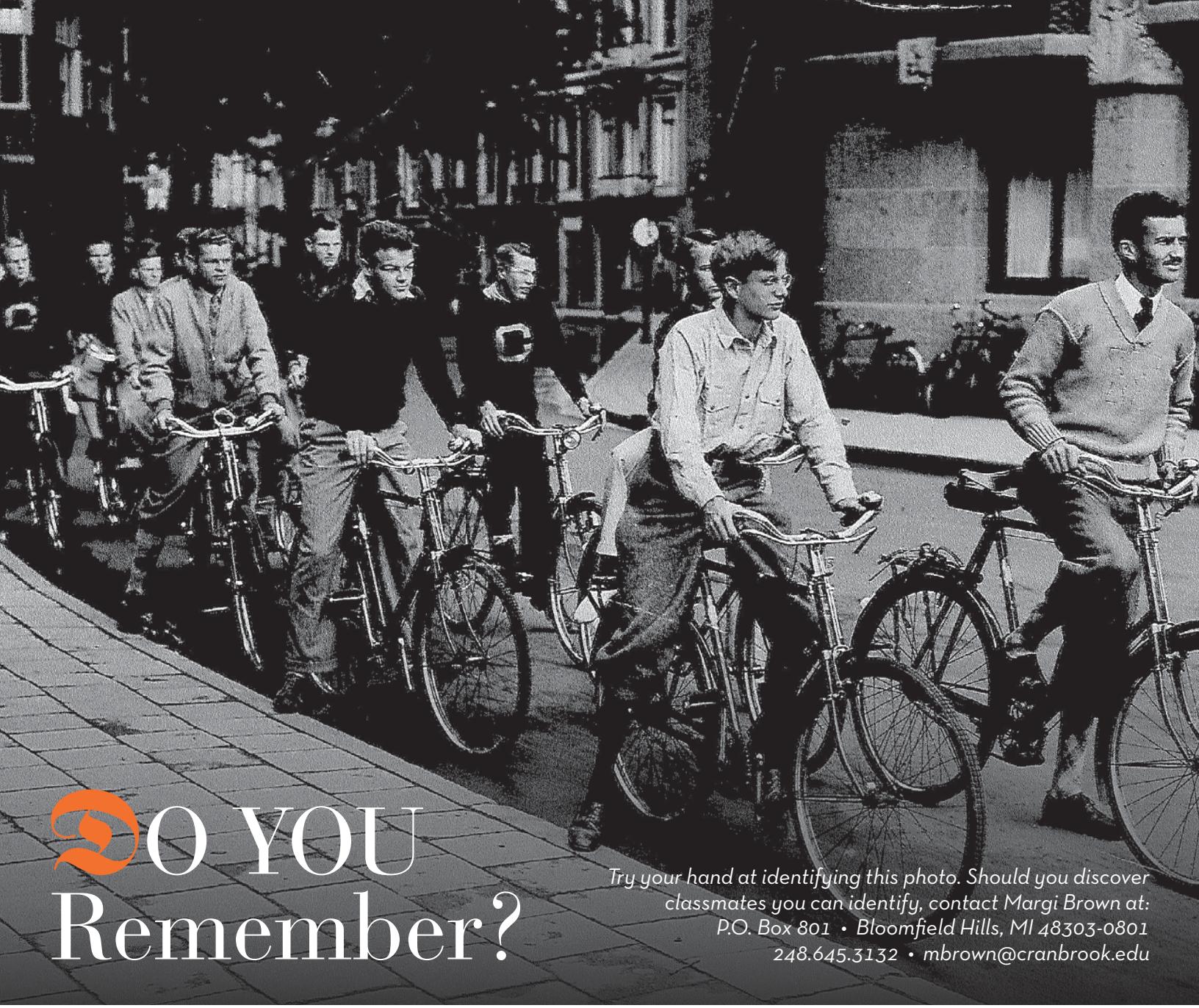


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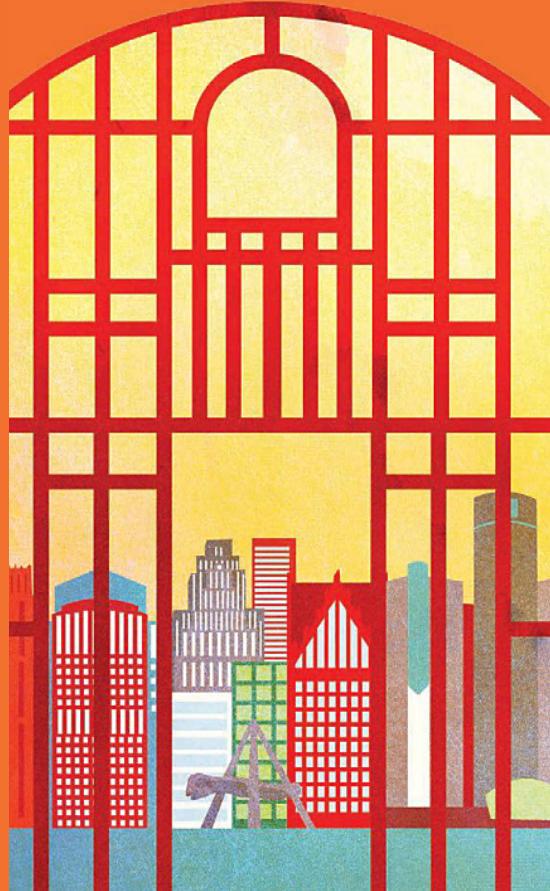
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RESIDENT'S Point of View

Greetings Cranbrook Schools' Families,

I've thought a great deal about southeastern Michigan lately and the role Cranbrook has played in the history of Detroit. I've also been thinking about what role we might play in the future to make our region even stronger, more vibrant and meaningful on a national scale. This hotbed of automotive, architectural, musical and other artistic innovation never fails to make a statement. As Detroit goes through an immense phase of revitalization, I thought it would be appropriate to reflect upon some of the rich history Detroit shares with Cranbrook.

George Gough and Ellen Scripps Booth, Cranbrook's founders, met and wed in Detroit. They spent the first 21 years of their marriage there while raising five children. Working closely with James Scripps, George's father-in-law, George Booth built the *Detroit Evening News* into Detroit's largest daily newspaper. Deciding to seek a quieter country life, the Booths gifted their Detroit property to the Detroit Public Library and hired noted Detroit architect Albert Kahn to design a "country estate" now known as Cranbrook House.

Both the Scripps and Booth families were instrumental in the founding of The Detroit Institute of Arts. James Scripps' donation of art and antiquities ultimately formed the nucleus of the DIA's old European masters collection and prints as well as the Detroit Public Library's rare books collection.

George Booth was a leading patron of the Detroit Arts and Crafts movement and was the first president of the Detroit Society of Arts & Crafts. Always an advocate of education, Booth developed a school of industrial design that opened in 1911 as the Detroit School of Design (now known as the College for Creative Studies).

I notice that where there is creativity, innovation and change there is often a Cranbrook Kingswood graduate working somewhere behind the scenes. That is why it should come



as no surprise that many Cranbrook Schools' alumni are participating in the extraordinary renaissance currently taking place in Detroit. With backgrounds that range from innovative entrepreneurs and thought leaders breaking new ground in nonprofits, it is clear that Cranbrook alums are deeply committed to the turnaround of one of our country's great cities. I know the Booths would be proud.

The internationally recognized artist Nick Cave, a Cranbrook Academy of Art graduate, was the creator of *HereHear*, an extraordinary recent exhibition at Cranbrook Art Museum with related performances. Nick returned to Detroit to engage the city and capture its positive energy, bringing no short supply himself.

In addition to collaborative art projects, Cranbrook continues to connect with Detroit through outreach programs at the Art Museum, Institute of Science and through the Schools' Horizons-Upward Bound (HUB) program. HUB is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year with a gala party on November 14 and the 50 Years Strong exhibition at Cranbrook Art Museum through November 29. I hope you will consider joining the celebration!

It's a special time to visit Detroit and, of course, Cranbrook. The successes the Booths enjoyed in Detroit helped build the community that all of us benefit from today. We should, and need to, give back. I know this spirit would please our founders, and I hope you'll join our efforts to connect even more deeply with the city of Detroit.

I remain grateful for your ideas as to how we can do even more to make a difference, both for our Cranbrook Family and for others. Please know that I am always available for a conversation. I hope to hear from you!

Sincerely,

DOMINIC DIMARCO, PRESIDENT
Cranbrook Educational Community



DIRECTOR'S School of Thought

Dear Cranbrook Schools Alumni,

I want to share with you a change that will be happening within our administrative team at the conclusion of this academic year: a change that is bittersweet to me.

Head of Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School Charlie Shaw, who has served Cranbrook for nearly 40 years, will be stepping down from his position in June. It goes without saying that his contributions to the Upper School have been transformational. The affection that generations of former students feel for him is difficult to overstate.

However, Charlie will not be retiring from Cranbrook Schools. Instead, he will be joining our development office as an important contributor in the effort to make our ambitious plan for the future of Cranbrook a reality. I cannot think of a better ambassador for Cranbrook Schools or a more compelling advocate for all that we might yet become.

Cranbrook is beginning to look ahead to the realization of its master plan, a plan that includes new athletic and performing arts facilities as well as a state-of-the-art, cross-programmatic innovation center. We also look ahead to further advancing connected and online learning, the application of educational technology, the concepts of innovation and entrepreneurship, the maker space model, and STEAM education across the curriculum at all grades. These are important and exciting changes that will help keep the school a leader in education and relevant to the highly talented students and faculty that compose the Upper School.



Charlie is no stranger to innovation and change. He has been an important force behind managing the steeply climbing pace of change in the past 10-15 years brought about, in part, by the technological revolution. Online comments, CranNet courses, SMART boards in classrooms, new usage for the Kingswood Lower Level, a new Upper School academic schedule, and an expanded reach of the College Counseling office are just a few of the changes that have happened on his watch and with his considered input. Few administrators have the experience and the vision to help shape the next stage of Cranbrook's growth, Charlie is certainly one of them.

Even the love of his professional life, the teaching of English, makes him a one-in-a-million find for the work he will be doing. He is a master of the American story, and it is entirely fitting that he will now be telling Cranbrook Schools' story across the country and the world.

We will be conducting a yearlong, nationwide search to identify the next head of the Upper School. We will be utilizing the consulting firm of Carney, Sandoe & Associates to help us conduct that search. The committee tasked with leading the search will be co-chaired by Assistant Director of Schools Tom De Craene and Upper School Dean of Faculty Claudia Schuette.

Please join me in thanking Charlie for all his years of service to the students of the Upper School. Likewise, please join me in congratulating him in his newest role at Cranbrook.

Sincerely,

ARLYCE M. SEIBERT
Director of Cranbrook Schools

ADMISSIONS of Excellence



Why has Cranbrook been able to remain filled at all divisions with talented students?

I consider this question as I continue to learn of other schools in our surrounding area, both public and private, being forced to consolidate, downsize, or close because of the declining number of school-aged children.

Certainly, families choose Cranbrook because of its outstanding academic reputation, inspiring faculty, and the unique opportunities provided by having a science institute and art museum on campus. But two other things come to mind when I try to account for Cranbrook's ability to maintain the quantity and quality of its student body while neighboring schools are negatively affected by the declining demographic trends.

First of all, Cranbrook has long instilled in its students the creative and critical thinking skills that enable them to flourish in college and beyond. While this educational emphasis never goes out of style here, more people outside of the Cranbrook community are becoming convinced of its enduring value. Families are recognizing that, when we speak of "Opportunity that lasts a lifetime," it is not merely a marketing slogan, but a value that is worth investing in.

Another reason for Cranbrook's enduring strength is its extremely loyal constituent base. Engaged students, grateful parents, and proud alumni spread the word of Cranbrook's good work much more convincingly than our admission office efforts ever could. Far more effective

than advertisements in the media are the heartfelt conversations that ensue when our families are asked why they chose Cranbrook.

A couple of months ago I asked the faculty to pass on to me notes of appreciation that they had recently received that they felt comfortable sharing. The deluge of thoughtful, emotional, sincere expressions of gratitude that they sent me was overwhelming. I challenge anyone who loves this school not to get choked up reading letters from students thanking their teachers for all they have learned, from alumni crediting Cranbrook for their success, and from parents who are elated that they entrusted the care and education of their children to Cranbrook.

We all are fortunate to be a part of this amazing school. As our work goes on in the admission office to introduce more wonderful families to Cranbrook, we continue to appreciate your partnership in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

DREW MILLER
Director of Admission



Development

Fellow Alumni,

Cranbrook Schools has always had a reputation for excellence, but as the world around us continues to evolve and change, we are learning more and more often that our graduates are at the center of it.

Whether innovators driving progress in industry, or entrepreneurial problem solvers creating solutions for 21st century challenges, Cranbrook and Kingswood alumni are making an impact everywhere we turn, including technology, science, health care, entertainment, fashion/design, the fine and performing arts, academics and athletics.

As you will see, many of them are making a difference right here at home, as the city of Detroit readies itself for an unprecedented comeback. Even alumni that the city has affectionately dubbed “the Expats” are using their talents and experience to shape the world. We have compiled a few of their stories in the pages to come.

Amidst it all, Cranbrook Schools has continued to draw inspiration from its alumni, just as we hope our alumni have drawn inspiration from the school. It is therefore very much in keeping with the spirit of our community that the Board of Trustees, in partnership with CEC President Dominic DiMarco and Director of Schools Arlyce Seibert, have revisited the master plan, with a focus on 21st century learning needs and opportunities.

The revised plan includes new athletic and performing arts facilities, as well as a state-of-the-art, cross-programmatic



innovation center to facilitate experiential learning and collaboration between the Schools, Institute of Science and Art Academy and Museum. We also look forward to advancing connected and online learning initiatives, new applications of educational technology, the concepts of innovation and entrepreneurship, the maker space model, and STEAM education across the curriculum at all grades.

In order to help advance this vision, we are thrilled to welcome long-tenured teacher and administrator Charlie Shaw to the Alumni Relations and Development team, beginning in July 2016. A catalyst behind many technological and curricular evolutions at the Schools during the past 10-15 years, Charlie is no stranger to innovation and change. Few administrators share his experience, or his breadth and depth of alumni relationships. Please join us in thanking Charlie for everything he has already done for Cranbrook Schools, and in celebrating all of the wonderful things that are yet to come!

In the meantime, we look forward to another great year, and hope to see you at one of our outreach events, if not right here at home. We also thank each and every one of you for your individual and collective contributions to this community. It is your support and involvement that sustains us.

Sincerely,

SUSAN STRICKLAND MUSKOVITZ '97
Director of Development



Relations

Fellow Alumni,

One of the perks of my role in alumni relations is having a front row seat at the alumni talent show that continues to evolve on a daily basis before my eyes. Whether I am receiving emails from alumni who want to suggest a classmate to be profiled for *Tradition*, or nominated as a future Distinguished Alumna, or listening to faculty members glow with pride as they fill me in on the achievements of those who passed through their classrooms, or just flipping through the pages of our class notes, I am regularly inspired and delighted to learn the latest accomplishments of my fellow alumni. It is through our alumni that we receive much of this type of information. Whether you provide details about your own activities, or if you have a classmate who is doing something interesting in their professional life, through work with non-profits, or who simply has a compelling personal narrative, please forward some details to this office. The stories of our exceptional alumni reinforce the mission of the school, and provide encouragement to the current student body. There are a multitude of ways in which our collective talents can be utilized.

Since I came on board in this role, we have hosted countless alumni on campus; as Sirchio Lecture speakers, World Affairs Seminar presenters, panelists for student clubs, Distinguished Alumna and Alumnus, Writer-In-Residence, guest choreographers, Cum Laude Society speakers, career fair presenters, and more. Alumni have given the gift of their time and energy in person, as well as virtually, through the tools of technology such as Skype.



With classmate Lisa Weimer Lillelund '78 at the Detroit Homecoming 2015

Yet we have only scratched the surface when it comes to leveraging the wisdom and experience of the alumni community. Knowing where some of those talents lie opens a world of possibilities, so be sure to share that information with this office.

Our Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni LinkedIn group is also growing and has provided a wonderful source of career background information while it has facilitated professional networking among our alumni. If you have a LinkedIn profile and wish to join the group, put in a request at www.bit.ly/ckaalinkedin. Within the LinkedIn alumni group, we share many of the interesting articles, announcements and features that come our way with respect to alumni achievements. I know you will be awed, as I am nearly every day, by the ways in which our world has been shaped and impacted by the contributions of Cranbrook Schools alumni. Sharing in this virtual community is yet another way to stay connected and I encourage you to take part.

Sincerely,

SUSAN AIKENS POST '78
Director of Alumni Relations
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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Presidents

Dear Fellow Alumni:

Participating in the rites of spring at Cranbrook Schools is one of the most fulfilling parts of being involved in the Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association. Awards season, farewell ceremonies, and graduation bring a sense of finality to the school year. These events are followed immediately by reunion, which serves as a reminder that our ties to this campus and the people who make it special are neverending.

As we enter our fourth year as a merged alumni association, it is gratifying to see that the ideals that bring us together as graduates of Cranbrook Kingswood are evolving into significant initiatives that help shape the fabric of the schools. Student mentoring is one such initiative, and planning has already begun on the third annual Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association Career Fair to be held in January. Last year's event featured more than fifty alumni volunteers from a diverse array of fields who gave advice and answered questions with seniors, one-on-one. In April, for the fifth consecutive year, the alumni association held a financial seminar for students and their parents, with professionals from the legal and financial fields presenting discussion topics for families as students transition to greater independence. Through these kinds of activities on campus, a partnership has evolved, and opportunities to mentor current students are growing. Student clubs seeking speakers have turned to our ranks, and alumni have been asked to get involved with "Wednesday Workshops" at the Cranbrook Library during the academic year. The



CKAA President Scott Strickland '01 working the merchandise table at reunion



CKAA President-Elect Lauren Kerr Freund '01 mentoring students at the career fair

feedback from alumni who have participated in these mentoring events is universally positive, and it is hard to picture a better way to "go forth to serve."

Our 2015-16 calendar year is off to a brisk start. Alumni had a presence at the "Friday Night Lights" and Homecoming football games this fall, and the busy tent with alumni merchandise sales was the setting for many warm hugs and greetings throughout both events. In addition to a full line of wearables bearing the iconic archer and tree logos, the alumni association continues to offer a line of bronze commemorative statues and plaques, and has added a beautiful set of archer cufflinks to the lineup. Call the alumni office at (248) 645-3132 for further information. Proceeds benefit the activities of the alumni association.

Sincerely,

SCOTT M. STRICKLAND, '01
President, Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association

LAUREN KERR FREUND, '01
President-Elect, Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association



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Business Club co-president Sharon Li introduces panelists Meredith Gannes '03, Mark Hooton '77, Lisa Ferris '80 and Roger Mali '93



ACADEMICS

Iast spring, Cranbrook Kingswood sophomore Grace Wang was named a winner of the *New York Times* Second Annual Student Editorial Contest, earning a "Top Ten" spot out of nearly 5,000 student entries. The contest, which received entries from students across the globe, encourages young people to voice their opinions on important social and personal concerns through research and editorial writing. Wang's article, "Poisonous Apples: China's Plastic Surgery Revolution", discusses the prevalence of plastic surgery in young girls and its relation to gender identity in China.

The Future Business Leaders and Economists (FBLE) club was busy last spring. A team of students qualified to compete in an international entrepreneurship competition in Boston, called MIT Launch. The team, known as InvestorGap, developed an online brokerage platform for everyone from novices to seasoned investors and qualified for one of nine spots to pitch their idea to a panel of judges and investors at MIT. The club also hosted a business panel of alumni consisting of Mark Hooton '77 of General Motors, Lisa Ferris '80 of Loomis Sales, Roger Mali '93 of Point Management Services, and Meredith Gannes '03 of Chrysler Group. Students learned about

everything from bond fund management to the hospitality and tourism industry. They then had the opportunity to meet with the alums in a small group setting to ask more in-depth questions about their career path and seek advice for their own journey into the field.

This past summer, seventeen Cranbrook Kingswood Spanish students and Mr. Aravena and Mr. Bowdy spent two weeks studying at Centro Mundolengua. The students lived with local families, took classes in the morning, and participated in a variety of cultural activities in the afternoon and evenings. The group visited and studied, among other sites, the largest Gothic cathedral in Europe; the Alcázar, the original residence of both Spain's Muslim and Christian kings; and the judería, the city's ancient Jewish quarter. They also found the time to take Sevillana dance classes, attend theater and flamenco performances, and kayak the Guadalquivir River.

This year's English Department Writer-in-Residence Rachel Aviv, CK '00 visited campus, speaking with students from Upper School English classes. Aviv has been on



Tech entrepreneur and venture capitalist Jay Adelson '88 fields questions from students at a Wednesday Workshop

staff at *The New Yorker* since 2013. She has written about criminal justice, psychiatry, education, foster care, and homelessness, among other subjects. In 2010, she received a Rona Jaffe Foundation Writers' Award. Her writing on mental health was awarded a Rosalynn Carter Fellowship, an Erikson Institute Prize for Excellence in Mental Health Media, and an American Psychoanalytic Association Award for Excellence in Journalism. Aviv fielded questions from budding journalists and provided a wonderful dose of inspiration for a year of excellence in writing at the Upper School.

History teacher Christopher Bryant and International Student Coordinator Katherine Apsey led a trip to China for Upper School students. The group toured Beijing for a weekend and then spent two weeks in Shanghai as the guests of World Leading Schools Association (WLSA) and Everbright Bank, and included a visit with Cranbrook Kingswood alumni hosted by Cranbrook Regional Alumni Network director Max He '09. As part of the continuing relationship fostered by our affiliation with WLSA, the

schools played host to a group of nine Chinese students this fall as part of their East to West Exchange Program. These exchange programs have fostered deep relationships that have enriched student life.

Middle school science teacher Ashlie Smith attended astronaut training at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama over the summer. Smith plans to incorporate the lessons she participated in at space camp, including having her girls create ablative shields, work on environmental control and life support systems, participate in a Mars lander and rover activity and complete a version of the rocket-building lab she's used in the past.

At the end of September, Jay Adelson '88 led a workshop for interested students that provided insight on today's start-up landscape. As an investment capitalist with a series of successful tech companies (Equinix, Digg, Revision3, Simplegeo) to his credit, Adelson was well equipped to lead a lively question and answer session with budding Upper School entrepreneurs.

Writer-in-Residence Rachel Aviv '00 with students



GMS science teacher
Ashlie Smith at the U.S.
Space and Rocket Center



Last spring, Cranbrook Schools junior Sarah Berman earned a top composite score of 36 on a recent ACT test. While the actual number of students earning a composite score of 36 will vary from year to year, less than one-tenth of one percent of students across the country who take the ACT will earn a top score. Through her accomplishment, Berman joins the ranks of other Cranbrook students who have also earned top scores. Four students, including Berman, have received a 36 composite score since 2013: Anjali Roychowdhury '16, Iris Huang '15 and Chayce Rodriguez-Gagnon '14.

COMMUNITY & MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS

Nola-rae Cronan, Cranbrook Middle School for Girls' Dean of Students, has been awarded status as a TED-Ed Innovative Teacher and member of the TED-Ed Innovative Teacher Program. Cronan is one of only twenty-five educators worldwide who have been invited to participate in the program. With the support of the Girls Middle School and the larger Cranbrook Educational Community, Cronan has already begun bringing TED's vision to Cranbrook.

She played an integral role in bringing TEDx to Cranbrook, hosted by the Cranbrook Schools Women organization. The second annual event took place on May 28th at the Cranbrook Institute of Science and featured lectures by alumni, faculty, and students, including Kacee Must '02 of Citizen Yoga and Nisha Choksi '09 of Universal Mirror.

The annual "Miles for Miles Walk" took place on a sunny day in April, in conjunction with Earth Day observances. The event was sponsored by the Leaders in the Environment Club (LITE) and instead of bussing between classes that day, students walked in memory of Miles Levin '07, a Cranbrook alum who battled a cancer called rhabdomyosarcoma to which he succumbed shortly after his graduation in 2007. The LITE Club sold refreshments with proceeds from the sale going toward the purchase of high-efficiency LED light bulbs for both campuses. The environmental club also sponsored a "Dumpster Dive" in which they banded together with campus administrators such as Director of Schools Arlyce Seibert and HUB Director Dr. Darryl Taylor '70 to suit up and dive into the dumpsters at the Cranbrook Boneyard to sort through the trash to find out how much is going in that could be recycled. The event helped highlight the importance of recycling.



Cranbrook Kingswood
students in Sevilla

Student leaders address the crowd gathered for the 7th annual Cranbrook Envisions a Cure walk



Bridge the Divide student leaders from Cranbrook Kingswood collaborated with students from Detroit's Renaissance High School for a student civic leadership retreat. Over the course of two days, students dialogued and brainstormed ideas to become agents of change for the city of Detroit, while touring and visiting key downtown locales where change is happening and where further change is needed.

Cranbrook Envisions a Cure held their seventh annual solidarity walk in September. Students from the tennis and cross country teams welcomed the crowd and provided manpower to make the day flow smoothly. CK parent and Bravo Chair James Cristbrook gave a moving speech about lessons learned during the time he lovingly cared for his mom during her cancer journey. The Cranbrook community once again came out in a show of recognition of the collective power of love and hope and raised awareness and financial support for cancer-related groups, including Imerman Angels, John H. Wineman Fund for Education and Research in Radiation Oncology, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Angela Hospice and Sisters Hope.

ATHLETICS

The 2014-15 year proved to be a banner one for Cranbrook Kingswood sports, resulting in Cranbrook Kingswood being honored as victors of the inaugural MLive Ultimate State Champion contest. The contest, sponsored by the news organization MLive, awarded points based upon results of MHSAA-sponsored state tournaments during the 2014-2015 school year. Over the course of the last year, the Cranes scored a total of 180 points, coming in the number one spot and taking the very first title of "Ultimate State Champion." To get there, the Cranbrook Kingswood's dedicated and talented athletes won state championships in four separate Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA)-sanctioned sports; boys hockey, boys swimming, boys lacrosse, and girls tennis. Cranbrook Kingswood also earned state championship finalist status in girls golf, boys soccer, boys tennis, boys golf, and girls lacrosse. According to athletic director Steve Graf, the fact that all of those teams made it to a state final is a testament to the hard work and dedication they and their coaches put into the season.

In April, Upper School athletes helped orchestrate the

Second Friday Night Lights
game at Del Walden Field



ACES day at Brookside

annual ACES Day, which stands for All Children Exercising Simultaneously. Kingswood lake buzzed with athletes of all sizes as the event highlighted the importance of physical activity and allowed the Upper School students to serve as role models for the Brookside.

In May, Cranbrook Kingswood bus driver Aaron Willis was honored with the Booster Club Spirit Award. Aaron is one of Cranbrook's excellent bus drivers who embodies what it means to have school spirit. As a Cranbrook Kingswood employee for the past three years, Aaron not only insures that students and athletes get to where they need to go safely but is always encouraging, enthusiastic, and one of our athletes' biggest fans. His pre-game speeches, cheering from the stands, and high fives are appreciated by each and every athlete, as are the extra victory laps around the parking lot for a winning team. Head tennis coach Jeff Etterbeek '75 was given the Booster Club Coaches' Award for excellence in coaching, coming off of a fifth straight State Championship victory for girls tennis, and baseball assistant coach Mike Schuette was awarded the Jack Sanders Award that recognizes the assistant coach of the year. Athletic Director Steve Graf

was honored with the Dawkins Award, which recognizes a member of the community who best personifies the Booster Club's mission by encouraging school spirit, participation, sportsmanship, and leadership.

At press time, the boys football, soccer, and tennis teams, the girls field hockey, volleyball, golf and swim teams, and the boys and girls cross country and crew teams are in a full court press to finish their seasons in the strongest possible ways. School spirit was demonstrated to be strong in the fall, with energetic pep rallies and throngs of students filling the stands at the second annual Friday Night Lights football game, the traditional junior versus senior powderpuff football game, and the Homecoming football game.

FINE ARTS

Art students from all divisions have had the opportunity to learn and create with the new 3-D printers on campus. Upper School art students are already implementing the printers for projects in the sculpture and design



Student dancers check in with the judges of the annual Strickland Dance Competition



7th grade boys visit the Nick Cave exhibit
at Cranbrook Art Museum

studios, and 8th grade girls worked on furniture designs after studying the chair collection at the Cranbrook Art Museum Center for Collections. Each student designed a scale mockup of their furniture piece first in cardboard and then on the computer using TinkerCad.

Art classes from all divisions, from Brookside to the Upper School, took advantage of the exciting Nick Cave exhibit at the Cranbrook Art Museum this fall. Sixth grade girls had an opportunity to meet the artist in person and find out what drives him to create his colorful sound suits.

PERFORMING ARTS

As always, April and May were filled with music and theatrical performances and graduating seniors had a chance to demonstrate their talents for a final time before literally and figuratively taking their show on the road. In April, the annual Strickland Dance Competition had dancers on their toes as they brought their best work before a panel of judges. The winning piece, "Fighting the

Reflection," performed by Cydnie Martin and Julia Feord was featured at the annual Evening of Dance performance in May.

Cranbrook Kingswood instrumentalists took the State Solo & Ensemble Festival by storm in March, bringing home a shower of blue & red medals with 28 first division and 6 second division rankings. At the spring concert in April, the MasterSingers gave a rousing performance of "Forty Years On" in honor of band director Sarkis Halajian reaching the forty year mark in his teaching career at the schools.

Advanced acting students finished out the year with a One Act Festival, with five one-act plays, completely cast and directed by students. One of the pieces, "Blood and Water" was written by alum Eric Grant. Students reported that they learned a lot from the collaboration between the directors and actors.

This fall, Upper School Theatre Director Dan Dobrovich kicked off the performing arts calendar with a second annual 24-hour theatre project. In just 24 hours, students

Student performers at the TEDx Cranbrook Schools Women event



24-hour theatre project





Passage of Leadership 2015



Ring Ceremony 2015

play. This performance was largely student driven, and resulted in an interesting and exciting performance. Immediately after the performance, attention turned to the casting of the fall play, "You Can't Take it With You."

STUDENT LIFE

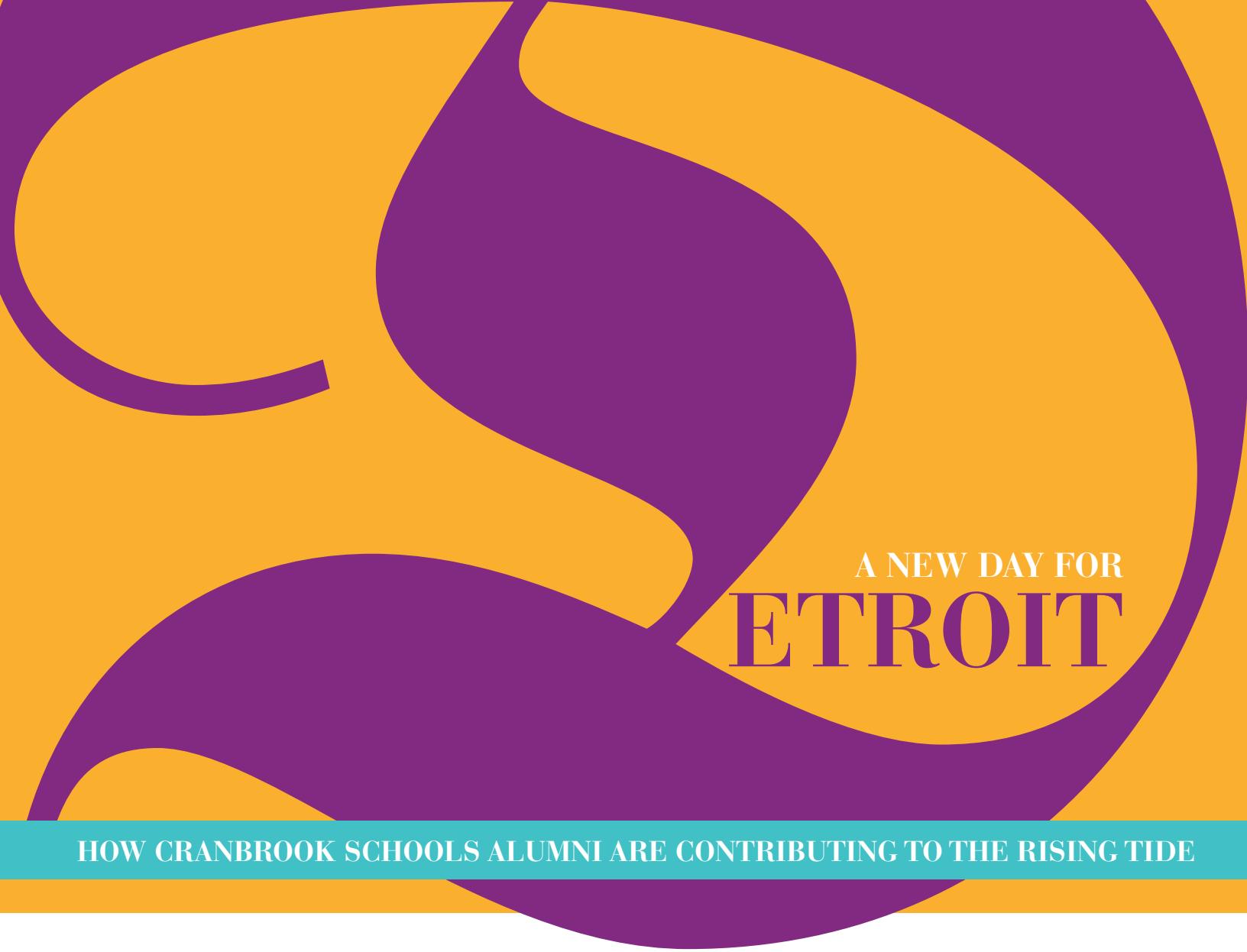
Springtime heralded the traditional Junior Ring Ceremony and Passage of Leadership. Seniors began the process of turning over the leadership of the school to their junior classmates on this bittersweet and symbolic day. The process was completed as the class of 2015 graduated on June 5th, with alumna Elizabeth Grossman '85 addressing the girls ceremony and Charles Krause '65 speaking to the boys. Grossman, a lawyer who has advocated for equal

rights for women in compensation cases and for those with disabilities, encouraged the girls to keep on fighting for their rights. Krause, an award winning journalist, remarked on the way Cranbrook helped give him the courage to take risks in his career.

The school year got into full swing on September 16, as the Upper School held Convocation at Christ Church Cranbrook. Senior speaker Reilly Knoer urged her class to go ahead and "fail epically" and that everything will work out as long as you learn something from your experience.



CK students in China



A NEW DAY FOR DETROIT

HOW CRANBROOK SCHOOLS ALUMNI ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE RISING TIDE

For years, the City of Detroit held the appearance of a sleeping giant, worn down and weary after too many battles. A city that had once been the manufacturing capital of the country, helping build America's middle class with fair wages and plentiful jobs, had lost more than half of its population. Crime, poverty, corruption and a crumbling skyline had usurped its identity, causing pundits to write it off as a lost cause. In July 2013, Detroit suffered one final indignity, becoming the largest city ever to file for bankruptcy, a striking blow for a metropolis that had seemed indomitable just a half century before.

But a curious thing was happening as the national media lamented Detroit's downfall: the giant stirred. The people of Detroit woke it up and put it on the move, reminding the country that this is a city that does not give up. Suddenly, signs of life were everywhere. Whereas comeback efforts in the past had moved in fits and starts, this one seemed different — initiatives and investments coalesced and gained momentum. The rebirth was at hand, attracting

the support of corporations and start-ups, nonprofits and educators, entrepreneurs and activists. And there in the crowd, helping move the giant forward, were Cranbrook Schools alumni.

"What's most inspiring to me, is seeing the entire community coming together to write the next chapter in Detroit's comeback story," says Christopher Ilitch '83, and president and CEO of Ilitch Holdings, Inc. Ilitch and his firm are in the midst of construction for The District Detroit, a 50-block development connecting downtown with midtown and anchored by a new Detroit Red Wings arena that will also host a variety of other sports, entertainment acts and community events.

"There's incredible momentum taking place throughout the city, and that's because we have so many passionate and committed people and businesses here in Detroit who really care about this community," Ilitch says.

Brian Hermelin '83, and co-founder of Detroit Venture Partners and Rockbridge Growth Equity, says a renewed energy has taken hold in the city, citing "the sheer level of

activity going on downtown.” It is a far cry from the days when the streets of downtown Detroit would empty at the end of the workday. “The streets are full,” he says. “Every day a new store or new business opens. The pace of change is amazing.”

Part of that energy stems from the collective nature of the efforts underway. “Everyone, deep down, wants to be a part of building something important,” says Jake Cohen ’00, also of Detroit Venture Partners. “It’s the entrepreneur in all of us. The idea that we are helping to build a city, by living and working here – that we are all entrepreneurs – that’s the most inspiring part.”

From global corporations and national leaders to fledgling start-ups and corner stores, the commitment to bring the city back runs deep. “Detroit really was the catalyst for a thriving middle class in this country and it will be again,” says Mark Reuss ’82, General Motors’ executive vice president, global product development, purchasing and supply chain.

For a corporation like GM, “this is our global headquarters,” Reuss says. “We want to help provide and create a

community that we can all be proud of and show the world what we’re made of. We want to be part of the generation that turned Detroit around and made it once again the most powerful manufacturing force in the world.”

Change is springing up in pockets and joining together as the surge of development grows, building upon the growth and success of established businesses. Dr. Akosua Barthwell Evans ’64, is the owner and CEO of The Barthwell Group, based in Detroit. The strategic management consulting firm, which Barthwell Evans founded ten years ago, has been involved in advising corporations, higher education institutions and the military both nationally and in Detroit, enhancing capacity strategically and addressing diversity, inclusion and supplier diversity issues.

Says Barthwell Evans, “I’ve seen firsthand the tremendous change. There’s greater interest regionally and nationally.” She has seen it and been part of it in her own neighborhood as well. Ten years ago, she returned to Detroit after a highly successful national and international business career. She moved back to her childhood home in Detroit’s historic Boston Edison district, on a block that now had seven or

Chris Ilitch ’83 at the District Detroit project site





Jake Cohen '00 of Detroit Venture Partners views Downtown from the Compuware Building; photo courtesy of Detroit Jewish News

eight vacant houses out of 20. Working with her neighbors, they formulated a plan for clean up, renovation and upkeep.

Today, those empty houses have new owners, including a couple from New Hampshire and other former out-of-state residents, now neighbors with the original residents who spearheaded revitalization and beautification efforts before the arrival of the newcomers.

“Particularly among young people, there’s a great deal of interest,” says Dr. Evans. “They’re excited by the challenge. Detroiters are known for being hardworking, innovative, ‘let’s get it done’ kind of people.”

A great many of those people gathered as part of Crain Communications’ first Detroit Homecoming in 2014, an event designed to bring “home” Detroiters who had found success in other cities or the suburbs and encourage them to contribute their talent, energy and expertise to Detroit.

Jules Knittel Pieri ’77, and founder of The Grommet, was one of those in attendance. “It was really powerful,” she says.

“The people in the room were such an unusual and high-energy crowd. It was deeper than an alumni connection or professional connection. There was the sense that there is a moment in time for Detroit that is going on right now and that this group could really help. The bond was immediate.”

Christopher Ilitch will serve as a host committee member for the 2015 Detroit Homecoming, encouraging the kind of action that took place last year. Those outcomes included new real estate development deals to build multifamily housing downtown; a pledge of \$10 million from a Singapore hedge fund manager to support the Detroit Children’s Fund through the Skillman Foundation; announcements of new retail stores; the announcement of a Seattle-based web development training company’s plans to open a Detroit office, and more.

As growth continues to expand in downtown, concern also grows over the ability to broaden that growth and ensure that it reaches long-time Detroit residents, those who stuck with the city throughout its ups and downs.

“The challenge is to make sure that the development doesn’t stop downtown but that it also includes the

neighborhoods,” says Dr. Evans. “The people who have lived here for many years – we have to make sure they can participate in the new Detroit.”

Ensuring that inclusiveness was on the mind of Ilitch and his family when they launched The District Detroit. “To be successful, we have to engage our entire community in building this district together,” says Ilitch. “We are very focused on sourcing as much of this project as possible from Michigan-made products, and we’re engaging Detroit businesses and workers to build it.”

So far, those efforts seem to be paying off. “As a result of this positive engagement with our community, we’re creating 8,300 construction and construction-related jobs and delivering \$1.8 billion in economic development, as well as spurring other investments in the area,” Ilitch says. “We’re also seeing a catalytic development along Woodward Avenue that will fill a major gap along Detroit’s main street.”

Side by side with these major developments will be the small retailers and start-ups that add to the energy and stability of a city on the rise. That is where Detroit Venture Partners steps in. “If one of the goals is to create economic

opportunities beyond traditional manufacturing, then venture capital will be a key part of it,” says Hermelin. “We want to create an environment for the best and brightest. An entrepreneurial culture is taking root and it’s having a huge impact for the city. The bigger and better these companies get, the better it is for Detroit.”

Sustaining Detroit’s growth will require a strong commitment to education, starting with Detroit Public Schools. Orma Bradford Smith ’91, currently serves as the deputy network leader of operations – high schools for Detroit Public Schools. “A strong school system is a key component of the long-term success of a city,” she says. “Detroit is in the midst of major change, part of which includes attracting more residents. One major item that is reviewed by those seeking to relocate is the quality of educational options in the area. In order for Detroit to achieve sustainable, long-term success, the school system needs to be stabilized. I believe we are on the path to achieving this.”

With restructuring and administrative changes as well as an easing of the crushing financial burdens the system was facing, staff and faculty are now able to make more choices based on a shared goal of academic excellence and less



Mark Reuss ’82 has lunch with participants from GM’s Student Corps



on crippling budget restrictions. “The declining tax base in conjunction with the increase in educational options for Detroit students are two realities that have placed financial pressure on the Detroit Public Schools,” says Smith. “DPS has been under emergency financial management for six years. In the past, this has forced the district to make academic decisions based on financial resources.”

Today, the commitment to improving educational opportunities remains strong. “The teachers and administrators in DPS are committed to educating children,” Smith says. “Even in the midst of challenges, sacrifices and change, the educators in DPS work hard every day to provide the best for the students in the district.”

Support from General Motors and United Way are making a difference as well for seven Detroit Public High Schools. In 2010, Reuss championed a grant of \$27.1 million from the GM Foundation to United Way to help those seven schools improve graduation rates for their students. It was the largest donation in the GM Foundation’s history, one deemed critical by its organizers.

“When you look in the eyes of these kids today, you realize we cannot wait for another generation,” says Reuss. “We have to act now.”

When the program began, the schools had overwhelmingly lopsided student to teacher ratios with kids sitting on the floors for lack of chairs and desks. “They had no books,” says Reuss. And graduation rates averaged a disheartening 50 percent. Today, with many of those early issues addressed, graduation rates have nearly doubled and kids are going to college.

Funds from the grant also supported more than 65 early learning centers and provided free books for children. In addition, thousands of GM employees volunteered to help with cleanups and renovations in neighborhoods surrounding the schools.

Reuss and his team also established the GM Student Corps, a summer internship program that paired kids with GM retiree mentors. One of those students, who spent

his summers caring for a park in his neighborhood, is now attending the University of Michigan on a full scholarship. Better yet, says Reuss, "he took the money we paid him and started his own cell phone repair business."

As a business owner and consultant, Dr. Evans lends her expertise and guidance to some of the country's leading colleges and universities. Currently, she serves as a member of The White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans, appointed by President Barack Obama. "It is one of the greatest challenges in our city," she says. "We have abysmal graduation and retention rates. Although many different attempts have been made to try new strategies, they have not always led to greater results."

The White House panel will be examining opportunities for educational improvement for pre-school through college and graduate school, examining challenges and making recommendations for change.

In addition, Dr. Evans and her firm provide consultative support for the Five Fifths Agenda for America, a program through the Southern University System that provides support for the education of African American men. It seeks to answer the question, Dr. Evans says, of "how do we engage young people so that education excites them and they have a clear understanding of the benefits in creating opportunities and improving lives?"

For all the success going on right now in Detroit, the fear remains that perhaps it will not last. For those in its midst, however, the prognosis is a positive one. "This turnaround is sustainable, no question in my mind," says Cohen. "I first moved downtown in 2006. There were new lofts, new stadiums, but the momentum tapered off in 2008. What makes this different now is that there are jobs coming downtown. People want to live where they work, and go out where they live, so it creates a ripple effect. Lofts and stadiums weren't enough by themselves. The fact that companies are actually moving downtown, that changes everything."

Hermelin agrees. "Signs are pointing to a much more stable and deeper level of commitment. Credit goes to Dan Gilbert. Instead of buying one building and waiting, he's been buying contiguous properties and moving numerous organizations downtown. There was always the inevitable chicken and egg problem — you couldn't get retail and restaurants without tenants and residents and vice versa. Now the infrastructure is coming so fast that people don't feel like they're waiting for a grocery store to come."

The rise of the Millennial Generation also will play a role sustaining growth. "It's fairly well documented that Millennials are moving back to cities and choosing them

over suburbs," says Hermelin. "This has become a preferred place to start a career."

The Millennials embracement of the entrepreneurial spirit could make a difference as well. "The future will depend on entrepreneurs," says Pieri. "Thank God for people who are digging deep — both old residents and new. In cities like Boston, people are talking about opportunity in Detroit. There's a grit to the place. People here know how to get things done. And people are rooting for the city."

In addition to growth in the private and public sectors, there has been a renewed energy in the non-profit sector and again, Cranbrook Kingswood alumni are deeply entrenched. Beth Hagenlocker '82 and her husband, actor Marc Evan Jackson, founded a non-profit called The Detroit Creativity Project that supports improve theater training in Detroit schools where funding for arts programs are needed. The program is thriving, thanks in part to a donation from the Born and Raised Detroit (BARD) Foundation. That group was initiated by a group of young people with Michigan ties that included several Cranbrook Kingswood graduates. Current BARD board members include Lauren Kerr Freund '01, Scott Strickland '01, Parker Lynch '03, Anne Carney Strickland '03 and Bradley Sherman '03. The committees of their major fundraising events in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Washington D.C., and Detroit are loaded with Cranbrook Kingswood alumni, and this year alone BARD will grant over \$200,000 to worthy Detroit initiatives. The success of these fundraising events comes as a result of the deep commitment this generation of alumni holds for the motor city.

It was just last year that Detroit emerged from bankruptcy, ready for a fresh start. Today, streetlights are coming back on. Crime has gone down. Unemployment rates have gone down. Cranes are a familiar feature of the city skyline once again. The M-1 light rail system is taking shape on Woodward Avenue. Belle Isle is alive with visitors each weekend and cyclists tour the city every Monday night.

That is not to say the city's problems are solved — the number of families living in poverty, for example, remains distressingly high — but hope has returned. The sleeping giant has opened its eyes and is ready to rise. All who live and work within the city — including a growing number of Cranbrook Schools graduates — have a renewed sense of purpose: to restore to greatness a city that has meant so much to so many.

DETROIT HOMECOMING

\$230 million in direct investments to Detroit through thirty different initiatives. Speakers at that event included Chris Ilitch '83 and Pete Dawkins '55. It is anticipated that the 2015 event will continue the trend, as participants continue to invest financially, philanthropically and emotionally in the city. Photos by Aaron Eckels for Crain's Detroit Business.



(Right) Brian Razzaque '96, CEO of Baltimore-based SocialToaster Inc., a fan engagement and loyalty rewards social media program for brands attended his second Homecoming event. This year he added a philanthropic twist to his participation by throwing his support behind Invest Detroit: First Step Fund, an early-stage investment fund for small businesses. "Fundamentally, it's about economic and job creation," he said. "It represents something very near and dear to my heart," because he leads a startup himself. "I realize ... how significant this early-stage funding can be."

The Detroit Homecoming initiative grew out of a desire to showcase the city's progress to "expats" – individuals with roots in the region who have gone on to great success in other areas. With a three-year commitment to the City of Detroit, Crain's Detroit Business hosted their second annual Detroit Homecoming event in September, bringing more than 170 expats back to their Detroit to recharge, reinvest and rediscover the city. It was no surprise that many of the movers and shakers were Cranbrook Kingswood alumni, who led the way as presenters, panelists, and participants throughout the three-day event. Designed to stimulate conversation and new connections to benefit metro Detroit, Detroit Homecoming 2014 resulted in

financially, philanthropically and emotionally in the city. Photos by Aaron Eckels for Crain's Detroit Business.

(Left) In an interview with Rock Financial's Dan Gilbert, Groupon co-founder Brad Keywell '87 noted that startups need a density of people, universities and talent. Cities inherently come with energy, which Keywell said is part of why he thinks there's such a unique opportunity with Detroit. "The emerging culture of Detroit is: We are going to try," Keywell said.



(Right) Detroit Homecoming panelist, Mark Reuss '82, General Motors Co. executive vice president of global product development and supply chain, has focused efforts on improving the Detroit school system, saying "We're going to have a better school system. I don't want to have to get electrical engineers or software engineers from some place other than Detroit."

(Left) Jay Adelson '88 plans to invest in the area, and spent time during his Homecoming visit to scout the local tech scene in his new role as cofounder of a venture capital fund called Center Electric, focused on the Internet of Things. As a serial internet entrepreneur, and founder of Digg, Equinix, Revision3, and Simplegeo, Adelson has appeared on *Time* magazine's list of the world's 100 most influential people. Adelson moderated a "Shark Tank" style pitch session judged by fellow alumni Jules Knittel Pieri '77 and Charles Hudson '96.





(Left) Bob Woodruff '79 was featured in a panel of journalists who examined "The Changing Narrative" of Detroit. Woodruff was interviewed separately by several news channels while at the Homecoming, as his daughter Cathryn has just moved to Detroit to take a position with a start-up company called Banza Pasta in midtown Detroit, and describes the atmosphere for startups to be "a great place to take risks and be fearless."

(Right) Pete Dawkins '55 wrapped up Detroit Homecoming 2014, declaring that he sees "The spark of a city that's gearing up to be a leader in America again."

(Below) Benevon founder Terry Goldberg Axelrod '67 served on a panel of returning attendees who discussed the impact of the Detroit Homecoming event on the way they view the city.



(Right) Pandora founder Tim Westergren and social media expert and author Charlene Li, both '84, were featured on a panel titled "Disrupters in Detroit" that featured expats and entrepreneurs who have been disruptive in their own industries and spheres that can provide lessons for businesses getting started in Detroit.



(Below) Venture capitalist Charles Hudson '96 has also attended both Homecoming events. Hudson just announced he is stepping away from his full-time responsibilities as a partner with SoftTechVC, in order to launch a new "pre-seed" investment firm called Precursor Ventures. Hudson is also co-founder and CEO of Bionic Panda Games, an Android-focused mobile games startup.

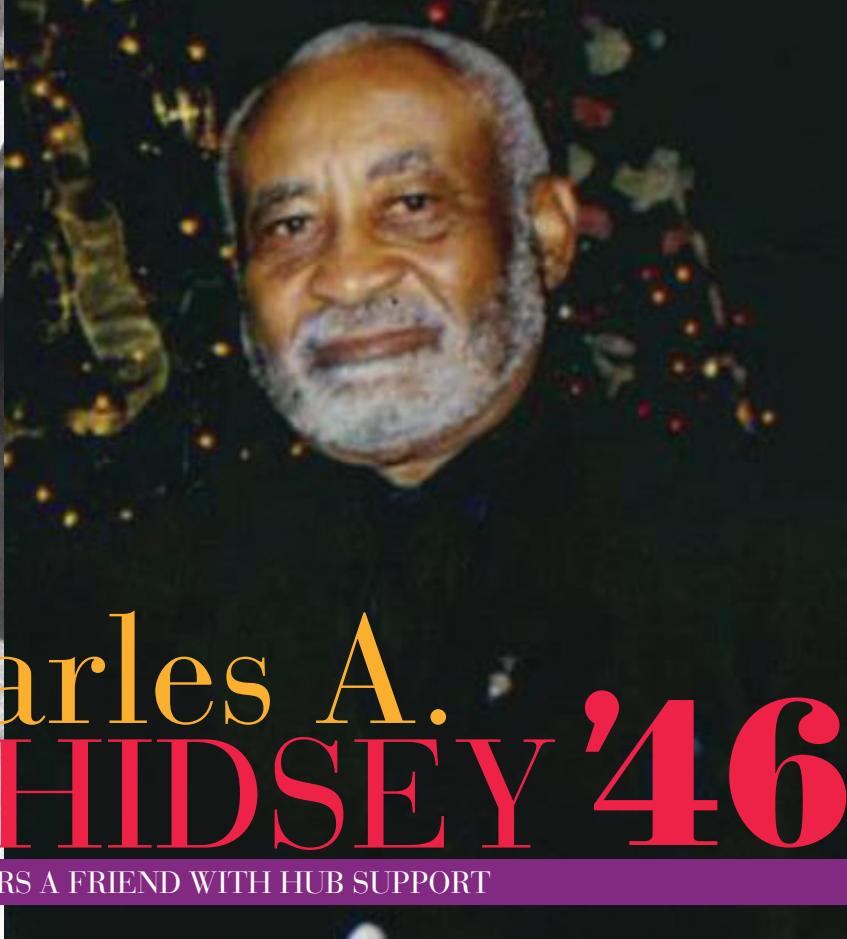
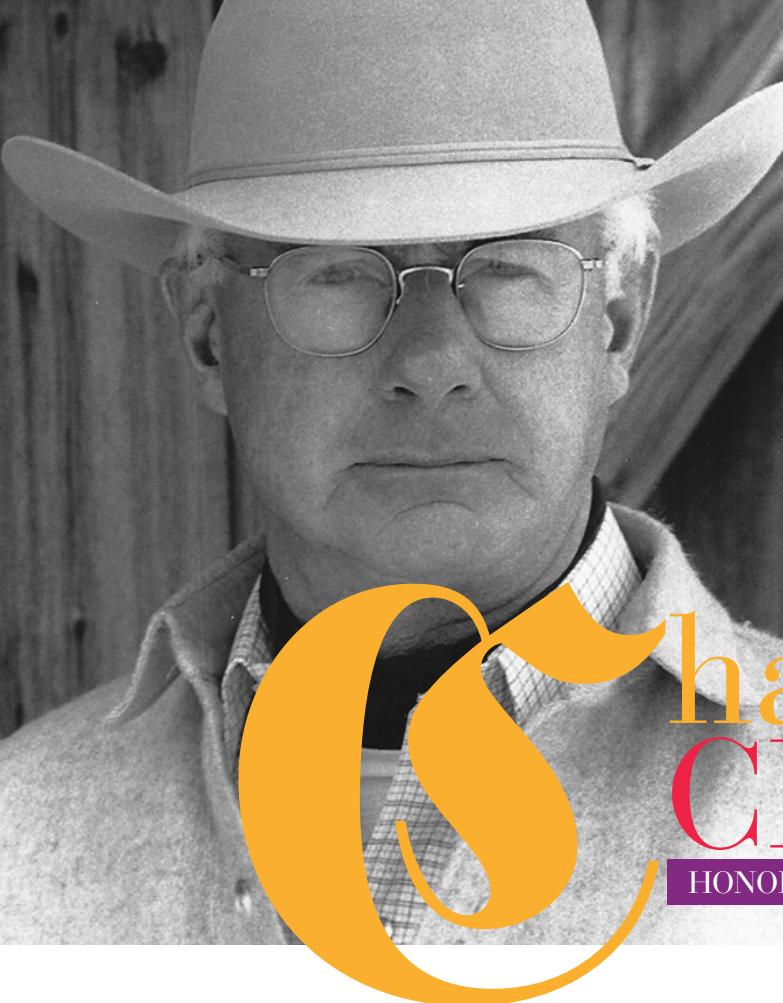


Over the past two years, the Detroit Homecoming event has included many Cranbrook Kingswood alumni in the ranks of participants and committee members, including:

Jay Adelson '88
Terry Goldberg Axelrod '67
Christopher Benjamin '81
Bradley Buda '00
Jake Cohen '00
Julie Fisher Cummings '73
Pete Dawkins '55
Ruth Fruehauf '75
Beth Hagenlocker '82
Brian Hermelin '83
Jamie Hodari '00

Charles Hudson III '96
Chris Ilitch '83
Jonny Imerman '94
Christopher Keogh '90
Brad Keywell '87
Charles Krause '65
Brock Landry '65
Jody Levy '97
Charlene Li '84
Lisa Weimer Lillelund '78
Robert Nederlander Jr '81

Matt Nosanchuk '83
Jim Parsons '74
Ebbie Parsons '96
Jules Knittel Pieri '77
Brian Razzaque '96
Mark Reuss '82
Darryl Taylor '70
Tim Westergren '84
Bob Woodruff '79



Charles A. CHIDSEY '46

HONORS A FRIEND WITH HUB SUPPORT

When Dr. Charles Chidsey '46 opened the winter issue of *Tradition Magazine* in early 2015, he had never heard of Cranbrook's Horizons-Upward Bound (HUB) program, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this fall. Chidsey, a retired professor of medicine, picked up the phone shortly thereafter with the intent of making a major gift in support of HUB's endowment.

HUB recently embarked on an effort to raise \$5 million for endowment over a period of five years. The goal is to ensure the program's long-term sustainability by reducing the need for grant support from the federal government.

For Chidsey, the program brought to mind the name of Isaac "Ike" Lang, Jr, whom Chidsey first encountered in the 1940s. Lang worked in Port Huron for his grandparents first as a gardener, then as a chauffeur, and finally in his grandfather's paper mill. There he gained his initial experience as a machinist.

Chidsey graduated from Cranbrook in 1946 and went on to college, and then medical school at Columbia University. Chidsey ultimately became a professor at the University of Colorado Medical School, where he headed the division of clinical pharmacology in the department of medicine. During those early years working as consultant to Upjohn, which ultimately became Pfizer, he did the initial clinical

studies on the treatment of hypertension with minoxidil. Minoxidil was an effective antihypertensive drug but produced hair growth as a side effect. This ultimately led the drug being applied to the skin where it was effective in stimulating hair growth. Chidsey retired from his academic position at the University of Colorado and moved to Wyoming where he is now living with his wife.

Lang, on the other hand, went on to serve in the Korean War and returned to Port Huron and after working his way through school he went on to established a robust machine-tool operation, including Black River Manufacturing and Somber Machine and Tool Company. As Lang's success grew, so did Port Huron. In addition to creating jobs and opportunities in a place where they were scarce, Lang reinvested in the community, including a contribution to build a library in the Port Huron Hospital.

In making a connection between his friend, Isaac Lang, and the HUB program at Cranbrook, Chidsey and his wife Muriel explained, "The HUB program is a shining example of how private schools can work to fill in the gaps in our education system, and we can't think of a person who more embodied this ideal than Isaac Lang."

To that end, the Chidseys named the endowment in Lang's honor. They are pleased to know it will be used to create opportunities for individuals with their friend's drive and dedication for the benefit of generations yet to come.



Before



After

Jason GROSFIELD '91

PAYS TRIBUTE TO BOB FREDRIKSON, JEFFREY WELCH



It is common for alumni of Cranbrook Schools to wax nostalgic about former teachers, but this past spring, Jason Grosfeld '91 decided to make a more enduring tribute when he learned that faculty Bob Fredrikson and Jeffrey Welch were planning to retire after years of service. Grosfeld recognized each with a generous contribution to the Schools on their behalf.

A gift honoring Fredrikson was used to renovate the Upper School Math Office on the Cranbrook campus. Fredrikson, affectionately known by many

as "Fred," was a member of the Upper School Math Department for 29 years and served as chair for 20 of them. A plaque honoring his service to the Schools will also be mounted this year.

Grosfeld also made a gift to establish and endow the Dr. Jeffrey E. Welch Scholarship Fund. Welch, a beloved English teacher and a long-time Academic Dean, was with

the Schools for 38 years. Income from the fund will provide financial aid to deserving students, and a scholar will be appointed in Welch's name each year in perpetuity.

Fredrikson and Welch were deeply touched by the gesture, but for Grosfeld, it was a no-brainer.

"They were two of the most meaningful teachers in my life, and I often think about how much they helped me achieve my goals."

Grosfeld, who graduated from Amherst with a Bachelor of Arts in English and from Columbia Business School with an MBA, now leads a successful real estate investment and development firm known as Irontate, which he founded in 2003. He is also an avid supporter of organizations that promote education and educational equality for children and youth.

In the meantime, Fredrikson and Welch are embracing retirement. Fredrikson is splitting his time between the Upper and Lower Peninsula, and in Georgia, where he is busy rebuilding a home with his wife, Dar. Welch, on the other hand, is staying close for now. He is busy working on a book about the architectural and artistic influences that shaped the Cranbrook Educational Community. He recently returned to campus to share excerpts of his work as part of the 2015 Elizabeth Bennett Reading.

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Few embody the term “self-starter” as well or as deftly as Jules Knittel Pieri ‘77. Named one of *Fortune Magazine’s* Most Powerful Women Entrepreneurs, Pieri is the co-founder and CEO of The Grommet, a firm that supports creative business minds and start-ups by helping to launch new and undiscovered consumer products. At the same time, she leads Citizen Commerce, dedicated to reshaping how consumer products get discovered, shared and bought.

This passion for putting great products in the spotlight stems from Pieri’s own experiences as an industrial designer for technology companies such as Unisys. It was a career path from which she veered after finding her visions repeatedly stymied by executives.

As a direct result of those experiences, Pieri enrolled at Harvard Business School to earn her MBA. “I didn’t like anyone saying no to me,” she says. “When you’re a designer, a lot of people say no to you.” She wanted to bridge the gap between art and business, helping push great design by better understanding, managing and maneuvering the financial and marketing side of product creation.

She put those skills to good use in senior executive roles for global brands such as Keds, Stride Rite and Playskool, where she was mentored by business luminary Meg Whitman.

It was at Playskool that the idea for The Grommet began to take shape. “At Playskool, I saw that our best products never saw the light of day,” Pieri says. “I saw that the four big box stores we sold to controlled what we sold. Basically, the products were being throttled by the buyers.” The solution, she realized, was to take the products directly to the consumer. “We would give (the designers) a place to submit ideas, and we would train them and send them into the world.”

The Grommet benefited from Pieri’s experiences leading other start-ups, including roles as vice president at Design Continuum and president of Ziggs.com, an early competitor of LinkedIn.

As a result of her work in public relations for Design Continuum, Pieri became an early advocate and adapter of social media, an expertise that has helped spur the success of The Grommet. “You have to skate to where the puck is,” she says. “I could see the collision of technologies and peoples’ wants. Social media was like that for me.” And it plays a vital role in cultivating the participation of consumers and tastemakers in the promotion of the new products The Grommet puts forth.

Born and raised in Detroit to an automaker father and homemaker mother, Pieri was a motivated and successful student attending Detroit Public Schools when a teacher

suggested she needed more challenges. It was something Pieri already had considered, telling the teacher she wanted to attend Cass Tech. Instead, her teacher suggested Cranbrook.

Pieri applied to Cranbrook without her parents’ knowledge, telling them only when she got a call back for an interview. She enrolled as a 10th-grade boarder and was greeted on the first day by two fellow students. “They were so confident,” she says. “I had never seen kids behave that way. I knew it was a different kind of place.”

At Cranbrook, Pieri jumped into all that the school had to offer. “I had always sewn and made things growing up,” she says. “At Kingswood, I took woodshop and loved that. I took all the fine arts classes and spent countless hours in the weaving studio and ceramics studio, working and listening to music. The school had such a rich set of facilities and quality of instruction.”

Pieri credits her subsequent career as an industrial designer with Cranbrook’s environment. “I had never been in a place that was so intentional,” she says. Later, when she had the opportunity to design a workspace for her company, colleagues commented on her ability to make design choices. “I told them it was because I had gone to a school where every detail was part of a whole and so intentional.”

That attention to detail and ability to guide the whole picture has made The Grommet a true destination for consumers seeking well-designed, well-made and functional products. Since October 2008, “we have looked at 300 products and seven have become Grommets,” says Pieri. A few minutes spent scrolling through its website reveals piece after piece that triggers the brain’s “must buy” reflex, an achievement made possible through careful attention to detail and what makes an idea worth pursuing.

Today, Pieri continues to support new ideas and new business as Entrepreneur in Residence at Harvard Business School. In June 2014, she was invited to The White House Maker Faire to launch The Grommet Wholesale Platform, connecting makers with Main Street retailers.

This desire to do, to move ahead, to push the good idea and help others has long been part of Pieri’s life philosophy. Growing up, she says, “I would read biographies all the time. I didn’t have live role models but I had these books that were just as good. I knew that life was short and you have to use your time carefully. But you don’t do that by being careful. You do it by doing things and taking risks.”

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Ryan Sarver '98 has a talent for helping build groundbreaking enterprises. From his work at a firm that partnered with Apple in the early days of the iPhone to his four-year-long tenure as Director of Platforms for Twitter, Sarver has been at the epicenter of the technology and social media revolution that has transformed the world over the last decade.

The irony is that he has been working so hard behind the scenes for these firms that he has missed actual revolutions. He joined Twitter just as the Iranian protests began unfolding across the platform in June of 2009. With thousands of protesters tweeting out on-the-ground reports and the world held rapt by their 140 character chronicles, Sarver and the 30 or so other employees staffing Twitter at the time were just trying to keep things running.

"I remember talking to my mom and her saying, 'isn't this amazing what's happening with the Iranian revolution on Twitter' my response was, 'what revolution?'" Sarver said. "There's some irony there," Sarver admits. "We were all working day and night behind the scenes to make sure Twitter was working that we didn't have a lot of time to actually be on Twitter to monitor how Iranian citizens were using the service to protest the government and create social change. People think these kinds of companies are huge because of the press they get but it's actually just a small group of people working hard behind the scenes to keep things running."

Within four years, Twitter had more than 2,500 employees and had earned its place as one of the world's great communication platforms, used not just for social and entertainment purposes but commercial and political as well, giving voice instantly to anyone and everyone with something to say.

Like so many other groundbreakers in today's digital landscape, Sarver began his career in a college dorm room, where he taught himself to code. He soon found employment using these skills and decided he enjoyed the fast-paced world of tech companies more than the classroom. For the next ten years, he worked at gaining invaluable experience in problem solving and moving new ideas forward.

He joined Skyhook Wireless, a small, five-person firm in Boston, where he pioneered wi-fi and cell tower location services. The focus, he writes on his web site, "was on bringing GPS-like location to laptops and the web." This work eventually created the standard that became the W3C Geolocation API. Ultimately, it led to a call from Apple CEO Steve Jobs with Skyhook Wireless becoming one of the multi-billion dollar company's first partners for the iPhone and later impacting the iPod Touch and Macbook.

As the great-great-grandson of Cranbrook's founder George Booth, Sarver is quick to acknowledge the impact of the community. Although Sarver says "I wasn't a great student," he considers Cranbrook "an important influence" on his life. "Cranbrook was amazing at helping you see what the possibilities of life were," he says. "The curriculum was rigorous which pushed and taught me to solve problems creatively. It also expanded my horizons by exposing me to different aspects of culture. I met so many inspiring people at Cranbrook – alumni, faculty, and friends who taught me invaluable lessons about working together and paying it forward."

"Cranbrook makes you a well-rounded person and you carry that throughout your life not just in business but also in your personal life," he adds.

As a dedicated hockey player and member of a Cranbrook varsity state championship, Sarver also learned firsthand just how much a small team of people working together toward one goal could accomplish – certainly a life experience that has served him well as an active member of the start-up revolution.

Sarver left Twitter in the summer of 2013 and today is a partner at Redpoint Ventures, a venture capital firm. His job focuses on mobile consumer start-ups, looking at companies in their earliest stages and finding ways for Redpoint to invest and help the companies succeed. "I'm inspired by entrepreneurs who want to make our world a better place and have the vision and the profound personal dedication to turn their idea or that early product into a real, sustainable company," Sarver says. "It's incredibly rewarding working with founders creating new markets and re-imagining the world around us with technologies ranging from artificial intelligence to drones. I feel lucky to see these advances as they are developing."

The key to finding meaningful work "is breaking that cycle of what you're 'supposed to do,'" Sarver says. "Instead of chasing that bank job like everyone else, I always tried to take the road less traveled. There are a lot of different paths in life, and if you follow your interests, work hard and treat people with respect, you can achieve almost anything."

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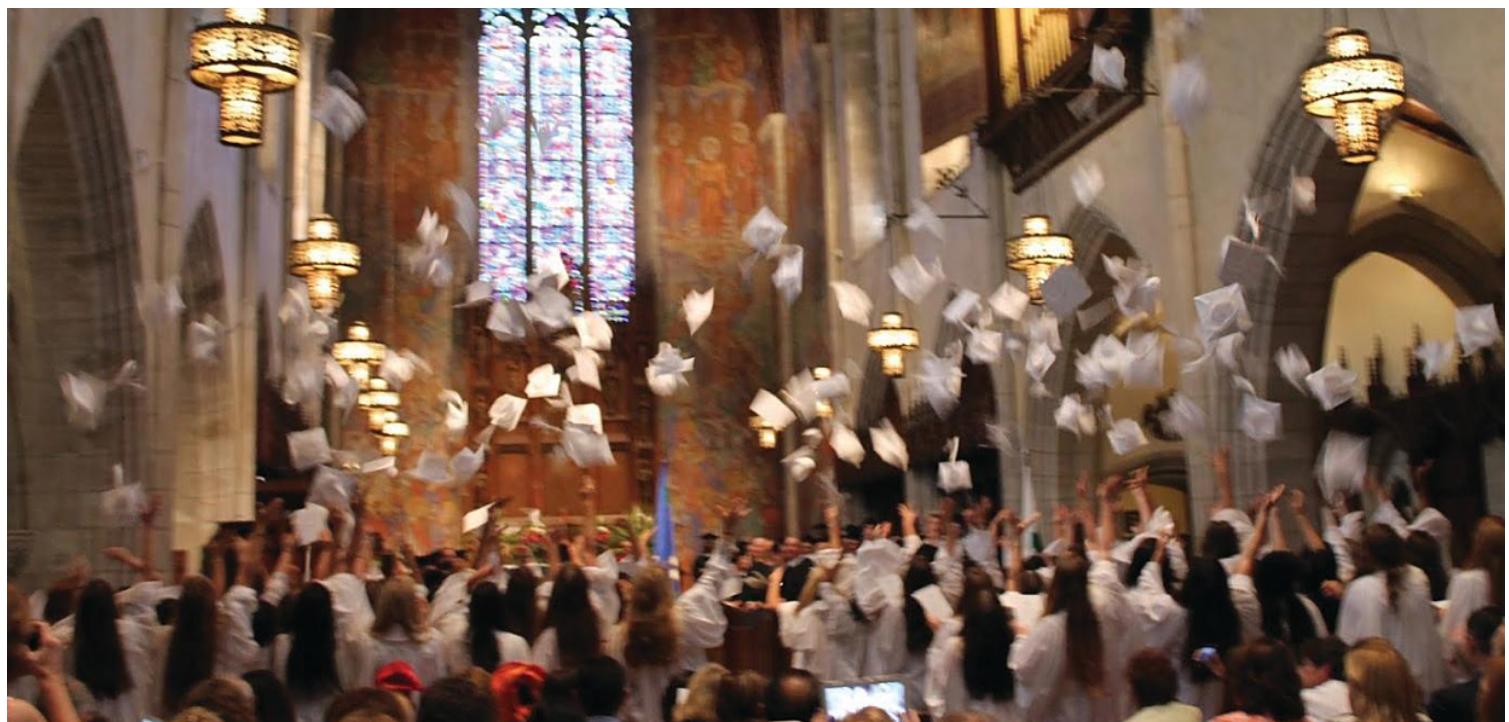
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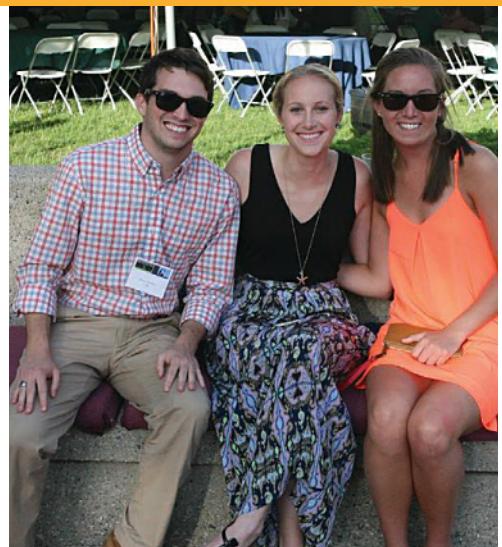


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Jim Talman 99th birthday

Hello everyone from the class of '34. **JIM TALMAN** writes that he has a busy fall planned. This includes the wedding of his grandson. He is doing physical therapy to improve his balance. He reports that he is not on medications and is feeling great. Jim celebrated his 99th birthday in August and at a Pirates game. He is hoping to return to the Cranbrook campus. **JOHN CLEMENT** celebrated his 100th birthday on June 29. It was a festive occasion. My family arranged for a great party, inviting 50 guests, including all my great-grandchildren, along with many family members and friends. After all the excitement it took several weeks of therapy to regain my strength. I am hoping to return to an active lifestyle. Like Jim, I would like to return to the campus.

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(Editor's Note)

CHUCK HIMELHOCH still gets moving by doing laps in the pool at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club.



This is certainly not the same job it was years ago. In some ways it is easier and in some ways a lot harder. I am glad I still do it, as I get out the old class picture of us our senior year, and fond memories still bubble up and warm my heart. I had a difficult telephone conversation with **BETTY LEVY LANGER**. We are both hard of hearing, which makes for little real communication. She has been having some physical problems and, therefore, is unable to do the things she likes to do and is presently not a happy camper. I was sorry to hear that her husband, Bob, died over a year ago and she misses him. I know she must suffer greatly with her hearing loss as she worked well into her senior years as a counselor and loved dealing with people. **BARBARA CURTIS JONES** is still full of energy and living on her own in her own house. Her son comes and helps her with some of the chores, but she is coping even though she is headed for her 95th birthday in January of 2016. She still loves playing bridge and plays duplicate most every day.

My life has been more than a little blessed. I have no nameable ailments and am busy with my pottery and paper sculpture everyday but Sunday. The Episcopal Church is still very much a part of my life, and this year I made them a St. Frances figure to adorn the pet cemetery they plan to develop on the church grounds. I guess you could say my life was changed forever when I met Marshal Fredericks and clay some eighty years ago. I keep trying to reach **PATTY HAWLEY MCLAUGHLIN** but get an answering service.

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(Editor's Note: Arlyce Seibert received this letter from Ann Hooke, Bjorn Larsson's '39, sister-in-law)

Dear Ms. Seibert, My brother-in-law, Bjorn Larsson, graduated from Cranbrook in 1939. He died recently on August 31, 2014. As I was helping his daughter and son prepare the memorial service held Sunday, September 28, they told me that Bjorn had asked for only two pieces of music to be played at the service: *Ode to Joy* and *The Cranbrook Hymn*. I am one of the pianists in the family, I was asked to play the music and lead the singing. In preparing for the service I went to a Cranbrook site to hear a recent performance of the hymn - and was surprised to hear that "Aim High" was spoken (with youthful energy!) rather than sung. I then decided that since aiming high was certainly one of the treasured qualities of Bjorn, despite many physical and other hardships in life, that I would ask the family and friends gathered at the service to put on a youthful spirit both to sing with energy and to speak "Aim High!" And they did! Not only did all of us have a chance to honor Bjorn's courageous spirit, but we could see how the words of that song meant so much to him through his entire life. Many of the words rang true to the way he lived his life: doing daily tasks with zeal, serving the community with dedication, living rightly and generously, and treasuring the creation of craft, right to the final "To future sons an inspiration give, Tho' eyes grow dim, tho' strength be past, yet we, till life is done, shall ever cherish thee." Following the service, his daughter told me that he often sang the hymn to them as young children and spoke the words "Aim High!" with vigor. She was so glad that I had asked the gathered friends and family to do likewise.



St. Francis by June Daisley Lockhart, '38

I thought that all of you at Cranbrook today would appreciate this story of an alum who so treasured his time at Cranbrook.

Sincerely,
Ann P. Hooke

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William B. Heffner, Sr. '41

(Class Editor's Note)

WILLIAM BENNETT HEFFNER, SR., 92, passed away peacefully May 28 at Christ Hospital. Bill was born in 1922 in Columbus, OH, raised in Circleville, OH. He graduated from Cranbrook School in 1941, attended Kenyon College, and graduated from U-M in 1948. He enlisted in the U.S. Army 1942, served as platoon sergeant in Patton's 3rd Army, 89th Infantry Division, where he participated in the Rhineland and Central Europe Campaigns, culminating in the liberation of Ohrdruf Concentration Camp, a Buchenwald sub-camp. He was decorated with the Bronze Star and was honorably discharged in Jan. 1946. After three years with the Heffner Grain Co, Circleville, he moved to Cincinnati in 1952 and began a 44-year career with the Pease Companies, holding a variety of senior management positions. Memberships included Presbyterian Church of Wyoming, University Club, Cincinnati Club, University of Michigan Club, and Ohio Society. A multi-sport athlete in college, he especially enjoyed playing golf with his lifelong friends at Wyoming Golf Club. He was a devoted husband of 63 years to Janet Pease Heffner, who predeceased him in 2011. Bill was the father of Nancy Heffner Donovan (Stephen), Cincinnati; William Bennett Heffner, Jr., who predeceased him in 2014, (Laurie Lanz), Terrace Park; and Susan Heffner Monnier (Charles), Basel, Switzerland. He was grandfather of Katherine Pease Donovan, Boston; George Bennett Heffner (Jennifer Hoeweler), Terrace Park; Philippe Edward Monnier, Zurich; and Christophe Allan

Monnier, Fribourg. He was great-grandfather of Harlow Ann Heffner, Macy McNabb, Terrace Park. Bill was predeceased by his parents Matilda Bennett Heffner and Harry Wefler Heffner, Circleville. Bill was always a grateful friend of Kimberley Evon Wolf. A grave side service was held Sat. Aug 22, 10:00 a.m. at Spring Grove Cemetery (9:45 a.m. escort at Gray Rd entrance to Pease family plot). There was a buffet luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at Queen City Club. Memorials may be directed to The Christ Hospital Foundation, Attn: Rick Kammerer, 625 Eden Park Dr, Ste 150, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

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"I know my father enjoyed going back and always spoke so highly of Cranbrook. However, **GEORGE W. HEIDEMAN** passed away early this morning at the age of 91. I still have his high school sweatshirt, and he once took me across the grounds to show off the school. He was so influenced that he sent me to a similar school here in Seattle, called Lakeside. There I was between Bill Gates and Paul Allen, so it was a formative environment. Were it not for his early years there, he would have found less in life to savor. I found kind letters from you in his papers today." **TOM NEHIL** wrote, "nice hearing from you. I imagine our class is getting pretty thin. I am living in Midland, MI, where I was born. There are a lot of family and friends here." **DICK WESTERMAN** wrote, "your July 14 mailing resurfaced on my desk, so here is a belated response. Last October I spent two weeks with my son touring Germany - Munich, Passau, Essen, Malnzi, and Berlin. It is the first time I really toured the country, even though I spent 18 months there between '45 - '47 and made business trips to the Up John Company headquarters in Heppenheim. With all the walking we did, I discovered I like elevators plus going downhill. Finally, age is catching up with me. I don't seem to have the strength and endurance I had several years ago. Even my handwriting is getting terrible. Begun to think I may not be able to live longer than my mom who died at age 92. Not ready for a nursing home yet. Still mow my lawn by hand and try to raise delectables for the deer to munch on before I do. See you in 2018 for our 75th reunion!" **BOB BRODY** wrote he is semi-retired. He goes to his office four hours a day with the rest of the time reading newspapers and books. The good news is that they are now the proud great-grandparents of two beautiful girls. The bad news is that his wife has dementia which is

short-term memory loss. Long-term memory is good. We have three years to the next reunion; he is hoping and praying that we all make it.

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Dr. **GLENN CARPENTER** writes that his and Joan's three kids (no longer kids) are all Cranbrook Kingswood graduates. Daughter, Sally, '74, is married to Hugh Kerr, '73, a radiologist at Beaumont Hospital and son of Peter Kerr, an art teacher at Cranbrook for many years. Son, Jim, '76, is chair of orthopedic surgery at the U-M, and Wiltse, '80, works as a computer engineer at Google. "We sold our home in Tucson, and so now winter most of the time in Birmingham. Summers are spent at our cottage in Pentwater on Lake Michigan. We are well and still travel a bit. Went to southern Italy last fall, Vero Beach in February, and NYC in May to check out the new Whitney Museum and see some shows. We are planning a driving trip east this fall and a 'Road Scholar' trip to Baja next February." Glenn says, "I spent all my early life on Seven Mile Road in Detroit and have been in Birmingham on Hawthorne Road just south of Maple Road (15 Mile) for 50 years, a pitiful eight miles in 88 years." **JACK UPPER** reports, "Our news is of the 'We are still here' variety. We remain happily and healthily ensconced and thriving in our continuing care retirement community, Shell Point, near Sanibel Island, about 15 miles southwest of the Fort Myers city limit. Our routines are uneventful but full and engaging: aquatics classes (good for sciatica), a Bible study at our church in Sanibel, and a group called Inquiring Minds that discusses current issues. In addition, there are always lectures, classes, concerts, movies, etc. I've finished a six-week course on Russian History of the Tzars, one on Seafaring in the Age of Sail, and also a course on math taught by a resident who happens to be the father of Dan Brown of *Da Vinci Code* fame. No tests! I do computer groups and Great Decisions discussions. Christmas and New Year's in Seville, Spain, with our daughter, Lisa, granddaughter, Caitlin, and daughter, Nadia." **JOHN BOYOUCOS** died in June, 2015 after a long illness. After graduation from Cranbrook, John served in the Navy for two years, then graduated

Harvard and earned his PhD in physics, also from Harvard. He specialized in acoustics and became one of the world's experts in his field. He was awarded numerous patents in acoustics focusing on noise control, SONAR research and application for the Navy, and other acoustical applications. John had a lifelong interest in music. He co-founded the Rochester, NY, Society for Chamber Music (board member and chairman for many years), served as a board member of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, and was instrumental in the Finger Lakes Performing Arts Center. **TED MERRILL** writes, "Going into my 90th year seems unbelievable. I'm tired of giving up stuff, flying, sailing, canoeing, hazardous woodworking tools, hilltown hiking, long trips, etc. Lisa and I are doing rather well considering. We've thought about moving to an independent living ghetto, but after investigating several decided to stay in our house in Shelburne Falls, which I designed some 20 years ago with an eye on impending 'access' requirements, so it will do nicely for now. Four children between middle age and retirement are well, so are five grands, and two great-grands. My biggest regret this year is not having a final chat with **JOHN BOUYOCOS** before he died. We started together as boarders in the fifth grade at Brookside and had fun with photography, science projects, and mischief for years."

I, **TOM AUSTIN**, am working (estate planning) half time, serving as treasurer of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, and participating actively on the board of the Greater Cleveland Boy Scout Council. Judy and I have just moved into a condo in Shaker Heights, OH, downsizing from a Cleveland Heights house that Judy owned for 43 years.

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K1946

(Editor's Note)

DIANE A. SCRIPPS, '46, November 17, 1928 - July 14, 2015 Diane Scripps died peacefully at home after a year-long battle with cancer. She is survived by her sister, Virginia Scripps Semmes of Keswick, VA, her brother, William John Scripps, Jr. of Birmingham, AL; nephews Keith Scripps, also of Los Angeles, Ridge Gardner, and Wes Gardner of Florida and Maryland respectively; and her niece, Ginny Semmes Craven, of Virginia. Ms. Scripps

also leaves extended family, a host of loving friends, and her own "kids" — devoted rescue dogs, George and Petunia. Born and raised in Detroit, MI, Ms. Scripps moved to California in 1952. She made an indelible mark on the Los Angeles community through her tireless efforts in service to animals. In 1962 she and her dear friend, Virginia Haley, began Pet Orphans, with rescues and adoptions in their homes. Pet Orphans was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in 1973 and moved to its permanent home in Van Nuys in 1982. The organization has saved the lives of more than 25,000 animals since its inception and continues to develop its programs and services to ensure animal health, happiness, and well-being.



Diane A. Scripps '46

In lieu of flowers, tax-deductible donations may be made to Pet Orphans of So. Cal. 7720 Gloria Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406. Phone: 818-901-0011. Visit: [www.petorphans.org](http://petorphans.org) to donate online. Published in the Los Angeles Times from July 17 to July 19, 2015.

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(Editor's Note: The letter below was received in the Alumni Office)

My heart was really saddened upon learning of the passing of **NANCY TRUMBULL SEIBERT**, '47, as reported in the Cranbrook Kingswood School's latest issue of *Tradition*. It is many years since I last saw Nancy, but I always felt close with her each time I received the latest copy of our magazine. I am reminded of her gentleness when I first arrived at Kingswood. To say I was out of my element is an understatement. My growing up was spent during the German occupation of France, where I was a boarder at a Catholic girls' school in Paris. Arriving in the U.S., I was overwhelmed by the outgoing warmth of Americans, and especially so

by the students at Kingswood. I remember Nancy being kind to me as I tried to improve my English and to acclimate to the openness of my classmates. Every event, every day, was brand new to me. I also remember the French teacher telling me I shouldn't speak French to her — she wanted me to improve my English. All my memories of Kingswood have remained forefront in my mind, so thank you, Nancy, and to all my classmates also. As we all have learned, life goes on. Some of us have been luckier than others. Many of our classmates are no longer with us. Our children have grown up and now we are grandparents. How fortunate we are. In my case I met Keith at Hillsdale College. Our lives have never been boring. We were married and spent a wonderful one-year honeymoon in Paris, where Keith attended the Sorbonne. Then Detroit, followed by four years in San Francisco, four years in Guatemala, two years in Mexico City, two years in Madrid, four years in Bruxelles, 19 years in Paris, and the last 28 years in Boca Raton. Why would we have to go on vacation? We have one daughter and family in Boca and the other in Delray Beach. I send my best wishes to my former classmates and wish them continuing good health.

Monette Grignard de Godebry Armstrong, '47



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At the urging and skillful work of **MARY LEILA CURTICE BISHOP**, we scheduled and met in an extra reunion, because we are getting rapidly older, and not all of us may make it to the next five-year event. So we were glad to come together for our 67th reunion in June of 2015, at Kingswood. The group had a photo taken, which is reproduced here, with the needed list of names, left to right: **MARY LEILA CURTICE BISHOP**, **WINNIE ROEHM WARD**, **GINNA KRABEL LUNDEEN**, **JEANNIE KENNEDY BAUDOUIN**, **MARGIE BARTON MATTER**, **DORA (Dilly) POLK CROUCH**, **JOANIE PATTEN STADLER**, **JOYCE FRANK STACKABLE**, **LIBBY SMITH HOLDEN**, **NANCY BERGDAHL ROBERTSON**, **MOLLY BIXBY BARTLETT**, and **JOANNE (Wonn) WONNBERGER WHEATON**.



Kingswood Class of 1948, Reunion 2015

The photo was taken after dinner on Friday night held in the old Kingswood library. Several of us brought significant others, so we were a mixed crowd. We were pleased to have Margi Brown from the alumni office with us at the end of the dinner, enjoying dessert, and our appreciation for her help with the arrangements. Saturday night there was the usual cocktail party and dinner on the Cranbrook Quad. Earlier on Saturday we had toured the recent arrangements in the Kingswood dormitory and inspected our names carved into the wood of the wall that closes off the auditorium of Kingswood. Then we attended the luncheon picnic in the area between Kingswood and the lake, and many of us went in the afternoon to the memorial service for deceased class members, always touching. I think we were all much more conscious now of the passing of time and the frailty now of our connections with the school and with each other. Many thanks to Mary Leila for her organizing of this special meeting!

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ARMAND SMITH reports that he is living a quiet and happy life with his partner, Dewey (Louise) Barrow. They each have four adult children. They try to get to Maui when they can, but minor health issues have made **BILL MACOMBER** and Carol cut back on their travel plans. They did have a reunion with her family in June at a wonderful resort in Tennessee. As their email traveled to me, they were on their way to Taos for a mini-reunion with three of Bill's older children. They send their wishes for the best health possible as we live with chronic health issues. **JACK SPOEHR** says he is "qualifiedly" functional, both physically and mentally, as he carries on as Olga's caregiver. He sent a phrase which is used in Olga's Honduras to describe caregivers, "I don't have time to scratch myself." **TALCOTT JONES** and Jeanne enjoy a vista of mesas and mountains from their home, 80 miles north of Vegas. They like the Casablanca Casino, good food, and luck at gambling. One of his daughters will be visiting in September, and the other has got her dream job "teaching in India" for the next 10 years. Jeanne sent a quote from her brother that she agrees with, "When I wake up in the morning, I am so happy to be on the right side of the sod."



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

GUNTHER BALZ says that the construction of his airplane is proceeding nicely. He expects in a couple of years to be one of the few 86-year-old Spitfire pilots. **DAVE OSNOS** says that Jan. 1, 2016, he is cutting back to three days a week of lawyer-ing. He and Glenna are looking forward to the pro hockey and basketball season. When our favorite in the Alumni Office, Margi Brown, and her husband, Dave, were returning from a well-earned vacation in Cabo, they were approached in the Phoenix airport by a gentleman who inquired about Dave's Cranbrook sweatshirt. Guess Who? **YALE BERNSTEIN** who volunteers at the airport.

JACK BOHON had a hip replacement July 2 and was up and walking July 3 and after three weeks was moving without a cane or pain, a great relief after a year of suffering. His dialysis continues, but he is tolerating it pretty well for "an old coot" and has enough spunk left to flirt with the nurses. Sally says some things just never change. The Leisters have been sharing their garden advice with me. They have massive flower beds of day lilies in addition to their huge vegetable garden. The picture shows Bob in front of a bean stalk, the magic seeds for which he got at market. He plans to climb it one day.

BILL BRODER continues his prolific output as novelist, playwright and freelance writer. His latest works are *Six Hands Clapping*, *Belief*, and *The Teeth of God*. He often reads from his works at the Sausalito Public Library. You can read [about his works at www.billbroder.com](#), and you can buy his books from Amazon. Try them, you will like them. I do. **LOUISE LOWELL** has spent the summer at the cottage in Grand Haven. It is a beautiful place. She says she wintered well in Colorado where she escaped the cold we enjoyed.

TONY BUTTERFIELD had intended to return for the 2015 Alumni weekend, but fungal pneumonia left him stuck in California. The **SIMPSONS** have been busy with show biz, having accepted an invitation to open the university summer

theater season performing *On Golden Pond*, which despite their superannuated state was a smash hit, and they enjoyed the experience. As I write, they have just returned from their first cruise down the Elbe from Prague to Berlin. The last time **PETE** was in Berlin it was rubble. They had a large family reunion on the ranch plus friends and eight Israelis, which extended into Yellowstone Park and Jackson. Whirlwind took the wind out of them but it was fun. I had a good talk with **MILT MATTER**, and he sends his best to everyone. Their son, Michael, had just returned from Ecuador, and it appears that their project is still slowly moving through the government bureaucracy. The recent volcano eruption did not disturb the area, but they did get a dusting of volcanic ash. **TOM CLARK** and his Kathleen are enjoying good health, life's adventures, and their endless honeymoon. In March they were in Ecuador with a dental mission and visited many elementary schools and helped with giving 7000 free toothbrushes to the children.



Tom Clark, '49, and wife, Kathleen, in Quito, Ecuador



Bob Leister, '49, and his beanstalk

After traveling a bit, they found that June and July was a constant stream of visitors to their lake home with the added note "that '49ers are all welcome." Tom's caregiver experience with his former wife, Pearl, who died four years ago of Lewy body dementia,

is helping him serve as a facilitator to two Lewy dementia support groups. To quote him, "You just can't keep a '49er from Aiming High." On a sad note, I regret to inform you that **BOB ESCH** died April 19. Kathleen and I have nothing of interest to report, so we will just wish you all a good fall.

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IMY POWRIE SCHLEY writes that life has been pretty uneventful, except it is wonderful to have her daughter, Sally, back in Milwaukee from Phoenix, and lucky now to have her Vermont granddaughter, Lillian, also move here after her graduation from Clark University with a Phi Beta Kappa key and summa cum laude. **CONNIE CLARK JONES** writes that her husband took her to Disney World for four days of fun celebrating her birthday, and then they went to Colorado Springs for Dick to play golf with sons, Rick and Brad, in the Senior Golfers of America tournament at the Broadmoor Hotel. **JEANNE BROWN JONES** writes she had a great time visiting in Boca Raton, seeing all her bridge and real estate friends, her daughter, Debbie, grandchild and great-grandchild. Debbie visited with Jeanne in Vegas where they toured the C-canyons. They loved the "Valley of Fire" Indian village north of Las Vegas.



Sue Nolte Dunham, '49, with daughters, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren

SUE NOLTE DUNHAM celebrated her son, Paul's, 4th of July birthday with the whole family. Note all the red shirts with American flags on them. Sue then left hot Texas for cooler Montana, where her sister and family rented a house. Then she traveled with her daughter and family to Jamaica, where they had rented a house. She has also volunteered for hospice. Sue is a busy gal! **JULIE PORATH HAMLIN** writes they are grateful to be able to live in the beauty of their Tennessee mountains. Her news is their grandson, Bradley, is starting first year medical school at Michigan State University. Bill and **MOLLY SYLVESTER BERESFORD** celebrated their 62nd anniversary, and both are well and happy. **MARYE ROSE RAIDER SCHALER** worked very hard at her physical therapy, dumped the walker, and stood as erect as possible at her granddaughter, Danielle's, October wedding. Her other granddaughter, Jessica, is exceeding at her job in a top company. Michael has finished his interning. Marye Rose is swamped with paperwork but has taken time for some really good theatre, played some bridge, enjoyed wonderful baller, dinners with friends, and daughters, and family. Time passes, but she has lost her best friend, Ralph. She will return to Florida for the season. Snow and ice are not her thing.



Molly Sylvester Beresford, '49, husband, Bill, '47, and granddaughter, Susan



Ann Walrad Kelly and Alice Spero March, both '49



Peggy Gilfillan Cole, '49, and daughter, Debbie

PEGGY GILFILLAN COLE is still teaching ESL to Asian women who live in the Mahwah neighborhood. Her husband, David, is in a close-by nursing home now. Three grandchildren were married this year, so she has been in Chicago, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. She also visited her son and family in Grand Rapids/Grand Haven this summer.

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 **K1950**

As a child I skipped rope to a ditty singing, "Smarty-smarty had a party, and NOBODY came!" That was almost the case for our 65th Reunion with the exception of two stalwarts, **ANN PATTERSON MUNRO** and **CAROL ROBERTSON GRAY**, and at that they still missed each other. Patter attended the Friday dinner at Cranbrook House where she met up with Cranbrook classmates, Harley Warner, Wayne Lyon, and John Hunting, all C'50. Carol made it back to the Saturday BBQ picnic lunch. But hats off to the both of them, for Patter (and Don), and Carol (and Cliff), came together later with an August lunch date, meeting at the Art Institute. Carol had a busy summer at what she describes as the "Bishop Road non-profit B&B." Her sister, two brothers, one daughter with a live-in mate, and a granddaughter rounded out the visitors. And then she took off to Long Island, driving with all her dialysis equipment in tow, to help her oldest daughter celebrate her 60th birthday. She's pretty amazing. Patter wrote a notecard with (I am presuming?) a drawing of their cabin in Leelanau County. It looks like a scene from *On Golden Pond*, and I wish it were mine, truly. She mentioned that she talked by phone to **BARBARA PRIEST**

JESKE in North Carolina, and I am unclear if Barb made it to the reunion or not, but I know she was going to try. Barb wrote that the CCRC (Continuing Care Retirement Community) they plan to move to is still under construction, but well underway, so they should be moving in about a year. Since her hip and knee replacements are doing better, and Stu is no longer playing golf, they will make a temporary move to an apartment nearer the CCRC to become acclimated to the area. **JOAN ISAACSON CHANDLER** is also sporting a new hip and doing great. I do believe we are all becoming bionic a piece at a time, but Joan is taking it a step further. She is actually taking a class in robots and artificial intelligence. She had a great week in upstate New York visiting her son and family, who have moved to Woodstock. Don't you know that under her skin there still beats a hippie's heart? Joan and I may be the only two liberals left in the class, so we cling to each other as members of an endangered species. She is also excited to report that her daughter-in-law, the artist Elsa Mora, is preparing for a one woman show in New York City in May. **PEGGY WOODRUFF WITHEY** wrote an amusing note about the rain we are having in Florida, but it was nearly illegible for splashes of water had obliterated her writing. (I'm not kidding.) You can cut the humidity here with a knife. So many notes touched on our common bond: we are now octogenarians who have outlived so many of our classmates, but our health is a bit shaky. For the first time in 35 years **ROBIN SQUIER GOLDSMITH** missed going to Stratford, Ontario. Taking joy in visits with her children and grandchildren, she touchingly counts them as her blessings in this "cloistered period." Periodically I get a note or see a picture of my senior classmate, **SHARON SMITH SAYLES**, with one of her grandchildren on FaceBook, and she looks absolutely wonderful! If any of you are on FaceBook, by all means "friend" me, so we can chat. It is just so easy peasy to stay in touch that way. By the way, are you familiar with those wonderful Silver Palate cookbooks written by Julee Rosso? If so, you will be interested to hear that **DOROTHY DAVIDSON FOULDS** went with her daughter, Leslie, and granddaughter, Kate, to Rosso's B&B, The Wickwood Inn, in Saugatuck, MI. That should be on everyone's bucket list! Dorothy travels with a local college group to Stratford and to Detroit to the opera. Detroit, she is happy to report, is really coming back. **SHEILA McMULLEN READY** took off once again for her annual trek to the New Jersey shore, and she is packing as I write this column, for her grandson's wedding around Labor Day. Two notes from our Arizona

classmates: **JOANIE PATERSON JARRATT** says her travels are now limited to her doctors' offices. Oh what a familiar refrain that is! But with her new hip she is walking better than ever. **MARILYN HOWLETT BARNES** says of our age: "Patch! Patch! Patch!" And then there is keeping up with house repairs. Her four children are now nearing retirement age, and she is surrounded with the unstoppable energy of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. That sounds delightful. As for the Bohons, we are holding our own. Jack's hip replacement was a modern day miracle, and I am thrilled to see him walking again. The dialysis is, of course, a tribulation, but he is improving in his outlook, which was pretty bleak there for a while. We even managed three days at New Smyrna Beach, which proved a tonic. So, thanks to all of you for your sweet notes of concern. Please stay in touch, for there is always another class notes deadline looming in the future.

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PLEASE...don't skip over the rest of this paragraph even though the first sentence is an impassioned plea for you to attend our 65th Reunion June 10-12, 2016. I can assure you from personal experience that THIS experience delivers worlds more satisfaction and fun than it "promises" to the imagination. Once the travel expense and the travel are behind you, and you find yourself in the midst of your old high school classmates and friends, memories you thought were gone forever will come flooding back with delicious flavor, and sharing them with classmates will spice them up even more. Besides what coming will do for you, know that your attendance will add hugely to the enjoyment of the others there. I've told you before that each additional classmate who shows up doesn't just add to the fun mathematically; he multiplies it geometrically. I hope I can do my part to add to the "banquet" by hosting a gathering at my place Friday night and maybe even again Sunday morning. If Sunday's goodbye breakfast has to be at a restaurant, the treat will be mine (financially as well as emotionally). Please call me on my new phone number (734-879-1833) and tell me that you are coming and whether there will be a significant other in tow. If I'm not home,

leave a message, so I can call and verify that you are coming. Please don't put yourself in a position where, down the road, you think to yourself, "I really wish I had taken advantage of that last good opportunity to reunite in person with my old high school classmates and friends. Once again, I'll be inviting Wayne Lyon, '50. By the way, the prospect of setting a Cranbrook 65th Reunion attendance record that will stand in the school's books forever (never to be broken) tickles me, as does the concept that our names will be immortalized at Cranbrook for yet another achievement. P.S.: I'm putting this in YOUR copy of this publication exclusively. You have aged more handsomely than ANY of your classmates (especially me), and I'd like to see the envy in their eyes when they get a glimpse of you. I received a great, newsy letter from **ED GODFREY** from his home in Old Saybrook, CT, last May. The good news is that he's doing "very well for an 82-year-old." He retired from the Southern New England Telephone Company as an engineering manager, back in October 1991. Then, in a definite career change, he worked 18 years in a small, two-person H&R Block office, preparing tax returns, which takes us to 2009, when the office was closed, "sending me to work in the local main office. I decided to fill up my winter months volunteering for AARP doing income taxes." Ed and Joanne (are both in their second marriage) and married for 31 years now. Ed brought two sons and Joanne three sons into their marriage, and they now share eight grandchildren. They both "really enjoy sailing" and have cruised from New York City to the Maine coast in the Bar Harbor area. After charting for a few summers, they bought their own 37-footer. In 2005 they went over to the "dark side of sailing" and bought a 30-foot power boat, which they used to cruise the inland waterway from Connecticut to Florida in the winter of 2005-2006. After this "wonderful experience," they continued to cruise the local waters until Joanne found the cruising and the boat too demanding physically. Thus the bad news, Joanne was confined to a wheelchair due to back issues and deteriorating muscles in her hips and legs. At the time of Ed's letter, Joanne had been seeing too many doctors and taking too many tests, all resulting in no definitive diagnosis. That was then. A phone call to Ed in September uncovered that Joanne is mostly bedridden with ALS but is pain-free and in better spirits than most would be under the circumstances. Ed, himself, had open heart surgery in 1999 and has had no signs of difficulty since. Shortly after retiring, Ed, with Joanne, joined a local yacht club run by volunteers, which has

an "excellent" junior program in summer teaching local kids to sail and keeping Ed very busy when he isn't caregiving for Joanne. The alumni office received an email from Peter Gabel that his father, **NORMAN GABEL**, passed away on December 3, 2014. Our condolences go out to his wife, Marilyn, and sons, Peter and Christopher. Take care of yourself for me.

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Family of Marcia Kelly Wills, '51

It still seems unreal that we are 65 years out of Kingswood. Age equals wisdom, right? **MARIA KELLEY WILLS** writes, "Can you believe that so many years have passed? I still have such vivid memories of 7th grade when four of us actually played bridge after lunch on the second floor at the top of the Green Lobby stairs, next to what was then the headmistress's office. Almost 70 years ago!" Marcia and Larry celebrated their 50th anniversary in February. "We had a wonderful trip in the Grand Velas on the Maya Riviera, Mexico, with our entire family." **BETSY BREWSTER** has moved to Dartmouth, MA. I hope the move was a smooth one, Betsy. **ELLEN SNADER BEGOLE** reports that she still works two days a week as a statistician in the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Illinois at Chicago. "I've been there 40 years now and just cannot seem to give it up." **MARYLYN MARTIN KEIL** is still accumulating her bridge master points, traveling from Torch Lake to Petoskey for the weekly duplicate games. She usually stays at her cottage until mid-October when she goes back to Hinsdale. **MARY KENRICK CORDES** writes that she has been in the hospital several times this past year. "Pneumonia is tough to get rid of!

High point of the year is one granddaughter was married, and one new baby was born (both named Hannah)." **MARTY LUCIER BOUGHNER** went on a trip to Hudson Bay to visit the polar bears. You must tell us more about that, Marty. She continues to live summers in Rhode Island, where her great-grandson was born last May. **NAN BREYMAN DORR** recently had a pacemaker installed, which has curtailed her travel plans considerably. "I'm still in Winter Haven, FL, in a super gated community with many long-time friends. We are safe and independent." I, **ALICE SHAW AIKENS**, have to tell you about the strangest coincidence. My granddaughter, Sarah Jane Post, '12, interned at Christie's Auction House in New York City this past summer, and who do you think was her supervisor? **MARY KINDEL LIBBY**! They didn't make the connection to me right away, though to Cranbrook Kingswood they did. At any rate, Mary was very kind to Sarah Jane, and they developed a lovely friendship. Mary has seen thousands of interns over the years, so for her to take such a special interest in my granddaughter was the highpoint of Sarah Jane's summer in New York. I would write about our 65th, June 10-12, but not knowing when you will get this issue of *Tradition*, I will save that news for next time.

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I wrote most of this in February and thought I had submitted it for publication in the last issue of *Tradition*. It didn't make it. So here is a slightly edited version, with some additions. The Hirts are suffering through the second brutal Michigan winter in a row. My car thermostat registered minus 21 degrees F. this a.m. as I headed off to the YMCA to work out. The snow is not as bad as last winter, but the cold is worse. Those of you enjoying the warmth of other venues are certainly wise. Ardis and I enjoyed a movie and dinner with Ann and **BILL SALOT** a couple of weeks ago. They too are "enjoying" the Michigan winter. Bill continues learning bridge and sponsoring a lecture series at the Grosse Pointe Library. **SANDY KAPLAN** called recently to report that he is happy to be around, now that he's eighty. He reports sadly that health issues have forced Rita to give up golf. **DUNC**

PATTEN says that Montana could use some of Michigan's snow. He has stepped down as director of the Montana University System Water Center, ending his 50 plus years of post-PhD academic connections. Travel in the past year to give a paper regarding ecological wisdom in China prompted him to remark that China is a country which needs much. He must have scored highly, because he's been invited back. His 2015 travel plans include Arizona, Boston, Maryland, Scotland, Hawaii, and China. WOW! **BOB GILLOW** was sorry to report that Marilyn Sanders, his companion for almost eight years, has dementia, which has reached the stage where she has moved to Dublin, OH, to be with her daughter. Bob's business is thriving, and he hopes that his products, which are designed to lower unintended infections in hospitals, will prove to be a great benefit to the healthcare industry. Ann and **CHUCK HUTCHINS** continue their lifelong commitment to the University of Michigan. Chuck has been with the Solar Car Team for twenty-five years. This year the student team was busy readying for the World Solar Challenge to be held in Australia in October, so the alumni organized a team and raced the 2012 U-M solar car, Quantum, to first place in Abu Dhabi. **DAVE NOE** writes that it doesn't snow in Maui in the winter. **JOHN SLAYTER** observed the "aging of America" while lounging around the pool on a Caribbean cruise. He is now a great-grandfather. He has five children and nine grandchildren, with a granddaughter and great-granddaughter only a year apart in age. John's daughter Megan was granted tenure at Western Michigan University Fine Arts School Dance. **JIM STADLER** submitted a great picture of the Stadler/Patten clan taken upon the occasion of Jim's 80th birthday. (See the last edition of *Tradition*.) Spoke with **CARL LUCKENBACH**, who's wintering with Carol in Jacksonville, where she has family. Carl told me that the second buyer of his Ann Arbor condo (see last issue of *Tradition*) is our Michigan Governor, Rick Snyder. **JOHN EDISON** was enjoying the winter at his home in the Palm Beach area. He says he bikes and swims daily but no longer golfs. He and Panny have been hosting friends from the frozen North most of the winter. On the other hand, **FRANK MAREAN** told me that he and Brenda are experiencing the worst winter of their 25 years together, with the Boston area suffering blizzard after blizzard, more snow than Frank can remember. His four children – two boys and two girls are all "smarter than the old man." His oldest son is in the food service industry at Universal Studios theme park in California. His oldest



David Seibert, '75 and Elliott Trumbell '53 with Ryan Seibert, grandson of Nancy Trumbell Seibert '47

CHECKMATE: As you loyal readers of these bi-annual efforts know, I ended my last report with a plea for any response, and I offered a check to the first classmate to answer. I received all of four replies, and to **GEORGE BIHLER** went – as I promised – a check. Hey, I never said it would be a “checkbook check!”

Also responding were **HARRY LOMASON**, **TODD CORLEY**, and **PHIL LEMESSURIER**.

FOND POND MEMORIES: I recently found an old photo (a Polaroid, remember those?) of a day on Lake Nan-Geo-Ell, showing nine hockey players. Seven of the skaters were Cranes: Larry Williams, '49, Jim Paterson, '52, Mike Schirmer, '52, two LeMessuriers – Phil, '53, and Don, '58, and a pair of Trumbulls, my brother George, '47, and me. It seems to me we were playing pond hockey long before the National Hockey League started its annual outdoor Winter Classic.

15 MINUTES OF FAME: Last July, the *Detroit Free Press* ran an article on my long-time friendship with Mickey Briggs and our mutual love of baseball. Our little story was given full-page coverage, and it told of a Tigers game we saw in 1950, which we consider the greatest ever. The wonderful sports-page spread was noticed by at least 10 Cranbrook readers, five classmates, and five others. I was delighted to hear from **JIM TAYLOR**, **BILL SOTER**, **JOHN WERT**, **AL RUBINER**, and **GEORGE BIHLER**. Also, responded to my brief notoriety were Ivan Forbes,

daughter is now settled in Portland, ME, after a business career that took her all over the world. His second son is a therapist, working with addicted people. His youngest is married to a professor at Berkley and runs her own business, called “Girls’ Leadership Institute.” Pam and **KEN WILSON** continue to enjoy the “good life” in Aiken, SC. Ken underwent open heart surgery at U-M Hospital in September 2014. He reports that the surgery was very successful, and he is back to golfing, walking, traveling (mostly for family visits) and other activities. **MIKE SCHIRMER** again spent the summer of 2015 on the shores of beautiful Burt Lake in northern Michigan. Kitty and **TOM STONER** recently took in the temples of Cambodia. Tom is still at it with the croquet mallet, from Florida to Maine. Much more genteel than golf, which I continue to hack away. I recently spoke with Heather Shea, **BUD REITZEL**’s ex-wife. Following Bud’s death, Heather made a generous donation to CK to fund an exercise facility at Kingswood. It is called the Reitzel Wellness Center and is the site of the former Kingswood Middle School art room. It is expected to benefit student residential life, faculty and staff, the health curriculum, and the afterschool intramural strength and conditioning classes. Be sure to check it out if you visit the School. **JIM PATERSON** says no more to golf but remains active with photography and church activities. He plans a trip to Maine and New Hampshire and hopes to visit most of his family, which by November 2015 will include thirteen great-grandchildren. **HOWARD PARKER** passed away on January 24, 2014, in Georgia. Following Cranbrook, Howie graduated from Yale, majoring in industrial engineering. He received a naval commission and served 27 months in the USN. His business career was in technical sales for a number of large companies, winding up as product sales manager for Viking Pump in Atlanta. Howie is survived by his wife, Marjorie, daughter, Kim Bacastow, son, Douglas, and three grandchildren. Another sad note, **RICK FOSTER**’s wife, Gretchen Meyer Foster, '53, passed away on July 21, 2015. Rick and daughter, Martha, and son, Rob, survive. Both children attended CK. Rick and Gretchen married in June, 1957 in New Jersey. Keep those emails and letters coming. If you have an email address and aren’t part of the exchange, drop me a line at this address: hirtstan@umich.edu.

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'47, Stan Hirt, '52, Don Slotkin, '54, Ann Merveles Reed, '55, and Rick Loewenstein, '78. **SHOP TALK:** A call last summer to **RICH GIELOW** to welcome him into our “Club 80” led to his recall of just how much more than academics Cranbrook offered to us way back when. Rich took the shop course with Mr. Moore like we all did, but while I was trying in vain to make something (anything!) on the potter’s wheel or attempting to keep all my fingers attached while working on the lathe, Rich was really getting into all the choices – welding, casting, wood-working, etc. Those fabled lines from the School Hymn – “Cranbrook! Whose sculptured stone and iron shaft bespeaks the skillful hand of every craft.” apply perfectly to Rich, who went on to Henry Ford Community College and Michigan Tech, where he got a degree in metallurgical engineering. All this varied background helped him in his 32-year career with Cadillac, from which he retired in 1990 as a senior manufacturing engineer. **SMILES FROM NANCY:** Last May Patti and I flew up to Ohio for the high school graduation of my grand-nephew, Ryan Seibert. His father is David Seibert, '75, and his grandmother is my sister, Nancy, '47. The local weather had been bad all that month, but “Graduation Day” (remember that classic Four Freshmen song?) was sunny and warm. I said it was due to the beaming rays of pride that were coming from Nancy. Ryan, 18, is now attending Case Western Reserve University on a four-year science scholarship (he surely didn’t get his “smarts” from his great-uncle). He already has had a scientific paper published; he worked with his biology teacher at Gilmour Academy on the topic of molecular genetics research, and their paper was in *PLOS ONE*, a peer reviewed and highly respected journal from the Public Library of Science. Both David and Ryan’s mother are historians, David being the head of the history department at Gilmour. One of his teachers at Cranbrook was Arlyce Seibert, who always maintained that David pronounced his last name wrong. You say “See-ber,” and I say “Sigh-ber.” It was an on-going source of fun between the two of them and dear Nancy. **“OH! THE GREAT DAYS, IN THE DISTANCE ENCHANTED:** More school-boy memories: remembering not to work on the Gateway of Friendship plaque, especially after the Senior Prefects began the new school year by washing and cleaning it (remember this annual chore, George and Harry?). Moving around the halls and the stairs with great care, while on crutches in 1949 after breaking my ankle in soccer. Tooting at band practice with Mr. Magnuson – I played (at) the clarinet, what a

hoot! Waiting on the steps at the Auto Court off Lone Pine Road to be picked up by your parents. In ending this segment, notice that I didn't include any recollections of classroom time or study! Being the observant readers you are, you may have noted that I have referred to several memorable lines from our beloved graduation ceremonies. I'll close now with another, a suitable quote from the School Hymn: "To know a friend, to live the words AIM HIGH."



Elliott Trumbull, '53, Detroit Free Press article

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(Editor's Note: Gretchen Meyer Foster passed away on July 21, 2015)

A beautiful marriage of 58 years was born at Kingswood and Cranbrook when **MARYLIN SCHIRMER BERLING** and I introduced **GRETCHEN MEYER** to Rick **FOSTER** in 1951. Gretchen repaid me at Smith when I returned from my junior year abroad to find I had been transferred to another house. The Tyler House seniors went to the dean of students, where the always articulate Gretchen persuaded her that her room could house us both, so I was her lucky roommate for our last year in college. Our lives were intertwined ever since. We were in each other's weddings that summer of 1957, saw them whenever my husband, Jim, and I were in Michigan, and celebrated the births of our children, their two, Martha and Rob, and our three. Their son, Rob Foster (Anne), and our son, Jim (Lisa), lived two blocks from each other in San Francisco for three years. The Fosters introduced us to the Upper Peninsula, and included us for 10 glorious years of plays at the Shakespeare and Shaw Festivals in Ontario. Gretchen was brilliant, and beautiful, funny and witty, a college professor of English Literature,

a talented potter and painter, and an expert horsewoman. Her first co-authored book was the groundbreaking, *The Other Eighteenth Century: Englishwomen of Letters 1660-1800*, which examined more than 25 women writers who were published in their lifetimes. A voracious reader and theatergoer, she had total recall of everything she read and saw, was rereading Trollope for the fourth time, Jane Austen every spring, and retained her wit and humor to the end.

Betty Hamady Sams for the Kingswood Class of 1953

about making it a late-onset Class of 1954 Project to support Detroit's rebirth by buying SHINOLA! Did you know we have five MD classmates that span the coasts? **FRANK DUFFY** in Tunbridge, VT, **DON MEIER** in Bloomfield Hills, MI, **BRUCE OHMART** in Alpena, MI, **DAVE CHITTENDEN** in Mill Valley, CA, and your Class Secretary in Eugene, OR. If 911 doesn't respond, and it's not too late, don't forget we're there, still!

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With his release last year from his responsibility as class secretary and the increase it provided in his leisure time, **GEORGE GLOVER** and wife, Liz, were able to retrace a bit of recent history. After snow birding from Brunswick, ME, for another splendid winter season in Tucson, AZ, they motored their way back home by way of Selma, AL, where they walked The Bridge. Before pointing their Subaru eastward, however, they headed briefly westward to Palm Springs, CA, where they visited **JAMIE BARNES**, who is well and enjoying a slower pace still mixed with tennis. Yours truly had intended to visit the Gloves in Tucson for some sun (but not too much because there is melanoma in the family) and golf, but instead took a more spiritual journey with wife, Harriet, to Machu Picchu, Peru. Somehow all my higher education had failed to inform me of all the brutality of imperial Spain and the Conquistador era. All that, and the Inca history was unsettling, but my personal pain started when I tore my Achilles tendon getting off a tour bus in Miami only hours before our flight to Lima. Walking boots are great inventions, wearing one standing and icing while recumbent made it possible for me to enjoy the trip. I continued this drill heading home by way of Jupiter, FL, where we visited **DON SLOTKIN** and his wife, Edie, who are Florida residents, but return to their home up North for summers. Don's love of baseball continues. He has tickets to all Major League exhibition games in Jupiter (there are many). Don and I have been "bonded" over the years in many ways, classmates at Cranbrook, roommates at Harvard, and special friends later. This time we discovered we have been bonded at the wrist! We both wear SHINOLA watches, which if you do not already know are *Made in Detroit*, or is it *Imported from Detroit*? How

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The most difficult part of writing our newsletter is getting started. The best part is hearing from you, the class of 1954. You are special friends! **ADELAIDE WILEY DA SACCO** wrote a wonderful note bringing me up to date on her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Adelaide has seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, wow! Her son, Haig, and his wife, Alice, have three sons, and her daughter, Dru, and husband, Chuck, have three sons and one daughter. The chosen careers of her children and grandchildren are varied and interesting. What fun it must be when they all get together. Adelaide is delighted with her role as the family matriarch. I wonder if she sang lullabies to all the babies. **LINDA HULLINGER ROCKWELL** and Hays took all of their children and grandchildren to Montana this summer. Linda said she and Hays passed on the zip lining and riding but took part in the rafting, fishing and shooting. Shooting was a first for Linda, she had never shot a gun before. Getting everyone together is a challenge isn't it? The Rockwells are delighted that their grandson, Thomas Hays Rockwell, who graduated from high school in Geneva, Switzerland, will be attending Northeastern in Boston. They were in Geneva for the graduation and then spent two weeks in London, where their granddaughter, Kathryn, is finishing a master's degree at the London School of Economics. **ALICE MOHLER DELANA** said she is short on newsy news, but did report that she is still lecturing on Harvard alumni tours. She no longer is doing the 12-day European river cruises; instead she is traveling around America. In April she conducted a 5-day trip from the Crystal Bridges Museum in Arkansas to Kansas City,

MS. Word from **MARcia GREENSHIELDS** in Arizona is once again a story of a busy lady. Three of her books are on audible. The day she wrote to me she sent a screenplay to the Kairos Prize, a Christian-backed organization that has given her new hope in the film industry, due to a book she has written entitled *How to Succeed in Hollywood (without losing your soul)*. Marcia has three more books, a trilogy ready to publish after some polishing up. She continues to work as an ombudsman. **JANIE WALLACE WEBER** was preparing to leave their summer home in Bois Blanc, MI, and return to Texas when she wrote. In October they are anticipating a trip to South Africa, where they will join others on a safari. They will be back in Palm Desert for the winter. When **MARGARET MCCAUL CABBAN** wrote, she and Peter were in White Fish, MT. They were staying indoors as much as possible, due to the smoke from the many forest fires in the mountains. The fires had driven wildlife into the nearby towns. Black bears have been disrupting the trashcans, beautiful young families of deer and even groups of mountain lions have been coming into town. Meg and Peter were in Michigan in June, and **MARY ABBOTT TERRY CUMMING** and I had a chance to have lunch with them one day. Peter was very patient as the three of us talked fast and furiously. **JAN WALTERS RAISON** and Dick also saw Meg and Peter when they were in Michigan. Jan and Dick were celebrating their 50th anniversary. Meg was one of Jan's attendants. The Raisons went to the Czech Republic in August. They took a Viking trip down the Danube. **HAPPY DOLL JOLLIFFE**'s suitcases are always ready. She has two grandchildren and a daughter-in-law in Germany and a daughter in Alaska, and she enjoys traveling to see them. When she goes to Alaska in October, she expects to help her daughter process the moose that will have been shot prior to her arrival. "There's a lot of meat on a moose," so Happy says. She is training her dog, Flag, to track. To date he only finds washrags, not ready to look for lost children. I wonder if he can find misplaced glasses, car keys and remotes? **MARY LOU HOWLETT MABEE** will be a great-grandmother in December. I suspect she and her daughter, Terry Ann, the new grandma-to-be, will plan even more trips to California. Mary Lou enjoyed a trip to the Biltmore estate with her daughter and to Disneyworld with her son and his family last spring. **ANNETTE FOGO HARPER** and Jim will be in their new home in a senior citizen community by the time *Tradition* reaches you. Can you imagine the work that went into their move? After 50

years of living in one home, I am sure they had lots of "stuff." Glad that they had a week in Canada at the Shaw Festival of plays in Niagara on the Lake before coming home to make the move. I talked with **BEV SCALES HOGLUND** recently. All of her children and grandchildren joined her in Harbor Springs in August for a family reunion. Bev said, "A good time was had by all." Bev will return to Naples, FL, for the winter. Since our farm is only 20 miles from the Homestead Hotel in Virginia we never stay at the hotel; however, this year was an exception. Phil's daughters and their families came to Virginia, to celebrate their dad's birthday. We all stayed at the hotel and were treated like royalty. The rest of the summer we spent at home. It's such a nice time of year in Michigan we hate to be away. On a sad note, I received word from **GAIL ROSENE ESTES**' daughter that Gail died in May 2014. She had just returned from a trip to Michigan to see friends. She went to bed and died in her sleep. Thank you to the ladies who wrote to me. Please let me hear from you any time the mood strikes. I will keep your notes in a file and use your news the next time *Tradition* goes to press.

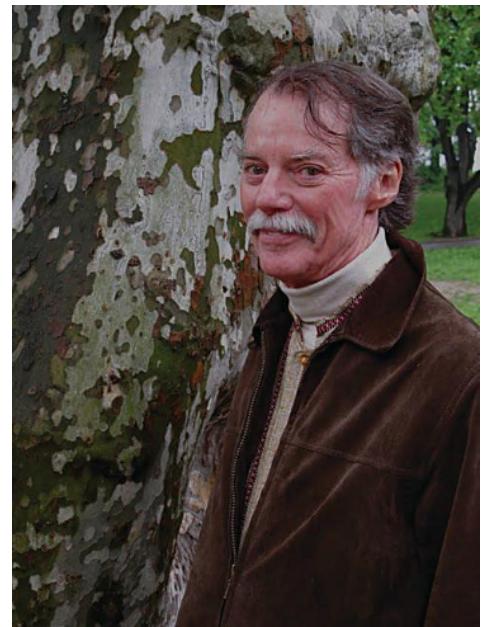
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Our 60th class reunion was held in early June. The turnout was wonderful. Think of it. Our graduating class numbered 62 and 41 of us are still kicking around. Of that number 23 attended the Friday night dinner, and two more came to other weekend events. So there we have it, 25 out of 41, or 61 percent. Not too shabby when you consider distances traveled, east coast to west coast. Some were ailing and simply could not make it under any circumstance. We missed them. Preparations for the reunion were handled skillfully and seamlessly by Cranbrook staffers, Margi Brown, Julie Hein, Jayne Hammond, and Soo Karber (Soo catered the event). **BILL RAISCH** emceed the Friday night dinner and **CLIFF COLWELL** conducted a walking tour Saturday morning. It was so nice to see our Kingswood 1955 classmates Drieka Martin Bloom, Ann Merveles Reed, Judy Earle Gillow, and Nancy Sterling Brown at the Friday night dinner. Lynne Heinrick Schaeffer and Betty Ann Hill Glascock joined the girls for lunch on Saturday. My wife, Marjorie, and I, along with daughters, Heather, Elizabeth, and Janet,

attended the Friday night dinner but had to travel to Denver the next day to attend some exciting family events.



Ian McNiven, '55

That means I missed a chance to speak with **IAN MACNIVEN** at **MITCH FOSTER**'s house for the Sunday brunch. I also missed the opportunity to speak with **JAKE HIRT** on Saturday. Matter of fact, I even had little opportunity to speak with classmates during the busy Friday night dinner and happy hour. On the other hand I met with **HILLIARD GOLDMAN** and **GEORGE ROBERTSON** at George's house Friday afternoon to photograph Hilliard's collection of memorabilia. You'll all see a bunch of it in my upcoming "Memory Book" due for distribution in October/November. All Cranbrook and Kingswood classmates will receive it on a CD by the end of the year. I mentioned that we brought our daughters. Whenever I return to my roots, I bring sons and/or daughters. They can't get enough of Cranbrook. This time the three girls spent all Friday walking the entire estate, breathing it in, huddling under shelter of the Art Museum during a brief thunderstorm, getting their feet wet, speaking with Gina Tecos (one of Cranbrook's archivists), taking photos, and changing clothes in our car prior to the dinner. Frankly, I well up whenever I think of Cranbrook. I spent the first 18 years of my life in faculty housing. People always used to say how I would appreciate its beauty after I left. Untrue, I didn't have to leave it to love it. **DAN BERESFORD**'s daughter, Lydia, was married on August 10 in Luray, VA, where she's an event planner for the Koch Bros. Foundation. Dan reports that her plans for the wedding were "fantastic." Jan

and **BILL RAISCH** were there as part of the celebration. Bill is "still savoring wonderful memories of our 60th Reunion! So great to be together again as a Class!" He sees Dave Theobald, '57, on occasion, as he now lives part-time in Hilton Head, and "Soon we will be with Kent Strickland, '59, and other college friends in Tahoe. Looking forward to attending the Horizons-Upward Bound 50th Anniversary Gala on November 14!" **ALAN CARLIN** — "Most of the summer has involved family, my new book *Environmentalism Gone Mad*, and my climate blog (www.carlineconomics.com). Our West Coast families came east this summer despite very young children in one case. My book has collected a number of reviews (favorable so far). And I have been writing weekly posts for my blog." I have Alan's book and find it very refreshing. Proud to know you, Alan!

CLIFF COLWELL wrote, that following the reunion, "We returned to Michigan in July with two of our children and a daughter-in-law, as well as six grandchildren for canoeing, sailing, waterskiing, and tubing. Great time was had by all. Carolyn and I are returning in September to explore the Upper Peninsula and Isle Royale. Will try and hook up with **GORDON FLEMING** in Petoskey and Dave Martin, '56, in Ann Arbor on that visit. On the work side, we received a large grant from the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine to try and solve the arthritis problem in the next three years. Hopefully we will be ready for human trials in 2018." **FRANK DUNCAN**: "Once again this year my annual June/July summer vacation in my favorite studio suite at the Auburn Hills ESA/Homestead Inn was fully enjoyable. I did lots of hiking around nearby Oakland University/Meadowbrook Hall, Oakland Technology Park, Auburn Hills Civic Center, and the grounds of Chrysler World Headquarters. I also checked out the Affleck House and the Smith House, the two Frank Lloyd Wright houses in Bloomfield Hills. And in the Cranbrook House Library I looked over the restored concert grand piano at which Leonard Bernstein worked during his April 1946 composer's retreat. Plus, I was able to share some quality time with Barbara Blackwood Bradley, '56, and her son, Brett, as well as my nephew, Richard, in Royal Oak. Due to severe thunderstorms during the entire last weekend of June, however, I was unable to attend the Waterford Township Historical Society Annual Log Cabin Day event, missing it for the first time in several years. We can all be very proud of the many senior-level achievements (including the Cranbrook Commencement address in Christ Church several years ago) of our classmate **DICK**

WOOD, who recently passed away on August 1. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to work for Whittier College Dean of Faculty, Dick Wood, as a visiting professor of physics for a few years in the 1980s." **GORDON LAPIDES** and wife, Wendy, celebrated the wedding of their son at their cottage in Cornwall, UK. "We had a lovely wedding celebration for our son, Nick, and his bride, Nicole, in our garden at the end of August. After a rainy morning, the sun came out right on time, and relatives and friends from ages 4 to 94 enjoyed themselves late into the night." Gordon wishes "Best to all."



Gordon Lapides, '55, wedding of son, Nick



Richard Wood, '55

DICK WOOD was the tenor who played dual roles of Colonel Fairfax and Leonard Meryll in our 1955 production of *Yeomen of the Guard*. He won his love, Elsie Maynard, (Linda Bates, K'55) and left Jack Pointe (**DWIGHT DAVIS**) in the dust. Tenors always win. Dick, who played tuba very well and had a keen interest in other instruments, was president of the band at Cranbrook in his senior year. He passed away in August

2015. The following obituary tells us of a full life of service to his cause of international understanding. "Richard J. Wood passed away on August 1, 2015, in Indianapolis with his wife and children by his side. He was an expert in Japanese philosophical thought, ethics, and aesthetics. In recognition of his life's work and service in these areas, the government of Japan awarded him The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star, the Japanese equivalent of a knighthood, in 2010. For many years, Richard was responsible for administration of the Japan Study Program of the Great Lakes Colleges Association and the Associated Colleges of the Midwest. He served as a trustee for Southern Methodist University in Dallas, the National Association of Japan-America Societies, and The Japanese-American National Museum. He was the chairman of the American Friends of International House of Japan and the American president of the Manjiro-Whitfield Commemorative Center for International Exchange. He was chairman of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission of the United States Government and the U.S. - Japan Cultural and Educational Conference, an agency of the U.S. Department of State. Richard was born in 1937, to Gerald and Jimmie Wood, the first of three sons, in Marlette, MI. He graduated high school from Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, MI. After completing his undergraduate work at Duke University, he earned a M.Div. at Union Theological Seminary in New York and became an ordained United Methodist minister. He received his PhD from Yale University in Greek philosophy. In 1966, Richard joined the philosophy faculty at Earlham College in Richmond, IN. During this time at Earlham, he was twice a visiting professor at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan and once led the Studies in Cultural Education (SICE) program in Morioka, Japan. In 1980, he left Earlham to become academic vice president at Whittier College in Whittier, CA, where he became a Quaker. He returned to Earlham College as president in 1985 and worked to strengthen the school's Quaker identity. He became a recorded minister after the manner of Friends during his tenure there. He served as the founding chairperson of Indiana Campus Compact and then on the board between 1992 and 1996. In honor of his work with the ICC, The Richard J. Wood Student Community Commitment Award was created in 1996. After leaving Earlham in 1996, he served as the dean of the Yale University Divinity School. In 2001, Richard accepted the position of president for the United Board for Christian Higher

Education in Asia, an office that gave him the opportunity to travel widely throughout Asia during his five years of service to the foundation. The Richard J. Wood Asian Theologies Endowment was established by the United Board in 2003 to support Asian theological education and understanding. After a brief respite, he became president of Japan Society, New York in 2006, where he promoted Society's mission of cultural understanding and exchange until his retirement in 2009. Richard was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and earned Woodrow Wilson and Danforth Fellowships, a Fulbright-Hays Research Study Grant for study in Japan, two GLCA Humanities Grants, and the Japan Foundation Senior Research Fellowship. He received an honorary degree, Doctor of Laws, from Indiana University in 1992, an honorary doctorate in Humane Letters from Wabash College in May 2004, and an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Piedmont College in 1998. In addition to a long and full professional life, Richard was a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather. He was a great friend and mentor to many through the years. His passions included music, especially opera, great conversation, fine food, and new ideas. Richard is survived by his wife of 54 years, Judith Wood, their children, Michael Wood (Betsy) and Kara Wood Harlan (Brent), grandchildren Sarah and Emily Wood, Joseph and Jayne Harlan, and brother, Keith Wood (Nancy)." Kind regards to all.



Joe Prendergast, '55, and wife, Marlene

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We had a beautiful weekend for our 60th Reunion. Thanks go to Dwight Davis, C'55, and his committee for organizing the events for our class. First on the agenda was the cocktail party at Cranbrook House for

returning reunion classes. Following that the class gathered in the Oak Room for our joint dinner. **DRIEKA MARTIN BLOOM, NANCY STERLING BROWN, and JUDY EARLE GILLOW**, and myself were the only ones attending from Kingswood. After dinner Bill Raisch, C'55, introduced Dr. Darryl Taylor, '70, director of HUB (Horizons Upward Bound). He explained the HUB program, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Saturday morning Cliff Colwell, C'55, conducted a walking tour of the campus for those energetic classmates who wanted to lace up their walking shoes and join him.



Ann Marseles Reed and Bill Raisch, both '55



Drieka Martin Bloom, Dwight Davis, and Nancy Sterling Brown, all '55

Noon found the four gals mentioned above, plus **BETTY ANN HILL GLASCOCK** and **LYNNE HEINRICK SCHAEFFER**, in a private booth at McCormick and Schmicks, where we reminisced for a few hours over lunch. I was so glad to have Lynne join us after such a long time. She hasn't changed one bit! Later that afternoon "the guys and gals" gathered on the Page Hall steps for the reunion class photo. After that we enjoyed cocktails on the Quad followed by a buffet dinner under the tent. On Sunday, Mitch, C'55, and Starr Walker Foster, '59, invited everyone to their beautiful Lake Angelus home for brunch. I wish more of you had been able to attend the weekend. We missed you. I must add, those Kingswood gals have aged very well, which only proves that moisturizer does work! Our sympathies go out to **LIZ KIRK CRAMER, LYNNE HEINRICK SCHAEFFER, and LYnda**

GENTHE CHAMPION on the loss of their husbands. Hopefully there will be lots of news from everyone for the next issue of *Tradition*. Until then, Happy Holidays.



Joe Braff and Drieka Martin Bloom, both '55



(L-R) Ann Marseles Reed, Betty Ann Hill Glascock, Judy Earle Gillow, Lynne Heinrick Schaeffer, Nancy Sterling Brown, and Drieka Martin Bloom, all '55, Reunion 2015

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Delight and Paul Dodyk, '55 and Anne and Ron Hummel, '56

(Editor's Note)

After 55 years **RON HUMMEL** became reacquainted with Paul Dodyk, '55, at the Bidwell House Museum in Monterey, MA. Following a career in law, Paul has retired there. Ron now lives in his summer residence in Cornwall Bridge full time after selling his home of 18 years in Arizona. Pictured are Delight and Paul Dodyk and Anne and Ron.

Continuing....fall 2015. "Inside every old person is a young person wondering what happened." (Terry Pratchett) For most of us, 2015 is our "double-sevens" (77th) year! Perhaps 2015 is our lucky year, and one in which we "revisit" that "young person." Life, after all, is a dance that changes with the seasons and moves to the music of our experiences, containing songs that reflect meaningful friendship contacts, contemplation, reminiscences, endearing family happenings, anticipated trips, and new beginnings. In July, **KAY PERRING**'s summer music was "Happy Birthday" as she turned 77 on 7/7! Some friends reflected this lucky omen in the gifts they gave her. Along with lottery tickets, she received seven gift cards which she shared with her "supper club," now actually "lunch club," friends. They gather once a month for a delicious and fun meal at their various favorite New York City restaurants. In July, Kay chose Artisanal...a "fave" among age-fanciers who enjoy indulging in flavorful French staples...fondue is a must! "Happy Birthday" was still her "July song" when she met **COLLEEN MCMAHON ORSATTI** at Joe Allen Restaurant in the NYC theater district for their annual celebratory lunch of both their July birthdays. To quote Kay (upon her insistence!), "It's always a treat to get together with our wonderful class secretary! We all appreciate how much she puts into our interesting columns!" (Thank you, Kay!) **CYNTHIA COLE EUSEBI** also wrote her "thanks." (Greatly appreciated, Cindy!) Life for Cindy is moving with a pleasant rhythm.



Gini Cummings Inman, '56, with friend, Lyn in Madrid, NM

When **KAY HELLYER SMITH** was contemplating the thought-provoking question about what happened to her "young person," she was reading *Torching of the Dusties*, the last story in Margaret Atwood's new book of short stories, *Nine Wicked Tales*, about women and their struggle through the maze of life. In *Dusties*, what is unthinkable is what happens. Kay found the dilemma of the old both revealing and touching at the same time. When she shared her "contemplation" for class notes, she included a photo of herself with her youngest granddaughter, Minzy, taken last year. They appear to be mirror images! Minzy exudes Kay's "young person!" At two, Minzy already paints better than Kay...according to Kay! In fact, Minzy may also one day even achieve Kay's unrealized goal of getting a master's, a goal she thought she would still have time and energy to accomplish until she felt just "too old" to do so. It would seem that Kay has passed the "torch" of her "young person" onto Minzy.



Kathryn Hellyer Smith, '56, and granddaughter, Minzy

For **NANCY SWAN WILLIAMS**, laughter was the music of the summer, as she joyfully discovered and lived her "young person" in fun family happenings...lots of swimming, boating, and long morning walks with her husband, Dave, especially during the visits of both their children and their families. They shared more fun times with Nancy's two sisters, Susan Swan Spence, '66, and Trish Swan Sandstrom, '63, and their husbands, who were also in Harbor Springs in the summer. Nancy's summer ended on a lovely note when **MARCI (Penny) RUDOLPH ADAMS O'NEILL** drove down from St. Ignace to "do" lunch with Nancy. They spent a marvelous afternoon together, reminiscing and catching up on their individual lives. Penny returned to California shortly afterward to join Ed, her husband, to prepare for their upcoming trip to France. Nancy and Dave were also anticipating a trip...to Canada in the fall before the arrival of

winter and the annual ritual of "reactivating" the skis and snowshoes! **LYNN BURROWS DONALDSON** and Cam, her husband, have a summer family tradition that may also appeal to other classmates. They go to "Family Week" at Pinewoods Camp in Plymouth, MA, taking different members of their family each summer. It's their family reunion time...a place to gather from their far-flung homes across the country, from California to Massachusetts. Their three-generational "music" of giggling and of having quality time together was shared by all...dancing, singing, playing silly games, building fairy houses, swimming a lot, not taking anything too seriously...just having a "hoot" of a good time! The most melodic music possible! This past summer, Lynn and Cam, took three kids, one son-in-law, and three grandchildren...one from each sibling, ages 14, 11, and 7. They were hoping that the 4-year-old will join them next year. It is such a fun opportunity for the siblings to be together, as well as for their kids...to say nothing of the grandparents being with them all. Lynn obviously has a marvelous time living her "young person" every summer, if not perhaps every day!



Karen Gildersleeve Seeley, '56

KAREN GILDERSLEEVE SEELEY also loves living her "young person." She is so enthusiastic about life that, for her, being 77 is wonderful! In fact, she is fully looking forward to the next 20 years! However, this past summer, sitting on her front porch and watching some kids ride by on their bicycles, she recalled a fun memory of her actual young person as a kid...she was going down a steep hill in Jackson, MI, by the Cascades, a magnificent large manmade waterfall, lighted up with continuously changing, colored lights, on her bike. With her feet on the handlebars and the breeze in her face, she was in heaven...free as a bird! That is, until her mom saw her and grounded her! That was then! But now, for the last 20 years, **FREE DOM** has been her driving force, enabling her to do

whatever she chooses to do, free of any responsibilities. Unfortunately, her music became more like a dirge, than freedom-loving for about four months last April through July, when she had to undergo two eye surgeries, followed by an unexpectedly complicated recovery. On August 1, when she "FINALLY" got the right corrected glasses, she was ecstatic that she could see once again...the long healing process completed! Dancing to a joyful tune, she receives every day as a blessing. She has three wonderful children with whom she talks almost daily; three gorgeous and darling granddaughters who are so "neat" to watch growing up. She also has a "cat rescue" in her garage for six to eight cats. She has them spaded and given their shots; feeds them twice a day, keeps water for them; in cold weather, she even keeps a heat lamp on their boxes. No wonder some have been there five to six years! Karen, in return, is very appreciative of their mice-catching skills! Indoors, she has "1 1/2" cats...the 1/2 cat spending a lot of days outdoors...but ALL storms inside! Possums and skunks are frequent visitors....the skunk finding her car in the driveway the obvious target!! Besides her children, grandchildren, and various animals keeping her life active, she often goes to garage/estate sales. She loves seeing the inside of the houses...the fabulous ones, that is; forget the ones that are "yick"! Inside the fabulous ones, she dreams of changing her rooms, but once home, runs out of steam. She discovers fantastic "finds," but others, once home, not worth keeping! Then she feels as if she's a middle man, buying the stuff and taking "only-God-knows-why-I-buy-this-stuff" to Goodwill! She makes frequent trips to Lake Michigan and looks forward to making more and also to going to the Calhoun County Fair. Her music is filled with songs of merriment and thanks. In reflecting on her quote in our K'56 senior yearbook, "Too low they build who build beneath the stars," she thought, "God lowered the stars for me!" That is Karen's life...she dances with the stars! Speaking of the next 20 years, **JUDITH (Judie) BARBER COOK** and John, her husband, reminisced about the music of their wedding bells as they celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in June and are looking forward to many more happy and healthy years together...perhaps even twenty! Last spring, **JANE MCKENZIE MULLIN** was humming a whimsical tune as she drove down to Florida with her three bridge buddies from East Jordan, MI, for a nine-day jaunt. While in Florida, Jane's younger daughter, Kerry, flew down from Missouri to meet a high school friend from

Texas. Kerry joined Jane to visit her brother, Jack, who was in a nursing home in Boca Raton. During their return drive to Michigan, Jane and her bridge buddies hummed a playful tune as they indulged in their favorite game to pass the time! Back in East Jordan, Jane continues to play bridge twice a week and partakes in two book clubs. In the spring, she needed physical therapy for her knees and hips. However, during the summer, she replaced PT with swimming in the community pool three times a week, which she really enjoyed. She also enjoyed visits from both of her daughters, Kerry and Kristen, and their families. In Sag Harbor, NY, **MARILYN MACKENZIE MONTGOMERY** and husband, Robert, also were enjoying the lilting melodies of easy summer living and of basking in their pool. Marilyn still had to go to PT for her recovering shattered ankle and lower leg. At the beginning of August, Robert ended up joining her there, when he broke a bone in his arm at the shoulder. With their broken bones, Robert's deafness and Marilyn's impaired vision, as a couple they discovered their "young person"....sort of. Getting them through that "klutzy" chapter in their lives, their teamwork was of the upmost importance, especially for driving. Robert steered with one hand; Marilyn put the car in gear as well as put on or released the hand brake! Voila! They were one whole "young person"! No wonder their marriage has lasted 38 years! Last February was filled with their happiest tune ever, when their daughter, Monica, gained custody of their grandson, Jack, who finally was allowed to leave his dad in Boise, ID, to live with her in Virginia. She excitedly was with him when he started kindergarten in September. **ELLEN VAN DUSEN GUTHRIE** has been whistling a happy tune since she, and Newman, "downsized" almost two years ago, moving from Anchorage to Louisville, KY. They have happily adapted to being "city slickers!" She has "rekindled" her artistic side by taking studio art classes once a week and is thoroughly enjoying them. Her joyful highlight of the summer was in July, when she and Newman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their kids and grandkids in Bellaire, MI. For **LINDA JOHNSON LEMIEUX**, moving in June from her Flint home of 47 years, which she built and where she raised her three children, the music she experienced had various tempos... melancholy for leaving her entire life behind; relief for having a buyer for her home; joy for downsizing to a condo in Grand Blanc... starting a new chapter in her life. She definitely needed to be in touch with her "young person" to accomplish this

challenging life change. Once moved, she was freer to spend more time at her cottage on Lake Michigan in Empire, MI. Also at the end of June, **RHONA NEWCOMB NEUWIRTH** and Fred, her husband, moved from their home of 47 years in Westchester County, NY, to the Kendal Retirement Community in Hanover, NH, also starting a new chapter in their lives. Several years ago, they had visited Kendal, a non-profit, continuing health care provider based on the Quaker tradition of respecting the dignity of each individual, liked it, added their names to the waiting list and put down a small deposit. In June, when an apartment became available, they made the move. A very wise one, it would seem, in that they have settled easily into their new life in Hanover and have welcomed becoming New Hampshire residents. They like the state's motto, "Live Free or Die." Hanover is in the "Upper Valley," an area spanning both the Vermont and New Hampshire sides of the Connecticut River, with many amenities and cultural venues. Kendal is just down the road from Dartmouth College and its daily "coach" to Boston or to Manhattan. Kendal's original residents were connected with Dartmouth who knew what they wanted in housing and programs. Consequently, as residents now, they benefit from Dartmouth's community outreach programs and teaching hospital. Rhona and Fred moved there knowing no one, but easily found dinner-table and dog-walking companions, whose life experiences have paralleled theirs at earlier periods of their lives. It would seem that they are rediscovering their "young person" and "dancing" to a peaceful and contented rhythm. In fact, Rhona's advice is not to hesitate to "move on" and explore new solutions for the upcoming decades! During August, besides the county fairs and flea markets, their favorite outing was blueberry picking at nearby Noda Farm that has 1500 bushes. Lafayette Noda was a Japanese man who survived internment on the west coast during World War II and afterward moved to the east coast, becoming a biology professor at Dartmouth and buying this farm and modest farmhouse nearby. He lived into his 90s, working the fields until the end. After experiencing the hustle and bustle of Boston on her trip to New England in July, **PEGGY DURHAM** welcomed the solitude of New Hampshire and found it comforting. However, for her, nothing beats getting off the plane in Denver upon her return home and seeing the majestic Rockies to the west. As she was typing her Class Notes, "Mama Bear" and her two cubs meandered through her backyard..."now you all see why I live

here in Evergreen, CO!" She is an avid reader. One recent book was *Infamy*, by Richard Reeves, about the World War II internment camps, one of which was in Colorado. Her college roommate was Japanese, but Peggy never asked her about her experiences during the war. To quote Peggy, "Amazing what we learn AFTER school!" She was anticipating two trips: Geneva for Christmas again with her son and his wife; Kingswood for our 60th Reunion. Feeling her "young person," she once again stated how grateful she is for what Kingswood provided for all of us: the physical beauty of Saarinen's architecture and of Carl Milles's sculptures and the educational excellence (her favorite teacher, Miss Bennett) that we absorbed while there and remain a part of us still. When **ANNE SAUNDERS KIRKPATRICK**'s grandson, Ashbey, started as a ninth-grade boarding student at Cranbrook in September, she began to look forward to rediscovering her "young person" during her anticipated visits with him there. Speaking of grandsons, **SUSAN HODGES/MACFADYEN**'s 19-year-old grandson, Tarquin Ramsay, lived with Susan and Gavin, her husband, in London during the past year. Tarquin was finishing his first feature-length documentary film, *FREE SPEECH FEAR FREE*. It explores a teenager's perspective on Freedom of Speech. When he started this film project, he asked his school friends, then aged 15, what "freedom of speech meant to them." Their responses attracted provocative interviews with actor Jude Law, publisher Julian Assange, the very brave "Belarus Free Theatre" people, young "hacktivists" living in Berlin, and courageous whistle blowers...all of whose responses challenged us to think more deeply about this subject. They all are hoping that the film will be released worldwide in 2016. On a Sunday, last August, Susan, feeling her "young person," took a Nordic walk...."I do love these sticks!"...to the rhythm of "Happy Birthday," across the Thames to celebrate her 77th birthday at a family picnic lunch in Battersea Park. Nearby, America's new Embassy was being built at a new "HUGE" construction site with lots of new houses, new shops, new restaurants, even a new controversial bridge! Back in the states, **BARBARA WELTHER** danced to the melodious tunes of summer, partaking in some New England delights, such as her weekend she spent in the Berkshires at Eastover Resort for a workshop on yoga, pilates, song, dance and chant. "Great experience! Great people! Great activities!" Another delight occurred after lunch on a summer day when she decided to drive to

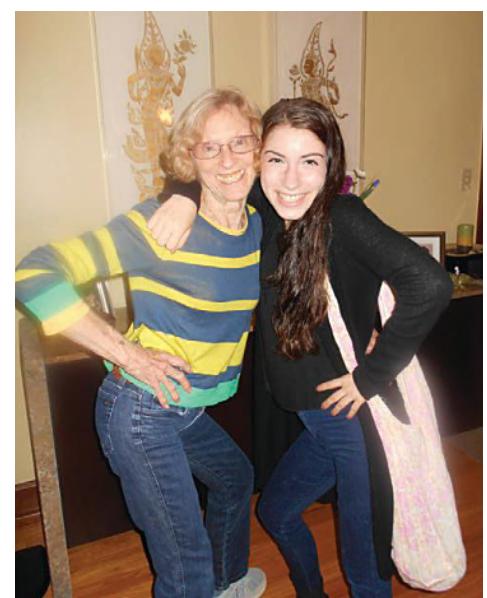
Poland Spring Resort in Maine just for dinner! Barbara's "young person" seems to be with her continuously as she lives her life filling it with music and joy. Across country in Santa Fe, NM, **VIRGINIA (Gini) CUMINGS INMAN**'s life is also filled with music, especially the beats of the southwestern music that are a part of her daily living. She loves to spend afternoons in Madrid, NM, a small town near Santa Fe, listening to her favorite blues musicians with her dear friend, Lyn. In fact, they celebrated Lyn's 84th birthday there in July. The annual Indian Market Week in August kept Gini on her toes as she worked in her friend's boutique gallery of American Indian art, where she usually works two days a week throughout the year. She also assisted at the Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian during its huge annual Benefit Auction. She recently became a board of trustees member there once again. Her musical delight during the "Week" was "moving" to the melodies of the Navajo Blues Trio. As fall approached, Gini anticipated visiting her daughters, Miles and Fenton, and their families, including her four grandchildren, in the Denver, CO, area.



Cathy Sterritt Gary, '56, with great-grandson, Harrison

CATHERINE (Cathy) STERRITT GARY not only is a proud grandma, but also, in May, became a proud great-grandma! With smiles of joy at Harrison's arrival, she danced to the tunes of her favorite lullabies that continue to sing in her heart. Harrison is her son, Drew's, and his wife, Megan's, new bundle of joy, and Cathy's daughter, Pam's, first grandchild. Cathy and George, '56, her husband, anxiously anticipated spending more time with Harrison in October, when he, along with Drew, Megan, and Pam visit them from the San Francisco area. Cathy's other daughter, Debbie Lynn's, three children have each gone to Boise State... Katie, the oldest, graduated in June and is now working in Seattle; Connor began his senior year in September; and Kelly, Cathy's youngest grandchild, entered in September

as a freshman. I, **COLLEEN MCMAHON ORSATTI**, danced through spring and summer to the beat of joyful music, as I kept "running into" my "young person." Last March, this happened to me...virtually, that is....through being with old friends I had not seen in 64 years! Unexpectedly, shortly before going to Sanibel Island, FL, I learned that two of my closest friends from sleep-away camp in 1951(!!) were also going to be in the area. One was visiting a friend in a condo only 5 blocks(!!) from my motel on Sanibel; the other one was wintering nearby in Ft. Myers. We arranged to meet and spent four amazing hours together "doing" lunch one afternoon. As we reminisced about our active, fun days as happy, carefree campers and relived those days through our shared memories, each of us revisited our "young person" with much laughter. We still "pinch" ourselves that we actually had this treasured time together on Sanibel after so many years! It was so serendipitous! I "ran into" my "young person" again during my visit to Des Moines, last June, to celebrate my daughter, Gabrielle's, 50th birthday with her, Steve, my son-in-law, Dahlia, 15, and Benjamin, 7. One day, much to my delighted surprise, Dahlia asked me, "Grammy Col, do you want to go on a shopping spree with me?" "You bet!" And off we went with Dahlia as the "designated driver" chauffeuring me, the "designated passenger," around town and introducing me to some of her "fave mod" stores!



Colleen McMahon Orsatti, '56, and granddaughter, Dahlia

What an amazingly fun afternoon we two... one young and one old...."kids" had shopping together at these "funky" boutiques until we dropped! My 77th year was indeed a most "lucky" year, one filled with happy,

jazzy, up-tempo melodies. Now into my 78th year, with excited anticipation, I am looking forward to "running into" my "young person" again when **LINDA JOHNSON LEMIEUX** and I, along with **PEGGY DURHAM**, return to Kingswood for our 60th Reunion in June. Please join us for a delightful walk down "Memory Lane"...perhaps our last! It would seem that, regardless of our physical age, we continue realizing, feeling and liking our "young person" as we dance to the music of our experiences that life keeps offering us through the seasons. "Each day is a gift! Receive it thankfully! Live it intensely! For...it may be that we have no other!" (Anonymous) To be continued...

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The **CARL JOHANSSON**s welcomed their first great-grandchild in May, a girl, Ella. Their oldest daughter, Erin, moved with entire family (two children, spouse, and grandchild, Ella) to Florida, all close by in Jupiter and Palm Beach. Carl and Karen are naturally going to visit this winter, then spend time on Sanibel Island and head to California to see youngest daughter, Eileen, and family before return to Michigan. Before that, a family reunion over Thanksgiving at daughter, Kirsten's vacation home near Traverse City. **JIM VARY** spent last February in Florida watching the snow on TV and spent two weeks back in Florida after this past summer's classes with entire family, some 37 in all, including two great-grandchildren. Has begun making wooden toys for Christmas presents for kids at a hospital where he volunteers. A few aches and pains, he thinks, from pole vaulting days at Cranbrook.

PAUL WOOLLEY reports he has retired, "for good this time." (The umpteenth time maybe.) Son, Kevin, is back in the U.S., and daughter, Catie, is still practicing law. Paul was in Ithaca for a week in July at a film noir festival, but won't be traveling much as friend, Janet, was due for hip replacement in October. More Florida transplant news from **BILL WATERS**, wife Anne's son took a job in Ft. Lauderdale, moving from Burbank, and her brother abandoned Connecticut for Naples. Bill, who is used to cool, wet, grey, Seattle weather, says it would be hard to trade for something more comfortable. He did get to Florida last spring, however,

and found an old spring break haunt, The Elbo Room, is still there, and sent along a picture to prove both alive, he and it. He has also has visited brother, John, '59, in East Grand Rapids and checked out the old homestead in Birmingham. Quickies: **ROWDY TALIAFERRO**'s annual visit back in the U.S. checking out his house in Missouri in September, coming from Vienna, Elba, Italy, and Thailand/Malaysia sailing. Cleaning house, renewing car license, insurance, the usual. **DUNCAN BLACK**: very quiet summer spent at their cottage on Lake Huron. **ROSS SMITH**: In September, off to San Juan Islands "for a week of classes and indolence." **FRITZ KERN**: A few trips to visit family, and a few surgeries of some sort spiced up otherwise quiet year. Finally, class secretary **JIM AKERS**' family has again this year had enough excitement for a whole column but will supply just a few highlights (long stories made very short). Granddaughter, Lexi Levin, transfers to Chicagoland Jewish High School for her sophomore year, a year ago, joins model U.N. team. Team of 26 (out of 160 in entire school) travels to NYC, competes with 230 other schools and 3800 kids from around the world and takes 1st PRIZE! Son's house selected as site for a video for the American Heart Association, turned into disco with acapella group, actors, the works, 12 hours of shooting for one minute product. The production company says it is also working for Hillary Clinton. Comes back to shoot following week. Result, daughter-in-law, Laurie Akers, grandsons, Isaac and Levi, are in Hillary's video announcing her run for presidency on a Friday afternoon in April. Laurie becomes cantorial soloist on July 1 at large Reform congregation where Akers attend, and officially begins new career. And as if to annoy your conservative secretary, another Clinton, ex-Pres, Bill, visits a mobbed Chicago overrun with tourists and conventions in mid-September to speak at a fundraiser for his wife one floor above in the Akers' apartment building. All this just for starters. Whew!

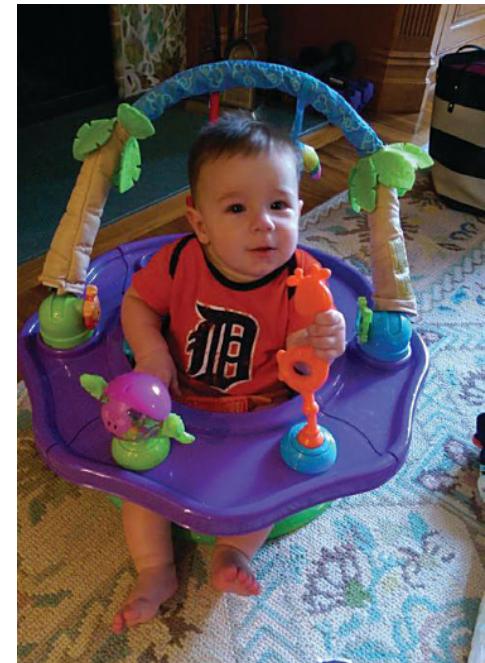
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Outreach to our class through email and Facebook drew responses from **SEAN BEVERIDGE WEBB, SHIRLEY BLOCK PEARLMAN, PATTI BUGAS HARRIS,**

MARILYN MERTINS JOHNSON, and **MARTHA VICINUS**, attesting to their status of good health and well-being. **JUDY KNUDSON CHRISTIE** shared a picture of her great-grandson, Harrison Thomas Krajacic, born January 2015. He lives in Portage, MI, where the Christies' grandson, John, and Harrison's father, is an assistant football coach at Kalamazoo College, and his wife, Alicia, is an attorney. Clearly, Harrison may be one of the youngest Tigers fans.



Harrison, great-grandson of Judy Knudsen Christie '57

I realize that as a class, we have many grandchildren through original, blended, and merged families; but I believe that Judy is our first great-grandmother. If I recall, she was one of our first parents. Many of our kids are in their fifties. Judy may well be the first great-grandmother for the Kingswood class of '57. Now for the question, while some of our children were classmates, how many of our grandkids have gone to Cranbrook Kingswood? Do we have third or even fourth generation KSCers? Undoubtedly one of our most northerly classmates, **SUELLEN VOORHEIS SOUCEK** continues to work at Madeline Island's ferry line information station, telling people what's happening on her home island that is in the Apostle Islands in Lake Superior. She reports that her kids are good with four in Minneapolis, one in Leesburg, and one outside Pittsburgh. She has 15 grandchildren one of whom, Lee Stecklein, took silver on the U.S. Women's National Olympic Hockey Team and now is the captain of the University of Minnesota's Women's Hockey Team. Suellen keeps very busy working in the summer, participates

in town government, is sitting on a couple of boards, as well as taking care of her husband who had major heart surgery last winter. You can follow her on Facebook, where she is a skinny fiber distributor, and she extends an invitation to check her page, because she would love to hear from you. By the way, **SALLY SANFORD SLATER** may live farther north in Federal Way, WA. **MARY PRENDERGAST LUTZ** lives in New York City. Sadly, she writes that her husband passed away last year. Mary is a veteran volunteer with 20 years of service at the American Museum of Natural History. Commenting on travel, **SALLY AUSTERBERRY DINAN** writes that she enjoyed a month-long spring trip to Spain. While she says that traveling is more difficult, she acknowledges that she seems to relish the punishment. She took the whole family to the Cape and Nantucket in early June, and they were with her in Florida for the 4th. She reports that things are quiet for now with no storms yet, so Dinans can relax and enjoy the Florida humidity! Sally reported that she has enjoyed the Historic Detroit site on the Internet and suggests a visit at our next reunion. She sent me scurrying to find it (<http://historicdetroit.org/>). As an expat, I found the site triggered tons of recollections and time travel. Many of Detroit's historic architectural landmarks are long gone, including a few that my husband designed. The tour of the Boblo boat prompted memories of early cruising days. Family travel is prominent on **NANCY WARD HARWOOD**'s calendar. Earlier in the year she had a wonderful family reunion in the Poconos with her family, her sister, Jeanne Ward Perkins, '51, and Jeanne's son and daughter-in-law. Nancy enjoyed a few days of Philadelphia sights with some family members before going onto the Poconos. France is next on her horizon in September, when she and her sister will spend several days in Paris and then travel down to Lyon for a river cruise with lots of good spirited wine tasting. As I write this, Nancy is catching up with some of our classmates in Michigan. Reflecting on our special year, **JANE WERT OMAN** writes that this has been the year in which we, the class of '57, have turned 75, and what an adventure we have enjoyed. Jane is fortunate again to spend the summer on Nantucket surrounded by lots of family, which is the best. Her husband, Dick, is doing okay. He has two knees that are bone on bone, and he should have had surgery 20 years ago. Now at 89 it is too late and for safety reasons he is confined to a wheel chair when they go out. But they find a way to go to most places and don't miss much.

He is a great sport being dependent on her. She still enjoys playing tennis and bridge and being involved with Otterbein University and Columbus Academy. Life is good. Love to all. **MARTHA VICINUS** checked in right after the June landmark Supreme Court decisions that will impact all of us. Martha is just glad that her Massachusetts marriage is now recognized in Michigan – and in every other state! **JEANNE HARGREAVES GRAHAM** always is among my first responders. This time she claims that there is not much to report, and that it seems like my class request comes faster and faster! She does say that she is so happy with her new hip and four replaced joints. She told her surgeon how everything is better, and he said, "Well now you have four good tires!" Jeanne comments that it is pretty hard to drive a car with a flat. She is enjoying her life and summer. We really are the "HIP Chicks" in all respects. As a retiree, I have joined the volunteer and tourist ranks. Travel is a welcome diversion from public policy volunteer work. My volunteer activities have exposed me to new experiences that include gender-neutral "diva" exposure. While I value new experiences, this was not on my bucket list. Out of country, out of mind is a plus. In May we took a cruise on the Thames for a week on a small 10-passenger ship and then took a longer cruise on a slightly larger vessel down the Danube. Our cruises were interspersed by several days in London, catching good theatre and a Royal Opera House rare production of Szymanowski's 1926 opera Król Roger that was dubbed "a major triumph" and "a neglected masterpiece of twentieth-century music." After London we flew to Prague for more opera and then onto the Danube ending in Budapest. In a few days we continue to pursue our mystery cruise addiction departing out of Dover, England, on our sixth one. Our kids and grandchildren thrive and seem to have the travel bug as well. As always, I welcome and appreciate your news, reviews, and recommendations. Cheers and enjoy!

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The number of responses received for this edition of *Tradition* is pretty disappointing. I received five responses, not including myself. You guys must have had a pretty

busy summer! In late July I received notes from **JIM LUDWIG**. He has moved (again!). But this time he moved out of the far north of Alberta to the more moderate clime of St. Thomas, Ontario, a mere two hour drive from Cranbrook. In addition, he has finally retired (for the last time). He claims to be satisfied with putting about the gardens and doing some volunteer research work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the continuing problems of synthetic chemical contaminants affecting Great Lakes water birds. He says his family seems healthy for now – a great blessing, "and we are enjoying winters in South Carolina at Edisto Island most years." Our children seem to be prospering as much as possible in these stressful economic times. Jim asks how many would consider a return to Cranbrook for our 60th year reunion. That's in 2016. Not as far away as it seems. Really only two summers more. Jim volunteered to organize it. If you are interested, let me know or contact Jim at jpludwig@teksavvy.com. **CHRISTIAN PLATOU** sent a missive. He said that during the last week of May his wife was on a cruise in Alaska with a woman by the name of Tonnie, who was an exchange student who stayed with them 26 years ago. One of Christian's daughters who was also on the cruise stepped in to take care of Tonnie's 6-year-old twins. All of this time Christian was left at home to fend for himself that he says was a most enjoyable week. In July, Tonnie visited them in Norway for a week and returned home to Wisconsin. Now you may know that Wisconsin is a Scandinavian "hotspot" especially for Norwegians, so the connection fits. That is, if Tonnie is of Norwegian extraction! A year previous they had a visit by John Butzel, Christian's "American brother, and his wife, Sandy. They have kept their friendship for close to 60 years since his year at Cranbrook." **BOB SCHULTZ** writes that his back surgeries of last fall were successful, and he is finally rid of the nerve pain in his legs. He is slowly getting stronger after years of inactivity due to the pain. He has been able to resume playing golf and doing some household chores outside. Great to hear, Bob! Seemingly always on the road to or from somewhere is **JIM GOLANTY** who, in May, spent three weeks in France with wife, Deb. They were tracing the life and fiction of Marcel Proust. He asks "Why?" Because he was shirt-tailing his wife's book club pilgrimage after their reading and study of the seven Proust novels. Pretty heavy stuff. They took a side trip to the D-day sites in Normandy, visiting the museums, memorials, and cemeteries. Very moving. In July they

spent some time exploring the National Parks in Utah. "Zion is always magnificent." Capital Reef, though less known, is beautiful. A photographer's dream. **HOWARD KAUFMAN** was at the Supreme Court this year to attend the swearing in ceremony of his younger son, Zachary, to the Supreme Court Bar. They had a chance to visit with Chief Justice Roberts in his chambers under an original Gilbert Stuart painting of George Washington. "Roberts is warm and charming, and it was a great experience." Zachary got married a few months ago to an attorney who is doing a PhD at Harvard, where Zachary will be a fellow this coming year. Howard's older son, Zeke, is also an attorney, but as with many lawyers, he became a businessman. He lives near us, but has a house and fishing boat in the Bahamas, and a plane to commute with his two children, and a Blue Goliath Doberman. "Life is good in Florida." Howard is still active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the U.S. Power Squadron, especially in boater education: During an average year 750 people suffer serious injuries, and 75 die, which we would like to prevent. He also spends a lot of time doing genealogy and has discovered, including through marriage, seven ancestors on the Mayflower, five presidents, a Supreme Court Justice, and two ambassadors. **TOM MCGUANE** claims not to have much to report about as they are, as usual, writing and fishing. Among the high points of this past season was the visit of Anne and **FRED WOODWORTH** to their home in Boca Grande. "Wife Laurie, and I are hopeful that we were interesting enough to encourage their visits annually. Anne is a fine poet, and we had a delightful dinner with friends including Billy Collins, the U.S. Poet Laureate. Fred is earnestly studying particle physics or some multisyllabic something I don't understand, but which has him in kissing distance of a cyclotron. I spoke at Stanford this spring and took my grandson, Thomas, who is applying there. We had a lot of fun, and he stood up well to the formal dinners and tiresome elders. I endured another book tour in the spring for my *Crow Fair* collection, mostly New Yorker stories. We go on in undeserved good health despite having entered what someone called "the age of waiting for the diagnosis." We've laid in the popcorn for the silly season coming up, have recovered from the Red Wings early exit, rejoice at the Nadamukong Suh trade, pray that Matthew Stafford will rise to the level of his salary, and hope that this finds the rest of our classmates flourishing. As some of you know, I spent three weeks by myself (well, with two golden retrievers) while my wife, Marty, went with youngest daughter,

Andree, to Rome for three days, and then to Unbria to La Romita Art School, doing Plein Air painting in the nearby hill towns. In August the two of us drove to Lake Bellaire, MI, and went to a cottage for 10 days that had been rented by my brother, Phil, '53. The cottage had been built by some dear old family friends and was two doors from our original family cottage. Lives change, but my soul is still there on Lake Bellaire in the deep woods. But for now we wait here in Arizona for the cooler weather of fall, it is September as I write. When it arrives it will be a relief.

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This time I didn't hear from many classmates, but those who did write gave me detailed news of their lives. **LIBBY WOLFE HUBBELL** wrote that all this new technology generally baffles her. But she is grateful for Skype, as their older son has moved to Australia, which is f-a-r away. Even so, they see him more now than they did when he was in the States because they can Skype to visit. He's grown a goatee, and Libby would never have known that just talking on the telephone. **MICHELE TAIT MARSHALL** just mailed 50 copies of a cookbook she wrote for the Irish side of her family, recording favorite recipes plus a slew of new ones. Irish recipes are scarce for good reason. She and Pat recently celebrated their 55th anniversary and are grateful for this gift. Their grandchildren range from the sublime to the ridiculous, amazing and amusing, both of them. **MOLLY MARSHALL PESSL** wrote a wonderful colorful email that I will quote here, as I couldn't do it justice in a paraphrase! "My usual embarrassment that I can't seem to get my act together to write a brief synopsis of what has been happening in my life, but, it just seems to be the way it is. I decided that this year would be different. Since my major letter to everyone in 2008 at reunion time, there have been no major crises, and life seems to move onward, much too quickly. I continue to be healthy and busy. Still working more than full time, mostly traveling and lecturing across the country and Australia or anywhere they invite me. I don't take red-eye flights anymore and take a day or two extra on the ends of lecturing, so I guess I am slowing down a bit. My acre of perennial gardens and a big greenhouse with species orchids remain my obsession, thus my frustration, as I am never

here to take care of them. Freddie/Skip, my lovely husband, will be 83 this November, but he is still on the tennis court a few times a week and continues to be quite healthy and active. He just published a book, "Barren Grounds," a retelling through journal excerpts of a great adventure in 1955 in the Canadian wilderness that ended in tragedy with the death of Skip's good friend and mentor, Art Moffatt. The book writing all started with me urging him to get his journal in print as a gift to the children and grandchildren. It morphed into much more, and this book has taken him around the country speaking at various wilderness canoe and kayaking symposiums. We have four more grandchildren, since reunion time, and another on the way bringing the total to 10. (The last one, I think!) Almost five of them are here in the Seattle area, and the other five are spread between Bozeman, MT, and the Bay Area, CA. I don't see any of them as much as I wish I could. In fact, I don't see anyone very much, including friends and other family members. Last night we opened a new cookbook, written by Michele Marshall, and we realized we hadn't seen her and Pat since Skip's 80th birthday party. Although we haven't told them yet, we hope we can get to Arizona in November or December."

LUCIANA CAGNASSO GILERA calls me periodically, usually in the middle of the night her time. Had some brief emails with **KATHY VAN DUSEN SYLVESTER** and **NANCY TREGENZA LITTLE** when I was stuck in Chicago a few summers ago, and Joby and I were trying to connect in California sometime, which never happened. Peggy Mayne Post, '59, is dedicated to annual cards and letters, which I love, and I even carry them around on my travels, but then do nothing in return. I don't know what my problem is, but I think it is an inborn flaw. Luciana reminds me that time has always overwhelmed me. Really silly, but it seems to persist. **SUSAN PRINDEVILLE-TINGLE** writes that she and her husband, John, live in Sierra Vista, AZ, just off Fort Huachuca, where Black Jack Pershing was once the fort's commandant. They still spend their summers at their cottage in Michigan, and this summer, for the first time, will spend a couple of days on Mackinac Island. It's unbelievable to her that despite spending almost every summer in Michigan since she was born, Sue had never been there. She continues to play golf, read books, putter in the yard, and work as a volunteer, with the AARP Tax-Aide program. They say that crunching numbers will help to keep your brain from turning to mush. **JO BURR FREDERICKSON MARGADANT** writes, "That's a great line about resentment. (She's referring to a quote at the end of one of my

emails, 'Resentment is like drinking poison and then hoping it will kill your enemies.') She says she has only one application she can think of in her life right now, which is pretty good considering how long we've all lived." She and Ted are still adventuring around the world while health permits. I have taken two tours since January, one to southern India and Sri Lanka with friends and another to Iran. The latter was sponsored by the *New York Times* and was supposed to have one of their journalists as a guide, a plan which didn't work out because the Iranians got suspicious when an Israeli journalist, who was traveling incognito on the previous NYT tour on her American passport, wrote an article, which the Iranian Foreign Ministry didn't like. So they were left with two local guides and probably much better off for it. It was a terrific tour, one of their best ever. Iranians everywhere welcomed them on the streets, and she got used to her scarf and billowing long shirts, especially since they probably helped attract all those friendly women who caught her eye and smiled. The ruins dating back to the sixth century B.C. are fabulous and not to be missed, but so are the stunning monuments from Persia's Islamic culture. There is even a large community of Christian Armenians flourishing in Isfahan. "Don't believe everything you read in the papers. Americans are popular with ordinary Iranians." On a personal level, all is well with their tribe of kids and grandkids whom they see regularly, since they are now all located in Oakland. Her endless book manuscript continues to advance, having reached Chapter 13 this summer. Four more to go and then what? She'll have to reinvent her retirement. **JULIE ALLEN LARSEN** writes from Morro Bay that all is good on the home front. She and Swede are still biking and skiing. Free Senior Season passes! Her work at Hearst Castle is finished. The collection of 22,500 items is now digitized! A very satisfying project she says. She continues to enjoy her volunteer work at the local libraries. Son, Jon-Erik, and his family live in Portland, and her daughter and her family live in Pasadena. So, she visits them often. Grandchildren, Ella, Carter, Parker, and Thatcher, are more love than she ever imagined. And she says, "As a side note, I thought you might enjoy our neighborhood rule. When we oldsters get together there is a rule, 'No talking about body parts and their malfunctions!' Of course, it remains a lively topic of conversation and laughter. Aging is a real trip! When I see pictures of Kingswood, I am stunned at the beauty. Did I appreciate it when I was there? I hope so! When my daughter's woodwind quintet played several gigs at Cranbrook a few years ago, they were

enchanted with the schools, the land, and the architecture. Kiki said that Cranbrook was her exact image of Hogwarts. Mine too!" **SUSAN ERWIN STERNICKLE** unfortunately continues having health problems and has lived in a wheelchair for the last two years, being maintained by a variety of meds and supplements. She writes that the main thing now is that she has stage four kidney disease. She is a two-year breast cancer survivor. She and John had their 50th two years ago. Their three sons gave them a great party. They have four grandchildren and four step-grandchildren. They are spread around the country, so they do not see them often. Their oldest grandchild graduated from college this spring, and John's niece got married, so they had a reunion on several levels. John and she live in an "active adult" community and enjoy the perks. Both keep busy with the Joliet Unitarian Church, which is 175 years old. They are currently without a minister and have "lost" a lot of members. They are very busy trying to get new members. She is a jigsaw puzzle fanatic and spends a lot of time with this and is starting a jigsaw puzzle room in their clubhouse. She also plays bridge once a week. John continues to show woodworking art at summer fine arts festivals. So far, this year has been better on sales. People love his work but don't know where to put it. An update on me, **NONNIE HAMADY MARKESET**, is that I still continue to teach how to use Apple devices and am even an early adaptor of the new Apple Watch, which surprisingly, I love and find indispensable. In April, I got knocked down by my over exuberant dog and her friend and broke my kneecap. That got repaired, but the fall also jarred my neck, so I will be having cervical spine surgery in September. I am hoping to be back on the golf course and into my normal exercise routine by November. Ed, my Norwegian husband, took all the kids and grandkids to Norway this summer. They had a great time visiting family, the fjords, the glaciers, marveling at the incredible scenery, and eating wonderful Norwegian food. We then brought our two grandkids here for a two-week summer camp. Next week we are off to Washington, D.C., to celebrate my sister's, Betty Hamady Sam's, '53, 80th birthday. Can't believe we are all so old! Respectfully submitted,

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Help wanted! **DALE RANDS** has resigned as class agent over a well-founded dispute with the girls' lacrosse coach and the administration. I'll bet not many of you know that '59 has been the leader in donations for many years, and his shoes will be tough to fill. The good news is that the pay starts at what I have been making for the last twenty plus years. Qualifications require someone who loves the school and has some time to donate. Volunteers apply directly to the Alumni Office! Dale also reports that he is now a three-generation Cranbrook family having graduates in '59, '86, '12, and '15. Can anyone else claim this? **BILL VASU** has relocated back to Connecticut, closer to his family. I am encouraging him to write his memoirs, and I'd like to challenge all of you to tell me what you did in the war or how you got out of it. I know there are some great stories out there! Take me back to 1963. Prolific **PETE SMITH**'s oldest grandchild (he has seven, still the class record, I think) has graduated from college, and he thinks he may be the first to have great-grandchildren. **ALEC PENDLETON** reports that the Cleveland Play House received the Regional Theater Tony Award. That is a BIG deal, and he has worked hard for this as board chairman. He reports that he too has moved. "In contrast to our fabulous contemporary house in the woods, we moved three years ago into an amazing condominium that's in the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1925, it has 4,000 square feet, three fireplaces, and – when we moved in – a working bell system to summon the servants. We kept ringing for them, but none appeared, so we've converted their bedrooms to more contemporary usage. Even without the servants, we love it here; we love to entertain, and any and all classmates are welcome." I visited the last place while it was still under construction, and I'd love to visit the new one too! Certainly it's an excuse to go to Cleveland and watch the Cavaliers play, or go to the Cleveland Play House, a cultural experience us fighter pilots are known for. No one has notified me that they are dead or dying in the last six months! I am very excited with this wonderful news. Keep up the good work! But do keep reporting to me, even the bad news. It is so difficult to write when you have no material. So speaking of me, I mentioned last time that I got married but did not tell the story. Nancy and I dated in 1973 and went our separate ways. This was right after

she got out of high school, and I foolishly thought she was too young. I was a fighter pilot; I should have known that she was more mature than I would ever be. Three years ago we met again via the Internet and rejoined forces swiftly afterward and are busy living happily ever after.

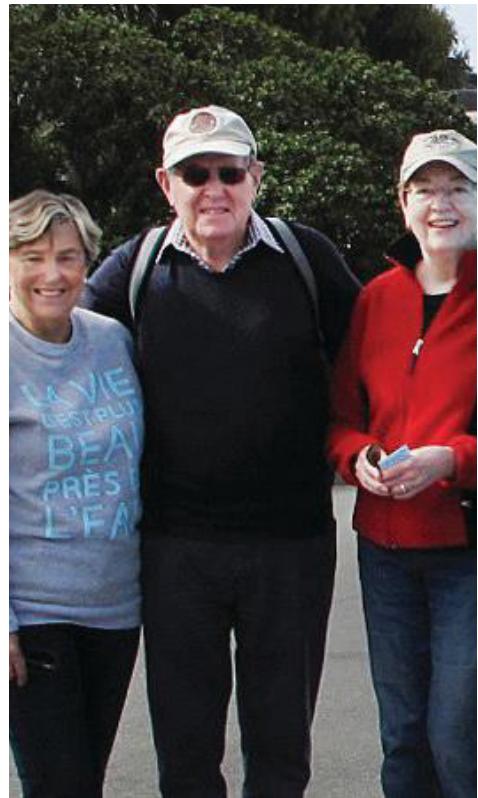
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Here we go again with news from Kingswood class of 1960. **MARGIE McMEHEN BURCH** wrote me first. All is well with Margie and family. "Big news is that oldest grandchild, Charlie, is off to Wash U in St. Louis this fall. I am so proud! We enjoyed a fabulous trip to Chile, still summering in beautiful Harbor Springs, and lucky to have great health. Golf, tennis, bridge, and gardening are all going strong. I had fun at a mini 55th Reunion at **CHRIS HEWLETT**'s with local classmates, **TRISH KELLEY STOLTZ**, **RAEWYN FREAR WHITHAM**, **GINNY CROSS WALDEN**, **LYNN DAWSON SOLNER**, and **SUSAN ALLAN**." Margie and Chris sent out a nice invitation to come to Chris Hewlett's for the 55th.



Raewyn Frear Whitham, '60, and husband, Joe, with Trish Kelley Stoltz, '60

Margie told me **MICHEL HOWARD WILLIAMS** is off to China. **GINNY CROSS WALDEN** wrote to all, "It has been wonderful to hear from so many of you even if you can't come to reunion. Sue, you are the best. Del and I are on a trip east to attend a play written by my brother-in law, Steve Chinlund. Then we are off to see three of our children, one granddaughter in her senior year of college, and finally to have a few days at Arcadia National Park. We think this is a pretty ambitious schedule; so far, New York on a sunny 70 degree day (Sept. 14) is pretty terrific. All the best to my '60 classmates." Here are a few emails from classmates sending their regrets for our 55th.

JANE LOMASON HALLOCK writes, "I am so sorry that I cannot attend this reunion. At the last minute, I missed the last one, because my husband was experiencing heart problems. This time we will be away, but my very best wishes go out to each and every one of you for good health, contentment in our autumn years, and joy in our lives yesterday, today, and tomorrow." It is a "no show" for **PATTY SHILE AARONS**. "A reunion without Josie is not doable for me." **KAREN VANDELLEN FELTIS** writes, "Glad you have heard news from many in the class this time! I didn't want to write/whine about missing the reunion this year, at the last minute, and then remembered that I didn't miss it completely, as I had a great 'conference call' with the attendees and the hostess, **CHRIS HEWLETT**, and was sent photos from Trish's or Margie's phone. I had made reservations at the Homestead (Leelanau) following the reunion to show my Seattle husband the sights of northern Michigan, so that cancellation was also disappointing, but we recovered soon and didn't terrify the passengers on our flight to Detroit with our constant coughing! Since I missed Reunions 50 and 55, think I'll outsmart myself by not even thinking about the 60th until the last possible moment! Look forward to hearing news from the Class. Thank you, Sue! You remind me of the saying, 'If you want someone to get a job done, ask a busy person.' You are it! Thank you once again times infinity for your Reunion planning and continued allegiance to life-long bonding of our Class of 1960! I am looking forward to seeing many classmates knowing the last reunion is 'a hard act to follow!' My last reunion memory is the 2000 brunch at Chris', and **JOSIE JOY MACLEAN** happily driving her cute green convertible. I think that she will be happily celebrating with the Class of '60 again this year, from her special viewing spot, with no responsibilities now, ha! I am sending some photos circa 1957-60, which I

tried to send for the last reunion, including the great **DALE ANN BROWNE COMPTON** as a Can-Can dancer in our junior play, *Lucky Strike*, second from the right, 55 years later!"



Buffy Buffum Collins, Carol Thomas Frederick, Nina Hauser, Karen VanDellen Feltis, Michel Howard Williams, Toby Witham, Dale Ann Browne Compton, and Sara Bartholomew Garton, all '60

I heard from **ANN FOSTER COLLIER** back in May when the call went out for our 55th reunion. "I am so sorry that I cannot be there! Have a great time! I want to let my classmates know that Dale Ann passed away last month, April, after several decades of fighting MS. She had such a great mind and sense of humor. Best to all." **NANCY WILCOX KARGER**, "I'm sorry that I'll not be able to attend our 55th. Thank you for letting us know about Dale Ann." Another classmate, **EDITH FOLEY STRUIK**: "I was so sorry to have missed our 55th! I'm anxious to hear our classmates' news! Henk and I were in the Pacific Northwest visiting our son, my brother, Henk's sister, and their families, too much happening at the same time!" In my attempt to reach all of our classmates, your secretary, **SUSAN FEAD COFLIN** left a message for **SARAH HORTON GIEVERS**. On September 18, I received a call from Sarah's husband, Arnulf, who let me know Sarah passed away a year ago to that day in Punta Gorda, FL. She was the daughter of Dexter and Julia Horton and had four children, five grandchildren and one sister, who went to KSC. I just received an email from **NANCY WILCOX KARGER**. "Your sad news about Sarah and Dale Ann caught up with me in Tuscany, where I'm traveling with my husband and a group of friends. I'm very sorry about the loss of our two classmates. Thank you for helping us to maintain our connections to each other." **POLLY OPPENHEIMER WEISBERG** writes, "My news is sad. I lost my husband, Alex, after nearly 48 years of marriage. He had been in an Alzheimer's facility for almost two years, so in many ways it was a blessing for both of us. Needless to say, I have been rather busy

for the past several months finalizing various details. At the end of September I will be going to the American Miniature Horse Association World Championship Show, and hope for good results with four horses. In October I will go to Chevy Chase, MD, to supervise my son's move into a renovated home. Lol, I shall try to restrain myself from making any suggestions or other motherly advice. Best wishes to all, call me if you ever get to Dallas." Here is an earlier email from Polly in answer to the call for our 55th reunion. "I had really hoped to be able to come, but my nephew has chosen that time to get married in Colorado so maybe for our 70th or 75th (what a scary thought)." Several of our classmates wrote how sorry they were not to be able to come to our 55th reunion. First was **BROOKE BURGESS ADLER**, "I can't be there, but seeing the photos Karen sent made me extra sorry. Especially sentimental over photo of the train in front of Bill Brooks' Coffee Club, a place I remember with great fondness. We have just moved and in the process of "winnowing" found an old napkin from Bill's I had saved – major nostalgia. Happy reunion and warm regards to all." Brooke writes for one of the first times a long email. "In April Jim and I sold the 235-year-old brick federal house on Main Street in Norwich, VT, where we had lived for 19 years and moved into a 10-year-old house in Quechee, VT. We loved our time as stewards of our historic home, but the cost of upkeep, not to mention heating that was rather less than efficient, helped us decide it was time to find a new place to live. Quechee is 20 minutes from our old home, still within the same Upper Valley community where our friends and interests lie. We are an anomaly, since many Quechee residents are second home owners who spend most of their time there in the summer. A lake, trails, golf course, tennis courts, indoor and outdoor pools, and a zillion activities associated with all those things keep Quechee Lakes a busy place. We, contrarily, spend the summer at our lake house in Canaan, NH, a place we have had for over 20 years, so we've not yet jumped into Quechee life full-time. There are still some things we want to do to our new house to make it home, so will start that work in September. I continue volunteer work in the Patient-Family Centered Care program at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, but take summers off. We will start another couple of projects in the fall. Took the family again to Tyler Place, family resort in northern Vermont, over Memorial Day weekend, then saw them all at the end of July for our annual fishing trip to Gananoque, Ontario. Both grand-girls joined us to fish from boats for

the first time this year. Henry got his first fishing rod and had a great time catching sunfish from the dock. I think he liked the worms used for bait as much as the fish! Elder son, Josh, and wife, Jessica, after 12 years in Hoboken, NJ, have just moved into a house in Maplewood, NJ. Josh started a new job as director of individual giving with the Actors' Fund in NYC this spring. Jessica continues as finance director of Manhattan Theater Club. Their offices are only about a block from each other, and they could meet for lunch if either ever had time! Granddaughter, Ryan, 9 1/2, starts fourth grade at her new school in a couple of weeks. She's a little nervous, but we know she will be fine. Younger son, Ted, wife, Brenda Lichman, and kids, Brieanna, 9, and Henry, 3, are still in Wichita. Ted is interim director of the School of Fine Arts at Wichita State University while the director is off on a Fulbright. On top of being area head for ceramics, teaching his grad and undergrad students, making his own work, he's a busy guy. Brenda is equally busy, teaching undergrads, chairing the Wichita Empty Bowls project, which gets the whole community, as well as WSU students and staff, involved in making bowls and soup to serve in them as a fundraiser for food banks, and finding time to make as many beautiful pieces as she can for all the invitational ceramics shows she is asked to have work in. Then, of course, they are both full-time parents, too! Brie has started fourth grade, got the teacher she wanted, and is off and running. Henry is doing a great job of being three, and making his parents crazy! We hope to be settled enough by Christmas when everyone will be with us. Amazingly the new house has enough space to accommodate everybody. Now, I'll just have to figure out where to put the Christmas tree! Jim keeps up with all his Dartmouth alum stuff, fraternity advising, Northern Stage board, and skiing every chance he gets in winter. We didn't travel much this year, besides northern Vermont and Canada just to Steamboat to visit friends in March, and, recently to Williamstown to see a fabulous Van Gogh show at the Clark, and to see Audra McDonald at the Williamstown Theater. We will be going to NYC in a few weeks with our arts group from Dartmouth's Hood Museum. The main purpose of the trip is to meet with the architects of the planned Hood expansion in their studio, Tod Williams, '61, and his wife, Billie Tsien! Another trip, this time with our group from the Hopkins Center for the Arts, will be to Cuba next March. That promises to be very exciting! Okay, that should be enough to fill some space! Thanks, as always, Sue, for being such a stalwart and

keeping our class connected all these years. It's not an easy job, but do know that all your hard work is very much appreciated!" It was Brooke who gave me the heads up on **SUZIE HAPKE BOWMAN**'s new email. Suzie wrote "Thanks for the reminders. I have been tremendously busy these last two years. I spent the last two winters in Sun City Hilton Head, a Del Webb community in Bluffton, SC, and now I have bought a house and moved here permanently. My new address is: 23 Lazy Daisy Drive, Bluffton, SC, 29909. E-mail is licsw3@gmail.com. In the process of making this move, I downsized my private psychotherapy practice, and then sold my office in October 2013. I continue to see a few patients or do phone sessions when in South Carolina. Then last June I was diagnosed with invasive melanoma in very unusual places and had very major surgery in Boston, after many consults at Dana Farber. I was hospitalized for a second week due to complications, and spent the rest of the year recovering and learning to take care of my newly-rearranged body. In the meantime, I put my condo up north on the market and spent last winter in South Carolina, looking at real estate and recuperating. My son, Drew, and his family lived two hours away in Georgia, and he was trying to get a job nearer to where I was. We all moved the same weekend in July of this year, they to Pooler, next to Savannah, and me to Bluffton, SC, a half hour away, so I can see my grandchildren on a regular basis. I was to have knee replacement surgery last year, but it was postponed due to the invasive melanoma. I finally had it done on September 1, and now am recovering from that, a much easier recovery than last year. I found my doctor through my ninth grade boyfriend, Tom Morton, who retired with his wife to Hilton Head 25 years ago. After he had knee replacement surgery, he emailed me a photo of us in our bathing suits at 13 years old, and we began communicating, mostly about the best knee doctors. I finally had lunch with Tom last July, after not having seen him in 52 years! I look forward to hearing about how others are faring, as we grow older and wiser." **PAMELA MOLNAR YATES**: "I wish I could figure out how to send you pictures of my beautiful five grandchildren from my phone. They are growing up so fast! I'd love to spend more time with them. We all live in different states. Besides the work I do four days a week, I am also working on several projects, one of which is a research project around innovative treatments for recovering substance users. The research is related to pre-treatment, new treatment strategies, and post-treatment. This is linked to the other

project I spoke about in one of my previous notes. We had great free music (of every description) every evening this summer on the 'plaza' in Santa Fe. I visited Tierra Wools, Los Ojos, NM, <http://www.handweavers.com/> with some friends, after we worked on a water dowsing project, which yielded better than expected results in the desert, a sheep farm where they have Rambouillet and the threatened Navajo-Churro breeds. They make their own beautiful yarns and offer weaving classes in the summer. This was so nostalgic and reminded me of the years I spent teaching weaving in schools, military bases, and community centers. While I was in college and when my children were youngsters, we had a yarn and weaving supply store, gallery and mail order business. I have been very grateful for this skill, which has nurtured me over a lifetime. Spinning and weaving brought a rich experience into everyday life, and a lot of joy to me and my family. My daughter is involved with felting wool and makes sweet products for children of all ages with felted wool. Check out Blueberry Forest Creations. Thank you, Kingswood! My daughter and I enjoyed a visit to Bainbridge Island, Whidbey Island, and Seattle, WA, in July, and it was a lot of fun. We loved the Asian Garden in the middle of Seattle and all the beaches right in town. I'll be looking forward to hearing news from everyone. I am grateful for the connection with the community. Thanks for all you do to keep our class communicating, Susan."

Another classmate to respond is **BARBARA DAY GIESEN**. "I really have nothing to report. It's been a normal, uneventful year. I spent a month in Santa Fe with my sister (fun), but the weather wasn't as sunny as advertised! I am spending some time this winter in Green Valley, AZ, to get away from the cold and snow, and am looking forward to it. I was playing a lot of pickle ball, but have some back issues, so I haven't played all summer. We'll see what happens. The back problem came right before our reunion, so I missed that too. I'm still weaving and enjoying it. That's about it. Hope all is well with you." I was so happy that **MAUD COOPER**

PLUMER wrote to me, "We have had a busy year, but I'm not sure what we have done that made it so busy. We spent two-and-a-half months in Florida and saw all our friends from around the country and Canada. We came home and saw all our grandchildren, except mine from North Carolina. My oldest grandson (only male) has a job with Wells Fargo, doing something with bond derivatives and two other things that I don't understand either. His sister is a freshman at University of South Carolina and is currently backpacking

through Italy. I have two granddaughters who are juniors in high school; one plays lacrosse, the other is a flag person for the band and competes all over the state. The two youngest, 11 and 12, are like twins, and spend every available moment together. Hank and I have just spent most of the last three months in Ft. Lauderdale. His Uncle Hans was first in the hospital, home, back in the hospital, in rehab, and has now moved to assisted living. His mind is sharper than anyone else's, but his body is failing. We put his house up for sale, cleaned, sorted, moved, etc. To say that it is hot is an understatement; it is miserable. Daytime temperatures are in the 90s and nights might go down to 80. The humidity was ever present. We are now in Troy and leaving for Lake Charlevoix in two days for the rest of the summer and fall, we hope. Hank will have to go back for the closing of the house, but a very short trip. We continue to volunteer with Lighthouse, but spend less time doing it, as we are gone so much. My best to everyone." **BARBARA CRIPPS TRACY**: "We really have not done much traveling or visiting this year. We do stay in contact by email with Lamar and **CAROL THOMAS FREDERICK**, Buel and **BECKY PARSONS MESSER**, and Ed and **BETTY PRANCE BURNS**. It seems as though much of our conversation has turned to health issues, which is unfortunate. However, we are all still present and doing our best to stay that way. We got our deck stained and new windows installed through the east side of the house. The installers did a very nice job, and my brother agreed with my choice of window. That was a definite plus. He is much more knowledgeable about these issues, so I appreciate his advice. We do think it is wonderful to have family so close by. We see Matt often and the grandkids too. Mom, Mayble Cripps, now 96, visited with us for part of the summer, and that was wonderful! She is a treasure. She enjoys going on outings to the grocery store or bank, and that is GREAT! We had a lot of time to do some reading, and Matt got a new solitaire game on the computer she uses. That was a real winner. When we moved we discovered that we have an awful lot of family historical 'STUFF.' We have been sorting through things and will begin to disperse a few items along with as much of their history as I have. I believe this is important, and I know that my dad would concur. Love to all. P.S. I forgot to say that we are expecting a new great-grandbaby at the end of November or beginning of December. We also celebrated our great niece, Emma Ann's, first birthday, long distance, but the pictures were wonderful. Mom actually went to the

birthday party in Tampa, FL." **CAROL THOMAS FREDERICK**: "Gosh, what a difference five years makes. I won't be making it to our 55th, but to those of you who do, please celebrate extra hard for us party-poopers. I am glad that **CHRIS HEWLETT** donated her place for the reunion, and peace to all our classmates who will be there in spirit." Then in August I received another email from Carol Frederick, "There must be an epidemic of computer crashes with our classmates. **BECKY PARSONS MESSER**'s is out of commission, and she says it will be a couple of months until her new one comes. She says 'hi' to everyone and that she and husband, Buel, are doing well and still living in Staunton, VA. I haven't been able to see them. **BETTY PRANCE BURNS** and **BARB CRIPPS TRACY** are still getting their new homes organized so we'll head to the southeast next spring to do some heavy-duty visiting. "My computer got that Crypto ware (a.k.a. Ransomware) virus. It had to be returned to factory condition wiping out everything, and it still has major hiccups. Believe it or not, I got the virus looking up a recipe. This summer I met a delightful 2011 Kingswood graduate, Caroline Shinkle, of Xenia, OH. Her local family members were hosting her graduation party (2015 MIT Grad!) and two of her Cranbrook tennis coaches also came. Indeed, such a small world. Best to everyone. Sorry to have missed our 55th reunion, but hoping to hold together for our 60th." **BARBARA BOWEN OBERG** writes, "Thanks for your great service to the class of 1960. I don't know that I feel particularly 'retired,' but daily life does have a different feel to it. I am finishing up two projects for the University of Virginia Press – a collection of essays, *Thomas Jefferson's Biographers*, and also one titled, *Women in the Age of the American Revolution*. Perry and I are in Paris right now, and then heading out to Normandy. I hope the news from some of you will report on the 55th!" Another classmate who will be going overseas is **JAEDENE ROBERTS LEVY**, "We just spent 10 days here in Chevy Chase with our oldest grandchild, Isabel, 9, who lives in New York. She went to the National Zoo Camp for a week with the veterinarian. We are going to Australia and Tasmania in September, and will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary in November (feels like yesterday). I continue with my psychotherapy practice and look forward to the 60th reunion." **ANDIE MERCER** writes, "Sorry I had to miss the 55th." You are tenacious! I have no new information. Still spending summers in Chautauqua, NY, and wintering in Venice, FL. I am doing well healthwise."

News from Harbor Springs, MI, contingent, **CAROL KLENKE BURROW**, "Ever faithful Sue, sometimes an uneventful year is still one for which to be thankful. Just looked back on my calendar from January through August, and it reports nothing exciting. That said, being healthy, being in the lives of three daughters' families (total of nine grandchildren), watching two graduate from high school who will go to Wake Forest University and Stanford University, signing up for an apartment in a retirement village due to be completed next year, joining a new church, buying a puppy, and spending another marvelous summer in Harbor Springs, MI, all are wonderful 'events.' I spend time here with Ginny Walden and Margie Burch, golfing and just having fun." Linda Welt Horowitz, '61, says, "Yes, we had a fantastic weekend in Detroit. My sister, Lois, '66 flew in from Boston and I from Dallas. I stayed with Margie Burch, and Lois stayed with Susan Jospey Jacob, also '66. We went to see the house on Boston Blvd. that our grandparents built in 1918 and where our dad grew up. They sold it when I was 3 or 4, so I have no memory of the house. I was contacted a year ago by a guy I did not know saying that he and his partner had bought the house and were going to restore it and wanted to get it back as much as they could to what they thought it was like then. He thought I was their granddaughter and wanted to talk to me. I was, of course, flabbergasted to say the least. His research was amazing. The house is in amazing condition for its age. The pictures show how great the wood in the floors and the paneling looks. I have photos of my grandparents in the 1920s and my grandfather at the age of 11 on the table in the front hall. I had made copies for the guys. We also drove all around Cranbrook, Kingswood, and Brookside. The campus looks beautiful as usual. I have a great picture of the formal gardens. And naturally, I have a ton more pictures. Ha, Ha! Good to hear from you." **RAEWYN FREAR WHITHAM** and husband, Joe, met **TRISH KELLEY STOLTZ** and husband, Richard Hirneisen, for a week in San Francisco in early August. For Raewyn and Joe, it was the last stop before home on a month-long trip to western Canada and Alaska that included crossing the Canadian Rockies by train, and cruising up the Inside Passage. Especially thrilling was a glacier tour in Alaska that included watching sled dogs work with their handlers and actually taking a turn as the musher. Raewyn and Joe were captivated by the dogs' enthusiasm for their work. While New Zealand boasts world-famous glaciers, sled dogs are not typically used there to

navigate on snow and ice. In San Francisco the foursome enjoyed a tour of Alcatraz, wine tasting in Sonoma, and whale watching (lots of humpbacks!) in Monterey Bay, and Raewyn and Richard both celebrated birthdays. Among the birthday partygoers were Trish's son, Kelley, a San Francisco-based musician, who releases two new albums in November ahead of a European tour, and Richard's son, Chris, a freelance industrial designer in Oakland. Trish travels to New Zealand in January 2016, with her sister, Mary Beth Kelley-Lowe, '70, for a reunion with Raewyn and Joe at their beachfront home in Hahei, and a visit to the South Island.



Georgia and Mac Gooder, grandchildren of Mary-Liz Russell Harman, '60

News comes from **MARY-LOVE RUSSELL HARMAN**: "Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability." We have spent August at the beach with our grandchildren, Mac, 10, and Georgia, 6. The weather has been glorious. Riding bikes, building sand castles, and reading *39 Clues* with the children have filled my days. We return to the city after Labor Day, where I'll have to spend my days walking off all the cappuccino crunch ice cream cones I've been forced to eat at the end of each day. Georgie says they make sunsets prettier, and you know what, she's right. New York is a wonderful town, in spite of what the six o'clock news would lead you to believe, so if you come, please call. (917-602-1099)." **SARA BARTHOLOMEW GARTON**: "Our normally crystal-clear

Aspen sky has been hazy with smoke the past week, the last in August, from the many fires burning in the northwest. Most of our summer was cool and wet but nothing detracted from the beautiful music under the 'tent' at the eight-week-long Aspen Music Festival and School, where talented students perform alongside their famous musician instructors. I volunteer for the organization, so I attended five or more events a week! The only reason to interrupt this summer idyll is a visit to our 120-year-old cottages, to see extended family and friends, who have all gathered on a bluff above Lake Michigan, near Whitehall, for many generations. I went in July, which was also wet and cool. The lake is so high, there's no beach, so my children and grandchildren enjoyed paddleboats and kayaks in cold water, and pickle-ball on the tennis courts. Retirement is wonderful in a beautiful town, where I've lived so long and which offers so much recreationally and intellectually. I volunteer, see friends, walk and hike (I don't own a car), garden, ski, read, read, read and travel. Sometimes it's a weekend jaunt to the Vail Valley to see children and grandchildren (two of my five are in college!), and last January I took a trip to Mexico City and Oaxaca through Smith College. It focused on the Mexican muralists, Frida Kahlo, archaeology, and Oaxaca crafts. There were excellent lectures, access to special homes and studios, and the trip was an easy journey from Aspen, a nice midwinter break from the Rocky Mountains. Cheers and good wishes to all my classmates. My years and friends at Kingswood are a big part of me, who I am." Sara, it sounds so peaceful. Makes me want to slow down and take in the world. I, **SUSAN FEAD COFLIN**, as secretary, am so proud of all our classmates for writing and keeping in touch. I know I bugged a lot of you, but in the end I am able to say almost all of our class responded. To those who did not, I will make a big attempt for the next newsletter, to call those who do not have email, Rita, Mary-Ellen (who doesn't look at hers), and Jeri Russel, or if you want, any of my classmates can call me 917-647-8403. Mary-Liz, I need to re-update your email. My year has been getting used to keeping up with "my bills" and figuring how to live on a fixed income, so I am picking which events to cover with my photography, getting more photo assignments, and for a year working at Kohl's, a great store to find everything. My big events were going to Marco Island, FL, to shoot a soap opera event with *Young and Restless*, *General Hospital* actors, and most recently drove to Buffalo, NY, to shoot a private play *Black Angels Over Tuskegee* (off Broadway for

six years). The actors were flown in by Rex Ryan, now head coach of the Buffalo Bills. He brought the team players to see the play, and I took photos during the play and of the cast with Rex Ryan. If anyone wants to check out my site, of celebrities and charities, it is www.suecoflin.photoshelter.com. My three children, five grandchildren, and amazingly enough six great-grandchildren, ages 2 to 14, are great. I am still amazed that I heard from many of you for the first time, or in such detail. Those of you, who are always the first to reply **BARBARA BEIER REYNOLDS, PATTY SHILE AARONS** and **NANCY TANN ZIDE**, hope to hear from you soon. I don't have words of wisdom, as I have pushed the deadline way past and must email this to Margi Brown (thanks for being patient) in the morning. Two months ago I thought why do this, and then I just sent the request, and as the response grew bigger, I again became enthused. So please keep in touch. Thanks again.



Linda Welt Horowitz, '60, and sister, Lois Welt Lawson, '66, in front of their childhood home

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First piece of news I received is an email from **GEORGE MARTIN**. He was attending his 50th college reunion, where he was hoping to see our classmate, **BRUCE BERRY**, and he was informed that Bruce had passed May 26, 2012. He gave me Bruce's widow's telephone number. She told me that Bruce had been fighting cancer for over a year and that he died of complications. She also said that Bruce had fond memories of his high school years. **DICK GILDERSLEEVE** wrote he is still living in Stamford in his "Tallhouse" condo overlooking the water. Wow, it's been 20 years. He has six grandchildren, all of whom are living within 10 miles of him. Lots

of local boating, and he went to Block Island and Cape Cod this summer. Still has www.crabshell.com, although he would love to sell her, but so far no buyers. He has had that restaurant for 26 years and feels it is probably time to move on, but loves hearing about Cranbrook sports, especially hockey and swimming. Our only swimming was sneaking into the whale before classes.

Thanks to **TOD WILLIAMS** for the swimming pool. Well done! **BARRY SHAPIRO** wrote that it seems like we just celebrated our 50th, and next year we'll have to start planning our 60th. He has not lost any part of his affection for Cranbrook and his classmate friends. He hopes all is well with everyone. Not much new here. He is still working too hard for a man of his age. He just can't think of anything else he wants to do. He thinks he is done having new grandchildren. But as they grow up, his bonding with them is really fun. He still has a place in Aspen, and his offices moved from Bloomfield Hills to St. Pete, FL. His partner and the young studs in their group wanted to relocate. He made a lifestyle decision and wants to keep on working as long as possible. So he bought a place in Sarasota, and he and Nancy love it. They haven't yet cut the ties in Michigan, so if any of you are by his way, in Michigan, Colorado, or Florida, he'd really be excited to see you. "Best to all!" **ANDY GOOD** opened with "not much." He is still active in Planned Parenthood, appalled at the hypocrisy of the Republican candidates about what PP really does. Since 97% of PP activities are to provide healthcare, mainly to the poor, to try to take funds away from that mission is cruel, to say the least. He also gives art tours at Mayo and is delighted to show off some of Cranbrook's own, like Harry Bertoia. It sounds like Andy is still busy and involved with his favorite organizations. Way to go, Andy. **FERD HAUSLEIN** wrote that his company, International Security, Inc., has grown exponentially over the past year with the advent of cyber-security issues, which have been involved in every type of business from retailers to the health care industry and a host of other businesses, which are prone to have their confidential information hacked. A good deal of this information is sold on the black market to others who may want to purchase retail credit card information and highly protected hospital patient records. He had to form partnerships with other companies, which are focused on cyber-security issues just to keep up with the growing demand for his services. His biggest client is AT&T. They also have a strategic alliance with Microsoft. He has also developed a partnership with a company

which offers some very sophisticated camera technology, which he is selling into seaports, campuses, prisons, and airports. The growth of his company has surged by 20% in head count over this past year. Ferd runs a global company; and, therefore, operates on an international basis. He has seen his business grow dramatically in Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, El Salvador, Honduras, and Venezuela as the high risk in those parts of South America continue to spiral out of control. He enjoyed visiting Cranbrook last spring for the Career Fair. It gave him an opportunity to sit in on some classes and to meet with senior students during the evening. He enjoyed answering the many questions the seniors asked, and it was a very nostalgic two days. He would highly recommend it to others if it is offered again next year. He has been exchanging emails with some of the students about their entrepreneurial projects and wishes the Career Fair had been available when he attended Cranbrook. **TOM HIPPLE** asked if any of you remember going down to Detroit, he believes it was to the Fisher Theater, at Carl Wonneberger's urging to see the classic Alfred Lunt and Lynne Fontaine production of *The Visit*. That was his first professional experience of Coleridge's "willing suspension of disbelief." He continued – Specifically a train "arrived" on stage at the railroad station. The audience all peered over the shoulders of the actors on stage with their backs to the audience, as the train pulled into the station. Later as it left the station the audience all peered stage left again, over the backs of the ensemble actors and watched it disappear down the tracks. Drama critic Terry Teachout, Ray Sokolov's, '59, colleague at the *Wall Street Journal*, cited this production that we saw with the Lunts in his April 2015 review of *The Visit* now playing as a musical on Broadway with Chita Rivera. Is that neat? And has anyone seen it? **TOM ZAVELSON** said he was delayed with his response to my request for info, but Tropical Storm Erika kept him and Gail really busy for the past six days. Things here have been pretty active. In the spring they decided to purchase a slightly larger boat to be renamed *Gale Force* once the previous *Gale Force* finds a new owner, which we hope will be SOON! Trying to move and secure two boats last week because of Tropical Storm Erika was not much fun. They had a wonderful time this spring attending their 50th Duke Reunion. Many friends returned and the old tales, true and not so true, freely flowed. In June, they spent time with his mom, now 97, in Cleveland and returned exhausted just trying to keep up with her. She still loves

living in her condo, driving everywhere, and reading more books per month than me. Their daughter and family recently moved to the Bay Area from Chapel Hill as a result of Bill's new position with Google. Tom and Gail spent two weeks in San Fran/Marin and had a ball. Then two weeks in Austin with Dave and family, which was very hot, but all of the great food made up for it. With football season getting ready to kick off, the post-game commentary between Dusenbury, former Cranbrook classmate, Jeff Green, and me will once again get fired up. Chris has spent most of this past year reading great books that I had to recommend and digest for him. Hopefully he will find a way to separate himself from his drawing board and come to Gainesville to watch some Gator football/basketball soon. "Best regards to all." **KEN ROBERTS** thanked me for sharing the news about Bruce Berry's death. He counted Bruce among his closest friends at Cranbrook. Bruce taught him the basics of playing guitar and even provided some additional pointers when he visited him years later. He has never been as good as Burt Shurly, '62, but good enough to hold his own with bluegrass in medical school, when playing in a band with electronic instruments became too cumbersome. Since then, he has incorporated guitar playing into presentations at national pediatrics meetings, singing his summary. For example, at a 2013 meeting of the Pediatric Academic Societies, he participated in an "entertainment" debate regarding electronic health records and whether they are good for clinical care and education. He was assigned the con position. To illustrate the point that the real patient is now in the computer rather than in the hospital bed, he showed a video to demonstrate that the real person wasn't at the podium but in the computer. Had Bruce been able to see it, he hopes Bruce would have approved of what he started for me: www.youtube.com/watch?v=SpmNTwmrOy8. **JOE WHEELER** wrote that there was not much news, as he is still mostly retired. He and Debbie are off to a crossing on Queen Mary II in September, which should be a fun trip. Many retired businessmen there in Naples are from Bloomfield Hills. He and Debbie became formally engaged (after ten years together) in March. **HILDY BUTERBAUGH** has just survived his second go round with cancer, this time skin cancer on his right temple. He had Mohs surgery, and all was over in an afternoon. That was over a month ago, and all seems to be okay now. He is preparing to attend his 50th anniversary at Park University in good old Kansas City, then his 45th from

Vietnam. He will also spend a week in Auburn, IN, with his old car friends. Then it is downtime until the holidays. **JIM PLOPA** wrote that he was sorry to hear about "Boo." There is nothing to report, except he'll probably enjoy some rain from sister, Erika, this weekend, as he watches her go past on her northward progress in the Gulf, unless (of course) she totally fizzles over Cuba. As for myself, I am working part-time for the U.S. Census Bureau doing monthly interviews. Keeps me busy along with continuing substitute teaching. As I have said in the past, if you are interested in outstanding wines, the Walla Walla Valley is now beating, not only the California wineries, but the French at their own competitions. Check with **JAY HARNESS** for an unbiased opinion. I heard from **JOEL COHEN**, "My son, Adam Ezra, was married to Dr. Jennifer Hou July 19, 2015. I was awarded the Golden Goose Award September 17, 2015. 2015 Golden Goose Awards: www.goldengooseaward.org/2015-awards/. Lastly, I sent out an email requesting info for this article to all classmates that I have email addresses for. **BISBEE**, **HILDER**, and **DEMICK** bounced back, so please send me correct address. For the rest of you, who did not get my email, please send me a short note, so I can include you in future requests at my new email listed below.

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We're on the move! At least two of us are. **BUNNY MILLER LENHARD** and Bob have sold their house in Sandy Springs and have become urbanites, moving to Atlanta's historic O4W by 2016, when their townhome's construction is complete. For those needing translation, that's street speak for the Old Fourth Ward, home to Buttermilk Bottom and the BeltLine, offering 33 miles of trails, where she will continue her marathon training. Gardening is now limited to a few pots of geraniums placed in her oven...who cooks with geraniums in the oven, and a plethora of restaurants nearby? For now, a shoehorn has made living in a 700-square-foot apartment possible. **CHARLOTTE COHEN CAGAN**'s move has been to an historic, cantilevered home in the green hills just outside San Diego. The architect was influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright and

Greene & Greene, renowned craftsman designers of the early 20th century, and was built by hand by firemen, as its first owner was the then San Diego fire captain who oversaw its construction and incorporated features befitting his reputation, read room-size Roman tub. Being a member of the National Trust and passionate for historic preservation, Charlotte is thrilled with her purchase, its history and its "Architectural Digest" appearance. Having more than 24 hours in her day, as executive director of San Diego's History Center, she published her catalog of its Masterworks exhibition, paintings actually displayed during its 1915 Panama-California Exposition. It's gorgeous and well written! And then some of us were moving too fast, like **SUE GASS WILLIAMSON**, who, prior to her annual month stay in Tuscany, was abruptly stopped by a curb during her five-day bike trip from Vienna to Budapest, breaking her hand. Although she rode the requisite 40 km the next day, her decision to return home for orthopedic medical attention, which included the surgical insertion of pins, was a good one but required the interruption of her Italian vacation and a second trip home for the pins' removal. Where better to convalesce than in an Italian villa with children and grandchildren at your beck and call? Then there's **ANN BIRD SEABERG**, new grandaunt, who broke the bone between her left elbow and shoulder while skiing in Colorado, after spending Thanksgiving in Houston with son, John, and Christmas in Boston with son, Eric. Oh, those parabolic skis! With her nephew this summer, she jumped off a popular 60-foot cliff into a lake near Tulsa. Upon landing, her back began to hurt but felt better as she swam to shore, a good thing because she and 73 relatives were reuniting in Puerto Rico later in July. Can we assume several massages on La Playa set everything right? And **JOAN ANDERSON** isn't telling what she did to require physical therapy for a fractured radius and two dysfunctional rotator cuffs, but others who have broken or injured something in the past year or so are sympathetic and hoping recovery is complete and uneventful. That describes **ESTELLE LOUD**'s recovery after hip surgery. Now she enjoys better, less painful walks in the Hudson Valley area of the Catskills where her oil paintings and gluten-free delights kept her entertained during July and August. Something about New York encourages painting, because **NATALIE BRADLEY CAMPBELL** continues her avocation; this time it's still life incorporating oranges in a copper bowl. Can we guess

these are favorite colors? Paint fumes are the reason for her hiatus from formal class work, and may be a partial reason for her trip with **BETSEY BARBOUR STINE** to Denver and its Rocky Mountain high air, visiting their respective children and grandchildren, 1-year-old twins on Nat's side. As usual, she will celebrate her mother's birthday in Wisconsin, '96 this year. Hope you share her genes, Nat! **ELIZABETH ROEDIGER RINDSKOPF PARKER** was in Wisconsin visiting Bob's 98-year-old father...must be Wisconsin's water...before a Chicago family wedding and a Lake Michigan reception cruise, followed by an architectural cruise on the Chicago River the next day. She's an avid boater? Her "family traveling road show" moved on to Vail, where the altitude presented some problems that are under control, but which have caused her to be put on the "no fly" list for a bit, which meant the cancellation of a Viking River Cruise through Eastern Europe for the moment. Not a problem for Liz; her road trip to L.A. earlier in the year is a cause for envy. She, Bob, and Poogen found more unusual and often cultural things to do and little-known sites to see (Wright's 1921 Hollyhock House) than one would imagine, but then she takes advantage of every situation, visiting New York's Chelsea Market, the Neue Gallerie, and the Winter Antiques Show at the Armory during the city's January blizzard when attendance and traffic were light. **CAROLE GLUECK BROOKINS** missed the storm, because she has moved to Bal Harbor and continues her business travels when she's not in her Paris or Florida home, she said over lunch in Chicago this spring.

NICO DOVE LAMSTEIN



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Sarah Marwil Lamstein, '61, granddaughter, Nico Dove

SARAH MARWIL LAMSTEIN was nowhere near Boston during its record breaking snowy winter. Smart Sarah was in Palm Beach for three months so she escaped nearly 108 inches of the stuff except for the occasional

return for visits with new granddaughter, Nico Dove. She loves sharing the warm, easy living with family who fly down for a few days and catching up with nearby school friends, which include Estelle and Joan.

JOAN McDONALD BECK and Larry make the reverse commute home in May to the Philadelphia area, where brother, Graham, '65, and family also live. This year's family reunion was on Block Island, preceded by a 50th Wellesley Reunion, reconnecting with favorite professor, Phil Phibs, who, with Dale Chihuly, paved the way for the Museum of Glass in Tacoma. An October Beck wedding between son, David, and Amherst classmate, Victoria, will be celebrated at the 1920s Skyland Manor in New Jersey. On their way north in May, Joan and Larry stopped in St. Augustine where **GAIL BURGESS ZAVELSON** and Tom launched their new boat, a "floating condo" as opposed to the Gail Force, their long distance cruiser. Escaping Florida's summer weather, they spent two weeks ferrying back and forth to sites and restaurants with their daughter, Laura, and her family, who had recently moved to Mill Valley just over the Golden Gate Bridge. This delicious summer hiatus may become an annual event. Mill Valley is proximate to Tiburon, where **SUSAN BURNS HELLBERG** often visits her daughter and family, except when historic floods deluge Amarillo, turning it lush with seldom seen vegetation and hosting hummingbird-size mosquitoes. New grandmother of Ryan, **DIANNA LAPP GREEN** prays for rain in drought-plagued L.A. where she owns a landscape design company, her passion, which will be put on hold during her Christmas family reunion on Anguilla.



Pat Wilson Hridel, '61, granddaughters, Ginny and MacKenzie

PAT WILSON HRIDEL relies on rain to water her extensive flower and vegetable gardens, when she's at her cabin in northern Michigan, which was later than usual this year due to the July 5 arrival of

granddaughter, Solveig Embrascia-Hridel. How about that for an all-American name? Norse, Italian, and Czech! Her parents are the triathletes who married the summer of 2014. Remember? Pat and Jerry welcomed a gathering of the clan in their cabin from as far away as Seattle so could not have lunch with **ALICE BUSHONG** and **MARGIE GREAVES ADAMS** in Frankfort, MI, but is optimistic about next summer. Alice's innards were rattled by the Blue Angels, practicing their flyovers for the Fourth's show in Traverse City, but not scrambled enough to postpone her October/November trip to the U.K. Alice continues to be a watchdog for wrongdoing and injustice, which won her an undeserved and silly reprimand for her "Castro-like" behavior at school. Aw, Alice, it's good to know some things never change. And neither has Alice's and **ROSE CORBETT GORDON**'s friendship, which was renewed at their Mount Holyoke 50th Reunion this spring. Another Michigander, **SUZANNE CROOK WHYTE**, attended her 50th at Vassar in June before sailing away for a few weeks of boating around Mackinac Island, after storing her boat in Cheboygan for the winter. Sailing away is a favorite pastime of **LINDA WELT HOROWITZ**, last year the St. Lawrence, this year crossing the Atlantic from Ft. Lauderdale to the Azores, Cadiz, Malaga, Cartagena, Valencia, and eventually Barcelona. Less relaxing but just as memorable was her trip to Detroit, where she and her sister were invited to visit their grandparents' home from 1913-1946, now in the process of being restored by its current owners. Linda's father grew up in the house, and she spent the first three years of her life there, sweet memories in part made possible to revisit by much walking and Curves to alleviate back ailments. An ailment prevented **NANCY REYNOLDS BOLLINI** and **NANCY MUHLITNER BRACY** from lunching together, but when they reschedule, they should think about tabbouli at Mona's Lebanese Café, part of the Guilford Station Arts Club, which is **JACKIE ZUELZER ANDERSON**'s new enterprise in Sterling, VA, since retiring from the National Symphony Orchestra. While enjoying the business aspect of her endeavors, zoning and permits have presented mighty challenges that she confronts with aplomb and humor in her red dress. Yes, red is an attention getter. May I have yours? Already many have committed to attending our 55th at the school in June 2016. Those who are still thinking about it, don't. Just commit; you'll have a wonderful time! ...and I'll tell you all about my Summer Solstice urban adventure.

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BILL BAILEY and Linda were up at their summer place on Lake Huron, north of Tawas, 17 miles south of me. We had two enjoyable meals together this summer, and I'm still learning interesting things about Bill. Next time any of you talk with him be sure to ask him about the time he got to attend the birthday celebration of Alexander, Crown Prince of Yugoslavia, while both were attending Culver, an absolutely fascinating story. Bill attended Culver prior to coming to Cranbrook. **JESS BREWER** wrote back in August, 2015: "My short story, *No Time* <http://jick.net/wordpress/?p=206> has had nearly 5000 views in the past two weeks thanks to a link I dropped in a silly Quora discussion on time travel: <http://www.quora.com/Why-are-people-from-the-future-not-time-traveling-to-our-period/answer/Jess-H-Brewer> – first time a significant number of people ever read anything I wrote! Social networking changes the world again, in utterly mysterious (and probably insignificant) ways!" **BILL STROUD** also wrote August, 2015: "**BOB BERRY** passed through Germany on one of his many worldwide adventures. Always great to see a classmate and close friend. Also, my wife and I shared lunch with **ROGER MARSH** (Limey) and his lovely wife, Maryanne, at the Dartmouth House in Mayfair, home to the English Speaking Union, the sponsor of Limey's year with us at Cranbrook. We had a wonderful time, ending with a pint at The Last Running Footman pub."

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Clearly, everyone is used to dealing with crazy deadlines. My last-minute request for news resulted in a great response! I think alluding to writing those 1000-word compositions on Sunday night hit a nerve! **PETE BOOTH** and wife, Claudia, settled in Atlanta (40 years) and have successfully

shepherded a daughter, and two sons, through schools and colleges. He's been in marketing research since the mid '70s, now with a large firm, and for twenty years or so as Booth Research. The daughter and one son live in the area, while the other son works in Dubai. Frequent golf supports good health. Pete reports that he feels gratitude for his experience at Cranbrook. **STEVE SENTER** sent a photo of the family at the occasion of his son, Dan's, marriage in June.



(L-R) Henry Crevensten (Carlin's husband), daughter, Carlin, son, Dan, Trudy Garber, Steve Senter, '64, and wife, Debby

The ceremony took place in the beautiful Marin Headlands area, and Steve reports that this made it easy to persuade lots of family and friends to visit San Francisco. Steve hits the gym and then his painting studio every day. His wife, Debby, claims she will retire next year. **SKIP MCWILLIAMS** is leading the charge for good affordable eTextbooks for high schools. The effort is meeting with some success, reaching 15,000 students so far. He continues his longtime involvement with various Mexican enterprises, primarily some boutique hotels in the Chihuahua area, which, he notes, is still safer than Chicago, bad publicity notwithstanding. **STEVE O'GRADY** is enjoying retirement in Georgetown, ME, by dividing his time between being on the water and doing volunteer fire department runs. In fact, he's planning to become an EMT. All of which has him wondering why he lived in NYC for 39 years! **DOUGLAS LIEBERMAN** reports that he is designing learning for the Watson Group at IBM, where the machines are smarter than him. Daughter Tory's hair color (illustrated in the last issue) has gone from pink to silver, just to keep us all up with fashion. Son, Alex, graduated from Knox College last spring. **JOHN COBOURN** stills works as a hydrologist for University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, partly

because, he claims, he has a son in college who wants to go to med school. When he's not teaching or managing drought and flood management, he continues to hike, swim, cross-country ski, despite two shoulder surgeries, arthritis, and various other injuries. Call him if you find yourself in Lake Tahoe.

BOB LAKIN will be marrying Rosemary Crosby, who many of us met at the 50th Reunion. Bob is winding down his real estate business, and Rosemary recently retired from nursing. Bob's moving to Rosemary's place in Marblehead and sailing up the New England coast appears to be the primary future occupation. Call Bob for a boat ride if you are near Boston. **JEFFREY HIPPS** is running sales and marketing for Amplifier Technologies in L.A. He notes that when you make your hobby your business, it's hard to know when (or whether?) to retire (amen to that). His company continues to garner industry recognition of all kinds. Meanwhile son, Adam, works on unspecified, top-secret things for a top secret organization: Apple Computer. Daughter, Molly, is pursuing a career as an actor/singer/musician. **DOUG GREEN** visited Montana's Glacier National Park with his wife, Carolyn, for a family reunion. We speculate that the peripatetic singer-songwriter may have possibly visited every class member willing to take in a bit of cowboy music as he traveled the country over the last four decades. **BOB CHAMBERS** is the most recent to catch up with Ranger Doug on his visit to Montana. Bob's daughter, Emily, just started at the University of Montana in Missoula, where she joins her older brother, Tucker, who's majoring in media arts. Bob and Elspeth love Montana, but the dark, overcast winters have them relocating to the sun, probably in the Scottsdale, AZ, area. Bob works part-time for the Educational Travel Community on nonprofit travel programs throughout the United States. The work consists primarily of website work, which Bob notes, "is something that seems to keep my mind from lapsing into gelatinous oblivion as the years roll on. Not sure how long I'll keep at it, but it's fun and very engrossing." **JOHN STRICKLAND**, just down the road from me in Pinehurst, NC, reports that his four-year term on the Village Council has whetted his appetite for local politics: he will be running for mayor of Pinehurst this fall. Apparently the odds aren't great: three other candidates including the incumbent, but John believes in, "Aim High." Meanwhile a fourth grandchild is on the way. **STEVE COOK** recently welcomed another grandchild (their second) who, unfortunately, was born with a breathing problem. Doctors say it will

disappear in time, but Steve's wife spent most of the last six months in Vancouver, WA, with the daughter and baby. **TIM MCDAID** has recovered fully from the "valley fever" that prevented him from joining us at the 50th Reunion. Semi-retirement has included some work in selling used aircraft (and learning to fly), although it is down to the occasional sale at this point. Tim's teaching past (I believe at Seaholm in Birmingham) was re-energized by volunteering as a high school after-school math tutor. So now he's running the whole program and added in doing the same thing for the local community college, and then, doing a "ground school" class for flight students. He's enjoying teaching without the need to grade tests or write yellow slips. And, yes, he's seen Ranger Doug a couple of times. I'm continuing to do enough commercial video production to support my filmmaking habit, figuring out this thing called 4K and enjoying having my two daughters nearby. I'm spending more time these days writing than actually making films and helping out a number of local filmmakers on their projects. It seems that my high tech career coupled with Carl Wonnberger positions me rather well to grapple with this whole digital video revolution.

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Traveling to see family, friends, and classmates is a pleasurable activity for all of us. **NANCY EMERMAN SOLOMON** and Steve are still fine in Delray Beach, FL. They spend a great deal of time in Birmingham during the summer with their two grandchildren, Nancy's son and daughter-in-law, and many old friends. Winters in Florida are beautiful, and the Solomons are healthy with no complaints. Both of Nancy's children are well. Julie is a horse show judge, and her son and daughter are owners of a wonderful group of restaurants called Roccos Tacos and Tequila Bar. They have locations all over south Florida and now in Brooklyn with very good food and lots of fun! Nancy wishes good health and happiness to all. **JUDY WELLS TAYLOR** continues to enjoy the ocean community of San Clemente and has made new friends through book clubs, volunteering, church committees, and local and state campaigns. Her oldest son, Paul, and his family are an hour north

in Manhattan Beach, which affords Judy many opportunities to participate in her grandchildren's activities, ages 10 and 7. Paul and two business partners own and operate 15-20 restaurants called Eureka. Most are located in California, with others opening in Dallas, Austin, Seattle, and three cities in Colorado. Judy's recent attention is focused on her other son and daughter, who are both being married in a little over a year. Scott's wedding was in mid-September in Rhode Island, close to Boston, where he lives and produces news for a cable network. Judy's daughter recently announced her engagement this past summer and is planning an October 2016 gathering in Malibu. She resides in Venice Beach and is in public relations in Los Angeles. Travels for Judy have been to Florida for a reunion of elementary school girls, which will be followed by a cruise in February to celebrate their 70ths. Judy's mother, at 94, moved in January 2015 from Kansas to Bellingham, WA, and remains in good health. Every few months Judy travels to see her, in addition to attending a nephew's wedding there in early August 2015 with many family members. Cabo San Lucas has been Judy's escape for two weeks the past three years. **MARIA BARRETT ARNOLD** and Craig are excited about the wedding of their son, John Allen, '99, who was married in September in the Detroit area to Kimberly Check. The bride and groom live in Chicago.



Akosua Barthwell Evans, '64, at the White House with her son, Walter

For **AKOSUA BARTHWELL EVANS** 2015 reminds her of our days in Kingswood English classes. "If I were to describe the events in my life since my last correspondence, I would have to go back to *A Tale of Two Cities*. (Did

we read this with Miss Bennett?) It has been the best of times and the worst of times. The worst was flooding, a pipe leak, an exterior wall leak, two laser eye operations, and a brief hospitalization.



Guests at Akosua Barthwell Evans, '64, garden party

The best was an opportunity to go to the White House and to meet the President with my son, the opportunity to go to London and to meet some members of the royal family, also with my son; the opportunity to spend three weeks in Southern Africa, which included attending the International Women's Forum and then travel with my son to Namibia, Victoria Falls, and Cape Town; the continued growth of my corporation with exciting opportunities to advise wonderful new large clients (including some Fortune 100), and new opportunities to serve my beloved alma mater Yale Law School (both directly through my 25th Class Reunion Committee) and indirectly (through an appointment to the Yale University Alumni Association as a Delegate At Large and the board of the Yale University Black Alumni Association). The latest check-up indicated that all is well with my eyes, and I feel fine.



Family of Kathy Shore Patrikis, '64: Peter, Kathy, Max, Alexander and Al

Among the most special experiences was the opportunity to spend time with both **FRAN FREDERICKS FERRISS** and **KATHY SHORE PATRIKIS** in their homes and to have dinner with **MORLEY THOMSON BLAND** and her husband, Fred, in New York. **LILLIAN HEWLETT MOATS** (Pat Hewlett) and I have exchanged emails, and I hope to see her soon. I also got a chance to visit with **LESLIE SCHIMPKE JOHNSTON**, when she was kind enough to attend my annual Garden Party, where I raise funds to help revitalize my block and the surrounding area in the historic district in Detroit, where I relocated to from New York (my childhood home). And while the home restorations continue (and seem never-ending), I sincerely invite any of you who are in the Detroit area to please visit. Much Love, Akosua." Please keep sending your updates and photos. Until we see each other again in person, take care.

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For those of you that missed it, our 50th Reunion was really something special. The campus is more beautiful than ever, and the weather was perfect. The school informed me that there were 23 attendees from the Cranbrook Class of '65 and 17 from the Kingswood class, but it seemed like a lot more were there. Combined, the Classes of '65 raised \$166,369 for the Schools Annual Fund in honor of our 50th. That's a 36.5% participation rate with an average gift size of more than \$4,000. Susan Muskovitz of the CK development office described our gift as "incredible" and "amazing." **BROCK LANDRY** and I had our own early reunion during the months before June, and it was terrific working with him and Ann Fuchs Towbes, K'65, in planning the events. I hope that those of you who couldn't come will be able to return to visit the schools in the future. And, of course, there's always our 55th. I have two other matters that I want to share with you. I asked the guys at the reunion to send any pictures that they had taken to me so that I could find a suitable website to post them for everybody to see. Margi Brown of the alumni office has informed me that such a site already exists. It is a CK Alumni Association gallery set up on SmugMug and can be found at ckaaphotogallery.smugmug.com

[com/CranbrookKingswood-class-of-65/](http://CranbrookKingswood-class-of-65/). You should send your pix to Susan Post at SPost2@cranbrook.edu and indicate that they are for the Class of '65 gallery. There are already some great shots of classmates in the Ben Snyder and Del Walden galleries at the site. Check 'em out. The other piece of business comes from an observation made by several classmates at the reunion. Our plaque in the Alumni Court is almost illegible. It would appear to be the only metal plaque that has suffered serious weathering over the years. Sadly, most of the names of class members that are on the stone pillars in the Court are totally unreadable. However, a plan is underway to clean our plaque using money given to me by several classmates in exchange for bottles of wine brought to the reunion by **JIM BAILEY** from his vineyard, Knight's Bridge Winery, in Napa, CA. By way of explanation, the wine was superb and would have been drunk long before the end of the weekend but for a school (or state) restriction regarding the serving of alcohol on campus that was not supplied by the catering company. Although most of Jim's wine was consumed at off-campus parties, we had several bottles that could not be served, and I suggested that the sale of those bottles could go to the restoration of the class plaque. I have been told that restoration efforts are already underway. Thanks again, Jim, for schlepping your wine all the way from California. Now, the letters: **DICK O'REILLY** summarized his reunion experience this way: "Butch and Brock, I just wanted to thank you both for all of your hard work in putting together what I thought was one terrific two-day party. I'm amazed that after fifty years you got almost half of our remaining class members to attend. But that's exactly what made it so special, of course. I still regret having missed our 40th, but I feel that I finally made up for that failing this past weekend. I'm already looking forward to the possibility of returning for our 55th. 'Once more with joy...'" **BOB MCCORMICK** wrote, "Great job, Bud. I suspect you did more than any of us know, but it was an excellent event. I had good talks with many, **PILLAR, VAN HORN, BIRD, JOHN ALLEN, REED SCHAEFER**. It was really rich." I must add that DJ, Bob (and his wife, Amy), provided the sound for the Saturday night gathering at the Science Institute; a fantastic playlist of music of the '60s as only Mackie could have put together. Reunion attendee **RICH HOWARD** writes, "I had a great time at the reunion, and only wish I could have attended the Friday dinner and seen those who were MIA on Saturday and Sunday." **LANCE LEITHAUSER** couldn't

attend, but he did send a note saying, "I didn't come because I was on safari in Botswana. Great country and a great trip, but one I set up months ago. I'm glad the reunion went well. I am still working full time as a surgeon in Maryland." Lance also sent me several pictures of wildlife in Botswana as proof of his trip. Another bwanabrother, **BILL SCHLECTE**, used a similar excuse for not attending, "Per previous email, I was otherwise engaged, the photo safari in S. Africa, then chilling out in the Seychelles, and a three-day visit to Dubai on the return. We did not get back home until 2:30 a.m. on Monday morning. I have hundreds of photos to evidence my very good reason for missing out on reconnecting with the '65 Cranes, but have attached only two, the first is the up close and personal hippo that charged our vehicle when we approached too close to its baby one evening during a game drive; and the second a good example of yours truly enjoying life in the Seychelle Islands. I trust that the reunion attendees had a good time and are all looking forward to the 60th. I promise not to miss it. Life is good." I'll spare you the picture of the hippo, but I intend to send the one of Wild Bill to the class gallery for all to see. Speaking of pictures, I hope the one referred to in this email from **TOM VANHORN** gets in *Tradition*. I will also send it to the gallery. Says Tom, "This may sound funny, but the thing that continues to haunt me about the reunion is that it is the first time I really have thought about being an adult! Damn, we finally made it. It was great to see everyone – our class seems to have done a pretty good job of taking our small place in the world, my gosh, we went to school in a beautiful place, didn't we? Attached is picture of me and Keith Richards before he went bad, can you tell which one is the dinosaur?" I think I understand all that, Tom, but the "being an adult" part has me a little confused in light of the picture of you and Bird. Surprisingly, **JOHN GRAHAM** and Joanne have stayed at home for a while but apparently not for long. "Not much to say this time. We stayed home this summer. Saw **STEVE HANWAY** and Dianne at their wonderful home in Marshall, MI. We were there for our niece's wedding. Great reunion! We are going to Beijing again in October until January. Anyone there in that time period please let us know!" **GARY HUMMEL** sent me this sales pitch, that I am sure applies to any of you current or future snowbirds, "I am happy to have joined Better Homes and Gardens real estate in Fort Lauderdale, FL, as a sales agent/realtor. Come on down...the weather and beaches are great! Contact me on 954.630.6121." **DAVID MARR**, looking fit

as ever in a picture he sent to me, explained that, "While I wasn't able to make it to our 50th Reunion in June, I was able play in the annual Varsity-Alumni soccer game yesterday, and I was the oldest alumnus by far. The alumni team was able to hold its own with a strong contingent of recent graduates. We lost 4-3 to the varsity. I survived playing soccer 50 years after our undefeated season in our senior year. I still watch lots of soccer, attending my great niece's club and high school games. Good luck to the boys' soccer team this fall. They played in the State Finals last year for the first time, finishing second in a close game." I remember our senior year team, Dave. We had five ties in going undefeated! Strange season. Moving on. As I said above, I hope that the picture of **TOM VAN HORN** and **PETER WERBEL** makes it into this edition of *Tradition*. I want you all to have the opportunity to look at it as you read The Bird's words. "Well, I'll start off by saying not only did United screw up our flight to Detroit so that we missed Friday's reunion cocktail party and dinner, and were so tired on Saturday (we got to bed about 3:30 in the morning) that neither Knute nor myself were really up to our lively selves. The 50th Reunion...what can I say? It was grand seeing so many old faces and getting somewhat reacquainted. Most of us didn't look too bad after 50 years! A true regret was and is that neither myself, nor Knute, had nearly the time to converse in more depth with most of you, and for me to really catch up. And for those of you that were there only Friday, what a disappointment to have missed you. Knute actually told me that I went to school with some pretty fun, interesting people, which, of course, I already knew. Knute loved what she saw of the grounds, and said we have to come back again so that she can get the full scope of the campuses. I must say that I really blew it by not scheduling a Thursday arrival. Live and learn." You just might see the Bird again at number 55. Since Mitt and Anne did the no-show, I've had to watch the Net Flix documentary, "Mitt." Mitt, (hope you read this) it appears to me that you are a wonderful father and family man, and I think this suits you much better than being in the White House. Wish you and Anne had been at the reunion, and all the rest who could not attend. Since returning to Tahoe have done nothing exciting, but have had a glorious summer of just the right amount of work, exercise, play, socializing, house projects, etc.-'living the dream.' If any of you get out to the Tahoe/Squaw Valley/Truckee area, we do have an extra bedroom if you wish to spend a day or two with us. Everyone stay healthy and play hard. Vertical

is very good." Susan Muirhead sent this letter regarding **ERIC MUIRHEAD**'s works available on Amazon, "All of Eric's books are available on Amazon.com and Kindle. If you go to the author page on Amazon, there is a bio and two video book trailers and a video of my discussion of *Rindu A Novel of Expatriate Life in East Malaysia*, as well as a video of my discussion of *Eden's Abyss*. *The Collected Poems of Eric Muirhead* won the 2013-2014 Writer's League of Texas Discovery Award." News at the McDonald household is the marriage of our son, Geoff. He and his wife, Katharina, are living in Aachen, Germany, where she is a principal in the Theater Aachen Opera Company, and Geoff, an opera conductor, is plying his trade in the land of Wagner. Stay in touch and Aim High.

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Reunion 2015, Kingswood Class of 1965 luncheon

Our long-anticipated 50th Reunion in June was a great success. Sharing a weekend of Kingswood reminiscences left us feeling the warmth of renewed friendships. A huge thank you to **ANNE FUCHS TOWBES**, **FRAN STAIR WHITE**, **TERRY LERCHEN HARTLE**, Graham McDonald, C'65, and Brock Landry, C'65 for the advance planning and attention to detail so essential to success. We began with a girls-only luncheon hosted by **TERRY LERCHEN HARTLE** at her beautiful home in Birmingham. Attending were **ANNE FUCHS TOWBES**, **FRAN STAIR WHITE**, **CRICKET DAVENPORT MARKL**, **ILENE ROGERS TYLER**, **SHARON CROMMETT**, **JACKIE DONER MOORE**, **GINA BURNES NUTTALL**, **BETTY KRAUSE RUDDY**, **CAROLYN SCHWARTZ HILL**, **MARCI MAYHEW ROLLINS**, **BARBARA CUSTAR**

REYNOLDS, **CHRYSTINE JONES TAUBER**, **JANE MAYS LYON**, **CRIS DODRILL**, **KNOLL**, **SANDY TRUBOW FAIRBANK**, **KARIN CHRISTIANSEN FOWLER**, **JANICE PAUL ANDAHAZY**, **YVETTE DAUNIC HOWARD**, and Judy Conrad Sherman, '66. We spent an afternoon catching up with each other's lives and accomplishments, while recognizing, as **BETTY KRAUSE RUDDY** put it so well: "a strong sense of the place where we began to flourish as young women." Friday night found us at Cranbrook House as "Golden Graduates" (who, us?), enjoying cocktails and dinner with Cranbrook '65. Saturday's activities began with the assembly and picnic lunch at Kingswood. Later that afternoon we toured the beautiful Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Smith House, built by **ANNE FUCHS SMITH TOWBES**'s in-laws and now owned by the Towbes Foundation. Thank you, Anne and Michael! Saturday evening featured the traditional Cranbrook Quad cocktail party and buffet dinner, where the reunion classes posed for photos. The night concluded with the "Afterglow" party at the Science Institute, featuring dancing to '60's music. Sunday brunch at Cranbrook ended the weekend festivities. And now on to individual reports: Many thanks to the 14 who responded to my pleas for news!



Jackie Doner Moore, Cris Dodrill Knoll, and Gina Burnes Nuttall, all '65

GINA BURNES NUTTALL sent a beautifully worded note, not surprising since she is a freelance children's publishing professional. Her newest skill is writing interactive ebooks for kids. She recalled her Kingswood experience, begun by her mom (class of '39), who "so personified the Kingswood motto." Gina was struck by how each of us has done the same in our own way. "Enter to Learn; Go Forth to Serve" appears not to be just an empty motto, but a living reality for the Class of '65. Well said, Gina. The constant joy in her life is her family: two sons, their partners, and three grandsons. **JACKIE DONER MOORE** is awaiting the arrival of a grandson (daughter, Sarah's, second child), due the first

week of September. She says that with only girls she has no experience diapering boys but hopes to figure it out. She commented on the meaningful conversation and support she felt during the reunion weekend. **TERRY LERCHEN HARTLE**, our gracious luncheon hostess, looks forward to seeing her out-of-town grandchildren in September. Her summer involved house projects, bridge, golf, and a fabulous long weekend in Rye, NY, at her nephew's wedding. **SHARON CROMMETT** wrote that our reunion was the highlight of her summer, and she was impressed with the campus, after a 45-year absence. She is a lawyer, doing estate planning at the over-55 community in Huntington Beach, CA, where she lives. She plans a fall road trip through Utah, followed by a visit to her daughter, son-in-law, and two grandsons in Frankfurt, Germany. Many would agree with Sharon that having had Miss Bennett for English, it is nearly impossible to write an incomplete sentence and difficult to use today's texting shorthand. **JANE MAYS LYON** and **BARBARA CUSTAR REYNOLDS** and their husbands traveled this summer to London, Normandy, Paris, and points in between. **CRIS DODRILL KNOLL** commented on the reunion: "Seeing all of our amazing and accomplished classmates was so wonderful. The warmth and excitement of all of us being together is something I will always cherish." **CANDY PORTER** has relocated to a small home in St. Petersburg, FL, and swears this is her final move. She traveled with kids and grandkids this summer, including Mexico in July. **JANICE PAUL ANDAHAZY** spent time with grandchildren this summer, along with enjoying their lake cottage and riding her horses. She felt that there was something so comforting about the entire reunion weekend. **KARIN CHRISTIANSEN FOWLER** said that sharing our journeys since 1965 was a highlight for her. She and Scott will soon move from Grand Haven, MI, to the Sacramento area to be near family (two sons, their wives, and four grandchildren) and old friends from their years in the Bay Area. **FRAN STAIR WHITE** reports that a very young alum with a selfie-stick, gesturing in the direction of our class members at the reunion picnic, exclaimed, "You guys are awesome!" We can all bask in the glory of that compliment! Fran's observations are so eloquent that I wanted to print her entire letter. She was struck by the "power of connection among the women in our class and how technology has changed our connectivity since those days of the Green Lobby and letters from and to the boys." Smartphones and iPads were much in evidence, recording reunion

experiences as they happened. Fran's mom is 92 and in good health. Fran and Harry are contemplating possible relocation. Meanwhile, they experience the joy of two young granddaughters: "As I watch them grow I remind myself about our 50th reunion and how important it is to nurture and cherish the connections all of us have, because we knew each other during our years of being teenagers." **CHRYSTINE JONES TAUBER** traveled to Washington, D.C., where she caught up with Charles Krause, C'65, (this year's Distinguished Alumnus) and visited his gallery, featuring exhibits involving art and politics. There were 220 of Chrystine's relatives gathered in July at Chautauqua to attend their 100th Jones' (aka Jonsson) reunion. She reported that the Pan Am Games in Toronto resulted in our equestrian teams qualifying for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. Her fall will be busy with international travel for meetings and judging horse shows on both coasts of the U.S. and Canada. And she finds time to participate in a women's doubles tennis tournament in Palm Beach from Sept. — April. Chrystine was recently diagnosed with positional vertigo, which made her dizzy and nauseous. Hopefully the prescribed meds have dealt with that condition and allowed her to continue her active schedule. **BETTY KRAUSE RUDDY** said she noticed at the reunion how well we have all aged. Another nice compliment! She reflected on the love of learning and art that she acquired at Kingswood, including "the beauty of the Green Lobby, the dedication of Nancy Wolfner Bauer '46, my first taste of poetry with Miss Bennett." **ANNE FUCHS TOWBES** wrote that she was impressed with all the "interesting, heartfelt, artistic, and successful careers we have all had. Miss Goodale would have been proud!" Both Anne's son and daughter have recently bought homes in Santa Barbara, and she and Michael, her "incredible husband of ten years," love having three adorable granddaughters nearby: Leighton, 6-1/2; Carrington, 3; and Ella, 11 months. She continues playing bridge, tennis, and piano, as well as doing a lot of community work. Anne and **JACKIE DONER MOORE** were about to attend their Camp Fernwood reunion in Maine and hoped it would be as much fun as our 50th. I also see the reunion as a summer highlight. Rich and I felt nostalgic (and rather old) as we revisited the many places on campus that hold special memories for us. Stepping into the classroom where my mother taught most of you algebra and geometry, it occurred to me how proud she would be of all of you. She had such fond memories of her 18 years

at Kingswood and the girls who were her students. Our triplet granddaughters will be 10 in October (double digits, as they keep reminding us), and our grandsons are 9 and 6, all growing so fast. Rich and I leave next week on a National Geographic trip to the Canadian Maritimes, new territory for us. Thank you all, especially you former class secretaries, for your support as I take on this new role. Anne is a hard act to follow! For the next *Tradition* I hope to hear from some of you who didn't send news this time. Until then, love and best wishes to all.

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Men O' Fifty! As improbable as it may seem, we are months away from our 50th Reunion. Those 50 years have breezed by as college graduations, adventures to Saigon or Steamboat Springs, career choices, marriages, births of children, marriages, births of grandchildren, marriages, deaths, and retirement have all become blurred. Most of our 1966 teachers have hung up their erasers and gone to the big lounge in the sky. Our personal runways have gotten a little shorter with time, our pilot lights occasionally blow out, our faces may have become our chins, our vocabulary now includes words like pyorrhea, quinsy and jimmy-leg, our chests may have migrated south to become our stomachs, and only a few of us have made The Great Metamucil Migration to Florida, but our minds are still fortified by the historical rigor of a semester with Lickliter, Ricketts, or Wonnberger. Most of us have a truculent and scathing ignorance of our teen years. For me, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be, and my memory is not as sharp as it used to be. Perhaps it is time for some refreshment, some clarity, or a little perspective! The appeal to return, maybe for the final time, is compelling for some of us. For others, the interest in returning is vague and uncertain. I would make the claim to those fellows that your next trip back to the ol' school will not be tedious or dull. No matter your historical attendance at reunions, this one is a must-see. If you are curious and believe in examination, I guarantee that your emotions will begin to simmer as you turn onto Lone Pine Road. Your first stroll on the grounds or in the hallways will spark recollections;

some indelible and crisp, some wincingly painful, some farcical and preposterous, some brimming with significance. I attended the class of '65's big reunion in June. I was looking for hints about making our reunion successful. I even quizzed Matt Freidemann, '65, about "The Jar." Those fellows were many and mighty generous. Our 40th was spectacular, and we need some new faces at the 50th so reserve the weekend of June 10-12, 2016. Please watch your email accounts as the fall unfolds for details and encouragements.

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Janet Doolittle Brodesser's, '66, son, James, and baby, Anna

Clearly, the women of 1966 aren't letting retirement mean idleness. We have another published author in the class. **JANET DOOLITTLE BRODESSER** last year published and illustrated a children's book, *Haulin*. She recreates a story she heard years ago from Maine friends, who as young boys learned to fish off the Maine coast. At the end of the book, Janet also illustrated and explained the gear that is needed for such an adventure. For any girl or boy who loves being on the ocean, this book is a beautiful inspiration. Besides sharing the news that her book had gone into a second printing, Janet wrote, "I am fully retired but have no plans to let my nursing license lapse. People ask me when I'm coming back to work, or 'Where are you working?' and I feel really bad that I have to say I am not. But I spent last spring finishing the book and

painting images for note cards, in order to sign them at the Maine Maritime Museum at the Lobster Festival this summer. Then I stayed a few weeks to do my turn at Five Islands so mother, 94, and Aunt Helen, 97, could 'escape their institutions.' I also took a lot of reference photos of 'possibilities' to paint from this winter. I have started a series of paintings of the Ledgemere wood and coastline. I guess I'll be one of those 'shore artists' to fill my retirement hours when it rains or snows, and then take them up to the general store as post cards to sell and make a name for myself. Our son, James, who works on ships in Asia, and his wife, Surnam, have had our first grandchild, Anna, in Thailand. All is well. They are beautiful. And our son, Thomas, is engaged to be married to his girlfriend, Nam, next summer in Maine. As everyone lives far away, I am concentrating on shooting my bow with my husband's expert coaching." Several of you wrote to say you were either first-time grandmothers or thoroughly enjoying spending time with your grandchildren.



Howie Ellis, grandson of Kathie McGregor Rogers, '66



Mary Larsen Holmes, '66, family at her daughter's wedding

My annual request for class news caught **KATHIE MCGREGOR ROGERS** just a couple of weeks after she became a grandmother. "My big news at the moment is I'm finally a grandmother! My daughter, Katie, '94, and her husband, Danny, had a little boy, Howard (Howie) McGregor Ellis, on July 10." **MARY LARSEN HOLMES** is also delighting in her grandson's first year, as well as marking major family events. "Tom sold his business of 25 years in August. He has been working two jobs for the past three years negotiating with buyers and doing due diligence only to have the first deal fall through. So we have been on pins and needles until it finally closed. Meanwhile, my older daughter, Sarah, had my first grandchild in October of 2014. I am planning a three-week stay in Brooklyn in October to help celebrate his first birthday. Rex Holmes Villanueva is a doll baby, and stole the show at my younger daughter, Molly's wedding August 1. Molly is finishing a master's in educational psychology at UNL, while her husband completes dental school at Creighton in Omaha. Next summer they return to Honolulu where he was born and raised and has a dental practice he plans to buy." **SUE CHURCH**'s grandchildren are older, but sharing time with them in Michigan made her summer. "This has been my first full year as a Michigan resident, I love being back. I will still travel and spend part of the holidays and winter in Colorado.



Grandsons of Mary Sue Church, '66

We had a spectacular summer on the water. My daughter, Wendy, her husband, Will, and sons, Liam, 15, and Alex, 10, were able to spend two months with me in Glen Arbor. We had a great time on the water, and because it was somewhat warmer this summer, we were able to swim and play in Lake Michigan also!" **ANITA MANHART MCCONNELL** and her husband had a completely different adventure with family. "We had a busy summer traveling to the northeast to trace ancestors and hold DAR grave markings for a few of them. We just returned from a trip to Washington and

Oregon. Our oldest son married again, and Ted was able to officiate at the ceremony. It gave the family a chance to gather, and we finally had all the grandchildren together and celebrated our 46th wedding anniversary! After the wedding, Ted and I took our oldest grandson on a college tour – five universities in four days! Glad we are done with that aspect of life since I am sure I no longer have the energy to do that again. We walked miles on those tours and climbed steps everywhere all day long. At home we are enjoying our new retirement home, but we are still working on the yard, landscaping, and getting gardens established."



Amelia, granddaughter of Cathy Cooper Fox, '66



Daniel, grandson of Cathy Cooper Fox, '66

CATHY COOPER FOX is planning to retire in January and spend some of her newfound time with her grandchildren. "After six years of building ArtsATL (www.artsatl.com), a publication covering the arts in metro Atlanta, from a two-person blog to a newspaper that publishes some 600 stories a year, I am passing the torch to the younger, more energetic generation. The board wants me to remain active, and I plan to go back to writing. But no more fundraising! No more payroll! No more editing! No more responsibilities! In the words of the politicians, I plan to spend more time with my family. My mother, who moved to Atlanta a couple of years ago, turns 90 this fall. My grandchildren, Daniel and Amelia, live in Bethesda, and I want to see them more often. I plan to travel with my husband (or without him if he won't retire). Many of you

have taken this road ahead of me. I hear it's great, and I can't wait to find out." **AMY ZELL ELLSWORTH** is also trying to figure out how to retire while she recuperates from surgery. "The most compelling news of the moment is that I am spending the summer getting a 'body job,' having two full knee replacements sequentially (two months apart) and recovering at home. After many years of abuse (from dance), bad genes (everyone in my family has arthritis in their joints), bad luck (a poor surgery on my left foot), and general hard use; it was time to have the surgeries or face a sedentary future. The decision wasn't difficult to make when it came down to it, but it's been a difficult and painful process to go through. However, I am really grateful that this was possible. By the time we are all together next June, it will be close to the one-year anniversary of the first replacement, and it should all be a dim if painful memory. And I'm looking forward to being able to do yoga, hike, bike and ski again. With luck, pain-free. In the meantime, it's been lovely to experience the summer season from my back porch – watching the birds and other creatures that move through and congregate on the patio and small hillside. And Lee has been an extraordinary caregiver through it all. In addition to that, I am coming to terms with retirement and beginning to find the organizations and projects that I can contribute to and that I think will keep me interested and engaged. And to top off the positive, our children are all living in San Francisco. So we are spending a good deal of time there and enjoying adult relationships with our kids (and one granddaughter). A significant side benefit - we escaped the horrors of Boston's winter of 2015 by remaining out west through the worst of it." Like Cathy and Amy, **CICELY GUENTHER WINTER** is working on how to retire. "I am trying to tie up some major projects with the Institute of Oaxacan Historic Organs (IOHIO or YOYO), because I don't know what will happen once I decide to retire. Unfortunately, there are no candidates around to train to take over...we are about to restore another organ. I'm working on a transcription of Oaxacan folk music for organ and piano and hope to publish it this year. We have our 11th International Organ and Early Music Festival coming up February 18-24, 2016, and maybe some of you would like to sign up. It's fun and attracts a very interesting group, not necessarily all organists (<http://iohio.org.mx/eng/fest2014.htm>) The IOHIO celebrated its 15th anniversary (Quince Años!) on August 25, 2015. Marc is about as close to retirement as I am. Apart from overseeing

occasional excavations, and the lab where his team of helpers work on analyzing a huge backlog of archeological material, he does find time to watch major league baseball games (streamed). Emi, Steffen, Isadora, and Theo are happily settled in South Orange, NJ, and love being close to NYC. Steffen will soon be working with the Columbia School of Architecture. Emi finished her MFA in painting at Bard College (three intensive summers). They spent 5 1/2 years living in Oaxaca but for professional reasons and the children's education, it was time to move on. It took months for me to assimilate their absence, missing especially those surprise visits from our exuberant red-headed grandchildren. At least all our kids are in the U.S. now and we'll hope to see them twice a year, just as our parents did for their Oaxacan grandchildren. Lucas, Kaydee, and Flora, 2+, are still in D.C. He works as a Middle East political analyst, and she is a holistic health coach. Lucas and Ceci speak to Flora in Spanish and she also goes to a Montessori bilingual school. Katie finished a MS in historic preservation at U. Penn and spent the summer in India as an ICOMOS (International Council for Monuments and Sites) intern. She will work at the Getty Institute in L.A. next year and is especially interested in landscape preservation. Ceci finished her MEd in early childhood education and Virginia state certification. She is teaching 4-5 year olds in the D.C. Bilingual school system this year and is part of the Spanish faculty. She spends a lot of time with Lucas's family." A couple of classmates have been enjoying traveling. **MARTHA ALLING D'ALESSANDRO** is working on her website but found time to visit Chile. "We are still in Sao Paulo, but closing out this chapter of our lives and heading back to the US the end of this year. I thought I would be relaxing a bit more at this point in my life, but we are launching a new version of our website, Gem Junky, on September 1, so I am up to my eyebrows learning about social media and blogging. What happened to my jewelry creating time?! Peter and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary in Santiago, Chile. I'd never been there and hated to leave South America without a visit. It was lovely, safe, friendly, easy to get around, did I mention safe? We rented a car to drive out to a few vineyards and to the coast, great trip. We aren't driving back and forth so much to Rio. I think we did that on average once a month last year. This year Peter flies alone, or we either fly together, or we drive if we take the bike. My scoliosis has progressed enough so that biking is a trial for me. The drive is

beautiful, but one never knows if it will take six hours or ten. When I'm not working on Gem Junky I'm quilting and knitting scarves that go to our military personnel. Alex, 34, married a year ago to Ashley and lives in Minneapolis. Chris, 32, is still single and loves Los Angeles. All three are blessings in our lives." Martha added that she and Peter are planning on resettling in Raleigh in 2016. Traveling is still **STEPHANIE GUETHING GIERING**'s favorite activity. "You caught me between trips. I am living a life I never dreamed possible, and I am extremely grateful! Scott and I are remodeling his family's farmhouse built in 1783, located in western Massachusetts. We have been up and down the east coast and the Caribbean, participating in sailing regattas as race committee or when the opportunity arises, Scott races (and wins). In May, we had a lovely three weeks in Europe. My suitcases always seem to be in motion. As my mom died in November of last year, this new freedom to 'pack up and go' has been wonderful. Mom and I used to travel frequently, and I am sure she approves. Hattie and I spoke a few days ago. We are planning a reunion with one of our childhood playmates and hope to include our 50th in our itinerary. I am looking forward to catching up with everyone." **SHERIDAN**

STRICKLAND has turned her focus to a very ambitious goal this year. "One of my resolutions for this year was to read all Pulitzer fiction winners, starting with 2014 and working backwards. Once the 2015 winner was named, I read it and have to say it is one of the best. *All the Light We Cannot See* is a stunner, if you are looking for a wonderful story. I am now at *The Caine Mutiny* (1952 winner). There have been some not-so-good ones along the way, but in general a worthwhile resolution. Can we all make a resolution for 2016 to go to reunion? There is nothing like sharing the ups and downs of the last 50 years with classmates who knew me when...please try to be there." Reading was also part of **MELINDA FITZGERALD BAUMAN**'s summer

experience. "The summer has flown by much too quickly. Nothing new or exciting for me to report. I have spent a good deal of the summer at our family cottage near Traverse City, MI, kayaking, reading, and fishing - the idyllic life of a retiree! My 'job' now is taking care of my mother, who at 95 years old is in an assisted living facility, and all her affairs, be it personal or financial. It is a blessing that I still have my mother to tell me what to do and how to do it! So, that's about my life in a nutshell. Other than a few minor issues as we age, I am happy and healthy, and hope you

are, too." It is with great sadness that I share **CHRIS FRIZELL CLOUGH**'s message. "I have just finished reading Joan Didion's, *The Year of Magical Thinking*. It describes much of the last couple of years of my life. Two years ago, my husband, Tom, was diagnosed with inoperable, stage 4 lung cancer. He was given six months to a year, and I lost him on June 18, 2013, six months after diagnosis. Losing this uber fit, strong, athlete was crushing. We had just returned from hiking in the Colca Canyon and Lake Titicaca in Peru at 10,000-12,000 feet and had had no physical problems. We could not believe the diagnosis. But 25 years before, Tom had a chest x-ray, and was told that his lungs showed asbestos scarring. Being young, active and healthy, we totally ignored it. After his diagnosis, we had a good six months together. He had an initial round of a clinical trial of chemo and had a 25% shrinkage of his tumor, great hope! We took road trips with our dogs to Santa Barbara, Carmel, and Mendocino. We went back east to see our good friend's daughter's college graduation, and visit the grandkids in New York, and watch Christopher pitch in Little League. When we returned in May, Tom's PET scan showed that the tumors were growing. Since we had to cancel our next out-of-country adventure, we decided to take a fly fishing trip. We packed the dogs in the car and headed to a beautiful spot in Montana, The Resort At Paws Up. Although weakened by the cancer and chemo, we were able to fly fish, hike, horseback ride, river raft, and ATV. On the last night of our trip Tom passed away in his sleep. He suffered very little. He was not in a hospital tied to tubes and was active until the end. It was very peaceful, and we were in a magnificent place. A single person is now missing from my life, and the whole world is empty, but Tom's spirit lives with me daily. I loved Tom, and lived happily and joyously with him for 30 years. He was everything I had ever dreamed of, and we were lovers and partners in this game of life. I am adjusting to my new reality. I often think of Garth Brook's song, 'The Dance', 'I sure could have missed this pain, but I would have had to miss the dance.' AND what a dance it was! I hope all is well with everyone. I do hope to make the reunion." A year of retirement has gone by quickly. When I was working in government relations, another woman and I started a coalition called "The 302(b)s." for former congressional staffers who worked on the house and senate appropriations committees. I send daily, sometimes six times a day, newsletters to our 250+ members who lobby appropriations issues. I also monitor and report on

congressional hearings and arrange group meetings for the "bees" with appropriations committee legislators. I have cut back teaching swimming to just one day a week for several reasons; the bees were taking more of my time, the kids are walking germ bags that seemed to stick to me (three nasty head colds in eight months) and the stress was too much. The 2- and 3-year-olds go under water in an instant. You can never take your eyes off of them, which is easier said than done when you are trying to keep four toddlers afloat at the same time. My Saturday classes are toddler-free. I have also trained both of my 4-year-old golden retrievers to be registered therapy dogs. They visit elementary school reading classes, college "de-stress" sessions, and shut-ins. I am very grateful for some sage advice **JANET DOOLITTLE BRODESSER** gave me years ago on how to interact with the elderly. I have also used a book *Conversations with my Mother* to stimulate the memories of the seniors we visit. I have heard some fascinating stories from our elder clients. I look forward to seeing all of you in June for our 50th reunion and sharing our latest news in person.

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As I write these notes it is early September, and my first order of business is to look back almost a year to express how much fun it was last October to see many old friends from the late sixties and early seventies at the dedication of Del Walden Field. Many of Del's (always "Coach" to me) family, friends, and, of course, former students were there to share in the dedication and to reminisce of times in years past. The attendees were too numerous to mention, but it was a great turnout and well deserved for Coach. On a less happy note, many of our classmates have expressed sorrow in learning of **FRITZ REITH**'s passing last year. I hope you all saw the notes from last spring with the comments from **PETER HATCH** and **TOM PAYTON**. I'll start with **PETE STRYKER** who wrote in June that he and his wife, Kathi, were sailing in the Dismal Swamp Canal near Elizabeth City, NC. Their destination by the end of the summer was Baltimore. Peter is still teaching ("one more semester") and doing research at Bucknell on diesel emissions and exhaust waste heat use. **JAMIE BURNS** writes that

he and his wife, Chris, annually get together at the Cranbrook reunion with **BRAD HOST** and his wife, Laura. He mentions that “other regulars” include **SCOTT MATTHEWS**, **HUGH MAHLER**, and **BOB STRONG** among others. He adds that they always have fun, and he encourages other classmates to attend. **MAC HINSHAW** and his wife just got back from their first cruise, a trip to Alaska. He said it was well worth it, and they had a great time. Mac continues to volunteer at The Breeding Station for seeing-eye dogs. **JOHN STAFFORD** emailed that he is still running his San Francisco Bay charter boat business. He recently sailed up the Napa River, took their bikes, and toured the wineries. Also this past year he spent a month in Thailand and Cambodia, where the highlight was bicycling amongst the temples of Angkor Wat. John’s daughter, Madeline, recently left for London, where she will work on her graduate degree in arts management at the University of London/Kings College. **BOB LIEBERMAN** reports happily that he finally tied the knot with Janice Weber, his fiancée of seven years. He adds, “so far the multi-tranche honeymoon has covered Brazil, Spain, Italy, Germany, Portugal, and San Diego, with Ann Arbor, Boston, Washington D.C., Adelaide, and Paris yet to come. (Bob, all your classmates wish you and Janice a happy and healthy marriage.) Bob adds, “I also travel as president of SPIE (The International Society for Optics and Photonics), which means as much time in the air as on the ground.” I had a phone conversation with **JOHN “FINGERS” FINGLETON** to bring me up to speed with news from across the “Pond.” Fingers’ love of the sport of cricket keeps him busy as either a spectator or commentator. He just completed nine straight days at various cricket games. He had just recently been appointed president of The Cricketers Club of London, which as Fingers explained, among other things, attending games in “some rather grand surroundings as you might expect me to be involved.” He continues to do “masses of charity/fundraising auctions – 452 to date and has raised nearly \$12 million!” Fingers’ bucket list for our 50th Reunion is to spend some time in Seattle and Vancouver, then train to Calgary and fly to Detroit. **DAVE BARCUS** emailed that he didn’t have much to add this year; only that life is very good in Augusta, GA. Like many others have done, he wanted me to share his best to all of our classmates. While I keep in touch with **HUGH MAHLER** on a regular basis, he did offer the following news that he is volunteering at Forgotten Harvest, a food rescue program that is

part of Feeding America. He does food repacking and agency site visits. Hugh adds, “It is a great experience rescuing five million pounds of food from over 800 different retail and food service locations.” Hugh is also working on the 50th anniversary for HUB to be held on November 14. On the home front, his oldest son, Kevin, is the development director for the Omaha Conservatory of Music, and younger son, Brian, continues his service in the navy as a lieutenant. And from Kewadin, MI, **DOUG MORAN** writes that he and his bride, Rosy, will be celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary in October, “which says something about her patience.” Of note, Doug said he recently visited with an old college friend, Isadore King, and learned he had roomed at Michigan with our classmate, **EDDIE RANDLE**.



Jim Longley, '67, and Connie at his retirement party

JIM LONGLEY has had a transitional year as he reports that he officially retired on July 31, after spending the prior eleven years as the transportation department (“really sole planner,” according to Jim) for the Nisqually Indian Tribe. Jim adds, “This means I can spend more time, and certainly more relaxed time, taking care of my veggie garden, assorted flowers, and two highly prolific pear trees. And, of course, more time with my sweetie of five years, Connie Baker.” Jim adds, “He has spent the last 42 years in Washington State, all but three in Olympia proper.” As part of Jim’s retirement he was honored with two Pendleton blankets, one from the tribe and one from the statewide tribal-planners organization, where he served as president, vice president, and board member for the past ten years. Jim continued, “When you are wrapped in a Pendleton blanket in Indian Country, it is one of the highest honors of respect. I was humbled to no end by these two blanket wrappings, and other acts of recognition, including putting the announcement of

my retirement on the front page of the tribe’s newsletter.” Congratulations on your retirement, Jim. Lastly, as for your humble correspondent I am in my fourth year as Board President of our local library here in Barnstable Village on Cape Cod. We boast the oldest building in the country used for a library (built originally as a home and place of worship in 1644). The last of the Lowrie kids, son, Andrew, is getting married this fall, so we will have a mini family reunion with siblings coming from Seattle, Denver, and the Boston area, and other family members and friends from around the country. And finally, we have our 50th in less than two years. Please put it on your calendar (June 2017), as there is a group of classmates already in the planning stages. And if you are in contact with classmates who haven’t stayed in touch with the school (thus no contact information), please have them write me, and I’ll be sure to include them in future issues of *Tradition*, or if they like, just on my mailing list. My best to everyone.

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JIM BROOKS: Linda and I are very busy, pedal to the metal. What’s retirement? We continue to run Couples weekend workshops nationally and internationally, and Shadow Work workshops (personal growth) as well. My wife, Linda, has started a new profession (at 65??) becoming a divorce busting coach (a la Michelle Weiner Davis); she is working with couples on the brink of divorce from all over the world (by phone). Needless to say, she’s a bit stressed out right now, as she is still on the (steep) learning curve. I continue to practice psychiatry and classical five element acupuncture (along with my daughter, Sarah, who is also trained in this acupuncture system). Sarah just got back from a Mongolian horseback riding/camping trip, one of those life-changing experiences. My youngest daughter, Molly, moved from Kansas City to NYC and works as a Montessori teacher next to the U.N., so she interacts with lots of interesting, diverse kids and their families. Alexis, my “middle” daughter, also in NYC, is freelancing in the fashion industry. She gets to hob-nob with the stars (but when she finds out what they’re REALLY like it ain’t so glamorous after all!). My youngest, Simon, is a punk

musician in Minneapolis, writing, composing, recording, and performing his own music, with a day job in a restaurant for survival purposes. He is getting married in August, how is that possible? I've put a stop order on hockey (rink too far away and other bad excuses) in favor of tennis, which has become my new passion. That doesn't mean I'll ever get a game off **DEARTH** or **ROBINSON** though. But I am addicted nonetheless and find myself flying to tournaments like the U.S. Open and Indian Wells, so I can see Serena, Federer, and Djoker up close. Maybe I'll learn something from them? It seems like life just gets more and more fun, and on some level I feel like I'm getting younger and younger, but my elbows, knees, back, ankles, and other body parts beg to differ. I miss those Cranny years, and somehow our summer trip to Europe seems like yesterday, ya know what I mean, Dick and Jeff? I hope to see you at the 50th!" **JOHN CLEMENT**: "Cranbrook '68 seems to have real connectivity. My youngest daughter, Sarah, lives in San Francisco and recently joined the Golden Gate Yacht Club (around the corner from the St. Francis Yacht Club). Bing mentions Juicero as the nespresso of cold pressed juice, and our company came very close to selling them their complete juice line. We did sell lines to Starbucks, Suja, Pepsico, and Hain for cold pressed juice. It is good stuff. Try it sometime if you haven't already. I sold my company to a larger firm in Toledo ten years ago, but recently thought about putting together a deal to buy it back. So I emailed **CHARLIE CRAIG**, the guru of private equity, and he called me back in less than ten minutes to discuss. I had a great phone conversation with him. I am still in Toledo, married, and have four grown daughters. The oldest, Elizabeth, is a high school teacher; Emily is helping us get an online business started; Katherine works for the Lucas County Metro Parks in Toledo; and Sarah is in San Francisco and works for Accenture. This summer we bareboat chartered a 40ft sailboat on the Canadian side of Lake Superior and spent two weeks exploring the north coast of Superior in Canada and Isle Royale. What a great time! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zApXUlFeos> We spend as much time as possible at our second home on Lake Superior in Grand Marais in the U.P. If you are ever in the area, please let us know; we have plenty of room. As a final note, my father, class of '34, turned 100 this year. One other member of his class is still alive and doing well in the Pittsburgh area. Believe it or not some of his masters were Schultz, Ricketts, Wonnberger, and Wertz. Look for

his class notes in the upcoming *Tradition*." **ARTHUR ENSROTH**: "I write this from my mother's condo in Bloomfield Hills, just across Woodward from the Cranbrook main entrance. I've been here for several days to host her 90th birthday party at Birmingham Community House and visit with extended family. Walking daily on campus; Quad and Memory Garden look good, but Alumni Courtyard needs work. Just returned from sailing our family Lightning on Cass Lake and heading out for Great Lakes fish dinner. Stuff we don't do in Massachusetts. Watched local TV last night and saw Brad Host, '67, protesting Birmingham zoning. Cranbrook boy in the news. Back to Boston tomorrow but will return. 47 years on (and beyond)!" **BING GORDON**: "Overdue update, made easy by Word and timely by email. Stream. We just returned from two weeks of surfing in Sumba, Indonesia, with wife, Debra, and daughters, Chloe and Allegra. I boogie board due to bad knee. The ladies rip right past me in double overhead waves, but I take better crashes. Speaking of daughters, Chloe, 26, is starting her fifth year at *Saturday Night Live*, where she books the hosts and music acts. Allegra, 23, is a product manager at Eventbrite, the event ticketing/management company in San Francisco. Two Yale grads, both of whom proved that girls are more dedicated students than boys, at least in our family. My brother, Andy, '70, lives nearby in Mill Valley and has been married to Debra's sister, Linda, for over 30 years. Met at our engagement party, and hooked up at our wedding. Now that's how to leverage a Cranbrook education. Haven't been to Michigan in many years. Deeply embedded in northern California, with a second home in Sun Valley, ID. Helped found Electronic Arts, the video games company, in 1982. Helped make videogames cool for girls with the Sims and Farmville. Nothing beats doing work that your family likes. Still playing video games as a daily habit, which is either an upgrade or downgrade from doing daily NYT crossword puzzles. You be the judge. On two public company boards, Amazon and Zynga. **MICHAEL KINSLEY**'s wife, Patty Stonesifer, is a longtime and revered Amazon director, so I have been able to see Mike from time to time, although less frequently since they moved to D.C. He is still always the best wordsmith and raconteur in any room. Partner at venture capital firm Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, where I am 'chief product officer.' Wild and fascinating times in technology; it is a daily 'holy shit, this is cool' experience. Some cool projects (forgive the buzzwords): Coursera, leading 'MOOC' with 10 million learners: designing and

launching its equivalent of online college majors, called 'Specializations.' Livongo, new 'connected' glucometer for diabetics: designing the connected app. Tradesy, the 'ebay of luxury fashion' brand bible, TV commercial and user experience. Amazon: redesigning the Kindle reading experience; a new video channel; games. Zynga: Farmville event system, Words with Friends Co-op mode. Duolingo, the language learning app: Stories feature. Mango Health, the prescription drug adherence app: gamification. Tan Tan, the "Tinder of China": relationship scores and gamification. Juicero, the new 'nespresso of cold pressed juice:' user experience, go to market strategy. GraphIQ, the 'Getty Images of Data Visualization' journalist experience. Farmers Business Network, the NSA of farming: user experience, farm productivity rating. Betterworks, the new SAS platform for enterprise goal creation and sharing: goal loop redesign. Oculeve, the drugless solution for dry eye disease: connected app experience. Fascinated by the reinvention of education, at all levels; the re-invention of media publishing with increased direct artist to consumer relationships; breakthroughs in Machine Learning and AI; games as the new normal. For all you Michigan football fans, congrats on Jim Harbaugh as new coach. He is a force of nature. I know the athletic director at U-M, Jim Hackett, who cannot believe how dumb the 49ers organization was. Should be fun to watch and I hope Ohio State gets upset regularly." **LOU HEAVENRICH**: "My older son, Coulter, is now a Lt. j.g. in the U.S. Navy, and he got married to Jenna Lindeke on Aug. 8 in Stillwater, MN. After he finishes a couple of classes, he is assigned to a destroyer based in Yokosuka, Japan, starting in October. So he and Jenna will be trying to settle in the Yokohama area for the next two plus years. Sue and I will try to travel and visit there maybe in 2017. Younger son, Toby, now promoted to a director title with Kantor Consulting is planning his wedding with his fiancée, Morgan Bennett, for Aug. 6, 2016. Sue is still busy writing, researching, and maintaining her blogs. I am busier than ever with EMS coverage, as our small ambulance squad is facing declining number of volunteers, as we get fewer folks with time or health to do the job. Plus our one full-time employee and ALS provider has just been assigned a nine month deployment to Afghanistan – difficult as this also takes his wife, another of our EMTs out of service for the duration. We just keep on 'trucking' and do the best we can. Greetings to one and all. If in our neck of the woods (30 min.) south of

Ithaca, NY, and Cornell University) do call and stop by; spend a night and a nice meal, etc." **NED HEAVENRICH:** "My wife and I have been retired for four years now and are trying to travel as much as our budget allows. This past year we spent three weeks in Costa Rica as part of the 50th celebration of the Partners of the Americas, a cultural exchange between Costa Rica and the state of Oregon. The band I am a member of [Brownsmead Flats] performed in eight different locations and had a lovely experience. This coming winter Lulu and I will be traveling to Costa Rica for seven weeks and will be teaching English to rural middle schoolers for four of those weeks. While there we will be living with a Costa Rican family much as an exchange student would. We plan on traveling to Nicaragua for a couple weeks as well. Our son, Otis, and his wife, Bree, live a half hour from us south of Astoria, OR. They have a girl, Sahalie, and a boy, Solomon, who are 6 and 3 respectively. We do childcare several days a week for them, which has been a very rich experience. Our daughter, Eliza, and husband, Loren, just moved from Hood River, OR, to Whitefish, MT, about 12 hours away by car. We drive over there every two to three months to visit for a long weekend. Lulu and I figure that our jobs now are to stay as healthy as possible and start off our days with a yoga and Tai Chi practice, then we make sure to walk or ride bikes for an hour during the day. I am playing music with the band, and I also play four or five nights a month as a solo act [guitar/harmonica] in a couple of restaurants in town. We also stay busy working on our 12-acre homestead. We relish our time at home and have adjusted well to not working every day. I hope to make it back for the 50th. Greetings to all, Ned" **CHRIS KJOLHEDE:**

"Certainly more 'rheumatic of shoulder' these days. Nevertheless, Celeste and I continue to work as physicians and enjoy life in Cooperstown, NY. I can't imagine retirement in Florida, what do people do there? Recently attended Celeste's 40th reunion at Vassar; coed bathrooms in the dorms can be an experience! My daughter is launched, a nurse manager in Boston. My son starts his senior year at Union College in Schenectady, NY. We return to Michigan several times a year to visit my 92-year-old mother. Life is good." **BILL KURFESS:** "Commercial real estate is still going strong in the Bay area. Lots of capital coming in from China in addition to the many domestic sources. We had a nice vacation at our cottage in Saugatuck, MI, with our son, his wife, three daughters, and our daughter. I had a nice trip earlier this year to the Missouri

River in Montana with my two brothers; we caught lots of beautiful rainbow and brown trout! We are suffering through a drought that I know is getting major network coverage across the country. Why even the president of the United States is attributing it to climate change! Maybe Mr. Obama believes the propaganda that is being used to brainwash our children. If the EPA says it's so...it must be true. I would love to have today's Cranbrook students read the attached piece and do a Bob Steele report on it! What is fact versus what is opinion? (*Newsweek* versus *U.S. News and World Report*.) The invitation is always open. If you come to Northern California, please call us. If all goes well, we will have water this winter, if not, 'climate change' (global warming) will start to get even more traction. The last drought we had lasted seven years; the recent geologic record has us suffering through several 100-year droughts in California. Heaven forbid we should get a 'naturally caused' drought, particularly if it is an adjunct to Obama's man made one. If you can't tell, I am not a fan of the political leadership in Washington, nor California. Unfortunately, Mitt Romney's costly quip was 100% right-on, only his 43% is probably closer to 45%. Doesn't leave much room for opportunity, great room for error. Looks like Greece, sounds like Greece...quack quack. Where is an Eisenhower when we need him?" **RALPH R. MARGULIS :** "Always good to hear from classmates. Over the years I have read *Tradition* and spoken with many of you to learn of all of the wonderful adventures of our classmates and their children. Now it's my turn. I live within a stone's throw of Cranbrook with my wife, Susan, and our two children, Alayna and Aryn, who are a senior and junior at Cranbrook Kingswood, respectively. Unlike most of you who have retired, I continue to enjoy practicing law and participating in several businesses, which I have developed over the years. My daughters scoop ice cream at a local ice cream parlor and enjoy sports at school, where they have been three sport varsity letter winners since they were freshmen. They have traveled more extensively in Europe and beyond than Susan and I, but we intend to begin catching up as they move toward college. Our class has always been lauded by our School for being one of the most cohesive and collegial of all of the classes which attended Cranbrook. We continue to enjoy each other's company and to be interested in each other's lives after 47 years from graduation. While I see **JIM NORDLIE, LARRY RAYMOND, RICK BEER, and PETER**

ROBINSON on a fairly regular basis, I hope that we all will make every effort to plan to see each other at Cranbrook as we move toward our 50th Reunion. Best wishes to all."

GUY NEFF: "Our daughter, Courtney, and her husband, Chad, are living in Atlanta with our three grandchildren, daughters, Reagan, 7, and Charley, 5, and son, Mercer, 20 months. Courtney and Chad started in Orlando after they were married and Courtney graduated from law school. She practiced real estate and family law with a local firm for a couple of years, while Chad worked on the audit side with Ernst & Young. They transferred to Nuremberg, Germany for two years, where Chad had an opportunity to work with the Siemens account. While in Germany, they traveled extensively throughout northern Europe, Greece, Italy, and Turkey, including a brief stop in Berlin, where **MIKE SEADLE** showed them around town. They are now back in Atlanta, where Chad continues up the corporate ladder within E&Y. Courtney has temporarily put her law practice on hold, as she raises the kids and is home schooling the girls. (I'll be sure to mention Kim Jones' 'Curriki' website to her). Dawn and I continue in Orlando, in the same house for over 30 years. Dawn had some serious foot surgery two weeks ago, having a large bunion removed and fusing one of the joints on the top of her right foot. Nasty stuff with plates and screws, etc., which will probably set off the airport security alarms. She's non-ambulatory for eight weeks, so 'Nurse Neff' has been at home for the past two weeks, tending to her and working from my home office. Amazing instruments these computers! I suppose that's preparing me for spending more time at home, as it is my current plan to hang up my shingle next year. I started practicing law in Orlando in June 1975, so after 40+ years I figure it's time. I will move to senior partner (retired) status and become one of the 'elder statesmen' of the firm. We are planning a holiday trip beginning in late February and will spend a month traveling around New Zealand, where we have a niece who is a professor in a university near Christchurch. And, I'll get to do one of my 'bucket list' trips, fly fishing from a New Zealand trout lodge. If any are making a trip to Orlando, you're welcome to crash with us – we have a couple of extra bedrooms. Please give us a call if you're in the area, and if you're just passing through, I'd love to have lunch or a coffee. Hope to see many of you in 2018 for our 50th!" **CHRIS RAY:** "My wife, Kim Jones, and I have just returned from a glorious month of cruising (and eating in) the Mediterranean. We were

able to set foot on Corsica, Elba, Malta, and Sardinia just to name the places we'd hadn't been previously. I continue to 'chase racing sailboats' with my camera for the St. Francis Yacht Club here in San Francisco. Kim's nonprofit 'Curriki' that she started with Scott McNealy, '72, continues to flourish in the K-12 web-based Education space, they're over 11 million users worldwide now. After much procrastination and foot-dragging, I finally faced the music and revamped my photo website, www.crayivp.com, with rewarding results. Drop me a line with any comments you may have. Please enjoy it." On the Cranbrook front, **JIM BROOKS** and his lovely South African wife, Linda, paid us a visit earlier this year, and we got a chance to see a bit of Marin County I'd never been to, as well as catching up on old times.

Delightful to return to a thoughtful conversation you were having, (was it really 47 years ago?) as though it were yesterday. This 'reply all' mode makes one wonder what the future of the paper publication is." **MICHAEL SEADLE**: "I turned 65 this summer, and my colleagues surprised me with a Festschrift in my honor that is available for free online (and partly in English). I have three years before compulsory retirement, and I meant to slide slowly into a more relaxed life, but in the spring I allowed myself to be elected as the Chair of the University Council, which is the body that elects our presidents, vice-presidents, and presides over constitutional changes. No rest for me, at least not now. I was at the wedding of my 'doctoral daughter' two weeks ago in Schwäbisch Hall. She is now on a honeymoon in the US. My wife and I have no children, but some doctoral students come close. We have lived in Berlin for nine years now and plan to stay. Most of my relatives are here. We saw Guy's daughter a few years ago and would be delighted to see other classmates (or children of classmates), if you are passing through." **KARL SPORCK**: "All is well at my house here in Suttons Bay, MI. I am retired but still making pots as I feel like it. Potters never really retire. I have two grown children. My son, Leif, lives here in Suttons Bay. He has a tile business, which he has had for about ten years. My daughter lives in Honolulu, where she is the head botanist for the state of Hawaii. No grandchildren yet." **JIM WALKER**: "Still love the life on Lake Michigan near the 45th Parallel and completed (I think) the last consulting gig from my old job. Retirement is great, but we are very busy. My wife serves on three non-profit boards, and co-chairs Blessings in a Backpack, Leelanau County, providing weekend food for 190 children each weekend during the school year. Hard

to believe that many in-need children in Michigan's second wealthiest county. We also grow fruits and vegetables, use our boat on Lake Leelanau, care for two dogs, cook like crazy, and walk along the shore of 'Big Blue.' Soon enough we will have to put the boat and the Challenger Hellcat in the barn for a winter rest. Our 'kids' 35, 33, 31, and 29 are all doing well, and grandchild number seven is due Christmas Eve. When the gales of November come blowing in off the lake, we will be in downtown San Diego for a month of city living, returning back home for the pretty part of winter." **RON FALLOON**: "I'm still working three to four days a week. Donna and I spent three weeks traveling in Russia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and Finland this summer. Surprisingly to us, Moscow and St. Petersburg were like any other European cities. My oldest daughter, Jaymi, lives in Thousand Oaks, CA. She works as a scientist for Amgen and has a MPH, and my son, Aaron, is a photographer in Venice Beach, CA. Aaronfallon.com. He mainly does commercial projects and advertising. Daughter, Danielle, is a junior, at the Viterbi School of Engineering at the University of Southern California. She is a Regents Scholar, majoring in mechanical engineering, with a minor in entrepreneurship. She was a Tamid Fellow, this summer, doing a working internship in Tel Aviv, Israel, in engineering and venture capital. My youngest daughter, Rachel, is a junior in high school, where she is #1 in her class. (*Fortunately, my children don't follow my academic achievement in high school.*) She has an intern/mentorship in biomedical informatics at the National Institutes of Health. If anyone has updated e-mail addresses for the following classmates, please forward to me thanks: **THOMAS BALL, JEFFREY KAMIN, MIKE ALLEN, JOHN HARTMAN, BRENT FINKELMAN, CHRISTOPHER A. WELLS, JOHN ISSITT, III, ALEX HANWAY, JOE MCINTYRE, and ROBERT SNYDER.**

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Many thanks to the wonderful KSC Class of 1968 for your tremendous response to Class Notes! Great to hear from all of you...I especially loved Leslie's comment: "I never thought I would be this happy!" Best wishes to all of you and your families that

you all feel that way. Now for the updates... From the gorgeous West, **JANA DARWALL GOODMAN** reports: "I saw in one of the Crannie Class Notes that Fritz Reith, '67, died. I dated Fritz for quite a while, and he was a super guy, lots of fun, willing to play and look goofy, and one of the most curiously intelligent people I knew at the time. I regret that I can't remember specific subjects, but I do remember that we would talk and discuss for hours, and it was in the wonderful days of Cranbrook/Kingwood mail, just feeling the emotion of not sharing enough with those who are no longer around to hear how much they meant to me." (I bet we all share that emotion!) Jana spends her time in the garden, reading, or hiking in these gorgeous Montana mountains (they live 30 minutes from Glacier National Park)! They are building a small home retreat by the river where her garden is. Semi-retirement suits her and husband, Bill, just great. Keeping the Michigan homestead, **LYNNE CARPENTER** checked in with the following: "All is well. I am fully retired – I think. My mother is 92, still plays the piano, goes to concerts, and exercises daily. I split my time between Harbor Springs and West Bloomfield. Downhill skiing is still a passion." *Your mom is a great role model!* Also in Michigan, **LAURI ELLIAS MURPHY** and Jim say the Ellias/Murphy family is fine. They have a 3-year-old granddaughter, Laura, who is terrific. Jim and Lauri are almost retired and still racing sailboats. They finally won the Huron Mack race this summer! They are planning more travel--last summer they traveled to France and Italy, this year they are going to sail in the BVI in December with friends, then on to Vietnam and Cambodia in February. "Life is good take care and hi to all." Sounds marvelous and congratulations on the Huron Mack! **BARB HAYES THOMAS** let us know that the Thomas family is fine. "We continue to work and are generally enjoying life. Our son is 25 and lives in NYC. He went the accounting route and is happy living in NYC for the time being." Barb hopes to see everyone at our 50th reunion! (50-OMG!) Switching to the East Coast, **MARNIE GREENWOOD** is still retired! She has done some minimal teaching at a new medical school, Quinnipiac University. It has been fun but not enough to draw her back in. One daughter married last spring. She is traveling quite a bit. "We are renting a house right now on the shore in Rhode Island. Life is good." Staying in the northeast, we hear from **MARY GERISCH**: "I am still in Vermont and still doing human rights advocacy here, in D.C., and in Geneva. This summer kept me from traveling. My femur was shattered

during an accident at the barn, and I had to have a cadaver bone and a rod put in. It's been a long summer, but I am finally weight bearing and expect to be walking on my own soon! Love to all, and let me know if you are anywhere near Bennington, VT!" Best wishes for a speedy recovery and take care of yourself! Heading to the other side of the globe, **KAY LOESER FARBER** gave an important update! "Eric and I marked 11 years of living in Istanbul this August. With the current political situation, both in Turkey and around it, we're beginning to look into where we might move next but are hoping to stay here. That said, we spend almost half of each year traveling, something that's easy from this location. We do return to North America every two or three years but never at reunion time." Stay safe, Kay! Heading back to the grand life in NYC, we have fabulous family photos from Lesley and her brood. She writes, "I haven't checked in in a while. Live in NYC, married to Jeffrey Grand. We have three sons, three daughter-in-laws, and seven grandchildren! Retired after close to 30 years as a TV news reporter and now design and sell a line of paint splattered clothing and accessories. www.LelleyNewYork.com Not in my wildest dreams did I ever think I could be this happy! Very grateful to have gone to Kingswood, I now know. Attached is a photo of me with my oldest grandson, Prescott Nickel, and one of Jeff and me with five of our seven grandchildren. Please come see us if you are ever in New York." Lesley, you are radiant and look mah-vel-ous! Keeping up the theme of babies and the next generation, comes this wonderful message and adorable photo from **DEE KNOX DUCKWORTH**:



Dee Knox Duckworth's, '68, son, Keith, and baby, Alden

"Thanks for stepping in! I hope all's well with Jan and family. My husband, Paul, and I are thrilled to welcome our first grandchild! Our son, Keith, and his wife, Luella, welcomed son, Alden, on August 18. As many of you already know (and we are just finding out!) it is an amazing experience to watch your 'child' transform into a parent. Seeing and holding this new life, then watching our son learn to care for his son is nothing short of an everyday miracle. May we all be blessed with such joy!" Dee-so true, so true!



Stephanie, daughter of Shelly Stern Gratch, '68, with her boyfriend



Leslie Scott Grand, '68

From the Pacific Northwest, **BETH BARTTER** writes: "I love retirement. My partner, Patricia, and I live in Portland, OR. My son is a medical assistant in Seattle.

I've taken up pickleball recently, and I'm hooked." Ok, you got me...what is pickleball? Our very sincere wishes go out to Jim and **JAN DECKER BURGGRAAF** for a speedy recovery, and getting back to normal as quickly as possible. "Jim just had unexpected quadruple bypass surgery, total shock as we went in thinking he was having an outpatient procedure. In addition, I broke my wrist and had surgery in July. It took three plates and accompanying hardware to put me back together." We are sending you our thoughts and prayers. As for the **STERN GRATCH** family, I'm with Lesley! It's a wonderful life, and we are so, so lucky! Mark's health care consulting is doing fine, and I just moved to a brand new role at Microsoft-managing civic engagement and economic development for Chicago-working with the mayor's office and community groups. I love it and feel incredibly blessed to be doing this kind of important work. Our daughter, Stephanie, just finished her master's in physiology at Georgetown and started medical school at the University of Illinois. Here she is at her "white coat" ceremony with her boyfriend who is studying to be a neurosurgeon. We are splitting our time between our home in bucolic New Buffalo, MI, (where my garden didn't do so well this year) and our high-rise apartment in Chicago overlooking Lake Michigan. Like many of you, we are spending more time traveling. We will be taking a river cruise from Prague to Budapest this fall to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary and that significant birthday we are all celebrating this coming year!

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As usual our classmates are doing lots of different things. Some of us are still working, more and more are retiring. We like to travel, including to some pretty exotic places. An increasing number of us are grandparents, while some still have younger kids in college. And during the year most of us turn 64, it's clear why Paul McCartney's royalties will never run out. **MIKE GAWNE** and family are planning a trip to Bulgaria in October to meet the family of their new daughter-in-law, who has spent the last ten years at various colleges in New England (Conn College, Cornell, Yale, and MIT), ultimately earning a PhD in molecular biology. Her new husband, young Peter Gawne, has what sounds to

me like a great job at the New England Aquarium in Boston. **DENNY HARRIS** is still a practicing radiologist in San Antonio, but, as can be seen in the attached photos, he does have a hobby. My rule is that I will only submit a photo showing two or more of our classmates, but every rule needs an exception, and when the classmate is doing something like big-time race car driving, I make an exception.



Dennis Harris, '69



Dennis Harris, '69, in his car

BOB LEVENTHAL got married to Carolyn Wolf. A grand wedding was attended by, among others, his three sons, her two daughters and one son, and three classmates, **FRANK BELL**, **MARK NEITHERCUT**, and **ROB NORTHWOOD**. At least Carolyn was duly warned of Bob's old friends before she said "I do." The happy couple will continue to live in New York City. At the other end of the populated environment spectrum, our man in the mountains, **CRAIG TUOHY**, is still enjoying Colorado, living at 8,236 feet above sea level. Craig is also our plant man.



Frank Bell and Bob Leventhal, both '69, dancing at Bob's wedding



(L-R) Rob Northwood, Frank Bell, Bob Leventhal and Mark Neithercut, all '69

He is active in a volunteer group called Wildlands Restoration based in Boulder and Fort Collins, CO, and he has worked on projects like trail development and Tamarisk eradication. **JOHN WINKLEPLECK** has joined the ranks of the retired. He was a banker in Cleveland his entire career, and it wasn't his fault the name of the place kept changing on him, as big banks continuously gobbled up local banks. It was Key Bank he was with at the end of his career.

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Well, it's the virtual end of summer, Labor Day weekend 2015, and I'm finally writing something about Reunion. The 45th is not one of the most celebrated or auspicious reunions, but I think we did something very, very different this time. Besides the "Usual Suspects," a number of people came together, mostly online to begin with, to create an event that would've impressed our younger selves. Of course, we're getting older, and our ranks began thinning even as we graduated from CK. The passing of **JOHN CWIAKALA** sparked something

that I hope will set a precedent for future reunions. We didn't just quietly reminisce with a drink in our hands (though that certainly and pleasantly happened too), we also deliberately set out to put together an event that reflected who we have been, who we are, and gave us a renewed vision of who we're becoming. No, really! Lynne Gawne Hughes, K'70, led the way with an idea and purpose, ultimately setting up a great Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/698015150295784/> "KCS Class of 1970 Bulletin Board." (The real chronicle of the weekend is there, please go visit!) **WAP JOHN** guided, connected, and worked tirelessly to help put together the people, the page, and the ideas we had. Social media became an integral part of not only the event but how we planned it as well as extending our reach to classmates who couldn't be there. **MATT KIMBROUGH**, for example, attended virtually via Facetime. People were texting, taking pictures, sharing on Skype all weekend. But this did not in any way diminish the full-contact nature of being there for Reunion. Camille Majzoub Jayne, K'70, put on a wonderful party on Friday night, and Barb and **JOHN WALLACE**, the after party on Saturday night. Both were warm, comfortable, and welcoming events just right for us. But the core of the weekend was Saturday night in Page Hall Commons. The school graciously allowed us to take the room for the evening and helped us in every way we needed. We gathered after dinner in Page Commons, and, when the time came, sat down while Lynne started us off remembering John in a way that brought us all back to when we were young, seemingly immortal, and mostly unaware of what the world would bring us. **SAM SMALL** spoke about John and his life, and we expanded it to the others of us who have passed on, including **JOHN BREITMEYER**, **GREG CARRAHER**, **MIKE MCMECHAN**, **DON ROSIELLO**, **ROBERT SCHLAIN**, and **MARVIN SMITH**. It appears **JAMES WILLIAMS** has passed, too, but I'm not certain. **DAN PADNOS** and **JOE JACOBS** performed a bit of Cremora, and Joe (who will be ordained as a priest in the Old Catholic church by the time you read this) led us in a powerful ceremony of remembrance and reaffirmation. Finally, we viewed a presentation Lynne had beautifully prepared from materials that seemingly transcended time and space. You can watch it yourself, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5M8tSN8ch6o> or search for "John Cwiakala & a Celebration of Life." Powerful stuff. Then the school closed for the night, and off we went to Barb and John's. In many

ways, this set the bar for our fiftieth and gives me great pride to be one of your classmates. Write me via whatever media you prefer, and I'll see you in 2020 if not sooner.

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Hollis Booth Radin, '70, in Yosemite

I can't tell you how much I enjoy hearing from each and every one of you. I received a lovely email from **SARAH TAYLOR**, our esteemed former scribe. She retired in June from the Bigfork School District after 17 years (not to mention five administrations!) and plans to split her time riding her horses and chasing her five grandchildren around. Sounds like heaven on earth, and it was great to hear her very happy report. **HOLLIS BOOTH RADIN** and her husband, Lon, braved Yosemite at 10,000 plus feet when they stayed at the Vogelsang High Sierra Camp in August. They only had to carry a 20-pound pack (no big deal for them, I would shoot myself) during the 11-mile tour, which included a 2,000 foot elevation gain. How do Hollis and her husband stay in the shape of 20-year olds? They folk dance four nights a week, I love that! She and her husband are both self-employed, so the word retirement doesn't exist in their vocabulary. One more tiny scoop from another fabulous Western Wonder Woman; I heard briefly from our dear friend, **GAIL MCCUE LEAVINES**. She and her husband went off the grid on a 30-day summer adventure, and I didn't get a chance to bug

her for details, but you will hear about it next time. **JACKIE ROWLEY MAYFIELD** and her husband, Milton, continue to love teaching at Texas A&M. They have been working on interesting research geared to leadership communication and presented their findings at a conference in Vancouver last summer. In her spare time she has been teaching herself foreign languages which she finds are a marvelous diversion (I quite agree!). **CATHLEEN COSTELLO** sold her home and moved into an apartment in Chicago. Her talented son, Collin, is a nursing student at the University of Washington in Seattle. Cathleen, **ALLISON LADD, KATI ZELLER BUEHLER**, and family all had a fabulous adventure in Peru. Well, not completely fabulous for Cathleen. During the trek to Machu Picchu, her appendix ruptured so she had to be hospitalized. She told the story with her usual grace and style. I was so bummed to miss the 45th reunion.



Camille Majzoub Jayne, '70, and her gorgeous 93-year-old mother

CAMILLE MAJZOUR JAYNE wrote me a long recap of all the festivities. On Friday evening 65-70 alums came to her home, and once again **BARB FULLER WALLACE** and John opened their home and hearts to everyone Saturday for drinks and sliders. Camille was voted in by all to host the Friday night party for our 50th, and the Wallaces will host Saturday. Camille's husband, Brad, retired so she was hoping to do more traveling. She sent me a great picture with her mom, who just turned 93. Mrs. Majzoub was so great to all us boarders in the '60s. **KITTY DENIO JOSPE** also checked in with raves about the reunion, how amazing it was hanging out with **AARON ROSE**, and what a spectacular job **LYNN GAWNE HUGHES** did getting everyone excited through Facebook. I would love to hear more from everybody. Please send me your news. All the best!

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BRAD LEITHAUSER sent in some good news: "I've been working for a long time on a new novel, whose conclusion I now and then glimpse like some promised landfall, as I thrash around in the choppy water, but then another wave breaks over my head, and I lose sight of it. I don't mean to be melodramatic – I hope I'm being funny – but it has been frustrating to try to see this book to its end." Brad also wrote the introduction for a new book, *John Updike's Selected Poetry*, which will be published later this year. He commutes each week from his home in Amherst, MA, to Baltimore, where he teaches writing classes at Johns Hopkins. He had a couple of lovely weeks in Rome this summer.



Chris Morton, '71, and his grandson, Charlie

Joanne and **CHRIS MORTON** recently moved to upstate New York. The area reminds him of places in Michigan, and fits them "like a glove." Even though they're only 20 minutes from Albany, the air is filled with scents of pine forests and a variety of birds. Living near the border with Massachusetts offers them a chance to spend time in the Berkshires, Cape Cod, and Boston, where grandson, Charlie, lives. Earlier this past summer Lora Morton, '67, Jamie Morton, '83, Chris Wallace Lamarche, '61, Margie Wallace Kell, '62, John Wallace, '70, and a number of other members of the clan interred Chris's eldest brother, Jim Morton, '58, at Christ Church Cranbrook in June. As usual, a number of the Morton gang got to enjoy several extended walks around the Cranbrook grounds. Alas, no illicit late-night swims at Jonah. In recent years Chris has been freelancing as a technical writer but is now full-time with Xerox. He's on a team running documentation control for the state's Medicare program, making sure it's in prime shape when he's able to apply. **STEVE GERISCH** just sent his son

off to college at SMU. He was surprised when his son reported that golf champion Bryson DeChambeau is in his Spanish class and lab. **FRED KNORR** will marry Suzanne Fridely on October 3, first marriage for both of them. Classmates, **STEVE GERISCH, CHRIS MORTON, ROB FOX, BRUCE MCDONALD**, and their spouses will attend. The newlyweds will live in the Point Loma area of San Diego. Fred is also "seriously getting into sailing." The doctors of our class have been busy. Dr. **MICHAEL ZAHN** and his partners have joined with a nearby hospital and some other surgeons to build an ambulatory surgery center near Utica, NY. He's not sure how long he wants to continue working, but he will retain an interest in the center for a time after he retires. To stay in shape he has been doing a lot of cycling, including some 95 mile days with plenty of climbing. Mike's wife, Debby, has been singing and playing the flute many evenings and spends her days renovating a small 1830 farmhouse on their property. She also recently adopted a yearling Fell colt. Their son, Hayden, is starting his junior year at Bard College, where he is majoring in Japanese History and Asian Studies. He spent the entire summer in Japan, focusing on an internship near the epicenter of the 2011 tsunami. Mike lost both his parents in the last 18 months. Dr. **PAUL LACASSE** is president and CEO of Botsford Health Care, which owns Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, MI. Last year Botsford joined with Beaumont Health System and Oakwood Healthcare to form the largest health system in Michigan. The new system has eight hospitals and over 5,000 affiliated physicians. Paul's wife, Annette, continues her dermatology practice in Commerce Township, and she is also the program director for one of the few dermatology residency programs in Michigan, affiliated with Beaumont Hospital. Paul and Annette organize medical missions two or three times a year with medical students and residents. Their destinations are usually Peru, Guatemala, and the Dominican Republic. Their older son, Nicolas, '02, sold his L.A.-based software company to Google last year, and he lives in Redwood City, CA. He works for Google now. Younger son, Matt, '06, finished medical school earlier this year and is now in a psychiatric residency at Western Michigan Univ. in Kalamazoo. Dr. **TOR SHWAYDER** received a call on his birthday in August from his son, Kobey. Calling from Oregon, Kobey sent birthday greetings then added, "Oh, by the way, Mindy (his long-term girlfriend) and I got married yesterday." Tor and his wife, Aimee, are ecstatic. The couple has lived together for years, and Mindy is

brilliant, but at the same time they wish that they could have been there in person to share the joy. Their friends who are in the arduous task of putting on weddings for their children try to cheer them up by telling them, "Just think how much aggravation and money you are avoiding and saving." Dr. **ARMAND ROTHSCHILD**'s son, Daniel, just started a cardiology fellowship at Beaumont Hospital. Daniel and his wife have bought a house in Royal Oak. Armand, now living in Louisville, hopes to visit the couple often and reconnect with the Bloomfield Hills area.



Daughter of Geoff Rawling, '71, Rebecca, '06, and her groom, Rick Skanron

GEOFF RAWLING's daughter, Rebecca, '06, was married June 20 to Rick Skanron. Geoff's new son-in-law is an IT guy. Geoff's son, Capt. A.J. Rawling, is out of the Air Force and at work at a start-up satellite company backed by Paul Allen in Seattle. He adds: "I'm still working at Oppenheimer but not sure why. But I won the golf tournament. Health is good. All is well. I keep telling myself when I wake in the morning and nothing hurts, that's a good day."



(L-R) Pete Forbes, Devin O'Brien, Rachel Forbes, Harry Forbes, '71, in Tokyo

HARRY FORBES was on vacation in Asia in August with his son, Pete, a U.S. Navy pilot, who had been stationed in Japan and was

making a personal return trip. There they met his daughter, Rachel, and her fiancé, Devin O'Brien, who was working on his PhD in Japan. Rachel is a third-year vet student at Purdue. "I hope MANY old Cranes will commit to attend our 45th reunion next year. I'll be there (God willing) and I hope to break bread with many of you." **JEFF GERARD** recently founded Simons Soldiers Foundation. The foundation employs military veterans to train rescue dogs as Emotional Buddy Dogs for vets disabled by PTSD. According to Jeff, the foundation's CEO, the dogs have proven extraordinarily effective helping PTSD vets, yet the V.A. does not fund or even refer dogs for the 500,000 vets suffering from PTSD. Consequently, there are just 2500 dogs trained for the task, and there is a huge demand for more. A pilot program just opened in Tampa, and a national rollout will occur as soon as it can be adequately funded. More information can be found at www.simonssoldiers.org. **DAN KASLE**'s family in New York has increased in number over the last two years. Sons, Eden and Jeremy, were both married, and grandson, Henry, arrived last year. "If I had known grandchildren were this much fun, I would have had them first." Dan enjoyed a summer filled with family, golf, and traveling, including a trip through the canyons of central and southern Utah. You can see some beautiful images of that trip, along with many others on Dan's website: danielkaslephotography.com. "I still spend a lot of my time looking through the lens of a camera and started a website mainly so my mother could see what new work I have. Would love some feedback if anyone is inclined to take a look." **JOHN NEVIN** is also spending time looking through a lens, widening his artistic realm beyond music and dance writing. His photography work can be seen at <http://www.johnnynevin.com>. You can catch his writing at aotpr.com and The Huffington Post. John also shoots forests in the Chicago area. Reminder to all classmates: our 45th is coming up next spring. Any ideas of how to celebrate?

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The sounds of silence have dampened my enthusiasm for penning yet another version of class notes. Yet those who responded to

my postcard pleas made it worthwhile. **AMY BOEBEL**'s note arrived just before deadline and lifted my spirits with words that warrant inclusion in this article. Amy's back in Baltimore to be near her two granddaughters, ages 2 and 6 months, although she still ice climbs with her Chicks with Picks crew back in Ouray, CO. She recently had an essay and photo in the *New York Times*, and I thought it was terrific, so here it is: "When breast cancer came into my life at the age of 49, I was just starting a new relationship, riding in my first mountain bike race, and my youngest was about to graduate from high school. I felt confident in me and finally liked who I was. One morning in the shower, I found a tiny, less-than-a-centimeter lump in my right breast. All of a sudden, I went from being a healthy, strong, vital, unsuspecting innocent to a woman with micrometastasized breast cancer, who was glued to the Internet, learning everything I could about this new part of me. There was a complication every step of my treatment, and I endured a port, surgeries, chemo, infections, injections, and radiation. I was on automatic response, holding onto myself with survival as my primary goal, determined and sure I would get there. The surprises kept coming, and the week I found I had the BRCA2 gene, indicating a continued risk of new cancers, my boyfriend left me. I celebrated my 50th birthday and had my sixth chemo treatment with the prospect of three months of radiation ahead. I was angry, physically depleted and mentally discouraged. At this low point, I was more scared of losing who I thought I was than death. That was also when I realized that having cancer would change me, and that was okay, but it did not have to define me. I had been so scared I might be 'the woman who survived cancer,' that I had lost sight of the person I was becoming. The new me I finally gave into – me 2.0 – has more patience. Without the experience of cancer, I might not have taken the time to be an ice climber, risked being a sculptor, or upended my life to move closer to my granddaughter. It has been 11 years, and although I still get checked every six months, this periodic reminder helps me to stay true to my new enhanced self. Now a traffic jam or a long wait for an appointment feels like an opportunity to just be, breathe, and contemplate. The me 2.0 actually smiles at the honking drivers or impatient customers, happy not to be them, thinking it strange that I had to go through such a scary, difficult experience to come to such a simple, peaceful realization. I just had my every six month checkup last week, and I am still cancer free. My zest for life continues to feed

me, and I am delighted to share time with my granddaughters and family. I was excited to welcome another granddaughter to the world last February, a wonderful reminder about what is really important in life." (The article is also online at <http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/projects/breast-cancer-stories/stories/608>). What Amy writes about her past has become **NANCY NORDLIE**'s present (in 2015). Nancy wrote, "I hit a valley in January. I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Fortunately, it was caught early, so my prognosis is pretty good. I had two surgeries and four months of chemo, and I am now in remission. It was quite a challenge, and I am still struggling to recover energy and strength. If anyone has words of wisdom, good wishes, advice, comfort, experiences, etc. that they want to share, my email address is NLNordlie@juno.com. Other than that, life is pretty much as always. I am gradually resuming many of my former activities: a wee bit of traveling, playing recorder, singing with my women's chorus, attending book groups and meditation groups, supporting elderly parents, etc." Send her a line. Life is never as always.

SHELLEY PADNOS writes from western Michigan, "Have not seen anyone from Kingswood in quite some time but still think very fondly of those days. My spouse (now in all 50 states!), Carol, and I are great. Still living near the Saugatuck/Douglas area and finishing up the building of a new 'down-sized' home. I work at the family firm, PADNOS, but my job now is working on transitioning the company from the 3rd generation to the 4th. With a little bit of luck, I will work myself out of a job in the next two to three years. We continue to travel quite a bit and spend a lot of time in New York City with our twin godchildren who are now 13. Life is good. I would love to see anyone who is travelling through the area. My email is really simple, shelley@padnos.com" Fellow Michigander, **MARGOT GRIFFITHS**

FORSYTH, touched base with this news, "Our oldest daughter, Kristen, was married in Arizona in May. She has married a very terrific guy! They complement each other nicely. **MARTHA MUIR EATON** and Dianne Fishering, '70, were in attendance. They both have watched my girls grow from infants to the amazing young women that they are today. Martha and Dianne continue to be part of my hiking group. We just ventured to Utah for our 17th year of hiking together! It is hard work but also fun, although we don't do as much backpacking as we used to, mostly day hikes. And we are working on our book which should be a fun collaboration. We have had some wild adventures and lots of stories

to share! I hope to be in attendance next June for our 45th reunion! (Are we really that old?!) Hope to see you all there!" **MARIE GOLDSTEIN** sent a shout out from New York City, "Things are pretty much the same here for the most part, other than the fact that I don't recognize the old person staring back at me in the mirror. I am still working a lot (lawyering) at the same place. I am living in Brooklyn and have the great pleasure of seeing **BECCA MARBLE DRESSER** from time to time. I had a great visit with **LINDA HILL** and family when they were visiting New York. Both of my kids have moved back home to save money. I still don't know where all the years went." From Texas comes this news from **LIZ ROSENZWEIG KNUTSON**, "Last time I was at KSC was for our 25th class reunion. I was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, at the time and happened to be home on leave. After living and traveling overseas for 26 years, I finally retired from the Navy and settled in San Antonio, TX, where our two daughters went to high school and received degrees from Texas A & M. Both are living in Dallas, where the oldest is a fashion stylist and also hires models for various designers for Fashion Week (in NYC, Milan, and Paris). Our youngest daughter is the event coordinator for the city of Allen's event center. My husband still works for the government as the sustainment manager for IT for the medical communities within the Department of Defense. I also work with the Department of Defense as a consultant in medical logistics and serve as a project manager and transition planner for initial outfitting and transition projects. In other words, my company will source, procure, install, and relocate equipment, furniture and personnel who work at various military medical, and dental centers, as well as research labs. I hope to retire in three to five years, depending on how much fun I am having with my work. We have bought 13 1/2 acres in a gated community where we plan to build a smaller home in a few years now that it is just the two of us and our two miniature long haired dachshunds." And **LYDIA FIESELLEMAN MOUL**, another Texan, writes, "I am back tutoring my elementary students and working with high school seniors on writing their college essays. I enjoy both part-time ventures enormously and feel that I am making a difference however small. I tend to work with kids who have issues, whether it is ADD, or motivation, or just can't get the hang of math. The public high schools here are not very good at helping students navigate the college application and selection process. Getting the dreaded essay done is a huge relief to parents and student,

and in the course of working with me, the student learns to write better and write for college. A 'two-fer' as it were. While my afternoons are focused on education, my mornings are devoted to playing golf twice a week and keeping daily life on an even path. With only me, husband, Kirk, and three dogs, it is not difficult, but it seems that I must make the weekly trip to the grocery store, throw in a load of laundry every day, and keep up with the dust bunnies. Kirk and I have traveled more this past year and plan to travel further in 2015-2016. We took a road trip to Martha's Vineyard with two dogs. (The trip by car was actually much better than expected, no one pinching, hitting, or whining. No saying, 'Are we there yet?' The two dogs just lay down on the back seat, buckled in with safety harnesses, and slept.) We rented a house on the island and overlapped a week with our daughter, Kristin Moul Driscoll, '02, her husband, Scott, and their two little boys, Ben, 3, and Ryan, 9 months. Being a grandmother is everything I thought it would be, good and bad. Good when you get to see the grandkids, spoil them rotten and undermine their parents' authority. Bad when you can't do any of that—so definitely more trips to Boston are called for. My husband spends his time divided between golf, watching golf, taking care of the other dog, a 78 lb. Doberman, doing volunteer work at church, and being a mentor at a local elementary school for a gifted and talented boy. We will be going to Chicago for my 40th college reunion at Northwestern University, where I have plans to meet up with sorority sisters and girlfriends from my freshman dorm. Another trip planned to visit friends in Hilton Head, and attend the Concours d'Elegance antique car show, and to arrive in Boston for Santa's expected stop. I don't make it to Michigan much since my parents died, but Lisa and I are still joined at the hip and talk weekly or more." **LYNN HANSON** checked in with this: "I am still working one or two days a week at UCSF, and the rest of the time I am retired. I try to get eight to ten hours of hiking in a week, which is easy because my back door leads up Mt. Tamalpais. I am taking painting classes, watercolor and acrylic, and have had fun with collage. Last February **MARGOT SCHLEGEL CROMACK** and I met in Las Vegas as a gateway to Death Valley, where we vowed to hike a national park a year, now that we have our senior pass! It was so great to reminisce 40 years back. I leave in a few weeks for Peru where I volunteer and train medical students to provide cancer screening to women in remote villages of the

Andes. This time I will stay on to study Spanish. KSC has taught me to be a lifelong learner, and I love having the opportunity to do so now that I have the time." If you have the time, share it with others, either in person or by mail. Mick and I remain in northwestern Michigan for the most part, spending several months each fall in Fort Collins, CO, near where our newlywed son, Zane, and his wife, Meg, work and live outside of Boulder. Second son, Kellen, at University of New Hampshire is now engaged and hopes to join his fiancée in Fort Collins by next year. Yet each summer they all flock back to Lake Michigan as if it were a magnet. There is something in the water here...

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Greetings to Kingswood and Cranbrook classmates as we continue our tradition of common class notes. By the time you read this, it will be less than two years to our 45th reunion, so we better start planning. Who is interested in a party in June 2017? Thank you to the many classmates who are posting to our class Facebook page "Cranbrook Kingswood Class of 1972," especially **ALAN DECLERCK**, who keeps us connected with the athletic exploits and entrepreneurial pursuits of his children, who are current students at Cranbrook.



Jeffry Steele, '72, and Monica

He also keeps up with the golf dominance of **SCOTT MCNEALY**'s college son, Maverick. Thanks also to **ROBERT JONES**, who shared the sad news of the passing of **BOB TAUBMAN**'s philanthropist father, Alfred

Taubman, last April. There was a healthy response to our plea for news for this edition of our class notes. **STEVE HARRIS** writes, "My only news of significance is that this past June, I completed my PhD in modern European history at UC Davis. Almost all of my grad student colleagues were young enough that I could have been their father! I will be teaching world history and European history at San Francisco State starting this fall." (To which we say, congratulations, Dr. Harris!) **JEFFRY STEELE** is in the midst of a positive transition, saying, "You're never too old to start something new. In fact, what I'm learning in my new career as a counselor and as a student in a master's in counseling program is that I must indeed be growing dendrites in my brain. My master's in music was more for personal than vocational fulfillment. When many of my peers will be retiring, I will be transitioning from working with addicts to working with couples and families. If humility is the key to happiness (and it is), I'm getting plenty of opportunities to practice it. Although I'm paid less than when I was a school music teacher, it probably comes out to more per hour, because I no longer do any work off the clock. I'm less stressed, and when I'm not doing homework, my muse is fired up to compose music. I recorded one recent piece on a YouTube video when I was between jobs, and hope to get to another 11 pieces on semester breaks. My shining light, Monica, is pictured with me in this selfie. Wishing you all serenity, Jeffry"



John Maturo, '72, and wife, Heidi

JOHN MATURO is living a well-balanced life between vocation and avocation. "Here is a picture of Heidi and me on the dock in Stonington, CT. We spend the weekends at our floating home, Ashe, a Baltic 39 sailboat. It has been a fabulous summer with trips to Martha's Vineyard and Race Week on Block

Island. I sailed in the J-44 class on Gold Digger and Heidi tended Beau, our nautical golden retriever. I am still working at Yale, but with an eye on retirement. Heidi has become an avid sailor, so we are planning on a seagoing traveling retirement in Europe during the warm months and home to our Long Island cottage during the winter. By the way, Heidi has just finished her third official Yale oil portrait. I will certainly pass and be forgotten, but her name will live on hanging in the colleges and museums at Yale. As always we welcome guests." (John, we won't forget you. John can be reached at john.maturo@gmail.com, the art is at Heidicoutu.com.)



Darryl Dalton, '72

DARRYL DALTON continues to keep busy in Florida. He sent several pictures, including one of him writing his med school dissertation on the campus of Central Florida University, another one of him lobbying the Florida Senate for money to bring more wetland photography safety in Key West, and my personal favorite: "wrestling an alligator in Florida." **ROGER WINKELMAN** moved to California a few years ago and tells us that "living and working here in Santa Barbara is wonderful. I am now teaching professional responsibility at the local law school as a way to give back." **CYNTHIA "MUFFIN" LEONARD** is determined and optimistic in sharing this news: "Having been house and bedridden for the better part of the past ten years, I've finally made my way through multiple surgeries and rehabs, with more ahead. I'll be delaying those as long as possible. Now that I'm finally out of a wheelchair, I have some living to do, although I am hanging onto my Massachusetts home that is near my doctors. I bought my first Hanoverian horse last fall and just closed on a horse property in Texas last week, a month after a dear friend found it for me. Now begins the work and a

long awaited new chapter. My best to y'all, and wishes for each of you that you're out enjoying your 'now or never' in life."



Charlotte, daughter of Cindy Stafford Brannon, '72, in Pippin

CINDY STAFFORD BRANNON and husband, Jim, will be empty nesters for the first time in 26 years "when daughter, Charlotte, 18, heads off to Yale in the fall. It will be strange, but in a good way, I think." Cindy is still working with the homeless in Houston, but takes a break every summer and heads north to the cool shores of Lake Superior in the U.P. for some R&R. **ANNETTE UFNER EWING** is getting excited about becoming a grandmother in early November. At press time, they do not know whether it will be a boy or girl. She writes, "It will be one of life's great surprises. Last November I traveled to India and the Maldives for a month. The trip was amazing, but I found a month a long time to be more or less out of touch with family. I turned 60 the day after I returned, and the following weekend my children threw me a big surprise party with friends and family, some of whom flew a long way to make the surprise even more special. It was a magical evening. In late September I am traveling to Budapest, Prague, Vienna, Berlin, and Geneva. I have never been to any of these cities, so I am looking forward to it. **COLLEEN MAGGOS DASH** and I went to my house in Vermont in August for four days. We had perfect weather, a relaxing visit, and plenty of time to catch up." **BETH EGNER STACY** recently moved to Petoskey "to wrap up her work life in a friendly place." The first month was spent at the Terrace Inn in Bay View, where she could walk to town for lattes, wine, and sunsets. So far, so good! Her email is elizabeth.stacy@firstcb.com. **NANCY MAY** gathered with family and friends to celebrate her mom's 90th birthday party in Southern Carolina. Those of us who know her parents will not be surprised to hear that, at age 90,

they organized almost everything! The apple did not fall far from the tree. Nancy and Richard sold their Florida townhouse in April and bought a house in Tequesta right next to Turtle Creek Club, "where we play golf down there."



Irene Egner, Kate Wysocki, Billy Stacy, '10, Beth Egner Stacy, '72, and Ron Egner



Cindy May, '73, Mrs. May, Nancy May, '72, and husband, Richard



Mike and Sally Christensen Harris, '72, and the Red Dzao

Richard is retiring in December, so he will be there all winter, and I will become a new frequent flyer on JetBlue most weekends. Hoping for a milder winter than last year!" When she wrote, Nancy was headed to Michigan for a jump in fresh water and a visit to her sister, Barb's, store, b.may bags. Congratulations to **JAN LUCAS-GRIMM**'s husband, Tim, whose song *The Lake* is part of the soundtrack of the Robert Redford/ Nick Nolte movie, *Walk in the Woods*, with Jan featured on harmonica! Your Kingswood Class Secretary, **SALLY CHRISTIANSEN HARRIS**, had an adventuresome spring/ summer. In March she and husband, Mike, went to Vietnam and Cambodia (Angkor) on a photography tour. "Forty years after the fall of Saigon, we found the people incredibly welcoming, friendly, and very photographable. A couple of months later we went to Iceland on another photography tour. For two weeks we drove the Ring Road around the country with another amiable group of photographers. What a contrast of cultures! Vietnam was teeming with activity, crowded, and steamy hot. Iceland on the other hand was serene, almost void of crowds and very cold! We were so struck by the difference in the two experiences that we created a photography exhibit called 'Extremes in Culture: From Vietnam to Iceland' that hung at a venue in Greenwich for the month of September. In October I was honored to have my first solo photography show at my alma mater and former work place, Ohio Wesleyan University. It was a thrill to show my photographs in the alumni center where I spent 10 years working in the alumni office. Looking forward to more travel, more photography, and...more exhibitions!" Your Cranbrook Class Secretary, **NICK KOCH**, sends greetings to all. I went to Paris last Valentine's Day with a certain tall blonde, who is changing my life for the better. Be well, stay strong, hit the gym.

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By the time this fall issue of *Tradition* is in your hands, the confetti will have settled on the "KSC '73 IS 60!" Birthday Bash held October 15-19, when members of

the Class of '73 gathered in Bloomfield Hills to celebrate the big "6-0" with the girls who were there when they turned 16. Unexpurgated details and photographic evidence to appear in the spring issue of the magazine. Til then...**ANA PALMERIM**'s "major update is my trip in the fall: Calgary, Denver and, of course, Bloomfield Hills for our Birthday Bash! In Denver I shall be giving a short presentation at the University of Boulder, for the Portuguese literature course regarding my investigation on my grandfather's life, whom I discovered was a poet! Apart from that, all is well on the home front, Tomé (who attended our 40th with me) is now working full time as boom operator for a TV soap opera (ah well...getting paid and gaining experience), and Simão, 31, is getting ready to finish his PhD in fine arts. Not too interesting for general reading when you don't know the guys involved, but thought I'd tell everybody." Ana's American sister, busy **LOIS BRYANT**, showed her computer-aided Jacquard weaving "Hot Mess #2" in ArtPrize this year. ArtPrize is an annual international art exhibit that takes over three square miles of downtown Grand Rapids, MI, each fall. You can see this weaving and more at www.LoisBryantStudio.com. "After some reflection," writes **MELISSA REED**, "I do have a few things worth updating. I launched Reed Advocacy last year, but have not had much time to work on my core mission of Social Security Disability and general patient advocacy. Progress was interrupted by a really fun trip to Australia and New Zealand in February and March of this year. The opposite season aspect is particularly nice! Then I started a short term (3-6 month) stint back at my former employer at 30 hours per week. That should be coming to a close pretty soon, which will allow me more time for the business plus chances to zip up to the St. Paul area to spend time with my twin grandchildren, Emma and Finn, born July 14, 2015, and their big brother, Liam, all of 18-months-old as I write. Well, you can imagine. I am looking forward to a reunion of all of the grandchildren on 9/11, as my daughter and 4-year-old granddaughter, Zaira, fly in to join us in St. Paul. Other than travel, work, and grandchildren, I continue to be interested in fiber, primarily knitting, photography, bookbinding, learning watercolor, etc. I am fortunate that the Madison area has a wealth of opportunities for classes, and it is wonderful to get back to my Kingswood roots in that way!" **BONNIE KORTES** turned in her report: "What I did for my summer vacation. Oh, that's right I don't have summer vacation, I work full time. The company I work for shut down

the Canadian factory, and we are in the process of integrating the manufacturing equipment and products into our Georgia, U.S.A., not Russian, manufacturing site. It has been a very busy summer hiring, training, qualifying, and validating the new systems. We are expanding our plant operations by 150+ associates and doubling volume capacity. Yeah, I'm one of those corporate America types, dedicated to providing safe food supply to our consumers worldwide. So, I had a little time to explore a delightful artist colony in Buford, GA. Who knew such fun and diverse art forms existed in my own backyard? It is called Tannery Artist Colony, where there are 30+ artists displaying their beautiful creations, everything from paintings, sculpture, and ceramics to furniture designs. Of course, I had to purchase a painting: it is a whimsical, colorful cow. Yes, cow, as in bovine, quite cute! When I begin to take life too seriously, I look at the cow, and it makes me smile. My home is filled with eclectic art from various artists worldwide. I have one painting from a Russian artist, titled 'Valerius,' it looks like a cat on acid. Hmmm...whimsical, there is a theme here. Maybe I like whimsical – yeah, that's it. I picked up a watercolor in Savannah of 'The Temple Mickve Israel,' one of the oldest synagogues in the USA. The artist is Xi Guo. Not whimsical, just beautiful, thoughtful, and serene." It was great to receive an official Class Notes submission from **CONNIE WATKINS PASS**, her first update since graduation! "How on earth do I summarize the last 42 years? The quick version is as follows: Graduated Brown University with a ScB in biochemistry, '77, ran a research lab that was part of the Brown Medical School for five years, discovered I did not love it sufficiently to commit to a PhD or MD program. Got married and bought a house, '79, how very traditional of me, he is a native Rhode Islander and fellow Brown graduate, so, of course, I ended up staying in Rhode Island as natives rarely leave. Settled on accounting as a way to make a living and got my master's in accounting in '84, worked first for Deloitte, until they closed the Providence office and commuting to Boston was not an option. I had my first, and only, child, Rachel, in '87. Switched to a regional accounting firm in '89 and then to the controller and eventually CFO position of an academic professional society (1995-2010). Divorced in 2000, but we remained co-parents which went very well. Rachel did her undergraduate work at Clark University and her graduate work at Brown, married in 2011; she and Mike moved (sob, sob) to the Virginia Beach area summer of 2014, job-

related for Mike, and Rachel found a great position. They bought a house this spring and their first child, Zoe Constance, is expected around September 21. (I hope she isn't late – I can deal with Virgos – half my family is Virgo, ha!) I will be there as Rachel's doula for the birth, and I am so honored she asked me to do this. So, those are the major events of my life in a few lines. As a person, I have remained interested in all manner of things: history, geology, archaeology, anthropology, biology, medicine...an educated amateur. My life proceeded in a way that brought out my own nurturing and teaching abilities – training and mentoring new hires was always so enjoyable. And being Rachel's mother has been so very fulfilling. So, I am now basically retired, exploring new interests and activities with my partner. A big hello to all and welcome to the '60s. So far, it has been fabulous!" **SARAH ELLIS JACKSON** "went to San Francisco in June to visit my daughter, Kristi, who teaches English as a second language to a group of young adults maintaining their visas. One of her students has a master's in archeology, so she has some very interesting clients. The rest of my summer has been planning educational events and getting a new roof and gutters on our house and a new family room floor. We are also working on a new front step. I have been actively involved with our state senator campaign: she is an out-standing person and has done a terrific job as our state representative. My son has had a wonderful freshman year. He is in the Society for Aeronautic and Automotive Engineers Club. They designed and made a baja car, and because he had race experience, he got to drive it in the races in Alabama with the one hundred schools involved. He had a great run. This summer he raced at mid-Ohio in his super charged Miata; in another mid-Ohio race, he raced the Cobra (also supercharged) he and his dad built in our garage."



Amanda Read's 5-week-old grandson, Brooks Werner Kobelt

AMANDA READ and her husband welcomed their first grandchild. "Well, it's really Arnold's grandchild, since it is his son, and his son's wife, who had the baby, but I have accepted the step-grandparent position enthusiastically. Little Brooks Werner Kobelt is so darn cute, and when he is not so cute, we just hand him back to his parents-lovin' the check-out-and-return policy that grandparents enjoy! Other news? My oldest, Spenser, graduated from college last May (one down). He is training for and hopes to make the U.S. Olympic team in swimming. When he is not training, he manages to work 40 hours in marketing (social media and promotional events) for a popular young men's clothing company called Chubbies. Spenser's having a blast now, and plans to go to graduate school to pursue his passion for film-making after next year. #2 son, Slater, just began his second year in college. He is also a swimmer, and he does everything else he can possibly he can possibly pack into a day and night. Slater is at Cornell and loves everything, except what seems to be the endless season of winter in Ithaca. He is really into his academia and plans to be a professor of history and comp-lit one day. Big future fun-travel plans include a National Geographic expedition to Antarctica in January 2017 with a group of friends from college. Did I say, 'fun?' I am not sure how I managed to sign us up for this trip, considering that I can't stand the cold and that I get sea-sick just looking at a boat, but I did, so I am hoping that good friends, loads of laughs, and super anti-nausea meds will get me through. Besides which, it's January, so that makes it summer in the southern hemisphere, right? Well, it's one to tick off the bucket list even though it was never even on it! Short term plans include trying to make it to Birmingham/Bloomfield for at least a day of our 60th birthday reunion. I wish that I could be there for the entire time, but we'll be right in the middle of a major work project and to get away for even part of a weekend will be a stretch. Arnold will not be able to make it-he has to go back to Shanghai for a few days that week. I look forward to seeing everyone who can make it." **ELAINE FIELD** very kindly wrote in "to help Madame Secretary! I have really been enjoying a beautiful Pacific North West summer this year, lots of hiking, backpacking, and camping. What a sudden turn when we came back into town last weekend to a horrendous windstorm that knocked out power for four days! This month will be more outdoors and family coming to town (little bro). Last year we went to Lisa's 40th in L.A., and she said she had more fun at our 40th

than her own. We will be back some year! Alas, I can't clone myself to make our 60th Birthday celebration. What a great idea! We celebrated mine mid-August with about 80 people at our house. Anyway, I had already planned a trek to Bhutan in October, and, between that and Bangkok, will be gone for the month. I really will miss so many of you that will be showing up...maybe another reunion?! My best to all." Your class secretary, **LUCY CHASE WILLIAMS**, would like to bring to your attention a fabulous blog called Cranbrook Kitchen Sink: All Cranbook, All the Time. A project of the Cranbrook Center for Collections and Research (and an incredible labor of love), Kitchen Sink is all about highlighting the history and culture of the CEC. Fun and incredibly informative posts explore the objects, photographs, and documents that make up the school's past, bringing to light the important events and forgotten moments of all things Cranbrook. Check it out at cranbrookkitchensink.wordpress.com. I know you'll be hooked! For me personally, sad news of the death in July of the indomitable **DIANE SCRIPPS**, '46, who passed away peacefully at home after a year-long battle with cancer. Born and raised in Detroit, Diane moved to California in 1952, where she made an indelible mark on the Los Angeles community through her tireless efforts in service to animals. In 1962, she and her dear friend, Virginia Haley, founded the nonprofit Pet Orphans of Southern California, beginning by rescuing stray dogs and cats and adopting them out of their homes. For more than 40 years, POSC (www.petorphans.org) has saved the lives of, and found forever homes for, some 25,000 animals. Throughout her long and productive life, Diane remained devoted to Kingswood and the motto, "Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve." Inspiring.

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Greetings, classmates! It was great seeing so many of you at our Forty Years On Reunion this past June! We had a wonderful turnout, a variety of different activities, some were all-Schools events, others just for our class. There was great weather and a lot of fun! And to paraphrase a Billy Crystal SNL character, "we look mahvelous!" You can find additional photos and other

information on our class Facebook page; it is a "members only" page, so if you are not already a member, please contact me, and I will arrange for you to be registered. Thanks again to the Reunion planning committee for all of your hard work; and thanks also to those of you who donated so generously toward our Reunion class gift, which exceeded our goals! All in all, it was a great Reunion...let's do it again, in about five years! (It's not too soon to mark your calendars!) Since so many of us conveyed our news and notes "in person" just a few months ago, there were few items submitted for print this time, so I'll save those for the next issue. Until then...Aim High, and send in your class notes!

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Greetings, classmates. I hope all is well. Labor Day is coming up this weekend. I hope everyone had a great summer. Okay, first up is **RICHARD GARD**. Richard writes in to say that in April he moved from St. Louis to Chicago to become group vice president of Law Bulletin Publishing Co., a position that also makes him the publisher of the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, *Chicago Lawyer* magazine, and several other publications, digital platforms, and related businesses. He and wife, Palmer, are empty-nesting it in Lincoln Park. One of the great perks of the new job, Richard reports, is being a part of a very active Cranbrook alumni chapter. Within the first several weeks of their move, Richard and Palmer went to a well-attended Cranbrook Kingswood social, where they met up with Linda Larisch, K'77, Alumni Director Susan Aikens Post, '78, and Schools Development Director, Susan Strickland Muskovitz, '97, and Upper School Head and event headliner, Charlie Shaw, along with scores of CK Third Coasters. Richard's son, Jay, 25, is in Los Angeles where he works for writer, producer, and show runner John McNamara on projects that include the NBC series *Aquarius*, the forthcoming Bryan Cranston-Helen Mirren movie *Trumbo*, and the upcoming Sci-Fi Channel series *The Magicians*. Richard and Palmer's daughter, Kate, 23, is in her second year teaching third grade at Mitchell Road Elementary School in beautiful Greenville, SC, where her eager students thrill to keep up with her high energy and sly wit. I also

recently heard from **DAVID HOUSE**. He tells me that he's riding high off of some recent news that he can't wait to share. He found out that he was booked for a role in a sci-fi flick called *Out of This World*. "It's only the second gig this year (it's been a bit slow for him), but it's a good two weeks of playing a law enforcement type of person. His other role this year was as a SWAT team captain in a flick with Benjamin Bratt. To quote David, "I loooove the acting biz..." In addition, David's youngest daughter just started as a freshman at the University of New Mexico, and his oldest just started grad school in London, Ontario. Next up is **CURT VANCE**. Curt says he recently accepted a position with Schure Media Group as their senior vice president of business development. He also says he's trying desperately to balance work and family life. He had an amazing summer taking long walks on beautiful trails at their place in Litchfield Hills, CT, but now he's back to the global grind in New York. Wishing everyone great health, laughter and joy. Curt also wanted to add a few words of wisdom... as for words of wisdom...."As we are taught to 'Aim High,' it includes all aspects of our lives (mind, body, spirit). **ROGER SHERR** remains an inspiration for me because he quietly exemplifies and lives by this creed." Curt also says he misses his friends for life, **ROGER SHERR, GARY SCHOLNICK**, and, of course, Cranbrook itself. **ALEX BAXTER** also writes in to say that he finally has something *Tradition* worthy having just published his first book entitled *Emergency Imaging - A practical guide*. He's been an assistant professor of radiology at New York University for the past 11 years and practices emergency radiology primarily at Bellevue Hospital. His book is aimed at helping beginning radiologists and non-radiologist physicians and surgeons develop a familiarity with the imaging appearances of most traumatic and emergency conditions. Okay, now for some long overdue administrative housekeeping. I'm trying to update my contact list, in particular my email list. For those of you who don't get regular email from me throughout the year, it means I don't have your current email address. Please, if you can, send me an email address. (Send it to eebooth@comcast.net) In addition, Cranbrook and I would like to have a snail mail address so you can get all that exciting junk mail from Cranbrook. Many of you are Facebook friends. For those that aren't, you are welcome to connect with me (<https://www.facebook.com/EricBooth59>). I will also add you to our Cranbrook Kingswood '77 group page. That way you can keep up with the class on a daily basis. I hope to hear from

everyone! See you next semester. Until then, CARPE DIEM!

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As my daughter prepares to begin her high school career at Cranbrook Kingswood, memories of our class's special years at Kingswood flood my mind. These were the years that molded me into the woman I became. I can't imagine a campus more beautiful than CEC, teachers more nurturing and knowledgeable, and friendships more fabulous and dear. I am eternally grateful to have had the privilege to attend Kingswood and am confident that my daughter will feel the same way. **LINDA MAST STONE** is in her ninth year as the Upper School librarian at the Kingswood campus. The best parts of the job are the students and the adults, followed by the beauty of Kingswood and the CEC campus. Linda enjoys seeing the children of alums come through, especially those of alums that Linda knew in school. If you know of relatives of alums with whom we went to school, please email Linda (lstone@cranbrook.edu), and she'll connect with them surreptitiously, so that they're not embarrassed by the librarian. **ANNIE LOWERY** can be found on campus from time to time these days. She is very excited to have been asked to join the CK Alumni Board, adding some unique perspectives, having lived such an alternative lifestyle in Alaska and working in Antarctica. Annie has been enjoying her opportunity to reconnect with a number of Kingswood and Cranbrook alums while she is still working in the Detroit area.



Jodi Gordenker DuFresne and Cate Strumbos, both '77

JODI GORDENKER DuFRESNE was fortunate to have had the opportunity to visit our campus this past summer where she saw the *Nick Cave: Here Hear* exhibit at the Cranbrook Art Museum. (Nick Cave graduated from the Cranbrook Academy of Art in 1989.) While in Michigan, Jodi was able to rendezvous with **LISA LEVINE ADLER** and **CATE STRUMBOS**. She and Cate went to the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, where Cate has served on the board since the museum's inception. **AMI JO WALTERS** is also enjoying art. She reports that the antique and auction world is still exciting and that she is "ever-awed, inspired, and intrigued by the sheer beauty or historical importance of the antiques we acquire...treasures abound in the most unlikely places." The fact that she still has springtime flowers to plant in September is a strong indication of how busy and full her life is. **CINDY FRENKEL** spent a good part of her summer reading, writing, visiting a local animal shelter, doing house-things (a passion of hers), and enjoying time with friends. Kingswood friends are still among the women that Cindy loves the most. Cindy traveled to Florida for two weeks to be with her father, whose health is unfortunately declining. Her Kingswood friends will remember his paintings, being tutored by him in math, and enjoying times by the waterfall in their backyard. Cindy continues to teach writing and literature, primarily at Lawrence Tech and OCC. She has poems out or forthcoming in several journals and an essay in a recently released anthology entitled *To Light a Fire*, in which Cindy recounts her years as a Writer-in-Residence with InsideOut Literary Arts Project, when she taught poetry to Highland Park students. **DONNA KATZMAN GREENWALL** and husband, Ephraim, recently celebrated their 21st anniversary by sending their kids away for many weeks. They were able to have a wonderful time knowing that the kids were safe and having their own fun. Donna says that she still finds it difficult to believe that she is fortunate to be able to live in the Bay Area, where they have palm trees, redwoods, mountains to hike, restaurants that are too good, spectacular bridges, and a gorgeous coastline. Sometimes, she has to pinch herself! That being said, after 30 years of California living, she feels that she's a Michigander. When she wants to impress someone, she tells them that she is a Kingswood grad. **JENNIFER NOLTE STEVENS** is also in California and was hit by a car in February when she was walking across the street. Fortunately, she is 80% healed from a broken leg and collarbone with the help of two steel plates. After six weeks

in a wheelchair and PT every day, she is able to do some moderate hiking, biking, and some swimming. Jennifer took her youngest, Alexandra, to the U-M to start her freshman year in September, and followed that with a trip to Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat, Paris, and Venice with her mother. Elder daughter, Suzanna, is a junior at the University of Arizona. Jennifer and husband, Mark, are taking advantage of being empty nesters with an evening cruise on San Francisco Bay.



Mark and Jennifer Nolte Stevens, '77



Claudia Lynn Haluska, '77, and staff

CLAUDIA LYNN-HALUSKA opened her second Allstate agency in Novi last fall. Though she still has her office in Farmington Hills, the office in Novi is her primary location. After 33 years, she still loves what she does (most days)! **BETH JACKSON ANCTIL** and family are doing well. Mike is still with Vanderbilt. Beth is now working with Premier Inc. on their Population Health consulting team, which requires a fair amount of travel. She enjoys helping healthcare organizations navigate major changes at a national level. Daughter, Paige, is in Chattanooga where she attends the

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Rachel graduated last December and is working for Opryland Hotel & Conference Center as a financial analyst for their large events. Son, Sam, started high school this fall. He is on the forensics team, JROTC, and is taking theater. Beth was talking to Sam about finding his way to class and was reminded of her first days at Kingswood and trying to find her way to IQS (Integrated Quantitative Science). **CAROL HIMELHOCH** came to her rescue, and they've been good friends ever since. Carol reports that she and husband, Steve, enjoyed spending time up north in the U.P. this summer. They met me on my virgin trip to Mackinac Island. Yes, you read that correctly. This was my first time visiting Mackinac. What a lovely place. I hope to get back there soon. As I mentioned, my daughter, Charlotte, is a freshman at Cranbrook Kingswood. This past summer she attended Camp Kennedy, an outpost of Tamarack Camps in the U.P. It was quite rustic, but she had a blast and made a lot of new friends. Cameron, her twin, is a freshman at the International Academy. He loves it there. He went to Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp for the third summer to hone his cello skills. He also was in a youth cast of *Arsenic and Old Lace*. It's status quo for the rest of the family. Keep those emails coming! I love to hear from you!

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Hello, Class of 1978! Where on earth did the summer go? Wow! Hope this finds everyone healthy and happy. All is good here on the home front. I just got back from visiting my daughter, Charlotte, and her boyfriend, Ben, in Virginia/DC. I had a happy surprise as I got on the plane and saw **DAVID TROTT** on board. It was an amazing trip. Total bonus to the trip was having lunch with Natalie Ford and **ERIN PORTER**, not once but twice in my five days! It was amazing! They both look incredible. What a blessing. So fun. I started the summer off with going to a local pub with **RICK LOWENSTEIN**, his darling wife, Dana, and **RAY SANTERINI** to hear a live band. Super time was had by all. My house happens to be on Rick and Dana's bike route, so I get to see them often. Love it. **JOHN HORVATH** and his wife, Laura, met up with me at the restaurant Mex this past

Tuesday, for dinner. They are both doing great! **PATTY SMITH MOSS** continues to have a successful dog walking business and was so helpful to me (and Wilson) while I was away. Thank You, Patty! **LAURA WILNER CRAIG** stopped by an estate sale that I was conducting over the summer, always great to see her. She just keeps getting prettier and never ages! What is her secret?! Honestly! Looks like **JOSH BROWN** had a great visit to Michigan this summer, and had a chance to catch up with some of his Cranbrook pals, including **MONTY WICKHAM** and **RICK LOEWENSTEIN**. **SUSAN AIKENS POST** writes, "I got to see **CINDY HEITSCH CORRIGAN** this summer.



Andrew Brown, Josh Brown, '78, Mont Wickham, '78, and Rick Loewenstein, '78

I also met up with **LIZ ROSE** over the summer and had a cup of incredible coffee at her shop, The Roasting Plant. The store has incredible views and location facing Campus Martius downtown. She says she has been enjoying life back in Michigan since she moved from southern California, and she walks her dog on campus often on weekends. At the Cranbrook Schools alumni gathering in New York last February, the class of '78 was represented by **CHRISTINE JONES JUNEAU** and **BEVERLY BROWN RUGGIA**. I am not going to run through a list of greater New York '78ers who were absent, but let's just say I am hopeful that we get more representation going forward. At the Washington, D.C., gathering in spring new district dweller **ERIN PORTER** came out and graciously helped me juggle nametags and more! On that trip I visited Congressman **DAVE TROTT**'s new digs and got to watch him cast his vote at the adjacent House of Representatives. I am hoping that at each one of these future outreach events, there is a mini '78 reunion! Upcoming events are Boston (Nov. 19), Los Angeles (Feb. 23), San Francisco (Feb. 25), and Chicago (April 19). It would be so great to see some familiar faces at any, and all, of these upcoming events. Make sure your email is up to date with the schools so you can get the details, or contact me at spost2@cranbrook.edu.

ran into **JACK INGOLD** at a mother's day brunch this past spring. Jack vowed that he will be present at the next reunion. I had no witnesses, so I had to submit it to this column so we can all hold him to it. I have also run into the older sisters of two of the men of '78. Kim Swirbul, '75, said her brother, Brick, is happily ensconced in Colorado, with no immediate plans to return to Michigan. His daughter, Hailey, is a cross country skier on the U.S. World Junior Championship Team, and his son, Keegan, is a world class competitive cyclist. Kim says she is "working on" her brother on the idea of getting to reunion sometime. Last summer I saw Julie Butus, '74, at reunion, and she said that Keith had a great life in his hometown of Niles, MI. Hey guys, your sisters make it back to campus once in a while – it would be great if you could too! Over the summer I got to see **CHRISTINE JONES JUNEAU** again when she visited northern Michigan in August. On a rainy Sunday, she and **MARTHA JAMES QUAY** and I had a luxuriant four hour brunch while we watched storms move across Little Traverse Bay. One last story I wanted to include was that construction workers pulling apart a math classroom over the summer unearthed an ancient artifact when they pulled down a blackboard. It was **GREG BURNS'** student I.D. from the 1974-75 school year. I would like to know which one of his impish classmates hid it from him there. Any guesses?" Thank you, Susan, for your contribution to *Tradition*, and your incredible work for Cranbrook Schools Alumni! Well, Cheers to you all! Please send me some fun news for the next edition of *Tradition*. All the Best.



Ben, Charlotte Wren, and Sue Ann Harrison Schredder, '78

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Allan Murphy, '79, Bill James, '51, Jane Mehrer James, '53, Anne Murphy '79, Dottie Murphy and Mary Murphy Plowman '81

Hello, class of K'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. First and foremost, you are all probably aware of the tragic death of **PENNY ROSEBROUGH DARCEY**'S son, Conner, June 12, 2015. His life has been celebrated in so many wonderful ways, but a loss of a child is never forgotten. Penny and her family have been so appreciative of the outpouring of support, and they appreciate all of the notes and the lovely flowers sent by Cranbrook. They have spent two months at their cottage on Lake Michigan and are just taking things one day at a time. **EDIE INGOLD LOVE** wants to share that she attended the funeral for Conner in Wellesley, MA, and it was an amazing tribute to a star Penn State lacrosse player, a wonderful friend to all, and a loving son to Penny and Bill. Hundreds turned out to honor Connor and the Darcey family. He had a magnetic and engaging personality; he lit up any room he entered. He will be forever missed but never forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with Penny, her husband, Bill, and their two sons, Will and Ted. Also, **JACKIE GHIRLA** was involved in an accident over the summer that left her unable to work for several weeks. In Jackie's words, "Hey all! As you may or may not know, I was in a motorbike accident in June. Despite the initial traumatic injuries I received, (mostly to my upper body and head), I have recovered quite well and quickly. At this writing I am 90% Jackie again (maybe a little too thin, but we are working on that at the gym!), however, the financial and emotional stress from the crash and subsequent medical bills were a bit overwhelming, to say the least. But it's getting better. (Silver Linings, you know!) Not the least of which has been the outpouring of financial support, prayers, and connection with my Cranbrook-Kingswood family. WOW! I can NEVER tell each and

every one of YOU, who have reached out, just how humbled and blessed I am to have you in my corner when I need you most. As I have moved through this life, it has not been lost on me that my 10-year CK experience has been a cornerstone of strength in so, so many ways...may you all be so blessed! I must say also that there are quite a few of us who, in my estimation, have endured far more challenging life changing moments, and they deserve at LEAST as much prayer, support and hugs as you have given to me. **JAYNE (JANIE) SACHS** poignantly documented her battle with breast cancer this past year on Facebook. If you were not aware, she is a most talented songwriter, check out her music! Betsy Newman Tull, '80, and her husband, Gary, were in a horrific motorcycle accident September 2013, and she is still struggling today to recapture her total health. Please remember these folks and more. We were all bright lights back then... and we STILL ARE and that is why we are all still here to remember and be there for one another...even if it's a kind word on Facebook or a short phone call to see how someone is doing. Special thank you to **MARJIE BILYEU GELL** who helped my brother get my GoFundMe set up and a few other things as well. I had dinner visit with my old mate, **FITZ JELLIFFE** when she was in town for a nurses' conference in September 2014...love you, Fitz! I 'groupied' around to two Fleetwood Mac shows on their world tour this past year...awesome, especially the Tampa show. My pet sitting and pet care business, Jackie's Ark, continues to thrive after 15 years...I promise I will try to get health coverage this year." **MARJIE BILYEU GELL** writes that she and Dan Gell, '78, continue to enjoy life in Grand Rapids. Their daughter, Caroline, is a junior in high school and starting to look at colleges. Marjie wishes that she was looking forward to an empty nest. She is happily finishing her term as chair of the taxation section of the State Bar of Michigan, and still teaching tax law at Western Michigan University Cooley Law School. **HILARY (LIL) ISBISTER WHITEHALL** says this summer she went to Chicago to see Julie Singer Chernoff, '80, then onto Bloomfield Hills and Cranbrook, where she saw Nina Studebaker Machus, (Madrigals), Phoebe and Sid Goldstein, her host "mummy and daddy" during her exchange years at Kingswood, and Arlyce Seibert, Director of Cranbrook Schools. Hilary then traveled to Boston to see her host sister, Carolyn Goldstein Haber, '80. Hilary loved seeing everyone. She and her husband were proud to attend the Red Carpet premiere in London of her son, Jack Whitehall's, first

movie, which he wrote and starred in, that just opened there this summer. **REBECCA (BECKY) TAGETT MARTIN** writes that her only son, Raoul, graduated from U-M in May 2015. His dad came from France, and it was nice to be all three of them together again. Raoul just started the biophysics PhD program at UC Berkeley. Becky is working on her PhD in bioinformatics at Wayne State, and she wishes to finish by next year. She doesn't want her son to finish before her. Becky bought an old house in Detroit, biking distance from campus, and is fixing it up. She is benefitting from Detroit incentives and got a chunk of land too! She attended the reunion last year and loved seeing everyone again. She is happy to be back in the U.S.A. (Becky lived in France for 16 years). **LAURIE BERGER BOUNDS** reports it has been quite a year so far for her, as she has changed jobs from working in the business office at her family's country clubs to working at her family's real estate office. She has enjoyed this change, because it has been challenging, and she has learned quite a bit, and her commute has been cut in half. She has enjoyed the extra thirty minutes in the morning; she welcomes a little additional sanity. Laurie's daughter, Megan, '11, graduated from Northwestern University in June, spent a month in Europe, and moved in August 2015 to San Francisco. Laurie and her husband, Matt, will be on a cruise in the Mediterranean in early October. They are looking forward to sightseeing in Europe, Barcelona, Marseilles, Florence, Rome, Venice, etc. Happy travels to Laurie and Matt.



Jenny Jelliffe, '79, and her boys

JENNY (FITZ) JELLIFFE happily reports that her boys are now 13 and 16 and doing great. They took an amazing trip for two weeks in a red Westfalia VW campervan from Portland, OR, all the way to Yellowstone for four nights, then Crater Lake and the Oregon coast. They spent time with cousins in Bend. They also spent a week on Cape Cod (check out all of her pics on her Facebook page). They had a wonderful summer, and Fitz says hello to all of us.

MARIANNE CHELOVICH QUOYESER shares that she has lived in Houston the last 19 years. She started her own college consulting business three years ago and business has been great. Her oldest son, Alex, recently graduated from Brown and took a real estate job in L.A. Her youngest son, Oliver, is a junior at Texas A&M. She and her husband, Joe, have been empty-nesters for a couple of years, which they have enjoyed. Marianne has enjoyed reconnecting with friends on Facebook. She loves seeing classmates and their families. **ANNE NICKELSON HINTCH** reports that Kathy Yaw Lawn, '80, was in town to visit her mom, so **KATIE JESSUP** had a group for dinner. The people in attendance were **SUSE MAST WITKOWSKI**, and **SUE GALANTOWICZ**, **ANNE NICKELSON HINTCH**, **KATIE JESSUP** and Kathy Yaw Lawn, '80. Anne also adds that her daughter, Katie, got married last year she and her husband, Ron, enjoy visiting Katie and her husband in Chicago. Their other daughter, Sarah, is in grad school at Ohio State. Anne and Ron celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a trip to Antigua! **ANNE MURPHY NOLD** sent news that the Murphy families were all in Michigan for their annual family golf weekend, and they ran into Martha James Quay's, '78, parents at Orchard Lake. They all loved "catching up" and having a few good laughs while sharing high school memories. **STACY WHITE MCMAHON** says that 2015 has been a great year for them! Their two sons, Conor and Sean (not twins for those of us who don't know), have graduated from the University of Iowa. Both are happily employed in Chicago at Medix, a staffing and recruiting company. Stacy's husband, John, launched his own professional business coaching company, TractionLeadership, and has six current clients with another six in the works. Stacy has gone back to work part-time as a medical sales rep after a great 21-year "maternity leave." In the meantime, they also purchased a nice piece of property in Carbondale, CO, to build on in the near future. Stacy was happy and lucky to have dinner with two dear friends, **SUZANNE SEICHTER LARIMER** and **JULIE ABEL GRIPPO**, in August in Chicago. She also had drinks with another special friend, **SUZANNE KRIEGER BADE**, in Aspen while skiing in January. She has loved reconnecting with long-time friends. **PATRICIA (TRISH) BERRY** writes that after 10 years of living in the D.C. area, she was presented with the chance to move back to Boston. Her timing was perfect, as she returned just in time to be part of a record breaking winter. Trish is the general manager of Battery Wharf Hotel

which is independent and includes Exhale Spa and 103 Residences. It takes everything that she has done rolled it into one job. She is happy to be back in the hotel world after being away from it for nine years. Trish finally found a house just north of the city and moved in over the Fourth of July weekend. She is happy to be back in New England with friends and family, and also to be able to sneak in a weekend or two of Vermont skiing. **SUZANNE SEICHTER LARIMER** reiterates some shared experiences that she had a great time catching up with **JULIE ABEL GRIPPO** and **STACY WHITE MCMAHON** this summer. Julie was in town for work, and they all had dinner in downtown Chicago. Suzanne also sees **SUZANNE KRIEGER BADE** from time to time, as she lives nearby in the northern suburbs of Chicago.



Stacy White, Suzanne Seichter Larimer and Julie Abel Grippo, all '79

SUZANNE SEICHTER LARIMER works part-time juggling a couple consulting gigs which works for her priority being a mom to 11-year-old Jake. He just started middle school, sixth grade, and, as a lot of kids these days, is filled with school and after school activities. His school built a new campus in the South Loop of Chicago (if you go directly west from Soldier Field, you will hit it), so they are in the process of getting their house ready for sale, to move down there, to be closer, and to just experience a different part of the city. Suzanne's husband's older son, and his wife, live outside Denver, and they just had a baby girl, Anita, born on Suzanne's own son, Jake's, birthday, April 3! So he is her Uncle Jake, and they share a birthday. Suzanne gets to be a grandmother too, which she highly recommends. They all met up in Cabo San Lucas for a family vacation this summer. More family trips to come in the future. Suzanne also proudly announced that her parents just celebrated their 60th anniversary with a renewal of vows. She drove in to surprise them at the church. It was a great celebration. **LAURIE FRANKEL** writes that her daughter, Leia, is starting her 12th year at Cranbrook as

a high school freshman and has Deborah Rutzen for history! Laurie's son, Nathan, is in his 11th year finishing his last year, at the Boys' Middle School. Laurie is truly envious that her children will be lifers, and that she only spent five years at Cranbrook. She serves as secretary on the CKAA board, and really enjoys working with Susan Aikens Post, '78, as a staff person, and getting to know alumni much older and much younger than they are. Laurie has become a biker chick, doing Slow Roll Detroit most Mondays with a group of CK moms, which is a 10- to 12-mile two hour bike ride through various neighborhoods in Detroit with 3000 to 5000 people. **AMY DENIO** shares that she caught up with **ROBERTA (GIGI) COLLINS** and her brother, Chuck Collins, '77, in December 2014 in Traverse City, while visiting her dad, Jock Denio. Amy's dad had developed the flu, which led to pneumonia. He wasn't long for the world, but all three daughters came to his side, and miraculously he revived right away. Nothing like extra oxygen and someone to talk with to revive the spirits. In July Amy returned to Traverse City to play a special trio concert for her dad and his wife, Sue Gibbs. Amy is happy to report that Jock loves music as much as ever. When not in Traverse City, she has enjoyed her first summer without a major multi-city tour in 25 years. She has happily reconnected with the artists and musicians of Seattle. She has been teaching, music directing the *Wizard of Oz*, producing a music project with blind teenagers, and recording up a storm. She is also trained in Reiki (Japanese healing art). Amy is now a proud member of the Seattle Jazz Hall of Fame, and recently discovered that she is included in an international compendium of "100 Top Female Saxophonists." She's getting lots of work as music producer. Check out her Sardinian/Italian sextet [OU ~ oumusic.org](http://oumusic.org). Amy has been shepherding them around the U.S. for the last two years with lots of adventures. She will be touring with them and teaching workshops in Italy and Europe in October and November 2015. She is currently working on her fifth composition commission for choreographer, Pat Graney, "Girl Gods," based on the history of the oppression of women and their rage! It will premiere in Seattle October 2015, be performed in New Jersey in October, and other cities later on. Amy wishes the best to everyone! **CLAUDIA HODARI** writes that she has been living for the past five years in Bariloche, Argentina = Patagonia, with her triplet boys Eli, Jake, and Axel, who are now 19 and graduated from Dante Alighieri High School this past December. Eli and Axel are

working as waiters in New Braunfels, TX, where they are living with their grandparents, and applying to University. Son, Jake, and Claudia's daughter, Isla, 15, are living in Linden, MI, with their father, Jeff, and new wife, Janet. Jake is studying to be a pilot and, to Claudia's chagrin, is already flying solo, YIKES! Isla Belle has started Kingswood as a sophomore boarder (green team) school year 2015/2016, also YIKES! Many '79 classmates have assured Claudia that they will introduce her to other students (female and male) and have offered everything from extending Isla weekend passes, home cooked dinners, dating advice, and what Claudia fears most, "war stories about her mother as a sophomore at Kingswood." Claudia has given up playing polo for the time being, and she is presently living in Isabela, Galapagos, Ecuador, and managing her Hostel Casa Rosada until the end of October 2014. She will then rent it out for the next seven years. Ciao. **HEIDI OLESEN SHURTLEFF** notes that they had a marginal ski season in Steamboat but probably better than most other areas (especially Tahoe!). She also went to New Zealand for a week at the end of January 2014 for one of her best friend's 50th birthday from when Heidi lived there. She hadn't been back in 10 years, and it was great. Heidi's eldest nephew was married in Tiburon in July, which was a lovely affair. Heidi's entire family was with her and her family in Laguna for the 4th of July 2014. Her 7-year old nephews (her brother, Jake's, '85, children, whom she absolutely adores!) decorated Heidi's golf cart. Heidi and her family also spent a summer month at our house in Steamboat. **LISA MICHAELS** moved to Kansas with her youngest son, Tripp, who is attending the prep school Lisa's father went to. Both her older boys have graduated from KU and are there. **BARBARA GIBBONS KOTZEN** lost her mom this year, and her dad has moved from Florida to live with Barbara's family in Boston. **SUZANNE KRIEGER BADE** says that she is disappointed to have missed the last big reunion. She enjoyed seeing the group picture. Suzanne's family spent the last year living in Aspen, CO, where they were building a house. Her husband commuted back and forth to Chicago to his job. They had a wonderful time skiing, hiking, and mountain biking. They are back in Chicago. They have a 14-year-old son, Benjamin, who started high school fall 2015. They live near **SUZANNE SEICHTER LARIMER** and see her regularly. She also saw **STACY WHITE MCMAHON** while in Aspen last winter and met her lovely family. "We had a great together catching up." **SUSE MAST WITKOWSKI** checks in with info

that her son, Ben, has started high school this year at Cranbrook. It was such an impactful experience for Suse. She is thrilled that he will have the opportunity to form his own unique and defining experience there as well.



Mary Jo Burke, Adina Lerner and Suzanne Michaels, all '77

SUZANNE MICHAELS BARBERO updates us that **ADINA LERNER** lives in Los Angeles and was in New York for the week before starting her new librarian job. **MARY JO BURKE, JULIE PINCUS**, and Suzanne still live in Manhattan. Suzanne and her husband, Manuel, have two daughters, Jane, 11, and Laura, 15. Laura is starting her freshman year at LaGuardia High School (the performing arts school portrayed in the movie *Fame*), where she will be specializing in voice. Mary Jo lives downtown on the Lower East Side and Julie and her husband, Hugh, just moved to a downtown loft near the financial district. Suzanne and her family live on the Upper West Side. Mary Jo is studying sustainability management at Columbia University. Suzanne has been back to Michigan often this past year and has seen **ANNABEL COHEN** multiple times. Annabelle has just opened her first pizza place called, Annabel Cohen Cooks Detroit. She is super busy with her pizza place and catering business but always makes time for friends. Lastly, if you are looking for the latest book on Detroit, check out *Canvas Detroit* by **JULIE PINCUS!** Julie just finished designing and co-writing her book about the contemporary art and artists in Detroit. Everyone should own it! As far as things are going in Sonoma, CA, **TINA JOHN GRIPPI** (me) has had a typical year. We are still settling into our "forever" house on two acres. My husband, Chris, has moved the chicken coop multiple times to get it "just right." We also have an archery/shooting range. The next venture is Chris' dream of having a duck pond on the property. I would prefer a pool. Pool or a pond...you know the rest. We actually may have a pool (and a pool house/guest house) built by summer 2016.

I'm not holding my breath, but it is a nice goal. My other long term goal is to have our house as the "go to" house for all ages (sort of like the house I lived in on Pine Lake). I would like to construct a mini golf/putt-putt course around the "duck pond." We already have a large lawn (now dead due to the drought), so why not? All in all, our life is going along pretty well. Our daughters are in fifth and seventh grades. We are doing our best to save for college...and their "therapy fund." I look forward to the book that my seventh grader will eventually write. Thanks again for all of your input. Please note that our "directory" is very out of date. Whenever you receive a postcard from Kingswood Cranbrook to update your info, please do it. Several people are listed as lost. Please let me know if you know of contact info for: **CATHY CELICE, KATHLEEN JONES, ELLEN LETTVIN, SUSAN (DEE) MATSON, LISA MOSS, VICKIE RISSMAN, MARSHA SHANKS, PENNY SMITH-HUYNEN, DIANNE STEPP, NANCY THOMAS** and/or **HILARY SUTCLIFFE**. Thank you for reading.

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A picture is worth a thousand words! Thanks, Ach for hosting a great party again.



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AMY RITTER MURPHY wrote that her husband, Scott, took a job with a new electric vehicle company in California. She is excited, but sad to leave Michigan. They are looking for a home in the Manhattan/Hermosa Beach area. "I believe it will be an adventure, but I'll miss all my Michigan friends. It will be fun to have visitors once we get settled." Amy's daughter, Allie, graduated from Indiana University last May and is now working as an assistant media planner for Havas Worldwide in Chicago. Her son, William, is a sophomore at Indiana,

studying at the Kelley School of Business. **LISA WELSH RITTER** enjoyed the last of her busy summer. After reunion, Lisa and her husband, Bill, along with **BETSY NEWMAN TULL** and her husband, Gary, headed north to Gaylord for golf and relaxation. They met up with **JENNIFER GRIFFITH WHITTALL** and her husband, Ed, and wandered around Mackinac Island for the day.



Lisa Welsh Ritter, Betsy Newman Tull, and Jennifer Griffith Whittall, all '80, and their husbands on Mackinac Island



Kingswood 1980 35th Reunion



Amy Ritter Murphy, '80, and family

NADI WEKILI OVANESSOFF is still in very sunny and dry Southern California. She keeps busy with her store and design work. Her eldest daughter works in event planning with an emphasis on floral design. She spent several months in London taking classes with Judith Blacklock. Nadi's youngest daughter just entered tenth grade. She is still competing in Irish dance and travels many weekends to competitions. Nadi visited with **TINA HALL CHASE GILLMOR** and her daughter, Ella. "It was wonderful seeing her and meeting Ella." Nadi would love to catch up with any classmates passing through San Diego. Everyone enjoyed the company at our 35th Reunion in June. It was a busy weekend for me, **SARAH AIKENS POST**, with our 35th, my daughter, Katie Post's, '05, 10th reunion and my niece, Libby Post, '15, graduation from CK. Thanks again to our classmate, Mike Acheson, C'80, and his wife, Adele, for hosting our class at their beautiful Pine Lake home.

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I can only hope you're all looking forward to our 35th Reunion as much as I am. **BEN CONNELLY, INGO RAUTENBERG, SCOTT STUBBS**, and I are gearing up to put together a great party (and a few ancillary events that should equate to a fun weekend) for everyone who comes to Bloomfield Hills during the weekend of June 10-12, 2016. In other news, earlier this year you may have heard about the passing of Nancy Corkery, the wife of former Cranbrook headmaster, Christopher Corkery. Many of us were honored to have been seventh graders at Cranbrook in 1975 when Mr. Corkery was there. **SANFORD SCHULMAN**, who attended her memorial service in Newport, RI, remembers "spending a great deal of time with Mr. and Mrs. Corkery, as well as their children, Matt, David, Steven, Ann, and my good friend Caleb. Nancy was a fabulous woman, well read, artistic and always insightful. She will always be remembered by me as the first lady of Cranbrook. She brought class and grace to the school and through her I learned tremendous life lessons on humility and modesty." On the other end of the scale, we offer our congratulations to BOO...I mean **MICHAEL HOGAN**, who writes, "Last fall Anna Alioto

and I were married in Honolulu on October 17, 2015 on Waialae Beach. Sixty friends attended and joined in festivities throughout the week, including my mom and dad, sisters, Patti Bandemer, '75, and Kathleen Hogan, '78, with their husbands, Ken and Jim, and all my kids (how times change) with son, Patrick, as my best man, daughters, Megan and Laurel, as bridesmaids and grandson, Hunter, who walked Anna down the aisle. We then honeymooned in Maui and had a reception in Woodside, CA. This spring my daughter, Laura Hogan, was married in Santa Clara, CA, on March 14 to Mark Souza. The whole family was there, including all four of her grandparents, her parents, her brother and sister, and her aunts and uncles. Last month I finally took Anna to visit northern Michigan, to visit all the old haunts, and see several Cranbrook grads, and eat way too much whitefish; this month we cruised to Alaska and ate way too much crab." I'm hoping to catch up with Boo the next time he passes through L.A.



Peter Schappach and Maria Petrucci, both '81, enjoying the pausa pranzo in Rome



Peter Schappach and Tim Kelley, both '81, in Stuttgart, Germany

I also heard from **PETER SCHAPPACH**. He and his wife, Mindi, recently travelled to Europe to visit Mindi's son, Chris, who has been studying abroad at Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen located in Baden-Württemberg, Germany.



Tim Kelley, '81, with wife, Katinka, and sons, Bennett and Brian

While there they were able to visit **TIM KELLEY**, his wife, Katinka, and their sons, Bennett and Brian, in nearby Degerloch, outside of Stuttgart. Tim is the director of the International School Stuttgart, and he led Peter and his family on a guided tour of the many things to see and do in the city during their visit, including a trip to the Mercedes-Benz Museum and dining on local specialties at the Gasthaus near Tim's home. Prior to arriving in Germany, Peter and Mindi first travelled to Italy, where they dawdled in Lazio, Tuscany and Liguria. They were able to meet up with Maria Petrucci, K'81, for a day in Rome, where she introduced them to several Roman traditions (including *aperitivo!*). Since Maria has lived half her life in Italy (as the training manager for McArthur Glen Designer Outlets throughout southern Europe), she was able to provide Peter and Mindi a private tour of several "hidden" attractions known only to denizens of Rome and not frequented by travelers. Peter and Mindi both agree that "Connecting with old Cranbrook-Kingswood friends in new places was a very special part of our travels." As for **TIM KELLEY**, I caught him as he was headed off to the Greek Islands. He writes, "It's been an interesting year. I spent a lot of time with the governor and the economic minister of my state in Germany fighting for international education. And we won, which meant more subsidy money for my school. But all the lobbying kept me away from school a great deal. Not enough to prevent me from getting back to my love of theatre, where I directed a production of *Hair* which was 'groovy.' I was also elected president of the Association of German International

Schools, which is a nice affirmation from my peers regarding the quality of my work." He continues, "My wife had the hardest year though. She is one of the managers of communication with the Lufthansa pilots who spent a lot of time striking, which was very difficult for the company. She also is a team leader for one of the emergency response teams and was, therefore, working directly with the families of the GermanWings crash, joining them at the crash site and visiting the school where the entire class was lost. Tough as it was, Lufthansa has handled it extremely well, and I am very proud of her significant contribution to the situation." He also writes, "The boys continue to flourish. Bennett, the oldest, is playing U.S. football for one of the stronger teams in the area and proudly wears his Tom Brady shirt! (We are not believers in this entire conspiracy. It is an outrageous example of the power of the accusers.) Brian, my youngest, is the captain of his soccer team and the entire family enjoyed meeting Peter when they visited with us. It was a special 'Buffoon' moment, and I think we should reunite and perform right in the center of this beautiful city!" That would be fantastic, Tim, my vocal range isn't quite what it used to be, but I'm always up for a challenge. In another part of the world, **DANIEL BERGMAN** and his family have moved. "We ended up leaving Seattle last August and are back on the East Coast. My family is now living in Maplewood, NJ, where my son will be a sophomore at Columbia High School. I'm working as head of visual and performing arts at Dwight School, a K-12 independent IB school in NYC. I get back to Michigan about once or twice a year. When there, I always make a point of spending time with Susan Guindi-Bright, K'81, and her family, she's as funny, smart, and wonderful as ever!" Speaking of the always effervescent Sue Guindi, **BEN CONNELLY** wrote that he was returning from a six college tour with his daughter, Emma. "This trip we saw Washington University at St. Louis, the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, Oberlin College, and U-M. She is a very strong student, so she is definitely looking at schools I never could have gotten into. It has been a great time spent with her, and she has learned so much about what she wanted and hopes for in a college experience. Along the way, we saw Sue Guindi-Bright, K'81, at U-M. Sue was very warm, and it felt great to have someone to 'know' at one of the schools she was considering. Apparently, Sue is quite the hub of Class of 81- the night before she met with us she had visited with Daniel Bergman. She passed a message

along from **DAVE MONKS** as well. It was great to introduce Ann Arbor to my daughter, who had never really seen a real college town. This summer my daughter has been learning to drive and taking ACT and SAT tests. She and I have had some great 'life' conversations, as she deals with thinking about her next life in college and beyond. My son, now 14, is taller than I am. Alex starts high school at our local public school in the fall and was cast in the fall musical there. He is an avid gamer, a good actor, a decent musician, and has been studying Japanese with such success that his teacher thinks he must be a Japanese person reincarnated. He got a chance to go to Japan this summer, and I think he now sees a new possible path for himself. My wife, Tracy, and I are very surprised and puzzled how we got two such smart kids, but it has been fun. We are just starting to think about where we might move next after Alex moves along to college. Tracy continues to work at U.S. Bank, and I work on contract basis for large corporations in IT. Thanks for keeping us corresponding."



Standing, from left, Javair Saulsberry, '81, Greg Brown, '83, Richard Reid, '81, Anthony Smith, '81, seated from left, Mark Jones, '81, Coach Robert Rogers and Charlie Cook, '81

Back in Detroit, **CHARLIE COOK** and some of the old track team got together for dinner in Southfield earlier this year with **JAVAIR SAULSBERRY**, Greg Brown, '83, **RICHARD REID**, **ANTHONY SMITH**, **MARK JONES** and Coach Robert Rogers. You'll find their picture below. **INGO RAUTENBERG** has been developing his photography business. Recently he had dinner at D'Amato's in Royal Oak with **TRUG CHAPPELL**, **DAVID ANTONELLI**, and **STEVE GREENBERG** (who is now living in Atlanta). And, last but not least, **RON DENBROEDER** met up with **SCOTT STUBBS** and **INGO RAUTENBERG** for the Detroit Auto Show. He writes, "We chilled out at Scott's newly renovated project property: a Hefneresque pad with swimming pools and waterfalls in Bloomfield Hills. Scott

has just gone on from project management to a great job with a German manufacturing firm. Sandy Doerge, everyone's favorite German instructor, would be proud." Ron is still working with Volvo in Philadelphia and teaching at the School of Communications at Temple University. He said he'll take a very, very small amount of credit for the fact that his eldest daughter, Lena, got into Barnard college this fall, where she will be pursuing a degree in molecular biology. As for me, my son, Sammy, leaves my nest empty. Michele and I are celebrating our 25th anniversary this year. Sammy is now attending Loyola University in Maryland to play Division 1 lacrosse for Coach Toomey and the Greyhounds. Our older son, Jay, just turned 23. After graduating from Cornell, he has been working at Morgan Stanley in Manhattan. Michele and I are hoping to fly out from Beverly Hills to see a bunch of Sammy's games this year...and also catch dinner in Manhattan with Jay, so, if you're in those areas, please let me know. It would be great to see you. Workwise, I'm writing several movies right now, but they're all either animated or effects driven, so you won't be able to see them until next year. I'll keep you posted on the Facebook page, "Cranbrook / Kingswood 81." In the meantime, I'd appreciate any help you could give with the 35th Reunion. We'll need help tracking people down and getting the word out. If it's anything like the 30th, we're all in for a truly good time. This one will be especially fun because, as **RON DENBROEDER** reminded me, we're all spending a lot of our time worrying about our gray hair. "My wife says I look distinguished," Ron says, "But we all know that only old people can be distinguished; there's no such thing as a 25-year-old distinguished Professor. Yikes!" Yes, we all look like our dads now, Ron. Embrace it! See you all soon! GO CRANES!

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I hope that everybody has had a good summer. For the most part it has been great weather here in the Boston area, and we deserve it, with the 110 inches of snow that fell last winter, it just kept falling and falling! Even my husband, who grew up in Buffalo, claimed it was the worst he'd ever seen! All is good here I started working full time this summer at Derby Academy (Pre-K to 8th grade) as our annual

fund director where I have worked for the past seven years in a part-time capacity. Our daughter, Merrick, is beginning her junior year of high school at Tabor Academy in Marion, MA. Eliza begins her freshman year at Thayer Academy in Braintree, MA. College touring has started. In a little over a month, I am very excited to be attending the wedding of **SONIA AJLUNI PASTORE**'s daughter, Leila, '10, to Joseph McClure. Joseph's mom, Cate Stevens McClure, also attended Kingwood as part of the class of 1976. Leila graduates from U-M Law December 2016. Sonia writes "I am still on the board of trustees at Eton Academy as we are just finishing phase one of our Capital Campaign and the building addition will be complete this October. It is a busy time as I am planning grand openings as we are increasing the student body by one third." **KIM WHITE ROLINA** writes: "I started a very part-time (contingent) position as an occupational therapist at St. Joes in Chelsea after finishing my master's in OT at nearby EMU. I was the mom of all of the students in the class. Quite challenging program, as was the certification exam! My son, Andre, is in his second year in college in San Diego, and his California mom, **MARCY SZARAMA**, had him come to her house for Thanksgiving last November (the first time he has met her!). He is studying international business and Spanish, as being fluent in French is not quite sufficient for IB, and he likes to play the stock market and rugby. I doubt he'll be back in Michigan, as he spent his last summer working in San Diego and previous three summers in the south of France. My daughter, Isabelle, is starting 11th grade in Ann Arbor and is in a health and medicine program. She is spending a lot of her spare summer time studying for the SAT, AP Chemistry, AP English, and the health and medicine program as they all are giving her multiple assignments throughout the summer! She is keeping me running around (hence the contingent status of my new job) driving her to tennis matches and instruction." **NANCY HEITSCH BLOSE** writes "I celebrated my birthday this year with a glider plane ride. Then this summer visited my daughter, Kelly Blose Jubb, '07, in Seattle. I finally published my book, *Behind the Curtain*, and then attended wheelchair camp with my sister, Cindy, '98, where I took my first zip line ride!" **HEIDI BLEEKERHERMAN** writes: "We have relocated to Charleston SC, which we love. I am still practicing law, working remotely as my office is in Chicago. I have been doing it this way for about 10 years, and it works great. Our oldest, Mickey, is starting law school at Wake Forest University later this month (he graduated from there a year ago with his undergrad degree). Our daughter,

Rachael, will be a senior at Wake Forest, and she just returned from studying abroad in Dunedin, New Zealand. We all visited her there, and had a great time and would love to go back. She wants to work in Colorado for a while after she graduates, so if anyone has a job for her, let me know...My husband, Bob, still owns a company in Illinois, so he is commuting back and forth, which he loves since he is a private pilot, bought a plane, and can come and go on his own schedule. Maybe he will sell it someday! All of us are healthy and happy." From **KRISTEN MOLONEY**

FARMER: "I'm living in Metamora with my husband and 12-year-old son, Michael. My daughter, Alex, and her husband, Reid, had a baby boy four months ago, so I'm a very happy grandma! My other daughter, Samantha, is a stylist in Troy, and my stepson just started his freshman year at Eastern. I'm still doing professional photography and have some pretty exciting projects coming up, which will bring me back to Birmingham! Can't wait!"

DANA GETTEL BEATTY writes: "My only fun updates are about my sons...my oldest is getting married to his Albion College sweetheart November 2016. My middle son is a U.S. Marine Corp corporal, he's a marine (Special Forces) stationed in Okinawa. He just got married to his Albion College sweetheart in April as well. My youngest is going to be a sophomore in high school this fall...he's bringing up the rear! No updates on others in the area...but all is good in Michigan!" From

JACKIE ROBERTS ROBIN: "Here's a quick update from the Robin Family. Oldest son, Andrew, graduated from University of Utah with a graphic design major and just started a job in Salt Lake. Middle son, Micah, is traveling in Europe for a few months before starting school at Colorado College in January. Youngest son, Howie, is a sophomore in high school and is spending the fall semester on a program in Israel. We are temporary empty nesters so will do some traveling ourselves in the fall. Then it is back to Big Sky and our time consuming grocery/deli business, The Hungry Moose Market and Deli <http://hungrymoose.com>. If anyone is heading to Big Sky, MT, this winter, stop in and say hello. Oh, and if anyone has great kids looking for employment in a beautiful ski and summer resort town in the wild west, get in touch!" That's all the news for this edition of *Tradition*. **Don't forget that next June 10-12 will be our 35th! Reunion!**

More info to come.

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Hello classmates, A couple notes from some classmates on the move this time around.

MARK MUELLER writes: "Figured my days of being an 'International Man of Mystery' were long over, but scored an assignment to the U.S. Embassy here in London and moved across the pond last year with the family. I am a science and technology liaison officer supporting the U.S. Department of Defense. My work is principally with the Ministry of Defense, and my office is down in Whitehall vice Grosvenor Square. I walk past #10 Downing every day and listen to Big Ben arriving and departing work. My daughter walks to her 'proper' British international school every day (in full uniform) crossing at Abbey Road, the significance of which will only dawn on her as she gets older I'm afraid! We are wasting no time on this assignment and traveling around the UK and Europe at every opportunity. Had a chance recently to visit Helsinki briefly, so I had to make a pilgrimage to the central rail station and was struck by how much elements reminded me of Saarinen's work at Cranbrook; it was a pleasantly familiar place. Any classmates stopping in London, please drop me a line and share a pint!"



Mike Moran, '84, and family in Chile

And the ever faithful **MIKE MORAN**: "All is well here. Here's the scoop from your South American bureau: I have just moved with my wife, Liz, and kids, Jay, Charlie, and Maya down to Santiago, Chile, for a year. This is not a work-related situation, except that Liz has been teaching in the same English department for 26 years, and this will refresh her perspective and prevent burnout (and if anybody you know needs any design work down here, have them look me up, as I left all my contacts 5,000 miles in the rearview mirror). We timed this so we will return in time for our oldest son to

start high school, but in the meanwhile, we have the kids in the local school, which is a stretch for them, but they seem to be doing more swimming than sinking. They have been in Spanish immersion programs in our schools in Evanston, but Chilean Spanish is notoriously difficult, described to me by a Chilean as 'mouthful-of-marbles Spanish.' As for me, French comes to the surface when the foreign language section of my brain is activated, but that's not working so well, so I'm looking into some lessons, if or maybe I'll just try an actual mouthful of marbles. Just clearing out of our house for a year has been a great exercise in seeing what you really need to get by, and it's NOT a houseful of stuff. We came to the longest, skinniest country for a number of reasons, including volcanoes, skiing in August, penguins, rainforests, Easter Island, and- looking back- we've never met a Chilean we didn't like. We've already been shown some incredible Latin American hospitality that may take a few generations to pay back. Our kids sometimes think they have it rough in their cushy lives, and it was time for a change!" As for me, I've had missions to Madagascar and Malawi in the past few months and heading to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, in the coming month for the next one, followed by one in Central Ecuador. I was hoping to hear from a couple "lost" classmates." I'll keep on trying. All the best.

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I hope everyone had a wonderful spring and summer, and that those of you who were able to attend the annual reunion events in June had a marvelous time. I know I enjoyed our 30 year reunion last June (2014) immensely. Ladies, what do I have to do to get you all to send me your news? I know more is going on in your lives than what you are telling me. When there is very little news from all of you, I have already resorted to both going on *ad nauseum* about my own life and also just simply inventing news about some of you. I am out of ideas, but am quite willing to explore bribery, coercion, and blackmail, if you all don't go to your keyboard, or device, or whatever and just bang out a few lines about what is going on in your lives. If some of you do not start responding, you may one day read about yourself and your experiences moving to Cuba to become

a beekeeper, or how you nailed the MRS. ARKANSAS Pageant by singing the Canadian National Anthem in Klingon. THIS IS MY EMAIL: lizburrowschapin@aol.com. Like my face, it shows my age. If some of you are feeling a little...mature...and you want to just TEXT me your tidbits, like the kids do, THT WD B AWESM, LOL, YKWIM? Like TTLY, W EVER, these are my digits: 503 957 0669. I heard from **KELLI SPANGLER SHAHEEN**: "Tim and I are enjoying the empty nest...feels weird, but we are adjusting. Berk is working in HR and will be 24 in October, and we just moved Spence into Albion College for his freshman year. We still live in Rochester, MI, and I continue to practice clinical psychology. Tim and I just celebrated our 25th. We continue to enjoy our cottage and honestly lead a pleasantly boring life...LOL."

ELLEN KOMAROMY GRATCH writes: "I am working part-time as a licensed veterinary technician. Burned out of working at the big teaching hospitals (just because we can prolong a life, doesn't mean we should, for crying out loud, we're not human medicine!!) and now happily working at an amazing animal shelter (Capital Area Humane Society in Lansing, MI). I spend a lot of my work day reading ear cytology, fecal flotation and helping out getting the dogs/cats/rabbits spayed and neutered, plus lots of other medical care. My kids, Gabriel, 6, and Louis, 4, are in first grade and preschool. They are much smarter than I ever was or will be. My husband, Andras, is doing amazing work as a veterinary ophthalmologist at MSU. We have three dogs, three cats, one fish, two horses, and always lots of foster pups and kittens. And don't forget to spay or neuter your pet, don't forget to adopt, don't shop, and don't forget that a 'doodle' dog, or a 'puggle,' or a 'chug' is a mutt that people pay a ton of money for, and so don't be a fool, just get a mutt! I'm going to **PAM LINDSTROM** **GRAND**'s 3-year-old son, Charles', birthday party over the weekend, so that's very exciting!" **JULIE COLLINGE GUTZMER** wrote to say that she has nothing exciting to add, but that her beautiful daughters are doing well and enjoying the summer. Holly is 9, Claire is 7, Lyla is 2. **COLEEN STRETTEN** (still alive, LOL) and living in Los Angeles and is a teen librarian in South Central L.A. **CATHERINE "CACKIE" BOOMER** writes: "So, I am amicably and peacefully divorced since December, a conscious uncoupling, you could call it. I am taking a year off from my life to help manage care for my aging parents. Planning to jump back into coaching college tennis fall 2016...somewhere south or east or southeast. Eloise is a junior at K College and an all-around awesome kid. I

am basically content with my life." As for myself I am knee deep in the 'tween' years with my Spencer who just turned 11. He has now forsaken playing all other sports for tennis, deciding sometime last year that he wanted to take up the sport. He has been doing only that all summer long. Cackie, if you ever decide to coach tennis in the Pacific Northwest, I might have a gig for you. Currently the minivan I drive around in is full of two ball hoppers full of about 9,000 tennis balls, so I am also, of course, living the dream. Spencer is still completely obsessed with watching (and talking endlessly about) every other sport and dreams of becoming a sportscaster someday. He is just starting the sixth grade, which is not yet Middle School. Here in Oregon all the kids go to something called "Outdoor School" in sixth grade, and they learn to (I am not sure exactly...). Be Outdoors, I guess. Oregon is quite the "outdoorsy" state, so I surmise this Outdoor School must be a way of indoctrinating them into it early. I am guessing the curriculum might include a class called Hipster 101, in which they learn to adorn themselves with Tyrolean stocking caps, overalls, and a sense of irony, and learn the importance of, "Picking the Right Cold Brewed Coffee Place," and "How to Pull Off Overalls and Still Get a Job." At the end of Outdoor School I assume they must write a mini-thesis while soloing in the woods for 24 hours. Spencer is ahead of the game in that he has already picked his topic: "I have a degree in 18th Century French poetry from Reed, but I work at a Kinkos, but I am okay with it." As for me, I am fine, thanks for asking. I quit the PTA after five years in order to concentrate fully on being a Helicopter Parent, and that is going quite well. I am currently forcing him to join the Student Council, and hoping that he will finally learn to tie his shoes by the end of Middle School. My husband, Bill, a luthier and Blues musician, was recently recruited to be in a sort of Hippie Psychedelic band here in Portland. They are playing music by Janis Joplin, Jefferson Airplane, etc. It's quite a "hip groovy trip, baybee," but that's just his bag now, man, and I don't have any hang ups about it. In all seriousness, I see many of you on Facebook regularly. While many of you are brilliantly out changing the world, others are struggling with changes. I see a lot of you facing the life challenges that now face most of us with grace and aplomb. I think it is appropriate to acknowledge as a group my fellow classmates if I may, both at Kingswood, as well as those dapper fellows across the lake. I would like to say here that I see you. I see your "hustle." I see what many of you are going through, and I admire

you. I see many dealing with things like parenthood, special needs children, aging parents, and sometimes even the deaths of siblings. Also, I see many of you having to regroup, and reinvent yourselves after things like divorces, illness, career curveballs, and other traumatic life changes. I see many of you facing these challenges head on with grace, courage, and a determination of spirit that I find simply breathtaking. Perhaps this is not the correct forum, but I would like to say that I admire every single one of you. This institution has produced some of the finest, most courageous people. I could not be more proud to be a member of the Kingswood Cranbrook Class of 1984. I hope that you are all healthy, and living happy, fulfilled lives. I would love to hear from many more of you. Until then, I wish you much peace and love from Oregon.

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LAURA ADDERLY went to the 25th reunion (her first!) and really enjoyed herself. It was wonderful to see everybody. She moved to Houston this summer after 16 years in Topeka, KS, and it's been a little bit of culture shock: There are almost as many brands of tortillas as bread in the grocery store, and nowhere has she seen people as serious about their beer! She misses the summer fireflies and seeing the stars so clearly at night, but she lives in a very up and coming part of the city where there is always something to do. And if you've ever thought of doing something, chances are you can do it; for instance, she is joining an adult kickball league! Her sorority has one of the largest alumni groups in the nation in Houston that has been lots of fun to get involved in. There are really too many options and not enough time! She is adding a yellow lab puppy to her current clan of three dogs and a horse at the end of September, a regular Dr. Doolittle! Nice to get your news, Laura! **FRANCES LEE CARLSON** is living in Ann Arbor (as are a few other CK'90 grads: **SUSAN GUNDERSON MCCREADIE**, Ryan Carne, and David Grand). Her kids are growing up way too fast: Jake is going into seventh grade, Lily into fifth, and Jude into second. They do keep her and Jon busy with their soccer teams and other activities! She has been working at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Detroit for

almost 14 years now. Recently, she moved from the White Collar Crime Unit to the Public Corruption Unit. She also handles the office's criminal civil rights cases (definitely a hot button issue these days). She works with Tare Wigod, C'90, (they are actually working on a case together right now), and they both appear occasionally in front of David Grand, who is a federal magistrate judge. Small CK world! It was so fun to see so many of our classmates at our 25th reunion. As she walked around the campus and saw so many teachers and classmates, she realized how much she LOVED that place and how lucky she is to have spent time with all of the wonderful people there.

MARLA DAVIDSON KARIMIPOUR is always so great about sending updates, and this one is kind of personal, so I'm going to leave it in her words: "Hi Beth! Yes, tell us YOUR good reason for not being at reunion! It was fantastic. We had a great turnout. It was so wonderfully refreshing to see so many people after such a long absence, and it was as if no time had passed. **ALISON SLACK** and **MARIA QUIROGA** both stayed at my house, and we all had a blast. **KIMIA ZANJANI EBELING** came out (I see her often though. Our kids are close in age and are very close friends). It was great to see **LAURA ADDERLEY**. I was very glad that she made it out. I had a wonderful time catching up with **MERRILL ZACK** and **SUZANNE SNIDER**, and the next time I get to NYC I feel another reunion is at hand. **SUSAN LOVELAND LETT** was there, it is always great to see her. And **SUSANNAH BRISKIN** came! Geez, Beth, where WERE you?!? **LISA HO LOWERY** and **MELANIE KATSAKIS FELES** have kids with mine at Brookside, so I see them often, but it's always nice to catch up. **KATIE MISKOWSKI CONTI**, **KELLY SPENCE WANDOFF**, **FRANCES LEE CARLSON**, **SUE GUNDERSON MCCREADIE**, and **JENNIFER GREENBAUME PETRUCELLI** came out too. I didn't get much of a chance to catch up with those ladies, but it was wonderful to see them and get big hugs. It was great fun! I know I'm forgetting people, but seriously. You need to come to 30, for real. As for me, not much is new. I am anxiously waiting the day that school starts back up. Both kids will be full time this year, which means that I will have seven hours to myself every day, which I haven't had in eight years. Not that I'm complaining, but it's time...I have already started preparing canvases for my new, LARGER, painting series. I'm getting back into flowers, and I can't wait." I, for one, can't wait to see your new flower paintings, Marla! See you in five years for sure! **MIMI**

PARK is engaged to Peter Loughlin of New York. Mimi and Peter both live in Atlanta and are planning a summer wedding next year. Mimi and Peter rang in the new year of 2015 with Jennifer Blohm Anderson, '89, and her husband, Kevin. Mimi's daughter, Gina, is now a sophomore in high school and doing very well. She enjoys running and writing. It seems like yesterday we were all back in high school ourselves. Mimi was sorry to miss the reunion this past June but, like me, saw and enjoyed all of the happy familiar faces on Facebook. **ALISON SLACK** left her twin daughters home with their dad and came to the 25 year reunion... It was a BLAST! So great to reconnect with everyone...old friends became new again! She definitely plans on making the 30th. She loves living in the Bay Area and has spent the summer enjoying its beauty and activities including time in Sonoma and camping in Yosemite. She's working in private practice doing Ob/Gyn, which never gets old (although can sometimes get tiring) and still enjoys taking care of women in all phases of life. And, of course, can't get enough of her 4-year-old twin daughters, Katie and Maggie, who are her surprise miracles. They fill her heart to bursting and bring a smile to her face every single day. As for myself, I truly was sad to miss you all at the reunion this summer. I had back-to-back travel plans from mid-June to end of August, for work and pleasure (yoga in New Mexico, work in Minneapolis, cruise with family in Alaska) and a fourth trip on top of all that was way too much being out of town. Alas. I will see you at the 30th! While I was gone for two and a half months of this summer, life in Los Angeles continues to be fun. I've been teaching a lot of Kundalini Yoga, and have some fun film projects coming out soon from production design work this past year. Cheers to our class! Wow! 25 years!

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BRIAN STEWART is living in Birmingham, practicing dermatology. **BRAD DUBIN** is in L.A., married to CK grad, Amy Berlin Dubin, '87, working for a real estate firm called KanDu Capital. **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** is living in Bloomfield Hills with his wife, Melissa, and their two sons, Asher and Adam.



Jon Imerman, Seth Meltzer, Ben Wineman and Brian Stewart, all '94



Jonny Imerman, '94, and Asher and Adam, sons of Seth Meltzer, '94

JEFF HURLBERT, his wife, Sarah Ruth, and two kids are living in Dallas, TX. **KYLE MUELLER** is in Birmingham and married to his wife, Erica, a powerhouse Bikram INSTRUCTOR! **MATT GRACE** lives in B'ham and is doing great, and doing great things for others in need! **CHAD KOHLER** is living in Grand Rapids with his wife, Cynthia, and son, Caleb. **SILAS BOUYER** is serving our country with the Navy and living in San Diego with his wife and kids. Krista Chow Hamlin, K'94, and **MIKE HAMLIN** are happily married and living in Boston. **MARK VANN** is an orthopedic surgeon in Houston. **KEN GORSKI** is in South Carolina and doing great! **STEVE PRUCHER** is living in Birmingham. **AARON COHN** is an ophthalmologist in Philadelphia married with two girls. **ANISH PATEL** is an anesthesiologist and happily married in the D.C. area. **DAVID LIU** is in Seattle. **JAY HACK** is in Detroit and working in investment management and doing great! Sally, '98, and **CHRIS BELL** report exactly this, "Dearest Friends, Sally and I are elated to announce the birth of a son, bundle of joy. A gent named Pierce Alden. He arrived fashionably

late, just before midnight, Thursday, June 25. Despite our strict diet of ice cream and little chocolate donuts, he tipped the scales at 9 lbs, 1oz and is just-under two feet long. Here is his reaction to learning that the milk came in. We were naturally all quite pleased. Pierce is already booking gigs for his world tour, Blonde to the Bone, to introduce him to you. Mom is grand, and baby is usually passed out (due to milk consumption). And all is swell."



Pierce Alden, son of Chris Bell, '94 and Sally Hall Bell, '98

TERRY KALNA reports, "After 14 years at the beach in Florida working in NASCAR, I moved back home to Pittsburgh to work for my childhood team – the Pittsburgh Penguins. (Sorry, Wings fans.) It's a great career move for me, getting to the sport that I grew up with and taking on leadership for all areas of revenue for the Penguins. It's not all that glamorous so far, as I'm by myself living in a hotel. But my family will be up here in less than a month." **BRAD SPENCER** and **MICHAEL PARIS** are living in the Birmingham area. **RYAN UTARNACHITT** is a GI doctor, and he and his wife, Mary, live in central California. **KEITH LANGBO** is in the Raleigh-Durham area. **DOMINIC HARRIS** lives in London with his wife and daughter. **PETER EMERY** is living in San Francisco and doing great! As for me, I work for a non-profit organization called Imerman Angels (www.ImermanAngels.org). We are a "1-on-1 Cancer Support" 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 CONNECT this entire cancer world! IF YOU KNOW ANYONE TOUCHED BY CANCER, regardless of where they live, PLEASE SEND THEM TO US, and we will take care of them! Thank you crew J My brother, Jeff Imerman, '92, is living in Birmingham and runs Imerman Cake Company. They make organic, healthier, lower fat coffee cakes. They are 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 keep healthy and well most importantly!

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Hello, boys' Class of 1995! It was great to see everyone at our 20th Reunion, and our turnout was, in my opinion, really impressive (~50%). Before I begin, I want to extend a most sincere THANK YOU to **JASON EDDLESTON**, who opened his home to our entire class for a gathering that rivaled any party we ever organized. Some of the highlights for those that did not attend were an open bar, Class of 1995 ice luge, a food truck, DJ in the garden, one brief stop in by the cops (no tickets and no return visit!) and a late night visit from Arlyce Seibert and Mrs. Schuette (to make sure we were all going to sign-in on time, just kidding about the signing in part). I heard many comments from the spouses of our classmates regarding how amazing it is that we all still come to our reunions and everyone has such a good time with one another. I couldn't agree more, and I think the camaraderie is some of the everlasting magic Cranbrook has provided us for attending school there. I am extremely honored to be a part of this tradition and to have the opportunity to share it with you. **RIAD ABRAHAMS** is in NYC awaiting the birth of his son this fall. It will be the first grandson, so all are excited. **CHRISTOPHER ACKER** (Hey, Jill!) stopped by Jason's in the early morning, and I didn't have a chance to catch up with him, before the Leo's Coney Island run, but he is still out in Washington, where he is the director of sales at Microsoft Corp. **ERICH KURSCHAT** was not at reunion, but I was able to catch up with him

where he had just returned from a choir tour to the Baltics (Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and Finland). He's been in Chicago since college, and just recently resigned from a 15-year corporate HR role to focus full time on a side executive coaching business that he's had since 2011. He facilitates workshops for organizations looking to improve communication, strengthen relationships, and increase productivity. He said, "I figured it's now or never, so we'll see what happens!" Best of luck to Erich (Aim High!) and call him if you need help, or even if you don't! No doubt he will be successful! Between the chants of, "L.A., L.A., L.A." (Los Angeles) from **TIMOTHY ANTONE** and **ANDY CHANG** I was able to talk with Tim about founding and managing Envi Energy Experts in Los Angeles. Founded in 2011 to bring clean, renewable, solar energy within reach of everyone with a unique, non-sales-based approach, consumers are educated on energy facts and given system specifications, warranty and pricing information, and accurate site reports before any decisions are made. They recently expanded to serve all of California and are now in Michigan! It's been a successful four years for Tim and many more to come. **ANDY CHANG** was in the middle of a coast to coast move from NYC to Los Angeles, and was very excited to become a part of southern California. He looked fabulous and is doing well! Speaking of moves, **STEVE BAKER** was making his way back from Cleveland to Chicago as the VP of product management at MRI Software. We had a great conversation with his girlfriend about being Detroit sports fans (Red Wings, Tigers and Lions), and not rooting for Chicago teams even if Detroit teams are not in it. We concluded that it must be something in the blood of Detroiters to make them behave that way. She entertained us by agreeing, but I think this debate is not over. Both were super happy, and in great spirits. **MICHAEL BELL** is doing well working as a Manager of Modular Engineering for Champion Home Builders in the Detroit Area. He loves what he does and was great to talk to. **JAIME BENARD** is still living in Texas working as the VP of commercial development for Summit Discovery Resources. He, like me, doesn't get the skates on that much anymore, but still loves the game. Bernie, it is always great to see you, and share a cold one. Come visit in Madison for the Pond Hockey Championships! I also caught up with **MICHAEL CANNARSA** (Hey, Taryn!). He is living in Bloomfield with his wife and kids, and works as the director of operations for Systrand Manufacturing Corporation. He is still funny as ever, and we shared a few good

laughs by the luge. **DAVID CUMMINGS** is living in the Detroit area, and is working for GM as the director of U.S. pricing.

CHRISTOPHER DAYA was at the party! He and I caught up for a few moments where he let me know he was living in the Detroit area, and maybe thinking about a move out of state. **BRYAN DONER** was there with his wife. They live in Pennsylvania with their kids, where he is an E.R. doctor and just recently moved back closer to where he grew up in eastern Pennsylvania. He still puts on the skates and plays in a pond hockey league. He will strap on the skates this fall in Madison, WI, for the Mad City Pond Hockey Championships (Jan 22-24), where I will be able to catch up with him again. Looking forward to it and everyone is invited, come join us! **JASON EDDLESTON** lives in Birmingham as is very involved in the revitalization and non-profit efforts of the Metro Detroit area. He is commissioner of recycling at the City of Hamtramck and VP of operations at Sterling Oil. He hosts various fundraisers and is always looking for ways to help out others. Thanks again, Jason, for your hospitality! **DENNIS FRANKLIN** was not in attendance, but he is still in NYC working on movies and TV shows (most recently Louie (FX Network)) and pursuing his love for art. He recently returned from London, England, where he participated in an art show with 10 other artists. He regularly gets a chance to exhibit his pieces in London, as well as NYC, and it's always fun to hear of his adventures, since I've never been to England. I didn't get a chance to talk to **DAMON GOLDSMITH** or **ALEX HALL**, but Damon is living in the Detroit area where he is creating and implementing innovative technical solutions for any size business, and Alex was all smiles catching up with everyone. Two really cool guys. I was able to talk with **ROB HARNESS** and meet his family at the Saturday Kingswood Picnic. He is doing great, still living in Ontario, Canada, with his wife and kids, and working in the auto industry. I rendezvoused with **MIKE JERRIS** on the outskirts of the smoking section, which is where I always get a chance to really catch a good conversation with him for some reason. He and his wife are living in the Ann Arbor area, where he is in his seventh year of co-founding FreeSWITCH Solutions, LLC. They also just sent their first off to college, and are figuring out what to do with all of their free time. Always enjoy catching up with you Mike, looking forward to next time! **MICHAEL KAPSOKAVATHIS** and I kept trying to connect throughout the night, but time got the best of us. He's living in the Detroit Area and works at his orthopedic

spinal surgeon private practice. He is also an orthopedic spinal surgeon for Henry Ford Health System and is a clinical assistant professor for MSU with educational responsibilities for their orthopedic surgery residency program based at Henry Ford Hospital-Macomb. **PAUL KATZ** (Heeeyyy, Carri!) is living in West Bloomfield with his wife and kids, and working in the medical device industry. We're always trying to properly catch up with a cold one when I come into town, but I think we've faced the fact that we'll have to settle for what we can fit in between some Disney Jr. show and naps. I always say five minutes is better than 0 minutes, homie! **LEO KOGANOV** (Hi, Vira!) and his family moved back to Michigan from Atlanta, GA, and he works for GM as a business development manager. They are so excited to be back near family and to eliminate those 12-hour drives from Georgia to Michigan! **SHANE LAVERY** was in town, but wasn't able to make the Saturday night festivities because he was celebrating as assistant coach with the CK Boys Varsity Lacrosse Team on their State Championship win! Congrats, boys, and congrats, Shane! Coincidentally, 20 years ago he was also part of the varsity team that won the Boys' State Lacrosse Championship. **MIKE LITTLETON** is living in Chicago, and working as chief technology officer at ShareASale.com, which is a leading provider of performance marketing solutions. **NICK LUKACS** and family made it in town to celebrate. They are still in North Carolina where he works as an ENT doctor specializing in allergies and has a sub-specialty in facial plastic surgery. Nick tipped me off that **AYMAN "DANNY" YAISH** (Hi, Sam!) was residing in the Madison area. We were able to connect for afternoon lunch and swimming with our families. Ayman also practices otolaryngology and has a sub-specialty in head and neck plastic surgery at his practices in the Madison area. He lives there with his wife and kids. I wasn't able to catch up with **DREW LUND** (Hey, Michelle!) as much as I wanted to, but he is still with Novartis as a senior sales consultant and living in Rochester with his wife and kids. Glad to have you give me grief for not texting you back any day, Bunz! **JEROME MALLETT** is still fresh as ever and living in the Detroit area. We talked about how he is in the beginning stages of opening a restaurant. I'm not going to let the cat out of the bag on the idea, but I can say when it opens I want to be one of the first customers. **CHRIS MARSTON** was in attendance from Boston where he is the founder and CEO of Exemplar Companies, Inc. and travels between Boston and NYC for work. His

practice focuses on corporate growth, securities, capital formation, M&A, and corporate transactions, spanning across industries such as Natural Foods and Productologies, Clean Technologies, Disruptive Technologies, and Entertainment. Chris also serves as a Fellow in the VeraSage Institute, an economics think-tank dedicated to changing the economic model of the professions. I always look forward to catching up with you Chris to see what you are doing because you are always moving and working on something. My man, **COREY MEEHAN**, was in from Idaho, where he lives with his wife and kids. He is still all smiles and easy to share mad laughs with. He covers Washington, Oregon, and Idaho for Ethicon Inc., a Johnson & Johnson Company, as a territory sales manager and still enjoys connecting with people and getting his hands dirty training in the hospitals. **ROB MOLLOY** is still living in Royal Oak and consulting in the Healthcare industry. **BEN MONSON** and family made it in from Charlotte, NC, where he is a director at Wells Fargo Securities in the Industrials Investment Banking Group. One of my favorite stories is randomly running into him and his family on the beach at Wild Dunes Resort in Isle of Palms, SC. What a fun surprise and great memory. **DAVID NACHMAN** and his wife were at reunion, and they are expecting their first child this fall. Congrats, Dave! He is co-founder and principal at Spirit Investment Partners, a real estate investment company, based in NYC with regional office in Irvine, CA. **SAQIB NAKADAR** is living in the Detroit area and taking some time off from his Internal Medicine practice to focus on alternative medicine studies and consulting. I was able to have a wonderful conversation with him and his wife about how they met and everything, and I am looking forward to see what they are up to next time! **DAVE NELSON** and family are still living in the Greater Detroit Area and keeping busy working as a writer for Bold Words and in his own words, "I help folks figure out the patterns in their business, and then find ways to authentically talk about what they do. Learn what you're *really* giving the customers that love you, figure out how to share that message, and your business will naturally grow." He also is co-owner of Workantile on 118 S. Main Street in Ann Arbor, a coworking community for independent workers in the heart of downtown Ann Arbor. And if that wasn't enough he is also a Content Strategist for Priorclave North America Inc., an industry leader in Laboratory Autoclaves (also known as steam sterilizers). **GIAN CARLO**

PUZZUOLI is living in the Detroit Area with his wife and kids and is still hilarious as ever. We shared some good laughs talking about our old college crews and the shenanigans going on at the party. Always a pleasure to see you, Gian! **JAY NICHOLS** was rocking reunion too! After helping to create the Sienna Heights Sports Network, Jay went on to provide media coverage for Lindsey Wilson College in Kentucky. He is currently working at Lawrence Tech University as a Sports Information Grad Assistant covering sports, writing about sports and keeping sport stats. I think we can conclude he loves sports and what he does and is super happy! **YORK RAGSDALE** and his family (hey, La-La) are living in Bloomfield. After a successful seven year career consulting for Dairy Queen Corporation and Fresh Start Bakeries he decided to open up his own business and now is the owner and operator of MaidPro of Berkley. If you need some help keeping things tight, or just want a break give him a shout (248)-270-3339! **JOE REIFMAN** and family flew in from Arizona where he is a Managing Member of JMR Development which brokers and develops real estate properties. After giving massive amounts of guilt with Apple Snyder to **G. HANS RENTROP** for not attending any reunion festivities (his wife was expecting a baby any day) we forgave him, and wished him big congrats on the upcoming birth of his baby. Hans works as a lawyer, and practices in land use and zoning, municipal law, probate and estate planning, property tax appeal, and special assessments for Adkison, Need & Allen, PLLC in Bloomfield Hills. **DAVID "DR. ROD" RODRIGUEZ** and his family are live in the Detroit area (Hey, Jacquelyn!) where he is a Cardiologist, specializing in clinical and interventional cardiology, structural and valvular heart disease, and cardiac imaging. After a long battle at ORD, **PAT ROSEN** finally caught a flight and made it to the "D" to celebrate with all of us. Pat and his family (Hi, Monica!) live in Chicago where Pat is a partner in Rosen Architecture. His firm works in different styles from residential to commercial and preservation to renovation. Pat loves his work and is very talented. Thanks for making Deepak and me stay for Sunday Brunch in the Quad and walking the old trails. **STEPHEN SHAPIRO** made the journey from Colorado where he lives with his wife and girls. He is keeping busy as an awesome dad and President and Founder of SchoolBlocks, which makes school websites simple, clean and efficient. After his previous company was acquired by BlackBoard in 2010 he started SchoolBlocks to improve on his previous efforts. Stephen is also CTO &

Co-Founder of WriterBeat LLC and President of EdTechReview.com, a database of technology reviews by industry experts.

DAVID "SENATOR" SLENZAK made the journey up north from South Carolina where he is a fellow at Roper St. Francis, Acting CIO for Williamsburg Regional Hospital, senior consultant for Avery Partners out of Roswell, GA, and partner in Implementing Technologies, LLC, which is one of the leading healthcare IT consulting firms in the southeast. They assist physicians, practices, hospitals, payers, ACOs, long-term care, federally qualified health centers, and other technology and service providers solve problems with hospital financial management, HIPAA compliance, revenue cycle management, multi-practice integration and EHR/PM systems and optimizations, among other things. I think you and Nick Lukacs need to have lunch! Senator, it is always a pleasure to make your acquaintance. **DAVID TOMLINSON** made the coast to coast trip in from Seattle, WA, where is using his Master's in Landscape Architecture II as a Landscape Designer for SvR Design, a civil engineering design company specializing in landscape, irrigation and planning services. **DEEPAK VEERAMASUNENI** and I decided to old-school road trip it in from Chicago for Reunion. Deepak is founder and practice administrator of Great Lakes Sports Concussion Clinic, which is the primary Sports Concussion facility for West Michigan and Northern Indiana. He lives in Chicago and commutes to St. Joe during the week. Pak, let's not wait too long for our next visit!

JIM WALDRON made it out to reunion too and I was able to spend Friday and Saturday hanging out with him. Jim is living in Royal Oak and is an awesome dad to his son and daughter while working as GM of Todd Wenzel Buick GMC in Davidson, MI. He also keeps busy investing in real estate and other entrepreneurial ventures in the Detroit area. **LAWRENCE "BUDDY" YEAGER** made the trip in from Chicago where he is an Obstetrician/Gynecologist and also an instructor of Obstetrics & Gynecology at Northwestern University Medical School. I always sincerely enjoy and have a great time catching up with everyone and can't wait to do it again. Please check in from time to time. You can find me on LinkedIn or email me.

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Members of CK95 at Reunion 2015

Greetings Class of 1995! After a very long and successful run as class secretaries, **STEPHANIE PURDY ITO** and **LORI KAUFFMAN** have passed the reigns to me. I look forward to being in touch with you all and sharing news from everyone. It was so wonderful to see so many of you in June at our 20th Reunion. What a great weekend it was to catch up with those in attendance, meet spouses and children, and hear the latest and greatest of all you've accomplished in the past two decades since we left CK. A huge thanks goes to **JASON EDDLESTON** for hosting such a magnificent after party. I think I can confidently say that we all probably felt our age the next day. It was fun to catch up with **BRYAN DONER** and **JAMIE BENARD** (see picture of senior prom vs. 20 year reunion).



Bryan Doner, Kate Richard, and Jamie Bernard, all '95

Bryan is married to a wonderful woman, Jamie, lives back in Pittsburgh, is a doctor, and is enjoying being a father to two wonderful children. Jamie's wife, unable to attend the reunion because she was expecting, welcomed a little girl, Sydney Elizabeth, on July 23. Wishing them lots of love in parenthood. Another bundle of joy

was born to **DAYNOR BUTLER CARMAN**. She welcomed Maxim Clyde on Mother's Day. He joins big brother, Marc. They are all Windy City residents and doing great!



Marc and Maxim, sons of Daynor Butler Carman

ERIN PFISTER DE SISTA just made the move from Florida back to New England and is looking forward to finding her dream job. Another classmate on the move is **ALLISON DE WINDT HULL**, who just relocated across the Atlantic from Amsterdam to greater Detroit. Her husband, Chris, will be at the creative helm of Shinola. Through the FB world, as of writing this, **DANIEL STOUT** is about to become a tenured professor at the University of Mississippi. Well done, Dan! **MEGAN FOX MORSETH** has been an incredibly courageous advocate of veterans, and inspiring many with her bravery and diligence in fighting for our heroes in uniform. She has also started a phenomenal program Pets Healing Vets. Please support our fellow classmate in this amazing fight! Who says CK alums do not meet over the decades?



(L-R) Andrea Kendall, '09, Kevin Juan Ahang, '10, Aaron Rivkin, '09, and Ebony Rucker, '95

I got a last minute email from **EBONY RUCKER**, who while ending a 10 day medical mission to Ecuador in the Galapagos Islands ran into current WSU second-year med students, Andrea Kendall, '09, Kevin Juan Zhang, '10 and Aaron Rivkin, '09. Small world! I made the move to Nashville last December and am enjoying southern life. If any of you find yourselves here, 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! P.S.: text or call anytime with updates, pics, etc.

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Hello CK class of 1996! I hope you are well and enjoyed a nice summer. We are approaching our 20th Reunion this coming June! It seems crazy to me that we graduated that long ago. I will be passing along information over the next nine months and hope to see you all there! **SARAH HYDUKE REDER** is doing consulting work with the V.A. Geriatric Scholars, working from home while she cares for her two daughters, Eve and Ruby. She is also expecting a baby boy in December 2015. **MATTHEW TOTH** is living in NYC and working for a small architecture studio designing modern homes, offices and conference rooms. **KU YOO** is living in Squantum, MA, with his wife. He recently took a vacation with **TOM BROWN** and his wife. **JACKIE BETHEA CUYVERS** also recently visited with a fellow classmate and UK resident, **JERLYN JAREUNPOON-PHILLIPS**. Jerlyn lives with her husband and daughter and is working as a creative director for a marketing and branding agency. **RAFFIE KALAJIAN** lives in California with his wife and two daughters, Tiana and Natalia. He is working for New Penn Financial, handling west coast operations. **WILLIAM JOSELYN** continues to amaze with his screenwriting skills. His story hit the shelves (within the book, *The Blum House book of Nightmares: The Haunted City*) this past summer, and you can pick it up at your local book store. **ANDREW WINEMAN** and his wife, Pam, welcomed a new daughter into their family. Simona Louise was born in February 2015 and joins her two brothers, Charlie and Lincoln. **JENNIFER CANNER**

is living in Birmingham and helping her brother, Jason, '92, by managing the local chapter of his Cure It Foundation (www.cureitfoundation.org). **LAURA RAGSDALE SHULLMAN** welcomed triplets on July 6, 2015. They were eager to enter this world and were delivered prematurely. It is with great sadness that I report that her son, Charlie, passed away after just 14 days with his parents. Her daughters, Lillian and Stella, continue to thrive and grow in the NICU and are getting stronger each day. Please keep her family in your thoughts. I am living in Birmingham with my husband, Andy, and our two boys. I am looking forward to seeing you all in June at the reunion! Please continue to send updates! I know that many of us are connected on Facebook, but if you would like something printed, please forward it along. Pictures are great too!

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Welcome back to the Detroit area to **ZACH and ILANA KOHEN LISS**! They moved back from Cincinnati after two years, and Zach is now a pediatric urologist practicing in the Detroit area. Their third girl, Ruby, was born this spring, and they are happy to be back in Michigan. Zach ran into **NAVEEN REDDY**, who wrote in to say that he and his wife, Sravya, have a two-year-old son, and they love watching him grow. Naveen recently joined a GI practice with offices in Clarkston and Livonia and is looking forward to practicing in the Detroit metro area. I had the chance recently to catch up with them while visiting my parents and introducing my daughter, Mina, to a lot of the fun activities in the area, Cranbrook House Gardens, Cranbrook Institute of Science, and Greenfield Village. I also caught up with **JASON BALL** on that same visit. He got married the end of March to Lyndsay, a pediatric audiologist. They are living in Birmingham and enjoying being newlyweds. **TIM ALLEN** came up from Florida for the wedding, which was at the Townsend Hotel. **AKHIL GULATI** got married on August 16, 2014 to Rachna Govani in New York. He recently finished an Interventional Cardiology Fellowship in Boston and just moved back to Michigan to practice with a cardiology group out of Beaumont. He and his wife celebrated the first year with a

delayed honeymoon to Southeast Asia. Also celebrating her wedding is **ALEXA SHAW**, who got married this August 2015 to Evy Zwiebach at Cranbrook House in a beautiful ceremony. Congratulations to all the brides and grooms - best wishes on the new chapter in your lives! Like Zach and Ilana, **DANE SIGWORTH** and **ERIN KESSEL BEATTIE** each welcomed a second daughter to their families. Dane and his wife, Stephanie, welcomed Chloe Pearl on July 9. Erin and her family welcomed daughter, Iris, in June. **RAIGE RAKOLTA FRISCH** welcomed daughter, Easton, this summer, and **JANELIN SENDOW REGIEC** welcomed daughter, Millie, in the late spring. Congratulations to all of you! I've seen the pictures on Facebook, and the pictures of all the families are so beautiful to see. **LOGAN JACOBSON MOST** welcomed her first child this summer, daughter, Oakley. What a way to celebrate your first year of marriage. Congratulations to the Mosts!



Sally Hall Bell, '98, and son, Pierce

Bucking the girl trend, congratulations are due to **SALLY HALL BELL** and her husband, Chris Bell, '94, on the birth of their son, Pierce Alden, in June. Congratulations to the Bells! **SARAH RITCHIEY** decided to make a lifestyle change and grabbed the opportunity to continue practicing tax law, but out in Colorado. She has landed in the Denver area and is looking forward to exploring, catching up with local friends, and traveling. While D.C. will miss Sarah, I wish her all the best with her move and new job! She moved just before a Cranbrook Alumni event in D.C., which **DAVID ROCHKIND** and **PATRICK HANNIFORD** were also able to attend, as they both happened to be in town and not busy with work. If I have missed anyone, I apologize, but let me know, and I'll include it next time. I always enjoy catching up with you all, so please do keep sending your updates!

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Naz, son of Elise Halajian Mayer, '99

Greetings! Lots of exciting things are happening for our classmates. **ELISE HALAJIAN MAYER** and her husband, Stockton, welcomed baby boy, Nazareth Anderson ("Naz"), on November 29, 2014. Elise loves parenthood and cannot believe how quickly the first year is going. She continues to practice family medicine in Chicago. In more baby news, **CHARLOTTE TOWNE PIRCALABU** and her husband, Trian, welcomed their baby boy, Trian Clinton, on July 7, 2015, via a natural water birth. **SARAH RUSSELL** moved to Manchester, NH, earlier this year where she works as a diversion investigator with the DEA. She is really enjoying her job and the East Coast! Later this fall **SAMANTHA SCHMOYER DEDOES** is relocating to Denver, CO, to join her husband who has a new job. Sam hopes to continue her medical sales career in Colorado.



(L-R) **Brian Rhodes, Sr., Tiffani Rhodes Jenkins, '00, Brian Rhodes II, '99, and Gloria Rhodes** at graduation from USC

BRIAN RHODES graduated from the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts with an MFA in animation and digital arts. He is focused on directing, writing, and storyboarding. Brian works as the lead storyboard artist for an upcoming feature film from Netflix called *True Memoirs of an International Assassin* starring Kevin James. Let's all look out for Brian's creations! **MICHAEL SIEGEL** and his wife, Bianca, moved back to Detroit this summer after finishing their fellowships. Michael has joined the Glaucoma Center of Michigan and is also on the teaching faculty of Kresge Eye Institute and Beaumont Eye Institute. Michael and Bianca are living in downtown Detroit and are excited to be back home. This summer I was able to catch up with **MICHAEL ROBINSON** in New York City, where he lives with his wife, Sage Mehta. I also saw **MARGO GANNES** on my last visit home. She also lives in New York City where she practices law. I am still in Toronto, where I work in the wholesale insurance industry, and have two daughters with my husband, Jamie. I look forward to hearing from many more of you soon. Contact me via facebook or by email, jodiekdavis@gmail.com. All the best.

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CK2001



Moira Anne, daughter of Louis Triplett, '01

Welcome back, my fellow Cranes. It was nice to hear from many of you about marriages and the births of children. **WILLIAM YATES** got married in Washington, D.C., to Janani

Ramachandran in June. They both live in the D.C. area. **LOUIS TRIPLETT** has big news to report as well. He had a daughter, Moira Anne. He's still working for Raytheon in Tucson, AZ. **DAVID GOODLEY** reports in from Hawaii that he landed a job as a photographer on Kauai. He says island life is nice, pretty much just lots of surfing and time in the water. His wife is teaching Spanish, and all in all they are very happy there.



Brian Schwartz's, '01, wedding in Longboat Key, FL

BRIAN SCHWARTZ married his longtime girlfriend, Jenny, on the beach, in Longboat Key, FL. Cranbrook alum attendees included: **SCOTT STRICKLAND, MITCH SCHWARTZ, ZACH GORDON, CHRIS ROEBUCK, GREG MILEWICZ, JEFF SCHOSTAK, TED PICKETT, MIKE LIPA**. Also attending were '02 grads, Brad Berman, Will Wallace, Brett Tremain, and Bill Blake. It was a very special weekend with family, old friends, and great weather. **BERNIE LIU** is jumping across the pond, moving to London with his fiancée and will continue to work in the media/advertising industry. He's looking forward to seeing Leah Moon, K'01, her husband, Mike, and their new baby out there. **AZFER (MOH) SAEED** changed careers and moved into analytics for digital marketing. The company is called Seer Interactive HQ in Philadelphia, PA, with an office in San Diego, CA.



Madison Marie, daughter of Don Barnes, '01

DONALD BARNES and his wife, Jeannie, were blessed with their first child, Madison Marie, on February 6, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz. and 20" long. They bought and completely remodeled a house on Denbar road off of Barden right behind the Boys' Middle School and regularly enjoy the grounds of Cranbrook. Since the last time we checked in, **JUSTIN EDGE** has taken on a new role as the product manager for Vevo. He's building the product, brand, content, and relationships with publishers across Australia and New Zealand. He still continues to write, and do stand-up, and has recently gotten into radio production and presenting. He looks forward to seeing everyone at our 15 year reunion next June 10-12. He hopes everyone is well and "as always, if you ever make it to this side of the equator, let's grab a drink."



Bilal Chaudhry, '01, with Panit Arkayamas, '00, in Bangkok

As for me, **BILAL CHAUDHRY**, I got married last June in Pakistan. My wife and I are living in Phoenix, where I work in the IT sector. I visited Thailand in February for my honeymoon and had the good fortune of meeting with Panit "Pong" Arkayamas, '00, in Bangkok. I look forward to seeing all of you in Bloomfield Hills in June for our 15 year reunion. How time flies. Please give me a shout, if you're in my neck of the woods.

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CK2001

From advanced education to superb careers to joyous occasions, the Class of 2001 continues to embark on impressive journeys. **COURTNEY CIULLO** is working as a commercial litigator at Kotz Sangster Wysocki, PC in Detroit while continuing to pursue her MBA at U-M's Ross School of

Business. She will graduate in April 2016. In February Courtney traveled to Ireland for a school project, where she and five of her classmates were able to help establish a growth, marketing, and technology plan for an amazing smoked salmon business located in Lisdoonvarna. Her brother, Jeremy, '00, recently got engaged and will be getting married in summer 2016. **MARTINA SANDERS-SPIGHT CALDWELL** and her husband, Phillip, are proud to announce the birth of their second daughter, Paige Audrey, born June 26, 2015, healthy and happy. Big sister, Peyton, has been a great help and is excited to be starting kindergarten this fall. Martina completed a successful and rewarding year as a senior staff physician in the department of emergency medicine at Henry Ford Hospital. She has transitioned to course work towards the completion of a master's degree in health and healthcare research at U-M through the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars program, sponsored by the V.A., with the hope of using these skills to improve health inequities and women-centered health in the emergency department. **LIZA LAX GORDON** and Zack Gordon, C'01, recently moved to New York City, and are truly enjoying being around all of their family and friends (most of whom are Cranbrook alums). Their son, Hank, is 18 months old and turning into a real city boy! Zack is a vice president at Greenhill & Co in New York, and Liza opened Trunk Club New York in November 2014. **MAYA LANG GOREE** and her husband Johnathan are settling into their new home in Little Rock, AR. They are enjoying their 18-month-old son, Jeremiah, and are looking forward to welcoming their second child in March 2016. Maya connected with Aarti Reddy during a visit to San Francisco this past winter.



Gabriela Zapata-Alma, '01, and David's fun-loving boy, Daniel

GABRIELA ZAPATA and her partner, David, have embarked on the journey of parenthood and love every second of it. They welcomed Daniel Abraham Zapata Reminick-Alma (Hebrew name Zohar Baruch) to the family on April 13, 2015. **ALLISON NICHOLS** was married in the Bahamas this past spring and is enjoying living in Seattle, where she has been for the last year. **AMY MEISNER ANDERSON** married Tyler Anderson on May 30 at the Detroit Golf Club with **LAUREN WYNNS, JACKIE LAMPING**, Jessica Sherman, '02, and Haley Stevens by her side. Nancy Edmunds, mother of Ben, '00, and Nathan Edmunds, '02, officiated a lovely ceremony. Continuing with the CK theme, the Cranbrook String Quartet played during the ceremony and cocktail hour, which was a special inclusion since Amy played cello in the string quartet during her time at Cranbrook. Amy and Tyler reside in Los Angeles, working in the film and television industry. Amy's most recent project, Minority Report, premiered September 21 on Fox.



Amy and Tyler with ring-bearers, Marz and Isaac, sons of Geoff, '98, and Michelle Meisner



(L-R) Haley Stevens, Jackie Lamping, '01, Amy Meisner Anderson, Lauren Wynns, both '01, and Jessica Sherman, '02

After being away for the last 14 years, **KIM DOWDELL** moved back home to Detroit, MI, over the summer. She graduated

from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in May 2015 with a master's of public administration. As an executive manager of Public Private Partnerships for the city of Detroit, Kim is able to use her recent training as well as her architecture background to help revitalize several target areas throughout the city. Kim is happy to be back home and reconnecting with longtime friends and classmates: **LIBBY FLORES OLIVEIRA, TABATHA PASLEY, and MARTINA SANDERS-SPIGHT CALDWELL.** She looks forward to reconnecting with others in the area and improving the city of Detroit, hopefully inspiring more people to move to the area and experience its rich culture. As for me, **SARAH JACOB**, I am in the home stretch of my PhD at Michigan State University in large animal endocrinology with a specific focus on dietary management of horses. Please remember to keep your contact information up to date. Best wishes for another great year!

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CK2002

Greetings from the class of 2002! It's been a busy summer for our class. **CLAIRE O'CONNELL BOOGAARD** finished her chief residency in June, at Children's National in D.C., and is working as a pediatrician in a community clinic in southeast D.C. Pete and Claire had a baby girl, Cordelia, on January 20 and are enjoying the new parenting journey.



Riley, daughter of Rebekah Won Weiner, '02

REBEKAH WON WEINER gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Riley Miriam, on March 16 this year in New York City at Lenox Hill Hospital, weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. and 18 inches long. She's almost six months now, and Rebekah has been on leave since Riley's birth enjoying every moment!



Audrey, daughter of Sam and Chandra Clarke Davenport both '02

CHANDRA CLARKE DAVENPORT and **SAM DAVENPORT** also welcomed a baby girl, Audrey, in March. Now, she's a silly, giggling, smiling, very happy 6 mo. baby. Chandra finished her PhD in developmental biology from Duke a couple years ago. Sam and Chandra decided they love Durham, NC, so much, they're staying there and moving to a condo downtown. They welcome any visitors! Welcome to the CK family, little ones!



Jo Price, '02, married Chris Ramos, '00

Congratulations also go to **JO PRICE** and Chris Ramos, '00, who married on August 22, 2015! **CARA DEUTCHMAN** was one of Jo's bridesmaids, and Drew Cooke, '00, Brett Coleman, '00, Chris Chateau, '00, were groomsmen, while Dan VanDoorne, '00, officiated the wedding. It was spectacular, and Jo and Chris' daughters, Sam and Alex, did a great job as their flower girls! Jo and Chris spent five days on a "mini-moon" getting to know the state of Michigan better by traveling to Traverse City, Mackinac Island, and hiking and kayaking in the Painted Rocks area. **CHRISTA SHIER** finished her Master's at the University of Idaho about

two years ago and now lives in Portland, OR. Christa works for a watershed council as their Education Director where she teaches classroom lessons, leads field trips to urban natural areas and helps students plant green spaces within the city. **ALEX TEODOSIC** wrote to say that after almost two years in Grand Rapids as the human resources manager for GE Aviation's Avionics group, he moved back to Cincinnati at the end of August to be the human resources manager for GE Aviation's Digital Services Solutions group. **ERSHOV (FORMER ERCHOV) ALEXANDER** graduated

from Moscow State University of Steel and Alloys in 2010 with an engineering degree. Ershov moved from Russia to Germany a while ago, lives in Berlin and works as a supplier quality engineer for Siemens AG. Ershov travels all around Europe and Asia (China, Turkey) to monitor quality of castings for gas turbines. Great to hear from everyone and please stay in touch!

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JAE CHUNG got married last year in Seattle and she and her husband live in Arlington, VA. They met at Georgetown University doing their Master's programs. Jae currently works at an international organization as a consultant for international development. They are hoping to move to the West Coast to be closer to family so they can start thinking about having kids. **CATHERINE GLAZER** recently moved to Toronto, where she is working as an international human rights and immigration attorney. She also consults for the International Organization for Migration in Geneva, Switzerland, and writes articles about language. **SABRINA MUST** is living in Austin, TX, working on a new book project and running a boot camp. The newest Must family member is Monkey, her 10-pound pug, who runs while she bikes and is great fun. **FAYE KARABELSKI ROOHI** and her husband Amir live in Houston. Amir finished his bar exam work this summer and Faye is still working as a teacher/college counselor at YES Prep. Her campus will graduate its first class of seniors this year. It will be a lot of work, but she's very excited since she's worked with this group of kids since they were in 8th grade! Faye and Amir

are also expecting their first baby! Baby Roo is due October 2, and they've decided to keep the sex a surprise until his/her arrival!



Kim Trubiro Sheildsmith's, '04, wedding

KIM TRUBIRO SHIELDSMITH got married in October 2013 at Warwick Hills in Grand Blanc, MI, to Chris Shieldsmith. (See picture). **FAYE KARABELSKI ROOHI** was her matron of honor and **DARRIS LEE, JASON RIOPELLE**, and **COLIN CLARKE** were all in attendance. Kim and Chris live in the Indianapolis area and Kim works for Cummins Inc., a Fortune 500 diesel engine manufacturer, where she leads manufacturing communications globally. She loves it! She and Chris like to travel in their free time and will finally be going on a honeymoon this fall. Kim's main hobby lately has been training for her first triathlon later this year, although they've also been known to binge on Netflix while relaxing with their cats, Boris and Natasha. **ANISHA SUD** is now happily engaged. **MICHELLE THOMAS** returned last fall from a year living and teaching English in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. She is currently living in Ferndale, working for Dassault Systèmes.



Julia Kramer Pong, '04, and husband, Chris

SARAH WON lives in Columbus, OH, and is working in special education as an intervention specialist at Dublin Scioto High School with 9th-12th graders in Dublin, OH. She bought her first home in September and her older sister, Rebekah, had her baby. Sarah's enjoying being an aunt to her beautiful niece, Riley! I, **JULIA KRAMER PONG** am transitioning from being a nanny specializing in twins and triplets to running a small in-home day care for three to four babies, one of which will be my husband Chris' and my own, due September 1!

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CK2005

It was great returning to Cranbrook and catching up with everyone earlier this summer at our 10th Reunion. Looking forward to many more to come! As far as new updates go, **BLAKE GEORGE** is working on expanding his company, BMG Media, and he has recently hired multiple developers to establish a new division, focusing on custom software development that help companies automate and optimize their processes. **MIKE ILITCH** is working for Little Caesars Pizza in downtown Detroit and will be getting married next year. **DAVID LEINWEBER** recently purchased a loft in Detroit's Midtown neighborhood and is enjoying living in the city. He's engaged to Jessica Engerer, whom he met in Ann Arbor, while he was in school for his MBA, and she was at law school, and their wedding will be next year. He works for New World Systems as the director of marketing. **RYAN TAUBE** is finishing up his final year of residency in emergency medicine in Fort Worth, TX, and is considering full-time job offers that would relocate him to southern Florida. As for me, **RYAN ZAMPARDO**, I spent my summer living in the Detroit's Corktown neighborhood and working for Bedrock Real Estate downtown. It was great to be able to connect with a number of classmates over the summer.

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Janice David, '05, speaking as a panelist at a FirlDevelopIT event

JANICE DAVID has recently accepted a promotion to business analyst at ArborMetrix. She continues to enjoy working in downtown Ann Arbor, MI, and being a part of the tech community. She recently volunteered as a panelist for Girl Develop It! at a talk for women in the tech industry who are interested in project management.

ANNA GANGADHARAN started a new job this February at Element Collective, a hospitality group in Chicago, as their head of HR, Talent Acquisition and Culture. She and her sister continue to host Greek + Indian fusion dinners throughout the country with their pop up, Grin + Kitchen, in hopes of one day opening up a restaurant of their own. **RACHEL WELFORD** joined the law firm of Cozen O'Connor in June 2015 and is an attorney in the firm's Transportation and Logistics group, with a focus on aviation regulatory matters. She lives in Washington, D.C., and continues to pursue her private pilot's license, play tennis, and plan frequent visits back to beautiful Michigan. This September, after a trip back home to complete her second half-Ironman in Michigan, **RACHEL FERTIG** will start a two-year legal fellowship in Washington, D.C., at the U.S. Copyright Office. Rachel, previously counsel to the Association of American Publishers in D.C., was recently appointed by the Register of Copyrights as one of two 2015 fellows under the Barbara A. Ringer Copyright Honors Program. Rachel is excited about her fellowship and, someday, completing a full-Ironman competition.

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Sarah Lavoie Kaplunov '06 wedding

In the spirit of anticipation for our 10 year reunion in June, your class secretaries, Muss and Theresa, have decided to write a combined update for all of the alumni and alumnae that wrote to us. This year's theme of updates has lots of celebrations: professional and personal. **CHRIS COOLEY** wrote in to say he is in his second year of emergency medicine residency at Beaumont Farmington Hills. He is getting married in October and lives in Royal Oak. He sees **DAVID COLMAN** often. He is in touch with **MATT LACASSE**, who just moved to Kalamazoo to start his psychiatry residency. **ALEX SCHECTER** is a veterinarian in New York City. All of them will be groomsmen at the Cooley wedding. **DAVID COLMAN** married **CHRISTINE TOBIAS** at Kingswood this summer. **BRIAN HARBOUR** got engaged to his longtime girlfriend, Susie Campbell, this summer. **MICHAEL DISTAD** also wrote in to say he is married. **ADAM BLEZNAK** is getting married to Meryl Sklar on September 5 just before the deadline for submission. Many CK guests, including **CATE EDGELL**, will be in attendance to share their well wishes for the happy couple. Also writing in was **LUKE FISHER**, who now lives in Los Angeles, where he produces and manages Terminal A, a minimal electronic punk band that *LA Weekly* listed as one of fifteen bands to watch. He also manages MRK, a female-fronted, experimental-pop band that *VICE* has compared to Kate Bush and David Byrne. Outside of music, he continues to exhibit his paintings and produce film and video work. He is seeking financing for his first feature film, *My Twin Is Dead*, a Sundance finalist screenplay that he's producing with its writer/director, Matthew Kaundart. **TRISTAN LEVEY** is doing his internship in pediatrics at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin this year. He will be at University of Chicago next June to start his residency in Anesthesiology. **SCOTT KNAFFLA** has been living in Marquette in

Michigan's Upper Peninsula for the last five years. He works as a financial advisor and managing director for Barton & Associates, a financial advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial. Scott recently achieved his Certified Financial Planner (CFP) and Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) designations and is looking forward to seeing everyone next summer! **JOHN O'CONNELL** is living in NYC. He enjoys visiting family, traveling, playing sports, and hanging with friends. Last fall **BRIAN AUGUST** was the Man of Honor in **LINDSAY DIMARCO**'s wedding; it was a great time and a huge honor. In August he attended **KATIE LAMB**'s wedding at which both the ceremony and reception were at Cranbrook. Brian has continued his travels with opera, spending the winters in Sarasota and summers in Des Moines where he runs the stage management department. He has relocated from Detroit to Atlanta and looks forward to stage managing at the opera there, while continuing in his other appointments across the country. **ALEXANDRA LASKY** is living in downtown Miami by the water. She is running her start up online company Kefi Designs and just started working with an interior design staging company. She is very excited to be doing an art gallery showing during Art Basel Miami at the end of the year. Last year **KRISTA BENSON** started a magazine called *Glamour Girl*, a self-published web and print quarterly magazine used to promote, support, and showcase the work of emerging and forward-thinking female creatives throughout the United States and the world. *Glamour Girl* gives a unique look into the lives of these talented artists and creatives by giving each artist a camera to document their everyday life. The third issue is set to release in September. **SARAH LAVOIE KAPLUNOV** got married on June 20 in the gardens at Cranbrook House and celebrated along with other CK alumni guests. Her bridesmaids included her sister, Allison Lavoie '03, **ALLISON MATZELLE**, **NATALIE BERKЛИCH FULGER**, and **SAMARA JOHNSON**. Sarah is working as an RN at Royal Oak Beaumont. **JENNA SAKWA** moved to Washington, D.C., where she's an associate producer at CBS News, covering the 2016 presidential race. **TERESA MOORE** moved to Chicago from Durham, NC, this summer when she was accepted into the Second City comedy theater improv conservatory program. In Chicago, she's teaching French at Loyola University while she puts the finishing touches on her doctoral dissertation. (She's a sixth year grad student at Duke in romance studies.) She is also interning at NBC this fall semester

in their news editorial department. **MUSS AKRAM** ran into **RYAN ORLEY** in Boston this summer. Ryan is starting at Harvard Business School in the fall. Muss continues to live in Houston, where he enjoys sampling salsas, and he continues to travel across the country for work (but not Michigan yet). When **THERESA TEJADA** is not at work at the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, you can find her running, playing bar trivia, and play-testing board games developed by Amber Palace, the company started by her brother, Anthony Tejada, '00. She recently visited **MATT MOURA** in Chicago before he received his PhD in chemical and biological engineering from Northwestern University. His thesis was titled "Computational and Experimental Techniques for the Application of Promiscuous Enzymes to Novel Biosynthetic Pathway Development." Theresa also was lucky to see **LAUREN WHITE** on a trip to Michigan for her brother's wedding. Lauren lives in Germany and will be getting married in Michigan in October. Muss and Theresa are excited to see everyone at the 10 year reunion June 10-12! Please get in touch with one of us if you would like to help plan a celebration outside of the official Cranbrook events.

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I hope everyone is having a wonderful year! **SAMRITA VARDE** and I had the pleasure of running into **AMBER MOXLEY** at the Arts Beats & Eats festival in Royal Oak, MI, over Labor Day weekend. Amber is doing great and lives in sunny Florida. **SAMANTHA TAZZIA** started graduate school this past July at Syracuse University and is getting her master's in advertising, a one year program that will without doubt lead to new adventures! **LAUREN RIVARD** is living in Brooklyn Heights, NYC, working in corporate litigation at Arnold and Porter. She was admitted to the New York State Bar last February – Congrats! She also recently got engaged and is planning a wedding for the spring of 2017. In more wedding-related news, **KATIE PALUSCI** and **JOSH SIEGEL** had an incredible summer. Katie recently earned her MBA from Harvard Business School, and Josh won the prestigious Lemelson Prize at MIT. They topped it off with their wedding in the Cranbrook

dining hall on a beautiful Sunday in August, surrounded by many Cranbrook Kingswood friends. Over the summer, **CHRISTINA ILITCH** married Ariel Obando in the heart of Detroit. Ariel is from El Salvador and works in media, while Christina teaches yoga around the community. The couple met in ministry training and together they lead a worship team of young adults. Mike Ilitch, '05, and Neveen Elias, '08, stood up in the wedding. Alumni **KELSEY ZUKOWSKI, MOLLY LEEBOVE, IVY FORESTER, MELANIE AUGUST, and ARIEL MAGIDSON** all attended the celebration of their marriage.



Katie Palusci and Josh Siegel, both '07



(L-R) Maria Frendberg Beener, '07, Teddy Lorts, '08, Brennan McDonald, '07, Matthew Rubin, '07, Bridget Babbish, '08, Alisha Varde, '07, Samrita Varde, '07, Evan Ross, '07, Penn Greene, '07, and Mindy Welford, '07 at the wedding of Katie Palusci and Josh Siegel

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Ajay Ramesh, '08, marries Krista Funari

Another year gone by, another update on the goings-on of the Class of 2008. I had the pleasure of attending **AJAY RAMESH**'s wedding this past summer, along with **ERIC ROUFF** and **RYAN DREWS**. In a picturesque ceremony at Villanova, Ajay married the lovely Krista Funari. The two met during their freshman year at college and have been together ever since. I know I speak for all of us in wishing the Rameshes a wonderful future. Ryan is working in San Francisco for Houlihan Lokey in their consumer, food, and retail group, where he specializes in restaurants and wineries. At the time of this writing, he was balancing his free time between investigating the purchase of a new phone and starting a punk rock/New Age fusion band in his neighbor's garage. Back in Michigan, **CAMERON KEISER** moved back to Detroit, where he is working as a general manager at the new Menard's store in Livonia. He plans on sticking around for a while as the store looks to expand into the Michigan market. Up the road from Cranbrook, **XANDER STREK** is working for Clarkston Capital Partners, while he also works towards obtaining his Certified Financial Planner designation. **DAVID BLEZNAK** has gone into the family business, working at Bleznak Real Estate Investment Group. He works

both in commercial property management and with the acquisitions and dispositions team. In his spare time, David is coaching the Cranbrook Boys' Middle School soccer team for the second year. Down south, **THEO DASHER** has moved to Austin, TX, to start a fin-tech company, Ex/Im Financing, which is supported by technology company Flying Manta, Inc. **MIKE FITZGERALD** has started his first year in the PhD program at Florida State University, where he is studying marriage and family therapy. His research focuses on intimate partner violence and trauma. **JUSTIN CAMERON** moved to Charlotte, NC, where he is working at Total Quality Logistics, and, as I understand it, he's living the good life with frequent trips to the South Carolina shore. Out on the East Coast, **NICK ANDERSEN** is working for the local NPR affiliate in Boston. He was also a part of **ANDRE DOMPIERRE**'s wedding in Grand Rapids this past June, where he saw Cameron and Alex Pavloff, '07. We should wish the very best of luck to Andre and his wife. **M. PAUL WEEKS** is living and working in New York as a software engineer for a marketing startup. As for your Class Secretary, after graduating from the U-M Law School, **PETER BAUMHART** is working for a federal judge in Dallas, TX, for the next year. It was a pleasure to hear from so many of you this time around. Please send me an email (peterbaumhart29@gmail.com) with any updates or even just to say hello. Aim High.

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This year I had the pleasure of hearing from several of the CK ladies from the class of 2008. **CANDICE AMMORI** is living in the Detroit area again; she recently finished up a coding boot-camp and is working at Techstars Mobility downtown. She is happy to speak with other alumni about startups, tech, Detroit, and the environment. **ANDREA GUMUSHIAN** finished her master's program in art history at Tufts University this past May and is living in Boston with **KAITLIN CALLANAN**. She is still close to Nick Andersen who is also living in Boston. **LISA MICHAELS** has been back in Michigan this summer, where she just finished performing the role of Jeanie in St. Dunstan's production of *HAIR* outside in the Greek Theatre. She has also been working on researching

performance studies and creating new, devised theatre influenced by her work in Scotland and England. She has been offered an equity contract to play the role of Sheri in *American Hero* as part of Detroit Public Theatre's inaugural season at the Max M. and Marjorie S. Fisher Music Hall downtown.



Brittany Haury, '08, and groom, Christopher Evans

BRITTANY HAURY married her fiancé, Specialist Christopher Evans, on October 25, 2014. They moved from Hawaii to Fort Hood, TX. She works in the office of a local utility company, has two awesome dogs, and spends her free time gardening, building furniture, taking pictures, fishing, camping, and scuba diving. Her husband is on his first deployment, serving our nation's needs in South Korea. **MACKENZIE MCBRIDE** has been keeping busy, still living in Brooklyn and working as the executive assistant to a Broadway producer, while vigilantly pursuing a career in playwriting. This past year she had four short plays produced in New York City, and two other plays were finalists for competitions at The Cutting Ball Theater in San Francisco and The Durango Arts Center in Colorado. She finished writing two full-length plays and is seriously considering applying to graduate school in the fall for her MFA in playwriting. Outside of her career, Mackenzie is gearing up for her sister's wedding, Morgan McBride, '06. She sees Mary Baron, '10, frequently as well as Daniel DuComb, '09. **ARIELLE MACK** has relocated from London back to Michigan to start law school at the University of Michigan. Her fiancé, Darryl, has also made the move. **REBECCA KALLEN MURDEN** and her husband, Todd, are doing great, living in Pittsburgh. Todd is the director of student ministries at their church, and Becca just started a new job at an architecture firm downtown. As for me, **HANNAH KANECK**, I am finishing up my master's in environmental health science at the Yale School of Public Health in New Haven, CT. I'm excited to finish school and head back out west to Colorado to pursue work in data management.

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ERIC HARBOUR is spending his winters as a trainer for the Loveland Ski Club, logging 100+ days on the mountain a year. The summertime is full of camping, climbing, and four-wheeling across Colorado. **ADAM WELLS** occasionally meets up with Eric out here in the Rockies. He recently left his position as media/content manager at Denver-based outdoor brand Topo Designs to pursue freelance design and photography, and travel, or something. **BRENDAN HANCOCK** moved to Denver in August and is working at Subaru. **ELI TOWNSEND** is working as an engineer in water management in Denver. **JOE**, the next Stradivarius, **GRANZOTTO** has been living together with Eckhous in Kraków, working as a violin maker with aspirations of starting the first Polish reggae band. If anybody knows a good base guitarist in Kraków, it would be very helpful. (Note: this email was sent from his Harvard Law email address.) **ANDREW** "leather makes the man" **ECKHOUS** is working as a cobbler on the streets of Kraków, Poland. He was an apprentice with the venerable Lech Sajewski Leather Shoppe and is now plying his trade while paying his way through large mammal veterinary school. **ADAM ROSENFELD** is part way through Harvard Law School. **WALTER DALLEY** lives in Santa Monica working for Viacom along with Alana Barden, K'09. **DYLAN HANDELSMAN** is working in D.C., with plans to pursue law school. **MATT WAHL** wrapped up a successful hockey career in France and moved to San Francisco, where he's doing sales in the tech world. **TAYLOR YASUDA** can be found on Facebook. I also received a couple updates from some of the girls: Nina Levin, K'09, has been pursuing her master's in international and comparative social work practice which landed her in Victoria, Australia, for a few months. She's currently finishing her final semester at U-M. Amanda Orley, K'09, is doing a post-bac at NYU right now and applying for med school next summer.

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As always, it is exciting to hear what our fellow classmates are doing four years out of CK! **LAUREN DOLIK** has been working at NBC Universal in the Page program since June, which is a 12-month rotational program through various shows and departments at NBC. She gets to work on everything from Sports and Olympics programming to the USA Network to SNL, Jimmy Fallon, and Seth Myers. **SAMANTHA GEORGE** graduated from Michigan State University in May with a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication with a specialization in Fiction Film Production. Since graduation, she has moved back to Bloomfield Hills to pursue a career in the film industry, primarily with special effects makeup. **MALIA HAIN** is pursuing a Pharm.D. at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. **EMILY HUANG** just graduated from University of Illinois and is now pursuing a master's degree at the Columbia University School of Social Work. **KELLY RIEGLER** interned with the Nashville Predators, an NHL team, in the youth marketing and fan development department. She valued taking what she learned with Cranbrook Women's Hockey and applying it to youth development in middle Tennessee, where hockey is not nearly as popular of a game. She worked with some of the professional players to teach local youth the skills of the game through clinics held at community centers and at over 30 summer camps. She now aspires to work in the sports industry after completing her undergraduate degree this semester and master's program in the coming year, while working as an intern in the Michigan State Athletic department. **SCARLETT SHADER** graduated from Miami University in May and just started pursuing a Master's in Public Health at U-M. She's living with **JOSH BRILL** and is also still in an impressive six-year long relationship with **JOE LAGRASSO**, who just graduated from Babson College and now works for the family business (LaGrasso Bros. Produce). He is also training for a full Ironman that he will be competing in on September 13. **STEPHANIE SINGER** is back at the U-M getting her Master's in Mechanical Engineering. **ALEX TOENNIGES** recently graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Music in Bassoon Performance and is now pursuing a master of music in bassoon performance at Ball State University, where she studies with Dr. Keith Sweger and serves as the bassoon graduate assistant. As we

are moving onto the next steps in our adult lives, please remember to email me your new contact information, so that we can stay in touch regarding class notes, reunions, and other networking events. Good luck!

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(Editor's Note: Email your updates for the next issue of *Tradition* to your class secretaries:)

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HONORARY ALUMNI

As noted in the spring issue of *Tradition*, honorary alumna, **ARLYCE SEIBERT** celebrated serving as the director of schools for 20 of her 44 years at Cranbrook Kingswood. Alumni Director, Susan Aikens Post, '78, told me that Arlyce was also given a surprise President's Award for Excellence in April as well, and at that event Tom DeCraene introduced her and gave her a good roasting. Not to be outdone, Charlie Shaw gave the crowd many laughs a few weeks later at the 21st Century Club's celebration of her 20th as director. There was a fun song performed by students that put a new spin on the song from their spring play, *Little Shop of Horrors* that turned "Suddenly Seymour" into "Suddenly Seibert." Alumna, Julie Fisher Cummings, '73, brought a tear to nearly everyone's eyes with a heartfelt tribute. Arlyce brought stability in leadership to the School. I, myself, enjoyed working with her for the 21 years I was part of the Department of Development and Alumni Relations. She was the constant

person during that time – always there to provide direction, answer questions and make decisions. I was always impressed by her efforts to be there for our alumni – at outreach receptions, senior alumni dinners, fundraisers, alumni sporting events and, of course, reunion activities.



Claudia Schuette and Deborah Rutzen, honorary alumni

DEBRA RUTZEN received the community-wide President's Award for Excellence! Qualifications for this award: describe someone who has gone beyond the "call of duty" to make an impact in the community, demonstrate determination, character, skill and dedication and make significant individual contributions to providing an outstanding learning environment. For 46 years, Debbie has been all that and more. She got a great introduction from longtime colleague Claudia Schuette, and many of her former students were on hand to celebrate with her.



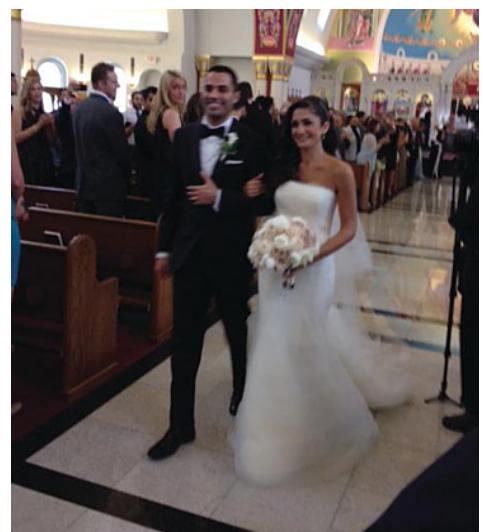
Tim Berker, '05, and girlfriend, Henrike

JOHN WINTER, honorary alum, '12, sent the following news: "Having available time is the best part of my retirement – time to enjoy family, friends and travel particularly back to Cranbrook Kingswood events and events in the Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham area! I was fortunate to spend two months in Portugal this past March and April – my

apartment was located in the Algarve region in the old town of Albufeira with its gorgeous Atlantic coastline and beaches. While there, Tim Brekker, '05, and his fiancé visited and we explored Lagos and its beautiful beaches and restaurants. It was great to see them and congratulate Tim on the completion of his PhD. I also welcomed a breakfast visit from Leanne DeCraene, '01, and her friend as they were making their way through the Algarve region and Morocco. I also managed trips to Faro, Lisbon (if you get the chance book into the Corinthia Hotel), Porto and Fatima while there. I spent Easter week with Nick Pink, '96, his wife, Libby, and their son, my godson, Jenson – enjoying remarkable springtime weather in London, Portsmouth and Seaford. Later in June, I caught up with them again as we shared Disney World with young Jenson (his first time!). In May I attended the wedding of John Hanna, '05, and met his beautiful bride, Leila, and caught up with his parents, Nabil and Hala, his brother, Andrew, '10, his sister, Marie Claire, '06, and her husband, Michael.



Nick Pink, '96, wife, Libby and son, Jenson



John Hanna, '05, and wife, Leila

I also had the chance to share lunch with Ann Marseles Reed, '55, at Ellen's Bakery and Cafe, a favorite restaurant in Sylvan Lake. In June, Reunion Weekend was perfect. Kudos to Susan, Margi, and all the people in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations for organizing and producing a fantastic event! September began with the celebration of Liz McClure's, '06, wedding to Sante Fratarcangeli in the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit, followed by a top drawer reception at the DAC. I was honored to be seated at the table of Chip and Sarah McClure, proud parents of Liz and CG McClure, '04."



Liz McClure, '06, marries Sante Fratarcangeli

As for me, **KATHY DISCENNA**, I continue to stay in touch with Cranbrook. In June I enjoyed spending time at Reunion. I again assisted Rev. John Albrecht, '47, with the annual alumni memorial service, one of my favorite activities of Reunion, having helped create it in 1991. It is always so touching as alumni share their memories of classmates who have passed away during the preceding year. The cocktail party and Reunion itself was its usual success thanks to the hard work of the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, particularly Margi Brown, as well as the hardworking people in catering, buildings and grounds, and event management. Connecting with alumni, seeing former and current faculty again, and enjoying a too-brief conversation with Arlyce Seibert were highlights. I also attended another favorite event, the alumni brunch, on Sunday, and was happy to see they are following the same menus and happy yellow colors in the decorations. It was a treat to be back on those beautiful grounds with such very special people. Here in Flushing, MI, I

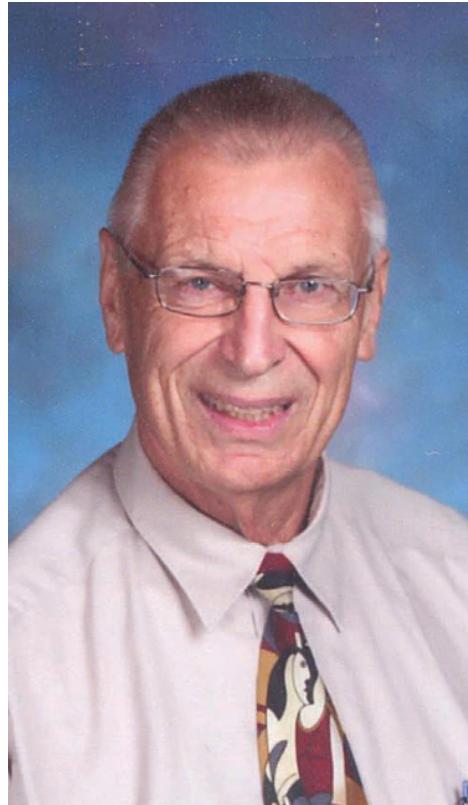
am enjoying small town life – more nature, less traffic and a writers' group I belong to at our senior center.

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FORMER FACULTY



Edgar Soudek, Cranbrook former faculty member

(Editor's Note)

The alumni office heard from former faculty member, **EDGAR SOUDEK**, and here is his news: Having reached the young age of 76 in April, and concluding his 50th year teaching languages and coaching, Mr. Soudek (or "Papi Soudek," as his students affectionately called him) recently announced his retirement from teaching. Edgar had taught at International Schools in Vienna, Austria, Bangkok, Thailand, Mexico City, Salvador-Bahia, Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he met his wife, Vanderlea, as well as several private and public schools in the United States. Mr. Soudek came to Cranbrook in 1965 as a teacher of foreign languages, principally Spanish, French, and German. He

started coaching Varsity Soccer the following year. During his nine years at Cranbrook Schools, Mr. Soudek took more than 100 students on trips to Europe and another 50 to Mexico; these trips became the favorite memories of participating students! He was the first high school soccer coach to take teams behind the infamous Iron Curtain, playing games in then communist Hungary and Czechoslovakia. Mr. Soudek cherishes contact with all his former students, who may reach him at Edgar_Soudek@yahoo.com and/or 540-672-0477.



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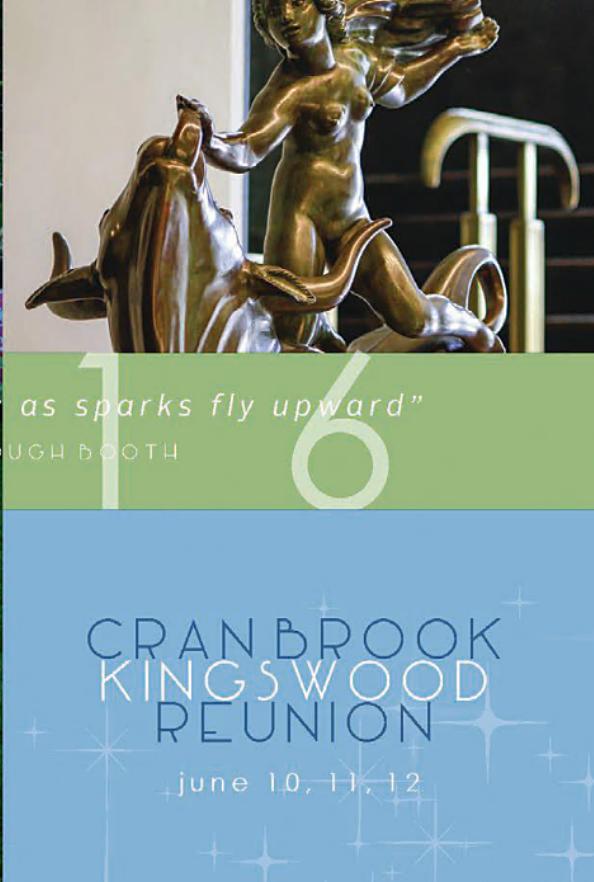
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