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## SPRING 2017: DO YOU REMEMBER?

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Kingswood class of '57 at Reunion 2017

### A MOMENT FOREVER

Stop only for a moment  
 While I ponder.  
 I look into your face  
 And see a girl grown  
 To almost womanhood.  
 I look into your eyes  
 And see the joys of youth,  
 Realized in the sorrows of maturing.  
 I look at the blush of your cheeks  
 And see tenderly-nurtured eagerness,  
 Directed toward hope for the future.  
 I look at all of you  
 And see that you are  
 Haunted by the half that you shall be.

Go now and be joyful,  
 For I know you, believe in you,  
 And I shall not forget you.

Delphia Lamberson K'57





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Ben and Margot Snyder, June 1962  
Photo: Harvey Croze

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# RESIDENT'S Point of View



DEAR CRANBROOK SCHOOLS' ALUMNI,

**T**he Community started by the Booths over a century ago now extends far beyond the limits of our beautiful 319-acre campus. Cranbrook carries on across the globe in each of you, as well as others whom it has touched in some way. Through education, science, and art, Cranbrook impacts diverse audiences around the world, united through a shared passion for the pursuit of knowledge and the creative spirit. All of us are truly one Cranbrook family, connected through our common association with this very special place.

As you experienced firsthand, Cranbrook Schools students receive an unparalleled education, supported by a curriculum that includes engagement with the Art Museum, Institute of Science, our natural and historic landscape, and more.

Perhaps most importantly, Cranbrook students are instilled with a sense of social responsibility and global awareness thanks largely to outreach efforts such as the Schools' Namtenga Project. For nearly two decades, the Cranbrook Schools have helped Namtenga—a small village in Africa—meet its goals of education, health, and economic well-being for its residents. The entire Cranbrook Schools Community is active in supporting Namtenga's village school, which has increased enrollment from 40 to over 220 students, half being girls. I am exceptionally proud of the Schools, and our students, for helping Namtenga achieve such a significant accomplishment.

On a somber note, this year we lost the founder and biggest supporter of the Horizons-Upward Bound program when Ben Snyder passed away. We celebrated his life and legacy on Saturday, September 23 with a memorial service and visitation at Christ Church Cranbrook, followed by a reception in the Cranbrook dining hall. As you look through

this publication, I hope you will pause on the personal messages of our Schools' leaders. In their words, you will discover how by introducing and nurturing the HUB program at Cranbrook over 50 years ago, Ben significantly infused all of us with the meaning of "community" and a desire to serve others with all that Cranbrook has to offer.

And that spirit continues throughout Cranbrook today. In addition to hosting thousands of guests on Cranbrook's campus, the Art Museum and Institute of Science provide rich and impactful outreach programming to students and communities of all ages and backgrounds.

In a true spirit of philanthropy, the Museum and Institute also offer free programming, admission, or transportation to urban audiences, or to those who cannot afford admission, using funds from generous donors and foundations of all types. These programs offer resource-strapped teachers and schools free teachers' guides, lesson materials and curricular support to supplement Cranbrook outreach programming that is delivered right into their classrooms.

In closing, I would like to share a quote about community from Cranbrook founder George Booth, "We all worked together with this one objective—make the place as beautiful as we could, as useful as it might be, possibly leaving spots for buildings as well as making spots for joy." I hope Cranbrook serves as a "spot of joy" for you and your family, physically, creatively and intellectually. Please know that you are a valued part of our Community and your continued friendship is so much appreciated. Again, all of you are considered family.

My personal thanks to each of you for all that you do for Cranbrook!

Sincerely,  
DOMINIC A. DIMARCO, PRESIDENT  
*Cranbrook Educational Community*





# DIRECTOR'S School of Thought

Although the focus of my message in this issue is on a very different topic, I cannot ignore this opportunity to acknowledge the passing of Ben Snyder. His influence on Cranbrook and commitment to its students is profound and significant. I hope you take the time to read the articles in this issue that recognize him more fully.

Ben was, and will remain, a true Cranbrook legend. Due to his contributions to education and leadership, coaching and mentoring, the development of the World Affairs Seminar and the Horizons-Upward Bound Program, Cranbrook Schools is a far different and far better place than it would have been without him. To simply say he will be missed is to underestimate his impact. It is far more appropriate to say that he, and his legacy, will never be forgotten.

The safety and security of our students is the single highest priority for every parent, teacher, and staff member at Cranbrook Schools. All of us at Cranbrook understand that when a parent sends a child to Cranbrook it is a sign of trust—a trust that we all are committed to keeping. To that end, I would like to update you with some key information.

Over the past two years, Cranbrook Schools and the Cranbrook Security Office have been working together to implement a new program that represents the latest understanding of how to react during a worst-case scenario on a school campus. It can be an uncomfortable topic, and is only the most remote possibility, but the presence of a violent intruder at a school can be a parent's—or teacher's—worst fear.



The new program that we have adopted is called ALICE. This program is nationally recognized as far better than the traditional “shelter-in-place only” option that is standard among the vast majority of schools today.

Cranbrook Schools is committed to remaining a leader in campus security, and it is vital that you, our parents, understand what ALICE is and why we have adopted it. I strongly encourage you to watch three short videos we have produced that explain the ALICE program, the training our faculty and staff have received so far, and the training that each and every student at Cranbrook will receive.

We have encouraged all Cranbrook Schools parents, our most valuable partners in ensuring the safety of children while they are on campus, to watch the videos and then, take the opportunity to speak with their son or daughter about the training they will be receiving. I am sure that the new ways ALICE empowers our community to react in the case of an intruder will keep Cranbrook a leader in safety preparedness.

Sincerely,  
ARLYCE M. SEIBERT  
*Director of Cranbrook Schools*



# A DMISSIONS of Excellence

I am happy to be able to report that Cranbrook Schools is again filled with talented students. Of course it is our faculty who get credit for keeping our retention rate of students very high (95% this year!) by providing outstanding experiences inside and outside of the classrooms every school day. Yet we would not have the student body we enjoy today without the efforts of our alumni and parents who go out of their way to help promote the school. Recently, one of our current parents shared a story with me that perfectly illustrated this point.

He told me about a conversation he had with a family friend. The friend had been talking about his dream for his own young child to eventually have all of the opportunities that come with attending a great university. The Cranbrook parent immediately responded, "Why wait until college?" After describing the experience that his child is having at Cranbrook, he convinced this family to apply, and their son is now a student at Brookside.

"My only regret about going to Cranbrook is that I did not start earlier." I have heard this sentiment countless times over the years from alumni and from students and their parents who wished that they had been able to experience more years at this extraordinary school. Although we can all become focused upon our children's future educational years, research confirms that earlier exposure to a great educational environment provides lasting benefits throughout a student's educational career and beyond.

If you have a child who will be turning three, four, or five years old this next year, now is the time to start the application process. For many years we were not able to enroll new full day junior kindergarteners, but we have added a class section for four year olds to accommodate the growing number of families seeking this option.

Along with entry into our Early Childhood Center grades, the start of middle school (sixth grade) and upper school



(ninth grade for both day and boarding students) are the points when we increase our class sizes. Each year we do have limited openings in all other grade levels when students withdraw. Our admission committee gives preference to children of alumni, and we are fortunate to have many children and grandchildren of our graduates carrying on their family legacy here at Cranbrook Schools. Please contact my office if you have children of your own or if you know of families who should consider Cranbrook.

Sincerely,  
DREW MILLER  
*Director of Admission*





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# Development

FELLOW ALUMNI,

**M**y first conversation with Ben Snyder was in the car, during the in-between moments of what would be his last Reunion Weekend. I was driving him to his beloved “Gathering of Golden Grads” event at Page Hall when he suddenly asked about my uncle—an alum and former track captain. Ben reflected on my uncle’s stats, including his finish time—to the fraction of a second—in a forty-year-old race. “A fine athlete,” Ben said. Suffice it to say, I was floored.

I learned quickly that Ben remembered most of his former students, as well as proud moments he shared with each of them: track races won (and lost); inspired presentations at the World Affairs Seminar; prestigious college scholarships awarded to students who never dreamed it possible; and as always, he was effusive about the Horizons-Upward Bound program.

I am often asked to describe what differentiates Cranbrook Schools from other institutions, as well as what makes it worthy of our philanthropic support. There are many answers to these questions, but teachers, coaches and administrators like Ben are most often cited as a source of gratitude and inspiration for giving back.

Last year alone, the Schools received more than 630 tribute gifts to express appreciation for individual teachers, and there is a growing list of funds and programs named to honor those who dedicated their lives to the institution: Ben Snyder, Elizabeth Bennett, Mary Bramson, Betsy Clark, Wally Cripps, John Denio, Bob Hoffman, Harry Hoey, Scrib Jelliffe, Rich and Betsy Lamb, Honnie McClear, Hal and Jean Smart, Del Walden, Jeffrey Welch, Howard Wert, Jessie Winter, Charlie Shaw, Arlyce Seibert, and more.

Since Ben passed away last spring, many have honored him by supporting the programs he valued most. I encourage



you to read more about those gifts in the pages to come, but it is worth noting that each and every contribution has been accompanied by a story or stories that reflect a man of great character, generosity, and vision.

Whether it is Ben you wish to recognize, or another teacher, coach, or administrator who made a difference in your life, tributes like these are a special and deeply personal way to celebrate the people and relationships at the heart of the Cranbrook Schools experience. Whenever possible, the Development Office notifies individuals that a contribution has been made in their honor (without disclosing the amount). Of course, we are always happy to relay greetings and messages of appreciation, whether or not there is a contribution attached.

Thank you for your support, and everything you do to support Cranbrook Schools.

Sincerely,  
SUSAN STRICKLAND MUSKOVITZ '97  
*Director of Development*





# TEWARD'S Table

Unless one has the good fortune of having been born on this campus, one's first encounter with Cranbrook is unforgettable. A very young faculty member, newly arrived in the fall of 1976, quickly surmised that Cranbrook was a place of audacious making. In my interview the previous spring, academic dean Sam Salas had walked me through the grounds of a campus designed to astonish. I could hardly have imagined that so much of my interview with the English Department would be spent in the company of students. I could scarcely believe the incredible importance placed on creativity and expression in these schools. Without these two articles of faith, a long tradition of making could not have flourished at Cranbrook. Last spring, *Tradition* featured a closer look at innovation. It's worth pointing out that innovation, creativity, and making have deep historical roots here.

George Booth's genius for ironwork and design clearly informed the vision he shared with Eliel Saarinen and Carl Milles "at the creation." Mr. Booth's purchase of the entire contents of Mr. Milles's traveling sculpture exhibition at the time affirmed for posterity the importance of "making" at Cranbrook. This was likewise enshrined in the boys school hymn: "Cranbrook whose sculptured stone and iron shaft bespeak the skillful hand of every craft."

Legendary Kingswood weaving teachers Lillian Holm (1934-65) and Lynn Hazard (1973-95) worked out of the largest weaving studio of any secondary school in the nation. They inspired generations of artists in fiber and made the weaving studio nationally famous. The Kingswood art department was renowned. At Cranbrook, science teacher Floyd Bunt initiated many young men to the mysteries of auto mechanics and the scientific principles of carburation and internal combustion. In his classroom in the old science building (Lindquist Hall) boys hoisted up engines, took them apart and reassembled them. Mr. Warren Parden shared time between supervising skilled



trades and teaching wood shop. Many skilled artisans of wood, male and female, carried these passions through their lifetimes.

For almost four decades, the storied careers of Ms. Christine Goodale (drawing, painting, and photography) and Dr. Jeffrey Welch (English) were consequential in updating this tradition. This couple populated the hallways and offices of the Upper School with outstanding student artwork for permanent display. An engraved plate identifies the year and name of each student artist. Dr. Welch coined the term "Cranbrook in the Curriculum," which launched a campaign to recognize the significance of primary objects in the education of all the students of Cranbrook Schools. Today, classrooms from every Schools division have created deep connectedness to important resources at the Cranbrook Institute of Science and the Cranbrook Art Museum. In September, Dr. Welch returned to the campus to lead faculty and students on a walking tour of the Cranbrook campus.

Today's Cranbrook Schools are national exemplars of the creative campus. The examples are too numerous to count. The Brookside curriculum pulls from every corner of the campus. In their "Investigations" week, students are encouraged to invent and innovate. Students at the Girls and Boys Middle Schools are learning programming, building "maker space" skills, and achieving competitive success at the highest national level of robotics. In the second year of the Summer Enterprise Awards, The Upper School promoted student invention and entrepreneurship supporting seven different student projects. A new course, "Digital and Fabrication Design Studio" explores sculptural forms and functional designs through the use of software. It is inspiring to keep in mind that passion for "making Cranbrook" issues from a rich tradition.

Sincerely,  
CHARLIE SHAW





# CKAA resident's Letter



*CKAA President Wade Mezey (center right) presents John Albrecht with the 2017 Gratitude Award*



*CKAA President Elect Laurie Frankel selling alumni merchandise at reunion*

DEAR FELLOW ALUMNI,

**T**hank you to all those alumni who were able to participate in making alumni reunion 2017 so memorable. It was a pleasure to have our Distinguished Alumna Jules Knittel Pieri '77 and Distinguished Alumnus Bob Bechek '77 back on campus to speak at the commencement ceremonies and the alumni assembly. These two alumni inspired students and their fellow alumni with their reflections on the paths they have walked since their own graduations.

Uncovering the stories of our fascinating fellow alumni has developed into a new initiative for the alumni association. Last spring we helped identify alumni with unique backgrounds for a campaign on the schools' website called Alumni Stories. We hope you will visit and learn more about your fellow graduates, and forward suggestions to [alumni@cranbrook.edu](mailto:alumni@cranbrook.edu) for those who should be considered for future recognition or profiles.

Our next major initiative is our fifth annual alumni career fair for students on the evening of January 31. If you are anywhere near campus at that time and want to participate as a mentor, contact the alumni office to get information on registration by email at [alumni@cranbrook.edu](mailto:alumni@cranbrook.edu) or by phone at (248) 645-3132. This event has been extremely well received by the student body. For the first three years,

only seniors were invited to attend, but due to popular demand the junior class is invited to join during the second hour. Immediately following the fair, the alumni association will host a networking and social hour nearby.

As we wrapped up the school year last spring, it was a privilege to be able to present alumnus John Albrecht '47 with the Alumni Association's Gratitude Award. This award is given to a volunteer who has gone above and beyond the call of duty over the years in the Cranbrook community. John has given of himself in many ways over the years, including service to the alumni organizations dating back to the 1950s. He has served in a variety of leadership roles including President of the Cranbrook Council, and serves as an emeritus member of the current alumni board, taking on various active roles such as officiating at the memorial service at reunion and serving as a mentor at the career fair.

We are grateful to our dues-paying alumni whose contributions make initiatives like these possible.

Sincerely,  
WADE MEZEY, '76  
*President, Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association*

LAURIE FRANKEL '79  
*President-Elect, Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association*





**OCUS:**  
Cranbrook  
Kingswood



Upper school robotics team at the Vex World Championships

## ACADEMIC

Grace Wang '17, was named one of only three U.S. Presidential Scholars in Michigan. The nomination is one of the highest honors a student can earn, and is based upon their academic and artistic performance, transcripts and essays, and their involvement in community service and leadership. In addition to her newfound status as a Presidential Scholar, Grace has accomplished several noteworthy achievements during the last several years. In 2016, Grace earned a perfect score of 36 on her ACT exam, and was selected as a winner of the New York Times Second Annual Student Editorial Contest in 2015, earning a "Top Ten" spot out of nearly 5,000 student entries.

Last spring, CK seniors Lauren Pham and junior Kevin Sang received 2017 Catalyst Conference Citations from the Global Online Academy. This is one of the largest online educational conferences, and presents hundreds of student projects designed to spark change in local communities. These interactive, multimedia projects are the culmination of weeks of work that the students did

in Global Online Academy and on-campus classes. Their projects were recognized by the academy for identifying and contextualizing the importance of their topic and engaging visitors through creative and well-designed presentation pages.

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND STUDENT LIFE

Empathy: Exploring Perspective and Problem-Solving was the theme of the TEDxCranbrookSchools event on campus the last Saturday in April. The TEDx format brings speakers and communities together to share ideas that focus on motivating and inspiring our students. Alumni, faculty, current students and guests shared their stories of ingenuity and creativity. Speakers included Imerman Angels founder Jonny Imerman '94 and Jacqueline Stein '14, who looked at virtual reality as a tool to help teachers understand dyslexia.

The CK Robotics teams are positioned for an exciting year to come. At last year's VEX Worlds event, one CK team, 35 "Terminal Velocity," lead by junior Allen Neme, was one of the candidates for the Excellence Award,



which is considered to be the highest honor in the VEX Robotics Competition. Additionally, team 39Z “The Zip Ties,” was awarded the Teamwork Award for an essay composed by junior captain Justin Applefield. The judges were impressed by Applefield’s account of the Cranbrook Schools’ Robotics program’s cohesion and support for other programs in the SE Michigan area. Jacob Barber ‘18 has been committed to Robotics during his tenure at Cranbrook Kingswood upper school and the results speak for themselves. He won a number of accolades last year, including Tournament Champion at the Michigan VEX Robotics State Championship held at MSU. It will be exciting to see what Jacob accomplishes at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute this year.

A CK team earned semi-finalist status in the 2017 National LifeSmarts Championship. Now in its 23rd year, the competition took place in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania last spring. Seniors Aaron Han, Michael Bian, Ryan Neff, and Nikhil Baddam made it to the “final four” at the championship, eventually taking third place. This is a great accomplishment, as the competition featured teams from 31 schools across the country.

As part of an alumni-sponsored series of Wednesday Workshops offered last spring, students were invited to workshop sessions with high-powered alumni from a variety of fields. Hollywood screenwriter Doug Miro ‘90 helped students understand the kind of determination that is required to break into the entertainment business. World Trade Organization executive Keith Rockwell ‘76 carved out time on a trip from Geneva to help students understand some of the political ramifications of trade agreements. Indy-Car champion Robbie Buhl ‘82 dazzled students with stories of his experiences on the racetrack (see photos in Alumni Moments), and explained how his passion for driving led him to found a sports marketing firm in Detroit. The new weekly schedule at CK, and the advent of Wednesday Workshops wherein students register for special offerings during the common lunch period has opened up new opportunities for alumni mentorship at the schools that has found an eager audience in our student body.

Students were treated to an alumni panel in September on the heels of the Detroit Homecoming conference downtown sponsored by *Crain’s Business Detroit*. *Crain’s*



*Eric Fanning '86 and Elissa Slotkin '94 met with students interested in government*



*Detroit Homecoming  
alumni panelists*

*Business Detroit* and city officials invited influential “expats” who have Michigan roots but have gone on to great success elsewhere back to the city for a three-day conference to learn more about how they might contribute to the renaissance of Detroit. Cranbrook Schools’ alumni were well represented at the conference, with more than 30 attendees, and even more local alumni working behind the scenes. It was exciting that a dozen of these busy people carved out time for the panel with students, who took full advantage of the opportunity to connect with alumni talent and gain their perspective on Detroit initiatives. Alumni featured in the panel were Christopher Bell ’94, Matt Nosanchuk ’83, Trooper Sanders ’91, Dan Lyne ’89, Gaurav Ahuja ’10, Josh Siegel ’07, Deborah Wahl ’81, Tom Robinson, M.D. ’78, Brent Barnhart ’04, Brian Razaque ’96, Anand Parikh ’04, and Ryan Childress ’97.

Students with an interest in politics were given an exciting opportunity to dialogue with the 22nd Secretary of the Army, Eric Fanning. Mr. Fanning, who served in this role under President Obama, attended Cranbrook for two years

as a member of the class of ’86. He came to campus with his colleague Elissa Slotkin ’94, a former U.S. Department of Defense official and a current candidate for Michigan’s 8th congressional district. Both alumni answered questions about current events, politics, and the military.

The ninth annual Cranbrook Envisions a Cure campus walk took place in September. Once again, CK Cross Country team members and the Cranbrook Envisions a Cure Club members did all the heavy lifting for set up and take down, and assisted the representatives from the various cancer research and support groups represented. The Pelz family generously donated donuts and cider from Franklin Cider Mill. Alumna Ellen Jaffe Sherman ’82 was the featured speaker, and she spoke from the heart about the support that Gilda’s Club provides to those battling cancer and their families.

At the annual Bennett Reading for faculty writing grant recipients, Eglee Rodriguez-Bravo treated the audience to two short essays that were the product of a summer workshop. Her stories took the audience through the



streets of Spain. Biology teacher Robert Greene, who has been a member of the science department at Cranbrook Kingswood for 35 years, also shared two short stories. The first story delved into ways in which both a simple chess move and a subtle whitewater canoe maneuver guide a teacher to understand what is important. The second described the way in which a glance at a street musician causes the author to look beyond appearances. The purpose of the grant is to provide deserving faculty members with opportunities to pursue personal writing projects. The grant is named for Kingswood English teacher Elizabeth Bennett. From 1936 to 1968 she inspired her Kingswood students with a reverence for the written word.

## ATHLETICS

The Cranbrook Kingswood girls' lacrosse team won the state title in sudden victory 17-16 over five-time reigning champions East Grand Rapids in the Division 2 Final on June 10. This is a historic first MHSAA title in that sport. CK fans savored the thrill of watching the team fight back from a 13-6 deficit in the second half. CK junior Angelina Wiater delivered the game-winning goal in sudden death overtime for the Cranes with just 49.5 seconds left. Isabelle Scane

'18, who is committed to Northwestern next year, took All-American honors for her performance with the team.

Cranbrook Kingswood Rowing battled tough weather conditions on the Detroit River at the Hebda Cup Regatta on April 29 and came away with a gold medal in the men's double and a bronze medal in the women's lightweight 4+. Cranbrook Kingswood senior Josh Hartman and junior Will Van Houten advanced to the final in the men's varsity double and finished sixth in the nation at the Scholastic Rowing Association of America National Championship Regatta held in May in Camden, New Jersey. This was Cranbrook's first boat ever to qualify for Nationals. CK proved to be a worthy competitor on the national stage.

Cranbrook Football began its 2017 football campaign with a community service event. Forty-six varsity and junior varsity players spent the day at the Spirit of Hope Urban Garden in Detroit. Food from the garden is free to the community residents, and is used in preparing meals for the homeless. The Cranes were put to work clearing unwanted brush, weeds, and shrubs. In September, the team featured alumni players at a game against Cabrini. Alumni players who registered their attendance were called onto the



First ever girls lacrosse  
D2 state champions



Football alumni at the CK vs Cabrini game



field at halftime and recognized. Recent alumni, as well as players from the 70s and 80s stood proudly on Del Walden field, and the team responded by trouncing Cabrini 56-7. The team plans to invite alumni back again next season. At press time, the team is looking forward to a Friday Night Lights game to celebrate Homecoming.

The boys' tennis team is off to a great start this year. One of this year's captains, Benji Jacobson '18 was recently named a 2017 All-American for his performance last season at #1 singles. At press time, both Jacobson and the team were undefeated in league play.

### FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Last May, over 1000 of the top performing, fine, visual, and creative arts students from Michigan schools gathered for the 55th Michigan Youth Arts Festival, a celebration of the finest and most accomplished young artists from across the state. The talents of four Cranbrook Kingswood students were highlighted at that event. Liliana Arida-Moody '18 played in the Festival's Gala concert.

Soyoung Cho '19 played violin in the Honors Concert as Concertmaster, a top honor earned by only one student per year. Actors Jennifer Newton '18 and Courtney Wright '17 gave performances in the Theatre and Creative Writing Showcase and Musical Theatre Showcase, respectively. With strict criteria for selection in every division, the Performing Arts Department was proud of the strong showing from the talented CK students who were selected to perform.

The 37th Annual Strickland Choreography Competition took place in April. Nine Cranbrook dance students created original choreography for submission. Junior Evyenia Craprotta was a finalist with her heartfelt solo titled "All I Want." Freshman Kali Hightower and Lauren Roebuck created the winning piece titled "Insecure," which dealt with the obsession of how we look and try to "fit in." Last year's Strickland winner, Ajené Hines '16, was on hand to announce the winner. Both of these expressive and meaningful dances were performed in the Evening of Dance Concert.



Bravo, the organization that supports performing arts at Cranbrook Schools, sponsored a raffle of four premium tickets to see “Hamilton” and a night's stay at the luxurious Waldorf Astoria in Chicago. Alumna and original Hamilton cast-member Renée Elise Goldsberry '89 filmed a special announcement promoting the raffle, which caused quite a stir. It resulted in the most successful fundraiser the Bravo group has ever held to date, and plans are already in the works for this year's raffle.

Iconic former faculty member and administrator Jeffrey Welch took time out of retirement to lead an art and architecture tour on the Cranbrook Campus for students and faculty this September. The tour focused on the art and decorative structures in and around the Cranbrook quadrangle, starting with the Maroti limestone carving around the reading room fireplace and ending in the south lobby of Hoey Hall with its Pewabic tile and Carlevarijs' masterpiece “The Piazzetta, Venice.” Welch highlighted the way that the Booths paid homage to the edification of youth in every detail of the campus.

Last May, the Cranbrook Schools ceramics studio received the first of two new “state of the art” Geil Electric Kilns for

glaze firing to stoneware temperatures—the first of their kind for the studio. Students have begun experimenting with firing in the new atmospheric kiln.

Two metalsmithing students took honors in the annual Grinstein Jewelry Scholarship Competition held last spring. Juniors Lily Yarema and Chris Smith received scholarship funds for their pieces, which were juried by noted local jewelry educators and professionals.

Cranbrook Kingswood dance students spent three days in New York City in early April. They took in a preview of the new Broadway Show, *Anastasia*, and participated in a Limón style dance class. The dancers also attended a performance of a new concept show, a dance-musical that was performed at the 92nd Street Y. The dancers were able to talk to the directors and performers afterwards, making it a wonderful learning experience.

*Screenwriter Doug Miro '90 spent the day on campus with students*





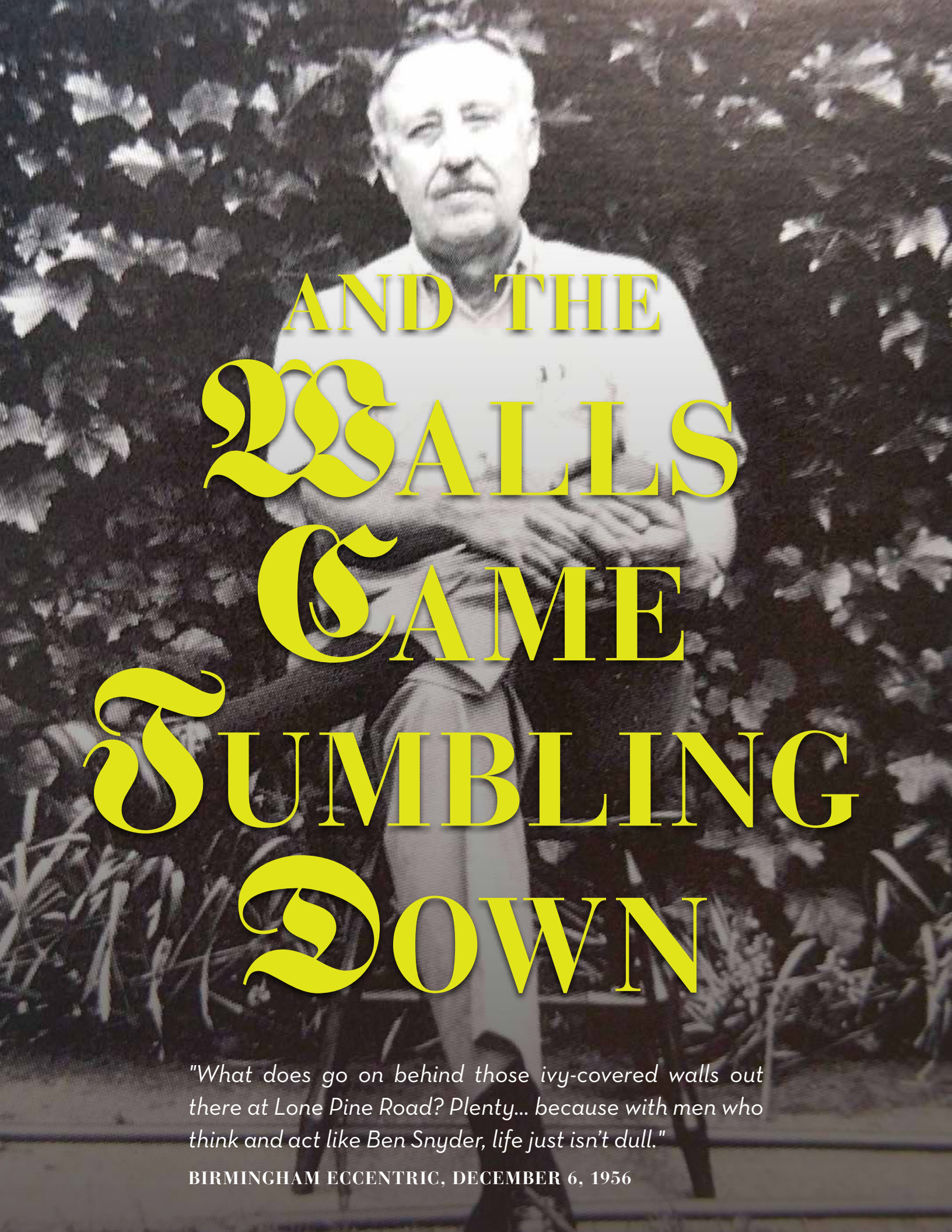


*Strickland Dance Competition performance*



*Retired faculty member Jeffrey Welch returned to give a campus art and architecture tour to students and faculty*





AND THE  
WALLS  
CAME  
TUMBLING  
DOWN

*"What does go on behind those ivy-covered walls out there at Lone Pine Road? Plenty... because with men who think and act like Ben Snyder, life just isn't dull."*

BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, DECEMBER 6, 1956



By Charlie Shaw

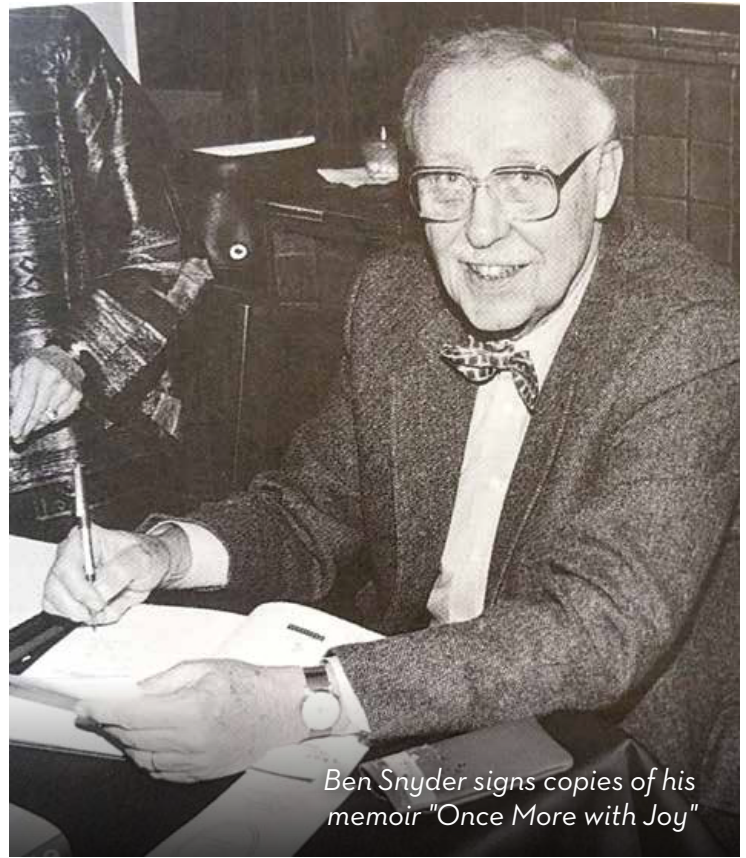
Charlie Shaw recently concluded a 40-year career as teacher and head of upper school but continues on in his fifth decade at Cranbrook Schools as Director of Stewardship. He was a teacher and head of the HUB English department for twelve years and in 2016 was named an Honorary Alum. He shares that Ben and Margot Snyder were “transformative in my career and family life.”

Much as Robert Frost had mused decades earlier in his poem “Mending Wall,” Ben McClellan Snyder III was moved to wonder what it was in nature that doesn’t love a wall. When Snyder was appointed to the faculty in 1948, the experience of combat as a decorated bombardier in the Southwest Pacific theatre was not far behind him. World War II had acquainted him with the capacity for nations to surrender to world conflagration. But the war had also introduced Ben to the redemptive power of the classroom as he acquired his first taste of teaching history in spare moments while deployed in the Philippines.

“Big Ben” communicated to his students an urgency to learn history, to explore the world stage, and to ponder the origins of conflict. Within a short time, he had taught every course in the history department. At his arrival, Snyder had also founded a chapter of the World Federalist Movement to engage the boys with international problems and organizations. They met at the Senior Cabin. Over several summers, he traveled and studied at some of the most renowned universities in the US and abroad. On one such trip to Leiden University in the Netherlands, Ben was to become smitten with a young tour guide, Margot Cramer, who would eventually become his bride.

From behind the walls of Cranbrook, Snyder had begun to pose basic questions about the role of education in conflict. He formed a group of faculty to coach basketball in the Cass League in Detroit. He and Margot were leading youth groups at Christ Church Cranbrook. Over the course of some years, Cranbrook’s chapter of the United World Federalists morphed into something that would have greater impact on the school and community. With a coeducational format, Snyder created a three-day program that would embed international study in the curriculum. The World Affairs Seminar, as it came to be called in the early ‘50s, brought Cranbrook and Kingswood students together to collaborate, present arguments, and create position papers.

Snyder had a core humanistic understanding of the importance of extending the conventional classroom into the experience of community life. As a coach of soccer, basketball, and track, his teams forged deep bonds of



*Ben Snyder signs copies of his memoir "Once More with Joy"*

friendship and teamwork. As a chair of the housemasters committee and the faculty disciplinary committee, he demonstrated a genius for the development and delegation of leadership. After serving as head of the lower school (middle school) for a few years, Snyder then transitioned to assistant headmaster from 1959-1972.

Stability and confidence marked the tenure of headmaster Harry Hoey (1950-1964). The appointment of Robert Sandoe in 1964 coincided with surging cultural upheaval and national self-questioning. Cranbrook’s story had been one of unsurpassed beauty and exalted birth: an educational community, comprised of an unlikely round table of institutions, public and private, which George and Ellen Booth declared in 1927 would be a “center of culture and learning.” Snyder sensed the creative tension between Cranbrook the public center and Cranbrook the enchanted place. Plenty of institutions like Cranbrook would be content to remain enchanted protectors of control and order; but Snyder’s interpretation of the Booth vision navigated away from safe harbor. He had arrived at a boys school where concepts such as self-esteem had yet to be heard from. Classrooms were jousting places for the teaching of wit and irony. Students could be moved bodily, by another student or faculty member, within or out of a classroom. Boys were instructed to do pushups or sing songs. But as he read the signs on the national landscape, stirrings of a higher mission seized Ben. By the 1960s Ben Snyder had begun to speak with conviction about Cranbrook’s public mission.





*Ben Snyder's history classroom*

Today's education headlines crackle with buzz words such as experiential learning, interdisciplinary thinking, public-private partnering, and collaborative learning. But there is no mistaking that Snyder's classroom tested and proved these experiments many years ago. From the beginning, his classroom was an outside-in encounter with the world where students engaged the Cold War, racial tensions in Detroit, and national leaders.

By all accounts, Snyder's crowning achievement was the creation and raising of Horizons-Upward Bound, from its origins in 1965 to its ascent to national prominence. Cranbrook's HUB program has brought opportunity to many hundreds of alums over multiple generations and has long been the object of national study. But HUB never stood a thing apart. It was all of a piece with everything else that he did. HUB would become arguably the greatest leadership training engine in the independent school world. Its capacity to produce student and faculty leadership, to produce teacher training and school leadership has been unsurpassed. Above all, HUB taught community-trust, both within Cranbrook and without it.

All marveled at Ben Snyder's love for commemorative artifacts: photographs, school crests, citations, letters,

postage stamps, miniature soldiers, to name just a few. Coach Snyder took special pride in a relay baton, titled "The Baton of '72," in his trademark typewritten characters. He always pointed out that this mile relay team set a state championship record that would never be broken. There was always some mischief in his voice because in this same year, the state of Michigan transitioned from imperial to metric units. As with many of these school artifacts that surrounded him, one knew that the intended recipient of this baton was posterity. His intense passion for the relay race was captured in the words of The Ben Snyder Relay Award: "to recognize the will of the individual, the magic of collective effort, and the Spirit of Aim High." His annual track summaries are among the great treasures of the school. As the prodigious career (1957-1975) of this Hall of Fame track coach demonstrated, Snyder's vision of leadership was always grounded in teamwork. Over long trips to Chapel Hill and grueling, day-long meets, many careers and lifelong friendships would be awakened. His teams were the scourge of the Independent School League and they won, or competed for, many state championships.

No more ardent chronicler of the past has the school known, no more confident seer of things to come; however,



*Ben and Margot Snyder, summer  
1962, Photographed by Harvey Croze*

On the fields, in the classroom, in the dorms, Ben made risk and trust go together.

Whether it was the HUB summer session, the World Affairs Seminar, the White House elective, or his leadership role in the English Speaking Union, Ben had a genius for guiding kids from risk to trust. He always knew the danger at the heart of the teaching profession. With his home, his summers, and his family, he practiced radical generosity to all kids—black and white, yellow and brown, city and suburb. He sensed the dynamic relationship between the turbulence and the deep idealism of the times.

Ben's accomplishments won high recognition—for heroism by the United States Air Force, for civic leadership by journalists and city fathers of Detroit, for distinguished educational service by Cranbrook and many national and international organizations. But his core genius was the teaching art. He knew another coach's lowest moments, a dormitory master's scariest times, and a school leader's darkest night. And he could bring the light to those occasions. The Cranbrook Educational Community had the good fortune to have shared many rich years with Ben Snyder. Soccer was a game he loved and he had a soccer-like grace to touch with many imperceptible touches. With notes, questions, letters, nudges and acts of generosity beyond counting, he taught many of us how to teach, coach, lead, comfort, and encourage. Above all, he taught us how to trust ourselves. Thank you, Ben. Aim High!

these passions could never match his passion for the moment: of getting a runner over the finish line, recruiting yet one more new teacher or coach, or shocking one more student with his personal invitation to join the World Affairs Seminar.

If Ben's icon was the beloved office with its lattice-work of artifacts, Margot's icon was the home at 546 Lone Pine. If Ben was "shock and awe," Margot was "sweetness and light." As the creator of such institutions as Cranbrook PM, the Homestead program for HUB, the Cranbrook Mother's Council, among others, Margot Snyder extended the Booth vision and made it wiser. Her back door, her kitchen, her table all seemed to await the next visitor.

Of all the learning that goes on in high school, perhaps no lessons press more upon the adolescent heart than those that are not taught: how do I wish to be seen and heard? How do I wish to talk? How do I wish to walk? Gifted teachers sense this great sea of risk that adolescents are tossed upon. Ben would follow adolescents through the most troubled waters, because he also knew that only there could they forge the deepest trust. This is why the baton came to mean so much to this writer—the indivisible moment of greatest risk and greatest trust—the hand off.



*Charlie Shaw and Ben Snyder,  
Reunion 2012*



REMEMBERING

A FRIEND AND A

MENTOR



*Marvin Smith, Edward Mortenson, Ben Snyder, Darryl Taylor, John Fusselo*

*By Dr. Darryl Taylor*

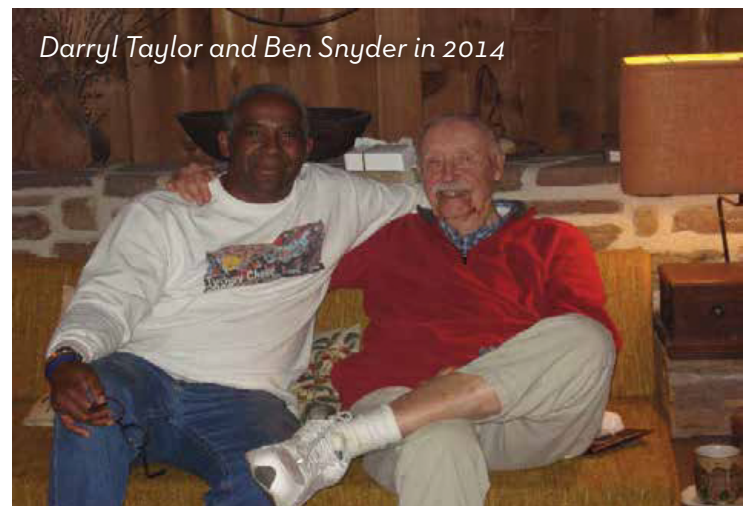
*Darryl Taylor, HUB, C'70, was among the earliest of the HUB Scholars. While at Cranbrook, he won the Faculty-Senior Award. He concluded a thirty-year career as an officer with the US Navy and became the fourth director of Horizons-Upward Bound in 2010. Throughout the years, Darryl has been a frequent presence in the Snyder household.*

**W**hen I learned of Mr. Snyder's death on April 29, 2017, I cried and thought about how this great man affected my life.

As I reflected, it occurred to me that a multitude of my life's blessings occurred during my adolescent years. In addition, certain moments in my adolescence seemed to predict events that would have a powerful, positive effect on my life.

For example, in 1967 I had the opportunity to see a very inspirational movie entitled "To Sir with Love," starring

Sidney Poitier. Poitier played a young black engineer, Mr. Thackeray, who is forced to take a teaching job in a rough East End high school until he can obtain a job in his field. He is assigned a class of mostly white students who are unruly, uncooperative, and defiant. At the beginning of his assignment, he is initially committed to teaching



*Darryl Taylor and Ben Snyder in 2014*



the required academic course, but their unwillingness and apparent inability to learn the “basics” leaves him frustrated, unfulfilled, and discouraged. With a calm demeanor and a desire to see them succeed, Mr. Thackeray decides to treat the students as adults and insists they call him “Sir.” He quickly changes his focus to teaching lessons in life and earns their respect and love. Poitier’s portrayal of Mr. Thackeray created a long-lasting character in my mind, which convinced me that “great teachers change students’ lives.”

Also in the summer of 1967, I arrived on the Cranbrook campus as a new Horizons-Upward Bound student. I had the opportunity to join a group of predominantly black young men, eager to learn and willing to take advantage of any and every opportunity. I can still remember our introduction to Mr. Snyder. He stood about 6’ 5”—not an imposing figure, but a man who demanded respect. Almost immediately, Mr. Snyder and I seemed to have a strong connection.

Perhaps the connection was more on my part because of what I was looking for in a father and a teacher—a person to somehow help me discover not only who I was, but explain why my future seemed to be on a different pathway than my seven siblings. I think some of the moments Mr. Snyder enjoyed the most were his interactions with us after hours during intramurals and evening quad discussions. After the completion of my first summer, I hoped that I had made an impression on him since he definitely made an impression on me.

During my second HUB summer in 1968, I was now a veteran of the program and knew what was expected of me. Mr. Snyder knew that many of us were facing numerous challenging and difficult situations at home; but he constantly insisted that our bravery and sacrifice would result in great rewards. Personally, he knew of my family issues and constantly reminded me that I had the ability to change my future. He would have me read books about men and women who, in spite of many trials, tribulations, and tragedies, built amazing, beautiful, productive, and meaningful lives. Mr. Snyder would repeatedly remind me that this was the best way I could honor my mother.

In 1968, another blessing was afforded me. I was offered a scholarship to matriculate as a full-time student at the Cranbrook Schools. My two rather stimulating, personally rewarding, and exciting years were largely due to the mentoring provided by Mr. Snyder. I remember my years at Cranbrook with fondness, for the simple reason that I enjoyed the accomplishments as well as the challenges that I experienced during that period of my life.

My HUB journey allowed me to discover my “Sir.” Mr. Ben Snyder filled a void in my life when I needed a father figure, a hero, and a mentor. We would talk about anything and

everything. I knew that he was always available when I needed him, and he knew our relationship had changed my life.

He was my confidant, friend, teacher, and mentor for over 50 years. He was always there during the times I needed him the most—at weddings (my wedding and my daughters’), vacations, graduations, military celebrations, and when I assumed the position as Director of Horizons Upward Bound. My challenge throughout my life has been to find ways to thank someone who has changed my life in so many ways. Mr. Snyder’s belief in the potential of HUB students allowed us to go from “poverty to promise and from welfare to well-living.” Throughout my civilian and military careers, I remember one basic life lesson we would discuss. He would often say, “No matter the glory or the sorrow, the key component that has allowed us to persevere is our ability to overcome adversity and prejudice.” He made me understand that devotion to God, Country, and Mankind allows you to understand that we are a part of something bigger than ourselves.

The Horizons-Upward Bound program offered HUB students an opportunity to view academics as the gateway to success and provided a different view of the world to the Cranbrook community. Mr. Snyder’s vision was to have the private and public communities work and learn together. I thank God for bringing him and his family into my life, and for the opportunity to know him as a teacher, mentor, and friend.

I hope that prior to his passing, my actions, dedication, and service to the HUB communities, Cranbrook communities, and my country demonstrated to all the love and respect I will always have for him.

**B**y all accounts, Ben Snyder was more than a teacher. He was a mentor to students from all walks of life and a beacon of hope to those with aspirations greater than they believed were possible. Given Ben's commitment to making a difference, it is hardly surprising that so many have been inspired to give back in his memory.

### HORIZONS-UPWARD BOUND

Horizons-Upward Bound (HUB), founded by Snyder at Cranbrook in the 1960s, is one of the oldest Upward-Bound programs in the country. Its mission is to provide academic support for Detroit-area students who would otherwise have limited opportunity to enter and succeed in post-secondary education. With growing uncertainty about the sustainability of federal funding sources, the Snyder family is directing contributions in Snyder's memory to the HUB Endowment, spendable income from which supports the \$1 million-plus in operational costs associated with running the program each year. Since Snyder's passing, his children—Ben Jr. '75, Abby '77, and Amy '80—have helped champion \$50,000 in memorial contributions to the HUB Endowment to facilitate the program's continued success and independence. Memorial contributions are welcome from anyone who would like to support the program.

### CRANBROOK CLASS OF 1967 50TH REUNION GIFT CHALLENGE

The Class of 1967 has always been close to Ben Snyder. Brad Host '67, Ted Lowrie '67, and Hugh Mahler '67 have been ambassadors and benefactors on behalf of the program for more than five decades, beginning as prefects in the program's early years. When Snyder passed away just a few months shy of their 50th Reunion, they saw an opportunity to honor Ben's legacy by directing their

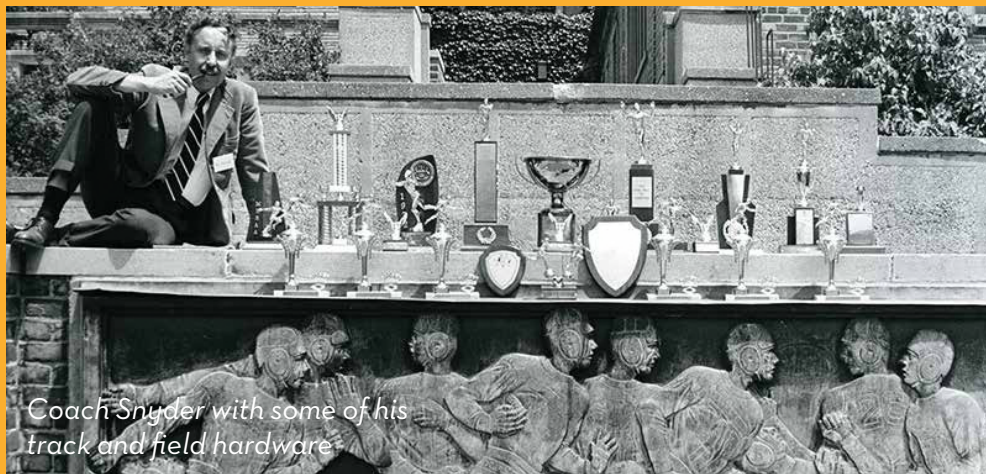
class gift to HUB. "HUB taught us to give of ourselves to support our fellow man, and also to appreciate what we had been given," noted Mahler. "It was one of the most powerful lessons we could have learned at that time of our lives." The classmates also secured a commitment from an anonymous donor, who pledged to match all gifts to the HUB Endowment from the Class of 1967 up to \$25,000. The goal is to help ensure that the program endures, whether or not federal funding is renewed. "We want HUB to continue," added Lowrie. "Not just for Ben, but for those to whom HUB offers hope for a better future." The challenge is open through June 2018 to Cranbrook and Kingswood graduates from the Class of 1967.

# ALUMNI GIVING

### BEN AND MARGOT SNYDER SCHOLARSHIP GIFT CHALLENGE

Though many remember Ben as the founder of Horizons-Upward Bound, there are just as many who remember him as a gifted teacher, administrator and coach at Cranbrook Upper School for Boys. Ben brought history to life; he led the track and field team to unprecedented success; he founded the annual World Affairs Seminar; he initiated the foreign Student Exchange Program; and more. According to Tom Ziola '71 and Charlie Craig '68, "Ben's

commitment to Cranbrook ideals and his belief that a young person—regardless of background—could 'Aim High' at Cranbrook was truly visionary." It is this commitment that inspired Tom to collaborate with Charlie to champion the establishment of a Ben and Margot Snyder Scholarship Fund to benefit Cranbrook Kingswood and HUB students. Tom, in partnership with Charlie Craig '68, Steve Harris '72, Jeff Chambers '72, Pasquale Iaderosa '74 and others, have helped raise more than \$50,000 to date, with \$40,000 in matching funds still available. "Ben and Margot influenced generations of students and their families," added Charlie and Tom. "We feel strongly about recognizing that." The scholarship match is active through June 2018.



Coach Snyder with some of his track and field hardware



'76



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Charles Ezra

**FERRELL**

**A**s vice president of the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit, Charles Ezra Ferrell, '76, uses his prodigious skills as a communicator and historian to bring the events of the past into sharp focus for today's audiences.

In July, the museum opened an expansive new exhibition, "Say It Loud: Art, History and Rebellion," which runs through January 2018. The exhibition helps audiences not only understand the historical aspects of that life-altering summer, but also ask the difficult questions that linger five decades later.

One aspect that Ferrell has been working on with historians and scholars involves finding the right tools of discussion, asking that they re-examine the way they write about the summer of 1967. Says Ferrell, "It is important to push the envelope and start to understand the importance of words, of what 'riot' versus 'rebellion' means."

Ferrell left a successful career in the private sector in order to join the museum. "Life is about your passion and being concerned about others," he says. "I love learning and helping others learn."

That dedication to education and excellence has been part of Ferrell's make-up since childhood. An excellent student throughout his life, Ferrell first joined the Horizons-Upward Bound program out of junior high, following in his older brother's footsteps. He soon enrolled as a full-time student at Cranbrook, alongside his brother, choosing it over Phillips Exeter Academy where he also had been accepted.

"At Cranbrook, I was able to excel academically," Ferrell recalls. He also became fully immersed in the extracurricular opportunities the school offered, earning all-state rankings in three sports and expanding the roster of clubs and after-school activities offered through the school, including the creation of African American music appreciation classes.

As a boarding student, Ferrell developed close relationships with a number of faculty including math instructors Robert Rogers and Del Walden, headmaster Sam Salas, all now retired, and Ben Snyder, founder of Horizons-Upward Bound.

"Ben and I remained close throughout his life," Ferrell says. "He was a very important visionary. He demonstrated that people who are given opportunity and an environment of support have the ability to be resilient and excel."

Like Ben, Ferrell has worked to augment the deficiencies of the Detroit Public Schools by working with the Detroit Independent Freedom School Movement (DIFSM) to establish a Freedom School for middle school children

throughout the year at the Wright Museum. DIFSM's mission is "to create free, African-centered, loving educational experiences for Detroit children and families."

"It's like HUB in that we augment what's happening in the public schools for kids," Ferrell says. "We have about 50 students right now."

This past summer, the children built outdoor gardens, getting to experience the outdoors, much as he had as a student at Cranbrook. "To be able to come to a place where there is beauty, to be able to look up at the stars, aided in accelerating my creative sensibilities," he says.

Ferrell envisions the Wright Museum as a resource and partner for the city and its residents, ensuring that history has a place in making the future a better place.

That vision and fortitude grew out of his experiences at Amherst College in Massachusetts, where he chaired the Black Student Union and was active in the Free South Africa movement. Ultimately, the work of he and other students led the university to divest from their South African investments. It sparked the birth of his interest in politics and advocacy.

Today, whether he is leading museum patrons on a historical journey, such as an upcoming trip to St. Kitts to examine the roots of the African American diaspora or publishing scholarly works on the early writings of Malcolm X, the life of General Baker, Jr, or working with the Detroit Institute of Arts to bring more African American audiences through their doors, Ferrell is an unstoppable force for truth and positive action.

"I'm concerned about human rights," Ferrell says. And he will continue to use his prodigious gifts at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History to find innovative applications for history, education, and study and open new avenues of opportunity for all who walk through its doors.



Traci

# TEASLEY

'87



**F**or Traci Teasley, '87, few pursuits carried as much weight as the pursuit of a good education. It was a lesson she learned from her mother and her maternal grandmother, who never had the chance to earn her own high school diploma, and one that imbued her entire childhood. It was a lesson Teasley took to heart as she became the first in her family to earn a college degree and a doctorate.

Today, Teasley supports a new generation of learners as a partnership district liaison for the Michigan Department of Education. In her role, she helps school districts that are struggling academically and financially to get back on their feet.

"I was always interested in education," Teasley says. "When I was a child, I would have school with my nephews on the porch and I would be the teacher."

While a student at Pontiac Central High School, Teasley had the opportunity to follow in her older brother's footsteps and enroll in Horizons-Upward Bound at Cranbrook. "When my turn came, I was raring to go," she says.

At HUB, Teasley was active and involved in everything from intramural sports to academic clubs. "It was a great place that didn't limit us because of where we grew up. It just reaffirmed my belief that people are not their zip codes. Education is the great equalizer and it makes a lot of things accessible."

When she started at Cranbrook Kingswood in 1985, her past successes as a straight A student prepared her well for the academic side of the experience. And she felt comfortable with the school's philosophy toward learning. It felt like "excellence was never not an option," she says. "That's what I grew up with too. I tell people that with high expectations and the right support, you'll get where you want to go."

Teasley has fond memories of HUB Founder Ben Snyder. He would drive her to Horizons-Upward Bound on Saturdays and knew her mother well through the HUB Parent Committee. "Mr. Snyder was a mentor," she says. "I remember him sitting in the library and talking to us about how to get into college and how to fill out the applications. He was so instrumental in the vision of the program and in its staying power."

As an undergraduate at Duke University, Teasley initially sought a business degree with a focus on PR and marketing before a classmate pointed out how she was always tutoring and helping others learn. "'You were always going to be a teacher,' he told me," says Teasley. The words put her on a new path, one that culminated in a certification in teaching and a degree in sociology.

As a teacher, Teasley sought to inspire her students by empowering them. "I decided when I taught that I would have something that sparked them and interested them," she says. "My students knew I would always have something up my sleeve, a way for them to be involved and active in their education."

After several years in the classroom, Teasley realized she could do even more for students as an administrator. She earned a master's degree in Administration, Planning and Social Policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and added a doctorate through the Urban Superintendents Program in 2006. "I saw that I could influence thousands of children, not just the 30 in my classroom," she says.

Teasley has held a broad range of positions in education and administration including special assistant to the superintendent for the School District of Philadelphia and executive director of research and planning for Chesterfield County Schools. She also led her own business committed to providing technical assistance and capacity building to superintendents and their leadership teams nationwide.

In 2014, Teasley returned to Michigan and joined the Michigan Department of Education in 2015 to work with school districts that were operating under consent agreements through the state. She helps guide the districts of Pontiac, Benton Harbor and Muskegon Heights as they seek to get back on their feet financially while strengthening educational opportunities.

"I've done a little bit of everything in education," Teasley says. "Strategic planning, professional development, data management—it helps to have experience in all of that to help deliver results for these schools."

The most rewarding part of her work, says Teasley, remains the children. "These kids are all my Pooh bears," she says. "I don't ever want to tell a parent I'm sorry but your child isn't going to learn. I feel like these kids are just as much mine as theirs."



*Traci Teasley with students*



Alumni  
Moments

CHICAGO ALUMNI OUTREACH EVENT





# ALUMNI-STUDENT WORKSHOPS AND PANELS





CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GATHERING

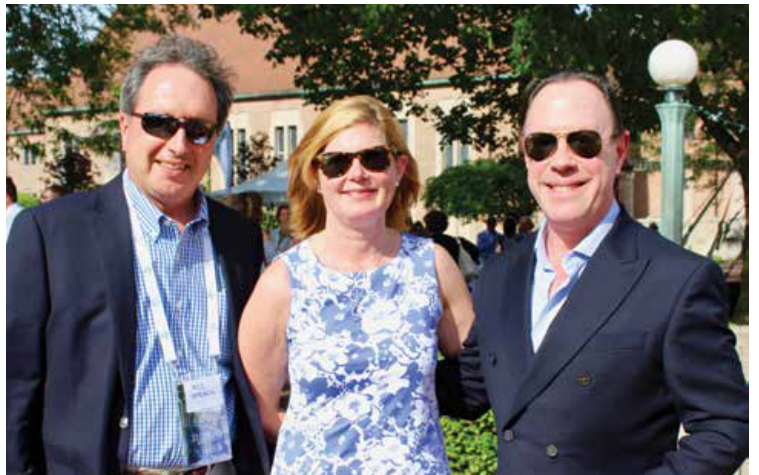




# REUNION 2017 EVENTS











































**ALUMNI VS VARSITY SOCCER GAME**







**ELIZABETH BENNETT GRANT READING**





# Class Notes



## K38

Eighty years ago when I agreed to continue as “Class Secretary,” I never gave thought to a lifetime job. No, and I did not think my lifetime would be so long. There is now not one of those great class friends left to read the news but just in case they can check me out, I will report on my year, which was a great one. Just when life was about over, the very persuasive head of an art exhibit, Ageless Creativity, convinced me to enter it.



There were two hundred pieces and 49 artists. The quality of the work in the show was what promoted the creation of an art center at Shell Point. It was in downtown Fort Myers at the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center. If you are interested, you can google Ageless Creativity and see an interview at my apartment with the lady who talked me into entering the show. Her name is Marge Lee. The bronze portrait I entered won best of show. Along with the award came a check, a ribbon, a trophy, and a new status. What a nice topping for an already lovely life. Shortly afterward, I was commissioned to do, of all things, a portrait of a miniature French poodle. I agreed to do it, and now new adventures await. The poodle is to be cast at the Bronzart Foundry in Sarasota. Arrangements are being made for a filming of the pouring. Arrangements are also being made for me to be there. I am excited about that as I have never seen a pouring and would love to. All of this is because they plan to place this little dog on a bench in a new park being built at Shellpoint where I live. The lady who owns the poodle gave the money for the park. She also gave \$10 million toward a new \$15 million art center, where our pottery studio will be located as well as an auditorium and studios for painters, quilters, and other crafts. We are looking forward to the improvements. Recently, I read *Beside a Lake* by Elizabeth Clark from cover to cover. I would suggest that

anyone who attended Kingswood would find this a very informative and interesting read. Presently I am in training mode. Since it has been suggested I return to Kingswood for my 80th reunion June 8-10, I figure I should be in good form for the trip.

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## C43

**MARK HILDEBRANDT** writes he retired from 50 years of pediatric practice ten years ago. He was divorced in 1997 and remarried in 2006 to a college sweetheart. He has five children from his first marriage and one from his second. He celebrated his 90th birthday last year with an orchestra and dance music. He was pleased to see the Helsinki Railroad Station designed by Eliel Saarinen, which reminded him of our Cranbrook architecture. Best wishes. **JOHN BREHM** phoned to relate his activities that revolve around playing cards at 92. **JOHN KAICHEN** writes he is pleased with his new surroundings in south Florida. He is walking his dog in the mornings, hopefully in the shade. He and his wife are taking a trip to Arizona for the graduation of their granddaughter. Say hello to our dwindling list of Cranbrook '43 folks whom I still treasure. **RICHARD WESTERMAN** writes he is no longer assigned to the engine room, “full speed ahead,” but forward to our 75th reunion June 8-10, 2018. Now it is trips within the 48 to visit grandchildren. His activities include most things except golf. Tentative plans are to spend February in Alabama where he may borrow a car and drive here to see me. **ALAN SCHWARTZ** asked his wife to respond. He goes to his law office in Detroit in the mornings for a short visit. He continues his physical therapy regime three times a week. He is most comfortable at home, so travel is non-existent. Keep up the good work, Alan, and thanks, Marianne. (Editor's Note: Marianne Schwartz passed right after these notes were submitted, 9-20-2017. Condolences from the Class of '43 go out to Alan.) **EDWIN (TED) BATTLE**, 92, died May 18. Battle, a World War II veteran, saw combat in the Ardennes and Battle of the Bulge. A founding faculty member of Stony Brook University, Battle was a microbiologist and committed teacher there for 36 years. He was also the first faculty master of the university's International Residential College. The International Society

of Biological Calorimetry recognized his scientific contributions with its Dubrunfaut Award in 1994 and Lavoisier Medal in 2010. He is survived by his wife Susan, sister Katherine Anne Phipps and brother, Hugh. Funeral arrangements were private.

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## K47

I just received my copy of the Cranbrook Kingswood *Tradition* and was sorry to see there wasn't an article for the Kingswood class of 1947. Sadly, we have to accept we're getting along in years. Many of my classmates are no longer here. It made me reminisce about how young and full of life we were in that so-happy place. Here is how I remember it. I was born and raised in Paris, France. I attended a Catholic girls' boarding school from the age of six until graduation in 1945. The later part was during the German occupation of France. Luckily the tough old nuns kept us sage. They even accepted six Jewish girls, who would have been deported to concentration camps with their parents if the nuns had not convinced the Gestapo that every girl there was Catholic. I got to go home to Paris every other weekend, during vacation, and holidays, of which there are plenty in France. My parents loved me, but they were very social, so my schooling was an acceptable way of life. It is hard to accept today how tough the old nuns were, but because they were directly involved in my growing up, as a boarder, they were kind to me while still being stern. The war ended at the time of my graduation, and my parents were fortunate to get a student visa to America. That is when I entered a completely different way of life. I entered the beautiful school of Kingswood. The beauty of the school was as I had never known. They took freedom as I had never known it to be. I was thrilled they accepted me into that new world, and I was completely happy for that wonderful year. I was there to better my command of English, and our French teacher refused to converse with me in French. The faculty was excellent, especially the Headmistress, Miss Augur. My classmates accepted me, and I learned so much from them. **NANCY TRUMBULL SEIBERT** was especially kind to me as she explained life in the United States. I was fortunate to have a mentor such as her. In



retrospect, I could never have found complete integration in the wonderful world as I did at Kingswood. I hope my remaining classmates will contribute to the next issue of *Tradition* as I would love to hear from them.

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## K48

**MOLLY BIXBY BARTLETT** tells us that she and Tom, and three of their sons and their wives, and eight grandchildren went on a twelve day trip to Morocco. It was one of the best experiences that the family ever had. They visited Casablanca, Rabat, Marrakech, Fez, and Volubilis and saw Roman ruins, mosques, Greek Orthodox churches, beautiful gardens, a Berber museum, souks in every city, and beautiful tiles and mosaics throughout. Molly calls for a class reunion in 2018. **JOANIE PATTEN STADLER** reports being hit by a car on December 20, 2016, injuring her head unfortunately. However, she is looking forward to our reunion June 8-10, 2018. She reports that two of us lost husbands this year, **PAT CHASE HARTMANN** and **JOANN WONNBERGER WHEATON**. From Joann: "Paul died on Wednesday, August 16, our 65th wedding anniversary. His heart finally gave out after 34 years of heart disease. Due to the miracles of modern medicine, he enjoyed many years he might not have otherwise. Paul's memorial will be on Sunday, November 5 during the 11:00 service at Mariners' Church in Detroit with reception following at the church. Faure's Requiem will be sung in observance of All Saints' Day." **BUNNY DAY NOLAND** writes that she and her husband still spend the winter in Vail, where Rod still skis, and both enjoy cruising in the summers. Her address is 3915 South Club Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. **JOANNE WELLMAN NELSON** is residing in a memory care facility. She can be reached via her daughter-in-law, Heidi Nelson, at 3532 E. 22nd Street. Casper, WY. **ALISON CLARK FULLER** says that she is now officially disabled after her hip replacement operation went awry. She has written a letter about the kind of disability and the parking problems that go along with it, which you may have a copy by writing to her at [alisonfuller@gmail.com](mailto:alisonfuller@gmail.com). **PAT CHASE HARTMANN** was sounding very cheerful when she wrote to me, but this must have been before the death of her husband,

Jan. **JOYCE HOWARD STACKABLE** reports a total of 40 descendants from her eight children. Her oldest son and his wife have now retired to the same Leelanau where Joyce has a summer home, and where her daughter, Libby, has also built a home. Her daughter was officially declared one of the five best sculptors in the U.S.! **DORA POLK CROUCH** has seven children, has increased to 14 grandchildren, and some are now producing great-grandchildren. (Jason has four, and Mathew has three.) My news is that by the end of the year I will be living in an assisted living place and taking on a whole new world. I have increasing problems with an unreliable memory. I will still be in San Diego. **JUNE LAURIN GADDIE's** postcard came back as undeliverable.

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## C49

Karen and **JIM TRUETTNER**, both avid golfers, won the 100th anniversary husband and wife tournament at Shoreacres Golf and Country Club.



*Karen and Jim Truettner, '49*



*Shoreacres Couples Champions, Karen and Jim Truettner, '49*

They are pictured receiving their trophy from the club pro of many years, Peter McDonald. Shoreacres is rated the 51st best golf course in the world. **LOUISE LOWELL** is spending August in Grand Haven. **BILL SHULEVITZ** reports that their granddaughter is off to Holland for a year on a Fulbright Scholarship. Susan and **GUNTHER BALZ**, as he puts it, "are moving to an old folks' home, thus providing a smooth transition to the grave."



*Gunther Balz, '49*

On a cheerier note, he advises that work proceeds on the Spitfire (engine testing a 1700 cubic inch V12 makes a lot of racket). Given the fact that he is still playing tennis, I have enclosed a picture of him in the days when he was a Cranbrook champion. Jeanne, K'49, and **TALCOTT JONES** have been married five years. Jeanne points out that it was 65 years between dates. Tal's two daughters, Meg and Challis, visited them. Meg is now in Hong Kong teaching, and Challis is retired. **RICHARD TOWNSEND** got himself elected to his condo board, anticipating his role would be limited to making a few dry professional remarks at meetings. To his surprise, he found himself learning about and voting on preventive maintenance and reserve funds, landscape designs, road paving, handling of owners who have trip hazards in the common areas, or who are in arrears and much more. "Interesting," he says. The BOHON family will be having a celebration of JACK's life pursuant to his wishes for no funeral but a beach party at his favorite beach. Sally, '50, has rented the



cottage they have used for 35 years for a month, and there will be many activities for the family. On December 27 there will be a no-holds beach party with family and friends, open bar, seafood buffet, jazz band, blues singer, and JACK will be sent off into the waves under a shower of fireworks. What a way to go. Our class is invited, so give Sally a call if you can make it. **JACK SPOEHR**, for a third year made his way to the LEISTERS during his annual week's respite from his caregiver duties bringing his daughter, Sandra, and her two children with him. A good time was had by all. The LEISTERS were also visited by Sue Rabe, **VAL RABE's** widow. **TOM CLARK** was honored by the Lewy Body Dementia Association as the 2016 Volunteer of the Year. Each year it selects one volunteer for his or her valuable and selfless commitment to innovation, dedication, and contribution to building LBD awareness and the enhancement of the efficiency of the Association. Tom was particularly recognized for his work as a group facilitator, which has created an extensive Texas support group in the Austin area. He supports two groups as well as individuals with LBD and was recognized for his presentations at conferences, seminars, and events. Tom's honor opens an opportunity for me to comment on our new website addition "Classmate of the Month." Our August notable was **JACK SPOEHR**. Check out the site to see who the other fall classmates turn out to be. It is hard to believe all that TOM and RICHARD have added to c1949.org. There are many riches to be enjoyed. You might even find yourself featured in one of the areas. PLEASE GO LOOK. **BILL BRODER** is still walking the Headlands, writing and, of course reading. He just finished rereading George Eliot, who, in his opinion, remains one of the great novelists in the English language. **DEWEY BARROW**, **ARMAND SMITH's** companion wrote that it was a hot summer in Oregon. She reports having a quiet summer, enjoying time with family and their shady woods. I put a call into **DON JONES** and got his machine, so far no call back. I sent **PETE SIMPSON** an email asking if he had a picture of himself and Lynn viewing the eclipse, as they were in total eclipse country. Our son, Ken, '97, was there hiking and climbing with a couple of his Marine buddies in the Tetons and said it was spectacular. The **MACOMBERs** have had a pretty uneventful 2017 but have enjoyed good health and family celebrations including Carol's mother's 100th birthday. I had a good talk with **BOB HAYMANS**, who lost his wife in

February after a long illness. He says he plays a lot of poker and is pretty good, maximum raise 15 cents. His spirits were good. **JOHN HOLDSWORTH**, whose picture we featured a few columns ago walking his dog, has some serious problems. He was walking the dog along a canyon when his cell phone rang and, as he reached for it, the dog, who was on a leash, crossed in front of him and he tripped and fell, breaking his arm in two places with serious consequences. He has lost the use of the arm and his fingers, which was aggravated by a second fall and a shattered elbow. He is in rehab but his dog attacked his caregivers so it now resides with a friend; but he visits it every Friday. He can't drive and has lost his balance so his life is limited. He would be happy to hear from any of you especially if you have advice for him. (805-433-2379) I called **TOM PETERSON** twice. No return email, and have not had a call back. Do any of you have any contact with **JOHN RICE**? He has disappeared. Sadly, we lost contact with JOHN in January. Otherwise, it sounds like he is deceased. I have found a big box of the old type kitchen matches which I want to send to **ROSS LAVERTY** in hope that he will not blow himself up lighting his leaky gas stove. My post office didn't know if I could mail them but I am working on it. Our son, Ken, '97, came home for a month and his first question was: "What do you need done?" He and Kathleen went to work and by the time he left all of the hinges in the kitchen were replaced, the drawers reinforced and we had new plumbing, and a new sink and basin cabinet in the bathroom. What a difference. When he left he was on his way to climb Mont Blanc in France. Elizabeth, '12, marched us into the great-grandparents bracket with a handsome baby boy, Jason. We take great joy in our grandchildren as I am sure you all do. Be well and check out the website, there will be a quiz with my next call for news.

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## K49

**MARYE ROSE RAIDER SCHALER** starts off our news with a successful hip replacement and is doing VERY well. Her grandson married his sweetheart of seven years. Mary Rose is enjoying her great-grandson, Cole, 8 months old. She feels he's the happiest child 24/7 that she has ever met. She expects to return to

Boca Raton in October for the winter but with this hurricane in Florida, she might change her plans. **ALICE SPERO MARCH** is the main speaker to a huge group from NYU's cardiac department. A fabulous doctor (cardiac professor and chief of integrative medicine at NYU) is marketing Alice, and she has been on his Sirius Talk Radio show. Now Alice is busy writing a new book.



*Jeanne Brown Jones', '49, daughter, Lynn, grandson, Collin, and granddaughter, Meghan*

We did hear from **CONNIE CLARK JONES** on their month's cruise. In Venice she went to the front desk of their hotel to get help with their iPhone, and the helpful lady was Nancy Varbedian, '79. Nancy also went to Camp Arbutus. Small world!



*Imy Powrie Schley, '49, and family*

**IMY POWRIE SCHLEY** is still working two days per week as a legal assistant and attending lots of plays. Our sad news is that we lost three classmates; **NANCY HOGAN**



**HENNING** and her daughter traveled to Austria and Hungary six months before Nancy was diagnosed with lung cancer. **IMY POWRIE SCHLEY** said, "Nancy was My Big Sister at Kingswood. We rode our bikes together to school the day we picked up our 9th grade schedules." **NANCY SHORE GILCHRIST** wrote that she and Nancy went to Europe (France) together at the end of their senior year on the SS Volendam. They studied French in a boys' school, Jouy en Josas, outside of Paris and gained weight eating pastries. Nancy's daughter wrote that her mother was an amazing woman right to the end, and that the Kingswood girls were very special to her mom. She also wanted everyone to know that Nancy would have loved to be at our next class reunion. She said Nancy felt she had a wonderful marriage and life, and that she could not have asked for more. And then the phone call from **MOLLY SYLVESTER BERESFORD** about **JANET FROST VICTOR**. Molly just left the news and said they were leaving that day for a cruise down the Mississippi River. Then an email from **NANCY SHORE** about her good friend **EMILY MEGINNITY SEYDEL**, who passed away peacefully in her sleep. Emmy was a trailblazing woman, earning her medical degree in 1957 and successfully balancing the obligations of career, marriage, and parenthood. After retiring, she devoted herself to community activities and inspired learning, careers, and simply finding joy in life. Amen.

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## K50

Many thanks to all of you who were so kind to drop me a note about Jack. Most of us are in the same sisterhood of having lost our mate, so we go forward now into a less certain future but still plucky. Or trying! I got the sweetest phone call from Pete Simpson, '49, who said, "Oh no, Sally, I've lost my wingman!" Pete and Jack played right and left ends on the Cranbrook football team, lo those many years ago. Loved hearing from **SHARON SMITH SAYLES**, who emailed me a delightful photo of herself and her granddaughter, Caitlin Sayles, on the porch of Sharon's Leelanau cabin.



Sharon Smith Sayles, '50, and granddaughter, Caitlin Sayles

I can keep up with Sharon on Facebook, and I wish every member of the class was on it because it so easy to keep in touch, both in messages and pictures. (No, I don't Twitter!) I got back one card, however, that made me grievously sad. We have lost another classmate, **SHEILA MCMULLEN READY**. Sheila's son, Mark, wrote that his mother passed away on May 6 in Madison, Wisc. I have no other details. The last time I heard from Sheila all was well, and she had enjoyed a fall family reunion in New Jersey. We now have lost precisely one-half of our class, so please stay well. I hate relaying this news. On a happier note, **SALLY SELOVER SAUNDERS** is keeping busy with movies, dinner with friends, lots of bridge, and vacations in Florida and northern Michigan with family. That sounds like a well-rounded life to me! After 24 years, **CAROL ROBERTSON GRAY** has finally said goodbye to her apartment in Lyon, France. However, considering all the travel and adventures that she and Cliff experienced over those years, it was a life well lived. Always ready with a quip, Carol says she got a black German shepherd service dog as a consolation prize (but it doesn't do dishes—drat!). I imagine lugging that peritoneal equipment around Europe might have had something to do with retiring from France, but she isn't sayin', claiming good health and blessings, ever so grateful that Cliff likes to cook. **JAN WESSINGER BARTLETT** also mentioned the vicissitudes of aging, noting she no longer gets on an airplane. Luckily, she has a daughter and granddaughter who

live close to her in Winnetka and she still sees **ROBIN SQUIER GOLDSMITH** and Walt Denison, '49, from time to time. Her family gathers for reunions in Glen Lake, MI, a beautiful part of the state. Robin wrote two cards, one with news and one with book suggestions. She and Jan Bartlett celebrated the birthday of Dirk Denison, '75, with Walt and his family in Chicago. You will all recall that Dirk is the son of our classmate, **MARY MOORE DENISON**, whom we lost some years ago. They have all stayed close through the years. Robin's own children and grandchildren spent two weeks in Israel, having a wonderful time and especially enjoying floating on the Dead Sea. Robin continues to stay upbeat despite back and leg pain, but noted that the music at Ravenna in the evening almost makes her forget about it. That is the best medicine! Of the book suggestions she sent, the one she gave \*three\*stars\* to was by Paulette Jiles, *News of the World: A Novel*. **JOAN ISAACSON CHANDLER** had a very special 85th birthday in June with her family, including her brother Jo who came over from Detroit. In response to my quest for interesting TV, she suggested her favorite program, Q & A on C-SPAN that presents interviews with authors. I doubt many of us think of turning to C-SPAN, so this is a very welcome idea. **ANN PATTERSON MUNRO** divides her time between Ann Arbor (home), Leelanau County (cabin), and Salt Lake City (offspring and grandkids). This year, while she and Don were in SLC, they got to spend some time in Zion National Park, one of the great beauty spots in this country. If you have never gotten a Golden Age Passport, too bad, because Ann reminds us the price just went up from \$10 to \$70. It is one of the finest gifts this government ever created for those aged 60+. Our two Arizona classmates, **JOANIE PATERSON JARRATT** and **MARILYN HOWLETT BARNES**, are doing just fine! Joanie has waved farewell to travel and is now staying mostly close to home. Still a cheerful soul, she gets out for an occasional appointment and has no major complaints. Marilyn sounded a similar note, happily having children living close by. Marilyn said her hip is healing and she now walks with a cane, as do several of us. At some time in the past, Marilyn's daughter lived in Sacramento where my youngest daughter now lives. So we have traveled the same paths in California and enjoyed the coast, especially seeing Hearst Castle in all its glory. For my own news, our family will gather in December at the same beach cottage where we have stayed for



some 35 years, and there we will celebrate Jack's life with a beach party complete with music, buffet, and wine with our friends and family and send Jack's ashes off to his beloved ocean waves. It's been a year in the planning, so we had better get this right. If you're in the neighborhood, look for the fireworks from the dunes...that will be us. Come join!

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## K51

**MARY BARTON LETTS** went to Austria and Germany in September. They visited some of Chuck's friends and relatives there. Their big trip in May was from Tahiti to Los Angeles, stopping for a few days in the Hawaiian Islands. Chuck turned 90 this year, and his birthday party was a gala affair in downtown Detroit. They were off to the UP to Hessel, Mich., in May to attend the Antique Boat Show, where Chuck was named Commodore of the Day for his role as founder of the popular event some 40 years ago. In August, Mary visited with **SUE SOUTER LEWIS**, who had some wry comments on growing old, and **LOUISE RAISCH WIESNER** in California. One of Mary's granddaughters graduated in Boston, so, of course, Mary was there for that. She certainly wins the prize for world traveler, especially since she does it with such ease. **BARBARA CLARK CURLEY** and husband, Joe, celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary with all four of their children and spouses. Barbara's new hobby is to sew and sell cat and dog blankets of various sizes and patterns. **MARTY LUCIER BOUGHNER** reports that they have two grandkids in the Army now, a grandson in Germany and a granddaughter about to begin training to fly helicopters in Alabama. Wow! She is now a warrant officer. Aside from aches and pains, Marty is well and still enjoying her summers in Rhode Island. **ELLEN SNADER BEGOLE** says, "Retirement is a pleasure. I should have done it a year ago." **BROOKE TUCKER DIXON** has a condo in Bradenton, Fla., and spends three months there every year. Her grandson, Nick, recently graduated from the Culinary Institute in upstate New York and is now a certified chef. Brooke still carries on a tradition which I think is lovely. On Sunday, she writes a letter to each family member bringing them up-to-date on her life and doings. What

a nice way to keep in touch. **MARCIA KELLEY WILLS** says she and Larry are content and have no desire to travel, except to go see their family in Boston. Their son, John, is a senior pilot with Delta. Marcia's twin granddaughters are now in college, one at the University of Maryland and the other at Boston College. Marcia plays serious bridge, enjoys her friends at the Landings just outside Savannah, and has pretty much put cooking behind her. I, **ALICE SHAW AIKENS**, love winter in Naples, Fla., spring in Bloomfield Hills, and summer in Harbor Springs. On September 9, our first grandchild, Katie Post, '05, daughter of Sarah Aikens Post, '80, was married on the beach at L'Arbre Croche under an enormous tent.



*Five granddaughters of Alice Shaw Aikens, '51*

All my granddaughters, Kingswood girls as well, were bridesmaids, and my grandsons, Cranbrook boys once, were in the wedding party. It was a perfect sunny day, and I held back tears as I watched them perform their duties with such poise and confidence. Beautiful smiles, all looking gorgeous. Bragging? Yes, I guess a little.

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## C52

On Friday, June 9, we gathered at Cranbrook House for cocktails with the other five-year reunioning classes. Dinner followed in the Oak Room, catered by Chartwells, and arranged for by Martha Browning Mast, K'52. Menu choices were excellent, and all present seemed to enjoy the food. But the comradeship was key! Present were **DICK DESKIN**, Penny and **JOHN EDISON**, **BOB GILLOW**, **STAN HIRT**, Ann and **CHUCK HUTCHINS**, **FRANK HUSS**, Joan Howlett, K'52, and **DICK JONES**, Rita and **SANDY KAPLAN**, Carol and **CARL LUCKENBACH**, **DAVE NOE**, and Sheila and **JOHN YOUEL**.

Distance, family activities, and health issues kept other members from attending. All were missed, but particularly the four stalwarts who had passed away since our 60th reunion: **CHUCK CHEVALIER**, **HOWIE PARKER**, **BUD REITZEL**, and **MARK SMITH**. A few members attended various activities on Saturday and Sunday. I attended the annual CK Reunion Memorial Service and briefly eulogized Chuck, Howie, Bud, and Mark. A few of us attended a delightful outdoor picnic lunch by Kingswood Lake. Some took various tours offered. The **YOUELS**, **HUTCHINS**, Joan Howlett Jones, K'52, and I were treated to a tour of the Reitzel Wellness Center at Kingswood by Martha Browning Mast, K'52. **FRANK HUSS** took a guided tour of Kingswood, which I'm sorry that I missed. Several members had to cancel plans to attend, due to health and other concerns, including **RAY BRANT**, "**MOOSE**" **MAREAN**, **BOB MAST**, **BILL SALOT**, **JOHN SLAYTER** and **DAVE WILLIAMS**. Although I cannot verify his chase, I hope **FRANK HUSS** did not scar his retina following the total eclipse. **TOM STONER** was excused from attendance, since he was acting the medieval prince at Villa Machiavelli in Florence, Italy, with 14 of his family. He has returned to the croquet circuit after some time off for injury. His center of operations has now moved to a home office, after 61 busy business and philanthropic years. After attending the reunion, Sheila and **JOHN YOUEL** spent a week at Cape May on the Jersey shore with 19 family members. Watch for Sheila's book about her years in the White House with Nancy Reagan. It's due out in spring 2018. John remains active with golf and bagpipes. I told John I enjoy bagpipe music when the Canadians play them across the half-mile wide St. Clair River. **JOE HACKER**, after retiring from government service, spent 18 years working for hospice and more recently, two years as a pastoral assistant at a local hospital. As usual, I make a plea for news. Call, email, text message, or snail mail will do. As ever, AIM HIGH!

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## C53

With Cranbrook now observing its 90th year of operation, having been founded in 1927, my wandering thoughts return to some 70 years ago when this callow youth first stepped



onto the grounds of the new (just 20 years old then) all-boys prep school in Bloomfield Hills. To quote from our “40 Years On” song, “Oh! The great days, in the distance enchanted.” So here are some fond early Cranbrook memories: Walking into the First Form classroom in September 1946 in the lower level of the academic building and meeting my first Master, Fred Campbell (I thought he was a senior; he was just 23) ... Adapting gradually from the kindly figure of Brookside’s Jessie Winter to the stern visage of Cranbrook’s W. Brooke Stabler ... Getting sound advice from Harry Hoey, “Elliotto (his nickname for me), always look a person in the eye when you are speaking with him, and always carry a pen or pencil” ... Managing to complete “the Big Lap” which was the huge perimeter of the Lower Fields and was the punishment for missing a free kick during soccer practice... Going to the school’s basement barbershop to get my monthly “brush” cut from Ev (the best thing about a haircut appointment was that you got permission to leave study hall)... Preparing for the annual Christmas Pageant by getting into costume in the basement of the dining hall, and the marching and singing those memorable songs like “The Boar’s Head” (my first exposure to Latin words) ... Skating and playing hockey in those long winter months with ice available everywhere—Stevens Lake, Kingswood Lake, and the School’s open-air rink (no building, just heavy green boards surrounding a sleek surface that we had created the night before using the Cranbrook fire department’s hose) ... Running track under the watchful eye of “the admiral,” in a forgettable mismatch, I ran against Tom Tracy of Birmingham High in the 100-yard dash (the Maples’ all-time, all-sport great seemingly finished before I even got out of the blocks!)... Waiting in the Auto Court to be picked up to go home (I was in that awkward stage: too old to ride my bike to school, but not old enough yet to drive a car). The underlying theme in all these long-ago memories is the School’s enduring motto, which as always I urge all of us to follow – “Aim High!”

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## K53

No new news, but please remember that our 65th reunion is coming June 8-10, 2018. I was thinking that we could all meet at the

BBQ Picnic at Kingswood Lake for lunch on Saturday, June 9 at about noon.

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## C54

Does living a life of “Aiming High” through serving as your Class Secretary put undue stress on Achilles tendons?



*George Glover, '54, and daughter, Adrien en route to Helsinki*

This question arises because **GEORGE GLOVER**, who served in this capacity for decades, tore his Achilles this spring while moving a boat (on land) in Maine, and yours truly did it two years ago getting off a bus in Miami en route to Machu Picchu. It must have something to do with posture and our pointing our bows skyward from the kneeling position. Certainly it can't be related to age! Before his mishap, George's daughter, Adrien, gifted him with a birthday trip to Finland with saunas at two sites and a side trip to St. Petersburg, which he found to be stately and beautiful but a bit oppressive i.e. Putin effect. **FRED MATTER** demonstrates that “dog is man's best friend” works both ways. His aging and loyal canine, Seamus, was unfit to make the trip from Tucson to the Matter summer residence in Indiana. So Fred changed plans and elected

to not summer “at home in Indiana” after all, but rather stay in Tucson, where the heat is torrid but not humid, and air conditioning a necessity of life—for him and Seamus. **DON SLOTKIN** has news from the Florida-Michigan seasonal residential axis. His niece, Elissa Slotkin Moore, '94, who received the Distinguished Alumna Award from Kingswood in 2014 at the time of our 60th reunion, is running for Congress on the Democratic ticket in the Michigan 9th Congressional District - i.e. the Cranbrook neighborhood. Motivated by the events of 9/11, she has pursued a career in government and served with distinction in both the Bush and Obama administrations in the departments of State and Defense, and the Pentagon. Yours truly continues medical work six days a month in a county clinic for the medically underserved who receive any medical care at all because of Obamacare. We are holding our breath to see what havoc the future holds with the “repeal and replace” fiasco. I can speak for our class—Ben Snyder was a special person, who in one way or another touched us all during our Cranbrook years. He will not be forgotten. In fact, when I think of the Quadrangle and the tower on the academic building, I see Big Ben Snyder's imposing but always friendly shadow!

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## K54

**MARY LOU HOWLETT MABEE** began her reply to my request for news with a very profound thought. She said, “As a child or young person, I thought that time was in slow motion, but I realize as I get older it becomes ‘Full speed ahead!’” I think we would all agree. Time seems to be moving faster with each year. Mary Lou had a wonderful visit with **PEGGY ANN HAMPSON KEEGIN** from Holland, Mich., this summer. One of Peggy's sons was there as well as Peggy's sister-in-law and a cousin. They enjoyed lots of laughs and reminiscing. There was so much to talk about that they hardly had time to eat. Mary Lou is still swimming, enjoying FaceTime with her grandson and great-grandson, Hunter, and watching her other grandchildren hurry through life. I had a delightful phone call visit with **CLARINDA SCHMIDLAPP**. She is a great-grandmother to baby Clarinda. You will see a picture of Quina, her granddaughter,



Clarinda (Rini) and wee little Clarinda, (Larin). This is the seventh generation Clarinda, the first was born in 1769 in Wilkes, PA. Isn't this a wonderful family history? **MARY ABBOTT TERRY CUMMING** continues to keep busy with her horses. She is still thankful that Miss Bennett was her English teacher. Miss Bennett made a lasting impression on Rabbit. Mary Abbott also reminded me that Miss Phillips, our chemistry teacher, challenged us with compounds, experiments, and buttons that kept popping. Peter and **MARGARET MCCAUL CABBAN** have three homes: San Francisco, Calif., White Fish, Mont., and Sydney, Australia. "A home for all seasons." **BARBARA UNDERHILL STODDARD** wrote and asked me if I knew how to reach **SARAJANE TRYTHAL MOTSCH**. It took some detective work, but I did find her in Florida. Sarajane can be reached through her daughter, Krystin Schlacter, 402 Lake Street, Umatilla, FL 32784. Barbara went on to say that she is still doing needlepoint and watching tennis on TV. Her daughter lives in Charlotte, N.C. Barbara has two granddaughters, one is a freshman at UCLA, and the other is a junior in high school. Our class author, **MARCIA GREENSHIELDS**, continues to write and publish. Her latest is, 81... a book of sonnets, one for each year of her life. This is available on Kindle. In her spare time, Marcia is trying to push for a 3-R's Park (Renewable, Resources and Regeneration). Oh yes, she also has an invention called E.A.S.E., it would replace bedpans and adult diapers. What do you think Marcia does in her spare time? **MILLIE ZEDER GILES** took a trip to Glenwood Springs, Colo., in January to attend a memorial service for her brother, Dick, who passed away in December 2016, leaving Millie the last of her family. Millie lives very close to her son, Skip. Skip's son, Rick, is a sophomore at Michigan State. His daughter, Sarah, is a junior in high school. Millie's son, Chris, has a wood working business. His son, Colin, is a senior in high school and is learning his dad's trade. Chris's daughter is a student at Nashua Community College. Millie has taken several senior center cruises on the Charles River this summer for fun, and she continues to be an avid gardener. At the end of her email Millie said, "It's a wonderful life." Harbor Springs, Mich., was **BEV SCALES HOGLUND**'s home this summer. She sold her wonderful house last year and rented a small home for the summer. It was just big enough for Bev and her two kitties. Bev will remain in Michigan until October. She has to stay through September

to attend her granddaughter, Susan's, wedding. **SUE STRAHLE STRALEY** wrote about a cruise to the British Isles in August. They visited Great Britain, Scotland, and Ireland. They took excursions every day and enjoyed wonderful food and entertainment. Sue can't run anymore because of arthritis but now participates in relay Tri teams. Her daughter swims, Sue bikes about 12 miles, and a friend runs. I am impressed! I received an email from **ANNETTE FOGO HARPER** just before going to print. She had a rough year since we last corresponded. She had a knee replaced in the fall of 2016. Later in the year she broke her wrist, and, as if that wasn't enough, she broke her foot in August. That's the bad news. The good news is that she and Jim spent the summer at their cottage with children and grandchildren coming and going. In October, Annette and Jim are going to Bogota, Columbia, to visit their son, Alex, and his family. The Harpers have enjoyed going to St. John's in the V.I. and Florida in the winter. I hope the hurricanes do not change their vacation routine. Pat and **SHELLEY SCARNEY BUCHANAN** are "on the road again." This year they have been promoting Pat's newest book, *Nixon's White House Wars*. There are several pictures of Shelley in this book, as there should be. She was in the White House during those years. **ALICE MOEHLER DELANA** continues to keep busy. She has promised to come to Michigan for a visit, and I will hold her to her word. **ADELAIDE WILEY** said she and her husband both had pneumonia at the same time this year, that's real togetherness. They are looking for a foster kitty, as their senior citizen cat is in cat heaven. She continues to read books by favorite authors. Jane Austen is at the top of her list. Adelaide has eight great-grandchildren and is hoping for number nine by this time next year. I had a nice note from **JANIE WALLACE WEBER** in which she wrote, "Life for me is full and abundant. I am grateful for good health and that Joe and I could celebrate our 40th anniversary this year." Janie and Joe still enjoy northern Michigan; McKinney, Texas; and Palm Desert, Calif. They spend ample time in each home and stay active and volunteer in community non-profits and the Episcopal Church in each location. Their grandchildren keep Janie and Joe busy going to graduations from high school and college. In May of 2018 they will have four in one week. Janie is looking forward to hearing from those who shared our Kingswood years. Those were exciting times. My family and I had a very challenging year in

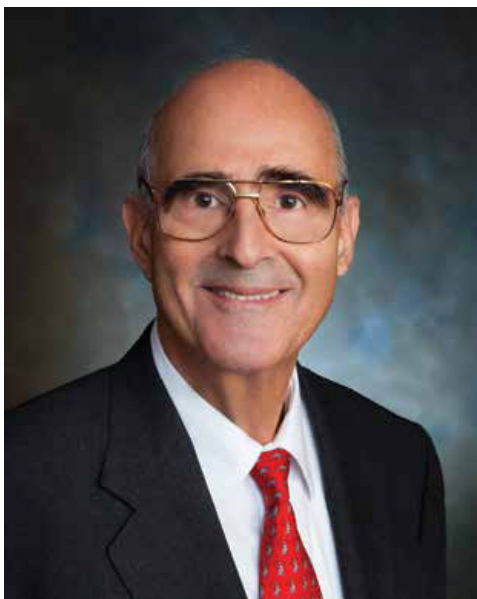
2017. My husband, Phil Kneen, was diagnosed with early stage Alzheimer's in the fall of 2016, and a tumor in a kidney in December of that same year. Phil had surgery on January 20, 2017, and spent the rest of his life in either the hospital or rehab. Phil died May 30, 2017. My children, Phil's daughters, and friends have been supportive as I once again pick up the pieces of my life and move forward. I had two wonderful trips this summer. The first was to the Grand Caymans with my son, Bill, and his family. I snorkeled every day and fed stingrays, an amazing experience. In late August I flew to Denver and had a reunion with grade school friends from Hinsdale, Ill. We get together each year and enjoy lots of giggles and conversation. Thank you to those who answered my request for news. I hope to hear from more of you next year. I know that we may be slowing down, but we haven't stopped so let's stay in touch. I treasure your friendship, and I think we draw strength from one another.

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**GEORGE ROBERTSON** shared with me the sad news that **PERRY RYAN** passed away on June 2, 2017. Perry resided in Flint, Mich., until he retired to Sanibel, Fla. A graduate of the U-M with a PhD in education, Perry taught in the Flint educational system for 36 years. He was predeceased by a son, Robert, and is survived by his wife of 56 years, Rosemary, and two sons, Chris and Thad. Contributions may be made to the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, 5435 Corporate Drive, Suite 306, Troy, MI 48078. Just before these notes went to press, news came from Stan Hirt, '52, saying his brother **JOHN (JAKE) HIRT** passed away on September 28 at his home in St. Clair, MI.





*Class Secretary, Dwight Davis, '55*

On June 17, 2017, our devoted class secretary of many years, **DWIGHT DAVIS**, passed away. Dwight did an exceptional job in that role, and we are all grateful for his outstanding dedications, exemplified by the considerable time and effort he so unselfishly devoted to the task and the very informative class news articles which resulted. As a tribute to Dwight, Cranbrook and Kingswood classmates have shared memories and thoughts about him...

**PAUL DODYK:** "Dwight really has been the glue that has held the Class of 1955 together over these many years. In addition to his persistent reminders and helpful editing, which resulted in our superb class articles, Dwight was always the one to know if anything significant had happened to any of our classmates and prompt in reporting that to the class. Dwight's efforts have done so much to nurture an exceptional feeling of closeness among our classmates, which is reflected in the percentages of our classmates attending our reunions and supporting Cranbrook School. Our memories of the caring and sincere person that he was made us want to respond to his requests for information. We owe Dwight our appreciation for all that he did to keep us together over the years." **BOB DAVIDOW:** "Perhaps because of age, I have no memories of specific interactions with Dwight. I do, however, have a very strong impression of him. He was kind, compassionate, empathetic, and a wonderful human being. I miss him. I know that many others feel the same." **ELLEN FLINT PRICE:** "I 'married' Dwight at the Kingswood boat house when we were eleven years old. We all

went to Europe after graduation in 1955. I went separately but came home with Dwight and Uncle Hubie's group on the QE2, a wonderful and hilarious return trip. Dwight was so kind during my divorce, so happy and excited for me when I married Joe, and so kind and worried after I broke my back. He stayed at my house during one of our reunions. I remember one night sitting with him while he told me everything about being a Mormon, what it was like, and why he loved it so. It meant so much to me, just as Dwight, in general, meant so much to me. Walt Taylor sent a recording of his singing from the Messiah, which I will always keep on my iPad just to hear his voice. Dwight was one of the treasures in all our lives, but I'm luckier than most because I knew him since Brookside. I wish everyone could have a friend like him."

**JIM CURRIE:** "Dwight Davis, wasn't he that tall, good looking guy with the beautiful voice who had a lead (jester) in 'Yeomen of the Guard' along with my future wife (Phoebe)?"

**FRANK DUNCAN:** "We Cranbrook Class of 1955 graduates are especially fortunate to have enjoyed so many years of exceptional service by Dwight Davis as our devoted class secretary. The longer he served, the more fully I came to appreciate what a special classmate he was. I will also always remember his father, Uncle Hubie, who made learning mathematics so much fun."

**MITCH FOSTER:** "I remember one day after a really hot August football practice when a bunch of us went to the A&W drive-in on Woodward. Dwight, **WALT TAYLOR**, and I finished off four large and were feeling pretty good about ourselves until Pete Dawkins downed six!" **GAYLE SMITH:** "Great admiration is sent to Dwight who shares our love of the LDS faith and will always be an inspiration to me. He will continue to be loved by all. His faithful service as class secretary for so many years was so appreciated. Thank you, Dwight, from the bottom of my heart."

**DICK CANFIELD:** "Dwight made so many contributions to our class. The one I remember best is his gorgeous singing in the Gilbert & Sullivan performances, but others were athletics and the class secretary role. A pretty amazing guy!" **WALT TAYLOR:** "I'm still sad and shocked about Dwight's passing. We emailed through the years mainly about Cranbrook but never got together in person, even though we were only 150 miles apart. I rarely get to Phoenix, and he didn't get to Flagstaff. The moral of the story is that we should try harder to keep our friendships and memories alive. Dwight was a really solid,

smart, reliable, good friend going back to Brookside days. Football and other sports and, of course, his great voice, and roles in the Gilbert & Sullivan operettas are other memories. He will live in my memories in very positive ways!"

**ROGER MORRISON:** "My memories of Dwight are all extremely positive. He always treated me as a friend. We were very close classmates. I remember his beautiful voice, his friendliness, and great treatment of me. I never had an unpleasant discussion with Dwight, quite the contrary."

**ANN MERSELES REED:** "My friendship with Dwight developed when he took over as class secretary. I found out what a kind and caring friend he was. His class columns were a pleasure to read, very well written and newsy. I remember his singing roles in Gilbert & Sullivan productions, beginning in the tenth grade when I entered Kingswood. The recording of Dwight's beautiful baritone voice singing a solo from the Messiah, played at his memorial service, is beyond all words! Dwight was one-of-a-kind for sure, and he will be greatly missed by me and many others."

**IVAN BOESKY:** "Just a note to add my fondness for Dwight and appreciation for his having been so willing to communicate with his classmates and keeping up on their lives. As a student, I was aware of his genuine niceness and calm personality. Our friendship was renewed after so many years as a result of my attending various class reunions. I know he will be missed by family and friends, and I feel privileged to have known him."

**DON YOUNG:** "No specific memories of Dwight, but a good guy to be remembered."

**CLIFF COLWELL:** "My memories of Dwight fall into two categories: first and foremost, that of his love and talent for choral music. At Cranbrook, he was by far the best voice we had ever sung with, and by attending U-M he was able to excel in one of the finest men's choral groups in the world. Secondly, he did an outstanding job as our class secretary, obtaining snips of information from almost everyone and weaving this information into great articles for Tradition. After reading his articles, I felt connected."

**PETER CARTWRIGHT,** "...being on stage with Dwight during a Gilbert & Sullivan performance in the Little Gym ... what a fond memory!" **DRIEKA MARTIN BLOOM:** "There is a funny song in a Gilbert & Sullivan operetta that I love to remember on occasions when it applies, 'They will both go on requesting till you tell them never doubt it, everything is interesting, tell us, tell us, all about it!' I asked Dwight to tell me the



operetta that it was from. He knew immediately, the Gondoliers, and told me that he had memorized many or all of the fourteen Gilbert & Sullivan operettas. It showed both his passion for music and his considerable memory. We all are aware of his great collection of memories for our reunion. I kept scrapbooks during my high school years and sent them to him for his project. I wonder if any other reunion class benefited from a project as extensive as his?" **ALAN CARLIN:** "Perhaps because it is freshest in my mind and was so extensive an effort, my particular memory of Dwight was his successful effort to create a class publication for the 60th reunion. It was comprehensive, informative, and imaginative and will be long remembered by everyone I suspect." **GORDON LAPIDES:** "I came to Cranbrook as a day boy in First Form in 1950. Dwight became a friend almost immediately. Our class was smaller then, and we would see each other throughout the academic day, on the sports fields, and at meals as well. When I became a boarder early that year, I was on campus on weekends as was Dwight. It was a pleasure to pal around with him on those lonely weekends when the school would grow quiet. He was as warm and welcoming then as he would remain throughout his life. In our senior year, we were in the Gilbert & Sullivan operetta, 'The Yeomen of the Guard,' under the gentle direction of Mr. Bates. Dwight and I had two duets together. I had the part of Wilfred Shadbolt, a jailer, and Dwight was Jack Point, a jester. Of course, Dwight could sing in that great baritone voice of his, and I had the reedy voice of a 17 year old. To this day, I can perform both parts of the patter duet, 'Like a ghost his vigil keeping,' singing both Dwight's part and mine, in turn, and recalling the fun of rehearsing and then performing with Dwight in those long-ago days in the Little Gym. When Dwight became the class secretary, a job that required him to report not only good news but sad news as well, his deep fondness not only for Cranbrook but also his fellow classmates, soon became apparent. Latterly, we renewed our friendship in warm and rewarding correspondence, and I know he must have had the same with so many of us. A remarkable, kindly gentleman, he will be missed by all of us." Many thanks to all of you for sharing your fond memories and thoughts. I, too, have many memories of Dwight from the shagging of fly balls hit by Bruce Coulter on the Lower Fields when we were Third Formers to college days together at Michigan and thereafter...

memories forever ... all treasured! All the best.

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Our glorious 60th reunion is now a distant memory, at least for those who can remember anything these days. Among the hale and hearty, the C'57s who put in an appearance for some or all of the weekend were Messrs. **AKERS, ASKEW, BLACK, CORMACK, FECHHEIMER, HERMANOFF, JOHANSSON, KARLSTROM, KERN, MCCAUL, RANDAU, ROSS SMITH, THEOBALD, WADDELL, and WATERS,** along with spouses or friends. We were joined by nine K'57s at an elegant dinner on Friday night hosted by **MIKE HERMANOFF** and wife, Sandy, at their home. Mike arranged for Charlie Shaw, long-time teacher and dean, and Dr. Darryl Taylor, head of HUB, to join us, and each offered a few remarks on the state of the schools and of HUB. Unanimous opinion from all that it was a great start and highlight of the reunion and a thanks again to the Hermanoffs. Mike says we'll do it again in five years. Save the date, June 2022! Other highlights of the weekend included a breakfast and presentation by Cranbrook head, Dom DiMarco, that some attended, and an hour of remembrances by older grads of our dear Ben Snyder. Locals, **HERMANOFF** and **CHARLES RANDAU,** were planning to attend the September memorial service for Ben. Randau and wife, Barb, are "doing well." Hurricane Irma proved to be the topic du jour for several replies as these notes are written. **CARL JOHANSSON** said his oldest daughter and family moved inland to Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and her daughter fled from the east coast to Naples, only to turn around and go back as Irma headed up the west coast. **FRED BRENDER** has a sister in Orlando, two grandsons in Ocala, and a granddaughter and great-grandson in Spring Hill. The Benders' youngest daughter is an insurance adjuster and, no surprise, was slated for duty in Florida. **ROSS SMITH's** sister's house in Florida is okay, so with gold prices up, Ross headed for the hills to find a few flakes out west. **STEVE SMITH** checked in from Bradenton, Fla., except for a few trees and limbs down, and no power nor internet for a while, they came through in amazingly good shape. Likewise neighbor

**JIM AKERS'** condo on Longboat Key survived. The Akers had nail-biting times with family in Houston riding out Harvey, and, as this is written, with family in Mexico City contending with the earthquake. **ROWDY TALIAFERRO** joined the worriers with cousins in Houston, friends in Florida, and boats in the Caribbean. He was back in the U.S. early this fall doing work on his St. Joseph, Mo., house, but in time to watch the eclipse come through his backyard, in the rain. Happily, he can report all family members and properties of the above classmates came through okay. And for a few tidbits of non-weather related news, **FRITZ KERN** and Janis have a very limited travel schedule this fall with only a week in Puerto Vallarta planned. **DUNCAN BLACK** finished a Ski Patrol continuing ed. review and testing for another ski season. Was recognized last year spring for 50, count 'em 50, years of active service to the National Ski Patrol. A few other 57's known to still be skiing as well. Otherwise, all quiet. **PETE SCHMIDT** took his fourth trip to Ireland in June, his wife's first. They took and enjoyed a tour this time so he could see the sites. The country has changed quite a bit since his last trip in 1989, suspect Pete has too. The **HERMANOFFs** don't travel quite so far, spent most of the summer in Charlevoix, Mich., and observed fall colors there a bit later. A trip to NYC for **TED LUDWIG** and wife, Barb, to welcome a new grandson born to their son and wife who continue to work in the theater business. A cool, wet summer in the upper Great Lakes but otherwise all is well. With a link to both Cranbrook and Kingswood graduation ceremonies which he watched, **CARL KARLSTROM** was inspired to do a little traveling as well, walking around the Cranbrook campus. "Kind of surreal. I felt like I had never left. Nothing looked very different, and overall everything looked to be in good shape." Adds your secretary, much renovation and new facilities have the place looking better than ever since our last reunion, as a number of classmates observed and remarked. Only one medical situation to report on from **DICK BOUTON.** He reminds us that he's had Parkinson's for about 14 years, had a fall a few months ago, which landed him in U-M hospital and a month in rehab, but thankfully he is glad to be back home. Said he was thinking "of all of you" at the time of the reunion. A lot of change this year for the **AKERS** family. Son, Brad, and family moved to the suburbs as wife, Laurie, started a new position as cantorial soloist at a Vernon Hills, Ill., temple, necessitating a move from the city.



His oldest son, Isaac, and mother moved from downtown to Evanston where he started high school a block away from the new apartment. Four of the five Akers grandkids are in new schools, including the oldest, Lexi, the first granddaughter, off to college last August. Lots more, will have to wait for year-end family letter. Stay tuned. Finally, a true milestone and one probably not equaled by any other classmate. The sports fans among us know that a golfer's dream is to live long enough and play well enough to shoot one's age, for 18 holes of course. Well, **DOUG MCKNIGHT** has done it, not once but several times! "In September, playing at the golf club at Blackrock, a top 100 course, I shot a 77. This was followed by rounds of 78 and 76. In just seven short weeks I get another stroke" (i.e. from 78 years to 79). "Optimism abounds." Congratulations, Doug. You inspire us all ... not sure to what at this age but an inspiration nevertheless.

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## K57

The last several months have been full of travel, family, and happy memories from our very special 60th reunion. Clearly from what you share, we know an excellent source for trip advice as well as reading recommendations. Twelve of us had the excellent fortune to attend our reunion. It was a very special time for us senior seniors. We traveled in time, as well as having the benefits of revisiting sites and experiences. Big, big thanks to Judy Knudsen Christie for organizing a very special bus tour of Detroit and hosting us for a farewell breakfast. We appreciated the dinner with the Cranbrook '57 alums at Mike Hermanoff's home, and all of the events at our school campus. As **JEANNE HARGREAVES GRAHAM** wrote, "Reunion was wonderful fun. We bonded, reminisced, and found out we are terrific and interesting women!"

Jeanne had two trips this fall, hitting both coasts. September was to Oregon for a paddle wheel trip on the Columbia River. She was going with her cousins, Mandy Matthews Lunghamer, '58, and Joe, Curt Matthews, '61, and Linda, and Barb Hedrick Schirmer, '58 and Ham, '58. In October she is off to Owls Head, Maine, to visit Katie Lovett Syrett, '65. **JUDY KNUDSEN CHRISTIE**, our hostess with the "mostest" and tour organizer, writes that the

reunion was fun and she liked the chance to show off Detroit's renaissance to those on the tour. The Christies had their family reunion at Crystal Lake in northern Michigan at summer's end. Judy did have a wonderful time enjoying the beautiful Michigan summer days with lots of activities for all ages. There were 21 family members, but it would have been 22 had not her grandson's wife, who is a nurse in Orlando, been informed that her approved vacation had to be canceled because two of her colleagues had just found out that family members had been picked up by ICE for possible deportation and the hospital needed coverage while the nurses dealt with their family emergencies. Just weeks after attending our reunion **NANCY WARD HARWOOD** returned to Michigan for a family reunion. She stayed in Harbor Springs, toured the Soo Locks and spent one day on Mackinac Island lunching at the Grand Hotel. There were 17 of them including her sister, Jeanne Perkins, '51, and family. Later in the summer, Nancy and Jeanne were off to Germany touring Munich, Heidelberg, Frankfurt, and then onto Berlin to join a river cruise ending in Prague. **BARBARA "COOKIE" COOKSEY BOWERS** rushed back to Michigan from Florida in early June to open up her cabin and greet her Kingswood pals, **SUSIE SIMONS** and **NANCY WARD HARWOOD**, who ventured up a few days prior to the reunion. Cookie's wonderful partner, whom she met online almost two years ago, joined her for his second summer up there, readjusting to dirt roads, isolation, and strange critters in the woods. As he is an avid golfer, he has actually gotten Cookie out on the links for the first time in 40 years ... no minor feat for her aging muscles and joints. She returned to Florida quite early at the end of September. She states that Michigan keeps her young and active, and warm Florida keeps her happy.



*Sally Austerberry Dinan, '57, and family*

Recounting the good times from the reunion, **SALLY AUSTERBERRY DINAN** had her family join her over Labor Day and anticipated seeing Cookie in the late fall. **MARY PRENDERGAST LUTZ** writes that she is still in New York City, working and volunteering at the American Museum of Natural History as an explainer of exhibits to the public. It challenges her mind, and she meets people from all over the world. That and swimming keep her moving forward. **JANE WERT OMAN** had a very complicated summer, arriving on Nantucket, which had been a goal for her husband, Dick, to join extended family in a place that they love. Dick passed away on June 28. Jane writes that they were blessed with 53 years of marriage, two wonderful children and their spouses, two "perfect" grandchildren, and so many friends, and other family members. **CONNIE KELLOGG CASEY** commented that it had been a nostalgic pleasure being back on campus and attending the graduation with the same hymns after 60 years. She got back to the city on Sunday, as she wanted to revisit the Diego Rivera murals at the DIA. Connie's eldest grandchild just left for college, so she is feeling the passing of time and generations. Connie planned to go east to see family for the second time during the summer, then, later in the fall, traveling to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. **ANNE COUGHLIN COLLINS** shared the pleasure in seeing former classmates at the reunion. Afterwards she and her friend, Jim Tillotson, had a trip to Madrid and Barcelona. They managed to visit and enjoy the Prada, Picasso, and Miro museums in Barcelona. **MARY SHAW MOORE**'s three granddaughters have been riding successfully during the summer, coached by their Uncle Brewster, '83. They have also become proficient water skiers, coached by their mother, Amy, behind the boat captained by their father, Evan, '80. The girls are cheered vociferously by Grandma Mary and Grandpa Bud, '53.





Mary Shaw Moore, '57, with granddaughter, Sierra, at Junior Ring Ceremony

Sierra, 16, is a senior this year. Sydney, 14, a freshman, is running cross country this fall, and rides with the Metamora Hunt. Elena, 11, is in 7th grade, and sings in her school choir. Watching their sports and musical events is the Moore's social life and joy. In a world seemingly coming unmoored, they are grateful for a simpler country life. Mary mentioned that she sees fellow farmer, **JOCELYN SCOFIELD**, quite often. "Greetings from Marco Island, FL," writes, **CAROLLEE WORTHINGTON METROKA** where she stayed on to recuperate from June surgery. Long story, but at last she was properly diagnosed with a condition known as NPH, or "water on the brain." It has been reported that this malady is one of the most misdiagnosed and under-diagnosed conditions found in the over 60-year crowd. It is progressive and mimics dementia with shuffling feet, difficulty walking, speaking, memory loss, etc. The NASA neurology department in Naples had seen this in their older patients, and it took a wonderful neurosurgeon there to know exactly what to do. Curly had unexplained problems on and off for the past five years, going from one doctor to another without anyone being able to connect the dots. So, this surgery was a real and true miracle for her. She was wheeled into the hospital early one morning unable to walk, talk, and think. She had brain surgery where

they placed a shunt to drain excess fluid from the ventricles in her brain, stayed overnight in the hospital and walked out the next day, talking, and finding her words! She took a PT class to improve her balance and flew home to New York after completing the class. She sends her regards to all, and we love stories with happy outcomes. Greetings from the West. **LINDA MYERS WORT** writes that she and Bob Swats, '56, are living full-time in Palm Springs, Calif., as of May 2016. They continue to travel to the coast, Big Bear in the summer, and Santa Barbara where her youngest and family live. Last January, Windy ended a 30-year contract with the Center for Creative Leadership. It was just time. It was a great ride, and she loved the work. So she is pretty much retired but still works with clients over the phone and Skype. Windy attached a picture of her oldest granddaughter, Brittany, at her high school graduation with her younger sister, Ella.



Brittany and Ella, granddaughters of Linda Myers Yort, '57

Brittany has a water polo scholarship to the U-M starting there last September. All other six grandchildren are doing well, as are their parents. Brittany's older cousin, by six weeks, Christopher, who lives in Wisconsin, is going to Dexter this fall. Very interesting as he will have semesters off to work as part of the curriculum. At our 60th reunion we pondered the whereabouts of several of our classmates who have been silent for many years. Several names were mentioned evoking memories from our Kingswood days. This prompted me to do some investigating. I learned that we have lost another two of our classmates: **ALEX NASON HALL** and **PAT GRAHAM HARRIS**. For many of us, contact was lost soon after our 1957 graduation with

little or no word of their life's happenings. Alex had a full and dynamic community life. Pat returned to law school and joined her husband's practice in St. Louis, Mich., actively involved in many community organizations. **ALEXANDRA NASON HALL** of Mesilla, N.M., died on January 22, 2016, six days short of her 77th birthday. She was a lively and vivacious lady. One of her major projects was restoring her 150-year-old adobe home in Mesilla. She was an active member of the local jazz and film societies, NMSU (New Mexico State University) World Friends, and was a special speaker at many M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) meetings, as well as being renowned as an expert in alternative healing. **PAT GRAHAM HARRIS** of St. Louis, Mich., died on October 23, 2014. Pat was a graduate of U-M in 1961 with a degree in chemistry. Sharing her husband's interest in the field of law, she graduated with honors from Cooley Law School in 1981 and joined his practice in St. Louis prior to his unexpected death. Pat was active in many areas of the community and served on several boards prior to retiring from law. Like the other reunion attendees, I enjoyed being 17 again and returning to venues unchanged and more beautiful than I remembered. At the same time, the many dramatic new positive changes to the Detroit area confirmed much of what I had read from afar. The vibrance of downtown Detroit was quite a contrast to the sleepy downtown that I remember. It was a rare delight to be with my Michigan family and catch quick glimpses of some of the grandchildren, as well as share several of the events with son, Seth, '83, and his wife, Melissa. Back in Virginia, volunteer work and travel continue to be on the agenda, as well as being able to totally ignore traffic and weather reports that used to be so critical to my rigorous daily commute. Next year's tripping includes another mystery cruise to feed that addiction. As I write all thoughts are with our Florida-based classmates and the pending storms. Stay safe, stay healthy, safe travels, and keep those reading and media recommendations coming.

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Another summer draws to a close so it's time to gather the notes I have received and put them together in some semblance of order.



**DAVID FOSTER** writes that he is still keeping one leg out of the ground. He is currently in Calabria, Italy visiting a niece and enjoying Italian politics as a diversion from ours. I'll be off to Palm Springs the end of October because "that's where aulde phartz go!" **DAN CROWLEY** is still alive, according to him, and he claims the world is still a bit messy. He wants to know what would Ben Snyder want us to do to fix things? Dan and his wife are living in Waltham, MA, in an apartment overlooking the Charles River. Kids are in Lexington, Mass., Charlotte, N.C., and Homer, Alaska. He asked where **TOM BARBER** and **AL BUTZBAUGH** are, and ... (can't remember his name)? Dan, Tom Barber is retired and living in Marina Del Rey, Calif.; Al Butzbaugh is an attorney and lives in Berrien Springs, Mich.; as for the third person, I can't remember his name either, but if I think of it, I'll let you know. **LARRY DANTO** and wife, Linda, are well, although advancing in age with typical aches, pains, and maladies. But then, it beats the alternative. I've been retired from clinical and academic surgery for eight years now. After almost 40 years, last fall we sold our home in N. Tahoe and moved full-time to our home in Orange County to be near our kids and grandkids. We were very fortunate to have both children live close to each other—our daughters' design. As of this fall, the oldest three grandkids are already off to university, Cal, U-M, and U of Miami. Only two now remain for me to raise in proper fashion. But it goes well so far. We are still in fairly regular contact with the **JIM GOLANTYs**. They are well, wonderful, and remain our oldest and very special friends. Indeed, Jim is like a brother, and I'm sure he'll have his own contribution to this newsletter. It sounds like Cranbrook Schools continues to evolve and excel. Frankly, if I hadn't had the opportunity to become a Crane, I would have ended up pumping gas at a Speedway 77. Thankfully my parents knew their son's deficiencies and "bribed" me onto the school's roster. I'm not much for reunions, but I do think of you all and with great fondness. Speaking of reunions, I should remind all of you that this coming June we will be having our 60TH REUNION. I suspect that this may be our last big reunion. I'm going to try and be there, and I hope you all will be as well. It will be held June 8, 9, and 10, 2018. We all will be receiving more info as the year goes on. **ED WHITE** writes that he retired from Princeton in May and is working on his 27th book. Wow! He traveled to Dublin, Rome, and Florence in June but otherwise was in New

York all summer. **JIM LUDWIG** has had a very interesting year. He's back doing some cutting-edge ecological research on the water birds of the Great Lakes, where invasive species have changed just about everything there. My team is accumulating lots of interesting data about populations and their nutrition. Also, still keeping a hand in consulting with a few clients, spending summers on the lakes or Cape Breton Island or winters in South Carolina. Other than fretting about our inane president, life has been good this last year. We still live in St. Thomas, Ontario, and are looking forward to our 60th reunion next June. Can you believe that? Time does fly. **BOB SCHULTZ** and his wife, Brenda, live in their home in Clarkston, Mich. "It seems hard to believe that the years are going by so fast. Brenda's children and grandchildren are within an hour of our home here in Michigan. My one son is an internist in Denver and has two sons in college also in Denver. My daughter and her husband are in Barstow, Va. Their children, Katie and Becca, are still in high school. Brenda and I continue to spend around six weeks in Florida in February and March. We plan to rent a home for the month of March in the Villages, Fla. In February we plan to visit Savannah, Ga., and then make our way down the coast of Florida to visit my brother, Dick, in Stuart, Fla., for a few days. We will spend the first week of April on the beach in St. Augustine before heading back to Michigan to resume our summer activities of golf and grandchildren. **JOEL STANBERY** called one afternoon. His purpose in calling was to tell me that **ARCHIE ALLEN** had died. He had no detail other than it had been a while back. He thought the cause was cancer. As for me, **DON LE MESSURIER**, I'll tell you that we didn't do much this summer. We went up to Alpine for a week to be in the cool and then to Denver to see my youngest daughter. They have moved to Germany. He is a major in the Air Force and will be stationed at a base in the western part of Germany at Spangdahlem AFB, which is near Trier. They are looking forward to it. I guess we'll be making a trip over there next summer! The rest of the summer was pretty dull. Just sat around and enjoyed the heat. That is until September 2. We were coming home from a restaurant, and Marty went down the hall, turned in the semi-darkness, and tripped over our Golden Retriever who was asleep on the tile floor. Marty put her hand out to catch herself and landed so hard that she broke her shoulder. I guess "shattered" might be a better word. Surgery the following

week involved rebuilding the whole joint including the ball joint! We went to Mayo Hospital here in Scottsdale and she was taken very good care of. At no time however, other than when she was under anesthesia, has she been in anything but agony. She is bedridden for the most part and I'm the nurse. Here it is September 19, and on the 21 we go back for her first post-op exam. So, great fun for me and especially for Marty. We are praying that the healing process is rapid, and that the injury has not diminished her painting ability! That's all I've got. Just remember, June is our 60th reunion. Also, please note and change your records to reflect the change in my email address. See you in June!

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**KATIE WILLIAMS STEWART** writes, "I am in New Canaan on a beautiful August summer day ... working in the garden with a break to communicate with you all. My Jimmy is in New Brunswick, Canada, for a week of Atlantic salmon fishing on the Miramichi River with friends; the water is low, and they are praying for rain. This gives me some time to catch up with our children and grandchildren nearby in Connecticut and you all. Life is good and how I wish some of you might be coming through New York and would call or text ahead. Hearing your updated news will make my day! Love, love, love to each of you and your families. Thank you for sending your news!" **LIBBY WOLFE HUBBELL** says she and her husband are "healthy and slowing down" a bit. **CAROLINE CROSS CHINLUND** reports, "I'm writing to you so all my news won't be old for the rest of the class! Steve and I are still in our wonderful apartment in Manhattan, where we can have breakfast and dinner outdoors during the warm months. We remember the days of commuting to the country for weekends and don't miss it. That's slightly sour grapes, however! It's getting nicer and nicer to be where the air is clear and fresh. We had a great two weeks at our family's old haunt in East Tawas. We had lots of family to enjoy along with those great pine trees and watching the sunset over Tawas Bay. Back here I'm seeing my patients, and Steve is enjoying painting as always. I'm trying to



keep him moving with PT and various exercise regimens, which I need too! I'm thinking of all our Kingswood friends with a smile and send my best." **KAY LEVY MELET:** "Michael and I have had a terrific year. We were fortunate to be at the high school graduation of our oldest grandchild in Chapel Hill, N.C., in June. From North Carolina we drove to Montauk, N.Y., and spent seven weeks with our son Bob and his family. Our six grandchildren are healthy as are our children ... what more could we ask for?" **JO BURR FREDERICKSON MARGADANT:** "Lovely to have your news and even lovelier that you are taking charge of bringing all of us closer with shared news. Ted and I have been traveling a lot, mostly on birding tours to exotic places. Our last tour took us to Madagascar, where the wild life was magnificent, the people welcoming, and the future depressingly bleak. As usual, we spent most of this summer in France, either in Paris or in the little stone village of Balazuc on the Ardeche River, where we have a second home, and our kids and grandkids love to visit. We now have three of the latter and a fourth on the way, and in California they all live within an hour of our home in Davis. In early August, we even squeezed in a family vacation on the Greek island of Santorini, which is probably the most beautiful natural setting in the entire Mediterranean. Though our bodies need more tending and our brains are slowing down, we haven't given up on new adventures or on our now much too long but still satisfying manuscripts. In sum ... so far so good! Hope that's also true for the rest of the class of '58. Warm regards to all, Joby." **KATHARINE KYES LEAB:** "I've just moved to South Burlington, Vt., with my daughter, Abby, and her daughter, Maddie (I think you all know that Dan died last November after a long series of illnesses). Still working (no rest for the wicked). More later as the movers arrive with stuff tomorrow. Cheers, Kathy~ Editor in Chief, American Book Prices Current, Bancroft-Parkman, Inc., PO Box 1236, Washington, CT, 06703 Tel: 860.868.7408 Search site for ABPC Online now is: www.searchabpc.com New email address is: writeabpc@gmail.com." **SUSAN FLINT COOPER:** "Things are good here in Michigan. I just had my son, Andy, and his six-year-old twins here for a week of fishing, canoeing, and tubing on all our 'great lakes.' And now am getting ready to take my daughter Debi and two older granddaughters on a fabulous cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg. This was one of my 'bucket list' destinations and

will be so much fun with my family. I stay in touch with Mandy and Barb who spend most of their summer 'Up North.' And have seen Nancy who visited from Holland, Mich., earlier this summer. I will enjoy fall and Michigan football for a while before heading back to my winter home in November to the California desert area. That pretty much is all from my end. Everyone just keep doing and moving! Hugs, Susan." **JULIE GILDERSLEEVE HICKS:** Son Tyler has a brand new son, Winston, who was born 9 pounds 7 ounces. Love the name! Julie is planning to visit them in Nova Scotia. She is busy with daughter Darcy, and other grandchildren who live on her street in Westport, Conn., too. Julie's big May adventure was in Africa, when she went on an assignment with Tyler to Turkana and Laikipia to cover a story of drought and the invasion of Samburu cattle drivers into Massai territory for The New York Times. She reports, "It was insane, exciting, very exotic, tribal, remote, dusty, and wild." WOW!

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I was so sorry to hear that Ben Snyder will not attend our next reunion. I am sure that will be covered extensively elsewhere in this magazine.



**JORY SQUIBB** may have been the last to see him. He reports, "We had a wonderful visit with Ben and Margot Snyder on Sunday afternoon, March 26 (just over a month before he passed), on strict orders from their daughter, Abby, not to tire them out. They are

in assisted living near Portland, Maine. Margot, an avid yoga practitioner and walker, bounces out of a chair like a teenager. She's a bit frustrated as Ben currently favors the life of the mind over the body." Please see the photo. Perhaps there was some foreshadowing in this report. By the time you read this, I will be relocated in Colorado Springs, just outside my other alma mater, the USAF Academy, giving walking tours of the restricted cadet area. If you are in town, please drop by and let me give you a first-class tour of the number one tourist attraction in Colorado. I got an email from **PETE SMITH** with sad news that his wife, Lynn, passed away with pancreatic cancer. "She fought it for almost two years, beginning with major, major surgery and continuing through all sorts of chemotherapy and, most recently, immunotherapy. Unfortunately, nothing worked, but at least she was only really sick at the end for three weeks, not in pain, and died peacefully in a hospice here. We were married for 53 years and five days. I am planning to remain here in Baltimore County, in the house we bought a year ago, near our daughter Kim (you remember her, she called you 'old oil stick'). I'm relatively healthy, or at least everything is under control, and still finding pleasure in ham radio and our two dogs. I am learning to cook on some basic level and appreciating how much Lynn did to keep our household afloat."

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## C60

Let's begin with memories of Ben Snyder (1920-2017), from our years at Cranbrook but also from subsequent decades. During our student years, Ben was always "Mr. Snyder" or "Sir." I didn't get to know him until many years after graduation. By then he was "Ben." A favorite memory of him is as 1990s Commencement speaker. His subject was that year's European turmoil as the Cold War was ending, the Iron Curtain was coming apart, and the Soviet Union was starting to crumble. His most remarkable speech was one of the clearest, most cogent contemporaneous summaries of those turbulent times that I had ever heard, then or since. In visits over the ensuing years seeing Ben was always the best part. This was a man who had known



hundreds, if not thousands, of students over the decades, yet once we got to know each other he always remembered me. It almost was as if we could continue a conversation that had paused a year, or five years, sometimes ten years earlier. During our 50th reunion in 2010, we were so very pleased to have Ben and Margot be honored guests at our class dinner. They were also at our Sunday brunch. Ben will be remembered as an awesome and remarkable man, a genuine mensch. It was an honor and a privilege to have known him. **BOB BRAUD's** memories of Ben date back to his first days at Cranbrook: "My arrival at Cranbrook School was in the late summer of 1956. As we all remember, we were each assigned to a dining hall table. I was assigned to Ben Snyder's table. [NOTE: Does anyone remember how often the assignments changed?] Ben always insisted on excellence for all Cranbrook boys. I hailed from Rogers Park, Ill., a place more noted for outlaw gang activity than civilized family life Ben quickly noticed that I handled my fork "like a shovel" and called me the "Heathen from Chicago." He insisted that I sit at his side for the remainder of my time at his table, and he corrected my grip on the fork, often checking during each meal to be sure I had learned my lesson. He was not going to allow a Cranbrook boy to enter society without proper table manners. That was the beginning of the years of respect that I had for Ben. During my junior year I was his table's waiter. By then he was married to Margot, the love of his life. I was proud to tell her that story. **TOM LEE's** memories of Ben extend from his years at Cranbrook into this century: "On the bulletin board over my desk is a letter from Ben written to me shortly after my mother's death in 2004. It was, and still is, the most beautiful letter sent to me by anyone at that time. My parents were best of friends with Ben and Margot for many years, starting in the '50s. Back then, they were no doubt trying to figure out how to deal with the delinquent Lee boys. He was one of the finest men I have ever known, and he did so much to help many of us prepare for the greater world lying ahead. He will be missed." From **ROGER ROTHENBURGER**: "Ben was a strong, courageous, unique man. I would have done better at Cranbrook to have sought his counsel more during those troubled years. The summer of 1959, before my senior year, I had a bad accident and had to have a tracheotomy before being transported 34 miles over dirt roads to the hospital. Afterwards, Ben and Margot were very kind and generous to me by

inviting me to convalesce at their nearby farm. Although the accident kept me off the football team that fall, their help forever changed my life. On several occasions in later years, while working in New York, they permitted me to rent their place for a week's family vacation." **TED SEYFARTH** shared his memories of Ben as a track coach, "My principal memory of Ben is in his role as track coach, where his patience and ability to match boys' talents with events led to a series of very successful Crane track meets. As you may recall, a track meet is a rather confusing series of overlapping events and so coaching meant being able to herd a bunch of not-so-docile cats. Ben's patience and calm demeanor greatly helped keep us all together so successfully that I still have some medals from various regional and state meet events, and I was only a bit player in a pretty fast crowd. I must confess to being somewhat surprised by his passing, although I knew he had been in decline for some time, since he always seemed to show up on campus at a good time. So much so that, even though his home was distant from school, he seemed to be a permanent fixture. His contributions live on beyond him—a true legacy for a wonderful man." Other Items: I am sad to inform you that our English classmate, **TIM MORGAN**, passed away last July. He had been ill for the past several years. "Merrytim" was part of his email address. "Merry" he certainly was, as we all saw at our 40th and 50th reunions. Cheers to you, our merry Mate. We'll miss you.



(L-R) Christina Boelcke, Harvey Croze, Steve Fairbanks, both '60, and Dolores Fairbanks

Via Facebook, I received this photo of Dolores and **STEVE FAIRBANKS** visiting Christina Boelcke and **HARVEY CROZE** at the Amboseli Elephant Trust in Kenya. According to Harvey, "On the occasion of

the early September visit of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Fairbanks to Kenya, a measure of eating, drinking, and carrying on was engaged upon prior to their setting out on an epic photographic safari." Last January, **TED SEYFARTH** sent some wintertime news and comments: "It's a rainy March night in January, which Edgar Allen Poe would undoubtedly have made into something fearsome. As it is, it helps me concentrate on the things to be done before we leave on a South American cruise designed to break the back of winter. We are home for three weeks, then are taking the family, 11 in all, to Turks and Caicos for spring break. Did we do that when we were of an early age? Emphatically, NOT. With any luck April brings no meaningful snow and we will have finished off another Chicago winter. Before we leave I hope to have lunch with **KEITH DAVIDSON**, schedules permitting. Otherwise, I hear from **ROLAND KAPLAN** and **BOB BRAUD**, but don't have much classmate info to report. Sally and I continue to be delighted by proximity to our kids and grandkids. This, as they say, is what life is really all about." Another winter 2017 item, this from **JOHN SPRAGUE**: "The Spragues keep shuttling back and forth between our summer at our Salisbury, Conn., farm and winters at our New Bern, N.C., apartment. Not too bad but hard to be totally connected in either place. Our family has now burgeoned to 22 strong with our ninth and tenth grandchildren coming last year. We expect two to four more! Both Bets and I are thankfully healthy, albeit with the usual aches and pains for our age. Spoke recently with **HAYDEN BROWN**. He and Elizabeth are doing well. He is still building old sailing dories and other craft. Other than looking forward to possibly several trips to Mexico, Prague, and Spain, I'm getting ready to start organizing for our 60th reunion in 2020. Mark your calendars! Cheers." Back in the Pacific Northwest, Denise Pauley, '62, and I continue to enjoy our home's view overlooking Edmonds, Puget Sound, and the Olympics. We recently expanded our living space with a major remodel. The update and expansion will also provide for the years to come by incorporating "Aging in Place" features. As we move further into the autumn of our years, those features will help us stay in our home for as long as we can.

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**TRISH KELLEY STOLTZ**, “No long message at this time. But here’s a picture of a group of our classmates helping **CHRIS HEWLETT** celebrate her 75th birthday. Sue thanks you so much for your dedication to us and *Tradition*. 2017 is a milestone birthday year for most of the Class of 1960. To celebrate Chris Hewlett’s August birthday, seven classmates joined her other friends and family members for a surprise dinner party on the patio at her house in Birmingham.



*Chris Hewlett in foreground, with Lynn, Jaedene, Susan, Ginny, Margie, Trish and Joanne, all '60*

From left to right: **CHRIS HEWLETT** in foreground, **LYNN DAWSON SOLNER**, **JAEDENE ROBERTS LEVY**, **SUSAN ALLAN**, **GINNY CROSS WALDEN**, **MARGIE McMEHEN BURCH**, **TRISH KELLEY STOLTZ** and **JOAN AKERS BINKOW.** **MARGIE McMEHEN BURCH**, “Bob and I are doing well. He finally retired in January. We love taking individual grandkids on trips and took Parker, 10, to Chicago this winter. He and Grace, 17, will go to San Diego with us in February. Our trip this year is to Eastern Europe. Great summer up north with lots of tennis, golf and gardening. Volunteer tutoring in a wonderful program in Pontiac. Enjoy spending time with local classmates: **CHRIS HEWLETT**, **TRISH STOLTZ**, **SUSAN ALLAN**, **JOANNIE AKERS BINKOW**, **LYNNIE DAWSON SOLNER**, **MICHEL HOWARD WILLIAMS.** **GINNY CROSS WALDEN**, “It has been a wonderful summer with lots of Kingswood Class of '60 contact. **CAROL BURROW** spent two months here in Harbor Springs to avoid Dallas heat and to enjoy golf at Birchwood. There were eight of us at Chris Hewlett’s 75th celebration. You all can see what fun we had. Del and I have had a healthy year and are grateful for visits with almost all

family members. We won't mention politics. All the best to the Class of 60. Just think: by the time we have our 60th reunion, we will also have another presidential election!” **CAROL KLENKE BURROW** - She sent a Christmas card to all online so I am using some of that info for the newsletter. “San Diego family reunion Thanksgiving with the Farleys and Barbers. Seems like the rest of the year was spent packing up or distributing 40 years of belongings from living in one home, selling the house in 5 hours and moving to Presbyterian Village North Retirement Center. My new address is 8600 Skyline Drive #3405 Dallas, TX 75243. Carol had photos of her family and a cute one of her dog Bentley.” **NINA HAUSER**, “Thank you for not giving up on me! I know I'm hard to reach as I travel at the drop of a hat (almost) but this month and next, I am in Ann Arbor, getting ready for my photography show that will open on October 20 at WSG Gallery on Main Street. I've owned the gallery, with 15 other artists, for the past 10 years and am happy to say that we do well enough that we can still pay the rent. I live in a wonderful old neighborhood of Ann Arbor with my aging wire-haired doxie, Theo, with whom I co-wrote a book on how he sees the world. I am learning Italian, so I can further confuse myself with Spanish and French. Occasionally, I teach private lessons in iPhone photography, which I've been doing for the past five years. My upcoming show was all done with my iPhone in India over the past three years, and is centered on moving untouchables, sacred cows, other animals into my own version of Mughal miniature paintings. India will never cease to fascinate me. I also play early music on alto and tenor recorders. So that's a wee update re moi. I applaud your continuing willingness to be class secretary and hope you and your family are well and thriving. My email is nehauser@gmail.com.”



*Patty Shile Aarons, '60*

**PATTY SHILE AARONS** writes, “I continue to be delighted with my decision to ‘go west.’ My pups and I spent from Thanksgiving on with longtime friends in Scottsdale. They have two Danes, so we had quite a pack. Thankfully, the dogs all got along beautifully. I was so happy here, one doesn't have to shovel sunshine. My friends were thinking about moving to one level so we went together and built a Lennar NexGen Evolution model home. Google it. My pups and I have ‘The Suite’ area. It's perfect for us. We can be as independent as we wish. I fully expected to spend time being a snowbird, dreading the drive with three dogs. I had sold everything in Michigan except my Gaylord house. Amazingly, that place sold in January. I never even went back. Let Allied pack everything. Am living out of boxes and have no clue where anything is BUT I will survive this. It seems strange to no longer have Michigan ties. I did not like being there alone without Brad, waited almost three years after his death to make this change in my life, and am so happy that I did. My Berners and I managed the HOT Arizona summer quite well. Made good use of our pool. Feel like I am living in a resort. Looking forward to a second winter of zero snow and no aching bones, human or canine. Hope to get together with **BARB DAY GIESEN** when she returns to her Tucson winter home. Hugs to you and ALWAYS many thanks for keeping the KSC Class of 1960 in touch with each other. My new email is cherrylog17@gmail.com, and my new address is 10561 W. Nosean Rd., Peoria, AZ 85383.” **BARBARA DAY GIESEN**, “My only news is that I've become a snowbird, spending the winter months in Green Valley, AZ, and the summer ones at the cottage I inherited on the Straits of Mackinac. This will be my first year to do it, so I can't report on how it is, except that the few months I was in Arizona last winter were beautiful, with sun every day. A pleasant change from my former home in SW Michigan. I'm weaving, playing pickle ball, knitting, etc. It's been fun to get together with **GINNY CROSS WALDEN** periodically for lunch and knitting. I'm thankful my health is good. Hope all is well with you, Sue, and thanks for doing this!” **BROOKE BURGESS ADLER** says, “A little over two years ago left our 230+ year old brick federal house on Main Street in Norwich VT for a 10-year-old house in the woods in Quechee, VT, about 20 minutes away. We loved our old place, but costs of maintaining as well as heating and local taxes motivated us to seek new digs. Master suite on first floor, great kitchen space, open floor plan, and still



enough bedrooms and baths on a couple of other levels to accommodate kids and grandkids when all here make this new home perfect for us at this time on our lives. Residence here includes membership in the Quechee Lakes Landowners Assoc. and club, so I got myself appointed to the House Committee, which deals with the maintenance and decor of the clubhouse, and the Community Affairs Committee which is self-explanatory. Since neither Jim nor I play golf or tennis, it has been a good way to meet others who live here both full- and part-time and to feel I am making a contribution to our new community. In other activity, a year ago I joined the board of West Central Behavioral Health, our regional mental health care provider and serve on its governance committee as well. WCBH is an amazing organization and it is a privilege to support all the great work it does. As did most of us '60s, I celebrated my 75th birthday this year, June 1, but my celebration lasted over ten days. First, in Kansas City where we had travelled the week before the Memorial Day weekend on a Dartmouth arts trip. Since our Wichita kids could drive to KC, we decided to stay for the weekend, fly our Maplewood family in and celebrate my birthday there. With great weather, Legoland and amazing BBQ, it was perfect. Then home to Quechee where the next weekend my three sibs and spouses as well as sibs-in-law all came to stay with us for a family dinner celebration on Friday and a fabulous party for friends and family Jim threw for me at Murphy's Farm at the Quechee Club. Made becoming an Ancient almost painless, wine helped! Ok, enough of me. Jim continues his various activities with Dartmouth and Northern Stage. Josh and Jessica have found a wonderful community in Maplewood, NJ. Ryan, 12, in November, has made lots of new friends and started middle school last week. Josh has a new job as Sr. Development Officer at NJTV, NJ Public Television, Jessica still keeping finances in order at Manhattan Theater Club. The whole family gathered in Maplewood in early August to celebrate Josh's (gasp!) 50th. In Wichita, Brianna, 11, was accepted into the pre-IB middle school program, finds it challenging, but likes that it makes her work hard. Also has to work hard on new softball team, but does great. Henry, just 5, is in pre-K, and busy being a non-stop boy! Ted concentrates on teaching his grad and undergrad ceramics students at Wichita State U. and finding time to make his own work. Brenda started a new job last

winter teaching ceramics at East High School in Wichita, the largest H.S. in the state. For all its starving of school budgets, Kansas supports a whole fine arts department at Brenda's school. She, too, makes work as much as possible, since she is asked to exhibit in shows all the time. The whole family spent a week in Santa Fe this summer while Brenda taught a workshop at Santa Fe Clay and they all went to Montana in July for Ted and Brenda to spend two weeks working at Red Lodge with other clay artist couples who also brought their kids. Family will re-unite once again here for Christmas." **RAEWYN FREAR WHITHAM**, "I'm writing this from the Gold Coast in Queensland, Australia, after spending a month at five different resort areas, from Port Douglas in the far north, then Palm Cove, Noosa (our favorite), Mooloolaba on the Sunshine Coast and now here. We return home September 20 and have successfully managed to avoid the last of our winter in temperatures varying between 21 and 30 degrees Celsius. I'm beginning to think about the next big reunion in 2020. My warm wishes to you all." **BARB CRIPPS TRACY** writes, "We have finally come to a breakthrough in Bob's health. He is up and moving around. We are able to go for walks when it is not storming or too hot. My arthritis has progressed, but am enjoying just being able to do some gardening. I am also working on cleaning up the berm/trench behind our home. It has some beautiful pines that I have been caring for with help from God, since day one. I have thinned out and trimmed as needed and cleaned up construction debris and of course pulled weeds. We had wild blackberry bushes in that area, but they were extremely invasive and the third year here I sprayed them almost out of existence. Our neighbor tried to make blackberry pie, but the blackberries were so seedy that the pie was to say the least AWFUL and the flavor was not enjoyable either. I think 'wild' was a good description of them. At last we have our new crepe myrtle in our front yard. Two summers ago the HOA came through and cut down the tree that was there. They left the stump which I dug out as they said they would only grind it down. That left me scratching my head as I did not know how they expected to plant another tree on top of the stump. The tree had been planted in a shallow manner and there were many roots traveling hither and yon. Anyway, I removed the stump and some of the roots. We chose a tree from a list provided by the HOA and finally it arrived early this spring. It is a

beautiful full bodied pink; by that I mean not a pale or lavender shade of pink. We are hoping to have a visit with **BETTY PRANCE BURNS** and Ed this month. I suppose that will depend a bit on Irma. They are in a "tiny house" traveling about. We have been in touch with **CAROL THOMAS FREDERICK** and LaMar over the spring and winter months. Mea Culpa, I have not been in touch with **BECKY PARSONS MESSER** and Buel. We still enjoy doing our bit for our church programs. We are especially glad to help with Family. Promise. Love to you all and hope you are also having happy retirements." **CAROL THOMAS FREDERICK**, "Nose to the old grindstone again, is it?? You are such a great sport for doing this year after year. YOU ARE THE BEST! Not much news from me, biggest is I will retire from the Monroe County, MI, Social Services Board the end of this year finishing 15 years. This has been one of the most fulfilling and educating of the human services efforts with which I've been privileged to be involved, thank you, Miss Bennett. But I'll never be bored as I am still staying with Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition; FAIRVIEW CO. (Monroe) Home, for those who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless; Paula's House for women caught up in substance abuse and trying to get back into sobriety, and RSVP, Retired and Senior Volunteers Program, plus our own Bedford Senior Center. Otherwise, all is well at the Frederick household. 'HI' to all my classmates; hope this finds everyone reasonably well." **PAMELA MOLNAR YATES** writes, "I am still living in Santa Fe, NM. I am currently working in psychotherapy. Can you believe I am working at 75? Counseling keeps me interested in people, in life in general and provides structure. My daughter and 12-year-old grandson visited in July for several weeks and we enjoyed all the tourist attractions. We visited Meow Wolf again this year. We always enjoy the Izunami restaurant at 10,000 Waves. We went to the Folk Art Market. Over 50,000 people attended it. I am not collecting things anymore however. My other three beautiful 'grand girls' are teenagers and they live in California. I don't see them as often as I would like. We are planning to take a cruise in the spring. Suggestions from those with cruise experience are welcome! I hope all is well in your life. Sue and I look forward to reading all the letters and stories classmates sent to you!" **SARA BARTHOLOMEW GARTON**, "All is well with me, my family and friends in the Rocky Mountains. I enjoyed a full, busy



summer volunteering with and attending the Aspen Music Festival, and enjoying lectures at Aspen Ideas, art, gardening, reading and so much walking! It was a milestone summer for me: I celebrated 50 years in Colorado, 30 years in my little Aspen apartment, and 75 years of life! I wish all of you, health, adventure, and laughter.” **ANDIE MERCER**, “Hi Sue, Things are slowly getting back to normal here after Hurricane Irma. I’m in a flood zone so I evacuated and ended up in Nashville, TN, for five days. I have a lot of experience with snowstorms but never a hurricane. Don’t want to do that ever again but living in Florida it is a given. Have purchased a condo in Venice and did not travel to Chautauqua for the first time in 21 years. New address is 769 Village Circle, Venice, FL 34292. Email is andymercer@yahoo.com. Be well and safe everyone.” Also evacuated for Hurricane Irma is **SUZIE HAPKE BOWMAN**, “Evacuated for Hurricane Irma since I’m on the South Carolina shore, between Hilton Head and Savannah, GA. I was lucky enough to get a log cabin in the northwest mountains of Georgia for me and my son, Drew’s, family. Wife Savannah and her five children, ages 1-11. The younger three are Drew’s children also. We were near some friends’ cabin, so it was like a vacation for the kids. We, of course, had the worry about our houses and losing power. Turns out Irma turned, and I didn’t even lose power for a minute and had no branches in my yard. I have Ava, 5, and Ashelyn, 4, two nights a week, so they were glad to get back to both their homes. Have re-connected with **ANNE FOSTER COLLIER**, who retired with her husband to a beautiful community near mine, and it is so much fun to spend time with her! That’s it for now.” **BARBARA BEIER REYNOLDS** says, “Now you have my email and hopefully you can share that with KSC. It is bjrey@aol.com. Time just flies by these days. My son, Rick, has just completed a doctoral thesis for the University of Edinburgh. Soon he will fly over there to defend it. Then, we will have a doctor in the family! It was a long and difficult journey for him. Needless to say, I am so very proud of him. I turned 75 this summer and can honestly say I still feel very healthy and strong. I stay active and involved.



*Barbara Beier Reynolds, '60, rides Bart*

My favorite charity work is the farm where I board my horse, Ray of Light Farm, which just recently has become a 501c3 charity and rescues horses and donkeys. I am very active in fundraising for them. I ride my horse, Bart, three to five times a week, weather permitting, I will be spending my fourth winter in Fort Pierce this year. My garden is still a source of great joy to me. Looking forward to our 60th reunion!” **MAUD COOPER PLUMER**, “I am a day late but hoped you might still have room for me. Hank and I spent three months in Florida last year, which was wonderful. The weather was really nice. Then came home and I had eye surgery for glaucoma. Little did I know that my life was about to be filled with eye doctor appointments. Finally, in August I was set free for two-and-a-half months. The surgery was very successful. We had been up north to our home several times for eight days, then six, then 15, because my eye doctor went on vacation. On our dock this year we have had three different eagles; two were grown and one, a one-year-old. It was really amazing to see them so close and be able to watch them. All my sons are doing well. John, my oldest, is still in Charlotte, and just returned from Ireland. Pete, #2, built, with his own hands, a house in Au Gres, MI. It is wonderful, their retirement home. Their daughter, Sammy started college this fall. Tom, #3, is enjoying his life as a traveling soccer dad. Paul, #4, also has a daughter, Emily, starting college. Hank and I have retired from Lighthouse and are now doing the Giving Tree at our church. We are enjoying doing it and have met so many nice people. You know the faces but not the names; now we know the names. We and all our children and grandchildren are well; I don’t think we can ask for anything more.” **HANLEY BIRD COX**, “Thank you for taking on this thankless task, Susan. My news is mostly like many, I am sure, of having lost dear family and

friends. It is a sad reality of this time of life. The good side is it makes us more aware of how important those dear to us are. In this area, I have had a chance to be with wonderful Kingswood friends **JULIE KRUGER BAILEY, NANCY WILCOX KARGER, BARBARA BOWEN OBERG** and **LIZZY BUCKINGHAM WILSON** this year. The wonders of Kingswood live on in these lasting friendships. Weren’t we all lucky to have had that school a part of our life?” **BARBARA BOWEN OBERG**, “Sue, thanks for all the time and energy you give to the class news. My life hasn’t changed a whole lot. We spent three months at the Huntington Library in Pasadena again last year, where we enjoy the chance to read and write and also be with a wonderful group of other retired academics. And we don’t mind escaping the winter! The most exciting news for me is that my younger daughter, Amanda, did an Ironman race in August at Mont Tremblant, finishing in the top 20 percent of women of her age group. Older daughter, Payson, who turns 50 this month—yikes, I can’t believe I am old enough to have a child this age—her husband, Peter, and daughter, 11, live in Yarmouth, ME, where they continue to practice medicine. It feels nice to keep up with my family ties to Maine. I hope all of you are well, and adjusting to being in our mid-70s.” **EDITH FOLEY STRUIK** - “I am sitting in southern France at our beloved La Laurede. Next week, Henk and I travel to The Netherlands for the annual Struik Family Reunion. Wonderful to spend time with longtime friends & family! Greetings, ONE and ALL!” **LINDA WELT HOROWITZ**, “We have had a very busy summer in Dallas with our family. Our three grandchildren all graduated from one school in June and started the next one in August, one from elementary to middle, one from middle to high, and one from high school to college. She is attending The Art Institute of Dallas and loving it. She plans to major in advertising. Also, in June they had two birthdays and a 25th anniversary in the family. So, we celebrated a lot. July was calmer for us all. Then, in August we celebrated our 50th anniversary. My sister and brother-in-law came in from Boston and our son and daughter-in-law gave a dinner party for us. It was a lovely event. Three days later Ira had surgery to have a hernia repaired and spent five days in the hospital. Fortunately, all went well and after the first couple of hard days he healed well and got stronger by the day. It was a good thing as neither of us wanted to have to cancel the cruise we had planned for our

anniversary. We left on Sept. 6 for Rome, spent one night there, and sailed on Holland American for a twelve-day cruise around the western Mediterranean. We stopped at ports in Italy, France, and Spain, only one of which we had been to before. It turned out to be a wonderful cruise with a lot of nice people. We are now back in Dallas for about a week to get unpacked and packed up again to drive back to Puerto Vallarta for the season. If anyone is ever coming down on vacation, let us know. Ok, I think I have myself all together, finally. Twelve hours of sleep last night helped. It is a shame after a nice trip we have to have a 24-hour day to get home. But that is not why I am writing thanks for all the work you do in putting this all together. It is such fun to read everyone's news." When it came time to do the *Winter Tradition* newsletter for the Class of '60, I only had 5 days to do it as the ultimate deadline was approaching. I think I got a better response sending out three pleas within four days. I then went to the phone and spoke to **RITA MacGREGOR JERIC**. She does not have email. The amazing great "chat" we had lasted two hours and one second, as shown on my new improved phone. We thought what had we spoken about for so long. Just reminisced about Kingswood and what about the Michigan area. Since she was a boarder and I a day student, there was a lot to talk about. I, as a young person, did not have a lot of contact with the boarders but that was my fault as now I realize how much I missed out on other new friends. My mom, Janet Forbush Fead, '34, did a lot with the boarders and the Senior Cabin. Rita talked about her great times at Alban's, which is no longer there, with its Big Wheel sandwich and the wine area to walk through. I mentioned that a place near Alban's had many of the Detroit Lions football team hang out there, as their training camp was at Cranbrook. A note I put down was Man on the Moon, need to re-find out what Rita said about that, and I told her about the Cider Mill on Franklin which she had not been to. Rita's son is a full professor in Vermont after going to USC law school. I let her know that **PATTY SHILE AARONS** was now in Arizona, as she had planned to go see her in Michigan. Rita said she had been to the Mackinaw area, which I remembered **BARB DAY GIESEN** has a place there. I plan to do our class list again, hopefully in the old format of name, address, phone, email and not in Excel and get this to all of you as everyone travels and it is great to see friends again. My news not much except at my age 75, I wish I could keep more organized

and not lose things like my car keys and leaving my phone. I did both for a week, how impossible to survive with no phone. My car was in the park and ride near New York City for six days and trying to get it towed to the dealership to have a new key made was nearly impossible. Finally, I have both back. My family is all fine, photographing celebrities once in a while, envying **NINA HAUSER's** knowing how to photograph on an iPhone—so convenient no large camera. **MARGIE BURCH's** great love of sports and being so fit and organized and all of you for being so responsive at a drop of a hat to reply to the newsletter plea. It is fun to read it and all the other classes. It is fun for me, for whatever reason the deadline is in September for news, and it is not out 'til December is crazy. My family—3 kids, 5 grandkids, 6 great grandkids, and my sisters, Sally, '62, and Beverly, '63, and brother, Edward, '70, all are fine. That is all except to thank all my classmates for responding in such a short time and so many of you. Hope in the future to hear from those who missed the chance to respond or who have never answered. I did talk for a second to **ELLIE SAULTER KELMENSEN** and she had just returned home and would check her email and get back to me. I also spoke to **NANCY TANN ZIDE** who is retiring from her business, Nancy's Linens, after 30 years starting just after Labor Day. She was having a closing sale and is continuing her business at [www.nancyslinens.com](http://www.nancyslinens.com). By the time you read this you can see all the great items on line. Nancy's Linens has built a reputation as a premier purveyor of American and European linens for bed, bath, and table top by providing custom embroidery and monogramming for unique gifts. You can shop from the comfort of your home at her shop-on-line store. On August 1, **SUSAN FEAD COFLIN**, went to visit Nancy's but it was on a Sunday and closed. My great grandson, Kameron, took a photo of me pointing to her sign inside the Orchard Lake Mall (store was at Orchard Lake and Maple).



Susan Fead Coflin at Nancy Tann Zide's, both '60, linen store

Sorry I missed you, Nancy, but I will try to remember to take my Kingswood class list with me or let you know I am coming to Michigan. So check out Nancy's site. Deadline has arrived, so I am done. Please keep up all the good work as you did on such short notice. As always, our class has great participation in our class news.

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**BRIAN BAREFOOT** wrote that he is mayor of a small town on the barrier island east of Vero Beach, and it's been a challenging few days, but nothing like fellow Floridians who live on the West Coast endured. He hopes all of you came through the storm safe and sound. **ANDY GOOD** and his wife, Allie, celebrated their 50th anniversary this summer and had their picture in the local paper. He received a call from **JIM ANDERTON** congratulating them on the event because someone had forwarded it to him. Andy tried calling back but thinks he's blocked, because it didn't go through. Anyway, he says thanks for the thoughts, Jim. He is thinking about all our Florida classmates, Zavelsons, with Irma going through. Also, we will be moving to a condo in a month. New address, if anyone cares, is 600 4th Street SW, #401; Rochester, MN 55902. **TOM DEMRICK** checked in with bad news that he hasn't been able to do much for nearly a year now. His wife has been ill, and he has been taking care of her. This year is their 50th anniversary. He has been able to get away for a few days of golf in northern Michigan and even into the Upper Peninsula. Two of



his grandsons attended Cranbrook Summer Camp this summer, so perhaps they will be the fourth generation to attend the school someday. “Occasionally I see **HILDRETH BUTERBAUGH** around Birmingham, and I play bridge with Don Meier, '54. That's not very much news, but please let everyone know I'm still around.” **BARRY SHAPIRO** writes that he has moved his business to St. Petersburg, Fla., before the hurricanes. That's the home city of his partner, and they are still buying and selling companies. He had a decision to make, either retire or move, and he chose to move. “I think I've done the right thing.” He and wife, Nancy, have relocated to Sarasota, Fla. Sarasota is a terrific town, lots of cultural activities, a booming commercial area, and of course a great place to be in the winter. It's a little warm in the summer but he spend lots of time in Colorado, where Nancy would be full-time if she could. After this fall, Barry may feel the same way about Colorado. He said he was just telling some new Sarasota friends about his days at Cranbrook. He thinks out of all his life's experiences, Cranbrook was the most influential, and, of course, that means his friendships with all of you. His youngest son, Stephen, lives close to them in Carbondale, Colo. Bill, his oldest, is still in Boston. He and family slip down to Sarasota often in the winter. Adam, the middle son, lives in Marin County, Calif. They were all together for a family outing in Colorado this summer. He and Nancy took their two oldest grandchildren to Alaska. All are doing well, and are happy. His final comment was, “Anyone who gets down to Sarasota and doesn't call will be in big trouble.” His new contact info is: The Anderson Group LLC, 111 2nd Avenue NE, Suite 1250, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. Telephone: 727 897 5630 ex.106. **RICK STRONG** wrote that he had a good year, visiting two daughters and their families many times. They have seven grandchildren, including a grandson who is attending college this year, and a granddaughter in the other family who just began kindergarten; quite a span! They have been renting a condo in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., for several years now. They escape the worst of the Michigan winters by spending January, February, and March there enjoying walks on the beautiful beach along with the many activities available to them. They have several friends there, and their daughters and families come down to visit, so their time is very full of fun. Last year, for their 50th anniversary, they went on a Viking river cruise up the Rhône River in Provence, France,

but had one problem; all the ships in France were prohibited from sailing due to very high water and fast currents. As a result they did their “cruise” by motor-coaches. Viking did an excellent job of seeing that they didn't miss anything on their agenda, so they had a great time. Since they were unable to cruise, the company gave them a sizable rebate on another trip, so this fall they are going to take a trip on the Rhine River from Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam, Netherlands. From there, they will fly to Manchester, England, to visit friends, and then back to Michigan, for more trips to see the kids. On a sad note, I received an email that **RALPH RUMSEY** died this summer. My creaky memory of Ralph shows me pictures of him racing around the roads of Cranbrook on his motorcycle with my dad and his small grin giving him a talking to. In communication with his wife he was quite successful and continued his love of motorcycles most of his life. Lastly, **PETER CUMMING's** wife wrote that he has been in an Alzheimer's home for several months but responds well to her reading the class notes to him. As for myself, I continue to substitute teach for several local school districts, and I try to see all of the local high school and three college soccer teams. If you did not receive my email requesting information, please send me an email so I can be sure to include you in my next request.

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Ours continues to be a class of movers and doers. Now a Tar Heel, **NATALIE BRADLEY CAMPBELL** moved to The Cedars in Chapel Hill, an elegant retirement community, in April, but she's not retiring from playing bridge and taking art classes, two lifelong passions. Where's the New York crowd going to lunch without her? In August, **NANCY REYNOLDS BOLLINI** retired and moved from Virginia to Salisbury, Md., at the headwaters of the Wicomico River, midway between bay and beach. In March **PATTY WILSON HRIDEL** and Jerry moved and downsized drastically from their 42-acre site to a “lot” in a botanically grown-up development. Her weaver's guild had three lovely shows that she enjoyed between family gatherings from California to Maine. Will Santa Fe with its weavers be thrown in the mix again, as MacKenzie,

a college junior, leaves Connecticut for a term there? High school senior, Parker, returned from South Africa in January and is now in California for Outward Bound. Granddaughter, Solveig, Norse goddess of the Sun and Strength, will have a sibling in the fall. Winter months **NANCY MUHLITNER BRACY** and Terry will be in their new condo to be near her mother in New Smyrna Beach, Fla. Her mother celebrated her 101st birthday this past August. This spring, Nancy was in Chicago packing up and picking up granddaughter, Eliza, from Loyola University. As retirement from Michigan State University looms, **SUE GASS WILLIAMSTON** and husband will move to a house being built in Columbus, Ohio, where her son and his family live. In the meantime, for the sixth summer they have rented a house in Umbria, where children and grandchildren come and go for the duration. Kazakhstan for a May lecture was added to her academia travels. Still traveling for business is **CAROLE GLUECK BROOKINS**, but she too is moving. A new condo in Palm Beach will be home for half the year, the other half living in Paris. Belongings in storage for four years will finally see the light of day this fall. Shortly after her move, she'll be in Argentina on business followed by a late 2017 or early 2018 trip to Sydney, Australia, to see her godson. Possibly making the reverse permanent move are **JOAN MCDONALD BECK** and Larry from Florida to Pennsylvania, as their children are scattered between Philadelphia, Boston, and Richmond, and they still have many friends there from 20 years at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. Tipping the scale in favor of the move north are a brother and sister-in-law who reside nearby. In June, the Becks took their two middle grandsons, Graham and Brynn, on an Alaskan cruise, white water rafting, and spending four days in Denali Park, where its elusive mountain showed its glory on a sunny day. Did the three college-aged grandchildren and a nine-month-old grandson at least get t-shirts? With careful planning, Larry celebrated his 55th reunion at Amherst, while daughter, Kathy, celebrated her 25th and son, Larry, his 10th there this spring.



*Gale Burgess Zavelson, '61*

What Joan will miss is her semi-annual visits with **GAIL BURGESS ZAVELSON** on Joan's migration north. Gail and Tom now have a restored 1960s motor home christened on road trips in Florida, gathering oranges for breakfast along the way, followed by a trip farther north into Georgia, it would be no surprise if they "glamped" in Joan's driveway some time in the future. While waiting for the marina to be restored after last year's hurricane, they have placed Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia on their fall road trip itinerary. Like Joan, Gail and Tom took their children and grandchildren on an Alaskan cruise, hiking, kayaking, and whale watching in celebration of their 50th anniversary, which gave the cousins from Texas and California time to get reacquainted. Gail didn't race a go-very-fast Mazda at Mid-Ohio racetrack late June, but her son, David, did, while she held her breath, watching a streak traveling 150 m.p.h pass her by. Not to be passed by is **BUNNY MILLER LENHARD**, who has completed her 35th consecutive Peachtree Road Race on July 4th, which is a 10K race on hilly Peachtree Street from Buckhead to Piedmont Park, on a brutally hot, humid July 4th in Atlanta. Having traded long-distance races in favor of HIIT, high intensity interval training for endurance, strength, and power an hour at a time, don't bet against her completing, oh, maybe 15 more PRRs. Both she and Bob still love city dwelling and the Beltline as does The Tipster. **LINDA WELT HOROWITZ** didn't mind if you passed her by as she cruised the Mediterranean for 12

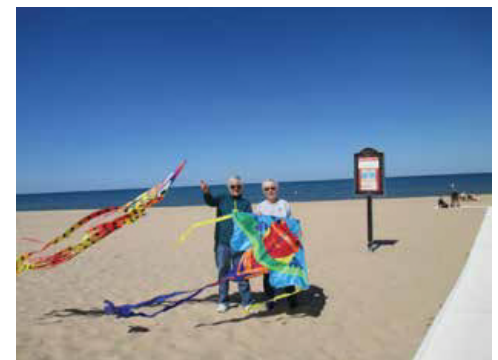
days in September. This after granddaughter Olivia's fifth-grade graduation, oldest granddaughter Morgan's graduation from high school and 18th birthday party, and son and daughter-in-law's 25th anniversary, all before August, when a party was thrown for their 50th anniversary.



*Linda Welt Horowitz, '61, Ira and Morgan*

Somewhere in there she works out four days a week and had a second cataract removed successfully. Success in the art world came to **NANCY LINN**, as she was made a "MoMA Artist" for a collaborative project in which she was included and which has been acquired by The Museum of Modern Art in New York. She may have been surprised but we're not; she deserves it. **DONNA VOGT CARTWRIGHT** and Bill did not deserve a rainy California spring, which unhappily set back his golf game but allowed ample time to fall in love with their two grandsons all over again. Donna has traded sculpting in metal for beading, a pastime that travels better. She, Nancy and preservationist, **JACKIE ZUELZER ANDERSON**, are part of a resistance group along with the Loudoun Heritage Commission and the Loudoun Historic Preservation Coalition, working to halt the demolition of an 1860s, three-room schoolhouse in Sterling (once Guilford), Va. Meeting at popular

Mona's Lebanese Café monthly is all about SOS, Save Old Sterling, and preserving our roots. **ROXANNE RINALDO HOLLOWAY** is all about American roots music, bluegrass; she plays bass while husband, Seth, plays guitar. Their house is on the Myakka River which flows into Charlotte Harbor on the west coast of Florida, a convenient location for boating which they both have enjoyed for years. They also belong to a Corvette club; he restores them, she admires them. Are road rallies part of their lives? Family is a big part of **DIANA LAPP GREEN's** life, as she was in Jackson Hole, Wyo., for a nephew's wedding, and the clan of 19 will gather once again for Christmas on the Turks and Caicos. Her immediate family is expanding in October with a total of five grandchildren, as daughter, Valerie, is expecting her second child ... a time for celebration, as is the 150th anniversary this year of Canada's Confederation, which **JAN SHIELDS MOFFETT** did in Olympia Plaza, wandering in a sea of people and anime characters surrounded by red and white, Canada's national colors. If you add blue, the result is France's national colors, which is where **ALICE BUSHONG** cruised one of its rivers again this past spring. That water colors are a new interest, she brought along a travel set to record the sites drifting by. Her artistic bent dissuaded me from ever picking up a brush. In July, she and **MARGIE GREAVES ADAMS** met on one of Manistee's beaches after having breakfast to fly their kites.



*Alice Bushong and Margie Greaves Adams, both '61, fly kites on the beach at Manistee, MI*

A stiff Lake Michigan breeze carried them high, wide and handsome for the morning. They will do it again next summer for another memorable vacation. Margie's only other vacation this year were trips to the dentist for a root canal, tooth extraction, crown, filing, and implant. Kite flying with Alice is better. Less frivolous pursuits fill **CHARLOTTE COHEN CAGAN's** days and most likely nights



too. She recommends two books relating to Cranbrook, *Yamasaki In Detroit* and *Michigan Modern*, which “makes a compelling case that the global Modernist movement in design and architecture ... was birthed in Michigan (not California or Chicago!), and emanated from the U-M, the Detroit automobile industry—and Cranbrook.” The Modernist movement is her passion so where better to live than California? Other strong interests are San Diego and its Balboa Park for which she recently wrote a \$375,000 state grant. With in-kind contributions, the project totals over \$700,000. **SUSAN BURNS HELLBERG**'s recent bathroom and kitchen look like their remodel cost that much but hopefully didn't! Both better fit her current lifestyle, which includes frequent visits from her Tiburon daughter and grandchildren as well her Colorado son and family. For those of us who are facing health and other challenges, our collective positive thoughts are with you.

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**JESS BREWER** reflects from British Columbia on how he feels about the last year. Assuming the pace slows down in the coming year(s), I will always remember 2017 as “The Year of Loss.” In January, we lost all semblance of a rational national government. In April, we lost Ben Snyder, probably the most important influence in my life. In June, I flew to Cambria, Calif., to visit **ELLIOTT ANDREWS** one last time; we lost him in the middle of August. The current pool-pah in Houston seems in keeping with the spirit of the year; let's hope none of the old oil wells now full of toxic waste decides to become a gusher again. For myself, I did too much travelling this summer, with a flight to Sapporo (nearly the same flight path as the recent missile from Pyongyang) for a conference, followed by a trip to Zurich for an exhausting physics experiment at PSI, after which I came down with a brutal case of “walking pneumonia” from which I am still recovering. It's astonishing how abruptly one can lose one's fitness to a random bug. Fortunately it didn't add me to the list of losses, but suddenly I feel OLD. In September, I'll take a shorter trip up to the Okanagan (forest fires permitting) and do a little fishing; that should help. I was originally entered in

the BC 55+ Games up there, but now I'm in no shape to compete. However, I will make a comeback. So will most of us. So, eventually, will the USA. Probably. Hang in there, classmates! **BRUCE MOUNTAIN** writes, “My wife, Kathy, and I took a river cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest last May primarily on the Rhine and Danube rivers (with 60 locks in between). I checked ahead for a guide in Cologne, Germany and ended up with the questionable character in the picture taken in front of the Cologne Cathedral.



*Bruce Mountain and Bill Stroud, both '63, in Cologne*

It was great seeing Bill Stroud and his wife, Jan. We ate some weinerschnitzel and drank a lot of beer. The beer helped us remember our youth at Cranbrook so many years ago. We had a great trip and highly recommend it. Iowa is the same. We are still training chocolate Labrador Retrievers and hunting and fishing when we can.



*Bruce Mountain, '63, gets a hog in Florida*



*Bruce Mountain's, '63, gator*

**BILL STROUD** “I've been traipsing across the Atlantic, first to sunny Florida and then back for two weeks in Provence. No, I was not able to do Mr. Cohen's careful instruction justice, but evidently the French didn't mind my tangled babble. A wonderful time, following in the footsteps of van Gogh, visiting wineries, making chocolate, and eating and drinking as you can only do in French sidewalk cafés. If you care to follow my carefree travels, you only need subscribe to my humorous blog: [www.stroudallover.blogspot.com](http://www.stroudallover.blogspot.com). No politics, just fun!” **BOB FRIZ** writes, “I'm becoming bionic. Fifteen years ago I was knocked to the ground while getting onto a ski lift; four years ago I got around to having an operation to repair the resulting damage to my right rotator cuff. The physical therapy thereafter was gruesome, but despite my fabulous surgeon's conservative outlook, my right arm is now 100%. Skeptics will note that I never had any upper body strength to begin with, so the 100% figure is relative. Then, given 39 years of various soccer endeavors, plus track, hockey, skiing, and being kicked by a horse, my right knee needed a bit of attention (Roger, I'm adopting the English habit of understatement). So this year I got a new right knee, and am just about ready for ski season. I hope to ski until I am at least 80 or at least until the left knee needs to be replaced. My surgeon is on retainer.” **JOE KIMBLE** wrote in early September “By the time the class notes come out, I will (I hope) have published two new books. One is my third law book, called *Seeing Through*

*Legalese: More Essays on Plain Language.* The other is a kids' picture book called *Mr. Mouthful Learns His Lesson*. The second one has taken me into unfamiliar territory, which I've entered with some trepidation. I look forward to seeing everybody next year.

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I just wanted to remind all of you that our 55th reunion is coming up June 8-10, 2018. Hope to see you all there!

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Ben Snyder's memorial service called many members of our class to remember him fondly. Several class members indicated that they would attend. **HOWARD GOLDMAN** was hoping to attend the memorial service. He tells me, "Ben made a profound difference in my life and during my time at Cranbrook. I am still practicing medicine but on a part-time basis. I truly enjoy working as an M.D., so I do work but just two to three days per week."



*Arch Copeland, '64, Ben Snyder, Hon. Alum, Jeff Hipps, '64, and John Coburn, '64*

**JOHN COBURN** says, "I am planning to attend the memorial service. It would be great to see you and guys from other classes who were there while we were on campus." In memory of Ben Snyder, John sent a photo of himself, **ARCH COPELAND, JEFF HIPPS,** and Ben Snyder from our 40th reunion. **BOB CHAMBERS** regrets that he will be out of the country and unable to attend the memorial

service. He notes, "I hope we soon see a newly-named Ben Snyder Quadrangle or something equally significant at Cranbrook. He deserves maximum recognition from everyone who remembers his incredible contributions to our school." Bob and Elsbeth are now settled in Arizona. **DOUG LIEBERMAN** reports that a Chicago director staged a reading of his full-length play *To the Lantern!* with an Equity cast. Now it's time to start shopping it around to find an agent and a production group that wants to stage it. *To the Lantern!* tells the story of a young English actor, falsely accused of murder, who fled to France just before the French Revolution. Now three revolutionary agencies want to behead him under three different identities, while three strong women vie for his affection. In a series of flashbacks we learn how he got into this mess and how he'll get out of it. **DOUG GREEN** and his cowboy cohorts are gearing up for their 40th anniversary tour starting November 10th "with a new CD and tour book in preparation! Talk about a triumph of stubbornness! And to think it all began with McQuaid and that dang banjo," and Doug continues to pop up in meetings with other classmates as he tours the world.



*Ed Wison, '64, with one of his race cars*

**ED WILSON** checks in with this summary of life to date: "I am reading about 'Howie' writing a book. I think that is amazing, so I sent him an email. Then I was thinking I sure would like a root beer float! (That was the evening treat for boarders.) Then on my way to Der Wienerschnitzel to get my hot dog and

root beer float, I turned on the car radio to the Oldie's station to hear Sleepwalk which reminded me of my one and only date with Martha Cross Neumann, '65, in 1960. Two wives later, I have seven children and eight grandchildren. Vegas is hot. So if you do not mind the heat and dust, I will treat classmates to a two-hour trip on the Dempsey Off-Road Ventures, which is one of my clients. I have been a practicing CPA since 1972 as the accountant to the stars, as **ED BAILEY** would say. (He is an annual visitor.) I don't know why classmates are worried about turning 70, as I have been stuck on 59-and-a-half for ten years or so, racing cars and filing tax returns. Happy days!" Ed enclosed a photo of him with a race car for good measure! **ED BAILEY** and wife Susan did indeed spend time with Ed and Candy Wilson in Las Vegas some time ago. Ed also had dinner with Ranger Doug when he appeared in Springfield, Ohio, with a group billed as the Time Stompers. He and his family are doing well. This group is composed of the absolute best musicians. He appears with this group when he is not touring with Riders in The Sky. Ed's daughter has just started dental school at the U of Penn, and his son just graduated from college and is an officer in the Marine Corps and heading to flight school after infantry training. Ed ended his report with these words (which sent me scurrying to re-read Robert Browning) "I hope you and our classmates are doing well and enjoying the 'last of life for which the first was made.'" As for your secretary, I'm having a good time producing simple videos for Duke University Medical Center from time to time, making short films, writing, and helping others with their films. I just finished a somewhat experimental short film titled, "Me (with you)" which was mostly improvised with a talented actress. If you'd like to see it, email me, and I'll send you the link.

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As I write these notes, hurricanes Harvey and Irma have hit Texas and Florida leaving a path of destruction. We hope that all of your family and friends were safe or evacuated. **SARAH JANE HULLINGER HOFFMAN** successfully hunkered down in Ocala, Fla., to ride out the weather with her dog, Trooper; three boarding



cats; an extra bird and Layla, a failing foster dog. Earlier in the summer Sarah Jane visited with family in Rhode Island where her sister, Linda Hullinger Rockwell, '54, and brother-in-law Hays Rockwell, '54, live and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Sarah Jane's daughter, Kish, also lives in Rhode Island and SJ plans to build an apartment on Kish's property to spend four to five months each summer, leaving the Florida heat and enjoying the beauty of New England in the fall. We extend our sincere sympathies to Sarah Jane and Linda on the deaths of their sister and brother-in-law. **JUDY WELLS TAYLOR** writes that "Since last fall my calendar has been consumed with many noteworthy events. I continue to love living in San Clemente and participate in routine activities of two book clubs, a local garden club, partner of an athletic club, and church officer. I also try to stay involved in my grandchildren's, ages 9, 12, activities in Manhattan Beach, an hour north of me. October 14, 2016, marked my daughter's wedding in Malibu, Calif. She and her husband reside in Los Angeles where she is a marketing director for a public relations firm, and he is a professional photographer. The month of May was spent on a riverboat cruise to Eastern Europe where I toured Prague, Budapest, and cities in Slovakia, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania. The trip was sponsored by Grand Circle Cruise Line, which, in my opinion, offers leisurely pacing and unmatched discoveries. This was my first experience with the company and one I highly recommend. I have made frequent trips to northern Washington where my mother resides. She is 96 and while she has moderate dementia, her physical health is excellent. Most recently, I learned that I can expect a third grandchild the end of October, a little boy to my son and his wife in Boston. I look forward to exchanging frequent visits!" Grandchildren are also in important part of **MARGARITA ESPANOL PERCIAVALLE**'s life.



*Grandchildren of Margarita Espanol Perciavalle, '64*

In March, she and Alberto traveled to see the three who live in London. They have three more grandchildren who live near them in Montevideo and "keep us busy." The accompanying photo was taken in Christmas 2016 when they were all together. Happy news from **MARIA BARRETT ARNOLD**. In September, she and Craig entered the grandparent ranks with the birth of their first grandchild, George Francis Arnold. They are very pleased that George's parents, Allen, '99, and his wife, Kimberly, are now living nearby in Michigan. From **AKOSUA BARTHWELL EVANS**, "The past year reflects life: some unexpected good events and some unexpected challenges. The good was the opportunity to continue to rekindle a 50-year friendship with **LILLIAN MOATS** and **MORLEY BLAND** through visits and emails. Also I am honored to have been appointed to the Yale University Alumni Association Board of Governors, a huge honor. I am also excited in this time of great division in our country to be coordinating a pilot program: National Day of Multicultural Inclusion, which will bring together leaders of law enforcement agencies, civil rights, youth, and faith-based organizations, policy makers, and Yale alumni to collaborate on creating summer jobs for youth from underrepresented communities. This was an idea which I brought to the Yale University Alumni Association Diversity and Inclusion Task Force, to which I was appointed in 2014. The other good event was the informal 4th of July gathering that my son, Walter, hosted for me in his apartment in San Francisco.



*Akosua Barthwell Evans, '64, in San Francisco for 4th of July*

As the photo shows, his "family" of friends is comprised of persons of all races, ethnicities, and religions—a hopeful sign. As for the challenges, illness at the beginning of the year, and my son's surgery in August. He's recovering nicely. Minor challenges in the

spectrum of challenges others face. I look forward to seeing everyone for our reunion next year, and you are all welcome to visit me in Detroit, if you accept staying in a home under perpetual restoration. Love, Akosua." Stay well and send your news to me any time of year and I will include it in the next edition of class notes.

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I think the early deadline warnings helped. Below you will find evidence that 12 classmates read their emails. To lead off is none other than our own Pastor **MARK MAYERSTEIN** with a detailed description of his last several months. "Well, this is my first letter in a while. Things are happening in the mission field that are in some ways disappointing and in other ways very exciting. As I have told you before, I have been leading our church's mission to Russia since 2007. During those annual trips to Gubkin in the Belgorod Oblast, we managed to provide funding for orphanages, show the Russian church women how to teach Bible Studies to their children and gave them the materials to do so. We modernized two church buildings, and we provided a four-year seminary education to 15 Russian Baptist Bi-vocational pastors, 11 of whom graduated with degrees in 2016. Unfortunately, Mr. Putin has made it difficult and dangerous for foreign church missionaries to go to Russia to teach or to preach. The \$1500 fine for getting caught doing either of the aforementioned activities is uncomfortable, but not nearly so much as the promised 10 years in a gulag in Siberia. Therefore, the Russia team had to shift its focus elsewhere. That 'elsewhere' has turned out to be a medium-sized town on the southeastern coast of India. And oh my goodness, the vaccinations and shots you have to get before going there are numerous and painful. And the mosquitos, which are numerous and voracious, like the taste of Deep Woods Off, so I'm told, and so we will have to use DEET. I thought that stuff was outlawed years ago. We used that stuff in Vietnam, and if you accidentally got some in your eyes or on the soles of your feet, you were in hurt city for sure. I knew guys in the Motor Pool who swore it would take the rust

and the chrome off of the bumper hitches. But like I told the team, if we trust the Lord to provide, we should also trust Him to protect. So in mid-March we will be headed to a place, which, by all accounts, is home to approximately 18.6573 billion flies. Oh joy. Does anyone know if you say 'Holy Cow' in India? Is that blasphemy? To continue this praise report, I have begun writing a book that has been marinating in my brain for many years. It concerns my experiences serving with 5th Special Forces in Southeast Asia in 1970-71. My proofreaders have given it high marks so far. We'll see. It's over 200 pages now and there's still so much to tell. I'm not sure how long it will take me to finish it. The folks in the Montagnard Dega Association in North Carolina are helping me to find the families of some of the Yards I knew during my tour. If any of you have any other avenues of information for Yards that served on any of the RTs, I would appreciate a heads up. That's all for now. May the Lord bless you and yours." Not to be outdone by Pastor Mark, **JOHN GRAHAM** brings us up to date on his recent adventures. "It's been a busy last few months. Just returned from Montreal where Joanne and I attended our niece's wedding. We went to Hawaii in January. Joanne delivered several lectures on space law to a number of passengers on a cruise ship. When a storm forced a course change to the south end of the big island, the Captain asked her to speak about the island's volcanoes. Joanne mentioned that she was a lawyer, and the Captain said, 'Then you have the capability to speak about any subject!' Two-thirds of our classmates are smiling. We went by Mauna Kea's lava chute and watched it from about two miles out. The lava shot into the water and even from our distance we could feel some heat! Following that, we went to Michigan State Law School where Joanne again spoke about space law. Then we immediately went back to Beijing for a month, where she taught a group of international students from Venezuela, Kenya, Nigeria, the United Arab Emirates, Mongolia, and one student from Yemen. We were home less than a week and went to Austria. While Joanne was working at the UN discussing asteroid mining, I visited the various palaces, graveyards, and cathedrals around Vienna. We stayed at a nice Air B&B near the downtown area very close to Albertina Museum and the Lipizzaner Horse School. We were there about a month, returned home for a week, and were off to Denmark. Joanne has a PhD student in

Copenhagen who was doing a preliminary thesis defense. While Joanne worked, I visited the Little Mermaid, the Black Cube, Tivoli Gardens, and the Danish Palace. I also ate lots of licorice and pastry as my waistline protested! After a couple of weeks, we finally came home and slept a lot." But despite John and Joanne's justified fatigue, they were able to keep going, to wit: "Couple of updates. Joanne and I saw the total eclipse in a place called Buncombe, Ill. Saw 2:41 of it in totality. Beautiful purple light with 360 degrees of clouds with a twilight glow. Saw a number of stars. On our way to England. Joanne is going to lecture on the Queen Elizabeth II for Cunard. We'll be getting off in Venice for a week, and then returning home to prepare for another month in China." OK, John. Now you've made me tired just thinking about your schedules. I had a number of emails from **CHARLES KRAUSE** during the summer, which included descriptions of a fascinating project he has undertaken. Charles writes, "On August 19, I will announce plans for The National Center for 21st Century Political Art (ProArt21), a new 501(c)3 to be located in Washington, D.C. As far as I know, it will be the first public gallery or museum in the United States dedicated exclusively to curating and showing rotating exhibitions of contemporary fine art by mostly American artists expressing their views and concerns. There will also be specific info for donors or foundations willing to support something that's unprecedented, an experiment to be sure, but one with the potential to change the way art is viewed in the 21st century, and to be a powerful voice for political reform, and change in the United States at a very difficult moment in our country's history." I encourage all of you to visit Charles' website [www.charleskrausefineart.com](http://www.charleskrausefineart.com) to read more about this project. I think it is a great undertaking, and I wish Charles much success in the future. And with his inevitable "chirp from the Bird," **PETER WERBEL** describes not only his summer exploits but those of **TOM VAN HORN**. "Just back from safari in Kenya with Tom Van Horn and others. I think Tom will say it was a trip of a lifetime—a unique adventure for him. At first, our California contingency did not know what to make of this gangly guy with his Midwestern sense of humor. But, it didn't take long for Tom to fit in and become good friends with all. He is now an expert on day-packs, tent camping, hiking, photographing animals, and world travel. As for myself, it was so rewarding to have the time to really

reconnect with a classmate. I do wish a few more of you would have considered coming along. I think the last part of our trip in Tsavo National Park, where we hiked fifty miles, average 10 a day, photographed animals on foot, probably was the ultimate new experience for Tom. In essence, we were hunting animals with cameras, as opposed to rifles, and being close up on the ground to an elephant, lion, giraffe, hippo, etc. is a much different experience than from a vehicle and often can be a huge adrenaline rush. The trip itself consisted of visits to three parks—Meru, Masai Mara, and Tsavo, and then a day on the coast for relaxation, shopping, and swimming in the ocean. We went to Meru specifically to see endangered rhinos and were lucky enough to see eight white, unfortunately no black. Masai Mara was where we saw almost every major animal in Africa, and Tsavo was for viewing elephants up close. Twelve days in a totally different environment and a totally different experience than normal. As Tom might say, not your everyday vacation to London, Paris, or some other modern country. Would fill you in more but will leave that for Tom." And Tom did pick up the ball with this short but heartfelt note, "Suffice it to say that because of Sandy's death and other reasons, anticipation of the trip, and the trip itself, changed my life. Ready to rejoin the human race again and be a participant and not just an observer for as long as I can. New love interest. Just beginning ... stay tuned. PS Peter and Knute may have saved my life." While not as exotic as the Bird's and Tom's adventures, **DICK MOON** has his own plans for future travels. "Only news of significance, and only significant to Risa and me, is that my stepdaughter is moving to New Zealand and my stepson to LA, both from Boston. So it is looking like some long flights are in Risa's and my future. In early September I have a long flight to Rome for three days of business and four days of fun. Love Rome, just not sure I will feel safe in crowds. Otherwise, I am still intending to work a lot less and play a lot more in 2018." Good idea, Moonie. All work and no play makes Richard a dull boy, it is said. Regarding another Richard, **RICH HOWARD** informs us that he and Yvette have recently watched the video "Mitt." "It was wonderful remembering the boy of 50+ years ago turn into a real person surrounded by his loving family. If only we could see all our classmates in similar circumstances. Visiting one another every five years whets the appetite for more insight and exposure into each of you."



Speaking of the Romney clan, **MITT ROMNEY** wrote, "While politics and business continue to fill most of my time, my real joy comes from our 24 grandkids. Ann and I are living on a San Diego beach; happy to visit anytime with old Cranbrook friends. I truly appreciate the visits and support during my campaigns from many of you, especially **JIM BAILEY, GREGG DEARTH, DICK MOON, TOM PFAFF**, John French, '66, and the late **ERIC MUIRHEAD.**" **GARY HUMMELL** fills us in on his current situation, "Continuing to teach architecture at Broward College as adjunct professor this fall. Student drawings are much better 'across the board' as a result of my teaching efforts, according to professors and architect project jurors. Also working on a contemporary renovation of a house in South Beach among other projects, for Robertson Hollingsworth, a firm in Fort Lauderdale. My niece Katie, MD, of Lexington, Mass., came to visit with her two sons, Nate and Miles. Katie's mother is my sister, Gale, '59. We enjoyed dinner on AIA a few weeks ago. Received an email from Tom Cobb. He has completed a 40-year career as a professor teaching English and creative writing at U-M." **GREGG DEARTH** had an interesting visit with his brothers this summer. "I recently met up with brothers, Bob, '62, and Jeffrey, '68, to ride the newly restored PT 305 in New Orleans. It is a sister ship to PT 218, which our dad skippered in WWII. A great experience I can recommend to all who enjoy history." And in a later note, Gregg tells us of his Labor Day excursion to Georgia. "Caught between Massachusetts DMV rules and Georgia DMV rules, I was 'volunteered' by my brother Bob to pick up a Nissan van outside Boston and deliver it down to a small start-up he's involved with in Atlanta. Since Massachusetts doesn't issue temp registration plates, and Georgia temp registration meant waiting 30 days for a business license, I resorted to creating and printing my own version of an 'In Transit' paper license plate, and drove the van the required 1050 miles without issue, despite what I'm sure were some curious looks from the New Jersey State Patrol and various weigh stations. Beating the system is still a thrill." Now there's the old Daiquiri Dearth I remember! **PHIL MAXWELL** writes that he is, "still practicing law and will continue as long as my wits hold out. Was recently admitted to the American Law Society, supposedly America's Top Lawyers. Don't see my receipts going up as a result. Highlight of my days are my grandsons Max and Sam. Lucky to have three of my four

daughters, Hannah, Molly, and Andrea, close by. The baby, Alexandra, is living in the tundra in Marquette." Also non-retired and with other "issues" affecting his life, **PAUL GRADOLPH** reports, "I still have to work full-time as a family doc. Hasn't anyone else gone through a divorce? My girlfriend wants another child. Does Cranbrook have a sperm bank?" Since Paul used "Reply All" in emailing me his letter, **JIM HSU** sent this comment and information about his current condition, "That's hilarious, and that's the **PAUL GRADOLPH** I remember. You're lucky you have a girlfriend, Paul, and a young one at that! I live with my mother, and I don't have a job." The McDonald clan is doing fine. Neither Susan nor I have retired yet. I have wound down my law practice considerably, however, and Susan is working on an exit plan from her marketing consulting company. We traveled to Europe earlier this summer, Germany, France, and Belgium visiting friends in those countries. We had a little excitement when we arrived at the Champs Elysees minutes after a terrorist tried to blow up a group of police officers with a car bomb. He was unsuccessful, fortunately. I'm jealous of Mitt since we only have one grandchild, 2-year-old Jacob who resides in Aachen, Germany. We do a lot of Skyping! That's all for now. Keep writing and Aim High.

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2017 was a milestone year, as the Class of '65 became septuagenarians (who, us?), so the big birthday was on our minds. **GINA BURNES NUTTALL's** eight-year-old grandson, Harry, presented her with a beautifully decorated heart-shaped box containing, written on separate notes, 70 reasons why he loves her.



*Gina Burnes Nuttall, '65, and grandson, Harry*

He exclaimed, "Crikey, Granny, I've been working on it since January!" The unexpected death of one of her closest friends the day before her birthday halted plans for a big celebration. While still processing her grief, Gina is thankful for her own 70 years of life. Continuing to work as a freelancer in children's publishing, she is now choosier about her projects, "It's more about expanding the mind and skills than earning the shekels." Travel this year included two trips to France, "just a hop, skip and jump across the Channel." **KARIN CHRISTIANSEN FOWLER** received a birthday card from a friend that said it all for her, "Some people call them decades, I prefer to call them my 'collected works.'" **ILENE ROGERS TYLER** and her husband's big project this year was completing the third edition of their historic preservation book. This was a year full of travel, their mantra being "do it while we have our health, now that we have the time." Destinations included Utah, California, Quebec, and Maine, as well as Michigan trips to Petoskey, Oscoda, and Holland. They find lots to do in Ann Arbor, especially when their kids and grandkids visit. **SUSAN BIRNDORF** and her black lab/golden retriever mix, George, took a wonderful road trip to the East Coast, armed with a Xanax prescription from the vet. George hates the car and panted for 2,200 miles. He is a Leader Dog for the Blind "career change" (we don't say reject).



*Susan Birndorf, Betty Krause Ruddy and Sandra Trubow Fairbank, all '65*

They visited **SANDRA TRUBOW FAIRBANK** in Vermont and then, along with Sandra, spent a few days with **BETTY KRAUSE RUDDY** in Connecticut, where George stepped into a lake for the first time and swam with them in Betty's pool. To overcome the 70th birthday shock, **CAROLYN SCHWARTZ HILL** did the best thing she could think of and went to Hawaii for a week.



She hiked, kayaked, and snorkeled on the magical island of Kauai and forgot about “that big number.” **TERESA LERCHEN HARTLE** celebrated her 70th in Vero Beach, Fla., with her son, Matt Henson, his wife, Jill, and grandchildren, Baker and Charlotte, as well as sister, Anne Lerchen Hanna, '62, and her significant other, Eric. Terri has enjoyed playing lots of bridge during this lovely Michigan summer. She recently saw **CRISI DODRILL KNOLL** when she was visiting family in the area. **MARCIA MAYHEW ROLLINS** and Fred continue to enjoy lots of grandparent time with Ella, 7, and Claire, 5, their reason for settling in Colorado. Travel took them to San Diego to visit daughter, Kelly, and back to Michigan/Ontario twice, one time to say goodbye to a family cottage that Marcia's grandfather built 96 years ago. Activities include Pilates, yoga, water aerobics, lots of walking, hiking in the mountains, and she says her physical therapist is her “best friend.” A bird enthusiast, she looks forward to next winter's wild bird festival in southern Utah. She suspects that Fred is planning a surprise to celebrate her 70th in October. **ANNE FUCHS TOWBES** lost her husband, Michael, on April 13, after a valiant struggle with pancreatic cancer. They held a wonderful memorial service in his beloved Granada Theater. This event can be viewed on YouTube by going to Michael Towbes Memorial May 23, 2017. She misses her “Mr. Wonderful,” but is so grateful for the almost 12 very full years they shared together, filling every moment with travel, tennis, community work, performances, and family. She is about to put her house on the market and has purchased a lovely home in a gated community, across the street from the tennis courts and the clubhouse. Anne looks forward to opening a new chapter in her life. First grandson, Leo Nathaniel Smith, was born March 28. Granddaughters, Leighton, Carrington, and Ella, will all start school after having a very full summer. Anne hopes that we all count our blessings, as she

does. **FRAN STAIR WHITE** reminds us that at 70 years young we are adapting to our changing infrastructure, or, as her primary care physician (our age) puts it, “The Organ Recital.” She wonders what our 70s hold for us, and what is clear to us now that we wish we had known in 1965? How would we redo those yearbook write-ups to reflect our present age? After canceling a trip to the Baltic last fall due to back surgery, she and Harry enjoyed a Panama Canal trip in June and were looking forward to a New York-to-Reykjavik cruise. Son, Michael, is in Brooklyn, and daughter Jordan, Jeff, and granddaughters, Hannah, 6, and Liza, 4, live in Providence.



Granddaughters of Fran Stair White, '65

She comments that the little girls are too young to be cynical and still awestruck by eclipses and all the events of an ordinary day. **MARILYN MAUCK SANDERS** had great fun chauffeuring her grandchildren to sports practices while their parents traveled to Knoxville, Tenn., to see the eclipse, which her son said was “a deeply spiritual experience.” She finds the chaos of our government disconcerting and dismaying, but is buoyed by the life-loving energy she sees both in people and in faith communities. She prays that all of us “70-year-old ladies of the Class of '65” share her feelings of gratitude and wonder in spite of anything/everything. **JANICE PAUL ANDAHAZY**'s summer plans for riding her horse, reading, and playing in the lake were sidelined for 6-8 weeks when she fell off her son's horse in July, pulling muscles and breaking ribs. She observed that the ground just keeps getting harder and farther away

and this getting old has its drawbacks. Now that she is getting back on schedule, summer is ending, and school is beginning, so other “more grown-up activities” are required. Her two very wonderful granddaughters are three and five. **CHRISTINE JONES TAUBER** and her husband have had a tough summer. George underwent neurosurgery on July 11 because of a massive hemorrhage. At 82, his swift recovery has amazed his doctors. Chrystine was suffering the effects of a concussion and hematoma, resulting from a gash in her head in July, and was awaiting a Connecticut scan report to determine if she has gallstones. Having canceled all engagements for months, she looked forward to returning to work with judging a September Toronto show. As if she isn't busy enough, Chrystine has created a garden design and care company called Distinctive Gardens. She is grateful that she and George are recovering well and wishes all of us continued good health. When our class received the sad news that **BETSY HARRIS** died in February, it prompted an exchange of emails sharing fond memories of Betsy and reminiscing about life at Kingswood, especially as experienced by boarders. As these conversations were not meant to be part of the published class news, I haven't included any of them here. I should mention, however, that Betsy's artistic talent was greatly admired, especially her work on the yearbook and Clarion Coloring Book, and she was affectionately remembered as a nice and gentle person. As for me, **YVETTE DAUNIC HOWARD**, my 70th birthday milestone reinforced the importance of visits to the physical therapist and personal trainer. Rich and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary next year. I thought that only happened to really old people! We are both well and enjoy travel and grandchildren's visits, often with the addition of an afternoon nap, really hate to admit that! Thank you for sending in your news, so I don't have to face a blank *Tradition* page. Keep those notes and photos coming!

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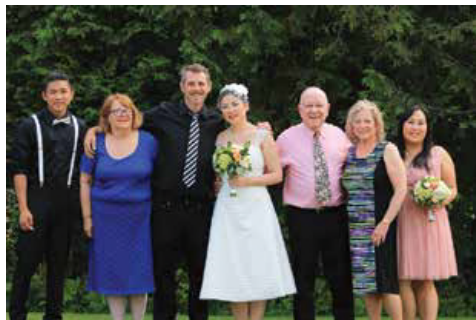
Fifty-one years after graduating from KSC, the women of the 1966 class are enjoying life and retirement. **JANET DOOLITTLE**



**BRODESSER** wrote from Maine, where she spent the summer. "We have had a wonderful summer this year. I painted oil paintings to hang in the Georgetown Store, which has a little 'gallery' on the enclosed porch where people eat their blueberry muffins in the morning with their coffee. Two of the five paintings I put up have sold—always—a shock to me. I had the images of some of my paintings made into refrigerator magnets which I thought was funny, and gave them to the Georgetown Historical Society to see if they wanted to use them to raise money. I was then asked by them to start painting pictures of members of old families who make up the year-round residents of Five Islands. That is a real challenge, as people are very private who have lived in Maine for generations. I have started asking permission to do this, and some have allowed me to start sketching them in their element, such as a daily 0500 cribbage game that takes place every morning, except when some of them are out fishing." **MARY LARSEN HOLMES** also took time out from her summer holiday to write. "The summer has been fabulous with several trips on our boat in Rhode Island. One involved a reunion of family (mostly Tom's brothers and cousins) in Jamestown, R.I., with 39 in attendance. I left from there with my younger daughter, Molly, for a fabulous ten-day road trip to Vermont, Montreal, Quebec City, ending in NYC and a front-row experience of *The Lion King*! Returned to Cleveland to get confirmation that my older daughter, Sarah, and her family are moving into our guest house so husband can attend Cleveland Institute of Art. Needless to say, we have taken the house off the market and are getting our minds around having our dear two-year-old grandson in our lives. I am working on several interesting projects, including a history of the Cleveland Mounted Police and Slow Food, reorganizing our local chapter. Tom is loving retirement and chartering his boat." Shortly after I submitted last year's class notes, **SHERIDAN STRICKLAND** and her husband traveled to Cuba. "In September 2016, we went to Cuba via a cruise ship tour. Keep in mind that travel is still allowed via ship tours, despite the new restrictions on individuals traveling alone. Our impressions of Cuba are manifold: wonderfully creative people; a system that makes sure everyone has a job, free education, housing, and free medical care; decrepit buildings, but many being renovated; and, yes, the gorgeous old cars are really there. The small, now-allowed, private businesses we

saw (especially restaurants, local tour guides, etc.) supplement incomes in a huge way. Our bus tour guide in Havana, for instance, would make as much in tips for one day as a school teacher is paid for a month. But the people are not poor in the usual sense, because the government provides so much. It is a country full of history and wonderful people. Go if you want a travel treat. This year is going way too fast for some things and not for others. Our building is nearing the end of a two-year renovation in which the lower five floors were converted from offices to condos. We will be glad to see cranes, hundreds of workers, noise, and dust end this fall. The top three floors were always condos, and this will make us look like a brand-new building. Can't come soon enough! Michael and I are going to Wales in October, a place we have not been before. We both remain in good health, knock on wood. My reading project for this year is Pulitzer history winners. Interesting, but if I have to read another book about the Civil War, I think I will resort to Winnie the Pooh instead!"

**MAGGIE SHOPEN THOMPSON** wrote, "The highlight of this year was daughter Sylvia's wedding in July, a very happy occasion.



*Maggie Shopen Thompson, '66, and family at daughter, Sylvia's, wedding*

Erich stood by her all during her debilitating cancer treatment and surgery—he's terrific. Sylvia is now cancer free, adding to the joy of the wedding celebration. In the photo I sent, the young man in the white suspenders is Sylvia's son, Aaron, our grandson, who is now a sophomore in college. Daughter, Betsy, and my husband, Ron, are next to me. Retirement is not on the horizon for us—we plan to keep working. I thoroughly enjoy teaching, writing, and facilitating workshops, three a week each quarter. I've also been doing a lot of freelance work, writing blog articles and product descriptions ('stories,' in the tone of the J. Peterman catalog) for a cremation urn company—wild—a totally unexpected, unusual opportunity that came my way. Miss Bennett

would surely raise her eyebrows at this! Visits to family in Orinda, Calif., and Eagan, Mont., rounded out our summer. If any classmates are ever up in Vermont, I'd love to see you!" **HARRIET RHODES CANNON** wrote that she and husband Charlie are enjoying almost full retirement and the "freedom to travel nationally and internationally with and without our families. We are getting into seizing the day while we are fortunate enough to be fit and healthy. Now I appreciate people who told me they are busier in retirement than they were in their work life. I used to blow that off. Not anymore! My colleague, friend, and business partner, Rhoda Berlin, and I are writing a second edition to *Mixed Blessings: A Guide to Multicultural and Multiethnic Relationships*. (It's on Amazon.) We thought it would be a snap to do and are finding out it is very time consuming. Fortunately, we love the work we do together. Stay tuned for the next update on *Mixed Blessings*." **AMY ZELL ELLSWORTH** continues to pursue her dual interests into retirement. "Since retirement a few years ago, I've picked up a variety of projects that have been engaging and kept me busy and involved. I joined the board of the New England Foundation for the Arts, one of five regional associations created by the NEA back in the '80s. With all the furor around the NEA since the new administration, we are going through a strategic planning process for which I'm acting as the chair. For the last couple of years, I've also been working to bring more resources to the dance community in Boston and New England. As part of that work, I've been partnering with The Boston Foundation to design and fund new grant programs. This work has been really rewarding since it brings together my two careers—as a choreographer and working in the field of philanthropy. It feels good to be making a difference with my skills and knowledge after retirement. And my non-arts board experience is as the board chair of an organization called the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project (a mouthful) or NIWAP, led by a long-time friend in the D.C. area. I have no expertise in that area at all, but my process experience and organizing skills in dance and philanthropy have come in handy. We have met exclusively by phone since 2013 and are having our first face-to-face meeting/retreat in D.C. in September. Very exciting to meet these talented and engaged people in person. On more personal notes, Lee and I visited Southeast Asia in January and had a wonderful time. As the years pass, I find myself torn between the pleasures of

staying in one place and the drive to see more of the world while I still can. We continue to spend time in San Francisco where our kids and granddaughter have lived for five years. Sadly, our daughter and her family are moving to Portland, Ore., late this fall, which will make spending time together more of a challenge, but will offer new opportunities!" **MARTHA ALLING D'ALESSANDRO** is also not letting retirement slow her down. "Peter and I are busier than ever. In March, we were in Washington for his West Point Founders Day Dinner. I did a jewelry show at our friend's home, and **SHERIDAN STRICKLAND** came to Arlington to visit. In June, we drove up to see our son, Alex and his wife, Ashley, in Minneapolis. We took Jazz, the yellow lab, they brought us at Christmas. Our son, Chris, flew in from L.A., and we had a great family reunion. We returned with Rig, Jazz's father, so now we have a black and a yellow lab. Happy household! The jewelry business is good and getting better. Peter is doing my photography and helping with anything that takes me away from creating jewelry. We are taking a week off in September to go to Plymouth, Mass., for the General Society of Mayflower Descendants yearly meeting. We've never spent any time in that part of the country, and we're looking forward to it. I wish I had more time to spend in the cemeteries there, but a week of activities will probably satisfy us for a while. Peter is still consulting in Brazil and heads back there after the Plymouth trip." **DEB STACKABLE BOWKER** is also amazed at how fast 2017 has gone by. "Yikes! Time is slipping by at warp speed. We continue to enjoy Charleston, although we suffered through last season's hurricane with quite a bit of damage, though not actually in the main house. Historic houses are a pain to repair.



Grandchildren of Debbie Stackable Bowker, '66

The eclipse was the area event of the season, and two of our grandchildren (6 and 7) were here to witness it. They were more fun to watch than the eclipse. **HARRIET CANNON** is planning a visit in early October. It's been at least ten years since we got together and I'm so looking forward to seeing her. Ross and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary in December. That just doesn't seem possible. We haven't a plan for HOW we will celebrate due to all the unrest in the world. But perhaps it's best to look back at our 50 years and then look forward to the future." **JAN WALLACE HOFFMANN** was also able to experience the solar eclipse. "Had it not been for my brother, Gregg, I may not have chosen to travel to the path of totality in South Carolina. Seventeen years ago, Gregg told his boss he would not be at work on Aug. 21 because he was going to see a total eclipse! So, the pressure was on to find the perfect spot in the midst of a rainy afternoon and thousands of people flocking to state parks. Seven adults and three children piled into our downsized house the night before. Laden with coolers, eclipse glasses, and high spirits we headed to a small city park at 8 a.m., 45 minutes away, for a 2:37 p.m. eclipse. And we lucked out! We had clear skies and no crowds. Words can't describe the experience. It was stunning and hypnotic—the brilliant diamond ring, the fiery corona, the coolness and silence, the 360 sunset, and planets in the middle of the day. Children whispering 'awesome.' I'm so glad our family shared that humbling moment, and now we share the memory. I hope many of you saw it too." **CICELY GUENTHER WINTER** has not yet found the pleasures of retirement. "I am envious when I read about our retired classmates having so much fun because I feel like I'm busier than ever directing the Oaxaca Historic Organ Institute. But I'm committed to this good and satisfying project, which includes organ concerts, lessons, conservation, and maintenance of 72 organs in the state, two recent restorations, research, and publications. We have our 12th Festival coming up in February (<http://www.iohio.org.mx/eng/fest2018.htm>) and invite any interested classmates to sign up for a very cool Oaxaca adventure, and not just organ concerts. Our kids love to visit with their own children, four grandchildren, so at times our house doesn't seem quite so empty. We've been trying to downsize. I've moved my office and instruments to the new smaller house, but it is proving to be a slow transition after 40 years living in what was once a village but

is now a suburb. I send big hugs to all!" While 2017 has been a wonderful and active year, it also has reminded some of us that our bodies are not what they were in 1966. **MELINDA BAUMAN FITZGERALD** touched on the subject, "Nothing new to report. Typical health issues at this age that are slowing me down a bit, but life is good and I'm happy to be a part of it! My mom will turn 97 years old next month and is still mentally alert and vibrant. We are blessed. Hope all is well in your world and, yes, it is incredible that 51 years have come and gone since we were at Kingswood." **SUSHI HORWITZ** had a health scare but still sees the bright side of life. "The good news is that I am alive and fairly well. Am still in the backwoods of Ontario. We have deer who come through the yard and lots of natural beauty. It was wonderful to see so many of our classmates last June. It is always a gift to see one another and to be able to be surrounded by the beauty of Kingswood. A year ago today, age caught up with me. My retinas started 'falling off.' I found out that I had been born with weak retinas and have had eye treatment for much of the past year. A fabulous retina specialist has enabled me to keep about 80% of my vision. I am incredibly grateful to be able to see and to read. I am not driving yet. It has been a really good experience. I am learning that life is a gift, and it's OK to be out of control." Like Sushi, 2017 has been a health-challenging year for me. Out of the blue I was stricken with Piriformis Syndrome, a painful (glut) muscle condition. There were days when I could not stand up straight for hours because the pain was so intense. But thanks to excellent doctors, Lyrica, and physical therapy, I am back to some part-time lobbying on Capitol Hill, writing my daily newsletter for 300 lobbyists, swimming laps, and teaching swimming. I had to give up playing golf and Zumba dance but that's okay as long as I am pain-free. We traveled to Bermuda this year to celebrate our 30th anniversary. Even my husband who is not a beach person enjoyed the ocean, which was calm and about 88 degrees warm. We also went to Boca Raton, where I had a wonderful visit with **MOLLY MCGRAW DORAN** and her husband. It was great fun to spend time with Molly who helped lift my spirits when the Piriformis had me down.

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*Peter Hatch, Dave Hain, Eddie Randle, Brad Host, Doug Moran, Jim Longley, Hugh Mahler and Ted Lowrie, all '67, on Friday night of reunion weekend*

Twenty-one Cranbrook classmates and approximately 30 Kingswood classmates attended our 50th Reunion and enjoyed a fun and busy weekend on the beautiful campus of our high school alma mater. Our joint reunion celebration brought back some classmates who had not been on campus for a reunion since our graduation in June of 1967. Many friendships were renewed, and I believe everyone had a good time. Many thanks go out to **DOUG MORAN, BRAD HOST, JIM LONGLEY,** and **HUGH MAHLER** for calling classmates, helping to plan events, and securing venues for the various gatherings. And a big thank you to Kingswood classmates, Kris Vandenberg Whitfield, Charlon McMath Hibbord, Candace Brown, Deb Field Cavanaugh, Lora Morton, all K'67, and anyone else I have inadvertently left out for all their work to make it a fun weekend. Having a joint reunion definitely made it just that much more fun and enjoyable. And, special thanks to Margi Brown, at the Schools' alumni office, for all her help and advice during the planning process. Our weekend began with a Friday evening reception for the "Golden Graduates" (fifty years and up) at Cranbrook House. When I arrived I immediately saw Coach Del Walden's big smile and received a big hug from our former mentor. He has truly not changed. What a thrill to see him. Standing with Coach was Pattie Friend, wife of Lloyd, our housemother extraordinaire, and true friend from the late '60s. It was wonderful to see Pattie as well. For me, it was the perfect way to start the weekend. The classmates who attended during the weekend were: **DAVE BARCUS, DOUG MORAN, RALPH GERSON, CRAIG TALLBERG, HUGH MAHLER,**

**EDDIE RANDLE, BRAD HOST, DAVE HAIN, BOB STRONG, STEVE STANLEY, JIM LONGLEY, STU BLOOMBERG, DON MCDOUGALL, PETER, JON PAVLOFF, RANDY BRAKEMAN, VINCE LEONE, PETER HATCH, BOB DONAHUE, ANDY BRODER,** and yours truly.



*Lou and Peter Hatch, Don McDougall, both '67, and wife, Mary*



*Kathi and Peter Stryker, '67, at the Reunion Quad party*

Those of you who were unable to attend were truly missed. After the reception, we had a dinner for all Cranbrook and Kingswood classmates in the library at Cranbrook House. It made for an evening of remembrances of old times, and some laughs about an era when during the week letters between the two schools provided most of the communications, and weekend curfews were distressingly early. On Saturday, there were smaller events planned, and some classmates walked around campus and provided personal tours to their wives or significant others, or just caught up with old friends. A special event for many was a gathering of graduates, friends and current and former faculty members who wanted to pay tribute to Ben Snyder, who had passed away earlier in the year. Ben, as we all remember, was the Assistant Headmaster and history teacher, track coach, and the founder of the HUB program. For many it was an opportunity to describe how

Ben impacted their lives while at school and afterwards. A number from the class of 1967 spoke at the session, discussing track meets, HUB experiences, and personal connections. Our own **EDDIE RANDLE** was eloquent as he discussed what Ben meant to him. There were a number of stories about relay races, dropped batons (**DOUG MORAN!**), and how no one wanted to disappoint Ben as he watched the meets from his customary position in the stands. I heard from a number of classmates after the weekend that this moving session to remember Ben was a highlight. Next came the traditional QuadFest Party, then an "afterglow" gathering at a reserved room in a Birmingham restaurant, where for some it was a last chance to catch up and say goodbye. The weekend finale was a brunch on Sunday morning in the Quad. All in all I believe everyone had fun and thought it was a successful weekend—one to remember. As for the news from classmates, **JOHN "FINGERS" FINGLETON** wrote from London that he was disappointed to miss our 50th but has been dealing with some ailments that prevented him from making the trip over. His health has kept him from doing as many charity auctions as in the past, but he still finds time to attend or watch his long-time passion, cricket. Not surprisingly, Fingers is the president of the Cricketers Club of London. Without doubt the best communicator in our class, **JIM LONGLEY**, wrote that he and "partner for life, Connie Baker, had a grand time at the reunion." In Jim's terms, "Like almost 50 of our CSK classmates, I returned like a migrating caribou to my old stomping grounds at Cranbrook for our 50th reunion." And, like many others, Jim said he was happy to see some classmates he hadn't seen in 50 years. A highlight for him was the session celebrating and remembering Ben Snyder. Jim adds, "Ben was a man I warmly remember as an outstanding track coach, challenging history teacher, HUB founder, and life-long mentor." He also talked about how pleased he was to see again math teacher and football coach, Del Walden, "who looks splendid and whose memory of our old football glory days is scary." While in Michigan for our reunion, **HUGH MAHLER** gave me a tour of Detroit, pointing out the many changes since 1967. I was happy to see there is currently a vibrant downtown area and the waterfront is a real destination for families and travelers to the area. While there is work to be done, these developments are extremely encouraging to this former Detroit area resident. We also

stopped at Forgotten Harvest, a Detroit-area food bank, where Hugh is working. The 27-year-old food bank distributes over 45 million pounds of food throughout SE Michigan. Hugh is also an associate with Business Consultants for Non-Profits. The organization is made up of former senior executives with non-profit experience that counsel smaller non-profits. It was wonderful to see first-time reunion attendee (and former track speedster), **EDDIE RANDLE** in June.



Craig Tallberg and Eddie Randle, both '67

He traveled from his home in Lubbock, Texas, where Eddie has been married to his wife Margaret for 45 years. They have three sons, Bradley, Ryan, and Jonathon. They also have two granddaughters, Wynne, 3, and Tess, 1. In 1993, Eddie founded a computer consulting business and uses that "as an excuse to Margaret, his sons, and his cardiologist for not exercising more than he does." (Note: He looks terrific!) At the tribute to Ben Snyder on Saturday of reunion weekend, Eddie gave an impassioned and eloquent talk about how much Ben had meant to him. Speaking of track speedsters, I hadn't seen **CRAIG TALLBERG** in over 40 years, so it was good to see my old senior year roommate at the reunion in June. Craig is selling yachts from multiple locations in the Carolinas and managed to combine reunion with a couple of deliveries to some Michigan boaters. **STEVE LANDEFELD** was unable to attend the reunion, but did write to say that he and Barb are doing well and were excited that the big news in their lives was the birth of their granddaughter, Elizabeth, in August of 2016, and their grandson, Connor, in April of 2017. Steve continues, "Naturally Barb and I have spent a lot of time babysitting, which we love." They also find time for golf, boating, and travel in their retirement. Steve continues to teach at the U.S. Naval Academy and consults/advises for the United Nations, the U.S. National Academies, and other organizations. It was good to see **RALPH**

**GERSON** at the reunion and then receive a follow-up email. Earlier in the year Ralph retired from Guardian Industries Corp. where he had spent the last 30 years in various capacities, ending up as chairman. During his tenure at Guardian it became one of the four largest manufacturers of flat glass and was a major supplier of exterior plastics parts to the automobile industry. Ralph had been particularly involved in the company's international growth, which went from operations in two countries to 26 today. He has also been involved with the Detroit Pistons and other sports and entertainment properties, which his family sold five years ago. Since his retirement, Ralph is spending a good deal of his time running the William Davidson Foundation, which focuses on creating a more entrepreneurial climate in southeastern Michigan and supports the Jewish communities in the region. In addition, he serves on the board of several cultural organizations in the area including The Henry Ford, The Detroit Institute of Arts, and Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Ralph and his wife, Erica (a trustee emeritus of the Cranbrook Educational Community), have two daughters, Stephanie, in college in Virginia, and Maddie, a college student in Oregon. Ralph and Erica traveled to Japan in July, and in late summer they met Maddie in Vancouver and took a boat up the inner passage of Alaska. After the reunion, **STEVE STANLEY** wrote to say how much he enjoyed attending the reunion and seeing old classmates. In late November, he and his daughter, Jessica (at her urging), went to Cuba. An old business partner of Steve's, who has a Cuban wife, was able to provide a house and driver. **MIKE ZYNDA**, now living in Ft Lauderdale (347 N New River Drive, Suite 1605, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33301), was unable to attend reunion, but writes that all is well in retirement "despite his lumbago." The big news: daughter, Andrea, got married this past October in Chicago. It was great to see **DAVE BARCUS** and his bride, Susan, at our reunion in June. He sent an email afterwards saying they had a terrific time. **DOUG MORAN** forwarded an email from Dave after the reunion in which Dave talked about volunteering two days a week as a patient advocate in a cancer center. In addition, he still does some mediation work. New address for Dave is: 6941 Rosecliff Place, Dayton, OH 45459. It was great to see, and long overdue, another first time reunion attendee, **DON MCDUGALL**, this past June. Afterwards Don wrote that he and significant other, Mary,

had fun reconnecting with old classmates. He went on to write "too many people, too little time, too many years in absentia to catch up." He included our classmates from across the lake as well. This writer hopes that going forward Don will stay in touch. As for your class secretary, my wife, Kathy, and I have lived on Cape Cod for over ten years where we are both retired. We spend many a weekend enjoying visits from one or several of our five kids and six grandchildren. In October, the youngest, Mateo, turned one and joins his cousins, Elizabeth, 11, Evan, 9, Ryan, 7, Harper, 6, and Owen, 5. Kathy and I both volunteer locally, Kathy at a food bank on the Cape, and I drive a Mobile Food Pantry Bus for a Cape organization supporting disabled adults. After nine years, I will term out this coming June as a trustee of the historic Sturgis Library in Barnstable, four of those years as president of the board. Last December, I ended my nine-year term on the Phi Delta Theta Foundation Board where I was vice chairman. We have also caught the travel bug with trips in the past year or so to Cuba, Morocco, and Italy—and, of course, Seattle, and Denver to see the grandkids. Lastly, you all may have been contacted by the school about a gift from our class to the HUB Endowment Fund in memory of Ben Snyder. As you know, Ben was passionate about the program he founded at Cranbrook. Gifts can be sent to the school, in memory of Ben. See information elsewhere in this issue of *Tradition*. Once again, it was great to see so many of you at our reunion. All the best.

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First, my apologies to **LIZ MUMFORD** whose news I left out of my report in the spring. She had serious medical problems with cancer earlier in the year, but thanks to good doctors and a drug trial, she is doing very well. "I have resumed playing golf, painting, gardening, dog walking and enjoying life after spending three months in a wheel chair (as part of her treatment). My advice to all my classmates is: if you have ever had breast cancer, it can come back many years later in the bones. So if you have back or hip problems, it may not be arthritis!" Second, in the immortal words of **JOAN MACARTHUR MENGE**, "Our reunion



was entirely too much fun. Let's do it again soon!" There were 31 of us from K '67 on the grounds of Cranbrook for various parts of the second weekend of June. That's close to 50 percent of our surviving class. **ELLEN WIENER STONE** joined us for cocktails on Friday evening, but that was all the time she could spend with us. **PATSY SMITH** made it to the party that night as well, although she had missed her plane early in the morning due to an accident on the Beltway that tied up traffic. **ANN GUENTHER TAMMINEN** showed up with her arm in a sling, the result of a fall earlier in the week that broke her collarbone and perhaps fractured a rib or two. She used a cane for some of the weekend but gets a gold star for attendance. **PAM HAYES PETERSON** and **SUE BRETHEN LAPELLE** turned up at Saturday's dinner on the Quad with an old photo album but then didn't make it into our class picture.



*Chris Wallace Van Looy, Betsy Robertson and Linda Yee Tartof, all '67, with Miss Goodale*



*Doriel, Deb, Mona, Sue, Linda and Joan, Ann, Moni, and Brooke, all '67, at Friday's dinner*

Here's who did: **LISA PURDY, KRISTIN VANDENBERG WHITFIELD, BETSY ROBERTSON, ROZ FREDERICKS RYMAL, ANN FITZGERALD LACKS, DEBORAH FIELD CAVANAUGH, LYN MOON SHIELDS, JOAN MACARTHUR MENGE, DORIEL BEGGS HULSE, TERRY GOLDBERG AXELROD, ANN GUENTHER TAMMINEN, MIRTA DELGADO BEARMAN, CHRIS WALLACE VAN LOOY, MONA MAJZOUB, NANCY SCHREIBER, LINDA WILSON GAMAGE, SUE WILD, BROOKE THOMAS DOLD, PAT HERRMANN, PATSY SMITH, LINDA YEE TARTOF, BILLIE PIVNICK, MONI SCHINDLER MIELENHAUSEN, CHARLON MCMATH HIBBARD, DEB WALKER, ANN BRAND HANEY, CINDY GRISSOM EFIRD** and myself. If you're counting, that's three of our foreign exchange students who came to join in the celebration. There were 50 reservations for Friday's dinner with Cranbrook, but ten more diners showed up. Good thing the planning committee ordered extras!



*The women of '67 at Friday evening's cocktail party*



*Ann Guenther Tamminen, Lora Morton, Billie Pivnick, Nancy Schreiber, Charlon McMath Hibbard, Terry Goldberg Axelrod, Lyn Moon Shields, all '67, in the new Kingswood Café*

Many thanks to Kristin, Charlon, Deb, and **CANDACE BROWN** who helped put the weekend together with special events like

said dinner and the tours on Saturday. And third, as Terry told her husband when she got back home to Seattle, "It was profound." How do you explain the fact that so many of us got together after so long and had so much to talk about, as if 50 years had never happened? See you at our 55th, unless we get impatient and gather before then. By the way, I'll be asking you for news in January.

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*Members of '68 at dinner for Paul Cragin*

**JIM BROOKS:** "Well, Linda and I made the voyage. We moved to the island of Kauai, Hawaii, two months ago. Bye, bye Iowa. I'm afraid I won't miss the frigid winters, where the wind blows the cold into the very marrow of one's bones. I got a great job that allows me to do psychiatry by Skype, actually Zoom, they call it 'telepsychiatry.' I work from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays, and the rest of the time do difficult tasks like golf, tennis, snorkeling, hanging out with our oldest daughter, Sarah, who moved here a year ago, and God forbid, reading. My pile of Scott Turow, John Grisham, Norman Mailer, etc., etc., is actually starting to thin out a bit! I'm just hoping that playing tennis four times a week will increase my chances of getting a game or two off Robinson, talk about a task! Still planning on going to 'the mainland' to our 50th, can't wait to see all you Cranny cronies! By the way, we welcome old classmates here on the island. C Y'all soon, Brooksie." **LOU HEAVENRICH:** "This has been a year of slowing down a bit and dealing with medical emergencies ... open heart surgery March 30, followed by thyroid cancer surgery in August ... recovering great from both and moving on. Looking forward to reunion. Still an avid Cornell Big Red hockey fan and season ticket holder ... playing volleyball twice a week and staying as active as possible. Still working

as a volunteer on the EMS ambulance locally about 50 hours a week on call. All the best to the whole class! P.S. I know that I, cousin Ned, and our wives have plans to make the reunion!" **CHRIS KJOLHEDE**: "Celeste and I moved into a new house in August. We can live easily on one level with the hope of aging gracefully. Our new address is 289 Johnston Road, Cooperstown, NY, 13326. We are still practicing medicine but are asking ourselves 'why' with increasing frequency. I look forward to our 50th reunion; sadly, Celeste will be at a wedding in Virginia and miss the whole weekend. We were in a coffee shop in Frankfort, Mich., in August when I noticed ceramics for sale by Leif Spork, Karl's son. Nice work! See you all, I trust, in June." **RALPH MARGULIS** is taking on the coordination of a small group in Michigan to plan the reunion. **GUY NEFF**: "After a rough year in 2016 as a result of back surgery, I have now recovered fairly well, and am back hunting, fishing and doing other 'retirement' stuff. When I fussed at my doctor that I was still in pain several months after surgery, he responded, 'Guy, it's going to take something you don't have for you to get better.' 'What's that?' I asked. 'Patience!' He was right, of course. We've had a great year so far in 2017. Our son-in-law was transferred by Ernst & Young from Atlanta to Boca Raton, so Courtney and the grandbabies are now only three-and-a-half hours away, instead of 7. As a result, we've seen them quite often in the transition from Atlanta. They just bought a new home in Weston, just outside of Boca, and we're helping in the move. Dawn and I traveled to southern California for a Neff family reunion in June, and then extended our trip up to Calgary and Banff, Canada. Lake Louise and Banff are gorgeous! Of course, I also crammed in a couple days of fly fishing on the Bow River in Calgary and had a very successful trip. Then in July, we left for a two-week European trip. We started with five days in Budapest, then boarded a Viking longship for a week-long cruise up the Danube to Nuremberg, and ended with three days in Prague. It was a marvelous trip, although given it was the holiday season in Europe, very crowded. I think we liked Budapest the best—fascinating city! It was made all the more interesting as our trip coincided with a visit by Israel's Prime Minister Netanyahu, so police sirens, official cavalcades, etc., were frequently holding up traffic. We were joined in Budapest by some dear friends from London and had a wonderful time exploring the city on our own. The Viking cruise was as advertised,

they take very good care of you. Lots of walking on cobblestone streets throughout several Austrian and German towns to help work off the excess pounds gained on board. Dawn and I definitely plan on attending the 50 year reunion next year." **CHRIS RAY**: "As I've happily confessed previously, my wife of 25 years, Kim Jones, is the traveler. I just carry the bags on these excursions. Since my last note to you, we returned to southern Africa last summer, our 12th such excursion, cruised to the 7th continent over the Xmas holidays, Antarctica and the South Georgia Islands of Shackleton fame, and this summer spent the better part of a month in France, including a week touring the grand wine making chateaux of Bordeaux with the SF chapter of the Commanderie de Bordeaux. We also took the opportunity to tour the beaches of Normandy. For a WWII buff, it was a long overdue pilgrimage. It is ironic that 73 years after D-Day the locals are fully realizing the tourist value of maintaining landmarks and museums there. Unhappily, most of the actual participants are either gone or too old to return. On the home front, Kim continues to grow her non-profit, Curriki, and I busy myself with photographing sailboat races and giving talks on our Antarctica trip. For the proof see [www.crayivp.com](http://www.crayivp.com)." **RON FALLON**: "This has been a busy year for our family. My youngest is a freshman in engineering at Georgia Tech. Oldest just finished an internship at SpaceX and will graduate in engineering from the University of Southern California. Donna and I met my son and daughter-in-law in Normandy, France, where we stayed with her parents in a small village. We visited all the D-Day sites and then traveled on to Germany, where I met up with **MICHAEL SEADLE** in Berlin. I'm in the process of downsizing and bought a smaller house in Columbia, Md. We are renovating it and have placed our home of 26+ years on the market. I'll be sorry to see it go but not the work that's required to take care of five acres and a wood house in the woods. Don't forget we have our 50th reunion coming up June 8-10, 2018. I hope you all can make it!"

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Hope you're all making your plans for our upcoming 50th (gasp!) reunion, June 8-10, 2018. Margi Brown from the alum office is

looking for some volunteers to help with planning events for our class. Please contact her at [mbrown@cranbrook.edu](mailto:mbrown@cranbrook.edu) or at 248-645-3132. **HILARY HACKETT SMALL** reports becoming a bionic woman with a hip and both knees soon to have all working parts. She is still enjoying Santa Fe and Florida and wonders where the time has gone as she watches her kids and grandkids "growing like weeds." **BETH BARTTER** was in Birmingham recently and drove into Cranbrook on a Sunday morning, parking near Kingswood, her first visit back in 49 years! She says, "First I saw the looms through the window and then walked around to the dormitory and looked up to my corner window in the back. Fond memories." **LAURI ELLIAS MURPHY** finally retired from her law practice in April. She says she and Jim "are still vertical," racing sailboats, and traveling to California every couple of months to visit two "awesome" grandchildren, and to Cuba this past February, with a trip to New Zealand in the works for this coming February. **CAROL STRAITH BREWER** is enjoying retirement, wintering in South Carolina, and taking a master gardener course there, and beginning a docent course for the Botanical Garden in Buffalo. She's also taken a variety of art courses and continues to compete in dressage, hoping to move up a level next year. Her husband, John, stays busy with golf, Habitat, and maintaining their "farmette." Carol has been able to reconnect with **KARLA SCHWENSEN RITTER** in Madison while visiting their son and daughter-in-law who have relocated there after two years working in the Netherlands, and with their daughter, all of whom work in health-related occupations, electronic health systems, and financial quality management. **CHALYCE BROWN SULLIVAN** reports everything is lovely in sunny Sarasota. She still is playing favorite melodies at area retirement homes, saying there are not piano bars anymore. Husband, Jerry, precious poodle, Desiree, and Chalyce are all doing well. **SHELLEY STERN GRACH** continues working at Microsoft, doing urban engagement programs in Chicago and Detroit, while her husband, Mark, continues with the "wild ride" of health care consulting. Neither is ready to retire yet, "having too much fun and still have the energy." Their daughter, Stephanie, is in her third year of medical school, doing her clinical rotations. Her fiancé is in his fourth year, and all are waiting to see where they might end up for their residencies. Mark has been collecting model trains for a long time, and they have finally set up a train



room at their Michigan home. If you look closely at the attached photo, you will see that it's a six-train design, with their family history on various levels.



Shelly Stern Grach's, '68, husband, Mark's, trains

Shelly traveled to India in March for business and has plans to be in Sedona, Grand Canyon, Bryce, and Zion this fall, with a Jewish Heritage tour from Berlin to Warsaw next spring. **LYNNE CARPENTER** is looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion. **CHRIS WALKER TAKACH** is looking forward to the reunion as well, and is looking at hotels, flights, and rental cars (hint, hint to us all!). Chris is still quilting, playing pickle ball and tennis, and looking after her grandchildren, ages 12, 11, 9 and 6. She reports that her mother is now 102 and remembers everything! She and Gene have their National Parks Pass and plan on traveling in November, beginning in California, to visit many of the beautiful parks. **ALEXA KACHINKO** writes, "I NEVER would have predicted in 1968 that in 2017 I would have one spouse, two kids, three grandchildren, and one more on the way." She is wishing that Amazon had picked any other name, "I'm just perpetually irritated by Amazon's Alexa 'personal assistant.' I just cringe when I see the commercials—I had my name pretty much to myself for 67 years. Now I belong to the world." As for me, **JAN DECKER BURGGRAAF**, Jim and I welcomed another grandson, eight weeks early on May 1. He spent three weeks in the NICU of our wonderful children's hospital and is now a happy, chubby four-month-old. That takes our total to seven, and we are so blessed that they all live within about 20 minutes of us. We just returned from a wonderful trip to the U.S. Open Tennis Tournament in New York, spending four days watching many of the best of the world's players while enjoying the beautiful venues and grounds. Please make your plans for the reunion, volunteer to help

plan some activities, and, if we don't have an email address for you, please share it so we can maintain easy contact with you!

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## C69



Members of C'69 held a mini-reunion

Our class continues to demonstrate its usual diversity: a lot of us are retired, a lot of us are still working, and a lot of us are somewhere in the middle, slowing down even if not completely retired. We and our spouses seem to have too many medical issues, and too many of us and our spouses are dying. But there are increasing numbers of grandchildren to keep us entertained. And we travel a lot to a lot of different places in a lot of different ways. As in: **DREW BRACH** (f/k/a Andy Birach) is working in Grand Rapids, having been with mega-insurance broker Marsh for 38 years. He gets around. He was in Poland last year. Working for an international insurance broker on international projects will do that. He also got to go to the Panama Canal a few years ago because his client was involved in the project. **STORMY COLMAN** ventured off to South America, particularly Machu Picchu and the Galapagos. He survived snorkeling, walking in Darwin's footsteps, and life on an 85-foot cruise boat. Closer to home (in Colorado), he recently took off on a five-day trip, with horses, into the Wind River Range in Wyoming. **AL DOWLING** is also still at it, as an entertainment lawyer in L.A., but as a solo practitioner he has more flexibility to set his own hours on the job and has been pretty adept at fitting in a good travel schedule. He seems to specialize in England, where he first ventured while at Cranbrook, as part of a group "chaperoned" by the immortal Fred Gretton. **RAY JIMENEZ** has surfaced; turns

out he's been hidden in plain sight in Las Vegas all these years. He's been there 37 years now but has been true to his Detroit roots because he's been in the automobile business for 30 years, currently as sales director for a Lexus dealership. He's married with one son. **BILL MCGRAW** hosted a mini-reunion in Cleveland for the mighty five, **FRANK BELL**, **BOB LEVENTHAL**, **MARK NEITHERCUT**, **ROB NORTHWOOD**, and Mack himself. Seems to me nobody looks a year over ... well, 65. Rumor has it that both **MARK MARETKA** and **MIKE PAVLOFF** have new hips, their old ones having worn out, probably as a result of the water in Marquis. **JOHN WINKLEPLECK** is among the retired guys in the class, and he and his wife split their time between Ohio and Naples, Fla., where he reports golf, sun, and the beach on his daily to-do list. And in future news (as of now, way past old news by the time these notes get published), **FRED BLACKMON**, **CHIP LETTS**, and **JIM RECTOR** will be representing our class at the festivities at Cranbrook in September to honor the passing of Big Ben Snyder and celebrate his legacy. Our class was the beneficiary of one of the major components of Ben Snyder's dream: summer Horizons students were first awarded scholarships for the school year at Cranbrook starting in the fall of 1966, and our class was the first to benefit from that increased diversity. And sadly I must end yet another class note with news of another death in our class: **ART HAMMARSTROM**. Art, a/k/a the Hammerbomb, graduated with a B.S. in nursing from George Mason University and lived and worked in northern Virginia his entire adult life. He was married for 42 years to his wife, Jane. Our condolences to Jane and the rest of the Hammarstrom family.

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## K70

Everyone I heard from sounds as though she is flourishing. That makes me very happy and I know all of you will share my sense of delight. **CHICA LOVE** reports that she is really enjoying her life in Portland, Ore., and promises to provide additional details soon. **AARON ROSE** (formerly **CAROL HOLLANDER**) is the writer in residence at Nichols Tower (the original Sears Tower in Chicago); one of the exciting projects she has

been tackling is writing a blog, Learning from North Lawndale, which is about revitalization in that Chicago community. She is also attending and guest blogging for the Place Lab Ethical Redevelopment Salons. This consortium of artists, activists, designers, and planners are working tirelessly to reimagine and rebuild disinvested communities; she mentioned that there is quite a large Detroit contingent.



*Kitty Denio Jospe, '70, and husband, Nick*

**KITTY DENIO JOSPE** and her husband Nick are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary and she remarked how lovely it is to continue discovering one another. Kitty sounded thrilled about being tapped to judge a Poetry Outloud Contest.



*Katie Zeller Buehler, '70, husband, Peter, and grandson, Jack*

**KATI ZELLER BUEHLER** wrote that as the years go by dear friendships begun at Kingswood mean more and more. She and husband, Peter, are still working full-time. Peter is the pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Santa Barbara, while Kati works at Westmont College. She said it is so wonderful to continue finding meaning and purpose, particularly with regard to ever deepening and meaningful relationships with congregation

members, and supporters of the college. The only downside is her beautiful grandchildren, Jack, 7, and Lucy, 5, are seven hours away but the Buehler family makes time for adventures together three or four times a year. I love the way **SARAH TAYLOR** writes; she mentioned that her husband retired in November and they've been getting used to waking up saying "What day is it?" However, it sounds like the days race by in her house between babysitting her twin grandsons, her travels to Florida, Arizona, Las Vegas, and Michigan, plus carving out time to spend with her sister, Anne, '72, and her beloved mother who just turned 92, God Bless! She and I also commiserated about the state of politics in the country since we were blabbing at the end of January, but I don't think it's appropriate for me to voice our collective frustration in this forum. **KAREN ELSHOUT** is nothing less than A CHAMP! She lost her job and thought about selling her house. Fortunately, it didn't sell (she has been living there for 33 years and loves it). She is an avid outdoors sports enthusiast and decided to get a job in retail selling gear for consumers who share her passion. No surprise here when Karen became the store's top sales person. Then her freelance photography career took off. For those of you who may not remember Karen was one of the greatest photographers in our high school. Please keep me updated with your news at [elizabethkerrigan975@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethkerrigan975@gmail.com). You are all THE BEST!

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## C71

**GEOFF RAWLING's** daughter, Rebecca, '06, played flute on the same ticket with James Galway in a Boulder, Colo., March concert. **JOHN LONGLEY's** youngest son, Jackson, graduated from high school in June. It was an opportunity for a family reunion, and his daughters, Taylor and Cacey, were in attendance. Jackson is a freshman at Alabama. **JB FORD** has followed through on his plan to purchase an Airstream trailer and use it as a base in the beautiful Blue Ridge Plateau. It's a seasonal home for him and Anne.



*JB Ford, '71, with his motorcycle*

JB runs his motorcycle workshops from there. He leads tours through the area and teaches the "Art of Riding Smooth." He has authored a book of that name, which can be found at Amazon. After suffering for more than a year with complications from hip replacement surgery, he's turned the corner and celebrated by purchasing a new bicycle for some human-powered riding. When Anne retires next year, they hope to spend months on the road seeing the country in "slow detail." **ARMAND ROTHSCHILD** and his wife are spending nearly every break they have at their place on Sanibel Island, Fla. No more bike trips to Europe, too hard to recover and get back to work on Monday. The house has become a gathering place for their two sons and families; neither lives in Armand's home town of Louisville. Older son, Dan, is in his third year of a cardiology fellowship at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich., giving Armand a chance to return to his old haunts. A one-year-old grandson is a big draw. Younger son, Nathan, is in finance in Washington, D.C. Dan's girlfriend is working on a PhD in art history. She joined the Rothchild family on a tour of Cranbrook, including the Art Academy and museum. All were very impressed. **STEVE GERISCH** reports that some exciting upcoming products at his firm, New Vision Display, are keeping him in the game. "I'm still really kind of having fun doing what I'm doing. So every year I say two to three more years to myself." Son, Steven, Jr., is in his third year at SMU. He spent this past summer on a two-month internship in China. Steve and his wife visited Steven in China over the Fourth of July. Steven has learned that it's possible to get by really cheaply there on an internship budget, but was grateful when Mom and Dad treated him to some fine Chinese dining. **KEVIN BUTLER** writes, "I'm essentially retired, though I do a bit of freelance ghostwriting



for high-tech commercial blogs.” His sons are happily settled in distant cities. Kevin lives in Maynard, Mass., but hasn’t spent much time there lately. He and his partner took a 5,600 mile drive this past summer that took them to far-flung destinations that included Toronto, Mt. Rushmore, a giant popcorn ball in Iowa, Carhenge, the Badlands, and even Cranbrook. Kevin found the reflecting pond at the Science Museum just as photogenic as he remembered. His father worked there for many years. This was Kevin’s first trip back since graduation. He felt that the grounds were well kept, but that in contrast the building interiors were just as drab as they were 46 years ago, especially the lobby outside the library and the “coffee-stain-colored flooring throughout.” Molly and **JIM STEARNS** are excited that their daughter, Libby, will make them grandparents in November. Libby and her husband, Josh, live not far from her parents in Seattle. Jim and Molly’s son, Andy, works at Alvarez and Marsal, a global valuations firm. Jim left his long-time job at an investment firm earlier this year and will start with an East Coast firm later this fall. Molly heads a non-profit organization. Pamela and **PAUL MIMURA** have downsized to a nice little flat in the Rogers Park neighborhood on Chicago’s north side. Last June their trip to Europe included a stay in Liechtenstein. **DOUG GRANT**’s Naples, Fla., home was in the direct path of powerful Hurricane Irma in September. He moved his family up to Lexington, Ky., to stay with his daughter for a week. Last report after the storm was that the damage wasn’t as bad as expected, but that the power was out.

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Our 45th reunion was truly meaningful. Such gatherings are much more than a party in the quad. They are about connecting with each other and also an inward journey where we remember our own roots and how Cranbrook Kingswood and our history with each other and our teachers shaped us. We came together to support **ALAN DECLERCK** and his family as they grieved for the loss of their son and brother, Stefan, member of the Class of 2018. Classmates responded quickly to the sad news. **JOHN MATURO** and **STEVE DICKSON** traveled from Connecticut and California respectively to join classmates at

Christ Church Cranbrook for services. Since the reunion, both **JILL WHEATON DEBOER** and **ANDRA BIRKERTS** lost their fathers, and we send our condolences to them. We are a global group. **ART SCHANKLER** traveled from his home in Belgrade, Serbia, to attend the reunion. **PAUL DRESCHER** was kayaking, caving, and hydrating this past summer in Cambodia and Thailand. On May 14, 2017, while enjoying a day-long winery tour on Waiheke Island in the Hauraki Gulf of New Zealand, **NANETTE STOCKY O’CONNOR** and Dong Jun Lee (D.J.), ’98, discovered they are both graduates of Cranbrook Kingswood.



*Nanette Stocky O’Connor, ’72, and Don Jun Lee (DJ), ’98*

D.J. lives in Korea, Nan in Michigan. Our most elegant classmate, **STACIE FAIOLA HUMPHREY**, continues her frequent visits to France with her petite dog, Guimauve, Marshmallow in French, that she has nicknamed “Fashion Accessory.” **AL ZELLER**, still living in Ecuador, sent greetings and a picture of his family when they met up with **ROBERT MATTHEWS** and his wife, Julie, in Chicago last August.



*Juliana Zeller, Julie Matthews, Al Zeller, ’72, Robert Matthews, ’72, and Susy Zeller*

Turns out we are an extra-terrestrial group too. **ALAN DECLERCK** has reached into space and tells us that last December he joined a Silicon Valley space start-up, www.leolabs.space. Their mission: build radars that track space debris in low Earth orbit (recall the movie “Gravity?”) and help preserve space usage for future generations. Alan says, “This is an important frontier for space and for me. If we become the Google maps of space, reunion 2027 is on me, in orbit!” Good luck to you, Alan. **BILL BRANDT** was at the reunion and regaled us with his southern charm and family stories. Another new face at the reunion was **MARTÍN MUIR**, who has lived in Tampa for the last several years working for Verizon. Speaking of southerners, **BILL BRUNSTAD** is in Atlanta where he has been married for 33 years. He has two grown children, ages 23 and 27, both of whom live close by. “I am partners with my younger son in a number of ventures, from leasing high end cars from a fleet of about 20 cars we own to investing in residential real estate. I continue to practice law, mainly in the corporate and real estate area, and I am a partner and general counsel for a development company that ultimately will export propane to Asia.” **BOB SEDLMAYER** is a remarkable role model for physical fitness. On August 3, 2017, he scaled the daunting Manitou Incline in Colorado. The Incline, as it is known among locals, is famous for its steep grade. The ascent gains more than 2,000 feet of elevation in less than one mile, pretty much like climbing a ladder. Bob also noted in a post on Facebook: “It was a good day for me at the New Haven 10K. A time of 46.02 earned me second place in my age group.” **STEVE HARRIS** is settling into his new career as a history professor in San Francisco, publishing articles on the history of international law, teaching modern European and world history, and developing new courses on the history of democracy. Also joining the academic world is **HOWARD ZITSMAN**, who will be teaching corporate strategy at Ohio Wesleyan this fall. **MARK SCHATZ** has joined the firm of ELS Architects in Berkeley as a principal. He will be joining their community and recreation design group. This firm has done some very exciting projects including the aquatics centers at Stanford and Berkeley, as well as the renovation of the Fox Theater in Oakland, and the upcoming new Santa Clara Swim Center. He says that he will continue to teach at Cal Poly and UC Berkeley, pour wine at Cline, and do work with Griffin Structures, and he thinks this will be a

really interesting addition to the mix. He likes being “repurposed!” **BOB BADALAMENT** and his wife, Providence, relocated to Orlando, Fla., with his sons Louis, '00, Peter, '02, and daughter, Grace Badalament Koss, '04, her husband, Brian, and their children, Providence and George. They decided to make a family move so they could all stay together. He is still very active in his urology practice and in his free time enjoying his grandchildren. He doesn't miss the Michigan winters! **BETSY RUMELY** is retired and working on being “engaged with meaningful work to which she contributes.” Currently she is involved with Reading Partners, a national organization that helps children improve their reading skills. This summer she was invited to work at a Boys and Girls Club, helping prevent “the summer slide,” a dip in children's reading scores that usually occurs each summer. She also volunteers at the zoo as a docent interpreting animals for guests and sometimes leading school tours. And to round it off, she just signed up for an art class! There were three weddings of classmates' daughters this summer. Just before reunion weekend, **DEBBIE DIETRICH's** daughter, Amelia Zukowski, '03, married Jeff Jasurda on May 27 at the Detroit Yacht Club, where Debbie's parents were married.



*Debbie Dietrich's, '72, daughter, Amelia's, wedding*

The bride and groom live in Chicago, so many out-of-towners enjoyed Detroit for

the Memorial Day weekend. Amelia's sister, Kelsey Zukowski, '07, was the maid of honor, and 10 Cranbrook alumni added to the wedding festivities. The newlyweds traveled to Venice and throughout Croatia for a 15-day honeymoon. Just after the reunion **PHOEBE LAWRENCE ERDMAN's** daughter, Annie, married Patrick Wernig.



*Phoebe Lawrence Erdman's, '72, daughter, Annie, and Patrick's wedding*

Phoebe was sorry not to see the old gang, but this took precedence as you can imagine. Phoebe's youngest, Johnny, graduated from Amherst in May, so it has been a year of changes, all good though. Then on August 5, the Wysocki and Egner clan gathered on Mackinac Island to celebrate the joyous marriage of **BETH EGNER PARANJPE's** daughter, Kate Wysocki, to her longtime love, Johnny Baylor.



*Wedding of Kate Wysocki, daughter of Beth Egner Paranjpe, '72, and Greg Wysocki, '75*

Kate's sister, Sloane, '17, served as maid of honor, brother, Jake, CK Middle School, as usher, brother Billy Stacy, '10, was a truly awesome first-time Officiant (Charlie Shaw would be proud of his eloquence!), and dad, Greg Wysocki, '75, was a gracious host throughout. On that day, Beth also celebrated her first year anniversary of marriage to Nitin Paranjpe. She feels truly blessed and happy and wishes the same to all of you. **SUE CHAMBLISS IVES** sent a picture of her husband, Russ, '70, their daughter Jennifer Ives Sanders, '97, mother of three of their eight grandchildren, taken at the Friday night Reunion Classes Cocktail Party back in June.



*Susan Chambliss Ives, '72, daughter, Jennifer Ives Sanders, '97, and husband, Russ Ives, '70*

Sue said, “We had a great time celebrating Jen's 20th and my 45th!” **JILL WHEATON DEBOER** reports, “Life has definitely changed for the better since closing my business this spring. Leaving a bricks and mortar retail store has given me more time, less stress, some great trips with George, and a chance to catch my breath before plunging into my next endeavor. Thanks to **PHOEBE LAWRENCE ERDMAN**, I've joined Worth New York as a stylist in D.C. and held my first show of the fall collection in September. I'm looking forward to staying in sales but having a more manageable schedule and selling beautiful Worth clothing. George and I look forward to a not-too-distant retirement in Boston, where we'll spend time with my stepdaughter's family. My sons are both busy with work and travel themselves. **NANCY MAY** retired from 23 years at Northeastern University last January, then spent five months at their home in Florida, followed by the CS/KSC reunion in June, and a trip to Dornoch, Scotland, in July.





Nancy May, '72, and Richard in Donoch, Scotland

All is well in Ann Arbor for **TED GREEN** and wife, Debbie. He sold his IT Security Company to Zix Corp, which is expanding their Ann Arbor office, which he continues to run. Much of his spare time is devoted to building and racing cars, including BMWs and a Corvette at club track days, and a few "24 Hours of Lemons" races. Ted's wife, Debbie, took up racing too just a few months ago; she really enjoys it, and it gives them more "together" time. He said, "It also really impresses our non-racing friends when they hear she hits 130+ MPH. Debbie and I also enjoy our summer cottage on an island just outside Ann Arbor; the water activities also let us exercise our active dogs." Last summer they spent two weeks in Alaska, which he thinks everyone should put on their bucket list, because it is breathtaking, and there is nowhere else like it. **JEFFRY STEELE**, still in the smoke-blanketed NW, finished his coursework for his master's in counseling but has yet to finish an internship to graduate and become an LMHCA. He writes, "I am transitioning from an unpaid internship to a paid one that is rolled into a CDP (Chemical Dependency Professional) position in a new program being offered at a Tacoma medical facility catering exclusively to the homeless (or 'unhoused'). Given the amount of real estate we have been privileged to acquire, this job has got to be karmic. Due to a delay in the start date, my wife and I are getting to spend an extended vacation at our vacation home on Orcas Island. We have just begun offering Air B&B here and are becoming more integrated into the community. I anticipate performing more music here than in Tacoma, given the stronger support for the arts, and I continue writing and revising guitar music

with electronic enhancements." **PENNY HANNETT FLOYD** feels blessed with good health, a happy marriage, and four terrific kids. She is passionate about her gardening and is still an inconsistent golfer! She and husband, Frank, spend time at his family home in Hyannis Port, Mass., their condo in Naples, Fla., and in Driggs, Idaho! She helps high school students prepare for their SATs and ACTs. In addition to our 45th reunion, **CAROL BAWDEN** is celebrating another milestone this year. Her store, The Painted Bird, a gallery of contemporary American crafts in Suttons Bay, is turning thirty this year! And to top it off, she won the Leland Country Club Ladies' Senior Club Championship. Congratulations, Carol! In closing, **ALAN DECLERCK** expressed appreciation for the unbelievable level of support and condolences he received from our class for the loss of Stefan, '18. He wrote, "I remain beyond grateful for the generosity and love shown by the Cranbrook community." Contributions to the scholarship fund in Stefan's memory may be sent to: Stefan DeClerck Memorial Fund c/o Cranbrook Educational Community, P.O. Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801. Your Kingswood class secretary **SALLY CHRISTIANSEN HARRIS**, is having a ball. In August, my husband, Mike, and I spent three weeks driving, photographing, and getting our kicks on Route 66. We didn't exactly have a little red Corvette, but we tried to immerse ourselves in the culture by staying in motels, eating in diners, and staying off the Interstate. Your Cranbrook class secretary, **NICK KOCH**, is doing fine and sends greetings to all. Remember your roots at Cranbrook and Kingswood. These places and the friendships formed there are part of our life DNA. We are already planning for our 50th reunion: June 10 - 12, 2022! So save the dates and stay in touch. Life is too short not to do otherwise. For up-to-the-minute news and photos, go to Facebook and sign-on to the Cranbrook Kingswood Class of 1972 page. Best to all from your class secretaries.

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## C73

**BARNEY REAGAN** provided a photo of himself and Dan Roshon, '78, when he visited Dan in Florida last May.



Barney Reagan, '77, and Dan Roshon, '73

"We call ourselves the 'Buckeye Lake' alumni chapter, since both our families have homes there, and that's how we met. He was five, and I was 10. Best wishes to Cranbrook for the new school year!" **JOHN CARMAN** writes: "In August, I attended the 110-year reunion of the summer camp in New Hampshire that I attended as a camper and then as a counselor, including the years I was at Cranbrook. Ted, '70, and **ALAN HEAVENRICH** also attended that camp as counselors. On that trip, I was able to attend my first Red Sox game at Fenway Park, crossing one item off my bucket list. I will be retiring next summer after a very fulfilling 35-year career with the Boy Scouts of America, the last 20 of which I have been the scout executive, executive director, of the council in Little Rock, Alaska, where we serve just over 10,000 youth in a little more than half the state. When I retire, my wife and I will move back to her hometown of Louisville, Ky., where our eldest daughter lives along with her husband and our 18-month-old grandson. Our first granddaughter arrived in September. We already own our retirement home in Louisville, so my wife, who retired two years ago, spends the majority of her time there. Our other daughter moved to Denver last year, where she works as an occupational therapist at Swedish Hospital. After I retire and when our grandchildren get a little older, we plan to buy a motor home and travel the country.

Classmate, **MIKE GILSTER**, and I keep in touch and are hoping to track down **KEVIN MCINTYRE**, who at last contact informed me he had neither a computer nor an email account. If anyone has a phone number or mailing address for him, please share it with me." Both of **STEVEN BERLIN**'s girls are in college, "One in Boston, one in Switzerland. Had a great rendezvous in France with both girls. I am still working in Beverly Hills as an outpatient anesthesiologist. I am happily married and enjoying the empty nest, but we call it the super adult phase." Fun news from **MIKE PHILLIPS**, "We were elated to travel to Seattle to see **DAVID STRICKLAND**'s oldest son, Silas, get married to a beautiful young woman, Maria, under a canopy of lovely trees overlooking Puget Sound. It was like a Cranbrook reunion: Richard Strickland, '68, Tom Strickland, '70, Nancy Brethen Strickland, '70, Steven Strickland, '99, Susan Strickland Muskovitz, '97, and Amy Matthaei, '73 all in attendance with wives, husbands, children, and grandchildren. We celebrated with drink and dance like old times." **CHRIS JONES** says, "I'm a single dad, still living and working in northern California, where I raise funding for a residential treatment center/school in Sonoma that helps teen boys who've survived particularly traumatic childhoods. While most of my classmates' kids are having children of their own, my 13-year-old son is just starting to think about high school now. Sadly, his mom has pretty much nixed boarding school options. Having a youngster around keeps me healthy and young. He and I just returned from a week of backpacking in the Sierra, and I discovered recently that I still fit into an old Cranbrook t-shirt I bought in 1973. In my spare time, I serve as a prison chaplain in both our county jail and San Quentin, and I am still making black-and-white photographs, a passion I first discovered while at Cranbrook 50 years ago." **CHRIS COOKE** continues to practice law in Traverse City, Mich. "My youngest daughter will be a senior in high school this year and too soon off to college. My second oldest son has just returned from a year in Germany at Freiburg University; he will be moving along to grad school shortly. With my oldest son in Baton Rouge, Jeri and I are looking to transition to empty nesters soon. My band, East Bay Blue, remains active, and we finally finished our first music video. I am very proud of it and I'm sure my old film prof, John Geoghegan, would be, too. Look for it as soon as I can figure out how to monetize it on Facebook. LOL. In late

September, I appeared in the classic thriller, *Wait Until Dark*, with the local theater, Old Town Playhouse. I play the bad guy, Roat. There are no redeeming qualities in this guy! Just a stone cold killer. Fun to be back on the boards though. I returned to Cranbrook for my 44th (gulp) annual Alumni-Varsity baseball game; the field has been completely rebuilt and is beautiful. We said a group prayer in memory of the great Jack Sanders before the game started. I invite all my baseball brothers back for next year's mix-up. I think it's time to organize a reunion party! Please feel free to catch up with me if you get out to northern Michigan." And from **JOHN BEATTY**, "I've been off-and-on as an adjunct with Ashford University, mostly off, and working for a few manufacturers around the Great Lakes with their overflow documentation. In between I'm working on ... let's see ... two books. The first is a retooling of the *Pacific War* book, to be entitled *How the Samurai Lost*, will likely be finished at the end of next year. Sorry, no autograph parties next year. The other one's somewhat less settled, but it's about the dawn of strategic bombing, the B-29, and the furious policy debates surrounding both the idea of strategic bombing and the means. Tentative title is *Tug of War*. In the meantime, I'm making paperback versions of my essay and short story collections that have previously only been available on Kindle: look for them at [thebookpatch.com](http://thebookpatch.com). Of course, all of you already know this since you've been following me on either LinkedIn or my blog, [wordpress.jdbcom.wordpress.com](http://wordpress.jdbcom.wordpress.com) ... or not. Ev and I were in Utah and the Grand Canyon in October, she to see her sisters, aunt and uncle, and cousin from Germany, and me, Promontory Point and Wendover Air Base. My how time flies, before we all know it we'll be planning our 50th. Be well, my friends." Not so fast, John! First comes our 45th! Your Party Planner Team is scheduling an extra-long weekend of activities for Thursday, June 7 through Monday, June 11, 2018. 'Reunion Headquarters' will once again be our haven for hanging out, listening to '70s music, sharing memorabilia, and chatting till dawn. Email updates with hotel information, signups for events, etc. will start shortly, but I know there are classmates reading this who aren't on our group contact list. Puleeze get in touch to rectify that omission! And make your plans to attend '45 'n Thrivin' today!

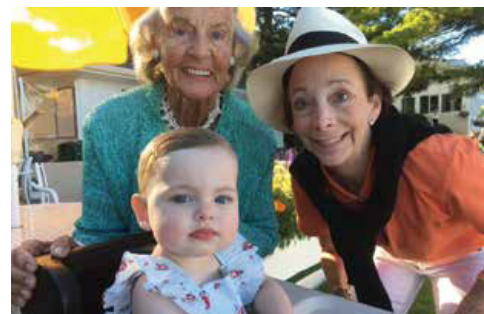
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This issue's report starts with a wonderfully pithy note from **JENNIFER JAKUST THOMAS**: "Although I have a lot to say, none of it is appropriate for class notes." Here are submissions from more verbose classmates. **SARAH BEARUP-NEAL** writes, "I'm deepening my commitments to the arts in Glen Arbor, Mich. I recently expanded my work with the Glen Arbor Art Association by taking on the wonderful task of helping develop its new exhibitions program, a year-round program of using the arts, visual, performing, literary, and spoken, to explore a wide range of ideas and issues current to northern Michigan. Fellow Aardvark, Polly Jo Wheaton Kemler, '77, also works on this project with me, and what a pleasure to have someone in my own backyard with whom to recall our halcyon school days. I continue to manage Center Gallery at Lake Street Studios, in Glen Arbor, curating shows focused primarily on work that reflects the locality. And when fall comes, I look forward to hunkering down in my studio for the winter." **LIDIA BOYDUY DEVONSHIRE** attended the 40th Reunion of the Yale Class of 1977, which your Class Secretary missed, alas, "prior to attending the wedding of my oldest in Massachusetts. He's attending MIT/Sloan Business School this fall and works in alternative energy financing. My daughter, who has her master's in digital forensics, works in cyber in D.C. My youngest has a master's in education and works as a teacher in Chicago, where I am for part of the year. So, after two deceased husbands and three grown kids, and running a vineyard in Canada, I get to sabbatical at Ragdale, an artists' community in Illinois, where I will be working on pulling my writing to a higher level, whatever that might entail. Would love to reconnect with classmates who are in Florida this winter, or in Chicago." **ANN FLANNERY** has been living in mid-coast Maine since 1980. "I came originally to learn how to build wooden boats. I appreciated my five years living in the Southwest but missed water! Mid-coast Maine fulfills many of the essentials for me: natural beauty, urban stimulation nearby, a strong sense of community, and endless waterways to explore. My passion lies at sea. Sailing, rowing, motoring—any way I can get it. Besides working as a woodworker, I am a yoga instructor. I was thrilled in early December to co-lead a vacation/retreat with my long-time friend and classmate, **AMY MATTHAEI**."



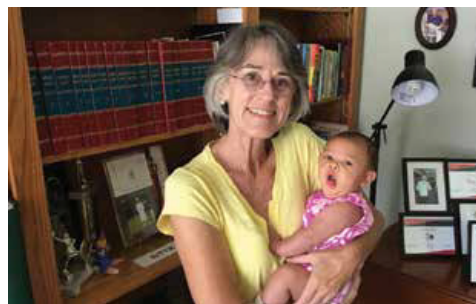
**BONNIE KORTES** sends, "Greetings, Fellow '73 Alumni! I am counting down the months until I retire to begin my next chapter of life. Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of a well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand and a bourbon on the rocks in the other, body thoroughly used up, worn out, and screaming to the grave, 'Woo-Hoo, what a Ride it's been.' I am going to shed my conservative 'Corporate America' image and just be free to be politically incorrect. John Oliver is my hero, may his show reign forever. Please watch Vice, which is true news-worthy programming. My hubby and I have been married for 30 years and plan to visit Santa Fe/Albuquerque. Maybe we might find where they film 'Midnight Texas' and visit. We do miss the New Mexican cuisine. It is a slice of heaven enjoying Hatch green chili stew and blue corn enchiladas with Patron agave Margaritas. Oh so heavenly..." Based on Facebook posts, **ELAINE FIELD** and her wife, Lisa Sokanoff, had the time of their lives on vacation in September in Africa and Dubai. One example: "In Zimbabwe. Saw Victoria Falls yesterday. Incredibly incredible! So beautiful. White water rafted the Zambezi River, wow, what a thrill! We didn't even flip or fall out of the raft. So cool! We're zip lining tomorrow over the Zambezi gorge." **CAPRICE WILSON BAUN** spent part of the summer in Harbor Springs, Mich., with her husband, Mark, and mother, Diane, '42, who turned 93 in October, along with siblings and other younger relatives. "We are on the water often in Harbor Springs and Grosse Pointe. Daughter, Wellesley, started a new job at Amazon in Seattle, Wash., so she and her family, one-year-old daughter, Alastair, and husband, Michael, have moved west from Brooklyn, N.Y.



*Caprice Wilson Baun, '73, mother Diane, '42, and granddaughter, Alastair*

Our son, Marker, lives in Florida." Two more, at least, '73 grandchildren have arrived. On August 7, Grandma **TINA DENISON** burst her

buttons over Jason Denison Shingler; baby, mom Elizabeth Denison, '12, and dad, Tom Shingler, live in Petoskey, Mich., and are all doing well.



*Sarah Ellis Jackson, '73, and granddaughter, Minna Arielle*

**SARAH ELLIS JACKSON** provided a photo of granddaughter, Minna Arielle; Sarah's daughter and "her little family" live in San Francisco.



*Julie Fisher Cummings, '73, skydiving over Charlevoix*

**JULIE FISHER CUMMINGS** is habitually very private about her achievements, but permitted me to include in her personal update details about her latest project, as well as background on the immense, positive impact her husband, Peter, is having on our old hometown of Detroit. "The family is all doing well. We have five grandchildren, ages 3, 4, 12, 19, and 25! For the last few years I have taught a child policy class to public health grad students at the University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine. Next year I will be teaching at Columbia, an online real-time class to grad students about social venture philanthropy. After downsizing in Florida, we have upsized so we can have our grandkids stay with us. Our daughter Caroline Cummings Rafferty '99, is the interior designer. Peter retired and turned over his real estate company to our eldest son, Casey. Peter then started another real estate company in Detroit, the Platform ([www.theplatform.city](http://www.theplatform.city)). The Platform has three missions. First, to provide much needed commercial and

residential space along the Woodward Corridor in New Center, which is north of the central business district. This includes new construction as well as repurposing old buildings for commercial space, much of it for maker space for artists. Second, to mentor young developers so that development can be equitable and sustainable. They have 15 young people under 40, most in their 20s and 30s, working there, including my great-nephew, Andrew Sherman, '04. And third, to work with the neighborhoods in Detroit, where most of the poverty exists. This is where I am deeply engaged. Although there is a great deal of development in Detroit, the neighborhoods are often neglected. Residents of these neighborhoods have withstood major challenges and still remain. Maurice Cox, Detroit's Planning Director, has said: 'The heart of Detroit is in the central business district, but the soul is in the neighborhoods!' Detroit is coming alive. Young people are moving in and there is a general sense of optimism. Hope you visit! My own work is still focused primarily on early childhood and at-risk women and girls. I am the executive producer of a new documentary, 'I Am Jane Doe,' ([www.iamjanedowfilm.com](http://www.iamjanedowfilm.com)), available on Netflix, which details the legal battle of three families that have rescued their daughters from being sex trafficked on the website, [www backpage.com](http://www backpage.com). It has driven a great deal of policy change, most recently with a bipartisan bill being introduced in the Senate to close the legal loopholes that allow Backpage to operate freely and not be prosecuted for their part in the trafficking of these American girls. Domestic child sex trafficking involves mostly American children being sold for sex here in the United States to primarily white middle class family men. Each year there are 100,000-300,000 children at risk. If you want to know more about this issue, I am happy to share that with you. It is a heinous crime, and unacceptable that we do not protect our children from predators who buy and sell them." We are thrilled to hear from our foreign exchange student, **ANA PALMEIRIM**, "I hope to make it over the pond again next year for the 45th reunion. Meanwhile, most exciting news I have was that finally got **LOIS BRYANT** to visit me in Lisbon! I took the opportunity of doing some tourism in Spain as well, embarrassed to say I had never visited Seville, which is only about four hours away by car. So off we drove to Seville, Cordoba, and Granada. We met up with Philip, an old grade-school friend of mine whom Lois also got to

know when they both lived in New York in the 1980s. He now lives in Madrid, and, with his husband, Miguel, were great tour guides in Granada. Of course we also did some tourism in Portugal, and enjoyed just doing nothing but chat, eat, and have a break!" As for your class secretary, in July my brother Bart Williams, '76, and I lost our dear old dad, Bret Williams. I mention it here because, although it was my late mother, Susan Cunningham Williams, '49, who attended for six years, my father couldn't have been prouder of Cranbrook if he had been the alum. He owned books on Milles and Saarinen, drove us to school every morning for almost our entire tenure, and served on the school Board of Directors, including as Chairman. He and my mother were an integral part of my KSC experience because of their support of my theatre obsession. Senior year it was Dad's idea to create LPs from a recording of "Brigadoon" and pass them out to participants. If you want a CD, just ask. Crannie brother Chris Cooke, C'73, kindly sent me this remembrance: "I loved your dad. I was a young, uninitiated scholarship kid from East Detroit who found myself in a foreign place with uncomfortable social pressures. Your dad welcomed me as my own father would, he made me at home and helped me adjust to a new environment that I came to love. He genuinely wanted to know what I was doing and how I was adjusting. Along the way he befriended me and my running mates. One day during one of your fabulous Ergasterion parties, he called us aside and told us that the basement fridge was fair game, but by invitation only. We had our first few beers down there while we sang Beach Boys harmony in four parts. I will never forget him. God bless!" But life goes on, and it certainly will be going gangbusters next June at our 45th Class Reunion! Your Party Planner Team is scheduling an extra-long weekend of activities for Thursday, June 7, through Monday, June 11. "Reunion Headquarters" will once again be our haven for hanging out, listening to '70s music, sharing memorabilia, and chatting till dawn. Email updates with hotel information, sign-ups for events, etc. will start shortly, but I know there are classmates reading this who aren't on our group contact list. Puleeze get in touch to rectify that omission! And make your plans to attend "45 'n Thrivin" today!

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## K75

**SUZANNE TAICHERT** reports that she is doing fine in Albuquerque, N.M. She is working on her "original music" and "got a jazz award from the New Mexico Music Awards back in May." Suzanne will have her first solo CD Emerge out this fall. Her daughter, Renee, resides in south Florida and is still dancing-teaching belly dancing. **AMY HACKETT PALMER** is awaiting grandparent-hood and will send us an update for the next issue. **ANITA BOLES** replied with a new address at 16 Barefoot Lane, Palmyra, VA 22963, and email: [anita.b.boles@gmail.com](mailto:anita.b.boles@gmail.com).



*Karen Climie DeClue, '75, and husband, Scott*

**KAREN CLIMIE LAKANEN** is now Karen Climie DeClue. In June 2017 Karen married Scott DeClue, who is a nuclear engineer from Augusta, Ga. They traveled to Michigan, visited Cranbrook and Kingswood, and attended a celebration party at **PAM BACON CABOT's** home. Other attendees were **KITTY REEBEL UNDERWOOD, STATHY NATSIS MADIAS,** and John Birnkrant, C'75.



*Stathy Natsis Madias, Pam Bacon Cabot, Kitty Underwood Reebel, Karen Climie DeClue, and Jon Birnkrant, all '75*

Karen writes that she and Scott "enjoyed a family trip to Yosemite in August but missed **RUTHIE FRUEHAUF**, who helped plan our trip, but she unfortunately was in Michigan for a Fruehauf trailer honor when we visited." It was good to hear from all of you. So please keep the news coming for more "Words from the Swirbs."

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## C77



*Andrew Craig, Jeremy Stern, both '77, and Laura Wilner Craig, '78*

Greetings, classmates. As I write, Houston is recovering from Hurricane Harvey, and Hurricane Irma is bearing down on Florida. I was very fortunate in that I stayed high and dry



and never lost utilities, nor was I trapped in by street flooding. Nonetheless, I want to thank all of you who were checking on me during the whole event. It was definitely an emotional rollercoaster. We've been through hell and back, but it's nice to know our friends from all over the U.S. were there to help us recover, that and a lot of anxiety medication. By the time you read this, it will probably be in 2018, so I hope by then Houston and Florida will be back to normal. Okay, on a more positive note, let's talk about our 40th reunion. I think it's safe to say that we rocked the house! The class of '77 definitely stole the show during reunion weekend. Not only did we welcome our third and fourth distinguished alumni, **BOB BECHEK** and Jules Knittel Pieri, K'77, but I believe we set a record for annual giving from our class. The class of '55 also has four distinguished alumni, but we still have plenty of time to add a fifth or more. I still haven't counted names, but at least half the class showed up, and it was probably the biggest reunion turnout we've ever had. I was also pleased to see a few first-timers at the reunion, which is always fun. Thanks to everyone who attended and special thanks to all of those who helped organize the event! Now down to business. The first one to write in this time is our Big Bang classmate, **BILL PRADY**.



*Bill Prady, '77, and Star Trek's Wil Wheaton at the Anti-Defamation League Annual Entertainment Industry Gala*



*Bill Prady, '77, and Matthew Seeger, CFPCA Dean at Wayne State's College of Fine Performing and Communication Arts 38th Arts Achievement Awards*

He writes in to say somewhere in the mid to latter part of one's career, before one is completely shown the door, one is urged toward it by the bestowing of awards. Bill was honored to receive several this year. He was presented the Arts Advocacy Award by Wayne State, the college he says he dropped out of, and he was also the 2017 Anti-Defamation League Entertainment Industry honoree. But Bill says that no award he's received over the course of his career can compare to the one he received at the Alumni Reunion this year: Best Chicken/Friend. If you weren't there, ask someone who was. Next up is **RANDY LAZER**. Randy says that he just wanted to share how wonderful it was to see everybody 40 years on, and to pass along his gratitude to your humble class secretary, Julie Rodecker, K'77, and our other classmates who gave of their time and caring, so we could have such a great reunion. During reunion weekend, Randy went for a couple of runs looping around Cranbrook and Kingswood. At the end he ran around the track faster than he did 40 years ago during the three weeks he was on the track team. He says perhaps that explains why he was on the track team for only three weeks! Randy said that one of the most heartfelt conversations he had that weekend was with his former Algebra II teacher, Claudia Schuette. He shared with her that Algebra II literally saved his life. She had quite a look of surprise on her face, but he relayed that she had taught us that if we weren't realizing the correct solution, we needed to take a different approach and not be limited by what we might consider. Ms. Schuette kind of wired his brain to think outside of the box, which is what he did to identify alternative therapies that kept him alive when he had about two weeks left after his sixth heart surgery, and the very best doctors couldn't provide any further treatment. Randy was able to thank his good buddies from Marquis Hall and the many who were frequent visitors. Spending three years of life with them was not only a great experience but truly made him a much stronger person. Without those three years, he doesn't think he would have developed the mental fortitude to make it through the wholly unexpected obstacles on his journey. He was also truly touched by the acts of kindness of **BILL PRADY**, **BOB BECHEK**, and many others, who were there for a classmate and his family who were going through some difficult times. He says that it was very nice to see so many who have lived their lives in such a good and caring way, from

how they have raised their children to the wonderful and exceptional endeavors they have pursued. Our reunion was perhaps the very best gathering of people he has been a part of, as aside from having such a positive impact upon our world, these are the type of people one truly values and has such a great time being with. To Randy our class represents the message of his favorite quote, which is, "Follow your dreams and enjoy the trip." Although 40 years have somehow passed, all of us have a lot left to keep touching the lives of others in a positive way, and to continue making this world a better place as long as we are able. I also recently heard from **MARK HOOTON**.



*Mark Hooton, '77, and family at the Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers "Hydrofest"*

He writes in to say that he and his family recently competed in the Metro Detroit Chevy Dealers "Hydrofest" for H1 Unlimited Hydroplanes with their team, the U-1 Miss HomeStreet/Miss Madison. The team won the American Power Boat Association's Gold Cup, the oldest active trophy in all of motor sports. The win at Detroit extended their lead in National High Points, and they will finish out the season September 15-17 at the San Diego, Calif., Bayfair event. They look forward to seeing any Southern California classmates at Bayfair! Well, that's all for this semester. Until the next one ... Carpe Diem!

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It was fantastic to see so many of you at our 40th reunion. Did we have a good time, or what? Thank you to everyone who arranged to come back to our gorgeous campus and make the weekend so special. Our Distinguished Alumni, **JULES KNITTEL PIERI** and Bob

Becek, C'77, deserve another shout out. We are so proud of you. Jules wrote from the quiet island of Tinos, in the Greek Aegean, where she spent two weeks this summer. **ELLI NIKOLAIDOU** visited Jules while she was there. Though they didn't know one another well while at K'wood, they connected at reunion.



*Jules Knittel Pieri and Elli Nickolaidou*

They ate their way across the island, joining in on some of the Greek holiday celebrations and taking dips in the crystalline Aegean. After experiencing a rough undertow, Jules reports, "We were happy to live to drink more ouzo, but if we had perished, at least we would have died happy in those turquoise Cycladic waters."

**DONNA KATZMAN GREENWALL** said that her husband and mom were encouraging her to attend the reunion, along with what felt like a trillion emails from the reunion committee, which had her almost convinced to attend, but when Elli called her from Greece to say that she was coming, Donna booked her ticket. Most of the time when she returns home to Michigan she must deal with family matters. This time she had fun...so much fun. She felt total joy and "loved reuniting with the coolest, kindest, funniest, beautiful group of classmates." She wants to pass along her gratitude to the reunion planners, and is thankful that there was a memorial table to show our love to our classmates who have passed. We have Kim to thank for that. Donna mentioned how touched she was that my daughter, Charlotte, toasted me at our class dinner. I was touched too! When you travel to San Francisco, let Donna know. People often ask her for referrals to great restaurants, and she tells them that her home is their best bet. **ANNIE LOWERY** said that our 40th reunion was the BEST! Since reunion, she has enjoyed brief visits and photo ops with **ALISON PORTER MCADAM** in Colorado and **JANET GARRITY TAGETT** in Bellaire, Mich. Janet met Annie at Short's Brewery, and then they

drove around to some special places attached to their summer together at Four Way Lodge on Torch Lake. Annie is thrilled to share that she moved to Jackson, Wyo., to start a new chapter in her life with The Clear Creek Group. If anyone is passing through or looking for luxury property rentals in the Tetons, please be in touch. On her way west, Annie saw **BETSY RUBINER** and then saw **LISA SCHOENFELD TOUSLEY** upon her arrival in Wyo. **CAROL HIMELHOCH** and husband, Steve Ball, had great adventures this summer. They purchased a small cabin cruiser that they keep at the Detroit Yacht Club. They used the DYC as their launching point to travel up Lake Huron to St. Ignace, Mackinac Island, Hessel, and Cedarville. They stayed in some fun ports along the way, including Harbor Beach and Presque Isle on the way up and Presque Isle and Lexington on the way home. They took their bikes aboard so that they could explore all the towns they visited, covering more ground by bike than by foot. Carol's favorite part was experiencing the waves rocking them to sleep each night. Chuck Himelhoch, '38, turned 98 in August! They had a nice family celebration at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, where Mr. Himelhoch is a life member. Carol said it was great to see everyone who could make it to our reunion. **CINDY FRENKEL** wrote in to say that one of the highlights of her summer was reconnecting with so many beloved classmates at our 40th. She is back in full swing teaching now. Her daughter, Hannah, is home from an amazing trip to India, and has just started graduate school at U-M for social work. **DANA SCHNEIDER** thanks Cindy for staying in touch and reminding her how great Kingswood was and is. She's sorry that she had to miss our reunion but really enjoyed seeing our class photo. Unfortunately, Dana had five surgeries in the past year but she promises that she will be fine. In an effort to regain her mojo she traveled quite a bit, 14 countries in all! One high point was having sushi at Jiro's in Tokyo.



*Dana Schneider '77*

Another was helping to take care of rescued elephants in Northern Thailand. The best day of the year was taking her mother on a backstage tour of the new "Star Trek: Discovery" TV show that she was working on. Finally, Dana could share what she loves about her work with her mother.



*Jennifer Nolte Stevens, '77, and daughters, Suzanna and Alexandra*

**JENNIFER NOLTE STEVENS** also mentioned how great it was to see everyone at our reunion. She and husband, Mark, have settled into their new home. They are celebrating their 25th anniversary in Bora Bora. Daughter, Suzanna, graduated from the University of Arizona and is working at Enterprise Rental Car in their sales management program. Daughter, Alexandra, is continuing her studies in neuroscience as a junior at U-M. Jennifer and Mark are heading to Ann Arbor to visit Alexandra and attend U-M vs. MSU game in October. **ALISON PORTER MCADAM** thanks everyone for carving out a weekend and making the effort to come from near and far for our big event. "It was fun to rekindle some of the energy from our class. I hope to see all and more at our next gathering." Alison thanks the reunion planning committee: **ERIC BOOTH, ANDY CRAIG, BRIAN GORAY, KERRIE SEIBERT GORAY, DONNA KATZMAN GREENWALL, CAROL HIMELHOCH, KIM GOOD JOBOULIAN, DONALD JONES, LESLIE JONES-ZELLER, POLLY JO WHEATON KEMLER, LINDA GOAD LARISCH, ANNIE LOWERY, PAUL MATURO, ELLI NIKOLAIDOU, JULIE RODECKER, DANIELLE WENNER SCHOENINGER,** and



**MIMI ROSEBROUGH WHEELER.** I want to thank everyone who helped to make our 40th a huge success including Cranbrook's Office of Alumni Relations. I also want to thank all of you who contributed to our class gift. You were very generous, and it is greatly appreciated by the schools and the students who will benefit from your generosity.

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## CK78

Hello, Wonderful Class of 1978! I sent you all postcards asking for exciting updates on what's happening in your lives, but apparently most of you are withholding your news to share with us in person next June 8-10, 2018 for OUR 40th reunion! Just a reminder, I cannot write this column without you. Can you believe it, it has been 40 years since graduation? It can't be, but IT IS! Please save the date, mark that weekend as "SAVED" on your calendar, book your tickets, fill your gas tank, and plan to have one of the happiest, most memorable weekends of your life. It would mean so much if everyone showed up. The class of 1977 had an incredible showing, let's show them up (hee, hee)! **JESSIE DAVIDSON** is an on-site physician and medical director of a retirement community in Palo Alto, Calif. Jessie is getting very involved in important issues for geriatric care, such as fall prevention and the philosophy of dementia care. Jessie dropped her daughter off at Brandeis for her freshman year. Her first to leave home, that's a tough one. I feel for you, Jessie. Her son is in eighth grade and getting very independent. The family spent the summer traveling throughout New Zealand and Fiji, and then backpacked in the Sierras. Jessie is looking forward to retiring, and hopefully looking forward to our REUNION! **BONNIE HARVEY CLARK** writes, "I think this is my first update in 40 years. Yikes!" She says all is well. She and her husband, Ed, have five children and live in Erie, Pa. "No jokes!" Ed is a nephrologist. (Yes, I did have to look that up, specialty in medical and pediatrics of the kidney.) He would like to retire, but they still have three kids to get through college or grad school. Bonnie recently retired from a job at a technical school, teaching "science stuff." They have their oldest child getting married this fall. Bonnie is very much looking forward to our

reunion in June! **JIM VIZZACCARO** shares that he has been divorced now for 18 years and lives in Livonia, Mich. Proudly, he reports that his son, Matt, graduated from U-M in 2016 with a degree in business finance and is hoping to attain his MBA. Jim works for Ford Motor in Dearborn in the I.T. department. He and his team are designing a new data center for Ford, the first time in over 60 years. "This is a very exciting project and I am so proud to be part of it!" Jim hopes to retire (Aren't we too young for retirement?) in a few years and says with a smile, "Let's see how the market does." Jim enjoys spending his free time boating with his son, Matt, and time up north. (Does it get more beautiful than northern Michigan? I think not!) Jim and Matt went on a one week fishing trip into northern Ontario last June. He said it was awesome. Jim recently changed his insurance carrier and (smart choice) is now with Claudia Lynn Haluska's, '77, Allstate in Novi!



*Susan Aikens Post with Doug Sills on the Set of War Paint*

Our fearless, dedicated Alumni Director **SUSAN AIKENS POST** writes that she feels like she has seen so many classmates over the course of the past year that she apologizes if she has forgotten reporting on some. "There is never a dull moment in the Alumni Relations Office, at Cranbrook/Kingswood. A fun perk is seeing fellow 1978 grads on campus and on the road. The past year brought enjoyable connections with some of our own. Both **JOHN HORVATH** and **CLIFF EWALD** volunteered at the Alumni Career Fair last January, giving career and educational advice

to current juniors and seniors. I finally made it the Bob Woodruff Foundation Stand Up for Heroes event in New York in fall 2016 and attended a pre-event reception hosted by **MIKE KEYES**. Thanks to Mike, Brown Forman has been a longtime supporter of this event that has raised millions of dollars for veterans' initiatives. Mike's daughter, Sarah, is an actress, who has been working hard in the city. I was blessed to meet up with, and attend this event, with my daughter, who lives in N.Y.C. It was great mixing it up with the generations. Billy Holmes, '79, and Barb Gibbons Kotzen, '79, and their young adult children joined us as well. I also stopped by **MEG MEURER BROSSY's** office on Park Avenue. In February, I visited **CHRIS JONES JUNEAU** in Connecticut. She showed me all around her stomping grounds. On another visit to N.Y.C. in the spring, I had the thrill of seeing **DOUGLAS SILLS** in the Tony-nominated Broadway hit, War Paint. After the show, Doug met my family at the stage door and gave us a backstage tour. The beautiful Nederlander Theater, of course. Doug was wonderful and provided many of the laughs and some fantastic musical moments in the show. See it! War Paint. I highly recommend it. **LISA WIEMER LILLELUND** was in Detroit to address The Sustainable Brands 2017 Conference at Cobo Hall. Lisa gave the welcome to 300 global thought-leaders and sustainability practitioners gathered in the city. I got to catch up with her when she hosted a reception at the swanky new Detroit Foundation Hotel. It is set in the city's 1929 Fire Department Headquarters! Those of you who have not seen Detroit in the past several years are in for a happy, wonderful surprise. The ultimate in recycling. In April it was fun to see alumni participating in the annual Ring Ceremony at Christ Church Cranbrook. **BONNIE HARVEY CLARK** and her sister, Elizabeth Harvey Shabino, '75, presented a ring to their niece, Katie. Reunion weekend was fun to watch the class of 1977, but there were a fair amount of 1978 sightings as well. **BEV BROWN RUGGIA** and **BEE HOWES** came out to support their dorm friend, Jules Knittel Pieri, '77, who received the Distinguished Alumna Award, and spoke at the girls' commencement.



*Jules Knittel Pieri, '77, Beverly Brown Ruggia, Bee Howes, both '78, Donna Stockton, Raquel Villaruel Thueme, and Martta Tuomala, all '77*

It was fun to see the boarders together. **ERIN PORTER** and **LAURA WILNER CRAIG** with hubby, Andy Craig, '77, were also party to the festivities. Our 1978 gang said the gathering gave them lots of inspirations for our own upcoming 40th reunion (Did I mention WE have a reunion coming up? Mark your calendars!) Last summer includes visits from **BETH CLARK DECESENA** (and Latte, xo) and **CINDY HEITSCH CORRIGAN**. Beth was moving her mother, English teacher extraordinaire, Betsy Clark, to a new apartment in Birmingham, to better serve her needs. With the loss of her dad, Cindy was back and forth all spring, wrapping up the sale of the family homestead of five decades. She was fortunate to have the able and amazing assistance of our own class secretary, **SUE ANN HARRISON SCHREDDER**, (Thank you, Susan and **MEG MEURER BROSSY**, for the recommendation) in putting together the estate sale that preceded the closing. Despite the demands of this labor-intensive process, Cindy found the time to donate a treasure trove of Kingswood memorabilia from her mother's collection to the alumni office. I am looking forward to seeing **TOM ROBINSON** this fall, when he participates in the Detroit Homecoming Event sponsored by Crain's Business Detroit. As a professor at Stanford University, Tom is known as a research pioneer who uses creative interventions to combat obesity, and his work with young people in at-risk communities has drawn particular notice. Tom will be part of a panel on campus with other Cranbrook alumni at the end of the weekend by going to a Michigan football game (Go Blue!) with his dad. Sounds perfect to me." Susan also was blessed to see **KARIN**

**HARTMANN LUDLOW** and family. They had a beautiful celebration of the life of her father, Jan Hartmann, at one of the most amazing architectural buildings and sanctuaries ever, Kirk in the Hills. Karin's daughter, Isabel, "is a lovely girl, and starting her junior year (an aardvark, xoxo) this fall. Karin took some time off from her job as a stage manager for Odyssey Opera to be available for her parents, but she plans to be working again in the fall. She is optimistic she will be able to attend our REUNION!" Thank you, Susan, for this wonderful share! **ELIZABETH SAMPSON**, "Sam," writes me fun and exciting news from Los Angeles. I do remember you, Sam. She went to Kingswood as a boarder her senior year. Since then she has been a busy girl. She has never written but always enjoys reading what her fellow classmates are doing, via *Tradition!* I appreciate that! "Maybe because we are in our '50s I am feeling nostalgic!" (I hope that means you will be coming to our reunion!) Sam ran into her cousin, Chase Brand, '79, and his friend Harold Hancock, '79, last summer. After graduating from Kingswood/Cranbrook, Sam went to The American University in Washington, D.C. There, she was a dance major and advanced onto The American Conservatory Theatre, in San Francisco, a few years after **DOUGLAS SILLS** attended. Sam worked there for a few years, doing some leading roles and then set her sights on Los Angeles. In L.A., she has been working in theatre and television since 1992. She is shooting three episodes of Law and Order: True Crime-The Menendez Brothers with Edie Falco. She is a juror in episodes five and six, but does not have the deliberation scenes until episode seven, airing around November 7. Sam also teaches acting at UCLA and a master class at Pepperdine University, where Sam's husband, actor Scott Alan Smith, is a visiting professor as well. He also teaches at UCLA and CSUN, is a theatre director and has done over 120 guest appearances in film and television. He is currently shooting a film with Christian Bale. Sam and Scott have been married since 1990 and have two rescue cats and a rescue Chihuahua. Sam became a playwright in 2003, and many actors have read her plays. She sent me a picture of Kathy Barker and Perry King reading one of her 'one-acts' called Irish Coffee. (Hope this doesn't keep you from coming to reunion, Sam!) "In early August we are shooting a film on Higgins Lake that I have written called Petoskey Stones, adapted from my full-length play." (Let me know if you

need any Michiganders on set, Sam.) Sam is a spoken word artist and performs her stories at venues around town. For the past seven years she has produced the largest New York Playwrights Festival in the country where her plays are read and she directs readings. "My life is pretty much entirely the arts." Sam remembers her time at Kingswood fondly. Her mother was also a Kingswood girl, Class of 1946. Sadly, her mom passed, from breast cancer, in 1991. Sam remains friends with **STACIE GREENWALD**, who also lives in LA, and **TRUDY MILLER**, who is back in London after years of living in Africa (I wish I could hear from you both, Stacie and Trudy. Please come to reunion!) Sam signs off saying, "So, hello! From across the years! My real name is **ELIZABETH SAMPSON**, but my nickname is Sam." Her bio is cool. She is the daughter of a Brigadier General, born at West Point Military Academy on Memorial Day. She grew up in Buenos Aires, Stuttgart, Heidelberg, Wurzburg, London, Saudi Arabia, Washington D.C., Washington State, Michigan, Texas, South Carolina, and New York. She went to 16 schools and graduated from Kingswood/Cranbrook. Her husband, Scott, who is an actor and writer is known for Stargate, Déjà Vu, and The X Files. Very cool!



*Mike Popenas and Mont Wickham, both '78*

**MIKE POPENAS** shared that he ran into **MONT WICKHAM**, in March at Bayview, had a few beers and caught up. How fun! I know we will see those two handsome guys at reunion. **MARTHA JAMES QUAY** shares that she is so excited for our 40th reunion, but does not feel any older than 19. I feel ya, Martha! Although, I may stretch it to 25. "Young John, 24, took a



job with Huntington Bank in Troy and is very content. He is living in Berkley with a high school friend. James, 31, is doing research at Columbia in N.Y.C. Courtney, '02, age 33, is married and has two, the joy of my life, children, Jane Courtney, and Elizabeth Quay." They are, of course, perfect according to their Nanny and Diddy. Martha's neck problems, gratefully, are almost totally gone. Does that mean you could/would, possibly, God willing, host our reunion?! Martha shares, "Life is great. Love to everyone!" **JENNIFER SIBLEY CLEMENT** writes from Mexico that she is president of PEN International and the first woman elected in over 100 years. Last year, Jennifer was the commencement speaker at NYU. Her new novel, Gun Love, will be out in March. I hope you bring lots to sign at our reunion! **SUSAN VARBEDIAN LUCKEN** says it's been a busy year, but she and Tim managed to play a lot of golf last winter, in Naples and Boca Raton. Her son, Griffin, graduated from MSU in May with a bachelor's in science in media and information and is working in Denver, Colo., with a technology company. As Susan fears the complete empty nesting, gratefully her stepson, Ryan, is moving back from Maryland after 10 years to work as a health care recruiter in Novi. Ships passing in the night! Susan remains very involved with Christ Church Cranbrook, volunteering where she can. She very much enjoys writing the monthly medical column for the church and being a part of the Parish Health Ministry. She continues to knit for the Prayer Shawl ministry, as she has done for 13 years. God Bless You, Susan. She is excited about working on the Christ Church Cranbrook Gala Committee, planning the 90th, yes 90th anniversary of our beloved (baccalaureate) church, Christ Church Cranbrook. Susan is also very involved with The Michigan State University Nursing School and nursing students. She loves that. Susan is so looking forward to our reunion! GO CLASS OF 1978! And from your secretary, life is good. I am still recovering from my accident last November. I totally want to give a shout out to Tracy and **FRANK HOUTTEKIER** for being the greatest friends a human being could have. When I was non-weight bearing/homebound I would wake up to one of the two shoveling my driveway, walking my dog, bringing me meals. Just amazing. God sent. True friends. And their kindness just continued on right through my surgery. I was happy I could go to my son's graduation in a wheelchair, but oh well. I was there. I am super excited to continue to heal

as I have two incredible events coming up, my daughter's wedding in March, and our 40th! I was blessed to visit my daughter for two days for my birthday, and I was able to have dinner and see a movie the next day, with **NATALIE FORD**.



Natalie Ford and Sue Ann Harrison Schredder, both '78

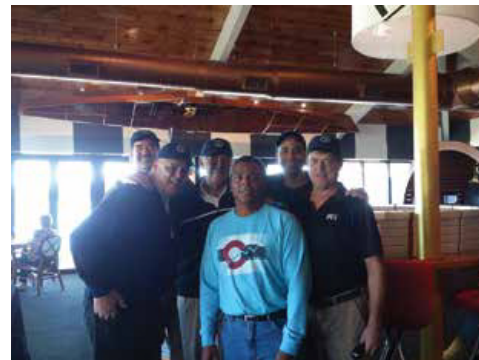
The movie was horrible, but the time was priceless. I love that I talk to **LAURA WILNER CRAIG** at least three or four times a week, **PATTY SMITH MOSS**, and Dana Vikser Loewenstein, wife of **RICK LOEWENSTEIN**, regularly. I am working at an Italian shop in Birmingham, Primi Piatti, while trying to grow the business I started before my accident, Party Perfect. I left work last Friday and went to O'Mara's to witness the guitar expertise of **RAY SANTERINI**. Rumor has it he, **JOSH BROWN**, and Shawn Gallaway, '77, may entertain us at our 40th reunion! Be There or Be Square (Just Be There!) Love to all! Can't write this if you don't write me. See you in June! All the best.

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## C79

Apparently it has been a quiet time for the Cranes of 1979, since not many have sent updates. Last fall I did hear from daredevil **BOB BREEDEN**, who sent this via Facebook: "Kingswood Cranbrook classmates, I would love to connect with you, reunion? Springtime is prime time in Alaska. If you are coming up to Alaska sometime get ahold of me and let's meet. Yes, you can see from this Red Bull video ([www.redbull.com/int-en/paul-guschlbauer-alaska-flights](http://www.redbull.com/int-en/paul-guschlbauer-alaska-flights)) what my son, Bobby, and I enjoy, flying and hiking in pretty places and the mountains. My traveling bug came during

the exchange program at Cranbrook, Kent, England." There was also a grand meeting of the boarder brain trust, I know this is an oxymoron, at **STEVE SCHWARTZ's** farm in Suttons Bay. In attendance were **HAROLD HANCOCK, JERRY SCHMITT, MANU MUKASA** and international man of mystery **BRIAN SMITH**.



Repent!

In an effort to finally get off of probation, they invited former dean of students, Del Walden, and asked him to release them from their bonds if they bought him lunch. No word if he had them vacuum the restaurant as well. A repeat of the event is scheduled again for 2017 and beyond with all welcome from our class or anyone interested. **RICHARD GOLDEN** also posted a picture on Facebook of his reunion with Chris Carter, '78, who he met up with in San Diego.



Chris Carter, '78, and Richard Golden, '79

Looking forward to crossing paths with lots of you this year. I've been asked to be on the Cranbrook Board of Governors, which I am honored and excited to be doing, so will be in the neighborhood a little more often. Please be sure to visit our Facebook page Cranbrook Class of '79 or send your updates to me at [Chase.Brand60@gmail.com](mailto:Chase.Brand60@gmail.com).

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## K79

Hello from Sonoma, Calif. Thank you to those who connected for this issue of *Tradition*. Obviously as our lives get busier there is less time to write about our busy lives. I empathize. Because of these busy lives, this will be a very brief note. **BARB GIBBONS KOTZEN** writes that she, **HEIDI OLESEN SHURTLEFF**, and Missy Christie de Koning, '80, met up in Steamboat Springs in March of 2017.



*Heidi Olesen-Shurtleff, '79, Barb Gibbons Kotzen, '79, and Missy Christie de Koning, '80*

Barb's oldest son, Matt, had moved there, and they timed a ski trip to visit him and Heidi and Doug at the same time. Missy drove up from Denver to see them all! **ANNE MURPHY** reports that they had a great New England weekend fishing, sailing and swimming with sister, Mary Murphy Plowman, '81, and her daughter, Molly, who is starting middle school at Kingswood!



*Nicholas Nold, son of Ann Murphy, '79*

Anne's son, Nicholas, is off to high school. How can that be? **LAURIE FRANKEL** writes that her kids, Leia and Nathan, are a junior and a sophomore (respectively), at CK. Laurie is still involved with the CK Alumni Association, and she really enjoys meeting fellow alums whom she would normally never meet. She encourages us to check out the alumni

association gear for sale, some cool things. Laurie also mentions that she bumped into Harold Hancock, C'79, when he dropped his son, Alex, off at camp in Michigan this past summer and also at our 38th reunion. **MARJIE BILYEU GELL** reports that all is well with Dan Gell, '78, and their family. They recently dropped off their daughter, Caroline, at Loyola University in Chicago, where she is in the five-year accounting program. Caroline spent the summer volunteering in a primate rehab center in South Africa: sort of a pre-empty-nester trial for the mom and dad. Marjie and Dan continue to enjoy precious time with friends and family, and they welcome any classmates who would like to spend time with them in a guestroom in Grand Rapids! So to round off this very brief note, **TINA JOHN GRIPPI** (me) is still busy being the taxi to our girls and their sporting commitments. Our 14-year-old, Dani(elle), is now a freshman in high school, and Jojo (Joanna), our 13-year-old, is in seventh grade. Dani is committed to club volleyball and made the JV Volleyball team and bypassed the freshman team in her freshman year. Jojo is committed to gymnastics but is really good at every sport. She is a member of her club gymnastics travel team, plays volleyball for her school, and soccer in a fall recreational league. As for me, I am still on several boards (recreational soccer, SV Republican Women, etc.) as well as helping out at both schools. My husband, Chris, is a general contractor. In between paying jobs, he/we work on the remodel of our own home. Hopefully, this will be our "forever house." We are planning a pool and pool house for guests (the "pond" for the ducks and fish was a priority for the hubby). Hopefully, the pool and pool house will be next on the priority list, so we can entertain friends, etc. Never a dull moment!

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## C80

We meet again to share stories and updates on our families and lives. **JON MELNICK** sends greetings from Austin, Texas.



*Jon Melnick, '80, and wife, Cami*

He writes that he changed jobs a few years back, moving from tech to tech recruiting. He manages a boutique firm with roots in Detroit and is capable of filling jobs across the U.S. He and wife, Cami, are now empty nesters and find that they have more time for dining out, such as at Franklin Barbecue (see picture, the foodies will know about this place). Their son, Tim, is a senior majoring in finance at Oklahoma State University, home of the Cowboys, and daughter, Julia, is a sophomore at Auburn University in Alabama. He appreciates all the prayers sent to him after the Houston storm. **MARK DUNNING** is living in Brookhaven, Ga., and working at ALPLA, Inc., an Austrian global manufacturer of plastic packaging, as their director of HR for its 14 US locations. He just bought a house, finished some modest renovations, and welcomes anyone calling when they're in the area, especially for a round of golf or dinner. Just prior, he worked for seven years at West Pharmaceutical Services in Scottsdale and Tempe, Ariz., while he played constant golf, traveled to Hawaii three times, played Pebble Beach twice, the TPC-Scottsdale at least six times, and enjoyed every bit of the weather. I heard from **STEPHEN PARK**, who still sees ADAM (SKIP) PERRIN a few times a year. They both went to Cleveland to see U2. Great show. Coming home occasionally as his folks still live in Wabeek. Eldest graduated college and now officially off the payroll. Younger boy a junior at Amherst. Staying plenty busy at work but enjoying the empty nest with Eileen. Still golfing but not getting any better.



**TOM ZIMMER** writes, "Weiny, I write this as we wait for Irma. Thankfully, Jacksonville has been spared so far, but we are thinking of so many friends and family all over the west coast! Prayers go out to them and obviously thoughts, prayers, and condolences to the Snyder family! Our 18-year-old son, Henry, is a freshman at Auburn University, **DAVID MILLER**'s godson, and he loves it! He was accepted to the school newspaper, Auburn Plainsman, as a sports writer! Had his first assignment last night—women's volleyball vs Clemson! He also joined a fraternity, Delta Tau Delta, and is enjoying that part of college life. We will visit over parents' weekend and watch AU vs Mercer, and Oct. 6 vs Ole Miss! Who ever thought I would be rooting for and supporting SEC schools! Our 15-year-old daughter, Anne-Charles, DR. **SCOTT RUTCHICK**'s goddaughter, is a sophomore at Episcopal School of Jacksonville and has her hands full with five AP classes, theatre, and several leadership positions on campus and in church!



*Children of Tom Zimmer, '80*

Clearly both take after their father! I am still with Merrill Lynch as a financial advisor, and my wife, Langdon, is working for *Mint Magazine*, parent company Valassis, out of Detroit ... we are set to celebrate our 20th anniversary in Disney World in November." Go, Zim! I saw **CJ GHESQUIRE** the other day, who by the way gave me a good deal on my new Cadi, thanks CJ, and checks in with the graduation of their youngest, Kyle. They have completed a trifecta (three boys) Cranbrook

marathon of education that started in PK at Brookside when the boys were three years old. It's a long process as we all know. Patty and CJ are empty nesters, kinda. All three boys in school or working, so still have visitors during the summer months. They also joined us at the reunion this June for a great time on the quad. **TOM HOWLETT** says he is sorry that he and Kim have finally "graduated" from Cranbrook, with daughters, Jemma, '13, and Tessa, '17, now off to life in Brooklyn and at Smith College, respectively. After 16+ years back at Cranbrook as parents, he can attest to two things: (1) the schools are even better than they were a generation ago; and (2) a visit to campus, however brief, always leaves him in a better mood than when he arrived. **JEFF BROWN** was in Telluride, Colo., last May, and I caught up with Tim Cannon and Slate Stern, both '81, for a high altitude mini-Cranbrook reunion.



*Jeff Brown, '80, Tim Cannon and Slate Stern, both '81*

**MARK STEPHENS** writes, "I am still up to the same stuff working in medical and IT. Oldest daughter, Emily, successfully defended her thesis in Neuroscience at Dartmouth in June and is now the next Dr. Stephens. She is working as a professor at the college for the next few years while her boyfriend, Max, does the same.



*Molly, Emily, and Matthew, children of Mark Stephens, '80*

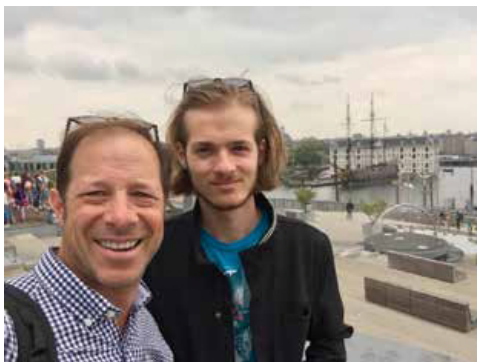
Son, Matthew, graduated last year from Michigan with a degree in computer engineering and is working as an iOS programmer for MetroMile in Boston. He is living in Cambridge and loving the small town college feel. Youngest, Molly, is a junior at MSU and getting her degree in nutrition science and is a member of ZTA sorority. She is still considering nursing but thinks she will stay in nutrition. Update on **RON WEINER**, "I was elected chair of the board of directors for Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit. We provide support, education, and activities for those with cancer and their families. I joined Lipton Law in Southfield four years ago and I litigate cases against nursing homes for abuse and neglect of elderly patients. Hannah lives in Boston and Abby is a sophomore at MSU. Amy and I celebrated our 27th anniversary in July. Great job, Amy, for putting up with him for almost three decades! (Two of the best people around). **SCOTT RUTCHIK** had a great summer. Sarah and he are preparing to go to Israel this fall with his mom. Golf handicap unchanged, but no worse. Practice very busy. Call him if any of you will be in Chicago/South Bend. His home is always open to my fellow CK-ers!



*Ross Knights, '80, wife, Alexandra, and sons, Henry and Walter*

**ROSS KNIGHTS** shares that, "My wife, Alexandra Dorf, and I are delighted to

announce the arrival of our son, Walter Frederick Dorf Knights, born February 27. His big brother, Henry, 4, is exceedingly proud and mostly helpful. Here in Boston, Walter can count among his admirers Carolyn Goldstein, K'80, and her husband, Jon Haber, and Rachel Freudenburg, K'80, and her husband, Andreas Thomas. After four years at TripAdvisor, I am now employed at Lola, a travel startup launched by the founders of KAYAK." As for my family, we try not to take life for granted and appreciate its fragility. My daughter, Danielle, received her MPA from U-M, is happily married to Josh Kroll, and they live close to us in Bloomfield Hills. She is a co-founder and director at a software firm called CourtWorks. My son, Nic, spent the summer months at Utrecht University in the Netherlands studying Dutch.



Scott Weinberg, '80, and son, Nic, in Amsterdam

I was able to visit and celebrate my birthday with him in Amsterdam and we hopped around the Netherlands like a bull frog. My wife, Rhonda, and Danielle spent a week with Nic in Paris, France, and they had a wonderful time peering off the Eiffel Tower. Nic is at the U-M majoring in mathematics and a researcher in cosmology. For those who remember my mom, AUDREY, '80, I just talked with her, and she is doing great in Delray Beach, Fla., survived Irma and says, "Hi" to all my old Cranbrook friends. Big smile. Keep me updated on your comings and goings at [scott@scottweinberg.com](mailto:scott@scottweinberg.com). Until next time ... Vaarwel!

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MARY ELLEN O'BRIEN WILLIAMS sends her greetings from Honolulu with a big "Mahalo." She is working as the registrar and career

coach at her daughter's school, St. Andrew's Schools. She enjoys helping the seniors get ready to apply and interview for internships. She recently took a trip to Baltimore, as well as Petersburg, Va., and Wilmington, N.C., and had a chance to spend a day at the National African American Museum. **DANA SEGAL WEINSTEIN's** son, Miles, graduated from U-M this year in mechanical engineering and just started grad school in sustainable energy engineering in Barcelona. Her daughter, Leah, is a sophomore at U-M. Dana continues to work part-time as a nutritionist at University of Chicago Medical Center in pediatric IV nutrition. She and her husband, Steve, plan to travel to Europe more often to visit Miles. Dana enjoyed a visit with Mary Ellen O'Brien Williams and family in Hawaii last January. **KARIANNE HOSKINS BONELLO** enjoyed Military Ball with her daughter, Jennifer, last November and plans to attend again for the last year.



Karianne Hoskins Bonello, '80, and daughter, Jennifer

Jenni will be moving back home in a few months when she is finished with the Marines. **LINDA ROSALIK** has moved on from Bermuda. She is now in Washington D.C., re-evaluating the meaning of the Chinese Curse "May you live in interesting times." **ANNE FLECKENSTEIN BENGE** bought her company after running the office for nine years. She rebranded and is CEO of Cultura, which is a certified Woman Owned Business-#lovewhereyouwork. Anne's company creates places where people love to work in design, furniture, and strategy. She reports that her job is very cool and she is very happy. Anne reconnected with **CAROLYN HARTMANN** and **JENNIFER BURNS ROMEISER** last year and was pleased to report that nothing had changed! **BARBARA SIBLEY** always is busy and up to interesting things. In addition to La Palapa and La Palapa Taco Bar at Urbanspace Vanderbilt, she is creative director at Holiday

Cocktail Lounge. She still makes time to be on the board of Les Dames D'Escoffier, which is an organization that provides scholarships to women in the culinary world. In addition, Barbara works on the Grace Church School Board. Her children, Alex, 13, and Arielle, 9, both attend Grace. She writes, "The highlight of our summer was learning to milk a cow in San Miguel de Allende. We were there visiting my mother, artist Kathleen Clement, and my sister, Jennifer Clement, '78, who is the first woman president of PEN International after almost 100 years." **SARAH AIKENS POST, moi,** is pleased to share the news of her daughter's marriage in September.



Wedding of Katie Post '05, daughter of Sarah Aikens Post '80, to Drew Wagner

Katie Post Wagner, '05, married Drew in a ceremony on the L'Arbre Croche beach in Harbor Springs, Mich. Katie and Drew were feted afterwards at a fun-filled reception on the beach with dancing, food, friends, and family. They are making their home in Bloomfield Hills, with Katie working for her father's financial planning firm, Diversified Portfolios, and Drew is working in Detroit. **CHRISTINA WLODARCZYK** passed away at age 54 on May 26, 2017. She was the beloved daughter of the late Dr. Adam and the late Katherine Bill Wiggins. She attended Randolph-Macon Women's College and worked for nearly 30 years for Unique Homes, where she was much more than just a co-worker, but was a friend to many. Her energy



and her enthusiasm were infectious, and she was always determined to go the extra mile. Even while sick these past few years, she talked about ideas for the future. Even while struggling with illness, she said she started every day thinking of one thing for which she was grateful. The class of 1980 extends condolences to Christina's aunt, Frances Earl Wiggins, her cousins, and extended family.

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## C81

If you read *Tradition* from cover to cover, you'll find that the class notes come under four categories. The "freshmen," who are excited about their new colleges, new jobs, and their 5-year reunions. The "sophomores," who are looking forward to weddings, their first children, and their exciting new jobs. Our group, the "juniors," with kids graduating from college, exciting new jobs, first grandchildren, and 40th reunions. And the "seniors," who wax rhapsodic about their retirements, their grandchildren's weddings, and their 80th reunions. The last issue of *Tradition* came with the unfortunate news that the king of us all, John K. Clement, had passed away. John was the class secretary for the class of 1934. He was 101 years old. A beloved Cornell grad and Rotary Club member who had retired in 1985 after years as the co-vice president of what was then the Brock Laundry Machine Co. Every six months I looked forward to his class notes. He was unbridled in his pride for our school, his excitement about his visits to campus, and his friendship with his only remaining classmate, Jim Talman, '34, who just celebrated his 100th birthday. As his class numbers decreased over the years, John was always poetic in his tributes and eulogies. He was a true gem, who went out with his class secretary boots on by making sure he filed his last class notes before he passed on. John and all of the other "senior" class secretaries are heroes in my book, and I encourage all of you to give the first pages of the class notes a read. Their stories help put our stories into context. Having said that, I usually don't make topical references in these remarks but, as I'm writing this, Hurricane Irma is bearing down on Florida, so I thought I should make an exception. Both **ADAM GORDON** and **DOUG ADKINS** live in the path of the storm. Doug's two facilities in north Florida are boarded up

and equipped with generators. He says, "We will be evacuating our home here on Amelia Island to avoid the expected storm surge, and we are hopeful that northeast Florida will avoid the major impacts. Floridians are resilient and will work to get back on their feet once this is over. Please keep Florida in your prayers!" Doug and his wife, Janet, have taken an exit from politics for now. "We had our oldest daughter, Emily, graduate from high school and transition to the University of North Florida into health administration. She loves it! My son, Douglas, has enrolled into the Bolles School as a junior, he is super focused on driving up his SAT scores and hopes to attend a top university. This summer we took a trip to France, with key trips to Paris, Normandy, and Mont St Michel. I was particularly impressed with Mont St Michel which was built for the archangel Michael. People have made pilgrimages there for thousands of years. We are continuing to expand our business interests here in Florida and have plans to build a second building on our 36-acre campus and two RTFs to be located elsewhere that will serve behavioral health needs. It's amazing how the campus of Cranbrook and its beauty has shaped my perspective through life. As I touch these buildings, designs, and the landscapes, my mind takes me to the many days I spent walking the grounds of Cranbrook, admiring the wisdom of the people who chose and decided how things might appear to the people who would call it home." It's been an eventful year for **ADAM GORDON** as well. After a cancer scare, Adam says he, "Just hunkered down with my daughter and ex-wife. Having a 'family care hurricane going on a bucket list cruise' with all four of us next week to say goodbye to brain cancer. Let's see some beauty!" **BEN CONNELLY** had his own cancer scare this year. "2017 was not a great year for the first three quarters. I am hopeful for the last quarter. Last Christmas, I was diagnosed with neck cancer, and I went through chemo and radiation for almost four months. My family was great. My daughter, Emma, rearranged her college exams to come home and take care of me. My wife, Tracy, was absolutely fabulous, and my sister and brother both came to help when coverage was not there. I can report that I am now cancer free, but I am told I have to wait five years to say that with any conviction. I feel better. I lost 60 pounds, so all my clothes look like I am wearing my dad's. Friends far and wide connected with me, had Catholic Masses said in my name, and

reminded me of the lovely and thoughtful people in my life. Emma is at Occidental College in LA, so she stopped by the Edwards' homestead and got a good dose of lovin' from Michele and ROB. By the way, Emma thinks Michele walks on water. Alex, my 16-year-old, is driving, taking a healthy AP load, and singing like crazy in the choir, the musical, and in a special show choir at school. We are just beginning to talk about college visits. I may be knocking on your collective doors in a few months. I am back to work, consulting for a company that does work for the federal government. I travel five days a week. (I am getting too old for this.) This year saw the loss of Maria Petrucci, K'81, and I am still saddened to think of how long it took to reconnect with her. My hopes are high for 2018 and, of course, that you all have a wonderful family around you to look after you and remind you of the great parts of your lives." I also heard from **BILL ALLESEE**. "It was a quiet summer for me. It started strong with Meredith, '11, earning her masters of art administration from Columbia College in Chicago. Then Joan and I drove Olivia, '14, to NYC for her internship at Marchesa. After a great time she's now back in Chicago, where she is in her senior year at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago where she's studying fashion design. She's interested in costume design and would love to talk to anyone in that business to learn more about it. I've had some time this summer to tackle some projects around the house and have knocked quite a few off my honey-do list. I'm looking forward to my schedule picking back up in the fall, so I can go to work and get some rest. :) I hope everyone has had a great summer, and I look forward to hearing what you've all been up to!" To that end, Bill would be happy to hear that **BOB LABES** says, "Life for me is simultaneously very similar and very different. I still practice law as a partner at a law firm called Squire Patton Boggs, but after more than 25 years living and practicing in Cleveland, my second wife and I are in the end stages of a permanent relocation to the Washington, D.C., area. I now work out of my firm's Washington office, and we are temporarily living in an apartment in Fairfax, VA, while we are in the process of building a house in Falls Church, VA, seven miles from the office. Trying to sell our house in the Cleveland area and traveling back and forth between Ohio and Virginia occupied much of the summer, though I did make it back to the Detroit area for a weekend for my father's 85th birthday celebration. My daughter, Emily,

is 27, and lives and works in New York City for a company that 'provides best practices and techniques in modern data solutions' for its clients. My son, Peter, graduated from Vanderbilt University in May and also moved to NYC, where he now works for Goldman Sachs. My stepdaughter, Arielle, is in her second year of medical school, and my stepson, Jordan, is in his second year of getting a PhD in political science, with a focus on the Middle East, so I have two academics and two future 'Masters of the Universe.' Sadly, other than through Facebook, I haven't caught up with any Cranes or Aardvarks in a very long time, although I did bump into Heidi Bleeker Herman, K'81, at the Women's March in D.C. last January, an inspiring event." I'm hoping to pop by and see Bob when I head out that way to watch my son play lacrosse. (More on that later.) **SLATE STERN** sends this, "I am going into my fifth year of serving as vice chair of a public charter high school in Santa Fe called New Mexico School for the Arts. It is exhausting work but making an enormous difference in lots of kids' lives. 50% of our kids come from at-risk homes. NMSA was named a National Blue Ribbon School, the first school in Santa Fe ever to receive this award. The NBRS Award is one the highest national honors a high school can achieve. It is a very cool place, and I am proud to be part of it!" Congratulations, Slate. Well done. **TIM KELLEY** was sad to hear about Mr. Snyder's passing. Tim keeps in touch with Mr. Snyder's son, Ben, and appreciated seeing the announcement on our Facebook page. Tim says life remains interesting in Germany. He just self-published a novel entitled *Seducing the Flame*. It's a historical thriller set in Caligula's Rome. It's available everywhere but, Tim says you can find it for the best price on lulu.com. "I think you should look into its film possibilities Rob!" Will do, Tim. Tim is heading into his tenth year as head (director) of the International School of Stuttgart, which is an entity in the international school world. He continues, "My wife continues to proudly work at Lufthansa, where her role continues to grow as a team leader in their headquarters in Frankfurt. Our two sons love soccer and are excited about starting to learn baseball in a program that has just started here in the city. It's a real novelty here. I continue to serve as the chair of the Association of German International Schools and have enjoyed traveling often to the Hague in the Netherlands to work with the International Baccalaureate organization, negotiating for

greater recognition within Germany." **BOB STONE** writes, "Gabi my oldest graduated from Wash U in St. Louis (Phi Beta Kapa) and is working at Kantar Millward Brown in Chicago. Jordan is a sophomore at Michigan and applying to get into the School of information. Jonah my youngest is a junior at Bloomfield Hills High School, and co-captain of the varsity hockey team. He coaches hockey and writes for the newspaper on the side. Loren and I are coming up on being married for 25 year and are still living on Wing Lake Rd., maybe two miles from Cranbrook. Life is good. Business is good. I'm a lucky guy! Classmates I've talked to:

**ANDY GELLMAN**. We talk all the time. He's living in Dallas, but is on the road a lot for his company, Ingenious. Debbie Wahl, K'81, and I had coffee two weeks ago in Detroit. She was in Detroit while her son was in town for fall football practice at Cranbrook. He'll be a Cranbrook boarder this fall. **JEFF SOBEL** was in town to escape Hurricane Irma. We spoke last week at the Michigan football game. He was there with his wife Laura and his three kids. I had a random conversation with **BOB CULVER** last week. Telemus, my firm, is opening an office in Chicago and I reached out to him I guess just because. He's living in Lincoln Park and is working for a money manager owned by JP Morgan Chase. I joined the BAC a few years back and every trip there is like a Cranbrook reunion. Lindsey Aikens Hefter and Sarah Aikens Post, both '80, Billy Holmes, '79, Bink Harvey, '80, Scott Weinberg, '80, Andy Rikfin, '83, and Matt Trunsky, '84. I started playing squash when I joined and now only regret that I didn't start when I was a kid. I'm sure I'm forgetting a ton of people but I've written enough."

**HAL BROWN** joined Vulcan to design and deploy autonomous aircraft that will be used to patrol wildlife sanctuaries in Africa. They will be used to protect the elephants from poachers and provide an ongoing aerial census of the wildlife populations. Hal says, "I've never designed an airplane before so it should be fun. The only part that has me puckered up is going to Botswana to deploy it. Apparently lions like to hang out near the camp, and buffalo occasionally stampede through the tents." He continues, "I haven't talked to Ben recently, but I am going down to Portland next week, so I will try and meet up with him." After 32 years of living and working in the Detroit area, **SCOTT STUBBS** is looking forward to moving out to the Rocky Mountains this fall. He accepted a position

with Grand Heritage Hotel Group in Estes Park, Colo., to run their real estate, meetings and events group. Scott says, "This should be a fun assignment, overseeing the design and development of the company's luxury hotel, conference and entertainment venues." If you're in the area, look Scott up at the Stanley Hotel! **CHARLIE COOK** says that Brad Wright, '80, came into town, and Carl Norris, '80, **MARK JONES**, **JAVAIR SAULSBERRY**, **TONY SMITH**, and **CHARLIE COOK** could not miss an opportunity to have a mini-reunion in his honor! Charlie says, "Champ's in West Bloomfield was the perfect spot for us to have great food, great drinks, and relive all the memories we've had at Cranbrook, and remember some things we forgot! As always it's good to see old friends and have a great time!" **KURT ZIMMERMAN** also lives in Florida.



*Jim Wells and Kurt Zimmerman, both '81, with their sons.*

He got to see **JIM WELLS** when Jim traveled to the sunshine state with his sons. He writes, "Jim traveled with his family from Germany to visit his parents, Dr. Wells taught in the science department and Mrs. Wells was my typing teacher. They continued on to south Florida so that Jim's son could try out with some high-level club soccer teams, Jim's son is an accomplished soccer player. Jim reached out to me, I live in Fort Lauderdale, and we decided to meet at a Dolphins preseason football game in Miami. It was really fun reconnecting with Jim and meeting his family." You can see the photograph on our Facebook page (Cranbrook / Kingswood 81). As for me, I just finished working on the screenplay for a movie based on the Call of Duty video games. After that, I'm starting on a project for Chris Rock, and I'm hoping to get another animated movie started in the fall. My wife, Michele, is having a ball selling vintage and estate jewelry. My older son, Jay, Cornell '14, is now an associate at Intermediate Capital Group in



NYC. My little guy, Sammy, is a midfielder on the Loyola University lacrosse team. We fly out to see him half-a-dozen times a year, and we're hoping to see **BOB LABES** the next time we're out east. I look forward to hearing from all of you soon. Send me a paragraph now, and I'll make sure it's in the next *Tradition*. You can reach me at any of the addresses below. Be well. Go Cranes!

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## K81

**DEBORAH WAHL** writes, "My big news is that my son, Alex, has started ninth grade as a boarder at Cranbrook. I'm so happy to be back in the Community honored to join the Board of Governors this year. It means a lot because it's the last year for Arlyce and Claudia Schuette. I added a few pictures; Alex and I checking out the eclipse in Birmingham, and his dorm room in Stevens Hall.



*Deborah Wahl's, '81, son, Alexander's, '21, dorm room*



*Deborah Wahl, '81, and son, Alexander, '21, watch eclipse*

He is going to play JV football, and he was really impressed when Charlie Cook, C'81, showed up to inspire the team! Cool news is that right across the hall from him is **ANN KRSUL's** son, Harry, so class of '81 is well represented with the class of 2021!"



*From left: Samar Coyle DeBenedectis, '07, and son, Chase, Leila Pastore McClure, '10, Michael Coyle, '10, and Teddy Ajluni, '17, Sonia Ajluni Pastore, '81, Roger Ajluni, '85, Deborah Wahl, '81, her son Alexander Meyer, '21, Maria Ajluni Coyle, '81, nephew Anthony Ajluni, '18, and his friend also '18*

From **SONIA AJLUNI PASTORE**: "A great showing of Cranbrook alums and current students at my nephew, Teddy's, '17, farewell dinner as he leaves for Columbia. From left: Samar Coyle DeBenedectis, '07, and son, Chase, Leila Pastore McClure, '10, Michael Coyle '10 and Teddy Ajluni '17, **SONIA AJLUNI PASTORE**, Roger Ajluni, '85, **DEBORAH WAHL**, her son Alexander Meyer '21, **MARIA AJLUNI COYLE**, nephew Anthony Ajluni, '18, and his friend, also '18." We've launched our youngest daughter, Merrick, off to Villanova, and will start looking for Eliza soon, and U-M is high on the list! All my best.

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## K84

I heard from just a handful of you miscreants this time, but the notes were so awesome that I will let this malfeasance slide. Apparently many of you have busy lives full of multi-generational challenges, and I get that. These notes don't write themselves, though, Ladies, and I am not above just making stuff up again. This first note was absolutely miraculous, as I thought we would never ever hear from Anita ever again. From **DEBBIE WANG**: "Well, **KENDALL ALWAY** and I managed to get together with the ever-elusive **ANITA SIL** in early December last year out in San Francisco. We spent a day together and had a wonderful time laughing about our days at Kingswood and our lives now. See the picture for proof that Anita really does still exist." (I am pretty sure that somewhere, on a cloud full of hot pots, Mrs. Kirby is admiring her collection and smiling about this...)



*Kendall Alway, Debbie Wang and Anita Sil, all '84*

**SALLIE MCGAGH DELANEY** writes from Newton, Mass., where she is living with a house full of teenagers: son Aidan, 14, son Evan, 17, and daughter Sophia, 19, who is a sophomore at Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y., studying theater production arts. She also moved her dad, 88, "back east" from Los Angeles to a memory care assisted living community so he could be nearby. Anyone else living the dream of the "Sandwich Generation?" Sallie continues to love her work as a professional photographer, specializing in portraiture and special events—and hopes to be in a place in life to make it to the next big reunion! Heard from **ALEX WEIHER-OSCHATZ**: "By now

it has become the family Xmas tradition to fly to Florida and escape the grey German winter. We rent a house on an island north of Fort Myers and have managed to meet Chris Weeks and Jud Askins, both C'84, as they live in the same area. Maybe we can extend that to a mini-reunion this year. I continue to work as a self-employed graphic designer, a field that is changing all the time. If you are interested in seeing my work, check out my website at [www.cliffhouse.de](http://www.cliffhouse.de). Not only work, life as such is changing, with both my parents passed, a strange shift has occurred. Aside from a few uncles and aunts, I have moved up to the top of the line. How are those of you in the same position coping with this change? At the same time our son, Quentin, has become a boarder at a school for gifted students, so we are almost empty-nesters. It went very quick from being the 'queen of everything' to gaining back a huge portion of myself. So what do I do with all those capacities? I go skiing, naturally ;-) Fulfilled a life-long dream of Heli-Skiing in Canada this March. If any of you plan a trip to the Alps to get some skiing in before all the snow recedes, let me know. When I am neither designing nor skiing, I go cycling with my husband, Daniel. We live in a perfect region as we have flat rides along the Rhine River to the left and hills with forest to the right. I just bought a road bike and completed the Rapha Women 100 ride where women all over the world went on 100 km plus bike rides. So lots of work, lots of sports, lots of changes—that's my life in 2017." **CATHERINE "CACKIE" BOOMER** writes: "So, after moving home three years ago to manage care for my parents, who have both peacefully passed on, I find myself at the edge of adventure. After I lost my father in January, Ellen, '89, and I went on an epic four-month road trip. We started a blog and will get back to it this fall ([twoboosergirls.com](http://twoboosergirls.com)). We covered 10,000 miles, made 30 stops in 20 states; hard to follow such an amazing experience. Here I am 50 and ready to kick some asses and take names. So, I've decided to move to D.C. I'll have this country running like clockwork in no time. After I fix this, I'll join forces with Ellen to write a book about our road trip, about our family, and about life in general. This freedom is both exciting and freaking scary. I don't know where this next adventure will lead, but I'm excited for the possibilities that lie ahead."(I had the pleasure of seeing Cackie this summer when she was passing through Portland. We had coffee with her beloved sweet dog, Rocky, and it was just

completely awesome. I am so looking forward to reading about her new adventures. Cackie is still the warm, funny, real, beautiful inside and out soulful person she has always been and seeing her was just the best.) And now for just a bit of news from across the Lake: Harry Berberian, C'84, has lived many places and is now making his home in Michigan again. He is using his talent for creating a positive promotional song about the City of Detroit with the great Martha Reeves, very exciting! Information about this project can be found at [www.luvudetroit.com](http://www.luvudetroit.com). Detroit is on the comeback. Visit Harry's site to join this very positive movement. As for me, I am surviving the beginning of Spencer's teen years. He played tennis all summer, but now that eighth grade has begun he is into cross country, and, surprisingly mathematics is his favorite subject. Could he be any less like his mother? He also plays the drums in both orchestra and jazz band. Which means Liz is still living "Underneath the Music." I find myself, at this age, no longer seeking perfection or caring about things that don't matter. I'm just mostly grateful for the people in my life and grateful that I know what matters most in life. I have always believed that love is our one true currency. It's the only thing worth giving, worth having, or worth sharing, and it is the only thing that really lasts. I hope all of you are happy, healthy, and have lots of love in your lives, and if not, I hope you know it is never too late for a happy ending.

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Now that our graduation year has reached the age past which it shouldn't be trusted, it demanded some recognition. Unfortunately, some were otherwise involved in our own adulthood, children graduating from high school, from college, giving recitals, as well as geography, jobs, friends' weddings, and unforeseen last-minute illness. But a good 35-40 of us "reunited" successfully, enjoying a beautiful spring evening, great company and, yes, Marty's cookies. Thanks to all who came, helped out, and sent greetings even when unable to attend. See you all at the next one, which reminds me: please join the committee to plan the next one. **LINDSAY BRAY ANDREUZZI** is working as a principal at

Post & Schnell in Philadelphia. She would love to hear from classmates in town or passing through! Lindsay was sorry to miss the 30th Reunion but enjoyed seeing photos. She was able to get together with **HEATHER HUNT ZIEGLER** over the summer and reports all is well with her. **LEAH UMLAH MAGID** is checking in from the U.S. for the first time in a long time. She is teaching third grade this year and enjoying the Pacific Northwest. Leah and her husband will be traveling to New Orleans to visit their daughter when the opportunity presents itself. **KERRY KANE** continues her career as a stay-at-home mom to three elementary school kids in Santa Monica, Calif. She has discovered combat sports late in life, practicing Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, and boxing, with an eye towards amateur fighting, if she can find a suitable match-up in her age bracket. She supports LA public schools through fundraising. Her husband, screenwriter David Scarpa, penned *All the Money in the World*, directed by Ridley Scott, starring Kevin Spacey, Michelle Williams, and Marky Mark Wahlberg. Find it in theaters this December! **SEAN O'LEARY** attended the graduation of his son, Charlie, '17, from Cranbrook Kingswood in June. Ahead of graduation day, he was able to hang out with **SEAN FLYNN, SCOTT JAGOD, PAT LIBBY**, and CKBMS faculty member emeritus, Mickey Price. Sean had to fly back home on the day of our Reunion, but is a happy parent now of two CK alumni sons. ALAN and I are now Upper School parents, and in good company, with about 25 alumni parents in Clara's ninth grade class alone. These include **MATTHEW MILLER**, whose twins, Alex and Jacob, have also arrived in ninth grade after starting at CK in sixth. As always: keep in touch, send your latest preferred contact info. Find us on Facebook (CranbrookKingswood Class of 1987")!

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We had a wonderful response to our request for class notes! So enjoy reading what our classmates have shared with us in anticipation of our 30th reunion. **STEVEN BENADERET**, "Currently I am living with my wife, Leela, and two sons, Jordan, 7, and Aaron, 5, in Westport, Conn., just outside New York City. I'm a family



practice physician in the town I live in and a regional medical director for Yale New Haven Health System. My wife works in the golf industry operating professional events, and representing players as their agent.



Steven Benaderet's, '88, children

Our boys are excited to be starting second grade and kindergarten this year and love playing golf and baseball. While I miss Michigan, things here in Connecticut are great. I hope to be at the big 3-0, but it is scheduled at the same time as one of my wife's larger events, so we will see. I hope to hear from many more from the class of '88, and hope they are all happy and healthy." Still swimming anyone? **BILL BURNETT** lives in Cohasset, Mass., and recently opened two Goldfish Swim Schools in the Boston area. Originally started in Birmingham, Mich., Goldfish has grown significantly over the last couple years. The Burnetts are excited to be part of the Goldfish ownership team. **IAN BURNSTEIN** - "I am living in Michigan. Own my own self-storage and investment firm. I am still close with **ROBERT WOLFE, SAM FRANK, DAVID RUBIN, ERIC GOLDMAN, JENNIFER ROTHENBERG SIEGEL,** and **JULIE MAY.** Just had a kidney transplant four weeks ago and I am doing great. I plan on being at the reunion. My son is an eighth grader at Cranbrook, so it is great to get back there often." **CHARLIE CERNOSIA** - "I saw **MARK LEE** from our class this summer for the first time in about 25 years, so have a bit of Cranbrook on the brain. He is doing well up

near Sacramento and even considering having one of his kids attend Cranbrook as a boarder. I am living in Hong Kong, been here for about four years after six years in Singapore so highly doubtful can make a reunion, but you never know. Have three kids, ages 12, 14, and 16, and just became a stay-at-home dad after about 20 years in banking." **LIZZY WEINER FISH** - "My apologies, I haven't been a faithful alum! But I do have happy memories of Kingswood and wanted to write in honor of our 30th. Sadly, I won't be able to attend the reunion—only because I live far away, and my kids will still be in school. So, I live in Berlin, Germany, with my husband, John, and our four kids.



Lizzy Weiner Fish and Lizzie Beitner Blair, both '88

I am in close touch with **LIZZIE BEITNER BLAIR.** I see her every summer, and every so often her husband, Michael. I'm in occasional touch with **JODY PODOLSKY.** Favorite memories include German class with Frau Caswell, we had a great group. If I had any yearbooks, I would happily name everyone! The class basically stayed the same every year since there weren't too many people taking German. And I never imagined that I would one day be living in Germany! We took a field trip to Albion College at some point, but I can't remember why?! Maybe someone else does... Other favorite memories include the weaving studio and classes with Mrs. Hazard. I spent a lot of free periods there. I also remember free periods in the quad and lounge at Cranbrook, and in the library, and Green Lobby at Kingswood. As far as classes, I loved

history with Dr. Cowie and Dr. Pfister, English with Dr. Roth, Mr. Martin, and Mrs. Dagbovie. I remember leaving my books, notebooks, and backpack at various places around campus without any worry of theft. The atmosphere at school was warm and had the feeling that every day was something special. I don't keep in touch with many people, but have happy memories of everyone I knew." **MONICA FRANKLIN** - "I have so many wonderful memories from Cranbrook. Just the other day I was thinking about the talent show they used to do in the lounge of the boys' dorm. Snitz and Cowie were the snarky judges, hilarious! I would love to attend reunions, but the trip is too far. I hope it is fun for everyone who goes."



Darren Gold, '88

**DARREN GOLD** - "Last June I participated in the AIDS Lifecycle, a 545-mile bike ride from San Francisco to LA over seven days to support AIDS research and services. It was one of the most amazing experiences of my life, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. One of the most humbling aspects of the ride was the support I received from CK'88 classmates, some I had not spoken to in many years, including **ANNA WELCH NICOL, TODD NOONAN, DOROTHY GRUNES, ANNA GORDIN KAHN, ERIC GOLDMAN, JULIE BENJAMIN PETERHANS, IAN BURNSTEIN, SAM FRANK, DAYNA GRUNLAND SABLE, LISA PEREIRA LEVENS, LESLIE BEECH, BETH RABINOWITZ MOROSS,** and **MICHELLE KRASS SILBERSTEIN** ... and Alice Fecko, '89, and Adam Folbe, '90. WOW! Once the CK ball

started rolling more and more classmates continued to donate, eventually bringing me to over \$11,000, double my original goal. I am truly beyond grateful for all the support I received from my fellow Cranes (is it still a Crane?), and I was so inspired I am doing the ride again in 2018 ... so let's keep the streak going." **JASON GOLNICK** - "I am planning on attending our 30th reunion as long as I have no conflicts as my one daughter, Ariel, is graduating from high school, and my youngest daughter, Rayna, is graduating from middle school. As for Marla and I, we reside in West Bloomfield about 20 minutes from the Cranbrook Kingswood campus, and I have two busy office locations in Metro Detroit, West Bloomfield and Taylor. I am also on staff at three hospitals, Beaumont, Children's Hospital of Michigan, and U-M. This fall, I am being honored and inducted into the International College of Dentists, and will become the president of the KA Easlick Society of Pediatric Dentistry at the U-M, and the president of the Michigan Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. I still love treating and interacting with my pediatric patients, and I am a staunch advocate for their care. I have become an avid golfer, continue to play in a tennis league, and bike/spin regularly to stay in shape. For classmates who didn't know, I am a cancer survivor, having nearly lost my life in October 2013 to colon cancer, losing nearly 80 pounds in a month and having survived five surgeries and hospitalizations. I do not take anything for granted after spending nearly nine months in bed after the ordeal, having a permanent ileostomy, and becoming 100 percent gluten-free. I enjoy traveling, and Marla and I have had the fortune of visiting most of North America, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, our most recent adventure taking us to Alaska. Really miss all of my dear classmates and fond memories of Cranbrook Kingswood. Best wishes to all..." **JOSH GREENWALD** is living in NYC, has two awesome daughters, is building homes in the Hamptons and Colorado and is consulting for hotel projects that keeps him busy. Josh sees **LEE SIEGELSON**, who is also in NYC, and he keeps in touch with **TOM SWEENEY**, **KEVIN KAROLAK**, **RAVI GOVILA**, and **LISA PEREIRA LEVENS**. Josh will try and make it to Michigan for the 30th reunion. **JOAN STRAITH KLANN** was busy running from Hurricane Irma when she sent in her class note! Joan and her husband, Avery, their girls, Harlow, 10, and Morgan, 8, flew to Michigan to avoid the impacts of the storm. They are

renovating their home in Palm Beach and are thankful that they emerged unscathed. Although they live in Florida, Joan spends most summers in Michigan with her daughters, while Avery flies back and forth for work. Joan happily bumps into Cranbrook/Kingswood classmates, both in Michigan and Florida, from time to time. **JEREMY KRIEGEL**, "My wife, Michelle, and I live in Deerfield, Ill., and have a daughter and son in high school and another son in fifth grade. I see **ROB DANIELS** from time to time, and I keep in touch with fellow '88 classmates **BILL SCHLOUGH**, **ERIN HOWARTH-BARDSLEY**, **JOHN BARDSLEY**, **TOM BINKOW**, **JIM BORNINSKI**, and **NED PARKER**. I will plan on making the 30th! I am keeping busy as a patent attorney and prosecution practice chair, overseeing the mechanical, electrical, chemical, biotech, trademark, and transaction practice groups for Marshall Gerstein, an intellectual property law firm in Chicago." **TIM KEOUGH** reports that after he left Cranbrook he attended the U-M, then went to New York, but is now settled in California. He is married to Michelle and is the father to 13-year-old boy/girl twins, Anna and Ty. Tim sees **JOHN KEOUGH** and **PAUL OVERETT** and is trying to track down **DAVE SMITH**, **PAUL FORFIA**, **BILL HOELZEL**, and some others. He is not sure if he is attending since he can't plan that far in the future, but is hoping to go. As for Lance and I, we live in Birmingham, Mich. We just celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. Where does the time go? **LANCE LEHMANN** is working at BEET Analytics Technology, a diagnostic and analytic software company based in Plymouth, Mich. Lance is director of partnership management (tech start-up company term for sales) in this new company with its transformational product. I, **LAURA REICKERT LEHMANN**, am a licensed psychologist with my own private practice in Birmingham. We have two daughters who both attend U-M. Kendall is a senior in the Honors Program with a major in history, and Tate is a sophomore with a major in anthropology. We are enjoying our time as empty nesters! Lance and I will be attending our 30th reunion, June 8-10, 2018, and would love to see as many of our classmates there as possible. **NED PARKER**, "After graduating from the University of Colorado and U-M, I moved to the mountains and now foothills outside of Denver. I am married with one daughter and work as a consultant in rail transportation. Embracing my local surroundings, I skied 204 months in a row. For

a change in pace, I served on my daughter's charter school board for five years. When that became too much, I completed the 2014 Ironman Boulder, cheered on by fellow CK'88 alumni, **BILL SCHLOUGH**, **JOHN BARDSLEY**, and **ERIN HOWARTH-BARDSLEY**. It took 30 years of dedicated physical and mental training, but I am finally up to the task of breaking the nonconformist mold and submitting a class note update." **JULES POLK** is living in rural Vermont and is a ceramic artist, who works with many national non-profits whose focus is the intersection of art and its use in transforming communities across the country. She lives with her two dogs and insatiable appetite for international travel and ridiculous adventures. Her spare time is devoted to volunteering to work on social justice causes for people of all color, all religions, and all persuasions. Her Detroit-based work is currently focused on the Heidelberg Project, and she encourages you all to check out use of art as a vehicle for social change and community development. **JEFF RUSINEK**, "Yes, I am alive and well. For the past 21 years I've been a loyal civil servant, spending five of those years in the U.S. Border Patrol in Tucson, Ariz., and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., my adopted hometown and a Cranbrook hockey rival back in the day. Since 2001, I've been employed by the U.S. State Department in a little-known bureau called the Diplomatic Security Service, as a special agent. It has meant a lot of overseas travel and some brushes with the leaders of our country and others, though it is not all that glamorous. For example, I currently supervise about 20 agents in our Chicago Field Office, which means my day-to-day work is no different than a lot of office managers. Still, I've enjoyed some interesting postings: New York and Chicago; Dakar, Senegal; Baghdad, Iraq; Luxembourg; Washington D.C. (boo); and Yaounde, Cameroon. Right now I am bidding on my next two-three year assignment, so who knows where I will be in a year? The worst part is we need to sell our house in suburban Chicago soon, to which we've become attached after living in government housing. I've been married for eight years to Otilia, who came to the U.S. from Romania in 1978 at the age of three and is the sister of a fellow agent. She, like many Foreign Service spouses, has done a variety of jobs overseas and is hopeful to work in her degree field, architecture/interior design, at some point in the near future. Our son, Elijah, 7, is a bilingual world-traveler. He has no interest in hockey (yet) but



is really talented with Legos and seems likely to be much taller than dad. Why are kids so tall these days? I have two daughters from a previous marriage, Katrina and Elisabeth, who are both attending Auburn University. The oldest is studying theater and finishing her second internship as a character at Disney World. The youngest likes international relations and might be a candidate for a State Department job in a few years. I still manage to get on the ice once every couple of weeks during the winter with a group of Secret Service agents and Chicago police officers, though my knees have slowed me quite a bit. Other than that, I'm active in my church and a homebody. In my spare time I am writing a biography, though I have no idea when I might finish. I don't want to give away the name of my subject until it is completed, in case someone might want to beat me to it! Mr. Hazard always encouraged me to write, and I just might put something in print during my lifetime. As the son of a state trooper and a school teacher, Cranbrook always intimidated me while I was there. To be honest, I was quite jealous of my cosmopolitan classmates and became either introverted or obnoxious depending on the circumstances. It never really clicked for me there. If any of you remember me after 30 years, please pass on my best wishes to all for a happy reunion and a great next 30 years. Whether I make it or not, I look forward to hearing about all the successes and challenges our class has faced over the years." **BILL SCHLOUGH**, "Coming up on 20 years of marriage and my 20th season with the Giants. Have been fortunate to acquire three World Series rings and am working on my third wedding ring, lost the first two, over that 20-year span. Also somehow acquired two boys, Xavier, 7, and Quinlan, 2, along the way, and fortunately haven't lost either of them yet. Highlight of this year was a bucket list trip to Dodger Stadium with **JEREMY KRIEGEL**, where we hosted our longtime celebrity crush at a Cubs game. Highlight of last year was hosting Mr. Shaw on a private tour of AT&T Park, and I would be happy to extend a similar offer to any fellow CK'88 and select CK'90 alums anytime!" **CRAIG TAYLOR**, "I've been living in Houston for the last seven years. Prior to that I was in NYC where I went to law school, worked as an attorney for a few years, and then became an energy trader on the New York Mercantile Exchange. These last few days in Houston have been pretty crazy with the hurricane, but I stayed safe and dry and was able to help

some friends who got stranded. Otherwise I run a company called Atlas Commodities that I founded back in 2006. We have three operating companies across the energy value chain. In addition to Fordham Law I also did an executive MBA program with Columbia University and London Business Schools. I keep in touch with **CRAIG DEBLOIS**, who is running a wine company in Toronto. I am planning on coming to the 30th. It will be my first time back since graduation." Thank you all for sharing! If you want to send in any more contributions in honor of our upcoming 30th reunion on June 8-10, you can send them along to [llehmann@comcast.net](mailto:llehmann@comcast.net).

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Greetings, Fellow '89ers. We are just under two years away from our 30th reunion. Please mark your calendars for June 2019. **GARFIELD JOHNSON**, I am talking to you. I don't want to hear about some church function, tap dancing lessons or your backpacking trip to the Andes, or snowmobiling in Iceland. Nobody snowmobiles in June. You take 14 vacations per year, please make one of them to Bloomfield Hills in June. By the way, the 35th reunion will be June 2024 and the 40th will be June 2029. I learned that math from Mr. Rogers in tenth grade. Clearly, if I had paid better attention in English class, this update would be written a lot better. Seriously, it would be great to get a large turnout for our 30th. Vicki Paris and I are planning a party at the mothership for after the reunion, I just haven't told **JASON PARIS** yet. I hope everyone can make it. I was in California a couple weeks ago, and I was able to catch up with a bunch of classmates. First, I had dinner with **DANNY HOFFMAN** and **MIKE MANDT**. Danny is practicing medicine and living in Beverly Hills, and he is doing really well. He was dating one of the Real Housewives of Beverly Hills when I saw him. Mike is working for the NFL Network producing TV content for the network, and although he hasn't offered me Super Bowl tickets yet, I am sure it's just a matter of time. He said that anyone who needs tickets to any game at any time should call him. While I was in California I also had breakfast with **JOHN EDMAN** and **BILL EDWARDS**. They both looked exactly

the same as they did when we graduated. Bill had recently returned from a five-month biking trip across China. He is writing a travel book about the time he spent living in small villages in remote parts of China. Knowing Bill, I guess we shouldn't be surprised. Bill's wife, Juliette, was Miss June 2008 for Playboy. They are planning on moving to Latvia to open a culinary school. I still tell my kids that when they grow up, they should aspire to be more like Edman. They are pretty good kids but no Edmans yet. Speaking of Edmans and kids, John's son, Tommy, was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals and is currently playing really well for their AA affiliate in Springfield, Mo. If you were wondering, John is still modeling for Abercrombie & Fitch. **MARC SOLE**, **ARI SHWEDEL**, and **DARREN FRANKEL** are the founding members of the Tommy Edman fan club. They are all watching Tommy's stats religiously. Ari has recently risen up the rankings in the over-40 beach volleyball senior tour. Ari began his volleyball career just after graduation, and he has risen to #23 in the world for men over 40. I am calling it now, Darren's son, Zev, will be the American Ninja Warrior champ 2028. He just box-jumped 48 inches this weekend. Zev got the bug watching his dad compete. Make sure to tune into NBC to see Darren compete in the semi-finals. If you would have told me in 1989 that my wife would be business partners with **JASON HEGEDUS**, I would have naturally assumed that my life would be a complete failure. I would have assumed that I was on my fourth wife, and that she and Jason were running some kind of illegal gaming operation or worse. Jackie Stamell and Hegedus are actually partners in a pretty successful law firm. Heg, I shouldn't have doubted you in 1989. In addition to the law firm, Jason is living in south Florida with his wife, Juliette, and their two kids. Juliette recently won a tournament at the World Series of Poker, and Jason has gotten into competitive eating. He recently ate 68 raviolis in 10 minutes. Watch out Joey Chestnut. By the way, the part about Jason's wife winning the poker tournament is actually true. The 68 raviolis story is not true. He only ate 64. **CHIP FULLER** is still living in Colorado living off the fat of the land in Colorado. He was so moved by Matt Damon in The Martian that he grew potatoes just like Matt Damon on Mars. I also recently saw **CRAIG HECKER**. He became a life coach teaching local youth how to find their best selves through interpretive dance. A new concept for Hecker that really has an unlimited upside. Make sure that you

tune into the next Summer Olympics to watch **GEOFF SCHICIANO** as he competes in the first Men's Synchronized Swimming event. He has been training hard with his teammates and is a fierce competitor. Please submit any info that you want to be published to me at erikstamell@yahoo.com and please plan on coming to the reunion .

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## K90

It was a fun-filled summer for the Class of 1990 including interesting excursions and reunions!



*Friends Forever*

**AMY ROSS GAVARTIN** and **KEIA PERRY-FARR** spent some quality time together palling around and reminiscing on the good old days! She noted that in spite of all the years that have passed, the friendship remains as precious as ever. Amy had an opportunity to take her lovely daughter to one of Keia's productions, Summer Jamz 20—the final concert at iconic Joe Louis Arena. It was a moment that reminded them both of their fun times together as teenagers! **MARLA DAVIDSON KARIMPOUR** enjoyed family fun this past summer. Her family spent a lot of time up north and celebrated her daughter's 10th birthday! They added a new puppy to the group in July, so now they have three dogs: a giant German shepherd, a small Rottweiler, and a Rhodesian ridgeback. Marla is currently painting in preparation for a show at the Detroit Artists' Market next June. She frequently talks to **KIMIA ZANJANI EBELING** who, with her two girls, attended the campout sleepover for Marla's daughter's

birthday. Marla stays in touch with both **LINA FARRIS BARRERA** and **MARIA QUIROGA** as well. **KATIE MISKOWSKI CONTI** shared an exciting update ... After 12 years working as a clinical psychologist for the court system, she has decided to turn her first love into gainful employment. Katie has been working as an interior and architectural photographer for the past five years. She absolutely loves it, and now her pastime will be her full-time focus. Congratulations are also in order for Katie and her beloved husband, Chris, as they celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary next summer. Their son, Ben, has begun his sophomore year at Cranbrook Kingswood and Katie expressed her joy of being back on campus! **Laurie Rall Prichard** has been a busy lady. She now lives in Cairns, Australia, with her husband, Pete. They own a business called Small World Journeys where they host educational tours for high school and college students. The business received a Queensland Tourism Award, and recently Laurie received the Cairns Business Woman of the Year Award! Laurie is also deserving of a most caring award. She and Pete have been committed to children in need of respite care, by serving as foster parents. Laurie and Abbie Wakelin Hyde, '91, visited together at the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.



*Sailing Down Under*

Abbie journeyed from North Carolina with her husband, Stephen, and sons, Alex and Ben, to spend a week visiting the reef and rainforest. Last August **KIRIN DAUGHARTY-HUBBARD** and her husband, Chris, also visited Laurie. Kirin continues to work at the L.A. Zoo, and the highlight of her trip was seeing both a Lumholz tree kangaroo and a duck-billed platypus in the wild.

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## CK93

Hope everyone is doing well from the class of 1993. Only good news from the classmates that responded when I sent out the email for class notes. If you did not get the email then make sure you update your email address with the school, or email me at jmatter13@outlook.com. Also, next year is our 25-year reunion June 8-10, so make sure to mark your calendars for it. Here are the updates. **ROGER MALI** is doing well and lives in Franklin, Mich., with his wife, Aimee and their two boys. Christopher, 7, just started first grade, and Emerson, 5, is in preschool. They are keeping busy with work, kids and school. Roger stopped practicing law about five years ago, and is now working full-time on building and operating nursing and physical rehab centers throughout Metro Detroit. His wife planted a vineyard in northern Michigan and they expect their first harvest this fall. Looking forward to drinking some Michigan chardonnay and pinot gris! **JAKE KAUFMAN**, his wife Wendy, and their two kids are living in Pismo Beach, Calif., (way between L.A. and S.F). Wendy is working as an ER doctor, and Jake is putting together commercial real estate syndication projects. "We spent three years in Kennebunkport, ME, where we welcomed the births of our baby girl, Aliyah, almost 3, and boy, Judah, 1-1/2. We loved Maine and living closer to our families, but we are happy to be back on the West Coast—especially on the beautiful Central Coast of California." **CHRIS FREEMAN** writes that his oldest son, Finnegan, is about to turn two years old in November, just started school. Quite the adjustment. Chris and his wife moved to Uncle, Ill., right outside of Chicago after 20+ years living in the city. Their youngest son, Healy, was born in March and is getting rounder by the day. His "restaurants are doing great, having a good time and really trying to grow our 'Leghorn Chicken' fast casual concept. (It's kind of like another very popular anti-gay/very religious national chicken sandwich concept that is closed every Sunday, except we are basically anti-religion, have a much better product and our ethos is very socially conscious.)" They are looking to open some restaurants/bars around the Detroit area one of these days. **JAY PARK** is doing well in St Augustine, Fla., with his wife, Le, and their daughter, Emily. **ANDY FARBMAN** and his family are also doing well. **IAN O'LAUGHLIN** and his wife, Jenny, recently



built a house in Royal Oak and are running two yoga studios in Troy and Farmington Hills. They just hit their 10-year anniversary with the yoga studios and have their hands full with 4-year-old, Gabriel, and 6-month-old, Rose, in the house. They could use some more sleep these days! **MELVIN DACRES** is working on the process control center regulatory team for the Great Lakes Water Authority. He is also a co-chairperson for the Good Fathers Only, a fatherhood advocacy group in Detroit. Melvin and his wife will be celebrating 15 years of marriage on October 12! **BRIAN STRATTON** writes, "After living in downtown Chicago for the past 17 years, we decided to build a house in Elmhurst, IL, and take the suburban plunge. So far life in suburbia has been great, and we enjoy the community. My son, Quinn, is 9 years old, and daughter, Sloan, is 7. Both kids are active in soccer, swimming, tennis, and lacrosse, so weekends are always busy. I work for Willis Towers Watson in the health and benefits practice. I continue to keep in contact with Bipin Ravindran, '92, **CHRIS FREEMAN**, Kevin Cloutier, '90, Jonny Imerman, '94, Geoff Schiciano, '89, and other CKers in Chicagoland." **JEFF MULHOLLAND**, his wife, Lori, and their two kids are living in Michigan. Jeff is running several business ventures in the Detroit area, including Millers Big Red's Farm, Orchard, and Cider Mill in Romeo. **KIRKE MARTIN**, his wife Meghan Nealis, CK'93, and their family just moved to Virginia this summer, where Meghan is going to pursue teaching at Virginia Episcopal School, a coed boarding school. **RYAN MOORE** and his wife recently celebrated the birth of Maxwell Claire on June 29! They live just outside of Los Angeles. I also recently spoke to **ROBIN PARK**, who also lives in the Los Angeles area with his wife and family. They are all doing well. As for me, my wife, Amanda, and I recently moved to Anchorage, Ky., a suburb of Louisville, with our two kids Olivia, second grade, and Jack, kindergarten.



Olivia and Jack, children of John Matter, '93

We are all doing great and enjoying our new neighborhood. It has a great school that reminds me of Cranbrook. I am keeping busy as a corporate in-house attorney for Papa John's and playing ice hockey on a local senior team.

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## C94



Eliza, daughter of John Cohen, '94

**BRIAN STEWART** and awesome wife, Rachel, and their St. Bernese Mountain dog, Hershey, are living in Birmingham. Brian is practicing dermatology. **BEN WINEMAN** is living in the Chicago suburbs with his wife, Nicole, and three children, Ava, Jacob, and Claudia. Ben is a principal at Mid-America Real Estate Corp., working in the retail real estate business. **SETH MELTZER** is in Bloomfield Hills with his wife, Melissa, and their two sons, Asher and Adam, and running quite a few marathons! **BRAD DUBIN** is in LA, married to Amy Berlin Dubin, '87, working for a real estate firm called KanDu Capital. **JEFF HURLBERT** and his wife, Sarah Ruth, are living in Dallas, Tex., and have two kids. Jeff runs a car washing company with two locations and is doing great! **KYLE MUELLER** is in Birmingham, working with GM, and married to wife, Erica, a powerhouse Bikram instructor, and has one little one. **MATT GRACE** is spreading good energy to a variety of causes, joined the volunteer board

of Imerman Angels, Detroit area chapter, and living in a new house in Birmingham, Mich., and is doing well. **CHAD KOHLER** is in Grand Rapids with his wife, Cynthia, and kids. **SILAS BOUYER** is still serving our country with the Navy and in San Diego with his wife and kids. Krista Chow Hamlin, CK'94, and **MIKE HAMLIN** are happily married and living in Boston. **MARK VANN** is in Houston and an orthopedic surgeon, married. **KEN GORSKI** is in South Carolina and doing great! **STEVE PRUCHER** is living in Birmingham, happy and well! **AARON COHN** reports, "I am happily ensconced in a passive style house in Philadelphia with my wife and three kids. Ophthalmology is as fulfilling as when I started." **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, happily married, and going great! Sally Hall Bell, '98, and **CHRIS BELL**, are living in Portland and as usual spreading good positive energy to everyone they touch in the state of Oregon!



Lewis Marshall, son of Chris Bell, '94, and Sally Hall Bell, '98

**ROBERT AXELROD** is in Washington, D.C., working for Kaiser Permanente, and doing state government relations, where it seems like he spends a lot of time in his car navigating beltway traffic getting to and from meetings and hearings in Annapolis, Baltimore, and D.C. **TERRY KALNA** is in Pittsburgh working with the Pittsburgh Penguins! Fun gig, my man! **BRAD SPENCER**, his wife, 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 living in the Raleigh-Durham area. **DOMINIC HARRIS** is in London with his wife and daughter. **PETER EMERY** is in San Francisco and doing great! As for me, I've got a little personal news. After 12 years of Imerman Angels, I'm staying connected but have transitioned to part-time. A much smarter CEO than me is at the helm, and I'm thrilled about his leadership for us! My brother and best friend, Jeff Imerman, '92, recently launched a start-up. It's a "social venture" named CLOZTALK. CLOZTALK creates and sells cause-logo'ed t-shirts and clothes (CLOZ!) to drive awareness and funds for good causes! We make "CLOZ TALK" literally lol! For good causes! We're driving a 22-foot-long FED EX-type truck, CLOZTALK wrapped, in urban Chicago and Detroit seven days/week, connecting with people on the streets face to face, and educating them about the causes we rep, and offering their logo-centered apparel. We're AMPED! Our website is CLOZTALK.com. Again, please keep Imerman Angels in mind, and if you meet anyone touched by cancer, please refer them to ImermanAngels.org—and we'll help! Thank you! Best of luck to everyone, and keep healthy and well! If I can be helpful with anything, please let me know!

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## K94

Hello, Friends! There is something quite special about writing postcards by hand, sending them out to you, and being able to reach classmates who do not frequently use social media platforms. Class Notes and digital spaces give us a peek into each other's lives and a chance to stay connected, or to reconnect, during the gaps between our reunion weekends. Speaking of which, our 25th reunion will be here in a flash! So I always look forward to your Hellos and updates.

**LAUREN COBURN** reports, "I'm living in Chicago, downtown, one of few families to not move to the suburbs! I still have my residential interior architecture and design business, Lauren Coburn, LLC. Somehow I'm always busy when the Cranbrook Chicago Alumni

events are happening, but one of these days I'll get to one! I'm married to Adam Levitt, with one son, Zach, 7. I see Ben Wineman, C'94, and Jon Imerman, C'94, in the city." Illinois native **NICOLE LECONTE** recently made a career change from HR to working in special education, which she finds very rewarding. She is assisting transitioning students with multiple severe physical and cognitive challenges. Nicole says that the students are truly a joy, and it is a blessing to work with them. Knowing her to be the kind and generous woman that she is, I have no doubt that those students feel the same way about Nicole. **KATHY O'BRIEN** shares, "I am living in the mountains, married to Zach Shea, he left Cranbrook just before senior year, and we share five kids, five goats, two 100+lb dogs, chickens, ducks, and more. He is still hysterically funny, and I'm still shy. Our kids are of every different personality and temperament, and we are super tired. We send happy, healthy thoughts to all of you!" Sending warm wishes in return for good rest to Kathy, Zach, and their crew! I still remember the lovely welcome gift box I received at the beginning of our freshman year from **LAUREN DONOFRIO DUVAL** and her family. With my recent mailing to seek updates for class notes, Lauren and I have discovered we are practically neighbors and soon hope to meet up for lunch! She resides here in my hometown of Lansing with her husband, Jayson, and son, Benjamin. Benjamin started second grade in the fall. Lauren is working as an assistant attorney general, and is the appellate section head of the public service division, practicing utility law both here in Michigan and in Washington D.C. She was invited to speak to incoming law students at MSU about professionalism and is scheduled to visit Cranbrook to speak to students in the fall. On her days off, Lauren volunteers at Horses' Haven, an amazing organization in Howell, where she helps care for and train roughly 70 rescue horses, ponies, donkeys, minis, and other animals. **MEGHAN HAZARD** writes: "I stepped away from the boarding school world two years ago, and I am now living in Boston, teaching French, and coaching field hockey at The Winsor School, an all-girls day school. I love exploring the city and not having dorm duty, and it's an easy jump down to Martha's Vineyard, where my mom is retired. I've been spending my summers between the Vineyard and teaching summer school back at Choate. I make it back to Michigan a couple times a year to visit my brother, who is now working at Cranbrook, and my father,

who is retired in Birmingham and publishing lots of poems. During my last visit in August, I saw **JAMIE POLITO JOHNSTON** for a hot second at a Tigers game, and tagged along with my brother to catch up with Aaron Henkin, '92, and Jason Forsberg, '92, for dinner and drinks in Birmingham. Always good to be home and reminisce!" Speaking of reminiscing, practically all of my best classroom memories are from Mr. Hazard's 10th-grade English class, so I love hearing that Jacob, '92, continues the Hazard legacy at CK. **CARI IRWIN-MOROZOFF** is living in Marin County, Calif., with her husband, Nik, and adorable seven-year-old son, Julian. She's a contract creative director doing branding and interactive work for clients, like UC Berkeley and George Lucas Education Foundation, and a logo she designed for SkyDeck is going on top of the tallest building in Berkeley in September. She and Nik also recently founded Tinkering Labs, where they create educational maker kits for kids. Kudos, Cari, the Catalyst pack looks awesome! My husband, Sam, and I are in our second year of homeschooling our son, Kiran, who is also seven years old, and we are always eager to find new enrichment tools and project-based learning materials. Along with the decision to homeschool came other major changes that allowed me to be deeply engaged in creating spaces of refuge and resilience in my community. In the fall of 2016, after 10 years of teaching yoga, I eliminated my asana/movement-based programs in order to concentrate on the contemplative spiritual community I founded in 2012 and to expand my work as a facilitator of community wellness, social equity, and healing justice ([www.radicalbodhicitta.com](http://www.radicalbodhicitta.com)). Drawing on contemplative practices to support our capacity to heal and to sustain our well-being in the face of injustice and oppression, I've had the pleasure of presenting at MSU Extension's Health + Nutrition Institute's spring conference and at the Allied Media Conference at Wayne State University. Following my scheduled session at AMC this past June, I was asked to hold space for families who had lost children to police violence. It was powerful to bear witness to their process of receiving meditation and trusting me to guide them toward a place of exhaling, softening, releasing, laughing and speaking their truth even while holding grief, pain, anxiety, and outrage. They were amazing, and I learned so much from their poise, presence, and passion for justice. The very next week I introduced my "Teen Social



Justice League” workshop to 4-H students at MSU.



Elissa Slotkin, '94

Then a few days later my family and I got to visit **ELISSA SLOTKIN's** farm in Holly where we participated in the filming of her congressional campaign video, along with **SUJIN SEO**, Keri Fox LaVerde, '93, and other Kingswood alumnae who are working as interns!



Sujin Seo, Elissa Slotkin, Tara Scott, all '94, and Keri Fox LeVerde, '93

It's been exciting to watch Elissa's journey over these past seven months, from the very beginning when she was evaluating the possibility of running, in my own district, no less, to organizing a listening session in April for her to meet folks in my community and hear their experiences, concerns, and ideas, to attending the launch party in July, when she officially announced her bid to run for U.S. Congress ([www.elissaforcongress.com](http://www.elissaforcongress.com)). Given Elissa's long history of service and a career in government that spans 15 years, including her most recent post as the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon and previous roles at the State Department, the White House, and in the U.S. Intelligence community, I don't think anyone is surprised to see our class president extending her vision and commitment to serve our home state on a national platform. Now that Elissa has moved back to Michigan from D.C., I am hoping it

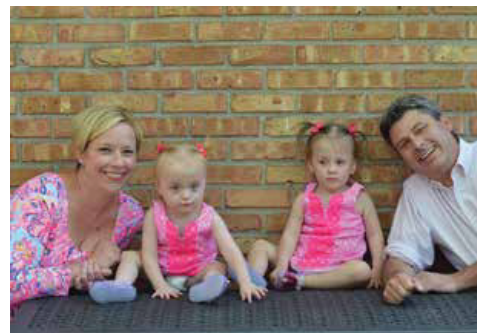
will bring more visits from our globetrotting friend, Ernest Adams, C'94. I'd invited him and fellow DMV-resident, Cashawna Boyd McCole, '93, to my sister's and my birthday festivities in Maryland last August, but Ernest was returning from a leadership training at Stanford and couldn't make it in time. While we were all bummed he couldn't attend, Cashawna and I enjoyed a memorable girls' weekend. Here's to making and sharing more memories for years to come!

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## CK96



Jennifer Canner, Bonnie Paisley, Jenny Kim D'Anna, Melissa Burstein Gordon, Jackie Harvith Coleman, Laura Ragsdale Shullman, and Blakely Lauria, all '96



Laura Ragsdale Shullman, '96, her husband, Graham, and their two "miracle" daughters on their second birthday

## CK97

Greetings class of '97 and welcome to my first attempt at class notes! A round of applause is in order for **TARYN STOLLER CANNARSA**, who has spent the last decade updating us on our classmates' accomplishments. It was so amazing catching

up with many of you at our 20-year reunion this summer. We had such a great turnout, and everyone looked so amazing. It made it hard to fathom that an entire two decades have passed since graduation. Those who couldn't make it were missed. Much thanks to **SUSAN STRICKLAND MUSKOVITZ**, **ROB MARDIGIAN**, **DAVID RUNYON**, **CARRIE WALLACE**, and **TARYN STOLLER CANNARSA**, who put in so much effort to ensure the major milestone was one for the books. And to **JONATHAN BENINSON**, **MIKE BARRY**, **LANAYA ETHINGTON**, and **JASMINE FIELDS HENRY**, who reminded us that cliff jumping into indoor pools is still an acceptable party trick for those pushing forty. **SARI AVIV** couldn't make it to the big celebration, as she had just welcomed her first child, daughter, Colby Ava, on May 10.



Ryan Childress, '97, wife and son, Trevor Ryan

**RYAN CHILDRESS** barely made it, as his wife welcomed baby number two, Trevor Ryan, shortly after. **ELIZABETH RITCHIE SZYMANSKI** welcomed her second child in December. While **BILL THOMPSON** was forced to cancel at the last minute, he says all is well in Phoenix, where he has a busy pain medicine practice. He married a beautiful woman named Summer last summer (cute, right?) and is expecting his first child, a boy named Liam, in early October. **JODY LEVY**, who also missed the reunion, is busy working with Beyoncé expanding their WTRMLN WTR empire. **JERVIS DICICCO** is expecting

baby number two any day now. **SEUNG PARK** reports he is married with three children and living in Indianapolis, where he has recently taken a job as the chief health information officer of Indiana University Health. Lots of wedding bells! A belated congratulations are in order for **KATE NEUMANN** and Bryan Levine, who were married last fall in Birmingham, as well as **CARTER WILLIAMS**, who tied the knot in 2016, and **CHRIS MARTELLA** who wed Mary Kleinpell, '98. **KRISTIN PHILLIPS SNYDER** recently fulfilled a lifelong dream and released her first EP *Pristine Heart*, available on iTunes and Apple Music. **MIKE BARRY**, who brought his lovely wife to the reunion, enjoyed a beautiful summer in Michigan with his two children. He is getting ready to ride in his first Iceman Cometh Challenge mountain bike race this winter. Stay warm! **ANDREW HARBUT** was absent at the reunion because he was busy traveling the country in his 1970 Airstream, while simultaneously providing insurance due diligence for private equity firms. Though childless, he did father a dog, Katy Perry. Unfortunately his ex-wife got custody of the quirkily named pooch during their divorce. In addition to keeping children healthy at her day job, **LATONYA RIDDLE JONES** recently became medical director at Corktown Health Center in Detroit, a safe place designed for members of the LGBTQ community. **AMANDA PRESTED BATTERBEE** recently expanded her psychiatry practice and has also accepted the position of professor and department head of the Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Graduate Program at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. **PENELOPE NEDERLANDER**, who was joined by her amazing wife, Lisa, at the reunion, is enjoying her retirement from the Texas Rollergirls and recently animated a title sequence for Amazon's *The Tick*. **MICHAEL TRAUBEN** is married with kids and living in Los Angeles, where he practices law. **VICTORIA APARECE** is also in the Los Angeles area, happily engaged and enjoying her job as vice president and relationship manager, North America, in the Ares Relationship Management Group. Please keep me updated on your lives, so I can keep our Tradition section colorful.

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 **CK98**



Dear Class, it seems that time has flown. I feel like we were just at our 15 year reunion, and suddenly, it's time for our 20th! Mark your calendars for the weekend of June 8-10, 2018, as I hope to see all of you for this milestone year. I know that we will have lots to catch up on and much to remember. **NAVEEN REDDY** is looking forward to the reunion, he and his wife are doing well in suburban Detroit. Congratulations on the birth of their daughter. Naveen looks forward to catching up and seeing where life has taken all of us. They're hoping for a good turnout, as am I, so please save the date! With that in mind, congratulations are in order for what seems to be a summer of baby girls: **JORDAN REED** and her family welcomed a baby girl, Lynnox Juni Akins, in September. Big sister, Josephine, is mostly tickled with having a baby sister! **AYO MAWUSI** and her family also welcomed baby girl, Oshun, this August. Congratulations to you as well! My husband and I welcomed another daughter in July. Her older sister is thrilled to have someone to boss around, although it hasn't been quite so exciting yet. And congratulations are in order to **JASON BALL** and his wife, Lyndsay, on the birth of baby Lily in May! **CINDY PHILLIPS SKANDERUP** and husband welcomed son, Bastien Max. **RACHEL NEWMAN** and husband welcomed son Adrian Michael. Congratulations are also in order for **SARAH RITCHEY**, who married Jonathon Haradon in July in a beautiful outdoor ceremony in Colorado.



Fellow CKers in attendance were her sister, Beth Ritchey Szymanski, '97, **ERIN KESSEL BEATTIE**, and Leah Trachtman Burkiewicz, '97. Congratulations to everyone on the new family additions, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the 20th, June 8-10, 2018!

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 **CK99**



*Charlotte Towne Pircalabu, '99, and family*





Zelda, daughter of Jennifer Smith Short, '99

The class of 1999 continues to build and grow families, further careers, and change the world! **ERIKA FURMAN** welcomed son, Xavier Ebbin, on September 19, 2016, and she and her husband are expecting a baby girl this fall.



Cole and Ford, sons of Melissa Parkinson Pesci, '99

**MELISSA PARKINSON PESCI** has two sons, Cole, 3, and Ford, 10 months.



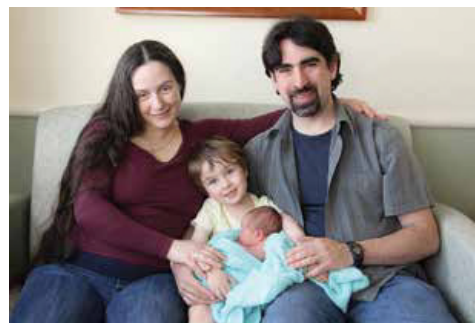
Elise Halajian Mayer, Rick Clarke, and Alex Liu, all '99, with some of their children

**ELISE HALAJIAN MAYER** had a quick get together in Chicago this summer with **ALEX LIU** and **RICK CLARK** and their families. The trio enjoyed seeing all the kiddos together! Elise and I were also able to get our kids together this spring. It was so much fun! I was also able to see **MARGO GANNES PICK** in NYC this spring. Margo made it through the first year with twin boys and continues to build her successful law practice.



Declair Hastings, son of Megan Jonson Knurr, '99

**MEGAN JOHNSON KNURR** welcomed son, Declan Hastings, on August 14.



Brian Finander, '99, and family

**BRIAN FINANDER** and his wife had their second son, Dylan, in May. Brian coaches fencing at the Upper School. **MEGAN KRIGBAUM**'s first book, *The Essential Cocktail Book*, is just released by Ten Speed Press. It is a compendium of drinks, half classics, and half modern day versions from the country's best bartenders. The book is available at local bookshops and on Amazon! **SHANTELE TAYLOR WASAG** was married in November 2016, and her husband emigrated from Canada to the U.S. In June, Shantelle quit her job at Mattel to go on creative sabbatical with her new husband. The couple is now traveling the world for seven months. **SARAH LITTMAN OLITZSKY** is happy to update us that she and her family of six still love Minnesota. Her children are 8, 8, 5, and 2, and she is the founder and CEO of a private practice called Pediatric Psych Services. The practice provides outpatient mental health services to children and their families and provides psychologist consultation and evaluation services to private and charter schools. **KATIE BANKS MCBRIDE** lives in Ann Arbor with her husband and 1-year-old daughter, Allison Maureen ("Allie").



Allison Maureen, daughter of Katie Banks McBride, '99

Katie works at U-M doing sales and marketing for the University Musical Society. **BRIA GILLUM, ALINA BALL**, Anthony Ravitz, C'99, and **LOREN ROUMELL** met up in the Bay Area to celebrate Alina's impending arrival of a baby girl! **LIZ GROTH ZUHLKE** is happy to be sending her two sons to Brookside and enjoys running into former classmates at the school! As always, please keep me posted on your news! I can be reached at [jodiekdavis@gmail.com](mailto:jodiekdavis@gmail.com) or via Facebook messenger. All the very best.

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Greetings, Class of 2000! It's been a while so lots of news from our class. If you did not get an email requesting an update, please be in touch with the alumni office so I have your correct address moving forward. **AUSTIN MARKS** is living in Bloomfield Village with his wife and three children, Jane, 6, Elle, 5, and Charlie, 1, and he is working in Birmingham. Austin also coached the Cranbrook JV lacrosse team this past spring along with Cory Kroneman, '97. Austin encourages former lacrosse players to drop by at a practice and say hello in the spring and to come to the annual alumni lacrosse game the Sunday of reunion weekend! **KRISTIN HOLMES** writes, "I have been keeping busy planning my wedding for this coming November in Jupiter, FL." She feels very fortunate that many of our classmates will be in attendance to witness her and Scott Utzinger's marriage. **EMILY KAUFMAN HUNEGS** writes, "My husband Josh and I live in Chicago with our three children, Aiden, 4.5, Sadie, 2.5, and Goldie, 1. I stay home with my kids which keeps me very busy these days!"



*Alex Wolf Yanofsky, '00, and son, Will*

**ALEXIS WOLF YANOFSKY** is living in New York City working as a matrimonial attorney at Chemtob, Moss & Forman LLP. Baby Will turns two in September. Will and Alexis were in Michigan in July, where Will had the best time walking around Cranbrook looking at the fountains! **EVA SCHULTE** writes from Munich, where she works in the Department of Psychiatry at the university hospital, doing both clinical and research work part-time. She says, "The rest of my time I pack with traveling (just got back from a trip to Azerbaijan, Armenia, and Georgia), or hiking the Alps, and playing a little lacrosse on the side. I also went to Guildford, England, in recent weeks to cheer for my sister, Lisa Schulte, '01, who coached the German National Women's Lacrosse Team in their 2017 World Cup appearance." **LARRY SENDOW** writes that he is doing mission work in Australia, Malaysia, and Philippines. **JAKE COHEN** has had a lot happen in the last few years: he got married in Aug. 2015 to Erin Pecherski; they bought a great mid-century modern house in the historic Palmer Woods neighborhood of Detroit; and they live with two Rhodesian ridgebacks. Finally, since attending law school and business school at U-M, Jake has been working for Dan Gilbert in Detroit managing venture capital investments. **DAVID BROWN** writes that he is "living in Detroit and recently helped start a nonprofit called Kibbutz Detropia. We have free open Shabbat dinners every Friday night and offer classes about gardening and sustainability. We are on our way to expanding into a larger intentional community, based

on agriculture." **JIM CRANDELL** and family moved to Trussville, Ala., last spring after Jim was appointed president of BHI Logistics in neighboring Springville, Ala. Jim says, "While we miss our friends and family up north, and the cool weather, there's something about the southern culture that will most likely root us here for a while." **CHRIS RAMOS** sold Detroit Custom Coach, his custom vehicle fabrication business, last year, but he has remained on-board as director of operations to operate the Michigan manufacturing facility, where they primarily manufacture food trucks for national brands and franchises. He says they just sent a truck off to the Chicago Six Flags and currently have a few in production for the "Shark Tank"-backed "Cousin's Maine Lobster." Chris's "two awesome, crazy daughters are Alex, 2, and Sam, 5, and Sam will be in senior kindergarten at Cranbrook this year." **MICHELLE HUTTON BASS** lives in Bloomfield Hills with her husband, Aaron, and two sons, Judah, 4, and Simon, 2. For the past nine years she has practiced bankruptcy, insolvency, restructuring, and reorganization litigation at a firm in Southfield. In 2015 she successfully defended her first case in the Sixth Circuit Federal Court of Appeals. She spends a lot of time with close friends and fellow alums, **JANE FENKELL KUSHNER**, who just moved back to Michigan, and **LEIGH APPLE HITTLEMAN**. After an eight-year stint in Seattle, **CHRIS WALTERS** is living in San Francisco with his wife, Erica, and their dog, G'kar, and says he "loves it (babies likely in the next couple years). **BRADLEY BUDA** and **CHRIS MCCLOSKEY** are out here too!" Chris is the CTO of a company named Scratch that he founded two years ago. They are trying to fix an overlooked part of the financial world called loan servicing. He is enjoying spending a lot of time outdoors, and writes, "If you're ever out in SF, give me a shout, I'd love to grab a coffee or beer!" As for me, I'm living in Bergen County, N.J., where I work as the executive director of a medium-sized synagogue. Alison Banger and I have a daughter, Alex, who's four (and a half, daddy!). Send future updates to me at [slade4@gmail.com](mailto:slade4@gmail.com). Cheers!

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  **CK01**

**LINDSAY TIEMEYER WINTERHALTER** just celebrated her one-year anniversary at Easterly Government Properties, Inc. (NYSE:DEA), a publicly traded REIT, where she heads the company's investor relations department. She and her husband, Brian, recently returned from Paris where they celebrated their five-year wedding anniversary. Grandma took care of Riley, who just turned two, while Brian and Lindsay went to Europe.



*Riley, son of Lindsay Tiemeyer Winterhalter, '01*

Lindsay has also been hosting Haley Stevens (attended Cranbrook Kingswood in '97-'98), who has been coming to Washington DC with great frequency for her Congressional campaign for Michigan's 11th District. **GABRIELA ZAPATA-ALMA** is entering her second year as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Chicago, and she recently became a national trainer for the federal institution, SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration). In September 2017 Gabriela was recognized with the Rising Star Award by the Illinois Association of Addiction Professionals, which is the Illinois chapter of the National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC). Best wishes for another great year!

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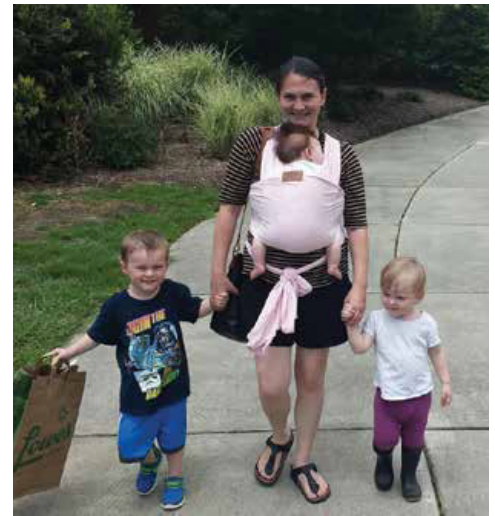
  **CK02**

First, thank you to everyone who attended our 15-year reunion on campus in June! It was truly a pleasure spending some time with everyone, and we couldn't have asked for a more beautiful evening out on the Quad. Special congratulations go out to **ANDREW LAMB**, whose parents, Rich and Betsy, also enjoyed a celebration during Reunion weekend to commemorate 40 years of mentoring and inspiring students at Cranbrook Kingswood. We also want to share our congratulations with several classmates whose families have been growing over the past few months. My colleague, **ELIZABETH MILLER BATTIN**, and her husband, Peter, welcomed their second son, Crosby John, to the family in February, and she says that their oldest, Graham, is "a fantastic big brother."



*Eliz Miller Battin's, '02, sons, Graham and Crosby*

Eliz adds that she'll get back to teaching design studio in the fall term at the New York School of Interior Design.



*Emily Nisch Terrell, '02, with children Henry, Clare and Jane*

**EMILY NISCH TERRELL** had her third child, Clare Bonnie, in April. Emily is enjoying life at home in North Carolina with three kids under four, while Clare "continues to rock a super tall Mohawk." **ELLIOT DARVICK** is now living with his wife and baby daughter in Huntington Woods, while he continues to run operations for Lyft in Detroit and Ann Arbor. And **CLAIRE O'CONNELL BOOGAARD** is still working as a community pediatrician in southeast Washington, D.C. She and her husband, Peter, love the many joys and challenges of raising their two-and-a-half-year-old daughter, Cordelia, and were expecting their second child in September. In the meantime, I've recently returned from a month of dissertation research in São Paulo, Brazil, where I've been studying industry associations and technological innovation. My brother, Eli, '04, and his wife, Becca, welcomed daughter, Casey, in March, and my parents will soon be relocating to their new home in New Hampshire, so I'm looking to spending more time with family in New England this fall. Thanks again to everyone for their contributions, and please feel free to reach out to us with any news updates that you'd like to share!

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# CK03

Hello, readers! We're all excited about our upcoming 15th reunion. **STEPHEN BOYCE** is living in Portland, Ore., and he just got married this June! **NICK SEIDL** is teaching engineering and computer science in Elkhart, Ind. He is in the process of merging the two high schools in his district, creating a ninth grade academy and a tenth-twelfth campus. They are going to be doing some innovative things around a "school-within-a-school" concept based on career pathways. His kids are entering kindergarten already this year! **JOHN ZHANG** sells paper products and lives in Appleton, WI, with his wife of seven years and his three-year-old son. **SAM SOICHET** is living in Dubai. He has an I.T. consulting business (started three years ago), with an office there, in the U.K., Chicago, and Bogota. He's excited about how things are going, and he's focusing on Cloud computing for Citrix VMWare, Cisco, and others! Your secretary, **NIKHIL KURAPATI**, has completed med school at University of Pittsburgh and is now working on research and a further graduate degree. Hope to see everyone at the reunion June 8-10, 2018.

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# CK03

Hi, everyone! It was nice to hear from many of you for this year's update. I hope this enthusiasm continues as we all start to think about our 15 (!) year reunion this June 8-10. It would be fantastic to see many of you back on campus and I am sure we can put together a fun celebration for our class. **STEFANIE SPIRO POHL** reports that after working at her alma mater, Michigan State, in the university's communications office, she decided to stay home with her daughters, Stella and Margot, shortly after Margot was born.



*Stephanie Sprio Pohl, '03, and family*

Margot arrived on New Year's Day, and Stella, 4, has been a very good big sister. Last August Stefanie and Zack celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary.



*Stephanie Spiro Pohl and Jen Lau, both '03*

They also celebrated the wedding of **JEN LAU** and her husband, McDonald Predelus. Many other classmates were in attendance including **GILLIAN MOHNEY**, **JACK RADISH (ROBINSON)**, Hannah Robinson, '05, and Kai Robinson, '76. Jack sent in a thoughtful update, "I'm living in Brooklyn with my partner and pets. I just started my fourth year teaching high school students with profound disabilities, and I'm currently at a really awesome special-education-only public school in Brooklyn. This year my class will be doing a year-long collaboration with the Morgan Library and Museum, where they learn about and make their own illuminated manuscripts using traditional medieval materials and techniques, which I did a few years ago, and my students loved." I am happy to report that it sounds like Stefanie, Jack, Jen, and Gillian will be attending our reunion!



*Liz McCormick Kaselitz, '03, and family*

**LIZ MCCORMACK KASELITZ** lives in Pittsburgh with her husband and two young children. She works in health services research, and her main project is focused on mapping maternal and neonatal health outcomes in rural Ghana. Liz's family moved to Pittsburgh a year ago for her husband's work. They are loving getting to know a new city and slowly learning how to be hipsters.



*Meg Guzy Robinton, '03, and family*

**MEG GUZY ROBINTON** lives in Eden Prairie, Minn., with her husband, Mark. They are loving it as it's been a great place to raise their two kiddos, Ellie, 4, and Cooper, 1.5. She's still working in merchandising at Target for their frozen foods business. Meg reports that she would love to make it back to reunion, especially since she hasn't been back to campus since graduation. Hope you can make it, Meg! It had been a while since I heard from **LISA YOSKOWITZ** and enjoyed her friendly update, "15 years! All good here. My husband, Michael, and I welcomed baby Maddie last November and are enjoying life as a family of three. I've been working in publishing in New York since college and am currently an executive editor at Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, where I acquire and edit middle grade and young adult fiction and narrative nonfiction." Every once in a while I run into **CAROLYN MOSS** around campus and am glad to report that she has started teaching another year at Cranbrook. She's loving teaching freshmen physics and



chemistry. Impressively, after a long hiatus she reintroduced herself to Irish dancing and last spring went to Ireland to compete in the World Championships. She was 13th as a solo dancer and won the 4-person group event. Very impressive! **ALLIE FRETTER** graduated from Rush University Medical Center with a M.S. in physician assistant studies and now is working full-time at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in the emergency department as a P.A.



*Allie Fretter, Katelyn Wynns, and Jackie Horst, all '03*

She reports that it's been an exciting and challenging new position since it's a Level I trauma center! **JACKIE HORST** is in the middle of her pulmonary/critical care fellowship at Rush University in Chicago. Up until recently Allie, Jackie, and **KATELYN WYNNS** were all working at Rush University, and they see each other often in the city! I hadn't heard from **CHELSEA SEGUIN** in a while, and it was great to receive her update, "I'm living in Los Angeles now and have been for the last eight years. I'm working for a small high-end fashion label called L'Agence. I was just recently promoted to lead the tech design and pattern department. I'm living with Luis, my partner of seven years. We just got back from a trip to Scotland, where I was a bridesmaid in a wedding for my best friend from the Kansas City Art Institute. My older brother, Elliot, '01, lives nearby with his wife and 1-year-old son. We visit them quite a bit." **BECKY MANNING MANCINI** moved from Los Angeles with her husband, Eric, and daughter, Viv, to put down roots in Petoskey, Mich. Becky will be working remotely in immigration law for Miller Canfield and returning to the Detroit area often. This summer **ASHLIE MERRITT**

**ROSEN** moved from New York City to Boca Raton, Fla. I was recently able to catch up with her and her husband, Jason, while they were back in Michigan escaping the wrath of Hurricane Irma! I was lucky enough to participate and see many of our classmates at **JESSICA SCHWARTZ WEISMAN's** wedding this past May. Jess is still working hard as Metro Detroit's up-and-coming real estate all-star and is settling into married life with her husband, Ethan, and their new puppy, Frankie. I really hope to see all of you come June 8-10 for our reunion. I know we would all have a blast getting together, and I would love to organize a crew of people to help plan something really memorable. If you are interested please reach out, and we can start to discuss what would work best for everyone! I always love hearing from all of you so please reach out at any time!

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**STEPHANIE DAVIDSON** got married in April, and they're expecting their first child this winter.



*Ivan Krstic, Nicole Ghafari, Jimmy Defebaugh, Faye Karabelski Roohi, Stephanie Davidson, Amanda Davidson Papaghanian, Colin Clarke, all '04, and Alex Roohi and Logan Clarke*

She is now a clinical instructor at Harvard Law School. **PAMELA GOSCENSKI FARR** is living in Baltimore with her husband, Matt. They welcomed their son, Jack Henry, into the family in December 2016. He is so awesome, and they are enjoying every moment with him!



*Pamela Goscenski Farr, '04, with her son, Jack*

**KATE BRUDER GREENMAN** and her husband are living and working in Lima, Peru. On February 21 they welcomed their first child, William Noah. It's crazy for them to see how fast Will grows, and he's at that stage where his personality is starting to develop. He has already accompanied them on a few trips to visit friends in Peru, and he got to meet friends and family in Michigan this August. **SABRINA MUST** is now based in San Diego, a block from the ocean. She's working full-time on her blog, SabrinaMust.com, writing and traveling. She also speaks to groups (mostly at schools) about the importance of pursuing happiness, with an underlying message of suicide awareness. "Life is solid." Her pug, Monkey, is still riding shotgun on her bike as her traveling sidekick! **KELLAN CLOPTON PILOT** just had her third child, Abigail. Aside from taking care of her kids, she's preparing to start the next year of homeschool with her sons, working on some projects in their historic house, and from time to time taking on accounting clients.



Wedding of Paige Smith Spearin, '04

**PAIGE SMITH** has had a pretty busy two years. She moved to Manhattan two years ago, where she's a print designer for Lilly Pulitzer, and she got married in Harbor Springs, Mich., in August to Reid Spearin. CK alumni in their wedding party included **SHEILA O'CONNELL JOHNSON**, Shaw Smith Morris, '01, Brewster Smith, '06, and Megan Smith, '06. After Harbor Springs, Reid and Paige will be heading to Rome and Tuscany for their honeymoon. Upon return, she'll change her name to Paige Smith Spearin. **MICHELLE THOMAS** had been living in Michigan for the past three years, working for a company that creates 3D visualizations for brands. In August she planned on leaving that company and heading to Colorado State University to pursue an MFA in creative writing. **SARAH WON** is still in Columbus, teaching special education at Dublin Scioto High School. She has one more year left to get her master's degree in educational leadership at Miami University. While her brother just got married, Sarah is still single, enjoying life, and super happy! I, **JULIA KRAMER PONG**, had an exciting year as well. We took a trip to Hawaii to visit my husband Chris' family, and a trip to Greece with my parents. We also recently bought a 1910 Craftsman-style home in South Pasadena, Calif., remodeled it extensively, and moved in (amidst continued construction) a-day-and-a-half after our second child was born (two weeks early). His name is August, and our two-year-old daughter, Oakley, seems to like him quite a bit. Our in-home daycare remained open during these changes, and with Chris' paternity leave and lots of help from family and friends, we can see the light at the end of the tunnel!

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## CK05

Hi, Class of 2005 - **BLAKE GEORGE** is getting married in November to Jewels Sheena. **COLIN LENEHAN** works as an audio visual technician for the conference center at Northwestern Medicine in downtown Chicago and recently purchased his first condo last November with his significant other, Shallah. He loves the city and plans on staying put for the time being, but as he further explores his passion for film sound and recording, he is open to the possibility of someday making the move to Los Angeles. He looks forward to seeing his fellow Cranbrook mates at the 2020 reunion! **MARK CRAIN** is living in Detroit with his wife, Hazel, and two kids, Musa and Haroon. He's now in his fifth year at MoveOn.org, currently serving as the mobile innovation director. His local community development project, Dream of Detroit, was recently featured in *The Nation* magazine. **MIKE ILITCH** is living in the Detroit area with his wife, Victoria, and beautiful daughter, Sara, born March 2017. He is working in development with Little Caesars and enjoying being a new dad. As for me, **RYAN ZAMPARDO**, I'm still living in the Bay Area but have been spending an increasing amount of time in Detroit, where I started a real estate development business, Inkwel Partners, with an on-the-ground partner in early 2017. If you'd like to be included in future updates, please email me at rzampardo@gmail.com.

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## CK05

Hi, All, just a few small updates this time around. **ANNA GANGADHARAN** married Jeremy Bleier on May 20 at Oakland Hills Country Club. They live in Berkley, Mich., in a house they are renovating themselves! Jeremy is a 2L at Wayne State Law School, and Anna is the executive director of Citizen Yoga. They just rescued a new puppy and named her Luna. **RACHEL WELFORD** left the law firm of Cozen O'Connor to join American Airlines in November 2016 as director of security and regulatory affairs. She is based in the airline's Washington, D.C., office and focuses on aviation security policy. Thanks! And do not hesitate to contact class secretary, **JANICE DAVID**, should you have updates to share. She

is always happy to hear from classmates.

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## CK06

Hi, all! I would like to apologize for not getting the word out to contribute to *Tradition* more effectively. At the time that I am writing this, September 8, 2017, there are so many important national and international events going on that I am sure many people are focusing on making sure they and their families are safe from natural disasters. The alumni newsletter is not a priority. The good thing about living in 2017 is that even with *Tradition* we are able to keep in touch with each other through social media. I see creative artists and bold scientists, loving spouses and devoted parents, leaders, hustlers, doers, dreamers, entrepreneurs, friends, children, and siblings working hard, enjoying all the world has to offer, and giving back to their communities and social groups. Special thanks and congratulations go to **MIRIAM SVIDLER** and **SHANNON DOWD** who answered the call and sent in some updates for *Tradition*.



Miriam Svidler Maximkov, '06, and husband, Andrew

The past year has been an exciting one for **MIRIAM SVIDLER**! She married Andrew Maximkov, a practicing attorney, in November 2016. Miriam continues to work at Cruz Clinic in Livonia as a psychotherapist, and the happy couple lives in Oak Park, Mich. Miriam has also



launched a career as a professional artist and was recently honored to be invited to exhibit her creation Blue Tension at the 2017 ArtPrize in Grand Rapids.



Blue Tension was created while she was a student at Cranbrook and was the winner of numerous awards including the Michigan Sculptor's Guild Award at the BBAC Regional High School Competition and an invitation to exhibit Blue Tension in the Governor's Awards for Arts and Culture Gala. Her art is on view at [www.miriamartanddesign.com](http://www.miriamartanddesign.com). **SHANNON DOWD** finished her PhD in Spanish at the U-M. Her area of focus was on Latin American literature, and her dissertation was about literature and film on border wars. She continues teaching at U-M as a postdoctoral lecturer. As for me, your humble secretary, I live in Royal Oak and have taken up the sport of curling this past year, which has been super fun. **MATT MOURA** took a break living and working in Boston and joined me on a ski trip in March to Colorado. I work at a nonprofit organization called Metro Solutions, which helps other nonprofits with capacity building, and we have brought in **KATIE LAMB** to serve as our newest board member with her wealth of experience in nonprofits. I Skype not nearly enough with **LAUREN WHITE HAASE**, who lives in Germany, and whose life is a lot busier

now with her adorable baby boy. I vow to serve you all better in 2018 and will try to give you more warning for the next update. I wish you all peace and happiness in the season ahead!

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## CK08

Listen up, People. Our ten-year reunion is right around the corner. It may feel like you've read this before, and that's because you have, in the last riveting issue of *Tradition*. But this isn't just a rerun, because I also have some new information, which I will reveal at the end of the note. In the meantime, I want to thank the many, many people who volunteered to help plan the reunion and congratulate the few who made it through the reunion committee's rigorous screening process, definitely not the same number who volunteered. By the time you read this, we will be in the midst of planning our class event and likely will have sent at least one notice about its date, time, and location through various forms of media. If you haven't received any such notice but are interested in attending, please email me at [peterbaumhart29@gmail.com](mailto:peterbaumhart29@gmail.com). We may not have a current email address for you. This is the point at which I normally recount our classmates' updates. But first, I want to give you the new information I just mentioned. I know I said I'd tell you at the end of the note, but I'm putting it here for reasons that will become clear later. The dates for our reunion are June 8-10, 2018, so be sure to block off time on your calendars and make necessary travel arrangements! After almost four years at WBUR for On Point, a nationally syndicated NPR talk show, **NICK ANDERSEN** has begun working for WGBH, where he produces a podcast for the team that creates the PBS Masterpiece series. As of the time of this writing, he was also preparing to launch an independent podcast called Ministry of Ideas, which Nick describes as tackling "big philosophical quandaries." Away from the radio station, he still manages to run into other CK alums around Cambridge, Mass. Not to be outdone on the performance front, **JEFF SAVIN** graced his medical school class with the national anthem at their graduation, and followed that up by winning a chopsticks competition. The utensil, not the piano playing style, just in case you were wondering. He is now living the quiet life as a radiology resident

at Beaumont. On the East Coast, M. **PAUL WEEKS** has been working in New York City as a software engineer for five years and has started teaching classes on the side. He spends his free time playing games, building websites, and lecturing at anime conventions. Shortly before I sent this note for printing, I had the pleasure of catching up with **XANDER STREK** over lunch. He was busy preparing for his wedding at the end of September and looking forward to what sounded like a pretty awesome honeymoon in Hawaii. Other than that, he is enjoying working a stone's throw from Cranbrook at Clarkston Capital Partners and has stayed in regular touch with other alums in the area. On the topic of weddings, **CAMERON KEISER** reports that he is getting married in October to his fiancée, Jillian, with whom he has a one-and-a-half-year-old daughter named Evelyn Reign. He lives in Eau Claire, WI, where he works as an operations store advisor at Menards' headquarters. He is looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion. **DAVID BLEZNAK** also tied the knot last August at the Cranbrook Art Museum. He is coaching the JV Soccer team and reports that they are off to a great start. After nearly three years in the Golden West, **RYAN A. DREWS** has returned to Michigan to work for Huron Capital, an operationally-focused private equity firm based in Detroit's historic Guardian Building. He is enjoying working and living downtown and is amazed by the growth and vibrancy of the city. Due to a lapse in healthcare coverage between employment, he witnessed but did not participate in the alumni soccer team's rousing victory over an imposing varsity squad. Fortunately, the relocation has not disrupted his garage band's practice and performance schedule. The band even added a new member, recruiting **AARON ROBINS** on the alphorn. Aaron is finishing up his fourth year of medical school at Ross University School of Medicine and wants to go into psychiatry. As for your Class Secretary, I wrapped up my second federal clerkship in August and have moved to Chicago to work for a large law firm. During the two months between jobs, I traveled to Texas to visit family and to Europe, Scotland and Germany, for a long-delayed post-bar exam trip. For those of you who skipped to the end for the new information, shame on you. That was a test, and you have failed. Go back and read the note for the reunion update.

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 **CK08**

It's been almost ten years since we walked through the Green Lobby on a daily basis or made fun of the weird dance posters hanging in the hall. I recently traveled back to CK to see all that has changed and stayed the same. So it was a great delight to catch up again with some of the ladies I spent so much of my time with over those years. **LISA MICHAELS** writes from England, she has been busy this last year working as a professional actor in the Metro Detroit area and has launched a theatre company in London. Their first production goes up in December at Camden's Etcetera Theatre. She will be stateside this fall but only for a quick trip as she will be performing in a world premiere production in 2018! **CHRISTINA POLLACK** is to be wed in May of '18 and will have **JULIE JUNG RASMUSSEN** (matron of honor) as well as **CASEY MILLER**, **NEVEEN ELIAS**, and **ASHLEY LEINWEBER** by her side for the joyous event. **MACKENZIE MCBRIDE** writes from Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn, where she continues her work as a teaching artist in public schools all over the city. She also recently finished an artist residency at Marble House Project in Dorset, Vt., where she spent a month working on a new play. Ever prolific, another play of hers was recently featured as part of the Playhouse of Park new play reading series in West Hartford, Conn., and she has just signed on to co-write a new project that will hopefully be produced next summer. My co-secretary, **REBECCA KALLEN MURDEN**, and her husband, Todd, just closed on their first house in Sewickley, Pa., just outside of Pittsburgh. They are very excited (and slightly nervous) about being homeowners. She still loves her job at mossArchitects and is having fun putting some of her design skills to work in her own home. **ARIELLE MACK** is finishing her final year at U-M Law. She will be starting at a firm in Chicago next year and will be wed to Darryl Irish next August in a ceremony in Scotland. After finishing up grad school, I relocated to Evanston, IL., and I am working for CVS Health in data analytics, building and implementing predictive models. I love being back in the Midwest and am hopeful we can all get together next summer at reunion, June 8-10, 2018, to catch up and be grossly nostalgic. Best.

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 **CK09**

**JORDAN BERGER** moved to Fort Worth, Tex., (yee-haw!) just in time for hurricane season. He's working as a software developer for a finance company and playing music. Still soaking up viral video stardom ([https://youtu.be/czb\\_CZfWko8](https://youtu.be/czb_CZfWko8)) and doing some traveling. **SAMUEL DETTLING**. Following graduation from CK, Sam attended the U-M, graduating Summa Cum Laude in 2013 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He went on to graduate from the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine this past May, and has returned to Ann Arbor for his residency in Anesthesiology at the U-M Health System. **ARTUR FRUMAN**, "Hey y'all, Artur here. Still no H in my name. I live in New York. I run a company manufacturing tongue scrapers—very important for your health ([www.scrapeyourtongue.com](http://www.scrapeyourtongue.com)). I have my real estate license in New York, so if you plan on moving then let me know and I'll point ya in the right direction. Also, I recently got pretty involved in crypto currencies so if anyone else is in the game, let's chat. Miss each and every one of you, except Wells." **ERIC HARBOUR** is down in New Zealand for grad school, working in rugby and not giving a 'hoot' about U.S. politics. **STEPHEN PECK** recently relocated to Durham, N.C. to get his MBA at Duke. **BRENT MOFFETT**, **DYLAN HANDELSMAN**, **JOE GRANZOTTO**, **ERIC FISHMAN** and **ANDREW ECKHOUS** recently moved to western Zimbabwe. Prompted by increasing threats to natural wildlife, they joined a counter-poaching organization and have spent months tracking poachers in an attempt to protect big-game animals in the Hwange National Park. This past week, the International Deli Association bestowed its highest civilian honor, the Delicatessen Humanitarian Award, on the newly-minted rangers for their courageous efforts. To contribute to their cause, please visit [iapf.org](http://iapf.org). **ADAM WELLS** is living on a houseboat on Lake Union in Seattle, and runs a photo/video production company called 'Yeehaw Donkey' that specializes in capturing and sharing life in the outdoors. If you're passing through Seattle or would care to submit updates for the CK Class of 2009 shoot him an email at [adam.joseph.wells@gmail.com](mailto:adam.joseph.wells@gmail.com).

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 **CK10**

**GEORGE TEPE** got engaged! As if he wasn't having a stellar year with that announcement, he recently graduated from Columbia Law School and is starting as a corporate associate at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. His fiancée runs a non-profit, BlackFem, Inc., which teaches wealth and financial literacy to women and girls of color, and George has also found time to help her with her endeavors.

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 **CK10**

**MIKI BASSEY** recently moved to Washington D.C., where she is building robots at a defense robotics company. She would like to assure us that she is not working for Skynet. This fall, **TESSA HUTTENLOCHER** started her second year of a Ph.D. program in Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania, where she is studying organizations and civil society. When she's not reading, writing, teaching (!), or doing field work, Tessa is getting to know Philadelphia through very long walks and good food. **ROSEMARY O'CONNOR** is working in Detroit for the sport-based youth development organization called Racquet Up Detroit. She is now their Squash Director, and is eagerly awaiting another exciting school year. **CARLYN OSBORN** lives in Washington, D.C., and continues to work for the Library of Congress. She will be finishing graduate school in December, earning a Master's of Library and Information Science (MLIS) from the University of Maryland, College of Information Studies. **MARY TOBIAS** just finished her first quarter of culinary school at Kendall College in Chicago. She is in an accelerated program, working on earning an associate's degree in culinary arts by the summer of 2018. This summer she travelled with her best friend to the Netherlands, and took a road trip through Croatia.

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## C12

**STEVEN COLBURN** moved out to California upon graduating from the U-M in 2016. He is starting his second year working in motion picture and television talent at United Talent Agency in Beverly Hills. **DAMIAN WIECZOREK** is also in California, having recently moved to the San Francisco Bay Area, and is working as an Android developer for Robinhood in Palo Alto. Since graduating from CK, **CHANCE MORGAN** has earned two bachelors in theatre (design/technology and acting/directing) from Colorado Mesa University and is currently a carpenter at Bay Street Theatre in Sag Harbor, N.Y. For the next year, he will be a carpenter at Northern Stage in Hartford, Vt. He sadly wasn't able to attend the reunion but is hoping to make the 10-year.

## K12

It's been a busy past year for class of 2012 grads! It was great to hear from so many of you. **COLLEEN JACOBY** is starting her second year of law school in Charleston, S.C. She still plays hockey, frequently at the local rink, and loves visiting Ms. Chun whenever she's back in Michigan! **MOLLY LAUBERNDS** is also in law school at The University of Akron School of Law, after graduating from The College of Wooster. She is thoroughly enjoying residing closer to home after spending the past year working for the educational non-profit, City Year AmeriCorps. If anyone is ever in the Cleveland/Akron area, please reach out to her! **SOPHIE ROSE ZUCKER** graduated from Carnegie Mellon University in May 2016 and was the student speaker at the university commencement—she is now YouTube-searchable! She lives in Madison, Wisc., working in the healthcare software industry. She maintains an active group text with **LUNA ZHANG**, a medical student at St. Louis University, **KATE GARDNER**, who is living and writing in Los Angeles, and **ALEX SHIVERS**, who is now a special education teacher in the Washington, D.C., area. **AMANDA REUSS** worked at a talent agency in Los Angeles for a year and moved back to Michigan in May to work at General Motors. She is now living in Royal Oak. **ISABELLE SUI** would like to thank everyone she got to catch up with at our five-year reunion, shout out to team number 1. If you weren't able to attend, she hopes you will stop by Los

Angeles to visit her soon! She's lived there since January 2017 and works for Live Nation as their venue sustainability coordinator. Feel free to talk to her anytime about zero waste or oceanic plastic pollution. **NINETTE MUSILI** is living in East Lansing and is starting her first year of medical school at MSU College of Human Medicine this fall. Since her time at Cranbrook Kingswood, **ALEXANDRA ('ALI') VON BAILLOU KOCH** completed her BS in economics magna cum laude at Florida State University, and was commissioned as a distinguished military graduate as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. She is assigned to the 7th Engineer Battalion at Fort Drum and has recently graduated from Air Assault School and Sapper School. I hope everyone else is doing well! Again, always feel free to send me, **SYDNEY SANDERS**, an email update at [ssanders0603@gmail.com](mailto:ssanders0603@gmail.com) and let me know if you're ever in San Francisco!

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## CK16

This summer, **SEAN ANDERSON** worked in a cognition lab researching choking under pressure, specifically related to musical and athletic performance. Currently at U-M, Sean is helping to build an organization that works with resettled refugees in the U.S. to get them better access to higher education and job opportunities. **NICO BENNETT-CARPENTER** was selected by West Point after his freshman year there to participate in Airborne School for three weeks in Fort Benning, Ga. During this course he learned how to jump out of military planes alongside other West Point students and current Army officers. In order to fulfill a requirement for her bachelor of business degree, **LEAH DOLIK** took Econ 102 at the London School of Economics. She loved living and learning in London, but Leah also got to enjoy some time traveling abroad outside of her three-week Econ course. Before returning to U-M for her sophomore year **HANNAH EIBNER** spent the summer interning at the Chicago-based experiential and event marketing company called AgencyEA. There she worked in the client services department assisting in ideation and execution of client projects, including going on site at Pitchfork Music Festival to assist CLIF Bar with a booth activation. **EMILY HARVEY** spent her

summer working with the data analytics team of the company, Retail Velocity. The software company consolidates sales data for major suppliers, so being interested in the tech industry this position gave Emily valuable exposure before starting her sophomore year at U-M. **CAROLINE HINNANT** spent her summer living in New York City, working as a marketing and PR intern for the company Hudson Blvd Group. The company builds, grows, and operates service-driven beauty brands. She learned to navigate the city well through various errands, and learned about the work behind advertising, and promoting a small business. **GARRETT KATZ** spent his summer interning as a software developer at Real Green Systems, which provides software for lawn care, landscape, pest control, and waste management companies. He gained real world experience and developed skills in various programming languages. **VASIA KAVADAS**, former Wilderness Expedition leader, is taking a gap semester from Wellesley College to tackle a NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School) course. She will spend 89 days backpacking, rock climbing, and canoeing in the American West, and get her Wilderness First Responder certification. **KENNIE KERNEN** spent three months of his summer working for Ducker Worldwide, a consulting firm located in Troy, Mich. He managed Google Adwords campaigns, participated in case studies, and published content. Outside of work, Kennie played on the Ducker Worldwide men's soccer team and made it to the semi-finals in their league. **STEVEN MENG** interned for the China Development Bank Root-Well Funds in Shanghai, conducting research on developing Chinese companies. He learned about risk evaluation while improving his Chinese communication skills in a work environment. After completing the Ann Arbor Marathon in March, he is currently training for the Hawk Island Triathlon in 2018. After freshman year at Michigan State, **ELIJAH SYDNEY POLLAK** is transferring schools to spend the rest of his undergraduate career pursuing music at Berklee College of Music in Boston, Mass. There he will major in music therapy while continuing playing both guitar and piano. **ADARSH RACHMALE**, an electrical engineer and business student at the University of Michigan, is gaining valuable experience in the tech entrepreneurship space, spending this past summer working as a product manager in Mountain View, Calif., for an industrial IoT company, changing the way corporation

automate their systems. He is heavily involved in the technology and business space, and he hopes to start his own company soon. **BETSY SAYLOR** began her summer with a three-week class at the U-M's geological station in Jackson, Wyo., called Camp Davis. There she took History and Literature of the American Rockies, and got to hike in the Tetons almost every day.

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KENNIE KERNEN

## CK17

Class of 2017! We made it! No matter where you are now or where you are going, we all share the memory of Cranbrook. Stay connected through our class Facebook page and be sure to connect with the CK alumni group on LinkedIn. To start off the first edition of *Tradition* with the Class of 2017 as alums, we thought it might be helpful to give you a little introduction. Hi everyone! It's **MATTHEW YANG** here. I'm super excited to be one of your alumni class secretaries and can't wait to hear about what you guys are accomplishing in the future. I attend Washington University in St. Louis, pursuing majors in computer science and business. I am also competing on the swim team there. It's physically tough but also a lot of fun. Finally, I have temporarily relocated to Chicago, spending more time with my sister as she pursues a master's degree. So, if you are in either St. Louis or Chicago, hit me up! Also send me updates because you are the next edition. Good luck with everything you do and do so with grit! Hey, it's **LAURA ROED** and I'm in Los Angeles at USC majoring in arts, technology, and the business of innovation. Hope you guys are off to a great start—I know I'm having a good time. I'm sad we won't be able to fill the quad with alpacas, bounce through the bouncy house on the way to class, or be absolutely paranoid of water guns for a month—that goes without mentioning Punta—but there are more memories to come! Keep in touch and aim high.

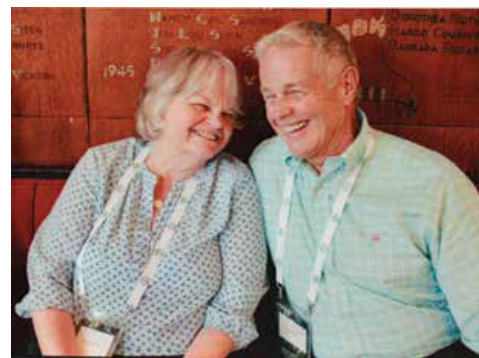
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# HONORARY ALUMNI

First to respond to the request for news was **FRANK NORTON**: "Kim and I moved into the Dome house just east of Ithaca, N.Y., that we have been building since 2003. One of the first things we did after trying to shoehorn everything into the house was to look for gainful employment. Neither Kim nor I were ready to retire, so Kim is working part-time at Wegmans (#2 employer in the country and #1 grocery store), along with teaching several classes, and doing personal training at Cornell. I am teaching physics at SUNY Broome CC (Binghamton, N.Y.), working more than I had intended. Given that 12 credit hours of work constitutes full-time status, my 10 hours of class and labs kept me pretty busy in both the fall and spring semesters. If both labs go this fall, I will have 11 hours—if not, only 10. The level of physics is very similar to what is offered at Cranbrook, though the full-time professors teach the calculus-based physics. I am getting used to an entirely different set of student problems as the age range of my students this past year spanned 17-50 yrs. of age. Many of the full-time students have families and/or work full-time in addition. Some are very educated. I had an Egyptian whose law degree is useless in the U.S., others struggle to remember the algebra they were taught 30 years past. Teaching also keeps me involved in the AP physics reading. For the past two years I have been one of the five exam leaders. This past June I was responsible for the International AP P1 and P2 Exams. Kim and I also take advantage of cultural events brought in by Cornell and Ithaca College. Hiking and kayaking round out our leisure time when we have any. We miss all our friends at Cranbrook and wish everyone well." Thanks for letting us know what you and Kim have been up to, Frank, and keep in touch. **CHARLIE SHAW** sent the following message: "On the heels of a 40-year-career as English teacher, coach, and administrator, in June of 2016 I tasted my first 'new boy' experience in many years. As I assumed the new job title of director of stewardship, I experienced authentic, Joseph Conrad dread! Periodic office jibes about the new boy beanie and socks were always funny and warm, but really my new learning curve looked steep and daunting. First because the development mission is part of, and no less sacred than,

the educational mission. Secondly, because the development mission demands caring for thousands of CK sons and daughters, past and future. As many have long known, Excel sheets and financials have never been my strong suit. I've taken comfort in realizing that all of my 42 years here have been about CK storytelling. And also about mentoring and being mentored. I've had great mentors in my career here: Sam Salas, Ben Snyder, John Hazard, Carol Lebo, Arlyce Seibert, just to name a few. And I have great mentors in this office. It has been amazing to re-connect with countless alums from a shared past, to meet older alums for the first time, and to build out the future CK family. Meanwhile we still live on campus, which Madame Shaw continues to improve with her gardening. Alexa Shaw, '98, and Evy moved back to Detroit. Young Charles, '98, teaches history in Budapest, Hungary, with family. Peter lives with us and continues as chief inspector and conservator of the campus." This was a sad year as honorary alumnus, **BEN SNYDER**, passed away, and a memorial service took place at Christ Church Cranbrook in September. Today, I got word that **JOHN WINTER** survived Hurricane Irma, and his condo had little damage. We were glad to hear that about John and many others in the alumni family. As for me, I've had an interesting summer connecting with alumni, first of all by again being able to help John Albrecht, '47, during the Alumni Memorial Service at Reunion. I did run into **JOHN WINTER**, and we talked about life as retirees.



*Happy retirees, Kathy Discenna and John Winter, both Honorary Alumni*

I also visited former Cranbrook librarian Jan Reelitz at her beautiful rustic home in the U.P.





*Kathy Discenna with Jan Reelitz in the UP*

My husband and I also enjoyed our annual trip up north in Charlevoix with stops in Bay Harbor, Petoskey, Traverse City, and Arcadia, as well as enjoying visits from our children and grandsons. I'm hoping to hear from more of our honorary alumni with news for this column in the months ahead.

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## FORMER FACULTY

Reunion 2017 provided occasions for three special remembrances noted in the spring edition of *Tradition*. On Saturday devoted friends of long-serving Cranbrook nurse **BONNIE COWIE** gathered for stories about Bonnie's unrelenting dedication to the boys under her care. Epic tales of Bonnie's love for cats and special cathedrals of retail were shared. On Sunday devoted friends of **LINDA VAN DAM** and **HAL SMART** gathered at Brookside. Friends and colleagues of Linda celebrated her infectious sense of humor and a classroom rich with encouragement and the cultures of the world. Linda's bead sales supported underserved South African communities. Many friends paid tribute to **HAL SMART** and his genius for inspiring our youngest artists. Hal was a far-seeing and energetic department head. His impulse for creating mischief and celebration in the Tamarack apartments was legendary. Homing is said to be the inherent ability to navigate towards an original location or a home territory through unfamiliar areas. Certainly, no better demonstration of this behavior exists than the retired faculty species. Weather changes, school calendar, medical appointments, or even a good lunch menu

are typical behavioral cues, but each return is invariably an occasion for general rejoicing. **DEBORAH RUTZEN**, beloved history teacher and long-serving academic dean, paid a visit to the senior prom last June.



*Debbie Rutzen (center) returned to campus to keep watch over prom with Claudia Schuette and Arlyce Seibert*

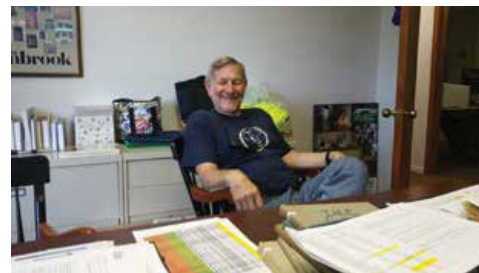
Adoring prom-goers patiently waited their turn to file past the legendary tribute dais of Debbie, **CLAUDIA SCHUETTE**, and **ARLYCE SEIBERT**, who bestow ceremonial and lavish praise. Barely suppressed squeals and giggles greet these three graces.



*Former English teacher and academic dean, Dr. Jeffrey Welch, gave a campus art and architecture tour*

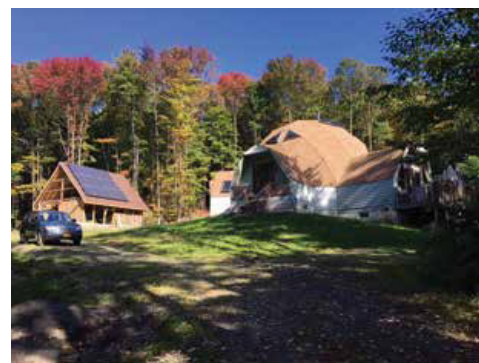
Former English teacher and academic dean, **DR. JEFFREY WELCH**, returned to campus on a beautiful September day for a walking tour of his favorite places on the Cranbrook campus. A nice gathering of students, faculty, and staff listened in rapt attention to Dr. Welch's investigations of the reading room, the map room, the quad, among other beloved haunts. Dr. Welch's research is leading toward a book which will focus on the friendship between George Booth and Eliel Saarinen. He has promised a return date in spring to pay tribute to his favorite Kingswood places. Last April **ROBERT "FRED" FREDRIKSON** made a surprise campus visit on his annual northern migration route from Bainbridge, Ga., Lake Seminole, to Ontonagon, in the U.P. These

days distractions from fishing are blessedly few. Math faculty shared fond memories of his classroom, which Fred had re-fashioned in an ice shanty theme and retold tales of the student office of calculus treasurer and particularly brilliant officeholders. Among the duties of the treasurer was the task of collecting fines for lateness to class, particularly nasty for repeat offenders. Fred could not recall one instance of a student who failed to pay a prescribed fine. From the shores of his lakefront home on Lake Angelus and the heightened powers of reflection afforded thereby, **HERB SNITZ** continues to opine generously on all manner of topics and pays periodic visits to the school, particularly the dining hall. Philosophy and teaching are still his passions, and he pays periodic visits to the CK Philosophy Club.



*Frank Norton pays a visit to campus*

To everyone's great surprise, we learned that **FRANK NORTON** and **KIM** are living off the grid in the woods near Ithaca, N.Y., relying on wood and sun for power and heat.



*Dome of Frank and Kim Norton, both former faculty*

Frank visited the campus in June in order to catch up with our graduation speaker, Bob Bechek, '77, now a principal at Bain Capital. Recalling his time on Wilderness, Bob addressed some wonderful words of tribute to Frank. Upon returning home, Frank and Kim completed a three-day kayak trip through the Cayuga-Seneca Canal. Gracing the annual Elizabeth Bennet Reading were

**ERIC LINDER** and **DAVID TIDWELL**. Eric lives locally and can barely catch his breath from his many campaigns for relief and aide for those in need, near and far. David tries to get back annually for the Bennett Reading. From his home in western Michigan, David keeps his oar in the classroom and the tennis court. He occasionally teaches philosophy courses and performs executive duties at the national tennis championships at his alma mater, Kalamazoo College. **FRAN DAGBOVIE** periodically stops by the campus in order to check in on faculty and her HUB family, several of whom she mentors and tutors. **PROSPERO “MONSIEUR” DAGBOVIE** is a regular at the YMCA and stays busy with grandchildren. Prospero and Fran try to make an annual trip to Togo. Fran stays in touch with Peace Corps buddies and stays active politically. Former vocal music instructor **ANNA SPECK** checked in to update her address in Indiana. She there last August, as her son-in-law took a job at Notre Dame, and her new home is near her daughter and four grandchildren and also closer to her other daughter, two grandchildren and husband living in Chicago. She also loves being able to drive back to see friends in Michigan and attend special Cranbrook performances. **JOHN SHILTS** stopped by recently to pay tribute to his special mentor, **BEN SNYDER**. Doc Shilts is an inexhaustible trove of Cranbrook track stories and recalls, with his prodigious memory of runners and English classroom moments. After a storied career as teacher and track coach at Lawrenceville, Doc lives in Pleasant Ridge, down the road from Cranbrook. He stays busy with correspondence, grandchildren, and of course, reading. **JAN REELITZ** and husband, Dan, stay connected with students and faculty on her many criss-crossings of state and country. The U.P. cabin stays busy all summer with countless visitors, including former Alumni Director Kathy Discenna. Jan recently hosted a reception for Elissa Slotkin, '94, who is a candidate for the U.S. Congress in Michigan's 8th District. No more ardent champion of the U.P., libraries, and grandchildren exists than Jan.



Finally, the entire community was saddened by the loss of longtime Early Childhood Center educator Katie Fiebig this fall. Katie was a passionate educator and recipient of the Excellence in Teaching award. She will be missed by her Cranbrook Schools colleagues, and remembered with great fondness by our alumni who passed through her classroom. Our deep condolences go out to her husband, Bob, and daughter, Trina '20.

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Classes of '83, '88, '93, and '98: Bring your children to reunion! Cranbrook Discovery Camp for ages 6-12 can have a blast on campus while you enjoy your reunion at this special two-day camp designed to dovetail with reunion activities. Cranbrook camp staff will lead campers on activities and adventures through favorite campus locations. Look out for information in reunion communications or on the summer camp webpage.



Summer 2018 registration for camps will launch in December. To be notified, contact us at [summer@cranbrook.edu](mailto:summer@cranbrook.edu) or (248) 645-3678.

Other camps in the Cranbrook community include Athletic camps, Institute of Science camps, and Art Museum camps. Visit their respective webpages on the Cranbrook website to learn more.

We look forward to a great summer season!

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