them to attain the highest levels of proficiency and professional attainment.

If "performance" means something like a public demonstration or enactment of competence or excellence, then "performance" is hardcoded into the Cranbrook experience. With its 50th trip, the Wilderness Expedition celebrated a significant milestone this year. Nationally recognized as one of the premier examples of experiential education across the independent school landscape, the trip is the purest form of performance: ten days of self-

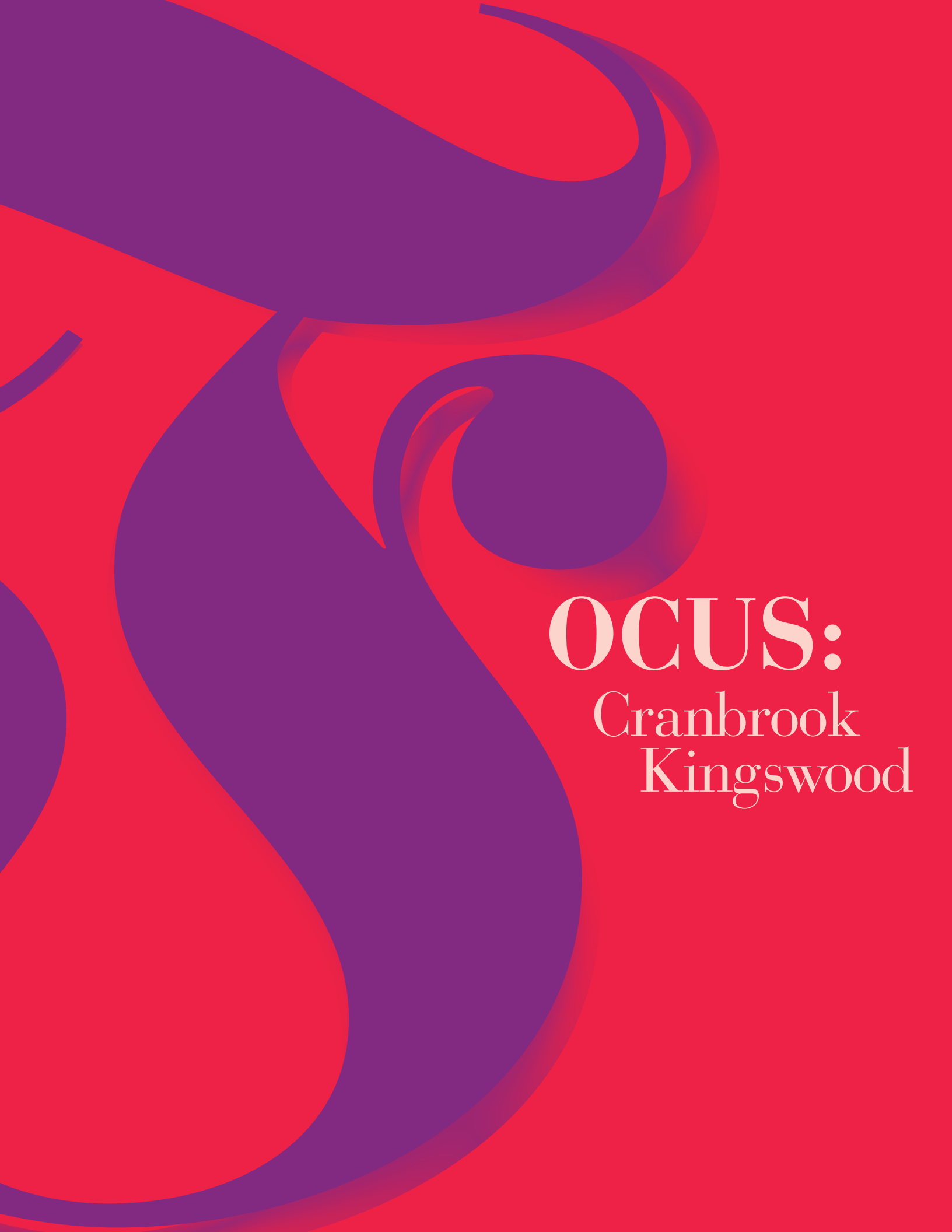
testing and group identity-building. Under the leadership of Frank Norton for some three decades, and now co-leaders Dr. David Cohen and Audrey Armodlian, staff and student leaders are taught a deep curriculum of "hard" and "soft" skills. I have the clearest memories of a particularly challenging staff prep in 1993 and of Elissa Slotkin '94 (now US Representative Slotkin) offering helpful feedback on my heedless stream-crossing technique.

Learning by doing is about deep mastery and application of skills, as distinct from memorization. It is about teacher and student learning together. Learning by doing is the basic premise of the design thinking process that informed the multi-year collaboration between Cranbrook Schools and the Edgerton Center of MIT. Many project-based activities at each School's division trace their origin to the Edgerton Center's philosophy of "building, learning, and sharing." Leadership training, invention, coding, robotics are only a few of the examples of experiential learning that runs across all divisions of the Schools. Performance is also embedded in the critique protocols that help to define our Fine Arts curriculum. The senior year, with all its rituals and passing down of responsibilities and offices, is a special immersion in performance.

A school that confers supreme importance upon learning outside the classroom is also a school that commits to the deep transmission of school values. Cranbrook Schools are incredibly rich in ceremony throughout the school year. Our moving up days, the Ring Ceremony and the Passage of Leadership, our holiday observances, and our sit-down meals for boarders—all are critical to the sense of community and belonging. It is as if Theodore Roethke were speaking of Cranbrook, when he observes in "The Waking":

*Great Nature has another thing to do
To you and me; so take the lively air,
And, lovely, learn by going where to go.*

CHARLIE SHAW
Director of Stewardship



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ACADEMICS

NPR radio and podcast producer Aaron Henkin '92 was the guest speaker at the Cum Laude Assembly where 22 seniors were inducted this fall. Henkin described the circuitous path that led him to co-create a series of audio mosaics focused on the residents of a single Baltimore block that became the award-winning program “Out of the Blocks.” Telling the stories of citizens, focusing on people from one block at a time, the show highlights personal narratives in a way that fosters connectivity and compassion. Henkin’s story showed students how he found a way to turn his passion for storytelling into a career, and a way to give people a voice who would otherwise never have the chance to tell their story. After the assembly, Henkin spent time with students with interest in media, journalism and social justice enterprises, answering questions and sharing his experiences.

Upper School science enthusiasts are making names for themselves in a variety of fields through independent

research, national awards and program participation, and nationwide school club development. Earlier this year, senior Rebecca Blum was selected as one of the first student ambassadors for the Back to Space program. Blum helped found the “Beyond Earth” club at Cranbrook Kingswood, which promotes the application of STEM skills to space exploration. She also facilitates a space enrichment program at a local elementary school. Junior Mark Chen has spent the last several years engaged in independent engineering research. A recent project entitled “Deep Neural Network with Active Learning: Automated Engineering Design Optimization for Fluid Dynamics Based on Self-Simulated Dataset” earned a coveted “Top 10” spot the Shing-Tung Yau Science Awards, an international competition based in China that promotes student research development. Chen’s award includes a scholarship. Since last summer, sophomore Saaim Khan has also been engaged in ongoing neuroscientific research. His studies related to brain cancer were published in the November issue of the *International Youth Neuroscience*

Association Journal. Senior Matthew Tan has been named one of the top 300 student scientists by the Society for Science & the Public. This recognition comes from Tan's participation in the 78th Annual Regeneron Science Talent Search, one of the nation's most inveterate high school mathematics and science competitions. Tan is eligible for selection as a finalist for the Regeneron Science Talent Institute competition in Washington, D.C this spring.

STUDENT LIFE

The CK Debate team is soaring to new heights this year, as they swept the competition at the National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) National Qualifying Tournament. Cranbrook Kingswood's teams dominated the "Public Forum Debate" with three CK teams successfully shutting out all challengers and finishing in first, second and third place. Those teams will represent Michigan at the 2019 National Speech & Debate Tournament in June in Dallas, Texas. In addition, seniors Aashray Khanna, Justin Luo, and Derrick Zhen and junior Harry Ren were named Academic All Americans by the NSDA.

Mother Nature turned the temperature down to minus eleven on the original January date for the Cranbrook

Kingswood Alumni Association Career Fair, but that cancellation didn't stop our students or alumni. On the evening of March 6, more than 60 alumni turned up to dialogue with juniors and seniors about career and educational paths. Despite the record snow days this season and all of the events and games that were rescheduled for March, grateful students managed to turn out in droves to take advantage of the experience and sage counsel of our alumni. New at the career fair this year were ongoing "Interviewing Skills" workshops hosted by human resources expert Lena Harb Allison '84, who gave students tips on handshakes, eye contact, thorough preparation and more.

In an effort to find new ways to take advantage of alumni talent as it passes through town, the alumni office has created a model for smaller gatherings of students and alumni, offering opportunities for interested students to break bread and dialogue with alumni and get career advice. This past winter, students met over lunch with Nicola Reasoner '11 while she was on hiatus from Google, London. Another group dined with Cadillac CMO Deborah Wahl '81 while she was in town for a meeting.

CK Debaters at the Bronx High School of Science for the New York City Debate Invitational





Nicola Reasoner '11 took time to have lunch with business-minded CK students while on break from Google, London



Deborah Wahl '81 gave career advice to CK juniors and seniors

CK soccer legend Alexi Lalas '88 (second from right) with Kris Sirchio '83, Charlie Shaw and members of the boys soccer team



Cranbrook soccer legend Alexi Lalas '88 addressed students at the annual World Affairs Seminar on the topic “Looking into the Mirror of American Soccer.” The prior evening, Lalas addressed alumni, faculty, students and other guests as a Sirchio Lecture speaker. In his comments Lalas reflected on the myriad of gifts the game of soccer brought to his life: as a Crane, a World Cup defenseman, an Olympian, a member of the LA Galaxy and now as a Fox Sports soccer analyst. He spoke about the future of American men’s and women’s soccer on the global stage and gave students a rapid-fire tutorial on the fine art of dissection for which a sports analyst must prepare. The students who courageously engaged him in debate were impressed by the depth of knowledge required to go head to head with Lalas, who nimbly played devil’s advocate on any position they chose involving players, teams, coaches and all things soccer.

ATHLETICS

Coach Andy Weidenbach hit several milestones during his final season on Cranbrook ice—most recently his 500th win while serving as head coach for the boys’ varsity hockey team. The Cranes beat Brother Rice (4-1) in January. “It was a great win for the team against a very good Brother Rice squad,” Weidenbach stated afterwards. “As for the 500th win for me at Cranbrook, I am proud for all the players through the years that helped the team achieve that with me as coach.” After twenty-six years as Cranbrook’s Head Hockey Coach, Weidenbach is preparing to conclude his incredible career and retire at the end of this season, along with his wife, Martha, a familiar face to residential students on the front lines of the Cranbrook dorm office.

The CK girls swim team took second place to East Grand Rapids in the state championship meet this fall, with some record-setting swims. Sophomores Justine Murdock was a

state champion in the 100 backstroke breaking the school record, and sophomore Gwen Woodbury broke school records finishing as state runner-up in both the 100 and 200 free. Relay teams in the 200 and 400 free also broke school records.

The CK boys soccer team took the regional championship title this fall, and earned a spot in the MHSAA State Semifinal, against rival Detroit Country Day. CK got off to a quick start with senior Jeevin Neelam scoring the first goal in the first minute-and-a-half of the contest that lasted until the last three minutes of the match when the Yellow Jackets tied the game, taking the teams into overtime where DCD put one in the goal first, closing out a great season for the Cranes. The team earned Academic All-State for their collective excellence in the classroom, and head coach Chad O’Kulich was named both region and district coach of the year.

FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

In honor of Sarkis Halajian’s pending retirement after 44 years inspiring CK musicians, alumnus Alexander Miller ’86, whose well-known work has been performed from venues from Carnegie Hall to the opening of the William J. Clinton Presidential Center in Little Rock, Arkansas, has composed a special tribute piece which will be performed by CK students and conducted by Sarkis himself this spring.

Junior Kali Hightower has been recognized as a Distinguished Scholar by the Michigan Youth Arts Festival for her self-choreographed solo piece “Lion.” Kali’s involvement with the CK Dance program and the Strickland Choreography Competitions have been extremely successful, as she choreographed winning dances for the competitions in 2017 and 2018. She has been invited to

After 26 years and more than 500 wins, Coach Andy Weidenbach is hanging up his skates



repeat this performance at the final MYAF festival this spring at Western Michigan University.

Student artists in the new Fashion Design course taught by Lynn Bennett-Carpenter took an inaugural field trip to Salvation Army to get supplies for their “upCYCLED” project. The CK Fashionistas deconstructed the garments found at Salvation Army and reassembled them into totally new looks. Students found inspiration from a wide variety of sources, including Dame Vivienne Westwood, the mother of punk and one of the first DIYers.

FACULTY

The Finland educational system’s rise over the past twenty years to the top ranking for a country has garnered worldwide notice. Cranbrook Kingswood Science teacher, John Twedt spent his Thanksgiving break observing Finland’s educational system at work on a program through a company called Learning Scoop. According to John, Finland’s educational programming secret sauce can be

summarized in one word—trust. A six-year, highly selective teacher training program (this year, only seven percent of teaching applicants were accepted), plays an important role regarding teacher perception in the eyes of parents, students and administrators. Plainly put, the teacher’s judgment and techniques are trusted. Teachers are given great classroom autonomy which, he observed, encourages creativity and collaboration.



Musician Alexander Miller '86 announced a tribute composition to honor retiring Sarkis Halajian at the winter concert



Lynn Bennett-Carpenter and Fashion Design students at the Salvation Army



John Twedt doing classroom observation in Finland

Wilderness at 50

Journeys of
Self-Discovery

Standing alone, looking into the endless blue expanse of a Smoky Mountain sky, immersed in silence save for the sound of your own breathing, the wind rustling through the brush, the piercing call of a hawk—this is the kind of moment in time that can change a life.

For the Cranbrook Schools sophomores who take part in the annual Wilderness Expedition, this journey of self-discovery has become a rite of passage and an opportunity to find untested strength and character.

This past March marked the 50th Wilderness Expedition and an opportunity to celebrate a program that has challenged generations of students to take positive risks and think critically.

Launched in 1971 by Cranbrook faculty member John Morris and his colleagues from the Social Science Department as an optional extension of the boys' sophomore history curriculum, the program was lovingly nurtured and expanded by faculty members that include the late Scrib Jelliffe and former Upper School science teacher Frank Norton. Kingswood girls were first included in 1976. The program has drawn thousands of sophomores, their junior and senior student leaders and highly-trained faculty members into the wilds of the Smoky Mountains over the last five decades. There, students work together to build their camps, hike, explore and live without the conveniences of modern life. Students spend the majority of the expedition in a group but are required to spend 24 hours alone on "solo" during the trip, testing their skills and existing in a space of silence and thought that is all too rare today.

Over the years, Wilderness has come to symbolize much of what makes a Cranbrook education so special. "At Cranbrook, we hope to develop and nurture students who are creative and thoughtful problem solvers," says Aime Claire Roche, director of Cranbrook Schools. "With Wilderness, we literally create an environment in which they will have to do that problem-solving in a team setting with real-world consequences."

And it is a challenge that generations of sophomores have taken on with enthusiasm and serious commitment, describing it, Roche says, as "transformational."

Collaboration and Self-Reliance

Part of what makes Wilderness Expedition such a special experience is the fact that it places young people in an environment that is deeply unfamiliar yet gives them the



Planning the next leg of the journey

tools to adapt, adjust and thrive. "What's also unique is that you're going with classmates that you may not know well," says David Cohen, '90, Upper School math teacher and co-leader of Wilderness along with Upper School science teacher Audrey Armoudlian '86. "We intentionally try to put them in groups of kids who don't know each other well. They'll come out of this and be lifelong friends."

It is that early struggle in getting to know one another and valuing each member of the crew that can prove invaluable later. Michelle Joerin Stewart, K'81 and Distinguished Alumna 2016, recently retired from her career as an engineer for the United States Army, but still remembers the ways in which she and her classmates learned from and bonded with one another.

"I credit Wilderness with teaching me the necessity and the value of teamwork," Stewart said. "The small nature of Wilderness groups required us to work together. Disagreements surfaced, of course. It became obvious very quickly that each group member brought unique skill sets to the group. One person perhaps was better with maps while another could carry heavier gear. Each of us realized that our diversity had enormous value—as a group



Stream crossing

we were much more effective than each of us would have been alone.”

Just as students discover new skills and strengths in their peers, they also find it in themselves. Schools Governor Kristen Baiardi, '02, went on the expedition in 2000. “I think that Wilderness does a great job of showing young adults that they are stronger than they may have believed they were before the experience,” she says. “There is opportunity to learn, to collaborate, to solve problems, to fail, to encourage and accept encouragement, to reflect independently, and to accomplish a goal.”

Stewart agrees, citing the 1979 Wilderness Expedition “as one of my most formative experiences. The realization that I would push myself and achieve physical successes that seemed beyond what most people could do because of

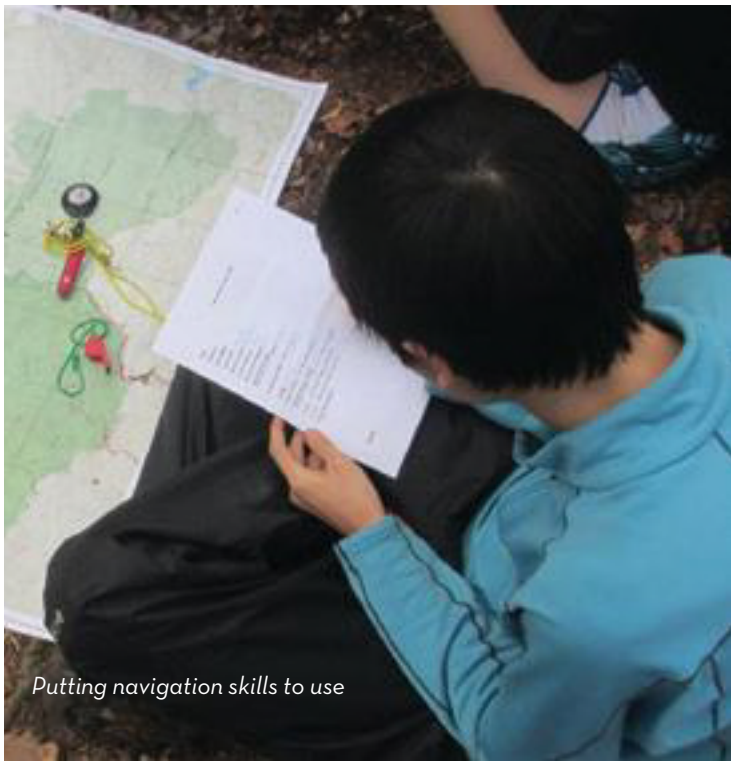
my own dogged determination to keep going stuck with me during my Army career. Throughout my life, in the Army and in situations as diverse as motherhood and training for a marathon, I realized that I possess a deep well of capability that I can only tap into with willpower. I first experienced that on Wilderness.”

The solo portion of the trip is often at the core of that realization of individual strength. “For the sophomores, I really want them to have wrestled with and engaged in all that was there for them to experience,” says Roche. “Solo is very important. When was the last time they were alone with their thoughts?”

Leaders in the Making

For sophomores who find that they have a talent for the outdoors and for guiding others, Wilderness offers the opportunity to become a student leader as a junior or senior, helping to lead the expedition for younger students. “Over the 10 days of Wilderness, you see the kids who kind of step up,” says Cohen. “They find they’re comfortable with things. Especially when things get tough, it is always interesting to see who steps up. It presents a real authentic opportunity for leadership.”

For student leaders, the training is intensive, with individuals selected in the fall. Daily training sessions begin after the Thanksgiving break and continue until the expedition departs in March. During those weeks, student leaders train in everything from how to pack food and gear



Putting navigation skills to use



Students stay warm in their mummy bags



Leader training in Hell, Michigan

to learning first aid and search and rescue techniques. Scenarios are set up on campus to allow them to become fully test their training in wooded, natural settings.

The student leaders also supervise fitness training for the sophomores under the direction of Upper School science teacher Bob Greene. This past year, Cohen and Armoudlian were able to invite Cranbrook Schools' new head of counseling Neda Ebrahimi to talk to students

about mental health issues, ensuring the minds as well as bodies were prepared for the venture.

Having student leaders as part of the program gives it greater depth. "If it were only adult leaders on the trips, there would be no spiraling of increased responsibility," says Roche. "To come back in a new role allows student leaders to build on the experience and gain greater meaning from it."



David Cohen '90 and Frank Norton on the trail

At the same time, trained and experienced adults are part of the foundation of Wilderness. Although he retired from teaching physics at Cranbrook, Frank Norton carves out time for Wilderness whenever possible. There is a long list of alumni who have returned to assist with Wilderness after graduation. Alumni who have returned for multiple expeditions include: Arash Babaoff '84, Ian Perkins '05, Cameron Keiser '08, Tom Gratch '88, Heather MacKenzie '98 and Jennifer Boeberitz Diaz '90. Schools Governor Matthew Trunsky '84 gladly volunteers his time as a basecamp doctor whenever he can, citing trips to the Tennessee Wilderness as the highlight of any given year.

Finding Strength Outside the Comfort Zone

Distinguished Alumnus 2017, Bob Bechek '77 describes his sophomore trip to Tennessee as a life-changing experience. He remembers physical hardships that included deep blisters caused by borrowed hiking boots and a sleeping bag rendered useless due to a soaking in a river crossing.

There were also situations that challenged his problem-solving skills and emotional resilience. He recalls having to split from his group with a few others to retrieve canoes that couldn't make it to the rendezvous point, and then having to agree on and execute a plan to reunite with the larger group. The confidence and leadership skills he gained on this trip have served him well as Worldwide Managing Director at Bain & Company. Bechek still has his Wilderness journal from 1975 as a reminder of the way those challenges resulted in personal growth.

In the cocoons of technology and comfort in which so many of us now live our daily lives, it can be difficult to remember that sometimes the greatest learning tool is experience, even when the situation is difficult.

“It is only through challenge that we grow,” says Stewart. “Unfortunately, modern life encourages children to spend more time indoors than out, and children may lack exposure to situations that require them to think and act for themselves.”

Wilderness takes away that framework while still providing

a safety net. “The complex logistic and physical challenges that comprise a Wilderness Expedition is the perfect forum for a teen to probe his or her physical limits, participate in group discussion and perhaps find a voice, and relish success and learn from failure,” Stewart adds.

Baiardi agrees. “Wilderness is the ultimate representation of the idea of learning by experience,” she says. “In order to grow, it's important to be able to get out of your comfort zone—which is not easy in a classroom. For the program to be successful, it needs educators who are not just able to teach survival skills, but who are able to build trust with students so the students feel comfortable taking new risks.”

The Broader Cranbrook Experience

Wilderness and its cultivation of student leadership is in keeping with other Upper School programs that are seeking to engage students in exploring greater responsibilities and helping each other. The annual student leadership retreat is held three times a year for students in grades 9 through 12 and one was recently held for fifth graders in the form of



Frank Norton addresses participants on WE-35



*Frank Norton and Arash Babao'ff '84,
Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest*



*Wilderness co-chair Audrey Armoudlian
'86 crosses a river on WE-42*

an overnight workshop that focused on empathy, kindness and healthy risk taking.

The Peer2Peer program in the Upper School brings together a network of trained students to lead weekly group discussions for classmates who may be undergoing stress or loneliness. There are no adults in the discussion groups, which mean the group leaders are the ones who guide the conversation and provide support for their peers.

The program also is an example of Cranbrook's commitment to multifaceted education. "It's an interdisciplinary experience," says Roche. "It involves the environment, science, human interaction and intellectual engagement. And interdisciplinary learning is where we need to be. There are connections to history and culture."

"Let's look at the foundational principles of Wilderness and how these can apply to other parts of the curriculum, such as trips abroad, including foreign language trips. This is a great opportunity to do cross-curricular examinations and ensure that all expeditions have as clear a purpose

and stretch students as mightily. Wilderness offers a strong framework that we can apply to a host of other programs."

Ultimately, says Baiardi, Wilderness has become a shared experience over which generations of Cranbrook Schools students will continue to bond. "That Wilderness remains a beloved program, with faculty, alumni and student leaders continuing to participate 50 years later, is the ultimate evidence of its success."

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Cranbrook has long been known as a nexus of design innovation. But when Cranbrook Schools announced a new, school-wide emphasis on design thinking, innovation and maker spaces, new resources and programming began putting the tools of modern design and fabrication in the hands of students.

Since the topic was last addressed in *Tradition* magazine, Cranbrook Schools students have been experiencing remarkable learning opportunities that were literally impossible not long ago. Here are some of the highlights of what students are now able to access.

Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School now boasts a ten-work-station mixed-reality lab inspired by student Stephen Wang. Stephen was passionate about designing a virtual chemistry lab that would allow students to experiment with cost-prohibitive materials and equipment. Today, that experience is a reality. Cranbrook Schools is the first of only a handful of college preparatory schools to integrate virtual labs in the learning experience.



The new periodic table of the elements in the Gordon Science building was fabricated by students at the conclusion of a series of independent research projects.

The ability of students to bring complex design solutions into the real world is now more sophisticated than ever. At the Upper School, the Cricut Maker precisely cuts fabrics. New 3-D printers are now allowing students to explore other materials. In addition to “traditional” 3-D printer material, students can now print digitally designed objects in copper, wood and transparent, glass-like materials. A carving machine translates virtual design solutions into objects through the subtractive process. These fabrication machines are so sophisticated that Upper School students have used them to create a custom periodic table of the elements.



The remodeled maker space at the Cranbrook Kingswood Middle School for Boys.

At the Middle School for Boys, 7th grade students used CoSpaces software to develop virtual reality environments from their reading of the novel *The Call of the Wild*. Using computer coding, the boys made each scene from the book and were ultimately able to follow the narrative by moving from one VR headset to the next. Using the new Glowforge laser cutter, students can cut designs metal, wood, acrylic and other materials.



A view into the COLLABORATORY: Middle School for Girls Makerspace

At the Middle School for Girls, the final transformation of the previous computer lab into the new Makerspace was completed earlier this year, and the new COLLABORATORY: Middle School for Girls Makerspace is now open! In addition to new equipment like our two cutting machines: the Carvey (for carving wood/acrylic) and the Cricut Air (paper/vinyl cutting), the girls now have access to a sewing machine, hand tools and other materials for project fabrication.



An Upper School student explores the structures of the human skull through VR.

Programming this year has included several curriculum-related projects such as creating Atom Models on the Carvey for 8th grade, "Make-a-Figurine" based on the novel *And Then There Were None* for 7th grade, games and other creations for understanding *Romeo & Juliet*.

Meanwhile at Brookside Lower School, while learning about the Cranbrook community, the multi-age classroom designed 3D printed-community buildings and built vehicles using recycled materials to create their own playable town. To support third graders lesson about character traits in their homeroom, students created a dynamic character story. Students storyboarded, ensured dialogue matched their visuals, took a 360-degree picture and used Google Tour Creator to produce a story to share in virtual reality.



Library Technician Tracie Hightower instructs a student on the use of virtual reality equipment

Cathy Sybert
OLKIN

Distinguished Alumna 2019



As a planetary scientist, Cathy Sybert Olkin, '84, has taken the Cranbrook Schools motto of "aim high" to its most awe-inspiring conclusion. Earlier this year, Olkin was part of NASA's New Horizons mission that captured images of one of the most distant and primitive objects in our solar system. The snowman shaped mass, dubbed Ultima Thule, is providing a glimpse into the ways in which our planets may have been formed billions of years ago.

Olkin has called this mission the "most exciting project" of her career so far. Launched in 2006, the New Horizons spacecraft, which Olkin helped to develop, was NASA's first mission to explore Pluto and the Kuiper Belt. "Pluto was just a point of light before we sent a spacecraft there and we couldn't see any surface details," she says. New Horizons provided extraordinarily clear images of Pluto in July 2015, allowing scientists to see its glacial ices and the active processes that were taking place despite the object's great distance from the sun.

Exploring always has been part of Olkin's character. She first came to Kingswood in the eighth grade, in search of intellectual challenge. "I was bored at my middle school," she recalls. "I ended up at Kingswood and it was a great transition for me."

She remembers clearly a moment in 8th grade math class when her teacher was explaining quadratic equations. "I thought it was the coolest thing ever," Olkin says. On her own, she started writing out more challenging equations. Noticing that Olkin's attention had wandered, her teacher came over to her desk. Olkin's first thought was that she was in trouble, but she was happily surprised when the teacher did not scold her but in fact asked to hear more about the reasoning behind her work.

"At Kingswood, I could be interested, curious and engaged," Olkin says. Although she was always intellectually engaged in science and math, Olkin says she appreciated the chances Cranbrook gave her to explore other interests whether they were cross country running, student government or Russian literature. "I had an opportunity at Cranbrook to try all sorts of different interests to see what worked for me. I got to explore and experiment."

After graduating from Cranbrook, Olkin earned her bachelor's degree in aeronautics and astronautics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a master's degree in the same field from Stanford University. She returned to MIT for her doctorate in Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences.

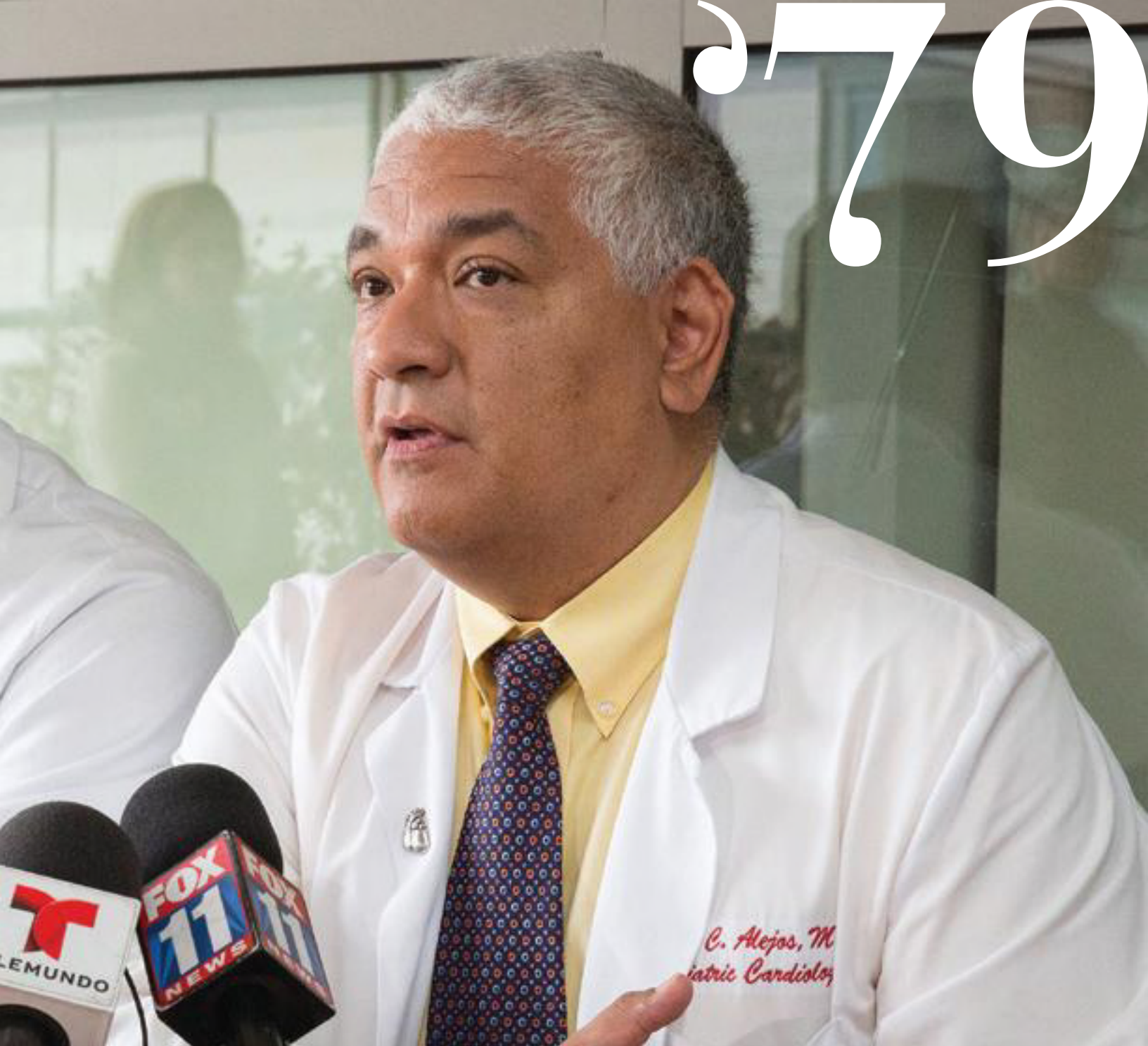
Currently, Olkin is a member of NASA's Lucy Mission, helping to design a spacecraft and scientific instruments that will travel to the asteroids that share an orbit with Jupiter. This work, she says, "will tell us how the solar system formed and evolved. No spacecraft has investigated these asteroids. We'll be the first to get photos and information."

These opportunities to see into the depths of space and explore what has never been encountered by humankind before continue to drive Olkin's work. At the same time, though, she has dedicated herself to aiding and mentoring students and up-and-coming scientists.

For a decade, Olkin has mentored local FIRST robotics teams for middle and high school students as well as working with the Greenhouse Scholars program in Colorado, which helps first generation college students thrive in their new academic environments. In addition, she has served as a mentor for MIT's Undergraduate Practice Opportunities Program, a professional development initiative that helps sophomores prepare for their careers. This work, alongside her efforts to mentor up-and-coming colleagues, stands as some of the most fulfilling aspects of her career.

It has been rewarding, too, to see the growing number of women joining the field of planetary science. "The diversity of viewpoints makes our analysis better," she says. "Bringing their experiences to the table strengthens what we do."

The beauty of planetary science and the extraordinary ability to explore the solar system and spaces continue to inspire Olkin each day. She recalls a night in Senegal when she and other scientists took telescopes out into vast empty fields to search the skies together. It was one of the most beautiful sights she has seen, underscoring what it is that continues to motivate her career as a scientist. "Observing other planets tells us about our own place in the galaxy and the universe," she says. "It connects us to our own world around us. It's science that helps us do that."



Juan “Chuck”

ALEJOS

Distinguished Alumnus 2019

There are children in countries worldwide who are alive today because of the work of pediatric cardiologist Juan “Chuck” Alejos, M.D., ’79. As medical director of the Pediatric Heart Transplant/Cardiomyopathy Program at UCLA’s Mattel Children’s Hospital in Los Angeles, he provides advanced cardiac care for children of all ages. And he extends that skill to children thousands of miles away, traveling to South America each year to provide cardiac care for infants and young people in need.

Alejos’s parents enrolled him and his younger sister, Emily ’81, at Brookside when Alejos was in sixth grade, wanting, he recalls, “the best education possible for us.” He remembers being a shy student, who tried to sit in the back row of class only to be moved to the front row by an encouraging teacher. As he grew older, Alejos soon found his confidence and became an engaged and active student.

“Cranbrook helped me become an independent thinker,” he says. “It encouraged me in wanting to help people and in looking at everyone as individuals and how we are all connected.”

Alejos’s father was a pediatrician practicing in Mount Clemens, Michigan. He would take his son to the office with him on weekends to see patients. “I remember the kids always lit up when they saw him,” Alejos says. “He was always there to help people, even if it was just someone in the neighborhood who knocked on the door. He was always my hero.”

That desire to heal and help spurred Alejos’s entry into the University of Michigan and later its School of Medicine. After graduation, he moved out to California where he completed his internship, residency and fellowship at the UCLA School of Medicine.

Today, in his many roles at UCLA’s Mattel Children’s Hospital in Los Angeles, Alejos is practicing the kind of medicine he loves, whether it is working in the intensive care unit, performing surgeries or following up with his young patients as they recover. “The most rewarding thing is having a kid come in sick who gets transplanted and stabilized and goes home a whole new kid with a new chance at life,” he says.

Early in his career at UCLA, Alejos’s father passed away. Alejos was inspired to trace his father’s journey as a young physician and traveled to Peru to visit the hospital where the elder Alejos trained. While there, he offered to give lectures on heart transplants to the staff. The chief of medicine suggested he do something with an even

greater impact—perform procedures there and train other surgeons.

Inspired, Alejos went back to California and began raising money so that he and a team of fellow physicians could travel to Peru and begin work. “On that first mission, we did corrective procedures and diagnosed a couple of hundred children,” he says.

Alejos founded and now leads the nonprofit Hearts with Hope Foundation, which provides surgical, medical and humanitarian assistance to children with congenital heart disease in underserved global communities. In addition to Peru, Alejos and his colleagues have traveled to Honduras, El Salvador and the Philippines to help children in those countries.

“It’s been a pretty amazing feeling to know that you made a difference,” Alejos says. “For us, it was just the fact that we were doing what we were trained to do—helping people.”

By providing education and training to their peers in Peru and other countries, Alejos and his fellow physicians and allied health professionals have helped introduce new, more advanced treatments to communities that previously had no way to treat certain heart conditions. “When we started, they were about 20 years behind,” he says. “They were hungry for knowledge but had no one to train them. And we learned a lot from them too.”

Today, being able to demonstrate the effectiveness of advanced procedures has allowed the local physicians to make the case that certain diseases and conditions are treatable—meaning their nation’s healthcare systems will provide support and care for patients who otherwise would have been deemed untreatable.

In the years ahead, Alejos looks to the possibility of expanding the program to other countries. “We’re willing to do as much as we can,” he says. “But we don’t want to just do surgeries and leave. We want to be able to make a 10-year commitment. If other places want us, we want to go.”

No matter where Alejos and his peers travel, the fact is that a generation of children’s lives have been saved and their futures restored because of one man’s desire to help others.

Alumni
Moments

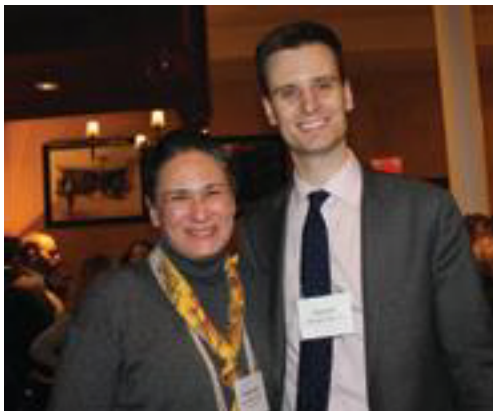
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ALUMNI EVENT AT CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE





Final class notes

[EDITOR'S NOTE]

The last issue of *Tradition* sparked some of **JIM TALMAN's** reminiscences about his treasured years at Cranbrook. His daughter Christine reports that "He still laughs to remember that Mr. Nickerson, who taught English, was also the tennis coach but knew absolutely nothing about tennis. Dr. Stevens, the headmaster, was a perfectionist in all phases of life but had an all-steel tennis racquet that chewed the balls up and was a source of dismay to the tennis team when he joined them for practice. He clearly remembers that Dr. Stevens impressed the boys with the importance of being a gentleman at all times and tying one's necktie and shoes correctly, a message that my father embodies to this day." Christine forwarded a photo of Jim taken during his Cranbrook years and one from a recent dinner in Pennsylvania.



Jim Talman '34 during his Cranbrook years



Bill Talman '32 during his Cranbrook years

She also sent along a photo of Jim's brother Bill Talman '32 who joined Cranbrook in the charter class in the fall of 1927 as an eighth grader. Just like Jim, Bill excelled at academics, tennis, hockey and all things dramatic, helping to found the Egasterion Club. Bill continued to act at Dartmouth, and after service in the Pacific Theater in World War II, Bill Talman returned to live theater on Broadway before seeking his career in Hollywood. He shot to fame as a cold blooded killer the 1953 film "The Hitchhiker" and created the role of Hamilton Burger on "Perry Mason." Bill filmed the first celebrity anti-smoking public announcement just four weeks before he died of lung cancer. His PSA can still be viewed on YouTube. Jim credits his own longevity with his passion for tennis. Jim competed in national senior men's tournaments till the age of 90 and was disappointed there was no "90 and over" age division. He was so pleased get a note from Margaret Greaves Adams '61, who wrote him after reading the last edition of *Tradition*. If anyone else from the Cranbrook community wants to drop Jim a line you can send to 72 Linden Place, Unit 14, Sewickley, PA 15143-1339.



Jim Talman '34, during a recent dinner in Pennsylvania



[EDITOR'S NOTE]

FLORENCE SCHUST KNOLL BASSETT, a pioneer of American design who immersed herself in the influences of Kingswood School, the Saarinen family, and the Cranbrook Art

Academy and Museum and campus, passed away died on January 25, 2019 in Coral Gables, Florida. She was 101 years old. The following is excerpted from a tribute on the Knoll website on the occasion of her death. You can read the full article at Knoll.com.



Florence Schust '34, senior picture

Born Florence Margaret Schust on May 24, 1917, in Saginaw, Michigan, she was the daughter of Frederick Schust, who ran a family baking company. Known throughout her life by her friends as "Shu," Florence Knoll Bassett's rise to the top of the design world began in tragedy, when she was orphaned at age 12. Fortuitously, her guardian brought her on a tour of possible boarding schools, among them the recently opened Kingswood School for Girls in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. The school was designed by Finnish architect Eliel Saarinen; at the time, he was also headmaster of the associated Cranbrook Academy of Art. The young Florence Schust was struck by the school's beauty and instantly decided it was the place for her. At Kingswood, Ms. Knoll Bassett developed an interest in architecture, and she caught Eliel Saarinen's attention. Over time, Ms. Knoll Bassett became an extended part of the Saarinen family, which included the son Eero Saarinen, who would go on to become a distinguished architect. The Saarinens invited her to join them on trips to Europe and summer visits to their home outside of Helsinki, and Ms. Knoll Bassett and Eero Saarinen became lifelong friends. She would later commission him to design a collection of groundbreaking furniture for Knoll. Upon graduating from Kingswood, Ms.

Knoll Bassett stayed on in Bloomfield Hills to study at the Cranbrook Academy of Art, at Eliel Saarinen's recommendation.



Florence Schust at Kingswood in 1933

It was the beginning of her years of serious design training. In 1935, she enrolled in the planning program at Columbia University's school of architecture. She went on to study at the Architectural Association in London. The outbreak of World War II brought Ms. Knoll Bassett back to the United States where she completed her formal training in Chicago. During her advanced schooling and extended travels, Ms. Knoll Bassett met many of the leading architects of the time, including Alvar Aalto, Marcel Breuer, Walter Gropius and Ludwig Mies van der Rohe. Some of these early mentors would come to figure prominently in her future work at Knoll. But it was Mies who had perhaps the clearest influence on her signature approach to design: rigorous and methodical. In 1941, aiming to pursue work in architecture, Ms. Knoll Bassett moved to New York City and met Hans Knoll, third generation of a Stuttgart-based furniture manufacturing family. Before long, the two were business partners, and in 1946 the pair married—and renamed the company Knoll Associates. There Ms. Knoll Bassett became inextricable from the company's advances in the industry. She broadened the company's existing array of furniture offerings to eventually include the work of some of her Cranbrook colleagues as well as the prominent Modernist figures who had influenced her education and shared her critical eye; these pieces became icons of corporate interiors of the post-war period and remain timeless designs to this day. Ms. Knoll Bassett's influence on the "total design"

sensibility of Knoll cannot be overstated. In 1955, her life was struck by a second tragedy when Hans Knoll was killed in an automobile accident. Ms. Knoll Bassett suddenly found herself as Knoll's sole owner. Despite initial speculation that the groundbreaking efforts of the company would diminish as a result of so great a loss, Ms. Knoll Bassett continued to run the Knoll Planning Unit and oversaw all design related aspects of the company, including showroom designs, marketing and advertising. In 1957, under her direction, the Knoll Planning Unit began work with the First National Bank of Miami. She married the bank's head, Harry Hood Bassett, the following year. She sold the company to Art Metal Construction Company in 1959. Even after her departure from Knoll, the company continued to be inspired by her synthetic view of design and rigorous standards. The discipline of her practice and the inspired arrow of her ideas were lifelong attributes. In 2002, Ms. Knoll Bassett was awarded the National Medal of the Arts, the highest honor for achievement in the field presented annually by the President of the United States to individuals or groups "deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding contributions to the excellence, growth, support and availability of the arts." It is only one of a countless array of honors and awards bestowed on her during her lifetime. Perhaps Charles Eames, a friend of Ms. Knoll Bassett's from Cranbrook, summed up her contributions best when he wrote to her after visiting one of her projects: "Each time I go East I see something you have done. It is always good, and I feel grateful to you for doing such work in a world where mediocrity is the norm."

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[EDITOR'S NOTE]

BILL BOOTHBY was the center of fanfare from his sons and other friends at his 101st birthday in Nashville, Tennessee. His son, Daniel, says he is doing well, keeping in touch with his many fans and staying on top of all of the latest news.



Bill Boothby '36—AIM HIGH!

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[EDITOR'S NOTE]

CHUCK HIMELHOCH can't wait for the pool to open at Bloomfield Open Hunt Club! All winter he swims his daily five to eight laps in the 25-yard pool at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield, but according to his daughter Carol, he looks forward to his outdoor swimming during the beautiful Michigan summertime. He also enjoys drives around the beautiful Cranbrook campus with Carol and her husband Steve, or son Chip. Amazing that he keeps up with his fitness, but maybe not that surprising, as his favorite Cranbrook memory is captaining the 1938 soccer team for Coach Kellett.



Soccer captain Chuck Himelhoch '38, center with ball

C44

BILL BRACE and his wife, Hazel Brace '44, are living in their home in Waterford, Michigan. Bill reports that they have given up traveling, except around the house. At age 92 he has been retired from GM longer than he worked for them. Bill and Hazel have two sons (one lives very near them), four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Bill's voice is strong, he sounds like he is ready to take on the world. **TED MERRILL** is now living with his wife, Lisa, in South Hadley, Massachusetts. Ted reports that he has given up sailing, which he loved, canoeing, traveling (except to Boston for medical purposes), and other fun pursuits. Ted says his career as an editor for Business Week was so enjoyable he would have worked for no pay. Ted has four children, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren, including twins born recently. I, **TOM AUSTIN**, am still involved with the AICPA's Annual Estate Planning Conference. I will attend a celebration of my brother, Rick Austin's '47, 90th birthday this spring. I'm still doing a fair amount of traveling and I'm looking forward to our 75th Reunion at Cranbrook in June. I have five living children (all of whom attended Cranbrook, Kingswood, or Brookside), 11 grandchildren, and a brand new great-grandchild born in January of this year.

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As we approach 90 years old, what is it that you look back on? **DON BALDWIN** and I often visit old Birmingham friends. Also, Don shot his age in golf last summer. I know of no other classmate who has done that. My wife Dodie and I enjoyed a two-hour plane ride with **JERRY BURKE** in his Piper Challenger. Jerry and his wife, Mary are excellent pilots. **RANDY GARRISON** has had a very interesting career writing poetry and prose. He has published two books and has won 4th place in an English poetry contest out of 35,000 entries. Randy now lives in Birmingham, Michigan.

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I promised **TALCOTT** and Jeanne **JONES** that I would start this column with their news having lost the news they sent for the last column. Jeanne and her daughter, Lynn, are coming to the 70th and will stay with relatives in Bloomfield Hills. Talcott says "Hi" and that he does not travel anymore. They welcome us to visit. They live on one of eight golf courses. **LOUISE LOWELL** will be joining us. Hopefully **BILL SHULEVITZ** will be able to rearrange his schedule and join us. **DAVE OSNOS** and Glenna just celebrated January birthdays. They will not make the 70th as they do not travel much anymore. They send their best to all. Dave still works two days a week in his capacity as Trustee of trusts he established for friends and clients. **JIM TRUETTNER** and Karen returned from New Zealand and were enthralled by the people and beautiful country side, especially the area around Taupo and Rotorua which they intend to return to for future scientific adventures and to golf, fish, and study the history of the native population. They are in Florida for the winter and then to California at the end of June. **GUNTHER BALZ** sent a couple of lines with the picture of him in the Spitfire he built in his workshop. "Here's grandpa in his Spitfire.



Gunther Balz '49, sitting in the Spitfire he built in his garage.

As far as the reunion, I will be there in spirit but the body is ever more reluctant to budge." **ROSS LAVERTY**, while visiting their daughter in Mt. Vernon, Washington for the holidays slipped and fell on the ice and hit his head. They don't experience ice which was actually frozen fog where they live in California. It was decided that he was nearly all right and later they went for a drive and were passing a cemetery when his daughter, who is an

Episcopal priest said "the last old gentleman who slipped on the ice and hit his head—I buried him in there two weeks ago." The **LEISTER's** Christmas letter came with the sad announcement that it would be the last they would send. The family has been sending Christmas greetings with family pictures for 35 years, a tradition started by their parents. The letter was filled with wonderful family stories of all the great things their family does and some great color pictures. Bob unfortunately earlier in the year spent six weeks with a troubled gallbladder but is mended now. As I searched for more news I called **BILL BRODER, DON JONES** and **JOHN HOLDSWORTH** and got their machines. John has a very spirited young woman's voice on his. **BOB HAYMANS** didn't answer and had not set up a mailbox. I wanted to ask him how he liked the last column with his pictures. I sure he would have responded with: Isn't it wonderful that I have retained my good looks and charm. I am sure the men he plays poker with and enjoys a beer or two with would tell us he is a great guy. **FRED SMITH** had surgery for a brain bleed and spent 10 days in the hospital and then went to a rehab facility. He is home now and still rehabbing. They are thinking of coming to the 70th. I called **JACK SPOEHR** and he said news was coming that afternoon but it didn't. I emailed him and he responded "please forgive me...this world and days of mine are all screwed up." (sound familiar, gentlemen?) He is preparing his home of 45 years for sale, packing and boxing for relocation to a retirement community. His medical appointments seem to collide with each other as he approaches 89 in March with some physical and mental baggage. "On top of it all this diabolical blessing/curse we now use defies control, the keys alone change places to dances of their own" (my computer does the same thing). He ends with "keep clear of tornadoes and big snakes," a reference to the python that grabbed me years ago. The **CLARK's** news opened with "Here is the Clarks of Texas "Flood of the Century report." Their 1st floor flooded with 20 inches of water and they and their neighbors evacuated. They returned to a mess, luckily no mud had come in with the miscellaneous debris. At the writing of this, the driveway was covered with bags for the landfill, furniture, carpet, electronics, clothing, four feet of drywall and trash, all waiting for FEMA to pick up. They felt blessed as some people lost their homes. They are considering turning the 1st level into

an Airbnb. **TOWNSEND** reports "Somewhat in a rut: I hold hands with Barbara while watching the evening news. I clean up (superficially) after her great suppers. But I also learn new techniques like brushing your front teeth at an angle and your back teeth straight up. What else? Well, un-intentionally I screwed up some meetings' minutes, first for my condo board and next for a church committee; happily, I'm no longer their scribe. Of course, we continue to relish our lovable-to-us triplets and marvel at modern technology (like car windows that roll up and down automatically)." Not to be outdone by **HOLDSWORTH** or **LAVERTY**, I fell Christmas Eve and split my left arm from the elbow about seven inches toward the wrist. Not fun, but I healed well. My Kathleen will be hosting the Sunday breakfast for the 70th reunion as she has done for the past two. It is worth coming to. Chef Sally Bohon '50 will be at her post cooking up magic pancakes. I close on a sad matter. We lost **BILL MACOMBER** in December. Carol sent me her eulogy to him which is beautiful and brought tears to my eyes. It is addressed to Bill: "Bill (aka Dad, Grandpa, Mac, Papi) and ends "in lieu of flowers or donations, please find a beautiful spot somewhere outdoors and take in the nature around you: the sun in your face, the wind through the trees, the stars on a clear night, the small but significant things. And most importantly, hug one another." The eulogy can be found on our website www.c1949.org

PETE SIMPSON's news was a much-welcomed late arrival but it was longer than this whole column. He and Lynne are enjoying vigorous lives. Lynne directed and staged a terrific pop-rock Cajun country musical review called "Pump Boys and Dinettes" at a local supper club and it sold out every night. Pete is the Producer, (which means he fetches and carries and writes the checks). They are off to New York to see the closing night of Pete Jr.'s in "Gatz," a six-hour play encompassing the whole "The Great Gatsby" book. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, who knows Al Simpson, came backstage to offer his congratulations. Pete's final comment "see you in June." I am Aiming High and Aiming to be there. Be sure to check out his WyoFile website—it is great.

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MARYE ROSE RAIDER SCHALER greeted her second great grandchild, a girl named Dylan Rose and now she is on her way to a June European trip. She keeps busy with bridge, theater and opera. HOPE is what John and **LIZ GALLOGLY BACON** are wishing for everyone for our 70th reunion that they are attending. HOPE that each will continue on their own journeys of hope and joy and deepen our love, care and understanding of each other. Brad and **MARY SUE COOKSEY ROHWER** say life is good in spite of how the body has reluctantly slowed down. They will celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary in June and are grateful for each day of their life together at their Grand Rapids, MI, retirement village. Their youngest daughter lives five minutes away, and their son about an hour. The oldest daughter is in Madison, WI, but comes frequently when she had time from teaching French. They have seven grandchildren and two great-granddaughters. Keeping up with the fast paced lives of their growing family is a true joy and helps keep them involved and in the technology loop.



Mary Sue Cooksey Rohwer '49, and Brad Rohwer with their grandson, an ER doctor, his wife, and their first great-granddaughter, Amanda.

From Bob and **JESSE KINDEL PALMER** living happily in New York, they still maintain their many ties to the Midwest where their two children live with a total of five grandchildren. They have a place on Lake Michigan in Holland where they congregate as a family. Jesse spent twenty-six years as a docent at the Metropolitan Museum after the fun of teaching in the elementary grades. She just retired at 86, and they are concerned with the environment, Planned

Parenthood and education opportunities for the young. She is grateful for her years at Kingswood, beautiful environment, wonderful friends and support of Miss Auger. Gene and **RHODA SMILAY FRENKEL** had a wonderful 2018 as they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. However, 2019 includes moving her psychoanalytic practice to her home office where she supervises a few candidates. Gene continues at SW Medical School where he mentors junior faculty and his role as rainmaker for the medical school.



Rhoda Smilay Frenkel '49 and husband Gene celebrating their 60th anniversary

ALICE SPERO MARCH attended the welcome in New York City for our new Director Aimeclarie Roche, whom she found totally charming, present and available. Alice is learning how to hostess a radio show which is due to launch at the end of February. The name of the show is: Attention Matters... And So Do Red Flags. Alice sent pictures of four previous reunions. She visited with her second granddaughter and her son Asher. Asher invited Alice to his 5th birthday party in Austin, TX, and if she comes he will give her a special piece of SPICY GUM. She's going!! Alice talked to **SUE NOLTE DUNHAM** about having Sue's son fly her up in June to reunion. Alice tried **NANCY RUTHERFORD BRYANT** several times, but no answer. She did reach **ANN WALRAD KELLY** for a long visit.



Jeanne Brown Jones '49, and Talcott Jones '49

JEANNE BROWN JONES is feeling much better and expects to attend our reunion and also meet Ann Walrad Kelly there. We were sorry to learn of the passing of **JANET NEWMAN MANN**. She was the mother of Lisa and Robert and sister of Linda Manuel and left four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. I always enjoyed my phone visits with Janet. **PATTY JEWETT SOXMAN JONES** is thinking of us celebrating our reunion and sorry that she can't be here. But she wants me to **MAKE SURE SHE GETS THE NEWS AND PICTURES OF ALL. IMY POWRIE SCHLEY** wrote that she is feeling better and trying to come. Now, **NANCY SHORE GILCHRIST** is excited to attend and is flying in from either Florida or Santa Fe. How great it will be to see her again. I wonder if anyone will bring their hockey stick and talk about our trip to the Poconos with Miss Applebee, our weekend trip to Culver and memories of the Senior Cabin, Musical productions and Tennis tournaments. Dorm life has many memories of knitting and after bedtime curfew studying in our closets, rolling down the hall, visiting the soda fountain and walks around the lake, to church on Sundays and into Birmingham with Miss Augur on Saturdays. I had a great visit with **ANNIE WILLSON HALL**. She reports that she is blessed with great family support from her eight children, fourteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren. The children still enjoy her cottage in Leland, Michigan. She remembers riding her bike to school with her faithful Irish setter and the dog would wait for her outside near the bikes to get her home. She also enjoyed the movies on Saturday night at Cranbrook and playing all the sports, especially field hockey. I remember her playing in the tennis tournaments as I was a ball girl. She would love to hear from her classmates. **BARBARA WATKINS STRUTHERS** finds living in Arizona a piece of paradise. She is able to play golf twice a week and duplicate bridge several times. Her daughters come to visit and she travels to them. Lastly, our special thanks to **MOLLY SYLVESTER BERESFORD** for all the planning for this great 70th reunion. We really appreciate you Molly—THANK YOU!!



Connie Clark Jones '49, and Dick Jones in Norway

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Alas, more sad news. Just as I was putting this column to bed, an email arrived from Sara Caldwell, daughter of **PATTY MORGAN SMITH**, to say that Patty died peacefully at home on December 28, surrounded by her family, friends and beloved family dog, Harley. For the past fourteen years, Patty lived in a mother-in-law apartment attached to Sara's home, which enabled Sara to look after her. Our last time together was in 2010. Patty was one of the nine who made it back to our 60th reunion, and even then, walking had become very difficult. She was always a cheerful soul with a sweet nature, and a beautiful singing voice. Beneath her name in the Woodwinds, it says "Cherub." That fits. The most recent call for news hardly resulted in a flood of responses, but I got a request from **ANN PATTERSON MUNRO** wanting to know how many of our class were still active, and it occurred to me this might be a good time to play catch-up and fill in some blanks, whether it be much or little. Some I have not heard from in a very long time, so this is the best I could do. I think out of the forty-eight in our class, we still have 23 living, but of that number one is uncertain. We lost track of **KATIE LENZ CHIPULATO** a long time ago and have no idea where she is. Last heard from, she was living in Phoenix. At least two others—and maybe three—of our class also live in Arizona: **MARILYN HOWLETT BARNES** lives near her

children in Sun City in Oro Valley. Her life was graced with a new great-granddaughter this past Christmas. **JOANIE PATERSON JARRATT** sold her home in Sunsites and moved back to Tucson on Oct. 1 where she now lives at The Forum, a retirement community. She loves her life there, saying everyone is very friendly and there are so many activities no one has an excuse to complain of boredom. My last letter to **CAROLYN DAVIS CAMFIELD** was returned from Paw Paw, MI with an out of date forwarding address to Fountain Hills, Arizona, thus I wrote to her email address Octobergranny@aol.com to seek her out, but have had no reply. Three others live in Illinois: I haven't heard from **JAN WESSINGER BARTLETT** since 2017, but hopefully she is still well in Winnetka and that she is still in touch with **ROBIN SQUIER GOLDSMITH** who lives in Wilmette. Robin always writes me a wonderful letter or card in the summer, so I will know more of her life by the next issue of *Tradition*. From her condo overlooking Lake Michigan in Chicago, **JOAN ISAACSON CHANDLER** is the easiest to keep up with because she writes a blog you can follow: www.joanchandlerstoday.blogspot.com. Joanie is a good writer who turns an ordinary experience or conversation into an insightful observation. Our own Miss Lake Wobegon. I hope my junior-year roommate, **DOROTHY DAVIDSON FOULDS** is still doing fine, still living independently in Saginaw, and still playing a lot of bridge. I only hear from **JANET SNADER GAGE** once every other year or so, but at last contact she was still doing fine and staying very busy in Massachusetts. **CAROLINE ROBERTSON GRAY** has moved from her home in Grosse Pointe Park and is now in the East, renting a house in Westwood, near Boston. After a month-long illness, Caroline's husband, Cliff, died January 15, 2018, and this move brings her much closer to her children. We each lost our husbands in January, a year apart, thus feel a certain kindred spirit, not to mention that she was Jack's girlfriend at Cranbrook before me. Trust me, we have delighted in the tales. Caroline has not been without her own health problems, suffering a heart attack last May that required stents in two of the three coronary arteries, plus another later in her left leg artery. But she says she is right as rain for now and hopes to touch base at some point with **MARY GRINDLEY SHEPARD** who lives in New London, NH. Mary, as of last report, is

doing just fine. It's been a while since I last heard from **ANN GILMOUR HILL** who lives in Mount Shasta, California. Hope upon hope that she wasn't affected by the terrible fires this past year. Ann has developed into an excellent painter who wins ribbons! I can barely keep up with **BARBARA WAGNER COYE** who stays busy even after moving to a smaller home in Suttons Bay, MI. Barb seems to travel more than others to visit her lively family who is scattered about, but I scarcely get an email from her that doesn't include a reunion or family gathering back home. The last I heard she was planning to teach the older great-grandchildren the finer points of sailing. My main point of contact with **BARBARA PRIEST JESKE** was thru email, and the last one I sent her was returned to me as undeliverable. Barb's husband Stu suffered from dementia and they were moving to an assisted living center in Chapel Hill, and now I have lost touch with her. She was always full of news, so losing contact with her is not good. I don't hear nearly often enough from **SALLY SELOVER SAUNDERS** but I hope that is because she is just too busy playing bridge and enjoying her homes. It's been a while, but I think she was renovating a cabin up north? I'll have to check on that. My senior-year roommate, **SHARON SMITH SAYLES** looks absolutely great in her pictures that I see on Facebook. We drop each other a happy face or such in the comments once in a while. I think she enjoys her life between the Michigan cabin and Florida condo, although 2017/18 was such a miserable winter I don't think she was able to dig her way out of Michigan. I cannot tell you a thing about **LUANNE LAW SUKENIK**. For years, she was in Georgia and then moved, I think, to Chapel Hill or that vicinity. However, the last address I got from Cranbrook listed her with an address in Dallas, TX. I have no idea. On the other hand, **TERRY OSMA RANDOLPH** is always chock full of news. I just love her cheerful notes! Terry is very active, though she regrets having to withdraw from her duties as a swimming official. She will continue administrative work, but standing on the deck for long periods just became too much. Terry also sings with the Virginia Choral Society, and was about to begin practice on their spring concert, "The Big Blue Dot," which will be a tribute to space exploration and NASA. As if that were not enough, she is having the kitchen remodeled thus living with the ensuing cacophony of power tools, four dogs and five cats. And then

there is the spring garden to plant. Raised beds this year, she says. I haven't heard from **GINGER FUNSTON THOMAS** in ages but assume she is still hot on the duplicate bridge circuit. Last I heard she was still in Tallahassee. Stay tuned. I'll let you know if I hear differently. About three years ago, out of the blue I got a great phone call from **CAROLYN WEAVER**, who it turns out had led a very colorful life as a boat captain on the east coast and the Caribbean. And then she just disappeared again.... one contact in 69 years. That's all. She is on my address list as living in Fort Lauderdale. Another whom I've not heard from in ages is **PEGGY WOODRUFF WITHEY** who lives in a place with the quaint name of Indiantown, FL. I think Peggy was in a wheelchair the last time I heard from her, so I cannot say just how active she may be. **ANN PATTERSON MUNRO** started this whole litany with her enquiry, so I'll finish up with her. In January, Patter wrote that she and Don were spending three months in Salt Lake City with Sarah and family (boys nine and thirteen) delighting in following the grandkids performing in school plays and dances. Patter and Don are very active politically, and are enthusiastically campaigning for a Democratic win in 2020. I am returning to Cranbrook in June with daughter Beth to attend what would have been Jack's 70th reunion. His class of 1949 was really something; they were so close, and last time around they made me an honorary member, likely because I cook them all pancakes for Sunday breakfast at Walt Denison '49's home with a special batter I bring from a grist mill here in Florida. We will have dinner in the Cranbrook House Dining Room on Friday evening where Beth is invited to read a toast to their class. I could not make this journey without Beth's aid, so I appreciate her making it possible. In October, I celebrated "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" by getting breast cancer. But now I am free of it; doing fine and have joined that legion of women who wear that pink ribbon. I hope all of you are well and I will write you again in August. Love you!

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As I write this, Michigan has just suffered through the "polar vortex," with temperatures plunging, snow falling, winds blasting and ice clogging my beautiful Saint Clair River. The news is as glum as the weather. On November 19, 2018, shortly after I wrote my last newsletter, my beloved Ardis, succumbed to her ailments, after more than 300 days under Hospice care. We had been married over 60 years, two of our children were with me when she passed away. Our oldest, Brian, now lives in Paraguay. He had been with Ardis just three weeks earlier. RIP.

My apologies to **DAVE** and Karen **NOE**. It was their daughter, Pam, not Karen, who underwent surgery as I reported last time. After wintering on Maui for many years, Dave and Karen opted to spend winter 2019 in Sarasota. Never the one to pass up a new venture, **TOM STONER** is now into movie production. The title, "Small Engine Repair," does not portend a box office smash.

SANDY KAPLAN passed away on October 24, 2018, just a couple of weeks after he had called me to report his move to assisted living, at which time, he gave me new contact info. Sandy was a retired stockbroker from Morgan Stanley. He is survived by his wife, Rita, daughter, Jill, son Kenneth and four grandchildren. Martha Davis '80, called me to advise that her father, **RICK FOSTER**, passed away on September 25, 2018. Rick was a retired lawyer, banker, consultant to banks, author, lecturer, medieval historian and teacher. Rick was predeceased by his wife, Gretchen Meyer '53. In addition to Martha, Rick is survived by his son, Rob Foster '83, and five grandchildren. I still remember vividly, Rick's courageous performance as the Sergeant of the Police in "Pirates of Penzance," when a bank of stage lights fell from above as he was delivering his solo. He took a step forward, the lights came down behind him, almost to the stage floor, and Rick finished his solo without missing a note, followed by thunderous applause from the astonished audience. Both **KEN** and Pam **WILSON** are battling health issues in Aiken, SC. Both report they are on the way to recovery, and hope to be on the links by summer. **JOE HACKER** sent a nice note to me and reported that he had been a volunteer for Hospice for 18 years. The **JIM PATERSON** saga continues, as Jim and Jeanine have sold their home in Arizona and are planning the big move to New England in the Summer, hoping to be greeted by fifteen (gotta be a class record) great-grandchildren. **JIM**

and Betty **STADLER** now have three great-grandchildren, with the birth of Claire Stadler Lawhome. The Stadler clan had a family reunion this past summer at the family farm in Ohio. Jim has been enjoying taking photos with his drone. As we age, our toys become more costly and intricate!! **JACK** and Mary **ALWAY** have five children between them and ten grandchildren, scattered in Pennsylvania, North Carolina and the Cincinnati area. Jack still dabbles in medicine, instructing residents. He admits to some minor health issues, which only slow him down slightly. **BILL** and Ann **SALOT** have cut down on their travels, but still summer in West Olive, on Lake Michigan, where they are neighbors of the **EDISONs**. The Salots recently lost their family pet, Jasper, a monstrous dog, but afflicted with diabetes. I figured that would be their last dog, but, in talking to Bill lately, I found that they recently acquired Molly, appropriately a female, since they have four daughters. Bill still reads ravenously, constantly recommending books for me to read. He enjoys his koi pond, despite occasional raids by a hungry Great Blue Heron. **DAVE WILLIAMS** writes that he is adjusting his golf game in view of the new shoulder, which was the result of the injuries he suffered in a car crash last year. **RAY BRANT** continues to enjoy his retirement in Dover, N.H., near his family. **MIKE SCHIRMER** extends a summer invitation for a boat ride on Burt Lake in Northern Michigan, aboard Pudge IV. **JOHN YOUEL** had a busy travel year, escorting his wife, Sheila Tate on a cross-country tour, promoting her book about Nancy Reagan, called, "The Lady in Red." John has been earnestly pursuing his musical career as the only member of our class who plays bagpipes. He's downsizing from the Great Highland Bagpipes to Scottish Smallpipes. He's still spry enough to golf at the fabulous Farmington Country Club in Charlottesville. Thanks for the condolences. I am slowly adjusting to life as single, but have found a wonderful support group of the widows and widowers of longtime friends in the St. Clair area. Gradually, I am returning to the ordinary activities of life. Needless to say, I miss Ardis and think of her daily. Keep those emails and letters coming. If you have an email address and aren't part of the exchange, drop me a line.

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All goes well in **CAROL FAULKNER PECK's** life, and she has been involved in some new projects. "I designed a course in memoir writing, and last fall, taught it at the branch of the local university that is for people over 50—had a wonderful class. There was a waiting list to enroll, so I will teach it again in April and May." She also worked with two private students, creating their memoirs, which she bound into books as surprise Christmas presents for their family members. She says, "When I moved here, I was not sure why I brought along my binding machine, but now I know! I continue to enjoy getting to know the residents of this community and finding many things in common. I send best wishes to everyone." **BARBARA EICHLER CLARK** and Jim have had a quiet year due to some health issues and just plain "getting older." She said it seems to take so much longer to get anything done anymore and is very frustrating. "Trips that used to take one day to arrive at our destination now have to be broken up into two or even three days. We are both fine though, just the usual getting older stuff, which isn't much fun." Their biggest joy this year was that two of their granddaughters graduated from college; one from Georgetown (business and computer science), the other from Hope College in nursing, and both are fortunately gainfully employed. "The weather has been quite radical this week. Everything is closed. I do remember when Kingswood was closed one morning due to the weather, but we were right back at it in the afternoon." She added, "By the way, *Tradition* just keeps getting bigger and better every year. It is a fun read." From **JANE PHILIPP BOUTON**..... "Norman Bouton '51, the boy I have known and loved since we were 15 and students at Cranbrook and Kingswood, died in April. His family and friends celebrated his life in a gathering in July." In August, Jane went to London with their daughter, Katherine, and partner Helen and then proceeded to drive to Italy stopping at many cities along the way, including Reims, Turin, Lucca etc. After spending three weeks at Casa Toro, their house in Umbria, they drove to Verona, put the car on the train, and then over the Alps to Dusseldorf and return to London. They then went on to the Isle of Wight where Katherine and Helen (both retired) have an apple orchard and are producing hard cider. "I am now back in DC renewing my life

as a widow. It does not come easily. I am so fortunate to have three wonderful children and five grandsons who support me with their love. Norman's memorial bears the inscription 'What fun we had'—so very true." I know you all join me in sending our condolences and love to Jane. I received an email from Rob Heineman, the son of **SALLY WILLIAMS DEPREE**. He wrote, "I received your postcard concerning the class update. Mom continues needing skilled nursing care at university Village in Tampa, Florida. Her dementia continues, and she has slowly slipped from verbal communication. She enjoys sitting outside and singing songs—yes, she still knows all the words! She smiles at me but doesn't communicate. Thanks for reaching out." I replied that I was sorry to hear his news and that we have such wonderful memories of her bubbly personality and beautiful smile. I asked if I could write to her, and he replied, "You may send her cards if you wish, I don't know if she will comprehend them or not. Here is her husband's address. He can deliver them": Sarah DePree c/o John DePree, 12401 N. 22nd Street, Apt. B-209, Tampa, FL 33612. I received an email from **MARIA NUNEZ HEVIA**. She said, "I was very happy to hear from you and from your family and others. I am very happy that you are all well. I hope to be able to see you some day. My love to you and everyone, Maria." Last June, Margi Brown sent me an email and forwarded this information from the son of **BARBARA HERRMANN DAVIDSON**. He wrote that Barbara passed away peacefully on June 17, 2017 after being ill with skin cancer and pneumonia. Over the years, she had shared stories with him about playing field hockey, our pretty campus, an English class she took, either in her junior or senior year and taking many long train trips from Boston to Detroit, at a time when trains were the way people often traveled. He said he hopes that someday he will manage to see the school where she once studied in the late 40s and early 50s. I called **PATSY HOEY WHITLOCK** recently, on her birthday, and we had a wonderful, long visit. We talked about so many great memories, as always, and she misses seeing old friends and being able to visit Cranbrook where she grew up. I always enjoy reminiscing about Kingswood days, how much we love our school and the fun we all had. We also talked about our childhood, as she is the one person with whom I can share Brookside memories. She is doing well and sends her love to all. Last summer, she was

in Ann Arbor for a short time, visiting her daughter, Susan. **MARTHA BROWNING MAST** and I drove over there and spent the day with them, had a great dinner that Susan and her husband prepared and just treasured having that time together. **LYDIA IRVIN MILLER** and I had a great visit on the phone in January. We call each other often, and we enjoy getting caught up with each other's lives. She is doing well and sends her best to everyone. I received a letter from **SALLY LOWE BECKER**. "I've been at my Arizona home since December 30th, having fun with several old friends who are also widows. I beat them playing poker the other day and cleared \$11.50. I've had some family visit me... Joan and Luanne here for seven days and Brenda arriving tomorrow. Julie backed out because of South Dakota weather, but she will come next month. Does anyone ever hear from P. Hoey and M. Witham? I seem to hear from **JOHANNA LUTHER SNYDER** every Christmas, but nothing the last two years. My card was not returned however. I am very well and quite active physically—a real blessing at 85. I still ride a horse if and when I want to, but that isn't too often. Our great grandchild #10 was born yesterday morning (Feb 10). He is Zane Edward—think Ed would be pleased. He joins a brother, T.C., as the future of the cattle company where they live. I'm pretty sure he'll be a cowboy." **BARB BLACK DONDERO** wrote, "A big hello to my two roommates, **JULIA KEYDEL** and **FRITZI FOSS JOHNS**...two very dear friendships. I met Jul in Kindergarten and Fritzi at Kingswood, and throughout Northwestern University and University of Michigan." Barb has enjoyed summers with her family, boating, swimming and water skiing on Mullet Lake, at her cottage. She says, "Aren't grandchildren just wonderful?" She has eight, who range from 8-30 years old. "Throughout our 67 years, since our 1952 graduation, I have enjoyed experiences being a KSC Alum. Both the Alumni Board and Giftorama allowed me to get to know so many Alums in addition to our class." From Florida comes news from **CONNIE VANDEVEER BERESFORD**. She and Jim are healthy and fit. Their LA Fitness is close to them, so they can go often for a quick workout. They stayed home in Michigan this past Christmas and were thrilled by Ward Church's Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's choir and orchestra concerts. Their grandson, John Beresford, is the traditional music director there. Their son, Tom continues

with cousin Chris at Beresford Co. which continues to grow. Tom's wife, Debbie, and Connie and Jim's daughter, Ann Schneider, work there part-time and keep things going. She said their big thrills this year are a light weight cordless powerful leaf blower for Jim and a small cordless hedge trimmer for her. She told me of an amusing incident—their three-year-old grandson fell out of his huge play structure and knocked himself out. The police and firetrucks came with all of their sirens just as he woke up—and he was thrilled!!! I spoke to **MARY LOU SIMONS ZIEVE**. She is, of course, up to her old tricks... often running someplace. She says, "A moving target is hard to hit." Mary Lou is looking forward to having her daughter, Missy Zieve '78 along with husband, Michael and their daughters, Sara and Julia visit in March to see a performance of "Hamilton". **BEVERLY WATKINS SCHOPP**'s son, Ken wrote to me on behalf of his mother. She has not had a good year. Her husband, Roald (Rollie) passed away unexpectedly in April 2018. Both graduated from Middlebury College in 1956 and were married that fall. Beverly is confined to a wheelchair and employs 24-hour care. She moved to Canaan, CT to be closer to her three sons. Her spirits, overall are very good, and she looks forward to visits from her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoys the birds that come to her feeders, is very alert and loves hearing about current events, gossip and news about the family. She has difficulty writing but would be thrilled to hear from classmates. Royce and I are in Hawaii right now and not looking forward to leaving in 10 days. It is beautiful now but has been a chilly month, often in the 60s and mid 70s, but I'm grateful to be out of the snow and ice for a brief time. Thank you to those who responded. To the rest of you...I hope you are all doing well and have a good year. I always enjoy hearing from you.

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MEET MADISON: Carrying the impressive title of Alumni Engagement Coordinator, Madison Sanders has joined the office of Development and Alumni Relations. This ol' class secretary welcomes her as I'm sure

do all the "CSs" that will communicate with her. I found out that after graduating from Cranbrook in 2010, Madison went to college at Denison University. Of course, the fact that we are both Denisonians (separated by "only" 50-some years!) might have something to do with my feeling that she is a perfect choice for the position! Madison's sister is secretary of the class of 2012 so we know that she will look after our dedicated, loyal group. I look forward to working with Madison as our class marks its 66th year since graduation, and I have been scribbling these reports for 64 of those years. **GEORGE BIHLER IS FINISHED**...as Father of the Bride that is—George and Joy celebrated the marriage of their third daughter, Susan, last June. This event completed a Bihler "triple-play" with all the girls now married—Anne to Larry, Jill to Rick and now Susan to Chris. Not to slight the other couples, but the most interesting career path is the one chosen by Anne and Larry, a former Navy SEAL who is using his military training in the business world. He and Anne have a company, Plan Sight, which teaches the SEAL tactical planning cycle to executive teams and CEOs to bring the high performance culture of the SEAL teams to companies. George and Joy have four grandchildren with the oldest, Georgiana (Georgie, of course) now a student at Brookside. **PETE'S PERFECT POSE**: Pete Dawkins '55 has been many things in his superb, accomplished career, but "Cover Boy"? I would suggest that this title be added to his resume due to a memorable photograph. The shot in question was in a local publication called "Downtown" when Pete was honored during his return to Cranbrook last September. For this article, a beaming Pete was posed in the Quad on a bench in front of the Archer statue with several classic Saarinen-designed buildings in the background, with leaded glass windows and all. This ol' PR guy maintains that the striking image should be used on any and all future alumni mailings. A perfect photo of a perfect graduate! **GENERATION IV**: that's my title for the families of a trio of our classmates. **BILL SOTER** has joined **CAM HARLAN** and **JOHN WERT** in the admirable category of great-grandfather. Bill's second daughter, Katherine, was blessed with a grandson last November to start a fourth generation in the Soter family. Doesn't it seem that only recently we were noting grandfathers among our class? Just another example of the time flying by. To treasure each day. I love this saying: Each day is a gift, that's why they call it the

present. PREPARATION "C": Back in our day, Cranbrook was noted as a "prep-school" for college preparation. I don't know if that term is still used, but I do know that because of our Cranbrook education we were thoroughly prepared for college—and for life. I found that my freshman year at Denison was merely an extension of my senior year at Cranbrook. Of course, the curriculum got harder over the next three years, but the preparation had been accomplished—thanks to our dear "prep school." Regarding being prepared, I came across some interesting thoughts in this area when I read Michael Caine's wildly-titled memoir, "Blowing the Bloody Doors Off." The 85-year-old British actor, he of many movies such as "Alfie" and "Hannah and Her Sisters," had this to say, noting that his comments apply to not only acting, but to life: "If you can prepare thoroughly, you'll be more in control of your materials, your nerves and yourself. When you are prepared, you are able to subdue your fear, control your nerves and channel your energy. Prepare the basics as thoroughly as you can. Do your homework—know your stuff." FIRST LOOK-LAST LISTING: For years, this old-timer turned first to the Class Notes section upon receiving my copy of *Tradition*. Of course, I had to check out my 1953 report first, but I was also interested in reading through all the class articles. But lately, as the years have mounted up, I find that I now turn first to the "In Memoriam" page at the back of the magazine to see who the School has lost since the last publication. A symptom of growing older, I guess. Recently, I have sadly noted too many classmates and school friends listed in this section, and I mourn each name and try to remember each person. The rest of us? We continue on in the spirit of Cranbrook's motto, AIM HIGH!

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Aging accelerates one's sense of the passage of time and another deadline for copy has come for *Tradition*—not quite the weekly task it was when my team edited *The Crane*! Alas, those treasured days of yesteryear spent reviewing galley proofs at the *Cranbrook Press* and photos at the Harvey Croze Studio. Here

is an update from a few classmates who remain in both "good" standing and more importantly among those "still" standing. Having seen in the last *Tradition* that Cranbrook continues to rightfully honor the successes of Pete Dawkins '55, **DON SLOTKIN** recalls the irony (and I think untold story) that Pete was recruited to West Point to play hockey—not football—on the recommendation of our classmate **LARRY ASBURY** who at the time was expressing his Canadian DNA and playing hockey for Army. So Pete's route to winning the Heisman Trophy and becoming a Rhodes Scholar started on ice at Cranbrook and not the gridiron! "Speaking" of Asbury—still no word coming from him in New Hampshire where he retired after a career in the Air Force. Army should give Larry a Distinguished Service Medal for his facilitating Pete's "appointment" to the military academy. Here is Larry's email address if you want to contact him: VELARTEA@GMAIL.COM. Other news from Don of course is that his niece, Elissa Slotkin '94, was elected to Congress in the mid-term Democratic Women's Sweep. **DON MEIER** fills in some details about his family and recent interests which have been focused locally and in nearby Ann Arbor: in 2019, sixty years of marriage to his wife Marilyn; three sons educated in Bloomfield Hills' high schools (Don, Jr. '79), and an impressive total of nine Meier family degrees from the University of Michigan. A dedicated Wolverine football fan, Don just last year relinquished the season tickets that he held continuously since his discharge from the Navy in 1968. Fully retired as an MD-endocrinologist, for the past eight years he has kept busy screening and interviewing applicants to the U of M Medical School. CORRECTION: confusion—not a rare event among the "still standings." In the last *Tradition* I indicated that **KURT KEYDEL** had shoulder surgery, but Kurt was quick to point out that it was his wife, Carol, and not he who had the joint replacement! They continue to do well down in Florida. Ah, the Power of the Press prevails despite the current political climate. Having read in a recent *Tradition* that **PHIL DONDERO** continued to ski and fish, **TONY HOWELL** invited him to Colorado Springs to try some Rocky Mountain powder snow. Not sure if it happened, but what a fine idea. Tony is well—enjoying what one does in Colorado (assuming that the "standing" state is firm) i.e. skiing, fishing and hunting game of various size. Tony reports that he gave up tennis "when my knees gave out" and is playing golf, like many

of the rest of us still standing. As Tony stated—speaking for Dondero I am sure—"Once a jock, always a jock." When I was a third year boarder in Marquis Hall, I lived next door to Jon Thompson '53, who, at the time, was the senior floor prefect, *Crane* editor and a car illustrator extraordinaire. His sketches of sports cars that he displayed on his wall were amazing and beautiful. It was there and then I think that I developed an affection for Alfa Romeo. My wife considers it an "affliction," as we had to bury two Alfa sedans in snow banks when we erred grievously by moving them from Seattle with us to Chicago in the mid-80s. Jon told me Alfas were wonderful machines; he didn't tell me that they had an aversion to cold. But in the milder climes of the Willamette Valley, these Italian gems work fine. Proving again that my love for classic Italian design born in Marquis Hall does not die, I just bought the Giuliana model Alfa—where I plan to sit as long as I "stand."



Jack Bagdade '54, and his new Alfa

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WALT TAYLOR: "I enjoy retirement...10 years now. I miss the patients as friends, but love being away from the business side of medicine. Nancy and I enjoy three grandsons in town and have granddaughters in college in Tucson and Whitman College in Washington

State. Nancy is into tennis and I'm into hiking on the mountain trails and am continuing mandolin and fiddle lessons. I continue to be grateful for the excellent teachers and other exposures and opportunities that Cranbrook provided me." **FRANK DUNCAN** shared a fitting tribute to Margie Brown for her many years of outstanding Cranbrook/Kingswood alumni service, stating: "...she loyally served as a friendly, helpful voice who contributed significantly to the smooth functioning of CK alumni relations for many years." Frank also shared: "As previously reported, I gave up driving a car in November, 2016. So, instead, I can enjoy the memories of those Michigan summers for 15 years at my second home in Bloomfield Hills plus four years at the Extended Stay America/Homestead in Auburn Hills...alumni reunions at Cranbrook, visiting Oakland University Physics Department where I taught for six years, watching the classic cars at the Dream Cruise and the Concourse d'Elegance, etc. Now I have more time to enjoy activities around my main home in Prescott, AZ, where my volunteer driver takes me for my weekly shopping plus a few doctor/dental appointments, hiking to and from my two nearby favorite restaurants, etc. Fortunately, my health continues to be good." **PETER CARTWRIGHT** "Still getting older. Now I am a GREAT grandfather to great-grandson Jacob (in England). Still acting as a FINRA (NYSE) arbitrator every now and then when called." **DICK CANFIELD**: "Two noteworthy events of the year: (1) I finally retired, though I seem to be doing many of the same things, just not getting paid; (2) my wife Deb and I have a new grandson whom we watch three days a week. It goes without saying that Deb is well qualified, but I am another matter. I seem to have forgotten everything I learned when my own kids were little. I refer to it as 'diaper dementia.' Did lots of interesting travel, but took just one thing off my bucket list—whooping cranes in the wild." **CLIFF COLWELL**: "Nothing very exciting in the Colwell family, which may be a good thing. We did manage a biking trip with my brother John Colwell '52 and our children (total of 15) to Costa Rica in early December and a great time was had by all. The aging issue made itself quite apparent on the bike as the older Colwells definitely ended up as the caboose. Still working on cartilage re-generation in the lab and have made it through a sheep model so the possibility of a human trial will actually happen in 2019. Planning to return

to Michigan again this summer to complete our last canoe and enjoy the Higgins Lake experience. Both Carolyn and I are looking forward to the Cranbrook reunion in 2020 as long as hour heath holds out." **IVAN BOESKY**: "Ana and I reside in La Jolla, CA, with our young daughter, Blu (a late in life heavenly gift), who is a second grader at the Gillispie School. Her school is a neighboring school to Bishop's School whose former head, Aimeclair, recently become Director of Cranbrook Schools. Blu is aunt to our four grandchildren (a bit complicated). My daughter, Marianne, is a contemporary art gallerist in New York. Son, Teddy, is an American history teacher in New York and his twin, John, is a family therapist in La Jolla. My oldest son, Billy, is associated with a Boston-based construction and design company and is living in Los Angeles with his wife, Dana Goodyear, a writer for the *New Yorker* magazine. I continue to be engaged in the field of finance and find the activity engaging and enjoyable. I see Cliff Colwell occasionally at a local tennis club." **GORDON LAPIDES**: "**PAUL DODYK** and I met for lunch in September in New York City. It was a remarkable experience, so much so that after talking non-stop for four hours on the agreed day we were hungry for more, so we agreed to meet again on the following day for more of the same. Friends from third form at Cranbrook to 2018, we could have used a week! From Cranbrook days, we spoke of our masters and classmates and the education we were so fortunate to receive, of lawyering, and all the swings and roundabouts that a long life holds. An absolute pleasure." Paul Dodyk wrote to me on January 23, 2019: "I hope all is well with you down south where it is warm while those of us who have remained in the north kid ourselves about how we don't really mind cold weather until last week when it actually happened. Cold is cold anyway you cut it. So our news (talking about cold denial) is that we are moving further north. We have bought a condo in Cambridge overlooking the Charles River, not because of any fond memories of the Harvard Law School (which is still in the throes of its historically silly Socratic brutality period when I was there), but because our daughter, Phebe, is a regional overseer of the nursing staff at One Medical Group so she does have knowledge which may, regrettably, be relevant in the future. Our grandson, Jack, is a sophomore at my alma mater (Amherst) and likes it very much while his brother, Dmitri, is charging along

at the Cambridge School of Weston where he was recently elected captain of the cross-country team. Our younger daughter, Michaela, continues to pursue her career as an elementary school teacher where she is revolutionizing the Waldorf School's teaching of reading to adapt the Steiner method to the realities of twenty-first century American kids. I leave you with my best wishes as a classmate of the very best educational institution I was privileged to attend." **JOE PRENDERGAST**: Joe and Marlene have sold their home of many years in Atherton, CA., and have moved to smaller quarters in nearby Palo Alto. When talking to me about the value of his Cranbrook experience, Joe shared that it helped him figure out what he wanted to do in life as a career. **GORDON FLEMING** spends summers in Petoskey and winters in North Ft. Myers, FL. Before retirement, Gordon worked at GM in corporate accounting and production management, banking, was an owner and general partner in an indoor tennis facility, was involved with a travel agency... even managed a cemetery. He shared that his Cranbrook experience helped nurture a sense of independence and increased his self-confidence. **KINGSLEY GRAHAM** retired from Westinghouse's Nuclear Division in 1999. In good health, he continues to do a considerable amount of scuba diving, a hobby which he developed along with **BLAKE ARNOLD** in 1959. He has traveled all over the world making over 100 scuba diving trips during which he took videos of fish which he gave to friends. Kingsley summers in northern Michigan (Black Lake is where he scuba dives) and winters in Murrysville, PA., (where he does cross-country skiing). Additionally, he hikes daily and has continued his interest as a ham radio operator. Kingsley has a daughter who lives in Ann Arbor and two granddaughters. **BILL RAISCH**: Jan and I continue to enjoy having our son and daughter and their respective families (five grandkids) living in the Hilton Head area! Life is busy and fun with family, friends and varied volunteer activities! In closing, stay well and stay in touch, letting me know of changes in your contact info as well as happenings in your life which you would like to share with your classmates!

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LIZ KIRK CRAMER wrote as she watched the swans on the river near her home. "Guess I'm doing ok as I can still tell a swan from a seagull," she said. **MARIANNE DAVIDSON CURRIE** and Jim '55 are settling in and enjoying life at Riderwood Retirement Village in Silver Spring, MD. The complex has so many clubs and groups that it's difficult to know where to start. In addition, special trips are offered and there are lots of classes to attend. Jim's favorite activity is dining with other folks and the chance to meet new people. The bottom line, according to Marianne is, "We don't have to shop, prepare, cook, or clean up. What could be better?" They sold their car, "so public transportation and Lyft have been a new experience for us old country bumpkins." Daughter, Colleen Currie '86, and husband, Peter, live just 30 minutes away, so they see them often. Colleen may soon be promoted to chief in her office, while brother, Dave '83, continues to manage high-end house projects. (Note new address: 3158 Gracefield Road, Apt FC 223, Silver Spring, MD 20904. Her cell phone is (305) 755-1743, and her email is mjhcurrie@gmail.com. Please make these changes on the class list I sent you.) A call to **SANDRA COLLON WATTS** was spent reminiscing about K'wood days. Lots of laughs and memories. She was looking forward to the end of March when she would return to her UP cabin for the summer. Larry, a close friend, takes care of the place for her and makes it possible for Sandy to be there. She is very thankful for him in many ways. She hopes everyone is happy and doing well. **MARTHA BUHS HENRY** and her daughter, who lives with her, have a beautiful new cat named Sheba (as in "Queen of"). Martha says, "She's a royal girl, indeed." This summer, Martha will be directing a production of "King Henry VIII" at the Stratford Festival, in the Stubbs Theatre. It opens May 29. Condolences to **LYNDA GENTHE CHAMPION** on the loss of her sister and brother last fall. Their memorial services were one day apart, with one in Michigan and one in Florida. She loves her apartment with her two little dogs, and she is still working. Lynda has two freshmen grandsons at MSU. "Life is great," says **GAYLE SMITH**. "My wonderful adopted Smith family and I spent the Christmas holiday in Israel. LSD church activities are my love." She teaches 14-16-year-olds in Sunday school, is a Temple

worker, plays golf each Thursday and attends weekly lectures. Gayle's other love is singing in the 130-member Heritage Choir. "I'm so blessed to have good health and live in a great place where the average winter temp is in the 50s." **JOANNE (JOIE) BALCH THOMAS** says they are happily "chugging along" in Florida. Lousy knees forced her to give up tennis, but duplicate bridge, canasta, beading and watercolor keep her busy. They still have the two little dogs, the Spice Girls, Cinnamon and Sesame. Joie has given up the land line, only uses her cell phone (305) 747-6103. **BETTY ANN HILL GLASCOCK** spent Thanksgiving in Virginia with her son, Jay, and his family, and with Kimi, her daughter, and family for Christmas in Colorado. Granddaughter, Samantha, is married living in Virginia, while Joshua, her grandson, is a junior at Virginia Tech. Kimi's daughter, Anna, graduates in June and is off to CO School of Mines in the fall. Her brother is a high school freshman. A letter from **LYNN DOLZA GRIGNI** reports that she and husband, Mario, are now living with their son, John, his wife, Lisa, her sister, Alessa, and two cats. That's a full house! Mario has been splicing and editing 30 years of old movies, which date from the 1930s through the 1960s. Quite a job! Grandson, Noah, graduated from Lesley University in Boston with an art degree and is now residing in Paris. Julie, her granddaughter, won a scholarship to study engineering at Georgia Tech. Lynn loved reading about the alumni who graduated about the time our class was born. She also enjoyed the story about Jordan Nosanchuk '04, who has become involved with the Detroit Renaissance. Lynn says she is always excited to see what the young graduates are doing. I agree. **MELINDA BOOTH** writes, "Lots has happened in my life since last year." As you may recall, she lost her husband, Bob, in August 2017. Her niece, Carolyn Scripps (her sister, Martha's daughter) came from Kansas to help care for Bob and ended up becoming Boothie's roommate. Around February 2018 there were some serious discussions regarding Melinda dating or trying to find someone to go to the movies with, out to lunch with, etc. A friend from her water class suggested a fellow she had known for years. He had been an usher at Bob's memorial service, as he was the only one on the usher list that Boothie knew by sight. Long story short: the three of them started watching Warriors basketball games together, and after a few of those, "Bill Richardson and I realized we really had

an attraction to one another." The two have spent every possible moment together since May 2018. She met his family at Xmas, and they approve. Bill loves to travel as does she, so they have some trips planned, one being to Cranbrook this summer. A second trip in October will be to Cincinnati so he can introduce her as his "trophy girlfriend" at his high school reunion. According to Boothie, Bill is fun, bright, thoughtful and as crazy about her as she is about him. She couldn't be happier! I am so happy for you, too. Stay tuned for the next chapter.



Melinda Booth '55 and Bill Richardson

JUDY EARLE GILLOW spends 4-5 months in Harbor Springs in the summer playing golf, volunteering at a food bank and just having fun. "Golf game is not what it used to be, but I am fortunate to still be playing and enjoying it." When Judy is back in town, she volunteers at a school in Pontiac for a program sponsored by her church. Judy arrived in Seattle at **ELLEN FLINT PRICE's** a few days prior to their annual week at the spa. They had lunch with **BARBARA KNOBLOCK RONA** before they left.



Barbara Knoblock Rona, Judy Earle Gillow and Ellen Flint Price, all '55

Upon their return to Seattle, they lunched with Melinda Booth, who was in town visiting her son and his family. Ellen visited Jackson Hole, WY, last summer with her sister, Susan Cooper '58. She and daughter, Sarah Cloyd '80, were looking forward to a week in Israel and Jordan in April. I chatted briefly with **MARTHA MEHRER KELLER** when she was in town last December for her brother-in-law, Bill James', memorial service. We send our sympathies to both you, Martha, and your sister, Jane '53. Our 65th reunion is only a year away. Circle the weekend of June 5-7 on your 2020 calendars. My son, John's '86, youngest son, Wesley, graduates from Cranbrook that weekend too. John was a "lifer," so we will have three Cranbrook/Kingswood grads in the family.

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Continuing...spring 2019. Creating memories for most of us started in 1938, the year of our arrival on earth. During that initial year of our lives, of course, we were not aware of what was actually happening in the world around us to remember at the time...Hitler seized control of the German army and put Nazis in key posts; Al Capp, the cartoonist of Li'l Abner, created Sadie Hawkins Day; America asked "What's up, doc?" as Bugs Bunny made his debut in the cartoon, "Porky's Hare Hunt"; the average income was \$1,731 per year!...but as we discovered these facts, we catalogued them as memories of our past. Memories are a vital part of our experiencing life and of being who we are. They are the link to our past and a building block for what is before us. As James M. Barrie wrote: "We were given memories so that we might have roses in December." Since our last *Tradition* issue, our classmates have acquired new memories to carry with them into the present. However, for **LYNN BURROWS DONALDSON**'s 18-year-old grandson, David, the opportunity for acquiring these new memories has been compromised. Last summer he had a brain bleed...similar to a stroke...which caused him to lose his short-term memory. The whole family is hopeful that it will come back; however, no one knows if it will. It is heartbreaking for him and for all who know him. Lynn hopes that someone who may

have some knowledge of this type of loss could be helpful. We all can offer our prayers and positive thoughts for her and her loved ones. Trying to conquer hindering health issues has been an ongoing challenge for **NANCY SWAN WILLIAMS**. She is hoping that they will be mitigated with treatment, enabling her and her husband, Dave, to leave behind the frigid, arctic weather and deep snow in northern Michigan to spend March and April in the warmer Hill Country of west Texas where they have spent several past winters. They are also hoping to join again the Freedom Road Rally at the end of May to travel this time the back roads of Kentucky and Tennessee, experiencing the history and scenic sites there and creating new, fun memories of touring our wondrous America. We wish Nancy much success in gaining good health. For **KAY PERRING**, one of her memories is not so fun to recall! She is a sports fan enthusiast and an ardent U of M supporter, reminiscent of her student undergrad years there. Knowing this, for Kay's 80th birthday, her godson and his wife took her to Philadelphia in November for a preseason rematch of the March NCAA basketball final between her Michigan team and his Villanova team. Kay's memory of their championship game last year was one of disappointment in that Michigan lost to Villanova. However, this time around, Michigan played really well and won handily over Villanova. Kay was delighted to be able to be there to witness it! What a very happy 80th celebration it was for her. The next day, she returned to NYC in the middle of an unexpected and unpredicted November blizzard to greet her very good friend from Michigan, who has taken her on the marvelous tours of the Detroit area when Kay is there. Fortunately, her friend arrived safely! In spite of the blizzard roaring around them, they were able to have a nice dinner at Joe Allen, a historical restaurant in the theater district. Coincidentally, Kay returned there during better weather in January to enjoy a "Happy New Year" lunch with **COLLEEN MCMAHON ORSATTI**. Also at the beginning of the year, Kay had a long phone conversation with **GAIL GERHARDT EVANS**. She, too, had enjoyed a memorable 80th birthday celebration. Gail has four daughters, who arranged a big family reunion in Denver for her 80th in June. A marvelous memory for Gail. According to **MARSHA (PENNY) RUDOLPH ADAMS O'NEILL**, her 80th birthday last April was one of those "monumental" ones to add to her

many delightful memories. Her husband, Ed, treated her, along with her daughter, Stephanie, her son, John, and his wife, Anne, and Penny's granddaughter, Allie, to a very special weekend in Carmel. They stayed at a lovely hotel which has a renowned chef who prepared her outstanding celebration dinner. To quote Penny, "It was a magnificent affair and weekend!" One that she shall not forget! However, not all of her recent memories are that pleasant. In November, she and Ed experienced the California fires relatively up close. The Woolsey Fire, a very anxiety-provoking occurrence, went by their neighborhood three separate times as the winds changed directions each day. They blew the fire back and forth from the mountains to the ocean, back to the mountains and finally back to the ocean. The fire actually came to the top of their hill, but their neighborhood was saved by the dramatic dropping of fire retardant from the fire-fighting planes. The skill of the pilots was unbelievable! Her neighborhood was evacuated for three days, after which they were very grateful to return home to no damage. Fortunately in Southern California, no people were lost; however, quite a few did lose their homes. It was a very different ending in Northern California after the Camp Fire. It was a true disaster for people, their homes and their occupations. Penny continues to enhance her memory base of her ancestors, gleaned from her in-depth genealogy research and through her active volunteer service with several organizations, i.e. Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of American Colonists, Colonial Dames of America, etc., which seek to preserve the history of earlier generations. Her holidays were filled with happy, fun memories. Since her granddaughter, Allie, was a little girl, Penny and Stephanie have gone to Seattle for Christmas. John and Anne always have a traditional Christmas with a big tree, all of their favorite foods, lots of cookies and presents. Since Allie was four years old, Penny has been making Christmas cookies with her. Penny makes the dough and cuts out the cookies. Then Allie decorates and bakes them. Gingerbread cookies, Scotch shortbread, peppermint bark and many more! They also made caramel ice cream in the new, old-fashioned electric ice cream freezer. For her son's family, the best present this year was a new dog, Quincy, a beautiful Boston terrier. The holidays this past season created mainly disappointing memories for **KAREN**

GILDERSLEEVE SEELEY. After spending months of shopping, searching for just the "right" gift, and hours of wrapping, her various family members actually were not around long enough to enjoy all her efforts. She is now thinking that she will celebrate Christmas festivities next year a week before Christmas, giving everyone the chance to enjoy the holiday together without various other commitments and distractions. However, Karen did get this year two outstanding presents...a new electric blanket, that she cannot live without, and the complete PBS series...all 9 discs with 5 episodes on each...of "As Time Goes By" with Judi Dench that she has always loved. She even watched it with subtitles so that she didn't miss a word! After the nightmarish memory of her 7-hour Mohs surgical procedure on her leg last summer, the one she had on her forehead in September went so easily that it is actually a happy memory. She had joined the Mohs Skin Cancer Removal Society and became rather friendly with some of the other patients being treated. When they run into each other occasionally, they are happy to be new friends who have gone through the same experiences. On another happy outcome, she was able to get the long-awaited lot next to hers. When the old house on the lot next to her home was torn down several years ago, she signed up for the empty lot. All the papers are now signed and it is hers to start planning to turn into a fruit orchard, extending the number of peach, pear and other trees that she already has on her "old" property. Perhaps even adding cherry trees! Unfortunately, last year also had its sad moments...the loss of two long-time friends. But for her, they are still alive through her happy memories of them. Counterbalancing those sad losses, Karen is anticipating new memories due to the expected arrival of her fourth grandchild in August. Even though the holidays were quiet for **JANE MCKENZIE MULLIN**, she has fond memories of family visits with her two daughters...one at the beginning of the year with Kristen, who lives in Chicago, and another one last summer with her other daughter, Kerry, and grandchildren, Piper and Taygen, who live in Missouri. While Kerry and Piper Jane went to the Black River riding camp for a long Mother-Daughter weekend, Jane enjoyed three days of quality time with Taygen. She was also looking forward to Kerry and her family visiting her in February. Jane had memories of anxious worry for her dog, Lucky, who underwent major leg surgery

in November at the MSU vet school. Her anxieties were relieved when, on Lucky's follow-up visit, she was told that he was healing very well. Jane was impressed with the proficient and confident group of doctors at the vet school. Jane is happy and content with her lifestyle which keeps her busy...two book clubs, bridge once or twice a week, and pool exercise two or three times a week. Otherwise, she loves sitting and reading...especially *Tradition!* She laughs at herself as she shuffles along..."only old people do that!!" She is determined not to fall! As we all should be!! One of the best parts of aging for **BARBARA WELTHER** is having the memories, time, new encounters and new experiences to work out some interesting and appropriate answers to the profound question, "Who am I?" She recently came across a maxim by Albert Schweitzer: "There are two means of refuge from the misery of life...music and cats." How true that has been for Barbara. Now that she is an octogenarian, she has recognized that her two passions in life have been and continue to be her love of music and cats. She wishes now that she had kept journals on her life journey. Nevertheless, she has vivid memories of how much she has always enjoyed listening and dancing to music, as well as singing and playing musical instruments. In fact, one of her favorite and most vivid childhood dreams was being in a large room filled with large instruments...drums, brasses, woodwinds, strings, percussion...and picking up and playing each and every one of them. Somehow, she just knew how each one was supposed to sound. That dream certainly foreshadowed her later years in which she learned to play and teach guitar, flute, recorders, crumhorns, shawm, viola da gamba, hand bells and some keyboard. Her earliest memories of cats are of her playing with the furry litter of kittens her playmate's cat had produced. She was about three and totally beguiled by their mews and curiosity. Naturally, she wanted one! But she didn't have her own kitty until almost two decades later. Although she doesn't have one now, several of her neighbors at Windsor Place share their cats. The cat next door is appropriately named "Belle." She has beautiful hazel eyes and a sable coat about three inches long. Down the corridor from her is "Jet." He's a friendly Tonkanese cat with sapphire eyes and a short silver coat. Around the corner is "Lily." She sports a snowy white coat with black markings and has the sweetest disposition of any cat

anyone has ever met. Barbara agreed with Schweitzer again that all these creatures are, indeed, a "means of refuge from the misery of life."



"Untitled" Sculpture by Kay Hellyer Smith '56

KAY HELLYER SMITH has creatively expressed a possible outlook of the "State of the Union" and its potential of causing troubled times and disturbing memories. The current state of world affairs could lead to an uncertainty of a future of despair. Her new sculpture of unfired red clay, 8 1/2" high and 10" long, is a compelling study. Even though Kay calls it "Untitled," it seems that "Contemplation" is a more telling label and truly "speaks" to our times...what does the future hold for each of us individuals and our memories!



Colleen McMahon Orsatti '56, with all her grandchildren for her 80th birthday

I, **COLLEEN MCMAHON ORSATTI**, have been quite active "gathering" marvelous memories from new discoveries and family

togetherness. I realized my aforementioned desire to visit Washington, D.C. and to share the final celebration of my 80th birthday with my family in Iowa. Last September, my husband, Bob, and I enjoyed a delightful 3-night stay in Washington, D.C. Although it rained every day, we did everything we had hoped to do...visiting the Museum of African-American History and Culture, the National Portrait Museum and the National Museum of Women in the Arts; experiencing new restaurants; enjoying evenings listening to live jazz; staying in a wonderful hotel, The Jefferson. At the African-American Museum, the history and culture are extremely well presented and very interesting, filling five floors. Its vastness requires a day on each floor to discover fully all the treasures displayed. We also "met" the Obamas at the National Portrait Museum, as well as the four past and present female Supreme Court Justices in a marvelous painting. We were disappointed with Michelle Obama's portrait in that it does not reflect her essence. I spent three joyous celebrations, "ThanksBirthNukah," with my daughter and son and their families at my daughter's place in Iowa for Thanksgiving. Thursday was our day for giving thanks and eating a delicious dinner. On Friday, we decided to begin Hanukkah a little early and lit the first candle while we were all there, followed by a mouth-watering chocolate, birthday cake for my 80th, which we had delayed celebrating until we could all be together. Travel for all of us... four from the east coast, one from Detroit and two from Portland, OR...went incredibly smoothly, arriving on schedule and avoiding bad weather. Except for one glitch, that is! United managed to dislocate the luggage of 10 of us upon arrival in Newark. How 10 people's baggage got separated from all the other passengers on the humongous Boeing 777 was baffling. Lucky for us, however, United finally "found" it after an hour, so we ten went to our destinations happily! During the holidays, Bob and I celebrated the "season" by enjoying a wonderful day in New York City, experiencing the festive "garb" that the City "wears" at that time of year...breakfast at Rockefeller Center next to the skaters on the outside rink and under the beauty of the Christmas tree; our first visit to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum—very extensive and inclusive, meaningfully planned and executed, impossible to absorb even in two hours; a mid-afternoon cocktail on the 60th floor of a new hotel near Wall Street, overlooking the financial district between the

Hudson and East Rivers—a spectacular view on a glorious-weather day; another visit to the Rockefeller Center tree after dark in all its totally symmetrical and sparkling brilliance before concluding our memorable day with a delicious dinner at one of our favorite midtown restaurants. How meaningful it was to start 2019 with such special memories from 2018. Albert Camus was right when he wrote: "In the midst of winter, I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer." May 2019 be a year filled with more treasured memories! To be continued...

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Back in business after missing the last issue. As **FRITZ KERN** opens his note—"Most of us are in our 80s or soon will be—better celebrate by doing something fun, memorable." Couldn't agree more. Fritz and Janis are doing just that by heading to Moose Island on Lake Placid in August with her sisters and spouses. Others celebrating with travels include the **CAMERONs** wintering in Dunedin, FL, and hoping to head north late April with the snow gone. Also in FL, as we write, are **FRED FECHHEIMER** and Bobbie, visiting friends and relatives—tame compared to their trip to Dubai and Nepal last fall. They are still living in Huntington Woods near their grandkids. The **MCCAULs** are also off to exotic locales—birding in Papua New Guinea and snorkeling in the Caroline Islands in March. "Maybe more adventures," Bruce writes, if his business is acquired this year after 20+ years at the helm. More travel reported by **DAVE THEOBALD** from last spring when he took a 12-day tour bonding with his granddaughter while visiting 11 Southern colleges—"all beautiful, what an experience." She applied early to U of Richmond and was accepted in November. Dave winters in Hilton Head, SC, and still has a home in Sun Valley. He spent 16 days cruising to Hawaii in December and is planning a September cruise to the Mediterranean. Sounds like a first time for **ROSS SMITH** who "tried a cruise" from San Francisco to Los Cabos and back—"great fun." Ross keeps busy with occasional prospecting forays, good books, gardening and moving to remain

in "fighting weight" without the fighting. Only medications are red wine, chocolate and coffee. Life is good, and the family is healthy. Not traveling, were the **BRENDERS**, who avoided the CA fires by staying at home in Michigan (good call, Fred). Everyone is doing well. And he adds "life is as dull as it is precious," which means he needs to start travelling with some fellow classmates. Regretting his decision to stay home (in MI) this year instead of heading south is **FRED LUDWIG**, as the polar vortex "has been a trial," but they are heading to Vero Beach, FL, in early March to see son Jim and Kristen with leads in My Fair Lady, then back in time for maple syrup season. Number one son in Marquette has twin daughters, seniors hoping to get into music school. No word of any travel from **JIM VARY**, but he's still doing the same—teaching, volunteering and spending time in his wood shop. Says it may sound boring but not to him—"still fun and more importantly, rewarding." **DUNCAN BLACK** was also at home with family to celebrate his 80th in early February, followed by a surprise luncheon from his Kissing Bridge ski patrol mates. Dunc is on duty every Monday. His term on the Amherst Planning Board expired at the end of December, but the new town supervisor asked for his help to develop an Architectural Review Board—"interesting and challenging". **CARL KARLSTROM** is still active and working and watching his grandson's and granddaughter's teams win Oakland County regionals and head for state tourney (we assume basketball). Even have a few Notes from recent phone calls: **RON SWANSON** called from out of the blue from the rehab center where he's been a resident for some time. He sounded good, but was not predicting being able to leave any time soon. As his computer wasn't working he asked me to google some info as he had a bet with another resident—said with the info provided, he won. I called **ROWDY TALIAFERRO** when he was back in the U.S. looking after a family house in Missouri—an annual visit—and heard again of the hassle going to and fro from Phuket Thailand, to Vienna and Missouri with his friend Christine. With our call for Notes, he treated us to a lengthy essay on life in Thailand along with a picture. Nice, inexpensive but getting more touristy. Essay and photo forwarded to classmates who have email. The only regular caller, **MIKE HERMANOFF**, checked in just in time from Fairfax, VA, where he was attending a grandson's 10th birthday—

bemoaning, however, the humiliating defeat of U of M by Ohio State to end the regular season, made more so by the fact that his wife Sandy is an OSU alum. They attended the Rose Bowl game (of course) where Mike insists he was the only Wolverine fan in the stadium. Mike is still volunteering for HUB while Sandy has become chair of the advisory board at OSU's journalism school. They were in New Orleans recently and are planning some summer travel. Like Theobald and Black, **JIM AKERS** did a little bonding with his favorite (i.e. only) granddaughter Lexi, interrupting his winter FL stay, for a short ski trip the first week of January to Park City, UT. Jim back to FL, Lexi back to college to continue sophomore year. Her younger brother David was accepted early decision to his first choice late fall providing the most excitement to end the year. Know there are other C 57 skiers who are probably vertical enough to perform but other than Dunc Black, no word on mountain activity from any others. A big 200 for the Akers this year—Jim hits 80, Renee 70 with a knot tied 50 years ago. And they said it would never last! Many thanks to all classmates who contributed to this edition of Class Notes. Finally, a sad farewell to **CARL JOHANSSON**, who passed away since our last column was published.

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This is the big 80 for many of us and not degrees. I know that there were one or two who celebrated that major event in 2018. This is a record year for the rest of us. It is the ruby jubilee year so know that I will be thinking of you. **MARILYN MERTINS JOHNSON** wrote to let us know that she is still here and was ready to celebrate her 80th birthday on Sunday February 17. She reflects that while 80 now sounds old to her, she doesn't feel that old which is good. Thankfully, Marilyn and Ralph are both in pretty good health. Marilyn keeps busy volunteering and visiting friends that are in nursing homes. She loves her yoga class which she has been taking for about eight years now; twice a week and reading books—the kind you can hold—not on a Kindle! Not much new and different, but she thought that she would at least touch base with us.

BECKY ERWIN CAWLEY is looking forward to celebrating her 80th birthday in March when her whole family will gather in California. It will be a record event because they seldom are able to all be together. A group of 14 family plans to come from Concord MA, Denver, Phoenix, Columbia MD, plus grandkids coming from assorted colleges around the country. Becky is well except for arthritis which doesn't stop her swimming, knitting, playing bridge and helping with twin grand kids and she continues to read, read, read... **BARBARA "COOKIE" COOKSEY BOWERS** reflects that this is our 80th year and while the old saying of "If I'd known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself," seems to be coming true. Those of us that can... still like to think of ourselves as a young 80 and forget what the medical books say about us. If we creak and groan and snap and pop upon rising, we try to think of it as our very own percussion section. Many have thought seriously about bucket lists which is the latest fad, and not to be left out...she crossed one off this summer with a great-granddaughter when she hired some horses from a local stable and hauled her aging body once again up on a horse. After all, it was her first love and so long as the horse behaves, it is just like riding a bicycle again. She was astounded when she dismounted and found she was able to walk, but it went well and was a very touching moment for both her little gal and her great-grandma.



Barb Cooksey Bowers '57 on a horse!

At 78, Cookie decided to take up the game of golf. Her wonderful significant other is an avid golfer and has been for the past 60 some years. So, she thought she would try. Deeply immersed in this confounding sport, she now plays three or four times a week and has

joined some very fun leagues and made lots of new friends who put up with her inadequacies and marvel at her age. Cookie spends eight months in Florida on the West Coast and the remaining four up at her cabin in the woods... many may remember Sunrise. She fondly calls it her "work concentration camp," as there is always something to repair, clean, paint or mow. But she does love the woods and the escape from Florida summer heat. The best way to describe things now is "Life is good"!! **JUDY SOLOMON** wishes that she had something profound, exciting or fascinating to report but that's not the case. She has kept busy writing articles (mostly about homes or cuisine) for several different local publications and finds it very stimulating. She has six grandchildren ranging in age from 4 to 26 who are all terrific (and of course she is not the least bit prejudiced). Otherwise she is a movie buff, passionate about Words With Friends (Scrabble-like game) and still loves to travel. Michael and Judy recently spent ten glorious days in Venice and Tuscany. Like all of us, she finds it absolutely mind-boggling that we are turning 80. **NANCY WARD HARWOOD** will celebrate her 80th birthday with family taking her to dinner at Chef and the Farmer in Kinston, NC. It is the restaurant of Vivian Howard who had a TV show called A Chef's Life. Nancy will be heading to California in March and April to celebrate her sister's 85th birthday.

Among the first responses that I received was from **SALLY AUSTERBERRY DINAN'S** husband, Dennis, who deeply regretted that his "news" was that Sally left us last Friday morning. He shared a remembrance put together.

Sally Austerberry Dinan, a full-time resident of Boca Grande, died at home on February 1. She fought a fierce year-long battle with esophageal cancer, only to succumb just days before her eightieth birthday. Sally was an alumna of Kingswood School-Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, for which she held an abiding affection, and a 1961 graduate of Northwestern University, where she majored in Chicago's Rush Street and Dartmouth College. Her many volunteer activities ranged from assisting inmates at the women's prison of Westchester County, New York, for the Junior League, to the historic lighthouse of Boca Grande. She balanced a career of private-school teacher, active days on the tennis court, her kids' hockey schedules, and

keeping a rambling 18th-century home in New Hampshire and a menagerie of husband, children and dogs in some semblance of order. Her favorite place in the whole world was on Nantucket, at her little house in Quidnet, overlooking Sesachacha Pond and the Atlantic Ocean, where you could see all the way to Spain. She nurtured flowers in the frozen tundra of the Granite State and the parched soils of the Sunshine State, and was a member of the Nantucket and Boca Grande garden clubs. She enjoyed sparring with her friends at the mahjong table and, at sundown, an ice-cold dry Martini, up-with-an-olive. She amazed friends and relatives alike with her exhaustive memory of their ancestry, their children's history, and even their dogs' lineage. Sally was the daughter of Charles and Sarah Austerberry and a native of Rosedale Park, Detroit. Her parents and three siblings pre-deceased her. Sally is survived by her husband, Dennis, whom she met at the Detroit Golf Club at the improbable age of nine; two sons, Matthew and Brendan; a daughter, Molly McIlvaine; and five grandchildren. **SUELLEN VOORHEIS SOUCEK** writes that she is still here upright and hasn't frozen yet. Ferries stopped running so she is depending on a wind sled propelled by an airplane engine on an ice road. She plans to have a show at the art guild of her oil slinging in June/July. But she has to get going on painting! They have two cats that they adore who keep their lives lively and contribute to the Soucek feeding frenzy: Suellen feeds John three times a day, cats six times, deer once and birds once. By the time she's done with that, she's ready to think about a nap! Family and civic responsibility keep her busy. Kids are fine, moving forward with their kids in teen age years. She has three grandkids in college (going on four). Civic engagement has been on the town planning commission for 11 years and she has decided to run for the town board as well. **CAROLLEE WORTHINGTON METROKA**...wrote that she was rushing to meet two deadlines: Alumnae News and a big move. As usual, she will be spending the winter on Marco Island, FL, and recently found a nice and newer condo to buy. She made an offer that the sellers couldn't refuse and BINGO! They closed on Friday, and in the next two days she needs to be all packed for the movers. "30 years of wintering in the old address and now, at this old age, I decide to move! HA!" However, it is an easier place to live with a million-dollar water view, including an elevator to large

enclosed garage—no stairs. It's a challenge! She enlisted help from everyone! Her family of three daughters, and six grandchildren were all wonderful... everyone is getting along...there's a lot laughter and fun this year... and for this she is very grateful and truly does savor these times. She wishes everyone in our Kingswood (and Cranbrook) Class of 1957 the very best of times...stay well ... stay happy! Among our many class travelers escaping weather and headlines is **JEANNE HARGREAVES GRAHAM**, who wrote that she is in Argentina with cousins missing the whole record cold. It is lovely there. Her only news was her excitement about remembering the Don Shirley trio that we heard in 1955 that was featured in the film Green Book. And as for me, not much to report other than the wild weather that goes from snow to summer temps overnight. Volunteer work and travel provide diversion and I'll be celebrating my 80th in New Zealand. Who would have thought??? We got to Malta and Sardinia on our last mystery cruise. As we were the only two Americans on the ship of 750 passenger, we had some new and different experiences that included travel with a princess referred to as "HRH"... and new tourist treatment due to international events and issues. Family is fine and fascinating to watch the development and new fields available to the eight grandchildren. Always looking for good reads so please share.

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Looking for a charming classmate to be our KSC '58 class secretary for this coming year. With technology as it is, this is an easy job. First send out a short email (with exact deadlines and the most recent contact information provided by the Cranbrook Alumnae office) asking for upbeat news. When it arrives, simply compile, cut and paste each entry verbatim into a document already to go and send it electronically to CKCLASSNOTES@CRANBROOK.EDU or c/o Madison Sanders MSANDERS@CRANBROOK.EDU. Viola! All the best for health, happiness/laughter and peace in 2019 to you all!

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As I write this, it is a frosty February, and you will not read it until right before our 60th reunion. I hope we have as lovely a time as I am imagining. I am getting ready to get warm on a cruise in the Caribbean, and **DALE RANDS** is finishing one around New Zealand. **RAY SOKOLOV** has agreed to be our new class agent, in spite of calling our gathering of old people an "organ recital." Please be nice to him when he calls! He has moved from Greenwich Village into the boonies of Gardiner, NY, because he loves shoveling long paths in the snow, if I have interpreted his email correctly. **SPAULDING CLARK** is no longer major of Scio Township, MI. He served as both Republican and Democrat supervisor, an interesting story all by itself, but he and his wife are now fully retired. Spaulding practiced law for 30 years and then was in government for 20 years. I expect everyone except the attorneys and doctors ARE fully retired now. And maybe the artists and writers. Certainly this old warrior does little more than talk now. I apologize for the briefness of this column, and hopefully I will have a lot more to write about after our reunion. Thanks to everyone who plans on attending!

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Heard from **BECKY DEWITT** recently. She's still living in Saratoga Springs, NY, and has retired from teaching figure skating, which she did for nearly 40 years! She lives on land that she acquired many years ago and is proud to have planted every bush and tree. Becky is fortunate to have her two daughters living close by, so she can enjoy her five grandchildren. She once did Easter egg hunts for them, planting upwards of 350 eggs all over. Happily Becky says she is enjoying life very much. **JANE BUGAS SWIGART** lives in San Francisco, and also has two daughters, one living nearby and one in London, who at this writing is pregnant. She, like all of us, is gaga over the grandchild who fortunately lives near her, and she is going to London for the birth of her second. We had to "talk horse!" Jane early on had been an "eventer," (which means riding cross-country, doing show

jumping, and doing dressage). She had a bad fall two years ago, smashed a femur and spent two months in a wheelchair. Like all of us once bitten by the horse bug, she would love to get back to riding. (I did, after crushing a vertebra, but I do the much safer dressage). Knock on wood! **JILL DONER KAGLE** is another San Franciscan. She is fortunate to winter there and summer on Cape Cod. **GALE HUMMEL NILL** is also seasonally bi-coastal. She lives in Lexington, MA, in the summer and La Jolla in the winter. In January, she spent a week taking care of three grandchildren (4, 8, & 11) on Nantucket before escaping the cold for a well-deserved rest in La Jolla. Awesome energy, Gale! Received a wonderful note from **MARYANNE MOTT**. She is also a Californian, Santa Barbara, but runs an eco-minded guest ranch (B Bar) as well near Livingston, MT. She wants everyone to know that she's "still alive and kicking, busier than ever with family foundations and my cattle ranch." She was married to Alain Meynet, had two children, and divorced in 1979. They remained friends, and he died in 1995. Herman Warsh and MaryAnne married in 1980, and though he passed away in 2006, she remains close to Herman's son. Her children have five offspring between them, all in college. She says, and I quote because it is so well-written, "While it is true that for many of us, our experience at Kingswood was not optimal, I do cherish the buildings, learning how to study, going to my first opera (now a fan) and participating in hockey and tennis (stopped playing tennis a few years ago). And I have remained in touch with two of my best friends: **JAN VARY KUTTEN** and **RUTHIE HANKEY BROWN**." It was great to hear from **VICKI VANCAMP BUCHAN**. Vicki lives in Ft. Collins, CO. After working as a social worker she went back to school for a Ph.D. She has now officially retired from Colorado State University after 30 years as a faculty member. She loves teaching so much, however, she still works part time overseeing seven grad students. Sadly she lost both her husband and her daughter in 2011. Vicki's two grandchildren also live in Ft. Collins, one graduating from high school this year and one working. She has two dogs and a ranch horse, and loves to travel, every March to Arizona and often to Santa Fe. Vicki sends her best wishes to classmates for a wonderful reunion. **MILES CUMINGS DUMONT** regretted that she couldn't be with us at reunion, but also wrote so beautifully about Kingswood that I'll quote

her: "I look back on those days at Kingswood and all of the wonderful friendships with such nostalgia. Kingswood provided an excellent foundation for our lives going forward; and the beauty of the school and our experiences there will be with me always." She also thanked **KAREN GILRAY STREET** "for being such a responsible steward of our class over these past 60 years. Your efforts to collect and share all of the news over these years has been an amazing factor in keeping us together while sustaining a deep allegiance to each other and to our alma mater." We all share in our indebtedness to Karen! I'm going to our reunion in June, and I wish I could see all of you there. If you'd like to contact an old friend to find out if she might be going, just call me. I have most everyone's number or email.

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C60

Although Western Washington was spared by the polar vortex, we did get a lot of snow in early February. Denise Grayson '62 and I mostly hunkered down while we ran up our heating bill and gazed down upon snow-covered Edmonds. We were well looked after by family, friends and neighbors. As I write this, we are back to our normal Pacific Northwest winter weather—cold and sometimes rainy. Via Facebook, this photo from **HARVEY CROZE**, his wife Cristina Boelcke, and their family.



(clockwise from upper left) Harvey Croze '60, Leon, Taro, Anselm, Cristina, and Zorg

CHARLY HEAVENRICH announced, also via Facebook, that "I've just completed my manuscript for my next book. Working title

is "What We Never Imagined: The Gift of the Grand Canyon." **JOHN SPRAGUE** and **ROLAND KAPLAN** offered to provide some pre-publication reader feedback. Roland said "Include me. Your lifetime experience makes you eminently qualified. When I was younger I spent months hiking and climbing in the California Sierra, so I might have some understanding of your relationship to the Grand Canyon." From **TOM LEE**: "Here are a few tidbits: Colleen and I went on a wonderful cruise in December to celebrate our 50th anniversary. We started in the Caribbean, went through the Panama Canal, a major bucket list item for me, and ended up in Costa Rica, a truly beautiful country. And about the polar vortex: we have been toughing it out here in Southern California with highs only in the 50s! We will be gathering here in Newhall for our annual get-together in May with **STEVE BROWN**, Steve Fairbanks '61 and Curt Matthews '61—it's always a pleasure to see the old gang. See you next year at our '60th!" **ROGER ROTHENBURGER** continues to lead a life of very-not-leisure: "Besides spending a lot of money on my house renovation in semi-rural Valley Center (50 miles northeast of San Diego inland from Oceanside) I have taken on a project engineer's job in far north British Columbia near the Alaskan-British Columbia border. It is a tunnel 9km long for Rio Tinto called Kemano T2. It is a 2nd tunnel for water to a hydroelectric power plant for their mine/smelter in Kittamet. This is camp job which requires flight to small airport at Terrace, BC, a 2+ hour road trip to a ferry, and a 3-hour ferry trip to camp. AVERAGE winter temperature -14C (7F)." During the time the Chicago area was being frozen by the polar vortex's sub-zero temperatures, **TED SEYFARTH** sent this reply to my concerns for his and Sally's well-being: "I received your message while traveling on a cruise ship from Komodo Island to Bali. This is not a bad way to cope with the polar vortex. By the time we return to Chicago in early March, winter should be mostly over. In the meantime, it's lots of food, good rest, exotic cultures and places we've never been before. I heartily recommend this as a wintertime activity. I hope my classmates can be as fortunate." From **JOHN SPRAGUE**: "We came home from our Danube River cruise with my two sisters, Jane and Mary '63 and their husbands. We ended our trip with several days in Prague with our daughter, Tasha, and her family who have lived there for seven years. Wonderful time together in Europe

but, simultaneously, our town of New Bern, NC, was devastated by hurricane Florence. Fortunately, our property was spared but, sadly, that of our friends was not. Having sold our property in New Bern, we will be full-time in Salisbury, CT, and more time with our kids and grand-kids. No immediate plans for travel but we are eager to see many more parts of our country as well as faraway lands. Stay tuned! In the meantime, let's all start thinking about next year's 60th Cranbrook Reunion." For me, all is very quiet. This winter has been a time of recovery from a January hospital stay and its associated medical challenges. But, soon it will be spring. Until next time.

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While those of us living under a polar vortex suffered from extreme cold this past winter, **JOAN DANTO GARLAND** and Les spontaneously booked a trip to Iceland with friends over Thanksgiving while lunching with them during Art Basel in Miami. By dinner, ski parkas and other winter gear were purchased who knows where in Miami. Although they marveled at Iceland's other worldly landscape of volcanoes, geysers, lava and waterfalls, no mention was made of bathing in its thermal hot springs.



Joan Danto Garland '61, and Les in Iceland

Unlike Iceland's rugged landscape, China's exquisite scenery glided by as they cruised the Yangtze River and it's Three Gorges earlier in the year. While the trip began in Shanghai, they spent additional time in Hong Kong and Beijing where they saw tremendous growth and modernization. Cruising seems to be a popular past time because **ALICE BUSHONG** has booked her annual spring river adventure in France after visiting her nephews in California. Between trips, she continues to paint in watercolors, play cribbage and participate in trivia competitions with team Boardman Broads. And then there's **BUNNY MILLER LENHARD** who will be cruising to the Hawaiian Islands with husband, Bob, and family this fall. The children at their local elementary school where she volunteers twice weekly will miss her energy and she has found being a board member of their foundation rewarding as well. These volunteer responsibilities have not diminished her exercise regimen, like running on a strider to keep in shape for the various races in which she participates that are often charity-oriented. **JACKIE ZUELZER ANDERSON** has unwillingly reoriented her pastoral, peaceful view from the popular Lebanese restaurant she owns in Sterling due to the demolition of the historic church across the street. She and husband, Bill, are still fighting the good fight for preservation of area historic buildings when developers threaten to gobble them up. Fourteen turkeys are calling **SUZANNE CROOK WHYTE** yard home, strutting about for food or roosting in trees. She has been working on Gaylord's club history for Zonta whose mission is to advocate for women's rights and empower them in positions of decision-making. This is its international centennial year so as such their convention will be held in Chicago in July. The gathering of the Horowitz clan is always impressive. **LINDA WELT HOROWITZ** has had a steady stream of family visitors in both P.V. (that's Puerto Vallarta) and Dallas, including a big blow-out celebration for her and her sister's (Lois '66) birthdays, born a day apart. Gatherings ramped up as the year progressed and despite her grandchildren's disparity in age, all got along well, creating a true family cohesiveness. She found a round trip cruise through the Panama Canal fascinating "even though it was rather like watching paint dry." Of particular interest to her, however, was discovering the oldest synagogue in the western hemisphere. Built in 1651 on Curaçao by Spanish and Portuguese

Jews, Mikvé Isreal-Emanuel Synagogue's architecture and sand floors are compatible with its location. **PATTY WILSON HRIDEL** is another who has grandchildren whose ages range widely, from a 2-year-old to an art engineer college graduate. This spring, she will be in Michigan's Upper Peninsula to welcome summer and its frivolities.



Joan McDonald Beck '61, and family

JOAN MCDONALD BECK confirms she made the right move. Returning from Florida to a new home in Pennsylvania has enabled more nearby family gatherings. With seven grandchildren, this is paramount. While her husband has joined a chorale society, she will be volunteering for causes to replace her BBBigSister family and jail ministry efforts in Florida for the past 10 to 15 years. We all have a standing invitation for lunch should we be near Philadelphia. As a winter destination, Florida is the state of choice for **NANCY MUHLITNER BRACY** where her 102-year-old mother still lives and for **SARA MARWIL LAMSTEIN** who never misses an opportunity to miss Boston's winter but always includes family for a visit in the sun. Jeannines and affable goats don't travel well so they stay home. **CHRIS WALLACE LAMARCHE** called Florida home for three months this past winter. **GAIL BURGESS ZAVELSON** and Tom '61 made a road trip to Orlando where she celebrated a March birthday with family. Poogen, **ELIZABETH RINDSKOPF PARKER**'s standard poodle, loves a good road trip, so he traverses the country with Liz and husband, Bob, often driving between Napa and New Haven to be closer to family and where he has joined a local rowing club. She prefers her writing and mosaics classes and is still active in national security events while strongly advocating for civil education which our schools sorely lack. Not surprising are the cultural advantages in and around New Haven, which include grandson's explanation of the background and context of "Ant-Man and the Wasp." Couch potatoes no more, she

and Bob now have personal trainers. Look out, Bunny! Elizabeth and Bob did not retreat, but **MARYMAC LAMB LAING** and husband, Don, did...to Kamalame Cay in the laid-back, barefoot-chic Bahamas where Don will have ample opportunity to deep sea fish in the surrounding water. For the past nine years, **SUSAN GASS** and family have retreated to Costa Rica in the winter and this year was no exception. Although she was left homeless for two months due to the delayed completion of their retirement home near Columbus, OH, no matter, as they spent this time wandering NY, Italy, Greece, Russia and Montreal. Now they are nearly unpacked and enjoying time closer to family while preparing a return to weaving. **NANCY REYNOLDS BOLLINI** may have to learn to weave and duck around falling foul during hunting season near their home although it does have its advantages come the holidays. She hasn't lost her sense of humor. Serious and troubling were the Gilets Jaunes roaming the streets of Paris protesting for economic justice where **CAROLE GLUECK BROOKINS** lives part-time. The renovation of her Palm Beach condo is complete but decorating it is on hold as she launches her new, small non-profit US foundation, The First Alliance Foundation, "honoring and enhancing the French-American strategic/military alliance." Grants in both DC and Paris will be in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the two country's alliance, liberating Paris on August 25, 1944. **CHARLOTTE COHEN CAGAN** continues to work with two non-profit clients remotely while she copes with health issues that keep her home-bound. Home to sea life is Chicago's John G. Shedd Aquarium which is where **MARGARET GREAVES ADAMS** spent a December morning training and feeding its mammals.



Margaret Greaves Adams '61, with a beluga

The gift from her children, Alexandra and John, was a once in a lifetime solo experience which began in the kitchen cutting up dead fish and carrying individual and personal

buckets of food to the penguins first. Each sea otter, dolphin, sea lion and beluga whale has its own personality not unlike a house pet. Despite the shared news, some of us are facing or have faced adversity this news cycle. To them we offer our collective support and positive thoughts.

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Sixty years on... In a small private school like Cranbrook, most younger students know by name and sight older students in the several classes above them. This is especially true of those, like me, who entered as a first-former, and idolized the fifth- and sixth-formers four or five classes ahead. I still remember the likes of Duncan Black, Carl Karlstrom, Dave Campbell, Sig Snyder from '57, and Ozzie Jacobson, Howie Kaufman, Fred Lavery, Don Le Messurier, Fred Woodworth from '58—and even earlier graduates who didn't overlap, like Pete Dawkins '55 by reputation (both at Cranbrook and later at Oxford), Jim Maas '56 who had been my Cranbrook summer camp counselor, and Bob Vogel '56 who came back briefly to teach. With schoolmates only three classes ahead, however, one might have actually shared an athletic team—in my case soccer or track, for example with Tito Cortella or Rick Williams—or shared academic interests, such as with Ray Sokolov, all from '59. The same connectivity extended somewhat in the other direction, to a couple classes behind me: Chuck Bigelow, John Billesdon, Ken Haller, Fred Huebner, LB McKelvey, John Theobald and others from '63 were friends or teammates, as were Dale Bosley, Guy Bosley, Guy Bramble, Bob Taggart from '64; but the camaraderie did not extend much beyond two classes back—understandable, but still a pity. Ray Sokolov '59, Bob Hughes '61 and I, demonstrating laudable cross-class academic creativity, used to take collective delight in translating the dirty parts of Victorian novels that had been censoriously rendered into Latin. But the older schoolmate I was closest to at Cranbrook was Pete Smith '59, in large part (but not entirely—we both also ran track on Ben Snyder's legendary track team) because we were both then avid amateur radio operators. What follows is an extended

tale of cross-class camaraderie spanning more than 60 years. I had come to Cranbrook as a 12-year-old, already fully-licensed (call-letters K8BQD), and Pete had sat his license exams (licensed as W8QZR) not long after arriving at Cranbrook three years before. Though Mr. Schultz had organized a Cranbrook radio club (with an amateur station in the Physics lab) and though there were other licensed hams at Cranbrook (like Bill Waters, Hugo Diguilio and Ross Smith in '57, Jory Squibb and Charlie Hubbard in Pete's '59 class, and later **WARREN KENNISON**, [the late] **JOEL MEYER**, **JOHN HOFMANN** and **TED SIMS** in my '62 class), Pete and I actively manned our own home stations and had even shared some equipment. One February, 1959, we decided to operate Pete's station together (Pete then a senior, I a third-former) in a well-known radio contest [hams are surprisingly competitive] in which contestants try to contact as many stations in as many foreign countries as possible over one or two weekends. We pooled our equipment (not all of which proved compatible: we ended blowing up one device in a fiery explosion that annihilated a vacuum tube, no trace of which could afterward be found). Neither of us remembers how well we did, except that we had fun. And we all too soon headed off to colleges and got on with our lives, both of which included lengthy stays out of the country—Pete as a foreign service officer in the Far East, I in Oxford for ten years. Though both Pete and I did operate sporadically abroad, long periods of radio inactivity attended our returns stateside, occasioned by raising of families and getting on with careers, followed only in our later lives by re-licensing (Pete as N4ZR in Virginia and later West Virginia, I as W1LWH in Massachusetts) and respective re-instatements of active operation. After trading visits over the past decade (the last just before Pete's wife Lynn died), I suggested this January 2019 to Pete that we should reprise our fabled 1959 contest collaboration in the coming February 2019 contest, exactly 60 years after our first joint endeavor. We again pooled equipment and antenna resources, and I drove from Boston to Pete's home in Maryland. We had a great time!



Pete Smith (N4ZR) '59 and Linn Hobbs (W1LWH) '62

We established a regimen of age-appropriate four-hour shifts throughout the 48-hour contest and ended up making a surprisingly competitive 2000 or so contacts with hams in 120 countries, including 31 countries on the 160-meter band (essentially the present-day AM broadcast band frequencies, on which the very first trans-Atlantic contacts had been painstakingly eked out in the early 1900s). The 2019 weekend was not without its drama: we did end up destroying one of our antenna components, though not so dramatically as the memorable bang accompanying our 1959 effort. Pete ever remains the wiser sixth-former, and I the junior third-former, but it didn't matter then and still doesn't sixty years on! Having extolled the virtues of trans-class promiscuity, I'd be grateful for any news from my own C'62 class—news that has, apologetically, not been reported in these pages for some time. Most, if not all, of us surviving '62-vintage Cranes are retired now, and it's less defensible to claim work pressures as the excuse, not least for me.

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Just a few notes this time. Lots of discussion about who may show up at our 55th reunion but by the time you read this, we will be even closer to finding out. A bunch of guys checked in with no special news and “all is well” kind of notes: **DALE BOSLEY**, **JEFF HIPPS**, **ARCH COPELAND**, **BRUCE HENDERSON** and **JOHN STRICKLAND**. **ED BAILEY** shared that his daughter, Elizabeth, is in dental school (U Penn) and son, Edward, is a Marine Officer in pilot training at Pensacola. **JOHN**

COBOURN retired from the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension last December, having served as a Water Resource Specialist and educator for the past 27 years. John still works part-time, helping other faculty incorporate climate change science into their educational programs. He reports that he still enters cross country ski races each winter in the Sierra Nevada, sometimes driving to Sun Valley for a big race there, saying, “This gives me incentive to spend the rest of the year backpacking, hiking, cycling, swimming, doing yoga, and jogging (I’m the guy who looks like he is running in place).” Son, Andrew, graduated from college in 2017, and has worked as a lifeguard and ski patroller while filling out applications for med school. Fingers crossed! **STEVE SENTER** reports that son Daniel and wife Trudy delivered their first grandchild (Sylvie) two years ago with the next expected in March. Dan and Trudy live just ten minutes away, so lots of babysitting time is being logged. Steve notes that grandparenting for him is a “work in progress.”



Steve Senter '64, and wife Debby with son Daniel and Granddaughter Sylvie

Dan is the Deputy Director of Legal Services for Foster Children at the National Center for Youth Law, a calling that he returned to after a stint in entertainment law. Trudy is a Landscape Architect for the Trust for Public Land in Oakland. Steve's daughter, Carlin, and her husband, Henry, live in San Francisco where she has an appointment at UCSF in internal medicine and sports medicine. She also teaches, and apparently her PowerPoint skills are legendary. Henry is Deputy Director of outpatient services for the VA covering all of Northern California. Steve was painting steadily until his rotator cuff required surgery last year (performed by one of Carlin's colleagues). He's still rehabbing, doing a series of small paintings on wood panels—easy

to shuffle around and work out new ideas quickly. You can see Steve's artwork at: WWW.STEVESENTER.COM. Wife, Debby, “retired” from Genentech officially at the end of April 2017. But after a year of cruises, book clubs, birding and exercise, Debby is returning to Genentech on a consulting basis. (Turns out that “failure to retire” is common for us all.) Debby will take a break from that work for her own shoulder surgery (same surgeon) in the near future. Steve also provided a detailed account of the home remodeling project they are in the midst of, leading to eloquent and insightful reflections about the city of Oakland, the pros and cons of its race relations, and a kind of “Harlem Renaissance” going on these days. (Put those on your web site, Steve!) Lastly, Steve described his involvement with the Piedmont Community Church, where he has served on the Board and is working out the details of live streaming Sunday services on Facebook. As for the soul and tone of this work, Steve recommends watching Lady Gaga talk about Mike Pence (YouTube). Steve says, “Lady Gaga is a Christian who knows what Jesus taught.”

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NANCY EMERMAN SOLOMON is very happy to report that her family's news is good! “My son recovered from his cancer and his wife is soon to finish her cancer treatment as well. Much gratitude to the Rose Cancer Center at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital. My husband is doing well after his pancreas surgery at Johns Hopkins and to celebrate we got a beautiful golden retriever whom we call Roxi. My daughter Julie surprised us all and is expecting a little girl in March—she lives in Wellington, Florida, quite close to us so that is quite special for us all. I am fine and look forward to being with you all in June. I wish health and happiness to all in 2019.” Coming to reunion is an open question for **KATHY SHORE PATRIKIS**. That week in June is filled with family birthdays for Kathy, one of her sons, and her two grandchildren. It would be fun for her to see everyone and be there with her sister, Nancy '49, 15 years ahead of us at Kingswood. Here's hoping that it may work out, Kathy, and that we are together in June!

KRIS KNUDSEN GREGG reports that all is good with her family and grandchildren and feels so blessed. In lieu of details about all the things in her life, she passes on to us a quote from a January 2019 op-ed in the New York Times titled "The Joy of Being a Woman in Her 70's" by Mary Pipher—that says it all for Kris. "By the time we are 70, we have all had more tragedy and more bliss in our lives that we could have foreseen. If we are wise, we realize that we are but one drop in the great river we call life and that it has been a miracle and a privilege to be alive." Kris hopes all of us feel that way and included the following link to the op-ed: [HTTPS://WWW.NYTIMES.COM/2019/01/12OPINION/SUNDAY/WOMEN-OLDER-HAPPINESS.HTML](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/12/opinion/sunday/women-older-happiness.html) Thank you, Kris, for sending this quote and link for our reflection. A note from **AKOSUA BARTHWELL EVANS**: "Hello, Dear Classmates, I really look forward to seeing you in June! I think the friendships and memories formed during our KSC years are some of the most impactful and treasured in my life. Recently, I had the opportunity to spend some time with **LILLIAN MOATS HEWLETT** and her husband, Michael, and to host them overnight in my home (aka the Money Pit). We can both remember the first time we met during the 7th grade orientation when Madame Smith went on and on about the poor Negro slaves, and Lillian gave me a love tap to let me know that she shared my sense of inappropriateness.



Akosua Barthwell Evans and Lillian Moats (Pat Hewlett), both '64

I sometimes reflect on how kind **MORELY THOMSON BLAND** has been to me throughout my life; and how beautiful she remains and how attractive those dimples still are. I have enjoyed getting to know some of you again since our last reunion through visits. **FRANNY FREDERICKS FERRISS** and her husband and their perfectly charming (and

characteristically low-keyed, brilliant) son; Kathy and her husband (where her beautiful music performed on a harpsichord often resonates); **GAIL HAMMONDS GALLAUDET** and her husband, where we often laughed ourselves silly; and **PENNY HAUSER-CRAM** and her husband and all the good they do benefitting so many. And of course, dear **LESLIE SCHIMPKE JOHNSTON**, who deserves a statute/portrait on the Cranbrook grounds for holding our class together all these years! These thoughts sustain me and can even make me smile when I notice a new crack in the ceiling or hear the ominous drip, drip, drip again in the Money Pit. Love, Akosua." **MARIA BARRETT ARNOLD** is buying pink these days anticipating the arrival of a granddaughter in early July. The baby will be joining her brother, George, son of Allen, '99, and his wife Kimberly. Maria and Craig are finally recovering from the damage caused by hurricane Irma to their vacation home in St. John. Everything is great with **JULIE WILLIAMS HOWTING** and Buzz in La Quinta. They are keeping busy with grandchildren, family, friends, tennis, golf and more and feel very blessed. Julie will be thinking of us in June at reunion and looks forward to photos and reports from all who attend. After living a long time in southeastern Minnesota, **NANCY ADAMS** moved last May to southwestern Pennsylvania to be near her brothers and their families. "I am really enjoying getting to know my nephews and their families and seeing a different area of this amazing country. After leaving MN, I visited several spectacular national parks in Utah and red rock canyon areas in Arizona and Nevada, which had topped my bucket list and are now checked off. While working with women and farmers in rural areas of Africa and traveling in less developed countries, I often gave thanks to have been born at a time and in a country where we as women had so many wonderful opportunities...one of which was going to Kingswood. I'm really grateful for all those opportunities." It's great to hear from you, Nancy. Thank you for adding to the expressions of gratitude from our classmates. By the time you read these notes it will be our 55th reunion! Hopefully many of us will be together to relive old memories and create new ones.

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ILENE ROGERS TYLER's big news is the release of the third edition of her book on historic preservation, co-authored with her husband, Norman Tyler, and friend, Ted Ligibel. A best seller in the field, it is used by many institutions across the country to teach the "history, principles and practice" of historic preservation. (It's available from Amazon or from the publisher, W.W. Norton.) This year their kids and grandkids joined them for the U of M Homecoming game. Ilene is on the Alumni Council of Taubman College of Architecture & Urban Planning at the University of Michigan.



Ilene Rogers Tyler '65, and family

ANNE FUCHS TOWBES has been making her new house feel like home and loves being surrounded by belongings from her old house. She lives in a gated community with a real sense of neighborhood. There is a monthly luncheon, hosted by Fannie Flagg, author of *Fried Green Tomatoes*, to meet all the ladies who live there. Anne enjoys being near the tennis courts, the option of food deliveries from the nearby dining room, and especially the proximity of her children and grandchildren. She has been traveling to Michigan often to help her sister, Suzy Fuchs Farbman, '62, whose husband is very ill. Anne's new involvement is learning about the business of Broadway, and she has invested a small amount in several upcoming shows: *Ain't Too Proud* is the story of the Temptations and *Jagged Little Pill* is based on the music of Alanis Morissette. A producing group she joined invested in *Once On This Island*, which won the Tony for Best Revival of a Musical last year; so she now has a Tony in her home office! She was looking forward to having coffee with Robert Berry '63, during his February visit to Southern California. Anne hopes

everyone in the Class of 1965 is "navigating the topsy-turvy waters of our world these days" and wishes everyone a peaceful year.

GINA BURNES NUTTALL still works as a freelance editor in children's publishing. She writes that "long-term projects are a bit harder to come by as the uncertainty caused by the mess that is Brexit grips the UK. I am hugely disheartened by what I feel has been (nay, is) a monumental mistake based on both non-information and misinformation—a mistake that, in our ever-increasingly interdependent world, will negatively affect our children and grandchildren for decades. It is populism and island mentality at its worst. As we're due to leave the European Union at the end of March—deal or no deal—it will be interesting to see what the situation is by the time this next edition of *Tradition* is published." On a lighter note, Gina had a trip to France for a beautiful summer wedding in the Parisian countryside and a September weekend in Liverpool with a group of women "buddies." Her annual Thanksgiving trip to Boston was a time to "cavort" with her five sisters and college friends, and she expects to return in June for her 50th Wellesley reunion, wondering again "50? Really?" All of Gina's immediate family live within an hour's drive, and she feels blessed to be able to partake in the joys of parenthood and grandparenthood often.

SHARON CROMMETT BOBECZKO and her husband are back in Southern California for doctor visits and some radiation therapy but expect to be back on a cruise ship by late April, heading for the Southern Hemisphere and a visit with friends in Australia. Her older grandson started college in August and the younger one will go to Colorado State this fall. She observes that planning for retirement requires a huge amount of work and that life without internet access is impossible. Another world traveler, **CAROLYN SCHWARTZ HILL**, wrote from Costa Rica, where her adventures included navigating a suspension bridge in a national park.



Carolyn Schwartz Hill '65, on a hanging bridge in Costa Rica

CHRISTINE JONES TAUBER was sidelined for several months with a severe bacterial infection in both eyes which required extensive, painful treatment. The suspected cause is contaminated dust blown in her eyes while walking along a rocky California shoreline. She has been busy with her garden design business this past year and joined the Wellington Garden Club. In addition to attending many courses at Mounts Botanical Gardens and yearly garden tours, Chrystine thinks her years at Kingswood greatly trained her eye, although she didn't realize it at the time. She is enjoying this new chapter in her life. Currently Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the American Horse Council in Washington, DC, she is next in line to be chairman. Although still judging several horse shows in the US and Canada each year, she is cutting back on travel in general, as George will turn 84 on February 15. They are both well and looking forward to their families' visits to sunny Florida during the winter months. Your class secretary, **YVETTE DAUNIC HOWARD**, continues to marvel at how often the *Tradition* deadline rolls around! Anne likened my job to "herding cats," which made me smile. Rich '65 and I took a wonderful Adriatic cruise in October on a 90-passenger sailing ship, the Sea Cloud II. Next up is a Disney Family Adventure trip to Costa Rica in April with our 13-year-old triplet granddaughters and their parents. We are thrilled that they invited us to join them and hope we can keep up with the younger set! A reminder: if you are receiving

Tradition but you don't get my emails, I (and Cranbrook) don't have your current email address. It would be wonderful not to receive "undeliverable email" notices, and it would be great to hear from some of you "long-lost" classmates!

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C67

A couple quick notes. Since many of us have reached the "Big 7-0" or are about to, I wanted to pass along some news from two of our classmates who have celebrated their seventieth birthdays—both of whom set the bar pretty high for the rest of us. I referred to this first one in my write up last fall that **JOHN "FINGERS" FINGLETON** celebrated his 70th by throwing a party to mark the occasion. "Fingers" (has to do with a nickname given to him at Stowe-his UK prep school) was the, as always, "colorful" centerpiece for a grand party at The Savile Club in the Mayfair section of London. The evening started in the Drawing Room of the 150-year-old club with a Champagne reception, then moved upstairs to the Ballroom for a multicourse dinner. Approximately 90 of his classmates, colleagues and friends were able to attend the black tie affair.



Mark Packard '66, Ted Lowrie '67, John Fingleton '67 and Roger Marsh '63 at John's 70th.

My wife, Kathy, and I went over for the soiree and had a great time meeting Finger's friends and partaking in the festivities. Among those toasting our old classmate was Sir Tim Rice, the lyricist, famous for his collaborations with Andrew Lloyd Weber and Elton John. Sir Tim

entertained with stories of their Cricketing escapades—both avid fans of the game. A magician performed amazing card tricks and a duet performed several classical pieces on the piano. In attendance were two other Cranbrook schoolmates, Roger Marsh '63 and Mark Packard '66. It was great to see them both.



Hugh Mahler '67, mid-dive

A few months later **HUGH MAHLER** reached the milestone and celebrated with his two sons, Kevin and Brian. They decided that if George H.W. Bush could do it at ninety then their old man could do it at seventy. All three of them travelled to Eloy, AZ, and went skydiving in what was undoubtedly an exciting birthday and a wonderful bonding experience. When asked to comment on the dive, Hugh responded, "I don't know why it took me so long!" Check out the attached picture and determine for yourself if Hugh had a great time. Until next time, best to all.

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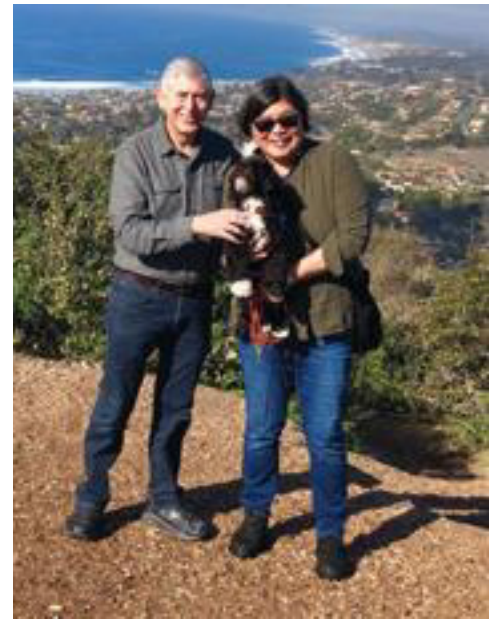
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Happy seven decades to us all. Who would have thought we'd get this far when there was a time we just wanted to be old enough to sit in the green chairs in the front of the auditorium? "Yow and egads for all of us turning 70! How did that happen?!" wonders **LIZ SCHAEFER**, who still lives in Ashland, OR, with her husband, Tom.



Liz Schaefer '67, with client in Antarctica

They keep busy minding their four chickens and two yellow labs, as well as riding their two horses and motorcycles, going to retiree educational classes, enjoying their mountain cabin and traveling. Liz continues to guide in Antarctica, feeling grateful for good health and all life's experiences. Congratulations to **TERRY GOLDBERG AXELROD** who announces that she and Alan are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year. Their daughter, Sara, got married in January in Hawaii to her Aussie beau. "They are settled back in Sydney, at least for a while. Son David is happily married and lives here in Seattle. We are planning a wacky, mid-century-modern-pilgrim dress-up family Thanksgiving celebration at our new place in Palm Springs, where we hope to be spending more time." Terry is starting to think about scaling back her work to make more time for fun and—hopefully one day—grandchildren. In April, after 34 years, **ANN GUENTHER TAMMINEN** will be closing her Berkeley acupuncture practice. "It is a big deal for me to let go of so many relationships, some of them very long-term, but as I approach 70 (!), I'm ready to have more time for things besides work. I will continue to practice part-time in Sebastopol for a few more years at least. I have also been in an Expressive Arts Teacher Training program for most of the past year and hope to create some women's workshops in the future using what I've learned." Ann and Paul's daughter, Lia, 28, moved down from Seattle and is going to UC Berkeley for her MSW. Son Lucas just left for Moab, UT, for a five-month internship in natural building. "It's kind of like Habitat for Humanity, but is called Community Rebuilds."



Linda Yee Tartof '67 and David

LINDA YEE TARTOF insists that 70 is the new 40, or at least that's her story and she's sticking to it. She writes, "The Tartof clan is fine, and I realize that is a privilege. We have four lovely grandchildren, and we get to see them often since we go to California quite a bit. We got a new dog that travels on airplanes so off we go on a very regular basis. We bought a little place in the Bay area, giving us someplace to stay," although she admits that Chicago is still home. "Dave and I are content in retirement. I honestly did not think that would happen, having worked for so long, but it's great to just have the time that you want to do whatever you want. I am more involved in Bird Rescue and Cat Rescue. (Not at the same time!) But I have always loved to drive, and these days I end up driving birds to rehab and cats to new homes. I am the animal Uber." Dave and Linda happened to have an enjoyable dinner with **MONA MAJZOUB** and her husband who were visiting Chicago in the last year. "Great thing about the reunion," comments Linda, "is that we got to make new-old connections. Mona had taken me around Detroit during our reunion, and I hadn't been there since my parents moved away from the area. It was a lot of fun to get together and I will say that Kingswood girls do not change. Perhaps we look a bit more polished but the spirit and intellect and life goals are all there." **ANN FITZGERALD LACKS** joined a book club, is on the altar guild at her church, golfs in two leagues and is still subbing. "Wish I could see my grandson more often, but besides that, I am blessed!" In June, their daughter, Erica, flew in from Perth with her

husband to be Matron of Honor for a friend. Their other daughter, Laura, arrived with her husband and son to visit with the Aussies. Later in the summer, Ann and Steve took a memorable vacation down the Pacific Coast, from Vancouver to Napa Valley. Although Astoria, OR, turned out to be their favorite place on the trip, the remaining drive down Route 101 was truly a bucket-list experience. On their last day, they visited their favorite winery, Cakebread Cellars, and then, since it was their anniversary, they ordered a bottle of Cakebread chardonnay at dinner. "Shortly after it arrived, a woman from the next table came over. She thanked us for buying her product and introduced herself as Sarah Cakebread! We didn't even know that it was a family name." While **JOAN MACARTHUR MENGE** is apparently, happily, free of the Lime Disease that has been a horrible part of her life for the past eight years, she seems to have become the incredible shrinking woman, especially when standing next to her kids and grandkids.



Joan MacArthur Menge '67, and grandsons

Not too long ago, her two oldest grandsons (Isaac, 16, from CA, and William, 15, from VA) joined her in meeting up with **SUSAN WILD** in Delray Beach, FL, "for some serious fun and bass fishing in the lakes nearby. Susan, once a professional competitive bass fisherwoman, brought her boat from St. Petersburg, FL, and treated us to fabulous fishing trips. It was quite the memorable experience for all

of us!" **SONIA RAUDA MEIJER** emails that she is busy, busy, busy, as if she were 40, and works out four times a week. Last November, she attended their famous International Fair in El Salvador where the group talked about trade all day long. **BROOKE THOMAS DOLD** writes that she is active in the Silver Sneakers programs at their YMCA to stay strong. "I am still trying to get the hang of retirement. After 43 years of marriage, I decided Wylie should take a trip to Michigan (which included the Cranbrook campus, the Ford Assembly plant tour, the Henry Ford Museum, Mackinaw, Mackinaw Island and a jaunt to Door County in Wisconsin) last August. We have several trips planned for family events this year." Brooke and Wylie have three grandsons and one granddaughter, all of them precious. "It is very hard to believe we are all turning 70 this year! Yikes!" says **LYNN MOON SHIELDS**.



Lynn Moon Shields '67, with husband Tom and their family

"Tom will be 80 the end of January so we are having a joint 150-years-old birthday party. An earlier celebration involved a Seine River Cruise to Normandy last September. It was lots of fun and seeing all the D-day sites was very moving. The sacrifices made by our soldiers (many of them our parents' generation) are truly remarkable." Not surprisingly, it's getting harder and harder to get all of their 21 family members—spread from coast to coast—together each year. "We did manage, though, to gather the weekend after Thanksgiving for about 24 hours. We had a wonderful dinner in Boston and the next morning the grandkids made us pancakes at our house. Thanksgiving 2019 will hopefully find us all gathering at Lake Walloon in Michigan again. We have several musicians in the family so every get-together usually includes a jam session." In fact, their older daughter, Kira Willey, was awarded the 2018 ASCAP children's music Song of the Year ("Real Girl") at Lincoln Center in early December. "It was quite an honor and we wished we could attend but

she was only allowed to bring one guest and took her producer." Last November, **CHRIS WALLACE VANLOOY** turned 70 and her husband, Bill, made sure that she didn't slip into the new decade quietly. "He surprised me by flying our daughter, Amy, here from Berlin to spend ten days with us. I couldn't have asked for a better present. A few days later he surprised me again by inviting friends and family to Thanksgiving. I was expecting about 12 people and we ended up with 25! They flew and drove in from all over the country and I loved every minute of it. Everyone brought food so there were no worries about not having enough to feed the masses. The Saturday following Thanksgiving we went out for a family dinner and I was surprised once again by a big birthday celebration with 22 more of our friends. It was so touching to be acknowledged by so many and so often. A truly magical 70th birthday celebration." Chris walks six to seven miles every day, plays tennis, bikes and goes to water aerobics regularly. "I'm so grateful to be able to enjoy retirement without any health issues, thus far anyway. Both of our kids and their families are doing well. We see Heather and her son, Carter, several times a week and I love having such a close relationship with my grandson. Our other daughter, Amy, is doing well, but is much farther away in Germany. She and her family come here every summer for our family beach vacation and we go there once a year as well. We will be leaving in April to meet Amy, her husband, and their 3 1/2-year-old son in Spain. We'll vacation there for ten days and then go on to Berlin for almost a month." As for me, I joined my daughter, Lee, in Italy last spring for three weeks in Rome and Florence, and was stunned that there was still so much left to see when the trip was over. We met up again in New York City for Thanksgiving, a wonderful time to be there because the windows are all decorated so you get an early hit of Christmas. (I learned afterwards that **LINDA WILSON GAMAGE** was there as well; while she took in the Rockettes, we went to see NYC Ballet's "Nutcracker.") Then in January, Lee and I went to Aspen for a few days of skiing, and I was pleased that I was able to keep up with her on the slopes. Sort of. And although I was not looking for yet another volunteer position, I have started a petition to get my street paved. I've had three homes in Santa Fe, all of them on dirt roads, and I guess I've hit my muddy limit. To heck with the Wild West image when it leaves your car a mess.

The process could take years so wish me luck. Blessings on all of us for having made it this far, and best wishes for lots more birthdays.

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Congratulations to the Cranbrook Class of 1968. Now that the last major class gift has recently been confirmed, we can add to the impressive list of our class achievements. We are proud to share with you the fact that the Class of '68 has officially contributed a record \$604,000 to the Cranbrook Class of '68 Scholarship Fund and general scholarships. This far surpasses the previous record class gift of approximately \$360,000. These contributions will prove invaluable, and perhaps life changing opportunities to future Cranbrook scholarship recipients (with priority given to direct descendants of our Class, everything else being equal among the applicants). Not only has our largesse been admired by a wide variety of people connected with Cranbrook, but future 50th reunion classes are already talking about trying to break our record. We have set the bar high and Cranbrook will benefit forever. -The Reunion Committee (Jeff Dearth, Ralph Margulis, Jim Nordlie, Larry Raymond, Peter Robinson) **JOEL KRAMER:** I guess it's time for my semi-centennial contribution to Class Notes. Sorry to have missed the reunion; would have been great to see everyone and collectively wonder how we all got so old. I'm still on the west coast and feel extremely fortunate: Happily married for 30+ years to a very wonderful and tolerant woman, have two daughters that I adore, and I managed to stumble into a stimulating career at the UCSF Memory and Aging Center. I also have the good fortune to see **BILL KURFESS** and **CHRIS KJOLHEDE** from time to time (but never enough). Current plans: Keep doing what I'm doing, try to stay off the In Memoriam page and strive for regime change in Washington. And yes, I still miss **HOWIE GUTOW.**



Granddaughters of Bill Kurfess '68

Bill Kurfess: This has been a great year for the Kurfess family. We are very much enjoying the close proximity of our daughter in San Francisco and our son's family in Redwood City. We have three beautiful granddaughters and have celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary! Hard to believe. We really enjoyed seeing most of our classmates at the 50th, again hard to believe! My spouse did the Machu Picchu trek and said it was beyond her grandest expectations. We are planning to be back at our cottage in Saugatuck in August and September. I have been toying with going by Cranbrook in June to see some of the guys behind our class celebrate their 50th. Jury is still out. I enjoyed a couple of amazing fly fishing junkets thanks to our kids arranging the float trips on the Sacramento and Trinity rivers. If any of you started to feel a little older I can't help but suggest you go to you tube and search Toby Keith + Clint Eastwood. Sure brought a tear to my eye. Terry and I are starting to plan a junket to Argentina and Patagonia to celebrate my 70th... one more time hard to believe. Invitation is always open to stay with us if you venture to the Bay Area. Walking distance to Stanford and great coastal mountain and Bay land hikes and... horrible traffic! I have yet to have anyone but **IAN ABERNETHY** take me up on the invite and that was 20 years ago! **GUY NEFF:** Following our awesome 50th reunion at Cranbrook, Dawn and I have had a very busy year, replete with trips to Reno for a family wedding, St. Louis for the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church USA to which Dawn was a delegate, and to North Carolina visiting family and old friends. My hunting and fishing activities were also numerous and successful, but I'll spare you the typical trophy pictures

(we eat everything I shoot or catch and keep). Perhaps our biggest news is that Dawn and I are now the proud owners of a new Airstream trailer



Guy Neff '68, with wife Dawn and their new Airstream

Dawn's sister and brother-in-law have been 'Streamin' for over 10 years now, and have been after us to join them. Since I decided to give up my fishing boat (due to lower back issues—no longer able to crash along in heavy seas, pull up anchor, etc.), in August we bit the bullet and bought a new Airstream, taking delivery on December 27. There is a large club (7,500 members nationally and internationally) for Airstream owners, which in turn is divided into regions and numerous local chapters. These clubs put on regular "Rallies" (convocations of Airstream owners at a particular location) around the country, and lead "Caravans" (trips organized for groups of Airstreams around a particular purpose or geographic location). We've attended a Rally up in the panhandle of Florida over the weekend after New Year's, and are reserved on two Caravans this year. The first is in April–May, entitled the "Revolutionary War–Southern Campaign Battlefields". We'll be in 11 different campsites in Virginia, North and South Carolina over 40 days. The second is to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in September for two weeks. We're already signed up for Caravans in 2020 and 2021. We'll see whether we like it... Otherwise, the family is doing great, and we're able to spend lots of time with the grandkids. Also, my law firm finally got around to removing me from the firm website after being retired for over 2 years, but in the process wiped out all of my contact information. My private email address is GUYNEFF51@GMAIL.COM and I would appreciate receiving an email from each of you with your contact info so I can recreate

my records. **JIM WALKER:** Could not be happier with our second home, a condo in downtown San Diego. As a native Michigander I was not sure what it would be like being away so long! Sun-filled days in high 60s and low 70s and the ability to walk so much every day without Yak Tracks and gloves has really made the transition easy.



View from the San Diego condo belonging to Jim Walker '68

RON FALLON: I'm still working 3 days a week. Our family is doing well. My youngest, Rachel, is a sophomore at Georgia Tech in Computer Science (4.0 GPA) and is currently working at a Co-Op start up in Atlanta. Donna and I are exploring areas to retire to and are planning an African Safari in the fall, and Israel in the spring. Starting to slowly check things off the 'bucket list.' We just got a Southwest Air Companion Pass, so there will probably be quite a few other trips to be planned.

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LAURI ELLIAS responded first to my request for news—from India, no less! After a few weeks there, she and husband Jim will head to Nepal. **VANDY SEEBURG** is surviving her first East Coast winter, enjoying a new life in Rhinebeck, NY, with her husband, while missing old friends in CA. She writes, "**ANDREA CALLARD** and I met for lunch recently with a mutual acquaintance from our days at Washington University, whom I ran into here. I have also heard from **LESLIE SOTT** and **JANE RADNER** so I have had more KSC contact in the past six months than most of the past 40 years!" **CAROL STRAITH BREWER** is selling their house near Buffalo, NY, and downsizing to one in Madison, WI, where both kids live. But that's for summers only—they still spend six winter months in Aiken,

SC. **CHRIS WALKER TAKACH**, experiencing some of the worst winter weather in MN, writes, "Love all the memories of last June, which seems a long time ago now." She and Gene enjoyed their first river cruise down the Rhone River in France last September. "It was amazing to visit the vineyards and meet lots of interesting people." **MARNIE GREENWOOD** is alive and well and looking forward to hiking in Switzerland in August and Nepal in October. **ANNE CURTIS** writes, "Chuck and I had a great time on a Viking ocean cruise to Scandinavia in September." They kayaked in a fjord and will be doing another cruise next year to northern Iceland, the Faroe Islands and parts of Norway they didn't see. **SHELLEY STERN GRACH**, writing from Israel, retired from Microsoft in November and went to Italy to celebrate. She has started her Masters in Jewish Studies, and they are awaiting news of where their daughter will be assigned for her Residency.



Shelly Stern Grach '68, and her husband at the Colosseum in Rome.

LYNNE CARPENTER is "traveling a lot, exercising daily and caring for my 95-year-old mother." Lynne's mother still sings, plays the piano, exercises and discusses politics! Lynne will be heading to the British Isles in June on a tour focused on Winston Churchill. From **ANDREA CALLARD:** "I enjoy reading about what we are collectively up to. I still work but just returned from a week in the Netherlands. A few early collaborators and Queen Maxima visited to participate in celebrations around Basquiat—The artist and his New York scene at the Schunk in Heerlen. I had photographed most of the Times Square Show in 1980 where he made his first painting. So, my slideshow and a group of artworks from members of COLAB were presented beautifully and provided context for his development and shift from poetry to painting. South of Rotterdam, we drove through the lovely foggy farmland islands of the Delta and saw the dams, dikes, ponds,

sluices and the storm surge barriers the Dutch have built to protect half of their country from rising waters, Europe's rivers from one side and the North Sea from the other. The Delta works are amazing; the Watersnood museum is quite moving. We also visited artists and museums. We saw lots of paintings in Amsterdam. Quite refreshing. Ok, back to work." **JANICE HORVATH BRIGHT** writes, "I'm finally retired and love having time for my horses, garden, etc. I volunteer a bit for the Street Dog Coalition, an organization providing veterinary care for dogs owned by the homeless. I also give an occasional CE lecture and work screening dogs for heart disease at dog shows. My son and his wife, who live in Oslo, are expecting a daughter in March; so I will at last have a grandchild, albeit quite far away. I so regret that I wasn't able to make it to the 50th reunion." After the reunion, **CAROLYN COOPER** and **KATHY BURNES** took a road trip to Traverse City, an area Kathy had never visited. She reports, "I was blown away by Sleeping Bear Dunes. Always interesting to be working in the field of aging and to have, as they say in my world, 'lived experience.'" While Kathy has many friends and colleagues who have transitioned from full-time work, she is "not yet ready to leave this gig which is still so stimulating and varied." She is looking forward to a vacation in Costa Rica at the end of February. **JANA DARWALL** sent "I'm very ok—in Todos Santos Baja on vacation." **ALEXA KACHINKO** wrote, "Hi Y'all." She was still in a Texas state of mind after spending 2 months visiting grandkids. She really enjoyed the reunion and wishes all could have been there. **JANET CHISHOLM** also enjoyed seeing so many of our class in June. She is experiencing a relatively cold and wet winter in Southern California, and is planning a two-week trip to South Africa in September ("bucket list") and a knee replacement in November ("necessity"). Additionally, she continues to work part-time as a dog walker/pet sitter and is involved with starting a new pastoral care ministry at her church. **CYNTHIA MAGUIRE BRUNS** writes, "I also enjoyed our reunion and my trip through so many dear memories. I was also impressed with how great our senior ring looks on some of you. So impressed that I just got my ring back from being resized. It was always way too small. I've been enjoying wearing it again almost as much as when I first received it. Weird, I know! Still living in Anchorage and Portland. Hope to see more of you in this Portland area. Come visit! We

should all see each other in any combinations as much as possible.” **MARY GERISCH** wishes she had been able to come to the reunion. “Would have LOVED seeing you all again!” She is retired, but still busy with social justice activism which takes her to DC often. **HARRIET WINKELMAN** says, “I still resonate with the reunion experience... It was so good to see so many of our class and how each have blossomed as adults.” Also checking in were **BARB HAYES THOMAS**, **KATIE LERCHEN NELSON** (chuckling at the way I worded my request for news from “sunny and gorgeous Florida”) and **JANET FISHER BELL** “just enjoying sunny Florida.” As for me, **JAN DECKER BURGGRAAF**, I’ve been in survival mode this winter, and am anxious to head back south in a couple of weeks, hoping to connect with **BETH MUZZY HOLMQUIST** in Savannah at the end of March.

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The long lag time between authoring Class Notes and seeing them appear in print makes things a little strange. Right now, our class is planning our 50th reunion, which will occur a month or two after this *Tradition* Magazine lands in mailboxes. In our junior year we celebrated Cranbrook’s 40 years on Year, 1927–28. Some of the members of that original class appeared on campus throughout that year. We were convinced they were all incredibly ancient, yet they were 10 years younger than we are now. I’m confident we’re way less decrepit than they were (or seemed to be, from 16-year-old eyes). *Tempus Fugit!* On to the news of our classmates: Our class’s essayist and literary critic, **SVEN BIRKERTS**, still lives in Arlington, MA, just outside Boston, as he has for 35 years, but he and his wife are now empty nesters like so many of us. Sven recently retired as director of the Bennington College Writing Seminars, but continues to edit *AGNI*, a literary magazine in Boston. **DREW BRACH** will probably miss the reunion because duty calls. Drew continues to work for Marsh, arranging bonding and sureties for international projects, one of which requires him to go to Italy instead of Bloomfield Hills in early June. **WHIT FIELD** will also probably be missing at the reunion, also because of

overseas travel. Last issue, I mentioned **ALAN CAMPBELL** and his involvement with the wine industry near Portland, Oregon. Turns out **LARRY FERAR** is also involved in the wine industry, also in the Portland area. Alan focuses on all things water—siting, irrigation, etc.—while Larry is an architect, both landscape and buildings. He has been designing wineries for the last 25 years. Our class is beginning to add artificial body parts: **STORMY COLMAN** is about to get a new knee. **BOB DREY** still has his original parts, but he’s having rotator cuff surgery—on both shoulders. Maybe they’ll finally give Daffy a straitjacket. When our bodies permit, lots of us are seeing different parts of the world, usually temporarily but sometimes permanently. **JOHN GETSINGER** continues to stamp his passport—to Morocco and then Bali this time. John just travels but two of our guys (**ROBERT LOCHOW** and **RUDY ZELLER**) will be unable to attend the reunion because they have moved to South America, and both to the same country, Ecuador. And finally, your Class Secretary has abandoned bursting-at-the-seams-Seattle and has relocated.

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NANCY VERMUELEN-CISNE and **MARY STEWART BEWLEY** are co-chairing our 50th reunion get together and would love to hear from classmates who plan on attending—especially as we will be kicking off the weekend with a Friday evening Kingswood class of ’69 dinner in the library of Cranbrook house—all expenses paid. Mary Stewart Bewley: “A few years after college, I began my career in Toronto, anchoring the noon newscast for the loftily-named Global Television network (it wasn’t) which launched several moves to Boston, London, Florida and finally Dallas-Fort Worth. After 30-plus years, I hung up my mic and retired. Along the way, I got married and had two kids who, in turn, have had two kids—yea, grandchildren! Last summer, we dropped in on **KITSY HANSON ABBOTT** in Rye, NH. She’s excited about the reunion and so am I!” **JAN AUSTIN KEENAN**: “My husband, John, and I are still practicing law in Redford Township, Michigan, and we also have a property management company,

managing around 40 single family homes in the township. So, we are definitely keeping busy. Our three kids all got married in the past few years, and we recently became first-time grandparents when our middle daughter had her first child in January. Talk about a new chapter in our lives! I still haven’t totally processed it. Our girls live in California, and our son is moving to Colorado in June, so we have been, and will be, spending a lot more time out west than ever before.” **MARIAN WEBSTER**: “I’m adding the (still) effervescent Kitsy Hansen to this email thread. Thank you for taking on the role of organizing our far flung class for the reunion. I will be joining **JULI MARTIN PARKER & STEVIE ADAMSON** for our trip back to Michigan and am looking so forward to it! Presently I split my time between Kona, HI, and Washington State near my son, brother and stepbrothers and stepsisters. Happily, I’ve acquired a diverse and sizable (fun) family in the NW! I am thankfully retired from the commercial fishing business and am involved with a nonprofit that supports remote mobile health clinics in Kenya & Ethiopia. Looking forward to reconnecting and hearing all your life stories.” Juli Martin Parker: “Hi from chilly California! I am so excited about reconnecting with the class of 69! Marian Webster, Stevie Adamson and I are planning to be there. I was at a Lady Gaga concert in January, which was incredible, and who should be there but Sara and Rob Northwood ’69. We realized we last saw one another in 1971! It was so much fun to catch up and go down memory lane! Some very special times at KSC! See you in June!” **ANNE DENIO WILEY**: We just returned from an amazing bucket list trip which left from Buenos Aires & included plenty of penguins, icebergs & spectacular scenery cruising the tip of the Antarctic peninsula before navigating around cape corn, the Magellan straits, the Chilean fjords and ending in Santiago, Chile, where one of my college roommates had been mistakenly held hostage in her apt building in 1973 on the day of the Allende Coup (all while my other roommate was trying to meet up with her to travel through Patagonia!) We had much better luck with the changing weather & a great captain to gently remind us of the navigational and political unpredictability in that part of the world, a perfect homage to my late father whose 6th grade class made the explorers come alive & curiosity about travel to “the end of the world.” We pinched ourselves to be

able to see this for ourselves! Looking forward to lots of reminiscing about our youth and our efforts to stay young & keep our minds actively inquisitive! (50 years ago did you imagine we really did enter to learn & go forth to serve!?)”

PEGGY WILSON: “Having served as a long-time first grade teacher, then for a good span as Assistant Head at Emerson School, an independent K-8 school for bright children here in Ann Arbor, I retired in June 2017. I loved my years working with first-graders there. My time as second-in-command at the school was arguably more complicated, as independent school administrative responsibilities can be, but rewarding in different ways. Through several school committees and Board of Trustees commitments I remain connected to the school, but I also maintain a healthy life separate from it which includes involvement with our three children: our oldest daughter’s family including two daughters of their own, right here in Ann Arbor; a son who is currently living here as well; and a younger daughter and husband who are living in northern California and expecting a child next July. Life is rich.”

BETH QUAY ANDREWS: “Hard to believe it has been 50 years! I will have been happily married to my husband, Mark, for 44 years this June. We lived in New York City for 17 years, where we had our two children, Elizabeth who is now 38 and Mark who is 36. Both of them graduated from Harvard College. We spent seven years in Houston, Texas, and then moved back to NYC, where we have been living for the past 20 years. We have six wonderful grandchildren who spend the summers with us on Fishers Island. Our daughter has four children, Eleanor age 12, Rhett age 10, Beatrice age 9 and Clementine age 7. Our son has two children, Eloise age 3 and Harry age 1 1/2. They all keep me young and out of trouble. I am currently on the Board of a remarkable non-profit, “Chances for Children-NY” that is doing transformative work helping very young children in New York City who are in very difficult family situations. Hope to see everyone at our reunion.”

DEE FLANNERY PHILLIPS: “Though I have been living in Virginia for nearly 25 years (and the South for 35), I will always be labeled a “Damn Yankee.” My children, however, both born and raised in the South, changed their “y’all” for “you guys” and now live in New England. I just retired from a career as a plant breeder and bioprocess chemist and look forward to having more time for my dual passions:

foxhunting and whitewater kayaking. Looking forward to seeing classmates in June!”

BETSY AUSTIN WALL: “I am coming to reunion weekend...our 50th! My sister, Jan, is also coming...it is our 50th, my brother Chris’ 45th, and my stepfather, Tom’s, 75!!! We will all be there. In addition, I will be coming with **VICKY FARAH.** She and I keep in close touch. In the past four or five years we have met up in London where Vicky has a flat, and occasionally in Michigan where Vicky has a law practice in Ann Arbor, and where I have some siblings (Chris ’74, and Jan ’69). I live in North Carolina, just west of Asheville, in Waynesville where my husband Steve is the senior partner in a large and busy pediatric practice and where I, until I recently retired, was the director of a lactation consultant and childbirth education practice at our hospital. Our two daughters, Kristen & Rebecca, both live in DC where they have both been involved in international foreign development type programs at NDI and the Smithsonian until recently, when they have both had career changes. Probably like all of us, I do think a lot about this next phase of life and aging with purpose and joy (and health!!) I am looking forward to seeing as many classmates as can possibly come as I so enjoyed getting caught up at the 25th. After all, how many people on the planet can look at you and still see the 18-year-old inside?!”

KATE LAVELY MERRIAM: “I’m living in Vermont. I have a pretty farm that has fields and woods and waterfalls. It’s remote and peaceful. My five children are grown and I have six grandsons. I was married twice, and both have passed away. I’m an historian and teach at Norwich University. My field of specialty is Iroquoian history and I edit an academic journal dedicated to this field. I have been traveling recently. Last year I went to the Shetland Islands, Korea, and Singapore.”

HANNAH MORRISON FISHER: “Incredible that it’s been FIFTY years since our graduation! I was at the tenth and fortieth reunions. However, it’s doubtful I’ll attend this one, due to other events that weekend. I regret missing what sounds like will be record setting attendance for our class. Hopefully, I’ll be at the 55th—or even the 60th! My eldest son, David, is a managing attorney at Social Security. My husband and I are fortunate, because his family lives only a couple miles away. We get together often. Our younger son, Evan, is an Air Force doctor in Dayton and also has two sons. His wife is homeschooling the older boy,

a second grader. When Evan completes his military duty, his family intends to return to the DC-Baltimore area. We’re looking forward to that! My husband and I retired several years ago—also both from federal service. Alan was an economist at the Federal Trade Commission who researched proposed mergers for anti-competitive problems. I was a trademark attorney at the Patent Office who also represented fellow employees bringing discrimination cases against the agency. Since retiring, my husband focuses on volunteer work and growing prize-winning dahlias! (Public service announcement: This year’s national dahlia show will be in Grand Rapids over Labor Day weekend. The best time to see the blooms is Saturday afternoon after 2 pm. Look for my floral design entries.) In addition to exercise, occasional travel and volunteer work and spending time with friends and family, I especially enjoy artistic endeavors—taking watercolor and drawing classes, participating in a creative writing group and competing in floral design. Retirement is awesome! As long as one’s health is good, it’s wonderful to have the time to explore hobbies and interests. We are an interesting group, reflective of our era.

CATHERINE MOORE ANDERSON-WEGERT writes that she and her husband, Bill Wegert of 31 years, have a son, Andrew, who is 26 and getting a degree in Logistics from Wayne State University’s Ilitch School of Business in May. Catherine retired two-and-a-half years ago from National Public Media, a division of NPR. She was the regional sales manager based in Detroit, calling on corporations and ad agencies in the Midwest. Now she’s able to do all the things she never had time for when she was working, including tons of reading, gardening, tap dancing, traveling for pleasure and devoting more time to the terrific investment club she joined several decades ago. She’s really looking forward to seeing everyone in June.

ELLEN KATZER SCHER: “The Kater Scher Family is doing well. Son Paul is engaged with a wedding date for Fall, 2020. He is busy with teaching English as a Second Language in an Alexandria City Public School for Kindergarten—5th grade. Son Davey has been married for over two years. He is an ER nurse at University of Pennsylvania. He is also getting a second master’s in Public Health at Dartmouth. He hopes to help with developing health policy from a clinical lens. Husband Rob is winding down at work but continues to enjoy being a mentor to young Naval Architects and helping

with the ship integration on various programs in the US and elsewhere. The big news is that I am retiring in June, about two weeks after the reunion. After 44 years of being a social worker full-time, it is time for me to cut back. I have some part-time possibilities for the future, but right now, I am looking forward to the summer and travel. I look forward to seeing everyone at our 50th!" I would like to thank everyone for helping Catherine and me on short notice with your notes, offers to help and email updates we used to keep in touch with one another. It is an honor and a pleasure to take up this post. See you in June! –Kit

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It's been a while since I last wrote a Class Note, and for that I apologize. 2020 will be our fiftieth, of course, and it seems natural to reach out to begin preparations for it. I'd like to reach out big time in the next *Tradition* (January 2020 or so), so I'm asking you all to begin to think about how best to do that. Feel free to email me, or even better, let me know if you're coming to this year's reunion, so we can plan a little time to get together. I'm sure some folks are already have plans, and my goal is to help communicate and facilitate—just ask! The big class event for me this past year was **ED FEAD's** retirement party, after his many years at Ford Motor as a biochemist. It's not often one sees the Periodic Table of the Elements on a cake for any event.



The cake from the retirement party of Ed Fead '70

DON STEVENS was there, as was **WAP JOHN**. Pretty cool. As for me, I had a knee replacement last summer that kept me out

of work for a couple months. Glad it was done, and I'm moving a lot better now (which is mid-February). I'm also planning to retire at the end of this year from University of Michigan Medicine Research and Advanced Computing. I'm ready for it. And just in time for our fiftieth! Hope to see you in June, or at least to hear from you.

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I am still stunned by the fact that whenever I hear from any of the remarkable women in our class it feels as though no time has passed—at all. Certainly not 49 years. I had a wonderful catch up on the phone with both **ANNIE MCLANE STRUPP** and **SUSAN GRATCH**. Annie is loving retirement. She and husband, Cory, downsized to a condo in Salt Lake City and visited Vietnam last year. Susan is in her 34th year as Chair in the theatre department at Occidental in Los Angeles. If she ever does retire, she and husband, Patrick, are toying with the idea of moving to Portland, Oregon so they can be closer to their daughters and spend more time with their four-year-old grandson, Connor. **SALLY MCINTYRE MACBETH** sent a really inspiring email about her life. She created a wonderful school in Rochester Hills that just closed its doors after almost 30 years; she feels that her passion for education stems from the time we were at Kingswood. She recently retired from teaching; she and her hero husband, Jim, (he sounds incredible) now take care of their three grandchildren whom are all 5 and under, so she has a full-time job of loving, laughing with and educating these precious children. All three of her sons live very close by and she attributes much of her serenity to her profound faith. She hopes that more of us share our stories—yes, please. Sally has maintained her close friendship with **PAM MULLEN MCENROE** and reports that Pam is doing “fantastically well.” Pam has volunteered for years with her daughter, Elizabeth Hope, in a soup kitchen and, way before it was a massive trend, has helped tons of friends and relatives de-clutter their homes. **CAMILLE MAJZOUB JAYNE** shared the joyful news that she and husband, Brad, got remarried on their 37th wedding anniversary last year; she

said that they are crazy happy. Her adorable mother is still alive, well and living on her own at age 96+. Camille works in Newport Beach as President of Bitcentral, Inc., however, Brad and their dog, Chase, spend the winter months with her. She said she is planning to retire at the end of 2020.



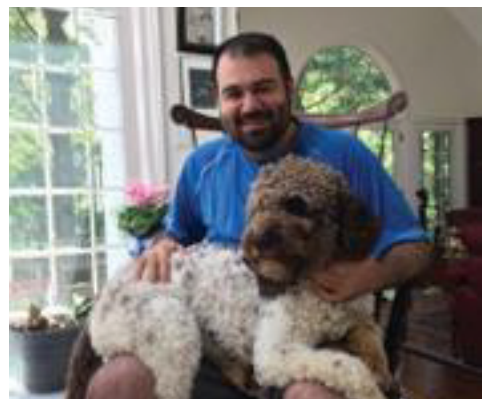
Camille Majzoub Jane '70, and husband Brad

SARAH TAYLOR writes that she and **LESLIE ERB LIEDTKE** have an annual rendezvous with two other mutual friends from college, and this year she will be hosting everyone in Montana. Like Camille, Sarah is a completely devoted, loving daughter who continues to cart her mom back and forth to her other home in Florida. Sarah and her husband are traveling to Australia this year (one thing she can tick off her bucket list). She is blessed to have five grandsons and one granddaughter—all of whom live nearby and she serves on the art and culture board for her community. **HOLLIS BOOTH RADIN** thinks being 66 is so fabulous, and she dances three or more nights a week with a number of folks in their 90's whose “grace, spirit and vibrant footwork” give her great hope for what lies ahead for a vibrant old age.



Hollis Booth Radin '70, and family

Last year, she and her husband, Lon, took a self-guided walking tour of the English Lake and “loved spending days walking up and down through the fells, getting wet feet, but always with the promise of a pub stop mid-day, with local ale, and a meal of hot soup or a savory pie, and a warm bed at night.” **MIMI HAAS KUCHERLAPATI** and husband Raju are still at Harvard.



David, son of Mimi Haas Kucherlapati '70

She continues to do data analysis using The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) data and works tirelessly at trying to unlock causes of why some people live long lives while others are not as fortunate. We used to live 15 minutes away from each other when we were both living in Connecticut. I miss seeing her beautiful face and hearing her remarkable stories. **KATI ZELLER BUEHLER** still loves her job at Westmont College; her husband, Peter, one of the world's greatest people, retired after 40 years in the ministry. They try to spend as much time as they can with their 2 beautiful grandchildren, Jack, age 9, and Lucy, age 7.



Kati Zeller Buehler '70, and husband Peter

KITTY DENIO JOSPÉ published another book entitled *Twilight Venus*. She spent three weeks in Japan last year and, like Hollis, feels that turning 66 is magical. Please share more of your stories with all of us.

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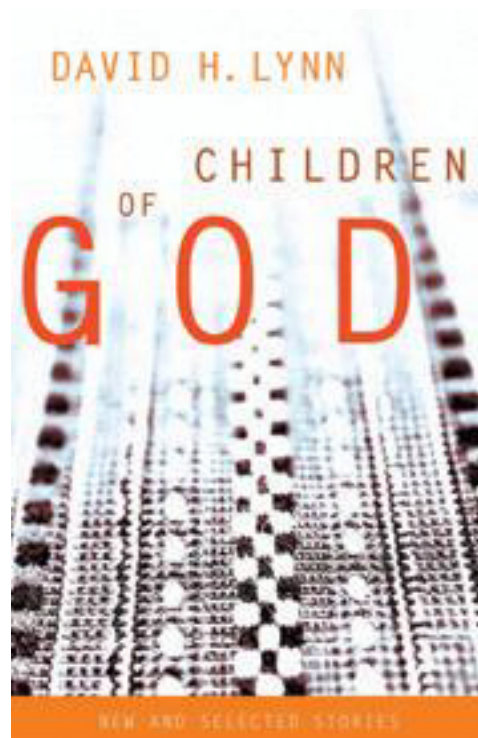
Nearly all of us have now made it to age 65, and news of retirements is still coming in. **TIM MCNIVEN** is retiring in April after 35 years of teaching at Ohio State (Go Bucks). Tim is in the department of History of Art, and admits that this last semester, “Is taking soooo long!” **CHRIS WILHELM** reports that his brother **MARK WILHELM** has retired from medicine and is now emeritus consultant at the Mayo Clinic. As a member of the Infectious Diseases Department, he was a founding member in developing the sub-specialty of Transplant Medicine Infectious Disease at Mayo. He will be missed by the transplant team, but he is looking forward to working the land in Lanesboro, MN. **DAN KASLE** will earn his retirement watch in March when he leaves the Episcopal Retirement Fund. He and Annette are planning to remain in New York, where the kids and grandkids are. Annette is finishing a doctorate soon, and Dan has started a one year program at the International Center of Photography as a way to segue into retirement. Travel and golf will round out the calendar. They recently had a fabulous experience visiting Vietnam and Cambodia. “Fortunately I missed the government funded tour back in the early 70s. On New Year’s Eve, we joined Aimee and **TOR SHWAYDER** for a grand evening of music and dinner in Manhattan. Great to be with longtime friends! Notice how we are not using the word ‘old!’” **GEOFF RAWLING** claims that he’s “trying to quit.” He has a new puppy in his new home on Key Largo, FL, but apparently he’s not there much. He just returned from a Crystal Cruise to Buenos Aires, Montevideo, The Falklands and Tierra del Fuego—then trips to Banff and Russia. Previous trips included following the pro tennis circuit to Melbourne, Monte Carlo, London and Paris. He writes cryptically, “Still looking for another Kentucky Derby horse.” **ARMAND ROTHSCHILD** figures that he has about four-and-a-half years remaining in his cardiology practice at a Louisville hospital.

He’s hanging on because his son, Daniel, will be joining Armand’s hospital in 2020 after he finishes his cardiology fellowship at Beaumont Hospital (Royal Oak, MI). Armand is also looking forward to having two grandsons in Louisville. His other son, Nathan, is getting married in June. Nathan works in finance in Washington DC. Armand plans to eventually spend more time at their place on Sanibel Island, FL. **JB FORD** can’t wait for summer, when he can return to life in his Airstream trailer in the Blue Ridge Mountains. He has a new Ducati motorcycle, perfect for leading rides in his touring and instruction business. **BRAD LEITHAUSER** has signed a two-book contract, and his first book will be out this spring. It’s a novel called *The Promise of Elsewhere*. “I hope it’s funny. (I hope it’s more than that—I hope it’s lyrical and wise and sharply observed—but if isn’t funny, it’s probably a big mess.) My protagonist is a 43-year-old man who teaches art and architecture at ‘what may be the silliest college in Michigan.’ He decides to take the ‘journey of his life’—a round-the-world tour of architectural sites like the Taj Mahal and the Blue Mosque. He gets waylaid and winds up in Greenland instead.” The other book is a small volume about poetry for the non-specialist. He came up with a title he liked so much that he had to write the book: *Rhyme’s Rooms: The Architecture of Poetry*. **BILL GOLDSMITH** is still involved with Cranbrook as a member of the Board of Trustees, and chairman of Cranbrook’s endowment’s Investment Committee. He sees classmates **LYLE DAHLBERG**, **JACK MCNAUGHTON** and **MARC SCHWARTZ** from time to time. Bill’s youngest daughter, Marisa ’14, graduated from Furman University last May and now works at the architectural firm of Young & Young in Bloomfield Hills. Bill and his wife Shelley just got a new Dakota Sport Retriever puppy named Banjo. **STEVE GERISCH**’s son is graduating this spring from SMU. “My how time flies... when we were in high school even one year seemed to last forever. I get caught up working and it’s all a blur. That being said I think we all need to slow down sometimes and smell the flowers and enjoy the day! All good on this end....life’s just going by too fast!”

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Retirement, weddings, mini-reunions, grandchildren and reflection is the common thread in these Class Notes—not unusual as we celebrate our 65th birthdays. A few classmates piped in for the first time in recent memory. One was **SUSAN SKIVER STEADMAN** who is a freelance writer and “plays at drawing and painting” in Frankfort, MI. She was facing a deadline and couldn’t write too much so we hope to hear more! **PETER ROSE** wrote: “47 years after joining the family retail apparel business, I still get to do what I have a certain amount of talent and love for. My wife, Janelle, joined us about 12 years ago, and today, she and I are the operating team for our women’s store (Willow Tree in Wyandotte). Our men’s store got some wind in the sails with the arrival of my youngest daughter’s new husband Evan Riddell, who just turned 30, and whose ideas and energy are more than welcome. The family business can now declare itself to be a 4th generation family business—pretty cool. Last fall, both stores received honors bestowed on us for longevity from Debbie Dingell and Cara Clemente. Chelsea is now 75 years old, and Willow Tree is 50. Both stores are part of a radically shrunken independent retail store industry that was prolific and thriving when I joined the company during my May Project in 1972. (By the way, I hereby glibly admit that I ignored the Project rules, deliberately neglecting to advise our payroll department that it was supposed to be an unpaid internship. I feel no remorse.) During my time here, we grew to a chain of 23 stores at our peak in 1990; today we retain just the 2 in Wyandotte, where both operations were established. Both stores operate in the only real niche available to us; what I call the “upper moderate” range. For comparison, think Von Maur and maybe Nordstrom for the department store version of what we do. Eldest daughter Kirsten saw the arrival of twin boys in 2017, and we also have a pretty snazzy 4-year-old granddaughter. Everyone that has grandkids understands the bewilderment I try to express at how darned cool being a grandparent is. Younger daughter Haley got married in 2018. Our family feels wonderful. Life is good. I attended Cranbrook at a time of a massive culture clash of generations. The Vietnam War ended while I was there; a great relief because I was NOT going to go, and that was not the thing

to tell my father, who lived through WW2. My defiance was characteristic of the era. Cranbrook’s leadership was strained by that upheaval. People like me tested policy and resolve. I can’t say I regret anything at all, but I am aware that my experience there would have been quite different just a few years earlier, and I’m sure, just a few years later. Writing about it elicits an ennui that I suppose I’m fairly protective of. I loved it there. I loved my experience there. I stay loosely connected to **BILL THOM**, and to lesser degrees **MONTY PARKS** and **KEN UNDERWOOD**. That’s it—feels strange to say it, but coming up on 48 years of history is not a sneeze. It’s not really a wistful feeling...but what’s the word, then? Reflective?” **SCOTT MCNEALY** writes that he and his wife Susan are almost empty nesters as they send their youngest Scout off to Baylor to play golf and hopefully study. “Dakota and Colt are in the middle of chasing their CS degrees at Stanford. Dakota is on the golf team. Colt is working one day a week at REX, an online real estate company. And Maverick is on the WEB.COM tour as a pro golfer. He is raising money for WWW.CURRIKI.ORG with his Birdies for Education effort. [HTTPS://MAVERICK.CURRIKI.ME/#HOW-IT-WORKS](https://maverick.curriki.me/#how-it-works). Would love to have my classmates pledge. I am chairman of WWW.WAYIN.COM and advising dozens of companies big and small. Retired from hockey and now hitting the golf ball short and crooked. Living the dream.”



David Lynn’s new book

DAVID LYNN: has a new book coming out this spring, **CHILDREN OF GOD: NEW AND SELECTED STORIES**. (Secretary’s note: I read a few stories—and loved them!) “I’m also finishing my 25th year as editor of the Kenyon Review, and will probably be stepping down in 2020—enough is enough. Looking forward to our reunion and to catching up with friends. I can say that **MICHAEL HODGES, JOHN DORSEY**, and I get together pretty regularly, and enjoy exploring Detroit’s explosive new life.” Last fall, **NANCY MAY, JILL WHEATON MARTIN DEBOER, PHOEBE LAWRENCE ERDMAN** and **SALLY CHRISTIANSEN HARRIS**



Sally Christiansen Harris, Jill Wheaton Martin DeBoer, Nancy May and Phoebe Lawrence Erdman, all '72

gathered in Boston for a mini reunion. A highlight was a tour of Northeastern University. Before retiring, Nancy was VP of Facilities where she oversaw the construction and maintenance of the entire campus. We were in awe of the enormous responsibility. Nancy and husband Richard sold their home in Hull, MA, after 22 great years and the very next day bought an 1830s schoolhouse in Sandwich, MA, on Cape Cod. They are working on some renovations over the winter and hope to be spending next summer there. They can kayak right out the back yard out to Cape Cod Bay! During the winter, they enjoy golf and sunshine in Tequesta, FL. After becoming blessed to find a child/family therapist position on San Juan Island, **JEFFRY STEELE** writes that he will soon see that program (wraparound intensive services) expand to his own Orcas island. “All the time I spent getting back and forth may now be put to musical use! My office will be in the public school. A tourist

here would be unlikely to suspect that 40% of the students are below the poverty line.” 2018 was a significant year for **EMILY WAYNE HULING**. She writes: “On the business front, Selling Strategies celebrated 25 years and is still going strong. I’m proud to have earned the Certified Speaking Professional designation that was a ten-year process. Travel-wise, our cruise to Hawaii in September completed my visiting all 50 states. Yes, I bought the tee-shirt! In October, I turned 65 and enrolled in Medicare. Yikes! Last, on a sad note, my wonderful and kind 91-year-old mom died in July. Her last words were “It was a great run!” May all of our evolving lives be great runs!” Sally Christiansen Harris and husband, Mike, spent two weeks with a group of photographers touring Colombia, South America. Coincidentally one of the other participants was Kingswood alumna Nina Hauser ’60, a very talented i-Phonographer! Turns out we have been to many of the same places with the same photographers, just never together. The experience for all was quite extraordinary. Most memorable was a tour of what used to be the most dangerous drug and gang-infested neighborhood of Medellin, given by a group of young artists who have turned the neighborhood around through art. We spent several hours with these Colombian painters, musicians, poets and dancers and parted ways with warm embraces. Coming up for us is an exhibition in Greenwich called “Picture This: A decade behind the lens with Mike and Sally Harris” and will feature photographs we’ve taken over the past ten years.



Bob Sedlmeyer '72, and family

BOB SEDLMEYER: “Four years on and I still haven’t quite figured out how to be retired (or when to claim Social Security benefits), but it might be related to my inability to say, “No.” I rejoiced when the Computer Science Department hired a new faculty member for the Software Engineering course, for I had been temporarily teaching (well, if you call

two years “temporary”), but that was short-lived. Turned out, there was a need to teach another course. One thing led to another, and I ended up not only teaching the course, but also becoming its lead instructor, the liaison for all of our dual-credit offerings, and working with the Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching to create a massively on-line version. I am also advising a senior design team and helping to develop a grant proposal to support certification of CS high school teachers. I remain an assistant coach for the Bishop Dwenger Girls Cross-Country and Track Teams. The XC team won several meets and finished 6th at the State Finals. Our top individual earned runner-up. The 4x800 team medaled at the indoor state meet, and all relay teams and one 3200 athlete qualified for the outdoor championships. Limited by coaching responsibilities, I ran only four races myself, one of which was the Kentuckiana Ragnar Relay. Despite falling five times on the trails, I had the fourth best total time among my 15 younger teammates. Although escaping injury, it was probably a good thing that I finally purchased long-term care insurance! I continue to be active in my parish serving on the Vocations Committee, LifeTeen Music Ministry, and, with my wife, Cheryl, as a Marriage Preparation couple and Financial Peace University facilitators. We took three vacations this year. During my Spring Break, we went to Arizona, where we visited Cheryl’s maid of honor and hiked in Sedona and the Superstition Mountains. At the end of June, we took a bucket-list trip to Alaska, where we cruised the Inside Passage, toured Denali National Park, hiked to the Mendenhall Glacier, biked on the Klondike Road and traveled many scenic miles by train. In the fall, we joined the swarming hordes of tourists on the streets of Gatlinburg and on the trails in Great Smokey Mountain National Park. And did I mention we were blessed with another grandson, Owen Robert Baczynski, in September? We now have 10 grandchildren... and holding.” “This has been an exciting year for Heidi and me” writes **JOHN MATURO**.



John Maturo with dog Beau

“Her daughter Alex married in July and then my son Clark married Soren at Montauk Long Island in September. Heidi and I sailed to the wedding with my other son, Ted, and his wife, Lauren. My brothers, Ray ’74 and Paul ’77 with Liza Kozora ’77 joined us for a wonderful three-day celebration under a perfect mid-September sky. This year will be the year afloat. Heidi and I with Beau, our Golden, are sailing to Maine in mid-June and stopping to see friends along the way. Then, a change of crew in Maine for a departure for Nova Scotia with another layover in St. Pierre, the only French possession remaining in North America from the 7 years’ war. Another crew change, then off to Ireland, the Cornish Coast, and if luck holds out, on to Guernsey and Brittany with an English friend as local pilot. Ashe will return to the Virgin Islands in November and then back to Stonington, CT by May of 2020. If anyone wants to join for a portion of the cruise drop me a line. I am taking the northern circle route to see pristine ocean and lands which are fast disappearing.” Those reveling in grandparenthood are: **KIM LUCKENBACH LADD**, who welcomed grandson, Palmer Aaron Ladd, on January 25th.



Kim Luckenbach Ladd '72 with grandkids and husband Stephen



Mary ("Bunny") Johnston Milne '72, with husband Bob and grandchildren

They love living in Denver now near their children (daughter, Liz, husband, Matt, and their girls live in Denver and son, John, and his girlfriend live and work in Boulder) but still spend a bulk of the summer in Michigan. I asked the story behind their t-shirts and she responded: "We love helping out with childcare and are 'on call,' hence 'GP Dispatch.' Bob, who is coming on 40 years in the IT industry, is the creative one... and the tech-ready one, always willing to take on technical questions. I am the plant-based one and keep a 'whole food plant-based' kitchen and love to cook whole food plant-based meals. We enjoy winters in Denver with family, the sun and mountain skiing. And we love heading back to Michigan each summer for some scow racing as well as seeing friends and family."



Neighbors in Venice, FL: Kim Luckenbach Ladd '72 with Debbie Anderson Stephens '70!

Kim is enjoying the sunshine, boating, pickleball and getting better acquainted with the beautiful area of Venice, FL, to which they have retired. She recently discovered she is neighbors with Debbie Anderson Stephens '70! **DEBBIE DIETRICH** welcomed granddaughter Zadie Sue Jasurda last November. Her daughter, Amelia, and her husband, Jeff, have been doing a splendid job co-parenting! Everyone is healthy and happy! Grandma Debbie has been to Chicago twice to visit Zadie and Zadie's first road trip has been to Michigan to visit grandma! **MARY ("BUNNY") JOHNSTON MILNE** sent in a wonderful picture of her and her husband Bob, with their grandchildren June (4 1/2) and Rosie (1 1/2).



Jill Wheaton Martin DeBoer and Jan Lucas, both '72

I am wrapping up these class notes on the 13th anniversary of **JAN LUCAS-GRIMM's** bone transplant that changed her life, and I

realize how much we have all been through since summer of '72. As Peter Rose said: "... feels strange to say it, but coming up on 48 years of history is not a sneeze. It's not really a wistful feeling... but what's the word, then? Reflective?"



Jonathan Schoetz '72, Barry Rostek '73, David Green '72 and Paul Drescher '72

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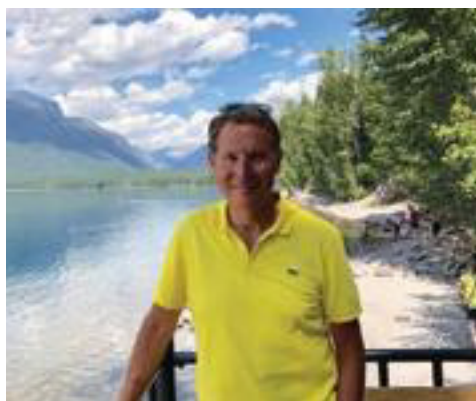
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DAVID ERB and his wife, Bonnie, "continue to live in London, whence we relocated from Zurich two years ago for my job as an engineering director at Facebook, where I had the dubious distinction of the title of Director of Harmful Behaviour. The job, though, is history, as I left on January 1 to begin work on my startup business that's basically recreational mathematics (thank you, Larry Manhart and Tom Hammerstrom!), disguised as fun brain-training games on mobile devices. Our retired racing greyhound, named 99, graciously shares her flat with us, occasionally even allowing us access to the sofa. Elder daughter Zoë is pursuing a Masters in Education in Ann Arbor, while younger daughter Sophie works as an illustrator and designer for Macmillan Books in the Flatiron Building in New York. We see them five or six times a year, which is not enough, so in

tandem with the Brexit mess we don't expect our tenancy in Britain to be permanent. But if you're in London, please look me up." **JIM SUKENIK** sends "A brief update from East Grand Rapid, MI, where Anita and I have comfortably settled into our new house on Reeds Lake (pontoon-boat-summer coming up!) This past year, oldest son David and his wife Alexia moved back to Grand Rapids, from Dallas. Glad to have them around. David is continuing his real estate development passion with Meritage—handling many of the property development needs of the few hundred restaurant sites they own. Middle son Michael just got engaged to Amanda, who we have grown to love in their three years of dating. Michael is working for Citadel, in Chicago, doing some sort of trade analysis (a level of math that, unfortunately, **ALAN HEAVENRICH**'s dad Mr. Heavenrich did not cover in our algebra class). Daughter Sarah is a busy nurse, married to Rockwell engineer and former Marquette University classmate Joe, and living in a duplex that they purchased in this past first year of their marriage. My folks, Robert John Sukenik '50 and Luanne Law Sukenik '50, are now living in their home in Dallas, near my sister Barbara Sukenik Tonti '83 and her family, and my brother Robert Andrew Sukenik '77 and his kids. These days, our plans are centered on how to smoothly exit from my firm Bakergroup, a foodservice design company that I started 35 years ago. We are in that rather typical business model of passing the baton to others in the firm who now do much of the work. Once that transition is complete, Anita and I would like to focus our efforts on giving back some of the gifts that life has given us. We may have to reach out to a few of you, to see what you have learned in your retirement! Best to all and feel free to knock on the door if you are ever in West Michigan." From **MIKE ELLEDGE**: "We're now grandparents to three cute boys, two from my daughter, Heather, and one from Amy's daughter, Elizabeth. Amy and I both have visited our kids: Amy to Boston and I to Truckee, CA. My visit included a day of skiing with Heather (as much catching up as skiing, naturally!), but skiing with my son-in-law Josh was sidelined by a stomach bug for all of us and a two day storm that arrived a day later than predicted. Daughter Lindsay '11 and boyfriend Eric moved to Glendale, a suburb of LA. Our visit there coincided with the wildfires. Very surreal watching firemen putting out a fire along the highway on our

way to the Getty Museum, and having the temp drop 20 degrees when the smoke from Malibu drifted toward the Santa Monica Pier. My other daughter Jen '07 is working at Fairview Health in Minneapolis and angling for a permanent position there after her fellowship. Amy is busy with outreach activities at Christ Church, squash and paddle tennis, and celebrated her birthday at Universal Studios with her sister. I'm still at Ford (has everyone retired but me?) and having fun playing with the band. You can look us up on Facebook: The Jango James Band. That's all for now—best to everyone!" Regrettably," says **JOHN CARMAN**, "there is little to report on my status since the last issue. If it would help, I would be happy to tell incriminating stories of several friends during our days at Cranbrook/Kingswood or, I have some great photos of **PHIL BROWN**, **DOC JONES** and **MITCH SPROUL** that are slightly publishable." **CHRISTOPHER JONES**: "I recently left my role at Hanna Boys Center and am listening for what my next step should be. Meantime, my prison ministry has expanded, and I'm seeing a number of inmates in both the county jail as well as San Quentin State Prison. Also staying active with photography: you can find me at my website, CELIOTJONESPHOTOGRAPHY.COM (one of these days I want to get back to Cranbrook to take some 'after' photos!) My son, Owen, is a freshman at Marin Academy, which daily reminds me in many ways of our time at Cranbrook."



Christopher Jones '73, at Lake McDonald, in Glacier National Park

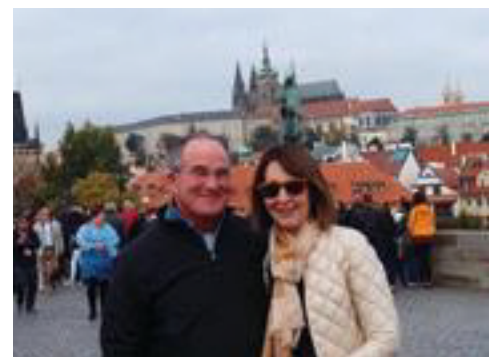
The big news from **ROBERT ROSS** is that "our first grandchild, Ellie, arrived February 25th and we are most excited. I have cut back my cardiology practice to three days a week and am filling the time with more tennis and travel. I have been selected by the American Academy of Pediatrics to attend a Legislative Congress in Washington to meet our new

Congress Reps and advocate for children's health care needs. I enjoyed catching up and meeting new friends at our 45th reunion and hope we have a huge turnout for the big 50th!" **CHRIS COOKE** is "still litigating and playing the blues in Traverse City, MI. My daughter, Julia, began her college career at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. She is the last of the litter. She received a cheer and a bowling scholarship to attend. Yes, bowling! A regular Cooke family Friday night tradition finally paid some dividends. In the avocation world, my band East Bay Blue and I are working on a new CD of original music. Hoping this one goes tin (the last one went wood). We have a lot of fun, though. Planning out a second music video too. You can find us at eastbayblue.vervbnation.com. Aim high!"



Cooke Brothers—John Cooke '72, Chris '73 and Pat

ROBERT GAMBURD wishes "I had some juicy news but alas, my world has not changed much. A year ago, I ruptured my right quadriceps tendon—big surgical repair and long recovery. I've got my legs back under me and I'm very functional. Betsy and I had a beautiful get away to Prague and Vienna: centennial of the passing of both Egon Schiele and Gustav Klimt, with great art in both cities, and fantastic music. We attended opening night of the Prague Philharmonic and Vienna Opera.



Robert Gamburd '73, and wife Betsy in Prague

My son, David, and his fiancé, Cori Jo, will be married this August in her home town, Portland, OR. They will be moving back to the States from Quito, Ecuador, and continuing their leather and fabric business, AltaAndina, from the USA. My daughter Jocelyn and her husband, Mark, moved out of Manhattan to Westport, CT. We spent a lovely 4th of July on the Long Island Sound, enjoying the beach and fireworks. We went to western Massachusetts to Tanglewood, and took in the local art scene. Saw my first game at Fenway, and it looked then like the Sox where the team to beat. I continue to practice medicine but am no longer on the sidelines as a team Doc, giving me time to be in the studio and make some art." **ALAN HEAVENRICH** reports that "this past year Joan and I have continued to tutor local students, now that I'm retired. The extra income certainly comes in handy and I enjoy the sense of engagement with young folks and being able to keep my academic skills active. I also volunteer with our Temple (Out of the Cold program) and a local hospital (pet visits for children with disabilities). Last June, I was pleased to finally make it to another of our class reunions, followed the week after by our first Heavenrich Family Reunion in many years!



Heavenrich Family Reunion: Alan '73 (center back row, red spotted shirt)

Also pictured, Alan's brothers, Ted '70 and Louis '68, and cousins (all brothers) Charly Heavenrich '60, Bob Heavenrich '64, Ned Heavenrich '68, as well as John Kaichen '43) Our children are somewhat dispersed for the time being: Miriam in London with her fiancé for another seven months, working as a Speech and Language Therapist; Sam engineering at Bendix Corp. in Elyria, OH; Ben on his last lap at Guelph University. At this writing, we have plans to do some travel in April to Portugal, to rendezvous with Miriam, but any major journeys may have to wait a while as we try to assist with parental care for Joan's mother, Tria. A common theme, I know, for our generation these days. All the best to those reading these words." **ALLAN MULLINS** says: "Hello again from Clinton Township,

MI. Not much change in my world, though my plan is to retire from PPG (manufacturer of paints and adhesives globally) this time next year. My great enjoyment is visiting our daughter Sarah (IT coder for Waystar—Revenue Claim Management) and our granddaughter, Corinne Mae, in Louisville, KY on a monthly basis. Usually going along for the ride is daughter Rachel who is in Veterinarian Medicine practice in Portage, MI. My wife (of 37 1/2 years) Barb continues to volunteer as an assistant group leader at the local chapter of Days for Girls as well as being the primary parental care taker for her father. Be safe, and in good health."



Allan Mullins '73, and family

As **MIKE NEFF** was writing in mid-February, it was "7:10 pm in bloody cold Wenatchee, so Kristie and I are hightailing it to LA for the week, both for business (me) and a nephew's wedding in San Diego. I'm hoping my 'PT daughter' can fix my ailing back, and that 'nurse daughter' will prescribe some meds—finally getting some payback for the bazillions we spent on their educations. LOL! Life is GOOD. We just need Mother Nature to cut loose with some spring-like weather. Cheers to all!" By the time we are reading this update from **JIM SMITH**, "A major change will have happened in the JB Smith household. After 21 years with SAP (and many years prior with 7UP, Coors, RainBird, and Boise Cascade, where I met my beautiful and amazingly patient wife, Diane), I will have entered the 'realm of the retired.' Our daughter put it perfectly when she said that she wasn't old enough to have parents who were retired. I told her that I didn't feel old enough to be retired, and Diane quickly pointed out that 'parents' is not entirely correct as she is not retiring, only I am. Diane will continue in her role as a Sr. Technical Writer for Abbott Medical for the foreseeable future. We are looking, as many of you have also mentioned, for that one-story retirement home, likely outside of SoCal. Diane especially

is tired of the stairs, and we feel it's probably time to downsize a bit. I had my final business trip to Germany in February and tacked on a long weekend in Amsterdam. I also had a great weekend of golf in Whistler with USC friends, and our annual Maui family vacation to get me in retirement mode. Kids are both doing well. Our daughter, Anne, is finishing up her 3rd year as an Ob/GYN resident at University of Missouri/Kansas City, and our son, Mike, has been promoted to a Sr. Analyst with Goldman Sachs. Hope you are all doing well. Please be sure to look us up if you are in SoCal @ DIJIM2230@AOL.COM."



Jim Smith '73, and family Anne, JB, Diane, Mike

HENRY JAMPEL writes that his wife Risa "would categorize the last two years as 'very busy.' In August of 2017, we made a decision committing ourselves to Charm City (that would be Baltimore) by purchasing a plot of land, not for burial yet, but on which to build a new house, which we moved into in April of 2018. While the house was being built, our son Joseph, the attorney, got married and is living in Philadelphia with his medical student wife. Then our youngest, Sarah, announced her engagement to her middle school sweetheart and was married in November of 2018. Sarah is our most famous child, with over 14K followers on Instagram. She is a contributing editor at *Bon Appetit* magazine. Our oldest, Catherine, with a newly acquired Ph.D., is on the hunt for a professorial job in Disability Studies/Women's Studies, so if you know of any openings..." In mid-February, **DAVID STRICKLAND** and **CINDY MAY PHILLIPS** visited **MIKE PHILLIPS** in Park City. Mike explains, "It's now an annual meeting like 'The Big Chill.' Usually **DEY YOUNG LADD** joins us, but she is in NY in a play and has been very busy with her sculpting. Dey is a consummate artist. Fantastic person. The Lodge at Blue Sky was featured in the Robb Report, Forbes and The

Times (London) as one of the seventeen most anticipated luxury resort openings in 2019. Very exciting for our family. We opened in May with two celebrity weddings. I had a lot of trouble keeping the secret. Barbara and I have entertained a few celebrities at Blue Sky but I spent Presidents' Day weekend with Mark Warner, the Senator from Virginia. We were discussing the 2020 election. In the crowded field, I was hoping he would run; however, as the head of the Senate Intelligence Committee he has his hands full with the Trump/Russia investigation. Maybe 2024. He thinks I should run for Governor of Utah in 2020, but I'm not taking the bait. Barbara's foundation continues to rescue horses in dire situations. All of our adult children and little grandchildren are healthy and happy so I continuously knock on wood to make sure they stay that way. I hope all my Crannies and Woodie friends are in good health and continue to treasure the wonders of our experiences at Cranbrook and Kingswood. We were so lucky." Some musings from **HUGH KERR**: "As the years progress, I find myself more interested in the activities, the behavior and ways of thinking of those much younger than myself. I love nothing more than to see Lauren '01, and to play on the floor with her two little boys climbing all over me, laughing and crashing about fearlessly. Little James will expound in full sentences of made up sounds that only he understands. Big brother Luke brings his imagination to every activity with exotic animals, make believe plots and heroes or villains. I'm usually assigned the role of the bad guy, and try to do my best. I am constantly astounded by Gracie's keen powers of observation and her associations, which she conveys quite clearly. At times, it feels as though these little youngsters have much more to teach me than I have for them. It's a chance to learn again the simple joys of childhood, a lesson well worth reviewing, for which I am so grateful. A hearty 'Aim High' to all." As for your Class Secretary, I am loving connecting so frequently with my Crannie brothers. Jim Smith and I have vowed to get together here in LA before he and his wife ride off into the sunset to that one-story retirement home of their dreams. Hope all of you continue to follow your dreams, too...

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Thrilled to receive another "debut Class Notes contribution!" **CONNIE WATKINS PASS** sends "Greetings for the first time!! Yes, I'm alive and well. I stayed in Little Rhody after Brown, having made the fatal mistake of marrying a native. They never leave Rhode Island. And if they do, they come back. Just about 20 years and one daughter, Rachel, later, we divorced. I love being a parent, and especially love being a grandparent now. Zoe (three-and-a-half) and Ethan (one-and-a-half) keep me young. The exercise program also helps. I retired a tad early and am now able to devote time to gardening (flowers, not food), the kids and other interests, which include tromping around through forests in search of waterfalls. Boring, isn't it? Now you know why I haven't written. I got together with **ELAINE FIELD** in Washington while on vacation last fall. So very good to see her—and the pictures from our nursery school days as BFFs. We promised each other we'd go to the 50th Kingswood Reunion in 2023." **MEREDITH FREEMAN** (and Rick) also enjoyed seeing Elaine and her wife, Lisa Sokanoff, during a brief trip to Los Angeles in February (as did your Class Secretary.) In early March, Meredith was among the crowd at a local bookstore welcoming **TINA DENISON's** brother, renowned architect **DIRK DENISON '75**, at a signing for his new book. Also in the LA area, **GAIL DIETRICH JAGELS** reports: "Life has been mildly chaotic for me as my dad has been living in Palm Springs and I've been out there regularly checking on him. He is now on hospice care and bed ridden, but still has a healthy appetite and we are planning to celebrate his 100th birthday on March 9th! Also attending will be sister **CAROL DIETRICH SPENCE '74**, cousin **DEBBIE DIETRICH '72** and Debbie's daughter, **KELSEY ZUKOWSKI '07**. In other news, I am now a grandparent of one-year-old Jameson Daniel Jagels, a rambunctious, red headed bundle of energy. Jeff and I are still living in La Cañada, wanting to downsize, but dreading the process so putting it off...We do plan on a cruise this June for the 75th anniversary of D-day though." **MELISSA REED** says she has "nothing new to add to my last submission to class notes except that I just experienced that elusive Facebook connection—when someone you do not know 'friends' you and is connected to someone you do know! I bought an inkle

loom from a person in my Facebook fibers group in Wisconsin and it turns out she is connected with classmate **LOIS BRYANT**. The arrival of the inkle loom, in turn, made me unearth the Robert L. Kidd Associates wool I bought in the early 1970s at \$3.75 per skein (not a hoarder, I swear!) I was happy to see that the gallery, founded by Robert Kidd and Ray Fleming, is still a going concern! In the meantime, getting back into weaving, an inch at a time..."



Melissa Reed '73, and an original skein of Robert Kidd wool!

"Not much to report from our perspective," says **BONNIE KORTES KISS**, but she provided this nice note: "We are currently addicted to Netflix and Prime shows. We just binged watched 'The Expanse', which we loved it and gave 5 stars—can't wait for season 4 to return late this year. Currently watching 'White Dragon,' a murder mystery that takes place in Hong Kong. In March, we visited Savannah to see some friends before their international trip to Provence, France. We are somewhat leery to travel by air, due to the uncertain U.S. government situation—please, no more shutdowns. What a mess. We enjoyed attending our most recent 'Art with a Heart' Northeast Georgia Humane Society event—we have been supporting their fundraising effort for the past decade. This year, they reached out to us for Mike to donate one of his photographs for their auction. We also had a good time at the black tie charity event we attend annually in support of Gainesville, GA, Quinlan Art Museum. We have met some amazing artists over the years at this event.



Bonnie Kortess '73, and husband Mike

For **PAIGE JONES**, "It is wonderful having Brookside and Kingswood friend **CHRIS HILL HALLER** nearby in Dallas. We get together for lunch once a month as able and bring photo albums to aid our memories." They will be glad to read this note from **ANNE HALL LECLAIR**: "I finally have some news!! As of June 1, I'll be retiring (early) from my position as President & CEO of the San Mateo County/Silicon Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau. We're moving to Austin where our daughter has settled. I can't wait to rendezvous with Chris Hill who's in Dallas and any other former classmates who might be in that area. Please note, that we will remain San Francisco Giants fans!" **LORIE NEIMAN KESSLER** gave your Class Secretary a hearty laugh, claiming she was writing "only out of concern for the desperate tone of your pleas for contributions, (LOL!) rather than as the result of any exciting news flashes or details to share. Mark me down as doing well in West Bloomfield, enjoying friends, family and participation on the boards of some beloved nonprofits. I'm a lucky lady with two out of my three kids, and all three grandchildren, and my 90-year-old mom, all within a few miles of me. I was able to escape the winter woes of Michigan with a trip to Mexico early in the year, but am looking forward to the end of winter. Sending best wishes to all my classmates." Thanks to **COLBY BENNETT** for reportedly "bugging" **SHERYL GHEZZI** to provide great photos and a write-up: "In April 2018, my daughter married Anthony Vito of Potomac, MD, in our Catholic tradition at Our Lady of Mercy. That private family event was followed by an intimate reception at the Congressional Country Club where Anthony and Amanda are members. But of course, the happy couple still wanted their blow-out party so 50 of us travelled to the Mexican Riviera in early November for a three-day celebration with mostly their friends. I was so blessed to have **LORI DRESNER**, Colby Bennett, and **AMANDA READ** with me for all the fun. Kingswood Girls Rock Forever! Literally. The

videos of Lori and Pete and Amanda and Arnold dancing up a storm are hysterical. The wedding video ends with a shot of Aunt Colby taking pictures of Amanda and Arnold with the biggest smile on her face. I still am amazed that Aunt Lori is in more pictures than me and always with a lovely happy glow (Pete too!) It was just like the last 46 years had never passed. Lori went exploring, Amanda was playing tennis on the roof and 'Nub' and I were running around making sure everything went off without a hitch. I will cherish these memories for the rest of my life.



Wedding celebration with Lori Dresner, Sheryl Ghezzi, Amanda Read and Colby Bennett, all '73

Other than that, work is busy, I'm still loving what I'm doing. I was chosen as a 'super lawyer' again for 2019, and have recently been told that I'm going to be a Nonna this August." An extremely thoughtful contribution from **SHOWEY HOWEY**: "Recently, I've begun a second phase of my efforts against human trafficking by moving my focus from awareness to legislation. Three decades ago, I was as unaware as most Americans about debt bondage. I thought slavery was a thing of the past, that the unions has ended forced migrant labor, and that I was making ethical choices when I purchased textile products. After all, I was with you when we boycotted table grapes and marched for equal rights. Weren't we the generation that would fix everything? I was wrong. Starting in the late 1980s, progress was slow and I was noisy. However, I believe that a tipping point is here or near. Just in the three years since my first conference (which was why I missed our 2015 'back-to-school day'), the situation is much better. Marginal entities are out, knowledge is deeper, and research? Yes, there are actually funds for researchers. As I sat at lunch during the 2018 Conference, I was really struck with a feeling of success. No photos allowed, of course, but picture a large banquet hall filled

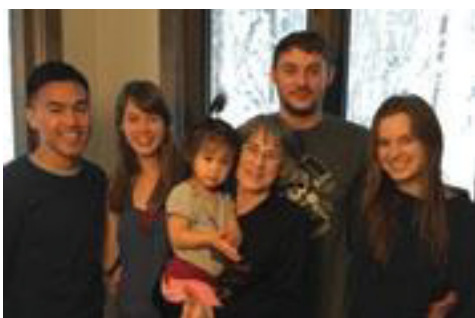
with people who showed up because I didn't keep my mouth shut for thirty years. Nagging: It's not what I like to do, but it's what I'm good at. Thanks to all who took a look at my bombardment of HT posts on social media! When you share an article I haven't seen yet, my heart glows with pride of accomplishment and with the warmth of friendships based in unconditional acceptance. I would never have made it without you. Thanks to **JULIE FISHER CUMMINGS** for supporting both the Adult Children of Alcoholics movement and anti-sex-trafficking efforts. Amanda Hoke Dubois is doing great work to commission a marginalized population with political power and voice. She's an inspiration. The current drive can especially use attorneys, judges, and those connected to law enforcement, as well as researchers and people who can contact lawmakers at all levels. Commitment to awareness with candidates and voters brought us Michigan elected officials who are also committed. They still need to hear from those who oppose exploitation of humans. Contact me at KSC@SHOWEY.COM and Showey on Facebook. You can also search online for sites with information about debt-bondage, the prison pipeline, and help with food and clothing choices. Knowing that is getting to my next phase, eradication, won't take quite so long, I remain yours, Showey Howey." **MARY SEVERS SPEISER** insists "None of my news is actually 'newsworthy.' Winter in Michigan is pretty dull, but here it goes. Henry Dog won his championship in September. We've been training to compete in agility. He's fast and agile, I'm slow and clunky. But it's great fun. We'll probably start competing summer 2019. Music is big. I've joined a chorale and am singing again. It's a fairly small group and every voice counts. Our upcoming concert is Faure's Requiem and Beethoven's Choral Fantasy. I heard rumors of a Renaissance group, but haven't tracked them down yet. I'm also playing piano again. A friend formed a Piano Club, which is kind of like a book club in concept. We get together once a month and play for each other and talk about our pieces. There's nothing like a deadline to keep us practicing." **DARNELL CARR NEWSUM** wishes that she "had something incredible to share! Life is always in flux and I am working hard to stay ahead of things. We are trying to make some decisions about our next steps (as we approach the 65-year milestone), both in terms of where to live and other adventures we would like to pursue.

In the meantime, wishing only the best to our class and the entire Cranbrook community!" In late February, **DEY YOUNG LADD** was "off to NYC, to do a new play Off Broadway at the 59E59 St. Theaters for a spring opening. It's called 'I Carry Your Heart,' and I have a wonderful role. I'm very excited—it has been on my bucket list to do stage in NYC.



Dey Young Ladd '73, performing Off-Broadway in NYC

Also recently finished a large marble sculpture which has been accepted to a number of exhibitions—first it will be at Art City in Ventura, CA. It was a labor of love for me which spanned five years, and most likely will be my last sculpture of that size. It is called 'Femme de la Mer' and stands 57" tall. My daughter, Shane, lives in Portland, OR and is preparing to go to graduate school in psychology. After 11 years, my boyfriend Hugo is moving in with me and my West Highland Terrier, Gracie, in Los Angeles!! Grateful to be healthy and active and very alive!! In February, **SARAH ELLIS JACKSON** "was in South Lake Tahoe for our 10th annual ski weekend. We rented a beautiful brand new five-bedroom house (we have lots of San Francisco area family that joins us here) and had a blast initiating it. I bought a sled to take my granddaughter, Minna out in the snow. We left it for the next people. There was record snow—13 feet the week we arrived, and continual snow afterward, some 48 more inches. I bought a shovel, too.



Sarah Ellis Jackson '73, and family

My daughter (on my right in photo) has gone back to grad school so she could get a teaching position and have the same time off with her baby girl. My son, on my left, just got back from three weeks in Baudette, MN, testing cars in the snow and on ice. This is Erhlich's (far left in photo and baby's daddy) second year snowboarding and he's doing an amazing job keeping up with these seasoned kids. Marnie (far right in photo) is studying environmental conservation at Ohio State. She has two-and-a-half years to go. Other than that, got a new kitchen stove last December in time to make Christmas cookies. My husband, Ron has been making the new appliance comfortable in its position, adding new cupboards, painting the wall and adding trim. I am still adoring teaching. It is such a gift to do such fun work. Ron is also in the swing of tax season, his retirement job, to keep himself busy and social. He loves his annual meetings with his clients. All happy here! I love being motivated to be part of the class, and appreciate the Committee's time and effort on reunions. I feel so much a part of Kingswood..." **JOAN BURNES** "is kept busy at the school, currently with (re)enrollment for 2019/2020. Seems like we just completed that process for 2018/2019! Spent the holidays recuperating from a fall in our school cafeteria and nursing a broken left wrist (am left-handed, of course!) Made it through the ordeal thanks to the kindness of my school colleagues/friends—it really does indeed take a village!—And am so grateful. My family remains well and I hope my 1973 Woodie and Crannie 'family' continues to be happy and healthy as well." As for your Class Secretary, **LUCY CHASE WILLIAMS**, I am blessed to remain reasonably well and extremely happy. Still travelling, still squeezing new purchases onto my vastly over-flowing library shelves, still getting a kick out of hosting friends for Saturday Night Classic Monster Movies. This summer, my husband Gibby Brand and I are looking forward to a big family get together—with brother **BART WILLIAMS** '76, his wife,

four daughters and two sons-in-law—on the coast of Massachusetts, where halcyon holidays were spent in the 80s and 90s at my mother's summer home. I am thrilled to announce that the 10 of us adults will be joined then by a wee new addition: in late March/early April, Bart will have had a life-long obsession fulfilled when oldest daughter Baird and her husband, Mitch Bass, welcomed his first grandchild (gender and name will have to wait till next issue!). Finally, I'm heartbroken to pay a very personal tribute...Every school day in the early 1970s, a regular announcement over the Kingswood intercom sent chills down the spines of sneaky smokers, snappy gum chewers and the inexcusably absent: "The following girls will please report to Mr. Reeside's office immediately after lunch." In fact, the lion in his den was a sentimental softie, perceptive and fair, a devoted family man and dedicated educator who loved Evelyn Waugh and Ben Shahn, collecting vintage sports trophies and volunteering at the local library. In Larry Reeside's eight years at KSC, first as a teacher and then Assistant Headmaster, he made a lifelong impression on the Woodies he watched over. On his departure in 1972, the cover of the final "Clarion" was a full page of student and faculty tributes. At our annual "K Day" celebrations, the entire student body joined departing seniors to serenade him with "To Sir, With Love"—not a dry eye in the house. (When she worked for him later at Grosse Pointe Academy, Debbie Dietrich '72 always called him "Sir.") Larry Reeside passed away suddenly in early March, and Facebook immediately lit up with affectionate, boisterous, cheeky, tearful posts from Kingswood alumnae: "Everyone adored him." "Great personal integrity." "Many of us grew up with his help." "Made an indelible impression on my childhood." "A KSC icon." There were saltier observations from the grown men of St. Mary's Preparatory, where he was longtime Headmaster. Wrote Rich Musz: "This feisty bastard had the heart of a lion. Thank you for taking me up when no one else would. Few people in your life have impact, and Larry Reeside had an everlasting impact in my life. Love you, LR—hope you have all the smokes and martinis you need up there!" Mr. R (like Debbie, I found it nearly impossible to call him Larry!) had a particularly special place in the hearts of the class of '73: annually for the last decade or more, he was the life of the party at our "Reunion Weekend HQ." He took even greater delight raising political

Cain on Facebook, in prolific, often profane, posts, flipping the bird at hypocrisy and mendacity. But he also had fun sharing recent photos, posing smilingly with "his boys" from St. Mary's, and adored grand kids. I'd like to share one of my own favorites: taken at "K Day" celebrations in 1970, in a costume pilfered from the Spring musical, "Man of La Mancha"—fittingly, "Sir" Larry is resplendent in the breastplate of valiant Don Quixote, knight errant, indefatigable defender of the helpless and righter of wrongs.



Larry Reeside: "K Day" 1970



Woodie gathering in NYC for a taping of "The Daily Show with Trevor Noah." Karen McCree Harvey '74, Darnell Carr Newsum '73, Victoria Anderson Pinderhughes '69 and Beverly Brown '78

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Greetings to all my fellow classmates...After 45 years of being your class secretary, I am sad and sorry to report that I will be stepping down from this position. Due to personal, family and practice/business obligations I must now pass the baton to someone else. It has been an absolute honor and pleasure to have been you class secretary over the past years...I will miss corresponding with all of you, but will look forward to reading your news in the future issues of *Tradition*. So, if anyone

is interested in taking on the role of class secretary, please contact the alumni office at ALUMNI@CRANBROOK.EDU. I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming 45th reunion June 7-9, 2019!

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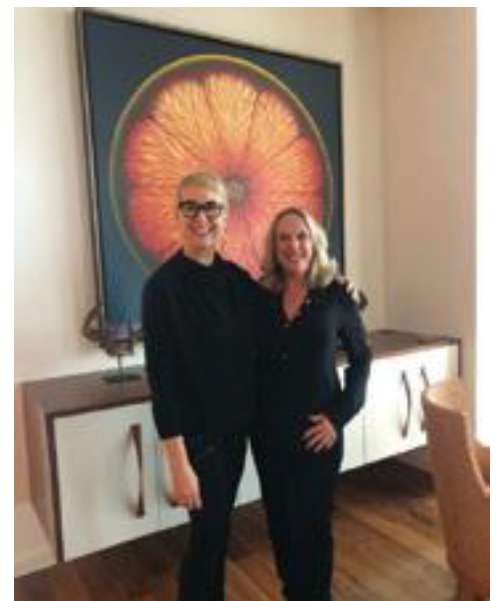
The copy for the last *Tradition* magazine was not printed, so here it is...In April, 2018, I attended a family wedding in Portland, Oregon and caught up with **MARTHA SCHIRMER STRUXNESS** and **LEA WOOD WINDER**. We spent a lovely evening together, remembering the Kingswood years. Martha has an empty nest with two daughters living out of the state. However, she is spending much of her time with her father who is in an elderly home. Lea is working full-time in the school system. Her son has moved back home from college and her husband is doing consulting work. Retirement plans were not discussed as not one of us feel that old and want to keep on going! **PAM BENJAMIN BLANK** emailed that her twins are in high school, sophomores. They plan on getting their driver's permits in July and then start football practice. Pam writes, "Our lives are never dull!" **SUZANNE TAICHERT** is still living in Albuquerque, NM. Her daughter, Rane, is living in southern Florida and, "unfortunately is battling lupus." Suzanne is working as a church pianist and teaches piano at New Mexico School of Music. Her boyfriend is a professional musician who played on her recent CD "Emerge." She writes, "CD sales are way down. Economic times are rough for musicians, but we love it anyway." **LISA FAIRLEY MCCORD** is steadily working on a documentary and fine art photography, exhibiting her work all over. "I was lucky enough to see Marta Hoskins Lyon '76, in Paris last November and **SUSAN BOEHM REYNOLDS** in New Orleans, and I will see **DIANA LAWRENCE** in Fort Collins, CO." Lisa has been married almost 30 years to husband, Don, and their son, Derick, now 25, is going to graduate school to study social justice. The week before Thanksgiving, **LISA MCLAIN JENSEN** flew to Michigan and was the surprise guest at a luncheon at the Bloomfield Hunt Club. Attending were **GALE**

Ghesquiere Gordon, Stathy Natsis Madias, Patti Morris Phillips and **TERRI LOBDELL WILD**.



Patti Morris Phillips, Lisa McLain Jensen, Gale Ghesquiere Gordon and Terri Lobdell Wild, all '75

Last fall, **KAREN CLIMIE LAKANEN** went to NYC with a group of Alabama friends and **AMY HACKETT PALMER** joined them. Karen writes, "The highlight of the trip was **JULIE HARRIS**. She was the BEST host ever to show us the city!" They toured Central Park, had lunch at the Boat House on the lake and saw Hamilton.



Amy Hackett Palmer and Karen Climie Lakanen, both '75

I can't thank my classmates enough for taking the time to get together when I travel and for writing your updates on life and your travels. Let's keep up the good health, so that we can produce more "Words from the Swirbs."

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Before I get started on all of the usual news, I'd like to share with you all, a heartwarming email that I received several months back from Cindy Frenkel '77, regarding our classmate **BONNIE SIMMONS SHERR**. You may recall that Bonnie passed away in March 2009. This past October the Simmons family dedicated an intensive care ambulance to Israel in Bonnie's memory. It carries her name on the outside as well as a photo of her on the inside within sight of the patient. What follows is part of Dr. Simmons' dedication. "Edith, I and our family request of God to protect and bless Bonnie's ambulance. May it be used as little as possible with one exception—obstetrics! May every baby born in this vehicle be strong and healthy. Through this ambulance we feel that Bonnie's spirit will again be able to practice medicine in Israel. LaChaim and Am Israel Chai."



The Ambulance dedicated to Bonnie Simmons Sherr '73

What an especially thoughtful way to honor Bonnie's memory. Many thanks to Cindy for sharing this update with us. **ANNE HARVEY COX** writes from Chicago that all is well. She is happy to celebrate her 9th year supporting public Montessori in underserved communities. Husband, Tom continues his work, while 24-year-old son Tommy lives nearby with CJ Murphy (son of Alan Murphy '76, and Anne's godson). Younger son, Charlie, graduates this year and has accepted a job in

Boston. If things get too quiet, Anne has two nephews in the area, as well lots of school families to "borrow" in order to keep herself busy. **JULIE WALTERS RAFFKIND** is proud to say that she passed her B2 Certification (CILS) in Italian this past summer. She attended University in Urbino, Italy and earned three credits. It sounds like Julie's even surprised herself with this accomplishment! She'll continue her studies back in Italy again this coming summer, but until then, she's taking course work online through the University of Sienna. So-o-o-o cool, Julie! **FAITH KATZER NEMETH** has changed careers! After 27 years, Faith has left the world of luxury retail for advertising. She is enjoying her new role as an account executive for Gazette Media Group. Faith writes that her sister Barbara Storm '71 is splitting time between her home in suburban Chicago and LA where her daughter lives. Faith's other sister Ellen Katzer '69 lives outside Washington, DC and anticipates retiring from her career in school social work this spring. **SARAH PARSONS** has enclosed a wonderful photo of her family taken at her oldest son, Alex's wedding on Feb. 10, 2018 in Palm Springs. In addition to Sarah's youngest son, David and mother, Sally, you may recognize her brothers Jim Parsons '78 and Don Parsons '80, along with nieces Ashley, Molly and Hayley and nephews Blake and Drew, and sisters-in-law, Mary and Susie. Sarah counts her blessings to have a wonderful daughter-in-law, Sydney, whom she adores. She is still enjoying her life on the East Coast, but recently has been gravitating back to Michigan more and more often. She's hoping for a Charlevoix get-together in July. 2018 has given **JENNY JACKS SHREVE** many opportunities to feel thankful. She is expecting grandbaby #3 this May. (Oh—How Lucky!) Her children and grandchildren are all spread out between MD and UT—so they try to make every moment spent together count. Jenny has officially retired. She is the only child of 90-year-old parents and is therefore grateful to have the time to help them deal with recent health issues. Her 2 "senior" dogs are in great health and provide her tremendous love and support. Currently, Jenny is recovering from rotator cuff surgery, which she describes as long and difficult. My guess is that this will make her even more thankful for FB! While **MARTHA YAW KLIEBERT** and husband, Lee, retired to Carbondale, Colorado in December 2017, they have spent most of 2018 under construction, followed by Lee's

ankle replacement. So this is really their first, full winter to enjoy skiing Aspen and Snowmass as they had intended. Martha writes that retirement in the mountains is agreeing with them, BUT, the really 'best' thing is that she became a Grandma in September. Her oldest son, Adam along with his wife and Martha's grandson live only 20 minutes away! **SYLVIE BALL** is having a great year! We got together at the KSC NYC alumni gathering this fall at the Torch Club. She had just won the Guggenheim Museum's Art After Dark October costume competition



Sylvie Ball '76, in her "Guggenheim" costume

You will note that her jacket is Jackson Pollock inspired and her "hat" is a Guggenheim replica. SO-O-O clever—OF COURSE she won! Several of her photos have also been chosen to represent the annual Armory Art Show here in NYC. Not only will her photos be used for the 55 banners flying from NYC lamp posts, but also for the website and for the print campaign which will appear in over 40 art publications. Congrats, Sylvie! Here is the website: WWW.THEARMORYSHOW.COM/ARMORY-25/THE-GRAMERCY-YEARS **KATHY YEARN GAYER** is still happy and very active in Steamboat Springs along with her husband and two sons. "A Stitch in Time" is the name of her sewing and alterations business that she has co-owned for the past six years. When she's not at the shop or teaching kids to ski up on the mountain, Kathy loves kayaking or camping, music or just spending time with her husband and sons. She does get back to visit family in Northern Michigan twice a year. **GEORGEANNA WELLS'** news forced

me to Google, Eisenia Foetida' (...and you thought this job was easy? HA!) So, it seems that Georgeanna has officially retired and is now into composting. (This helps explain the worms noted above.) Eventually, her goal is to garden in small, urban, indoor environments year round. In the meantime, she and Julie are looking to criss-cross the country in the ideal RV! Our son, Stephen, married a wonderful young woman (his longtime girlfriend) this past May in Charleston, SC. It was such a happy day for us all—Honestly, it took weeks for the euphoria to subside! They've since moved to Chicago where Stephen has started his MBA at Kellogg. We, of course miss them, but we are thrilled that they are so happy! Peter and I continue to look forward to our permanent move to South Florida. Heaven only knows when that might actually happen. For the time being we will have to be satisfied with long weekends there, every six or eight weeks. Vogl Ink Arts, my calligraphy business, is up and treading water (HA) I even have an Instagram account (thanks to my daughter-in-law). We shall see...In closing, I'd like to thank you all for your kind words and enthusiastic participation. So many of you mentioned looking forward to 2021 and our 45th reunion. Just goes to show you....KSC is the best! That's our news for now. If you are not receiving my e-mails, please update your contact info with the alumni office.

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Greetings Everyone. I hope all is well. As I write, it's Valentine's Day, so I all hope you had a great one with your significant other. I know you probably won't read this until June or so, but I couldn't help but notice all the snow days Cranbrook has been having in the last few weeks. I hope all of you who live in the area are finding a way to stay warm and enjoy it. As I remember, we didn't have that many snow days in all the time we were at Cranbrook. The only one I definitely remember was a 17" blizzard. I even think a few of you went to school on a snowmobile during the following days. The pictures of Cranbrook's Facebook page look great...from my computer screen here in the tropics. Okay, a few weddings and birth announcements to start with. **STEVE**

SALLEN wrote in to announce the birth of his first grandchild, Russell Joseph Thomas, who was born on Dec 22, 2018. Russell resides with his parents, Carolyn (Steve's oldest daughter) and her husband, Justin Thomas, in Denver, Colorado.



Stan Benecki '77 and family in Positano, Italy for his daughter's wedding

I also heard from **STAN BENECKI** who wrote in to announce the wedding of his daughter in Positano, Italy on July 28, 2018. And now for a dispatch from Hollywood. That's right, you guessed it, Mr. Big Bang Theory, **BILL PRADY**.



Bill Prady '77 on the Stage of The Big Bang Theory

By the time you read this, the project that Bill has worked on for the past thirteen-and-a-half years will have come to an end. In the winter of 2005, he contacted his old friend and colleague, Chuck Lorre, and asked him if he was interested in developing a show. They noodled with a dozen ideas before landing on what would become "The Big Bang Theory." They shot the first pilot in the spring of 2006 and a second version in the spring of 2007. The show premiered that fall. At the end, they

will have done twelve seasons and a total of 279 episodes which will make the show the longest-running multi-cam situation comedy in American television history (for now—records are made to be broken). Along the way, Bill has been given the opportunity to work with the most amazing people—from William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy to Stephen Hawking. It's been Bill's nerdy dream come true. For all that he's accomplished, Bill was truly sad as to write this. He's not ready to say goodbye to these characters, to their set, or their audience. Mostly, he's not ready to say goodbye to the amazing people he's worked with for the past dozen years. They are truly the sweetest, kindest and most talent folk he's ever encountered. He will miss them. Next, we head off to Las Vegas with **RANDY LAZER**. When I first read Randy's email, I was convinced that Randy's been trying to kill himself. Randy's got this crazy streak of having run the Las Vegas Marathon 16 consecutive times. Although he had significant knee surgery in March, the doctor apparently forgot to tell him that it wasn't a good idea to fall down the stairs three days later while on crutches. He saved the knee, but in doing a reverse somersault pike, he fractured five ribs. His cat saw it all, and if he had only made a video, he would have been famous! However, he seemed to enjoy his response to gravity. Well, we're not done yet. Three months later he was back to running until he crashed his road bike and fractured his pelvis. According to Randy, it wasn't fun. (No kidding!) Fortunately, he recovered by the end of August, and ran the Las Vegas marathon to extend his streak. Every other weekend he does some long runs at elevation, as he's training to be 60. I think all of us can relate to the surprise of approaching this age so quickly! Randy's also been spending a lot of time in the recording studio, as he wrote some new music for his upcoming jazz/60s/70s violin cd entitled "Amazing Days," which he hopes will be out by June. After that, he may do some performing and has had some discussion about teaching master classes at universities, as after all...not too many play jazz violin. He's also have been told that he should have endorsements from Duke's medical school for his book on reversing heart disease, for which he's working on the final edit (again!) and the bibliography. He hopes to have the book out this year, and then do some speaking, as few know of the alternative therapies that have allowed him to make it 16 years past his life expectancy...and counting,

and...still running. He sends our great class his very best wishes, and if anybody is stopping by Las Vegas, please let him know. I also recently heard from **STEVE MAXWELL**. Steve writes in to say that he had a great weekend in Chicago last September with his partners in crime **JAY JEHLE, PAUL MATURO, JOHN REEBEL** and Mike Keyes '78.



John Reebel, Jay Jehle, Paul Maturo, Steve Maxwell, all '77, and Mike Keyes '78

They took in the Michigan-Northwestern game and did their best to behave like the teenagers they still are. Some things never change—beer(s) on the train, twelve packs hidden in bushes outside bars, the list goes on. What can he say? It's good to be young! As for me, I am reminded that this is the year we all turn 60, and many of the movies we enjoyed as teenagers are starting to pop up on Turner Classic Movies. However, the good news is that I haven't had any surgery or fallen out of my wheelchair since I last wrote up Class Notes, so I must be doing something right. Well, that's about all I have for this semester. Until the next time, stay safe and be well.

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When the spring issue of *Tradition* is published, I will be preparing for my daughter's graduation from Cranbrook Kingswood. Memories of our last year at Kingswood have been flooding back throughout Charlotte's senior year. I remember all of us in our white caps and gowns standing on the lawn outside of Christ Church Cranbrook on a beautiful June day. Charlotte has been accepted at two wonderful fashion design colleges and is awaiting responses from more schools. Charlotte will be in NYC interning for

designer Anna Sui this spring during what is now called "Senior May." She's so excited to be doing a project related to her dream career. Meanwhile, back at CK, Charlotte is a very dedicated varsity ice hockey player and will certainly miss playing next year since it's rather doubtful that fashion design schools have ice hockey teams. Her twin, Cameron, plans to go into computer science and wants to stay in Michigan. **BETH JACKSON ANCTIL** is also busy with senior year activities. Her son, Sam, hopes to go to NYC for a theater program. At the time of this writing he is awaiting responses to his auditions. The Anctils are finishing up some renovations to their house that are taking longer than expected. Isn't that always the way renovations go? I see that frustration in my future next fall! **JOSEPHINE GORDENKER DUFRESNE** (who no longer goes by Jodi) is also enmeshed in construction. She and husband Jeff are building a house. They snuck away for a few weeks to tour Spain with Josephine's mother.



Josephine Gordonker DuFresne '77 with husband Jeff and her mother

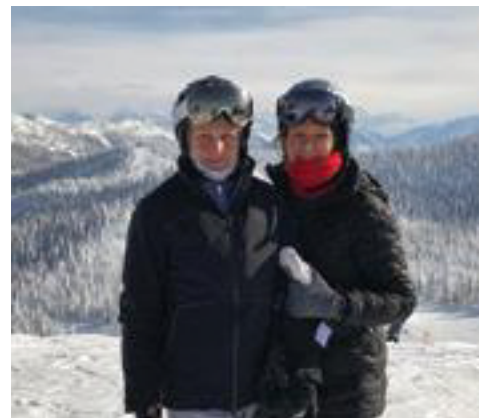
CAROL HIMELHOCH and her brother, Chip, 4th generation merchants, have brought back the family tradition of Himelhoch's as an online department store, himelhochs.com. Husband Steve Ball is also an integral part of this exciting journey and they are having the time of their lives. Himelhoch's features distinctive looks from Detroit which happens to be the only UNESCO-designated City of Design in the United States. They have partnered with Design Core Detroit to identify talented designers to help invigorate the Detroit community as well as help fashionable consumers find the unique designs they are seeking. In addition to collections of women's, men's, and children's apparel, accessories,

cosmetics, and home goods, they have introduced a line of certified fair-trade organic coffees. (I have tried all of them and they are terrific!) **LISA SCHOENFELD TOUSLEY** has done a fabulous job keeping up with CK alums this year. She reports that she has been a bit of a ski bum during the winter months, skiing several days a week. In February, Lisa skied with Walker Bagby '77, and Mont Wickham '78 at Big Sky. She and **ANNIE LOWERY** skied deep powder at Grand Targhee. Lisa also skied with Bruce Aikens '77 and his wife Linda at Jackson Hole. In January, Lisa spent a week at Alta on the slopes with **LESLIE JONES**, Chris Jones Juneau '78 and their daughters Chloe Zeller and Grace Juneau as well as Lisa's mom and brother Eric Schoenfeld '75.



Lisa Schoenfeld's Mother, Chloe Zeller, Grace Juneau, Leslie Jones '77, Lisa Schoenfeld Tousley '77, and Chris Jones Juneau '78

MOLLY MACGREGOR DEMELLO wrote in to report that she and **PAULA SHULER** were skiing in Montana.



Paula Shuler and Molly MacGregor DeMello, both '77

She said that it was very cold, but the snow was great. The country was beautiful and they had a lot of fun. **CINDY FRENKEL** had a piece on teaching published in a very good academic journal overseas, *Writing in Education*. Cindy mentioned both Lolly Hazard and Robert

Steele in the piece, both of whom left indelible impressions on her. Two of her poems also won awards. See Cindy's website, cindyfrenkel.com, to get a taste of her writing. Her insight and perspective on life is unmatched. Cindy has kept in touch with **DANA SCHNEIDER** and dear friend Jessie Davidson '78. Check out Dana's website, danaschneider.com, to see her incredible talent for creating jewelry for movies, musicians, and television shows. **CHRIS RAU** wrote in from Harbor Springs where she was buried in mountains of snow with the roads and driveways turning into networks of snow tunnels. Chris still enjoys her work in the world of art & design. Her youngest daughter is finishing up her freshman year at Kalamazoo College, so she is almost an empty nester. Chris's older daughters are busy with their own successful careers and their growing families which makes for a lot of fun and new adventures for all of them. Chris cares for her aging mom and is grateful for every day that her mother is with them.



Chris Rau's daughter Mia, Chris Rau '77, and granddaughter Reese

Both of **DONNA STOCKTON's** wonderful sons, Andres and Christopher, were married last year! **KAREN STADLER VAN DUSEN** sent greetings from across the pond where she and husband Gordy were in England for a reunion celebrating the 50th anniversary of the fellowship that sent Karen to London after college. They spent three nights with Richard Ohlson '75 and his wife Shawn who was Karen's classmate at Vanderbilt.



Richard Ohlson '75, Karen Stadler Van Dusen '77, and Gordy Van Dusen

It's always wonderful to hear from you, my dear classmates. Keep those emails and photos coming and enjoy the rest of 2019!

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Hello wonderful Class of 1978! Happy midyear of 2019! **RICK LOEWENSTEIN** '78, **PATTY SMITH MOSS**, **FRANK HOUTTEKIER**, **LAURA WILNER CRAIG**, **SUSAN AIKENS POST** and I met up last week and just reminisced about our 40th reunion! I cannot believe it's already been a year since that grand event. Rick was headed to play basketball after our get-together. I said to him "Ricky, what do you want me to put in *Tradition*! Give me an update!!!" He said, "Just put in "As always, Sue Ann knocked it out of the park for reunion! You put that in *Tradition*!" That is very sweet, and much appreciated, but I couldn't have done it without my powerhouse partner, Susan Aikens Post and others! Huge shout out for Susan arranging our venue for Saturday night, which we lovingly call "The Hugh Hefner House"! It was amazing. Thinking back to the weekend, the festivities began at The Girls Middle School. There was also a Celebration of Excellence, in Honor of the retiring staff/faculty of last year. I was unable to make it as I was finalizing all preparations at The Senior Cabin but it was said to be wonderful. Congressman **DAVID TROTT** was there, as well as **SUSAN ALBRECHT** and

ELLEN YETZER. Susan and Ellen celebrated by singing with The Madrigal's in the quad. I am sure that was spectacular! Back at the cabin we were all set up and ready to roll...and I mean Rock and Roll.



Maury Wood, John Brown and Ray Santerini, all '78

MAURY WOOD came in from Boston. **JOSH BROWN** flew in from Atlanta. **RAY SANTERINI** is local, and drove over from Troy. They all brought their electric guitars and entertained us, all night, as people ate, drank and roasted s'mores over the open bonfire. It was a magical night! Saturday was full of events. Author **JENNIFER SIBLEY CLEMENT** was awarded an Honor for her incredible writing. This was her first attendance at a reunion! Lots of the boys played baseball in the Alumni game. I was over at "Hugh's House" setting up for the evening. One of my happiest surprises (and there were a few) was **JOHN HORVATH** showing up, as the party rental truck was unloading the tables and chairs. What an incredible help he was, as was Frank. John and Frank Houttekier created a fabulous lighted deck, out of steel poles and Christmas lights. It was amazing. Frank, also, arranged for this incredible company to bring their Hummer, which was a music studio on wheels, as our disco down entertainment. **LAURA WILNER CRAIG** was a great help for set up all weekend! On top of that, she and her husband, Andy Craig '77 set up the Memorial table for those we, sadly, have lost: **PAULA SUKENIK**, **DAVID RICHARDSON**, **SCOTT KING**, **ARTHUR LEVIN**, **WALLY HADSELL**, **BEN LOWELL**, **LARRY CONNIFF**, **LEE OKSTER**, **RHONDA BYE** and **MARIA BORJA**. It was beautiful. **ERNST METZGER** gets our farthest travel award, as he came in from Scotland!! **KATHERINE ROSS** flew in from Los Angeles. People came from all corners of our great country. One of my favorite surprises was seeing **LIZ ROSE**! Her first reunion, as

well!!!! The music was amazing. The house was stupendous (thank you, Susan!). The service was great (thank you, again, Susan!) There was an indoor pool, which was off limits for swimming, but oh, the ambiance! And an indoor tennis court, which was enjoyed, with bare feet, by **MEG MEURER BROSSY, SUSAN VARBEDIAN LUCKEN, CHRIS JONES JUNEAU** and others. **ELIZABETH CLARK** writes from her new home, in Florida: "Let us celebrate Jennifer Clement! Our trio of musical boys (Josh, Maury and Ray). All the people who made the trip! Our Quad Fountain photo!



Women from the class of '78

The laughter, smiles, sharing and remembering! Bare feet tennis, dancing and all the good stuff! Reunion was a blessing. And thank you to all who visited my mother. So greatly appreciated. Let us dance and sing aloud for each other, always"! Susan Aikens Post shares "In my alumni office traveling is always a high-point, especially when I get to see familiar faces from the class of '78! This year I got to catch up with **CARL MULERT** and **BEVERLY BROWN RUGGIA** in New York.



Fritha Beekhuis, Lisa Wiemer Lillelund, Tom Robinson, and Susan Aikens Post, all '78

In San Francisco, I saw **LISA WIEMER LILLELUND, FRITHA BEEKHUIS MANSUETO** and **TOM ROBINSON**. They all came out to the Cooperstown S.F. Baseball

Hall of Fame across the street from the Giants stadium for our alumni event. Fritha lost her home in the Santa Rosa fires last year, but has an amazingly positive attitude and her smile is as bright as ever. Lisa just relocated to San Francisco and is working for a company that replaces traditional bus systems with electric. Tom is continuing to do amazing work at his Stanford lab, in pediatric health. Tom was instrumental in helping me get **JEFF GOODMAN** on campus last fall. The alumni office partners with the Detroit Homecoming conference, sponsored each year by Crain's Business Detroit. Jeff, who is involved in commercial real estate finance, came out for the conference and carved out time to be part of an alumni panel, on Cranbrook's campus, which included industry breakout sessions for students! I also had a chance to catch up with **MANDY WHELAN HOAR** in Charlevoix last summer. We hung out for an afternoon and laughed at old stories. **CHARLENE REUSS GRANDELIUS** and I made a trip to Westport Point, Ma to visit Christine Jones Juneau's cottage on the water. We explored Newport, RI and other surrounding points of interest and enjoyed every moment of it!"



Susan Varbedian Lucken and John Horvath, both '78

Susan Varbedian Lucken writes "What a fabulous 40th weekend we had! It was so good to see people that hadn't been back in a while. Thank you to the guys who let me sing some Stevie Nicks Friday night at the Senior Cabin with my miner's headlight on. Thank you Ray, Maury and Josh! You guys were awesome! Had a nice summer. Played lots of golf. Was very involved with the Christ Church Cranbrook 90th anniversary celebration held

at the end of September. I was very honored to be recognized in October with the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Michigan State University College of Nursing. It was a most unexpected surprise and truly humbling. My husband and I spent a week at Thanksgiving in Denver visiting my son, Griffin, who is a software developer and loves Colorado. What's not to like? We took time to visit Red Rocks and Boulder and did a lot of other sightseeing. It was a fun week! My stepson, Ryan, is living in Novi and working for Trinity healthcare as an IT recruiter. We spent a week in Boca Raton with my Dad in January and played lots of golf and spent over a month in Naples at the Ritz Tiburón resort playing a lot of golf between February and March. You'd think I'd have a better game than I do! I still remain very involved at Christ Church Cranbrook volunteering. I am 1 of 2 Parish nurses on the Parish Health Ministry and we do monthly presentations for the congregation on a variety of health topics. I still write a monthly medical column for the church bulletin and continue to serve on the Prayer Shawl Ministry knitting prayer shawls and have been doing that for over 15 years. That has always been a most rewarding experience. Many thanks to Sue Ann for all of her hard work in making our 40th a weekend to remember!" Congratulations Susan and thank you! Xo. **BRICK SWIRBUL** is living with his wife, Rebecca, in Carbondale, CO. and is doing physical therapy work while enjoy the outdoor lifestyle. They have two grown children, Keegan and Hailey. Keegan is a professional road bike rider who is racing all over the world. He can be seen in the tours of California, Colorado and Utah to name a few. Hailey is travelling the world on the US Olympic Cross Country Ski team. Brick and his sister, Kim '75, will meet in Quebec City in March to watch Hailey compete in a World Cup race. **GRACE PIKU** shares "Celebrating 25 years of marriage to John R. Boladian on May 14th. I continue to work in cultural marketing and John received the Excellence in Leadership award for DTE. Our daughters, Lilly 21 and Lexi 18, are making this the best times in our lives! Lilly is at University of Kentucky studying Equine Science to become a breeder. She's well on her way! She's worked for Winstar Farms (think Justify Triple Crown winner) and currently works at Frankfort Park Farms. She competes in Hunter/Jumpers with River Mountains Farms for trainer Elaine Shott. Lil's taking care of and making babies—

foals! Lexi has signed the NLI to play NCAA DII Lacrosse in college in Alabama. Lexi will play for Team USA in Lisbon, Portugal this summer prior to her collegiate career. No matter what is tossed in our paths, we find friendship and strength in experiences both happy and sad from the love we receive. It is our hope to continue to give back to our community current and past." **MARK NORDMAN** contacted me with this news, "Maribeth and I have been married for 31 years. We have lived on our horse farm in Gainesville, Florida, for the past 15 years. I have been running private clubs and club communities my entire career, and also founded our record label "Woodward Avenue Records" about nine years ago. We focus mostly on smooth jazz, but have branched out in R&B, Pop, Americana and soon to be... Country. We are blessed to have had 11 Billboard #1 hits. We have one daughter, Alexa, who is getting ready to enter her final year of Law School at the University of Florida, where she ranks at the top of her class. She will be the rare "triple Gator" with Bachelors, Masters and Law degree...all from Florida. Maribeth sold her business three years ago and now runs our farm and writes children's books which feature our mini-horses, Parker & Daisy." Sounds wonderful! Meg Meurer Brossy brings us this happy news: "Overall, we remain very blessed. My parents are mid 80s and are thriving and continue to fly between Montecito, Vero Beach and Bloomfield Hills. They are both in A+ health, (knock on wood) yet are bumming at their friends that have health issues. My boys are both sophomores—Philip at Tulane and Charles at New Canaan High School. Philip is 'crushing' Tulane's Biz School and started a Phone repair/device buy back business (Oh Shoot Repairs) and is now on 10 college campuses beyond Tulane including the University of Michigan. We are hopeful he remains in college!! Charles just finished his Varsity squash season and just got his drivers permit so drivers beware! And I started another sales role with another mar-tech company based in Palo Alto yet working from Connecticut. Guy is doing great too—we are all counting the days to get up to Northern Michigan, to Leland, and we welcome Cranbrook visitors so please reach out!" **ANN CORKERY STRACHAN** shares: "My news—I'm living in NH with my husband, Peter. Our three kids are doing well and two are married; my daughter, Cara, is the mother of little Liam. I am busy working in the mental health field

trying to bring beneficial services needed in our state. I loved reunion and remembering such a unique time in our lives and great to see so many classmates who were able to be there—many laughs and a few tears. We missed those who were unable to attend—especially **MELISSA ZIEVE**, but alas she had a pretty good excuse (her daughter's college graduation). I want to thank all those who shared great memories of my parents with me—Cranbrook and Kingswood Schools have a very special place in our extended Corkery family! Thanks Sue Ann for all you did to make our 40th really great!" Thank You, Ann xo. Patty Smith Moss shares that her children are doing great. Mallory is finishing her Master's Degree at The Ross Business School at U of M. Alex is loving being a lawyer in Chicago and Jake is also really loving living in Los Angeles, working in finance for some big name Hollywood stars! Laura Wilner Craig and Andy Craig's son, Jake, was married last September at Christ Church Cranbrook and their son Christopher is following his grandpa's footprints and is becoming a doctor! I play Words with Friends with **KELLY EXLINE** and we private message back and forth! She sounds great and is looking forward to traveling to Morocco in the fall. **NANCY SIEGEL HEINRICH** and I just started playing, as well! I caught up with **HAYES THOMAS** a couple weeks ago! It was wonderful! Forty plus years didn't exist as it felt like yesterday. He is doing great, in Miami and welcomes a call from anyone visiting Miami. So great to catch up. I am happy to share that I can walk again. It was a long journey for me, after my accident, but I was able to get to my son's graduation (in a wheelchair) from University of Texas, in 2017 and succeeded a huge goal...to walk at my daughter's wedding, on March 31, 2018! I did it! I was blessed to have **NATALIE FORD**, Patty Smith Moss and my college roommate, Lisa, with me at the beautiful event (in Leesburg, Virginia). Natalie is doing great and is as fun and sweet as ever! My Spencer is thriving in Austin, as a Quantitative Analyst for a Hedge Fund Company and loving Texas. My Charlotte and new son-in-law, Ben, are American Diplomats in Cairo, Egypt. Quite the life they lead! I am excited to visit them in September. It was so wonderful to see everyone at reunion. I cannot tell you how touched I was by all of your kind words and the beautiful class gift you gave to me. A special thank you to Matt Riley for all of your thoughtfulness and for being you! Thank You

to Susan Aikens Post, Rick Loewenstein, Frank Houttekier, John Horvath, Laura Wilner Craig, Andy Craig, Patty Smith Moss, Cindy Heitsch Corrigan and all who helped make our reunion a weekend to remember! It takes a village! Thank you for being the village! I wish for you all the greatest happiness and look forward to hearing from you for our update, in the fall!

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I just had coffee with Charlie Shaw. Well, it was supposed to be coffee but it lasted three hours and I had salmon instead of coffee. First off, I didn't realize that Mr. Shaw's first year was our freshman year. Second, I didn't realize that he was about 27 when he started teaching at The Brook. Lastly, I'm sure he's constantly faced with billions of middle-aged alumni dragging him down memory lane, but he was super cool about it. That was good because drag him I did. From sitting in the car on my first trip down Lone Pine Road. Over the bridge. Passing Christ Church Cranbrook. Then to the basement office of Reverend Livingston, who was smoking a pipe as he shook my hand. I sat in his office, which was more like a museum of ancient books and sports artifacts, as he grilled me with questions of what I had done in my ten years of life to earn my place as a Cranbrook man. Flash forward to standing on the lawn outside of Christ Church trading relieved high-fives with my dudes before crossing that bridge one last time before the 5th year reunion. Ahh, memories. It's been a busy year (more on that later) but I had time to reach out to a few of you. **BEN CONNELLY** has been traveling around the country with his son, Alex, to interview and audition for vocal programs. "We've been to The University of Michigan and Miami of Ohio and The University of Washington. It's hard to know what will work." He adds, "I am a substitute teacher's aide for my school district. Working mostly with kids on the autism spectrum. Tracy and I are reading everything we can get our hands on about retiring overseas." Good luck, amigo.



Olivia Allesee '14, Joan, Meredith Allesee '11 and Bill Allesee '81

BILL ALLESEE went to Chicago to spend Christmas with Meredith '11 then drove home on Christmas day for a family party at Mike Acheson's '80 house. "We packed the car the next day and drove to Brooklyn to move Olivia '14 into her new apartment for her new paid internship in Manhattan. We spent a few days there enjoying the sights and making multiple trips to IKEA to get her set up." He continues, "Both girls are doing well. I've been pretty steady with my editorial work. In fact, I got a gig for a week in Cologne, Germany.



Bill Allesee and Tim Kelley, both '81, in Stuttgart,

While there, I was able to get in touch with **TIM KELLEY**, who drove up from Stuttgart to spend an afternoon with me. So, it was a busy quarter!" Bill also ran into **MARK JONES** at a fundraiser for the Franklin Wright Settlements at the DTE Energy HQ building downtown.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Right at press time, word was received of the loss of **SCOTT STUBBS**. Scott had just reported in to Rob that he was enjoying the Colorado lifestyle in Estes Park, near the Rocky Mountain National Park. As he enthusiastically told Rob, "At the Stanley hotel campus, I enjoy the satisfaction and challenge of renovating this 100+ year old hotel complex filled with history and ghosts that inspired the pages of Stephen King's novel. I grab some ski days when I can." He reported that he was especially excited about a project to begin construction on the Stanley Film & Arts Center. We know the members of the class of '81 will keep Scott and his family close in their thoughts. Miraculously, I also heard from

ALDO STANTON who has been in Northern Michigan, which he describes as "The North Pole snow globe where snowbanks everywhere are over my head." He adds, "There's amazing alpine and XC ski touring out here. My kingdom for a snowmobile! Landing in CO next weekend will feel like early Summer! Hoping March and April are sunny and warm! Cheers." Cheers back at ya. And say hey to Scott for me while you're up there. According to **TRUG CHAPPELL**'s Facebook page, he's just completed visiting all 50 states and the District of Columbia with stops in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. New Mexico was his last stop and the pictures on his page are breathtaking. Make sure to check him out. **INGO RAUTENBERG** won the Acura Sports Car Challenge as part of a surprising Acura sweep by Team Penske. INGO piloted an Acura DPi and crossed the finish line 8.464 seconds ahead of his team competition. Of course, none of that's true but I'm going to keep lying about INGO's exploits until he sends me an actual update. **DOUG ATKINS** says "The Atkins family has been moving through a time of change and reflection. On January 1, 2019, we brought Janet's mother home to pass away. She did not wish to die in a hospital (she was prescribed two blood thinners and she was bleeding in her lungs). A short 20 days later, Janet lost an Aunt so we were making a second trip to the family burial grounds in Gilchrist County." He adds that the future Governor, Ron DeSantis and future Lt Governor, Jenette Nunez, visited their Assisted Living Facility back in June. "We expect to get our permits released next week for our new \$2.2 million building on our senior living campus which will expand our senior living operations and we are now seeking a campus director to help 'row the boat'." He is moving his corporate office down the street into temporary digs until his new corporate headquarters can be built on the big campus so they will continue to expand space and grow their focus. "We have our lobbyists in Tallahassee working on small policy changes and some funding issues that affect the common good and mental health. He adds that his son, Douglas, will graduate this year from Bolles. "He has been accepted at University of Florida, University of Georgia, University of South Carolina (Honors College) and Florida State University (invite to Honors College) plus scholarship dollars. He has not yet heard back from Harvard, Princeton, William and Mary, University of Virginia,

Davidson or Bowdoin. We shall see where this young man ends up. He is an interesting person and great problem solver who is absolutely correct 95% of the time in his analysis and he is only 17 years old. My daughter, Emily, is a second year at University of North Florida studying Health Administration and we love seeing her every weekend! A daughter is truly a father's heart! This May 2019, we plan to go with our church for a return trip to Israel, this will be an exciting time to see the holy sites and reconnect. Life is on the move and time waits for no one, we each need to seize today and each hour we are gifted! Blessings to all!" **ERIC WEXLER** got in just under the wire with this, "'Prune the verbiage.' I have carried those three words with me throughout my life. That was pretty much all I could think about when I learned about the unfortunate passing of Dr. Roth. Dr. Roth's ability to actually take the time to offer handwritten constructive commentary of so many of my hard to digest papers typified the lengths the Cranbrook community went to help me navigate throughout high school during some pretty challenging times. I will always be grateful to Dr. Roth and the lessons he taught toward becoming the person I am today. Fast forward to today. Thankfully, those that matter most to me are doing well. Sherry and I are pretty much empty nesters (with the exception of our dogs - Pepper and Arthur) as our son, Austin, and daughter, Jordyn, work toward their respective undergraduate degrees from Lawrence Tech and Michigan State. We still live in West Bloomfield and look forward to seeing winter disappear as quickly as possible. I still stay in close touch with **TODD HORKINS** who is now a Radiologist in Stuart, Florida, and every now and then I run into **SANFORD SCHULMAN** - sometimes in the oddest places. The last time was at the Caucus Club in downtown Detroit where he was celebrating his mother's birthday. I look forward to our next milestone reunion." Yep. There will be more on our 40th reunion in the next issue. Speaking of "Eric's", this came over the transom from **ERIC MAZURE**. "Recently I suffered a herniated disc in my neck, ouch. It made me realize that I'm a little out of shape and chunky. I have come to the realization that I need to focus on health. I have decided to start a Cranbrook Walk for health in the evenings and weekend days when it starts warming up. I encourage any and all to attend. We will be meeting in the oval parking area and the walk will take under

an hour. We will walk all over the grounds. Reach out on FB and let's start kicking some tail!" You can find Eric through our Facebook page (information below). As for me, my older son, Jay, is now a world traveler. I have to follow his Instagram page to know where he is. Meanwhile, my younger son, Sammy, is about to graduate from Loyola University in Maryland. As of this writing, his lacrosse team is the number one D1 School in the country. My wife's jewelry page is taking off and I'm continuing to work on several fun projects including a series I'm creating for Showtime and a feature film I'm writing with Chris Rock that frequently takes me to New York City. While there I get to have frequent dinners with **HAJI UESATO**. Haji is currently working on fantastic animated films for Blue Sky Entertainment. His daughter, Nina, an award-winning violinist, is in the college application grind. I'm sure we'll be making an announcement about her decision in the next issue. Now, as many of you might remember, in our last issue we marked the passing of the great **TIM CANNON**. I was heartened and humbled when Tim's widow, Amy, reached out to express her gratitude for hearing from all of you. In fact, she asked for extra issues of the magazine. I told her that I knew the class would appreciate hearing from her. I'll let her words speak for themselves. "Thank you for your invitation to submit to *Tradition* in honor of your classmate Tim. I apologize for the lapse in my response time since your first kind invitation. Somedays I am prompt to respond to correspondences and many I am unable to. I am somewhere in the depths of grief. Tim and I had a beautiful life together and were deeply in love and devoted to each other, our caring children, animals, our home and service, endeavoring to help the world in ways we can. My plan was to contact you and request submitting Tim's obituary along with the date of the event to honor my husband here in Telluride of July 6, 2019, to *Tradition*. I've been writing about Tim since he died. Our local newspaper is holding the spot for me to submit Tim's obituary. They gave me the limit of 600-800 words but no deadline. I have more than 22,000 words written at this time. I write something almost every day. While it may seem unconventional for a spouse to write the obituary, I crave doing this and his memorial as my gift of honor for Tim. No one can represent my husband better than me and I know Tim wouldn't want it any other way. This is what Tim deserves. Tim would tell me regularly he

loved my writing and he encouraged me to write. He used to say (seriously), 'When are you going to publish your work so I can quit?!' I'd tease and remind him that poetry, short stories, and children's literature don't make very much money and that he'd have to work for the rest of his life. Annoyed groans followed. He worked so hard at everything he did. Tim wanted to be better the next day than he was the day before. It would be impossible for anyone to understand the trauma, the layers of trauma, that accompany my loss from my husband's sudden death. Tim and I did everything outside together except his epic bike rides and my long horseback rides. That leaves all our other outdoor activities which we shared; trail running, biking, horseback riding, hiking, exploring, summiting mountains, skiing, canoeing, camping, ranch work and cutting firewood or growing new pretty gardens and much more. We loved the wilderness as home. In daily life, we talked two or three times in the morning, two or three times in the afternoon, planned delights to do together after work, sometimes simply the delight of working our land together. Tim was a visionary and our ranch layout is his landscaping masterpiece. We have a remote ranch and horses where we finally completed our dream home after years of working toward our goal. I would have been with Tim the day he climbed the mountain which he died on but I had four more months of healing recovery before I was to be cleared by my surgeon to resume hiking after my recent complicated knee surgery. When I couldn't reach Tim on his cell and he didn't come home as expected, I left to first find our car where he'd parked to begin his hike, then I called Search and Rescue at the Sheriff's department to help me go out and find him. There was no way I wasn't going to go out hiking, climbing, looking for my husband regardless of my knee. I led the SAR team with the heroic help of our twenty-six-year-old son, Morgan Pihl and my ex-husband, Tim's and my dear friend, Glen Pihl until, on the tenth day, while ending a search, which our dear friend, Tim's best friend from Cranbrook, Evan Moore '80 was on also, when I reinjured my knee and was forced to stop. The last eight days of the search, I could only advise volunteers of where I would like them to look. It was an involved pilot, who on his own initiative and frustrated Tim had not yet been found, flew low over the rugged mountains in his crop duster fixed wing to discover my beloved. The entire eighteen-day search and

the ultimate result are excruciating. Tim's death is sacred to me and to our little intimate family, which was our loving children, Morgan and Erin Pihl and us. The search brought out some of our dearest friends, co-workers and acquaintances as well as kind strangers. The trained SAR team had a lot of our friends on it as well. Outside of these amazing and generous searchers and helpful volunteers, the way it became public and flared with media and social media was really tough and added a more difficult aftermath for our intimate family. We miss Tim so much. He was so strong, so much fun, so talented, was good at whatever he focused on and tried, he's persevered through his personal challenges, had a bright faith, a heart full of love and was so good. Tim and I have a rare and extraordinary love. We adore him. My immeasurable pain of my loss of my husband and for Morgan and Erin, their special dad, and the depths of grief are hard to work through. I want to complete Tim's obituary but haven't just yet. I certainly have enough words. It is simply selecting down. I will use some of all these words for the eulogy at his service. I hope this email gives some better perspective of Tim's life and the sad event of Tim's death. I do realize you aren't asking for Tim's obituary, though I would like to complete it and submit that to you for your review to perhaps extract from for *Tradition*. Let me know what you think of this and also when your deadline for the next issue would need to be. It will be a pleasure to select a few photos for the *Tradition* issue, too. Please, Rob, feel free to describe to me what you were imagining and I will work to meet that. Thank you for your emails and for your prayers. Amy." Thank you, Amy. Unfortunately, I have to add that we were recently informed of the death of **ADAM GORDON**'s wife who passed away recently. He's in our prayers. I'm sure he'd appreciate hearing from you guys. As I mentioned, it's pedal to the metal from now until our 40th, yes, 40th reunion. As always, we'll be slowly tracking you down over the next few years. You can save us a lot of trouble by outing yourselves before your parents do. And, if you're interested in hosting, please let me know via any of the contact information below. And, as always, Go Cranes!

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From **HEIDI BLEEKER HERMAN** “My husband, Bob, and I still live in Charleston, South Carolina. I am still practicing law (remotely with a law firm in Chicago) which works just fine for me, especially in the winter! Our kids are grown and have moved away (Mickey in DC is an attorney also, and Rachael is in Chattanooga, TN, working for an insurance company) so we are empty nesters except for our two dogs—Daisy and Tucker. Charleston is a lovely city and if anyone ever plans to visit, let me know. I haven’t seen any one from Kingswood/Cranbrook for the last year or more so I have no news on anyone else” **RUSTINE GHANDCHI JANISZEWSKI** writes “I am a social worker at the Detroit VA hospital. I work with homeless veterans. My husband is a Navy veteran that also works at the VA. My eldest son, Alex, just got a promotion as a portfolio manager at The Bank of Montreal in Phoenix, AZ. He is moving there in March. My younger son, Skyler is doing very well at Rochester High School. He is in theatre, marching band, jazz band, concert band and Boy Scouts. I am a very proud mother”



Maria Ajluni Coyle '81, and new granddaughter, Lauren DeBenedectis

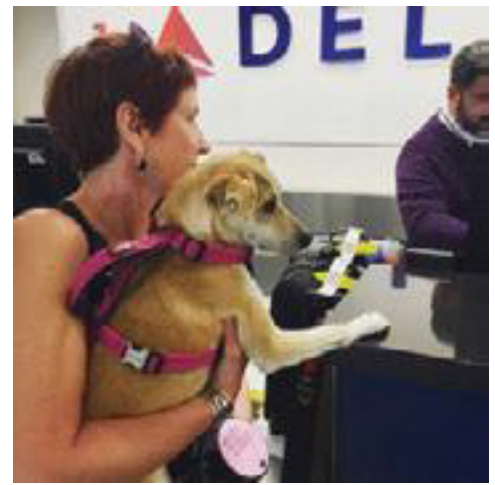
MARIA AJLUNI COYLE is a grandmother x 2!!—that is amazing (and makes me feel very old—I still have a kid in high school!!) She writes “I have a grandson, Chase, who is two and a granddaughter, Lauren, who arrived on Monday, February 25. They are the children of my daughter, Samar Coyle DeBenedectis

'07. I have been truly blessed” In March of 2018, **DEBORAH WAHL** was made the Global Chief Marketing Officer for Cadillac. She posted an amazing picture at the Oscars in an **AMAZING** dress! Her son Alexander Meyer is a sophomore at Cranbrook. I caught **SONIA AJLUNI PASTORE** on the way to the airport to London and she writes “I will be visiting my two British exchange students from Cranbrook Kent who are now 28 years old. Also, I had a visit from Dana Anderson '82 And her daughter as houseguests last week!”



Dana Gettel Betty '81 with son and grandson

Just in from **DANA GETTEL BETTY** “Best fun news for me is that my middle son and his wife had a baby boy, George Blake on November 18...oldest son married and my youngest a freshman in college, and my husband and his three children all healthy and good.” **SANDI SMITH** is a Real Estate Broker in Ann Arbor and is appreciative of my efforts towards this cause (thanks, am not sure how good I am...but find it rewarding.)



Cynthia Koeze '81, and her new “souvenir”

From **CYNTHIA KOEZE** “My husband and I just got back from a vacation in Puerto Rico (I use the term “vacation” loosely). We picked up a souvenir that we really didn’t want but with the shelters all full and her starving to death on the streets we spent our vacation do what was necessary to get her home. The whole story is on my somewhat new blog ... here’s a link: www.onedaywoman.com/saving-lucy-our-puerto-rico-adventure From **MICHELLE JOERIN STEWART** “Bryan and I have had an adventurous year. He retired from the US Army in April, and we paddled the Grand Canyon to celebrate. Two weeks on the river in late April, complete with snow and incredible beauty both on the river and all around us in the side canyons. We drove from Fort Meade, MD to Flagstaff and back with four kayaks on the car, then closed out our military service and packed up the house. By mid-May we were back on the road, towing the Airstream, as we made our way back across the country to our new home in Battle Ground, WA, just north of Portland. We love west coast life, and retired life in general. We bought a home on a whitewater river and paddle it often. We are becoming active in the community, and plan to be there the rest of our lives. We also welcomed a second pair of grandchildren to our family recently as our eldest two daughters once again delivered within weeks of each other. Two boys this time, for a total of one girl and three boys. Our third daughter graduated from Belmont College in Nashville, and has settled in NYC.” I’m very sad to report that our classmate **SALLY RYDER MANDEL** passed away in 2017. Joining us in senior year as a student from the UK, I remember her as a fun, energetic and funny woman with a great accent. All is good with me and my family. Our youngest, Eliza, is off to Tulane in the fall and

Merrick is a sophomore at Villanova. So it's just us and the dog. I'm still working at a Pre-K to 8 elementary school, Derby Academy, in Development, and traveling lots—mostly for fun! I look forward to seeing you all in 2021 for our 40th reunion, (is that possible??—yikes!) if not before!

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We have a short but momentous column this time. **HILARY WOLF BORMAN** became a grandma on October 22, 2018 when her daughter Hannah delivered Claire Crane! Claire weighed in at 7.5 pounds and was 19.5" long at birth. She's pictured here doing her best Happy Baby pose! I've met her and can attest to her cuteness and sparkling personality!



New granddaughter to Hilary Wolf Borman '82

As for me, I recently started a new job at KPMG, where I focus on executive communications. I do a lot of writing and editing and I always credit my abilities to what I learned at Kingswood/Cranbrook. I may not remember what I had for lunch yesterday, but I do remember having my adverbs corrected by Miss Rutzen, discussing Hemingway in Dr. Welch's classroom and participating in Gallimaufry meetings. Thankfully, something stuck! Hope to hear from more of you next time.

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I apologize for not getting the 35th reunion recap in the fall edition. First, thank you SO much to everyone who came to at least one

of the events. It wasn't a huge turnout and the weather could have been better, but it truly was a blast to see you all and watch classmates reconnect and catch up! There are too many photos to include here, so look in our Facebook group and on our class website (see below). If you have photos and haven't shared them, please do and I'll add to the albums. After the Quad party, we didn't have an official class gathering planned, so people went to dinner and then met up in Birmingham for the rest of the evening.



Debbie Schwartz '83 and Christine Miskowski Harriss '83 at Reunion 2018

Those who made an appearance at #35 include: **CRAIG RUBIN, RICK MINTZ, FRED BARTHOLOMEW, ADAM TAUB, CHRISTIAN HULL, MARK THIBODEAU, JULIE STULBERG ROTHSTEIN, BARBARA REWEY NEWMAN, HARVEY KANER, RAMONA NG, DAVE WARD, KATHY GALANTOWICZ JURIGA, MIKE ISRAEL, MATT NOSANCHUCK, CRAIG FREDERICK, BRIAN HERMELIN, PAM APPLEBAUM, JON DOEHR, RICK BLUMENSTEIN, NANCY WOLPIN RECHTER, HEIDI BUSH GANNON, MELINDA NORTH SAYLOR, DEBBIE SCHWARTZ, LIZ HARBECK MONAGHAN, CHRISTINE MISKOWSKI HARRISS, JAN MITTENTHAL ROSEN, GREG BROWN, SETH GOULD, ALYSE BELKIN, KEVIN STOUTERMIRE and BILL HAHN.** Shout out to my sisters Anne Rewey Lalas '88 and Anna Welch Nicol '88 for both traveling so far to share their big reunion weekend with us, as well as keeping **CHRISTINE MISKOWSKI HARRISS** and me laughing all weekend! Special thanks to **JULIE STULBERG ROTHSTEIN, DEBBIE SCHWARTZ, KATHY GALANTOWICZ JURIGA, DAVE WARD and CHRISTINE MISKOWSKI HARRISS**, for various roles they played in helping to boost attendance, communicate event details, steer

the after-party attendees away from trouble, share photos and keep me totally entertained with hilarious conversations and texts. And now onto class news. Unfortunately, there were just a few updates, but the first to respond to my email blasts, was **PHIL WOLF** who writes, "While many of our friends are celebrating their kids' high school and college graduations, we've been looking at preschools for our son. After several years of caring in various ways for different family members, and with our own potential childbearing days behind us, my wife Mary and I have been blessed with a wonderful little boy. Tyler, who's now two, was placed in foster care with us four days after he was born on Christmas 2016, and his adoption was finalized in June 2018.



Phil Wolf '83, Wife Mary and son Tyler

We are enjoying every day with him, and I try not to think about how many years I still need to work to cover future tuition costs. That work is currently as a benefits communication consultant to large tech companies, a nice change of pace I made after Tyler was born. I've been in San Francisco for 25 years now, and I previously led internal communications teams at Gap, Clorox and Visa. Mary is a jewelry designer with her own business, which she hopes to rev up again once we find that preschool for Tyler." Two quick replies to that news: WOW! And Congratulations to you both! Might want to invest in a great longevity supplement company—you're going to need the energy! **KAREN DENN STEARNS** checked in from the Far East and had this news to share: "My husband Joe and I have been living in Taipei, Taiwan for the last year and have one more to go. We love it and have been traveling all over Asia. Just finished an amazing riverboat cruise down the Mekong River through Vietnam and Cambodia! I would be happy to host anyone who may be traveling our way!"



Karen Denn Stearns '83 and Husband Joe in Taiwan

It was also great to hear from **MIKE HENNESSEY**, who is still working as an ophthalmologist and living in the Chicago area with his wife, Jenny Kirk.



Mike Hennessey '83 and family vacationing in Bangkok

Mike writes, "My two sons are in college and doing well. Our oldest, Collin, will graduate from University of Southern California this spring and wants to work in Commercial Real Estate Financing. My youngest is a sophomore at Georgetown, studying International Relations, and wants to focus on renewable energy. Our family recently took a fabulous trip to Thailand over Christmas." I also got a quick check-in and some great photos from **HARVEY KANER**, who is still living in LA. "It was super fun seeing everyone at the reunion! I walked around our beautiful campus twice and probably shot about 400 photos. So good to reconnect with our amazing school and with everyone who showed up. Filled me with gratitude." Amazing that the campus still has that effect on us all. **CHRIS COOPER** also sent a brief hello and said he would send more

of an update when his daughter graduates from high school next year. **CHRISTINE MISKOWSKI HARRISS** had some exciting career news. She reports, "I am currently starting a lifestyle blog called Style Elevator. It will launch early spring and will focus on travel, health/wellness, fashion, beauty and home design...a little bit of everything. I'm getting back to creative direction and writing (which encompassed most of my career) and am very excited about it! I plan on traveling and doing vlogs that feature many of my friends. Right now, I've lined up a cheese monger, a painter, an artisanal popsicle maker, a furniture designer who specializes in mid-century modern and a travel agent who has been to Africa on safari over eighty times. Should be interesting!" Definitely, I can't wait to subscribe! It was also wonderful to hear from **KRIS SIRCHIO**. He says, "My family and I have been living in Louisville KY for 8+ years, after having moved back from a 20 year stay in Europe. All family members thriving, including my wife Wendy (very active in our local non-profit community), son Noah (16 and driving), daughter Sophie (13 and socializing), and 3-year-old red lab, Clover. I recently went on a Patagonia/Antarctica expedition with our classmate **JOHN BURGER**, which was amazing!



John Burger '83 adventuring in Antarctica with Kris Sirchio

The nature there, especially in Antarctica, is unlike anything I had ever seen. Personal highlight was camping overnight on the continent with just a sleeping bag and being woken up by snoring seals and hungry whales feeding and surfacing just in front of our campsite. Feeling very fortunate on all fronts and always happy to host/reconnect with fellow classmates anytime. My best contact info: kris.sirchio@gmail.com or mobile 502-333-2944." As I was in the midst of gathering

everyone's updates, Kris was preparing to head back to Cranbrook to host the "Sirchio Distinguished Speaker Series." Many of you may not be aware that 26 years ago, his passion for inspiring and motivating young people led Kris to create a lecture series which brings distinguished Cranbrook and Kingswood alumni to speak and interact with students about important subjects related to their own experiences and accomplishments. The first night is an open lecture to the broader Cranbrook community and local people. On the following day, the honored guest interacts with students in both a central auditorium setting, as well as the classroom. Kris said that he created and designed the event based on a similar series his grandfather and brothers founded years ago at Westminster College in Missouri. "That event is now almost 85 years running and has brought in a lot of famous people including Winston Churchill, when he gave his famous "Iron Curtain" speech." The Sirchio Series has since become one of Cranbrook's most popular annual events. Kris explained that he wants students to "interact with outstanding alums who can inspire them to dream big, 'Aim High' and broaden their sense of what's possible and what they can accomplish."



Kris Sirchio '83 with Alexi Lalas '88

This year, Alexi Lalas '88, (and also my brother-in-law), will be the featured speaker. Well known for his years playing international and professional soccer in MLS, he was also on two Olympic soccer teams, played in two FIFA World Cups, has been the general manager

for three MLS teams, a broadcaster for ESPN and currently is a soccer commentator and analyst for FOX Sports and a motivational speaker. Alexi has often publicly attributed much of his success to his experiences as a student at Cranbrook—a feeling he shares with our very own former soccer player and impressive classmate, Kris Sirchio. I have no doubt that their combined passion to inspire young people will have an overwhelmingly positive impact on the student body at this year's event. Lucky kids! Congratulations to Kris on his success and enthusiastic endeavors giving back to the CK community! With the exception of last summer's big event, I really haven't seen that many classmates this year. I did get a nice note from **BETSY BOYD**, who is still in MI and doing well. I have exchanged FB messages recently with **MEGAN FOSTER BELVAL**, who is also living in CT with her husband and three children. A few weeks ago, we had a quick, but very fun visit with **PATRICK MERCIER** who stayed with us while in town for the night. He and my husband are also good friends and were fraternity brothers at Miami University. As I am typing this on a snowy cold day at home, they just happen to be playing golf together in FL! This spring, our son Bennett will graduate from Washington & Lee University in VA with a degree in Philosophy, Math and a Minor in French. His twin sister, Anna, will be wrapping up her junior year at Denison University, where she is studying Art and Art History. Not quite sure how the past four years have flown by, but we're looking forward to seeing what kind of great adventures lie ahead for them. Please remember that I'm always interested in hearing your news and happy to save it for the next issue. If you are on Facebook and haven't joined our class page, do that! And remember—we have a class website for CK '83 only: WWW.CRANBROOKKINGSWOOD83.COM. Email me if you have trouble with access. You can connect with long-lost classmates, update your personal information and browse through class photo albums I've created with your help (CK years, reunions, and whatever you send me!) Until next time, be well and have a fabulous and healthy summer. Soak up every minute of sun and fun with friends and family! I look forward to hearing about all your adventures in the fall.

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Dear Classmates, it is with sadness that I report the loss of our classmate, **CHRISTOPHER GODAU** this winter. I am including a note written by his youngest brother, David: "Chris was from a family of five children. He was never married, and was very close to his family. In his early life he became a role model to his younger brothers; they looked up to him, and he influenced them in many positive ways. From a career perspective, he became a very successful IT professional in automotive engineering, as well as teaching computer courses among elementary through high school students. Chris was a Christian and active in church. He was a consummate student of scholarly biblical subjects and teachings. Over his lifetime he was a collector of hundreds of books, primarily related to technology and Christianity. Chris spent the last 12 years of his life in Florida with family. He passed away unexpectedly December 1, 2018. He is remembered most fondly for his love for his family, his sense of humor and his passion for learning. May the light that God put in his heart continue to be shared with many others both now and forever." I had the pleasure of catching up with **ERIC KOEPELE** quite recently. I don't believe that we have been in touch since around the time of high school graduation and I'm looking to reconnect next time I'm in NYC. Eric writes: "I work in NYC and commute from Long Island. I've been in the digital media business since ~1999 which means I am a digital dinosaur. The industry is generally a good one that I'm proud to have played in since its early days. Even though I was never coding talent, I believe it was my early exposure (for our generation) to computers, thanks to Richard Lamb's lab full of TRS-80s, that made it comfortable and enjoyable for me to use the machines and ultimately jump into a digital media job when the internet was just becoming a commercial thing. My occasional recurring nightmare involves showing up at a college programming class that I hadn't attended all semester and my first appearance in class happens to be on the day of the final exam. Outside work, I've learned to be a passable striped bass fisherman. A couple of my kids are certifiable fish whisperers. Here's a photo of two of my kids, Elijah and Finn, with their fish. I'm hiding behind the glass door."



Eric Koepele '84 and two of his children, Elijah and Finn

In a few days, **MATT TRUNSKY** and I are scheduled to go on the 50th CK Wilderness Expedition in the Smoky Mountains. It's a great excuse to get back out to nature and the basics. Come join on in future years! I am hoping to see and catch up with many of our classmates from both Cranbrook/Kingswood '84 at our 35th Reunion June 7-9, 2019. Both Rich Lamb and Sarkis Halajian will be retiring this June and it will be an opportunity to see them both before they are off on their other endeavors. I'm retiring, too. ;)

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Hello, everyone! Here is my inaugural entry as Class Secretary, 1988. I received but two replies—from **JEFFERY SMITH** and **TROY IHLANFELDT**—who will now forever be my favorite fellow alumni. Oh, I also received "block email" requests from a certain someone who shall remain nameless (and shameless). With new respect for **LANCE LEHMANN & LAURA REICKERT LEHMANN** who endured this difficult job for years, please read the following for Jeff and Troy's excellent updates...and get inspired for next time!! Jeff Smith: "I am living in Brooklyn—wife Rebecca and twin 8-year-old girls Jillian and Reagan. It is great. I got my Ph.D. in Psychology and after a few stops am the Global Head of Human Resources at a company called BlackRock. It is a great place that cares about people and culture and I love my work. Lots of other good

stuff but those are the basics. I was sad not to be able to make the reunion—I am sure it was a trip.” Troy Ihlanfeldt: “Very sorry to miss the reunion—but we had a family wedding the same weekend. In terms Cranbrook news—my daughter Charlotte started as a boarder at Cranbrook-Kingswood last week!



Charlotte Ihlanfeldt '21, daughter of Troy Ihlanfeldt '88

She wants to be in the architecture/design world and I can think of no better place for her to start that journey (she agreed!). It was great to be back on campus and I can't wait to get back for parents' weekend later this month. In terms of me—my wife Michele and I live in Lake Forest outside Chicago with our son Finn (12). I work for the digital agency Merkle (part of Dentsu Aegis) and travel frequently to New York where most of my clients are located.

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Hello Fellow Classmates! I hope you can make it to our 30th Class Reunion June 7th, 8th, & 9th! Please look for more information in the mail and online regarding our class celebration. For those of you who may not be aware, there is a Class Facebook page: Cranbrook Kingswood Class of 1989. Please add yourself and any other '89 class members to the page: [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/10861630925/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/10861630925/) and please visit here for reunion details: [HTTPS://SCHOOLS.CRANBROOK.EDU/PAGE/ALUMNI/REUNION](https://schools.cranbrook.edu/page/alumni/reunion) This thought occurred to me and I wanted to share it with you so that you might consider your own unique value as part of our class. There was only and ever will be one class of 1989 that happened at a moment in time with each and every one of us individuals that make up the Class of 1989 at Cranbrook Kingswood School—no more and no less. YOU are part of this unique 'moment' in time. As a 'Lifer',

I can't express the profound difference that Brookside and Cranbrook Kingswood have made in my life. The schools WERE my childhood, and they absolutely created the foundation for my life. And this, to me, is a priceless opportunity that I was thankfully given to me by my parents. On that note, I have a few things to ask: 1) First and foremost, I would love for us to have 100% attendance at reunion. Yes, I intend to hunt down our 'lost' classmates and make sure they consider coming, too, along with you. 2) I'd also like to challenge us to have 100% participation in donating to The Annual Fund in honor of our 30th Reunion. I think this is the best way that we can show our appreciation and honor the School, besides showing up to Reunion. 3) Please add yourself to the class Facebook page. 4) And please update your info on CranNet if you haven't done so lately. If you have any login issues or need additional help, please call **MADISON SANDERS 248-645-3132** or email her: MSANDERS@CRANBROOK.EDU Looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at reunion!

ALL MY BEST,
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By the time anyone reads this, it might be our 30th reunion. If this comes out before the 30th, please try and come. We have a lot of great activities planned and I really think we will have a lot of fun. Thank you to **CARL KLEMMER, BILL EDWARDS, NICK COBURN** and **JASON PARIS** for helping put it all together. Speaking of **BILL EDWARDS**, he was one of 11 '89ers to make our annual (sort of) trip to see the Lions play football. This year, we had a **KANOP METRIYAKOOL** sighting. Rumors of Kanop dancing in the Bolshoi or becoming the head of Parliamentary security in Thailand have been somewhat exaggerated. He is really good at ballet though. Kanop is actually living in Las Vegas with his wife and kids and practicing medicine. Also, his calves are still as big as **SCHICIANO**. In addition to Kanop, **GARFIELD JOHNSON, JOHN EDMAN, STEVE LEE, MARC SOLE, BILL EDWARDS, GEOFF SCHICIANO, MIKE MANDT, ARI SHWEDEL, KEITH WEINBAUM** and I spent a recent weekend in Phoenix where Steve and Edman crushed the rest of

us in golf and pickle ball. No surprise there. We also had a couple of really fun dinners and some of the crew even managed to watch the Lions actually win a game.



Some of the men of '89 in Phoenix, AZ

CHIP FULLER was a last minute punk out the of trip, but that is understandable since he was recently appointed Chief Flavor Officer at the Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing Company. He always had a taste for ranch and now he is monetizing his passion. **DANNY HOFFMAN** also had a recent career change. He moved to California to become a penguinologist and he got a job at the San Diego Zoo. That is the prime job in the penguin world, so congrats to Hoffman. I did really see Hoffman in California last week and he is doing well. Hopefully he will be back in the 248 for next year's Thanksgiving touch football game. I ran into **JOHN SCHWAB** recently. He and I are both affiliated with a franchise business and we ran into each other at the annual event. I was pleasantly surprised to see a fellow '89er at the event. He is living in Boston with his wife and kids and operating a couple of swim schools. One of his kids actually earned a college swimming scholarship. I can't remember which kid or which college, but I did remember part of the story, so please cut me some slack. You will have to ask Schwab for the rest of the info. Speaking of not remembering, one of our classmates actually sent me an update and I can't remember who it is or what it said. Actually this isn't true at all. Nobody ever sends me anything. Please send me some content or I will be forced to continue to make up stories about **JASON HEGEDUS**.

Speaking of Hegedus, he is working at Miami Subs on South Beach. He is washing lettuce now, but soon he will be on fries and that is when the big bucks start rolling in. That is from 'Coming to America' by the way. On a more serious note, Hegedus actually went to Europe to watch **BILL EDWARDS** drive in the 24 Hours of Le Mans. A lot of you probably know, Edwards recently produced a documentary about Steve McQueen and while he was doing research for the movie, he decided he wanted to drive in Le Mans like McQueen and this year he actually pulled it off. How cool is that? **KEITH WEINBAUM** was in town recently, I had a really fun dinner with Keith, **EDDIE ALTERMAN**, **DARREN FRANKEL** and some spouses at ML. Keith is living in Seattle and doing well. He is working as a bacon critic for the Seattle Times. Sounds like a pretty good gig. I got to see Keith two weeks in a row, so that was great. Eddie is doing the class of '89 proud as he is the editor of Car & Driver. (This one is actually true). Eddie actually just won a car in the Cranbrook charity raffle. So the guy that can drive any car he wants at any time, just won a car in a raffle. Go figure. Frankel is working as a Fashion Evangelist at Tumblr. He has always had a keen eye for fashion. Actually, I have no idea what Tumblr is, or what a Fashion Evangelist does, but it sounds fun. Watch for Darren's son, Zev Frankel to become the special team's coordinator for the Wolverines. Seriously, I watch a lot of college football with Darren and Zev, and Zev is super fired up for extra points and punt returns. Here are a few quick hitters; **CHIP FULLER** entered America's Got Talent and got all the way to the live shows with his Dance Partner Venus. Their chemistry made it irresistible for Howie Mandell to not hit is golden buzzer. Sadly, he sprained his ankle and had to bow out. A devastating blow but he is proud to make it this far; **MIKE MANDT** enrolled in Cirque D' Solei Circus Camp in Santiago, Chile. He performed so well that they asked to do a 30-day stint at their Buenos Aires show. I was able to go see him and who knew he had such talent; **MARC SOLE** is still training pandas in northern China. Some of you may have seen his latest prodigy Ling Ling at the Macys Thanksgiving Day Parade. A real showstopper; **TIFFANY JEROME** recently took a job as wall builder along the southern border. She was so moved by Trump's shutdown that she decided to commit her time full time to help build the wall. Tiffany decided to become a debt collector and is in

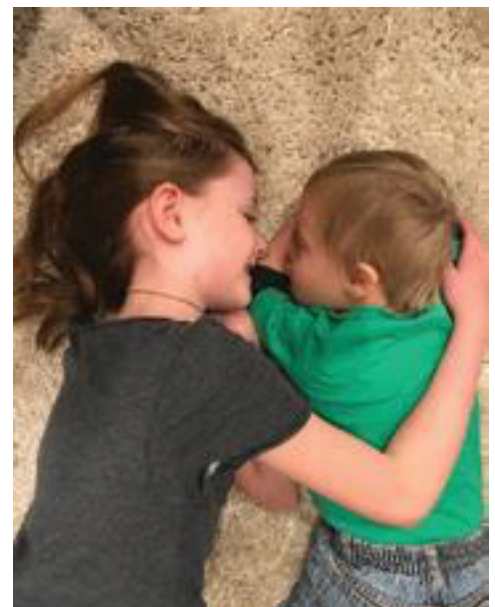
Mexico City trying to get Mexico to pay for the wall. **KAY BROPHY BAER** has been playing in a band for several years. They recently got a break to play the Texas State Fair. They were the warmup for puppet show at the Holiday Inn. The reviews were stellar. That is a Spinal Tap reference. Tiffany and Kay, I hope you don't mind that I included you in this update. I usually don't branch out beyond the guys that I speak to fairly regularly. I decided to push the envelope a little here. Hopefully you see that it's all in good fun. On a really sad serious note, I was just about to submit this update when **MIKE MANDT** let me know that **STEVE ROBERTSON** just passed away. Like many of you, I have a lot of fond memories of Stever and I'm really sad to hear this news. Stever always had a great optimistic view on life and his quirky sense of humor really brought a smile to a lot of faces. Aim High Stever, we are going to miss you. The 30th reunion is right around the corner. Please try and make it. Please reach out to me at erikstamell@yahoo.com, if anyone wants to contribute an update for future editions of the *Tradition*. There will be prizes involved.

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Hello all! I am so excited to take a turn as class secretary. Let's get started! **MELISSA SORONGON** let me know that she had a great birthday brunch in Los Angeles last October with **SHANA WATERMAN** and **BETH VAN DAM**. She was also lucky to see **TOI JAMES** over the summer and **KIRIN DAUGHARTY-HUBBARD** at the end of December. Each was passing through Santa Barbara and stopped long enough to catch up. She and Toi made a pact to plan a trip to Australia to make a visit, long overdue, to see **LAURIE RALL PRICHARD** who lives in Cairns, Australia, and owns a travel business. At her writing, she said they were leaving in two weeks. I love it!! I hope you all have a wonderful reunion. I also heard from **SUE GUNDERSON MCCREADIE**, who lives in Ann Arbor with her husband, Dave, and three children, Kaitlin, Elle and Addison. She is a pediatric physician and helps children as well as other moms achieve health naturally by adapting their diet and lifestyle to optimize their genetics. She will be doing a talk with

SELMA BLAIR for a San Francisco non-profit in March. She also just saw **FRANCES LEE CARLSON** for lunch in Ann Arbor, and keeps in touch with **KELLY SPENCE WANDOFF** by texting, especially when they hear a song that brings them back to high school. As for me, I am in full on Cranbrook mode, as both kids are in school there. Ian is in 3rd grade at Brookside and Catriona just started 6th grade in the beautiful new middle school. Sure beats the windowless basement! Ekta Lobo Wilcox '89 has a daughter in 6th grade as well, and we spend much time together, talking, plotting, and just trying to keep out of trouble. I am still painting, and I opened a shop on Etsy selling prints, greeting cards, and custom pet portraits which I paint in gouache. If you are so inclined, please check it out! Woohoo free advertising!! GypsyJaneArtShop.etsy.com. I regularly keep in touch with **MARIA QUIROGA** who moved from NYC to San Francisco with her husband, Dan, and works with Guide Dogs for the Blind. She travels like a rock star and just got back from Hong Kong. **KIMIA ZANJANI EBELING** is a regular in my home, where our kids play till dawn. She teaches French at Country Day, but I love her anyway. I had the absolute pleasure of having lunch with **KEIA PERRY-FARR** in December. Even though it had been over a decade since we last met, it was as if no time at all had passed. We definitely have to do that more often! My family and I just spent the New Year in La Jolla, California, with **LINA FARRIS BARRERA** and her family.



Daughter of Marla Karimipour '90, and son of Lina Farris Barrera '90

My daughter and Lina's youngest, Leo, couldn't

have cared less if anyone else was in the room, and Ian and Antoine kept busy by non-stop monster chase. We had a blast! I hope to hear from more of you in the future!!

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K92

On August 1, 2018, **JEFFREY CALCOTT IMERMAN** and his wife, Ashleigh, were married in an intimate family ceremony at his childhood home on Wing Lake in Bloomfield Township. The newlyweds honeymooned in Portugal and now live in Pleasant Ridge with their dog, Macy. Jeffrey's brother Jonny ('94) was the officiant!



Jeffery Calcott Imerman '92, and his wife, Ashleigh

MONIQUE VANN BROWN and her husband Keith Brown are excited to announce the arrival of their new twin daughters. Kayleigh Monique and Khloe Pauline were born on Thursday, September 6, 2018. She currently lives in Northville, Michigan, with her husband and the newborn twin girls. She is active with a couple of charitable organizations, including serving on the Board of Directors of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Ann Arbor. She would love to reconnect with more of the class of 1992 or other classes!



Kayleigh Monique and Khloe Pauline, twin daughters of Monique Vann Brown '92

Several classmates including **SUSAN POULTON** and **KATE ZYLA** celebrated the swearing in of Elissa Slotkin ('94) into Congress representing Michigan's 8th District on January 3, 2019. Chuck Hagel, former Republican Senator and Secretary of Defense conducted her informal swearing in later that evening. Susan supported her campaign in Michigan along with several other Cranbrook alumni for several weeks leading up to the election.



Kate Zyla and Susan Poulton, both '92, with Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin '94

The Northern California Cranbrook alumni event brought several 1992 classmates together including **ANABEL KIM** and **KATIE MCCANN**, along with other CKS alumni.



Female alumnae at the Northern California Cranbrook Alumni event

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CK94

GOOD PEOPLE OF CK94—SATURDAY JUNE 8TH, 2019 IS OUR 25 YEAR REUNION AT CK!!! HOPE TO SEE Y'ALL THERE!

BRIAN STEWART and wife Rachel Tronstein Stewart and their St. Bernese Mountain Dog "Hershey" are living in Birmingham, and Brian is practicing dermatology, and Rachel works for Gardner-White. They just had their first child, baby Olivia! **SETH MELTZER** is living in Bloomfield Hills with his wife Melissa and their two sons, Asher and Adam. **BRAD DUBIN** is in LA, married to CK grad Amy Berlin Dubin '87, working for a real estate firm called KanDu Capital. **JEFF "HURLY" HURLBERT** is doing great and he, wife Sarah Ruth, and 2 kids are living in Dallas. Jeff has 2 car washes and Sarah Ruth works for Coca Cola. Their son JP might be a future NHL hockey player— he's already been on ESPN Top 10 for a breakaway goal whoot whoop! **BEN WINEMAN** is living in the Chicago suburbs with his wife, Nicole, and three children: Ava, Jacob, and Claudia. Ben is a principal at Mid-America Real Estate Corp. working in the retail real estate business. **KYLE MUELLER** is in Birmingham, working with GM, and married to wife Erica, a Bikram instructor, and they have 1 kid. **MATT GRACE** is doing great and living in B'ham and is doing a lot of great community work for people with addiction challenges. **CHAD KOHLER** is living in Grand Rapids with his wife, Cynthia, and have three kids. **SILAS BOUYER** is still serving our country with the Navy and living in San Diego with his wife and kids. **KRISTA CHOW HAMLIN** and **MIKE HAMLIN** are happily married and living in Boston. Mike is practicing IP law, and Krista is a therapist helping people every day. **MARK VANN** is in Houston and an orthopedic surgeon, married, and doing great! **KEN GORSKI** is in South Carolina and doing great. **STEVE "PRUCH" PRUCHER** is living in Birmingham and sounds as great and upbeat as always. **AARON COHN** is an eye doctor in Philly and married and doing great and reports: "I am still loving the city of brotherly love. Work and family life has smoothed out and all cylinders are firing together." **ANISH PATEL** is an anesthesiologist and happily married and living in the DC area, and doing great. **DAVID LIU** is in Seattle. **JAY HACK** is living in Detroit and working in investment management and is married and going great. Sally Bell '98 and **CHRIS BELL** sound happy as always and reports:

"We spend most nights and weekends keeping pace with our one-and-a-half and three-and-a-half-year-old frontiersmen, Pierce & Lewis. They are making ample use of snow for releasing kinetic energy—skis, sleds, snow forts, and snow people at higher elevations. At lower elevations, warding off every known strain of the cough-cold is a less successful venture. Taking shifts, I [Chris] is returning to Japan to experience snow at a deeper level while Sally is bouncing between traversing backcountry snow drifts and unscheduled, unplanned weekends with a cadre of rad women. Mostly, I [Chris] am biding his time until the main event of 2019 occurs: how twenty five years somehow transpired since graduation?!" **ROBERT AXELROD** and wife Tami are living in DC—Robert is an attorney.

TERRY KALNA sounds great and reports: "All is well in Pittsburgh and with life at the Penguins. We are still enjoying our time living in the North Hills. I see Bryan Doner '85 and Jaime Benard '95 every once in a while during hockey season. It was a real coincidence seeing Don while we were playing in Vegas..." **BRAD SPENCER** and his wife, and **MICHAEL PARIS** are all living in the Birmingham area. **RYAN UTARNACHITT** is a GI doctor and he and his wife Mary live in Central California. **KEITH LANGBO** sounds great and reports: "Still in Raleigh, Erin & kids (Noah & Lily) are happy & thriving!" **DOMINIC HARRIS** sounds great and lives in London with his wife and two daughters. He continues to exhibit his interactive artworks internationally, which he designs and fabricates at his Notting Hill studio. In recent years he has been granted access to Disney's catalog of characters, with which he is creating highly engaging video artworks. Dominic returns frequently to the USA. **PETER EMERY** is currently back in his hometown with his husband in Portland, OR, closer to his parents and six younger siblings. Peter works remotely for FIRST, a global events agency based in New York City handling west coast accounts and business development. He is planning to compete in a couple triathlons this summer and continuing to explore the wonders of the great Pacific Northwest. And I want to give a special SHOUT to **ELISSA SLOTKIN** who won and is serving as a MI Congresswoman!! BOOM!! CONGRATS GIRL!!! We all support you, and appreciate your service!! As for me, my brother Jeff Imerman '92 and I have a start-up called CLOZTALK.com—CLOZTALK.com is the place you Shop for quality, charity-

branded apparel. You can find the missions and important facts on 85+ US-based charities, and if you're inspired and want to help them brand, you can buy their high-quality apparel right there. Then we make it, and drop ship it to you. We donate 20% net profits back to our charities. If anyone knows charities they love, and want our help branding and potentially raising funds, please have them apply on our site. We are FREE for charities, with no obligations or asks—we do everything full-service to help their brands. Our vision is to create a world where wearing charity logo apparel at the gym, on a walk, shopping for groceries...will help the nonprofits get the word out— and thus 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 10,000+ volunteer survivors and family members strong worldwide who've all been through the cancer experience and want to give back and help others! THANKS! Again, SATURDAY JUNE 8TH, 2019 IS OUR 25 YEAR REUNION AT CK!!! HOPE TO SEE Y'ALL THERE!! BE WELL y'all and anytime I can be helpful let me know! Wishing y'all all the best!! Till next time!!

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Greetings class of 97! **MARIN LOSH** has been a forensic social worker for over a decade and recently wrote a textbook (along with others) on the topic. "Criminal Defense-Based Forensic Social Work." **SUSAN STRICKLAND MUSKOVITZ** and **ANDREW MUSKOVITZ** welcomed son Reid Alexander on February 15. **LEAH TRACHTMAN BERKIEWICZ** and her husband Peter welcomed daughter Nina on October 2. Her son Jay is now three-and-a-half and she her solo divorce law practice is thriving in Chicago. She is exhausted, to say the least. **TAMAR JEFFERY** is still practicing as an emergency medicine doctor and living in Detroit. Her new hobby is motorcycle riding and over the summer rode from Detroit to New Orleans and back, and then did a solo ride from Detroit to St. Petersburg, Florida.

Her last trip earned her membership into the Iron Butt Association, for completing 1000 miles in less than 24 hours. Her next trip is planned for April/May where she will be riding cross-country to San Diego and then Mexico.

PATRICK CHRISTELL has been living in Los Angeles since 2004 and recently made the move from the motion picture business to the world of technology. His new career has him consulting with startups to help them scale their engineering and leaderships teams. He explains that the work involves embedding himself within a company and figuring how to attract the talent necessary for rapid and sustainable growth. The discipline is called Talent Sourcing, and it has taken him to some wild places. He is also a founding partner in a stealth-mode startup and work with the Atlanta-based Sourcing Institute Foundation mentoring blind and disabled veterans in the art of OSINT, or Open Source Intelligence, which refers to the practice of collecting data from publicly available sources to be used in an intelligence context; in this case employing a set of tools to find impossible-to-find prospects that aren't necessarily looking for employment, and converting them to candidates. Presently, he is enjoying the bachelor's life in Los Angeles, occasionally feeling thankful that social networks didn't exist when we were in school, and keeping up with several of his fellow '97s. In the little spare time that he does have, he enjoys trying new restaurants and traveling for conferences. Please continue updating me on your lives, so I can keep our *Tradition* going!

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It's hard to believe that a year has already flown by since our 20th reunion, and yet here we are. **JOHN MA** was sorry to miss the reunion but came back to Michigan over Christmas to catch up with **GRANT HELPPIE** and **MARTIN FISHER**. John and his wife live near Dallas with their daughter Carrie (who turned 2 in February) and their son Connor (who will be 5 in September). **ABBY DAVIDSON MAFFEI** moved from DC to NYC last fall to start a new role as North America Head of Corporate Citizenship, a global consulting practice advising Fortune 1000s on sustainable and responsible business practices. She says,

“Dan and I love living in NY (although he still commutes to DC often), along with our 4-year-old daughter Maya. I would be happy to connect with any CK alums here: ABBY.LYNNE.DAVIDSON@GMAIL.COM” I still haven’t left the DC area—I continue to live in Alexandria. Each year, I wonder more what it might be like outside the beltway, but still haven’t quite gotten there yet. I am still working for FEMA and really love the mission, the work, and my colleagues. I don’t travel as much as I used to as the family keeps me busy—between the two girls, I feel like we are constantly on the run. We hope to slow down enough this year to spend a few weeks in Michigan over the summer, with a trip to Chicago to visit my brother and his family, as well as my sister and her husband. If you’re in the DC area, let’s put together an alumni event. Something low key and flexible enough to accommodate folks coming from the entire DMV area, perhaps? I am finally starting to learn the geography outside the beltway, thanks to my older daughter’s ice hockey team playing teams in Maryland and other parts of Virginia...Hope everyone is having a wonderful 2019!

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  **CK99**

Here we are: 20 years from our high school graduation. For some of us, we are back at Cranbrook with the next generation. For others, we have not returned in two decades. Our classmates are around the world, building careers, families and on great adventures.

SEMIYAT SANUSI moved back to Detroit after three years overseas and one year in NY. Currently a teacher, Semiyat also runs an online company that specializes in clothes for fraternities and sororities.



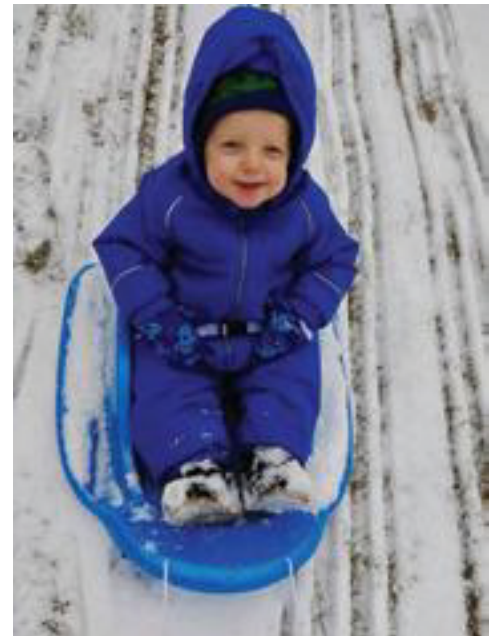
Semiyat Sanusi '99

After a successful career in engineering, **BRIAN RHODES** decided to pursue his childhood artistic ambitions and attained an MFA from the historic University of Southern California’s School of Cinematic Arts, focusing in animation.



Brian Rhodes, '99 and his wife Kali

He is now a multiple international award-winning filmmaker that has worked with companies such as FX and Blue Sky Studios (20th Century Fox), Nickelodeon and Netflix. Brian married his fellow USC classmate sweetheart, Kelley (Kali) Rhodes, in 2017. **MICHAEL SIEGEL** reports that he is welcoming his second child with wife Bianca this summer. Their first son, Sebastien is 2.



Sebastien Siegel, son of Michael Siegel '99 and wife Bianca

After 11 years in Denver, **JENNIFER COOK** moved back and is in Royal Oak working as a consultant in water engineering. Jennifer works closely with the Great Lakes Water Authority to make sure Southeastern Michigan has the proper water and wastewater treatment. She keeps in touch with **SAMANTHA CHAO CAIN** and **GENIE LOMIZE**. She also attended **JUNG-AH PARK**’s wedding last year. **KATIE BANKS MCBRIDE** lives in Ann Arbor with husband Mike and daughter Allie, 2. Katie went back to teaching drama last year at Greenhills Middle School. **BRIAN FIANDER** was promoted to Associate at Harley Ellis Devereaux, an architectural firm. **CONRAD LUNDBERG** lives in Royal Oak with wife Jessica and one-year-old daughter Colette, and their Frenchie Nelson. Spends a lot of time running their business, the Rivage Day Spa in Birmingham, established in 2016. Conrad is also an account manager for an auto parts supplier which keeps him traveling.



Mira, 6, and Vera, 2.5, daughters of Valerie Sathe Brugeman '99 and husband Josh

VALERIE SATHE BRUGEMAN lives in Ann Arbor with husband Josh and daughters, Mira, 6, and Vera, 2.5. Valerie had the pleasure of inviting **ZACK WASSERMAN** and Jaime Hodari '00 to speak at her company's big automotive and mobility conference in Traverse City last August. She enjoyed reconnecting. **ERIKA FURMAN EBBIN** and her husband have been married for three years and have two children. Erika works for Renaissance Global Logistics in downtown Detroit and her husband works for the Detroit Police. The couple also enjoy investing in metro Detroit real estate. **ELISE HALAJIAN MAYER** welcomed her third child with husband, Stockton, on January 18, 2019.



Barbara and Sarkis Halajian (faculty) with new grandson, Quade, son of Elise Halajian Mayer '99 and husband, Stockton Mayer

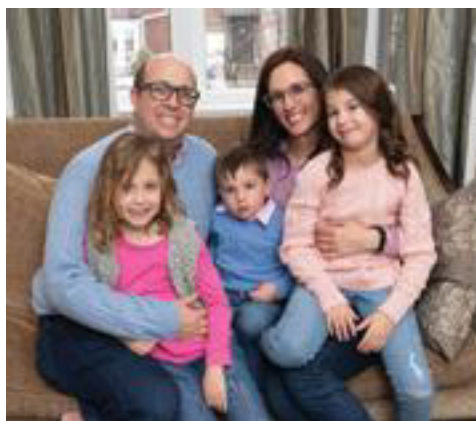
Big brother Naz and big sister Naya are all excited! The Halajian Mayers live in Chicago where Elise practices family medicine and Stockton, infection diseases. **JOZLYN JAREUNPOON ABRAMS** lives in Ann Arbor

with her husband, Rafael, and son, Eliyahu, 2. Jozlyn is an Ayurvedic practitioner and yoga teacher.



Eliyahu Abrams, 2, son of Jozlyn Jareunpoon Abrams '99 and her husband Rafael

MARGO GANNES PICK continues to live in New York with her husband, Jared, and their twin sons, Max and Henry, 3 where she has a law practice. **HEATHER HARLAN LEWANDOWSKI** reports she recently hosted fellow class of 1999 alum **CHRIS ALLEN** at Harlan Publick in South Norwalk, Connecticut.

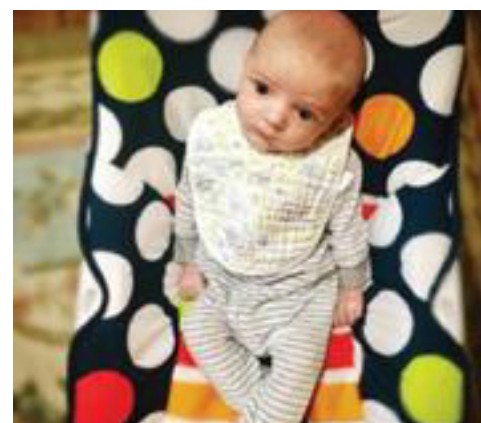


Jodie Kaufman Davis '99 pictured with her husband, Jamie, and children Ella, 8, Madeline, 6 and Jonah, 3

I am in Toronto, and together with my husband Jamie, have 2 daughters, Ella, 8 and Madeline, 6 and a son, Jonah, 3. I work in our family insurance business and enjoy regular visits back to Detroit.

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Greetings to everyone in the Class of 2002! We've got some great personal and professional news to share, beginning with **AARON ROSENHAUS**, who was included in the Detroit Jewish News "36 UNDER 36" special feature and was named 2018 Urban Builder of the Year by the Home Builders Association for his work in Detroit and the community as COO of Uniland Corporation. Congratulations on such well-deserved honors! We also got exciting news—and photos—from several classmates who became new parents over the past few months. **JENNY BUSTANCE** and her partner Jonathan welcomed son William Trystan Graham Truesdail on October 13 of last year, and she says, "We are completely in love!"



William, son of Jenny Bustance '02

Jenny has also been remarkably busy on the career front, as she premiered her first feature film at the Museum of Photographic Arts in San Diego last September and will be conducting the world premiere of a new production in Florida in March 2019. **KAREN KRAMER MIZELL** and her husband Tripp welcomed their daughter, Ruby Claire Mizell, in November. They're enjoying parenthood so far and are looking forward to introducing Ruby to adventures in Northern California and beyond.



Karen Kramer Mizell '02, and Tripp Mizell with daughter Ruby.

Finally, **LAUREN SCHMALE ESTACIO** and her husband Rick welcomed their daughter, Alexa Lauren Estacio, on January 31. Alexa joins a busy household in Brooklyn, with two cats and a one-year-old Tibetan spaniel, Leo, whose adventures are chronicled on Instagram @puppyinbrooklyn. Lauren and Rick “are loving every minute of it” and are especially thankful for all of the great parenting advice they’ve received from fellow New Yorker **ELIZ MILLER BATTIN**.



Alexa, daughter of Lauren Schmale Estacio '02

Lauren adds that she’ll be returning later this year to her job in the Business Development department at law firm Sullivan & Cromwell,

where she supports the firm’s litigation and cybersecurity groups. Congratulations to all of the new parents, and thanks to everyone for their contributions! Please feel free to reach out to us with any news updates that you’d like to share.

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CK03

Time flies! I promised all who attended our 15-year reunion that I would write an update for the upcoming *Tradition* and, alas, the deadline slipped right past me. Now here I am, right up to another deadline, finally sitting down to do my recap. First of all, it was wonderful to catch up with so many of our classmates. It really was a fantastic evening in the quad, followed by drinks and appetizers at Dick O’Dows that went late into the evening. As many months have passed, I am now going to do my best to remember what all of you are doing! **TERRY LADD** is working as Director of Marketing at Rutgers Preparatory School in New Jersey and still finding time to explore the outdoors on his bike. Besides racking up frequent flyer miles on many an awesome adventure, **STEVE MILLER** lives in New York and works in biotechnology. Also in New York, **ADAM MARSH** is working as an attorney while also enjoying many a summer weekend in the Hamptons. **BRAD SHERMAN** has been building a business as the go-to designer for tech startup companies in New York City. His company, Float Studio, was just named “Design Firm of the Year” by Contract Magazine. **NICK GANGADHARAN** is expanding upon his tech savvy skill set by focusing on helping companies solve any and all IT needs and problems. **DANNY KAUFMAN** moved back to Birmingham after spending a decade in Chicago to take on the role of Senior Vice President of for H.W.Kaufman Financial Group. Danny and his wife Morgan, are actively involved in many organizations in Detroit and I had the pleasure of overlapping with them for a few months on the Founder’s Junior Council at the Detroit Institute of Arts. **PAUL CHAN** and **MELISSA SHIN** were both in town and staying at Detroit’s new Siren Hotel, which Paul had just completed designing

through ASH NYC. Upon its completion he went out on his own and founded, The Coast Studio, an architecture firm he based, after an extensive and educational road trip, in Los Angeles. Also in Los Angeles, Melissa has also co-founded her own architecture design firm, Shin Shin, with her sister. **ARIEL DAY GOLD** is also fulfilling her creative dreams in San Francisco, where she is an accomplished painter, selling her abstract artworks through galleries and exhibits as well as working on various commissions. **AVERY KERR GORDON**, while living in Chicago, is working as an attorney for Archetype Legal, a firm based out of San Francisco that focuses on serving small businesses and startups. **DAVID WILLIAMS** recently left Detroit where he had been working as a senior advisor to Mayor Duggan. In Detroit he focused on land use and community revitalization projects and now will be taking this invaluable skill set to Harvard University. I run into many of our classmates around town and recently traveled the Cotswolds with Brad Sherman, **JESSICA SCHWARTZ WEISMAN**, **DANI LEVIN GABBARD**, **LIZ VOLLMAN** and **MEREDITH GANNES**. Liz and Meredith are both getting married this summer, Liz in Michigan and Meredith in Cascais, Portugal where her fiancé, Cedric, was born. I welcomed my third child, Kip, this past January and have been finding joy in settling into figuring out the routine as a family of 5. **BECKY MANNING MANCINI** welcomed her son, Leo, in December and **JODY SCHOSTAK RAPPAPORT** welcomed her daughter, Sydney, in late January. Needless to say, we have been finding strong mom camaraderie in navigating the chaos. I absolutely love hearing from you and enjoyed seeing our classmates in person even more. I have probably forgotten some imperative information in this brief recap, but please feel free to reach out any time! If anyone is interested in taking over or sharing in the class secretary position, let me know. Until then, I will do my best to keep you all informed on a more regular basis!

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C05

Hi Class of 2005—it was nice to hear updates from some new voices for this issue. Keep them coming in the future! **JORDAN**

BRODER has been staying busy with a number of different ventures. NUCLASSICA, his electro-pop violin and DJ band, has been nominated as Best Entertainment by *Michigan Meetings and Events Magazine* for the sixth year in a row. The band's 2019-20 national and international tour schedule can be accessed on all social media (@nuclassica). This summer will also mark the third year of Jordan's non-profit ALLURIUM Music Festival at Cranbrook's Greek Theatre, featuring debut performances of emerging musical talent. On top of that, Jordan continues to oversee operations of BTG Artist & Model Management, specializing in the personal management and representation of musical talent within the entertainment and modeling industries. In addition to high-profile brands including Chrysler, Mercedes, La-Z-Boy, Channel 955, Black Family Development, and the American Cancer Society, Jordan reports that it's been a special honor to have worked with countless CK alumni over the last six years, providing talent for their events (corporate and charity events, weddings, parties, etc.) **BRAD KOPITZ** lives in Denver, CO and is married to a West Bloomfield-er, Emily Mitnick. Brad and Emily just celebrated the 1st birthday of their daughter, Sasha. His business, Artifact Uprising, which focuses on premium photo books, prints, and cards, just made the Inc. 5000 list. **ANDREW PARK** has been working on creating a board game called "The Partisans." It's a politically-themed negotiation game where all the players are leaders of different political factions that have their own visions for the country but still have to ultimately deal with each other to get things done. The game was picked up by a publisher last year, ran a Kickstarter campaign, and got funded. They're now waiting for their turn to get printed. **ADAM POGODA** recently returned home to Michigan after 8 years living in New York and working in private equity to join Pogoda Companies. Adam is responsible for growing the business and finding new opportunities within self-storage and other real estate asset classes. **SIMON RUBIN** and his wife, Kathy, were married in Petoskey in January 2018 and gave birth to a healthy baby boy, Brian Solomon, this past December. **STEVE SCHIMPKE** will be married for 8 years as of this fall to his wife, Jess. They have 3 amazing girls, Liv (6), Mae (4), and Mary (1).



Steve Schimpke '05 and his family

They live in Sylvan Lake, MI and, when they're not working on their old house, they spend as much time as possible enjoying the lake and sneaking away up north. The girls also love going on "adventures" hiking around the Cranbrook campus. His wife runs a food service company with her twin sister (who also married a guy named Steve...), and Steve works for a local real estate development and construction company. As for me, **RYAN ZAMPARDO**, I've been staying busy with my real estate company, Inkwel Partners, which is currently focused on rehabbing and managing small- and mid-sized apartment buildings in Detroit. Please feel free to reach out if you'd like an update included in a future issue.

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No new news for the Girls Class of 2005. However, class secretary **JANICE DAVID** encourages you to reach out with your updates, photos, and stories for next time!

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CK06

Hello everyone! I've been thinking about the role of an alumni newsletter when social

media platforms can keep us connected to everyone's lives at the touch of a button. But there is something that *Tradition* does that Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram cannot. These platforms don't connect us to nearly a hundred years of history weaving the stories together of generations of students who have aimed high. One can see pictures of weddings and celebrations online, but these posts don't match how *Tradition* captures the essence of how we have all entered to learn and have gone forth to serve. I am grateful for and inspired by all the amazing people who have submitted an update below and I am honored to share their stories with you. **BRIAN AUGUST** has kept very busy in 2018 and the first half of 2019. Professionally, Brian has continued as the Staff Production Stage Manager at The Atlanta Opera during the August-May season, and still remains as the Production Stage Manager at Des Moines Metro Opera during the summer festival season where he is now in his ninth year. In Fall of 2017 Brian became faculty at Kennesaw State University where he teaches Stage Management and is also the Stage Management advisor. Continuing his busy schedule, Brian made his directing debut this fall as the Associate Director on *Maria de Buenos Aires* at New York City Opera which received national coverage. In February 2019 Brian Stage Managed the Southeastern premiere of Jake Heggie's "Dead Man Walking" which was named by OperaWire as one of the top 10 most anticipated operas for 2019 across all of North America. In his little free time, Brian managed to take a trip to Durham, NC in December 2018 to visit with classmate **LINDSAY DIMARCO WALTER**, where she is finishing her doctorate in Physical Therapy. **KIM BOBIER** received her PhD in art History from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May 2018. In fall 2018, she back working as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Pratt Institute's Department of History of Art and Design. She has a written a chapter in *Routledge's Social Practice Art in Turbulent Times: The Revolutions will be Live* that will be soon published. Her essay, titled "Reframing Resistance & Surveillance: Lorraine O'Grady's Art Is...", explores how Lorraine O'Grady's performance Art Is... (1983) in Harlem and her resulting photo-installation subvert post-civil rights-era policing of black women by law enforcement and photojournalistic conventions alike.



Morgan McBride Anadilla '06 with husband and new daughter, Morrow

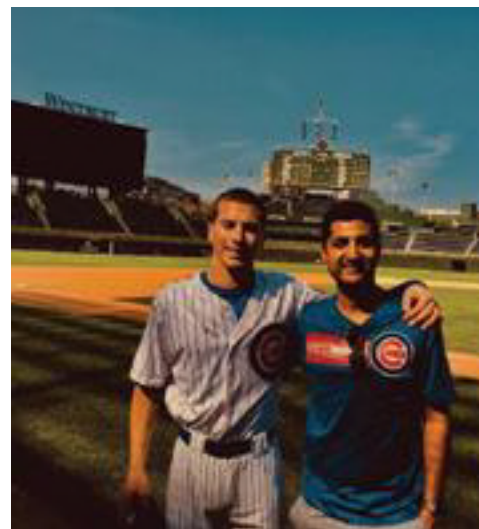
MORGAN MCBRIDE ANADILLA has become a mother! Morgan and her husband, Marvin welcomed a baby girl, Morrow McBride Anadilla on August 18. Morgan is loving motherhood, feeling like she has found herself and true happiness, relishing every moment in her new role. **JIMIN GRACE PARK** is getting married on May 25 at the Ilwon Catholic Church in Seoul. She is working at Seoul International School, where she has worked since 2011 as a member of the administrative staff. She took two years off to take care of her mom. She loved seeing **EVAN HANCOCK** last September when he came to her school for work and reports that he is a Macalester College admissions representative. Jimin states that even though she is not planning on returning to the United States anytime soon, she always thinks about her high school life as one of the best times of her life. **JULIA TORO** and I see each other regularly as members of the Detroit Curling Club. We recently competed in our first bonspiel as a team in Bowling Green and have signed up for a few more in-club tournaments with her fiancé and my boyfriend rounding out our team. When we're not curling, Julia works as an administrator at the Detroit Waldorf School and I am the Director of Grants and Strategic Development for Metro Solutions. I know with the way that Facebook operates you might not see my calls for submission and not all of you use Facebook. If there's a better medium that you would like me to use to let you know when it's time, please let me know.

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CK07

I'm happy to report some updates for the class of 2007. It's been a fun year of fulfilling work aspirations, celebrations and happy run-ins. Please do send me your updates to include in *Tradition* because we all love reading about the informal reunions and interesting things everyone is up to. Now onto the individual updates. **SAMANTHA TAZZIA** is enjoying sunny California and is planning a trip to Switzerland with her boyfriend in the near future. She has been in touch with **MATTHEW DUPREE** and recently got a second dog. **VICTORIA TRUDEAU** passed her final exam last November and is now a Certified Financial Planner. She celebrated **MACKENZIE MAYO'S** 30th Birthday weekend with friends including **EVAN ROSS** and **SARAH BILSKY** and met up with **LAUREN RIVARD** in New York City last December. **ALEX ROACH** has been practicing dentistry since graduating from Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry in 2015 and has recently purchased Dental1, a private practice in Waterford, MI near the Oakland County International Airport. Alex provides a wide range of dental procedures to patients of all ages. Ranging from dental implants, extractions and root canals to cosmetic work with veneers, tooth whitening and orthodontic treatments with traditional brackets and wires as well as clear aligners! Feel free to contact Alex with any dental related questions or ask **PRATEIK DALMIA** for a referral. **ZAC SCHNEIDER** is an epidemiologist at the Center for Disease Control and spends most of his time chasing after drug-resistant foodborne outbreaks and teaching statistical programming. He is somewhat unwillingly living in Atlanta now and admits he is missing the snow. I am jealous of your weather, Zac!



Amit Raj '07 and Dean Chelios '07 at Wrigley Field

AMIT RAJ was working onset for the director of a Netflix movie coming out this summer of 2019 called "The Last Summer" and unexpectedly ran into **DEAN CHELIOS** onset at Wrigley Field in Chicago. Dean was playing one of the Cubs players! How "really funny and random to run into him!" **TRENT ROOK** and his wife welcomed their son, Hunter, on August 2, 2018. Trent is completing his anesthesiology residency from University of Michigan this June and staying around to do a cardiothoracic anesthesiology fellowship. Congrats, Trent!



Wedding of Emily Raymond '07, with family and friends from CK class of '68, '99, '04, '06 and '07

EMILY RAYMOND got married in August 2018 to her boyfriend of nearly 10 years and celebrated her 30th birthday with a new puppy, courtesy of her husband. She is still working as a trial attorney in New York and will be going on her honeymoon in April to Thailand. Enjoy Emily! **MINDY WELFORD** is living in Los Angeles and is the Director of Digital Marketing at Glo, an online yoga, meditation and Pilates platform based

in Santa Monica. I asked Mindy for some mindfulness tips and she recommended to listen to your body. Mindy, what do I do if my body constantly craves chocolate? Mindy also recently got Zeke, a pure-bred chocolate lab who is now 1-year-old. As for me, I'm about to move to London for an International Chief of Staff role. Let me know if you're ever across the pond and we can meet for tea (they say, 'when in Rome...', or in my case, London!) Until next time, Alisha

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C08

I'm a little disappointed, Class of '08. The response rate this time around was pretty light. I'm willing to chalk it up to a general winter malaise, what with the polar vortex and all. But now you see that when you don't respond, I'm forced to come up with random filler to keep the note at a reasonable length. Keep that in mind come September (or whenever it is that I end up emailing you again—CK isn't always predictable with these things). Now that we have that out of the way, let's get on with the updates. **CAMERON KEISER's** family has grown by one, as he and his wife Jillian welcomed their second daughter, Nora, on January 16. Their first child, Evelyn, turned 3 in March. Cam is still enjoying his career at Menards in Eau Claire, where he works as the Operations Security Manager. Cam will be returning to our old stomping grounds in June to prepare the store's new Bloomfield Hills location for opening. Also on the major life news front, **DON LI** is happily engaged. **M. PAUL WEEKS** is still in New York City, working as a Software Engineer at Google. **RYAN DREWS**, meanwhile, is leaving Huron Capital after two years to pursue an MBA at Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management. The impending move has caused some turmoil within his band, as the trance-mamba scene is much more competitive in Evanston. But after the failure of their first studio album, a tribute to Lawrence Welk called Tanks 4 Da Memories, a change of scenery may be just what the group needs. Unfortunately, **PETER BAUMHART** was unable to recruit a much needed steel drummer during a recent vacation to Jamaica, where he nonetheless enjoyed five days in the sun despite picking

possibly the worst beach-reading book of all time (Robin Williams' biography). Now back in the depths of a Chicago winter, the one bright spot is the groundhog's forecast of an early spring. Nothing warms the heart quite so much as a large rodent predicting the weather. Until next time, folks.

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K08



Sally Johnson Macgregor '08 with husband, John

SALLY JOHNSON MACGREGOR lives and works in New York City. Last fall she married her husband, John.

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C09

ANDREW ECKHOUS, JOE GRANZOTTO, ERIC FISHMAN, DYLAN HANDELSMAN, and **BRENT MOFFETT** abandoned the deli meat enterprise that brought them considerable wealth and fame and have decided to make the world a better place through conservation. The group recently moved to Chile, where they traverse the Andes to protect the threatened habitat of the Andean Condor—the world's largest flying bird. Due to their success, they will be featured in the next edition of Condorito, a popular Chilean comic book

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K10

ALYSSA TRUDEAU graduated with her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from

Oakland University in December 2018. **KIRSTEN TRUDEAU, GAVIN FREEMAN,** and **ELIZABETH LAFONTAINE** were all at the ceremony! Elizabeth's attendance was a surprise, since she came in from New York City unannounced. Alyssa is now working as a physical therapist for Team Rehab in Bloomfield Hills. Our very own **MADISON SANDERS**, Alumni Engagement Coordinator extraordinaire, sends this update: "I'm still living in Detroit (West Village) and am Cranbrook's new Alumni Engagement Coordinator! Truly a dream job as I get to spend the majority of my day talking with my best friends—AKA any man born before the year 1951 (yes, Rod Fonda '69, you made the cut). Special thank you to Elliott Trumbull '53, Richard Townsend '49, Sally Kehren '49 and Ann Reed '55 for showing me the ropes! I still get semi-stressed walking by the senior benches, but working with Charlie Shaw has made it worth it. Also want to congratulate everyone who has gotten engaged/had a baby this year—not to compare achievements but 3/4 of my plants are doing amazing. Please reach out if you're ever in the area—always around for coffee or a drink—or even a dining hall meal!" Congratulations on the new job, Madison, and we all look forward to working with you! As for me (**TESSA HUTTENLOCHER**), I am most likely more than half way done with grad school. Sociology PhDs take a long time! I have a few papers in progress, including one on the 20th century social gospel movement, and another on the brokers of interorganizational collaboration. I'm also teaching Sociology of Media and Popular Culture for a second time. For fun, I've been singing with the Philadelphia Women's Slavic Ensemble, a group that describes itself "a conglomeration of ladybeasts who emit compellingly dissonant Slavic-style vocalizations from their mouthparts." We have a fairly devoted fanbase in West Philly...which might have something to do with the fact that we often carry tote bags full of boxed wine to our gigs!

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CK11

A few highlights from the Class of 2011: **ELIZABETH BAIARDI** married her husband,

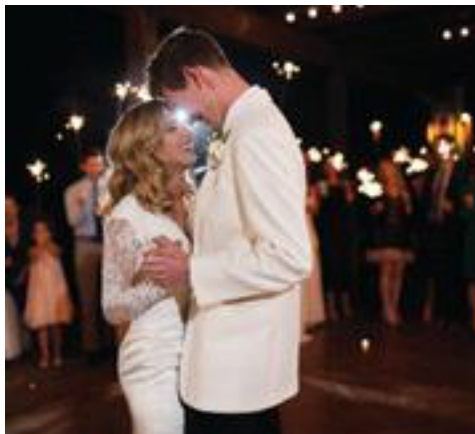
John, in July 2018. Elizabeth continues to work at IBM as a consultant and lives in Boca Raton, FL. **DAVID MERTZ** got engaged in May 2018, with the wedding planned for May 2020. He is finishing his fourth year of PhD studies in Bioengineering at Georgia Tech with plan to graduate by summer 2020. **KELLY RIEGLER** is currently working as an account executive for Chevrolet Motorsports at Jack Morton Worldwide, an advertising agency in Detroit. **EVAN SPALLER** moved into his first home in Royal Oak and is working at Ducati Detroit in Birmingham. He looks forward to reconnecting with alums in the area (ESPALLER11@GMAIL.COM). **ALEX TOENNIGES** lives in Bloomington, Indiana, where she is working to found The Toenniges Center for Learning & Health. She graduates from a four-year professional training program in the Feldenkrais Method of somatic education this July. I still have a lot of your college email addresses; for any email changes—please send them to CKCLASSOF11@GMAIL.COM. Thanks!

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CK12

It was great to hear from **GABRIEL MEREDITH**, who is excited to report that he's starting a video game design studio in Shanghai called Merfolk Games. Since graduating from Lehigh University in 2016, **CONNOR BOYLE** has been working for defense contractor Kranze Technology Solutions as a flight test engineer. While based in Chicago, he spent roughly a third of the year on the road at various bases and test ranges for all military services participating in integration testing and flying along with the aircrew to evaluate systems that protect helicopters and other large aircraft from being shot down by enemy missiles. When he's not in the field, Connor has been working on software development for data analysis and one-off test projects for the government and other contractors. In the past 3 years Connor has also visited the Amazon Rainforest and the Galapagos Islands, national parks in the American southwest, traveled to the Czech Republic, Iceland and Greece, and has plans to go to Mallorca this May with **KELLEY PARK**, who he has been dating since junior year at Cranbrook. Kelley is currently a second year medical student at

WSU School of Medicine, living in Midtown, Detroit. Kelley is a representative on the admissions committee and recently published a paper on cervical dystonia in a national journal. She will be taking the first of her board exams in May, and is looking forward to going to the Mediterranean to celebrate afterwards! I also got in touch with **DANA BOLCER**, who is thrilled to start a yoga teacher program at the end of February 2018, and is also working full time as a mother/baby nurse at Beaumont.



Last Tradition we mentioned that Madison Romney Thomas '12 was engaged... here she is on her wedding night with her husband, Dallen Thomas!

Thanks so much to everyone who reached out! As always, feel free to send me an update at SSANDERS0603@GMAIL.COM and reach out if you're ever in San Francisco!

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CK13

REILLY KISSINGER graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in May 2018. While at West Point, Reilly played NCAA Rugby, and was the Cadet in Charge of the Writing Center. She concentrated her studies in Environmental Engineering. She was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army within the Engineers branch. In November, after graduating from the Engineer Basic Officer Leadership Course, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Reilly posted to Fort Drum in New York. If anyone from the class of 2013 has interest in taking on the role of class secretary, please contact the alumni office at alumni@cranbrook.edu

K15

This past year, alumnae from the Class of 2015 began the exciting process of transitioning from undergraduate studies into graduate school and professional careers. **LILY LABOVITZ** recently graduated from Northwestern University's Radio, Television, and Film Program. **RANEEN FAROOQ** has continued her studies at King's College London as a law student. **STACEY HARIMOTO** is currently pursuing her Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering at Washington University in St. Louis. **LAUREN WITHROW** has gotten to know Michigan-based athletes as a social media and digital content creator at FOX Sports Detroit, while **KATIE ROTHSTEIN** recently began a position as an editorial assistant at *New York Magazine*. Good luck to our fellow alumnae who are completing undergraduate degrees, beginning graduate programs, and starting new jobs in the coming months!

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CK17

Class of 2017—we hope you are doing well! Last fall you heard from **GRACIE GILBERT, JULIETTE RAYMOND, AVA HARB, WYATT FRYKMAN, TRISTAN KNOER, JALEN ALLEN**, and **GRACE WANG**. Are you ready for this season's scoop on the CK '17 squad? Let's start in Indiana: We got **JADEN BERTUZZI** playing lacrosse at Butler University. She's says there's not too much to do in Indiana but is majoring in Sports Media and minoring in Strategic Communication. Meanwhile **COLLIN NEAL** is very busy with school, but absolutely loves what he's studying: Finance at IU. Collin has joined an investing club this year and is working on starting a drop-shipping company in Bloomington with some of his fraternity brothers! Also in the Midwest, **EMMA PONICALL** is at U of M on the premed track and is in charge of organizing all of her sorority's philanthropy events. **JOSH DIAMOND** is having a fantastic time at U of M too as he proudly represents Lambda Chi Alpha's social responsibility committee, making sure everyone has a fun but safe time. **MICHAEL MCLAUGHLAN** is

doing great things on the Global Investments Committee, an investing club that fellow CK alum Grace Wang is also on. He will be working with Alliance Data in Columbus this summer as a part of their merger and acquisition team. At MSU, **JAY GOODEN** got accepted into the BFA Acting Program and will be the lead in *The Bacchae* this Spring! He also heads programming for the black community with MSU's Black Student Alliance. **ADELENA NINI** is at Boston College majoring in Biology and Philosophy in the premed program. She studied physics last summer in Parma, Italy. Over Christmas break, she traveled to rural Ecuador and treated patients in mobile medical clinics. Adelenia is also in college Republicans and has a new puppy named Francis. Out in NYC, **SAM SLOCUM** is studying Critical Writing, English, and Politics at the Gallatin School of Individualized Study at NYU. He's been living in NYC for just over a year now, playing shows around the city with his band: Been Stellar. **SKYLER KNAPP** is also in the band along with some friends they met in New York. Last summer Been Stellar toured in California and they're currently in the process of recording their second album! Check out their most recent song called "JFK" on Spotify. They are hoping to tour California again soon. Speaking of California, **LEENA KHAN** is a Journalism major with a focus in Advertising at San Diego State University. After high school her family moved to California and last summer they moved to wine country in the mountains. She loves concerts so you will likely catch her at the nearest music festival. Best of luck to everyone finishing another semester and have a great and memorable summer!

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Hi all! Charlie and I hope you had a great first year or college, or wherever else life has taken you! I am so happy to report that our CK'18 collegiate athletes have had a great first year. **COLIN CANNING**, majoring in Electrical Engineering at the University of Rochester, has had a very memorable first season as a DI Soccer Goalie. He and his team had the best season in their school's history by making it to the Final Four in the

NCAA Soccer Tournament! Unfortunately, Colin broke his finger midway through the season so he was unable to goal keep, but he has loved his experience at Rochester so far and is so excited for next season. At Indiana University, **LIZZIE BALSAM** has been a part of the very first active Women's Ice Hockey team. She has been working hard since August to become an official team, and she remarked that she never imagined she would be playing college hockey while lacing up her skates for the first time as a freshman at Cranbrook. **ISABELLE SCANE** is also off to a great start at Northwestern University, as she started in her first lacrosse game of the season and even scored two goals! She is also on the roster for the USA u19 team for the World Cup! She amazed us on the Cranbrook field and is clearly thriving at Northwestern as well. She is loving school and thinking about majoring in Computer Science. It is clear that Cranbrook has prepared us very well both in the classroom and in athletics, and we are so excited to hear what you all continue to accomplish. Aim High!

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HONORARY ALUMNI

First to respond is our new honorary alumnus, **DAVID WATSON**: "First of all, I want to say that making me an honorary alumnus was a gracious gesture of gratitude and friendship I will never forget. I am happy to be one of you. I left for Spain right after retiring, where I spent five weeks visiting old friends and old haunts, and putting the finishing touches on a book of my essays in English, translated beautifully into Spanish by a small press, Ediciones Salmón. (Yes, salmon. Visualize swimming against the current.) It's titled *En el camino a ninguna parte* (from the title essay, "On the Road to Nowhere," which I published in the late 1990s). My former English students will get a kick out of the citations. The article in English and the book are both easy to google using my name and the title. Since coming home, I've been reading, writing, translating, and working with Casa Guadalupana in Detroit, which provides family literacy and other programs to the local Hispanic

immigrant community. I have also done a little subbing at school and am still working on the Crane-Clarion as the assistant coach with my new boss, the imperious Jordan Rossen, who has been winning journalism awards all over the place. (Subscribe!) I still have my CK email for Crane purposes, so drop me a line in English or Spanish. I love hearing from my former students." Next I received news from our other new honorary alum, **CLAUDIA SCHUETTE**: "It's hard to believe that I have been retired for almost eight months. As I look back on a long and happy career at Kingswood and at Cranbrook Kingswood, I think of all my students and colleagues and of the lasting friendships that have been forged since 1971, when my teaching career began at Kingswood in Room 3 right off of the Green Lobby. Since retiring, time has flown by quickly and life has been busy, much busier than I had imagined it would be. My brother and his family traveled to Michigan to celebrate this milestone of mine, arriving on my first day of retirement. Life is never dull with my family around and the visit was a great launching point for my husband Mike's and my new reality. We relish the opportunity to spend more time with our grandchildren, Colton, 4, (son of our son Mark '06 and daughter-in-law Kaitlan) and Megan, 11, Will, 13, and Michael, 16 (children of our daughter Meredith '95 and son-in-law Jim).



Claudia Schuette's grandkids

Sleepovers, baseball and soccer games kept our summer active, as did planning an August baby shower in Pittsburgh for our son Chris '04 and daughter-in-law Melissa. I'm delighted to share that, in late October, Chris and Melissa became the proud parents of Brooks. That prompted some October and November trips to Pittsburgh to visit our newest grandson. Sadly, during one of those visits, the mass shooting took place at The Tree of Life synagogue, located only a few miles from our son's home. On a happier note, in early October, Mike and I visited Arlyce at her home in Tennessee. Given the planner that we all know Arlyce is, we

arrived with a carload of household items that Arlyce did not want to see the inside of a moving truck. After a great visit, we traveled together to Asheville, NC, for a fun-filled weekend. With the exception of Mike having surgery between Thanksgiving and Christmas, the holidays were great. It was my turn to have the big family Christmas with days of togetherness. It's always crazy and wonderful and this year was no exception. While I have made a special effort not to be a nuisance at school, special events and activities do keep me in touch with the community. The dinner honoring Pete Dawkins, the Annual Math Department Holiday Gathering, and Pat Hartmann's Memorial Service have all given me the opportunity to catch-up and reminisce with longtime Cranbrook friends. I love that relationships don't have a shelf life at CK. There is something quite special about going to lunch or grabbing a coffee with former students and advisees. And, with my grandson, Michael, a sophomore at CK, I remain a loyal sports fan. Mike and I find our way to most of Michael's soccer and basketball games, as well as to those of the varsity squads, and we have enjoyed our chats and laughs with alums and friends at the Friday Night Lights home football games. By the time this edition of *Tradition* is published, I'll be cheering on the baseball team. That's a twofer for me, since Mike helps coach the team. I do miss the people of Cranbrook and my daily dose of Cranbrook beauty. However, Mike and I are truly enjoying our retirement life together and I look forward to the days ahead. I love that I now have more time for the theatre, reading, the gym (maybe), walking, traveling, and keeping up with my grandkids." I was also happy to hear from **ARLYCE SEIBERT**: "My news—I have had a busy introduction into retirement. I am still active and serving on the Board of Trustees of ISACS. I am also continuing in my role as President General of the national Cum Laude. After leaving my campus home of 31 years with accumulated "stuff" I am wintering in Georgetown, SC. With a wonderful send off, I am transitioning to a career as a head of school recruiter for RG175. I was surprised recently with being honored as a recipient of the University of Detroit Mercy Alumni Achievement Award. Whew—busy six months." As for me, **KATHY**, Tom and I enjoyed an 11-day trip to Italy—Rome (St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican, the Colosseum, Pompeii, and the incredibly beautiful Tivoli Gardens), Venice (St. Mark's Square, Bridge of

Signs, Murano glass, and, of course, a gondola ride), Florence (churches and art), Maori on the Amalfi Coast and much more. Tom's sister, Denise, and her husband, Tom, went with us. The highlight of the trip for us was the day we hired a driver to take us to Sant Elia, the town Tom and Denise's maternal grandparents were from, soaking up that atmosphere. We were also fortunate to have had perfect weather. Thanks to technology we are able to see more of our new granddaughter, Mila, who lives in Long Beach, CA, with her parents than was possible with our grandsons in Philadelphia some years ago. Mila "sparks my joy."



Discenna Family meet Mila Rose

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FORMER FACULTY

Passing along the sad news of the loss of Kingswood history teacher and administrator **LARRY REESIDE**. Larry was a much-admired history teacher starting in 1965. He served as Assistant Head of School at Kingswood from 1970 to 1972 before departing to take on leadership roles first at Grosse Pointe Academy, then at Orchard Lake St. Mary's. Larry kept in touch with many colleagues and former students throughout the years and his ready smile and humor will be missed by all who knew him.



Larry Reeside with Debbie Rutzen and Claudia Schuette at a class of '73 reunion

Biology teacher Russ Conner remembers his quick wit. Former Director of Schools **ARLYCE SEIBERT** remembers his mentorship during her first year at Kingswood as being very important to her. Arlyce has been enjoying the mild South Carolina weather, especially given the six snow days that were called on campus this past semester. In April she was honored with a well-deserved Spirit award from her alma mater, U of D Mercy. **CHUCK AND BRIGID GEROUX** were recently curating wonderful memories of stage productions past from their beautiful, snowbound, rural farm in Wisconsin. We reminisced about the magical 25th anniversary celebration in 1996, which reunited them with many of their beloved Ergasterion progeny. For more than two decades Chuck and Sarkis Halajian have faithfully observed their ritual of speaking by phone at intermission of the opening night of the musical to pass along good luck. **ROMI JELLIFFE** made her annual season's greetings by phone to old friends. Romi remembers well the long evenings passed with beloved history teacher **SCRIBNER JELLIFFE** and guests in the back yard, over wine, Boggle games, and epic tales of the classroom. Romi lives in Hanover, New Hampshire and would appreciate any messages sent to 32 Buch Road, Hanover, NH 03755.



Romie Jelliffe and daughter Jenny '79, Christmas 2018

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Visit schools.cranbrook.edu/alumni/reunion for more details and to download the full reunion weekend schedule of events open to all alumni. Participants in class years ending in 4 or 9 can contact the alumni office at alumni@cranbrook.edu to get updates on any special class plans related to their milestone reunion.



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