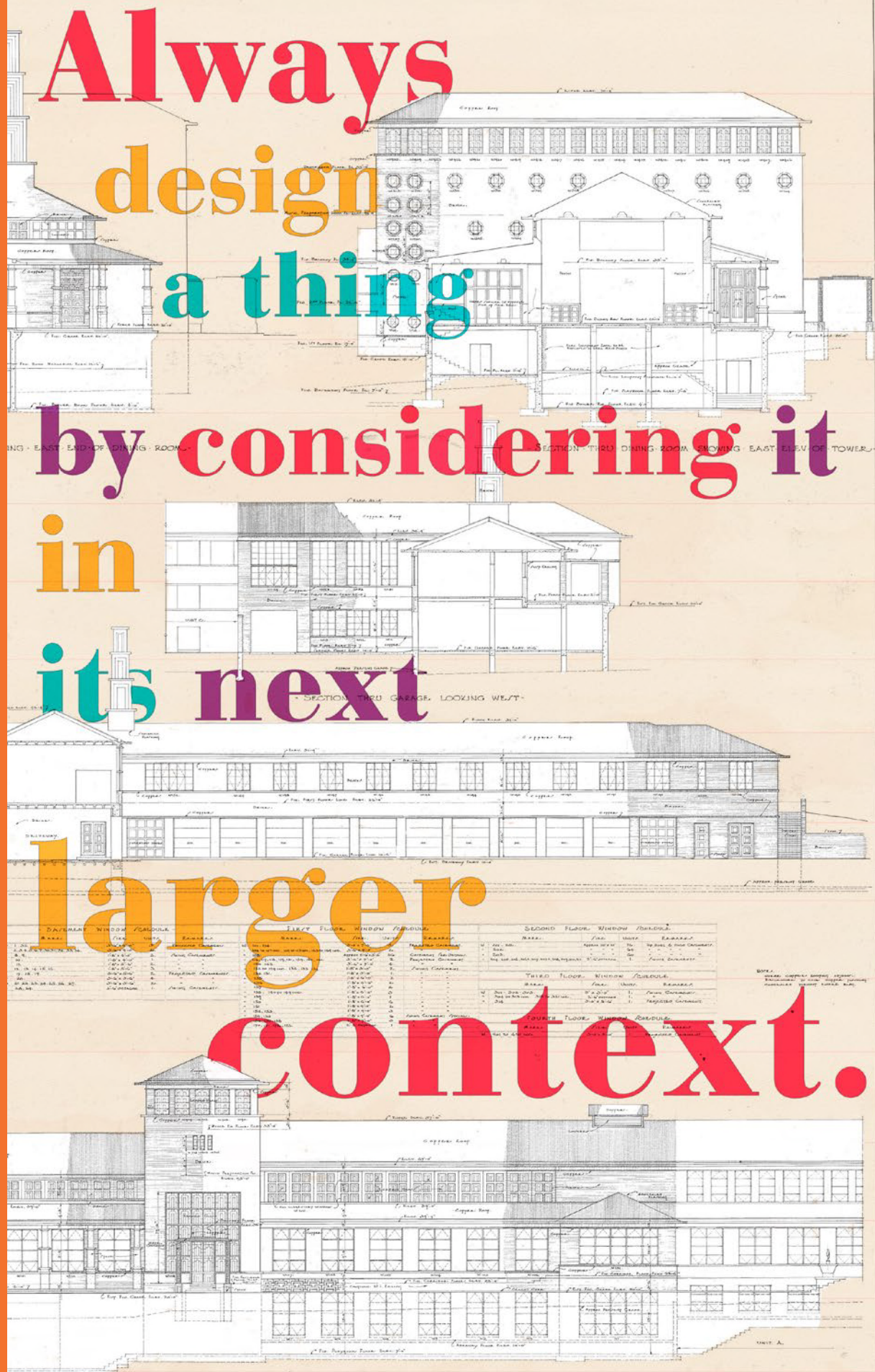


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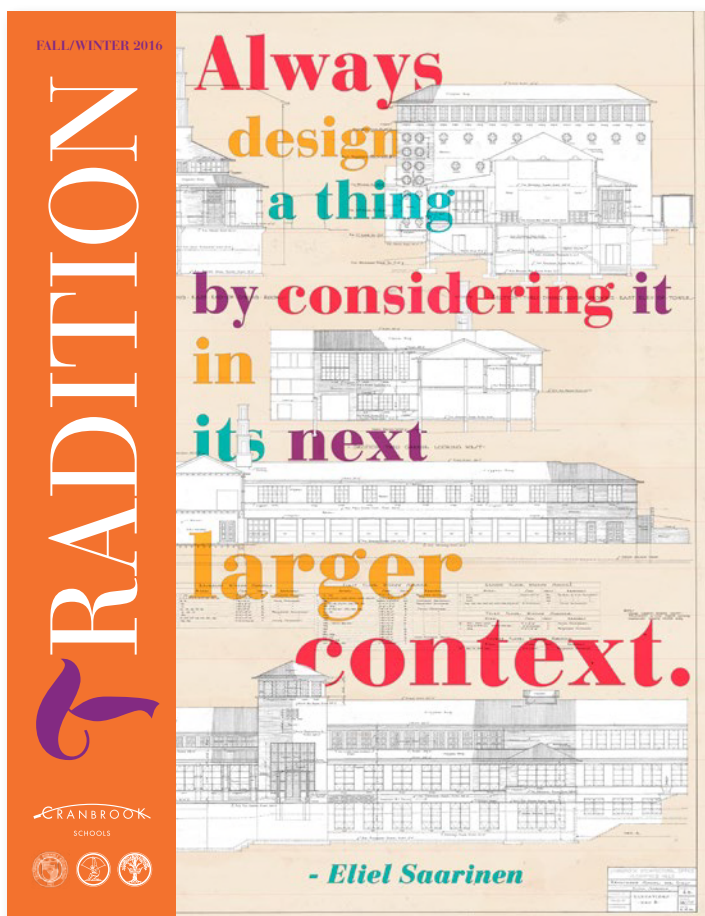
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Always design a thing by considering it in its next larger context - a chair in a room, a room in a house, a house in an environment, an environment in a city plan.

- Eliel Saarinen, quoted in Time Magazine, July 2, 1956

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# RESIDENT'S Point of View



**D**ear Cranbrook Schools' Alumni,  
Since Cranbrook's founding over a century ago, our foundation has been built upon the spirit of innovation. Every day, all across the globe, Cranbrook alums are making our collective story ever richer by exemplifying a spirit of innovation, creativity and curiosity. A drive to improve the old, challenge the current and create something new remains our commitment to excellence.

Supporting innovation, creativity and curiosity across each of Cranbrook's programs is one of our community's core values. This philosophy makes Cranbrook so very special, especially for the benefit of our students.

All of Cranbrook's facilities and people are here to support our many students. Cranbrook's program areas work together as one educational community that few other independent schools can match. With offerings such as the Cranbrook Art Museum, Institute of Science and a historic campus, Cranbrook Schools remains unique not only in our region but in our country.

I'm delighted with the recent upgrades made on our campus, both physical and virtual. Some, like the conversion and renovation of the Kingswood Café located on the lower level of Kingswood in the former Home Economics classrooms, are obvious. Others, such as the new websites of the Art Museum, House & Gardens and Institute of Science, exist in cyberspace. These new digital Cranbrook

destinations include online stores, mobile-friendly designs and other new features. I hope you will pay them a visit!

Innovation, creativity and curiosity are forward-thinking and empowering concepts. Through a collective commitment to harnessing and channeling these ideals, Cranbrook's faculty and staff continually look to our Schools' future needs and opportunities, plan the best way to get there and celebrate the success of accomplishments while beginning the process anew. As you look through this publication, I hope you will pause on the messages of our Director of Cranbrook Schools, Arlyce Siebert, and other Schools leaders. In their words, you will discover how innovation – in its many guises – is integral to the experience that all of us at Cranbrook strive to provide.

To each of you, we are inspired by your support, encouragement and trust. The joy of learning, imagining and discovering never ends!

Thank you for being such a special part of Cranbrook.

Sincerely,

DOMINIC A. DIMARCO, PRESIDENT  
*Cranbrook Educational Community*



# DIRECTOR'S School of Thought



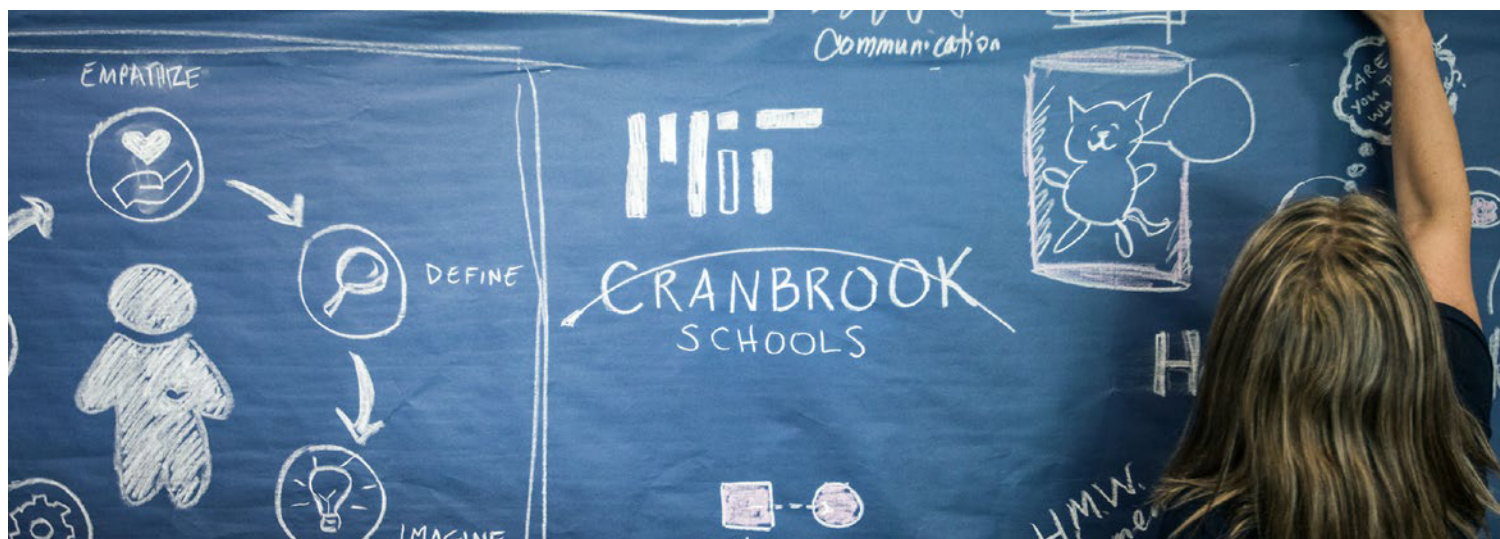
**D**ear Alumni,

We are excited to announce an important milestone in Cranbrook Schools' ongoing efforts to build upon its reputation as a global educational leader. The Edgerton Center at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Cranbrook Schools are collaborating in an initiative that will empower Cranbrook faculty to accelerate innovation in their curriculum and their teaching. Cranbrook is only the third school in the nation—and the only school outside of Boston—to enter into this educational collaboration with MIT which provides unique

professional development opportunities for faculty while developing methodologies to demonstrate the impact of experiential learning.

Cranbrook Schools is honored to be the first and only school in the Midwest to be asked by MIT to be a part of this unique educational initiative.

Cranbrook itself was born over a century ago out of the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship. Innovation at Cranbrook engages all learners in creative processes to design and implement solutions for real-world



*The Cranbrook Schools/MIT educational collaboration marks the beginning of even greater educational opportunity for students and faculty alike.*



*Already being applied at the Schools: middle school girls work through the process of a collaborative design challenge.*

problems. Cranbrook's culture of innovation is driven by a commitment to excellence, quality, and integrity, and supports thoughtful risk-taking by our students.

According to the K-12 Project Coordinator at The Edgerton Center, Bob Vieth, "The Edgerton Center at MIT and Cranbrook Schools have entered into an educational collaboration to bring experiential learning to Cranbrook, based on Edgerton Center's 25-plus years in the field. This would include problem-based learning, inquiry, and the use of Maker Studios to enhance student engagement at all grade levels and across all content areas."

Our students are already benefiting from this collaboration with MIT. Seventy of our faculty engaged in a workshop this summer devoted to learning and integrating the design thinking process into their curriculum. Students are already utilizing the design thinking process to solve problems ranging from how they might solve math problems, learn about different parts of the country, design a new kind of backpack and build roller coasters. Later this fall, we will be the first school in the country to utilize a newly developed hands-on kit created by MIT faculty to teach cell biology.

"The Edgerton Center is excited about our relationship with a school such as Cranbrook, which has an international reputation for rigor and excellence. The staff at Cranbrook has shown a deep commitment to the program and has enthusiastically embraced our work at Edgerton. At the same time, Edgerton looks forward to working with Cranbrook staff to improve our understanding of teaching and learning in K-12 classrooms," says Vieth.

I am very pleased to be able to share this important news with all of you, and look forward to the remarkable outcomes this collaboration promises to produce.

Sincerely,  
ARLYCE M. SEIBERT,  
Director of Cranbrook Schools



*RedesignEDU, the inaugural event for the collaboration, saw more than 70 faculty participate in a two-day training and workshop program.*

# CRANBROOK Development

Fellow Alumni,

This issue of Tradition features alumni who are redefining the way we utilize space to meet our needs in the twenty-first century. It seems an opportune moment to reflect on how Cranbrook is using space in an evolving educational landscape – and how you, as alumni, are making it possible.

Over the past ten years, gifts from alumni have given rise to new buildings, like the Girls Middle School, and refurbished beloved spaces, like the Diana Courtyard and Cranbrook Quadrangle. Philanthropy has helped transform and re-imagine student gathering spaces like the Tremain Common Room – even created new spaces like the Kingswood Café – to keep students connected and engaged in conversation with one another as part of their experience. In every case, the utmost care and attention is given to the Booth and Saarinen families' vision and aesthetic.

Alumni giving has also supported advancements in the classroom. Smart Boards were an important first step toward integrating technology. Now desk and table seating is giving way to node chairs, offering teachers the flexibility to address students row-by-row, or in small discussion groups around shared texts or devices. The libraries have followed suit, consolidating stacks to meet the growing demand for more open, collaborative learning spaces. Meanwhile, maker spaces across all divisions serve as destinations to create, invent, and learn using 3D printers and software.



As noted in the preceding letter from Director of Schools Arlyce Seibert, design-thinking is at the forefront of curricular innovation today. Our collaboration with The Edgerton Center at MIT will undoubtedly create new opportunities to engage and challenge our students in the decades to come. It will also require that we continue to think creatively about the way we utilize space on campus without compromising the architectural legacy we were so fortunate to inherit.

With that in mind, I want to thank the thousands of alumni who support Cranbrook Schools each year. Your generosity propels the institution forward with an eye toward preserving the heritage and traditions that you value most. As evidenced by the work of those featured in this issue, alumni leadership continues to serve as a powerful example for the young men and women who attend Cranbrook Schools today. With your partnership, it will continue to do so for generations to come.

Sincerely,

SUSAN STRICKLAND MUSKOVITZ '97  
*Director of Development*



# TEWARD'S Table



The passage from Head of Upper School to Director of Stewardship has been an easy physics problem but a more challenging psychological journey. Helping 800 students to make their way through one of the nation's great preparatory schools called upon the talents of a dizzying variety of faculty, counselors, coaches, dorm advisers, and staff members. I have now joined an incredibly talented, but very compact team of development professionals who see to the needs of a much larger flock, some 13,000 alums. With a foot in the worlds of both student and alum, I have had a singular opportunity to meditate on the meaning of stewardship and how it feeds the daily educational experience. Or to riff on William Faulkner, the Schools' past is never distant from her present; in fact, it's not even past. I have come to understand that countless hours spent in English classrooms and dorms, over athletic fields and dining hall tables, now make vivid to me what a steward can do.

As Head of Upper School, one of my signature challenges to faculty was to "find your larger classroom": to discern the ways in which your work as a teacher forms the compass by which your students navigate the larger landscape of their adolescent lives. As teachers, coaches, or administrators, we are often witness to that moment when a compass falls into the lap of a student by virtue of the visionary act of a donor.

One of my first discoveries about this job was that I steward gifts, not donors. Or, more succinctly, steward dreams, not funds. A gift not felt in the pulse of a student is not a living gift.

From my new office, I can follow a donor's dream from its first expression in words to its realization in a major life path of a Cranbrook Schools student.

Over my career I can trace many such examples of this arc from gift to life direction, but just a few of them are:

- Exceptional student musicians who have brought high distinction and excitement to our Performing Arts programs.
- Young scientists who deepen their passion for discovery with a program of summer study.
- Deserving sophomores who gain access to the wilderness expedition by virtue of a giving fund.
- Budding entrepreneurs who take their first tentative steps into the world of business, social justice, or technology.
- Athletes who gain a sense of the vital relationship between sport and school, community, alums, and life because of the extraordinary dedication of coaches in an extraordinary setting.
- Students whose intellectual or artistic gifts are awakened by a school visit of a nationally preeminent scholar or artist.

I will hasten to add that there are also the gifts that give twice, first by opening a window to a professional opportunity for an eager faculty member, who then lights a flame in a developing student leader or writer or professional.

Let us finally not forget those gifts that enrich and sharpen our students' eyes and deepen their hearts because these gifts quicken the extraordinary spirits of the Booth Family and the Saarinen Family. These we see in the restoration of historical sconces of Hoey Hall made possible by student gifts. Or the restoration of our quads and our courtyards which highlight the importance of creativity. Or the extraordinary Kingswood Café that lends seriousness of purpose to all that our students do. The steward reads his work on the faces and in the voices of our students.

Sincerely,  
CHARLES SHAW  
*Director of Stewardship*

# CKAA President's Letter



*CKAA President Lauren Kerr Freund '01 presents Frank Norton with his Cranbrook ring*



*CKAA President-Elect Wade Mezey '76 passing out laundry bags at the annual barbeque held to welcome seniors as alumni*

Dear Fellow Alumni:

Thank you to all those alumni who were able to participate in making this year's CKAA Reunion weekend another huge success. Once again, the connections and relationships that bind us to this campus were highlighted throughout the weekend. We were privileged to induct two new members of our community as Honorary Alumni. On Friday night, at a celebration in honor of his 40th anniversary at Cranbrook Schools, our then-president Scott Strickland presented Head of Upper School Charlie Shaw with his Cranbrook ring. The next day at the Alumni Assembly at Kingswood, we surprised veteran physics teacher Frank Norton with his ring. It is with great pleasure that we welcome these two mentors, who have touched so many lives, into the Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni family. Their classrooms are a common bond and a shared memory for decades of alumni, and by recognizing them in this way, the Association fulfills its mission to strengthen the connections between the alumni community and the Schools.

Our next major initiative is our fourth annual Alumni Career Fair for students on the evening of February 1. We have had a tremendously positive response to the Career Fair from students and parents. Last year, 70 alumni volunteered a few hours of their time to join us as "mentors"—answering questions about their field, giving guidance on education and careers, and interacting with engaged students. If you would like to participate as a mentor, please contact the Alumni Office at [alumni@cranbrook.edu](mailto:alumni@cranbrook.edu) to register. Immediately following the fair, CKAA will host a networking and social hour nearby. We are grateful to our dues-paying alumni whose contributions make initiatives like these possible. To pay dues online or for more information about our alumni dues program, visit <http://bit.ly/ckaadues>.

Sincerely,  
LAUREN KERR FREUND '01  
*President, Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association*

WADE MEZEY '76  
*President-Elect, Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association*



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## ACADEMICS

Last spring, Upper School Latin students attended the 2nd annual *Copley Latin Day*, hosted by the University of Michigan Department of Classics. Students spent the morning in a variety of activities promoting the study of Latin and Greek, attending lectures presented by renowned classicists and participating in workshops. Other activities included a scavenger hunt around campus to find examples of Latin in inscriptions and art and a presentation of original student skits about daily life in Rome. Cranbrook Kingswood Latin III students received first prize for their skit about the Roman poets Martial and Catullus.

In April, fourth graders from Brookside spent the morning with the Upper School Science Department. They experienced hands-on aspects of biology, chemistry, and physics, learning about centripetal force and angular momentum and why paperclips can float. With their Upper School student guides, they built robots in Conceptual Physics, dissected a fetal pig, and rode on a hovercraft. They observed the planets, shot an air cannon, and made

elephant toothpaste. The highlight may have been holding fire in their hands.

The seventh grade students at the Cranbrook Kingswood Middle School for Boys embarked on an interdisciplinary project that "landed" them in the Williams Natatorium. The boys applied math and science principles, the design thinking process, and group dynamic skills to design seaworthy vessels that took to the water in a "regatta" on May 13. Knowing that they would ultimately use only cardboard and duct tape for their boats, the boys sketched designs, used computer programs to create prototypes, and made and tested scale models, in preparation for the final boats for the regatta. In this inaugural regatta, all of the designs were successful, as each boat stayed afloat during the course around the pool.

A team of 18 students from the Cranbrook Kingswood Middle School for Girls submitted an experiment to the "Cubes in Space" program. The program is a STEAM-based global education program that provides students a no-cost opportunity to design and compete to launch an experiment into space. The program works in collaboration

with NASA's Langley Research Center and the Colorado Space Grant Consortium. Students from around the world are able to propose and participate in experiments that will take place on a NASA sounding rocket or highaltitude scientific balloon mission. Their project was one of just 23 proposals selected to launch in the sounding rocket and high-altitude balloon out of Wallops Island, Virginia.

The "Shaw Fund for Student Leadership and Peer Programs," launched in honor of Charlie Shaw's 40 years at the Schools. It will support and encourage educational and/or extracurricular experiences that cultivate leadership, service and trust, including student entrepreneurship. Initiatives that have already kicked off are the wildly popular *CraneTank* which required students to create and pitch concepts that address social and economic problems. The presentation of the first *Summer Enterprise Awards* propelled select students along the path of entrepreneurship as they pursued their goals. Creative thinking is not just for our students. Faculty members representing all divisions spent part of their summer break doing professional development at MIT's Edgerton Center exploring new techniques in design thinking and experiential learning.

Freshman history students learned about the brevity of human existence by creating a cosmic calendar in the gym. In this activity, all cosmic events of the past 13.7 billion years are condensed into a single calendar year, as represented by the 365 dated pages set around the gym in chronological order on the floor. According to scientific calculations, humans don't appear until 6 minutes before midnight on December 31, the last day of the year, and Stonehenge is only built in the last half second.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & STUDENT LIFE

A team of Cranbrook Kingswood students combined their efforts to take first place at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology *Launch Entrepreneurship Competition*, which took place in April in Boston, Massachusetts. In this competition student teams create model companies in their school settings to learn the entrepreneurial mindset and skills needed to start real companies. A trip to MIT in the spring allows students to pitch their ideas before knowledgeable entrepreneurs, who then take the best and most professional "businesses" and award them grants. As international finalists, the team was one of ten invited to compete in Boston. "All ten teams who made it to Boston were guaranteed grants," said Ohja, "but we won overall



Charlie Shaw introduces alumni panelists Brian Razzaque '96, Aaron Gillum '96, Laurie Rubiner '80, Matt Nosanchuk '83, Liz Vollman '03 and Sloan Eddleston '00 to a full house



CK summer trip to Spain

first place.” This top status not only gives the team great honors, but also some grant funding to assist them in their efforts to bring their company to life.

The CK Brown Club hosted *Desi Night* in the Kingswood Auditorium in April. Students and faculty gathered to watch skits and performances of traditional and modern dances of India and enjoy some tasty Indian cuisine.

Cranbrook Kingswood language students traveled to France and Spain this summer. Upper School French teachers Ashley Weber and Corinne Minart led a group of 17 students to Montpellier, France where they were immersed in the French culture and language for two weeks through a local French program. Students stayed with host families, attended intensive morning classes and participated in field trips and activities each afternoon. In Sevilla in July, CK students made their way from their local families' apartments through the charming labyrinth of streets to attend classes in the morning, and cultural activities in the afternoon and evening.

Upper School students participated in an eight-day International Summer Camp in China through the Soong Ching-Ling Foundation. Eight students and teacher Michelle Tang traveled from Beijing to Changzhou, then on to Shanghai. Besides walking the Great Wall, visiting the technology town of Changzhou and touring Shanghai, the students enjoyed cultural dances and performances prepared by students from 23 countries and learned about traditional Chinese art forms through the Culture Carnival activities presented by the local students or the masters who specialize in these traditional Chinese art forms.

The Schools' third TEDx event was held in April at the Performing Arts Center as part of the national TEDxYouth event. This day of short, powerful talks and sharing followed the spirit of TED's mission, “ideas worth spreading.” *TEDxCranbrookSchools* focused on motivating and inspiring students with stories of ingenuity and creativity, the theme being Innovation: Ideas to Impact. A diverse group of student, faculty and alumni speakers and performers shared their talents, insights, and expertise. Talks ranged from *Fear: The Disliked Emotion* by Oliver

Brown, 6th grade student at the Boys' Middle School to *The Evolution of Farming* by alumnus Joe LaGrasso '11.

The 8th annual *Cranbrook Envisions a Cure* walk took place on a beautiful day in September with the support of the members of the Cross Country Team and the Cranbrook Envisions a Cure Club, which donated \$1,000 to the four featured charities—Imerman Angels, Angela Hospice, Sisters Hope and St. Baldrick's Foundation. Last year the club was created by Samantha Chinn and Michel Faliski, along with eight other members. The main objective when creating the club was to increase student participation in the Cranbrook community in support of the walk, which has raised funds and awareness for cancer support groups each year with the leadership of former faculty member Cec Vettrano Strine.

Students, alumni and faculty members gathered in September for the annual Elizabeth Bennett reading. At the reading, second-year grant recipient, language teacher and Crane Clarion advisor David Watson read poetry and excerpts from his collected journals, which he is preparing for publication. First-year grant recipient Eglee Rodriguez-Bravo shared her perceptions of longevity in the form of

a story about her grandfather who lived to the age of one hundred and eleven.

This fall's third annual *Detroit Homecoming* sponsored by Crain's brought together Detroit expatriates across such areas as business, the arts, technology, government, among others in a conference designed to sustain momentum in revitalizing Detroit. Cranbrook Kingswood alums have held a disproportionately high representation among this group of national thought leaders. From among a larger group of invited CK attendees, a small number of distinguished alums returned to campus to create a Friday afternoon panel. A large group of students crowded into the Cranbrook Library Reading Room to create contacts and conversations with Brian Razzaque, Aaron Gillum, Laurie Rubiner, Mathew Nosanchuk, Liz Vollman and Sloan Eddleston. This "homecoming" within the Homecoming was a megawatt success.

Juniors received their class rings at the annual Ring Ceremony and Passage of Leadership. At the Passage of Leadership ceremony this year, alumnus Ernest Adams '94 addressed the students on the meaning of the event he helped conceive as a Cranbrook Kingswood student.



*Student support for the Cranbrook Envisions a Cure walk*



*Ernest Adams '94 prepares to address students at the Passage of Leadership Ceremony*

Dorm life at Kingswood kicked off as student Resident Advisors spent an afternoon on a Historic Detroit Cycle Tour as part of their training week before the start of school. The nine RAs pedaled their way on a fifteen passenger cycle trolley around downtown Detroit, visiting Greektown, Comerica Park, and the historic Michigan Building while learning about the city's past.

## ATHLETICS

This May, twenty five Upper School varsity athletes spent time with our future Cranes and Aardvarks during ACES Day at Brookside. The Upper School student-athletes did a phenomenal job introducing themselves and answering questions from Brookside students as young as four years old. The children answered questions pertaining to fitness, nutrition, pre-game preparation and balancing school and athletics. The Upper School athletes walked around Kingswood Lake with the Brooksidiers after the assembly and answered questions along the way. At this powerful assembly, the Upper School student-athletes develop an awareness of their responsibility as role models for the

younger students who look up to them as the stars of the schools' courts and fields.

In spring, five Cranbrook Kingswood seniors launched their college athletic careers by signing NCAA National Letters of Intent with their future schools. Four-time State Champion and two-time MISCA All-American swimmer Giorgio DelGrosso committed to swim next year for Florida State University. Fellow swimmers Anuschka Sambel and Andrew Trunsky will also compete with the Swim and Dive teams at Connecticut College and Williams College, respectively. Senior boarder Hana DeClerck, winner of the Zetterberg Award and the Little Caesars High Performance Hockey League (HPHL) Academic Achievement Award, will play women's hockey with the Brown Bears of Brown University. The Britons of Albion College have the benefit of baseball standout Jordyn Finney's commitment.

Junior Devin Deogun fought his way through sudden death competition to bring home the D2 boys golf individual state title, leading the team to a state runner-up finish against St. Johns.

Both the boys' and girls' lacrosse teams finished their respective seasons as state championship finalists. The defending state champion boys team fell to Forest Hills Central in the final match, while the girls team put up an incredible battle against four-time state champions East Grand Rapids, but finished as the state runner-up with a score of 13-11.

The girls' softball team enjoyed an exciting season on their newly renovated field. Their season ended with a celebratory ribbon cutting on the field during reunion weekend before the first-ever alumni/varsity softball game.

Cranbrook Kingswood Athletic Director Steve Graf was selected by the Catholic High School League as this year's recipient of the Tom Kelly "Athletic Director of the Year" Award. Cranbrook has also been recognized as one of the most competitively successful high school athletic programs in the state of Michigan, and was recently awarded the prestigious "Exemplary Program" award by the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. A very small number of schools statewide receive this recognition.

This fall the Cranbrook Kingswood girls volleyball team hosted rival Detroit Country Day in a fundraiser event that brought in a total of \$2,125 for the Michigan Ovarian Cancer Alliance and the girls' swim and dive team hosted their annual car wash to support the Miles Levin Foundation.

## FINE ARTS

The Jewelers of Birmingham held their highly competitive 10th annual Scholarship Competition this spring. Five Cranbrook Kingswood students were chosen to have their work on display in the Birmingham jewelry stores that sponsored the competition this spring.

Visiting Artist Tom Coleman gave pointers to ceramics students on a campus visit in April. While here, Coleman also held a workshop in the Kingswood Auditorium for 35 local potters. Coleman's ceramic work is in collections including the Smithsonian, the American Museum of Ceramics and many private collections worldwide.



*Visiting artist Tom Coleman giving pointers to ceramics students*



## PERFORMING ARTS

The 36th annual Strickland Choreography Competition took place on April 20. Eleven Cranbrook Kingswood dance students created their own choreography and performed for three adjudicators. The adjudication team consisted of University Dance Department professors and professional dancers and educators. They chose winning pieces based on clear use of choreographic principles, intent and artistry. The Strickland winner was senior Ajene' Hines who created a playful duet titled *Lost and Found*.

In April the Cranbrook Chamber Music Club went on an outreach to Woodward Hills Nursing Home in Bloomfield Hills. A group of seven instrumentalists and vocalists played a series of solos, duets, and trios for an elderly audience at the nursing home. Everyone in the audience deeply appreciated the beautiful music, with facial expressions of joy visible all across the audience.

"An Evening of Dance" took place in May, featuring pieces choreographed by students, including Bravo guest

artist Aaron Smith. Director of Dance Kay Rediers also choreographed a dance featuring senior dance students in collaboration with Detroit dance filmmaker Nicholas Caramagno.

Theater students finished their year with a One Act Festival, as senior theater students directed six short plays written by local playwrights from Oakland University. The new season kicked off with a high energy 24-Hour Theater Project, where students start at 7 pm on Friday and write, memorize, stage, block, build, light, and organize a complete show for an audience to be shown at 7 pm the next day. The event serves as a fundraiser to send students to the Michigan Thespian Festival.

Tod Williams '61 and Billie Tsien in their New York studio.  
Photo: Chris Sturman



## Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Redefine the SPACES AROUND US

*Demands on the spaces where people work, live and gather are changing as fast as evolving technologies, and Cranbrook Kingswood alumni are at the forefront of design innovations. Read on for some examples of their response to changing needs.*

Beauty rests at the core of the Cranbrook experience. Design and architecture become ingrained in the students who pass through its halls each day. Perhaps unsurprisingly that appreciation of form and function stays with its graduates, and the list of those who have gone on to pursue the design of the spaces in which we live, work and gather is extensive. Changing life and work styles have put pressure on traditional concepts of space utilization and our alumni in the design fields have been quick to respond in thoughtful and creative ways.

With technological changes, the lines between work and play continue to blur. The importance of collaboration and spaces that nurture the exchange of ideas has grown.

Several Cranbrook Schools graduates are getting notice for their unique ability to cater to the changing demands. They include Tod Williams '61, who, along with his wife and partner Billie Tsien, was named principal architect for the Obama Presidential Center, to be built in Chicago.

They include, too, Jamie Hodari '00, whose firm Industrious has elevated the concept of the co-working space for entrepreneurs and Fortune 500 firms. Kimberly Dowdell '01, works to create inspiring, affordable housing and reinvigorate neighborhoods in the city of Detroit. Brad Sherman '03, helps New York-based start-ups grow in office spaces that inspire top talent.

## A CENTER FOR CHANGE

For the firm of Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects | Partners (TWBTA), their selection as the lead firm for the Obama Presidential Center began in 2015 when they were one of 140 firms who responded to the Obama Foundation's open call for qualifications.

This past June, Williams and Tsien were named the top choice for this historic project, with the Obama Foundation noting that TWBTA "stood out in their commitment to exploring, together with the Foundation, the best ways of creating an innovative center for action that inspires communities and individuals to take on our biggest challenges." The selection of Williams and Tsien also marks the first time in American history that a woman will be one of the architectural leads for a presidential library.

For Williams and Tsien, their selection has meant the opportunity to design for two people who inspire them. "Billie and I have been more deeply moved by this presidency than any other," says Williams. "The President and First Lady are our heroes. They are intelligent, warm, and kind. They have inspired millions in their pursuit for a more just and humane world."

In turn, Williams and Tsien seek to create a center that will reflect the President's legacy and at the same time, serve as the base for his future work. "We want the center to be inspiring and engaging, a place that might change people's lives, a place people would want to return to, a place for the community of the South Side (of Chicago), for all Americans and for all citizens of the world," says Williams.

To do that, Williams and Tsien have looked to the underlying principals of the center for their inspiration. "We began as we always do by reflecting, in this case, on the President's legacy and the Foundation's mission," says Williams. "Underlying each were principles. It is the principles, not the aesthetic considerations, that drove our design and should drive all design."

This commitment to principle has helped guide Williams and Tsien throughout an award-winning career that has included such memorable creations as The Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia; the Logan Center for the Arts at the University of Chicago; the LeFrak Center at Lakeside

in Brooklyn, New York; and the Williams Natatorium at Cranbrook.

Williams and Tsien today only take on institutional, academic, civic and residential projects. "Once we began to undertake these kinds of projects, we realized they gave us far greater satisfaction than commercial work," says Williams. "Based more on values than the bottom line, these projects are slower, they last longer, and are more personally rewarding."

Upon completion, the Obama Presidential Center will contain President Obama's presidential archives, a museum focusing on the Obama presidency and the issues of our time as well as the offices of the Barack Obama Foundation, which was established in 2014 to "carry on the great, unfinished project of renewal and global progress."

The challenge for Williams and Tsien will be to imbue the center not only with a sense of history but with the vibrancy and energy that has been a hallmark of the Obama presidency. "It's a challenge for all history-focused museums to continually renew themselves and remain relevant and exciting to visitors," says Williams.

Upon its completion, though, Williams foresees the center as a place that will provide insight into the past while at the same time motivating visitors to look ahead. Says Williams, "This will be both a museum and a place that will encourage the young and old to realize they can be leaders and agents of change for the public good."

## DESIGNING THE EQUITABLE CITY

From a young age, Kimberly Dowdell '01, knew she wanted to be an architect so that she could build better cities. Growing up in Detroit in the early 1990s, "there were lots of boarded up buildings and I remember watching TV and seeing that New York and Chicago did not look like that," says Dowdell. She vowed at the age of 11 to do something about it.

"My personal mission is to improve the quality of life for people living in cities," she says. That is the spark that led her to co-found PODz, a full-service design firm that specializes in delivering quality architectural projects that

"Cranbrook didn't just change me. It was and has been one of the basic building blocks of my life—its architecture, landscape, the profound connections between meaningful beauty, academics, athletics, and an artistic life. While there is nothing I could or should copy, I feel I am constantly relating to my Cranbrook experience."

**TOD WILLIAMS '61**

incorporate community input, sustainable design principles and economic efficiencies. She and her fellow principals at PODz believe that “design excellence is a right, not a privilege.” It is something that Dowdell has been working towards throughout her professional career.

“As designers, we aim to make the best possible end product that is visually appealing and environmentally sustainable,” Dowdell says. “Everything that would go into a market-rate project should be able to fit into affordable housing. You have to balance economics with design excellence. We are really rigorous with our design resources to make sure they don’t get value-engineered out. It’s not always achievable but it’s our mantra.”

The best living spaces have light and air and access to amenities, Dowdell says. “Once you walk out your door, what you see and what you have around you are important. When I walk out the door, what is near me? How close is transit? How clean is the street? Is there a grocery store?”

While serving on Detroit’s Housing and Revitalization team, Dowdell applied those questions to reinvigorating the city’s neighborhoods and supporting stabilization. “As people are moving back to the city, there is more demand for services,” she says. And that demand spurs growth, stability and eventually, a livelier, brighter environment to greet residents when they open those doors each morning.

By using a tandem of real estate development and sustainable design, Dowdell hopes to continue to make an impact on the renewal of Detroit and other cities in the near- and long-term future. That is one reason why, following graduation from Cornell University with a degree in architecture, she chose to pursue a master’s degree in public administration from Harvard University. It was her way of looking at the big questions around how design,

government, finance and development all play parts in finding the answers.

In 2005, Dowdell co-founded SEED, which stands for “social economic environmental design,” to identify issues relating to “profit, people and planet” during the design process. Through SEED, she spread awareness and advanced the organization’s mission to help every person “live in a socially, economically and environmentally healthy community.”

Through SEED, Dowdell led efforts to create the equivalent of LEED certification—which determines a building’s environmental quality—for equitable development in design. “It set the tone for everything I did subsequently,” she says. Today, public interest design is present in the architect’s handbook of professional practice and has become a greater part of national and international design discussions.

In addition to teaching a housing design studio at the University of Michigan, Dowdell currently is involved in a number of development projects that are blending philanthropic, governmental and private funds, all aimed at creating better living spaces for families throughout the city of Detroit. Finding the right funding is just as important as finding the right design. “Design and development really go hand in hand,” Dowdell says. “You can design the most beautiful building in the world, but it’s just an exercise if you can’t get it built.”

She adds, “New development brings new opportunity to communities. How do you maximize that for people?” It is the first step in turning one beautifully rehabbed home into a whole neighborhood filled with promise.

## WORKING TOGETHER, WORKING BETTER



“My vision at the age of 11 was to be an architect and I wanted to help Detroit. So I ultimately decided on Cranbrook because of its focus on design and academics. I got a scholarship there and went as a boarder. It was great to have exposure to a whole different world at Cranbrook where I had a roommate from India and where I met so many people from other states and countries. I remember a phrase I would walk by every day: a life without beauty is only half lived. It stays with you.”

**KIMBERLY DOWDELL '01**

Before launching his co-working space firm Industrious, Jamie Hodari '00 led a nonprofit called Kepler that paired online learning with in-person seminars for students across the African continent.

“The idea was to increase the number of people who go to college, providing online courses for the lowest price possible,” Hodari says. “But no one graduates from online universities so we added a seminar component where people interacted with each other. Once we introduced that, those graduation rates skyrocketed. I

realized that as the world becomes more virtual, the ability to sit and interact with others was going to become even more important.”

That realization led to the founding of Industrious, which has co-working spaces in a growing number of cities across the United States, including Austin, Atlanta, Brooklyn, Chicago, Los Angeles, Nashville and more than a half dozen others. The idea was to bring that real-life interaction to the freelancers and early stage start-up workers who otherwise would work from home.



“For me, Cranbrook gave me the idea that your physical environment can affect your creativity and productivity and that real beauty isn’t just a nice thing to note. It can permeate you as you go through your day. That was a huge part of launching Industrious. I had the luxury of learning in a beautiful environment. It’s exciting to try to provide that to thousands of people around the country.”

**JAMIE HODARI ‘00**

Industrious offers people attractive, comfortable, well-designed office spaces that they can share to keep their costs down but in which they will find like-minded entrepreneurs and colleagues. “The idea was to bring people together,” says Hodari.

Industrious differentiates itself from other co-working spaces by offering top-tier amenities, including enrichment opportunities, food services, social events and a staff that takes a personal interest in the lives of its tenants. Says Hodari, “We have community managers who know if your company just had a big funding round or if you just got married.”

The firm took off quickly. “When we started in Chicago, we had 600 applications for 60 spots,” Hodari says. It was not just the number of applicants that surprised Hodari and his team. It soon became obvious that larger firms were looking for the same type of experience for their employees as small start-ups.

“You always assume that big companies have their real estate and workplace situations figured out and that the real challenge was for freelancers and small businesses,” Hodari says.

In a world where workplace engagement among employees matters more and more, the question for larger firms has become how to attract and retain top talent while providing them with a creative environment in which they want to work. “Companies are worried that they’ll lose their employees to other people who have it figured out,” Hodari says.

Today, companies such as Pinterest are engaging Industrious to house teams of their employees in different locations around the country.

The idea that workers perform better in more comfortable, inviting spaces does not appear to be waning. In fact, research continues to support the connection between productivity, workplace satisfaction and a healthy environment. Says Hodari, “It is totally reasonable to want a place to feel welcoming and for it to be a place you want to be in. It’s not indulgent. It’s absolutely necessary for creativity.”

## DESIGNED FROM THE START

One of the hallmarks of entrepreneur-led businesses these days is exceptional design, both graphically and in terms of workspace. With his firm B. Sherman Workshop, Brad Sherman ‘03, helps those fledgling firms find their aesthetic voices.

“Companies that are just getting off the ground are focusing on aesthetics and creating cool spaces that attract the best young talent,” Sherman says.

Sherman starts by learning all he can about a company’s culture and workflow in order to design a space that not only looks good but also allows employees to do their best work. “The variety of work styles and spaces is really important,” he says. “You need spaces that allow people to move because that builds energy.”

While building an office environment often can weigh heavily on a start-up’s bottom line, Sherman has pioneered ways to give his clients memorable design at a more manageable price, even in one of the world’s most expensive cities: New York.

That unique skill—to provide affordable design—stems in equal measure from his master’s degree in sustainable design and architecture as well as an early job at TerraCycle, where he learned to “up-cycle” products and non-

recyclable waste. “It taught me to be insanely resourceful,” Sherman says.

When Sherman moved to New York to take a job at the popular co-working space General Assembly, he began to notice that every start-up team that sought to build an office had no idea how the process worked. “They needed help putting their design and culture into place,” Sherman says. Eventually, he found himself asking the question, “Why is office design not accessible?” He soon set out on his own to remedy the situation.

One method Sherman uses to keep costs down for clients also meshes with his focus on environmental sustainability. The most common way that a builder will start a project is to gut the space and tear everything out so they can start fresh. Sherman’s team of architects and designers go through a space and do a full evaluation of what can be re-used. “Can we re-use the duct work? Sprinkler heads? Glass?” Sherman says. “The idea is to lessen the amount of waste we are creating.” And, at the same time, keep the bottom line down.

Ultimately, Sherman says his goal is to “create environments that inspire people to make great things happen.”

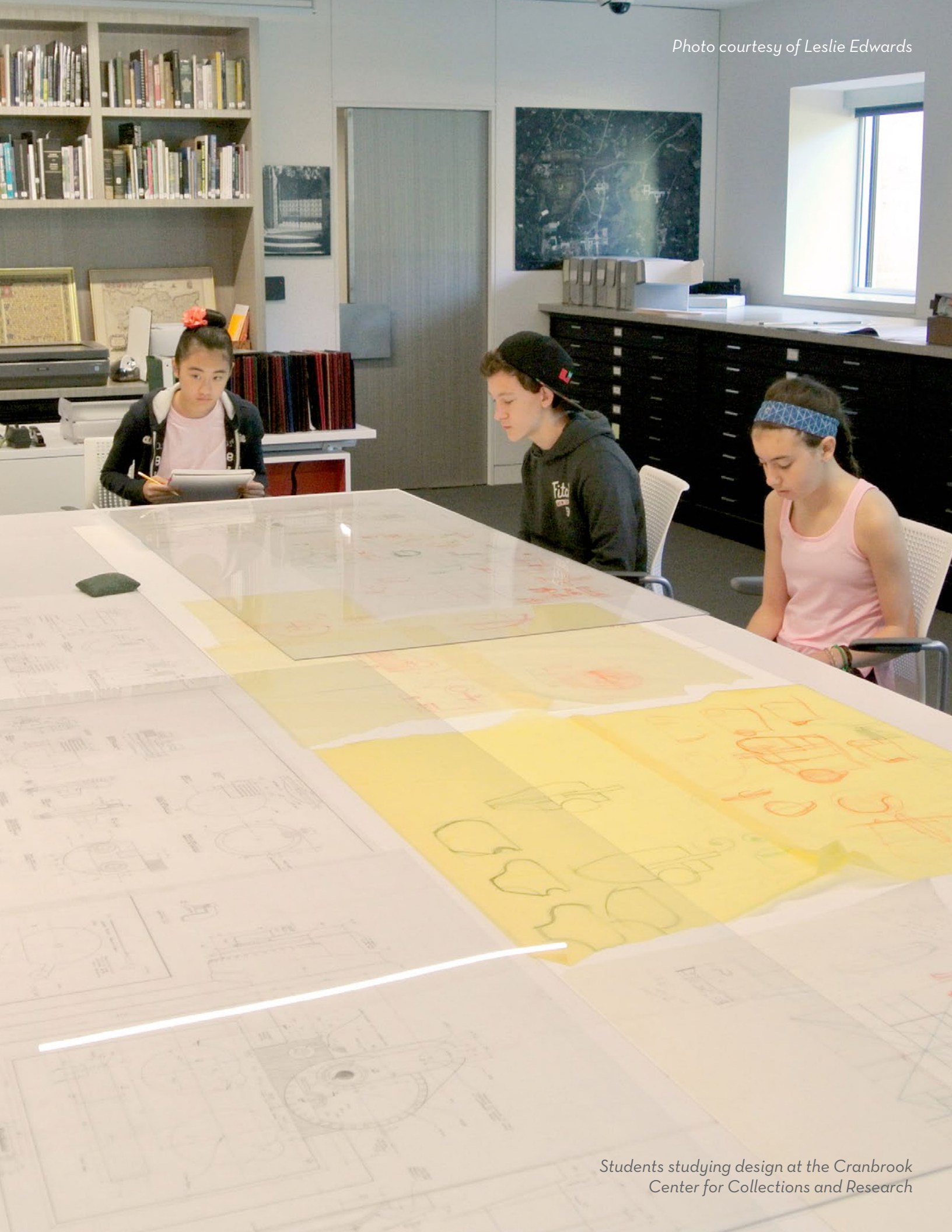
At the heart of it, that is the idea that binds all of the Cranbrook Schools alumni making a difference in the design and realization of the spaces in which we live, learn, work and grow.

“I’ve always naturally been interested in design. Whenever my parents went on vacation, I would rearrange their furniture. Cranbrook was a huge part of that interest for me. I was always intrigued by how things are built. When I was a student in metalsmithing, I started building things like tables and a working water fountain. Those experiences helped inform my design career.”

**BRAD SHERMAN ‘03**



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*Students studying design at the Cranbrook  
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*Breathing easier, thanks to alumna*  
**Abby COHEN**

For someone with asthma, few feelings are worse than that desperate loss of air that signals an attack. In the United States, one in ten people suffer from asthma with many struggling to manage this chronic but treatable condition.

Now that effort is about to become a lot easier, thanks to Abby Cohen '09, a biomedical engineer whose firm, Sparo Labs, has designed a new technology that measures lung function and provides people with an easy way to manage and address their asthma.

"Asthma patients are often forced to wait until they can't breathe before they can take any action," Cohen says. "For diabetics, we don't tell patients to wait until they feel dizzy before taking their insulin."

Cohen co-founded Sparo Labs while still a student at Washington University in St. Louis and remains its co-CEO. The firm's device, called Wing, is a deceptively simple looking sensor that uses novel microphone technology to measure lung function with a companion smart phone app. Earlier this year, the device earned clearance from the Federal Drug Administration for over-the-counter use.

Wing will allow people to make use of an already existing plan of care called the Asthma Action Plan. When people check their lung function by using Wing, they will see a reading that falls into one of three categories— green, yellow or red. Green indicates good lung function. Yellow means an attack is impending and rescue medication is needed. Red indicates lung function of less than 50 percent, meaning rescue medication must be taken immediately and medical assistance sought.

The idea for Wing arose out of Cohen's time with Engineers Without Borders, a volunteer group that seeks to solve global problems via engineering. "I was shadowing an allergist who let me talk with his patients," Cohen says. "One man I spoke with was audibly wheezing and he said that's what it was like for him every day. Before we dug into the research, I didn't realize how big of a problem asthma was. It's chronic, it affects millions, but the ER visits and hospitalizations caused by it are nearly all preventable."

Much of the difficulty lies in the fact that many people who suffer from asthma may not know or understand their care plans. They may, for example, get a peak flow meter from their physician but not understand the readings. With Wing, Cohen and her team sought to create something simple and affordable that could help people care for themselves safely and effectively. "This makes it easier for patients to know what to do to prevent asthma attacks from happening," Cohen says.

It is a technology that has earned interest from industry, potential users, the scientific community and even the White House. In August 2015, Sparo Labs participated in the White House's first-ever Demo Day, hosted by President Barack Obama. The event featured startups from across the country, showcasing innovations and inviting founders to share their individual success stories and encourage others to pursue, as the White House stated, "bold, game-changing ideas."

Sparo Labs began selling Wing directly to customers from its website ([www.mywing.io](http://www.mywing.io)) this fall and also is working to introduce the device to healthcare professionals.

Cohen hopes that Sparo Labs can one day do even more for the millions who struggle with lung and respiratory conditions. "We want to be able to provide end-to-end solutions for respiratory diseases," she says.

That will include working with physicians and healthcare providers. "How can you effectively leverage technology into the flow of typical medical care?" Abby says. "The data from Wing can be so much more powerful if you can link it back to someone who can help you with your care."

For Cohen, this ability to problem solve and look at the big picture grew during her years as a student at Cranbrook and then later in college. "I always really liked math and science, but I didn't necessarily know that engineering was the perfect combination of those two things until right before I went to college," she says. Biomedical engineering provided her with a "great mixture of helping people and problem solving," she adds.

Cohen remains focused and enthusiastic about Sparo Labs and all of the possibilities it holds. "I know when I wake up and go to work everyday, I'm excited," she says. "There are hurdles, but having patients excited about Wing and knowing it can change their lives is really motivating. Knowing we are helping others is really a great feeling."

# David KALT

*A new riff on the music gear market*

David Kalt '85 has a talent for knowing what people need before they even know they need it. As the owner of Chicago Music Exchange, a mecca for musicians seeking equipment that draws customers like Adele, Tom Petty and Carlos Santana, he honed his understanding of the vintage music gear marketplace. He has gone on to found Reverb.com, an online marketplace for musicians to buy, sell and learn about new, used, vintage and handmade instruments, and launched a quest to improve upon the experience of people trying to conduct equipment sales online.



David Kalt '85 and his executive team

Professional and fledgling musicians may not have known they needed an alternative to eBay and Craigslist, but Kalt did. His retail music store, the Chicago Music Exchange, filled a need for those who had access to the Chicago showroom, but he began to see “how bad an experience it was buying gear online.” In response, Kalt says. “I had an epiphany for Reverb and dropped everything. I hired a bunch of developers and funded it myself.”

Today, Reverb has more than 100 employees, 650,000 active users, approximately 100,000 unique sellers and more than 500,000 items for sale. It has expanded to include tips and how-to instruction, demonstrations, videos and even a way for people who want to learn music to find reputable teachers.

This is not the first time Kalt anticipated a market need ahead of the curve. In college, Kalt began to play guitar and became interested in music production. Following graduation from the University of Michigan, he jumped into the music industry as an engineer and landed in studios such as Sunset Sound, a legendary site for music of the ‘70s and ‘80s.

Soon, though, music engineering began to incorporate more digital equipment and software. Kalt became interested in coding, a skill he taught himself in 1991.

“I’m crazy curious,” Kalt says. “I’m Curious George. I’m always learning and digging deep into things.” That was something he appreciated about his two years at Cranbrook where he says, “I was really inspired by the dedication of the faculty and being around students who really wanted to learn. At Cranbrook, you felt there was this ‘aim high’ philosophy. There was a spark there.”

After mastering coding, Kalt developed a software product called ClientBase for his family’s travel agency business, leading to the creation of a firm called Third Party Solutions. It came at an ideal time for the travel industry and in 1998, Kalt sold the company, which ultimately became part of American Airlines.

Kalt anticipated another technology application when he examined options trading. “I felt that the big online brokers didn’t offer a really good experience for retail options traders like me,” Kalt says. “The result was a software solution that led to the creation of Optionsxpress Holdings, Inc., in 2000. The business was hugely successful, but, “in 2007, I was running a public company and didn’t love it,” says Kalt. “I started to lose the creative pleasure of running a business so I gracefully exited.” The firm was sold to Charles Schwab in 2011.

Seeking to regain that joy in business, Kalt bought the Chicago Music Exchange, which sold rare and vintage instruments. “When I bought that store, it grounded me,” he says. “I need to be deep in the weeds, not sitting in a boardroom.”

He passed that joyful experience on to his customers and staff, pumping the energy inherent in music into the process of buying and shopping for instruments. He began uploading YouTube videos on the store’s site, showing its musician-employees rocking out on available merchandise. One clip of a staffer playing 100 famous guitar riffs in one take earned more than 21 million views.

Kalt and his team also give customers a “practice room” that resembles a private sound studio in which they can try out guitars and other instruments, playing as loud and as long they wish.

With Chicago Music Exchange and Reverb, Kalt has once more found that spark of creativity that drives him, his staff and his customers. And as quickly as Reverb grows, the potential for even greater evolution lies ahead. “There is a ton of used music inventory out there and billions more instruments are made all the time,” says Kalt. “These things—microphones, guitars, amp—last for years. They don’t disappear. You don’t have to buy new. We want to make buying used as easy as it is to buy new.”

That marketplace also makes it easy for musicians to trade, upgrade or change their minds about their gear. “Every musician who leaves a music store can turn around and sell their instrument in nine months time for 80 percent of its value through us,” Kalt says. That flexibility means a lot to musicians creating and fine-tuning their sound.

Currently, the offices for Reverb are located across the street from Chicago Music Exchange, allowing Kalt to move easily between enterprises. “I want to stay in music,” he says. “I feel like it’s our destiny to help improve musicians’ lives.”

It’s a prospect that sustains that joy in business. “If you find curiosity and passion in things, you will be happy and you will be driven to succeed,” he says. “I’m 49 years old and I’m as happy as I’ve ever been.”

# THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE



John Cohen '94 (front left) with Angry Birds talent Keegan-Michael Key, Billy Eichner, Tony Hale, Ike Barinholtz, Josh Gad, Blake Shelton, Maya Rudolph, Bill Hader and Jason Sudeikis. Photo: Eric Charbonneau

## John COHEN

*An animated success*

For producer John Cohen '94, his path to Hollywood began with a flipbook and a Brookside teacher who put the power of film in the hands of his youngest students. That encouragement is something that Cohen, whose films include the blockbusters *The Angry Birds Movie* and *Despicable Me*, has never forgotten.

"I always loved to draw as a kid and when I was in first grade, (Brookside visual arts teacher) Doug Cooper taught me how to make a flipbook using a little pad of paper," says Cohen. "He showed me that you could make your own short story."

Cooper was soon encouraging Cohen to film short animations using the school's eight millimeter camera. "I loved doing these short films and getting my friends to voice the characters and using Orff instruments to create the score," Cohen says.

Those short films soon led to entries in the Michigan Student Film Festival, which Cohen won several times. Before long, he became known as "the movie kid" and whenever a question arose about a movie—old or new—people often turned to Cohen for the answers.

Beyond the early encouragement of Doug Cooper, Cohen says that Cranbrook and its teachers played a major role in his pursuit of film as a career. "First and foremost, Mr. Cooper and Dr. Jeffrey Welch had a huge impact on my life. Without their support and encouragement, I know I would not be doing what I am today. I think back to what I learned from my amazing teachers - including Peter Charney, Joan Sneyd, Barbara Dinning and so many others. Their belief in my far-fetched dreams meant the world to me and still does."

After graduating from Cranbrook, Cohen headed east to New York University's Tisch School of the Arts Film School. "In my first few days in New York City, I started to work as a production assistant and intern," he says. "I did anything I could to get exposure to films, TV or even the record industry."

While still a student at NYU, Cohen was offered a full-time job as an assistant to producer Scott Rudin, whose credits include *The Social Network*, *No Country for Old Men*, and *School of Rock* among dozens of other hits.

"It was a crash course in everything that I wanted to know and hoped to learn about film," says Cohen. "Truly, those two-and-a-half years were like graduate school."

During his tenure with Rudin's production company, Cohen spent time on the set of films such as *Sleepy Hollow*, *South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut*, *A Civil Action* and *Wonder Boys*. "I was able to learn and experience the development of films from the script stage all the way through to marketing and publicity," he says.

When Cohen made the journey to Los Angeles, he began working at 20th Century Fox Animation under Chris Meledandri. As a development executive, he worked on

films such as *Ice Age*, *Robots*, *Ice Age: The Meltdown*, *Alvin and the Chipmunks* and Dr. Seuss' *Horton Hears a Who*, which was the first Dr. Seuss film produced entirely in CG animation.

Cohen took a special interest in characters that had captured his imagination as a child, such as *Alvin and the Chipmunks*. "I loved the Saturday morning cartoon as a kid and I approached the creators, Ross and Janice Bagdasarian, to develop *Alvin and the Chipmunks* into a movie," he says. It was that same enthusiasm that led to his working with the family of cartoonist Charles Schulz to create a CG short film featuring Snoopy and Woodstock, which eventually led to the 2015's *The Peanuts Movie*.

From there, Cohen joined Chris Meledandri at Illumination Entertainment, where he produced *Despicable Me* and executive produced *Hop*, a live-action/CG hybrid film. *Hop* was based on an original story concept by Cohen.

As a producer, it is Cohen's job to guide a film from inception to completion. On *The Angry Birds Movie*, he was involved from the earliest stages of the story's development and then assembled the entire creative and production team for the movie.

That included building new studios in Los Angeles and Vancouver with his producing partners to house the film's directors, editorial staff, storyboard artists, operational staff and the hundreds of other individuals it takes to put together an A-level animated film.

"My role continued from there into casting, production and all the way through marketing and distribution of the film," Cohen says.

One of the highlights for Cohen was to see the movie for the first time with a real audience. "You work on a film for so long with the core team of directors, editors and producers, and every day we'd sit in editorial and we'd be laughing, but you're in a relatively small group," he says. "In the final months, you begin to show the film to real audiences and you get to experience hundreds of people's reactions watching it for the first time. To hear those people laughing is far and away the best feeling."

Today, Cohen is at work on *The Angry Birds Movie 2* and is developing a brand new all-CG animated *Garfield* film, rebooting another character he loved as a child.

Looking back on his lifelong love of film, Cohen says, "So much of what you get to do in life is based on luck but that's especially true in the entertainment industry. There is not a day that goes by that I don't pinch myself. I feel so, so truly lucky to be able to do what I do for a living."

Jane Shoemaker Wimmer '63 presents GMS head Stacy Rivard with a framed Lillian Holm Tapestry





# Alumni Giving

## THE ART OF GIVING

Art and beauty are at the core of the Cranbrook experience. Two alumnae, June Daisley Lockhart '38, and Jane Shoemaker Wimmer '63, recently sought to enrich that core with the donation of two extraordinary pieces of art to the Schools.

Lockhart gave a sculpture by Marshall Fredericks, a Cranbrook Academy of Art graduate and creator of internationally acclaimed work, including *The Spirit of Detroit*. Wimmer donated a tapestry by former Kingswood weaving instructor Lillian Holmes. The abstract piece was originally a gift from the weaver to then-Kingswood headmistress Marion Goodale, who was Wimmer's aunt.

The tapestry will be displayed in the Girls Middle School building. "Marion was emphatic in her beliefs about girls' education and I believe she would be pleased to know it will hang in a place where girls develop their skills and leadership," says Wimmer.

In giving works of beauty to the Schools, both Lockhart and Wimmer have enriched the student experience. "You can't have too much art at Cranbrook," says Wimmer. "All art is inspiration and adding another piece is a good thing."

Fellow alumni,

As a Cranbrook graduate, I care deeply about the school's mission, but I am also inspired to support the "One Mission, One Campus" initiative developed by CEC President Dominic DiMarco and his collaborators. All of us connecting to CEC would do well to consider synergies that benefit the entire community, which is why, in consultation with the Center for Collections and Research, I plan to donate two works of art, which I hope will be an asset to the Collections' holdings. Further, I plan to make a dollar gift to the school in the amount equal to the tax-deductible value of my

artworks. In this way, I connect as a Schools alumnus, and as a member of the larger Cranbrook community. I hope to invite other Schools alumni to engage with the Collections staff, and consider if they might do something similar. Such endeavors will help all the institutions of Cranbrook further fulfill the "One Campus" promise, so it endures as one of the greatest centers of learning in the world.

- BOB BERRY '63



*Onorine Lavery Friedman '53*

## SIBLINGS ESTABLISH MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FOR YOUNG WOMEN AT CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD

Onorine Lavery Friedman '53, was a Kingswood woman through and through, although she lived most of her adult life in Italy and Washington D.C. When she passed away, she left a gift to Cranbrook Schools with instructions that a scholarship be established. "The only direction she gave was that it would be for women," said her brother Fred Lavery, '58. "She was from the Miss Goodale-era of Kingswood and she viewed it as single sex. They knew Cranbrook was across the lake and sometimes they would go across for a movie, but she and her classmates viewed their school as Kingswood."

To honor his sister's wishes, Lavery worked with the Schools to give more structure to the scholarship. "There seemed to be a kind of missing link in the various scholarship programs and that was a merit-based scholarship for women," says Lavery, who cited the Morehead Scholarship program of his college alma mater, the University of North Carolina, as an inspiration.

"This scholarship is designed for high achievers but not just kids with 4.0 averages," says Lavery. "Merit-based is a term that I look at as students who excel academically and in life." Looking to the future, Lavery believes these will be the same students who give back to Cranbrook after graduation, helping it create the kind of alumni base that all successful schools need.

Lavery hopes that others will contribute to the fund, which has now raised more than \$150,000, providing support

for more young, talented women to attend and excel at Cranbrook Kingswood. "Hopefully, it will attract people who are inspired by the idea and believe the mission is worthy."

## BELOVED TEACHER HELPS STUDENTS ONE MORE TIME

Dr. Stephen "Doc" Rosenquist, who taught Latin at Cranbrook for nearly 20 years and who passed away in September 2015, had a reputation for helping others, whether it was a student, a student's family or one of the many stray cats that found its way into his care. That legacy of generous caring and compassion will endure with a gift that Rosenquist left to Cranbrook in his will, one that he designated be used to provide assistance to a student or students who needed extra help to afford tuition.

The gift was announced this past June when dozens of Doc's former students and colleagues gathered at Reunion to share memories of the legendary teacher. Amid the tears and laughter, the announcement was met with applause and recognition that it was exactly the kind of quiet, modest act for which Doc was known.

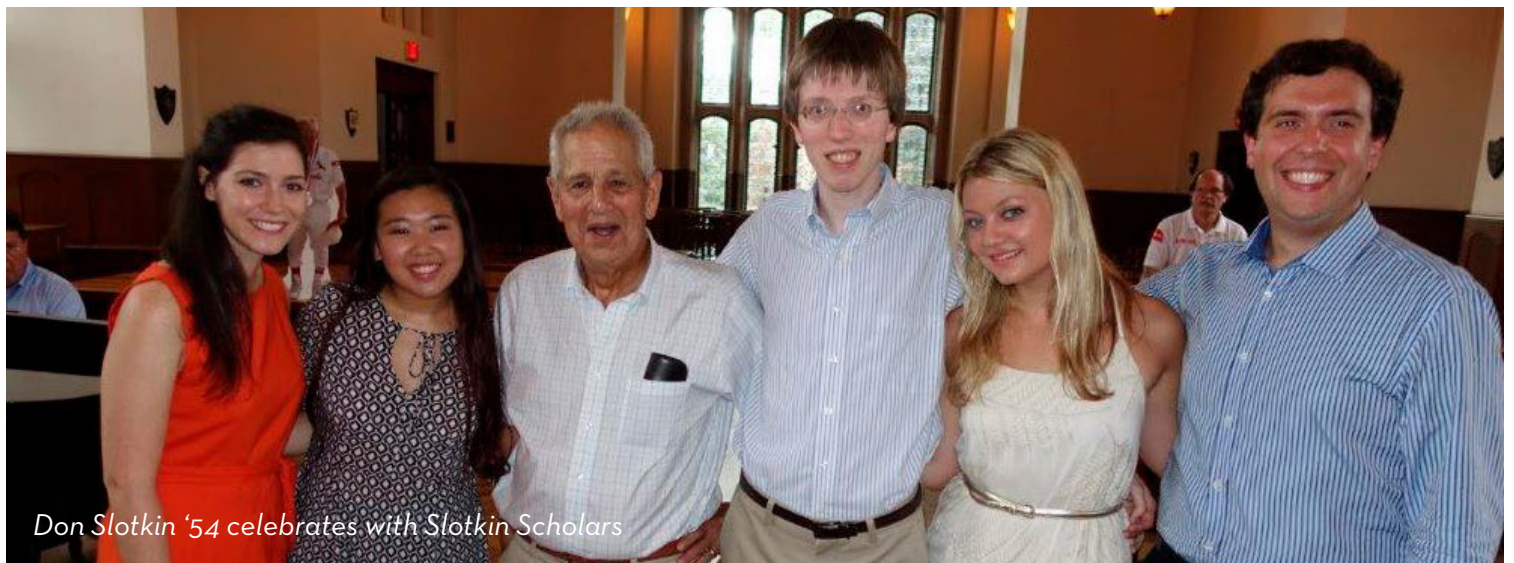
"Doc's gift to Cranbrook is an echo of his time here with us and speaks volumes about his character," says Katie Lamb, '06, a former student of Rosenquist and a long-time friend. "He knew the value of a Cranbrook education and wanted to see that gift shared with others."



*Dr. Stephen Rosenquist*

## ALUMNUS CELEBRATES 80TH BIRTHDAY ALONGSIDE STUDENT SCHOLARS

In August 2016, Don Slotkin '54, celebrated a tender and musical 80th birthday in the Cranbrook Dining Hall, with immediate family members and beloved Cranbrook family by his side. In addition to warm wishes and heartfelt tributes, the program included musical performances by



*Don Slotkin '54 celebrates with Slotkin Scholars*

Slotkin Scholars (pictured, left to right) Brigid Babbish '08, Lizzie Xiong '15 Jackson Steiger '12, Ursula Fuller '15 and Anthony Baron '07, who flew in from across the globe to honor their beloved mentor.

Don established the Slotkin Scholarship Program in the 1990s to support and encourage talented young musicians with an interest in attending Cranbrook Kingswood. Those who returned to celebrate his birthday shared inspired and enthusiastic performances, in fitting tribute to a man whose passion for music has helped raise the bar in the Schools' performing arts program. David and Jan Mittenthal Rosen '83 also surprised Don with a gift to name the orchestra pit, to be located in a renovated PAC, in his honor.

## ALUMNUS HONORS FATHER WITH ENDOWED FUND

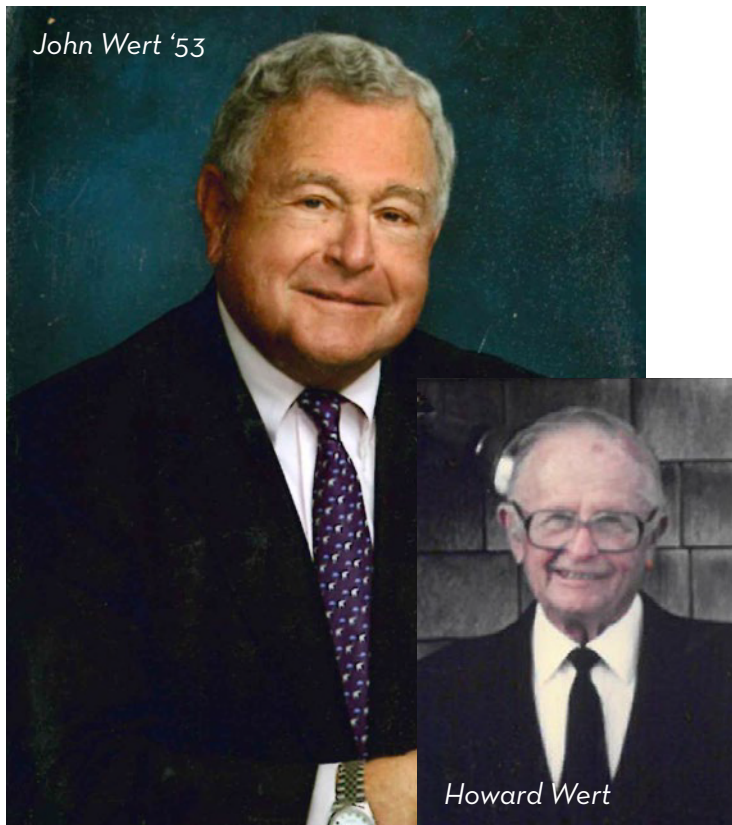
To honor the memory and achievements of Howard Wert, a legendary Cranbrook Latin teacher, his son John Wert, '53, recently established an endowed fund to enhance and enrich faculty compensation.

It is a fitting tribute to the elder Wert, who led Cranbrook's language department at a time when excellence became an engrained part of the school's character. "The 1940s and 1950s created a wonderful heritage and precedence for excellence at Cranbrook," says John Wert. "There was a wonderful group of dedicated schoolmasters. Some of the values established by those people were and still are very important to the school."

Gearing his gift toward faculty compensation was a natural choice for Wert. "Faculty compensation was something I was aware of from a young age," he says. "Teachers had the perks of sending their kids to Cranbrook, but they earned somewhat less than they could have earned at the public schools."

Although much has changed for teachers over the years, Wert seeks to ensure that compensation remains competitive. He knows the kind of difference it makes. "You have to be able to compete for the best and brightest minds out there," Wert says, recalling his father's role in hiring Sam Salas as a language teacher in the 1960s. Salas went on to become the seventh and final headmaster of Cranbrook Schools for Boys.

Wert hopes that establishing this fund will inspire others to contribute, whether in memory of his father or another teacher who made a difference in their experience. Additional information can be obtained through the Development Office at 248.645.3140.



*John Wert '53*

*Howard Wert*

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## CHICAGO OUTREACH EVENT



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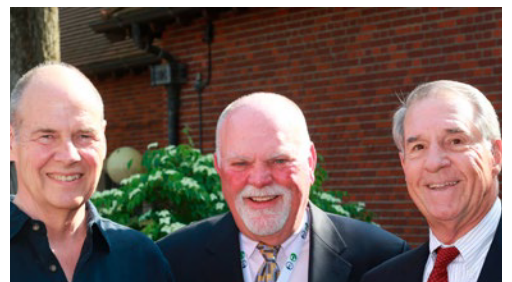


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## GRADUATION



## REUNION - FRIDAY NIGHT MILESTONE GATHERINGS



## REUNION - CHARLIE SHAW 40TH ANNIVERSARY AND HONORARY ALUM CELEBRATION



## REUNION - SATURDAY ALUMNI ASSEMBLY



## REUNION - SATURDAY CAMPUS TOURS



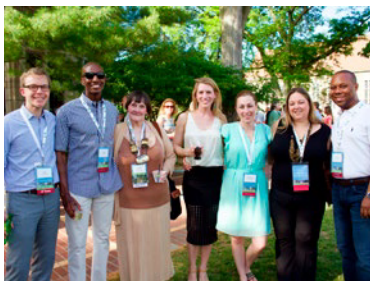
## REUNION - MEMORIAL SERVICE



## REUNION - STEVE "DOC" ROSENQUIST MEMORIAL



## REUNION - FACULTY MILESTONES EVENT CELEBRATING THE RETIREES

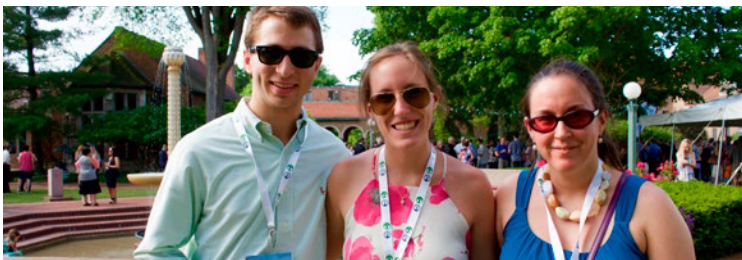
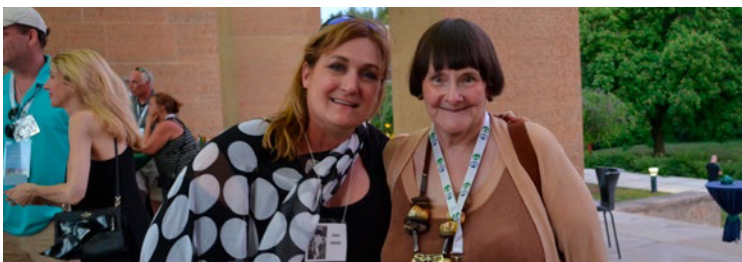


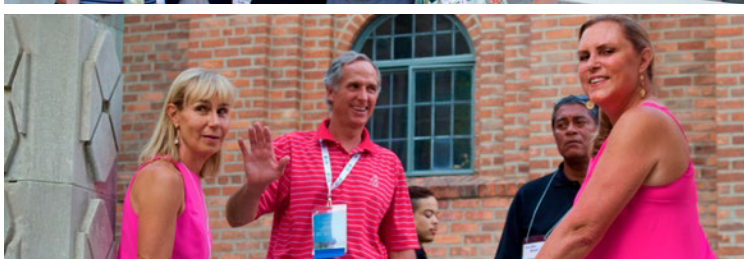
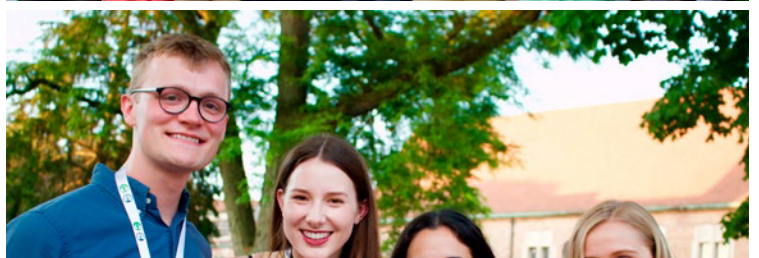
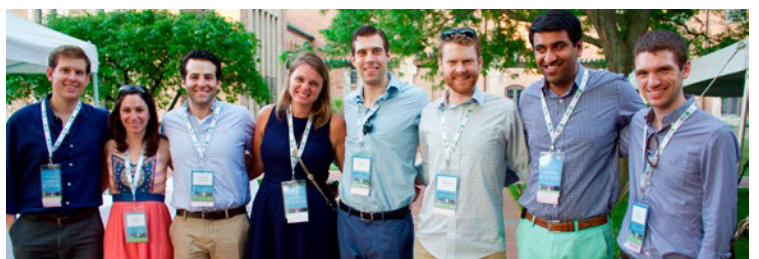
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## REUNION - QUADFEST





## REUNION - SUNDAY BRUNCH



## REUNION - ALUMNI SPORTS



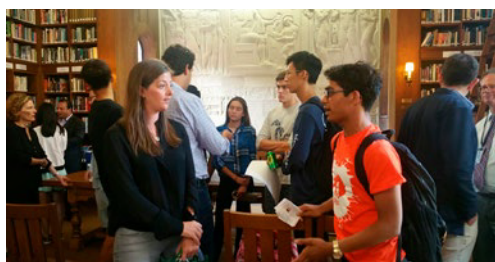
## NORTHERN MICHIGAN OUTREACH EVENT HOSTED BY THE GIAMPETRONI FAMILY



## ALUMNI VS. VARSITY SOCCER



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# Class Notes



John Clement and Jim Talman, both '34, at their 80<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2014

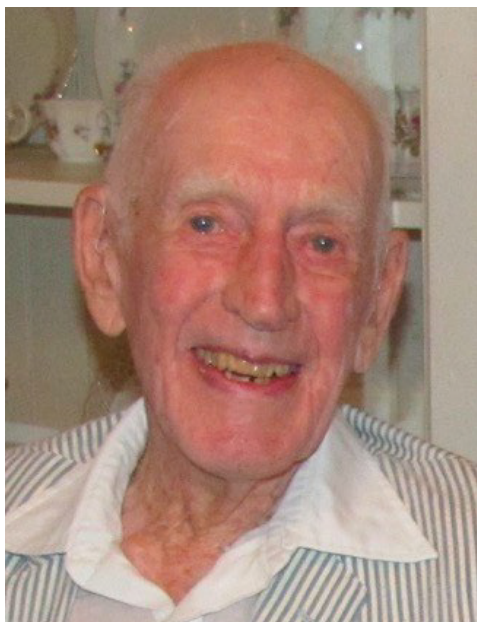


## C34

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Days after turning in his final set of notes, loyal '34 secretary, John Clement, passed away peacefully in his home town of Toledo on September 4. His obituary as it appeared in the *Toledo Blade* is below, followed by the class notes he submitted earlier that week. He will be missed. "John K. Clement, Sr., owner with his late brother Carl of a local manufacturing firm and a former president of the Toledo Rowing Club, died Sunday at Sunset House. He was 101. He didn't have serious health problems, and his death was unexpected, his son John, Jr., said. Mr. Clement had been a member of Toledo Rotary Club longer than anyone else, at 65 years, and was the oldest person on the club's roster, said Kathy Tate, the executive director. He attended meetings regularly until recent months. He was a member of the Toledo Club, which he visited several times a month through his centennial. "I think life is all what you make of it," Mr. Clement told *The Blade* not long before his 100th birthday. 'If you're happy and enjoy life, why not live a little longer?'"



John Clement, '34



Jim Talman, '34

Mr. Clement retired in 1985 from the former Bock Laundry Machine Co., which his father took over from the firm's founder. The business made commercial laundry equipment. For years after their father's death, Mr. Clement and his fraternal twin, Carl, Jr., were co-vice presidents. Mr. Clement oversaw sales and administration while his brother supervised manufacturing. "He was a very affable guy," his son said. "He was a true gentleman." Mr. Clement became company president and secretary in 1963. His brother died in 1992. After Mr. Clement retired, the company was sold to Glassline Corp.; and his son is manager of its North Star Engineered Products division in Perrysburg Township. He was born June 29, 1915, to Faith and Carl Clement, and grew up in Rossford's Eagle Point Colony. He was a graduate of Cranbrook Schools, Bloomfield Hills, MI. He received a bachelor's degree in administrative engineering from Cornell University. He served stateside in the Army during World War II and oversaw plants making munitions for the war. To stay current during his career, he took classes at the University of Toledo and recently took an online course. He was an early adopter of technology and kept up with each iteration of the iPhone. Until late last year, he exercised on a stationary bicycle. For decades, he was a runner. On the eve of a Blade 10K in 1987, he was 72. Mr. Clement said he'd get in 950 road miles a year.

**THE FOLLOWING** are John's final class notes: "Hi, Folks. It's **JOHN CLEMENT**. I am now 101 years old. I have taken up residence at the SunSet Home in Toledo,

OH. My quarters are reminiscent of my college dorm. I have the Cranbrook poster from my 80th reunion, and also on the wall is a Cornell banner. There are activities such as kickball and chair exercise. Time to dream of my days at Cranbrook. Sometimes I think that I am on the Celsius scale, so my age would be 38, and I could relive my life, but then reality sets in. Oh them golden years! I heard from **JIM TALMAN**'s daughter, Christine, and Jim "was the guest of honor at his 'Century Celebration,' which was attended by 33 friends and relatives. People came from all around the country to toast his 100<sup>th</sup>." According to Christine, "People are astonished when they learn his age, which pleases him enormously. He follows the Pittsburgh Pirates and Steelers games, as well as U-M football and all the tennis that is broadcast. He is remarkably healthy, and says the secret to his longevity is keeping active and having the loving support of his family. I would add that being so calm and unflappable has added years to his life!"

### CLASS SECRETARY

JOHN CLEMENT



## K38

The sad news is that I finally tracked down **PATTY HAWLEY MCLAUGHLIN** only to learn she passed away March 4, 2014. A very loving note from her daughter-in-law included her obituary. Patty had a most interesting life and was surrounded with family who loved her. Her first husband was killed in World War II, and she then joined the Red Cross.



Ceramics by June Daisley Lockhart

While serving in the Pacific Theater islands she met her lifetime partner and husband, Mano "Mac" McLaughlin. Patty and Mac had three daughters, and one son, 14 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. They worked together to form a manufacturing company, Industrial Foam Corporation. Patty was the secretary and accountant. Her father built a house in the Florida Keys and Mac and Patty enjoyed fishing there. She held the women's world record for the largest Permit caught on a six pound test line. They report that Patty was a gracious, warm, and loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She loved to laugh and dance and never went anywhere without her lipstick. Having known her as a young girl, I am sure this is true.

**BARBARA CURTIS JONES** and I had our yearly chat. She is in better shape this year than last. As we all do at 96, she is slowing down a bit. She no longer drives a car and the friends she used to play bridge with have passed on, so she says she stays home except when her son takes her for her hair appointment. Barb chuckles at everything she finds amusing, and that is most things. She is a pleasure to chat with. We agreed that we are both lucky to be here and enjoying our days. It is almost embarrassing to report on my wonderful life. My days are full. I am still working every morning in our clay studio, whether on the potter's wheel or modeling. I am teaching others one on one, and they do great work. As most people come to the studio here at Shellpoint never having worked with clay, it is amazing what they accomplish. This year I designed a paten challis combination for people taking communion to shut-ins. It makes it easier for one person to handle both the bread and the wine. I have gifted them to several of the local churches, and they have been enthusiastically received. Have sent a photo, maybe you might want to copy them. Be my guest! Looks like I am going to make my goal, to throw a pot on the wheel on my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Just four years to go.

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## C43

Marianne **SCHWARTZ** writes, "**ALAN** has asked me to drop you a 'line' for him. He will be 91 this December and has had Alzheimer's

for seven years! He still looks well, and we continue to go out and about, particularly to movies and concerts. His short term memory is poor, but a good deal of intelligence and comprehension remain. We will celebrate 66 years of marriage next month. Thank you for the work you do to keep Cranbrook up to date. Enjoy each day, as they become increasingly precious." **DICK WESTERMAN** reports he no longer is assigned to the engine room at "full blast" forward. The man with the scythe has been at work adjusting his hearing and ambulation. Now it is forward maximum speed until our 75<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2018. No more international adventures. Now it is trips within the continental 48. There are plenty of those, as great-grandchildren begin popping up here and there. Dick hasn't had to give up any hobbies yet, except golf, which is now from a practice stand. **WENDY HOLZWORTH** says, "I don't have much news. I feel pretty good to still be around at 92. Our five children are wonderful. One is a Marine Colonel, one an attorney, one a publisher in San Francisco, one with United Airlines, and one a designer. We always have a ball with them." **WILSON BREIEL** writes that he is still pretty active going on 91. His wife, Nancy, passed away last year at 88. She died just a month short of their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We used to have at least two foursomes for golf twice a week, but now can't find anyone who will play. Wilson is still trying to stay active in spite of arthritic knees and hips. He is planning a European river cruise in the spring. How is that for optimism from a guy who doesn't buy green bananas? **JOHN HENES'** niece writes that John has round the clock care and is happy. Every day is a blessing, and they appreciate every minute. **TOM NEHIL** and **CARL MULERT** have both passed on. Regards.

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## K43

#### EDITOR'S NOTE:

**LINDSAY RAY MURDOCK** of Boulder died September 24, 2015. She was born January 5, 1926, in Geneva, IL, the daughter of Edith Hudson Ray and the Reverend George A. Ray. She married Fred Cunningham Murdock on December 16, 1946, in Menlo Park, CA. They divorced. Mrs. Murdock received her

BA degree from Stanford University in 1947 and her MA degree from the University of Denver in 1967. She was employed by the U.S. Department of Commerce in Boulder, first as a librarian and later as an editor, from 1967 to 1989 when she retired. She is survived by two sons, Keith Murdock (Donna Colville) of Boulder, Christopher Murdock (Glenda Wahl) of Windsor; two grandchildren, Calvin Murdock and Cameron Ely-Murdock, as well as two step-grandchildren, Seth and Daniel Johan. She is also survived by one brother and one sister.



## C47

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** After many years of faithful service, class secretary **BILL IVES** could use assistance with class notes. Any member of the class who can be of assistance in providing updates can call Margi Brown at (248) 645-3613 for more information.



## K48

**MARY LEILA CURTIS BISHOP's** news: "I'm recovering from a bad fall in May. Broke my left wrist, etc. Had surgery. Saw a lot of my three kids. My Rob was with me for 2 1/2 weeks. That was great. Liked being out of work two months. Back in force again. All is busy and well." **JEAN KENNEDY BAUQUIN** writes, "I have had a dreadful year since I saw you last, with a massive mouth infection, which should have killed me, but unfortunately it did not. Tried to have implants with no success. I thought I was in pretty good shape before, and now I am a mess, no strength, and I am on oxygen. That is the story of my life right now! Glad I saw you last year!" **JOANIE PATTEN STADLER** has moved to Florida, but I do not have a new address for her. **JOANNE WONNBERGER WHEATON** had another delightful summer in Empire, west of Traverse City, MI. All of their family but two were there, as well as friends. She gets to see **JEANNIE WESSINGER DEAN**, who lives there year-round, and was able to see Jan and **PAT (CHATTY) CHASE HARTMANN** before they moved to Florida. **MOLLY BIXBY BARTLETT** dislikes most: the tax code (too many deductions for the wealthy), the NRA gun lobby and their insistence on selling military rifles to civilians, and climate change deniers. **VIRGINIA KRAABEL LUNDEEN** has

one: DOWNSIZING! **NANCY BERGDAHL ROBERTSON**, "I'm alive and upright as is Neel, for how much longer, who knows?" **BEA VOGEL** reports on her transition from spiders to spider stamps. "About 10 years ago I realized that my eyes were no longer sharp enough to work with the lovely creatures, so I donated all my spider collection to the Denver Museum of Nature. Then I started collecting spider stamps, working up to 160 species of the 170 shown in stamps. I exhibited some in 2013, learned from the other exhibitors there, and showed again in 2014. In 2015 I won a Silver at the Seattle exhibition." **MARY BAKER BERRY**, as reported by her daughter, Trish: "MBB was scheduled for shoulder replacement surgery on Nov. 13, 2015. She was found on the floor of her home on Nov. 12. This seemed to be three days after she fell, judging from mail and newspapers that had accumulated. She had suffered major bleeding in her brain, requiring a craniotomy to remove the blood from her skull. It is incredible that she survived the fall and the surgery. She is one tough lady! Now she is living in the Woodward Hills Nursing Center in Bloomfield Hills, right across the street from the Cranbrook complex. Trish flies up to see her about every six weeks and took her to the reunion cocktail party, where she saw some friends. They celebrated her 86th birthday party in late August." **DORA POLK CROUCH** is at home recovering from a bunion operation on June 17. It went well but sitting around is getting boring!

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## C49

I belong to the Birmingham Senior Men's Club and one of the first things that happens at each meeting is that the visitation committee gives a report on the members with ailments and part of this article will tell you about a few of ours who are suffering. You might want to send a note or give a call. Prayers are good too. Sally **BOHON**, '50, sent the first response to my call for news. She reports that **JACK** is still dealing with health problems, and they just celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. **BIG BOB HAYMANS** email came back so I called him, and he has given up using it. His health is such that he has had to give up golf, but reports he still is in charge of the

beer parties. He and his wife just celebrated their 61st anniversary. She has been in the hospital side of the facility where they live for the past six years. He visits every day and helps with her care. **JACK SPOEHR** continues with his caregiver activities for Olga, whom he says is a marvelous patient. **GUNTHER BALZ** has health concerns and recently got himself a pacemaker, which works just fine. Work on his Spitfire is ongoing, and a picture of it is attached. I am going to ask our webmasters to put in our website, as when you enlarge it you can see the detail.



Gunther Balz's, '49, Spitfire

The **LEISTERS** are their usual busy selves hosting their annual 4th of July celebration with 52 attending. One of the highlights was when Lucille distributed eight of her handmade quilts to their eight grandchildren. The second was when the military members of the clan gathered at the flag pole and raised Old Glory. In the past it has been raised by the men, but this year two ladies raised it, Mary (retired USAF Mayor) and Clara (newly commissioned 2nd Lt.). There were lots of activities: hiking, swimming, boating, tubing, and for **BOB** an instructional flight in a 4 place Beechcraft, compliments of a grand-niece, whose date brought the plane for the event. Bob's first flying lesson since he soloed in a glider in the '70s. Their grandson, Zeb, a helicopter mechanic, is serving on the USS Wasp, now on station to launch against ISIS activity.



Bob Leister, '49, and family raise Old Glory



CELEBRATING  
A LIFE WELL LIVED!

Tony Butterfield  
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Tony Butterfield, '49

Sarah **BUTTERFIELD** sent me a copy of **TONY's** memorial card bearing the caption, "Celebrating a Life Well Lived." It is a marvelous picture of him in his boat with his usual big smile. It is reminiscent of the picture of **BEN LOWELL** that we published, in which he is in his boat, as Ben Snyder said at his memorial "going full out." I often say I don't know anyone who has a better life than me and it is good to see that others feel the same way about theirs. **BILL BRODER** has published a Comedy named *Abalone*, an adult comedy based upon historical research. Bill is a great writer, and I again recommend to all of you his novel set in Michigan, *Taking CARE of Cleo*. A great read. **LOUISE LOWELL** spent a great summer in Grand Haven, but she is looking forward to returning to Colorado. The Lowell cottage there is magnificent. There was an open invitation to us all after the 60th Reunion, and **LEISTER, TOMLINSON**, and I visited, and Ben took Bob and me fishing on Lake Michigan. Bob caught the only fish.

**TOM CLARK** calls his news to me, "Lighting strikes again," referring to getting stuck in airports. Since Kathleen is a former airline employee, they fly free, but standby. When they headed to the 65th Reunion, they made it to Dallas, where all flights were canceled, and they slept on the airport floor, arriving at Cranbrook a day late and just in time for the class picture. The recent strike hit them again in Dallas on their way to Minneapolis when the flights out of Dallas were being delayed, canceled, or diverted, stranding an airport full of passengers. After 48 hours in the airport and without hope of reaching Minneapolis, they took a flight back to Austin and were happy to be home. They managed to get a motel one night, so no airport floor this trip. In all the many trips they have taken, these are the only two where they didn't make their destination the day they set out. Tom recently co-chaired a seminar on Lewy-body-dementia (which his first wife suffered) for 65 caregivers, professional healthcare providers, and a couple of dementia patients. The object was to give a better understanding of the disease to enable the attendees to provide a better quality of life for their loved ones and patients.



*Talcott, '49, and Jeanne Brown Jones, '49*

**JEANNE BROWN JONES**, K'49, wrote that she and **TALCOTT** had a reunion with Talcott's daughter. Their first face-to-face meeting in 56 years, as Meg Jones lives in India. They keep in touch with Facebook. They celebrated Jeanne's birthday at the Casablanca. She says it's like a second home to them, and they go there a lot to have fun, eat, and play blackjack, which she says is their main source of income now. **JIM TRUETTNER** and I had a good "catch up call." He is totally retired in a log cabin on ten acres with a swimming pool in northern Illinois. He says come Halloween he and his wife, Karen, head to Vero Beach, FL, where they have a place on the Indian River. At Easter time they head to Pebble Beach, and in June go

back to Illinois. He plays a good game of golf and won a plate in the Senior Men's Open and a number of other golfing prizes. His wife, Karen, is a good golfer also. My hunting partner is having leg problems, so we haven't been to Africa in three years. My Kathleen went camping for ten days in the Keys and the Dry Tortugas with our son, Ken, '97. I am too old to sleep on the ground anymore. **DAVE OSNOS** sent me a note, but I can't find it. Sorry, Dave. Since our web masters, **CLARK** and **TOWNSEND**, have done such a great job with our website, I am asking each of you to click on [c1949.org](http://c1949.org). You will be surprised how much there is to be ENJOYED.

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## K49

I hope you all enjoyed the Olympics as much as I did, but the best was playing Marco Polo WITH MARCO POLO! Last May I flew to Denver. My daughter and I drove the six hours down to Santa Fe and enjoyed stopping at the historical forts in beautiful country. I wanted to visit with **NANCY SHORE GILCHRIST** there, but she was out of the country. Nancy drives the 1900 miles from Florida to Santa Fe each season. Her home is centrally located to the fairs, festivals, and markets. She has started gardening and converting her desert-like yard by planting trees and bushes. She enjoys learning about the native plants, and visitors are always welcomed! **MARYE ROSE RAIDER SCHALER** was making great progress with P.T. for her broken vertebrae until February, when she blacked out for no reason and fell again. Now she is mending for another wedding, when her grandson marries in June 2017. She enjoys Boca Raton with many friends and activities, but NYC is not as easy to get around, as she is dependent on a lot of taxis. Her large family lives nearby. She enjoys visits with them on weekends as well as socializing with friends. Her four grandchildren all work in the city, and every week she has dinner with one of them. **MOLLY SYLVESTER BERESFORD** is called the "Energized Rabbit" by her large family, as she is always on the go with golfing, gardening at the condo, and still working at the office several days a week taking care of the books. She and Bill will take off soon for

Tacoma, WA, to visit their other daughter and family at Gig Harbor. Molly has lunch often with **JANET FROST VICTOR**, who lives in a senior complex in the Birmingham area. Her husband, Paul, passed away several years ago.



*Sally Laughlin Kehren, Connie Clark Jones, both '49, and Connie's husband, Dick*

Dick and **CONNIE CLARK JONES** drove from Florida to Columbus, OH, to visit relatives in July and then on to northern Michigan to celebrate Connie's birthday with her sister, Anne. In route back to Florida, Connie received the sad news that Anne had passed away suddenly August 1. Our condolences, Connie, and also to **PEGGY GILFILLAN COLE**, who lost her husband, David, last May after a long illness. Peggy has been busy attending two grandchildren's weddings: one in Barbados and the other in northern New York State. Only five more to go! Peggy is still teaching ESL, but has cut down on classes and the private students, which leaves her enough time to travel. Peggy had a lovely luncheon with **ALICE SPERO MARCH** and **MARYE ROSE RAIDER SCHALER** in New York. They missed **JESSIE KINDEL PALMER** as she was vacationing in Michigan at their summer home.



*Alice Spero March, Mary Rose Raider Schaler and Peggy Gilfillan Cole, all '49*

Last March **NANCY RUTHERFORD BRYANT** moved into a permanent facility in Indianapolis, and **ANN WALRAD KELLY** has moved into a senior complex in Birmingham, after selling her lovely Harbor Springs home to her daughter, Molly. Yes, I am working on a new address chart.



Mary Sue Cooksey Rohwer, '49, and husband, Brad

Brad and **MARY SUE COOKSEY ROHWER** have been in Grand Rapids a little over a year now and are enjoying their third floor garden apartment in Porter Hills Retirement Village. They visit the nearby beautiful Meyer Gardens and Sculpture Park frequently but still miss the Colorado mountains, weather, and friends. Now they are within an hour of their children and seven grandchildren. Mary Sue remembered her bus ride to Kingswood each day from Detroit with Ann and Nancy. She always enjoyed her ballet classes with Ann, but it was Nancy who kept them enthralled with her dating stories. Enjoy the pictures! Thanks.

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## K50

Late word from the provinces! A note from **ANNE GILMOUR HILL** missed the fall deadline by a smidgen, so I am delighted to now have a chance to catch us up with her news. Like so many our age, Anne has had her share of surgery, a total knee replacement, as well as mitral valve surgery a year ago. But with much work and good physical therapy she is back hiking, rowing, and cross country skiing! She still pursues Tai Chi and Pilates training in between her art in oil painting. Being active in the Siskiyou Art Association, she won 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes over the last few years. Anne says she is "re-inventing herself." (Love that!) A trip to Glacier National Park gave her the opportunity to try her hand

*en plein aire*. I bet Mr. West, our Kingswood art teacher, would be beaming.



Anne Gilmour Hill's, '50, painting, Snowy Egret

**ANN PATTERSON MUNRO** and Don spent two wonderful weeks in Salt Lake City with Sarah, Claudio, and their two boys, Powell Alexander and Nicolas, and Mother Nature delivered 20 inches of snow just in time for their arrival! A seasonal fluctuation brought some warmer temperatures, so they got in some hikes, but alas, no snowshoeing. February found them at their favorite small Swiss resort on the Pacific coast of Costa Rica with howler monkeys on their porch and baby raccoons and porcupines in the reception area. "Patter" and Don celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in early March. Congratulations! **CAROL ROBERTSON GRAY** and Cliff met "Patter" and Don at the Detroit Art Museum in January, each getting caught up on the other's activities, with the Munros sharing stories of their adventures in the Far East and a projected trip to Macao. Between enjoying the American Artists and having lunch at the museum, the time went too quickly, but they plan to meet again in early summer. Carol and Cliff were in Boston for Xmas with the Gray kids, and then Carol did her usual trip down the coast to see her own brood. They are headed for France in early March until the end of May. **PEGGY WOODRUFF WITHEY** sent best wishes to everyone and added a note of wise advice, "Check all your family wills and trusts to make sure they've been probated or made public. Otherwise, they could sit in a bank or a lawyer's vault forever." **BARBARA WAGNER COYE** said Christmas in Suttons Bay was unusually "weather free," with no snow to

dress up the barren trees. However, her "kids" from LA, San Francisco, and Portland, OR, all came to make merry with her for a week despite the snowless landscape. Her two youngest grandsons came as well. Nicholas is in his second year of college, and Langston is now home to stay from five years of business experience in China, soon to be job hunting in California. Barb described the inter-generational discussions as fascinating. Her son, Bill Hubbard, continues as head of the Savannah Chamber of Commerce. (He was very gracious to Jack and me on a visit to our favorite southern town a few years back.) Bill's youngest son is in medical school in Phoenix, so Barb contends she has plenty of warm spots to visit when the chill takes over Sutton's Bay. She plans on spring visits to the four great-grandchildren and, best of all, rejoices that her Marine grandson who was in Afghanistan is now safely home, getting his MBA at Michigan State, while he and wife, Emily, await the birth of their first little one. **SHARON SMITH SAYLES** writes that she is still "standing, walking, and driving" and is grateful for that. But me thinks she is too modest, as she housed, fed, and entertained seventeen for three days in the north country over Christmas. True Michigander that she is, she was nevertheless happy with no snow. It took the stress out of flights and transportation. I didn't hear from **JOAN ISAACSON CHANDLER** directly, but since I follow her blog online, I am taking the chance she won't sue me if I lift one of her comments from a February column, "*The urge to tout one's religious beliefs must be primal. Or at least instinctual enough to overcome social norms of behavior in public. I'm thinking of my 'elevator preacher' who manages to deliver a sermon as we ride from the 26th floor down to the lobby. Then there is my beautiful garage man, Clement. He has traces of an English accent via Africa. On Sunday mornings I tease him about setting me 'straight for the week.' I'm listening to his church music while waiting for my car.*" Joan invariably delivers an insightful punch in her delightful columns. As for us, the **BOHONS** spent Christmas at a long-time favorite cottage at New Smyrna Beach that is but 20 miles away. The weather was gloriously balmy, the sunrises breathtaking, and we had two of our five children with us to celebrate. One evening we went to St. Augustine for a carriage ride through the "Nights of Lights," when this ancient town is brilliantly lit from every balcony and doorway for Christmas, and

the “pirates” battle it out in the bay in their colorful sailing ships. With Jack in dialysis, we cannot stray too far from our perch, so this made a perfect getaway, not far from his medical center. He is doing very well and looks so much better than a year ago. Frail but fighting! Thanks for all your kind thoughts along the way. Stay in touch!

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## C51

Our reunion hit the depths quantitatively but certainly the heights qualitatively. Dr. **JOHN COLWELL**, **BILL JAMES**, and I were the only ones there both Friday and Saturday nights; **JON DESEMBERG** could only be there Friday. The weekend was filled with heroes as well as rare great fun. Desenberg shared top billing with Colwell and James, because he handed the three of us a folder filled with the results of exhaustive class news collected from many of you and topped off with a copy of a Cranbrook/Kingswood play, that included many of our names and a copy of a professionally written critique of the play by James, as it appeared in a local paper at the time with his byline. More about the play later as space allows. As has been the custom for several years, sharing the weekend with our Kingswood counterparts doubled the pleasure. Bringing me to our next hero, Alice Shaw Aikens, K'51, who with her husband, Bill, hosted all of us for a delectable supper at their equally delectable lakeside home immediately following the Friday cocktail party at Cranbrook House. Another hero, **BILL JAMES**, who with wife, Jane Mehrer, '53, hosted us all at their beautiful home for a delightful afterglow immediately following the Quad supper Saturday night. The other hero, **JOHN COLWELL**, who consented to come in from his California home with his wife, added immeasurably to the weekend's attraction. A final nod of thanks to Wayne Lyon, '50, who accepted our invitation to join us Friday night but was unable to make it on Saturday. It was bittersweet hearing from many of you, sweet to hear from you and bitter about obstacles keeping you away. Desenberg took an evening away from his partner, Judy, to help me call as many of you as we could. **NORM BOUTON**, living in Washington, D.C., with wife, Jane

Phillipp, '52, is on dialysis, making travel impossible. Can't stop thinking about you, Norm, and wishing you the best. Patricia and **BOB BROWN** live in Malvern, PA, 25 miles west of Philadelphia, were coming to Michigan later in the summer and didn't want to make two trips. Bob keeps busy as a volunteer chaplain at a local hospital and as the official grandkids (his own) chaser. Joann and **BOB KIRK** live in Smithfield, VA, home of Smithfield Hams (of which Bob is far from one). He plays golf and volunteers at his church. He has three daughters in New Jersey, Virginia, and North Carolina, and he has eight grandchildren. **PAUL PENFIELD** lives in the Boston suburb of Weston and is trying to deal with the loss of his wife, Barbara, this past January (Alzheimer's). He taught computer science and electrical engineering at MIT from 1951 (it says here) to 2010. He has seven kids and nine grandchildren. **BOB WOMSLEY** is recovering from ankle replacement surgery and lives in Highland, NC, 15 years now in a house his parents built. Bob had two sons, one with two kids and the other sadly deceased. Only a comprehensive family reunion kept **BILL BROWN** away from ours. Bill and Nadine live in Columbus, OH. He still practices law, specializing in elder law. They have a second home in Palm Coast, FL, near Daytona. Bill is fully recovered from a heart attack a few years ago, and he plays golf several times a week. They have two sons, one a pharmaceutical company sales representative, and the other is the manager of a thoroughbred horse farm in Southern Indiana. **GENE TOLFREE** and wife, Jean, live in Mukiteo, WA, on Puget Sound. Gene's U-M Law School attendance, interrupted midway by three years as an Air Force pilot, culminated with his degree in 1961. Intrigued by an article in *National Geographic*, Gene headed for Seattle and spent the next 39 years representing doctors and hospitals in malpractice cases. Much of his time since his 2000 retirement has been spent as a volunteer docent for Nature Conservancy, making home visits for St. Vincent de Paul, and traveling the globe. The oldest of their three kids is a lawyer in Calgary, Canada, and has two young sons of his own. The next “child” teaches photography and related subjects in the Seattle area. The youngest, Catherine, is married to a career Naval Officer. They and their son, 7, are returning to the Pentagon from his job as an attaché to the U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. Gene still

enjoys memories of his stage play roles at Cranbrook. He drove **BOB GENTRY** to our 50th and still calls him at least once a year. Bob, now a widower and a post-cardiac “procedure” patient, has slowly been turning his ranch management over to son, Chris. Bob, our own national political correspondent in Grant County (Hyannis), NE, population 740, reports that 237 voted in the primary with the following results: Trump 162, Ted Cruz 41, Ben Carson 11, John Kasich 10, Bernie Sanders 6, Marco Rubio 5, and Hillary 2. The 740 people who live there share their county with 25,200 mother cows, plus three calves, and their old offspring. Bob's larger Cherry County houses 150,000 mother cows. **VIRGIL EXNER** grew up in Buchanan, MI, and South Bend, IN. His automobile designer dad designed the post-World War II Studebaker, which **JON DESEMBERG** describes as “looking the same coming or going” At 13, Virgil designed a one-to-twelve inch scale model of a car, entered it in the Fisher Body (GM) Craftsman's Guild competition, and therein became the youngest winner ever! After a Notre Dame degree and an Air Force stint, Virgil spent 20 years at Ford Motor Company as an automotive stylist, helping design the Ford Pinto (but not the placement of the gas tank), Maverick, Thunderbird, and LTD. His first 18 retirement years were spent in Palm City, FL. In 2006 he attended his 50th reunion at Notre Dame, liked it better than the Florida heat, and moved back there, where, until recently, he was an active volunteer in the Notre Dame University Design Department and the Studebaker Museum. Now Virgil and wife, Janet, have bought a condo in Holly Hill, FL, in suburban Daytona, and the move there is what kept the two of them, who just celebrated a 50th wedding anniversary, from attending our reunion. Virgil is still going strong after a couple of heart attacks. Evidence: Virgil and some 65 other auto stylists each design (pictorially 24” by 36”) annually a current automobile for a selected car company. This year the company is Packard, and Virgil's design is for the “Packard Twin Electric.” All the designs are displayed every Father's Day at the Eyes on Design Car Show at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores, MI. Side note: Virgil does not believe in autonomous cars. Having bought and restored many cars, he now drives a Ford Fiesta. Side note #2: Virgil's younger sister, Marie, once dated Floyd Bunt's son. **TOM CONNOR** can certainly be forgiven his

absence at our 65th. He and wife, Irene, moved to Ohio three years ago to assist in the care of their daughter, Reinette, 53, a corticobasal degeneration victim, whose 10-year life expectancy is nearing an end, sadly. Tom and Irene stay close to home to provide relief to Reinette's husband, daughter, and son, as she needs monitoring around the clock. Beyond that, Tom and Irene are doing well. Tom asked that his greetings be delivered to his classmates, and that they be thanked for his great memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Tom and Irene. **ED GODFREY** gets a pass as well. A month before his expected attendance here, Ed suffered congestive heart failure and subsequent weakness in need of support. Walking remains difficult still, and the high risk of falling, coupled with wife, Joanne's, ALS condition, became too much for Ed at this time. Serious vision problems on the part of wife, Kathryn, prevented **FRITZ FRIDAY's** being here. I was looking forward to seeing him for the first time since school and exclaiming, THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY! Another unavoidable no-show was **CHARLIE YAGER**, whose quasi-medium medical history, coupled with his inability to get insurance coverage for North (or South) America have kept him confined to England. His doctor warned him against long trips, reducing him to European travel only. He has loved the several visits from Jane and **NORM BOUTON** and his meeting up with the late **DICK SAFFIR** in California, Florida, and the UK. "The two reunions I did manage to come back for were an extension to the happiest years of my academic life, and for me, Cranbrook will always be remembered with love and affection." So will you, Charlie. He sends his best wishes to all his classmates. Another excused absentee was **TONY UNDERHILL**, who, though having predicted that our 65th would be "a scream," spent June "on holiday in Europe." Bad timing, Tony, you're on five-year notice of our 70th. **DAN BELLINGER**, another excused absentee, was and maybe still is, in the process of moving from their New Hampshire home to a retirement home in Annapolis, MD. While awaiting the opening of a new unit there, Dan and wife, Barbara, were going through the angst of sorting through 50 boxes in the basement to decide what to keep and what to dispose of. My Christmas card to **PETE WHITING** was returned "forward time expired." Anyone know where Pete is? Everyone who wasn't there in June was missed. I hope, more than I

can say, that the excused absentees (as well as everyone else) can make our 70th. How GREAT would that be?! Take care of yourself for me.

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## K51



*Alice Shaw Aikens, Marcia Kelley Wills, Mary Barton Letts, and Harriet Ottaway Lang, all '51*

We enjoyed our small reunion: **MARY BARTON LETTS, MARCIA KELLEY WILLS, HARRIET OTTAWAY LANG**, and me. On Friday night at my house some of the Cranbrook men joined us: Jon Desenberg, Allan Levy, Bill James, and his wife, Jane Mehrer James, '53. We invited two from the class above us, Wayne Lyon, '50, and Sally Selover Saunders, '50. Then on Saturday night we sat under the tent on the Quad and watched the picture taking on the steps of Marquis Hall. The Quad looked beautiful, as the brick work on the walkways is now in perfect shape. **MARTY LUCIER BOUGHNER** spent the summer at her cottage in Rhode Island. This was the year that all the kids came, from Connecticut, Oregon, and Kalamazoo. She says she hasn't been on any trips as flying is such a hassle. **MARY KINDEL LIBBY** writes that she is still with Christie's as international representative and also director of the summer intern program (note from Alice: where Mary met and gave special attention to my granddaughter. Thank you, again, Mary.) She goes back and forth from New York City to Bridgehampton during the year. Did you know that Mary used to ride her bicycle to and from work, in heels!? **ELLEN SNADER BEGOLE** reports, "Retirement finally came my way in June 2016. The focus is no longer on orthodontics and statistics

but on a whole new beginning. **HARRIET OTTAWAY LANG** loves fishing. After reunion in June, she and her husband, Tom, drove up to Canada to a rustic fishing camp, a favorite of theirs. Then in August they spent a week fly-fishing in Montana. Back to Cleveland, and then it was off to Palm Desert with their new dog for the winter. **PATRICIA PRICE TRUMBULL** reissues her standing invitation to all who might be traveling through Santa Fe to visit her. **SUE SOUTER LEWIS** is now sharing a condo with her sister, Janet. Commenting on the election fervor, she says, "I think the world is going mad. The only place I still go with a sense of peace is Baskin & Robbins."



*Alice Shaw Aikens, '51, and family*

And now your class secretary's news— Bill and I went on the Viking cruise on the Danube floating through Germany, Austria, Slovenia, ending in Budapest. Very pleasant and informative. Then for the rest of the summer we stayed at our house in Harbor Springs, enjoying beach picnics with our three Cranbrook children and eight Cranbrook grandchildren, all together only once at the same time, playing bridge with Bev Scales Hoglund, '54, needlepointing with Bev and Judy Earle Gillow, '55, dining with **MARY BARTON LETTS** and her husband, Chuck, and attending the yacht club's Tuesday night Perch fry with Jan and Bob Saarinen Swanson, '46. We look forward to going back up north for the October leaf viewing and then again for our family Christmas. We will go to Naples for the winter, excited to be in our new condo in a golf community called Wilderness.

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 **C53**

Sad news on two fronts to report at this time. Through quite different ways, I recently discovered that we have lost two more classmates. While looking over my Denison University alumni magazine, I saw in the "In Memoriam" section that **BOB WHITLATCH** died in April, 2015 at the age of 79. Bob was a devoted theatre arts student, first at Cranbrook, then at Denison, and finally at Knox College in Illinois where he served for 42 years as a teacher, director, and department chair. Although he had a family of wife, Jo, and three sons, I did not hear from anyone about his death, which accounts for my tardiness. The discovery of our second classmate's death is a little bit strange. I had reacted to the death notice of Jay Corley, '50, in the last *Tradition* issue by sending a memorial donation to remember the brother of **TODD CORLEY**. A reply from one of Jay's sons contained the shocking news that Todd had also passed away. Kent Corley wrote that, "It was within a few weeks of Jay's death. I'm not sure of the details, but he was not in good health. He did come to Jay's service and despite his ill health he was in rare Todd Corley form." Todd was 81, had recently lost his wife, Bonnie, and is survived by five children. Starting with **TOM ROBERTS'** death in 1960, we now have 21 deceased classmates. MIDDLE NAME QUIZ: For those of you wondering about those unique middle names I referred to last time, here are the answers - **PHIL DUDER LEMESSURIER, WARD SWIFT JUST, WILLIAM HOOPER TRUETTNER, ROBERT CALHOUN WHITLATCH, HARRY AUSTIN LOMASON, and JAMES MORRISON TAYLOR**. CHEERS FOR CHARLIE: After devoting 40 years of faithful service to our school in a myriad of contributing positions, Charlie Shaw is not retiring but is staying on and joining the Development Office. As he did all his meritorious academic life, let us strive to act on and live those glorious words, "AIM HIGH!"

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 **K53**

I have sad news, **GWEN LUCE BRIGGS** has died. Gwen was a wonderful mother. She

raised six lovely Cranbrook graduates. Gwen and Walter were married for 50 years. At Kingswood Gwen was an outstanding student, athlete, and artist. She will be missed. Bill and I spent time in Harbor Springs with our son-in-law, John Quay, '72, and our daughter, Martha, '78, granddaughter, Courtney Quay Gardiner, '02, and our great-granddaughters, Jane Courtney and Elizabeth Quay. We saw Bill Soter, C'53, and his lovely wife, Sally, at Sally's birthday party.

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 **C54**

The most noteworthy news in this edition is from Mississippi and it is about George Cochran a.k.a. by his middle name as Colvin when at Cranbrook. Many of us have wondered over the years just what career path he chose. Let it be known that after we "commenced" and moved in excess of "Forty Years On," he has been a remarkable lawyer and distinguished constitutional scholar. His accomplishments and kudos are too numerous to describe here, but are available online in a testimonial written by one of his colleagues at the University of Mississippi School of Law at the time of his retirement. <http://law.olemiss.edu/faculty-directory/michael-hoffheimer/>. George spent much of his legal career as a teacher, researcher, and developer of policy having political import while on the faculty there. His past forty years have been hugely impressive! Liz and **GEORGE GLOVER** are now back in Brunswick, ME, for the summer-fall after four restful winter months in the Tucson area. While there, they not only saw **FRED MATTER** who retired a few years ago as dean of the University of Arizona School of Architecture, but actually also made a number of new friends in the Arizona desert— from where else but Maine! Fred continues to have two homes, one in Tucson where he, too, spends the winters. However, come summer (and unlike the Glovers who have cool summer breezes blowing in off the Atlantic), Fred returns to the family farm in Indiana with a very different Midwest summer climate, probably hot and humid, like June-September in Bloomfield Hills! Yours truly has been keeping busy practicing endocrinology six days/month, providing medical opinions

for veterans that have been afflicted after they have completed their military service with a range of maladies, most often cancer that has been fatal, from exposure to toxins like Agent Orange. It is very gratifying to hear from widows who with my help have finally been awarded survivor benefits after decades of trying. Speaking of gratification, **DON SLOTKIN** and I get a strong dose of it each academic year when we learn about the talented music and science students who benefit from the gifts we have made to Cranbrook. It is most satisfying to make a gift like this that truly keeps on giving. Think about it.

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 **K54**

Summer always passes much too quickly. In June I think of all the things we are going to do and then before I know it is September! Where does the time go? For **JANIE WALLACE WEBER** summer is "busy season" at their Bois Blanc island home in northern Michigan. Winter finds Janie and her husband in Palm Desert. Between seasons they live in McKinney, TX. Janie and Joe took a trip to South Africa in October, 2015 and had an amazing time. They went on a safari and were exposed to cultural issues that we only read about. Becoming a great-grandma is **MARY LOU HOWLETT MABEE's** best news. The little fellow lives in California, so babysitting isn't an option, but with Skype I am sure that she gets to see him often. Mary Lou's twin granddaughters are starting grad school this fall. **JAN WALTERS RAISON** sent a "two-fer." She included news about **JOANIE GURDJIAN COX's** 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party to which Jan and Dick were invited. Joanie's children were the hosts for this special event. Two of her children live in the East and one in Traverse City. Jan and Dick are looking forward to a trip in Cape Cod in October. They will drive and see the sights between Michigan and the Cape. **BEV SCALES HOGLUND** sold her lovely home in Harbor Springs this August, but that doesn't mean that she won't spend summers in Michigan. She just won't have the responsibility of her own home. Next summer she will rent a house and let someone else have the year

round worries. Bev will return to her home in Naples for the winter. **LOUISE SHERRIFF ALDEN** shared sad news this year. Her oldest son, Peter, died on May 29, 2016. A memorial was held for Peter in Monroe, WA, near where he farmed for 15 years. Her other three children were there for the service as were most of her grandchildren. They are all still reeling. Happier news from Louise is that her daughter's daughter, Katrina, worked this summer in a laboratory in Dresden, Germany. Katrina will be a junior at Smith College, Louise's alma mater. Katrina will spend a year in Paris. Louise added that **ALICE MOHLER DELANA**'s granddaughter will spend the fall semester in Paris. Fun for the grandmothers to compare accomplishments of their granddaughters. Taking care of nine horses still keeps **MARY ABBOTT TERRY CUMMING** busy. What sounds like work to me is a love for her. The five Cumming grandchildren all live within a few miles from Mary Abbott and Mal. Rabbit continues to thank Miss Bennett for helping her with English. We all remember the special teachers who encouraged us along the way. My two favorites were Miss Meyers and Miss Wolfner. How about you? **MARGARET MCCAUL CABBAN** and her husband, Peter, both have dual citizenships, American and Australian. The plus is that they can vote in both countries; the negative is that they pay taxes in both countries. An interesting note from **MARCIA GREENSHIELDS** said that she has had a busy year. She is in the process of publishing five more books onto Kindle. These contain fifteen of the screenplays she has written. She is also writing her own anthology. Even though Marcia has been slowed by some health issues, she continues to edit for others and is still an activist and ombudsman, which keeps her at odds with the medical system and the government.



Honey Martin Ganus, '54

**HONEY MARTIN GANUS** wrote a wonderful email. She said she has enjoyed reading the news of classmates and decided it was time to share her "news." For several years Honey and her husband, David, enjoyed great fishing trips to Alaska, Wisconsin, South Dakota, and northern Michigan. As with so many of us, they are traveling less now. This allows more time to pursue artistic endeavors. Honey paints and sent a picture of herself in her backyard with a colorful painting. The Ganus children are also in creative fields. Their son, Paul, "pops up in commercials and/or TV shows." Paul's daughter, Spencer, is the voiceover for teenage Elsa in Disney's *Frozen*. Spencer is a high school senior and excited about choosing a college. Honey's daughter, Linda, is an adjunct professor at Lehigh University teaching an interesting class, comparing the interactive influences of art and history of certain eras. She is also a graphic artist for the Leigh music department where her husband, Eugene Albulescu, a concert pianist, is conductor of the school's symphony orchestra. Honey and David love the boring, every day sunshine of San Diego. They do not miss the gray winter days of Midland, MI. In closing, Honey sent her regards to each member of the class of '54. She smiles when she thinks of the many adventures that she shared with all. The only tidbit from **ALICE MOHLER DELANA** this year is that she turned 80. That's true for most of our class. Millie, Shelley, and I will join Club 80 next year. After a rocky three years, **QUINA SCHMIDLAPP MULHOFER** is once again sailing on smooth waters, metaphorically speaking. She had a knee replacement, foot surgery, pneumonia, and was hospitalized for six weeks. Exciting news is that her granddaughter is expecting a baby girl, and the baby will be the seventh for Clarinda. The first Clarinda was born in 1769. This means that we have another great-grandmother in our midst. Quina's children all live in Cincinnati, but the grandchildren are scattered from coast to coast. Pat and **SHELLEY SCARNEY BUCHANAN** are working on another book. The newest one will address Pat's White House years. Pat is the author, and Shelley, is an integral part of the process. Pat would be the first to admit that. Shelley has also been very helpful to me as our family looks forward to my youngest son's marriage in December in Washington D.C. Bruce lives in Los Angeles, his fiancée lives in St. Paul, and we are here in Michigan. The bride and groom chose the location because

it was easier for their extended families, not easy, but easier. **ANN STEVENS NASH**'s daughter, Mollie sent a note, "Mom moved in July. Her new phone number is 908-350-7973. Her mailing address is: Ann S. Nash, The Chelsea at Warren, 274 King George Rd., Warren, NJ 07059." **MILLIE ZEDER GILES** said she has no earth shattering news. I think that's good news. The common theme that she expressed was "how did we get so old?" Millie enjoys aerobic swimming, walking her dog, and the fact that she lives near both of her sons and their families. She and her dog, Champ, visit nursing homes as Hospice volunteers. They also visit students at a local college at exam time. Millie closed by saying her life is full, her health is good, and she feels very blessed. Her summary made me smile. Hays and **LINDA HULLINGER ROCKWELL** spent a month in Naples, FL, last winter taking a break from the cold and snow. It was a treat getting away and seeing friends and family in warmer climes. Hays was in an auto accident the last day of March and fractured three ribs. The car was totaled, but he recovered fully and was ready to take on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. As for me, my life is full and busy. My newest, most frustrating challenge is with the Atlantic Coast pipeline company that wants to put a large gas pipeline through our farm in Virginia. Big business vs. small farms; it's not fun, nor fair. Children and grandchildren are well, as are Phil's daughters and their families. We count our blessings. Thank you to all who replied to my request for news. Please feel free to drop me a note or an email any time. I will keep your news for the next issue of *Tradition*, if it didn't make it in this issue. Blessings to each of you, the class of 1954!

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It is heartwarming to receive news from you, my classmates. At times I have had to disperse sad news, such as the recent passing of Dave Martin, '56, who was just as much a part of our class as he was the class of '56. Thanks to **KARL HAMADY** for passing along the news about Dave. I always look forward to updates such as the informative and kind words from **ROGER MORRISON** later in this issue. **FRANK DUNCAN**: "I am sad to report

that my longtime special friend, Barbara Blackwood Bradley, '56, passed away on July 7, 2016, in Crittenden Hospital Rochester, MI, after a lengthy stay in the nearby Sanctuary at Bluebrook. She was 78 years old. Fortunately I was able to spend lots of quality time with her at Bluebrook during the month of June before returning to my Casita home in Prescott, AZ. Barbara and I met in the early 1950s during our years at Cranbrook/Kingswood. "Barbara's Celebration of Life was held on July 13 at Petere-Modetz in Rochester. She grew up in a beautiful home at 31 Ottawa Drive around the corner from her dear friend, Ann Oliver Spees, K'55. Her father, Harold Lewis Blackwood, was a respected community leader in the Pontiac area. She is survived by her three sons, Brett, Ty, and Brian." **ROGER MORRISON** reports, "We have moved from Rochester, NY, to St. Petersburg, FL. It was really hard to leave Rochester, as two of our children, Bill and Sandy, still live there. But ironically two others live near us in St. Petersburg. Our son, Quinn, lives here, and our daughter, Olivia, lives nearby in Sarasota. The remaining two are in Santiago, Chile (Roger #2), and Park Hills, KY (Stuart). The move was difficult for me as I had lived in Rochester since 1971, when I came up from New York City to join Kodak. My career there was more rewarding than I could have ever envisioned. My main responsibilities were in media buying, television commercial creation, and production. Linda, too, had a fulfilling and important job working with parents of children with childhood cancer at Strong Memorial Hospital, part of the University of Rochester. We decided to 'go south' for several reasons. While we loved Rochester, NY (yes, the changes in seasons), our local community and friends, we really wanted to downsize and spend less time keeping our home up to date and, yes, the constant mowing, gardening, shoveling, etc. We discovered St. Petersburg on a trip to see Quinn and Olivia and really fell in love with the area. The city is historic, beautiful, diverse, and for us. We found a lovely condominium on Coquina Key, which sits on Tampa Bay. Our unit directly faces Tampa Bay, and to our right is a medium size island, which is a bird sanctuary and home to pelicans, cormorants, sea gulls, and other various species. There is constant motion and bird chatter during the day and relatively quiet at night. The weather is hot in the summer months, but we are getting used to it. I think I will eventually get back to volunteering, but

as of now it probably won't be as a hospice volunteer, which I did in Rochester for the past five or six years. I think that I may go back to reading books or short stories to nursing home residents. It, too, is very gratifying, and the schedule is relatively static. Anyway, that's about it, for now. New address, 5294 Beach Drive SE, Unit D, St. Petersburg, FL 33705. Phone 585-503-3574"



*Ben and Margot Snyder celebrating Ben's 96th birthday*

From **BILL RAISCH** to the 1955 Cranbrook Class: "Thought this wonderful photo would be of interest to you, Ben and Margot celebrating Ben's 96th birthday with a lobster bake July 15! I just concluded a nice phone chat with Ben. He still is involved with his discussion group, which meets weekly, but he now has assistance from others in providing the leadership. A few years back when Jan and I visited Ben and Margot in Maine, we attended one of the discussion group sessions ... very impressive as Ben, with his clipboard in hand containing copious notes, led the group as it addressed a current news issue. He has always loved to teach ... from the days during WWII when he flew in the Pacific theater and held educational sessions with his crew ... then Cranbrook (including Horizons-Upward Bound) ... and now in retirement! FYI...Ben's current contact info: 32 Blueberry Lane, Apt 238, Falmouth, ME 04105, Phone: 207.781.3128, Email: benmargot@aol.com. Kind regards to all."

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## K55

**LYNDA GENTHE CHAMPION** sold her home in Milford, MI, and moved to a two bedroom condo a few miles west in Howell. Condolences to **JEANNE LUCE DAVIS** on the loss of her sister, Gwen Briggs, '53, after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. Our sympathy also to **ELLEN FLINT PRICE** on the loss of her son-in-law, Jim Cloyd, husband of Sarah, '80. He too had a lengthy battle with cancer. Ellen was here for a week earlier this summer. We spent an afternoon together catching up, squeezing in a little shopping, and lunch. Always good to see her. She looked wonderful, and her back problem was much improved. My grandson, Andy, son of John, '86, graduated at the top of his high school class and is now a freshman at U-M Ross School of Business. His roommate is Kennie Kernan, '16, son of Ken, '85, whom Andy has known since childhood. Wesley, Andy's bother, is a new student in Cranbrook's freshman class this year. He was selected to play on the varsity soccer team, so I'm a "cheering fan" at the home games. Send news or photos anytime. Always good to hear from you. Enjoy the holidays.

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## C56

**CLASS NOTES EDITOR'S NOTE:**  
**DAVID DARLING** wrote to the alumni office to make sure we had updated '56 members we have lost over the past few years, saying "The following list (of deceased classmates) is meant to be indicative, not definitive, and was compiled from the roster of our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Some may have been reported and slipped my mind, which seems to slip more each year. I hope this is useful." David was able to use the program Peoplesmart to find that **F. S. BADGER, JOHN R. BURGIS, MALCOLM B. CAMPBELL, OWEN FETT, W.S. HEARNE, JOHN M. KIRK, ALLEN L. SANBORN, THOMAS W. SCHAD, and FRANK F. STORY** are all deceased. We are grateful to David for passing this along, and note that he mentioned that he was not able to assume the class secretary position at this time. If there is a class member that would like to take on this

role, please get in touch with Margi Brown at [mbrown@cranbrook.edu](mailto:mbrown@cranbrook.edu) or 248-645-3132.



# K56



*Barbara Welther, Colleen McMahon Orsatti, Linda Johnson LeMieux, all '56, at 60th reunion*

Continuing...fall 2016. Please note that I have presented our class notes for this *Tradition* in a different format. This is a one-time-only change due to my temporary physical limitations ... cmo. Last spring/early summer, following the advice of Marcia Wieder, "to do something that makes your heart sing every single day," several of our classmates experienced memorable reunions that truly made their "hearts sing." Four of us K'56ers....

**LINDA JOHNSON LEMIEUX, BARBARA WELTHER, CYNTHIA COLE EUSEBI,** and I, **COLLEEN MCMAHON ORSATTI...** were delighted that we chose to return and to share together our milestone KSC 60th Reunion at the beginning of June. Even though there were only the four of us, it did not dampen our desire to be there. For Linda, Reunion 2016 was very nice, beginning with the cocktail party at Cranbrook House Friday evening, continuing on Saturday with the annual barbecue picnic lunch on the Kingswood lawn and ending later that day with the Reunion Quad Fest cocktail party and buffet dinner. It was especially nice for her to see and talk with old friends from both school and her hometown, Flint. She gave credit to all the people involved for doing a wonderful job in the planning and execution of all the terrific reunion events. Cindy simply loved being there and seeing lifelong friends. She invited her son, Christopher, to join us for the evening events at Cranbrook House and at Quad Fest. She is so proud to be a Kingswood grad! To quote Barbara, "What a total joy it was to return to Michigan for our 60th Reunion!" While "soaking up" the

complete reunion experience, she noticed the many changes to Kingswood ... all very good ones ... to make it better than ever for teachers and students now and in the future! Seeing our names carved into the wooden panels outside the dining room reminded her of the many graduates of the past. When she saw Linda, Cindy and me, she still saw us as the young women we were in the '50s. As she was perusing our yearbook in the library, she discovered that she had been the treasurer of it. She also came across a picture of herself with a pile of books, labeled "**THIMKI!**"[sic], and was glad that times have changed for her. Her last stop on campus was at Christ Church Cranbrook for the main Sunday service, which was dedicated to "Kirkin' O' The Tartan and Festal Eucharist." It featured the St. Andrew's Society Pipe Band, the presentation of the sword, and the traditional blessing of the tartans by the clergy. After the service the Highland Dancers performed on the patio. Quite a spectacle and a memorable ending to a marvelous reunion! I, Colleen, have such beautiful memories of my two years as a Kingswood boarder that I felt I just had to return for our reunion to walk down "Memory Lane" one more time. Besides attending the already-mentioned Friday and Saturday events, I took the Kingswood Tour ... revisiting the dorm area, the classrooms and art rooms, as well as seeing the just-opened Kingswood Cafe ... and the Cranbrook Campus Tour ... featuring the Natatorium, the dining room, the exterior art works, and the renovation of the dorm courtyard. The entire reunion experience lived up to all my expectations and more. As **RHONA NEWCOMB NEUWIRTH** wrote, "No site is more beautiful than Cranbrook!" A perfect summary of our reunion experience! At the beginning of May **NANCY SWAN WILLIAMS** enjoyed a different kind of Kingswood reunion when she spent a few days on Florida's west coast with her two sisters, Trish Swan Sandstrom, '63, and Susan Swan Spence, '66, for a "Swan Sisters' Reunion." They stayed with Trish and her husband, Van, at their home in Naples. While there, they enjoyed an entertaining, musical evening at the "Phil," Naples Philharmonic, and they loved watching the stunning sunsets. But they enjoyed most of all just "hanging out" and treasuring their being together.



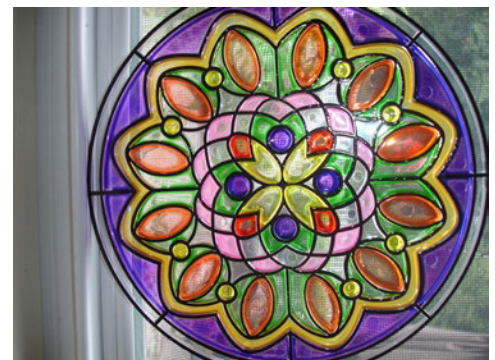
*Susan Swan Spence, '66, Trish Swan Sandstrom, '63, and Nancy Swan Williams, '56*

I, **COLLEEN MCMAHON ORSATTI**, experienced a first-time, "three-generational reunion getaway" with my daughter, Gabrielle, and granddaughter, Dahlia, from Des Moines, IA.



*Colleen McMahon Orsatti, '56, daughter, Gabrielle, and granddaughter, Dahlia*

The three of us spent a three-night stay in Baltimore, MD, arriving on the 4th of July. Our "front row" seats from our 10th floor hotel room, overlooking the entire Inner Harbor, gave us the wondrous view of the spectacular fireworks in the Harbor bursting right before our eyes! We loved taking the inexpensive water taxis to all the nearby places of interest to us ... the various distinct, surrounding neighborhoods with their unique shops, architecture, museums and diverse, delicious restaurants. Our "hearts are still singing" that we had these three amazing, marvelous and memorable days together.



*Barbara Welther's, '56, suncatcher*



Ellen VanDusen Guthrie's, '56, oil, "Parrott"

According to Picasso, "The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls." Bearing that in mind, our class is fortunate to have several very artistically talented classmates ... **ELLEN VANDUSEN GUTHRIE**, **BARBARA WELTHER**, **CYNTHIA COLE EUSEBI**, and **KATHERINE HELLYER SMITH**. After moving from Anchorage, KY, to Louisville, KY, a few years ago, Ellen started "rekindling" her artistic side by taking studio art classes once a week. She has evolved into a prolific artist, painting in oil, not only for pleasure, but also by commission. Her use of colors is stunning. Barbara paints in diverse media. Her latest work is a lovely, colorful, acrylic stained glass "sun-catcher" made at Windsor Place in Wilmington, MA, under the tutelage of her art instructor, Linda York-Robbins. Cindy is an experienced watercolorist. She often paints special scenes during her travels. Each of her Christmas cards over the years has featured one of her beautiful watercolors. She has exhibited some of her paintings at the Birmingham/Bloomfield Art Association.



Cynthia Cole Eusebi, '56, and son, Christopher



Cynthia Cole Eusebi's, '56, "Venice" watercolor

Kay is a multi-talented painter and sculptor. Currently on exhibit at a gallery in Atlanta, GA, her sculpture, "Sea Change," that she created with plaster, porcelain, sand, and found objects was based on Shakespeare's "Tempest"..."Full fathom five thy father lies; Of his bones are coral made; Those are pearls that were his eyes: Nothing of him that doth fade, But doth suffer sea-change Into something rich and strange."



Katherine Hellyer Smith's, '56, sculpture, "Sea Change"

She was inspired by the earth's atmospheric changes that are threatening all inhabitants, including the delicate denizens of the world's water as it is bleaching out. These classmates brighten our souls through their artistic creativity ... to Picasso's delight! Speaking of our souls, sadly we lost another classmate

over the summer. **BARBARA BLACKWOOD BRADLEY** died on July 7, 2016. Recalling his close friendship with Barbara, Frank Duncan, '55, wrote, "Barbara and I met in the early 1950s during our years at Cranbrook/Kingswood. She grew up in a beautiful home in Pontiac, MI, around the corner from her dear friend, Ann Oliver Spees, '55. Fortunately, I was able to spend lots of quality time with her during her last weeks when she was in the Sanctuary at Bluebrook before having to be transferred to Crittenden Hospital in Rochester, MI, where she died." Barbara is survived by three sons and four grandchildren. Her professional career focused on helping others. She enjoyed the outdoors, nature and gardening. "Don't be afraid of death. You don't need to live forever. You just need to live!" (*Tuck Everlasting*) And ... Remember to do something every day that makes your heart sing! To be continued ...

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Nice to know that at least two classmates are out and about. **FRITZ KERN** and wife, Janis, spent a week in Jackson Hole in August, a day in Yellowstone, and a float trip down the Snake River. In October they went to Spain and Portugal with a side trip to Morocco for their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary (congratulations in order). December finds them in Florida visiting friends (including Vaughan School 8/9<sup>th</sup> grade 65<sup>th</sup> reunion) and family. New year brings a trip to Maui. Fritz concludes he's looking forward to our own 60<sup>th</sup> reunion next June and hopes we get a good turnout. (Big Hint! A dozen or so already said they are planning to attend.) Also moving are **FRED FECHHEIMER** and Bobbie who spent 11 days in Cuba, driving around in a 1954 Chevy convertible, a car he wished he had back when. Some not serious back surgery but otherwise in good shape, lots of traveling here and abroad, and busy like most of us with six grandkids between them, ages 3-12. More serious back surgery reported by **FRED BRENDER** in August after trying about everything else. Had to skip the Walleyes for Warriors this year, which he's told us about before (hoping for next year). At time of his report he couldn't lift but a gallon of milk and

was walking progressively further, but surgery seems to be successful. Wife, Carole, had a booth at the Flint Art Fair in June, where Fred ran into Mike Melet, '58, who also had a booth and encouraged the surgery which he had had. Some more travel from **TED LUDWIG**, summer family get together at the Grand Hotel with both sons and families. Son, Matt, is director of bands at Marquette High School. Son, Jim, and wife, Kristin, are Broadway actors (Kristin in *Camelot* in Dallas, Jim off Broadway in a new musical at this writing.) Ted and Barb heading to Ann Arbor for several U-M football games, American College of Surgeons national meeting in Washington, and planning a November trip to Hawaii. He still works one day a week, dealing with chronic wounds in his Rehab center. Barb retired from real estate sales. **CARL JOHANSSON** is once again heading to Jupiter, FL, for February through March. Second oldest granddaughter, Kristi, is getting married March 4, in Palm Beach, when all three daughters and families will be in attendance. Also planning on our reunion (another hint). Quickies: **RALPH BARBIER** is having a great summer, which included lunch with **THEOBALD, RANDAU,** and **WADDELL**. Also looking forward to 60<sup>th</sup> (hint #3). **ROWDY TALIAFERRO** is back in St. Joseph, MO, until January after usual horrible flight from Vienna, horrible ferry and train trips from Elba the day before. **DUNCAN BLACK** says nothing new, same activities with Town of Amherst, and in the summer provided first aid at Kissing Bridge Motocross events. **JIM VARY** reports same old, same old, teach, volunteer, go to Florida—repeat. Lastly, **JIM AKERS** and Renee left Florida last February for a last week of skiing in Crested Butte, selling last property (hurray!) early March, then headed home to assist with much anticipated bar mitzvah of grandson, Isaac Akers, May 7 (Renee decorations and menu, Jim invitation/rsvp/table no. spreadsheets). Isaac's Chicago Children's Choir background enabled a lyrical chanting of the service and a duet with stepmom Laurie, who happened to be the cantor at the Temple this past year. Was a showstopper (even though it wasn't a show), to be repeated at High Holy Day services in October. Our oldest grandchild, Lexi ("favorite" and only granddaughter), is now a high school senior spending the fall visiting colleges, and otherwise buried in college applications and homework. The Akers were off to Park City, UT, mid-September to visit good friends (formerly living in same bldg.), and inspect their just

built house on a ski run, which will be the site of whatever further ski adventures the Akers are willing and able to undertake. And once again the year ends with an (extended) family cruise, about 50 or so, the last week in December. In memoriam, sadly, I received the news from his brother, Alex, '56, that our classmate **MALCOLM BARRY SMITH** passed away this past summer.

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## K57

The big news is our 2017 Diamond Reunion next June 9 - 11. I hope that you are planning ahead for this special time trip. Our classmates cover the country now, living in the West Coast states of Washington and California and down into Arizona and New Mexico, over to the Great Lakes, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, with 15 of us in Michigan. We're on the East Coast from Massachusetts, New York, Maryland, Virginia (all three of us in the Colonial capitol, Williamsburg), in both Carolinas, and not surprisingly in Florida. We have classmate, **SEAN BEVERIDGE WEBB**, in deep-south Alabama (not in Birmingham, but Mobile). Our life experiences are as varied as our local residences. The Diamond Reunion should be an interesting reconnect for all who can return. Among the Michiganders, **SUSIE SIMONS** writes that she is planning on it and hopes the universe doesn't have anything else in mind! **JUDY KNUDSEN CHRISTIE**, "It looks like, fortuitously, that none of our grandchildren will be graduating in 2017, so I certainly plan to make the 60th!" **JUDY HARRIS SOLOMON** is in. **GINNY WESTOVER-WEINER** writes that she is 99% sure that she will be at the reunion. Much depends on her dog and if the place which she used before is still operating. They have six bichons of their own and will only take one outsider at a time. It's a horse farm that is now 140 miles from where she has relocated. Ginny now lives in Sonoma County at a resort-like sister facility in Santa Rosa, which is north of where she lived in San Francisco. Also happy in new settings is **JEANNE HARGREAVES GRAHAM**, who enjoys the freedom from home owning and loves her apartment, from which she can just

walk away. Her only responsibility is her cat, Buddy. **BARBARA "COOKIE" COOKSEY BOWERS** is definitely planning on attending the 60th. She reports that a great man added a lot of joy, dinners out, and roses to her life. He spent most of the summer in Michigan, and she plans to join him in Florida in October. She adds that at 77, all of us are blessed to wake to each new dawning day and relish in our family and friends. Cookie spent over seven months in Florida this year, finding it impossible to bring herself back to cold weather and all the winter clean-up at her cabin in the woods. Snow fence enclosures kept the deer from devouring her spring buds and flowers, but the leaves and pine needles covering everything was a monumental task. Now among our class hip chicks, she got a new hip in March, so she is the titanium lady, but free of pain and back walking and kayaking. **CONNIE KELLOGG CASEY** looks forward to visiting classmates next June. She will try to get there on Friday in time to attend the graduation, which is such a happy and nostalgic celebration. Connie is well and enjoying her three grandchildren, who are all in high school. She went on a *New York Times* trip to Iran last August-September, which was an extraordinary experience: lots of interactions with English speaking women on the street who were warm and welcoming, and amazing visits to ancient cities, Shiraz, Persepolis, and Esfahan. This fall she will visit Ireland with an archaeologist. **ANNE COUGHLIN COLLINS** reports that she is still living in Bronxville, NY, making frequent trips into the city to connect with friends. She plans to visit Paris in September, Italy in October, and Florida in December. **MARTHA VICINUS** writes that she has no news, which she takes as good news. She continues to volunteer for Boston by Foot's historic and architectural tours, and teaches at the Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement. Both keep her busy and happy. Unusual for our far flung generation, **MARY SHAW MOORE** lives in northern Oakland County within a couple miles of her children and grandchildren. When she wrote, she had spent the morning mowing pastures for the three ponies still living on their little farm. She tells the children, "As long as you will boost me up on the tractor, I can still be useful." Fortunately, she can still get up there by herself. The passion for horses has shaped their lives. Both sons and all three granddaughters are involved with horses. Sierra, 15, is a junior at CK this fall. Sydney, 13,

will enter CK eighth grade. Elena, 10, will be a sixth grader at St. Joseph's in Lake Orion.



Mary Shaw Moore's, '57, granddaughter, Eleana, and Buttons



Mary Shaw Moore's, '57, granddaughter, Sierra, and Rhett



Mary Shaw Moore's, '57, granddaughter, Sydney, and Dreamer

All three girls ride. Sierra and Elena have been showing Hunter-Jumper this summer, and Sydney rides with the Metamora Hunt. Their Uncle Brewster, who teaches boys sixth grade English at Cranbrook, is their trainer.

**SUELLEN VOORHEIS SOUCEK** has cut down her gallery and ferry line working days to spend time with husband, John, while he's up and at 'em and healthy after last year's heavy duty heart operation, followed by a gall bladder attack, which resulted in a hospital fall and compression fracture undiagnosed for a month. She's happy living in the best of all worlds, golf course woods in an artists' community with much creative artistry everywhere. As an old art major, Suellen crafts beach glass earrings and pins, which she sells in a gallery to the island visitors that grow from 300 in the winter to 4500 in the summer. She is glad to get the island back in the winter. Her oldest grandchild is 19 now and a beautiful songbird. Her husband's oldest is 32, and they have 15 grandchildren between them. Considering that Suellen was an only child, she's grown the family well. My Williamsburg neighbor, **NANCY WARD HARWOOD**, went to Cuba with her sister in March and had a great tour. She plans to go to the Galapagos in early October. Her grandson, Devin, became an Eagle Scout in June. Currently I'm occupied with volunteer work of voter service for future outcomes and Colonial Williamsburg for the past. Some of it is challenging and often draws more on patience than creativity. Retirement has yielded more time to travel for family visits and sightseeing. Before the end of the year we have a return trip, after a 1960 visit to Inverness, Scotland, for a Caledonian Canal cruise, as well as another mystery cruise out of Southampton, England, in November. Before our Diamond Reunion, we travel to Sicily. Our family visits are often more enlightening, with three voting age college student grandchildren offering millennial perspectives on life and living. Hope to see you next June to admire my fellow classmates. As always I welcome and appreciate your news, reviews, and recommendations. Cheers and enjoy.

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## C58

It's September 4, and I've received a whole passel of replies to my request for class notes. It's probably more than I have ever received in the past, and I'm really grateful! A lot of news as well. **JIM LUDWIG** writes

that he has retired for the third time to a home in St. Thomas, Ontario, in 2014. Having done that, he found himself drawn back into Great Lakes research on colonial water birds in the summer of 2015. They started with a pilot project last year to look at the changing nutrition of wildlife with all the new invasive species in the lakes. In 2016 the project grew to involve three labs in the two countries, looking at legacy and emerging contaminants, plus the diets of water birds, to see how these all influence the survival of wildlife species. "My role was to visit colonies and collect their eggs; then collect blood samples from chicks, which began in April and finished up on July 28. It required lots of time on the water and a ton of travel. We have sampled 16 colonies in all five Great Lakes, leaving me gratified and tired at the same time. The joints don't work as well as they did when we played football 58 years ago! In the interim Alison and I garden at our home, and she pursues intense work on the historic records of her Irish roots. Staying active at 75 is a challenge but well worth the effort." A short note from **ED WHITE** tells that he just got back from two months in Tuscany, writing as usual. His latest book, *Our Young Man*, came out in May to favorable reviews. "This will probably be my last year teaching at Princeton. After 16 years in Paris I moved back to New York in 1998." **DAN CROWLEY** wrote that he is "moving into the stage of life where there seems to be some shrinkage, not as much busyness, or socializing, or stuff, or ... whatever. My bride of 53 years, Suki, has Parkinson's, and that is the mystery disease for everyone ... we are learning how to adapt and adjust. We moved up to Waltham from Chatham two years ago to be near my son. Our girls are in Charlotte, NC, and Homer, AK." He sends greetings to all his classmates. **BOB SCHULTZ** and I have both been engaged in a home improvement project. He recently had the entire house interior painted and carpeted. That meant moving everything into the garage temporarily. The side benefit of that was to eliminate a lot of accumulation of stuff after 25 years of marriage. Bob's health continues to improve now that his back surgeries have healed. He says, "I think I've learned enough about medicine to be a doctor in my next life." **CHRISTIAN PLATOU** writes from his cottage in the mountains of Norway where he is with his wife, Tove. At the end of this (August) they will have been married 50 years. He says that his active working life has changed into time with his five grandchildren, golf, skiing (both

cross country and downhill), bridge, and so forth. His legs are still able to run but at a very moderate pace. Their two daughters live in the neighborhood, except the one that is on a two- to three-year assignment in Bangkok, Thailand. "We also have an American 'daughter' from Midland, MI, who stayed with us as an exchange student 28 years ago. She is often here to visit, and we enjoy a close relationship with her. My host 'brother,' John Butzel, '50, and his wife, Sandy, were here two years ago. So we keep many relations to the U.S., but we do have a hard time understanding what is happening in your country now. If you come our way, please do not hesitate to contact me." **LARRY DANTO** writes but first passes along a comment to Chris Plattou, "Be assured that the U.S. has survived even worse politics than our current situation and not to worry. We'll get through this as well." Beyond that he says they've had a couple of interesting years. He and Linda are "doing well and moving on with expected aches and pains. Unexpected for me was receiving a new aortic valve two months ago. Even though they used the classic open procedure, I'm already back to full activities." Larry is completely retired from clinical and academic practice, though he still writes about expanding access to essential healthcare and weapons control as a healthcare issue. He also does therapy dog visits with his overgrown Doodle, Dov. He will be transitioning from North Lake Tahoe to Orange County in order to be full-time with the kids, grandkids, and golf ... "although the grandkids are already leaving us behind, one at Cal (engineering), and two headed off to college next year. (Hopefully to Michigan)." They will be in Ann Arbor for the Coller Surgical Society, family visits and a football Saturday in the Big House. Then to Denver for an overdue visit with the Golantys.



David Foster, '58, and wife

**DAVID FOSTER** sent a missive from Seattle, where, at writing, it was overcast and 70. He

and his wife split their time between Seattle in the summer and Rancho Mirage (Palm Springs) in the winter, because when he retired in 2003, he couldn't stand Seattle winters anymore. He does some consulting work with the company that licensed the software developed at the University of Washington. It's used in early stage drug development. "For the most part we are in good health, although the effect of those increasingly annoying anno domini are creeping over us. We've been boaters all our lives, but arthritis is hampering what I could do, so after 48 years we have put our wooden Grand Banks 42 on the market. Our plan is to travel more. I know most of you winter in the East, but the West is nice also. Let us know if you'd like to drop by. You don't necessarily need your golf clubs, but I don't worry about my handicap anymore. The accompanying picture is of my wife, boat, and yes there is a real dog in there!" **JIM GOLANTY** is "hot, hot-hot in Denver" and hopes Christian is cool in Norway. "The heat kind of wrecks the desire to hit the links, and volunteer grunt-work stints at the Botanic Gardens are getting a little old." Replying using the "reply all" button in the e-mail messages prompted Jim to say, "Great to hear from so many classmates this time around." What's neat about this is that you are all seeing the replies I get when I do, and some of you are conversing with one another. "Deb and I have done a little traveling this summer, to Santa Barbara, to visit family and then to Santa Fe for the opera. Otherwise we, too, are home for the summer with a few remodel projects of our own, kitchen floor, new concrete in the backyard, etc. As reported in an earlier email, Linda and **LARRY DANTO** will be visiting in September. We are greatly looking forward to being with them. Larry has a new heart valve, **FRED WOODWORTH** has new knee, **HAM SCHIRMER** has a new hip. Personally I have only had a lens replaced in my 'good' eye and an artificial ACL, pretty lucky so far. Regards and stay off the ladder!" P.S. "Just read **TOM MCGUANE**'s latest published short story, *Papayas*, in the August 22, 2016, issue of the *New Yorker*. Thoroughly enjoyable." **HOWARD KAUFMAN** is looking forward to our next five year reunion, which will be our 60th reunion in 2018. That's not even two years away! Ye gods! He just had his 50<sup>th</sup> medical school reunion. Of the 112 in his class, two have won Nobel Prizes and gave wonderful speeches. "Harold Varmus, who won for discovering oncogenes, gave a

fascinating speech on DNA changes that lead to cancer. Robert Lefkowitz shared a hilarious recap of, "*A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Stockholm*," with stories about starting to eat chocolate every day, and the prize two months later. So, he advises people who want to win to eat lots of chocolate— but also having a mother who kept asking when he would win the Nobel. I have enrolled in a master's program at Columbia, so will earn a second Columbia degree over 50 years after the first. Should finish by my 78<sup>th</sup> birthday. (I had a friend who received a law degree when he was 94, so I know there are other people who are very late bloomers.) My older son is just finishing his IFR pilot's rating. He has a turbine plane and has learned how to do soft landings, both of which are steps forward. Younger son, Zachary, spent last year at the Supreme Court." **ROBERT KLEIN** writes, "Klein-wise I'm doing well, after returning from I.R. last summer (back stenosis). I still play a lot of golf and tennis, Charlevoix in the summer, La Jolla in the winter. Pleased to say I still shoot my age or better on a regular basis, albeit from forward tees, and tennis remains enjoyable but certainly not as a threat to Federer. Being away from Detroit though, I have given up various charitable boards that I have been a part of since retiring, including Cranbrook's. Two local groups in Charlevoix keep me out of the bars so to speak, Good Samaritan, and Charlevoix Circle of Arts. I'm neither a social worker nor an arts person, and my principal areas of interest are in fundraising, which is a 'contact sport' and one that I enjoy." **WILLIAM MCGAUGHEY** writes from Dublin on a layover from a three-week trip to Europe centered in Amsterdam and Berlin. "I attended a conference of a newly formed organization called the international big history association. Big history is the history of everything since the Big Bang. I have been living in Minneapolis since 1965. Been married and divorced three times and am currently remarried to my second wife. After working as an accountant for many years, I bought some rental property near downtown Minneapolis, which is my principal source of income. I also self-publish books. One on big history is forthcoming. My plane back to the United States leaves early tomorrow morning, so I'd better try and get some sleep." **FRED LAVERY** says, "Still working and living in Birmingham. Kitty and I are in good health when you consider our age. Age does, however, make you an expert in healthcare, which is generally not the good

news. We still live on Lake Park, and hopefully enough of us will come back for our 60<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2018, so we can have a Saturday night reception like we did for our 50<sup>th</sup> at our house. Ryan, my grandson, is entering second grade at Brookside, and Scarlett, my granddaughter, will be in senior kindergarten at Brookside as well. They live about eight blocks from our house, so we see them three or four days a week for meals, sleepovers, book reading, and fishing, all of which is great fun for Kitty and me and keeps us young. It has been an interesting experience to go from a student to a parent to a grandparent at Cranbrook. The education system has changed greatly, and these different roles have provided a varied interaction with the school for both of us. **TOM MCGUANE** has big news. He was hacked! Not funny, but he's got a new email address. Hope the damage was minimal, Tom. He is still living on the ranch and going on 50 years in Montana, writing and fishing without a lot of variation. He spends a couple of months in Florida, fishing and sailing. "We've had delightful visits there from Anne and **FRED WOODWORTH**; Beverly and **LOU O'CONNOR**. Our first grandchild to go to college, Maisie, will start Harvard in September. Four to go!" **ROBERT SCHIRMER** says, "Here's catch up on me, which may or may not be redundant for some. The most interesting sort of class news is that about seven years ago I ended up marrying a Kingswood classmate of ours who some may remember, Barb Hedrick Bowman, '58. She had gotten divorced, and I was widowed (after a 42-year run), and we got together about 11 years ago. After a few years hanging around in sin together, we decided to get married, so our kids would let us share the same room when we visited them. It's been great, and we have a wonderful time together. Small circle when you think about it. We've done a good deal of travel over the years, a significant list of 14 plus countries around the world. As a matter of fact, this fall we will be joining another Kingswood classmate of Barb's, Diane Hamady Markeset, '58, and her husband on a cruise from Bergen to Montreal via Iceland, Greenland, Labrador, and Newfoundland. Should be fun! (Christian, you don't live in Bergen by any chance do you?) I'm living full-time at Burt Lake in northern Michigan. Barb is here a lot, but keeps her homes in Birmingham and Walloon Lake to be near her kids and grandkids. My kids/grandkids are scattered all over, so they come to me. What keeps me busy is

involvement in a number of non-profit boards up here and lots of fishing and hunting here in Michigan and other spots around the globe. Had I known how wonderful being retired is I would never have started working. Health is good, especially after starting the year losing 30 pounds and getting back on an exercise program. Amazing what a change it can make. Have had the usual old guy health s.t., e.g., new hip, prostate cancer (hey join the club, but it has all worked out well. I suspect there is more ahead, but what the hell, growing old is not for sissies." **DONALD LE MESSURIER** (that's me!) has had a very uneventful summer. We did a remodel in our master bathroom: tile the shower (saltillo colored), same for the floor, large medicine cabinet, new granite countertops, new stool, new lights, and new quiet exhaust fan. Looks very southwestern! We also did a re-flooring (tile) in the dining room, kitchen, family room, hallway, and utility room. The house looks nice again after 16 years. Though we didn't break the bank, we kept the rest of the summer 'in check.' We did go up to the San Juan River for a couple of days so I could fish.



*Don LeMessurier, '58, takes photo of mountain ram in Alpine, AZ*

Then we went to Alpine, AZ, for several coooool days. Beautiful, a little rain, some great wildlife, including a mountain ram (see accompanying photo taken about 20 yards away), and we spotted the very fresh tracks of mountain lion. They were probably less than 30 minutes old (or less) and the size of my hand. I'm pretty sure he had his eyes on us and our dog. He was very close to us. Daughter, Margaret, is doing well. Her oldest has just started her junior year, and she is doing very well, Daughter, Andrée, and husband, Bill, now a Major in the AF, will be leaving from Denver on a non-stop flight to Keflavik, Iceland, for a six-day stay, and then on to Scotland to stay at the Drimnin Estate for eight days, and then to the Loch Lomond area of Scotland for a stay at a B&B. They

will be doing this on their own (no tours) and will be painting and photographing along the way. That's it for me. I just wanted to thank all of you who replied this time. I think this was the largest response I have ever had. Sixteen replies out of 26 emails sent out (the addresses I have) representing 49 graduates +19 deceased/missing equals 68 in original class. The difference between the number of emails sent, versus the total of living graduates is the number of classmates who haven't provided their email addresses, 23.

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## C59

Frank Swift, '60, and I attended **ED SUN**'s funeral in April. Ed was our youngest classmate and Cranbrook's first Chinese student. And while it was sad, and I was too broken up to speak with a clear voice, I have changed my mind about funerals. It is no secret that we are all going to die. Ed was successful in every way in his life, and I am going to be happy for him as a winner. He is no longer tied to a failing body but has matriculated to adventure on another plane. I'm happy for you brother, so pleased you made the transition at home, surrounded by loved ones, in your sleep. I will try to emulate you when my time comes. **GEORGE GALLOGLY** dying as a teenager was a tragedy; Ed passing in the fullness of his years is a triumph. Let's hear it for Ed! **KENT STRICKLAND** wrote me with his favorite memory of Ed. The two of them always sat next to each other in assembly or chapel, depending on the day of the week, and when they sang the Cranbrook Hymn containing the words "Cranbrook, whose sculp-ted stone and iron shaft..." they would attempt to elbow each other at the word "shaft." Teenage humor at its finest. And that reminds me that Ed used to giggle like a little girl. I enjoyed trying to get him to do it, and I had a fair success rate. **RON RIEDER** composed a poem about him entitled, "Good Night Ed," and I think it can be found on the funeral web site: [http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Edward-Sun&lc=9817&pid=179508861&uuiid=24a7fb39-cac7-4295-814d-ae78ea46578e&locale=en\\_US](http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Edward-Sun&lc=9817&pid=179508861&uuiid=24a7fb39-cac7-4295-814d-ae78ea46578e&locale=en_US).

Good job, Ron. Frank also wrote some fine words, but they don't rhyme. Ed's wife, Kathy, asked that instead of flowers, consider donating to Cranbrook in his name. I have already done so. I hope the rest of you don't expect as much ink when you pass. But lots and lots of you actually wrote me to comment on this, so I have some material for my column this time! **BILL MCQUEEN** wrote to say he is dealing with a bad case of Parkinson's, and his wife, Gail, is a faithful caregiver. They have moved from a house into a flat because it is much easier to take care of. I know I would truly hate having my mobility so impaired. Keep up the good fight, Bill. Do you remember when we were so fleet upon the track?

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## C60

Much of this report is a tribute to the late **BORIS NICOLOFF**, our honored and beloved classmate who passed away on January 30, 2016. Several responses to his passing were received last winter; others arrived during the summer, along with other news. Boris had a life filled with music, art, and photography. The most important things in his life were his dedication to his family, his Orthodox Christian faith, and his Macedonian heritage. His life story is here, [http://www.stanleyturowskifuneralhome.com/home/index.cfm?fh\\_id=12608&action=public:obituaries.print&id=3583651&printformat=htm](http://www.stanleyturowskifuneralhome.com/home/index.cfm?fh_id=12608&action=public:obituaries.print&id=3583651&printformat=htm).



*One is a Senior Prefect and  
Chairman of the Church Cabinet*

Fall '59 book, Boris Nicoloff

**BOB BRAUD** had these memories of Boris, "His informal yearbook photo was the cover of *The Brothers Karamazov*! Being named Boris. I think he was good-naturedly kidded about his apparent Russian heritage. We were both in Page Hall. I always looked up to him, because he could keep so many balls in the air and still get the best grades in the house. He was never one to brag. He was very well liked by all and a true asset to Cranbrook. After reading about his amazing life, he was apparently an asset to all whose lives he touched. He will be sorely missed by all who loved him." **KEITH DAVIDSON**, "Terribly sad news about Boris" At the time he wrote, **CHARLY HEAVENRICH** was in a rehab center slowly recuperating from major surgery. "I'm still recovering from surgery which is going very SLOWLY. But it's going. I'm getting back on the horse of speaking. My presentations still revolve around people in the Grand Canyon who go places they never thought possible, now including the story of my own illness and recuperation. I'm planning a trip in the Canyon in 2018 with a very accomplished Native American musician/story teller. In the meantime, I'm working on a new DVD with the theme of spending more time in the natural world." Charly's new address is, 1050 Arapahoe Avenue #203, Boulder, CO, 80302. From **TOM LEE** last winter: "Sad news about Boris. What a remarkable guy and remarkable life!" More recently, Tom wrote, "**STEVE FAIRBANKS** moved to Williamsburg VA. Last May there was a mini-reunion there that included Mr. and Mrs. **TOM LEE, STEVE BROWN, STEVE FAIRBANKS** and Curt Matthews, '61." **ROGER ROTHENBURGER** shared this memory of Boris, "Thanks for sending this and keeping us up to date. Boris was a boarding student. I wasn't close to him, but I remember on some often lonely Sundays we would bump into each other and have lengthy discussions sometimes. I liked him. He sure did have an interesting life. I never knew he was Macedonian and spoke Russian. Shows how little we knew about each other back then." From **DIRK SCHOLTEN**: "My regrets regarding Boris. It is that time of life when one's legacy becomes one's immortality. I remember him well. My best regards to you and Denise. I hope you are well and enjoying your senior years." **TED SEYFARTH**, "Boris's path was not the one expected from a classmate, unless the path is broadly defined as success. Boris certainly achieved that." A few months later Ted wrote, "Summer

has proved to be a time for staying at home, enjoying the beach with grandkids, playing the occasional round of golf (limiting golf has proved to be good mental hygiene for me) and enjoying the flowers (not the weeds) growing in our garden. Now that summer is ending we can resume movie-going." A very brief note from **PHIL SKED**, "Boris will be missed. Thanks for notifying us." **JOHN SPRAGUE**, "While at Cranbrook I always had a warm feeling for Boris and his gentle, caring, and quiet (except for singing) manner of conducting himself. He was always special and had an aura about him. It is not surprising that he gave so much of himself to his church and his heritage. He did so much for us at our 50<sup>th</sup>; he will be missed at our 60<sup>th</sup>. As for Betsy and me, we still move back and forth between our farm up here in Salisbury, CT, and our apartment in New Bern, NC (where Betsy's mom and dad were born). We now have ten grandchildren and we expect more to come. I continue to sing whenever and wherever possible. Had a solo concert earlier this spring and loved being able to entertain at my ripe old age." **LARRY WEIS** writes, "So sorry to hear of Boris' passing. I remember him as one of the kindest, most warm-hearted persons I've ever known. My biggest regret is that I wasn't able to stay in touch with him over the years. As for me, all's quiet here in Western Washington." Thanks, guys, for your thoughtful remembrances of Boris. I am including a photograph of him taken in late 1959 for a booklet about student leaders.

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## K60

**PATTY SHILE AARONS** responded last December. "I lost my beloved husband in September 2014 to Leukemia. He valiantly fought THE fight for almost five years. It was a difficult time for both of us. Have rather dropped out of sight this past year and am not all too certain that I am yet ready to surface. I am trying to take it one step at a time. My new address is 1317 Cherry Log Ct., Gaylord, MI 49735. 989- 939-7225. My new email is [cherrylog17@gmail.com](mailto:cherrylog17@gmail.com). Brad and I purchased this smaller home about three years ago to be not so distant from his medical needs. We went back and forth

to our lake house as we could. It was a very good decision. I have decided to stay in Gaylord. Put the lake property on the market. I have no wish to be there without Brad. My Berners miss their acres of freedom, but I am glad to not be so isolated. So there you have it, 'The Life of Patty' up to speed." Nice to hear from you. I hope all is well. One of the first to respond to my plea was **MAUD COOPER PLUMER**. "It has been a fine year. All my sons are healthy and doing well. #2 son, Pete, is building a house, himself, in the Standish area. The roof is on, the walls are up, the siding is done, and the duct work is in place. His brothers have done a lot of manual labor also. It is a very exciting time for him. I am extremely proud to be the grandmother of an All American in color Guard. Emily, 17, will be a senior this fall and has been in color guard for five years. They practice seven hours a day all summer, and after school and weekends during the year. She was nominated by her instructor, and then did a five minute video. The army is flying her to San Antonio for a week. She and the other All Americans will create the half time for the Army band in San Antonio on January 7. I am so proud of her dedication and hard work. All other grandchildren are doing well. My oldest is gainfully employed, likes his work and just moved into a condo in Charlotte, NC. His sister is a junior at University of South Carolina. The next two are seniors in high school, and the last two in middle school. Hank and I are well and really enjoying our summer at Lake Charlevoix. My best to everyone." **JAEDENE LEVY** writes, "Thanks for doing this! I am happy to report that it's been a good year. Went to Australia in March and part of the trip was a stay at the American embassy because our friend is the ambassador! Lucky us. Loved Australia, just sorry it's so far away. I am still working in my private psychotherapy practice. Also had a chapter of mine published in a book on clinical supervision in psychoanalytic practice. Chuck and I had a wonderful time visiting with **JOAN AKERS BINKOW** in Florida and got to see Ginny and Del too. Now we're about to embark on some small renovations in our home. Best to all." **BROOKE BURGESS ADLER**: "A year ago we left our 235-year-old brick Federal house on Main Street in Norwich, VT, and moved into a 10-year-old contemporary on a dirt road, surrounded by woods in Quechee, VT. We love the open floor plan and first floor master suite of our new home, not to

mention lots of natural light and a lot lower heating bill. I am still only 20 minutes from Hanover/Dartmouth and other nearby towns for events, theater, music, shopping, etc. I have joined two of our Quechee Lakes home owners association committees (good way to connect to new community) and continue volunteering at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital as a Patient/Family Advisor in the Patient/Family Centered Care program. Jim continues his many volunteer activities for Dartmouth, as well as board work at Northern Stage, our regional professional theater company. For travel, we visited friends in Steamboat Springs, CO, where Jim was thrilled to ski since no snow here this winter. We had a fabulous trip to Cuba this spring with a group from Hopkins Center, the performing arts center of Dartmouth and also went down to NYC to see *Hamilton*, almost as exciting as going to Cuba! We visited son, Ted, and family in Wichita, not quite as glam as other trips, but exciting for us to be with kids and grands. Both families, Josh, Jessica and Ryan, 10-1/2, from Maplewood, NJ, and Ted, Brenda, Brianna, 10, and Henry, 4, from Wichita joined us in Canada for our annual family fishing trip and then came back to stay with us at our lake house in New Hampshire for a few days. It was fabulous to have them all here together. Summer always goes too fast, but it has been lovely to be on the lake enjoying beautiful sunsets and visiting loons (the bird kind!). Back to Quechee, and the more structured parts of our lives, after Labor Day. Thanks, as always, Sue, for the great job you do at keeping us in touch with each other." **HANLEY BIRD COX** reports, "Thank you for all you do to keep us in touch. The big news of this last year is that my oldest twin granddaughters headed off to college. Where does the time go? Both happily survived freshman year and are happy in their choice of colleges, SMU and the University of Richmond. As I love to do, I have managed a wonderful trip with a college friend to Southern India. Our guide was terrific and the experience changed my whole impression of India. I am now hooked on its magic. Following that trip, I met up with **JULIE KRUGER BAILEY, NANCY WILCOX KARGER** and **BARBARA BOWEN OBERG** for a wonderful visit in Santa Barbara. There is nothing like being with dear friends in a gorgeous place. It certainly is the time of life to take one day at a time and enjoy as best you can in this chaotic world." **NANCY WILCOX KARGER**: "Thank you for your continuous efforts to

keep our class connected. These days I feel as though no news is very good news! I still live in Winnetka, IL, and spend the worst of the winter in Santa Barbara, CA. I'm very grateful for good health, except that everyone mumbles and says entirely different things than I seem to hear. Hello Kingswood/Cranbrook alums!" **BARBARA BOWEN OBERG**: "With so many friends experiencing illness and loss, I am almost embarrassed to say that my life is, at the moment, stable and smoothly running along. Perry and I still like living in Princeton, within walking distance of campus. We are both 'retired,' but still participating in our academic lives. We spent three winter months in Pasadena last year, enjoying the resources of the Huntington Library collections and companionship of other academic 'snowbirds,' as we call ourselves. We enjoyed a visit with Frank and **NANCY WILCOX KARGER** up in Santa Barbara, my home for three years of graduate school. We will try out the sojourn again this year and see whether we see it as a regular thing. It's awfully far away from my grandchildren. I think back fondly of our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion." **HANLEY COX** writes that **JULIE KRUGER BAILEY**'s new email is [jekbailey@gmail.com](mailto:jekbailey@gmail.com) I will make a note of that for the next year. **JOAN AKERS BINKOW**: "I am creating literacy programs and after school art classes for underserved elementary kids in high poverty, highly diverse neighborhoods is my latest passion.



Chris Hewlett's, '60, birthday

And I love regular gatherings with Kingswood classmates: **CHRIS HEWLETT, MICHEL HOWARD WILLIAMS, SUSAN ALLAN, MARGIE MCMEHEN BURCH, TRISH KELLEY STOLTZ, LYNN DAWSON SOLNER** and sometimes **GINNY CROSS WALDEN**." **MARGIE MCMEHEN BURCH**: "We are having fun in Harbor Springs this summer. Bob and I had a fabulous trip to Tanzania in January. And our oldest grandson had a wonderful freshman year at Wash U. in

St. Louis. Life is good.” **GINNY CROSS WALDEN:** “I wanted to send along this picture of Barb Day Giesen and me. (It will be put in the summer *Tradition* as I can only put in four each issue). She and I meet each summer as we are both in Northern Michigan. We share important changes in our lives, enjoy a good lunch and explore knitting possibilities. Barb has been a friend since childhood. Our mothers were college roommates. Del and I have enjoyed good health and unusually fabulous summer weather, so we are feeling most fortunate. Hope our classmates are faring well and not allowing this dreadful election year to cause despair.” **BARBARA DAY GIESEN** writes, “It’s been a year of changes, for me. After I visited Green Valley, AZ, for several months last winter, I decided to sell my house in Kalamazoo, planning to spend six months in Arizona and the other months at my cottage in Cheboygan, MI. It’s been a busy several months cleaning out three generations worth of ‘stuff’, giving most to my kids, and dividing the rest for Michigan and Arizona. I am buying a place in Arizona that’s being built, so that’s taking time too. The old house hasn’t sold yet, and the new one isn’t finished, so I’m learning patience.



Ginny Cross Walden and Barb Day Giesen, both ‘60

Being here means **GINNY CROSS WALDEN** and I can get together more frequently, which is fun. My kids are all well, as are the grandkids. We all spent some time together this summer which is always wonderful.”

**RAEWYN FREAR WHITHAM:** “Trish and I finally have wonderful news to report! Yes, she and her younger sister, Mary Beth, visited us for nearly four weeks last January-February, our summer, and we all had an absolutely amazing time together. We have agreed that Trish will cover their visit, and I will relate the main event during their stay, our 50th wedding anniversary, January 22, two days after their arrival. We had a glorious

day both weather-wise and in all respects! There were 60 guests at 10 umbrella-covered tables on our deck and lawn, with the waves rolling in immediately below. Entertainment provided by granddaughters Amelia, 16, and Samara, 14, singing to Joe and me, *Can’t Help Falling in Love with You*, with Samara accompanying them on the ukulele. Amelia and James, 12, were the toastmasters, and Samara modelled my wedding gown! Of course having my ‘sisters’ here for it was the absolute frosting on the cake, and Trish made a speech. We received so many very glowing reports of the whole day, and I believe that after our actual wedding day, and the birth days of our three children, it was the most beautiful day in our lives, one to be treasured always. There were a lot of photos taken such as Cathedral Cove, a 60-minute walk from our home, which is behind the far cliffs. One of Joe and me after cutting our anniversary cake and our extended family on our lawn two days after the party. Joe and me, flanked by Mary Beth and Trish, front row five grandchildren, and back row daughters, Nicky, far left, and Stephanie, four from left, son, Greg, far right, plus three more grandchildren and our children’s spouses.”



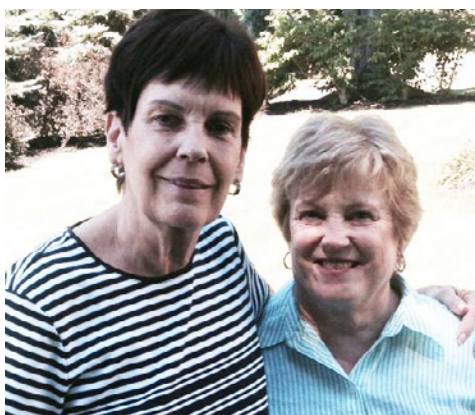
Trish Kelley Stoltz and Raewyn Frear Whitham, both ‘60

**TRISH KELLEY STOLTZ:** “At long last, in January 2016, I departed for New Zealand, accompanied by my sister, Mary Beth Kelley-Lowe, ‘70, for a month-long visit with **RAEWYN FREAR WHITHAM** and husband, Joe. At their stunning ocean front home in Hahei (Coromandel Peninsula, North Island), we helped celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary soon after we arrived and got to know their three accomplished children and eight grandchildren as well as numerous relatives and old friends. We swam, took beach walks and boat tours, and did our share of local sightseeing. Then with Joe

as chauffeur, we made a road trip to key destinations on both islands without having to worry about driving on the left. (There is much too much to share here, but call me! I can give you tips on making the flight easy and tantalize you with 500+ cellphone images. New Zealand should be tops on everyone’s bucket list! Personally, I can’t wait to go back.) A high point for all of us was an overnight cruise with about 70 other passengers on remote Doubtful Sound, southwest coast of South Island, where we absorbed the sights and sounds of a natural environment without any evidence of other human activity. Unusually calm water permitted us to kayak, swim, and explore the cliff side vegetation from a small motorboat. During dinner, the ship drifted lazily, engine off, at the mouth of the fiord, where it enters the Tasman Sea. Other vivid impressions: breathtaking glacial lakes and rivers; everywhere, sheep too numerous to count; unusual (to us) birds, flowers, and trees, especially NZ tree ferns; Maori culture, language, art and architecture; delicious wines, both white and red, and a better wine tour in Queenstown than I’ve ever had in Napa or Sonoma; warm, welcoming, cosmopolitan people wherever we went. Most precious to me was so much time with Raewyn and Joe in *their* place. I now feel part of Raewyn’s family, just as she’s been part of mine for so many years.” **SARA BARTHOLOMEW GARTON** reports, “Hello, Kingswood friends. It is Labor Day weekend and I’m sitting on our cottage porch listening to the gentle waves of Lake Michigan break on the shore. A bald eagle was perched on a treetop on the bluff above the lake this morning. I’ve been enjoying time alone and the company of cousins in adjoining cottages, especially my cousin from England whom I only see every few years. Children and grandchildren were committed to jobs, other family reunions, and early school starts mid-August in Colorado! Two of my grandchildren are in college, and three are in high school. I left Aspen a few days before the end of the Music Festival, which is such an enjoyable part of my summer between listening to glorious music in a beautiful setting, volunteering, joining friends, and even the long walk to and from the tent for concerts. Summer reading included the second of Elena Ferrante’s four Neapolitan novels, *Story of a New Name*. I’m obsessed with the period, culture and friendship portrayed in these books. I am happy and healthy in my troisième âge in Aspen. Here’s a link to Marketplace when I

was interviewed about retirees in Aspen's affordable housing program: <https://www.marketplace.org/2016/08/26/world/aspen-affordable-housing-program-showing-its-age>

**KAREN VAN DELLEN FELTIS:** "I'm just squeezing in late with a few words to help you and the Class achieve 100% response! We celebrated our 50th this year with two parties, one planned by our children which included grandchildren babysitting the younger grandchildren, a first for us all! Then a party given by friends, remembering the music, cars, clothes of the '60s and laughing at true stories of our mutual pasts! Our trip back to the site of our first meeting, Sun Valley, is now postponed for health reasons of our friends ... so sad that Parkinson's is affecting so many friends of our age and even their children! Thankful to be so healthy and wishes for the same for all the class of '60!" **POLLY OPPENHEIMER WEISBERG:** "Before I send my news, which is not very exciting, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the many, many years you have served as Class Secretary. Being so far from Michigan, this is my only chance to keep up with my classmates. I think that when you hit 75 your body no longer keeps up. A pinched sciatic disc (not operable) has affected my ability to walk, and I am not able to travel like I used to. I continue to show and breed Miniature Horses, and I guess that keeps me amused and sane. Hope this finds all on the right side of the grass." **ANN FOSTER COLLIER** writes, "Duck and I had a very long lunch together last week at Chautauqua Lake. Just great to see her and catch up. As with all of us, time seems to be flying by faster and there are many changes. My husband and I left Springfield, OH, after 50 years and are now at Hilton Head. Absolutely love the lifestyle and are embracing change. Every so often we get new body parts, which keep us moving forward with alacrity. It's great to see the grandchildren grow up and deal with our complex, exciting world. Please let me know if you are coming to HHI: 64 Peninsula Dr, 29926; or, Chautauqua, 4556 Sunset Bay Dr., Bus Point, NY, 14712. Wishing all the very best!" **ANDIE MERCER:** "Hi, Sue, just enjoyed a delightful lunch with **ANN FOSTER COLLIER** in Bemis Point, NY.



*Andie Mercer and Ann Foster Collier, both '60*

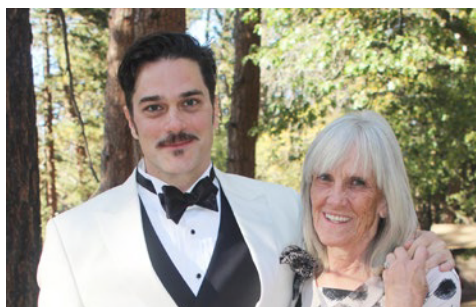
I have been in Chautauqua for the summer and will head back to Venice, FL, for the winter. Ann heads back to her new home in Hilton Head, SC. Beautiful warm summer here with stimulating lectures and music in every direction. Best to you and thank you for all your efforts in keeping us connected."

**CAROL KLENKE BURROW:** "In June I moved into a 63-acre retirement community. After my home of 40 years sold in 5.5 hours, I was homeless. I was moving into new construction within this community, and my apartment was not yet complete. After a temporary move, I became a resident in a four-story apartment building for independent living. My apartment is almost 1400 square feet and is fabulous. The second bedroom is my office, complete with a murphy bed for a guest. This building has 52 apartments, and most of the residents are 'young' like me: in their early 70s. My neighbors are from across the country. New construction also includes a fabulous full-sized gym, with studios for Pilates, etc.; an enormous pool for all sorts of activities and classes; a bistro with healthy food; and a spa with full services. When the need arises, assisted living, memory care, and full nursing care are available on campus. My mother told me to move to such a facility while I was still active, because 'the other residents will become your friends as your health declines.' I pass on her advice to you. She said even if you can afford 24/7 care in your own home, you will end up with only caretakers for company. My social life increased at least 300% here." **BARBARA CRIPPS TRACY:** "As I was writing this piece for Sue, we got a call from my brother, Todd. Mom was in the hospital and not expected to live. Our hearts sank. Mom turned 97 this year. She stayed with us for about three months this past summer. That was GREAT too. She read stories on her Kindle and did crossword and

word find puzzles. She also liked the jigsaw puzzles on Microsoft. We would each work on different ones whenever I stopped moving around for a bit. She even sat in her hospital bed and read her kindle for about an hour as I sat to keep her company and read the newspaper. She grew weaker. On August 30, 2016 she passed into the next life. We firmly believe that she is with Wallace, her husband of almost 73 years. She missed him very much over the past two and a half years. One of my great-great nephews asked, 'How far away is heaven?' He wanted to know if he could go there and bring his Super Grammie and Grandpa Cripps back. He lost both of them this year. My answer is that heaven is as close as your heart, and as close as your memories. That is the only way we are able to keep in contact with those who have left for that destination. We certainly are fortunate to have so very many wonderful memories of places and trips we have traveled together, of family gatherings, camps in Montana and camps in Michigan. Hopefully we will not lose these as time passes. For now, it does not take much to bring on a new flow of tears, but Bob has been extremely supportive and I am grateful to have him. He can go on walks with me now. Our sorrow is not for my Mom. She is now with Dad, where she has wanted to be all along. She was a marvelously strong woman with a gentle and kind nature. She was liked by almost everyone she met. In less sad news, we all had a great year together. We have a new great-grandson, Atticus, and a new great-nephew, Evan Wallace. My niece and her husband named Evan Wallace after his grandfather, and her grandfather. He was born July 12 on the anniversary of my Dad's birthday. Atticus is already almost walking. He is a real character. He did not like to crawl on the hard floors, so he would crawl on his hands and feet with his bottom in the air. So Funny! Marshall, our great-great nephew is walking, running, and driving my brother, Todd, crazy. The HOA cut down the tree I complained about in 2013 when we moved in. It was partially dead. I had been trimming roots every spring and fall to keep those in check. Very good exercise, so don't think I've gone over the hill yet. I bought some new plants and put them in several places. They are a very nice shade of red and they attract hummingbirds. I have two containers on our deck and the birds are really fun to watch. Mom liked these too. We are still doing a bit of work here and there on the house. We finally got one of the code violations taken

care of by the builder and the wonky floors in our master bath replaced. We will work on painting later. I am going to try out an accent wall in our dining room. I found a color I really liked. I'm retired so why not give it a go? Besides it will keep me busy. We keep in touch with **CAROL THOMAS FREDERICK, BETTY PRANCE BURNS** and **BECKY PARSONS MESSER** of course and their husbands, but have not managed a get together in quite a while. We will hope for one in 2017. We do not travel much which is good because there is plenty to do here." Here are a few notes from Carol, Betty, and Margie Burch about Mayble. "Oh, our dear friend, Barbie, LaMar and I are praying for her and for you. It's so awful to lose someone no matter their age. All our love and sympathy. She and your dad will be together again." Love **CAROL FREDERICK** and LaMar. "Dearest, Barbie, since we just talked the other day, we know that she lived and loved her life right up to the end. She was so fortunate to have such a loving and dedicated family! Love, **BETTY BURNS** and Ed." "Oh Barbie, I have such fond memories of your mom when I was a little one at Brookside. She always had a welcoming smile in the office. I also loved seeing her when she would stop by with your dad while I was so honored to teach in his room for 18 years. Sending hugs to you." **MARGIE BURCH**. A note from **SUSAN FEAD COFLIN**, "I loved going to Michigan to see your mom and dad as they drove and later flew up to see you from Florida. One time I came and had a great dinner, talk, took photos and when it came time to leave, Wallace asked me where I was staying. I tried to say I had a place, but he was insistent that I stayed at Barb's for the night. Such a great couple. I also went to Florida to see them and also ended up staying the night at their place. He showed me all his great work on repainting all the shutters, which were all taken down, numbered, painted and rehung. Mayble also was the greatest as I used to go to Brookside early because of the war, and she and Wally watched me and Barb before school." **CAROL THOMAS FREDERICK**: "I talked with **BECKY PARSONS MESSER** today and am sending you her info. She's in the middle of having a knee replacement for her original knee replacement which became infected. The surgery will be next Wednesday, August 31. She said she's doing well, everything considered, and really didn't have much news to share except that she will be taking something called Bible Study

Fellowship International which is a World Wide organization dedicated to, of course, Bible Study. She said she's really looking forward to experiencing the study at this level. If anyone wants to connect with her, it's better to do it by phone since she says she's weeks behind in answering her email due to her earlier hospital stay. And she's sending her best to all." **SUSAN FEAD COFLIN**: "Thanks to all classmates who wrote. It was great and hard to do as I was travelling to L.A. for my nephew's wedding. Thanks for so many photos, only four per class, so I plan to put photos in the next issue, spring 2017, so look for them.



*Sally Fead Gray, '62, and son, Soren, at his wedding*

The wedding I was talking about was Sally Fead Gray's '62, son, Soren, and SJ who is from New Zealand. Her family and Soren's came from all over to Big Bear, CA, for a great weekend. The wedding was outdoors in the meadow and was gorgeous. Many of us zip-lined, did archery, ropes, played dodge ball and more. We all listened to Soren sing with his band, and there even was a talent show, all at the bond fire. I am sending a photo of Sally Fead Gray, '62, with son, Soren, at the wedding. Also there was our sister, Beverly Fead Leys, '63, and brother, Edward Fead, '70, all with family. Also you all can see the photos at [www.suecoflin.photoshelter.com](http://www.suecoflin.photoshelter.com). My family is great. Thanks again. Sue"

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## C61

You gentlemen haven't changed over the 55 years since graduation. Send out postcards asking for a response and I get less than 15% response. So please respond to that postcard so I have correct email addresses for all of

you. **JAY HARNESS** said he is still an active breast cancer surgeon in Orange County, CA. He is at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, CA. (Yes, there is a city named Orange in Orange County, California!). He has a new book out called, *The Breast Cancer Answers Book* which is co-written by him and a 24-year breast cancer survivor. It is available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble. He is very active with the website, *Breast Cancer Answers* ([www.breastcanceranswers.com](http://www.breastcanceranswers.com)). This is an all video social media site with 1,800 videos, nearly 700,000 followers, and over nine million views of our videos. He recently lost his second wife, Cherrie Olson, to cancer. She was a very unique and ever present person. She will be dearly missed by all of us. His new address: 26 Sutton, Irvine, CA 92618-4051. Curt Matthews sent his new email address: [Curt@ipgbook.com](mailto:Curt@ipgbook.com). **FERD HÄUSLEIN** weighed in from Texas with some exciting news. His security company, International Security, Inc., continues with a strong sales and profit growth compared with 2015. They are inundated with security projects on a global basis. A great deal of his projects are in South America and the Middle East. He is not traveling as much as he used to. He has several trusted former Navy Seals, former Marine Corps Generals, and former Delta Force personnel who do all the heavy lifting. They also have a very active team dedicated to the growing market demand for cyber security risks. In addition, he has a second company located in Malibu, CA, that is engaged in mixed martial arts. They have developed a jeans line for the MMA fighters. He has a manufacturing facility in Mexico City, which makes his jeans for worldwide distribution over the internet. The company is in its infancy and they're modeling it after Dana White's UFC, which was recently sold for \$4Billion. He has a very talented team building out their websites, so they can market a wide variety of products worldwide through the internet. In addition, he is scheduling pay per view mixed martial fights around the globe. Their goal is to sponsor one fight a week somewhere in the world. He will have more news to cover for the next *Tradition*, since he is literally swamped trying to steer these two divergent companies. He thought he would be retired by now, but he doesn't think that is in the cards. **TOM HIPPLE** just wanted to say, "Congratulations to another of our illustrious classmates, **BRIAN BAREFOOT**. Way to go, Brian!" **ART GLICK** is just working at being a full-time

retiree. He has three grandchildren, gardens, is on a couple of scholarship committees, and is dedicated to quality control here in the heart of the Texas wine country. ;) Yeah, yeah, he knows the hill country claims to be Texas wine country, but 90% of all red wine grapes in Texas are grown up there. What they don't use locally is sent all over the state. There was just one bonded winery in the state (down in the Rio Grande Valley) when the whole Texas wine boom began down the hall from his office in the 1970s with two Texas Tech profs, Bob Reed and "Doc" McPherson, who determined their soils and climate were similar to that of Italy, Spain, and the Rhone Valley of southern France. While they grow between 70 and 80 grape varieties, those found in the French Rhone, Italian Chianti and Spanish Rioja wines do exceptionally well there. He said it has been fun to watch the industry grow from two friends visiting over brown bag lunches and a lab in the basement of the chemistry building. **ANDY GOOD, JIM ANDERTON**, and I have already visited about our 60th reunion. Art, your observations on the growth of the wine industry in Texas is very similar to what happen in the Walla Walla Valley. In the '70s, the president of our local family owned bank, Baker Boyer Bank, took soil samples of land throughout the valley and determined that the soil, yearly temperatures, and moisture content was almost identical to the wine country of France. He started several vineyards and his own winery, L'Ecole 41. And today we have over 120 wineries and countless numbers of vineyards that are beating the French wineries at their own competitions. Jo Rumsey wrote me in response to my postcard to **RALPH RUMSEY**. She was sorry to tell me that Ralph is suffering late-stage Alzheimer's. His ability to engage is quite limited, but he enjoys her reading to him from *Cranbrook*, *Zeta Psi*, *UM*, *Rolling Stone*, *American Motorcyclist*, the *WSJ*, and missives from Donald Trump for money. Ralph would be the first to tell us he had a very fulfilling career and traveled in company of a superior group of friends and acquaintances. Now and again he can still voice that he loves her, which is pure gold. AMEN!! **BARRY SHAPIRO** wrote with new contact information: The Anderson Group LLC, 111 2nd Avenue NE, Suite 1250, St. Petersburg FL 33701. Cell: 248-417-8285. As for me, located in the greatest and diverse wine country in the country, my wife, Nancy, and I have moved from our home of 40 years to a retirement village apartment. We

reduced our belongings from over 2500 sq. ft. to just over 1000 sq. ft. and love it. No lawn to mow but still have a small garden plot to grow our own tomatoes.

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## K61

Where to begin? With **JOAN ANDERSON**, of course. Joan's son has recently moved to Santa Fe, so you can catch up with Joan there every few months. Through the grapevine comes news that **BETSY BARBOUR STINE** was a glamorous mother of the groom in Vermont last summer, where she annually continues to build a racing pilot gig with a youth group. You can catch her at the senior day center two days a week painting, singing, and maybe teaching them how to drive clenched nails. Catching up on 55 years of living is **NATALIE BRADLEY CAMPBELL**, who added Emily Godshalk, '62, from the Upper West Side to the New York group. Nat collected the group for a September lunch with Mrs. Nancy Bauer, '46, who is still teaching and walking her dog in Pennsylvania. Just imagine the conversation at that gathering in an election year. Stay tuned for more next time. Don't expect future news of **GAIL BURGESS ZAVELSON**'s mountain climbing and marathon running because she is busy visiting children and grandchildren in Texas and California, with the occasional visit to **JOAN MCDONALD BECK** in St. Augustine, FL. Any free time **SUSAN BURNS HELLBERG** has in Amarillo is spent with a hat and sunscreen on, floating in her pool with a variety of friends, especially when her daughter, Liz, and granddaughter, Gaby, visit. Tons of guacamole, chips, salsa, and queso, followed by pizza and fruit poolside make for a well spent summer afternoon. **ALICE BUSHONG** spent the summer listening to old friends like Chris Thile at Interlochen concerts, dodging new merlin "friends," and nesting and swooping her defensive umbrella in her back yard, and between trips to Grand Rapids. She bought a new turntable and sound system, returning her vinyl platters to circulation. What do Susan and Alice have in common? Why their beloved car back-up cameras, of course.



Charlotte Cohen Cagan's, '61, grandkids

**CHARLOTTE COHEN CAGAN** doesn't know anything about reverse, only going forward in fifth gear. Seminars online are perfect for fitting into her busy schedule, which now includes consulting. No discussion is needed between **ROSE CORBETT GORDON** and husband, John, when it comes to visiting their summer home in serene East Boothbay, ME, where they often go to recharge. They are going to miss Romar Candlepin Bowling, but still can cruise on the Bennie Alice to a Cabbage Island Clambake. **SUZANNE CROOK WHYTE** and Fred still cruise the Great Lakes but didn't pass **JOAN DANTO GARLAND** and Les in the night, because their cruise was on the Rhine, embarking in Amsterdam. Our frequent flyers continued to Basel, London, and Brussels. This fall they mixed with the creatures of the Galapagos Islands before the ascent to ancient Machu Picchu, all good subjects for their future art projects. Both are taking acrylic painting classes, so any time now we can expect a one-man show from one or both of them. Their Manhattan Beach home continues to be a magnet for friends and family. With visits from her family and children throughout July, **SUE GASS** once again called Tuscany her home. **CAROLE GLUECK BROOKINS** has two homes now, one in Florida and one in Paris. She wasn't in either because China was her destination in May. **SUSAN GOLDBERG SNYDER** had an expected, but most welcome, guest at her home in San Francisco earlier this year, but more on that later. **MARY LAMB LAING** and Don's winter destination was Peter Island in the B.V.I. where they sailed around the islands to celebrate her birthday, but none of their nine grandchildren came to the party. No time to party is the life of **DIANA LAPP GREEN**, who is homebound this summer because of a huge design project referred to her by a Kingswood alum. The client's wife is none other than a daughter of Bobbye Levy Goldberg, '62. In addition, Diana is working with another of

Bobbye's daughters, also a Kingswood alum. They're everywhere, they're everywhere! Rose and **NANCY LINN** chose play over work to go to the MOMA's Degas monotype exhibit in June. Rose highly recommends an art experience with Nancy, because she is "informed, informative, accommodating, pleasant and interested." Working is not what **SARAH MARWIL LAMSTEIN** is into these days either. Her priority is being on the floor with her grandchildren watching *The Real Housewives*, which does not describe what **BUNNY MILLER LENHARD** is any more. She gave that up when they became urbanites. They love Atlanta's many restaurants, parties, and festivals on the nearby Beltline. Tippy's focus is on the diversity of scent on neighborhood walks. In August **NANCY MUHLITNER BRACY**'s focus was on her mother's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party in New Smyrna Beach, FL. Physically well and mentally sharp, Nancy's mother is anticipating the celebration. Looking forward to the birth of her first grandchild this spring, **JOAN PAPE UHLE** will most likely be making many trips to mile-high Denver in the future. **NANCY REYNOLDS BOLLINI** covered many kilometers when she studied through McGill University in Europe and North Africa, before attending Wells College. While it was the best experience ever, someday soon joining her husband in retirement may be a close second. Denver is a second home to **MARTHA SHRODER PAIGE** because she makes grandmother visits there often. She bounces between Denver and a home in Salt Lake City, where another daughter and family live. **DONNA VOGT CARTWRIGHT**'s family has expanded by another grandson, Zephyr, born in California, allowing her an impromptu visit with **SUSAN GOLDBERG SNYDER**. Now both grandsons live in California, so Susan can expect more catch-up time with Donna, just as Rose did this fall when Donna reunited with family close to Mystic. Gathering family members in one place for two days and one night was a Herculean task for **CHRIS WALLACE LAMARCHE**, especially when some have jobs and others an early return date to college, but she organized it between frequent trips to Canada. Twenty of her family members reconnoitered on Mackinac Island to attack its fudge shops with the intent to bike ride off any ensuing damage. Her granddaughter, Sarah, gave Chris bragging rights for her soccer team's second win of the National Youth Soccer Championship in Dallas. The end of August Chris went to

Chicago to have an ankle replaced, followed by a three-month recovery period. Anybody else familiar with replacement recovery? **LINDA WELT HOROWITZ** was home in Dallas the night of the police ambush last summer. She opts to place attention on her grandchildren's positive activities like soccer, birthdays, and a college search. Her sister and brother-in-law visited in early summer, but an August Alaskan cruise, with a few days in Seattle, was intended as cooling relaxation and the restoration of calm. Labor Day heralds the return to their Puerto Vallarta home. It may happen that serious weaver, **PAT WILSON HRIDEL**, and Jerry, will cross paths with the Horowitzes, because they too were in Alaska, in part pursuing mind bending but fabulous Ravenstail and Chilkat weaving at a Juneau studio. Don't know what they are? Me neither but Google answered all questions. Among weavers both styles are making a serious comeback. Earlier they drove 5,100 miles in two weeks, visiting family, national parks, five state houses and Presidents' houses, ending in Arizona where she explored Navajo weaving. Granddaughter, Solveig, meaning the "Sun's Path" in Old Norse culture, is over eight months old now. She may graduate from Grandmother Pat's care to day care. Like Charlotte, **JACKIE ZUELZER ANDERSON** cares about historic preservation and restoration of our old buildings and isn't shy about sounding off. Her antique shop, and friend, Mona's, Lebanese five-star café, have taken off, which is why, if you're in Sterling, VA, you'll want to stop, eat, and shop. Although taken out of alphabetical order for humility's sake, **MARGIE GREAVES ADAMS** continues to explore each of Chicago's 77 communities little by little and fly her kite when the wind is up. If those of you who didn't already but who want to tell me "whazup," please email me or call anytime. And for those who have had surgery this year or are winning the fight with a health issue, we're always cheering you on.

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## C63

**BOB BERRY** reported in early September, "Traveled much in Asia and Europe. Interesting contact with the 'World of **ROGER MARSH**.' Had lunch with him in

August near his office in London. In March, I had brunch in Shanghai with Roger's son, Nick Marsh."



Jess Brewer, '63, winning 300 meter hurdles at Americas' Masters Games

**JESS BREWER** wrote that he held off his report until after the Americas Masters Games, which just concluded in August, "Since like most of us I just turned 70, so I had a shot at new age group records, and I got several! New BC record in the 80m sprint hurdles: 15.90— not impressive, but better than my previous 16.20. And a new Canadian record in the 4x400 relay: 4:53.44— even less impressive, really, but we knocked over 20 seconds off the old record. I also got gold in the 300m hurdles with 56.98, not great but better than I expected after lots of Achilles trouble over the past two years. Attached is a photo of my finish in the 300mH. I looked a lot better at the beginning! In other news, I got invited to the Science Foo Camp at the Googleplex in Mountain View: 200 or so folks (including several billionaires) they deemed interactive enough to brainstorm on everything from Origami Art to Open Peer Review (my session) to Post-Capitalism (Kim Stanley Robinson's session). As they describe it, "Like Burning Man for Science!" I had trouble keeping up, but it was a blast. Once in a lifetime." **MONTY LOUD** wrote in August, "We have been in Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard, and are going to Los Angeles for a day tomorrow."



John Theobald and Bruce Mountain, both '63

**JOHN THEOBALD** wrote in September, "I just had dinner last week with **BRUCE MOUNTAIN**. He was here in Orlando alligator

hunting and fishing. He also hunted for wild hogs. I wasn't involved. He was with some Florida guys he has known and hunted with before. We got together for dinner one night and had a couple pictures taken. Had a nice evening chatting, mostly about gators they caught and the whole process of gator hunting. Many specific rules I didn't know of. Not so simple to just go shoot them."

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## C64

In my call for news I asked my classmates how they felt about turning 70, since that milestone passes most of us by this year. Their comments are embedded in the news.

**DALE BOSLEY** reports that he is still hard at work at the Federal Court for another couple years, while spouse, Janine, spends much time in Carriacou (Grenada, West Indies) working on a retirement home. **BOB CHAMBERS** reports that he and Elspeth ended fifteen years in Montana and have moved to Arizona, residing at 23005 N. Pico Ct., Sun City West, AZ 85375. Bob is dealing with treatable prostate cancer. He notes, as many did, that turning 70 is preferable to the alternative. Eighty will be a bit more serious, he suspects. **STEVE COOK** has been traveling, three weeks in Alaska and ten days visiting grandkids in Vancouver. He's gotten involved in local politics as a precinct committeeman. Steve meets 70 head-on, running 10 miles a week and keeping up a vigorous racquetball schedule. He's planning to attend our 75th reunion! **JEFF HIPPS** was seen posing with a quaint London phone booth while traveling in England (okay, I saw it on Facebook, the old folks Snapchat. **PETER BOSWELL**, aided and abetted by wife, Katrina, are clubbing in the wee hours in Paris, Barcelona, Madrid, and Rio, making up for his youth wasted being a "goody two shoes!" (His words!) Apparently his first floor room in Marquis was an after-hours exit and entrance for those more daring than him. His four children are successful and on their own, enabling this wanton lifestyle for Peter! Now retired from the software business, he welcomes visitors to Sarasota (who catch him when home).



*Bob Lakin, '64, and Rosemary Crosby*

**BOB LAKIN** and new spouse, Rosemary Crosby, recently toured Ireland for two wonderful weeks. Last winter they once again did some sailing in the Virgin Islands, and in March did a three-week road trip south until running out of land in Key West. Undaunted by that hardship, they spent most of July sailing in Maine and are now looking forward to using Pemaquid, ME, as a base for enjoying the fall. **SKIP McWILLIAMS** keeps busy helping disrupt the textbook publishing business with \$5 textbooks with video, audio, games, and interactive exercises embedded. He even admits to writing a bit of one. So far over 2000 schools are using them. Plus he's involved in creating some of this video, primarily for teaching Spanish. Skip also reports the existence of two great kids, Helen and Albert (okay, and two ex-wives). **JOHN STRICKLAND** enjoyed a summer of family time with his children and children-in-law, and with four grandchildren under four years old. Most of his summer was spent at a family vacation home at the Chautauqua Institution south of Buffalo. John returned to Pinehurst on Labor Day. As for turning 70, John, a true Pinehurst resident, says, "Just think of it as a golf score to be envied!" **DOUG GREEN**, loving life in a little log cabin in the rolling Tennessee Hills, admits 70 feels like a daunting number. However, he continues to tour with Riders in the Sky and with The Time Jumpers, whose new album will be out before you read this. As a touring musician, Doug once again crosses the paths of various classmates as he tours the world. **PETE SCHOEN** celebrated his 70th birthday by attending a Rolling Stones concert at Georgia Tech, having lived in Atlanta ever since being stationed there during his Army service. For thirty-two years he did IT for Federated Stores, (Hudson's in Detroit, Rich's in Atlanta, etc.). He "retired" in 2009. Pete reports that now, at age 71, he is officially a veteran Old Fart. If you get to Atlanta, ring him up at

404-521-0361. **ED BAILEY** agrees that 70 is better than the alternative, quoting the poem, "Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be," and he credited Mr. Wonnberger's fifth form English class for implanting that in his brain. He skipped midlife crisis and has gone directly to end of life crisis mode, complete with new Corvette and tour of old friends. His son just graduated from Marine Officer Candidate School, has a flight contract, and will be commissioned when he graduates college, while a daughter is in graduate school. His wife appears to be fairly understanding with the side effects of aging (Ed, do you let her drive the Vette?). **ARCH COPELAND** points out that 70 is the new 60 (which I personally like quite a bit). He continues a regular golf group, playing 18 holes in Florida heat, some assisted by artificial joints or stents, but still swinging. He caught up with **DOUG GREEN** again recently in Jacksonville. He still keeps up with **BRUCE HENDERSON**, whom he visited at the end of the summer. His oldest son now runs the printing company Arch built, and a younger son works for the Federal Reserve in New York. The resulting four grandkids visit periodically. In addition to golf and singing in the choir, the Copelands visited Denmark and Norway in early 2016, gaining insight into the beauty of both the fjords and the extensive social benefits of those countries. **STEVE SENTER** looks forward to a grandchild (November 2016) courtesy of son, Daniel, and his wife, Trudy. Daniel is an intellectual property lawyer, work he loves. Steve's daughter, Carlin, and her husband are nearby in San Francisco, where Carlin works in internal and sports medicine. Steve's wife, Debbie, continues to work full-time at Genentech as a senior medical director. Steve was very active in his church this year, enjoying all that work, but happy to come out of it and switch his work focus back to painting. Steve and Debbie found the elusive "one-level with a view" home, which they are now living in, ten minutes away from their old house. At the time Steve reported his news, he was still working hard on restoring the old house to mint condition in order to quit being the owner of two homes. Steve says he's planning to attend the 55th reunion! Meanwhile, I'm writing screenplays, making short films, and doing a variety of commercial video gigs for clients, many part of Duke University Medical Center. I had an article published on *Filmmaker* magazine's website about avoiding film production problems by planning ahead! Thanks to good

hair (maternal grandfather, go!) and boyish enthusiasm, I'm still in denial about turning 70. Swimming 6000 yards each week helps too.

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## K64



Anne Clark Carlyle, '64

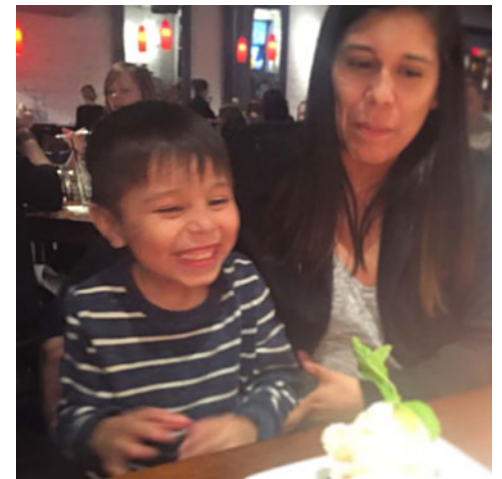
Our classmate, **ANNE CLARK CARLYLE**, passed away unexpectedly in her sleep August 4. Less than two months before her death we were together at our Mini Reunion, where she was as bright, funny, and warm as you remember her from our school days. She connected with each of us in a spirit of friendship, getting to know us better, and eagerly looked forward to our next time together. At a visitation held prior to her memorial service in Otsego, MI, photographs of her life over the years were displayed. From her senior picture to those from our 50th and Mini Reunion, it was evident that Kingswood and her classmates held a special place in her heart. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her two children, extended family, and her sister, Connie Clark Jones, '49, who provided the photo of Anne taken at a family reunion shortly before she passed away. We also extend our sincere sympathy to **JEAN MCGIBBON MCNEILL** in the death of her sister. Our Mini Reunion was a time of dining, laughing, touring, exchanging tales of experiences from the previous 50 plus years and projecting for the time ahead.



Leslie Schimpke Johnston, Maria Barrett Arnold, Sarah Jane Hullinger Hoffman, Akosua Barthwell Evans, Marsha Hoffman Heinz, and Anne Clark Carlyle, all '64

Our group included **MARIA BARRETT ARNOLD, AKOSUA BARTHWELL-EVANS, ANNE CLARK CARLYLE, MARSHA HOFFMAN HEINZ, SARAH JANE HULLINGER HOFFMAN, LESLIE SCHIMPKE JOHNSTON, AND LILLIAN MOATS (PAT HEWLETT)**. On Friday evening we gathered for dinner in Birmingham. Saturday included an outstanding private tour, arranged by Akosua, of the Charles H. Wright African American Art Museum, with lunch at Seldon Standard, both in mid-town Detroit, and a final dinner Saturday in Royal Oak. It was a more memorable time together than we knew. Following her time in Michigan, **SARAH JANE HULLINGER HOFFMAN** embarked on a two-month trip to escape the Florida heat. With her dog, Trooper, Sarah Jane had logged about 8,000 miles by the first part of August. After visiting friends in Louisiana and Colorado, her family of three children, spouses, and grandchildren, along with a French student, gathered for two weeks to see the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone, and Glacier National Parks. Seeing lots of animals, attending a rodeo, a western barbecue, and rafting were among the activities. Sarah Jane continued her drive east by way of Canada ... Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, and Montreal before arriving in Rhode Island for the 80th birthday celebrations of her sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Hays Rockwell, both class of '54. Sarah Jane's daughter, Kish, lives there

too, which was an added benefit. The trip ended up in Charleston to meet long-time Air Force friends for a few days. Quite a journey, Sarah Jane, for you and Trooper! Another traveler, **NANCY ADAMS**, had a wonderful ten-month trip after leaving the farm in Minnesota, visiting "16 countries: Zambia, (Victoria Falls), Zimbabwe (Victoria Falls), Botswana (Chobe Game Park, Okavango Delta, and game park), Namibia (three weeks including petrocliffs at Twylefontaine, Etosha game park, red sand dunes in the south, and Swapkomond on the coast), South Africa (three months everywhere except the western part), Lesotho, Swaziland, Turkey (three months), Portugal (three weeks), Belgium (loved Brugges), Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, southern Spain, and Paris. If you are so inclined, I urge you to take your kids and grandchildren to Africa to see the elephants, rhinos, etc. in their natural habitat before they are all killed off. The animals and the game parks are magical and seeing them is something they will never forget. If you want some suggestions on places to visit in southern Africa and reasonably priced travel agents who would put together an amazing trip for your family, please let me know." It was great to hear from you, Nancy!



Julian, 4, and Lacey, grandchildren of Penny Hauser-Cram, '64

**PENNY HAUSER-CRAM** and Bestor hiked 100 plus miles of El Camino in Spain during the summer, quite an adventure especially given the 100 degree heat. "It was inspirational (and perspirational) and beautiful, and we met many fascinating folks." Also in the travel mode this summer, **MARIA BARRETT ARNOLD** and family went to Spain to celebrate Maria and Craig's 45th wedding anniversary and the 35th birthday of son, Allen, '99.



## C65



Akosua Barthwell-Evans, '64, and son in Paris for her birthday

A note from **AKOSUA BARTHWELL-EVANS**, "The past year has been one of great happiness and great stress (which I guess I should know by now is life!). I was happy to spend some time with Penny, Kathy, Gail, and Lillian individually with their husbands. And our Mini Reunion was extremely special. What impressed me was the candor and openness, and it reinforced that we have a very special class. My son planned a wonderful three-week vacation for us in Europe around my birthday. The photo is of us in Paris. I hope that if anyone is in the Detroit area that you will visit. Love, Akosua." It is great to connect with **RONI CARTON HUBER**. She is doing well and has retired from accounting and payroll. A trip to Ireland was planned for the end of July. Roni extends her best to all of the class of 1964, and anyone passing through the Aurora/Denver, CO, area should call. Her email address is [bluemoongma@gmail.com](mailto:bluemoongma@gmail.com). It was a special summer for me in Michigan seeing friends, including time spent with **RUTH SICKINGER BROWN** and her husband, Malt, enjoying "up north." Please keep in touch, and send a note to me any time.

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Not an overwhelming turnout for this edition, but at least a few of you took some time to let us know what's going on in your lives. **GREGG DEARTH** reports that, "My daughter, Anna, has been working in New York as a production assistant for Ben Stiller and Universal. She has had to keep her feet on the ground around some pretty famous folks like Dustin Hoffman and Helen Mirren, both of whom she described as 'delightful.' As for me, I'm still working north of Atlanta for a window company my brother, Bob, owns a piece of, and getting back to Connecticut to see my home and wife as often as possible. Starting last February or so I moved into the guest room of a former ad agency employee of mine, who has been diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's. Her husband died of ALS several years ago, so I stepped up to help look after her. She's from England originally, and there was really no one else she could fall back on. I get home cooked meals, a nice comfortable room, and can tell the same stories over and over again without fear of repetition. The times, they are a changing, for sure." **TERRY BUNT** sent a personal letter that I have included, *in toto*, as Terry let me know that he wanted to explain aspects of his past to all of us. He writes, "Well, about time someone else takes the stage. Sorry, you elites out there, it's my turn to fess up and reveal a little of myself and my extraordinary life. As some might remember, I was not a very good student and scraped by with Ds and Cs. Other than not having been given the best of our parents' gene pool to be a genius like my twin brother, at age seven I took a high speed tumble over my flying bicycle and did a Steve Reeves dive head first into the concrete road. Mr. Sperry had seen me fly past him, and from the hill I heard 'Oh No!' He transferred my limp noodle body to the end of faculty row (and to this day I don't know why) dumped me at the nearest house. Through my in and out of consciousness, I saw my father running down the lane and, at 25 feet from me, stop dead in his tracks and say to the crowd of faculty, 'Is he dead?' Clearly that wasn't the case. And in the early 1950s taking one to the closest hospital for a simple bump on the head wasn't merited. From then on I could not retain anything learned in school very well and became more a visual collector of data. I also developed high anxiety, which I thought was a natural thing for me that I had to learn

to control? Well, that never worked, and Prof. Wonnberger's English class recitation exercises were a terrible experience for me to go through. It wasn't until my early 50s that a leading expert in AHDD did Bio Feedback Therapy for three years to calm my brain waves down in the 12 to 14 kilohertz range so that the rest of the brain would correspondingly come up. The offending waves were like blasting noise that drowned out everything else. I owe the rest of my life to that doctor. He knew that I had served as a senior project management leader in the role as the bank communications contact between our computer geeks during data conversions to our systems. He said 'Terry, if I had met you around age 20 or so, I would have seen a mediocre career ahead for you. It is a testament to your veracity to succeed given such a mental handicap.' So I asked could I get a handicapped sticker for my ailment? Our school motto is Aim High. I never would have anticipated it would apply to me. It was the Cranbrook faculty, for those who had an awareness of my disability, who in their unassuming way gave me the limited support to help me offset in a small but effective way my awkwardness and learning disability. So nearing 70, I'm still on Xanax to take off the residual remains of anxiety. As to my cervical neck damage, I am in pain management to relieve the arthritis pain, which no surgery can correct, and which will get slowly worse over time. But, I don't let it get me down, and I am physically and mentally in my 40s. Such is life. It's what you do with it that counts the most. Cranbrook training helped me to achieve many of my primary goals. But it was my self-made-woman mother's view of life to Never Ever Give Up!" **RICH HOWARD** sent this short note, "Yvette and I had dinner with **PAUL PILLAR** and his wife, Cynthia, in D.C. this past May. Please use this trivia only if you are desperate." I am, Rich. **PETER ELLIOT** seems to be challenging **JOHN GRAHAM** for globetrotting miles these days as Peter writes, "Spent a couple of weeks in Switzerland in the spring and am about to leave for two weeks in Sweden, Norway, and Denmark. Checking off all countries that start with SW, can Swaziland be next?" But unphased by the competition, **JOHN GRAHAM** lets us know that, "We were in Newfoundland at L'Anse Meadows, the Viking site in the northwestern part of the Province. Besides the Viking site we also saw about 30 icebergs. It was a great trip. We're headed for Mexico in two weeks and then back to China for two months. Take care and

have a good autumn!" And another intrepid world traveler, **LANCE LEITHAUSER**, reports that he "just got back from a safari in Namibia. Wonderful country. Off to Spain on Sunday to see the prehistoric cave art." **PAUL PILLAR** also sends travel news, "In July my wife, Cynthia, and I went on a cruise on a small but comfortable sailing ship in the Adriatic and Mediterranean. A happy coincidence was that also on the cruise were **TOM BUFORD** and his partner, Diane Fedak, from Cleveland. It was as great having Tom as a traveling companion as it was having him as a classmate. Our cruise began in Venice and ended at the port outside Rome. In between we spent time ashore at several places in Croatia as well as in Montenegro, Greece, Sicily, and southern Italy." **SIDNEY BARTHWELL** let me know that "Things have been cool on this end. Judy and I have been getting along nicely! So far, no extraordinary vacations and such. That, I anticipate, will change soon. As usual, Mac and I have been in constant communication. I look forward to seeing you soon; when are you coming to Michigan? Perhaps for some golf etc. Let me know (a friendly game). Convey my greetings to all of the fellows." **REED SCHAFER** mixed good news with bad news, "We've been busy doing stuff in retirement ... Sometimes not sure what. Spent two weeks in Ireland touring The Republic and Northern Ireland. Had a fantastic trip. Weddings this summer back-to-back in San Diego and Jackson, WY. Pretty fancy travels! August was weird. I had cardiac arrest at home during dinner. My angel/wife CPR'd successfully, and my only resulting deficit is a cracked rib. Much testing—heart and head—blood work, etc., revealed nothing significant. It was decided that a medication I had been taking for atrial fibrillation was the culprit. An old Turkish proverb states 'every once in a while God makes you lose your donkey so you're glad you find it!' I about lost the whole thing! So, life goes on, and I feel incredibly lucky. *Carpe diem*, y'all!" *Carpe diem*, indeed, Reed. But don't *carpe* that atrial fib med anymore. **CHARLES KRAUSE** sent me an email announcement of an exhibit opening in October at his Gallery in D.C. Not only is this a new exhibit, but a new website, a new URL, and a new beginning announcement according to Charles. Check it out at <http://www.charleskrausefineart.com/>. Having learned nothing by falling off his horse and breaking seven ribs last year, **DICK MOON** tells us: "Just got back from competing and the American Eventing Championships at

Tryon International Equine Center in North Carolina. Very long drive to not do very well, but my wife, Risa, did well in her division. Saw many friends from around the country and overall had a good time. No more horse competitions until December in South Carolina, giving me lots of time to work. Plan is to work less and ride and travel more in 2017. Three of four children visited this past weekend with significant others, which was very nice. My stepson made fabulous sushi for all eight of us. May everyone have a nice fall and holiday season." I can't recall if **STEVE HANWAY** attended our reunion last year, but he did get to the class of '66's in June, and says that it was great fun, and that he especially enjoyed talking with Mike Muirhead, Rod Davies, Steve Lady, John French, and Bob McCormick. Last but not least, the proverbial and late as usual, **PETE 'BIRD' WERBEL**, chirps, "Sorry this is late and won't make the newsletter, but to keep you up to date, probably the only newsworthy event in our lives in the past six months has been our daughter's wedding. She got hitched on August 27 here at Lake Tahoe in glorious Meeks Bay, an amazing outdoor Bo-Ho wedding on the edge of the water. She and her husband have known each other for over 12 years, lived together over six so at the ripe old age of 35 it was time. Probably the highlight of the wedding was that they were rowed in a dory (once vows were said) around a point and then back to the reception—rather than being in a limo. Hope all is well. Stay healthy." As *pour moi*, since the last *Tradition* letter, I have started to wind down my law practice, and I am hoping to be out of business by next summer. In July, Susan and I visited our son, Geoff, and his family in Aachen, Germany, and then drove through Switzerland, the French Alps, and Provence for a week visiting friends. The entire McDonald clan was in Philly with us for the Labor Day weekend. Geoff is in the States for a month, where he is working with two opera companies, one in Philly and the other in NYC. Our daughters, Liz and Nora, came down from Brooklyn and had a wonderful time taking care of their new nephew. Before ending this letter, I want to tell you about an exchange I had recently with Susan Post, the Director of Alumni Relations at Cranbrook. I told her that I occasionally receive pictures from classmates that I would like to post on the class SmugMug site that was set up last year. Susan told me that she has wanted very much to get alumni to post their pictures—

both current and historical—on the site. She suggested that our class would be a good one to start the ball rolling in that regard. The website is located at <http://ckaaphotogallery.smugmug.com/>. When you get to that site, click on the box labeled "Cranbrook/Kingswood class of '65 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion," and you will see the pictures from our 50<sup>th</sup>, as well as one of me and my grandson, and another of a hippopotamus that I think I got from either **LANCE LEITHAUSER** or **PETE WERBER** and put up for the fun of it. (I'll take it down soon.) If you want to put your own pictures on the site, use this link <https://ckaaphotogallery.smugmug.com/upload/b4VJgR/65>. If you are more computer savvy than I am, you will successfully upload and caption your pictures. If not, you will need guidance from Susan at [SPost2@cranbrook.edu](mailto:SPost2@cranbrook.edu). I am going to work with Susan on a user-friendly guide to uploading pics, which should be available by the time this edition of *Tradition* is in your hands. Finally, as this is the place in the letter where I usually toy with our school motto, I want to do it this time in song. I have taken up the five-string banjo of late and gotten heavily into bluegrass music. The other day, while listening to the Bluegrass Junction station on SiriusXM, I heard a song that I want to recommend to my classmates, "Aim High" by Steve Gulley and New Pinnacle. Check it out on YouTube, y'all.

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## K65

Many thanks to our class notes' contributors! **GINA BURNES NUTTALL** shared her perspective on Brexit's negative effects. The economic uncertainties include the cancellation of a major publishing project that she was scheduled to begin in September. She sees the need to identify her transferrable skills. Meanwhile, the scarcity of work has enabled her to enjoy summer holiday outings with her grandchildren. She was looking forward to taking her youngest grandson to London to see the stage production of *The Railway Children* on a purpose-built stage at King's Cross Station, comprising actual platforms and a real-life steam engine and carriage! She looks forward to her annual Thanksgiving trip to Boston,

three full weeks this year. Her fingers are crossed that there's much to celebrate, as she will arrive the day after the election! **CHRYSTINE JONES TAUBER** recently returned from the Olympic Games in Rio and reported that the Team USA Equestrian was very successful, winning Team Silver in Show Jumping, Team Bronze in Dressage, and an individual Bronze in Eventing. Only one other nation won medals in all three of the Olympic equestrian disciplines. It was a great comeback after London 2012, when the team came away empty-handed. She looks forward to her retirement in January, when the new president-elect takes office, but she will continue to be very involved. I don't doubt that Chrystine would win the class prize for most airline miles; it sounds like she travels constantly! She is still playing tennis, has taken up riding western reining horses, intends to join her area garden club, and go for her master gardener's certificate next year. This doesn't sound like retirement!

**SHARON CROMMETT** has spent most of 2016 recovering from torn rotator cuff surgery. Her limitations slowed progress on their house remodel, but results are finally in sight. A trip to the Galapagos next January and February will be Sharon's gift to Michael for his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. After nine years overseas, daughter, Kathy, son-in-law, Colin, and their two sons are back in the U.S. Granddaughter, Lauren, is a "sassy six." Michael's two daughters, Kerry and Lisa, and his three-year-old granddaughter, Gloria, live nearby, making frequent visits possible. Sharon still works part-time and finds it hard to say "no" to long-time clients, but she's practicing. She ended her note with "All in all, life just could not be more wonderful!" **BONNIE HUMSEY HELMER** has a new job in Las Vegas as a concierge for Entertainment Benefits Group. She loves spending her days helping people have fun, and on her days off she enjoys the perks of free shows and tours, such as a rafting trip down Black Canyon just below Hoover Dam. Bonnie encourages anyone visiting Vegas to look her up and share a comp with her. The Serbian-American, whose book she edited in Florida, just notified her that he is a finalist in the Royal Palm Literary Awards competition, winners to be announced at the end of October. Bonnie hopes to return to work on the half-completed screenplay of this book, once she has mastered the requirements of her new job. **CANDY PORTER** loves living in Florida— Zika virus, hurricane threats, and

all. She is having a great time helping her brother Winston, '70, launch his new branch of assisted living communities, Canterfield, throughout the southeast U.S. "It seems I've become the poster child for senior living, which is a hoot!" Candy recently traveled to the "wilds" of New Hampshire with friends, and she plans a three-week jaunt around the United Kingdom in late September. She sends "love to my fellow Woodies."



*Anne Fuchs Towbes, '65, and family*

**ANNE FUCHS TOWBES** wrote that she is spending lots of wonderful Grammy time ("I am called Grammy, since it will be the only Grammy award I will ever win!"). Son, Michael, his wife, Nati, and 22-month-old Ella have been living with Anne and Michael for eight months while their Santa Barbara house is being finished. Daughter, Jennifer, and her family live five minutes away. Anne and Michael traveled to Japan with Santa Barbara friends and were impressed with the polite people, cleanliness of the country, amazing food, and breathtaking scenery. She recommends visiting the I.M. Pei-designed Miho Museum near Kyoto. They also spent a week touring Texas: Austin, hill country, San Antonio, Dallas/Fort Worth. A special highlight of the year was a family reunion in northern Michigan at her sister's, Suzy Fuchs Farbman, '62, family farm near Charlevoix. Three generations all got along beautifully. In the fall they look forward to taking Michael's daughter (who loves everything Broadway) on a Broadway cruise to Italy. In addition to all this, Anne and Michael continue to be busy with charity and business activities in the community. **FRAN STAIR WHITE**

had sad news to report. Her mother died suddenly on July 9 at 92. It has meant a great deal to Fran to hear from friends who knew her, especially **SUSAN KENDRICK MOORHEAD**, a friend since third grade. Fran had a long conversation with one of her mother's closest Saginaw friends, Connie Brady Harvey, '44, and observed that our connections from Kingswood are so powerful. Happy news is that granddaughter, Hannah, has started kindergarten. **SUSAN KENDRICK MOORHEAD** and her husband, who retired from his law practice 2 1/2 years ago, decided to stay in their Denver home of 27 years. She enjoys literature classes, exercise classes, book club, a gourmet luncheon group, all fun with good friends. Daughter, Sarah, lives in San Diego with her husband and three children, ages 7 1/2, 3 1/2, and 11 months. Susan and John spent time with them in Deer Valley in August— fun but exhausting, prompting Susan to wonder how her daughter manages family and working from home for a consulting firm. Son, James, has been traveling to Brazil and Cuba during the last 1 1/2 years, involved in theater and music, particularly Latin jazz. Susan's niece was married in Petoskey this summer, and the family had a wonderful trip to Michigan after many years' absence. She reminisced about life as a Kingswood boarder (a different world than the day students) and what a difference those years made in her life...broadening horizons and fostering an appreciation for art. A visit to Norway, Sweden, and possibly Finland to see the Saarinen homestead, is on her wish list. Your class secretary, **YVETTE DAUNIC HOWARD**, has other deadlines besides this newsletter! My art quilt group exhibits in various venues, and when there's an exhibit, there's a deadline. Two this week! Grandchildren remain a major focus in my life. Our grandsons, Jackson, 10, and Fox, 7, live five minutes away, and granddaughters, Ann, Mae, and Jane, all 10, are an hour away. Such fun for us to be with them! Rich and I look forward to a trip in October, cruising from Naples to Malta, around Sicily in a 94-passenger, three-masted sailing ship. Until January, when I will again besiege you with emails asking for your news, I wish you all a wonderful fall, safe travels, and a joyous holiday season!

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Far too often the 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion is the last time that classmates gather. I hope that is not the case for the '66 Cranes. I offer that because of the warmth, the sincerity, and the genuine good will that dominated our weekend together in June.



C'66 reunion group

We are lucky and generous men. Indeed, waistbands had expanded at the same rate as nose and ear hair. Indeed, glasses were thicker. Indeed, short-term memory loss was ... aaahh ... was ... something. Flexibility meant that any item dropped to the floor stayed there. Yet, the authentic depth of care for old friends and the enduring commonality of those formative years became the indelible markers for our time together. Ribald recollections of questionable prep school pranks, the idiosyncrasies of beloved and feared masters, summaries of careers (some still in progress), tales of family, travels and expeditions, future aspirations, loves found and lost ... Those were our conversations. (Livingstone, White, Erb, Foster, Minnig, Lady, Hunter, Green, Molina, Buch, Lewis, Butler) Old pals **RAY BUCH, RON BUTLER, BUCKY BOWER, DAVE CAMPBELL, ROD DAVIES, TOM ELLIOTT, RICK ERB, JIM FONDA, BOBBY LEE FOSTER, JOHN FRENCH, BOB GOLDENTHAL, JIM GREEN, BILL HOWE, BRUCE HUNTER, RICH INGALLS, JEF KURFESS, STEPH LADY, WALTER LEWIS, JOHN LIVINGSTONE, JAY MARGOLIS, DON MINNIG, STEVE MOLINA, MIKE MUIRHEAD, LEVI SMITH, MIKE STERN, AND HAL WECKLER** attended the Friday night and Saturday activities. And I believe that **KEN COLLARD** and **WAYNE JOHNSON** snuck into the group photo on the steps of Page Hall at the Quad Party. Also, thanks to Steve Hanway and Mackie McCormick from '65 for joining our celebration. **JOHN FRENCH, BOBBY LEE FOSTER**, and I had the unparalleled

good fortune of playing 18 holes on Friday afternoon with Del Walden, legendary coach, teacher, counselor, and confidante. Del drove down from Harbor Springs, and the three of us spent four hours reveling in his splendid stories. His odyssey from Cairo, GA, to Cranbrook is a classic. What a highlight! I wish that so many more of the class had been able to travel to Michigan for this reunion. In reaching out to those men, I got news from Captain **LARRY OLSON** in Atlanta. Larry and his sons have a film production company. Also, the three Olsons have taken a page from candidate "Trump" and purchased 83 refurbished houses in the downtown of their old hometown of Wilmington, NC. Land barons and movie magnates.



Steve Church, '66

The Alumni Office at the ol' school uses the word "lost" for class members who cannot be contacted. C'66 has a few of those, but none more noteworthy than Romeo's finest, **STEVE CHURCH**. With not much effort, I found this old friend in France and sent him archival school images from 50+ years ago, hoping to pique his creative interest so as to get a reaction. OH MY! "Whew! Wandering around in the old memory banks, I come across permanent imprints and black holes. Thanks for sending along those excerpts and photos. You certainly haven't lost your flair. As for my 'disappearance,' I reckon you could say that I prefer to be at sea, metaphorically and physically, recognizing that 'Mother Nature always bats last.' A kind of acquiescence in the face of stuff I don't yet understand or can predict or can do anything about." My last contact with him was at reunion in '96, and he was a sailor, living in Harbor Springs. His journey after Cranbrook went like this. He attended California Western University and played on their football team, graduated from U of Colorado, got a teaching degree from Central Michigan,

built boats in Charlevoix, spent summers in Europe, where he hooked up with Sam Salas, and sailed the Mediterranean. By the 90s he was doing charters on Lake Michigan. "... my entire experience as a Crane 'is' rather a reach for me, though, at the same time, thoroughly embedded. In another sense, because the memories are there and you rekindled them, it kind of reminded me of beating to weather, then easing the sails, and sliding downwind to homeport. Reminds me of the last sail I did on my last boat in Harbor. Kind of a goodbye. Didn't go that far. Beaver Island, Fox Island, Northport, and then back to Harbor. Last day began with a perfect wind from the southwest, then built to the point where I had to seriously reduce sail or else find myself on the rocks off Big Rock or Cross Village. Managed to calm the boat down and surfed the waves back into Harbor, a satisfying ending to a strange part of my life. Memory is like that." A permanent move to Europe began with a captain's job on a 60' sailboat out of Turkey. Steve is married to a French filmmaker. He lives in Paris in the winter and Burgundy in the warm months. I continue to carry on a fascinating email conversation with this charming and reflective man. At our Friday night dinner of Reunion weekend we saluted our classmates who have died: **RICH EPSTEIN, MIKE FORTUNA, CHRIS HARD, GLENN LICKTEIG, and BUTCH IMOBERSTAG.**



Jay Margolis, '66, and wife, Julie

It is with a very sad heart that I pass along the news of **JAY MARGOLIS'** death that occurred on August 13, just two months after our 50<sup>th</sup>. Jay was encouraged to attend the reunion by **RON BUTLER**. I sat with Jay at dinner on Friday, and his lilting West Virginia accent was affectionate as he told our table

of his life and loves. None of us realized that Jay was in a valiant cancer battle. He refused to mention it. The illness did not prevent him from making the trip to Bloomfield Hills and inviting all of us for a white rapids river trip near his home in Charleston, WV. He actually did one more trip after our reunion. Jay's wife of 39 years, Julie, expressed that he died at Johns Hopkins during a clinical trial surrounded by Julie and his four children. "In the face of stage IV pancreatic cancer, he maintained his humor, pleasant manner, positive attitude, and bright smile. We shared lots of stories, songs, laughter, and love with him in his last week in spite of the rapid decline of his condition." Our reunion was all that we imagined. Bona fide laughs. Lasting memories. Rekindling forgotten relationships. And a final chance to say goodbye and to say thank you to old friends. I read this Arthur Ashe quote to our class, "I cannot help but think that childhood friends are the bedrock of all one's future relationships and that you move away from them at your own risk. Hold on to your old friends with both hands."

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## K66

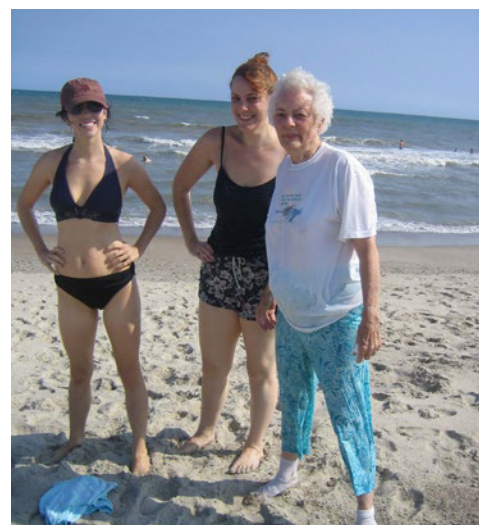
Nineteen women from the class of 1966 attended our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion: **KATHY MCGREGOR ALTHERR-ROGERS, JOANNIE WILKE CAVANAGH, MARTHA ALLING D'ALESSANDRO, SALLY SUTHERLAND ELGIN, AMY ZELL ELLSWORTH, SUSAN MINETT EUBANKS, SALLY FOLEY, CATHY COOPER FOX, MARY LARSEN HOLMES, SUSHI HORWITZ, SUSAN JOSPEY JACOB, WENDY CLARK JENNINGS, LOIS WELT LAWSON, ANITA MANHART MCCONNELL, SHERIDAN STRICKLAND, TELLY HIDALGO HOW** (gets the prize for traveling the farthest), **AMY WALSH, JOANN TILLSON WILLIAMS**, and me.

The unusual 93 degree temperature did not prevent anyone from reconnecting, sharing life experiences, and renewing friendships. We had several terrific class photographers and have shared pictures from the weekend in emails. (I still have them if you didn't see them.) Several classmates who wanted to attend the reunion but were unable to be there have shared updates here.



*Grandchildren of Jane Neurman Rabinovitz, '66*

**JANE NEURMAN RABINOVITZ** wrote, "I am sorry I was unable to attend our 50th reunion. I think I am in denial that it is truly our 50th year since graduating. I would like to reiterate how impressed I was in reading the Class of 1966 Poll, where each of us was mentioned. Thank you to all who were in charge of that poll. Although we are still running our home care agency to help Seniors to Age in Place with the help of our son and son-in law, we are wintering in Boca Raton, so if anyone is in the area, please call 561 988-0663. Jerry and I were pleased this summer to announce the birth of two additional grandchildren with another on the way in October, for a total of five under three. We are truly blessed. Ayla, Sam, Jake, and Zachary." **JAN WALLACE HOFFMAN** was unable to attend the reunion because it conflicted with their 43rd family reunion at Emerald Isle, NC. "There were 21 of us, ranging from ages one to 74, but we all missed our 'Mutti,' who died in February at age 96. Last year we escorted my mother into the ocean in her capris and socks, so the shells wouldn't cut her tender feet! As an Australian, she loved the surf. This year we remembered her, as we laughed at videos of previous beach years, sang beach songs she had written, and took our annual group photo holding Aussie flags in her honor. Of course we had our tearful moments, but the love and support of one another sustained us throughout the week. I am so grateful to have had her with me for so many years. We have compiled the beach resumes mom had written for each week since 1973 (with photos) into a booklet, one for every family member. These are now treasured memories and a wonderful history for the grandchildren.



*Elaine, daughter of Jane Wallace Hoffman, '66, Amy and Mutti*

So I missed the 50th Kingswood reunion, but I did enjoy seeing photos and reading updates. Best wishes to all of you for continued health and happiness!" **MELINDA FITZGERALD BAUMAN's** plans to attend the reunion were upset by health issues, but she has kept her sense of humor throughout her strong recovery. "I am so sorry that I missed seeing all you ladies at the reunion, but I have had a lot of medical issues going on. I had my aortic valve replaced in April, and three weeks ago I had back surgery. So much for water skiing for a while! My husband and I decided that I really must find some other source of entertainment. Anyway, I am slowly healing and expect to be back in fighting form in no time. We are blessed to still have my mother with us. She will be 96 years old next month and just as with it and sassy as ever." **MAGGIE SHOPEN THOMPSON** had family events that conflicted with our reunion. "Milestones for us this year include grandson, Aaron's, graduation from high school and daughter, Sylvia's, successful weathering of long months of debilitating chemo and surgery for breast cancer, emerging cancer-free, with a strong prognosis for a healthy, long life. Whew, what an ordeal! The rest of us, Ron, Betsy, and I, are doing well. I am teaching four writing workshops a week fall quarter and love it, with the endless variety and interest in the pieces my students offer. With my teaching load, I find my time is best suited to writing shorter articles, several of which have been published this year. I am also trying some freelance work as a blogger. In June I traveled to my hometown of Geneva, IL, for the 50th class reunion of the kids I went to school with from kindergarten through eighth grade, renewed some wonderful friendships, and

had great fun. Also was able to spend time on the farm where I grew up. After Geneva, we went north to Onekama, MI, for a family gathering on Portage Lake. Though I missed our KSC reunion, I did manage a delightful Kingswood connection with **SUE CHURCH** in Glen Arbor. Longtime friendships are such a special treat, and Lake Michigan is beyond compare!" Family events kept **JANET DOOLITTLE BRODESSER** from attending our reunion.



*Janet Doolittle Brodesser, '66, reading to children*

She also had a wonderful experience during the summer regarding her book, *Haulin'*, published last year. Janet wrote and illustrated the children's book that portrays lobstering.



*Janet Doolittle Brodesser, '66, son's wedding*

"Our son, Thomas, married his sweetheart, Nam Lee. Her family is Korean. Her uncle flew in from Korea to bring Nam's mother's traditional dress to wear for the ceremony. The marriage took place on the rock in front of our summer home in Five Islands, ME, on which several of us were married before. My 95-year-old mother, recovering from hip surgery, was able to attend. Her surgery took place right when our class reunion was scheduled. I had been 'rehabbing' her, which made it impossible for me to come. While I was in Maine, I was asked by the Richards Library in Georgetown to read my book and to show the children how the pictures were painted. Some who attended were children of local lobster fishermen. It turned out great,

because they were willing to stand up and explain to the 'summer' children exactly how the tools in the book were used and worked. They were so serious! It was unexpected and adorable." **CICELY GUENTHER WINTER** could be our next published author. "I'm still working full-time, directing the Instituto de Órganos Históricos de Oaxaca. We restored another organ this year, and with so many beautiful, recently restored instruments, Oaxaca has become the historic pipe organ center of Mexico. Happily our Organ Festivals take place every two years now, so there is a respite until 2018. I'm looking forward to retiring once I can get our 16 years of work published in Spanish and English. The keyboard I play the most these days is the computer, unfortunately. Our four kids and four grandkids are all doing well and happily clustered on the US East Coast. Marc and I celebrate our 45th anniversary on September 11, and we are splurging on a trip to Italy, a country we hardly know. Carpe Diem! Abrazos to all my Kingswood classmates."

**STEPHANIE GUETHING GIERING** is also working on a book. "If you had told me my life would be as busy as it is, I would have doubted you. We are in the midst of renovating a 1783 farmhouse outside of Amherst, MA, and Scott and I have been traveling extensively. As I write, we are in Maine looking out over Sommes Sound. We enjoyed a lovely wedding on Lago Maggiore in May, as well as visiting London, returning exhausted and up to our ears in finishing touches on the farmhouse. It is lovely, and I invite anyone to come visit! Because of my husband's love of sailboats, we island hopped again this year. We will be in New England until the foliage turns (my favorite time of year) and then off to a wedding in North Carolina, by way of Virginia. We will return to Miami AFTER hurricane season. I have also taken on a cook/humorous look at life book. With the encouragement of friends, two of whom are writers, I am reflecting on my life in a positive way. I had a marathon chat with **HARRIET (HATTIE) RHODES CANNON** recently and we are hoping to connect next fall. I hope everyone has an awesome year!" Summer in Michigan is everything **SUE CHURCH** loves. "I have had another wonderful summer here in God's country. I am truly blessed. My daughter, Wendy, and her family, including husband, Will, Liam, 16, and Alex, 11, were here for seven weeks. They had to leave early this year, as Wendy and Liam went diving in Cuba doing Marine biology

research. Alex stayed with me for two more weeks. Then I quickly flew him home and came back after a long weekend in Colorado. We sailed, swam, kayaked, played tennis and hiked every day. We also went to sailing regattas. Even the bulldog puppy swam in Lake Michigan wearing her life jacket. What fun! I am now commodore of our yacht club. My son, Shane, and his family moved to Denver from L.A. They miss Southern California, but now they and their dogs are all together in one house and near us in Denver. Sorry to have had a last minute change of plans and had to miss our reunion. **MAGGIE SHOPEN THOMPSON** and her husband visited me in Glen Arbor around the 4th of July. That was so much fun." Several women who attended the reunion followed it with travel adventures. **SHERIDAN STRICKLAND** and her husband will be the first in our class to go to Cuba. "It will be hard to top the fun I had at reunion, but Michael and I are going on an adventure for a week in early September. We are headed to Cuba on a ship from Miami. The ship provides the background lectures and historical information (and a gym, and safe drinking water!). We decided to go while the country still has not changed too much. We will dock in Havana, Santiago de Cuba, and Cienfuegos, so there will be plenty of time to explore each on the seven-day cruise. There are organized activities planned for each location, or you can wander on your own. Should be very rewarding, as long as we do not eat too much on the ship (midnight buffets are always a hazard)." Since moving back to the U.S., this year, **MARTHA ALLING D'ALESSANDRO** hasn't stopped traveling. "We visit my aunt in Pinehurst on a regular basis and had a great 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party for her in early July. Peter was off in Colorado during the Opening Ceremonies for the Rio Olympics, but I had a Caipirinha Party to celebrate with lots of Rio mementos. We visited Peter's brother and family outside of Pittsburgh, and the highlight was going to Fallingwater! WOW. Then back to Ann Arbor for a weekend celebration of the life of another aunt, who died just before our reunion. During all this, my business is continuing to grow. We've gone from one internet sale a month, to one a week, to several a week, the past several weeks. Our sites are: [www.1stdibs.com/dealers/gemjunk1](http://www.1stdibs.com/dealers/gemjunk1) and: [www.etsy.com/shop/gemjunk1](http://www.etsy.com/shop/gemjunk1). I seem to be able to work anywhere these days, and I'm amazed at what I can do on my phone." **AMY ZELL ELLSWORTH** reports that her

trip back to Michigan involved more than just visiting the school campus. "After a wonderful time at our 50th reunion becoming reacquainted with classmates and the school, my husband, Lee, met me in Detroit. We spent time with old friends and visited my childhood neighborhoods in Huntington Woods and Royal Oak. It was a sweet and strange experience, seeing the things that still exist (a version of the bakery, Hagelstein's, across from my elementary school) and those that don't (my elementary school, the candy store from another corner, the 'five and dime' stores, the movie theaters, my house!). One of the nicest things was getting back to the DIA and spending time with the Diego Rivera murals. I remembered them well, but the strength and the political messages hit me much more strongly now. As to life day to day, I have moved slightly out of retirement to take on some projects in philanthropy, no heavy lifting. I'm involved in a project with my old firm in support of the community foundation field and some grant design to support dance in the Boston area and New England. It's fun to be involved without having a full-time commitment. Plenty of time for family, particularly our kids and granddaughter, who are all in San Francisco." Attending Cranbrook reunions is an annual event for **WENDY CLARK JENNINGS**, and we were so glad she made it to ours: "Living in the Detroit area and having worked on Giftorama for many years, I know many other alumnae, which is why Jody, my husband, and I attend the annual alumni Cranbrook Quad Cocktail Party every year. It's always a fun evening. It broke my heart that Mary Fisher's mother, Marjorie, passed away shortly after reunion weekend. She and Mr. Fisher were so prominent and such wonderful patrons of the Detroit arts and culture. I wish you all could have read Mrs. Fisher's obituary. Each member of the Detroit Symphony received a cash gift from the Fisher estate, which was a glorious headline to wake up to one morning this summer. I also wish that a tour of the 'New Detroit' could have been part of every out of state alumni's itinerary that weekend. Detroit IS making a come-back, and you would LOVE the new Joe Muer's, right on the Detroit River, with a magnificent view of Detroit and Windsor, and an outstanding menu. The DIA and Detroit Historical Museums are better than ever, with handsome new directors. Since retiring from a 30-year career managing antiques shows in 2005 and a 41-year career in retailing in 2011, my days seem to be consumed with volunteer

work with: the Junior League of Detroit, three Garden Clubs, Questers (antiques study group), Tau Beta, and the board of the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, where I am the vice-president of programs and in charge of the Garden Shoppe during the annual June Garden Tour. My late sister's, Trinkett Clark, '69, daughter is expecting the first great-grandchild any minute now. Life is good, and I'm thankful to be healthy and married to my best friend, Jody, for 43 years! My best to all of the class of '66! Hope to see you again in 2020, if not before! Stay well and do good things." I will end this class update with a wonderful message from **TELLY HIDALGO HOW**, "For me, seeing all of you who made the effort to attend our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, was well worth my journey across the Pacific." Thanks to all who went to our golden reunion! Until next time, girls!

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## C67

As we approach our **50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION JUNE 9-11, 2017** I can't help but think back to those years in the mid-sixties and how influenced we all were by the times that brought us so many significant world events, events that formed how we thought then, and possibly how we think as adults today. Large cities were decaying—none more notable than our own Detroit. The music seemed to change entirely—who can forget the impact the Beatles and the Rolling Stones had on us all—and closer to home the entire Motown sound (and London Fog!). Our freshman flattop haircuts began to droop as we grew our hair longer. The "fro" began to get popular as well. Politically, our leaders were consumed by the unpopular war in Vietnam and the backlash at home from coast to coast. The Cold War was also in the papers every day, including the race to land on the moon. The family was also changing, as our mothers began to shed the apron and take on work outside the home to provide a second income—and to build a louder and deserved voice in all matters—the influence of Gloria Steinem and Betty Friedan was taking shape in our society. In our enclave school we had Ergasterion, the Rifle Club, the Interstate Preparatory League, Reid Awards, Blue Key, letters from across the lake, cheers, "You can stand on your hands, you can stand

on your feet..." prefects, masters, and much more. Many things haven't changed, yet other things have totally changed (all of us!) in 50 years, which is my segue into an appeal to all classmates to plan to come to our reunion in June of 2017. There will be more information and specifics to follow. Please plan to be there. In the meantime, it was great to hear from many of you. **STEVE LANDEFELD** writes that he has been retired for several years, but is currently a distinguished visiting professor of economics at the United States Naval Academy. He is also a consultant to the United Nations and is editing a handbook for better measuring the impact of globalization. Steve and his wife, Barb, spent the summer traveling and golfing in Guam, Hawaii, California, Oregon, Maine, and Martha's Vineyard. They welcomed their first grandchild this past September. From across the "Pond" I spoke with **JON "FINGERS" FINGLETON**, who reports that he has been battling some health issues. In June on his way to an event at Stowe School (his other high school alma mater) he fell ill and ended up in the hospital, ultimately needing a pacemaker to control an irregular heartbeat. While hoping to make a full recovery and be able to travel, Fingers is uncertain for our 50<sup>th</sup>, but at a minimum "will look into an electronic means of participation, e.g., through Skype or its grandson." Fingers, we are all pulling for you. **DAVE BARCUS** is back in the Dayton, OH, area ("after 40 years in absentia"), where his wife, Susan, was recruited to become the president of the Kettering Medical Center Foundation, as well as the chief of development for the Kettering Health Network. Dave, now retired, will decide next steps but notes they are closer to their two children. Daughter, Susan, an acupuncturist, and son, Steve, an engineer, both up the road in the Detroit area. Dave mentioned that he is in touch with **STEVE STANLEY**, who is also retired and living on a lake in the countryside, where his wife, Pam, is active in the community, and their daughter, Jessica, is doing well in an exciting career. Dave likewise mentioned that while he hasn't been in touch with **VAN SCOTT**, he noted that he saw recently that Van lives in Flint, MI, and is a highly regarded educator at Baker College with recognized expertise in cyber security. Van is the advisor to the award winning team from the college.

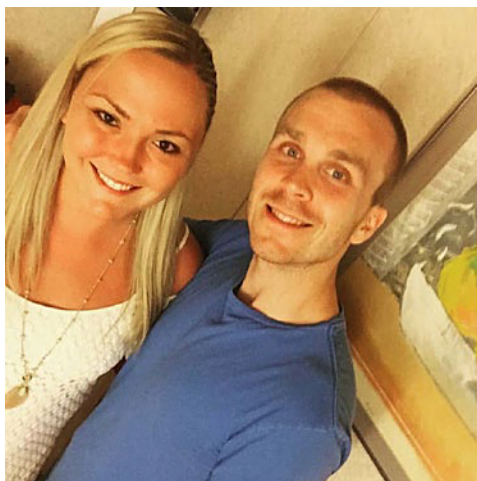


Stu Bloomberg, '67, and part of his family

**STU BLOOMBERG** writes from Mattapoisett, MA, where he and Mary have spent the entire summer. Stu reports that "their family is huge and thriving, four grandchildren strong, ages nine, nine, two, and one. They have been traveling fools this past year: Berlin, Cuba, Tuscany, London, and Burgundy." **JOHN STAFFORD** wrote from Ashland, OR, with no additional news this year other than he is looking forward to the 50<sup>th</sup> next June.

**ANDY BRODER** continues to practice law in the Detroit area as he has done since his 1973 graduation from U-M Law School. He specializes in working with families in the area of end-of-life decision-making. He is also authoring a book at the Institute of Continuing Legal Education on the subject. Andy's three boys, also Cranbrook grads, have been told they will attend our 50<sup>th</sup> with him next June. Andy and son, Matt, '08, annually attend the Alumni Baseball game each June. Matt has recently joined the alumni board. His two other sons, Jordon, '05, and Daniel, '11, are also active at Cranbrook. Andy adds, "My wife, Merrilee, helps to keep all of the Broder boys (including Andy) on the proper course." **JIM LONGLEY** writes that he has just passed his first year of retirement, where he remains heavily embedded in the Olympia community after 43 years there. He and partner, Connie Baker, regularly head down to the southwest in the late fall/early winter, and during the summer his backyard garden keeps him busy, as "all retirees are wont to say." Looking ahead, Jim plans to digitize the thousands of slides from his many camping/hiking and general travel adventures across the northwest. He has also been busy organizing locally to prevent the U.S. Army from relocating a mobile-missile program from the desert of central Washington to the

urban corridor of western Washington. Jim closes that he has kept up a fine friendship with Terry Goldberg Axelrod, K'67, and her husband, Alan. And lastly, Jim "really" hopes that many of our classmates will attend our 50<sup>th</sup> next June. **DOUG MORAN** emailed from Kewadin that all is well in northern Michigan. He stays busy playing guitar in a bar band in Traverse City, sailing, and kayaking on Grand Traverse Bay. Doug belongs to a group called "Paddle Antrim," dedicated to preserving the area's water resources. In April, along with wife, Rosy, they traveled to North Carolina, and hiked in the Smokies along the Appalachian Trail, and visited the Biltmore Estate in Ashville. Their youngest son, Alan, got married in August to Erin (see picture) in Port Huron where Alan is active in the Port Huron Community Theater Group, and Erin is a choir and music teacher. Their older son, Patrick, and wife, Rachel, live in Minneapolis, where Patrick is an engineer with Boston Scientific. Doug ends by saying, "See you next year at the reunion."



Doug Moran's, '67, son, Alan and his wife, Erin

I received word recently that **REED SLATKIN** passed away on June 23, 1015 in California. Many of us remember Reed as a bright student, athlete, and musician. Our sympathies go out to his family. And finally, if by chance you have missed the many references to our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in this write-up, one more time. It is next June, and I hope everyone will make it back. More details will follow as plans are finalized. All the best.

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## C68

**JIM BROOKS:** "Linda and I just got back from a cruise/land adventure in Alaska. Went to the Yukon where we followed the stampeders' journey during the late 1800s gold rush. Panned for gold and got \$26 worth! Got to see my favorite poet, Robert Service's, cabin where he wrote *The Cremation of Sam Mc Gee*. Also loved the whales, the glaciers, the fiords, and seeing Denali on a perfectly clear day. Our bus stopped about 30 feet from a grizzly bear who was frolicking in the grass at the side of the road. I decided NOT to get out and pee at that particular spot and smartly waited till the next official rest area. Also spent Canada Day in Vancouver—was tempted to move to Canada, depending on the outcome of the election! Otherwise 2/4 kids got married this past year (Simon, the punk musician, in Minneapolis, and Alexis, the fashion stylist, working in NYC for Yahoo's online fashion magazine). My oldest, Sarah, just moved to Hawaii to live with her boyfriend. She took her horse, dog, and cat with her to Kauai as well! We already have tickets to stay at their beach house in January! Molly moved from NYC to Minneapolis to teach at a Montessori school there. Since my hip replacement a year ago I'm a new man, able to play tennis full out now. I'm doing my dandiest to get better at the sport, but Maestro Peter bageled me again in April, when I came to visit my sister in Motown. My life lesson seems to be to learn to lose gracefully to Peter. Otherwise, working too much with my psychiatry practice, and the shadow work and couples workshops Linda and I run internationally, along with my Five Element acupuncture practice. My goal is to start slowing down a bit in 2018. I'd love any advice from Dr. Ron and others as to how to actually DO this! Looking forward to our 50<sup>th</sup> coming up all too soon! Greetings and love to all my old Cranny and Kingswood friends!" **DAVE DYE:** "I retired in late June. Summer 2016 Darcy and I visited my daughter, Laura, and her husband, Vince, and our grandson, Robin, in Oregon. Robin's energy level is impressive, and he is very curious. Laura and Vince are proud parents. In Michigan **RICHARD SLOAN** and I photographed a nature preserve. He keeps teaching me new skills. Fall 2016 I am teaching evening classes at Grand Rapids Community College and working as a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity in Michigan. **MONTY**

**MITZELFELD** and I plan to hike the Bruce Peninsula in Ontario.” **BING GORDON** writes: “Summer is here, and the living is easy. Trips to Indonesia, Italy, and Sweden this summer. ‘Empty nest’ syndrome really just means chase your 20-somethings around the world, when they get time off. Most exciting stuff in tech these days: Virtual Reality has been delayed. Lots of software companies but not many users, except in China, where people buy \$50 goggles instead of a TV set. Pokemon Go has investors wondering how they missed it, after years of ‘geo-aware’ like Four Square disappointing. Consumer fads are a wondrous thing. The re-invention of education continues apace, with progress at Coursera, Duolingo, Newsela. Our grandchildren will learn by touching and by doing, so public education and private universities have a decade to change their business models. Rents and real estate prices have sky-rocketed in San Francisco, but at least three of the sports teams are getting to the finals.”



*Chris Kjolhede, '68, with son, Hans*

**CHRIS KJOLHEDE** reports, “Hans graduated from Union College in June. He has a job with a biotech firm in Boston. Caitlyn had dinner with **ART ENSROTH** and his wife for a little reality check and advice on her career in nursing in Boston. Celeste and I are building a home for our ‘Golden Years’ just outside of Cooperstown, where we both continue to enjoy working in psychiatry and pediatrics, respectively. Greetings to all. Hope to see you all in 2018 at Reunion.”



*Guy Neff and Walter Share, both '68*

**GUY NEFF** visited Seattle at the end of July and spent a couple of days with **WALTER SHARE**. “Walter showed us around Seattle, including ferry boat rides, Pike Street Market, and wonderful restaurants. We had a great time together. See the attached picture of a couple of old geezers, they look familiar but can’t quite place them! Unfortunately, we missed Richard Strickland, but Walter, Dawn, and I did manage to have dinner with Diane and **MIKE KOERNER**. Everyone looks just the same, notwithstanding the passage of time! After Seattle we spent some time with my brother, Mike, ‘73, and his family in Wenatchee, and I was able to do some fly fishing on the Yakima River. After Seattle we flew to Atlanta and spent a week with the grandbabies, while my daughter and son-in-law spent time in Paris and London. I believe I mentioned that I retired from the active practice of law on April 30. A week later I had back surgery to repair a ruptured disc and have been trying to recover ever since. Unfortunately, while playing with the grandchildren in the pool during our stay in Atlanta, I managed to re-injure myself. So, I’m back to square one on the healing process. Oh well, at least I have lots of time!”



*Ron, '68, Danielle, Rachel, and Donna Fallon on glacier in Alaska*

**RON FALLON** took a family trip to Alaska. I used the Alumni Directory and emailed local Cranbrook grads for information. Holly Zafian, '02, and Cynthia Maguire Bruns, K'68, responded with some good tips. We saw whales, eagles, a glacier calve, salmon running and landed at the base station in Denali on a glacier in a single engine prop. We hiked in Denali National Park. Next we're off to Seattle and then to California for *Dessert Trip*.

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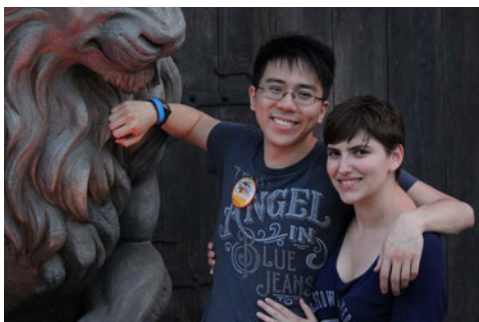
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## **K68**

**LAURI ELLIAS**, now bionic with a new hip, writes of having two wonderful grand babies, Laura, 4, and William, 4 months. She is still racing sailboats, is almost retired, spent almost a month in Viet Nam and Cambodia last February, and is planning a trip to Cuba for next February. **SALLY WALKER GAUTIER** has been single and living in Texas for 24 years, has two children but no grandchildren, and is retired from two professions: consumer finance and cattle ranching. She now volunteers with dog rescue transports and fosters, and hopes we are all healthy and happy! **ANNE CURTIS** writes her daughter, Megan, 43, but in great shape, is pregnant with her second son. Anne's pottery is now housed in the Old Gallery in Allenspark, as she continues to study at the Pottery Lab in Boulder, CO. **HILARY HACKETT SMALL** sold a home in Washington, bought a condo in Florida, and is living in their home in Santa Fe, along with their new King Charles Cavalier puppy. Hilary writes that she had a fun time spending a week in Georgia with Chris Ostby Harlan, '67. **CAROL STRAITH BREWER** enjoyed a visit with **KARLA SCHWENSEN RITTER** in Madison, while visiting her daughter there. Carol is almost fully retired as faculty, while a few projects “just won’t die,” so she is “killing them off gradually! Carol loves their winter retirement home in Aiken, SC, reporting it is great horse country, a good thing since she is still riding and competing in dressage. She writes of no grandkids yet, complete with a frown-face emoji. **LYNNE CARPENTER** writes that life is good. She is now fully retired and splits her time between West Bloomfield and Harbor Springs. **CHALYCE**

**BROWN SULLIVAN** continues living in Sarasota, entertaining retirees (of which I'm one) with piano melodies. She recommends Michael Kinsley's *Old Age, A Beginner's Guide*, saying our Cranbrook classmate "has scored a winner!" **JANET FISHER BELL** is living in Vero Beach, FL, having enjoyed a three-month visit in Colorado to spend time with new grandson, Wylder. While there, Janet had dinner with Lisa Purdy, '67, and saw all of her wonderful art, buying a sculpture for husband, Graham's, birthday. A cruise followed, and Janet is now busy as the children and youth director of a community Bible study, with 58 children ranging in age from 0 to 17! She reports seeing **KATIE LERCHEN NELSON** occasionally, as they are in the process of building a new church. Janet sends a big shout out to everyone, hoping we can all make it for our 50<sup>th</sup>! **SHELLEY STERN GRACH** writes that although she and Mark are both signed up for Medicare, they are saving the government money by still working, Mark in healthcare and Shelley running Civic Engagement for Microsoft in Chicago. Daughter, Stephanie, is in her second year of medical school at Illinois, looking at internal medicine while her boyfriend, Eugene, is in his third year, going into neurosurgery.



Stephanie Grach and Eugene Lee outside Beast's castle at Disneyworld

Shelley says if we have a moment, we should check out her blog: <http://microsoft-chicago.com/2016/02/10/meet-the-stern-grach-family-cyber-seniors/>



Family of Chris Walker Takach, '68

**CHRIS WALKER TAKACH** and Gene continue living an active life in their "Active 55" development in Minnesota. They keep so busy with tennis, pickleball, biking, potlucks, and quilting, that they wonder how they ever had time to work! Chris is looking forward to seeing everyone in 2018 for our 50<sup>th</sup>! **KAY LOESER FARBER** writes that after 12 years living in and loving Istanbul, she and Eric are trying to figure out where to go, if the political situation requires a move. Highlights of 2016 for them include: presenting a paper on the Turkish crime writer, Ahmet Umit, at the annual literary conference, this year in Teruel, Spain; a week in Wigtown, the bookstore capital of Scotland, where Kay again discussed Umit; time in St. Petersburg, Russia, celebrating their 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and Lake Iseo, Italy, experiencing Christo and Jeanne-Claude's Floating Piers. As for me, **JAN DECKER BURGGRAAF**, Jim and I have had a quiet year health-wise, thank goodness, and we were able to enjoy five weeks of travel south to escape the Michigan winter for a while. We also spent many hours bleacher-sitting, while enjoying the athletic and school performances of our school-age grandchildren. James Adam Tountas joined the crew on September 1, making an even half-dozen grands for us, now three girls and three boys.

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## C69

Three things seem to be common threads among many of our classmates these days as we pick up our Medicare cards this year: retirement, grandchildren, and cancer. The first two are good topics for these notes, but the third is not. We do, however, try to help our classmates on a more personal and individual basis, to provide support for the way-too-many of us who are in the midst of fights for ourselves or our loved ones. On to the news, **MARVIN BRUCE BARTLETT** had such a wonderful visit to see his sister, Jana, in Kalispell, MT (near Glacier National Park), that he's considering relocating there. Apparently Kalispell has fewer public defenders per capita than Ann Arbor. **PAUL CRAGIN** is downsizing. Their daughter and her family, including the two grandkids, moved

into their house in Newburyport (just north of Boston), and Paul and his wife moved into a town house across the river in Amesbury. Paul is still in sales, an occupation he (and only he, of course) considers to be a contact sport.

**MIKE GAWNE** is still at it as a lawyer in lovely Vermont. Previous class notes mentioned that the Gawnes would be heading to Bulgaria for a post-wedding reception with the family of their new daughter-in-law. They went and had a memorable experience, hobnobbing with a few well-connected Bulgarians, including an ambassador and former chief of staff to the prime minister, and dancing to a mix of Bulgarian and Western music. Just another typical day in the life for our class. The newlyweds now live near Boston. Their other child, a daughter, is a lawyer in Denver.

**JOHN GETSINGER** has retired from the law biz, mostly anyway, although he does still do some legal consulting. He and wife, Cathy, retired the same day. Now they plan to split their time between Minnesota and the warmer weather of Austin, TX. Both of John's daughters formerly called Austin home, one is back in Minnesota and the other is in D.C. Aside from the young 'uns, John is among the few of us who still has a living parent, his 97-year-old mother. (John's former tennis doubles partner, **MARK EATON**, also is lucky enough to still have his mother around).

**HANK G HOLZ** is retiring in October, after 14 years of managing environmental biology programs for the National Science Foundation. He was a professor of forest ecology at the University of Florida for 23 years before joining the Feds. His wife, Jan, took a position with the USDA Forest Service in Fort Collins in 2010, so Hank has been commuting between Colorado and D.C. for the last six years. **MIKE LANGWORTHY** has completed an interesting assignment that kept him away from his family, also in Colorado. He's been posted in Moscow, where he has been assisting in the production of an adaption for Russian TV. **CHIP LETTS** and wife, Kathleen, continue to be Michiganders, although their grandson lives in Seattle with their daughter, Lizzie, '02, and her husband. Their other daughter is in Oklahoma City and works for Miracle Ear, so we may have to convince Chip to let us in on a group discount for the class. He still runs Powers and Sons, an automotive supplier that traces its roots to the very early days of the automobile industry in Michigan. His great-grandfather sold his coal yard on the river in downtown Detroit for a majority interest

in a neighboring forge, which provided top hardware for buggies and wagons, and in 1911 they decided to provide tops for the new car industry as well. That company merged with Powers and Sons in 1929 and has been at it ever since. These days they provide steering products for heavy-duty pickup trucks and the Jeep Wrangler, but they are also diversifying to use their specialized engineering skills to create a brand called Steer Smarts, which provides steering and suspension products for off-road vehicles. In line with his family's history in Detroit, Chip is also involved in helping its future. He is associated with a project to revitalize a 1916 Albert Kahn factory near Belle Isle for use by startup design and manufacturing firms. Chip also still has a parent around: his father, who keeps busy on a classic car, a Dusenbergs he purchased in 1953. **ROB NORTHWOOD** has retired from the banking biz. He still maintains a house in Oklahoma but is spending more time in LaQuinta, in the California desert east of Palm Springs. His daughter in Denver has delivered three grand-kids, so they visit Colorado regularly as well. **DAN POWERS** has substantially retired from the doctor biz but still does a little, both practicing radiology and consulting as an expert in legal cases, particularly asbestos cases. A factoid that probably amuses only me. He is a licensed radiologist in 49 states and the District of Columbia. The holdout? New Hampshire, which apparently is the only state that requires its radiologists to actually live there. Dan and family now split their time between L.A. and Santa Fe, where Dan is also trying his hand at being an art dealer. And if anyone goes up into the mountains of Colorado, they might find **CRAIG TUOHY**. Or maybe not, he seems to move around. His daughter lives in Colorado; in the olden days people returned to their hometowns to see their parents, but now more parents seem to move where their kids are (except for the Cragins, who enticed their kid back with the offer of the family house). Craig has been involved in a number of trail development and restoration projects in the mountains. PS: And this grim news just in as these notes are being completed, our classmate, **JOHN RAU**, died on September 8. John's lifelong passion for all things artistic is what he is best remembered for at Cranbrook, and that passion continued throughout his life. After Cranbrook, he graduated from the Pratt Institute with a BFA in painting, printmaking, and design. He was a long-time resident of eastern North Carolina,

both before and after Cranbrook, and he was the owner of Beeline Printing and Jofra Graphics in Burgaw, NC. John is survived by Joyce, his wife of 38 years, along with a son, a daughter, and both his parents. Our condolences to his family.

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## K70

**GAIL MCCUE LEAVINES** is such a champ. She had a series of health issues and instead of complaining just rode through the discomfort while finding solace in joining a book club. I am happy to hear that she has mended and was on her way to Chicago this fall to visit with **DEBBIE SLABECK BAKER, DIANNE FISHERING, CATHLEEN COSTELLO**, and **AARON HOLLANDER ROSE**. I also got a wonderful note from **CAMILLE MAJZOUB JAYNE**.



*Camille Majzoub Jayne, '70, and her 94-years-young mother*



*Camille Majzoub Jayne and Paula Spiteri, both '70, in Camille's backyard*

Camille reports she is "slowing down" (hahahah—that means she now moves at warp speed). She is doing strategic project planning and sales/operations, consulting for companies in Detroit and Orange County, CA, along with working for non-profits. She is a serious USTA tennis league player and golfer (she had her first hole-in-one this past summer), and spends time with her AMAZING mom, who is still going strong at age 94. Over Labor Day **PAULA SPITERI** came for a visit. Paula's life sounds just as busy as Camille's. She still dances once a week, takes care of her 3-year-old grandson, her mother, and continues to work in real estate. Camille also mentioned that she was looking forward to a visit from **AARON ROSE**. She and Camille were attending a Detroit summit "Sliding Walls: Reimagining the Architecture of Cultural Space," sponsored by the Culture Lab of Detroit. Aaron just finished her MFA thesis. I was also delighted to hear from **SARAH TAYLOR**. Sarah retired last year and like Paula spends a good deal of her time taking care of her 2-year-old twin grandsons. (I'm so jealous of you guys! Can't imagine a harder and more rewarding job.) The rest of the time she is riding horses, tending to her garden, and creating her extraordinary art. She also spends time with her 91-year-old mom in Florida. Sarah mentioned that she had a wonderful visit with **LESLIE ERB LIEDTKE**, when both happened to be in Detroit, and they enjoyed catching up with one another. **KITTY DENIO JOSPE** also sounds busier than ever. She aptly remarked that it feels like time is wearing roller skates. She is still teaching poetry, serving as a docent for her museum, working on a city committee, which was taking her to Brittany in the fall, and writing lyrics for church music. Whew! I am in complete awe of all of you. What a spectacular group of interesting, dynamic women. It's a privilege hearing about your lives and continued accomplishments. Looking forward to hearing more of your stories.

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## C71

It was a hot but beautiful weekend as we celebrated our 45<sup>th</sup> reunion at Cranbrook in June. Restoration has been occurring

everywhere on campus, and we've never seen Cranbrook and Kingswood looking better. The weekend fun began Friday evening with a cocktail party at Kingswood. Cranes from '71 flew and drove in from all parts of the country.



*Marc Stadler, Jack McNaughton, Bob Zurschmiede, Paul Mimura, Bill Goldsmith and Harry Forbes*

One of the highlights of the weekend was reconnecting with **DOUG GRANT**, who had never attended a reunion. Doug and his wife, Bonnie, live in Naples, FL, where Doug has a real estate firm, The Grant Group. Originally from Ohio, Doug attended Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH, and coached high school football before moving to real estate.



*Family of Doug Grant, '71*

Another former buckeye, **MIKE ZAHN**, drove from Hamilton, NY. Mike, an orthopedic surgeon, operates in his new surgical center. Mike and his wife, Debbie, along with their son, Hayden, have spent several years renovating their old farmstead. Mike arrived early enough before the reunion to have a tour of Detroit and an evening on the town with **KESTUTIS MISKINIS**. Kestutis has a law practice in Detroit, and according to Mike, Kestutis could have been the mayor the way people greeted him wherever they went.

**HARRY FORBES** was accompanied by his daughter, Rachel, who has a year remaining in veterinary school at Purdue. Jenny May and **TOM ZIOLA** suffered what seems to be familiar mistreatment by the airlines during their long journey from California. Tom does some work for the firm he helped found, while Jenny is with a firm involved with cutting edge gene-based cancer research. Tom spends a great deal of time caring for his disabled brother. Tom and Harry Forbes recently had a wonderful summer reunion in Maine with retired Cranbrook teacher and coach, Ben Snyder, and his wife, Margot. They shared memories of classes and many hours together on the cinder track in the oval. **CHRIS WILHELM**, who practices internal medicine at Beaumont Hospital, was joined by his wife, Susan. As empty nesters, they are downsizing and have their Birmingham home up for sale. It looks like a family of doctors. Son, Kurt, '10, who just started at Wayne State Medical School, is working hard and loves it. Son, Mark, '12, recently graduated from U-M and spent the summer studying for the MCAT. He is looking for a neuroscience research position and then hoping to attend med school. Chris recently published on YouTube his film of the first Cranbrook sophomore wilderness trip in the spring of 1971. Chris was invited to record the trip because of his photographic skills. If you watch the "film" (now video), you will recognize students who were two years behind us at Cranbrook. You will also see physics teacher, Frank Norton, faculty leader of the trip. Frank, who taught many of us in his first year at Cranbrook, retired this year. He enjoyed catching up with many of his old students during the weekend. Annette and **PAUL LACASSE** generously hosted a wonderful dinner party at their lakeside home after the Kingswood cocktail party. The food was delicious, the candlelight setting, and hospitality were divine. It's easy to imagine that Paul and Annette, a pair of physicians, must have fantastic bedside manner. Paul, as president and CEO of Botsford Healthcare, helped to engineer the merger of Botsford, Beaumont HealthSystem, and Oakwood Healthcare, into Beaumont Health, based in southeast Michigan, and Michigan's largest healthcare provider. Annette is a dermatologist with a practice not far from their home. She still loves the job because of her interaction with the patients. Their sons are both Cranbrook grads. Matt, '06, is in a psychiatric residency at Kalamazoo and will be married soon. Nick, '02, recently

sold his tech startup to Google. **PAUL MIMURA** still feeds his passion for music. He plays clarinet in what he describes as an "eclectic banjo tin pan alley band" in Chicago venues. The band's playlist is heavy on Gershwin and Sinatra. Paul is the youngster in the band, the average age of the players is 80. **BOB ZURSCHMIEDE**, who could only stay for Friday evening's cocktail party, is a close second in the "Most Prolific '71" category, second only to **JIM DAVIES**. Bob and Abby have seven children and eight grandchildren.



*Jim Davies', '71, son, Josh, daughter-in-law, Rachel, and granddaughter, Audrey*  
We missed "Seven Footer" **JIM DAVIES** at reunion, but he reports that he and Becky have 15 grandchildren, with number 16 scheduled for a February arrival. Jim had a hip replacement recently, but it's not slowing him down. He and Becky are on a list to serve in the BYU Jerusalem Center in August 2018, with plans to return to his southern California ophthalmology practice following their service there. They are also planning to build a family retreat in southern Utah with gorgeous views from their backyard. **BILL GOLDSMITH**, like Jim, hasn't let a hip replacement get in the way of life. He serves as Chair of the Cranbrook finance committee and continues to enjoy playing racquets on a national level. **JACK MCNAUGHTON** recently retired after a long career with McNaughton/McKay Electric Company. Jack and his wife, Rebecca, '72, have two children, daughter, Sarah, '13, and Grant. Sarah recently completed a summer internship in NYC and was looking forward to returning to Denison Univ. for her senior year. Grant is a student at Interlochen, where he has a passion for filmmaking. **JOHN TAYLOR** was with Goldman Sachs for 25 years, which prepped him for projects involving private investments. He is now

developing a fund, focusing on the telecom industry. When not working on investments, John is a very competitive golfer. He and his wife, Carolyn, '72, were joined at our reunion by their daughter, Emmy, who received her undergraduate degree from Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. She is pursuing a graduate degree in creative writing at Dartmouth College. Their family moved to North Carolina after many years in NYC. **TOR SHWAYDER** and his wife, Aimee, enjoy flying (with Tor as pilot) throughout the country for medical forums and visiting friends (including visits to your class secretary's farm). One trip included an evening in Minneapolis with Nick Koch, '72. Nick works for a large architecture firm. During another trip he reconnected with Ted Heavenrich, '70, who recently retired as math teacher, coach, and mentor at the Taft School in Watertown, CT, after a 41-year career. That is roughly twice as long as his father, Richard Heavenrich, taught at Cranbrook. Speaking of retirement, **WES TAGAMI** continues to push back his retirement date at the Internal Revenue Service. At our 40<sup>th</sup> reunion we got the impression that his gold watch was imminent. Now he says that age 70 seems like a good time to retire. Molly and **JIM STEARNS** are happy to have both of their kids, Andy and Libby, near them in the Seattle area. Libby recently moved back to the area with her husband. **DERRY KABCENELL** was able to stay through Saturday morning's events but had to miss Quad Fest to catch a plane back to California for a meeting. He has a personal foundation, which focuses on educational and ecological issues. After a long career at Oracle, where he was an early hire, Derry still enjoys discussing the tech industry. **BRAD LEITHAUSER** sent his regrets about missing our reunion, but sparked smiles with news that he was overseas doing research for a novel he hopes to finish soon. Dr. **ARMAND ROTHSCILD** sent his regrets and reported that he has been in touch recently with Derry Kabcenell and retiring physics teacher, Frank Norton. "Frank's AP physics class was one of my favorite classes of all time anywhere." Armand says that he is already getting psyched up for our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. Whoa ... bring on 2021! Armand's son is doing a cardiology fellowship at Beaumont Hospital. **CHRIS MORTON** spent two months pondering the design of a massive swing set before completing construction in August. It's huge, it could double as a trebuchet. When not improving his backyard, Chris has been adding clients to his freelance editorial

services business. The list includes Imperva Incapsula, Distil Networks, Philips Lifeline, and the ChemQuest Group. He has been in touch with former teachers, Dave Lundin and Edgar Soudek, along with Suki Fredericks, K'71. Chris is interested in Cranbrook history and has enjoyed corresponding with Suki regarding her father's work and study under sculptor Carl Milles. **GEOFF RAWLING** was sorry to miss the reunion, but reported that his daughter, Becky, '06, got married, and his son, Alex, is working for tech guru, Paul Allan. Geoff is looking to play in the 60 and up USTA tennis nationals. He's also sailing a lot, recently cruising from the Berkley Yacht Club to Redondo Beach in five days. **STEVE GERISCH** sent regrets with a note that his son is in school at SMU. In addition to his work travel with New Vision Display, he now has trips to Texas planned for parents' weekends, etc. More regrets were sent by **FRED KNORR**, another classmate who pledges, "God willing I will make our 50<sup>th</sup>!" He and his wife were headed this fall to Austria, Croatia, and Slovenia. In September Shary and I joined my parents, Chuck and Joanie, both '48, for an evening off the farm to celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They were married on September 7, 1951, in Christ Church, Cranbrook. Shary and I are also celebrating the first harvest of our pawpaw orchard. If we can keep deer and raccoons out, we hope to bring America's forgotten fruit to the world. Aim high!

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## CK72

Greetings, to Kingswood and Cranbrook classmates, as we continue our tradition of common class notes. Let's begin with the most important item—SAVE THE DATE for our 45th (!) Reunion which will be from June 9 to 11, 2017. Put this on your calendar NOW. By the time you read this it will be less than a year, and a party committee is organizing. Most of our planning is by email, so if you aren't on the digital list, send either of your class secretaries a note. Thank you to the many classmates who are posting to our class Facebook page 'Cranbrook Kingswood Class of 1972', especially **ALAN DECLERCK** who continues to keep us updated with exploits of **SCOTT MCNEALY's** son, Maverick, who

entered the U.S. Amateur golf competition as the #1 ranked amateur, and continues to maintain that position at this writing. His father was his caddie, which is high-talent help. Speaking of top talent, we heard from **LOUIS STAUDT** who writes, "It's been a while since I connected with friends at Cranbrook and Kingswood, and 45 years is a long stretch to account for, but here are some recent professional and personal highlights. In my life in medical research, I have been fortunate to participate in the birth and exponential growth of a new field of oncology based on analysis of the cancer genome. I was interested in why some patients with a particular type of cancer go into remission following treatment while others do not, and I assumed that this could be traced to molecular differences in their tumors. My lab at the National Cancer Institute used a new genomic tool, the DNA microarray, to measure the activity of all of the genes encoded in the genome. Three years ago I accepted a second job in the National Cancer Institute as director of the newly formed Center for Cancer Genomics. I take considerable pride in my two children, David and Sarah, who are both beginning to make their mark in the world. David is going into the 'family business' of medical research. After graduating from Harvard, he completed MD and PhD training at the University of California, San Francisco. He is a pediatric resident at Stanford and hopes to eventually run a research lab. My daughter, Sarah, is doing wonderful work as the chief lawyer at a non-profit institution that delivers free legal counsel to individuals living in one of the most economically disadvantaged neighborhoods of Chicago. I am still happily married to Kathy, who I met 43 years ago while singing in the Harvard Glee Club at a Christmas concert with the Smith Glee Club. **ANNETTE UFNER EWING** writes, "I became a grandmother for the first time. My daughter, Marion, had a boy on October 18, 2015, and they named him David Ewing Roe after my late husband. Bittersweet, but such a joy. I now know why everyone says being a grandparent is so wonderful, all the fun and not the responsibility. Last fall I traveled to Central Europe for two weeks visiting wonderful cities rich in history. I rented a condo in Stuart, FL, last winter, precipitated by my mother's health, so I could spend time with her. I still own my husband's company and have been busy updating the building, which should be completed by next spring."

**JILL WHEATON DEBOER** is busy running her furniture consignment store, Gallery St. Elmo, trying to expand the store's audience through word of mouth, various media outlets, and a dedicated shopper base. She had a great time with family in Michigan in August, enjoying gorgeous weather in Glen Arbor, with the kind of fresh air, long days, gorgeous sunsets, and cool nights that are only dreams compared to the hot summer in D.C. She is also busy with the renovation of their new apartment in Boston, where she can visit her grandkids. She and George look forward to our reunion next year. **JEFFRY STEELE** is in his seventh year living in Tacoma, WA. He composes music and teaches guitar, while working full-time as a chemical dependency professional and is pursuing his second master's degree, this one in counseling. He observes that working in human services has raised his awareness of class privileges and says, "My comfort level with those of less privilege has increased significantly. My studies and clinical experience thus far have expanded my understanding of the human psyche, fostered new dendrites in my own brain, and brought balance and enhanced meaning to my own life." **MARK SCHATZ** is living the ideal life of travel, wine, art, and teaching, best expressed in his own words, "I work multiple jobs: teaching at Berkeley and Cal Poly, pouring wine at Cline Cellars winery, and working as a consulting architect on projects in the Bay Area. I'm also continuing to learn as a glass artist and was excited to have a first place winner in this year's Marin County Fair. My wife, Amy Peele, retired from her position as director of organ transplant at the UCSF Medical Center and has finished writing her first transplant-themed murder mystery, aptly titled *Cut*, that will be published this coming April. We will meet our children this September in Spain to walk part of the Camino de Santiago (Secretary's Note: this is the pilgrimage route of Santiago de Compostela that ends at the cathedral of the same name. They completed the 117.3km trek.), and then visited Barcelona and took a cruise thanks to my winnings on the *Wheel of Fortune* last year." (Way to go, Mark!) News from **CYNTHIA STAFFORD BRANNON** in Houston: "No trips to London or Paris, no weddings, no grandchildren, and no big honors. On the other hand, no major illnesses, no floods (correction: I did get caught in a flash flood one Sunday afternoon, which ruined my car), no hurricanes (yet), and no job losses. My daughters, one 27-year-old

music teacher and one 19-year-old college sophomore, are great, but the nest is empty again, which suits Jim and me just fine, as we close in on 31 years of marriage. We all spent time together at the cottage on Lake Superior, and that always restores me in a way that Paris would not. Working with the homeless in Houston requires a few weeks of seclusion in the north woods! I am seriously considering coming to the 45th reunion, and since it will be my brother's 50th (John Stafford, '67), we may be there together for the first time." **DODI VALASSIS JACKSON** had an impromptu gathering at her house, as **DEAN SUNG** and his son, Curtis, 13, were in town to golf with a friend. So they, along with **STEVE CRAIG** and **SCOTT JACKSON**, met at her house for a swim. Of course, we had to get the photo! **DURENE BUTLER BROWN** reports that her daughter, Michael, is a fourth year medical student who got married in June 2016 and is expecting a girl in November. For those of you who remember her mom, she passed away last October. Dureen has been dealing with basement flooding four times since Easter. So sorry!



Scott Jackson, Dean Sung, Steve Craig, Dodi Valassis Jackson, all '72, and Dean's son, Curtis, '13

**EMILY WAYNE HULING** is acting her age, working less, and playing more! She and John have been traveling a lot over the past year, Alaskan cruise, Italy, Paris, California coast, and road trips to visit family and friends. She says, "I can't wait to reconnect with classmates next June. Please come!" **ART SCHANKLER** spent a week last summer in Philadelphia for the Democratic Convention as vice chair of the Democrats Abroad delegation. He reminds people of all political perspectives to remain engaged and vote despite the rancorous discourse.



Darryl Dalton, '72

On the topic of class reunions, **DARRYL DALTON** plans to be at our 45<sup>th</sup> next June also. He lives year round in Florida and works in California when his studio is filming there. He is also working with a touring management firm that represents such music stars as Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, The Temptations, Styx, and others. Ask him about his interesting life at our reunion. Professor **DAVID LYNN** also plans to be at the reunion. Although he is a professor of English at Kenyon College, and he resides in Devon, England, and says, "I remain deeply grateful to Cranbrook for good friendships and for shaping me in so many lasting ways." Travel fever continues for **DEBBIE DIETRICH**, who reports that she had an opportunity last spring to return to India and Russia, and also visited the Maldives, which resemble paradise! Debbie's oldest daughter, Amelia Zukowski, '03, will be married next May. She says, "This is exciting and bittersweet, because it makes me think that I must be getting old!" She adds, "**JEANNE MULLIN GROAT, ELIZABETH EMERY SWANCHARA** and I had a stellar reunion at the memorial service for Jeanne's mother. Many good-time stories were recalled! I continue to "go forth to serve," teaching at Cranbrook Kingswood Middle School for Girls for the last 21 years. If you haven't yet seen the new middle school building, you must stop and visit, or attend our 45th reunion!"



*Nancy May and Harold Siegel, both '71, bumped into each other playing golf*

Condolences to **NANCY MAY**, who lost her dad in July 2016. **STACIE FAIOLA HUMPHREY** shares the news that **R. SUE SMITH DODEA**'s husband, Mike, died in June this year. Sue passed away in 2014, and Stacie remembers that "the two of them had struggled with Mike's Crohn's disease for more than 20 years. She was with him faithfully through all his surgeries and the long recoveries. I know that R. Sue would not have wanted it to go unremarked, and we remember them both." Your Kingswood Class Secretary is living well, practicing artful photography, and travel.



*Mike and Sally Christiansen Harris, '72, on road trip out west*

**SALLY CHRISTIANSEN HARRIS** and her husband, Mike, went on an epic road trip out west during the summer of '16. Five weeks and 6,000 miles on the road with cameras

and a goal of capturing the everyday lives of the people in the Pacific Northwest, as well as the beauty of the landscapes there. From rolling hills of Washington, through small towns of Idaho, rodeos in Montana, Sally and Mike visited Hutterite communities and working ranches, spending time with people and learning about their way of life. "We had to make obligatory visits to a few national parks, it's the 100th anniversary, and Mike has a lifetime pass! The trip unfolded like a good book with a series of chapters that you hated to see end, while looking forward to the next one." Your Cranbrook Class Secretary loves living in Minneapolis. He combines weight lifting and barre classes and finds barre more challenging than pumping iron. Remember your roots at Cranbrook and Kingswood. These places and the friendships formed there are part of our life DNA. So stay in touch. Life is too short not to do otherwise. For up-to-the-minute news and photos, go to Facebook and sign-on to the Cranbrook Kingswood Class of 1972 page. Best to all from your Class Secretaries and thanks to our new Special Class Secretary ad hoc, Debbie Dietrich.

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A nice long update from **ALAN HEAVENRICH**: "Now beginning my second year of retirement activity, I certainly appreciate the slower pace and the opportunity to return to some previously suspended interests, such as sailing, travel, perhaps languages (Hebrew and Arabic), and helping out in the garden. Joan and I are still living in our now-empty nest here in Toronto, where we both do some tutoring to keep the coffers non-empty sets. Joan tutors full-time, while I settle for 5-10 hours per week. In the summer we try to spend as much time as possible at her family's cottage up on the North Channel of Lake Huron, where we also keep our cute little 25-foot sailboat, 'Blue Infinity.' Over the summer we attended the wedding of our nephew, Toby (son of Lou

Heavenrich, '68), in Spring Valley, NY, along with our daughter, Miriam, her beau, Chris, and our son, Sam. Miriam is now entering her second year of work as a speech and language pathologist. It is a calling that comes to her naturally, with great sensitivity and talent. Sam is also entering his second year of working as an engineer for Bendix Corp. in Elyria, OH. He has been taking on increasing responsibility and challenge, and to his credit he is eager for yet more. Our youngest, Ben, is in his third year of studies in Env. Sci. at the University of Guelph, where he is keenly involved in research on fish populations and interactions between wild and farmed fish and the food web in Georgian Bay. We are very proud and grateful that they each seem to be finding their own way in a productive, responsible, and considerate manner! Not much more to report, though I should mention that I have continued to play hockey (two times a week over the six-month season) and have played alongside our classmate, **BILL JOHNSTON** (Oberlin '77) and my brother, Ted Heavenrich, '70, Oberlin '74) numerous times over the past ten years at hockey reunions at Oberlin College. Good luck and best wishes to you all. Heavenrich, Out." **MIKE PHILLIPS** sent this recommendation: "If you have a chance, go to the Blue Sky Utah website and look at the animation of the resort. The High West Distillery is cranking out whiskey in the mountains. If you like bourbon, try the American Prairie: 10% of the proceeds go to the American Prairie Foundation that is restoring the grasslands along the Missouri River. If you like Rye, try the Rendezvous whiskey. If you're in or around Park City, UT, stop by Blue Sky to take a tour of the High West Distillery, kick back on the deck and have lunch at the old style High West Refectory. You can down a cool 'dead man's boots' libation and watch the wranglers ride by on horseback until the cows come home. The Lodge will open in 2018 which completes the third phase of the project that has been developed over the last 12 years. We are working with Auberge Resorts out of Napa to provide luxury accommodations with epicurean delights. My lovely wife, Barb, is continuing to rescue horses in need at Gracie's Equine Healing Foundation, which she started two years ago. We have a few retired horses that are on their last years (or months), and she's dedicated to making sure they live in comfort and free of pain in their final days. All children are healthy, and a third grandchild is on the way. Be well and

come visit Blue Sky.” **JOHN BEATTY** writes, “Since Joy Global let me go in October 2015 (two weeks after the 60th birthday bash), I’ve been doing my own writing, some standards analysis and writing for U.S. Navy contractors working on Littoral Combat Ships (LCS) and the DD(X) series of destroyers. I’m working on some more books, though nothing will come of them for a while, because I write so slowly. And I teach from time to time as a lecturer in technical communications and history at an online school nobody ever heard of.” Wonderful news from **MIKE ELLEDGE**: “Lots going on! Amy Stevenson and I were married June 25th at Christ Church Cranbrook, with immediate family in attendance. ‘Old people love’ triumphed, as my daughter, Lindsay, described it. We had a number of CK alums at our post-wedding party, including **JIM SUKENIK** and his wife, Anita; Sarah Aikens Post, ’80, and husband, Tom; Susan Aikens Post, ’78; Amy’s kids, Elizabeth Tepe Kneeland, ’06, and George Tepe, ’10, my kids, Jennifer, ’07, and Lindsay, ’11, and cousins, Bill Day, Jr., ’83, and Allison Day Kuflik, ’85. There was much dancing, and a great time was had by all! We then spent a wonderful week honeymooning in Bermuda, enjoying the silky soft beach, clear turquoise waters, and excessive pampering of Elbow Beach. For those who haven’t been, Bermuda is a genteel place. I’m sure we’ll return. In the meantime, Dark and Stormy cocktails will tide us over. We also experienced our first grandchild in August from my older daughter, Heather, and husband, Josh! The rest of the summer was spent visiting and hosting family. A whirlwind of activity for us. Very best wishes, and hope all’s well with you and yours!” I know we’re all so happy for Mike and Amy and wish them all the very best.

**CHRIS JONES** is “living in Marin County, CA, and recently joined the team at Hanna Boys Center, a residential therapeutic school and treatment center for troubled teens in Sonoma, CA, where I’m helping expand public awareness of trauma and its effects on society, and then what can be done about it. Single once again, after many happy years of married life, spending much of my free time with my 12-year-old son, who is truly the love of my life. Following ten fruitful years as a volunteer prison chaplain, I am now re-enlisting (after a four year hiatus) in this rewarding work.” **DAVID ERB** says, “Hi, fellow class of ’73ers! Bonnie and I have just hit the five-year mark of life in Switzerland, where she runs a writing business and I work

for YouTube. Our girls are both in the U.S. and gainfully employed (thankfully!). Zoë works for Benevon, a Seattle firm dedicated to helping nonprofits engage and develop relationships with individual donors, and Sophie does young adult book covers for MacMillan in New York. Bonnie and I continue to find time to hike the Alps, travel all over Europe, work on improving our German, and generally enjoy a busy life. Stop by if you’re in Zurich!” **STEVE BERLIN** is “still living in Southern California. I am doing outpatient anesthesia, mostly in Beverly Hills. We are about to become empty nesters: our older daughter is starting her junior year at Northeastern, and my younger daughter is starting Ecole Hotelierre Lausanne in September. We are planning a Swiss vacation prior to dropping her off in Lausanne.”



*Mike Gilster and John Carman, both ’73*

**JOHN CARMAN** writes, “My wife, Mary, and I welcomed our first grandchild last January, a boy named Harrison Harmon born to our daughter, Aubrey, and her husband, Heath. Mary is spending this year in Louisville, babysitting each day so that our grandson does not have to go to day care. We see each other once a month either in Louisville or in Little Rock, where I still work for the Boy Scouts serving more than half the state of Arkansas. I will retire in March of 2018, at which time we will move to Louisville (Mary’s hometown). Had a great visit with classmate, **MIKE GILSTER**, a couple years ago. We hope to plan a trip to Michigan if we can locate **KEVIN MCINTYRE**. If anyone knows how to get in touch with him, please let me know.” **CHRIS COOKE** enjoyed the Traverse City summer from his office overlooking West Bay (and sometimes even getting out in the bay!). “I have been back and forth from my Livonia office as well as part of my responsibilities with my new firm, Smith, Rolfes & Skavdahl. In June I played in my 43rd Annual Varsity/Alumni Baseball Game at Jack

Sanders field. The turnout was surprisingly light, but I hope this is an anomaly. We need to keep the memory of the great Jack Sanders alive! He was the epitome of the Cranbrook motto ‘Aim High!’ Please feel free to look me up if you get out this way.”



*Jim Smith, ’73, wife, Diane, daughter, Anne, and son, Michael at Vanderbilt Match Day*

**JIM (JB) SMITH** “had a very busy spring and summer. We had two graduations in two different states, five days apart, and are true ‘empty nesters’ now. Our son, Michael, graduated from The Ohio State with a dual degree— a BS in mathematics and a BS in honors economics. While in Columbus, I had a chance to catch up with Pam Benjamin Blank, ’75. Michael moved from Columbus to New York and is working in finance with Goldman Sachs. Our daughter, Anne, graduated from Vanderbilt with her MD, and moved from Nashville to Kansas City where she has started her residency in Ob/ GYN at the University of Missouri, Kansas City. We took a trip with the kids, Diane’s sister, and her family, for a celebration on the beach in Wailea, Maui. It was probably the best vacation ever, and we are ready to book next year already. We made one trip out to New York to get Mike settled in, and managed to do a little sightseeing, catch a Broadway show, and enjoy brunch at Barbara Sibley’s, ’80 restaurant. We then made one trip out to Kansas City to help Anne with the last of her settling in, which meant a couple of trips to Ikea, Target, and Home Depot. Now that we are truly empty nesters, we are keeping busy with our respective work and enjoying family and friends, such as our classmates, **BILL STADLER** and his wife, Diane, and **ART KLEINPEL** and his

wife, Sue Stoner Kleinpell, '72, and, of course, visiting the kids." **RICHARD HARRIS** reports, "After all these years, I am proud to say that all three children of ours are out of school and gainfully employed! We are particularly proud of our son, Rick, who just passed Level 3 of the CFA exam, which is the gold standard for those in the wealth management business. Tati and I celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary in the summer, which is no small feat either these days!" Glad to hear from **HUGH KERR** that "Life is good for the Kerr clan. My wife, Sally Carpenter Kerr, '74, and I continue enjoying our 34 years of wedded bliss, 44 years if you count the extended courtship! She stays involved at Kingswood, teaching in the weaving studio and maintaining/restoring the looms. Our daughter, Lauren Kerr Freund, '01, lives nearby in Birmingham. She and her husband, Nick, have a two-and-a-half-year-old son who is the light of our lives, a future Crane we hope. She is an attorney in the community and devotes time to charitable causes in Detroit. We are also proud of her service as the current president of the Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association. Our other daughter, Avery Kerr Gordon, '03, recently moved to Chicago with her husband, Ian. She practices law, having worked for a few years in California. She is settling in nicely, and we are so happy she lives close by. I continue to practice emergency radiology at Beaumont Hospital. I stay busy playing as much guitar, bass, and mandolin as possible! The family enjoys quality time in the summers on Lake Michigan at the cottage of Sally's parents, Joan and Glenn Carpenter, '44. And we love to sail Arcturus, our trimaran. Many thanks to Lucy for collecting the class notes and a hearty 'Aim High' to all classmates!"

LUCY CHASE WILLIAMS FOR

**CLASS SECRETARY**

HUGH KERR



In early August, I received a brief email alert from **CAPRICE WILSON BAUN**, who was "heading to New York any time now to be with my daughter, Wellesley, who is having a baby girl! Both parents are anxious and excited, since this is their first child. Makes us grandparents. Sounds old!" More wonderful news from **LAURIE PROCK MORGAN**, "This year our family is expanding! My son

married his college sweetheart in an outdoor ceremony on a sunny day in June. I think I must have looked stupidly numb afterwards, as my son asked me if I was okay. All I could think was how could this be real when my memories of toddler days were still so fresh. In October my stepson married, and next February I'll be a grandmother for the second time, as my stepdaughter will bless us with her first child. Is anyone else finding this stage of our lives is passing by far too quickly? While spending the winter in Palm Harbor, FL, by myself (Dana still loves his work in Michigan), I picked up a bird, and then a second pup, to keep me company. The menagerie keeps me entertained and busy! Health issues with arthritis are a continuing challenge. I had a third operation on my foot in September. No travels to other continents are planned for us, thank goodness! I enjoyed our Asian experiences but am happy to be back home." **BONNIE KORTES's** husband, Michael Kiss, one of the few men in our "Kingswood Class of 1973" Facebook group, made sure Bonnie sent in a report, "After the dog days of summer finally subsided, we were glad to have a break from the three months of 90 plus degree heat here in northern Georgia. Traveling has been more frequent than usual for my job because I now teach a course in quality and food safety on a company-wide basis versus just at my facility. Mike continues to grow his photography skills and has entered several local and statewide competitions. Recent news on my third bout of cancer in the last thirty years has me somewhat stressed out, but I have a good surgeon and great confidence in his ability to rid me of this new health challenge, after all, this is not my first rodeo dealing with the big 'C.' Working with local Humane Societies and benefit events helps me focus on the good things in life."

"I really wish I had some exciting news to share," says **DARNELL CARR NEWSUM**, "but alas, life has been uneventful lately (which I guess is pretty remarkable). I'm glad to use this forum to wish my classmates the very best, hugs to all. Please let me know if any NYC area alumni are interested in getting together. I am happy to coordinate!" **CATHY "COOP" COOPER** says that she and **LAURA SWAIN LADD** "met up in Seattle last May. We rendezvoused with **AMANDA HOKE DUBOIS** and had a great time. Then Laura and I went kayaking in the Pacific Rim National Park in Vancouver, drove to Spokane to pick up her new puppy, Dash, then came

on to Bozeman. All's well here in my world. My kids are happy, my granddaughter is 13 months old and almost walking, and I am in love with my old flame of 43 years ago! That's it in a nutshell! I hope that this finds you well." **KAREN OPPLIGER WIDERYNSKI** has "a full-time position, working with the California Association of Healthcare Facilities in the area of managed care policy and implementing aspects of the Affordable Care Act. It's very similar to playing whack-a-mole. One problem solved, another one pops up for battle. It's equal parts interesting and frustrating, but nice that as a nation we have finally taken steps to expand and theoretically improve our healthcare system. My other big news is our daughter, Stasia, got a job in the Department of Climate Change and Health at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta. It seems like a great place to work, following her graduation from Tulane University in environmental science last year. So, good news, great job, and she is off the family payroll. Bad news, she is in Atlanta, much farther from home than mom would like. I did get to go cross country with her last April, driving her car to Atlanta. It was a great road trip, hiking in Utah, exploring Denver, and visiting Graceland were a few of the highlights. I still regret missing our 60th birthday celebration in Bloomfield Hills last fall. I look forward to our next excuse to get together and catch up in person!" **LORI DRESNER** writes, "I moved my art studio from Aspen to the Denver Art District last fall and have had two very successful shows where several of my sculptures sold. My work is now represented at CORE New Art Space in Denver. This means that I am also living full-time with my husband, Pete Wykoff, in Denver during the week, and then we drive to Aspen most weekends. Four years after launching the Dresner Foundation, we are doing many amazing things in both the Detroit and Denver metropolitan areas, take a look at the website: [www.dresnerfoundation.org](http://www.dresnerfoundation.org). I am very proud of what we do. My most wonderful and devoted dog, Kawaii, passed away on April 21 at the age of 17. Many of you met her at our 35th reunion. I miss her terribly, but we have already adopted a new puppy, Boshi, who is the complete antithesis to a crazy Parsons Russell terrorist. Oh, and I turned 60 last December and cracked my pelvis two weeks later. I'm fine now, but 60 sucks!"



Lori Dresner, '73, and husband, Pete Wykoff



Cathy Aten, '73

Also "out west," **CATHY ATEN** is "still in love with Santa Fe after 25 years. My MS has progressed, so I now am in a wheelchair full-time but weirdly happier than ever before, as I have become more humble, softer, wiser, and funnier, I think. Values have shifted around so much. My creativity has segued into writing (at [www.cathyaten.com](http://www.cathyaten.com)), with a book coming. Creative writing was a favorite at Kingswood, but never in my wildest dreams did I ever think it was so deeply in me that it would become my main medium for expression, which pretty much saves me. You'd think I have a narrow life in a chair, but I am still rolling around as a "beauty-appreciator," just like at school ... just slower now, which is good. The slow down suits me somehow." In August, **GAIL DIETRICH JAGELS** was in Michigan for "a brief visit with my 97-year-old dad in Dearborn. Weather was beautiful, and I saw my cousin, **DEBBIE DIETRICH**, '72, but not enough time to see any other KSC friends. Sons, Alfred and Dan, have been

'launched' and are on their own (Dan is now married). Daughter, Julia, just graduated from University of Oregon and was back home for the summer, but she is planning to move to Portland. So we'll be empty nesters again soon!" **MARNIE OLIVER LIPA** claims, "Not much news from Australia this year. We are in house renovation mode at the moment, and that is consuming all our free time (and money)!"



Elaine Field, '73, and instructor at 19,000 feet with Mt. Cook in the background

Speaking of "Down Under," **ELAINE FIELD** had an "incredible month-long trip to New Zealand early this year. Lots of amazing activities including a sky dive from 19,000 feet! Then survived a kitchen re-model and loves it! Trying to set up and pay for some house improvements to hopefully enjoy an early retirement in a couple years. One backpacking trip in the Cascades this summer, with another week-long trip up in the Olympics. I was 61 in August, woo hoo! My mom, who is in assisted living close by, is now 89. She came to our annual summer party and loved socializing with all our friends and neighbors. Hello to all!" Over the summer **SARAH ELLIS JACKSON** "traveled to both coasts. We visited my aunt in the Boston area. We took our Ohio kids to visit our California kids. Donald got to race the Baja car he and the SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) team built in both Tennessee and Gorman, CA. Kristi went to Spain in September on a mission to teach English as a second language. Nicky is attending UC at Santa Monica this fall in pursuit of a physical therapist degree, and Will, who already has two degrees is also still going to school, in the IT field."



Family of Sarah Ellis '73

**LAURA MCLANE FOX** "had a busy spring with work, lots of changes, most for the better. Looking forward to retiring in the next year or so. My sister and I went on a two-week river cruise on the Volga from Moscow to St Petersburg at the end of August. Pretty amazing to see how the Tsars lived. Hope everyone is well. Can't wait for our next KSC get together!" **ANA PALMEIRIM** is "having a wonderful time copying out an informal diary written by my mother in 1943, describing the momentous occasion when she met Leslie Howard on his ill-fated trip to Portugal and Spain. [Howard, the English actor best known as Ashley Wilkes in *Gone with the Wind*, had been in Portugal shoring up support for the Allies; his plane was shot down by German fighters over the Bay of Biscay on its way back to Bristol.] I had found this diary a few years ago at the back of a drawer in my mother's bedroom and chatted with her about it. But lately, when I began researching my grandfather's life, I looked for it again and couldn't find it anywhere. My mother is also 95 now and was not much help in locating it, so I sort of dropped the subject. Ah, but when one looks for something completely different (in the famous words of Monty Python), the unexpected turns up. So searching for 2010 bank accounts I rediscovered the diary. It's great reading! I am also excited that the book I have been working on about my grandfather's life is set to be published in September."

**SARAH BEARUP-NEAL** sends "Greetings from parched northern Michigan. Worked my way through that dry summer, anticipating the return of cool fall temperatures and the annual explosion of leaf color. Have lived in this part of northern Michigan (Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore) since 1989, and have been grateful every day for the gift that is this place. Am engaged in the management of Center Gallery, a small seasonal gallery in Glen Arbor. When we closed in October, I returned to my studio. Have had a tortured

love affair with the contemporary quilt since 2003, when I pledged my troth to the medium. Happy to report that two of my works were exhibited this summer in the Muskegon Museum of Art 88th Regional Exhibition. One of the quilts was purchased by the Saginaw Valley State College and now lives among the other pieces in the collection of that school's art department. Fully up to my eyeballs in the arts here. I curated an exhibition of work based on the collection of works donated to the Glen Arbor Art Association through its Artist-in-Residence Program, which ran Oct. 21 - Nov. 26 at the Oliver Art Center in Frankfort, MI. Cheers."

More art news, **LOIS BRYANT**'s pencil drawing, "Fragment Figment, #2," was in the Riverside Arts Center's Black And White exhibition in Ypsilanti in August. Want to put a patch in a quilt but can't sew? **SHOWEY** has "started a virtual patchwork quilt. I just used MS Paint, which comes with most MS Office set ups. Squares are 1.21 inches by 1.21. (Why that size? Two tenths of an inch on each side makes 1.25, if using sashing between the squares.) [The pdf sample she sent was terrific!] I'm still reading books on our 9th or 10th grade summer reading list, as well as *The Story of Civilization* by the Durants. I'm about a quarter of the way through the sixth of ten or eleven volumes. That was a goal set in junior year of college. Other activities: urban farming, invasive plant removal, a certified wildlife habitat in my yard, and a winter coat drive that was overcome by a warm winter. Creating art from trash is a gift from God. You can tell it's from God when it's both a joy and a chronic pain in the butt. I also started political cartooning this year, mostly on Facebook and about the Flint water situation. I will finish another political project in fall of 2018: learning about and influencing who sits on the benches in this country's courtrooms. With all of this, I'm still looking for a day job, so I hope to be flooded with contacts from the best KSC class ever. That would be us."

**ANNE HALL LECLAIR** says, "It was fantastic to connect with **CHRISTINE HILL HALLER** in Chicago several months ago. She looks exactly the same and is as beautiful, fun, and mischievous as ever. I remember how Mr. Reeside used to get us confused, because our last names were Hill and Hall, and we were always together. I can only imagine what having a Chris Hill Haller would have done to him!" **PAIGE JONES** is "melting in the three digits here in Dallas ... not much to do but watch PBS, HGTV, *Animal Planet*, the Rangers

baseball, and read!" **MOLLY MOXOM KALIFUT** sent in "Just the regular life news. No fascinating encounters with fellow alums, just Facebook stalking, which I am enjoying a lot. That's the only way I am enjoying FB these days. I am posting cute animal videos as an antidote to those always unwelcome political postings. I suppose you could say that, after 32 years in our small 'starter home,' my husband, Gregg, and I moved last May to a house in the woods about ten minutes down the road in Gambrills, MD. We've traded the convenience of in-town living for a quiet, walkable neighborhood with a driveway to park in and room for guests to stay. I sit outside in the evening, listen to the breeze in the treetops, and wait for the great horned owls to start talking. We have great horned owls in our backyard! When I first heard them, I got happy chills and a little teary. Now I hear them call to each other many nights, sometimes at one or two in the morning. I find it very welcoming. But I have decided to never again watch any slasher-in-the-woods movies. The house feels calm and welcoming, and I mean to keep it that way, lol! It feels like going on vacation each day. I feel incredibly blessed. We decided to stop putting things off and planning vacations that we never take, and instead focus on having a home that provides a sense of retreat, haven, and renewal every day. We are not planning retirement anytime soon, and vacations seem to take the backseat to work schedules. I wanted to have a time of life where we live 'graciously,' entertaining, hosting long visits from friends and relatives, and simply sitting and watching the woods. I've always been a nut for woods. I feel like I'm up North when I drive home some evenings!" As for your class secretary, with my husband, Gibby Brand, officially retired from his 40-year career as an actor, we had the luxury of spending six weeks in our beloved Scottish Highlands in June and July. Flying into London and driving north all the way to the Orkneys, we hiked, bird watched, played golf on the most beautiful courses in the world, read books, hung out at the local pub, visited historic sites and ruins, and counted our blessings. Solo, I got up to Birmingham for a few days in mid-August, staying at "Reunion Headquarters," courtesy of **TINA DENISON**, to party with local class members, **TINA, LOIS BRYANT, LAURIE PROCK MORGAN, SHOWEY, MARY SEVERS SPEISER** and her terrific husband, Marc, **NANCY ALBERT**, and **KAREN RYAN**, whom I hadn't seen since graduation. I also rendezvoused with

our old buddy, Mr. (still can't call him Larry) Reeside, and our voice teacher and Madrigals choir director, Nina Machus (then Mrs. Studebaker.). On to Cleveland over Labor Day weekend and much family happiness for the wedding of my niece, Baird, the eldest daughter of my brother, Bart Williams, '76. Please keep those email updates coming in!



*Lucy Chase Williams, '73, and husband, Gibby Brand, on the Royal Dornoch golf course in Scotland*

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Greetings, Classmates. I hope the closing months of our 50s are treating you well, and you are looking forward to what will be a milestone year for us! Put "catch up with classmates" on your big birthday to-do list and send in your class notes for the next issue. We did not have many submissions for this issue, but my thanks to those of you who did respond, always great to hear from you. **NEAL MOZEN** reported, "Like our fellow classmates, I am approaching 60 and seemingly starting to reflect more often," and many of his reflections are about Cranbrook. Neal's daughter is now a CK ninth grader (having started at Brookside for kindergarten), and he wrote that "many of the current kids and parents still seem to recognize what an incredibly special place Cranbrook is; and those of us locals certainly appreciate having a place like Cranbrook in our backyard." Neal has been taking music lessons at Cranbrook for the last few years, and "on a whim, maybe because of my advancing age, and/or nostalgic nature, and or enjoying the company of kids, I was inspired to do a Cranbrook-related message/music video." Check it out on YouTube; search for "*Hope in a Hopeless World*." Well done, Neal!

Those music lessons are paying off. **MARK KOGAN** and his wife, Betsy, enjoyed the summer at their home in the Vail Valley. Son, Eli, a senior at USC, worked in marketing for Vail Resorts over the summer, and the three of them had a great time riding motorcycles in the mountains. Son, Ben, works for AppNexus in NYC. Mark and Betsy will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary this fall (congratulations!), and they will help Mark's mom celebrate her 90th birthday as well. So as Mark wrote, "Life in the Kogan family is both blessed and lucky."



Son, Eli, wife Betsy, and Mark Kogan, '75

**DIRK DENISON** reported that he took a trip to Sonoma in July and spent the day at MacRostie Vineyards, where his host was Barry McNealy, '74. Dirk had a great visit, and some great wine!



Barry McNealy and Dirk Denison, both '75

**JACK AUSTIN** wrote that he is now living in Chicago, after working in Europe for the last 14 years. Jack calls it his "14 year vacation," where he "led the entertainment program (as theater director and more) on a U.S. Army post, raised two daughters, helped the nearby international school create a new K-12 campus, and traveled." He is now working in architecture at NELSON, a large interior design firm, leading a national renovation program for a client. Jack reported that it is "great to be in this city, back near my Midwest roots," and hoping to catch up with classmates. So if you're in Chicago, give Jack a call. **DON RODIE** spent the summer

working remotely in Whitefish, MT, "far away from the searing heat of Scottsdale," where he was able to spend time biking, canoeing, and whitewater rafting in and around Glacier National Park. Son, Hartley, is putting together a lifestyle/retail development in the arts district of downtown Phoenix, "using used shipping containers for space" and Don wrote that he "continues to live vicariously through my other son, Preston, who is signing new rock and pop acts in NYC for RCA Records. Life is good!" Until next issue ... keep your class notes coming!

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## K75

During Memorial Day weekend I met with **MARY TAYLOR KIRKPATRICK** and **DIANA LAWRENCE** in Golden, CO. We had a lovely time reminiscing during lunch at the Golden Hotel. Mary has lived in the Colorado area for years and continues to visit her mother in Michigan. Diana is married and calls Golden, CO. her home. We hope to get together again the next time I am in the Denver area.



Ruth Fruehauf, Lisa McLain Jensen, and Bonnie Heitsch, all '75 at Yosemite National Park

**RUTH FRUEHAUF** just completed another book about her family, and she has recently accepted a job with an Australian company, Artmoney.com. She writes, "Earlier this year I had the great pleasure to host **BONNIE HEITSCH** and **LISA MCLAIN JENSEN** at my home near Yosemite." They had a "riot" of a time and are planning more mini-reunions in Yosemite to come. **PAM BENJAMIN BLANK** had a good year. Her twins ran track in the spring, then the family spent time this summer in Virginia Beach. Pam reports that, "Very sadly, my brother-in-law, Miles, was killed in a tragic bicycle accident in July." The family

celebrated Miles' life with a "ride of silence" from the Kingswood Middle School to the Cranbrook Institute of Science.



Pam Benjamin Blank, '75, husband, Bob, and twins, Carson and Benjamin

**AMY HACKETT PALMER** has "Big news ... We moved to Austin last June." Her daughter lives in Austin, and it is closer to her son, who is in Denver. She loves the warmer climate and resides right downtown. **ROWENE WEEMS** replied that, "My life is still pretty much the same in the beautiful wild west!" She is the director/curator of the Homesteader Museum in Powell, WY. Rowene frequently travels to the East Coast to visit family and to Europe for photography.



Patti Morris Phillips, '75, and family at daughter, Rachel's, wedding

**PATTI MORRIS PHILLIPS** has good news. "My youngest daughter, Rachel, was married last June in the Ritz Carlton, Chicago." Patti's daughter is a producer for *Tiny House Hunters*. **BONNIE HEITSCH** "had a wonderful time at Ruthie's beautiful California ranchette, exploring Yosemite National Park." Thanks for your updates and photographs. It is all good news. Please continue to keep me informed for more "Words from the Swirbs."

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Whew! Many thanks for all of the enthusiastic participation this time around. Clearly, our 40<sup>th</sup> reunion was an inspiration! Huge kudos and heartfelt thanks go to **SARAH PARSONS** for her planning and execution of what was, by all accounts, a wildly successful Reunion Weekend. Here is Sarah's summary ... Busy as our lives are, 76 members of the class of 1976 returned to Cranbrook in June to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> reunion. A special shout out goes to **KEITH ROCKWELL** who came from Switzerland, **STEPHANAE FITZGERALD** from Singapore, and **REYA SOBERMAN KAHN** from London. And a loving hug to Margie Fisher, who so wanted to be with us, but unfortunately the universe had other plans. We missed you Margie! Luckily **SYLVIE BALL** arrived with her camera and documented the entire weekend that kicked off with cocktails at Kingswood and dinner at **SALLY PARSONS'** home. **BART WILLIAMS** and **LANCE YOUNG** set up the tunes to which people danced late into the night. Saturday started with brunch for the girls at Saks Fifth Avenue, beautifully hosted by **FAITH KATZER NEMETH** and culminated with cocktails on the Cranbrook Quad and dinner in Page Hall. For those who went to Brookside, **KAI BENJAMIN ROBINSON** opened up the school on Sunday and took us on a memorable walk back in time with our amazing sixth grade teacher, Betsy Clark! I think **ANNE HARVEY COX** summed the weekend up best when she said, "It was too short. I had a stomach ache Sunday from laughing so much." We certainly have a great class and, fortunately, We just keep getting better. Thank you to everyone who made the effort to come celebrate. I loved every minute! **KATHY YEARN GAYER** was sorry to have missed the Reunion. She will be starting her 34<sup>th</sup> season in Steamboat Springs, which she describes as "living the dream." Her husband and two sons are her kayak, ski, and all around playing companions. In addition to teaching skiing, Kathy has a sewing and alterations shop, where she is often reminded of Mrs. Palmer's class. Her latest challenge is figuring out her new Prairie loom from the 1800s. **JULIE WALTERS RAFFKIND** missed the reunion as well. She spent her summer between Bologna and Palermo where she continued her Italian studies. This year she was thrilled to pass another fluency exam. With her kids out of the house, Julie often

reflects on how thankful she is to Kingswood for opening up her world to art and culture. Now she has the time to fully enjoy it! I heard from **MARTA HOSKINS LYON**! She's been living in Paris since '88. In addition to painting, drawing and writing poetry, Marta has been acting. Her most recent film, *The Artist* (*Le Dos Rouge* in French) was directed by Antoine Barrant and presented at Lincoln Center last year. Her artwork is on Instagram. Check it out! Her two sons, Jacob and Ptolémée, are finishing up their studies. Jacob is writing his master's thesis in anthropology of the environment, while Ptolémée is writing his in political theory, focusing on finance.



*Katzer sisters, Faith, '76, Barbara, '71, and Ellen, '69*

**FAITH KATZER NEMETH** played such a big role in orchestrating the wonderful reunion brunch at Saks. (See photos on FB.) She writes that this year has been spent continuing to adjust to life after having lost her husband, Bill, in the summer of 2013. She's been able to stay connected with her work, family and lots of Kingswood friends. She finished up her summer with both of her sisters, Barbara, '71, and Ellen, '69, in Philadelphia, where Ellen's youngest son, Davey, was married. **JULIE FOSTER** also loved reconnecting with everyone at the reunion. Since then, she and her mom have purchased a home in Fort Myers Beach, where they intend to spend fall and winter. She's happy to finally be a snowbird and hopes to have lots of visitors. A new King Charles Spaniel puppy (named King Donald Trump) is keeping her busy. She says, "Even the liberals love him!" **JENNY JACKS SHREVE**'s happy enthusiasm practically jumped off the screen as I read her news! She LOVED catching up with everyone at the Reunion. She's so thankful for her five-year, post-breast cancer diagnosis. Happily, those

29 chemo treatments and five surgeries, while grueling, are in her rear view mirror, and she is able to look forward to a long and happy life! After 28 years as a public school, school psychologist, Jenny is retiring. In addition to spending time with friends and family (Spencer is her two-year-old bustling grandson. Jenny's parents are going strong at 89 and 90.), Jenny intends to become even more involved in her 30-year-old passion of rescuing dogs. She'll be part of the transport system that brings rescues from Arkansas to the northeast and their forever homes. I know that Jenny and I regularly use this opportunity to remind everyone to keep current on your annual mammograms. So much has changed (for the better) in the treatment of breast cancer, but the real key is early detection!



*Krissy Poole '76*

**SARA ALIBER JENNINGS** was happy to see everyone at the Reunion. She and her husband, Mike, are busy adjusting to life as "empty nesters." David, their youngest son, is a sophomore at St. Lawrence, while the two older boys live and work in Boston. Sara still coaches middle school field hockey in Wellesley, tends her big vegetable garden, and makes frequent trips to their Vermont house. She's happy to say that "life is good." She spends lots of time with Penny Rosebrough Darcey, '79, and Mandy Whelan Hoar, '78. **MAYA MAHUE** wrote from San Diego, where she has a new job, director of statistical programming at Hologic, Inc, a new house, and two large dogs. She's hinted that San Diego is a great place to visit! She keeps in good contact with **ANN DUDLEY BURNS** and would have loved to see everybody at the Reunion, but she had family visiting.

I've also heard from **MAGGIE RINGSRED**. While I don't have any actual notes (She said that she might not be able to make the deadline.), she wanted us to know that she is living in Colorado Springs, and her contact info is as follows: 719-651-9272 (cell), 1070 S. Chelton Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80910. **GEORGEANNA WELLS** and partner, Julie, had a blast at the Reunion! Good thing, since after 23 years of Julie's teacher parties, it doesn't look like she will be off the hook any time soon! When not wrestling with all things associated with aging family members, Georgeanna is happy to tend her veggies, do bad carpentry (her words), and write commentary to the *New York Times*. **HEIDI FLANNERY** is busy in Bend, OR, and still enjoying her beautiful mountain town. She just dropped off 16-year-old twin daughter, Piper, at the IMG Academy in Bradenton, FL, where she received a full soccer scholarship for junior and senior year. Aunt Dion lives in nearby Boca Raton, and her grandma lives in Hobe Sound. If all goes well, Piper will be headed to U of San Diego, where she is already verbally committed. In the meantime, twin brother, Tucker, will be playing football at home and undoubtedly enjoying his mother's undivided attention! **ANNE HARVEY COX** writes that her family is great; husband, Tom, continues with his investment firm, oldest son, Tommy, has graduated from Cornell and is working in Chicago in real estate investment, and youngest son, Charlie, is a sophomore at Cornell, where he is classmates with Jamie Gilbert's daughter, Annie! Anne continues her work growing and supporting public Montessori in Chicago. **JODY KOMMEL** had a wonderful time at Reunion too, and wanted to express her thanks to Sarah as well. She's optimistic that while we may be getting older, we are surely getting better! Without **SYLVIE BALL**'s photographs, those of us who could not attend the reunion would have really missed out! She did a great job. If you can, check out her Reunion FB posts. Since getting back to NYC, she's met up with Joe Dorman, C'76, and **SUE KESSLER**. The new roof at the U.S. Open is capturing her attention recently. Can't wait to see those photos! **JODY BROAD SMITH** had fun reconnecting over Reunion Weekend. (The evidence is in the photos!) She splits her time between northern Michigan and Eighty Four, PA, outside of Pittsburgh, where husband, Richard Whiting Smith, '78, works for Bettis Labs. Daughter, Carrie, is a teacher in Virginia and will be married in Connecticut in late

May. Son, Sandy, just co-founded a record label based in Detroit, and stepdaughter, Naomi, recently graduated from college and has been traveling extensively and ballroom dancing. Our big fun this year was celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Spain on the Costa del Sol with our son and his girlfriend. We love this part of the world and were happy to have made so many more memories there. I really missed seeing everyone at the Reunion tho'. That's our news.

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## C77

Greetings, Classmates. I hope all is well. As I write, it's Labor Day weekend, and Michigan has just crushed Hawaii 63-3. By the time you read this, the regular season will probably be over, so let's hope Michigan has had a great season and off to the NCAA Championship. The first one to write in as usual is **RANDY LAZER**. Randy has an upcoming CD entitled "Amazing Days," which hopefully will be out by the end of this year. It's best described as a jazz/'60s/'70s violin CD, in which he has some original jazz tunes with a phenomenal jazz pianist from New Orleans. He also has some new arrangements of some iconic tunes of the '60s and '70s that we used to listen to at Cranbrook while pretending to study? "California Dreamin'," "Hotel California," the Spanish guitar version, "Knights in White Satin," "Black Water" by the Doobie Brothers, and "Moondance" by Van Morrison. He also has a couple of Brazilian pieces and a Halloween song replete with narration and sound effects. His book entitled *Running Beyond Death, Reversing Heart Disease* is in final edit. He hopes to obtain endorsements from cardiologists and Duke University's Wellness center, and then have it published next year. Very few know of chelation (which for his case unblocked his arteries). When combined with a specific juicing that expands the arteries is what saved his life, with about two weeks left, after his sixth heart surgery. His original life expectancy was through 2005, so things are going pretty well. He is training for his 22nd marathon, and he also rides his road bike out to the nearby mountains of Red Rock Canyon. He says, "Trust me, the uphill isn't fun!"



Andy Craig, Walker Bagby, both '77, and friends in Harbor Springs

**ANDY CRAIG** also wrote in from L'Arbre Croche where he was spending time with friends and extended family. Included in his outing were: **WALKER BAGBY**, Lindsey Aikens Hefter, '80, Susan Aikens Post, '78, Laura Wilner Craig '78, Amy Ritter Murphy, '80, Sarah Aikens Post, '80, Rob Aikens, '85, Arlyce Siebert, Alice Shaw Aikens, '51, and her granddaughters, Lily and Grace, Bob Swanson, '46 and daughter, Karen Swanson. I also heard from **ALEX BAXTER**. Alex writes in to say that he's recently written a textbook entitled, *Emergency Imaging, A Practical Guide*, and has been promoted to Associate Professor of Radiology at NYU Medical Center, where he is in the Trauma and Emergency division. I also recently heard from fellow Houstonian, **JOSH DAVIDSON**. He writes in to say that his daughter, Melissa, 25, is getting married next summer to Ryan Sather in Carlsbad, CA, north of San Diego, where they live. Melissa has been working for a transportation consulting firm in Carlsbad, and she will be getting her master's in urban planning at UCLA in the fall. Ryan is starting his own craft brewery. He hopes for a soft opening in a month. His younger daughter, Karen, 22, graduated from the University of Texas in May and is working in Houston with The Abernathy MacGregor Group, a crisis management/corporate PR firm. Josh is finishing up his 31st year at Baker Botts, waiting for the energy industry to rebound. Mindy and Josh recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary this June and are looking forward to our 40th!



Josh Davidson, '77, daughter, Melissa, daughter, Karen, and wife, Mindy

Next up is first timer **TOM KEYDEL**. Tom writes in to say, "Wow-40 years! Amazing how time flies." Tom lives in Boston with his partner of fifteen-years, Jim Lipsky, a deaf man who teaches American Sign Language (ASL) at Northeastern University. They own a home in Jamaica Plain with their second pair of cats, Noah and Nathan. As a culturally deaf and hearing couple, they negotiate silence and sound and have a wide set of friends in the deaf community. Tom was board chair of DEAF Inc. for three years, a Boston area agency that supports deaf, hard-of-hearing, late deafened, and deaf blind, residents of Massachusetts. During his 20s and 30s Tom went through a variety of occupations, CPA, small business owner, technical writer, accounting instructor, teacher, small claims mediator, and most recently certified financial coach (a life coach specializing in "money issues"). After leaving Cranbrook, he didn't entirely give up on theater. Tom was very active in a small local theater company and was accepted in Harvard's American Repertory Theater for training in Dramaturgy. He also did a very short stint as an employee of The Theater Offensive, an LGBT theater company, and wrote two plays: one that was produced in Portland, OR, some twenty years ago and more recently an adaptation of Andrew Solomon's, *Far From the Tree*, a study of children who do not conform to parental expectation due to autism, deafness, schizophrenia, dwarfism, and gayness (his full length play focused only on Deaf Chapter covering deaf children born to hearing families). Alas, that was not produced. He has just completed his first book, *Zanshin: Finding the Power Inside Your Decisions*, which is a decision-making book that uses a Japanese martial arts concept to teach decision-making flexibility. Tom says

that in a day and age as polarized as the one we are in now, everyone needs more decision-making flexibility. This self-help book will be self-published and available through Amazon sometime in October of '16. You can go to [zanshindecisionmaking.com](http://zanshindecisionmaking.com) to find out more. I also got a quick note from **DON JONES**. For those of you who didn't see it on our class Facebook page, Don had a hip replacement last April. He's had more rehab than most, due to his history, but I'm happy to say that he's back to riding his bicycle. As for me, my recovery is coming along nicely. Thanks to my Ninja trainer, I've been taking my first few baby steps out of my wheelchair. Hopefully when you see me at our 40<sup>th</sup>, I will be greeting you in the vertical position instead of from my wheelchair. Once again, thanks to all of you for your support. The emotional uplift you all have given me has made a great difference in my recovery, especially during those dark early days. I know this sounds cliché, but I have truly learned about the power of the mind. I know I don't have to remind you that our 40<sup>th</sup> reunion is right around the corner, and Julie and I are already in the initial process of planning. I have high hopes of getting a better turnout than we did at our 20<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. I know that I sound like a broken record when I talk about this, but I really would like to have everyone's up to date contact information (email, street address, and phone number, if you want to share it). For those of you who don't get regular email from me, it's because I don't have a current email address for you. For those of you who haven't already seen it, we also have a great class Facebook page with a lot of really good postings that don't get posted in *Tradition*. Even if you're not currently a member, I think you can still see it simply by typing in *Cranbrook Kingswood Class of '77* in the fb search bar or use the following address - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/468272516525446/>. If you aren't currently Facebook friends with me, please "friend" me (<https://www.facebook.com/EricBooth59>), and I will add you to our class page, where you can make posts of your own. Julie can do the same. Until next time ... *Carpe Diem!*

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**CAROL HIMELHOCH** and husband, Steve Ball, escaped much of the extreme summer heat in Cedarville, MI. Also this summer they celebrated the 97th birthday of Carol's father, Charles Himelhoch, '38. Chuck is still swimming! Carol has a second book that may be published by the time you read this. At this writing the tentative title is *How Much is Too Much?: The Dark Side of Desirable Personality Characteristics and Exercise Habits in Leadership*. **NANCY KING FERGUSON** and husband, Bill, recently celebrated the first anniversary of their move from house to condo. Nancy's work emptying out the house and getting it ready to put on the market went on temporary hold when Bill fell and broke his hip while they were on their way home from a trip to Ohio to celebrate Nancy's mom's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. They spent the next three weeks there while Bill convalesced in a rehab facility following hip surgery. He is doing better, and they are enjoying their condo.



Suzanne Nolte, '81, Jennifer Nolte Stevens, '77, their mother, Sis Nolte, and brother, Reed

**JENNIFER NOLTE STEVENS** enjoyed a wonderful summer of travel, including a trip to Martha's Vineyard to visit her brother, Reed's, family, as well as a visit with her eldest daughter, Suzanna, who worked there again this summer. It was on to Michigan to help her mom pack up her things before her big move to an apartment at a senior living community in Connecticut, not far from Reed's house. She and husband, Mark, also dropped off their youngest daughter, Alexandra, for her sophomore year at U-M, Go Blue, where Alexandra will be living in the Pi Beta Phi sorority house. Following Michigan, they traveled to Tucson to settle Suzanna in for her senior year at the U of Arizona. (Jennifer says "yeeha!") Jennifer and Mark caught their breath before taking off to Slovenia for two weeks of kayaking, hiking, eating, drinking, being tourists, etc. Mark moved back to a Wells Fargo job in San Francisco. While he

misses his short commute, it's a more dynamic job. Jennifer continues her work for the ALS Association, Center for Domestic Peace (a local nonprofit that provides services to families that have suffered domestic violence), St. Jude's Children's Hospital, and as an assistant in a third grade classroom, where she helps ESL children with reading and math. **ALISON PORTER MCADAM** and her sister, Erin Porter, '78, crashed last year's 40th reunion, knowing that they wouldn't see as many of the class of '76 at our gathering. They had a blast roaming, reminiscing, and soaking up the beauty that is Cranbrook. Alison reminds us that reunions are best served well attended, so please try to clear your calendar for our 40<sup>th</sup>, **JUNE 9-11, 2017**. Looking forward to seeing everyone! As for me, I've had a busy summer. I went to NYC with my daughter, Charlotte. We shopped, went to the MoMA, saw *Hamilton* and *An Act of God*, took a tour of Radio City Music Hall, went to *Good Morning America's* summer concert series in Central Park to see Sia, and had other adventures. We also went to the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada, with work colleagues. It was our second visit. We love that charming town. There we saw *Our Town* and *Sweeney Todd*. Over Labor Day weekend we went to Cincinnati to see the *Downton Abbey* clothing exhibit at the Taft Museum of Art. Stunning! As I finish my class notes, my daughter is preparing to begin her tenth grade year at Cranbrook Kingswood. I remember my tenth grade year with much fondness, which, I suppose, is how I remember all of my years there (grades 6-12). Memories are flooding back of classes, teachers, friends, and the glorious campus. I couldn't have asked for a better experience.

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Hello Classmates of 1978, and all other alumnae who may be reading these notes. Unbelievable how fast this year has gone as we come to the close of 2016! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and are joyfully gearing up for the holidays! If **SUSAN VARBEDIAN LUCKEN** spends next year as she did this one, she is in for another year of paradise.



*Maverick McNealy, Susan Varbedian Lucken, '78, and Scott McNealy, '72*

Susan writes: "We (she and husband, Tim) had a nice winter. Spent several weeks in Naples, Ft. Lauderdale, and Boca Raton playing golf. I continue to volunteer at Christ Church Cranbrook as a greeter and a member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. I have recently joined the Parish Health Ministry and I now also write a monthly medical column that appears in our on-line Communicant and in our church bulletin. My husband, Tim, and I have enjoyed playing lots of golf and tournaments this summer. We were very fortunate to be able to volunteer for the U.S. Open Amateur Championships held at Oakland Hills Country Club this summer. We worked the range at Bloomfield Hills Country Club and met many young aspiring golfers. I was so happy to run into Scott McNealy, '72, and his son, Maverick, whom he was caddying for. It was like a mini-reunion, and he put me in touch with our classmate Sue McNealy Minor, '78, which was very exciting. Had lots of fun at the Reunion and was honored to be included in Debbie Rutzen's retirement luncheon. I had lunch this summer with **LORI REPKA GENTILE** shortly after Reunion. We hadn't been in contact in years and had a wonderful time catching up. I also coincidentally ran into another classmate under sad circumstances. I played golf with a lovely lady named Brigitte Harris at Bloomfield Hills Country Club for a few years, and it turns out that she was **MICHELE POWER BECKER's** mother. I ran into her shortly after her mother passed away this summer. I hadn't seen her probably since graduation. We had a nice time reminiscing as well. It was very nice to reconnect with classmates that I hadn't been in contact with in years. There always seems to remain a special bond amongst Woodies that time and distance can't seem to separate. My son,

Griffin, will be graduating from Michigan State in December and hopes to pursue a career in web designing/web development and coding. My stepson, Ryan, remains in the Baltimore area working for the University of Maryland. He was recently promoted and is very happy there. Can't believe that our 40th is coming soon. We really have to make it special and try to entice classmates who haven't been back in ages." To comment on Susan running into **MICHELE POWER BECKER**, I was on the Board of the Friends of Oakland Family Services for years and enjoyed working with Brigitte Harris. She was a lovely, dynamic, beautiful woman with an incredible life story. I, too, did not know she was Michele's mother. Cranbrook just must not have come up in conversation, which seems strange. After the funeral services at Christ Church Cranbrook, the incredible reception was at The Village Club (they did an amazing job!). I walked into the building, and there before me stood **SUSAN PRUST!** Susan and I were friends in kindergarten and beyond! That was such a happy surprise on a sad day! Susan and Michele have remained close friends all these years. Susan lives in Gurnee, IL, where she is a physical therapist. Going back to kindergarten (Franklin Elementary School), I have been in touch with **KELLY PINO** this summer. She is living in Hamtramck and is involved in theater life! That is not a big surprise. I can just see that beautiful smile beaming after a play well done. Kelly attended reunion this year and had a late lunch with **RICHARD SMITH**. He took Kelly and his daughter on a walking tour of the campus, where Kelly said she saw Cranbrook places she'd never been to! She said, "I WISH they'd have the little gym open. It was locked three years ago. I spent more time there than anywhere!"



*Meg Meurer Brossy, Susan Aikens Post, and Martha James Quay, all '78, and Arlyce Seibert in Harbor Springs*

**LAURA WILNER CRAIG, MEG MEURER BROSSY, SUSAN AIKENS POST, MARTHA JAMES QUAY, RUTH JAFFEE, LORI KATZMAN, KATHLEEN HOGAN** and many others enjoyed a little Cranbrook reunion with Director of Schools Arlyce Seibert in Harbor Springs this summer, giggling about the high school days of yesteryear. Meg writes that she spent a wonderful eight weeks in Leland and loved catching up with alumni, not only at the July 15 reunion but welcoming all Cranbrook visitors throughout the summer! Meg's son, Philip, is a senior at Episcopal in Alexandria, VA, where he is now starting to send out college applications. Meg enjoys catching up with **ERIN PORTER**, as Erin lives a stone's throw from Philip's school! Meg's son, Charles, is in eighth grade and has been looking into boarding schools for his high school years. Meg's parents are in fantastic shape, and her mom is just as beautiful as ever! Also up north for the reunion were Lindsey Aikens Hefter, '80, Walker Bagby, '77, Andy Craig, '77, Sarah Aikens Post, '80, Karen (Kippy) Swanson, A. Robb Aikens, '85, Amy Ritter Murphy, '80, and later in the summer at a Swanson reunion Peter Swanson, '77, came in for a visit. Walker and his family moved the next weekend from Grosse Pointe to Big Sky, MT! We wish them well. Walker sent this article on **MONT WICKHAM**. This is an amazing story! "Mont Wickham was having the best triathlon performance of his life through the first two legs at the Transamerica Chicago Triathlon on Sunday, August 28. But when he came to the transition area before he began to run, he couldn't find his shoes. Wickham, a 56-year old Clarendon Hills resident, said he was upset as he kept looking for his shoes, but he had no luck. Another Clarendon Hills resident who was competing, Michael Abraham, helped convince Wickham to forget about the shoes and begin the final leg. 'It was the first time I've worn a watch (in recent years), and I knew I had a great time coming in for our age group,' Wickham said in a phone interview. 'I was a bit upset, of course. So I just took my helmet off and started running.' Within the first mile Wickham got a small piece of glass in his right big toe. Then blisters developed on both feet. But he and Abraham ran together for two miles before Wickham pulled away in the final mile. His final time of 1:26:51 was second overall of 57 men in his age group, and Abraham finished third. And despite the lack of shoes, Wickham's split time for the run was the fastest of the group."



*JJ Gemmell, '78, on her Harley*

**J.J. GEMMELL** took off on her bright yellow Harley Davidson on Sept. 13, 2016, with some friends for an eleven-day, 2,400 mile trip, including four national parks, three days of music, and "countless turns." Wow. How exciting. I cannot wait to see pictures and hear stories about that one! **RICK LOEWENSTEIN** writes "spring and summer have been great. Always love seeing **RAY SANTERINI, SUE ANN HARRISON-SCHREDDER, FRANK HOUTTEKIER**, Dan Dickerson, '76, Jim Narens, '79, and Andy Cohen, '79. I had an awesome family trip to Spain early this summer with my beautiful wife of 34 years, Dana, and boys, Alex, '10, and Jeremy, '13." July 3 Rick and Dana joined up with **FRANK HOUTTEKIER**, his lovely wife, Tracy, Tracy's friend, and me. After a delicious dinner at the Houttekier abode (Frank is an AMAZING chef!!), we walked down to the lake for some spectacular fireworks. Later in the summer at my home for dinner, all of us got together with **RAY SANTERINI** and his darling girlfriend, Nancy. Fun was had by all. **PATTY SMITH MOSS** had a busy summer of travel. She and her hubby, Bruce, went hiking for their anniversary in Banff National Park. She said it was the most beautiful place. Then off to NYC with her mom, daughter, Mallory, and niece, Melissa, for their annual/traditional fall shopping spree and Broadway adventures. They have been doing that every summer for as long as I can remember (which over fifty gets a little fuzzier every year!). Lastly, she met up with a group of girls in Tennessee for their annual reunion. They met in France on their junior college year abroad. She is now happy to have her feet on the ground and is sticking around for a while! Patty's son, Jake, just accepted a job in Los Angeles and moved from Chicago to Los Angeles just a few weeks ago. So far he loves it. My Spencer is in his senior year at the University of Texas and will graduate with two majors and three minors. He is seeking a job in investment banking and is undergoing the interviewing process. Let me know if any of you are

looking for a super bright and personable young man for any business, really! He will do great wherever his feet land and will be an asset! Charlotte and her boyfriend, Ben, are living in Alexandria, and love it. If it weren't so expensive, they would buy there, but they are looking in D.C. They both will be transferred eventually, so if they own, they can rent it out! Thinking ahead! They were just in town this past weekend for a wedding. Hence starts our next chapter! Weddings and baby showers! Whitney Lewis, '10, the bride, was a roommate of Charlotte's at U-M. All is well on the home front! Reunion Weekend will be June 8-10, 2018! Can you believe it?! Please put it on your calendar! Hope to see you there! All the Best Wishes for a healthy, happy 2017!

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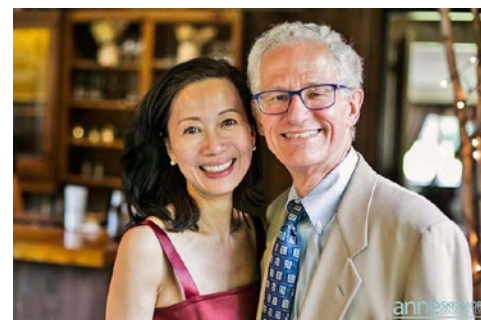


Hello class of Kingswood '79, and thank you to those who wrote in response to my info request. I really appreciate you sharing your lives with the rest of us. **PENNY ROSEBOROUGH DARCEY** writes that this past year has been a time of deep sorrow, overwhelming support, and some rays of sunshine. As you know, Penny and her husband lost their 21-year-old son, Connor, in June of 2015. Penny states, "We have never known so much pain, but our family has been overwhelmed by the love and support from near and far. The Kingswood ladies in Wellesley took control. Sara Aliber Jennings, '76, Mandy Whelan Hoar, '78, and **BARBARA GIBBONS KOTZEN**, along with my family, have continued to be a source of strength and love. We are so touched by the amazing tributes in Connor's name, the Penn State men's lacrosse locker room is now the Connor Darcey Locker Room; the Wellesley high school new turf field is the Connor Darcey Field, and the marina at our cute Michigan community is now Connor's Landing. I have found strength and support through a small group of parents who have lived through a similar tragedy. The good news is that my two other sons, Will, 25, and Teddy, 16, and my husband, Bill, and I are finding our way out of the dark and are focused on finding joy. Thank you to my Kingswood friends and

classmates who have reached out and helped us.” **AMY DENIO** shares that during the last year she has recorded and collaborated with folks all over the world, produced the recording of Roman duo Ed Mondo, and is now (late summer/early fall) embarking on a new side career to transcribe songs for singer songwriters, in hopes for a more steady income! To hear Amy’s music, go to amydenio.bandcamp.com. She has also created and produced the soundtrack for choreographer, Pat Graney’s, stunning new modern dance piece, ‘Girl Gods,’ which premiered in Seattle in October, 2015 and has been nominated for two ‘Bessie’ Awards in New York City. She had a wonderful reunion with **GIGI COLLINS** in Arcata, CA, in March. Amy’s all-women sax quartet, The Tiptons, toured the West Coast in March, toured Europe in May and recorded two new albums, one with a 30-voice choir from a Benedictine Abbey near Salzburg, Austria. Amy’s Balkan rock group, Kultur Shock, released two new songs on May 1, 2016, written in collaboration with Bosnian rapper Edo Maajka. They just finished a six-week tour throughout the Balkans, Italy, and Spain. They played three festivals with Edo the wordsmith; he’s asked Amy to collaborate. Unfortunately while she was driving from Spain to Croatia, her mom passed away. That night Amy sat near a Sea Organ, 35 whistling pipes which take in sea water. She swears that her mother was with her, and her mother loved it. On Amy’s own incentive, she enjoyed 12 weeks of working sabbatical in Rome, Italy, in the last year. She taught private and group workshops, and enjoyed tons of creative activity and immersion in Italian culture with beloved friends, composers, and improvising orchestras last Oct/Nov and again in March/April. After working overseas for six of the last nine months, Amy looks forward to staying home for the next few seasons, developing her Reiki practice, writing and playing music, collaborating, and professionally transcribing music for composers who play by ear. Amy flew to Michigan this early fall to visit her 94-year-old father, Jock Denio, who’s hanging in there just fine and sends his greetings to all. He was delighted by the recent well wishes on Facebook. **WENDY STRETEN** lives in Malibu, CA, and has been in touch with **KAORI MURATA**, who recently moved back to NYC from Japan. Kaori would like to be in touch with old friends. In an earlier note, Wendy stated that she graduated with a master’s degree in spiritual psychology with an emphasis in consciousness, health, and

healing from the University of Santa Monica. She started a new business called Female Spiritual Warrior. She will be focusing on two areas of importance: women’s sexuality and helping women heal after traumatic childbirth experiences (www.wendystretten.com). Wendy’s husband also just graduated from her alma mater, the University of Santa Monica, which has a life-changing happiness program called Spiritual Psychology. Their son, Zach, 24, graduated from Wesleyan University and started a band called Famous Friend and is enjoying performing around Los Angeles. Wendy is missing their 16-year-old, Josh, who decided to go to The Mountain School, a boarding prep school on an organic farm in Vermont, for fall semester. Sadly for Wendy, Josh also spent all summer at camp in Vermont as well. For some silly reason Wendy thought that she might have another couple years before he would be gone six months at a time! Did our parents miss us as much when we were living in the Kingswood dorms? Wendy will be at their cabin in Gaylord, MI, for a month this fall, intending to write a book. **KATHI HARBKE BELL** writes that she and her husband will be celebrating 20 years of marriage in November. Their son is steeped in the college app process and plans to eventually pursue sports medicine. Let’s hope he receives a full-ride locally, so that Kathi and family can funnel those dollars into med school! Their daughter is a year behind him. She swims varsity and loves playing flute in the band. She is also learning French (remember Dr. Nagarkar?). Kathi told her daughter she won’t take her to Paris until she can parler le francais! As for Kathi, after 20 years in corporate America and being home with the kids for several years, she has picked up her painting again and now creates people and pet portraits for clients. Her business website is www.krbart.com, and she absolutely loves getting back into art! She has been in touch with **SUSAN (DEE DEE) MATSON**, who resides in Houston, TX, with her husband and high school daughter, who is a star figure-skater. News from **MARIA-ESPERANZA LOVO** is that they recently returned from a great family trip to Spain and Portugal with the boys. Federico, 24, has already graduated from FIU in hospitality management. Diego is 20 and studying finance at FIU. They went on a great road trip from Madrid to Granada, Córdoba, Sevilla, Salamanca, Leon, Avila, Segovia, Burgos, and then in Portugal to Santarem, Lisbon, Cascais, Sintra. The

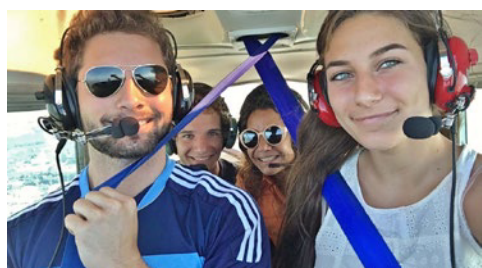
boys stayed two months during the summer, taking Spanish classes at The University of Salamanca, Spain. They loved the experience and are now totally fluent in Spanish. The entire family had a wonderful summer full of beautiful memories. **HEIDI OLESEN SHURTLEFF** writes from their home in Steamboat Springs, CO. Her brother and his family were with Heidi and her family for a week, which she reports as being “awesome.” They went to the rodeo, rode horses, inner-tubed down the river, and hiked Fish Creek Falls (the waterfall on the Coors can). It was a Wild West adventure. In addition to skiing and golf, they keep active playing pickleball, which is the fastest growing sport in the world for those of us over 50! However, they experienced a short ski season this year, as she and her husband were back in Southern California for February and part of March as her husband’s father had passed away. The spring in Southern California seemed to have been taken over by house projects! Tenting for termites, duct/vent cleaning, tile floor cleaning and sealing etc. All so glamorous! They will have embarked on a Midwest road trip this fall. Heidi titles it, “The Clampetts Go Golfing.” They will be a month playing a couple of courses in Nebraska and then onto northern Michigan to play courses near Traverse City and Harbor Springs. They are planning two days on Mackinac Island. Just for a little more travel, they will be in Saugatuck with friends over Labor Day and then make their way to Lake Tahoe for a wedding via Mt. Rushmore and the Black Hills of South Dakota. Heidi will also be going to the Formula 1 Grand Prix Race in October 2016.



*Mable Chan, '79, and husband*

**MABLE CHAN** notes that as a first time wife after 50, she realizes how much fun a married couple can have, especially when there are no children involved and they can act like kids. We’re grateful for health and joy. Mable and her husband, Ken, are in Boston. They enjoyed a weekend in London

in early May before Ken's board meeting, and she slipped away to Wales for a glimpse of the grand museum in Cardiff. Back in the states, their whimsical idea to visit Central Park and dine near her favorite pond on her birthday was truly blissful. They also drove up to New Hampshire for the first time for a close friend's wedding in the woods, after which Mable indulged in a two week writers' conference in Connecticut, and produced a new podcast "One in a Billion" that finally launched in late July. **JENNY "FITZ" JELLIFFE** announces that she and her partner, Niki, bought a wonderful house in Natick. The new address is, 7 Marshall Rd, Natick, MA 01760. They love their new town, and the boys are in ninth and eleventh grades at Natick High School. Fitz and Niki have four dogs and a cat and plenty of room for visitors. Fitz is enjoying creating a garden. She also spent a lot of time at the beach in Provincetown this summer. Her mom is 93 and going strong.



*Claudia Hodari, '79, and her triplets in plane*

Speaking of visitors, I think that **CLAUDIA HODARI** received more responses to her invitation to visit Isabela Island than I did in requesting your updates. Claudia writes that while waiting for Woodies '79ers to come visit her at Casa Rosada, on Isabela Island, in the Galapagos Archipelago, she went ahead and set a date for a "Tropical Reunion" Saturday December 9, 2017. She will hold free rooms for all from Saturday Dec. 2 - Dec. 16, 2017 with "After Glow II" on Sat. Dec. 9, 2017. Of course, the families are also welcome. She chose a winter (USA) date, which at the same time is perfectly sunny and 75 degrees in Ecuador. Please contact Claudia with your interest and any opinions on the date, which is not yet set in stone. As for Claudia's news, she was back in Michigan during July. Her triplets, Eli, Jake, and Axel, turned 20 and her mom 80. Isla finished her first year at Kingswood as a boarder and loved it. Jake earned his private pilot's license so they decided to fly up to Mackinac Island for lunch. Hey, Claudia, per the responses that I saw come through per your invitation, you will have a full house.

Claudia got together with **BECKY TAGETT** for a cocktail (or two) in Birmingham. In the tourist mode, Claudia and family went to the Motown Museum, Greenfield Village, Henry Ford Museum, and the Detroit Zoo. **BECKY TAGETT** writes that she is still living in Detroit and finishing her PhD at Wayne State University. She has been renovating her house in Detroit and furnishing it with antiques from the local auction house. In May Becky started working half time at the University of Michigan, in the Bioinformatics Core. She reports that she loves it as it is a perfect fit. She also ran a triathlon in May, but is now happy to be sedentary because of foot issues. Becky's son, Raoul, completed his first year of grad school in biophysics at Berkeley, CA. He selected a lab last spring and has started his research, imaging of the transcription complex. He is enjoying intramural softball, soccer, and the California life. **NANCY "FANCY" VARBEDIAN** tells that she is enjoying life and appreciating all her good friends and the special people in her world. She is dedicated to giving back as much as she can because that's what she thinks we should all do. She is living in Birmingham, MI, working on a golf handicap reduction, and feeling grateful to be here.



*Suzanne Krieger Bade, '79, and husband*

**SUZANNE KRIEGER BADE** sends that she lives in a Chicago suburb, Kenilworth. She, her husband, and son, moved to Aspen in 2015. They built a house there and planned to stay, but the commute back and forth to Chicago for her husband's work proved too difficult, so they moved back to the Chicago area in time for their son, Ben, to start high school. While in Aspen, **STACY WHITE MCMAHON** was in town on vacation. Suzanne visited with Stacy and her lovely family. They had not seen each other in 30 years, and it was great to hear about her life since Kingswood. Suzanne is close to **SUZANNE SEICHTER LARIMER**, who lives in downtown Chicago. They all get together often. If anyone is ever in the Chicago area, please contact Suzanne

(suzanne.bade@comcast.net), as she would love to catch up. **TRISH BERRY** writes that her year has been all about change. Much of her time has been focused on her mom, Mary Baker Berry, '48. She fell in her home and had neurosurgery to save her life last November. She has traumatic brain injury and is living at Woodward Hills Nursing Center right across from the main entrance to Cranbrook. She has suffered some cognitive set back, and her right side is significantly weaker. Fortunately, Trish has been able to get to Detroit to see her pretty frequently and has helped her to get out and about with trips to the Detroit Zoo, Somerset Mall, and to the reunion in June, where she was able to see some familiar faces. The trips back to Detroit have helped Trish to reconnect with some classmates, and she hopes to expand upon that as time goes on. Trish extends a big thank you to **JULIE ABEL GRIPPO**, who has been a huge support, **NANCY VARBEDIAN** and Cindy Heitsch, '78, who have also been out to visit her mom. Above and beyond her time spent in Michigan, Trish started a new job. She is the general manager at the Hotel Ames in Boston, and it has been a great move for her. She loves being back in Boston, and despite all the crazy events, it's been a wonderful year! **ELLEN LETTVIN** notes that she has been living in Washington, D.C., for the past two years and serving as a senior fellow at the U.S. Department of Education, where she is working on STEM education policy. She misses her home and friends in Seattle but is enjoying the energy and excitement of D.C. The change of responsibilities and venue made for a great transition to "empty nester." Her son, Alexander, is about to begin his junior year at UC Berkeley, where he is majoring in cognitive science and statistics. **LAURIE FRANKEL** sends that her son, Nathan, is in high school as a freshman, and daughter, Leia, is a sophomore this fall, both at Cranbrook. Laurie continues to enjoy serving on the CK Alumni Association board. She encourages us to check out the online CKAA store, as there are some very cool throwback things. Harold Hancock, C'79, and his son, Alex, stayed with us for a couple days this summer when Harold came to pick Alex up from camp here in Michigan. Harold, his kids, and Brian Smith, C'79, also all came to Vail, from Winterpark, CO, for two days to ski with Laurie and her kids, and celebrate her birthday. Laurie knew Harold and his kids were coming, but she was surprised that Brian joined them. They all had a great time

skiing, eating, and drinking! **ANNE MURPHY NOLD** notes the East Coast Murphy family has had an interesting year! Anne fractured her tibial plateau in January, and for the first time she began to feel a little older than a Kingswood teenager. Then her son, Nicholas, got braces, and there was no denying the passage of time. Anne ran into Brian Goray, C'77, while recuperating and visiting her mom on Singer Island. After the leg incident she was not sure they were going to be able to take their annual sailing vacation cruising in Casco Bay on the coast of Maine. Happily, they went, but Anne was not at her best! She connected with **BARB GIBBONS KOTZEN** while she was at a family reunion in Rye, NH. Anne states that Barb has not changed a bit! Anne's son, Nicholas, 14, and their lab, Waffle, enjoyed fishing on their sailing trip. **SUSAN PRIDMORE** writes that she is doing really well and working for Eileen Fisher, doing her best to support women and girls in Michigan. Susan recently traveled to Yosemite National Park with In Good Company to plant trees on a re-forestation project. She states, "Water is a precious resource that we don't protect like we should." Susan's son, Max, just left for England to work on his PhD. Her other son, Sam, is living locally, working as a network administrator. Susan gets to visit with several other "Woodies" from the Metro Detroit area at their monthly dinners... "Some things, like girlfriends, never change!" **PENNY SMITH-HUYNEN** is teaching in the art department at Plymouth State University. She loves sharing the knowledge of ceramics that began at KSC with Mr. Kline, with her students. Penny has also worked in the same restaurant since for she was pregnant with her first child, Cate, and worked the night Anneke was born. They are now 19 and 22! She has always loved the social piece of the business and the flexible schedule. Penny also owns a business with two other partners, The Community Clay Center, which is a teaching studio and gallery. As if Penny is not busy enough, she runs in as many races as she can fit into her schedule (Yes, she's a runner and triathlete, who knew?). Penny is happy to wear so "many hats." She has a busy wonderful life, and her amazing husband, Ron, keeps her in check. **AMY LEVIN RAGEN** writes that she is pleased to be included as an honorary member of our class, which she joined as a third grader at Brookside. Amy left after 10<sup>th</sup> grade and went to Choate. Her update is that she visited Detroit to see family this past late summer. She and her husband detoured

from Detroit for the weekend to take their younger son to Pittsburgh for his junior year at Carnegie Mellon. His fraternity needed a little maternal attention to make it half-way livable. Their older son finished college in June and is working for Hillary's campaign in Detroit, perhaps after catching a bit of the Levin family political bug. Amy and her husband live in Seattle. He's now with Amazon AWS, after leaving Microsoft with 25 years there. Amy continues to practice law with her small firm, Ragen Swan, and fill time with non-profit work. She is enjoying the empty nest and finally getting back to playing tennis. She says there is lots of room in their house now to welcome her Kingswood friends! P.S. to Claudia: Amy loved their visit to Isabela Island a few years ago!



*Wedding of Claire Marie Shannon, daughter of Martha Clippert Shannon, '79*

**MARTHA CLIPPERT SHANNON** and her husband, Dave, celebrated the wedding of their daughter, Claire Marie, to Grant Knoploh on July 30, 2016. The wedding and reception were held in Minneapolis, MN. Among many of their family and friends, Anne Nickelson Hintch, her husband, and I were among the guests. Martha is also involved with a tennis team that plays in a Palm Springs national tournament in fall 2016. **ANNE NICKELSON HINTCH** and her husband, Ron, as stated previously, attended the Claire Marie Shannon wedding in Minneapolis. Shortly after that they traveled to China to see their daughter, Sarah, who is spending her second year of grad school at Xiamen University (2016-2017). They traveled for three weeks in China, and their other daughter, Katie, and her husband joined them for part of the trip. As for me, **TINA JOHN GRIPPI**, I have had a pretty great year. As I wrote in our last fall/winter issue of Tradition (before it actually occurred), several high school friends made the trip out to Sonoma, in mid-November, to hang out with me for three days (I had not seen a couple of them for almost 20 years).



*Anne Nickelson Hintch, Martha Clippert Shannon, both '79, Jeanne Gilbert, '80, Katie Jessup and Tina John Grippi, both '79*



*Anne Nickelson Hintch, Susan Galantowicz, Katie Jessup, Tina John Grippi, all '79, Jeanne Gilbert, '80, and Martha Clippert Shannon, '79*

**ANNE NICKELSON HINTCH, MARTHA CLIPPERT SHANNON, SUE GALANTOWICZ, KATIE JESSUP**, Jeanne Gilbert, '80, and I went to some great restaurants in Sonoma and experienced the Wine Train in Napa, CA. Then a mere eight months later, I was happy to travel solo to Minneapolis **MARTHA CLIPPERT SHANNON's** daughter, Claire's, wedding, which I turned into a two-week tour to see several friends whom I had not seen for many years. I got reacquainted with Martha's parents, as well as her brother, Charlie/Clip, and Martha and Dave's son, Tim, who is taller than anyone in the Clippert/Shannon family. Claire's wedding was beautiful, as anticipated. From Minneapolis, I drove to the car ferry that leaves from Manitowoc, WI, and travels to Ludington, MI (a first). The coolest experience ever, and I met the nicest people. I stayed in Ludington at a Bed & Breakfast (another first for me). I drove to Walloon Lake the next morning to again meet up with Anne Nickelson Hintch and husband, Ron, who drove back from the Shannon wedding via the UP. I invited myself to their Walloon Lake home for a few nights, an amazing location. I visited the Petoskey and Harbor Springs stores (t-shirts and fudge as gifts for my girls), Barbie Flemming, Lindy Flemming's

mom, in Goodhart (where a bald eagle youth perched in a tree right above us on her deck) and went to Legs Inn for dinner. From there I went to Bloomfield Hills to see my childhood best friend. I went to my former home on Pine Lake/Interlaken Rd. and knocked on the current owner's door. They were very tolerant of my visit and curiosities, so many changes ... from paved roads, formerly dirt, dusty and bumpy, to my formerly totally unrecognizable home. From there, I drove across Michigan/Indiana/Illinois to Lake Geneva, WI, to visit my adult best friend/former boss, at her and her husband's home for four days. One of the coolest things that I experienced was the Mail Boat, which delivers mail to the mailboxes located on the docks/piers. That was the end of my two week experience as I flew out of O'Hare back to SFO and home. My husband and my sixth and eighth grade girls are doing well. Our girls are involved in sports, soccer, gymnastics, basketball, volleyball, and, of course, all at the same time and beyond. That's pretty much all from here. Thanks to all of you who contributed to this issue of Tradition.

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## C80

**BILL GUSTAVSON** dropped me a line to say he continues to work in the orthopedic device industry, and he still lives in the Orlando area for 18 years now with wife, Torey, son, Zachary, and his three dogs, Kirby, Lucky and Prissy. He assures us that he did not name the dogs and adopted two of them! While they have a house in Orlando close to Disney World, they are blessed to have a beachfront condo in New Smyrna Beach (NSB), which is only one hour north of Orlando. NSB is known as the "shark capital of the world," but they keep to themselves ... most of the time. He says to drop him a line, if you want to take a bite out of Orlando. **MARK STEPHENS** lost his dad last year. So sorry, Mark. Dr. Stephens helped so many people I knew start families, and he was really loved. Mark did have a chance to go to Ireland this summer; his favorite spot was the Cliffs of Moher. He writes, "So proud of my kids/young adults, Emily is closing in on a

PhD in neuroscience at Dartmouth, and son, Matt, finished his computer science degree at U-M and is working as an iOS programmer for Metromile in Boston. Molly is pursuing a nursing degree from MSU and volunteered at Hospice over the summer. I am empty nesting this fall, so far I don't like it." (I know what you mean, Mark.) **WILLIAM (BINK) HARVEY** and family are doing great. Daughter, Emily, '16, started U-M in the Ross School of Business this fall and made the club tennis team. Daughter, Katie, is a junior at CK, swimming and loves life. Bink and Susan had a great time at L'Arbre Croche this summer in their new house. Come visit! I caught up with **STEPHEN PARK** last week. His oldest son, Dylan, just graduated from Amherst and is now working for Bank of America in Boston. Younger boy, Austin, is a sophomore at Amherst and also playing lacrosse there. Stephen and wife, Eileen, just returned from a week at Whitefish, MT, perhaps the most beautiful place in the world. Eileen is still making and selling her sauces (which by the way Rhonda and I love ... send me more), and the business continues to grow. He is still in Virginia doing the same work in facial plastic surgery, playing basketball every day and loving life. **SCOTT RUTCHIK** clued me in that his golf game is improving (prove it ... come here and play with Ach, Bink, and me), but Notre Dame Football is disappointing, as of this writing, hopefully it stays that way. He plans to get away for a real vacation this fall, and if ever anyone is in the Niles/Chicago area, call him. I talked to **GREGG (BARKS) BARKER** the other day. Rhonda and I plan on seeing him in Colorado this fall. Gregg and Barbi just celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! His 17-year-old, Lindsay, is a senior and captain of the girls swim team at Cherry Creek High School. She is in the process of applying to CU or CSU. Daughter, Riley, is a freshman at Creek and is signing up for driver's education (hopefully a better driver than dear old dad!). Barks is working at Lincoln Property Company and loves Denver. He is spearheading a CK Rocky Mountain alumni club with Missy Christie de Koning, K'80, and setting up a cocktail party at the Denver Country Club. If you live in Colorado, email him at [gbarker@lpc.com](mailto:gbarker@lpc.com). Gregg is buying (joke)! Shelly and **MARK RUBINFIRE** took a wonderful trip this summer to Italy, taking in the sites of Venice and Rome. Kids are enjoying life in Buffalo, Chicago, and Ann Arbor.



Max, '11 and Mike Acheson, '80, in Australia

I see Adele and **MIKE ACHESON** often. Son, Mitch, '14, is a junior at U-M and studying international business. Max, '11, just started a position in a marine biology education group in San Francisco and experienced the real Australia with his dad this summer for over a month-long road trip.



Wedding of Danielle Weinberg, daughter of Scott Weinberg, '80

In my world, our daughter, Danielle, got married in July to Josh Kroll and honeymooned in Italy. Danielle is VP of operations at CourtWorks, a cloud-based startup here in Michigan. My son, Nic, is doing great in Ann Arbor at U-M as a mathematical/physics major, studying to be a cosmologist, and he worked this summer on the International Cosmos 2016 project (I barely passed Mr. Roger's class and got out of there with any hair). Rhonda and I are celebrating our 29th wedding anniversary this October 31 and are planning a rocky mountain "high" trip to Pikes Peak in Colorado for the toast! Please email me with updates on your family and life's trials and tribulations for the next issue. See ya.

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*Mary Ellen Williams, '80, and family*

**MARY ELLEN O'BRIEN WILLIAMS'** family moved from Denver to Honolulu, where her husband, Thom, accepted a job as the executive director of the Hawaii Employees Retirement System. Mary Ellen's daughter, Ella, attends sixth grade at an Episcopal girls' school. When she is not actively on mom-wife duty, Mary Ellen volunteers at the Episcopal Cathedral as their treasurer. Her family lives in a Kakaako on the 36th floor of a high rise with ocean views. She writes, "People are friendly, the food is great, and we're enjoying island life. The picture is with my husband's daughter, Nakia, our daughter, Ella, my husband, Thom, and me." **SARAH CUNNINGHAM CLOYD** had some sad news to report. Her husband, Jim, died in August following a four-year battle with prostate cancer. They had just celebrated their 29th anniversary. Jim had practiced dentistry in San Diego for over forty years. He was an avid deep-sea fisherman, digital photographer, and an armorer for their daughter, Haley's, fencing club, but his greatest joy in his life came from raising their three daughters.



*Amy Ritter Murphy, '80, and family*

**AMY RITTER MURPHY** reports that much has changed in her life in the last twelve months. In March of 2015, Amy's husband, Scott, accepted a position at Faraday Future. Faraday is a start-up electric car company in Southern California. Within three weeks Scott moved, while Amy stayed back to sell

the house. Seven months later, after living in Michigan for 54 years and with much uncertainties, Amy moved to California. "Though I miss all my friends and even some of Michigan's weather, it has been a great experience. I've vigorously taken up beach tennis (think volleyball meets paddle tennis). I've met many nice, athletic people, who love to have fun. After renting for nine months, we finally found a tall and skinny townhouse within five blocks of the pier in Hermosa Beach. Very different than our sprawling Michigan ranch with a yard, but the proximity is awesome." Amy spent much of July in northern Michigan at her cottage in Gaylord and visiting friends, including **SARAH AIKENS POST**. Amy reports that we still have fun together. Thanks, Ams! Amy's daughter, Allie, is living in Chicago and working at Havas Media. Her son, William, is a junior at the Kelley Business School at Indian University and hopes to study abroad in Vienna next semester. She toasts "Here's to new adventures in your fifties!"

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## C81

It was great to see everyone at the 35th Reunion! Unfortunately for me, I'm working on a new movie right now so I had to fly in on the red-eye, enjoy a few events on campus, party, sleep, and fly back to L.A. early Sunday morning. As always, **SCOTT STUBBS** was the consummate host, and his party pad was the perfect place to crash after a long flight. After I woke up, **INGO RAUTENBERG** and I went to the Kingswood campus so I could stock up on Cranbrook t-shirts, sweatshirts, and pajamas...yes, I now have Cranbrook pajamas. While I was shopping, I ran into **GREG O'BRIEN**, and the reunion adventure was under way. At lunch, I caught up with **BILL ALLESEE**, Michelle Joerin Stewart, K'81, who was the recipient of this year's Distinguished Alumna award and several other '81ers. Later it was off to Dr. Jeff Welch's inspiring and insightful tour of the Cranbrook campus. Dr. Welch's knowledge of every inch of the campus and the thought that went into its conception is uncanny. Then it was time for a quick change and the official photograph with: **JIM NICITA, SCOTT KRESGE, CHRIS**

**BENJAMIN, BOB STONE, GREG O'BRIEN, SANFORD SCHULMAN, SCOTT STUBBS, BILL ALLESEE, PETE SCHAPPACH, MARK JONES, and CHARLIE COOK**, along with Lyric Green-Parks, Maria Ajluni Coyle, Sonia Ajluni Pastore, Kristen Studebaker, Deb Wahl, Michelle Joerin Stewart, and Jami Pyle Gregory, all K'81. Next up was the party (huge shout outs to Scott, Ingo, Ben, and Jami for all of the help with logistics and ground game.) Special guests included Mr. Robert Rogers, Mr. Shiltz, and Arlyce who, like Rihanna or Prince, is only referred to by one name. A good time was had by all, and fortunately, we didn't have to worry about closing the place because the **SCOTT STUBBS** party pad was open all night. In the weeks since then, I've had a ball trading emails with our fellow '81ers. Here's what everybody's been up to. **BILL ALLESEE** sent this email to [Cranbrook81@gmail.com](mailto:Cranbrook81@gmail.com): "First, I want to say how much fun it was seeing all the folks at our 35th. It's so interesting to connect with people. I had my first conversations ever with **GREG O'BRIEN** and Michelle Joerin Stewart, K'81. We had great chats, and I realized that there are so many people that we never had the opportunity to know in our teenage years that are really interesting people to engage with now. So, I urge everyone to come to the next reunion and make an unexpected new friend. The shared Cranbrook Kingswood connection can be a powerful one."



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

He continues, "On the family front, I'm surrounded by smart people. My wife, Joan, just finished getting her MS in instructional design and is now freelancing until she finds a more permanent position. Both of our daughters are in Chicago going to school. Our older one Meredith, '11, is in her second year of grad school getting her master's in arts administration at Columbia College, and Olivia, '14, is starting her junior year at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where she is in the fashion program. They are all doing very well and make me feel like quite the slacker. :) I am doing well, and am

happy to report that my freelance career as a video editor is stumbling along quite nicely. So, if you need any video work done, give me a call. On the personal side, Joan and I just enjoyed our 30th wedding anniversary and are celebrating with a trip to Amsterdam to do some bike riding and sight-seeing. We also hope to take up OB on his invite to visit him in Vermont and see if he was just bullshitting us on how beautiful it is there.” **JIM NICITA** sent this, “So August marked the 15th anniversary of my move from Michigan out to the Pacific Northwest. I’ve enjoyed life out here, especially exploring, right now I spend a fair amount of time in the Columbia River Gorge, and the high desert and mountains of eastern Oregon. I have settled into a perfect niche law job in the Portland Harbor Superfund proceedings, where I am half environmental lawyer and half historian of past sources of industrial pollution into the Harbor, namely, the lower Willamette River near its confluence with the Columbia. Off hours I have also done some writing on pioneer history related to my adopted home town of Oregon City, the end of the Oregon Trail. I really enjoyed the 35th reunion and look forward to the 40th.” Don’t forget Facebook, Jim, there’s always Facebook! There were also those who couldn’t make it, but who were there in spirit. **RON DENBROEDER** is still teaching at Temple University and working in the residential solar sector for SolarCity. He writes, “Pretty soon my work shirts will say Tesla Solar! And exciting space, and we are taking the state of Pennsylvania by storm. No word on Michigan yet, but interestingly I have been contacted by a number of folks in Birmingham. Meanwhile, my youngest is entering fourth grade and spent the summer on the swim team; his best stroke is the breaststroke, and he can out-swim his dad. His two sisters are now both at Barnard College, studying econ/public health and econ/international relations. I’m quite sure I told them both to “study something quantitative like econ, so I will take credit for that part of it. Both are fluent in Mandarin, so we will see how all that comes together, and my wife, Jane, and I are about to celebrate 13 years of marriage!” Congrats on that. **BEN CONNELLY** couldn’t make it either, but he sends this, “I am sorry I missed the 35th. All of the photos tell me that once again you pulled off a great party. I hope that I can make the 40th. My 18-year-old daughter, Emma, has started college at Occidental College in L.A. She seems to be settling in and enjoying the

experience. My son, Alex, 15, has started his sophomore year of high school. He is in the fall musical, *Once Upon a Mattress*, and is taking a pretty demanding load. This year he starts driving, so I have to man up and teach him how to drive. Hope he is better at it than Emma is. Tracy and I are thinking about what our next steps will be. My best to you and the class!” **TIM KELLEY** also sent his regrets. He says, “Things are going well. Started the new year at the International School of Stuttgart with more students than ever in school (810) and, amidst all the excellent testing scores and college accepts, I will be publishing my first novel, hopefully around Christmastime! It is called *Seducing the Flame*, and it is a historical thriller set in Caligula’s Rome. I hope it is out in time for the holiday season! Seems like things are going well for you. Might find myself in California this winter and if so, will see if I can get south.” I’m looking forward to it, Tim. It will be great to catch up. So, there you have it. Another demi-decade, another reunion, another ton of fun. And, as if that wasn’t enough, I’ve spoken to Charlie Shaw more since he retired than I ever did when I was a student. How cool is that. Now I’m going to sleep until the next reunion. If you took pictures, please share them on our Facebook page. I hope to see you all at the 40th Reunion in four and a half years! Go Cranes!

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## K81

The summer started in a festive fashion with the celebration of our 35th reunion. It is hard to believe it has been 35 years, but these reunions have gotten better with age! What an incredibly beautiful campus Kingswood and Cranbrook occupy. Upon arriving I immediately sent my parents photos and thanked them! **MICHELLE JOERIN STEWART** was chosen to be the graduation speaker, and she did a fantastic job at the ceremony on Friday. On Saturday Michelle was recognized at the assembly for being the Distinguished Alumna, and we were all very proud to claim her as one of our classmates! Our reunion cocktail reception on the Quad and class photo took place that evening, a

great showing by CK 1981! **SONIA AJLUNI PASTORE**, Rob Edwards, Ingo Rautenberg, Scott Stubbs, all C’81, and I organized a party that Scott generously hosted at his fun-filled home. The highlights and fun were plenty, but Michelle’s husband, Bryan, playing the bagpipes in traditional Scottish Kilt really stood out!



Sonia Ajluni Pastore, Lyric Green-Parker, Maria Ajluni Coyle, and Michelle Joerin Stewart, all ‘81

Our former teachers, Arlyce Seibert, Claudia Schuette, and Bob Rogers, were nice enough to stop by! It really was a great time. Stay tuned for our 40th! A few other pieces of news. From **HEIDI BLEEKER HERMAN**: “We are alive and well in Charleston, SC. I could not get to the reunion, but it looked like I missed some fun. The only CK interesting tidbit I have is that my cousin, Betsy Hafke, ‘15, attends The College of Charleston, so I get to spend time with her down here which is great!” From **MARIA AJLUNI COYLE**: “As for me, I really enjoyed reunion this year! It’s always so energizing to reconnect with friends from the past, especially those who were such a big part of our lives at one time. The best news is that I am joining the GRANDMA Club! It is a very strange feeling, but I am looking forward to the winter birth of my new grandson. His mother is my daughter, Samar, ‘07.” From **DEBORAH WAHL**: “All is good in Chicago. I just passed two years here. I had a great summer - took my 13-year-old son, Alex, to the Rio Olympics. We enjoyed every minute and took in the Opening Ceremony, which was beautiful with lots of great Brazilian music, and then experienced our amazing US gymnastic teams, the swimming, beach volleyball, and discovered our new favorite sport - handball! Rio was beautiful, the McDonald’s restaurant in the Olympic Village was packed every day and I remembered how much I enjoyed Brazil (I lived there in 1996-98 ... another lifetime). Still working hard at McDonald’s— we just announced over 20 improvements to the food and the

journey we're on to remove all preservatives and continue to improve quality. Try the new Chicken McNuggets for me please!" From **SONIA AJLUNI PASTORE**, "All is good here. Our daughter, Leila, '10, will graduate from U-M's Law School in December and will join the firm of Dickinson Wright LLC." As for my news, not much new ... I'm on the college search tour with our oldest daughter, a high school senior, am working a lot, and travelling a lot, life is pretty good!

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## C84

Hello, Classmates, I'm making efforts to set aside these notes to catch up with some classmates on whom I haven't reported, and I haven't seen for the better part of 30 years.

**RICK BAILEY** went to Southern Illinois University in Carbondale after finishing up at Cranbrook. He writes: "After four years teaching in Guam, 11 years living on Oahu and leading study abroad programs to Spain and Latin America, four years teaching at an independent school north of Los Angeles, and then four years living on Maui, I am now in Silicon Valley, teaching Spanish at the Harker School. Lots of adventure, and I hope to stay put for a little while, save for summer and break travel. I am trying to figure out how to mesh the semi-hippy lifestyle I picked up on Maui with the decidedly not-so-hippy Silicon Valley way of doing things! I could add that I have spent my 50th birthday summer extravaganza on an Eat, Eat, Eat (as opposed to Eat, Pray, Love) tour of Galicia, Asturias, Castilla, and my new favorite place in the world, Tijuana!"



Alan Scholnick, '81

I had the pleasure of meeting up with **ALAN SCHOLNICK** at his 29th story office in midtown Manhattan while there on a brief visit in late August. Alan and I figured that we hadn't seen each other since some time in the mid-to-late 80s. After graduating from U-M back in 1988 with a degree in international relations, Alan headed to Los Angeles for several years where he worked in real estate development. A chance meeting landed him a real estate consulting job in Singapore, where he met his wife, Mylene, at a Passover Seder in 1993. The two of them married in Paris in 1995 and have three children, Leah, Noah, and Maya, aged 20, 18, and 16. Alan and Mylene moved to Hong Kong in 1994 where they started the first private air service, Metrojet. After selling the business, they moved to NYC in 1998 and have been there ever since. He is a real estate developer at Silverback Development. Aside from his work as a developer, Alan has followed his passion for food and created a unique Mediterranean date spread called Kogos ([www.kogos.net](http://www.kogos.net)) that is being lauded as unique for both its culinary sophistication and all natural virtues. It can be found on the shelves of Whole Foods throughout NYC and other fine food outlets in the east. I had the pleasure of returning to the Wilderness Expedition in March with **MATT TRUNSKY**. His daughter, Lily, participated as a sophomore. Matt's son, Andrew, '16, graduated last June and is a freshman at Williams College. I'm hoping that Matt, and I, along with other classmates, perhaps you two, **SCOTT LEBO** and Marian Rey McIntyre, K'84, might be able to join the March 2019 50th Wilderness Expedition. I highly recommend getting back out into the woods for a couple weeks. Mark the date! In the vein of senior graduates, I wanted to extend congratulations to Nate, son of **KEN SILVERMAN**, who has started at Kalamazoo College this fall. As for me, recent medical mission to Mexico, Cambodia, and Malawi. Happy 50th Birthday, (most) classmates! Hope you're all celebrating with friends and loved ones. Time slips by all too quickly.

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## K84

I heard from a few of you, but I have to admit this was a busy summer, and I have been a bit derelict in my duties. **KELLI SPANGLER SHAHEEN** writes, "I am still practicing clinical psychology, but my husband, Tim, and I have also been involved in helping my kids Berkeley and Spencer Shaheen get their new clothing company off the ground. The company, American Oxford is a high quality, affordable, 100% cotton clothing company making men's and women's shorts and pants, women's dresses, belts, hats & pocket t-shirts, all made in America. You can check them out at [www.americanoxford2015.com](http://www.americanoxford2015.com)."



Leslie Rossen Goldstein, '84, and family

**LESLIE ROSSEN GOLDSTEIN** writes, "I am still living in Chicagoland, Highland Park, IL. I have been married for 19 years to Ken Goldstein. We have two wonderful girls, Ariana, 14, Sarah, 12, and a puppy, Mocha. I have attached a family photo. Sarah is in a performing dance company and about to have her bat mitzvah, and Ariana just started high school, where she is on the field hockey team, and plays piano in a rock band, and is trying out for the debate and Model UN clubs. I work part-time as a marketing consultant at a client discount credit card supply, where I do digital marketing. I play tennis and spend a lot of time driving my kids around! Life is good!" **JACKIE SKLAR KATZ** shared this, "I can't believe I'm turning 50! To add salt to the wound, my youngest, Garrett, just graduated from Cranbrook, Class of 2016, and is at U-M College of Engineering, leaving me to be an empty nester. My oldest, Rachel, Cranbrook class of 2009, is at University of

Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Dani just graduated Tufts University School of the Museum of Fine Arts and is teaching art classes part-time at the Museum in Boston and freelancing 2D animation work (if anyone is in need). Kevin, Cranbrook class of 2014, is majoring in computer engineering at Kettering University. I am managing website design, optimization, online marketing, and online reputation management. My husband, Steve, dog, Leo, and I will be getting used to a much quieter and cleaner house."

**DEBBIE WANG** wrote in, "Last November I was traveling through Asia-Pacific for work and had a chance to spend a weekend with **CHIKA NAKAYAMA KANZAWA** in Japan. It was such fun to catch up and just hang out again, perhaps because we knew each other at such a formative period of our lives, or perhaps simply because our friendship now spans more than three decades. Being with Chika is so easy. Our friendship picks up seamlessly from where we may have left it off. In February I was traveling to Toronto and met up with Ramona Ng, '83, for dinner. I loved hearing about her professional evolution and how she found to her current work with cranial sacral therapy. She looks fantastic and seems very centered in her life. Since both kids are in school (Isaac is in 4th grade, and Audrey is in 1st grade), I've been ramping up my travel schedule over the last couple of years and taking the opportunity to see high school friends. Now that we finally have a new equity research sales person covering northern California, I expect I'll be out that way to see **ANITA SIL** and **KENDALL ALWAY** in December." **CATHERINE "CACKIE" BOOMER** shared this, "To say the past two years have been a challenge would be a vast understatement. However, they have also been an enormous gift. I know that I helped to make my mother's transition out of this world peaceful and loving. I am now enjoying spending time with my father, working on giving him the same gift. I don't know what the future holds for me, but I am listening to my heart and reading signs from the universe. I know it will all work out, and I'm welcoming life's lessons along the way. There are many things in my life of which I am proud, but chief among them is Eloise. She is amazing and has so many of the enchanting, yet maddening, qualities of my mother. Steve and I have a very good friendship, and I am so thankful for his help and emotional support during my mother's final weeks. More and more I have found that I keep redefining ... 'go forth to

serve.' Right now I am serving opportunities to grow and enrich my soul. Peace." **JULIE COLLINGE GUTZMER** wrote, "I haven't done anything of note recently, except keep three kids alive :). Holly is starting fifth grade, she will spend half of every school day at Prairie Wetlands Learning Center, they learn in the context of outdoors/conservation/very very cool environment. Claire is starting third grade, and Lyla is super excited about starting preschool." **SHARON SCHUELE WEAVER** shared, "It's been a pretty busy year for me. Last year my husband and I decided we would run a race a month. It was fun except for January. Michigan is not a fun place to run in January. I also ran my first marathon last October and was even able to walk the next day. We celebrated my 50th birthday by running a half marathon at Disney World. The race was a lot of fun, but getting up at 3 a.m. to run was not so fun. My kids are growing up quickly, and I can't believe we are part-time empty nesters. All three of my kids are in Ohio. The two youngest are at school, and my oldest is gainfully employed. So I spend a lot of time driving to and visiting Ohio. My husband took a job in Monroe, MI and after about a year and a half of commuting 90 mins. each way, we moved to Plymouth (and downsized). We bought a home that I refer to as the *Brady Bunch* house, as it was built in the '70s and pretty much stayed there. Let's just say green paisley wallpaper on the bathroom ceiling. Needless to say, recently we have been spending all of our time (and money) renovating. There is no end in sight. I still work at St. Joes in the rehab department, but retirement is sounding better and better."

**DEBBIE BINDER** writes, "Divorce has been tough and I am working hard to rebuild my life. I have been selling residential real estate in Oakland County and teaching at the U-M, Flint in the College of Education. I recently decided to take on a new challenge by running for West Bloomfield Township Clerk. It was a wonderful outcome that I won, and I will proudly take office on November 20. I am extremely excited for this new opportunity and grateful to the voters who elected me. It is sure to be a challenging and exciting year as I learn new things. I look forward to serving the people of West Bloomfield Township with vision, integrity, and passion. As for me, I chat once in a while with Arash Baboaff, C'84, my Co- ... whatever this is, across the lake. Some of those Cranbrook fellows have turned into quite fine gentlemen, I have to admit, and it only took 50 years. I also had a

lovely dinner with Justin Meilgaard, C'84, in July, and that was great fun. Justin is doing very well in Hawaii and raising his beautiful sweet boy Noa. My son, Spencer, is now 12 years old and has started Middle School. He is making the adjustment fairly well, though he carries a backpack that weighs approximately 65 pounds. So far he seems to like it, and he has joined the Cross Country team. He has not completely given up tennis, but it is more difficult to play in just the four days a year it does not rain here in Oregon. He has a kooky sense of humor that many of you would appreciate, as evidenced by his choice of Halloween costume last year, The Black Knight.



Spencer, son of Liz Burrows Chapin, '84

I see a lot of you on Facebook, and I have to say that I admire the grace with which you all handle the various life milestones we all inevitably face. Some of you are still raising kids, some of you are taking care of your parents, and almost all of us are facing the Big Five O. I hope that none of you are intimidated by this silly number. From what I can see we are all still quite fabulous. I also see that some of you have had to reinvent yourselves and/ or somehow start over after different kinds of transitions. To me that is part of the joy of life, the fact that you never

know what is around the corner. I hope that you all are embracing the possibilities, trying new things, and most of all never giving up on whomever you want to become. It's never ever too late to try something new! If any of you ever want to reach out and share news or whatever, I am still here, as always, in Oregon, in the rain. You can reach me at 503-957-0669 or [lizburrowschapin@aol.com](mailto:lizburrowschapin@aol.com). Yes, I still have an AOL email. Lame.

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## CK87

The Class of '87 is heading into a big round year. **LINDSAY BRAY ANDREUZZI** writes from Philadelphia, where she works as a lawyer and is mom to Doug (seventh grade) and Louisa (sixth).



*Heather Hunt Ziegler, '87, with Anna, and Lindsay Bray Andreuzzi, '87, with Doug and Louisa in New York 2016*

On a trip to New York last Easter she got together with **ASHLEY QUARRIER MORAN** and also **HEATHER HUNT ZIEGLER**. You can see Lindsay and Heather in the photo, along with Doug, Louisa, and Heather's daughter, Anna. Lindsay suggests the Liberty Bell is a great vacation spot and would love to see classmates heading that way. **SEAN O'LEARY** also sends greetings to all from Colorado, where he has lived since 1992. He keeps in touch with John Burrows, '86, **SEAN FLYNN**, **PAT LIBBY**, **SCOTT JAGOD**, and friend and mentor from the faculty, Mickey Price. Sean writes that he's proud of his sons, Sean Jr., '15, and Charlie, '17, are part of the Cranbrook Kingswood family. Finally, **ALAN** and I are still local and our daughter, Clara, is in eighth grade at the CKGMS (in the lovely new-ish Girls' Middle School building!). We have run into several classmates whose children are

at the Brookside, Middle School, and Upper School levels. And we're looking forward to seeing all you all at Reunion in the spring!

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## CK90

**SHEILA BALLIEN GOSLING** moved to Cambridge, England, with her husband to be, Paul, back in 1996/97, and they were married there in 1999. They have two wonderful children, Alex, 13, and Emma, 11, both bright redheads like both Paul and Sheila, full of energy, so much so that their family hobby is trekking up the mountains as often as they can in the UK and France. Work wise, Sheila is a drama therapist, working with special needs children and young adults. She loves her job and always looks forward to working with the children in a variety of ways based on their needs. She finds it very rewarding!

**HEIDI KATZMAN WINEMAN'S** family is super excited because her son, Jack, started Cranbrook this fall in the eighth grade boys' middle school. She recently took her family on a bike tour through the grounds. They rode bikes from Birmingham, up to Cranbrook, and hit the trails all around campus! The Wineman kids had fun searching for the 1990 class names on the wall plaque outside the green lobby. Heidi and her husband, Hank, also have a seventh grade daughter, Jane, who attends Derby with the hopes of following alongside her brother at Kingswood in eighth grade. **KIRIN DAUGHARTY-HUBBARD** and her husband just returned from Australia, where they visited with **LAURIE RALL-PRICHARD** in Cairns. Laurie was a wonderful host. She got Kirin and her husband on tours to cuddle koalas, cavort with kangaroos, wallow with wallabies, and snorkel the Great Barrier Reef! She also led them out to spot a platypus and tree kangaroo in the wild, and introduced them to the countries staple foods, Vegemite, Kangaroo, and the TimTam Slam. Laurie is truly a giver! They discovered how wonderful and varied Australia is when they traveled to Sydney and Melbourne. Now safely back at home, Kirin will be back to work at the Los Angeles Zoo, hanging out with some of the local and endangered critters.

She is also working on her next children's book. Her first one, *Penny and the Penguin*, is available through Amazon. I am currently working on promotions for the musical tour "Love Jones" and enjoying time with my husband, who received his graduate degree from Boston University this summer, and our toddler twin boys. So life is full, busy, and good! Be well and I will continue to keep you in the loop on the Class of 1990!

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## CK94

**BRIAN STEWART**, and awesome wife, Rachel Tronstein Stewart, and their new Bernese mountain dog live in Birmingham, where Brian is practicing dermatology. **BEN WINEMAN** lives in the Chicago suburbs with his wife, Nicole, and three children: Ava, Jacob, and Claudia. Ben is a principal at Mid-America Real Estate Corp., working in the retail real estate business. **SETH MELTZER** lives in Bloomfield Hills with his wife, Melissa, and their two sons, Asher and Adam, and running quite a few marathons! **BRAD DUBIN** is in L.A, married to CK grad, Amy Berlin Dubin, '87, working for a real estate firm called KanDu Capital. **JEFF HURLBERT** and his wife, Sarah Ruth, live in Dallas, TX, and have two kids. **KYLE MUELLER** is in Birmingham, working for GM, and married to wife, Erica, a powerhouse Bikram instructor! They just had a baby. Congrats, K-Muells! **MATT GRACE** is spreading good energy to a variety of causes and lives in Birmingham, MI, area, and is doing well. **CHAD KOHLER** lives in Grand Rapids with his wife, Cynthia, and the kids and doing well. **SILAS BOUYER** is still serving our country with the Navy and living in San Diego with his wife and kids. **KRISTA CHOW HAMLIN** and **MIKE HAMLIN** are happily married and live in Boston. **MARK VANN** is in Houston and is an orthopedic surgeon. I just had dinner in Chicago with Mark and he's still jacked, now he's a super talented smart guy and jacked! He's the same good old energy he always has been. **KEN GORSKI** is in South Carolina and doing great. **STEVE PRUCHER** lives in Birmingham and is happy and well. Steve has been a great referral source for Imerman Angels, so we can help more people, appreciate you, Pruch! **AARON**

**COHN** is married and living in Philadelphia, is an ophthalmologist, and has two girls. **ANISH PATEL** is an anesthesiologist, happily married, and lives in the D.C. area, and is doing great! **DAVID LIU** is in Seattle. **JAY HACK** lives in Detroit, working in investment management. He is happily married and doing great as always. Sally, '98, and **CHRIS BELL** are in Portland and as usual spreading good, positive energy to everyone they touch in the state of Oregon! **BRAD SPENCER**, and his wife, and **MICHAEL PARIS** are living in the Birmingham area. **RYAN UTARNACHITT** is a GI doctor. He and his wife, Mary, live in central California. **KEITH LANGBO** lives in the Raleigh-Durham area. **DOMINIC HARRIS** is in London with his wife and daughter. **PETER EMERY** is in San Francisco and doing great. As for me, I work for a non-profit organization called Imerman Angels ([www.ImermanAngels.org](http://www.ImermanAngels.org)). We are a "1-on-1 Cancer Support," a FREE service where we connect a person fighting cancer to someone who already beat the same cancer. Each person fighting cancer gets a "big brother" or "big sister" who is uniquely familiar with the fight. It's all about friendship, motivation, and believing you can overcome any challenge! The service is free, and our goal is to CONNECT this entire cancer world! IF YOU KNOW ANYONE TOUCHED BY CANCER, regardless where they live, PLEASE SEND THEM TO US, and we will take care of them! Thank you crew. My brother, Jeff Imerman, '92, lives in Birmingham and runs Imerman Cake Company. They make organic, healthier, lower fat coffee cakes, available at Plum Market, Holiday Market, Market Square, and others in the Detroit-area and Plum Market in Chicago! Best of luck to everyone, and most importantly, keep healthy and well!

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## CK95

Happy fall to the Class of 1995! Thank you to those that sent your updates in this time!

**LAUREN BEZNOS GROSSMAN** writes to say, "Life on our end has brought a lot of wonderful changes in our lives! After having a wonderful time doing a gut rehab on our house in Evanston for a year, we finally moved

to Evanston in July and love it. We love living so close to the lake and we feel so lucky to be a part of such a cohesive, progressive community. David has been teaching at North Shore Country Day and Ezra is beginning his year there in Senior Kindergarten! I love being a part of the school community and so many wonderful things about the cohesive community happily remind me of Cranbrook. Our two-year-old, Arlo, is starting pre-school, and I'm excited to have more time to continue to do the community building work I was doing before Ezra was born. I've also been having tons of fun taking a musical theater class! It's one of those things I've always wanted to do and so now I am! It's pretty hysterical!" Way to go, Lauren, sounds amazing! **HILLARY STEPHENSON KEENEY** writes, "So my news is that my husband, Brad, and I just sold our house in Los Angeles and are currently nomadic writers, dividing our time between Arizona, Europe and Mexico." All I have to say to that is ENVY! Oh, and Hillary also wrote that she just started eating steak. **MEGAN FOX MORSETH** writes, "I'm now with Charles Schwab in Bloomington, IN, doing private financial consulting and wealth management. I am working with veterans and veteran families on the Board of Healing Household 6, a national non-profit, as well as continuing to support Pets Healing Vets in Indiana. Her kids are 7 and 10, healthy, happy and love school, tennis, and soccer and starting to be faster (and possibly smarter) than both of their parents. If you haven't heard from **KEEGAN MILLER**, yet, she's rocking it as a bad-ass RN (in ER and Cath Lab) who takes midnight phone calls from her friends (mainly me) regarding everything from pleurisy to pet bites. She's exceedingly patient." **STEPHANIE LORFEL GELB** is living an extremely glamorous life of iced venti mochas, and if she's feeling really crazy she gets it with caffeine! She needs the caffeine for the hundreds of goats she herds in her suburban backyard. **JASON EDDLESTON** wrote to say that he just got back from a vacation in the Greek Isles and Amsterdam. "If you have never been, it's amazing! Over the last nine months I have worked to secure, purchase, and successful secure 50k with a matching 50k grant from the state of Michigan to save and restore Hamtramck Disneyland, a whimsical folk art installation. I worked closely with the mayor and an art collective from Hamtramck with many Cranbrook alumni graciously helping out in the fundraising efforts. I recently also graduated from the

Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Business Program and was nominated and voted on to the Royal Oak Chamber Commerce Board for Royal Oak in third quarter of 2016."



*Thomas, new son of Jen Sloan Ortwein, '95*

**JENNIFER SLOAN ORTWEIN** welcomed baby #4, Thomas Sloan, who arrived July 14, weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz, 21 inches long. Although they hoped for a baby sister, Jack, Peter, and Charlie already love their "Tommy" and have assigned him the position of goalie on the Ortwein family hockey team. Jen spends a lot of time with **EMILY SAFFORD VILLAJUAN**, who is busy with her two kids, Augustin and Ellory, while still working in law. They also see **ELIZABETH CUNNINGHAM BOBER**, who won the Detroit Golf Club Championship for the second year in a row! I keep up with **EBONY RUCKER** via Facebook, and she is traveling the world and living life to the fullest. Most recently I saw that she was in Hawaii. She did make it to Nashville, and I sadly missed connecting with her. **STEPHEN SHAPIRO** wrote in with lots to say, "Stephen moved to Carbondale, CO, a little town he thought best to raise his two daughters, Vivienne and Mabel." Some things never change. :) **DAVE NELSON** writes to say, "My increasingly ancient poodle is still alive (he had kind of a near-death situation a few weeks back, because he's full of masses and his pancreas is going kablooeey), my latest book, *JUNKYARD JAM BAND: DIY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND NOISEMAKERS*, is doing OK, and Mrs. Goodale/Dr. Welch are apparently retired and now live up the street from me! I basically see them every day. I walk my son up the hill to go to school as they walk down the hill to go to the park." **DON SHIN** is still living in Austin, TX, with his wife Deborah, their 4-year-old daughter, Victoria, and 18-month-old identical twin boys, Ethan and Silas (who have just started walking).

Don's mobile app consultancy CrossComm won the Minority Technology Firm of the Year award from the U.S. Dept. of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency last year, and this year is investing heavily in virtual, augmented, and mixed reality capabilities. As for me, I am in Nashville and love the growth this city is experiencing. It is vibrant and energetic and so much going on. I went back to being my own boss and have an interior styling and professional organization design firm. It keeps me busy and I love it! If any of you find yourselves planning a trip to Music City, please let me know, as I would love to catch up. Enjoy the autumn season. This time of year always makes me nostalgic for the beauty of the Cranbrook Quad and Kingswood Lake. Until next time ... Aim High! PS: text or call anytime with updates, pics, etc.

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Kingswood '96 members at Reunion 2016



Bianca Frabotta Cords, Laura Ragsdale Shullman, Tiffany Fellberg Harris and Christine Wolfram Taylor, all '96



CK'96



## CK96

Well, we had a great time catching up at the 20th reunion! It still seems like yesterday we were walking those halls and grabbing a cookie (warmed up) in the bookstore. It was great to see so many of you, and I look forward to staying in contact. While I did not receive many updates, I know many of you are doing great things, so please let me know what you would like included in Tradition.



Group of '96ers at Reunion 2016

**STEPHEN THURMON** graduated May 1, with an MBA in finance from Michigan and accepted an offer from The Sterling Group in Detroit as controller. He loves the new job and the great energy in Detroit. He said, "I took my wife and the kids to the UP for a week and a half where we hiked around Tahquamenon Falls, rented a boat and swam along Pictured Rocks, jumped cliffs in Presque Isle, walked around a ghost town in Fayette,

and took the raft over Kitchitipi Springs. It was a great trip. Looking forward to football and cider mills."



Miguel Gonzalez-Prendes, '96, Andriana, and Victor

**MIGUEL GONZALEZ-PRENDES** sent an update saying he is "super happy!" living with his beautiful girlfriend, Adriana, and her adorable six-year-old, Victor. He is in the process of building his first car wash down in southern Florida (breaking ground in December). He adds, "Sorry I couldn't make it home for reunion. I would have loved to see everyone! My best friends are still my Cranbrook friends (**KEITH BRIGGS, KYLE STONER, and KAI KNIGHT**). If anyone is ever in south Florida, let's get together!" Please send along updates via email or our class Facebook page!

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## CK97

I didn't get very many notes from the class this time around, so I'm thinking (hoping) it is because everyone is so excited for the upcoming 20-year reunion that they don't want to share too much. I mean, we have to save some things to talk about in June, right? I did hear from a few of you, and here's what you shared. **JONATHAN BENINSON** writes, "My company, House of Genius, continues to spread around the world, and we're working with the U.S. Department of State to use entrepreneurship and collaboration as a platform for international diplomacy. This year I got to speak at the White House and

attend the Global Entrepreneurship Summit, and as of last month, I am advising the White House! I've started supporting an amazing nonprofit called the Conrad Foundation, and I'm very excited for some of the things we'll be doing in the future. **DANIEL TOMLINSON** moved to D.C., and we hang out as much as we can. I'm super excited for our 20th Reunion, and I can't wait to see everyone!"

**LEAH ORNSTEIN GROTH** reconnected with a college boyfriend, who she married in October 2015. They welcomed a baby girl, Barrett, in January. Leah has two kids that keep her busy, but she is loving life and exceling as a mom! I spent a morning with Leah and her adorable daughter this summer in Chicago, and she has definitely found what she was meant to do.



*Lynn Wiggins, '97, pictured with the Speaker Pro Tem, Anthony Rendon, and his wife, Annie*

**LYNN WIGGINS** writes, "After a failed attempt to help Sen. Bernie Sanders win Nevada in his now failed bid to become the next president of the United States, I moved back to California and began working as the field director and outreach coordinator for a moderate Democrat, Assemblywoman Cheryl Brown in the Inland Empire." After the election Lynn has stated he will either move back to Sacramento to take a job in the Capitol or retire from politics and move to Eleuthera, Bahamas, where he plans to open an organic pineapple farm ... or not.

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It's hard to believe that it's been 18 years since we graduated, and yet I'm still grateful that we're still on this side of the 20 year mark, especially because doing all the math makes me realize that we're much closer to

40 these days. A lot can happen in the almost two decades since we walked out of Christ Church as alumni. For instance, you can get a phone call from Public Safety letting you know that your class ring, that you never thought you'd see again, was found in by the Gordon Science building. **CHARLES JORDAN**, if anyone ever questions getting their ring engraved, which is how Charles was tracked down, or wondered what public safety did (aside from giving us tickets for driving between campuses), we are all the wiser for your experience. Public Safety, the class of 1998 salutes you for attempting to return Charles' ring to him! Unfortunately, when the package with the ring arrived, somebody had poked a hole in the package and taken the ring out, maybe we'll get an update on the ring in another 18 years? In other news, congratulations are in order for **SARAH RITCHEY**, who recently got engaged. Life in Colorado definitely agrees with you! **MIKE WARD** got married to Arren Connot on July 9, 2016, in San Antonio. Mike says they are looking forward to their next chapter. **BETSY MUENK** got married on September 17 to Kerri Jonas. Congratulations and best wishes on your journey together. Congratulations to **STACY SCHWARTZ SCHAEFFLER** on the birth of her second daughter, Jordan, in March. **PATRICK HANNIFORD** also welcomed a second daughter, Sally, in March. **GEOFF MEISNER** and his wife, Michelle, welcomed their third child, son, Shay, in August. Congratulations on the newest additions to each family! I also would like to congratulate **MICHELLE BYNUM**, who was recently promoted to assistant manager, product and partnership in Interval International's consumer marketing department. As Michelle said, "You never know where life will take you, but you need to take advantage of every opportunity presented to you." That's so true. I'm sure **ERIC KACHIN** will also agree.



*Eric Kachin, '98, Makayla and Melissa*

He and his wife, Melissa, moved to the FAR south side of Chicago and took a job as investment director for Northwestern Medicine. Congratulations to you on the new job!



*Jordan Reed's, '98, daughter, Josephine, in front of their new home*

**JORDAN REED** and her husband decided after less than a year that their move to Wilmington, NC, needed to be made permanent. They put down roots and closed on a house on their daughter, Josephine's, second birthday. Hardly a coincidence, I'm sure. If you haven't seen pictures of Josephine on Facebook, she is growing up beautifully, and it's wonderful to see her looking so well!



*Tommy Waldron and Craig Smith, both '98, ready for a cross-country drive*

**TOMMY WALDRON** and his wife moved from D.C. to Orange County this year. **CRAIG SMITH** flew from San Francisco, where he lives, to join Tommy in D.C., and help him pack up, and drive a Penske truck cross country. Tommy said, "It was incredible catching up with my great friend as the landscape changed from maple trees, to desert, to mountains, and back to desert." He adds that he and his wife, Milana, are expecting their first child in December. Tommy is working for a non-profit, whose mission is to create more affordable housing throughout America. He says the work "has its challenges, but is rewarding in many ways." **NAVEEN REDDY** and his wife have settled into life in Michigan and are loving watching their son grow. One of the things I enjoy about being class secretary is seeing the next generation growing up, as much as I enjoy seeing the paths that our

classmates have taken in life. So, hats off to the last 18 years, and let's see where we all go from here. It's been a fun ride!

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## CK99

Greetings to the class of 1999. There is a lot of exciting baby news to report. **JENNIFER SMITH SHORT** and her husband, Josh, welcomed daughter, Zelda, last November and are looking forward to her first birthday celebration.



Zelda, daughter of Jennifer Short Smith, '99



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Max and Henry, sons of Margo Gannes Pick, '99

**MARGO GANNES PICK** and husband, Jared, are new parents to twin boys, Max and Henry, born on May 22 in New York City. Also welcoming new twins to the family are



Michael Robinson, '99, with wife, Sage, and daughters, Marina and Phoebe

**MICHAEL ROBINSON** and his wife, Sage. Daughters, Marina Cary and Phoebe Cooper, came into the world on July 13. Michael and Sage are looking forward to introducing the girls to Cranbrook's beauty, as soon as a plane ride from New York seems manageable!

**ELISE HALAJIAN MAYER** and her husband, Stockton, added baby girl, Naya, to their family on July 5. My husband, Jamie, and I are happy to announce the birth of our son, Jonah Franklin, born on June 22. Big sisters, Ella and Madeline, are happy to have a new brother. **CHARLOTTE TOWNE PIRCALABU** reports that she is the 2016-2017 chair of the Florida Bar Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Section. She resides in Dania Beach, FL, with her husband and son, where she practices entertainment and intellectual property law. As always, please send me your updates for future editions. It is always a real pleasure to hear from classmates. Drop me a note at [jodiekdavis@gmail.com](mailto:jodiekdavis@gmail.com) or by Facebook Messenger.



Jodie Kaufman Davis, '99, daughters, Ella and Madeline, and son, Jonah

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## CK01

It's hard to believe a mere fifteen years ago we were roaming the Cranbrook Kingswood campus, sitting and laughing with each other in the Quad, and creating memories to last a lifetime. Wow how time flies! We have all gone our separate ways but still manage to keep our friendships strong. **COURTNEY CIULLO** is a commercial litigator at Kotz Sangster Wysocki PC and just completed her MBA at U-M Ross School of Business in April. Her brother, Jeremy, '00, completed his general surgery residency in June and got married in August to Courtney Hilton. In addition, Courtney has enjoyed spending time with fellow classmates **LAUREN WYNNS**, **SHREYA DESAI MCKNIGHT**, and **LAUREN ANDERSON**. **ALEXIS KNIGHT KESSLER** welcomed her first child, Harrison Knight, in March. In addition to motherhood, she is working full-time as a commercial real estate attorney at Pircher, Nichols & Meeks in Chicago. Alexis is trying her best to manage being a first-time mom and working! **KATE JOHNSON** and her husband welcomed their son, Charlie, to the family in February, joining big sister, Parker, who turned 3-years-old in August. Kate enjoyed a wonderful girls' trip to Vancouver with **NINA NIKPOUR**, and she has also been able to regularly spend time with **ALLISON NICHOLS CHARLTON** in Seattle. She had a great time at reunion seeing fellow alumni and enjoying the company of **AMY MEISNER ANDERSON**, who is one of the funniest people she knows. After ten years fighting homelessness and HIV/AIDS, **GABRIELA ZAPATA-ALMA** left Chicago House and opened two clinics, providing outpatient treatment of substance use and mental health issues in the most impacted and underserved areas of Chicago. She also joined the faculty at University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration, teaching courses on clinical interventions in substance use disorders. Gabriela is involved in research with University of Chicago's Urban Labs and Chicago Police Department's Narcotics Division, looking at the efficacy of treatment over arrest, and she was appointed to the Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse's Women's Committee, where she is writing a five-year plan to address women's treatment needs, the first plan to specifically include transwomen. As for me, **SARAH JACOB**, I am looking forward to finishing my PhD in large animal endocrinology at

Michigan State University and returning to clinical medicine within the next year. Please remember to keep your contact information up to date. Best wishes for another great year!

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With our 15-year reunion on the heels of this school year, the class of 2002 has not disappointed with updates. **BRADLEY BERMAN** is working at PepsiCo based out of the UK headquarters earlier this year. He works on the sales/strategy agenda for their smaller beverage brands. He married Jess Kane in early April. In other nuptial news, **BILL BLAKE**, **DREW KASPERS**, and **ERIC LOTZ** stood by **ZACH RIEGLE**'s side as he married Katie in January.



*Zack Riegle, '02, and wife, Katie*

Zach and Katie live in Royal Oak, where he is the director of a digital marketing agency, which has "allowed me to follow my life's passion: making puns for strangers on the internet." Congratulations to Brad and Zach on the weddings! **CARA DEUTCHMAN** is a nurse practitioner and runs her own clinic with St John Providence out of a high school in the Detroit Public School District. She has found a fantastic fit in serving a much needed population doing physicals, sick visits, providing immunizations, STD testing, etc. She is engaged to her longtime boyfriend and is currently planning their April 2017 wedding, where **JO PRICE RAMOS** will be her matron of honor. Staying put in the Metro Detroit area, Cara recently purchased a house in Royal Oak. Congratulations, Cara!



*Amy Snyder Lee, '02, and family*

Also looking to make deeper roots in Michigan are **AMY SNYDER LEE**, **CHRISTINA CARROLL**, and **ELLIOT DARVICK**. Amy, who recently finished her master's in nursing education, and her husband welcomed their first baby in May and are planning a move back to Michigan before the end of the year. Christina finished her PhD at UNC-Chapel Hill and moved to Kalamazoo to work as an assistant professor in modern European history at Kalamazoo College. Elliot and his wife moved from Los Angeles to the Detroit area where he has taken on the role of general manager of Lyft Detroit. **KACEE MUST** works her magic with Citizen Yoga. With studios in Royal Oak and Detroit, she will be opening a third location in spring 2017 at Maple and Telegraph. She hopes to expand to Grand Rapids in 2018 and eventually out of state. This year they are launching a non-profit, "Trust Your Struggle," which will create and teach a curriculum on coping skills for people 18-30 years old as an effort toward suicide prevention. Best of luck with all your amazing plans, Kacee! **PARKER LYNCH** just moved to Austin, TX, where he is teaching third grade social studies at Rawson Saunders, a school for dyslexic kids. He continues to run Born and Raised Detroit, which is approaching its tenth year of hosting events, great work! **CLAIRE O'CONNELL BOOGAARD** is enjoying her work at a community clinic in southeast D.C. as a pediatrician and watching her daughter, Cordy, grow up. **EMILY DERR** just purchased a home in Connecticut and is in the midst of writing and illustrating a children's book. Best of luck on this endeavor, Emily! She recently had artwork featured at City Lights Gallery in Bridgeport, CT, and is continuing to oversee design of custom projects and after-sales service in jewelry, while she finishes

her graduate degree in Gemology. Back in New York, **LAUREN SCHMALE ESTACIO** and her husband spent six months living in Hong Kong last year for work. They recently returned from an amazing trip to South Africa and Botswana. Lauren works at Sullivan & Cromwell as a business development coordinator for the firm's litigation department.



*Lindsey Schostak Gal, '02, husband, Assaf, and twins, Asher and Jenna*

**LINDSEY SCHOSTAK GAL** and husband, Assaf, welcomed twins, Asher and Jenna, in March. Adjusting to life as a family of four in New York City, Lindsey is taking a break from her role as a curriculum developer at a special education school. She continues to work in education as an adjunct professor at Bank Street College of Education. Cannot wait to hear as things continue to change for this fantastic group of people, and we hope to see many of you at the reunion June 9-11, start planning those trips now!

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Hi, Everyone! It has been a while since I did our last *Tradition* update, but as I'm sure many of you can relate, life gets pretty busy! Over the summer I have been fortunate to see many of you and get updated on all that is going on in your lives.



*Wedding of Ashley Merritt, '03, to Jason Rosen*

**ASHLIE MERRITT** married Jason **ROSEN** of Long Island, NY, this past June at the Detroit Athletic Club. In May, Ashlie finished her conversion to Judaism, and she and Jason continued her spiritual journey on their honeymoon in Israel this September.



*Hadley Elizabeth, daughter of Karen Oben, '03, and Jourdan Merritt, '01*

Ashlie's brother, Jourdan, '01, and sister-in-law, **KAREN OBEN MERRITT** welcomed their first child, Hadley Elizabeth, this August. She was an extra special delivery as she was born on Jourdan's birthday! I had the pleasure of spending a weekend with Ashlie and Jason in the Hamptons this summer, along with **LIZ VOLLMAN**, Brad Sherman and Lee Reitelman, both CK'03. Liz is living in New York City, working in marketing at General Assembly. She recently was invited back to reconnect with all that is happening in Detroit for the Crain's Detroit Homecoming. She was excited to see the city's development, as well as meet and connect with many CK alums. Liz was joined by **JESSICA SCHWARTZ** and **MEREDITH GANNES** at Born & Raised Detroit's Homecoming grand finale event at the Detroit Music Hall. Jessica recently made a career change, going to work at Hall & Hunter Realtors with Meredith Rands Colburn, '86. She is very passionate about her new career and would love to help any alumni find the house of their dreams! In May Jessica got engaged to Ethan Weisman, and

they will be getting married at Franklin Hills in May 2017. **MEREDITH GANNES** is working at Fiat Chrysler in textile development as a senior color and materials designer. She is thrilled to be attending the Paris Motor Show this October. Living in the Detroit area, I also spend a lot of time with **DANI LEVIN GABBARD**. Dani married Matt Gabbard in spring 2015 at Bay Harbor. She works as an insurance adjuster, traveling all over the country working on various claims. Dani's side endeavor and passion project is her beading business, Dani L Designs. She creates beautiful beaded jewelry and accessories that she sells through various trunk shows. **BECKY MANNING MANCINI** and her family, husband, Eric, and one-year-old daughter, Vivienne, made a move to the West Coast last August. For the next year Becky will live in Manhattan Beach while her husband finishes his orthopedic fellowship. She will work remotely for Miller Canfield, where she heads up their immigration law department. Over Labor Day I spent the weekend with the ladies listed above, including **JODY SCHOSTAK RAPPAPORT**, as we celebrated our fellow classmate, Billy Deitch's, CK'03, wedding in Sonoma, CA. Last year both **AMELIA ZUKOWSKI** and **KATELYN WYNNS** got engaged. Amelia will be getting married at the Detroit Yacht Club over Memorial Day weekend 2017. She is working in marketing in Chicago, and she spends her free time working on her stand up/improv routines at local comedy clubs. Katelyn will be getting married next fall at the Henry Ford Museum, and last December she completed her nurse anesthetist program in Chicago and loves her new job in the city. I recently heard from **ARIEL DAY GOLD**, and learned that not only is she creating exquisite paintings ([www.arielgoldart.com](http://www.arielgoldart.com)), she also has a fashion line with her paintings printed on various fabrics. Having recently seen one of her scarves, I can confidently say they are stunning pieces! Additionally, I saw that Ariel was a bridesmaid in **ALICIA FREEZE**'s wedding to Andrew Munro in San Diego this September. **SANDRA HABER KERMODE** also lives in San Diego and has been spending the last two years using her experience as a Montessori educator to build her own "life coaching" brand. She is still working as a consultant for her old Montessori school and just celebrated her second wedding anniversary with her husband, Derek. **AVERY KERR GORDON** has made her way back to her Midwestern roots, moving from San Francisco to Chicago

in summer 2015. While working as a lawyer in Chicago, Avery is also enjoying spending more time with her family and friends in Michigan. Avery and her husband, Ian, recently purchased their first home in Lincoln Park. While in Harbor Springs this summer, I saw **K.K SCHMIER** and her husband, Uri, at a reception celebrating Charlie Shaw's retirement. They are living in New York, where K.K. works in communications and grant writing for the Weizmann Institute of Science. This summer I also ran into **JORDAN KRIDLER**, as she was finishing her residency at Children's Hospital of Michigan and about to start her new position in pediatrics at Henry Ford West Bloomfield. **HEIDI HARLAN** moved from L.A. back to Michigan to work for her family business, ECA Science Kits. ECA packages science kits for teachers to use as learning tools in the classroom, and Heidi has since helped increase business sales and production. Speaking of science, I bumped into **CAROLYN MOSS** a few weeks ago and she is teaching physics and coaching girls' lacrosse at Cranbrook for the 2016-2017 school year. She recently moved out of the girls' dorms as a dorm advisor and is living in a house in Birmingham. **JENNY ROEBUCK** is also dedicating her career to enriching the lives of America's youth as a U.S history teacher at the Dawson School outside of Denver, CO. As for me, **ANNE CARNEY STRICKLAND**, Scott and I welcomed our second child, Webb McMillan, in January 2016. Along with his two-year-old sister, Corinne, life has been keeping us on our toes. I am still running my residential interior design business, PORT MFG. & Design and continue to participate in various local organizations, such as Born & Raised and the DIA. I feel lucky to see many of our classmates but would love to hear from more of you! Please feel free to reach out at any time. I always look forward to hearing about what is going on in your lives.

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## CK04

**CARLY KATZ** is living in Bushwick, Brooklyn, with her husband of two years, David, and their two cats, Rosie and Frankie, whom they adore. She is working as a wedding and event director for a top-tier catering

company in New York City called Great Performances. She's helping brides (and bridezillas) bring their big days to life through food, bar, service, and décor. It's pretty much her dream job, and she couldn't be happier! She reflects, "I could stand to have a few weekends off to hit the beach, but then the breaks when you do a job like mine. Totally worth the pale complexion!" Carly's current hobbies include mainlining Netflix Originals, reading everything she can get her hands on, and "being a liberal/elitist/feminist." **ILYSE MAGY** and Justin Hall welcomed the birth of their daughter, Delia Joy Orion Maghally, in June. They live in San Francisco, where they get to spend lots of time with Jimmy Defebaugh, C'04. In October Ilyse and Justin will celebrate the one-year anniversary of their marriage, which is also around the time she and Jimmy will celebrate the 12-year anniversary of their "Facebook marriage."

**SABRINA MUST** moved to San Diego in February, wanting to live by the ocean and learn to surf. She recently got into rock climbing too and is having a blast. She's been building her writing business, WriteLessBad, working with businesses on their written content, as well as finishing up her fourth book about dating and sex. She spends most of her free time outside like always, biking around town with her pup, surfing, roller skating, playing beach volleyball, and now climbing. **SHEILA O'CONNELL JOHNSON** and her husband, Kevin, welcomed daughter, Paige Phelan, into their family on February 5. She has been such a joy for them and continues to amaze them every day. They have been lucky to spend time with Sheila's family this year in various locations, which has been great for Paige to meet her other cousins! They live in Arlington, VA, where Sheila works as a consultant at Lockton.

**PAIGE SMITH** moved to New York City last August. She's living in Greenwich Village just north of Washington Square Park. She's enjoying the great neighborhood with lots of restaurants and cute shops, and she works for Lilly Pulitzer as a senior print designer based out of their New York showroom. Paige had a great summer visiting her family in Michigan, Shaw Smith Morris, '01, and Brewster Smith, '06, and she's looking forward to a trip to Palm Springs, CA, at the end of the month for work. **SARAH WON** is teaching at Dublin Scioto High School in Dublin, OH, as an intervention specialist and has started her master's program in educational leadership with principal licensure. I, **JULIA KRAMER**

**PONG**, wrote the update last year a few days before our daughter, Oakley, was born. Oakley is now one year old, loves playing with books and climbing everything. My husband, Chris, Oakley, and I, along with our families at times, had a blast traveling this past year, to Japan when Oakley was 2.5 months, to Belize and Guatemala when she was 4 months, and to Ireland when she was 9.5 months old.



*Julia Kramer Pong, '04, with husband, Chris, and daughter, Oakley*

In January I started an in-home daycare, where I get to take care of Oakley and two other babies just a little younger than her each day. Oakley loves that her best friends come over each day. The set-up is working great for our family!

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## CK05

Greetings, Class of 2005! **TIM BREKER** began working for BCG in Cologne, Germany, this past June. Prior to that he finished a PhD program in educational psychology. His research focused on how social-cognitive psychology can help teachers enable their students to achieve their full academic potential, and he developed a tool to help teachers diagnose and support their students. **NORMAN DOTSON** has started his first year

of law school at Wayne State this fall, and he's engaged to be married in October at Detroit's Masonic Temple. **DAVID GRANZOTTO** finished a master's degree at UC Berkeley and is now the assistant principal at Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek, CA. **RYAN TAUBE** completed his residency and took a job in Fort Lauderdale, FL, practicing emergency medicine at a community hospital. He also will be getting married in Hillsboro Beach, FL, next April. As for me, **RYAN ZAMPARDO**, I moved out to Palo Alto, CA, after spending the last couple years back in the Midwest. I'll be out here for at least the next two years while my wife is in the MBA program at Stanford. It'd be great to connect with any other classmates who happen to be passing through the area!

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## CK05

**KAT WEBER MONTGOMERY** has been keeping busy as a second year resident physician at Vanderbilt. She and her husband, Christian, have been fostering dogs for a local animal rescue group, and she recently ran her first full marathon.

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## CK07

Hi, Everyone. Oh, how time flies! I want to remind everyone that our 10 year reunion is quickly approaching. Please save the date for this next milestone reunion, which will be on June 9-11, 2017. I am hopeful that the next couple of Tradition updates will get everyone excited to catch up in person! **MACKENZIE MAYO** just started her second year of medical school at Wayne State. She is enjoying living at home and commuting to midtown. In her words, "I pretty much just study all the time!" Hang in there, Mackenzie; I'm sure a few of our fellow classmates can definitely relate! **DINA GUREVICH** was also at Wayne State and finished her master's in clinical counseling this past spring. She will be moving to Atlanta, GA, with her mini Doxie in the fall and getting married soon

after. Dina will be working part-time in her fiancé's orthopedic surgery practice. **IMKE WASSERMAN LIEVENS** got married on August 22, 2015, in Germany and recently celebrated her first wedding anniversary with her husband, Ray. Imke and Ray are both nurses at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, working in the neurosurgical intensive care unit and the surgical intensive care unit, respectively. They spend their free time playing with their three dogs and boating on Lake St Clair. Imke and Ray live in Birmingham, MI, and would love to catch up with any CK classmates in the area. **ERIN KELLEY POWER** got married on July 30, 2016, in Atlanta, GA, surrounded by close friends and family. **EMILY RAYMOND** is working as a bodily injury trial attorney for Geico in New York City. She is a new aunt to her beautiful niece, Cora, and says she has been so lucky to keep in touch with **LIANE PERKINS JORDAN** on a daily basis. She is also a frequent shopper at Zach Kay's, C'07, store in Birmingham, which she claims is better than any NYC boutique (Agreed!). Speaking of connecting with fellow classmates, **EMILY ECKHOUS** and **OLIVIA PETRIE** got together for an 'epic Euro trip' this summer, which included stops in London, Berlin, Prague, and Vienna. Their last stop in Vienna was especially memorable, as they visited and stayed with Philipp Poppe, CK Assist '06, and his girlfriend. **CATHERINE LAGRASSO** and, her partner, Ashley, wed on April 14, 2016, at sunset, in a simple, elegant, private ceremony with immediate family on a lake in Pinckney, MI. Catherine was joined by several members of the Cranbrook community, including **EMILY SEIDL** and **MEGHAN SEIDL**, who were her bridesmaids, along with her brother, Joey LaGrasso, '11, who officiated the ceremony. In addition to the memorable vows, the couple and their guests enjoyed perfect weather, 60+ degrees and sunny, blue wildflower bouquets, and a wedding cake decorated to tie in with the rustic theme. Due to busy work schedules and responsibility of their dog, Scout, Catherine and Ashley were planning a honeymoon weekend in Traverse City, MI, filled with fun activities such as dirt biking. A BBQ reception at their 1920's farm home in Plymouth was planned for June. **SAMAR COYLE DEBENEDECTIS** plans on attending the BBQ. **AVA PEARLMAN** is in her third year of teaching middle school and high school science, specifically, biology, marine biology, oceanography, and physical

science, at an American boarding school in Taichung, Taiwan. She is slowly learning Chinese and hopes to stay in Taiwan for the next year or two. This December I will bid *adieu* to Boston, first to travel through Italy with **SAMRITA VARDE** and our parents, and then to pursue my MBA at INSEAD beginning in January 2017. I will be starting my program on the French campus in Fontainebleau and hopefully switching to the Singapore campus later in the year. If you find yourself near Paris or Singapore in 2017, I hope we can coordinate a meetup!

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## CK08

Hello again to my classmates. It's my pleasure to be reporting the goings-on of the Class of 2008 once more, and I hope this Note finds everyone well. Not far from campus, **XANDER STREK** is working at Clarkston Capital Partners with CK alum, JJ Modell, '90. Out East **M. PAUL WEEKS** took some time off work and spent his summer building websites and volunteering to teach kids to code. He is living in NYC and plans to be working full-time again by the end of the year. **PERRY HOLMES** has returned to Michigan from Washington, D.C., and he is now attending the University of Michigan, where he is pursuing a dual MBA and master of public policy. We also have a new M.D. in our ranks, as **JAMES ROSS** graduated from New York Medical College earlier this year. He is now an OB/GYN resident at Magee-Women's Hospital at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. After several years enjoying the California sunshine, **RYAN DREWS** is planning to return to Michigan in the near future. He's looking for a place with a garage that will allow him to keep the band together, as they recently landed a gig opening for an '80s Billy Joel cover band. As for your class secretary, **PETER BAUMHART** moved to San Diego in August to start a federal appellate clerkship. So if anyone is out this way, please let me know. It would be great to catch up.

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## CK08

This summer I have had the pleasure of hearing from several of my classmates from the class of 2008. Thank you for your updates! It is always a joy to hear your news.

**GREER GORDON** is thrilled to be the new eighth grade English teacher at Cranbrook Kingswood Girls Middle School! Greer is excited to have finally finished her teaching program and looks forward to joining the same eighth grade teachers that taught her while she attended as a student. She is also on a co-ed slow pitch softball team with David Kunz, '05. If any of you alums out there are interested in joining, let Greer know!

**HALI GREENE** lives in Cincinnati with her two amazing cats, Walter and Ella. Hali is the Outreach Director for Ohio's largest grassroots non-profit, Ohio Citizen. She is currently working on a campaign to end the freeze on Ohio's renewable energy and energy efficiency standards, and fighting to move Ohio away from fossil fuels. Hali is also involved with the Cincinnati Feminist Collective and Black Lives Matter. After spending two years traveling post-college, **ASHLEY FLECKENSTEIN** now lives in Boulder, CO, and works in marketing. Check out her travel blog: [ashleyabroad.com](http://ashleyabroad.com)! **RACHEL SAMRAH** is excited to be living outside of Michigan for the first time! She recently moved to Jackson Hole, WY, with her boyfriend, where she is a Project Manager at an advertising firm.



Jennifer Shapiro, '08, with daughter, Zara Rain

**JENNIFER SHAPIRO** is currently living in western North Carolina with her boyfriend, David, and their 3-year-old daughter, Zara

Rain. Beyond her amazing journey as a mother, Jennifer is a hair stylist, trains horses, and co-creates art (*Lucid Weavings*) with David, inspired by her fiber arts classes at CK! Loving the Blue Ridge Mountains, they enjoy hiking to waterfalls, being in nature, and deepening in meditation practices. Congratulations to **LEAH VARGA** on completing her MSc in Oceanography at Scripps Institution of Oceanography last June! Leah lives in San Diego and loves working at the Whale Acoustics Lab at SIO. She and her fiancé, Sean, are busy planning for their wedding next summer in Northern Michigan. **MACKENZIE MCBRIDE** is living in Park Slope, Brooklyn with roommate Mary Baron, '10. This past spring, her full-length play, *The Telling and Re-Telling of Lucy and Owen*, was produced in Manhattan and she contributed a piece, *Brief Intervention*, to the NY Indie One-Minute Play Festival. This fall, she is starting work as a full-time Teaching Artist, teaching theater and writing at under-resourced public schools around all five boroughs, working with students from Pre-K to 12th grade who might otherwise not have any access to arts education. She acknowledges it will be challenging, but knows it is important work, and is thrilled to be a part of it! I am looking forward to visiting Mackenzie in NYC in a few days! Regarding your class secretaries, **HANNAH KANECK** graduated this past May with an MPH from the Yale School of Public Health and is settling into a new position as a data analyst for CVS Health's Enterprise Analytics team in the Chicagoland area. She was able to visit CK twice this year, along with spending time within the city limits of Detroit and visiting with **GENNY WARD-WERNET** and **MEGAN MOCKERIDGE**. Hannah is looking forward to making a few more trips to campus this upcoming year, now that she is living within driving distance. As for me, **REBECCA KALLEN MURDEN**, I'm loving my job at mossArchitects in Pittsburgh's Lawrenceville area, and I'm currently taking my architectural licensing exams. Strangely enough, I'm enjoying the studying!

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## CK09

Lucy Xu, K'09 is still living the dream (or at least, a dream) in New York City, working in digital marketing at rising tech startup Curalate and building communities within the NYC tech network. She recently returned from a solo trip to Greece, where she did indeed eat, pray, and love. When not marketing or traveling, Lucy has become a diehard SoulCycle enthusiast. If you find yourself in New York, or in some need of some marketing consultation, she'd love to chat and/or meet up. Cranes fly together. **DYLAN HANDELSMAN** is living in D.C. tackling his first year of law school at Georgetown. **ADAM WELLS** is moving from Denver to Seattle this fall to continue photography and marketing in the outdoor industry. You can see his work at [www.ajwells.news](http://www.ajwells.news). **JOHN WHITTAKER** graduated with a degree in nutrition and worked at the Children's Hospital of Michigan in the Genetic and Metabolic Disorders Department before diving into medical school and moving further down the path to practicing internal medicine. **NEAL ANDERSON** is the COO of a software startup called, Supported Intelligence that is at the intersection of data analytics and artificial intelligence. He's still playing music on the side, mostly Eastern European or Cuban, and has plans to return to school for his PhD in physics. Give his 2015 album a listen: <http://nealandersonquintet.bandcamp.com>. **BRENDAN HANCOCK** is in Denver at Subaru's largest dealership in the nation, selling way more cars than you are. **JOE GRANZOTTO**, **ANDREW ECKHOUS**, **ERIC FISHMAN**, and **BRENT MOFFETT** recently moved to Sitka, AK, where they live as part-time grizzly bear rehabilitators and part-time Alaskan king crab fisherman. Tune into the Discovery Channel's hit show *Deadliest Catch* to see them in action. **MATT WAHL** is doing it in San Francisco.

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## CK10

**GEORGE TEPE** is going strong at Columbia Law! He's in his final year, where a lot of his time will be spent as the editor in chief of the Columbia Business Law Review. After graduation he'll be an associate at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen, and Katz. Congrats, George! **COLIN CAMERON** moved to Chicago in July to work in sales for a custom software development firm. He's caught up with fellow classmates, **CHRIS GENCO** and **MAX BERMAN**, in downtown Chicago. Never one to shy away from an adventure, **ROSS FINNIE** and **MARK BARNETT** drove **MICHAEL ST. GERMAIN (MSG)** from Michigan to Ft. Rucker, AL, where MSG is learning to fly helicopters. Unsurprisingly, they survived a Michigan blizzard and had to dig the UHaul out twice. Rest assured, they made it safely. Smiles and all.



Michael St. Germain, Ross Finnie, and Mark Barnett, all '10



Michael St. Germain, Ross Finnie and Mark Barnett, all '10, going to Alabama

I've moved to Massachusetts to continue on my path in education. I'm associate director of college counseling and John Hope Fellow at Worcester Academy in Worcester, MA. I'm sure some of you aren't surprised I ended up back at a boarding school. :) If you're in the Worcester/Boston area, let me know! That's all folks! Get in touch if you have any other things you want me to know. Also if you have new contact information, send it to me. Until next year.

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## CK10

Hello, Ladies of the class of 2010! I've heard from a few of you, and it sounds like you're doing well...as well as doing good! You've been hard at work embodying the ideals of aiming high and going forth to serve. **MARY BARON** has been working in NYC at a nonprofit called DreamWakers, which connects low-income students with diverse career professionals via video chat. Recently she took a hiatus there in order to perform in Maury Yeston's musical, *Phantom*; she's understudying Christine in that production. The show is now in Pennsylvania and will be in Florida in the winter. So far it has been a blast! **MARY TOBIAS** has been living in Chicago since September 2014, working for a commercial brokerage firm called American Street Capital. She is also the vice president of philanthropy for a women's real estate organization called Real Estate Finance Forum. She is enjoying summer in Chicago and taking in all the amazing cultural activities that the city has to offer. **ROSEMARY O'CONNOR** graduated from Wellesley College in the spring of 2014 with a degree in psychology. She is now entering her third year working full-time at a Detroit youth development organization, Racquet Up Detroit. She was recently promoted to squash director and college prep coordinator. The organization works to support and empower Detroit youth so they can achieve their full potential through the combination of the sport of squash, academics, literacy enrichment, community service, mentoring, and cultural and college exposure. Rosemary loves her job and hopes to continue to make

a difference in the lives of the children she works with. As for me, I recently wrapped up two years working at the Chicago Housing Authority, where I helped with the administration of the Housing Choice Voucher Program. I left that position to start a PhD program in sociology at the University of Pennsylvania. I'm looking forward to getting to know a new city! I hope these class notes find you all healthy and happy. I look forward to receiving more updates!

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## CK15

The Cranbrook Kingswood Class of 2015 spent our first year, and summer, as college students working, studying, and exploring all over the world. This past fall **LEXA PROKOPETZ** traveled to Fiji, New Zealand, and Australia's Gold Coast, where she participated in a seven-week community service program. **JENNA GOLDSTEIN** spent the end of her summer break amidst the world's greatest athletes in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, as a media intern at NBC for the 2016 Summer Olympic Games. As if one year of classes at Yale wasn't enough, **JACKIE HONET** completed a summer semester abroad in London, studying Victorian photography and English garden architecture. **MINA AL-ANSARI** left Ann Arbor for Toronto this summer, where she worked as an intern at New Path Consulting's headquarters. **GRACE MIKLOSOVIC** just began her semester abroad in Madrid, Spain, where she is living with a Spanish host family and attending classes. **RANEEN FAROOQ** finished her first year at King's College in London, England, where she is pursuing an LLB undergraduate law degree and serves as managing creative editor for King's College's political newspaper, *Dialogue*. Varsity collegiate athletes, **KEIKO DECLERCK** (Princeton University), **LUCY DEMBECK** (Colby College), **FRANKIE WHITE-LEVIN** (Skidmore College), **ARIANA VESPA**, **CLAIRE FORD**, and **NATALIE BAXTER** (University of Michigan), **MEGAN MARTZOLFF** (Bucknell University), and **CORDELIA CHAN** (Williams College) all finished successful first seasons in ice hockey, lacrosse, track and field, rowing, and golf. **KAYLA LUMPKIN** began working

as an intern for the United States House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, while she continues her studies at our home institution, the George Washington University. I, **ANNABEL LABRECQUE**, will spend some of my fall semester on Capitol Hill as well, working as a part-time legislative intern for Michigan's own Senator Gary Peters, after interning at his D.C. office full-time over the summer.

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## CK16

This fall the alumni of the Cranbrook Kingswood class of 2016 are starting the next chapter of their lives all across the world. College classes and gap year adventures have just begun, and there will be many amazing stories to share in the future. For the class of 2016, there are three class secretaries, **KENNIE KERNEN**, **ARDEN SHAPIRO**, and **BETSY SAYLOR**. For all four years of high school Kenzie was in varsity soccer, participated in Gold Key, and played the baritone saxophone in Cranbrook's bands. At the end of senior year he founded DollarADayFitness.com, a website that helps people get into health and fitness. Currently at the U-M Kenzie will major in business. Arden played soccer and field hockey during her time at CK, along with being a wilderness leader during junior and senior year, and was very involved in writing for the Crane. She is also attending U-M with plans to study philosophy on a pre-med track. At Cranbrook she loved spending time with the wilderness leaders and learning about the school's history. Betsy played volleyball and lacrosse at Cranbrook, was a Gold Key member, and involved in the Girls Mentoring Club. She was very involved in ceramics and was a wilderness leader her junior and senior year. Her favorite Cranbrook memories include exploring campus and hanging out with the wilderness student leaders after school. Betsy is also attending U-M with plans to choose a major in LSA, after taking some classes to find a passion. GO BLUE! Note to the class of 2016: In the future we will be contacting all of you to hear about your life and adventures, so that we can share your accomplishments

with the rest of the Cranbrook Community. You can get in contact with us via Facebook Messenger or email: [kkernen9@gmail.com](mailto:kkernen9@gmail.com), [ardenelissashap19@gmail.com](mailto:ardenelissashap19@gmail.com) or [betsy.saylor@gmail.com](mailto:betsy.saylor@gmail.com).

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#### HONORARY ALUMNI

I'm happy to share this news from **CHARLIE SHAW**, now enrolled in the ranks of honorary alumni: "This past June saw the culmination of months of recognition of my transition from head of upper school and 40 years of teaching to a new position with the title of director of stewardship. Throughout the spring there were picnics, photo ops, celebrations by one and all, a formal gala, and then finally a 40-year recognition at Reunion. No reader of this venerable chronicle need be told of the sacral quality of the number forty here. So my Reunion evening stirred me to the bones with great music, loving remarks, and strange tales. However, nothing could have prepared me for the incredible induction into the status of honorary alum. President of the CK Alumni Association, Scott Strickland, '01, brought to the occasion all due solemnity with affectionate tributes and secret rites! As you can imagine, the climax of all of this was the presentation of my alumni ring: gold band with engraved archer. My heart beats a little faster each time I look at my ring. If there is a greater honor than this, I don't know what it is. Thinking back over all those Ring Days, the Passages of Leadership, the graduation ceremonies: at the center of it all is the ring. Thank you, generations of students and the CK Alumni Association!" Charlie's new office is in the Development area, and he would love to have alums stop in and catch up." As alumni gathered together during reunion weekend to congratulate **FRANK NORTON** on his retirement, he too was bestowed the title of Honorary Alumnus and received a Cranbrook ring from the CK Alumni Association. We wish him the best in his retirement and look forward to hearing about it in the future. I was also happy to hear from **SUZAN BAMFORD**, a former chairperson of Giftorama, and honorary alumna. She said, "I have lived in Rhode Island for ten years now, from the Great Lakes State to the Ocean State. At first I carried on with my real estate career, but when the real estate market went down

I went back to nursing. After six years taking care of Alzheimer's patients, I am now retired. Both my children are doing very well, and my granddaughter is the light of my life." Thanks for catching up with us, Suzan.



*John Winter, Honorary Alum, John Arvai, '92, and his children*



*John Arvai, '92, and wife, Bree*

**JOHN WINTER** checked in with the following: "Early June saw me driving my trusty Jeep from Florida to Wisconsin by way of Lexington, VA, to attend the wedding

of Zander Tallman, '10, to Paige Glance in the beautiful setting of Washington and Lee University.



*Wedding of Zander Tallman, '10, to Paige Glance*

The summer at Hidden Cove Resort has been busy with guests from Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, and California! John Arvai, '92, his wife, Bree, and Johnny, Jake, Claire, and Ella spent a week in *The Big Lebowski* and though only one fish was caught, over 30 'crawdads' were coaxed out of the water by their children. Tom De Craene and Tom Burgess, dads of grads', Leanne De Craene, '01, Allison De Craene, '04, and Kristen Burgess Ruud, '00, made their annual trek up in July. Fine dining included a YouTube recipe for a calzone and a visit to the Northwood Supper Club in Fifield for barbecue ribs! And finally I'd like to thank the Cranbrook Educational Community for inviting me back to their annual employee picnic that coincides with the Woodward Dream Cruise, always fun to catch up with people, meet the incredibly talented new folks who are starting their service to the Cranbrook Schools!



Evan Spaller, '11

During the weekend I connected with Evan Spaller, '11, who is a licensed technical specialist for Ducati Detroit in Birmingham. Evan gave me a tour of the shop and showroom - IMPRESSIVE!" I, Kathy Discenna, enjoy dropping by the alumni office to have lunch with Margi Brown, as well as to see other alumni at events on campus. I am honored to be able to continue to assist John Albrecht, '47, with the Memorial Service during reunion weekend. My role is to read the names of the Kingswood alumnae who have passed away during the year. I love this ceremony and hear all the recollections of those who attend.

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## FORMER FACULTY

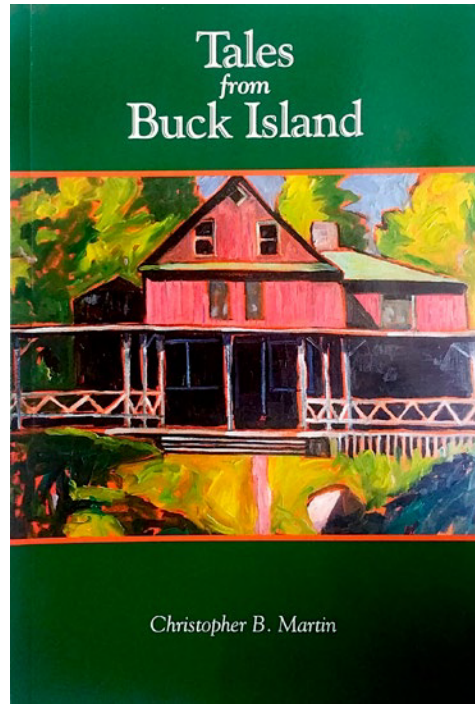
#### CLASS NOTES EDITOR:

Retirement isn't always equated with rest and relaxation for members of our former faculty.



John Hazard reads from his recently published collection of poems, *Naming a Stranger*, at Waterford Public Library

English teachers **JOHN HAZARD** and **CHRIS MARTIN** are both authors of newly published books. John Hazard's collection of poetry is called "Naming a Stranger" and is available on Amazon. John reports that he has enjoyed the opportunity to do some local readings and was pleased to have several of the poems from this collection published in the spring 2016 issue of *Front Range Review*.



Christopher Martin's "Tales from Buck Island"

Chris Martin's book, "Tales from Buck Island" was published by Birch Bark Press. It is a compilation of stories and memories that evolved from a lifetime of visits to the rustic upstate New York island. Chris has put former colleague Charlie Shaw in charge of distribution of the book to interested parties, which can be obtained by making a donation of any size to Horizons Upward Bound and then contacting Charlie at [cshaw@cranbrook.edu](mailto:cshaw@cranbrook.edu). Belatedly adding this update from last summer that came from former faculty member **CAROL LEBO** about **ROMI JELLIFFE**, wife of **SCRIBNER JELLIFFE**, a long-serving CK history teacher who died several years ago. His wife Romi was a very beloved and recognizable figure on campus. She kept a very welcoming household, touched many lives, and had a career in child care. "Hoping all is well with you and yours, I write with news of Romi. About two weeks ago her knees gave out to the extent that she is now in a rehab center. She fought fiercely to prevent this, but now sounds content with the care and therapies she is getting. No long

term plans yet. She is at: Wheelock Terrace, 3 Buck Lane, Hanover, NH 03755." The celebration of life for former Latin teacher **STEVE "DOC" ROSENQUIST** was attended by a large throng of former students and colleagues. Former faculty seen in the crowd included **BEATRIX FUZET-PREZKOP**, **BOB COWIE**, and **PAUL MATURO '77**. Funny and touching stories were shared, as were laughter and tears in equal measure. To add to the impact of the event, Doc's nephew, Erik, and his wife, Marilyn, presented the schools with a generous check from Doc's estate, relaying his desire "to help a student in need with tuition." There is more information about Doc's gift in the "Alumni Giving" section, and photos from the memorial in "Alumni Moments." Former English teacher **JEFFREY WELCH** led the most-well-attended Cranbrook campus tour in history, with over 50 alumni lining for his very special trek through the art and architecture of our campus. More former faculty members were seen in the crowd at reunion including GMS art teacher, **BETH HOLLAND**, history teacher and hockey coach, **TED KELLY**, with his wife, Pat, **MICKEY PRICE**, former dean of boys and alumni director, **JOHN WINTER**, and **NINA MACHUS** who reports that, "I live part time in Naples. I am still singing, a church soloist and weddings, etc. and joyfully keep up with many, many former students. It was especially a joy to see Reneé Goldsberry-Johnson, '89, in Hamilton on Broadway and to have a nice visit with her. "Also spotted on campus recently was Eric Linder enjoying the Elizabeth Bennett reading, **IRENE EGNER** watching her grandson in the Alumni vs. Faculty Soccer game, new retiree **HERB SNITZ** at an alumni panel in the Cranbrook Library, and **CEC VETTRAINO STRINE** at the annual "Cranbrook Envisions a Cure" campus walk to unite and raise funds for cancer support groups that is her "retirement" project. Summer was a time of loss for the Cranbrook Educational Community, as well as the celebration of the lives of those who gave so much of themselves during their time here.



One of Kai Benjamin Robinson's, '76, favorite photos of Miles

A joyful celebration of the life of **MILES ROBINSON** who was killed in a cycling accident in Wyoming was held on campus in August. Here is an excerpt from the *Detroit Free Press* article on this loss: "Miles and Kai Robinson were soul mates on bicycles. The Bloomfield Township couple met on a bike trip in 1979, married a few years later and spent the next several decades exploring the country's landscape on biking expeditions. They were adventurers, nature lovers, and best friends. Their journey took a tragic turn during a bike ride in Wyoming. On July 20, Miles Robinson was "having a blast" on a mostly downhill ride when he struck a cattle crossing and died from the fall. He was 66 years old. Kai Robinson said her husband taught sixth-grade science at Cranbrook. She remembered how he once created a replica of the Rouge River with gutters and a pump, and then had his students collect specimens from the actual river. "He wanted his students to walk away with a scientific curiosity," Robinson said. "The two things he taught were to be curious and ask questions, and never give up. And, as long as you were moving forward, you were successful." The celebration of Miles' life included a one mile, slow paced, bicycle Ride of Silence through campus, a tradition established to honor cyclists who have been injured or died on public roadways and bringing awareness to bicycle safety. **MARIA CASWELL** sent sad news about the loss of **JUDY MORAN**, wife of former faculty member and administrator, **BILL MORAN**, saying that Judy fought a heroic battle with pancreatic cancer, and had both of her sons with her at the end. Maria is enjoying her retirement and dividing her time between Florida and Michigan. Connie Koch, step-daughter of **VIRGINIA LYNCH (HART)**, former assistant to Cranbrook headmaster

**HARRY HOEY** called to let us know that she passed away in Florida at the age of 95. Virginia worked for Mr. Hoey for 25 years, and retired in approximately 1978.



Betsy Felix (second from left) with tennis comrades (l to r) Ann Mell, Bonnie Wood, and Betsy Clark

A memorial service was held at Christ Church Cranbrook in August for **BETSY FELIX** that was attended by many of her Cranbrook Schools' colleagues and fans. She passed away in July, surrounded by family, at the age of 88. "Miss Betsy" was a long tenured, executive assistant to two directors of schools and admissions administrative assistant at both the upper school and lower schools and her ever-present smile will be missed.



Wallace and Mayble Cripps and Sue Fead Coflin and Barb Cripps Tracy, both '60

Finally, Barbara Cripps Tracy '60 sent on news of the loss of her mother, former Brookside administrator and wife of Brookside math teacher **WALLY CRIPPS**. From her obituary: "On August 30 **MAYBLE ELISABETH CRIPPS** joined her beloved husband, Wallace, in heaven. Mayble was born on January 5, 1919 in Detroit, MI, to Park F. Abbott and

Marie Katherine Wertz Abbott. Mayble married Wallace T. Cripps in 1941. Mayble was employed at Brookside Elementary, Cranbrook Educational Community, Bloomfield Hills, MI. After retirement, they relocated to Mount Dora, FL. In 2013 they moved to Jacksonville, FL, where they both made their journey to eternity. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara and her husband, Robert Tracy of Gainesville, GA, a son, Todd, and his wife, Vicki Cripps of Jacksonville, FL, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandsons. Services were held in Jacksonville, FL. Memorial donations to the Wallace T. Cripps Scholarship Fund, Brookside School, Cranbrook, 550 S. Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301 are appreciated." The "Former Faculty" notes editor, **BETSY CLARK**, had hip replacement surgery last spring but is back on the move and will no doubt be making contributions to this column going forward. In the meantime former faculty members should send any updates on themselves or other former faculty members with him they are in touch and address and email changes to [alumni@cranbrook.edu](mailto:alumni@cranbrook.edu).

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# Memoriam

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William E. Douglas '39  
James O. Nordlie '41  
Margaret McMath Herring '41  
Eleanor Paton '42  
William W. Macdonald '43  
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Margaret Lockwood Nichols '45  
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David A. Sloss '53  
Robert C. Whitlatch '53  
David M. Martin, Jr. '56

Charles R. Perry '56  
Barbara Blackwood Bradley '56  
Malcolm B. "Barry" Smith '57  
Edward R. Sun '59  
Burtis L. Snyder '62  
Thomas M. Brown '63  
Bonnie Cragin McCuskey '63  
Ann Clark Carlyle '64  
Jay L. Margolis '66  
John F. Rau '69  
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If you have information regarding the loss of a fellow alum, please send it on to the alumni office via email ([mbrown@cranbrook.edu](mailto:mbrown@cranbrook.edu)) or phone (248.645.3132). See Class Notes or contact your class secretary for further information about those listed above.



# SUMMER AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

**T**he 10 camps hosted by the Schools' Special and Summer Programs enrolled over 1,100 campers from 15 states and six countries. The camps host the children of many schools' alumni every year, both local and far flung. These day camps are available on a week by week basis, and each year we have campers from other states and countries who attend for a week or longer while visiting grandparents or vacationing in the metro area.

The camps included are traditional, multi-activity camps (Brookside, Cranbrook, and Kingswood) for ages three to 14 and our specialty, single-focused camps (Art Studio, Jazz, Robotics, Young Authors, and the Cranbrook Theatre School celebrating the Greek Theatre's 100th anniversary) for ages six to 17. Campers enjoyed active daily schedules, making new friends, learning from their counselors, special activities like field trips to nearby theme parks, daily swim time in the Williams Natatorium, ice skating in the Wallace Ice Arena, and Pizza Fridays!

## SUMMER 2017

The current lineup includes all camps from this past summer. The office will spend the winter months preparing and enhancing the camps in order to deliver another memorable summer for many children. Our camps will begin on Monday, June 26, 2017 and weekly offerings will be available for six weeks. Registration for camps will launch this December. To be notified or to receive a brochure, contact us at [summer@cranbrook.edu](mailto:summer@cranbrook.edu) or (248) 645-3678.

Other camps in the Cranbrook community include Athletic camps, Institute of Science camps, and Art Museum camps. Visit [bit.ly/cranbrookssp](http://bit.ly/cranbrookssp) to find out more.

See you next summer!

WESTON B. OUTLAW  
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