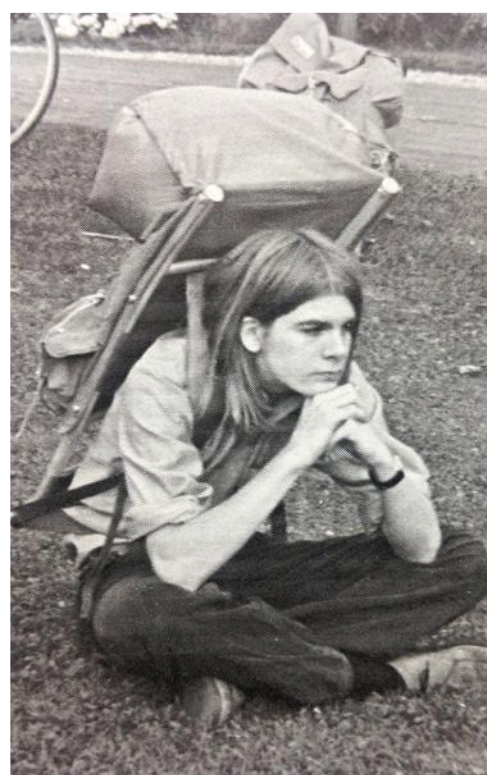


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Cranbrook Kingswood students have a long history of challenging themselves to leave civilization behind and dig deep within themselves to collaborate, learn new skills, and to persevere. As this year's sophomores ready themselves for the 50th Wilderness Expedition, we challenge you to identify some snapshots from past trips. Mark your calendar to celebrate 50 Wilderness Expedition trips at reunion this coming June 7-8-9.

Try your hand at identifying these pictures. If you can identify classmates or have information about the date or activity pictured, send it to alumni@cranbrook.edu with "Do You Remember" in the subject line.

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RESIDENT'S Point of View

Dear Cranbrook Schools' Alumni,

I hope this fall season has been good to each of you and your families. As the fall colors begin to paint our campus, the first weeks of our academic year opened a new chapter in the history of Cranbrook. We welcomed our new Director of Cranbrook Schools, Aime Claire Lambert Roche (AC), and Interim Director of Cranbrook Academy of Art, Susan R. Ewing. Both AC and Susan are welcome additions to the Cranbrook family and both are off to a terrific start!

The beginning of another school year was also an ideal time to revisit Cranbrook's strategic themes, our broad set of principles, and focus on areas that help guide our programs and many activities. The seven strategic themes for Cranbrook are:

1. Continually Focus on the Safety, Welfare, and Security of our Campus
2. Promote and Sustain Excellence
3. Collaborate and Strengthen Community
4. Solidify and Increase our Financial Strength
5. Use Resources Sustainably
6. Embrace Innovative Thinking and New Technologies in All That We Do
7. Serve Others Through Outreach

You will notice that this year, a new strategic theme focused on safety, welfare, and security has been added. In full, this new theme states: "The safety and welfare of our students, guests, and those who work at Cranbrook are of paramount importance. We commit to providing a safe and secure environment while welcoming our many diverse audiences." As a further point of emphasis, you will note that this new theme has been placed at the top of the list.

Safety and wellness are critical components to the educational approach at Cranbrook. A safe environment focused on all of our Community's many constituents promotes excellence and a broad sense of well-being.

Together with Cranbrook's Senior Staff, we never stop thinking about how we can do even more to ensure the



safety of our students, faculty, staff, and many campus guests. Our focus on safety will never stop, and will always continue to develop as new technologies and procedures emerge.

Cranbrook has an exceptional relationship with Bloomfield Hills Public Safety. Through collaborative efforts such as on-campus fire evolution training, dispatch shadowing programs, and suspicious package handling, we have been able to increase our Public Safety department's knowledge of best practices while improving our partnership with the City of Bloomfield Hills.

We have also introduced the ALICE (Alert-Lockdown-Inform-Counter-Evacuate) response program to all of the Program Areas of the Cranbrook Community, including our students. As you may know, this specialized training empowers individuals with options in the event of a violent intruder. All who have experienced this training can attest to it being a prime example of Cranbrook's commitment to safety and innovative thinking.

Finally, we have the privilege of welcoming thousands of visitors and students to the Cranbrook campus each year. It's our responsibility to ensure that every one of them has a safe and enjoyable experience. Although our efforts in this area will never be complete, I am grateful for the work our Public Safety and other team members are doing to keep our campus safe against a backdrop of the welcoming, inclusive environment that we all value so very much.

To read more about Cranbrook's Strategic Themes, please visit www.cranbrook.edu/about and click on the "Strategic Themes" tab.

Please know that you are an essential part of our Community and your continued friendship is very much appreciated. Thank you for everything that you do for Cranbrook!

As always, I would welcome hearing from you.

Sincerely,
DOMINIC DIMARCO, PRESIDENT
Cranbrook Educational Community



DIRECTOR'S School of Thought

Thank you for your incredibly warm welcome to Cranbrook. I both appreciate and am honored by the welcome everyone in the Schools community has shared.

It was just as one of our Schools' governors said recently, "What is awesome about Cranbrook is the people; Cranbrook is all about the people; their energy and their affection for each other. When I drop my daughter off at school it is as if she is with family; she is with people who care so much about what she is thinking and who care so much about her."

Just like that young student, since my very first days I have been surrounded by people who care deeply, and I have found in this community remarkable companions for this journey. There are colleagues who are serious about their work yet self-effacing and—thankfully—quick to laugh. There are students at every division, who are reflective and insightful interlocutors; ask a Brookside student about his art or ask a middle or upper school student about the strategy behind a game, our kids are eager to engage. I have met parents who, while they sacrifice, recognize that great teachers are invaluable partners who nurture in children passion and curiosity. And I have been embraced by alumni, past parents and friends of the Schools who know that a great education requires an environment that is learning-rich, that inspires the creative impulse in all of us, that does not tolerate the bully, and that values a thought-provoking question far more than an expedient answer.

This is certainly why the search committee for Cranbrook's new director of schools had lofty goals. Rightly so, after the amazingly successful tenure of Arlyce Seibert, your



expectations were—and are—high. Indeed, I argue that protecting the community's most valuable resource—its human capital—and charting passage to the next chapter of Cranbrook's vibrant institutional life requires high aspirations of its stewards.

I suppose you could say, in this match-making, that my expectations were and are lofty, too. Admittedly, I have been fortunate in my career to have lived and worked at similarly well-situated peer schools: those with a historically significant footprint, selective admissions, dedicated faculty and staff, robust student-centered pedagogy, vast programmatic offerings and any independent school's *sine qua non* thriving support of those who want to ensure the school's longevity.

Cranbrook has all these attributes that great schools do—the campus, the students, the staff, the programs—and yet I argue, we have something more. There are precious few independent schools that can boast the resources of the wider Cranbrook Educational Community. I suspect that the other entities of the CEC must be more than neighbors; I venture that they can serve best when we think of them as collaborative extensions of our own Schools campus. Add to that Detroit is a city in the throes of a hard-won economic and technical renaissance; those who have lived here for years know this even better than I. I believe there are unique opportunities here for our students to have invigorating learning experiences: engaging directly with entrepreneurs and business leaders, with next generation engineers and scientists, or with the social and governmental agencies integral to urban and industrial renewal. What better way to educate the next generation of citizens than through a genuine civic experience?



Finally, I sense that long before such terms like “design-thinking” and “maker-space” became catchphrases in contemporary educational circles the Booths—and their partners Saarinen, Milles, Eames, and Kahn—understood that authentic learning is itself—and is always—an act of architecture. A teacher is an architect when she sketches her lesson plan and scaffolds her curriculum; a student is an architect when he thinks critically and solves thorny problems, balancing form (the “what?”) with function (the “how?”); when he engages with his classmates and teammates in doing, making, grappling—the trial, error, and revision—those acts from which not just learning but real understanding comes.

Maker-spaces? Cranbrook’s had them since 1908 when the Booth’s moved in. I think George and Ellen Booth would say, “Cranbrook is a maker-space!” Design thinking? Cranbrook’s embraced and valued iterative design processes since George Booth himself wrote that from experimentation comes, “...even a finer result than originally intended...for in failure we win experience.” From this vantage, Cranbrook Schools has always leveraged resources necessary for a truly formidable education, one that is both timeless and timely, one that cultivates in every student thoroughly modern and essential habits of mind and heart: resilience, curiosity, creativity, and collaboration.

Is there more to do in these areas? Surely. For we wouldn’t be worth our salt as educators if we weren’t driven by the impulse of continuous improvement and life-long learning. My point is that Cranbrook was built to inhabit the areas where most independent schools only now venture. My thoughts are less about the question, “What are we doing here?” and more concerned with the imperative, “How can we lead?”

After all, ours is a full tapestry of educational opportunity. At Cranbrook, we embrace every grade level from early childhood to twelfth grade; we are both boarding and day; our programs are coed and single-gender; coupled with Horizons Upward Bound, there is literally no hard-working student, domestic or from international and diverse climes, Cranbrook does not—could not—serve. Thus, there is no aspect of education about which Cranbrook’s practice shouldn’t be considered best practice. Because of our size, because of our scope, and most important because of our fundamental beliefs and values about the intellectual life and about the nature of the learning process, Cranbrook’s voice should matter wherever great education matters and whenever great education is discussed.

In the coming months, with my colleagues and with the help of the students themselves, I hope to discern exactly where we can leverage all of Cranbrook’s strength and unique attributes and where we can make important strategic strides so that Cranbrook Schools remains this kind of leader among independent schools. That is why

I am excited to be here and why there is much afoot: we are already talking about programs like wellness, STEM and innovation that have a place and incarnation at every division; we are examining how we teach—across disciplines and across divisions; we are studying the facility, where it inhibits and where it enhances our students' work and lives; we are cultivating stronger partnerships in the local area and well beyond these gates. All for the benefit of our students, who are (in the words of my colleague) awesome!

I hope we can turn to every Cranbrook constituent for help in these endeavors. When we ask for your perspective and advice, I hope you will give it, and give it candidly. The great part of being new at school is that you have license to ask people what they think! Which I have done started to do over the last few months. As I continue, I hope you will welcome those opportunities for feedback and perspective. Too, when we ask for your support I hope you will give it. The time, talent and treasure that you have to share will allow us to invest in our programs and ultimately to be that leading voice in education. It takes enthusiasm and support to propel any great institution forward and I thank you for that.

Finally, I hope you will continue to welcome and teach me about all your love about Cranbrook. I am thrilled to be here and to make my new home with awesome people—our new colleagues, your students and you!

AIMECLAIRE LAMBERT ROCHE
Director of Cranbrook Schools





TEWARD'S Table



It's true in every walk of life; winning comes when someone does something extra." With these words some three decades ago, General Pete Dawkins '55 distilled the mission of the Dawkins Award, which recognizes contributions to athletics and school spirit. A few years later, Pete gave life to another award, "The Frances Miller Dawkins Award for Excellence in Teaching," to pay tribute to his mother as an unwavering champion of education. At critical moments in Pete's life, mentor figures stepped forward with that "something extra." Football coach Fred Campbell delivered him to West Point and made crucial introductions. Baseball coach Jack Sanders and history teacher Ben Snyder took extra time with him.

The multitude of accomplishments, awards, and exploits that decorate Pete's career? He sees these as the script of mentors writing his life, of Cranbrook doing something extra. At some point, it seems that gratitude became no longer a reactive value to Pete, but a driving force, a first mover in his life. Gratitude and winning no longer seemed like things apart. They were a glove and a hand.

Our newly appointed lead counselor, Neda Ebrahimi occasionally leads students through a gratitude exercise. She observes, "The expression of gratitude has been shown to increase overall physical and psychological health. It increases empathy and reduces aggression allowing for more loving and meaningful relationships." Gratitude has long been part of the culture of Cranbrook Schools.

Two former students of iconic Kingswood English teacher Miss Elizabeth Bennett struggled to express their gratitude for her inspirational force and her uncompromising standards of excellence. Twenty-five years after creating the Elizabeth Bennett Writing Award, Dr. Caroline Chinlund '58 and Annie Sanders '58 now look back proudly upon the presenting of summer writing grants to more than thirty select CK teachers. The annual faculty reading in honor of Ms. Bennett is a ceremony of gratitude. The feeling of her "something extra" is palpable in the room.

Two faculty children, John Wert '53 and Jane Wert (Oman)'57, grew up in a household fully committed to the

unrelenting duties of a Cranbrook master and wife. Beloved Latin teacher Howard Wert and devoted wife Sally always had a place set at their dining room table for students in moments of need. They were unsparing in their welcome to campus of the new young couple from Chile, Sam and Cecilia Salas. Driving lessons, English language instruction, introduction to the larger community: no task was too much. Sam of course would later become the headmaster of Cranbrook School and the first director of schools. The campus lives of Sam and Cecilia were the highest example of "something extra." This circle of gratitude has inspired the Wert children to create The Acestes Award, which will recognize extraordinary faculty mentoring.

The drive to do "something extra" is fully alive in the faculty culture of today: in the dormitory house advisers for whom our boarders are extended family; world language teachers whose summers are devoted to trips to language immersion programs abroad; the administrator who carves out yet one more night away to see a former advisee play a college game; the debate coach whose twenty-six competitions take debaters all over Michigan, the Midwest and the east coast; the basketball coach who offers a player the security of his home; the wilderness instructors who give up a major chunk of their spring break for the expedition; our many club advisers who give tirelessly of their time to help students find their passion. The list goes on and on.

A culture of gratitude is the air our students breathe. In September a panel of dozen alums from the Detroit Homecoming event addressed a group of students. (The Detroit Homecoming event pulls in expat Detroiters who profile as national leaders and creators.) With one voice, our alums told the students, the richness of your education is in the generosity of your faculty and classmates. Cranbrook is a campus where thanking a faculty member, a classmate, a coach, a referee, or a bus driver is commonplace. The most enduring lesson of this place? "Winning comes when someone does something extra": for someone else.

CHARLIE SHAW
Director of Stewardship



CRANBROOK KINGSWOOD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

resident's Letter



CKAA President Laurie Frankel '79 with faculty member Ann Mell at the CKAA wine tasting



CKAA President-Elect Cory Kroneman (left) with fellow lacrosse players at reunion 2018

Dear Fellow Alumni,

Thank you to all those alumni who were able to participate in making alumni reunion 2018 so memorable. It was a bittersweet time, saying goodbye to outgoing Director of Schools Arlyce Seibert and many other longtime faculty and administrators. However, it was a pleasure to have our Distinguished Alumna Jennifer Sibley Clement '78 and Distinguished Alumnus Jay Adelson '88 back on campus to speak at the commencement ceremonies and the alumni assembly. Both commencement speakers delivered memorable messages to the young men and women of the class of 2018, and the next day were celebrated by their fellow alumni at reunion, as we presented them with the 2018 Distinguished Alumni medallions.

Another highlight of springtime was welcoming retiring faculty members, Claudia Schuette and David Watson, as the schools' newest Honorary Alumni. The Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association surprised them with their school rings in May. Fellow honorary alumni Arlyce Seibert, Charlie Shaw, and Debbie Rutzen were on hand for the ceremonies, which made it even more special.

The alumni association will continue our mission to uncover stories of our fascinating fellow alumni. The "Alumni Stories" campaign on the Cranbrook Schools website has been a hit on social media, profiling alumni whose lives have taken interesting twists and turns. This campaign will heat up again, featuring alumni whose class years end in 4 or 9 as we count down to reunion, June 7-8-9 of 2019. We hope you will visit the website (bit.ly/AlumniStoriesCK)

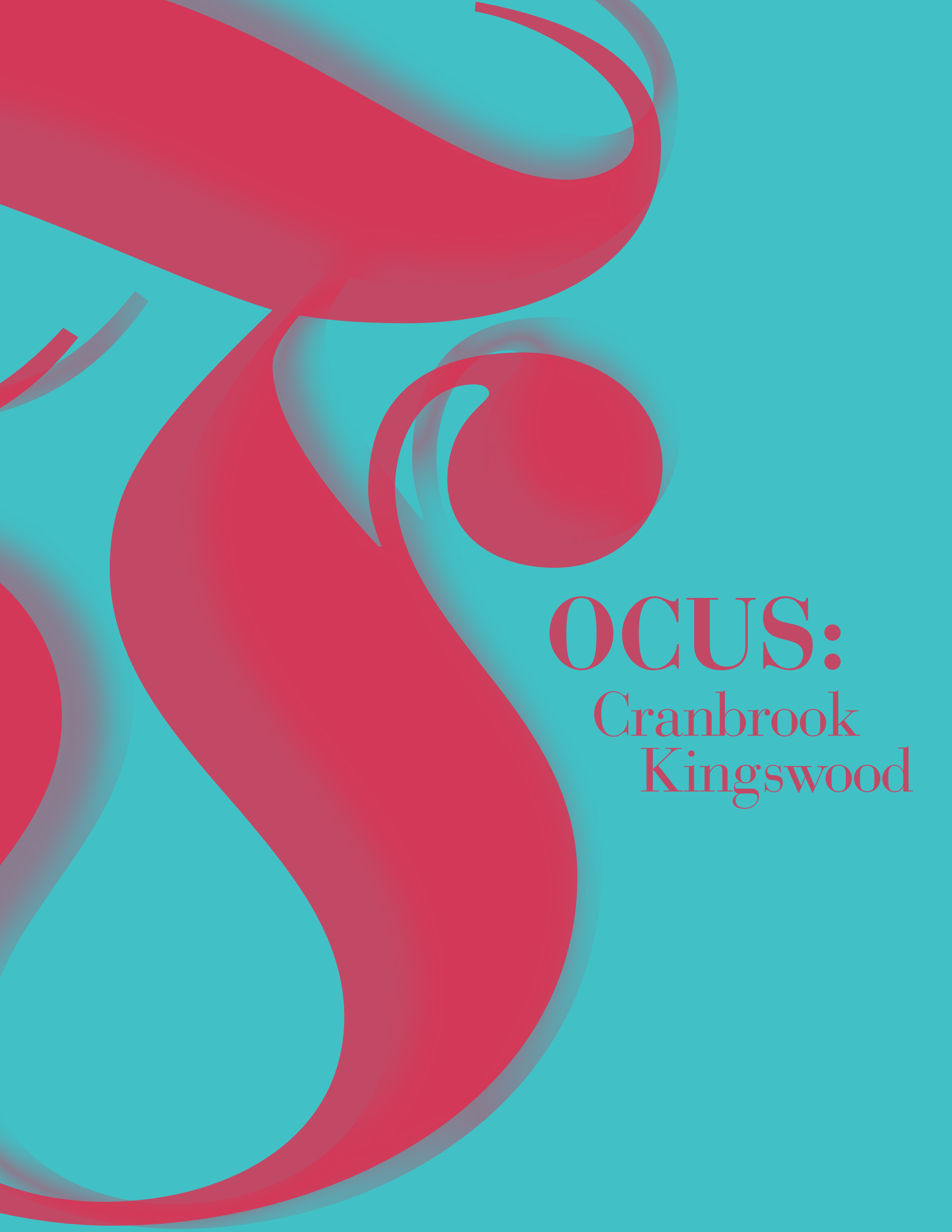
and learn more about your fellow graduates, and forward suggestions for future alumni profiles.

The sixth annual alumni career fair for students is coming up on the evening of Wednesday, January 30 at Kingswood Auditorium. Last year's career fair featured nearly 70 alumni from a wide variety of fields, from entry level to senior positions. Students are eager to know more about what you do and how your education choices helped you. If you can participate, contact the alumni office at alumni@cranbrook.edu. This event has been extremely well-received by the student body and is an eagerly anticipated event on their career calendar. Immediately following the fair, the alumni association will host a networking and social hour nearby.

This fall, the alumni association welcomed alumni at a happy hour at Green Dot Stables in Detroit with owner Jacques Driscoll '00. In addition to local and on-campus initiatives, the alumni association will help sponsor alumni outreach events in New York, San Francisco, and Chicago this year. We are grateful to our dues-paying alumni whose contributions make initiatives like these possible.

Sincerely,
Laurie Frankel '79
President, Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association

Cory Kroneman '97
President-Elect, Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association



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Second year Bennett Writing Grant recipient Bob Greene reads from his work



ACADEMIC

Three 2018 graduates have recently enlisted in three of the five military service academies across the nation. Acceptance rates at each academy are very low, making it quite difficult for students to gain admission. Additionally, to be accepted into any service academy except for the Coast Guard Academy, a candidate must first be nominated to the school by either a U.S. senator, a U.S. representative, or the Vice President of the United States. 2018 marks one of the only years that graduating seniors have been accepted into all three of these service academies.

Patrick Baker '18 is now attending the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Sammi Chinn '18 has joined the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York. Davis Schiller '18 is at the United States Air Force Academy in El Paso County, Colorado, where he will play lacrosse.

Last spring, freshman in Introduction to Physics and Engineering got to spend time building, studying,

and programming robots. Students constructed and programmed robots to follow a course using sensors. Following robotics, the students had a course on the Internet of Things (commonly referred to as IoT)—taught to them by seniors who participated in an IoT Bootcamp, led by MIT engineering professor Joshua Siegel '07, Lemelson-MIT Award recipient and founder of CarKnow LLC.

Last April, the English department hosted a writing workshop featuring Blythe Roberson, writer and researcher at *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert* and contributor to *The Onion*, on Friday, April 27th. There were sessions throughout the day for students and faculty. Blythe spoke about her experience with writing humor—during high school, as a student at Harvard and with a post-college internship at Second City, which eventually led to her current position. She read one of her short pieces published in *The New Yorker* and answered student questions.

Matt Gump's Environmental Science class released 104 young salmon into the Clinton River last spring. The fish started as salmon eggs that were raised from egg to par

for six months in a chilled aquarium in the Biology lab. The Environmental Science classes have used the 55-gallon tank to monitor various nutrient cycles through the oxygen and nitrogen content as well as the pH of the system. Students in the AP Biology course studied the fish and designed experiments about fish behavior.

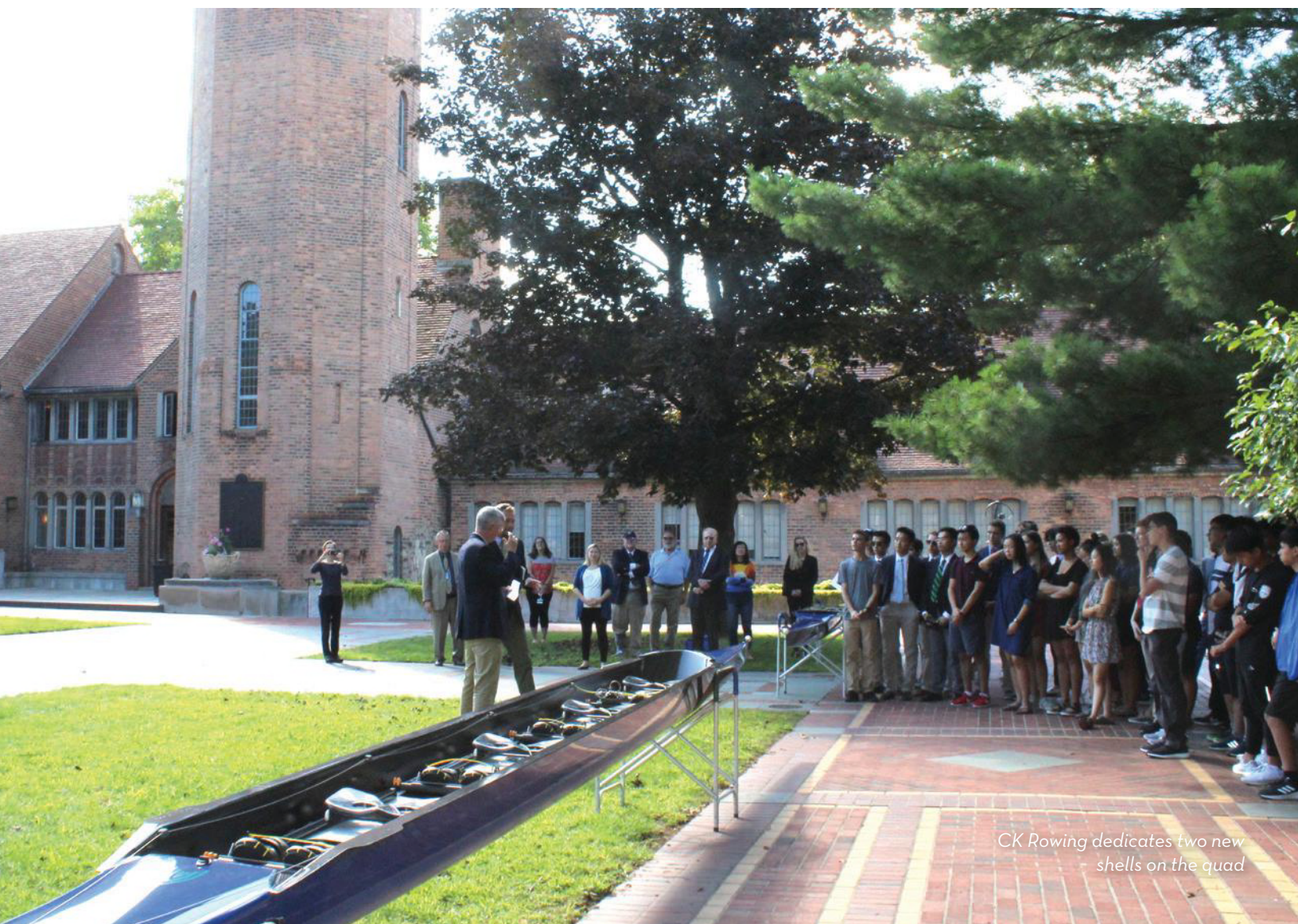
STUDENT LIFE

The first Cranbrook Kingswood Asian and Pacific Islander Conference was held last spring. Its goal was to establish and enhance connections between all Asian, Asian American, Pacific Islander, and mixed heritage Asian students; provide an opportunity for students to explore and affirm their identities; and educate, engage, and empower all participants through workshops, keynote speech, and activities. Featured speakers included award winning documentary film makers Curtis Chen and Ken Eng, whose presentations on creative writing, writing for television, and documentary film making piqued the interest of many students. CK alumni Robert Li '15 and James Liu '15 led workshops.

On the heels of the fifth annual Detroit Homecoming

conference sponsored by *Crain's Business Detroit*, the upper school hosted a panel of fourteen alumni who participated in the conference. Jeff Goodman '78, Deborah Wahl '81, Mathew Nosanchuk '83, Sharon Stulberg '85, Julie Hermelin '85, Casey Cheyne '91, Katie McCann '92, Jeffrey Mittelstadt '95, Brian Razzaque '96, David Rochkind '98, Ethan Orley '99, Adam Pogoda '05, Josh Siegel '07, and Katie Palusci Siegel '07 gave their reaction to the Detroit Homecoming conference, which seeks to attract leaders in a variety of fields to brainstorm ways to keep the momentum going in the revitalization of Detroit.

The 10th annual Cranbrook Envisions a Cure campus walk was held in September, with a crowd of volunteers and participants coming out to support the cause. The mission of Cranbrook Envisions a Cure, to support fighters, survivors, caregivers, and all who have touched by cancer, was evidenced by the enthusiasm of participants as they strolled and communed. Donations made that Sunday allowed Envisions a Cure to exceed their long range goal of \$50,000.00. Those funds are designated to underwrite a wide variety of cancer research, treatment, and support groups and hospitals.



CK Rowing dedicates two new shells on the quad



Detroit Homecoming panel featuring CK alumni eff Goodman '78, Deborah Wahl '81, Mathew Nosanchuk '83, Sharon Stulberg '85, Julie Hermelin '85, Casey Cheyne '91, Katie McCann '92, Jeffrey Mittelstadt '95, Brian Razzaque '96, David Rochkind '98, Ethan Orley '99, Adam Pogoda '05, Josh Siegel '07, and Katie Palusci Siegel '07

Cranbrook Kingswood students were well represented at the Vex Robotics World Championships held in Louisville, Kentucky. Five teams comprising 24 CK students all won matches in the qualifying rounds of the competition. Team 39A—led by captain Alex Harimoto '18, made it to the quarter finals of their division. Robotics captain Justin Applefield '18, was selected as Master of Ceremonies for the event, and co-captain, Allen Nemeh '18, represented Cranbrook as a referee.

Drumming Circles made their debut at Cranbrook Schools at a presentation featuring Detroit-based percussionists Chinelo Amen-Ra and Marwan Amen-Ra, who introduced students to the concept of drumming as the universal language and a form of connection. Students were invited to participate in a call and response type of drumming: circles. It required concentration and cooperation between both sides of the auditorium. Students learned that drumming is an ancient approach using rhythm techniques to promote physical, mental, and spiritual health.

FACULTY

Upper School Mathematics instructor Colin Hinde has been honored by the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) for his outstanding work to spark students' interest in mathematics through participation in the MAA American Mathematics Competitions. In recognition of his accomplishments as an instructor, Hinde has been granted the Edyth May Sliffe Award, which was established to recognize the nation's top math teachers for their contributions. MAA Executive Director Michael Pearson had praise for Hinde, saying "The hours spent preparing students for and organizing MAA American Mathematics Competitions demonstrates his passion for helping the next generation understand the importance of mathematics in shaping our world."

Bill Hancock, acting Dean of College Counseling and House Advisor, has just been awarded the Gramenz Award from the Michigan Association for College Admission Counseling (MACAC). The Gramenz Award represents the highest level of recognition in the MACAC and is awarded to individuals who provide exceptional service to their

students, colleagues, and profession as a whole.

The annual Elizabeth Bennett reading featured work read by faculty grant recipients Bob Greene and Jordan Rossen. The fund was established by former students of Kingswood English teacher Elizabeth Bennett to support faculty members who wish to pursue their own writing projects over the summer. Students, faculty, and alumni enjoyed hearing two pieces, “A Promise Kept” and “Endings,” in which Greene examined the theme of human existence; and the short story “Speed Walking,” in which Rossen considers the potential for reconciliation between partners who have shared great trauma.

PERFORMING ARTS

Andrew Calabrese-Day recently performed at Carnegie Hall with the Suzuki Royal Oak Institute of Music Tour Group. Andrew is a freshman violinist in the Cranbrook Orchestra. The Carnegie Hall concert was part of the Symphonic Series National Band and Orchestra Festival. Adam competed with student musicians from all over the country who submitted audition tapes for the chance to perform on this iconic stage.

Faculty from the performing arts department dazzled the community this month with their annual recital, Fanfare for Faculty. Pieces were played by Mozart and Tchaikovsky along with an original dance piece and songs to honor Sarkis Halajian, Head of the Performing Arts Department, who will retire at the end of this academic year.

The Cranbrook Kingswood theater season was kicked off with a dynamic 24-Hour Theater Project, in which students wrote, rehearsed, and performed an entire piece entitled “Earth, Break Wind, and Fire” in a 24-hour period. Up next, a unique reimagining of Shakespeare’s tragicomedy, The Tempest. The story has been reimagined with Prospero, usurped Duchess of Milan, as an inventor of machines and a brilliant architect of conceptual designs.

FINE ARTS

Last spring, photographer Adam Wells '09 shared his knowledge with students in the Digital Photography classes. Students loved hearing how Adam discovered his passion and profession in photography. Adam, now based in Seattle, shared his insights into the art of photography, as well as tips on navigating a life of entrepreneurship.



*Drumming Circles at
Cranbrook Kingswood*



Cranbrook Kingswood studio honors students spent time with ceramic artist Kevin Snipes this fall, as he shared his experiences and explained his process for vessel construction and adding his narrative to ceramic surfaces.

ATHLETICS

Defending state champions, the CK Girls Lacrosse team brought home a second state championship title in June. In the title game, the team played a steady first half, before dominating Okemos in the second half for an 18-6 win. En route to the championship, offensive standout Isabelle Scane '18 racked up a new state-record goal tally, scoring over 100 more goals than the previous title holder. Scane plays for Northwestern this year.

Cranbrook hockey legend, Coach Andy Weidenbach was inducted into the Allen Park Sports Hall of Fame for his contributions to high school hockey. This honor was bestowed upon Coach Weidenbach as he enters his 25th year as head coach of the Cranbrook Kingswood boys' varsity hockey team. Through last season, his teams have

won a combined 483 games, which is the fifth all-time high among high school hockey coaches in Michigan. They have made the finals for 12 state championships and taken 10 state titles. This upcoming season will be Weidenbach's last, and this award recognizes his tireless commitment to student athletic success.

Rower Will Van Houten '18 finished out his senior year by participating in the National Scholastic Rowing Association of America Championships, which took place in Camden, New Jersey. The championship included nearly 200 schools from across the nation, all of which had boats which qualified for the national competition at their regional championships. Having earned CK's first-ever gold medal at the Midwest Scholastic Rowing Association Championships in Ohio, Van Houten proceeded to win the single at the State Championship Regatta in Grand Rapids, MI. These victories qualified him to compete at the national level, rowing against the best from across the country. Van Houten is rowing for Grand Valley State University this year. A rowing highlight this fall was the dedication of new quad and double rowing shells in the Cranbrook Quad. The

Eleanor U. O'Hara and the Eliel Saarinen will be exciting additions to the fleet.

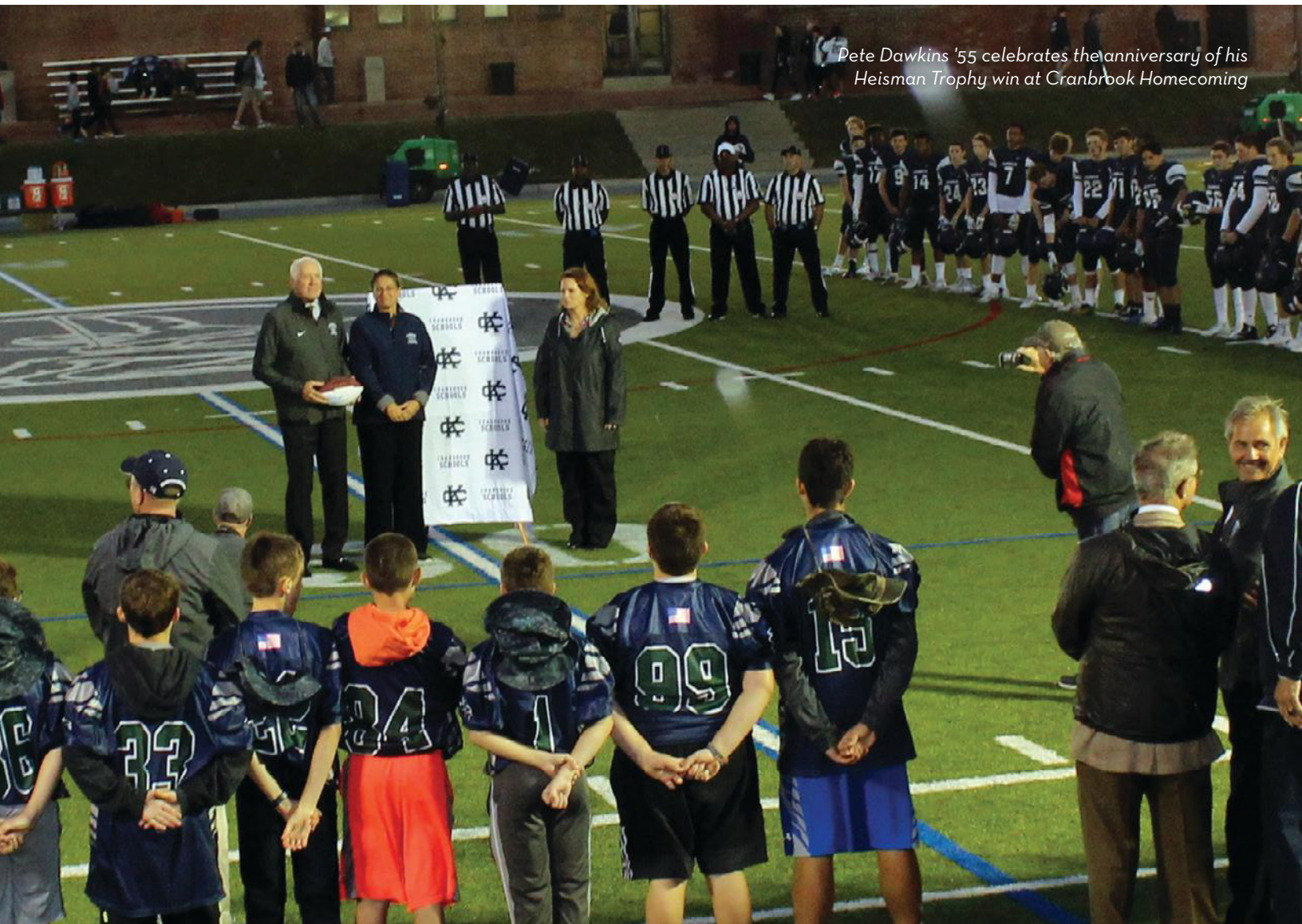
Cranbrook honored Brigadier General Pete Dawkins '55 by officially retiring his jersey prior to the annual homecoming game this September on the 60th anniversary of the year he won the Heisman Trophy. After spending time with CK players prior to the game, Dawkins spoke to a crowd of fans that included parents, fellow alumni, and faculty. His gratitude for the confidence and drive that were instilled in him during his Cranbrook years was readily apparent. Please read more on Dawkins' visit in the alumni profiles section of this magazine.

CK Sailing just became a varsity sport this year, but the team has already had some impressive victories. At the Michigan State championship at Pontiac Yacht Club At the state championship regatta the Division A team of sophomores Henry Gonzalez (skipper) and Paige Gorman (crew) took first place, leading the team to a sixth place finish overall. The Cranes have also made waves at the regional level, bringing home the gold from the Shepherd Championship held at Columbia Sailing School in Chicago. The teams battled cold, shifty weather on the Columbia

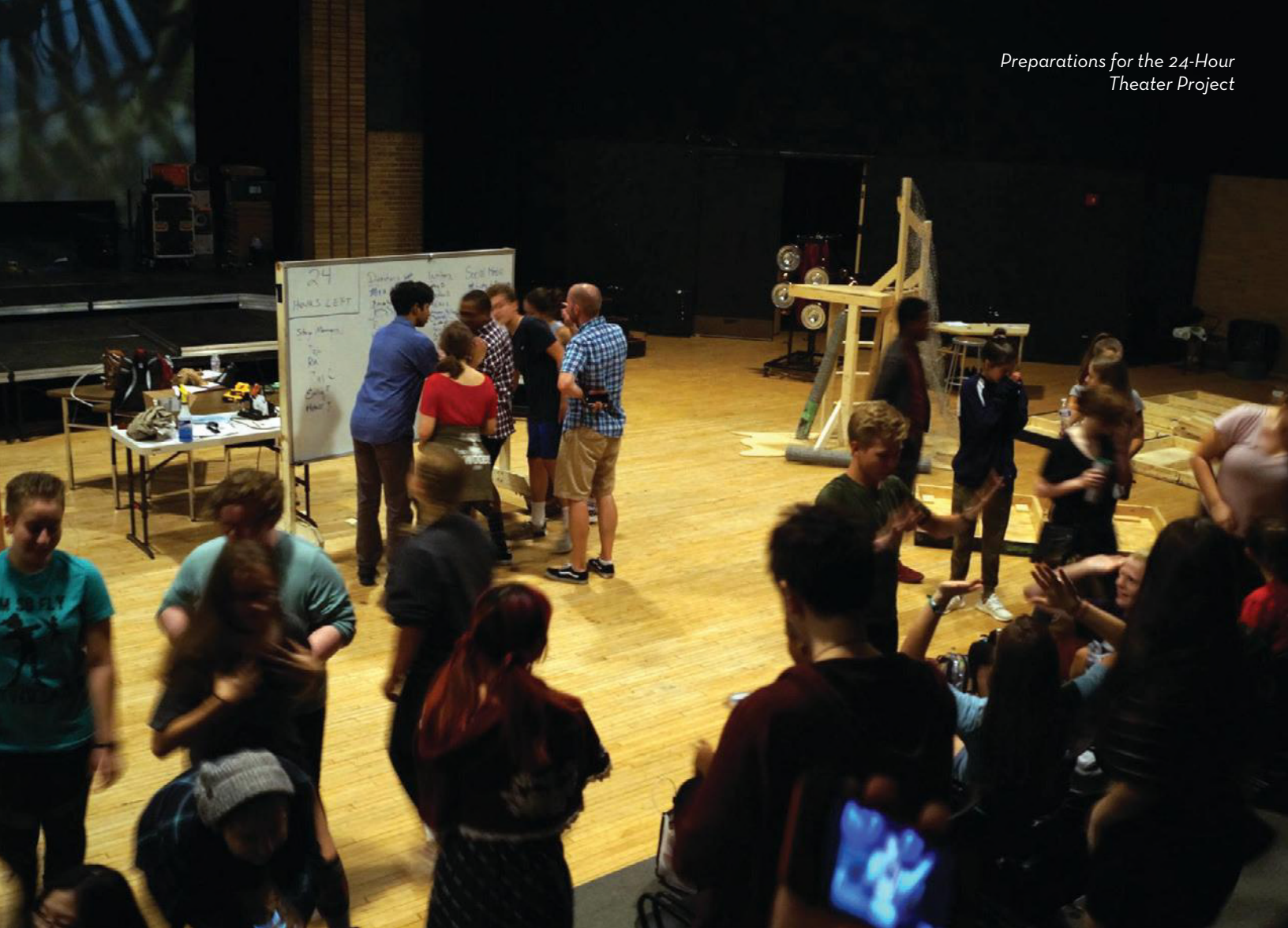
Bay, beating out twelve other teams for first place.

In a day of dominance for defending champions, Cranbrook Kingswood boys' tennis took home their fourth straight state championship title. Winning all but the No. 1 doubles flight—the Cranes still finished runner up there—Cranbrook compiled 39 points to easily out-distance the 28 points of second-place Detroit Country Day. East Grand Rapids finished third with 25 points. The championship marks the fourth in a row for the Cranes and its 22nd state championship in program history.

Three CK senior athletes signed National Letters of Intent this fall, committing themselves to compete in their respective sports at the college level. The signings were witnessed by the families, coaches, teammates, and administrators who came to celebrate their achievements. Jordan Benson will be joining the Track and Field team at Davidson College in North Carolina. Max Christides will be playing on the lacrosse team at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Alex Finney has committed to playing baseball for the Bobcats of Ohio University.



Pete Dawkins '55 celebrates the anniversary of his Heisman Trophy win at Cranbrook Homecoming



*Wellness Initiative helps
Cranbrook students
reach their full
potential*



Being a teenager has never been easy. The transition between childhood and adulthood can be rife with stress, further fueled by everything from schoolwork and college ambitions to fragile social relationships and parental expectations.

Recognizing these issues and embracing the tools available to address them, Cranbrook Schools has launched a comprehensive wellness program, supported by a major gift from Ann Aikens and her late husband, Robert.

“We are deeply grateful for this gift from the Aikens family,” says Director of Schools Aime Claire Lambert Roche. “It will allow us to expand a number of student wellness pilot programs as well as initiate new efforts to help students at

all grade levels meet the challenges so many young people face today.”

In the United States, the incidences of anxiety in children and young adults have grown dramatically in recent years—so much so that anxiety disorders today affect 25 percent of teenagers and are the number one reason college students seek counseling, according to a recent article in *Psychology Today*.

Says Cranbrook Schools Psychologist Linda Flaga, “I think if you ask students, they will tell you about the stressors that they are under today—academically, socially, and emotionally. There are many stressors for students today, from elementary school through upper school. These



include the pressures of increasingly rigorous academics, the ever-increasing requirement of universities, and the stress to get into a ‘good school.’ The college admission process is much more rigorous than ever before and has higher expectations than in the past.”

In addition, Flaga says that the use of cell phones and social media also has an impact on kids as well as a society that sometimes “gives the message that children and teens cannot make mistakes or it will affect them forever and interfere with their eventual adult success. That societal mindset interferes with students’ ability to resolve normal conflicts on their own.”

An expanded approach to wellness

The Cranbrook Schools Wellness Initiative is designed not only to help prevent anxiety and stress, but also to give students the tools they need to handle those issues head on should they arise. Bringing together students, faculty, administrators, and counselors, the initiative focuses on five core areas of student wellness—social, emotional, physical, spiritual, intellectual, and vocational.

“It is the hope of the wellness initiative (team) that the school will provide consistent and cohesive support for all students at all levels,” says Flaga, who is part of the Wellness Initiative Team overseeing the implementation of the program.



“We’ve worked hard to support social and emotional learning,” says Charlie Shaw, director of stewardship and liaison for the Wellness Team, a group of faculty and administrators tasked with developing and implementing the Wellness Initiative. “These social-emotional learning programs have become very pervasive so it’s not surprising that Cranbrook has been a leader in this area.”

Social-emotional learning or SEL is the way in which young people and adults gain the skills and knowledge necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish

and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions—attributes nearly every parent wishes for their child.

By approaching wellness from a positive, proactive angle, students at Cranbrook will have the understanding necessary to address their feelings and help peers identify and seek help with theirs as well. At the heart of this understanding is the goal of creating an environment in which students feel safe and welcome in expressing emotion and empathy.



“We want to steer the conversation away from deficit and illness and, instead, teach resilience, character, and leadership,” says Shaw.

Flaga agrees. “Faculty at Cranbrook care deeply about our students and want to find ways to reduce stress at all levels—whether it is examining the amount of homework given at the elementary level, looking at the need for recess even up to 8th grade, or finding ways to make the college application process less stressful at the Upper School level. We are trying to find answers to many important questions.”

Building on a strong foundation

Cranbrook has long offered significant counseling opportunities for children at all grade levels. In addition, programs have arisen to help strengthen emotional health at the outset, including leadership retreats for students.

“About ten years ago, the upper school started building student leadership retreats that were designed with help from University of Michigan educators and emulated their programs in leadership and empathy training,” says Shaw. Held three times a year, the Cranbrook program gives



students in grades 9 through 12 the chance to learn about other communities and gain empathy for others.

“Cranbrook has always been very experiential when it comes to learning,” says Shaw, citing Wilderness as an example of helping kids become more adept at skills such as independence, leadership, and caring for others.

Recently, a leadership retreat was held for fifth graders—an overnight workshop that focused on empathy, kindness,

healthy relationships, and healthy risk taking. Working with kids from an early age helps that core tenets of wellness such as positive expression and compassion for one another takes root within the entire Cranbrook Schools community.

Involving even Cranbrook’s youngest students in the Wellness Initiative will be key to its success. “As the counselor at Brookside, I can speak firsthand of the importance of younger children being introduced early to

social-emotional learning, positive coping skills, bullying prevention techniques, conflict resolution skills, and character development,” says Flaga. “All emotions are okay, but what you do with them makes all the difference and that is a message that needs to start at the preschool level.”

Peer2Peer is designed for Upper School students and provides the training and framework for young people to help each other. The program relies upon a network of trained Upper School student volunteers who lead weekly group discussions and individual talks with classmates undergoing stress or loneliness or who just may prefer to be around other kids for an hour or two.

“Kids often feel they don’t have a safe place to talk, to share happy things and sad things, in an atmosphere where they know they won’t be bullied or have things held against them,” says Michael Young, faculty advisor for Peer2Peer and psychological consultant for Cranbrook Schools. This program changes that by offering that safe forum without judgment or expectation.

“Our peer leaders are trained to develop leadership skills and lead these weekly programs,” says Young. “There are no adults in the discussion groups, which is why the training is so important. We want our leaders to feel confident and to be able to identify red flag issues.”

Should a red flag be spotted, the peer leader involves Young directly, ensuring that young people never feel as

though it is their responsibility to address a mental health issue. Young immediately takes over and ensures that the student in need receives immediate help.

“Our overall emphasis is on de-stigmatizing mental health issues,” says Young.

The Future of Wellness at Cranbrook

Building on the programs already in place, faculty and staff members will be expanding on the mission of the Wellness Initiative, “to develop skills that foster social-emotional learning, peer support, and stress management as a means of preparing students to succeed in the increasingly complex world.”

The initiative will focus on everything from campus safety to healthy relationships to education on stress, anxiety, and depression. Helping young people learn to manage these inevitabilities of adult life will give them strength and resiliency in college and beyond.

One of the first major steps in moving the initiative forward will be the hiring of a Director of Wellness, who will oversee the program across all divisions of the Schools. All Cranbrook Schools wellness professionals including nurses, learning specialists, and psychologists will report to the new director, ensuring a seamless implementation of wellness efforts.

Although still in development, plans for the Wellness Initiative include looking at programs that would have at





their core the following key areas:

- Bullying prevention
- Understanding mental health issues
- Peer support and mentoring programs
- Social-emotional learning and awareness
- Mindfulness and meditation
- Stress and anxiety management
- Building resilience
- Student leadership

In addition, the initiative will promote programs for physical health and nutrition, recognizing the undeniable connections between body and mind. Broader goals include demystifying and de-stigmatizing social-emotional and learning needs and at the same time building a community based on social justice and inclusiveness, including supporting programs in the areas of cultural competence, multicultural awareness, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

“Our hope is that Cranbrook will become a resource for independent schools nationally,” says Shaw. “These kinds of initiatives are very timely, and it is all about encouraging the formation of character for students.”

Because it is important for wellness to carry over from home to school and back again, the initiative will seek to involve parents and provide education and training to

ensure that lessons learned at Cranbrook are supported and expanded in other avenues of each child’s life.

And because faculty also face stresses—even as they work to help their students—the program will include opportunities for teachers to benefit from wellness classes, strategies, and an inclusive environment for mental and emotional care.

“The Wellness Initiative will provide common goals and language as well as consistency across the grades and divisions,” says Flaga. “It is our goal to make sure that all students feel safe and supported. And I think involving parents in the process is integral. We are one community.”

The transformational nature of the Ann and Robert Aikens Wellness Initiative will help Cranbrook students to attain the skills and experience necessary to navigate the challenges of college, career, family, and beyond. And more importantly, they will know that when they need help, it will be there—provided with compassion and without judgment by friends, faculty, and parents who care.



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New gift secures future of performing arts scholarships

A special gift from the Rosen family has brought a few more sweet notes to the Cranbrook Kingswood Performing Arts department. The Slotkin Music Scholarship Fund, launched in 1999 by alumnus Don Slotkin '54, will now be endowed in perpetuity thanks to the generosity of family members David and Jan Mittenthal Rosen, '83.

"This gift will bring amazingly talented students into our music programs for years to come," says Sarkis Halajian, Cranbrook Schools' director of performing arts. "Our music scholars more often than not are leaders in our performance ensembles and greatly enhance the level of musicianship of the students in our program."

The Slotkin Music Scholarship Fund makes it possible for accomplished young musicians to attend Cranbrook Schools, with the requirement that they be involved in the band, orchestra, or choir programs. Many students become involved in more than one area, playing in symphony and jazz band, joining madrigals, or having lead roles in musicals. "The students in our music ensembles become better because of the high performance levels of our Slotkin music scholars," says Halajian.

Don Slotkin has been a long-time supporter of the performing arts at Cranbrook. "My years at Cranbrook were happy ones, but like most teenagers, I had my ups and downs," he recalls. "Whenever I had my downs, I would head over to Page Hall, sit down and play the large Steinway piano. And playing it always made me feel better."

After a visit to Cranbrook in 1996, Slotkin noticed that the Steinway was in disarray as were a number of other pianos across campus. "It was then that I knew how I could make a difference at Cranbrook and give back something to the school for all the things it did for me," says Slotkin. In 1997, he made a gift to replace, repair, or rebuild all of the school's pianos.

After that first gift, Slotkin began to wonder, "Why shouldn't Cranbrook draw the best musical talent in the area to the school? Why shouldn't music and performing arts be a reason why kids choose to come to Cranbrook?"

That was when the idea of a scholarship came to mind. "I thought we could attract better musicians if we had a music scholarship," Slotkin says. The scholarship launched in 1999 and since then, 17 Slotkin scholars have attended Cranbrook. "I stay in touch with them and it gives me great joy to see them grow up," Slotkin says. "I've known most of them since the eighth grade when they auditioned."

When the program began, it was designed for just one student who would be a pianist and a boarder. The performing arts department held a competition once every

four years. Now the competition is held annually for day or boarding students and including all band, orchestra, and vocal music applicants. The Rosen's gift will help support up to eight scholarships per year.

"We currently have seven Slotkin Scholars attending Cranbrook," says Halajian. "The Rosen's support means that we will be able to sustain this higher volume of talented musical students."

Says Halajian, "Many of our Slotkin music scholars would not be able to attend our school without the scholarship." Thanks to the generosity of Don Slotkin and David and Jan Rosen, more students than ever before will be able to share their talents with Cranbrook while building a better future for themselves.

Alumnus honors mother with gift to Cranbrook crew team

Well into her 90s, Thomas O'Hara's mother, Eleanor, would settle in behind the wheel of her motor boat and roar across the waves to the delight of her family, friends, and everyone who witnessed her sheer love of water. When O'Hara realized that the Cranbrook Kingswood Upper School crew team needed an additional boat, he stepped forward and made a gift to make that a reality. He gave the gift even more meaning by naming the boat in honor of Eleanor, who had passed away at the age of 99 in 2016.

"My oldest son and now my youngest, who attends Cranbrook, were somehow drawn to crew," says O'Hara. "As a parent and an alumnus of Cranbrook, I became involved in the parent group supporting the team. I've had a chance to watch as my son, Trey, learned the skills of rowing, learned to be part of a team, developed leadership skills, and also developed physical strength and endurance."

O'Hara was moved to give back. "Having seen up close how my son and the other kids have benefited from the sport and out of a sense of gratitude for my own experience at Cranbrook, I decided to 'answer the call' when financial help was needed to purchase a new boat for the team," he says.

Naming the boat after his mother seemed a perfect tribute, given her love of water, her love of teaching children in Bible school, and her joy in watching her children attend Cranbrook. "She always loved to come to Cranbrook and walk through the grounds," O'Hara says. "Because of her love of teaching, Cranbrook, and boating I thought it appropriate to name the boat after her and I think she would be very happy about it."

The Eleanor is a quadruple scull, meaning each of the four scullers or rowers has two oars rather than one. "Tom's donation of the quad has opened up more than twice as many opportunities for rowers to learn how to scull," says Kevin Van Houten, Upper School mathematics teacher and coach of the crew team. "The Eleanor has been used in nearly every practice and will be raced by the boys and girls at every regatta this fall."

The addition of the new boat has energized the students. "What I like best is the excitement that the Eleanor has brought to the team," Van Houten says. "We can now enter two more events at regattas as well as significantly increase the development of the sculling part of the program."

Giving back to the school just seemed natural to O'Hara. "In addition to seeing first-hand the value of the Cranbrook rowing program to the kids, the gift of the boat was also motivated by a sense of gratitude for what Cranbrook has done for me," he says. "Attending Cranbrook gave me a sense that I could accomplish almost anything with enough effort. And although tuition is paid to attend Cranbrook, ultimately the place is the gift of many people, from George and Ellen Booth on. I think that one way or another practically everyone leaves Cranbrook with more than they have given to it."





1968 alumni raise record amount for 50th anniversary class gift

by Peter Robinson and Ralph Margulis, class of 1968

The Cranbrook class of 1968 came of age during a period of political and social activism, the Vietnam War, and significant cultural change. These forces helped to forge special bonds among our classmates, bonds that have persisted and often strengthened during the last fifty years. Seventy-two young men left the refuge of Cranbrook School in 1968 to find their way while hoping to make an impact on the world. Over the years, many of our classmates have become unusually successful in media, law, business, religion, medicine, architecture, and other fields.

Yet, whatever our station in life, we all took equal satisfaction in the fact that we attended Cranbrook, a school that consistently maintained its preeminence over many decades by remaining highly selective, utilizing talented faculty, on a campus beyond compare, while continuing to produce graduates of unusually high caliber. For 50 years, we have been able to say with pride that, “Yes, I attended Cranbrook.”

The class of 1968 has a history of significant Cranbrook

giving, including being highly involved in the Quad restoration, and the creation and funding of the Memory Garden adjacent to Alumni Court. Classmates also have regularly assumed positions of responsibility at Cranbrook as members of the Alumni Council, board of governors, and board of trustees.

With our 50th Reunion approaching, a 50th Reunion Committee was created with Jeff Dearth, Ralph Margulis, Jim Nordlie, Larry Raymond, and Peter Robinson as members. The committee decided there was no better way for our class to show its appreciation for all that Cranbrook provided us than to create a Scholarship Fund that would allow others who are less advantaged the same opportunity afforded us. To that end, the committee decided to create a record goal for a class gift, one that also would serve as an incentive for future classes to surpass.

After several months of emails and conversations with our classmates, our reunion gathering was a huge success with more than 40 classmates returning to the school for a weekend of fellowship and participation in our unique class gift.

The Cranbrook class of 1968 remains deeply committed to the future success of the school. Through classmates’ widespread generosity, the class of ‘68 has raised a record \$604,000 for Cranbrook scholarships. To future Cranbrook milestone classes, we hope this provides additional incentive to exceed our efforts and, as always, to “aim high!”

'55



Pete DAWKINS

On Friday, September 28, Brigadier General Pete Dawkins '55 returned to the oval on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of his Heisman Trophy win. During his visit, he spent time with students, faculty, and alumni and spoke about the gratitude he has for the foundation he received at Cranbrook School. His jersey was retired that night to the cheers of an appreciative crowd that included family and classmates. This piece is excerpted from an article by Paula Pasche that originally ran in *The Oakland Press* on September 15, 2018.

At a turning point in his young life, the teachers and coaches at Cranbrook Schools were responsible for setting Pete Dawkins on the right path.

That path included playing football at West Point, winning the Heisman Trophy in 1958, studying as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, earning a PhD at Princeton, and winning two Bronze Stars in Vietnam. He retired from the Army in 1983 as a Brigadier General and then went on to build a stellar career in the financial world.

“I had a lot of fortunate twists and turns in my life, but had it not been for the real transformation that occurred because of the magic of Cranbrook, none of that would have ever been possible,” Dawkins said. “It’s a very special place for me.”

Cranbrook honored Dawkins for the 60th anniversary of his Heisman Trophy at its Homecoming football game on Sept. 28, and retired his number. “I owe an immense debt of gratitude to Cranbrook,” said the 80-year-old Dawkins from his office in New York where he still works in finance.

After their son had a disappointing junior high experience, Dawkins’ parents wanted a different school for him. His mother petitioned Cranbrook to give her son a scholarship since they could not afford the tuition.

“And of course with my grades, which had deteriorated, I wasn’t a very good candidate for a scholarship. But they tell the story that my dear mother was so persistent that they finally figured it was easier to give me a scholarship than put up with this woman who kept badgering them,” Dawkins said. “I think that’s close to a true story.”

It was not the magic solution immediately.

“I technically flunked out my first semester because I had this downward trend. But, gosh, I was just fortunate that some of the teachers at Cranbrook, as I’m told after the fact, stood up for me and felt there was some potential there so they didn’t toss me out of the school,” Dawkins said. “Almost immediately things changed course and I got very excited about school. I began to really love the notion of learning and began doing very well in my studies.”

He also played football, baseball, and hockey at Cranbrook.

Fred Campbell, the football and baseball coach, saw the potential in Dawkins who was a running split-T quarterback and captain of the baseball team.

“He picked me out and felt there was some significant potential,” Dawkins said. “He was very tough on me, he was a retired Marine—I think he was a company commander on Iwo Jima, and so he coached the way he did things in the Marine Corps. It was his persistence that really advanced me in my athletics.”

Campbell thought Dawkins should attend West Point and Dawkins was such a believer in him that he could see it was a good idea too.

Before attending West Point, though, Dawkins knew he needed to get bigger and stronger. He was 105 pounds when he started at Cranbrook and 185 pounds at 6’2” when he graduated. He had taken it upon himself to create a barbell from a steel rod and two large coffee cans filled with cement.

Because football players were prohibited from lifting weights at West Point—the school did not want muscle-bound players—Dawkins lifted at night—after taps—in the dark.

In Dawkins’ senior year at West Point, the Army team was ranked tops in the nation for 3–4 weeks and finished third. “We had a very good team, it’s not false modesty to say that seldom have there been Heisman winners who were on weak teams,” Dawkins said.

In that season Dawkins had 78 carries for 428 yards and five rushing touchdowns, along with 16 receptions for 494 yards and six receiving touchdowns. He was not on the Heisman watchlist prior to that season.

“The real turning point was we played Colgate in the second or third game from the end of the season and we beat them 63-0 and I think I made five touchdowns. So I am forever grateful to Colgate because I think that added some momentum to the Heisman selection,” Dawkins said.

When he reminisces about his college days, there was another interesting tie between Cranbrook and West Point—their chapels.

“During my first few weeks of the semester, every Sunday we would march up to the cadet chapel and I had that strange feeling I had been there before,” Dawkins said.

After three or four weeks he realized the chapel was exactly like Christ Church Cranbrook, only bigger. “It turns out that the architects (Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue) who did the Cranbrook chapel were the architects that did the West Point chapel,” Dawkins said.

Dawkins, who is 80, clearly cherishes the time spent at Cranbrook. He has not forgotten the chances that he had in life because of it.

“In many people’s life you look back and there’s a turning point. I think probably for most of us there’s at least one, sometimes several,” Dawkins said. “But when I look back on things, the most profound and lasting turning point of my life was Cranbrook.”

Shelley Stern
GRACH



‘68

At a time when few women were earning a place at the corporate table, Shelley Stern Grach '68, rose through the ranks of America's largest telecomm company, breaking more than a few glass ceilings on the way. In recent years, as director of civic engagement for Microsoft's Technology and Civic Engagement group, she took her experiences and sought to help others break through their own barriers.

Grach came to Kingswood as a 9th grader in 1964. She remembers two distinct fashion trends in place when she arrived—everyone wearing “greenies” for gym class and donning saddle shoes. “They were not required but everyone wore them,” she laughed. More importantly, she recalls getting involved in all the school had to offer, including joining the school newspaper and serving as its editor in her senior year. “I remember the camaraderie, the process, the articles,” she says.

Her time at Cranbrook made a lasting impression. “It’s one of those things where you don’t realize how great you had it until you’re older,” she says. “The caliber of the teachers, the surroundings, the environment, the depths of detail. You walked out of there with a certain polish and a way of carrying yourself. You had that idea of responsibility to go out and help the world.”

Wishing to stay close to her family after graduation, Grach enrolled as a residential student at Oakland University in nearby Rochester, Michigan. One day, close to graduation, Grach passed a bulletin board listing open positions at local companies. She spotted one for Michigan Bell and decided to apply. After a full-day interview that required her to tackle the entire contents of an overstuffed inbox, she was offered a position.

“That’s what started a 28-year career at what became AT&T,” Grach says. Holding a variety of positions at Michigan Bell and AT&T, Grach worked at locations across the United States and in England, growing in her duties as the telecommunications firm expanded its global reach.

When Grach retired from AT&T in 2002, she was ready to begin a second career. While in Chicago working for AT&T, she had been recruited to join the boards of a number of nonprofits, lending her expertise to a growing roster of organizations. At the same time, Microsoft had representatives on many of the same boards and when they sought to expand their impact in the city’s communities and neighborhoods, they turned to Grach.

Grach jumped into her new role with vigor and quickly expanded Microsoft’s civic engagement efforts, growing the program from its Midwest roots to take hold on the east and west coasts and soon nationwide. “If you look at this company, (Founder and CEO) Bill Gates sets the tone

and is, candidly, very inspiring. His foundation, which is separate from Microsoft, got a lot of people thinking about how important it is to make the world a better place.”

The goal with Microsoft’s civic engagement efforts is to “try to help people reach their full potential, whether that is a child in Chicago or a young person in a developing country,” says Grach. “How can a person understand technology, benefit from technology, and use it to help them grow into the kind of person they want to be?”

In her Microsoft role, Grach focused on several key areas, particularly in the Chicago area, including long-term economic development initiatives and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) programs, particularly for women and girls. That included the cultivation of programs such as Digigirlz, a Microsoft YouthSpark program that gives middle and high school girls the opportunity to learn about careers in technology, connect with Microsoft employees and participate in hands-on computer and technology workshops.

“To see girls inspired to pursue careers in computers and engineering is wonderful,” says Grach. “They’ll write to us and say they got their start in this program.”

Grach and Microsoft sought to expand opportunities for entire neighborhoods and communities. “Microsoft has a tremendous obligation to help prepare people for the 21st century way of working,” says Grach. “The goal is to help raise all boats for fair and equitable opportunities. We want to inspire people to be mentors and role models for people.”

Throughout her career, Grach has been fortunate to see growth and change. At Microsoft, her desire to help and inspire others firmly took root and led to a rewarding and satisfying second half of her career. “At Microsoft, there is this ability to truly see impact and work with people in the corporate and nonprofit world, and see people devote their lives and focus on making people’s lives better,” she says.

Grach retired from Microsoft this fall and will now focus on her family and travel. For someone who has made such a difference in the lives of young people, women and others facing challenges, her legacy as a changemaker is surely secure.



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Cranbrook Schools' teachers invest in our students through their time and expertise. They teach, advise, encourage, coach, and inspire. They do so out of a belief in Cranbrook's mission, and out of the belief that all students can live their best lives if they receive the best educational opportunities possible.

Our faculty also invests in our students by giving to the Annual Fund. Every teacher, every year, for fifteen consecutive years has participated in the fund. We know of no other faculty in the nation that surpasses that commitment, and we invite you, as alumni, to join us in recognizing their impact on every aspect of the Cranbrook experience.

We also ask you to follow the example set by our faculty. Please help honor the teaching faculty at Cranbrook Schools by joining them in investing in our youth through your participation in the Annual Fund. The amount you give is not what makes the difference: it is the act of giving itself that is important.

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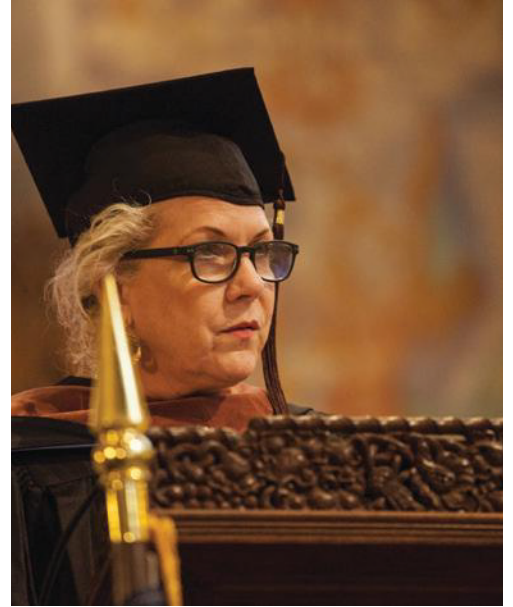


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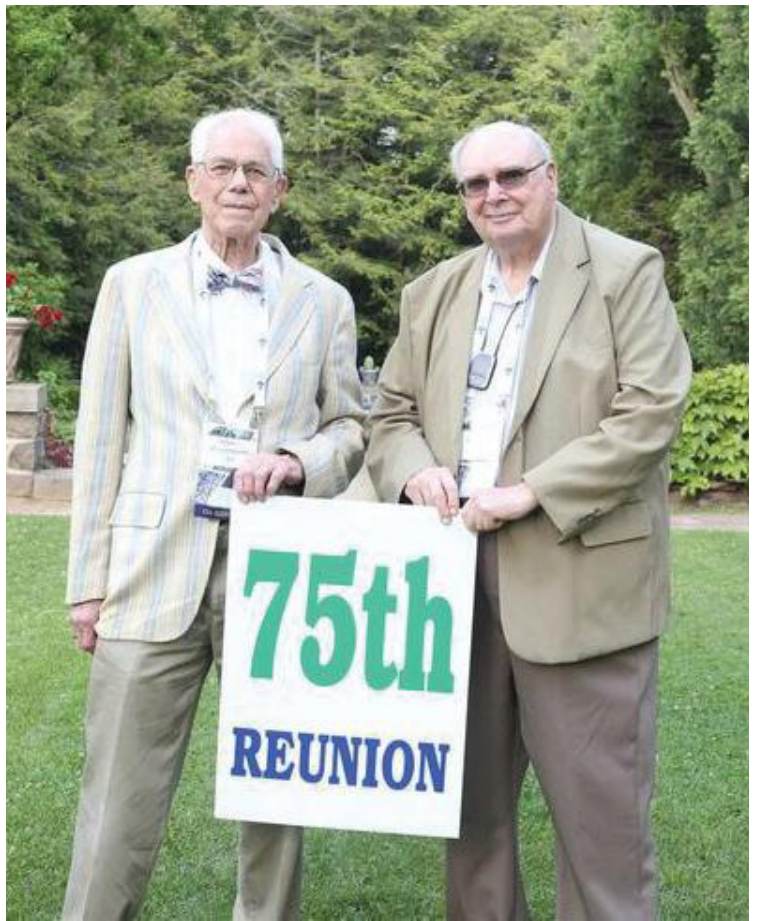
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C34

(EDITOR'S NOTE)

The alumni office got a message from Christine Cohen, daughter of **JIM TALMAN**. According to Christine, Jim celebrated his 102nd birthday in style. "He is still in residence at his condo in Sewickley. His health continues to be excellent. He follows tennis, the Detroit Tigers, and all Pittsburgh sports teams on TV. I am sending along a birthday photo and a lovely photo of Jim and his mother, Ada, that appeared in a 1916 Detroit newspaper. She certainly would have been amazed to know that her tiny baby would still be active at 102!



Jim Talman at 4 months



Jim Talman at 102

The Talman family built a new home on Seminole in Indian Village that year. My father

and I met the current owners and toured the house after the 80th reunion at Cranbrook. We also had the pleasure of visiting the small tennis club that my grandfather and some friends established in the neighborhood. The current members were fascinated to meet Jim and hear about the early years of their club, which has a historic landmark plaque at the gate."

C36

(EDITOR'S NOTE)

BILL BOOTHBY's sons sent along a report that a crowd of well-wishers gathered in April to celebrate his 100th.



Bill Boothby '36 at 100

Friends, family, and former colleagues from Wash U, where Bill is still a Professor Emeritus in the Mathematics Department, gathered in Nashville to wish him well. Bill enjoyed every minute of it, including blowing out the candles on multiple cakes. Bill lives in Nashville near his son Mark, who is a professor at Vanderbilt University. Bill keeps up with a cadre of friends and admirers and consumes several newspapers daily.

C38

(EDITOR'S NOTE)

CHUCK HIMELHOCH set the pace at his 80th reunion this year. He lost his talented and gracious wife Isabel in February, but he is surrounded by support with his children Chip and Carol Himelhoch '77 nearby.

He demonstrated his vigor and loyalty to Cranbrook Schools by attending the cocktail party and dinner at Cranbrook House, and then following it up by paying a visit to the Friday night "Celebration of Excellence" event at the quad.



Chuck Himelhoch with son Chip (right) and daughter Carol '77 (left) and her husband Steve Ball

Along with his son, Chip, Chuck had the opportunity to watch his daughter, Carol Himelhoch '77, and the other alumni madrigals led by former faculty member, Nina Machus, serenade Arlyce Seibert, Claudia Schuette, and other retiring faculty and administrators with the traditional Madrigal song "Movin' On." As representatives of the 80th reunion, Chuck and June Daisley Lockhart '38 set the standard to inspire all alumni classes. Forty years on times two!

K38

Reunions are wonderful. My eightieth reunion at Kingswood was everything I hoped for. Past reunions I had attended to reunite with friends from my class but, this time with all my classmates gone, I went to see for one more time the beautiful place that was our launch pad. This time, without the distraction of chatter and activities, I was able to really look at the beauty of the place I love. Details I probably never studied so carefully before were a new and old pleasure. The brickwork, ironwork, and windows. The woven rugs and hangings. The furniture, sculpture, and landscaping. What a joy.



June Daisley Lockhart and Chuck Himelhoch, both '38 at their 80th reunion

My granddaughter, Daisley Kramer, an artist, came with me and her educated eyes enhanced my pleasure. We attended the graduation ceremony at Christ Church Cranbrook and saw 100 lovely 18-year-olds with long hair graduate in the same manner that 25 of us did 80 years before. Girls from all over the world. A gathering of the nations united. In addition, Katie Lerchen Nelson '68, was there. Katie, the daughter of **JODY MUZZY LERCHEN**, my Kingswood and life-long friend. She was also the neighbor of Daisley when Daisley was growing up in Houston, TX. That was special. There is no doubt about it. It was wonderful. Thank you to all for the kindness and welcome you bestowed upon me.

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GLENN CARPENTER continues to live in Birmingham with his wife, Joan. They have a summer home in Pentwater, MI, close to Lake Michigan. Glenn reports that they have forsaken biking, squash, and tennis but still play golf when the weather permits. They have three children (all Cranbrook grads), seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

JACK UPPER and his wife, Claudia (Reid) '46, have recently moved to assisted living at 2625 Kings Crown Court in Ft. Myers, FL. Jack reports his family is happy (hard to think of his children facing retirement) and he still sings (sort of) with the Shell Point singers. Jack and Claudia celebrated their 68th anniversary and his 92nd birthday on September 14. I, **TOM AUSTIN**, am fortunate to be working part-time (about two days per week) and have two significant volunteer responsibilities—I'm treasurer of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio and do planned giving for the Lake Erie Council of the Boy Scouts. My health is holding up quite well. This past summer I attended, for my 55th consecutive year, the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario.

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70 YEARS LATER—we walked, limped with our walkers, or were wheeled into the Green Lobby. 70 years of life happening, but still bound by the memories we shared.



70th reunion. Who is who? Can you tell?

There was our revered class president, **JOANIE PATTEN STADLER**, with her Cranbrook love, Chuck, sharing their lives on their farm, and their sons. Still so very friendly to each of us. Our student council president, **SUE HUBBARD SPADEMAN**, all the way from Vermont with the tales of her sculptor daughter's unique animugs, her son, and her trips with **MARGIE BARTON MATTER**. Our class dinner was at Cranbrook House in the

Booth family's dining room. I sat next to my ex-roommate **LIBBY SMITH HOLDEN**, who was escorted by her lovely, friendly, poised granddaughter. It was good to see her and catch up after so many years. On my other side of the table was an enchanting young woman who turned out to be **MARY BAKER BERRY**'s daughter, Trish—what a credit to Mary. **MOLLY BIXBY BARTLETT**, our Alice in Wonderland, flew from Portland, Oregon to be there but that's a short trip for Molly seeing that she flies to Cairo every year. A blonde glamorous woman entered dinner late and I thought "WHO" is she, what's she doing here? It turned out to be **MARTHA LOVELL IRWIN**. She didn't look 88 nor like the 9th and 10th grader I rode with on the bus to KSC every day and whom I wrote notes to all through study halls. Her son escorted her, but the Fountain of Youth was there also. Eating in the Booth's dining room, it was impossible not to think of and miss our lively Dodo and to picture her dining with her grandparents in the same room. **DOROTHY BOOTH MILLER** belongs to UNN Women's Club and Christcare. She is living in a wonderful retirement village in Harbor Springs, probably keeping it jumping. She still has her cottage on the beach for fun with her children, grandchildren, and great grands. Through the weekend, **GINNA KRAABEL LUNDEEN** and her husband, Ed, chauffeured us to events. Who remembered that husbands were so handy? Kind as ever, Ginna looked after us all. She replied on the card I sent "we loved every minute of our 70th Kingswood reunion. What a miracle. It was so much fun to share a few days with Joyce, Sue, Margie, Libby, Jo Ann, Joanie, Molly, and Mary. Ed and I returned to our new digs at Westminster Village and family visits. Bob and Amy are here right now to celebrate their high school class reunion—so glad we made the trip. Love to you all." **MARGIE BARTON MATTER** thought 1948's reunion was just wonderful. Great to have some family members join the festivities too. All of the plans made ahead really worked out. Food was delicious, weather was good. Thanks to Margi Brown for her enthusiasm through the whole time. The ten of us were really glad to see each other and have the chance to catch up. We missed those who were absent. Wonn (**JOANNE WONNBERGER WHEATON**) drove down to reunion with my daughter Libby and I, regaling us with tales of dining nightly with a couple hundred boys in the Cranbrook Dining Hall. She made the

reunion more fun and writes, “The past year has been full of new beginnings. I am living in a Traverse City retirement home, making new friends and finding new adventures. It was great seeing old friends at our 70th (can it be?) reunion and I’m looking forward to our 75th. My address is 1899 Dracha Rd. #47, Traverse City, MI 49685. **MARY BAKER BERRY** has wonderful memories of her time at KSC and feels fortunate to live nearby for the last 40 years and was very active with our alumni association. She had a marvelous time with us and had been looking forward to the weekend all year. Daughter Trish says she hasn’t been that engaged in a while. She is living now in Woodward Hills Nursing Center across from the Cranbrook entrance. All happy news from **LIBBY SMITH HOLDEN**. She thought “reunion was a fabulous time filled with great memories.” She was thrilled to see so many were still able to make it and hopes we’ll have comparable numbers five years from now. She has moved back to her home state of Michigan to be close to daughter, Laura, and grandchildren, Marjori and Kyle—she wants you to have her new address at 1055 Forest Hills Ave., #249, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. **NANCY BERGDAHL ROBERTSON** wrote, “I’m still on my feet but very much an old lady. (Aren’t we all?) I’m sure I missed the reunion and you all more than you missed me. I REALLY wanted to be there.” She provided her email address in hopes of more news. It is: nanrobertson404@gmail.com. My former summer neighbor **LIZ LIND GALBREATH** writes that she has moved into a “manor home” in a retirement community as most of the 48-ers have. She finds herself surrounded by contemporaries and long-time friends—lots to do, great food, and exercise facilities when the spirit moves. She also mentions that Tim Allen who bought her family’s cottage a few doors down from us on Lake Michigan, has done fantastic things to it—and also for the community of Leland. Happy news from **MOLLY FOSKETT MOFFAT**. She is in great health as is her wonderful husband. They are enjoying life in Sarasota and the visits from their four children with their own families. In August, however, they annually escape Florida heat with a visit to the French Riviera in Northern Ontario to visit their older daughter. **MOLLY BIXBY** is VERY active. She goes to the symphony, the opera, the ballet, foreign policy lectures and arts, reads the *NY Times*, *New Yorker* and walks 1-1/2 miles daily. Just so impressive. Makes me feel like a sluggard.

Her three sons are spread out between New York City, Nashville, and Palo Alto. They have given her four granddaughters and four grandsons, one of whom is a very good baseball player being recruited by universities even as a sophomore. Five of the others are in grad school, and two have jobs in San Francisco. I love her list of KSC memories. 1. The breathtaking beauty of our building and campus. 2. Our kind, caring classmates...one and all. It was delightful to reunite with 10 of them this June. 3. Our unanimous fear and admiration of Miss Bennett. 4. My personal admiration for our classmates who walked to Cranbrook to the chemistry and physics classes. 5. Miss Augur in her peach-colored, tailored suit-dress often wringing her hands. 6. As a day student, my roundtrip drive from Northwest District to KSC. As soon as I reached home (around 4:00) I had to start studying. I found college was much less academically intense than Kingswood. **ANN KAMPER LESESNE** feels very lucky to be active with nine holes of golf, bridge, concerts, and dinner with friends. Her husband died in 2017 but he was 96 and had lived a wonderful life with many devoted patients. Recently, she took trips to Colorado with family and went to Connecticut for her birthday. She has plans to visit friends at different resorts in Michigan. She enjoys seeing KSC friends and is hoping one of you goes near Delray or Palm Beach in the winter. **BUNNY DAY NOLAND**, our Petruchio from Taming of the Shrew senior play, says her whole life currently revolves around a massive baseball-size hailstorm last week. The roof was killed, five skylights shattered with rain and glass throughout her house in Colorado Springs. “The vultures are knocking on the door and calling. Ugh! Missed you all at the reunion but could not leave Red.” **WYN WARD** (known to us as **WINNIE ROEHM** [two lives ago]) made it to the “renegade ‘67 dinner” but missed this one. She and Byron have spent 11 happy years in the “exceptionally progressive” Northwest Beaverton, Oregon with a few trips back to Missouri, her home of 55 years. Then, a four-month “trip of a lifetime” to London, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand, Oman, Suez, Cyprus, and back to London in time for Byron to break his hip. Wyn’s own spinal deterioration hasn’t made it easier for them. She uses her “horse” (walker) to get around most of the time as do many 48-ers. She is hoping for a second opinion soon. I see **PATRICIA CHASE**

HARTMANN (living in Naples, Florida) on FB occasionally. She is—as expected with Chatty—always surrounded by friends. She says, “My husband, Jan Hartmann, passed away June 2017. It has been difficult without him, but our children have taken turns coming down to help me and this has been great.” She is still on a number of boards in Michigan, which she attends by phone. She is a Cranbrook Trustee and says Dom has done an excellent job of running Cranbrook. She is in pretty good health for her age but since she’s alone now, her children have arranged for a caretaker around the clock so she’s not alone anymore. She hated to miss the reunion because she misses her classmates and it would have been fun to see them. **MARY LEILA CURTICE BISHOP**, also from Florida, is also on FB with frequent comments to the KSC’ers on FB. She is still being thanked for the “mid-reunion” she sponsored. Wyn has seen **DILLY POLK CROUCH** twice at her place near San Diego. She marvels that “our classmate is the author of more than seven architecture books as well as the mother of a slew of kids.” From Dilly “I am in an assisted living place in San Diego, CA. The food is good and the people are pleasant. Fortunately, I live near my middle daughter Mary and she takes good care of me. Sees me once a week. So I have no complaints except about being so old.” I’ve worried about **SHIRLEY COUSINS** because she hasn’t returned my Christmas card in two years. Sure enough, notification came of her death in the spring of 2015. Another loss for her friends and KSC. **JO ANNE WELLMAN NELSON** is in a memory care unit but her daughter-in-law reports that she is in good spirits, but most days she can’t remember or recognize family. **JUNE LAURIN GADDIE, NANCY ALLEN MAXSON, JEANNE WALTERS, JANE MARKS** have had their mail returned with no forwarding address. Has anyone seen or heard from them in the last few years or must we assume they are with our other missing classmates? The Detroit busser’s “leader” **JO SCHERER BEARDSLEE** wrote a lovely letter. “I think of KSC often. The beauty, serenity, faculty, AND our classmates—a diversified group and interesting in special ways.” Right on! She says her news isn’t much. Three children plus five grandchildren scattered all over the East Coast—three college-age. She sold her summer home because the commuter drive was tedious from Grosse Pointe to Harbor Springs. To those of us who don’t see Jo anymore, anything about her is news. Our

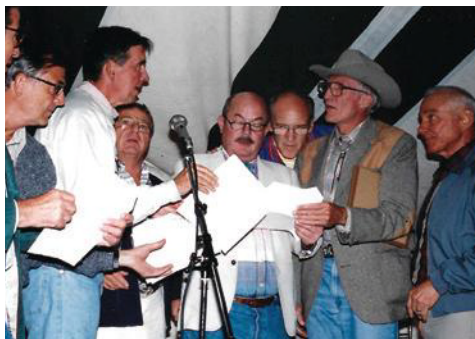
Clarion editor **ALISON CLARK FULLER** says she's still alive with one lawyer daughter and four grands (14-23). Same address, same offer to Kingswood classmates; a copy of her book *Brown Lemmings and Other Creatures*. She also has a newspaper column, is living with a walker, still driving, gardening, and playing Satie on the piano. I have to quote **JEANINE WESSINGER DEAN** in total—"I am living my dream. I live in the house I vacationed in as a child on Glen Lake and love every minute of it. I garden, go to Bible Study weekly, and am active in my church and community. My cousins and their families rent cottages around the lake and I have 43 for dinner the Sunday that they arrive for the annual family reunion." Actually, Jeanine is being VERY humble when she says she is active in the community. It's more like "famous." She has a scholarship named after her, every local award imaginable. When I first retired here in '87, it seemed she WAS Glen Arbor. I never read our local weekly without seeing "Jeanine Dean" in the pages. Like Jeanine, I, **JOYCE HOWARD STACKABLE**, am living my forever dream in Leelanau County in our family cottage on Lime Lake. But also at husband's house on Lake Michigan bluff just north of Leland's Fishtown. I love the area so much. Just to wake up and look out is inspiring. My Texas sculptor daughter and her husband built a cottage next to me on Lime Lake. Washington lawyer son built a home on Lake Leelanau. Racehorse vet son and wife are remodeling the home on Lime Lake. So I'll have three of four offspring within a few miles of me. With frequent visits from them, their spouses, their 24 children (my grandchildren) and 10 great-grands, life is very good for me. It makes the ravages of old age hurt less. Now do you see why Miss Bennett wrote "condense" on every paper I turned in? P.S. LATE NEWS JUST IN—The Stadler family spent two weeks in Montana enjoying their offspring and a place they love. Martha Lovell Irwin writes, "I still have a son, Irving, with me. Most of all, we use our Bloomfield town. Lots of time at the public library, the lavish Cranbrook gardens, the church for carillon concerts, and the Science Institute for traveling exhibits—it's Leonardo daVinci now. Also have a Scrabble contest going."

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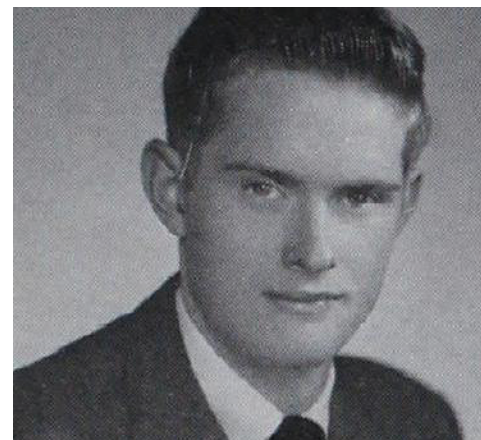
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When I sent the second notice for news I told you I had only heard from Sally Landis Bohon '50, and **GUNTHER BALZ** and then threatened to make up some stories about the non-responders. Much to my delight, when I next opened my computer it read nine new messages. Unfortunately four were from Jeanne Brown Jones '49, from her iPhone one line at a time, but I lost it on my computer. Two were from **BILL BRODER**, and one from **TOWNSEND**, sending his own message (as years ago when he didn't send his postcard back, I wrote he had just had triplets) and one from **TOM CLARK** and one from Louise Lovell. Do you wonder why some class secretaries give up? Sally wanted to know what was planned for our 70th reunion as she was planning on being here with her fabulous pancake mix. I told her our great organizers, **TOWNSEND** and **CLARK**, had not yet informed me of what our plans were. Gunther wrote to say that his Spitfire's test flight is delayed due to the necessity of a redesign on the tail wheel. It looks like we will see it in flight before June. Louise says she has had a busy and fun summer at Grand Haven and in response to my question, "Has anyone heard from **PETE SIMPSON**?" she responded she had not, but there was a great picture of him and Lynne on Facebook. I couldn't pirate it for the column as we gave Facebook up. A day later, I got a letter from her enclosing a letter Pete had written her and Ben years ago and enclosed the picture of **MATTER, BRECK, LOWELL**, Alan Simpson, and **PETE** and three unidentified alumni grasping for the words following "follow up, follow up," included in this column.



Milton Matter '49, Dick Breck '49, Ben Lowell '49, Alan Simpson '50, Pete Simpson '49, and three unidentified individuals, looking for words after "follow up, follow up" in school song.

The Leisters are hanging in there. Bob says they are running a convalescent home. The Clarks continue to lead a busy life—between his family and Kathleen's and fun things, they are always on the go. This year it was drive to Big Ben National Park in Texas in January, February fly to Arizona to his brothers, March a house full of company, April to Philadelphia for a Lewy Dementia convention, May drive to Oklahoma for a graduation, June over to a hotel as family occupied their house, July fly to Michigan to bury Pearl's ashes, August fly to Montana for Kathleen's family reunion, and return home to the hospital with pneumonia from the California smoke fires. What a life. **BILL BRODER** sent a short video of some river otters playing where he walks each morning and mentioned the huge flights of brown pelicans he is observing. He wonders if it is a new beginning for them or the end. He has two new books in the works but given his health he thinks they may be published posthumously. Let's all pray he is wrong. I still say his "Taking Care of Cleo" is one of the best books I have ever read and I read a lot. On a sad note, we have lost **TOM PETERSON**. Please check the website for **BOB LEISTER**'s comments. Also **ARMAND SMITH**'s significant other, Dewey Barrow, informs us that although his health is good, he is in a facility as his mind has failed. Prayers would be appreciated. **TOWNSEND** in defense of himself wrote, "Townsend is athletic, handsome, and as wild a devil as ever (continuity). He now likes foods (ketchup, sauerkraut, beets) that he disliked in the past." I can sympathize with him. I used to hate liver, spinach, and mushrooms and now I love them. Lucy Chase Williams '73, daughter of Sue Cunningham Williams '49, wrote my daughter, Tina, her classmate, and said she had found a 1949 Cranbrook class ring in her mother's jewelry box and who did it belong to, initials RLH. Guess who, Big **BOB HAYMANS**.



Bob Haymans '49

Lucy's comment was he must have been a terrific guy to attract my mother. 1973 just had their 45th reunion and afterwards Lucy drove to Ohio to return the ring to Bob. He just happens to live in the same town as her brother. The report is that a good time was had by all, and I hope we will have a picture from her for the column.



Bob Hymans with ring returned to him by Lucy Chase Williams '73, daughter of Sue Cunningham Williams '49

In between my last column and this one was a highlight for me as I was invited, as her guest, to Margi Brown's retirement breakfast in the Quad. She was magnificent, and there were many kind words about her service over the years and how much she will be missed. She was gifted two throws, one with the Archer and Aim High, and the other with the Kingswood Tree of Knowledge. Her words of thanks were moving. I was privileged to share a table with Margie Barton Matter and Chuck and Joan Patten Stadler, all '48. (I had a great crush on her in my youth). They all looked better than their graduation pictures. There were plenty of class secretaries there, no vacant seats. Hopefully the picture of Margi, Kathy Discenna and I will be with this column.



Honorary alumna Kathy Discenna, Margi Brown and Walt Denison '49

To add to my good luck the following week I was invited to lunch by Ann Merseles Reed, Class Secretary Kingswood 1955, with Margi and Kathy. It was one of best lunches I have ever attended. We laughed, we cried, and we reminisced. I don't think they will be ever able to replace those two great ladies. Now rather than get even with those of you who did not respond and in the tradition of our great web master I introduce "Facts from the Past." In 1947, 46 of the 300 students were on the Honor Roll, which included: **BEYERS, BRODER, DENISON, GORDON, HANNA, MATTER, MAXWELL, OSNOS, PLEXICO, RABE, SEMMLER, SCHULEVITZ** and **SPOEHR**. How did I get there? In 1952 our class came in 4th in contributions to the school annual fund drive with 22 contributors, giving a total of \$116. I have a letter from Mr. Stabler thanking me for my \$2 contribution. To close on a positive note, I include a quote from **WARREN HIRT** sent to me in 1986: "Don't wait too long to find greener pastures, cuz you may not be able to hop over the fence." Good advice back then but not many of us can hop anymore. Please do not neglect our website, www.c1949.org. It is filled with wonderful information. Think reunion 2019 and Sally's pancakes, they are good.

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PEGGY GILFILLAN COLE has five new great grandchildren in four months. The two in Grand Rapids make a total of seven now which keeps Peggy very busy just getting around the country to see all of them. She had to give up her ESL teaching but is anxious to attend our Reunion in June of 2019. **MOLLY SYLVESTER BERESFORD** has all the plans: Friday lunch and Friday dinner. Dinner will find us honored at Cranbrook House for cocktails and dinner. Saturday dinner is all set also. Be sure to put June 7 and 8, 2019 on your calendar and come to enjoy. Molly has been busy since her dear Bill's death. She is still doing the bookkeeping at the Beresford Company and traveled to Homer, Alaska in June (see picture) and took a one-week cruise on the American Queen in July with her daughter Bonnie.



Molly Sylvester Beresford in Alaska fighting the bugs

They thoroughly enjoyed the Ohio River and seeing middle America from the vantage point of a paddlewheel steamboat. **JEANNE BROWN JONES** has her daughter Debbie now living with them. Jeanne found **ALICE SPERO MARCH** on the radio worldwide with the Attention Factor and called in with a question. Jeanne says thank heavens for Facebook. **MARYE ROSE RAIDER SCHALER** has a new hip. Yeah! Life is good physically. She plans to return to Florida in time to vote November 6. Next summer she is planning a trip from Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam. Unfortunately, she will not be able to attend our Reunion. Sad. Check the picture of her grandson Cole Alexander Waldenberg.



Grandson of Marye Rose Raider Schaler

ALICE SPERO MARCH has signed a contract for a weekly radio show that will probably launch in October. OK, we want to call in—number please. And finally, **CONNIE CLARK JONES** writes about their trip on the Silver Spirit for a 17-day cruise. First stop was St. Petersburg where they took the cathedral tour—especially St. Isaac’s. They have worship services there but no pews and found everyone stands for the whole service. Next call was Tallinn, Estonia and Visby, Sweden. Also Lithuania and Poland were next and their first leg ended in Copenhagen where they stayed on the ship for the next seven days cruising to ports in Norway and returned to Copenhagen for two days and then flew home. What a beautiful trip.

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Thanks so much to those of you who returned the cards! **TERRY OSMA RANDOLPH** sent me both an email a smidgen past the spring deadline and then an update in September, so let me begin with her message: she has joined the bionic age with a new hip and knee. This is a very popular club with a growing membership for our generation. Though the knee replacement was a bit rougher than the hip (universal complaint, I think), she was doing well enough to go to Ireland this past summer with her choral society and her daughter, Elizabeth, to do four concerts. She loved the countryside, the beautiful churches, and saw LOTS of sheep. The letter I sent to **CAROLYN DAVIS CAMFIELD** in Paw Paw, MI, where she has lived for these many years, was returned to me with an expired forwarding address to Arizona. So let me see if I can track Carolyn down to see if she has, indeed, moved permanently to AZ. Also in Arizona, **JOAN PATERSON JARRATT** just sold her home in Sunsites and will move to an apartment at the Forum, a 5-star retirement community in Tucson. This will provide her with a lot of activities and bring her closer to her sister, Sue, who lives but a mile away. Her new address is 2500 N. Rosemont Blvd., Apt. 318, Tucson, AZ 85712. From Oro Valley, AZ, **MARILYN HOWLETT BARNES** writes that two of her sons and a son-in-law have had successful cancer surgeries so she is counting

all their blessings. Marilyn is expecting another great-granddaughter on Christmas Eve. What a delightful Christmas gift! She notes that for most of us this is our 86th year and she is celebrating by enjoying her life at Sun City. I’m sorry to report that **CAROL ROBERTSON GRAY** suffered a minor heart attack in May. They inserted two stents. Carol remains her usual cheery self, indicating that so far she has had no bad after-effects and that the kids are in and out—with smiling advice and good intentions—helping things to chug along. Good luck, Carol! You will be in our prayers, for sure. **SALLY SELOVER SAUNDERS** attended her oldest granddaughter’s wedding in the Finger Lakes region of New York in July. Additionally, she spent several weeks with friends in northern Michigan with lots of eating out and bridge. **DOROTHY DAVIDSON FOULDS** similarly wrote that she plays bridge three to four times a week. (We ought to know the game well by now, considering we’ve been playing it for nearly seventy years since Senior Cabin days.) Dorothy still enjoys the symphonies and choral society and she added that her grandson was married last March in Charlevoix, which resulted in a delightful family reunion. **MARY GRINDLEY SHEPARD** checked in with a cheerful report that her three boys are all married, employed, and happy! What more could a mom want? She says they stay close and that Freddie’s son (grandchild #4) will be entering his freshman year at Ithaca College; the other three grands are thriving at Boston College and Northeastern, and another is a graduate of B.C. If any of you are traveling in the vicinity of New London, NH, Mary would love to see you. **PATTY MORGAN SMITH’S** card got rained upon (Florida dew) so was hard to read, but I think she’s ok with life in Seattle centering upon church and grandchildren, one day at a time. **JOAN ISAACSON CHANDLER**, who stays both socially and politically active, told her grandchildren Diego and Natalie that “the future needs you,” and they are clearly answering the call. Natalie’s dad took her to the “March for Our Lives” in Washington, D.C. and Diego told Joanie “I am an autistic teenager with lots of confidence!” That should bring a hopeful smile to all our faces. **ROBIN SQUIER GOLDSMITH** packed a lot of info into a postcard, indicating that despite any frailty of the advancing years she still enjoys going to Ravina for concerts, lectures, and lunches. Chandra, who just returned from two weeks in France with family, and Marc, who

was making his way through the Pennsylvania floods, both paid visits. **ANN PATTERSON MUNRO** spent a couple of weeks at their cabin in the Leelanau Peninsula, part of which was to celebrate daughter Sarah’s 50th birthday. Like others of us, Ann is engaging in political activism like never before; I cannot recall the political climate being so heated in my lifetime. Interesting times! After November, they will spend Christmas in Salt Lake City with Sarah & Claudio and Powell & Nico.



Barbara Wagner Coye '50, in boat built by her husband

For **BARBARA WAGNER COYE** this was a very busy summer entertaining guests for the Traverse City Film Festival, plus visits from cousins and distant family members on top of pulling off an outdoor musical afternoon for about 50 as a fundraiser for ShareCare. Whew! (To refresh memories, ShareCare is the community volunteer association Barbara helped organize—now in its 25th year—that helps seniors remain in their own homes as they age.) The breadth of their volunteer services is genuinely inspiring, and Barb says after all the years of volunteering, she is now on the receiving end. I cannot think of a more perfect example of “paying it forward.” Again playing hostess, she had fifteen Coyes visit Labor Day weekend, and her plan was to begin sailing lessons for a couple of the older great grandchildren. In October, they all headed to Nebraska for Bill’s youngest son’s wedding. I think both the grandson and his bride to be are M.D.s in residency training at Yale, but if I’ve screwed that part of the message up, you can fire me as secretary. (Chuckle.) I am doing well; taking a quick flying trip to Texas and Kansas to check in with a couple of daughters, and then plan to spend Christmas at Williamsburg and Georgetown with family... and, of course, Thomas Jefferson. Who better

to share a figgy pudding with, huh? He is so adorable, and looks really great for being 275 years old!

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It is very painful to have to bid a final goodbye to some more beloved giants from our class. **NORM BOUTON** and **BOB (The Baron) GENTRY** died since our last message to you. Jane Bouton '51, mourned most of August in Umbria, Italy and the rest of the month in London and Dusseldorf, Germany. She describes Norm as the "love of my life since we met at the age of 15" and describes her mental status as "coping but heartbroken." I get it, Jane. Bill James passed away in October, just a few days after his 85th birthday. **JANE MEHRER JAMES** forwarded this excerpt from his obituary: Bill was a graduate of Cranbrook School matriculating to Princeton University where he earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering. After serving our country as a pilot in the United States Air Force, gaining the rank of Lieutenant, and being honorably discharged, Bill continued his education by receiving an MBA from the Harvard Business School. Bill's business career was wide and varied, starting as an engineer for Ford Motor Company, and moving on to CPA giant Touche Ross (now Deloitte & Touche) where he was named a Partner. Bill was then recruited by Capital Cities Communications, where he was named General Manager at various media operations, including radio superstation WJR of Detroit. Bill then created and grew Capital Cities' very successful Cable Television Division, until it was sold to the Washington Post, due to regulatory restrictions, when Capital Cities purchased the American Broadcast Corporation (ABC). Bill then founded and operated his own cable television company, James Communications, for many years. In his spare time Bill served on the Board of Directors for AAA, and as Chairman of the Board of Beaumont Hospital. Bill leaves his wife of 63 years Jane (Mehr); children Martha Quay (John), and William James (Babette); grandchildren Courtney Quay Gardiner (Alexander), James Quay,

John Quay, William James, and Harry James; as well as great grandchildren Jane, Quay, and Price Gardiner. All will miss him terribly. Much more to all of you next time. PLEASE take good care of yourself for me.

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CAROL ROSENBERGER has written a sensitive, inspiring book, just published and titled *To Play Again*. At 21, while a student of piano in France, she was stricken with polio, a disease that paralyzed her fingers, hands, arms and back muscles. Carol, who dreamed of becoming a concert pianist, was devastated. Her story chronicles her 10 years of excruciating, sometimes heartbreaking struggle to regain use of her muscles and neurons. Clinics, doctors, physical therapists all helped but it was Carol herself whose sheer determination to find new ways of striking the keys, of strengthening other muscles, of finding her rhythm, that enabled her to triumph over her deadly paralysis. Carol soared to brilliant success, playing Carnegie Hall and with the great orchestras of Europe. She co-founded Delos, a recording company, and has played an active role in making recordings herself as well as having the leading artists in the music world participate. Carol has received many awards: Gramophone Critics Choice, Stereo's Best Classical Compact Disc, and Billboard's All Time Great Recording. She was a faculty member of the University of Southern California and gave performance workshops nationwide. Beautifully written, it is a wonderful testament to Carol's courage and steadfast will. It is available at Amazon. Do read it. You will be so proud to call her your Kingswood classmate. Other news: a short postcard return from **SUE SOUTER LEWIS** attesting to her lively wit and humor. **MARY BARTON LETTS** keeps very busy visiting children on both coasts, vacationing in her cottage in Harbor Springs and in Chuck's in the Les Cheneaux Islands and attending plays in New York. She goes to Vero Beach in March and April. I see her often and enjoy every minute. **BROOKE TUCKER DIXON** and John visited me at my condominium in Naples last winter. Her daughter Jennifer, who writes for the *Detroit Free Press*, has

just completed an exhaustive report on the squatter situation in Detroit. The Dixons have a condo in Bradenton, so the drive is not bad. Please come again, Brooke. **MARTY LUCIER BOUGHNER** has the absolutely last word on grandmothering as she is a GREAT, GREAT grandmother. What an achievement! Congratulations to you and your excellent transferring of good genes.



Barbara Clark Curley '51, and husband Joe with granddaughter Dr. Amelia Wendt and her husband Dr. Colin Wendt, graduates of medical school from the University of Minnesota.

BARBARA CLARK CURLEY made an interesting suggestion—that those of us who go to Florida in the winter try a get-together. I am asking those who do to let me know if you go there and when. As for me, **ALICE SHAW AIKENS**, Bill Aikens died of prostate cancer on January 20. It was so very sad to see the disease overtake my wonderfully smart, active, vibrant, sometimes unpredictable, but always fun husband. I, along with his children Susan, Sarah, and Robb (all Cranbrook alums) and his eight grandchildren (also alums) will forever miss him. Death and birth go hand in hand, and so Andrew William was born in August to my granddaughter Katie Post, class of 2005. A joyous occasion for my family. I sign off now as a new great-grandmother.

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Greetings from the banks of the beautiful, blue St. Clair River. Ardis remains under hospice care, a mere three miles from home, so I can

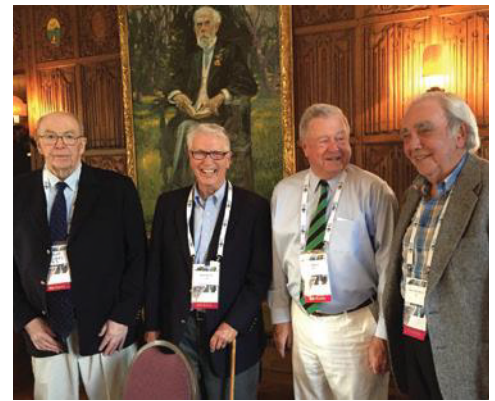
visit daily. Tremendous support from children, grandchildren, other family and friends have buoyed her spirits, despite her physical frailties. Her mentation is excellent and her Irish feistiness and humor never cease to amaze me. Recent word from Brenda Marean bore the sad news that **FRANK "MOOSE" MAREAN** passed on April 27, 2018, after suffering from dementia and Parkinsonism for several years. "Moose" was a great outdoorsman, sculptor, and photographer. His career as a salesman of large mowing and snow removal equipment led him into the world of computers, from which he developed programs to help his sales and his customers. Surviving "Moose" are his wife Brenda, four children and six grandchildren. Brenda reports that grandson Oliver, as "Moose's" ashes were spread in Penobscot Bay, said: "Now Grandpa Frank can be happy swimming in cold water every day!" **JIM PATERSON** and Jeanine, are still in Arizona, following a six week, 6200 mile, trip to New England driving a 1994 Shasta, and visited 39 of 40 family members. The Shasta is now for sale as is their Arizona home. They plan to move to New England to be close to family. **DAVE NOE** called to advise me that Karen had recently undergone surgery which was successful, and she has had an uneventful recovery, but Karen has some residual vision issues. Dave continues to be a huge supporter of the Spartan world in East Lansing. **FRANK HUSS** reports a partial recovery from the injuries he suffered over a year ago. He still has some walking issues, and no longer climbs ladders. His travel is somewhat limited nowadays. **SANDY KAPLAN** visited with a phone call to tell me that the time has come to sell his home, where he has been an empty-nester since Rita went into an Alzheimer's care facility. Fortunately, he can move into an assisted living wing of the same facility. **DUNC PATTEN** had a book published in May, titled *The Gallatin Way to Yellowstone...* which uses historic and modern photography to support his history of the scenic route. Now, he has undertaken a five-year project about the rivers of the Yellowstone area. Go for it, Dunc!!! Dunc reports that Eva is doing well, always busy. Traveling seems to be the thing with many of our classmates. **KEN** and Pam **WILSON** completed a 2500 mile trek to Chicago, Des Moines, Champaign, and some side trips. Ken says he is growing taller (unlike myself) because the floor is further away from his hands! Several of us still golf [or pretend to]: **STADLER, WILSON, NOE, myself.**

DAVE WILLIAMS' golf season was abruptly terminated on June 10, when he was t-boned by a truck, while driving his wife's compact two-seat convertible. He cracked his left clavicle and has a new right shoulder, requiring lots of physical therapy. No golf 'til after October. Needless to say, his bride is PO'd since he totaled her favorite ride. Speaking of travel, world jetter **TOM STONER** reports that he and Kitty spent a week in Oxford, attending a seminar and studying global issues now and in the future. Their daughter, Alden, and her husband and grandchild moved from California to Annapolis, just a few blocks away. In gratitude, generous Grampa took Kitty, Alden and her family, to Croatia and Montenegro. Tom still dabbles in environmental matters, croquet, music, and art. The Stoners have six grandchildren. **CHUCK HUTCHINS** and wife Ann celebrated their 62nd anniversary this summer. In June, they attended the 50th anniversary of the founding of MDSI [Manufacturing Data Systems, Inc.]. From a one-man company in 1967, MDSI grew to 800 by 1979, when Chuck left. MDSI was a pioneer in the field of programming numerically controlled machine tools, which Chuck says is now called 3D printing. **JIM STADLER** sent an extensive email outlining his retirement plans, including the sale of his and Betty's home and his five antique Chryslers. Jim still golfs and plays bridge. He and Betty are great-grandparents several times over. In July, I received an email from Megan Jubenville, **JOHN SLAYTER's** daughter, advising me of John's death on June 19. John and Beverly were married for 48 years. They had five children, two of whom attended CK. John was an engineering graduate of Purdue University, a US Army veteran, a Rotarian, and a 32nd degree Mason. His career as a home builder took him to many locations worldwide. He and Beverly owned a travel agency. John oversaw Old Locust Farm, a 741 acre commercial cow/calf operation in Newark, Ohio, John's hometown. Keep those emails and letters coming. If you have an email address and aren't part of the exchange, drop me a line at this address: hirtstan@umich.edu.

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A CAPITOL TIME—To put a perfect ending to a delightful tour of Washington, D.C., last May during which we saw and did just about everything in a four-day whirlwind trip, Patti and I had dinner, hosted by Betty Hamady Sams '53, with Linda and **STEVE WEITZ** and **BILL TRUETTNER** at the historic Cosmos Club (140 years old). It took a three-hour meal for all of us to cover 65 years (and more). What fine memories we shared. **A FOURSOME**—Our involvement in last June's 65th reunion was reduced to only a Friday night dinner at the Booth House attended by **STEVE STUBBS, BUD MOORE, JOHN WERT,** and **CAM HARLAN.**



Steve Stubbs, Eugene "Bud" Moore, John Wert, and Cam Harlan, all '53

Brief reports from the four returnees: **STEVE**—While battling some health problems, he's more concerned with wife Mary Louise's battle with the pesky Bloomfield Hills deer population. They're eating all our flowers, he says. **BUD**—He left early to attend a family graduation ceremony. **JOHN**—He told proudly of a then-coming event which happened in July: a daughter named Luna Alexandra was born to his grandson, Michael, and his wife, Yuan, making John our second (to Cam) great-grandfather. Since the new parents live in Shanghai, China, John has not yet met the first member of the Wert family's fourth generation. **CAM**—One of our five authors, he's busy with his fifth book, his autobiography. The name of his publishing company—"Wimzkl"—should tell you what type of writing he does. Cam and Mary live in Clarkesville, Georgia, and he was the only one to travel for the reunion. **RICH IN THE COUNTRY**—**RICH GIELOW** couldn't make the reunion because he and his new wife, Sheila, were on a camping trip to the Upper Peninsula. The couple,

who both lost their spouses to Alzheimer's, went on a requested (by Sheila) guided tour due to Rich's experience of spending years at Michigan Tech in Houghton. They live in Traverse City and spend winters in Gulf Shores, Alabama. MIKE'S MOVING VAN—A call from **MIKE ATKINSON** revealed that in his retirement after years in the insurance and stock brokerage business he is putting his free time to good use. He volunteers to drive a van to move medical personnel around in the Gainesville, Florida area. Mike had four children with his first wife, and now he and Lisa have a 25-year-old son, Sean, who must rank as our class's youngest child. OUT AND IN—As we bid a fond farewell with grateful thanks to Margi Brown, we wish a warm welcome to Aime Claire Roche. Margi has departed after 23 years in the Alumni Office (some of us class secretaries considered her to be the Alumni Relations director) while Aime Claire has taken over as the new Director of Schools. She replaces Arlyce Seibert whose 47 years of service enables her to join the impressive list of long-time Cranbrook contributors. Margi has relocated to Keego Harbor and can be found there at her favorite spot, Ellen's Bakery. Aime Claire has changed locations from La Jolla, California to Bloomfield Hills, two pretty nice addresses to be on anyone's resume, I might add. To all three of these leading ladies, and to all of you as well, I close with the usual heartfelt words, AIM HIGH!

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65TH REUNION—JUNE 7-8-9, 2019

Despite an encore of solicitations from the class secretary, news comes from the same stalwart band of loyalists who share an enduring bond with Cranbrook. Perhaps infirmity limits my call to words. Admittedly, it is likely that those of us fortunate enough to have entered the ninth decade of life have done so with health-related issues and have attained Medicare's frequent flyer status. Example: **DON SLOTKIN** was awarded Cranbrook's prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award for volunteer leadership, acknowledging both the countless hours he has spent over decades helping Cranbrook update the business side of its operation and his generous support of student-focused music programs. Unable to

attend the award ceremony because he was recovering from coronary bypass surgery, his niece and Kingswood graduate Elissa Slotkin '94—a candidate running for US Congress as a Democrat in the recent midterm election—accepted it for him. Happily, Don has fully recovered and is back playing tennis three times a week. Another example is **GEORGE GLOVER** who manages to energize his medical and snowbird-related travels with visits to and from Cranbrook classmates. While on a personal medical mission to Florida this past summer, George and his wife Liz were set to spend time in Delray Beach with the **KEYDELS**, but it didn't happen—Kurt had to have an unexpected shoulder replacement. The **GLOVERS** not only have seen **FRED MATTER** and your class secretary on occasion in Tucson where they winter, but this autumn they entertained him in Maine after he visited his daughter in Boston. Thereafter, a veritable 1954 mini-reunion took place in Brunswick when the **GLOVERS**, Fred, and **DOUG RICHMOND** and his wife met for lunch (see photo).



Fred Matter, George Glover, and Doug Richmond, all '54

Before this issue of *Tradition* went to press, George and Liz visited their son and his family in Hong Kong where he is director of Global Communications for the Peninsula Hotel Chain. Closer to home, **PHIL DONDERO** reports that damaged knees limit his hiking, but not skiing or boating which he continues to enjoy. And I, your class secretary, have also been adding Medicare Miles. My only recent illness is a recurrent one—my fourth bout of Lyme disease which I now seem to acquire annually during the Bergman-esque summers my wife Harriet and I spend at our idyllic summer cottage in Sweden—a veritable paradise for us where ticks abound. Of course, life in general continues to be lightened by **DAVE CHITTENDEN's** frequent and

humorous electronic messaging of all things un-Trump and news of well, yes, age-related issues. Keep them coming, Dave!

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65TH REUNION—JUNE 7-8-9, 2019

"I'M STILL HERE!" that was the opening of the email from **MILLIE ZEDER GILES**. She went on to say that she has been blessed with good health and all that goes with it. Millie lives near her sons and their families and is enjoying her own home and gardening. Millie's oldest grandson is at MSU and her oldest granddaughter is a junior at University of Mass., the Lowell campus. Her youngest grandson is a freshman at Nashua Community College and will transfer to a university on the East Coast. Her youngest granddaughter is a sophomore in high school. Millie feels fortunate to live near her grandchildren and watch them grow. Since the death of Millie's brother, Dick, she doesn't do much traveling. To each of us she closed her thoughts with this "may your life be running smoothly, with lots of sunshine in it." **SHELLY SCARNEY BUCHANAN** continues to be busy. Her husband Pat's schedule keeps them both on their toes. Like so many neighborhoods, theirs is changing as new houses are built around them. **JEANNE SEABORN GAUB** is a happy Floridian. She and her kitty have lots of friends. Jeanne makes funny little "damnit dolls," which she sells. **ANNETTE FOGO HARPER** and Jim attended their 60th reunion at Cornell in June. Annette was hobbling along with a cane after knee replacement, but that didn't keep her from having a good time seeing friends. **CLARINDA SCHMIDLAPP MULHOFER** said she had just returned from visiting her "baby" sister in Portland, ME. They had wonderful weather and fun shopping. Her oldest grandson is getting married in October in Chapel Hill, NC. He has accepted a position as a financial analyst with Sports Media Technology. She is sorry to see summer end, aren't we all? **SUE STRAHLE STRALEY** is an athlete extraordinaire. She is no longer playing golf, but competes in triathlons on a relay team and does the bike leg. She had a competition in Walloon in July and another on Sept. 2. She bikes often, about 16 miles. She keeps active

with strength and conditioning classes plus spinning and sometimes yoga. She and Jim love living in northern lower Michigan near Boyne City. Boyne City is a semi-finalist for "small town USA." This fall they are going on a trip to Sicily with friends. **ALICE MOHLER DELANA** sent a picture taken this winter while visiting her sister, Jane. It was fun catching up with her interesting life in Cambridge. **SARAJANE TRYTHALL MOTSCH** asked me to share these thoughts. "I cherish all the memories and friendships that were made at Kingswood." **BEV SCALES HOGLUND** spent her first full summer in Naples, FL. She missed her months in Michigan, but found plenty to do inside, out of the summer heat. Bev continues to do beautiful needlepoint. Her two kitties provide company and entertainment. Bev went to northern California in June to attend the wedding of a nephew and then went to visit her daughter, Cindy, in southern California. Her children and grandchildren are scattered, making it hard to get everyone together. **ADELAIDE WILEY**'s husband died in February and she is learning to be on her own again. She now has eight great-grandchildren. Her three children all live in the area, which is nice for her. **JAN WALTERS RAISON** said her comings and goings seem to be mostly to doctors and physical therapy. However, they are going on a cruise with the Plymouth Symphony around the British Isles. They continue to spend the winter in Venice, FL. **MARY LOU HOWLETT MABEE** took me up on my request for books to read and suggested *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Taigiana. She is grateful that she lives near Kingswood and often runs into other graduates. She loves spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandson. Her youngest grandson is getting married in the fall. **MARY ABBOTT TERRY CUMMING** was the first to reply to my plea for news. She is busy taking care of 11 horses, five dogs, and tons of pigeons. She also planted a fabulous vegetable garden, which she hopes will provide vegetables for the winter. Mary Abbott recommended *Educated* by Tara Westover. **JANIE WALLACE WEBER**'s life is filled with volunteering, family, and friends. This year they attended four high school graduations in four eastern states in two weeks. She and her husband maintain homes in McKinney TX, Palm Desert, CA, and Bois Blanc Island, MI. In September, they will participate in a Palm Springs Art Museum Western Art Council Tour in Santa Fe, NM.

Janie is the council chair this year. **MARCIA GREENSHIELDS** continues to write. Her current project is a screenplay trilogy about the establishment of a 3-R's Park. The three Rs are Renewable, Resources and Regeneration, to demonstrate the solar-hydrogen economy. She now has 18 books on Kindle! She is still struggling with health issues and is a proponent of naturopathy, homeopathy, and orthomolecular medicine. She has a small garden, which provides her with homegrown vegetables. Her 19-year-old cat, Abby, is her wonderful companion. **MARGARET MCCAUL CABBAN** avoids winter every year. She and Peter spent our winter, their summer, in Sydney, Australia and spent our summer in California and Montana. I, **ANN OSBORN HARTZELL-KNEEN**, enjoyed a nice summer. Two kayaks were added to our fleet. My children and grandchildren can use the ski boat, stand-up boards, or kayaks. It was fun for me to have the activity around the lake. Have you read *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng? It was on my summer reading list. The most interesting thing that happened to me this last year was learning about my birth parents. Through Ancestry.com I heard from a niece on my father's side and I have met three first cousins on my mother's side. I was raised by wonderful parents and now know about my beginning. Marcia and Janie both hope to come to our 65th reunion next June. How about the rest of you? Thanks to those who responded to my request for news. Remember, you can share any time you wish. I will tuck your news away until the next request comes from Kingswood.

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CLIFF COLWELL writes, "Our whole family with children and grandchildren (16) met at Higgins Lake in July for two weeks of canoeing, kayaking, sailing, and waterskiing as well as generalized chaos...all are back in their respective homes preparing for the coming school year in which we have our oldest grandchild entering Redlands College this fall. Carolyn and I continue with our outreach programs and dancing lessons once

a week, which is worth a few laughs. We are also planning a December family biking trip in Costa Rica with my brother, John Colwell '51, and his family. On the academic front, we are moving ahead in our animal trials with still the possibility of a human trial for cartilage regeneration in 2019. Looking forward to our reunion in 2020 and maybe seeing class members in the meantime." **PAUL DODYK**, our class agent, who is doing an excellent job in that capacity, reports that **CHARLIES DUNKEL** is having some health issues. Paul relates, "...Charlie was one of my favorite '55 characters with his potential jump shot." **GEORGE ROBERTSON** visited with **HILLIARD GOLDMAN** and his wife Bonnie recently.



George Robertson '55, and Bonnie and Hilliard Goldman '55

The Goldmans moved to Grand Rapids, MI, more than a year ago after Hilliard began to experience health issues and needed assistance. George states that Hilliard's middle daughter, Gloriana, lives nearby and checks on them regularly. He adds that Bonnie is a strong advocate for Hilliard and is a real gem! George continues, "My life remains pretty much the same...staying involved in the real estate business, but slowing down a bit now that I am 80. It is good for me to stay active and I really enjoy working with new clients." **WALT TAYLOR** responded to my email in which I offered condolences to Walt and his family for the loss of his brother, Jim Taylor '53. Walt shared, "I spent a week with Jim and Sue in January of 2016...we toured around Cranbrook and the surrounding areas and Bingham Road, where we grew up. It was

good to have that time together because it had been too long since I'd been back to visit. Looking back, I/we had wonderful growing up years with many inspiring friends and role models...and a great Cranbrook experience, of course." **FRANK DUNCAN:** "Since I am no longer driving a car, I have been taking direct flights from nearby Prescott (AZ) Love Field to LAX for the annual Duncan Family Christmas Celebration...one of my sons, Andy, and his wife, Candy, have been hosting the annual Duncan Family Christmas for the past several years at their hilltop home in the outskirts of Laguna Beach overlooking the Pacific...so far this year I have enjoyed good health, thanks to my healthy diet full of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and nuts—combined with more walking/hiking since I no longer drive." **ALAN CARLIN** wrote, "2018 has not been the best year for the Carlin family. We had scheduled a family reunion for mid-June so that my wife and I, three children and their spouses, and eight grandchildren from both coasts could get together as we do every few years. It was planned for the Cascade Mountains near Seattle. 2018 was our 50th anniversary, so the reunion should have been a very happy event. But, during the reunion, it became evident that my wife, Rosemarie, had some sort of serious health problem...she died four weeks later. Some of you may recall Rosemarie from the Cranbrook Reunion that she attended with me some years ago. I hope that all of you have had a much better year." Our thoughts and prayers are with Alan and all other classmates and their families who have experienced the loss of loved ones. **GORDON LAPIDES** and I have had a wonderful exchange of emails, beginning with Gordon's inquiry regarding my playing the piano with the "Stardusters" at Cranbrook. I recalled Hays Rockwell '54 (trumpet), Charles Chapman '53 (drums), Mike Ross '54 (clarinet) among others, playing numbers such as "In the Mood," "Red Sails in the Sunset," and "Where or When." Gordon and I have shared musical thoughts...our love of jazz, the joy my grandkids get from me (Papa) playing boogie-woogie on my treasured Yamaha piano, Jan and my involvement with the International Piano Competition in Hilton Head, etc. By the way, Gordon, I noted that in accordance with the column entitled "Forty Years On" which appeared in the June 11, 1955 issue of *The Crane*, it states, "Upon graduation from Cranbrook, Bill retired as a multi-millionaire and sold his bow tie business to Lapides." Did we ever complete that

transaction? **DAVE WARD**, having graduated from Dartmouth/Tufts, had a career in public accounting and retired in 1990. He and Barbara (now deceased) had five children, the oldest of which took Dave to London (where he lived at one time) for his 80th birthday. Dave stays busy serving as treasurer on the board of a local museum, writing for the Tufts alumni magazine, coordinating a monthly lunch for Dartmouth friends and being active in his homeowners association. **RICK SHERRIN** retired at 62 after a career as a vascular surgeon. A Vietnam veteran, Rick keeps busy in Scottsdale, AZ, playing golf, traveling, serving as president of his homeowner's association, attending symphony and ballet performances as well as Shakespeare festivals. Having been married for 52 years, Rick and Karen have two boys and two grandkids. New address for **JIM CURRIE:** 3158 Gracefield Road, Apt 223, Silver Spring, MD 20904. **PETE DAWKINS** will be saluted at Cranbrook on Friday, September 28, on the 60th observation of his being awarded the Heisman Trophy. Pete will be on campus all day, addressing the football team before the football game that night and witnessing the retirement of his jersey number 24 in a pre-game ceremony. In closing, stay well, stay in touch, letting me know of changes in your contact information as well as happenings in your life which you would like to share with classmates. All the best to all of you!

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(EDITOR'S NOTE)

Sharing the sad news of the loss of **KENNETH WALZ**. His widow, Sueann, tells us that he was proud to be a graduate of Cranbrook Schools, and remained a loyal donor to the schools in gratitude for all Cranbrook for him. An excerpt from his obituary follows: Ken was born and raised in (his words) rural poverty in Southeast Michigan. His mother, a single parent, worked as a secretary at Hudson Motors in Detroit. His hardscrabble life began in a small house, with no on-demand hot water...only via a kettle on an electric stove...and a coal stove for radiant heat. He attended a multi-racial public school through the 9th grade...where (his words) knife and

razor fights in bathrooms was de rigueur of the time. That summer, he and his mother were touring the gardens at Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, Mi. viewing flowers, his mother's passion, when he was approached by the headmaster and fortuitously (Ken's words) was asked if he would like to apply and write for a scholarship. He did so...and subsequently received a full scholarship, later graduated from that esteemed school with high grades. Following graduation, he applied for and received an academic scholarship to Duke University in North Carolina and following four years, graduated from that University. Upon graduation, Ken worked heavy labor on the Detroit waterfront for 15 months for International Milling (Robin Hood Flour) to scrimp and save money to do two things: to rebuild his mother's home to make it "solid, comfortable, and attractive" and head to Ann Arbor to attend the University of Michigan Law School and fulfill his dream of being an attorney. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1964 and in the late summer of that year passed the Michigan State Bar Exam.

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This is a "moving" column this time. **LYNNE HEINRICK SCHAEFFER** has moved to Oregon to be near her daughter. Her address is: 196 SE Spokane St., #204, Portland, OR 97202. Phone (503) 954-2520. **MARIANNE DAVIDSON CURRIE** and Jim now reside at 3158 Gracefield Rd., Apt. 223, Silver Spring, MD 20904. They are looking forward to being close to their daughter, Colleen, who lives in Washington, DC. I finally located **JUDIE NELSON ROBERTSON** at her new address: 6343 Via De Sonrisa Del Sur, Apt. 337, Boca Raton, FL 33433. Phone (561) 317-4868. Judie had some health problems a few years ago, so she decided to give up her car and move into this facility. It was great to talk to her. She still sounds the same. PLEASE make these address changes on the class list that I mailed to each of you. Be sure to notify me or the alumni office of any address, phone, or email changes. August 31 marked the day Margi Brown, Alumni Relations, "moved on"

into retirement. She and I, as a team, edited all the class news columns for many years. She worked hard on all the reunions each June, too, plus her many other responsibilities. Thank you, Margi, for all your many years of service. We will all miss you. That's all the news for now.

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Continuing...fall 2018. Most of us have started or will soon be starting to experience our new octogenarian decade. We can greet this new chapter of our lives with different outlooks. The humorous one..."I hate when I see an old person and then realize we went to high school together!" The optimistic one..."Age is merely the number of years the world has been enjoying my existence!"



Celebrating their 80th birthdays together: Cindy Cole Eusebi, Jane McKenzie Mullin, and Kay Perring, all '56

Unfortunately, **MARY OGDEN LOYER** missed greeting 80 by a couple of months. In July, she passed away after a long bout of acute myeloid leukemia. According to her longtime husband, Dick '56, she had been very active "for our age!" and in good humor right up to the end. She did not suffer and was quite optimistic as she tried several clinical trials for acute myeloid leukemia. Her resistance to infection, however, was compromised. A 24-hour bout with internal sepsis was all it took. She died on July 16th. Although Dick lost his best friend, he treasures his many great memories through which her spirit lives on. To us, her classmates, she will always be "Og."



Mary Ogden '56

She and I, **COLLEEN MCMAHON ORSATTI**, both entered Kingswood from Grosse Pointe at the beginning of our junior year. We were suitemates during our senior year. **MARSHA (PENNY) RUDOLPH O'NEILL** and **NANCY SWAN WILLIAMS** were suitemates living across the hall from us. Nancy recalled that Penny and she arranged a blind date for Og with Dick. They obviously "clicked" in that they were married for 57 years! Penny remembered especially Og's happy spirit as she always saw the fun in things. Both **CYNTHIA (CINDY) COLE EUSEBI** and **VIRGINIA (GINI) CUMINGS INMAN** expressed their sadness at losing another classmate, as did **KAREN GILDERSLEEVE SEELEY**. Although Karen really did not know Og...their paths rarely crossed...she did remember her as being very friendly and nice. **BARBARA WELTHER** recalled how bright and well read Og was. "Such good memories from 65 years ago!" When "God's love" was being discussed in their Biblical History class, Barbara was both surprised and delighted when Og used the Greek word, *agape*...spontaneous, altruistic love...to express God's love for man. She considered Og to be a master of *double entendre*. Barbara also remembered that Og was interested in theater, taking parts in some of our plays. Actually, **KAY PERRING**'s most vivid memory of her was her role in *Androcles and the Lion*. Kay remembered that Og had many interests. Kay considered her to be a special person and was happy to reconnect with her at both

our 50th Reunion and at a later East Coast KSC '56 mini-reunion in Ridgefield, CT, in May 2011. **RHONA NEWCOMB NEUWIRTH**, Kay and I met Og at a lovely inn for lunch. We compressed 55 years since Kingswood into a delightful afternoon as we shared stories, laughter and memories. **DEBORAH MOORE GEITHNER** joined us later on her way back home to Cape Cod, after a piano engagement in New Rochelle, NY. She surprised us by playing a short piano concert for us. Sadly, Deborah, Rhona and Og are no longer with us. Only Kay and I remain. Og was the proud founder of the Litchfield Montessori School in 1972 and a faithful supporter of the school for its many years. She also served as president of the board of the Oliver Wolcott Library and as warden at her church, St. Michael's, both in Litchfield. During the 1990s, she owned and operated Travel Consultants in Litchfield. She is survived by her husband, Dick, her daughters, Kathryn and Anne, as well as their husbands and two grandchildren. Sadly, the number of our classmates decreases as our column moves closer to the front of the Class Notes section. However, for those of us who have already started or who are about to start our 80th milestone, it's fun to recall that in 1938, the year of our "world debut," a new house cost \$3900; gas was 10 cents a gallon; Harvard University tuition was \$420/year; *Fibber McGee and Molly* was a favorite radio program; and Bette Davis and Humphrey Bogart were the "It" couple! For **KAREN GILDERSLEEVE SEELEY**, turning 80 on Valentine's Day was a normal day. It can be one of the busiest times of the year for her family...birthdays, candy, cards...so that on her birthday she cooks and always has everyone over. Or...nothing!!! So...nothing it was this year! It was actually an up-and-down year for Karen. After her physical therapist for her arthritis urged her to have a spot on her right shin checked out, she discovered that it was a basal cell cancer, as was the spot on her forehead. She had to undergo a seven-hour Mohs surgical procedure on her shin. Since the wound could not be stitched up, she was left with a six-centimeter open wound and healing instructions to spend most of her time sitting and elevating her leg for six weeks, all during the beautiful days of summer. She was not a "happy camper" to have to spend summer this way. While she was chair-bound, however, she realized that the things she wanted to accomplish, such as painting the walls, really did not get noticed. In her words,

"So, why bother?!" She also discovered that she could travel with her son, Chris, who reclined the passenger seat in his car and she could ride along like *Driving Miss Daisy*! One of their travels was to Hell, MI...just a little two-building town. However, she bought postcards there and, for \$1.00, the store burned the edges, postmarked them and made them look totally authentic! She was hoping that the removal of the basal cell cancer on her forehead will have a more positive outcome. Her granddaughters are growing up fast. To her, being 80 is not bad. In fact, it's not too much different than being 79! She finds that she is a little more stooped and does not have the energy she used to have. However, her outlook is that "life is wonderful when one is happy and accepts life as it is and 'doesn't sweat the small stuff.'" In March, **JUDITH (JUDIE) BARBER COOK** celebrated her 80th with her husband, John, and "a lot of kids"... they have a large family...at a new Outback restaurant, one of her favorite eateries. She mentioned that one of their grandsons spent his junior year in Australia. Three other grandsons, ages 18 to 34, graduated in May/June, two from university and one from high school.



Grandson of Judith Barber Cook '56, and his cousin

Over the summer, many family members and friends spent an annual, two-week stay on the Outer Banks in NC. Their oldest daughter has taken on the job of "House Mother" and has rented the same marvelous beach house for five years. It sleeps 22, has an elevator, swimming pool, two hot tubs and is directly across from the beach. John and she decided years ago that they would use those two weeks as a vacation from each other. He goes and she stays home. May seem weird to others, but it works for them. He loves the crowds and the 24/7 happenings. Judie treasures the quiet and doing what she chooses, and not feeling that she *should* be doing...whatever.

CYNTHIA (CINDY) COLE EUSEBI and **JANE MCKENZIE MULLIN** have birthdays a month apart, Cindy in March and Jane in April. Even though her birthday is in July, when they saw **KAY PERRING** during her April trip to Bloomfield Hills, the three of them celebrated their 80th together at Joe Muer's restaurant in the Kingsley Inn. Cindy brought creative and festive accessories. Jane, especially, enjoyed "sporting" her 1938 tiara! A fun and delicious evening for all! **NANCY SWAN WILLIAMS** was on the road with her husband, Dave, for her milestone 80th. In early June, they joined the "Freedom Ride," a group of about 75 classic cars...although Nancy and Dave's was their truck, not their "anniversary Mustang model," due to the mountainous route. The trip started in Pittsburgh and continued into the Western PA mountainous area, which is very different from the metropolitan eastern side of PA. The actual day of her birthday, they visited "Falling Water," the amazing Frank Lloyd Wright-designed home by a very picturesque, small waterfall. Afterward, she and Dave indulged in a decadent, fun splurge of burgers, shakes and fries at a roadside diner on their way to see Penn State in Happy Valley. She could not have enjoyed a more fun meal to celebrate the beginning of her 80s!! Their ending destination was Erie, where they had stopped years earlier in their cabin cruiser on a boat trip excursion. Over several years in their boating days, they managed to navigate all five Great Lakes and received the award for that major boating accomplishment. During the "Freedom Ride," they visited various museums...military, maritime, etc. Next year, they are planning to go with the same group that will be exploring the plantation area of Mississippi. Before then, they have decided to spend the winter again in the Texas "Hill Country," where they have spent several winter seasons in the past. Northern Michigan is just too cold and has too much snow! However, Harbor Springs, MI, has a lot of activity during the summer. One of those is the big, annual golf tournament in which Nancy's sisters, Susan '66 and Trish '63 are a team as are their husbands, Andy and Van. Her sisters even dress identically for the event. Nancy and Dave joined Susan, Trish, and their husbands for a "catch-up" dinner one delightful evening during the tournament. When **BARBARA WELTHER** greeted 80 at the end of June, she had become an independent resident at Windsor Place of Wilmington, a lovely assisted living facility, near where she

had been living in Massachusetts. The move came about after she took an unexpected fall in her shower in June 2016. She feels that it was amazing that she survived. Not only did she survive, but she is still very much participating in the activities she enjoys so much. She is singing with three different groups: the Chancel Choir at Hancock Church in Lexington, Cantilena Chorus at the First Parish Church in Arlington, and an *a cappella* group that meets at Third Life Studio in Union Square, Somerville. Each group has good singers and great directors...an abundance of musical riches! Barbara is also a member of the Board of Cantilena and the chairperson for the Adult Christian Education Committee at Hancock Church. She has great gratitude for every day her eyes open and her body gets out of bed...being given another day and another opportunity to enjoy life! She hopes that we other classmates still have a quality of life and can see the bright side of aging as we become an octogenarian. Having arrived there, she still feels quite young! Having also become an octogenarian at the beginning of July, **KAY PERRING** is as active as she has always been...enjoying meals with friends, playing cards and "Scratch Off" lottery, going on weekend getaways in Connecticut and taking day trips to visit friends in the NYC Metropolitan area. She also continues doing her return trips to Bloomfield Hills every April and October, after which she subsequently enlightens us with descriptions of revitalized areas of Detroit. This past April, her treasured "tour guide" friend, Edie, took her back to Dearborn. They spent an afternoon at the interesting Arab American Museum. It is part of the Smithsonian and has very educational exhibits. It also has a very large section featuring a positive comparison of Islam, Christianity, and Judaism among various communities. After exploring the museum, they enjoyed a marvelous shish kabob dinner at a nearby Arab restaurant. On another evening, she began her birthday celebrations of her big milestone year enjoying that fun dinner with **CYNTHIA (CINDY) COLE EUSEBI** and **JANE MCKENZIE MULLEN** at the Kingsley Inn. In July, she continued several more celebrations with her New York friends, including me, **COLLEEN MCMAHON ORSATTI**. Kay and I both have our birthdays in July and every year we celebrate together, enjoying a nice lunch at one of our favorite NYC restaurants. For our 80th, we chose Joe Allen's in the theater district. It is a wonderful

way to celebrate not only our birthdays, but our friendship. Also in July, **KAY HELLYER SMITH** decided to welcome her 80th at her home on Kiawah Island, SC. Her husband, Smitty, three of her daughters, a son-in-law and two granddaughters joined her there for a marvelously fun and goofy celebration.



Kay Hellyer Smith '56, and family celebrating her 80th birthday

The wonderful news from **SUSAN HODGES MACFADYEN** was that she had completed her move from city living in London to country living in Rye, a charming village in East Sussex southeast of London, on the Strait of Dover. For her 80th in the middle of August, she enjoyed a great feast in her new home orchestrated by her three daughters and grandchildren for old friends and for some new ones made in Rye. She also included her new neighbors to thank them all for making her move from urban to country living so easy and welcoming. Initially, she missed her “never-a-dull-moment-London” life with Gavin, her late husband, but has gradually adapted to the change of pace of rural life and living alone near the sea. Gavin was an American investigative journalist, who was founder-director of the Centre for Investigative Journalism. He spent his life trying to give voice to the voiceless. He died from lung cancer in June 2016, in London. A film inspired by his work, *Free Speech Fear Free*, has been developed by Susan's 22-year old grandson, Tarquin Ramsay. Settling into her new life in Rye, Susan has planted a garden, become a trustee of the small Rye Art Gallery and hired nice young builders to transform her garage into a studio. It seems that this new chapter of her life is going to be a wonderful new beginning for her. As **MARILYN MACKENZIE MONTGOMERY** approached her 80th milestone in November, her decreasing eyesight and damaged ankle continue to plague her, but not really slow her down. She now “talks” into her iPad rather than types. Even though she can no longer ski, it did not keep her from going with

Robert, her husband, to meet their English friends in February in New Hampshire to go skiing. She also could not resist trying to put on her ski boot. No surprise...it did not even come close to getting on! The New Hampshire trip gave her the opportunity to visit two old friends whom she had not seen in years... one in Massachusetts and one in Vermont. According to Marilyn, “Of course, none of them had changed in the slightest!” Marilyn and Robert underwent a major rebuilding of their swimming pool and the brick walk around it. Their daughter, Monica, and family visited soon after its completion and inaugurated it. Marilyn and Robert continue making their trips to Virginia to visit Monica, et al. Marilyn had no plans for a special celebration of her 80th in November. Perhaps a nice family dinner with Monica, Tom, and Jack. **VIRGINIA (GINI) CUMINGS INMAN** will not be turning 80 until the end of January 2019, and probably is our youngest surviving classmate. Gini leads a very active life in Santa Fe. She works at least three days a week at a charming art gallery of Native American paintings, sculpture, and jewelry; entertains many friends who frequently visit Santa Fe; drives to Denver various times during the year to visit and spend holidays with her two daughters and their families; volunteers at the Wheelwright Museum that features Native American exhibits and sells beautiful art objects and jewelry in the gift shop, Case Trading Post. Indian Market occurs annually during the middle of August in Santa Fe. It is a very busy, exciting and, also, exhausting time for Gini at her art gallery and at the Wheelwright Museum, but she always looks forward to seeing the artists, many of whom have become friends, and their creative works. This year, she treated herself with a special purchase of a medicine bag by a female Native American hide painter, who features very colorful horses. Gini's bag has a green horse on the front and a tiny picture of a buffalo surrounded with feathers on the back, which will have a special place on the wall of Gini's casita. In February, she anticipates celebrating her 80th, along with her grandson, Tommy's 18th, in Denver with her daughters. In her octogenarian decade, Gini expects to continue selling Native Indian art, seeking out good, live music, reading like a demon and, especially, spending time with her darling daughters and grandkids! I, **COLLEEN MCMAHON ORSATTI**, had a marvelous time welcoming my 80th milestone in July with friends and family on different occasions. My

first celebration was sharing that marvelous NYC lunch with **KAY PERRING**. Later in the month, two of my close friends from my junior year in Spain visited NY to share two more celebrations with me: a festive lunch in busy midtown at the 21 Club, and a marvelous Saturday brunch in the Dining Room, overlooking Central Park, at The Metropolitan Museum. At a Sunday brunch in NJ, my son, Greg, and his family gave me a wonderful gift... tickets for a dance program of my choosing. They know how much I enjoy watching dance! I and my husband, Bob, have planned a three-day celebratory getaway in Washington, DC, at the end of September. High on our list of sights to be visited there is the new African American History and Culture Museum as well as The Portrait Gallery. We are also looking forward to eating at a couple of new restaurants and listening to some jazz combos. For Thanksgiving, my celebratory “binge” will end with a family get-together in Des Moines, IA, when I, along with Greg and his wife, Kathy, visit my daughter, Gabrielle. This will be our family's first Thanksgiving together in Iowa...truly very special. We shall be seeing Gabrielle's daughter, my granddaughter, Dahlia, for the first time since she entered Lewis and Clark University in Portland, OR, as a freshman in September, as well as 10-year old Benjamin. Also joining us will be my other two grandchildren: Julia, a senior at Tufts University, and Jacob, a sophomore at U of M, Engineering. My guide for my journey as an octogenarian is recognizing that life is a matter of choice. Although we cannot change the cards we are dealt, it is up to each of us to choose how we play the hand. “I don't want other people to decide who I am. I want to decide that for myself.” (Emma Watson) Always keep in mind...laughter is the best medicine for longevity! To be continued...

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It seems in recent years that weather has entered more into our class notes than ever before. Not the pristine and disabling Michigan snow that we recall, but coastal storms, fires, and flooding. Here I sit writing our notes tuned in to Florence and the havoc that she might bring, impacting at least four of

your Kingswood classmates. Having survived the California wild fires last spring, **VIRGINIA WESTOVER WEINER** reports that after living at Spring Lake Village for over two years she finally has her office settled, thanks to two friends that she's known since she was three years old! Ginny has moved six times in the 23 years since her husband died—all good sales, she adds, but she thinks that she has sprung a leak with this move. It was one too many. Anyway, she's coming to and has joined a bocce ball team and started swimming again. There is a huge indoor salt water pool. She is also blowing the dust off two unfinished writing projects. Having two helpers and getting clutter out of the way helps her to focus again! **NANCY WARD HARWOOD** is a seasoned family traveler, writing that she had a wonderful trip to the Smoky Mountains this spring with her son and his family. In June, she went to the Tetons and Yellowstone with her other son and his family. During September, Nancy traveled with her sister Jeanne Ward Perkins '51 to Portugal and southern Spain. We have a mystery to solve thanks to **LINDA MYERS YORT**. She sent a photo from a few years back and asks if you identify all five of the subjects and the reunion year.



Linda Myers Yort '57, Jane Wert Oman '57, Nancy Ward Harwood '57, and Barb Hedrick Bowman Schirmer '58.

Windy writes that her life is quieter. She and Bob Swats '56, are escaping the Palm Springs summer heat and have been spending the summer in the mountains in Big Bear for almost the 10th year now. In September, they will be on a beach in Oxnard, CA in a "shabby shack" in between two big remodeled homes on the sand, and then back to Palm Springs. They will be near Santa Barbara where she will be able to see her youngest and family. Everyone is doing well. All seven grandchildren from ages 13-25 are finding their own places, which is wonderful to see. She enjoys seeing one of my granddaughters

progress at U of M as a sophomore on a water polo scholarship. She claims that her only real news is that she is getting out of the first half of the Doing part of her life and figuring out what the second part looks like. She thinks most of us are probably in the same place. **MARY SHAW MOORE** has close ties to our past with her oldest granddaughter, Sierra, graduating from Kingswood this year and off to the University of Michigan.



Mary Shaw Moore's granddaughter, Sierra, graduated from Kingswood this year

Sydney is a sophomore this year, so headed for the Smokies in the spring. Elena is in 8th grade at St. Joseph's in Lake Orion. She'll run cross country for her school this fall, following in the footsteps of her father, Evan, and her uncle Brewster who both ran for Cranbrook. Our classmate, **JOCELYN SCOFIELD**, served as Grand Marshall of Metamora Days, near where they both live. **JEANNE HARGREAVES GRAHAM** is keeping afloat and enjoying life a lot. This summer at the lake she rowed her little dinghy almost daily.



Jeanne Hargreaves Graham '57, out on the water

Her son, Bill Graham '83, has to get in the water and hold it while she gets in and out with

her balance not what it used to be! Jeanne has started writing a few poems. Here is a three liner!

In my eightieth year
What do I fear?
That I won't have enough time!

How's this for tranquility? Granted always at the top of our class in academic prowess, **JUDY KNUDSEN CHRISTIE** tops us all with progeny numbers. They have 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren (so far). In April, the Christies welcomed two new great-granddaughters, Elizabeth (aka Bizzy) and Athena. Other than that, she is glad to report that she and Chris are in good health and that they had a wonderful time at their annual family get-together at Crystal Lake in early August. Only one family couldn't make it; they were missed but 19 of them enjoyed absolutely perfect northern Michigan summer weather. Lots of happy memories! Escaping before Florence (not Italy) greets us, **ANNE COUGHLIN COLLINS** and her friend Jim Tillotson flew to Paris for a month and a half. Their goal is to explore the city and to work on their French. We will await their account of this adventure. **REBECCA ERWIN CAWLEY** shares sad news about her sister Susan Erwin Sternickle '58, who died in April. Her family held a lovely memorial for her in June. In September she "became a tree" as she requested via an endowment of a tree at the Morton Arboretum. For Becky, she is enjoying living the "active (sorta) living" lifestyle at Del Web in Lincoln Hills, CA. Most of her activity still involves her daughter's eight-year-old twins who live nearby. Again our North Star **SUELLEN VOORHEIS SOUCEK** continues to work part-time at the art guild and chamber and is chair of the town planning committee. She is painting a lot mainly in the winter and has adopted two rescue cats, which liven up the quiet winter house. Her youngest son, Corey, who is 48, had a heart attack which was a warning shot so he's rethinking his life. That's always a healthy thing. Suellen has three college grandkids, one of whom is in honors engineering at Ohio State as a sophomore. The Souceks don't travel much, just down to cities for Christmas but love their island life on the golf course in the woods. The young people are lovely to them since they're some of the most senior people. Their attention and caring is appreciated. **JANE WERT OMAN** spent the summer on Nantucket as always and

lots of family visited! She still plays tennis and bridge and is resuming some of her volunteer opportunities. Jane sends love to everyone. As for the Goulds, we have just returned from delightful travel in the UK. Caught three London shows including the British spoof of *Hamilton* with the obvious title of *Spamilton*. We availed ourselves of the excellent rail system to revisit Edinburgh, then down to Glasgow and Oban for a week trip on a small boat around the Inner Hebrides. Who knew that George Orwell wrote *1984* on the island of Jura? Glorious scenery and only a little Scottish mist. Reading your messages, I realize that some of our grandchildren are sharing collegiate experiences. Four of our eight are in higher education with a few switching majors from engineering to cybersecurity and exploring different programs. They are now spreading over the country providing us with good excuses for more travel. It is fascinating to see the outcomes of their decision-making processes. Life is very good and more and more unpredictable! Stay healthy and send your good reading suggestions.

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Our 60th reunion has come and gone. I haven't heard from anyone regarding who was in attendance and how it went. I was unable to attend as my daughter was here from Germany visiting her mother and myself for that week. I did hear from **JIM GOLANTY** who writes that he regrets missing our 60th as do I. The event prompted pleasant communication with **BOB KLEIN** and **OZZIE JACOBSON**, and it was nice to read Ham's reply to my request for news. He and wife Deb went to the Santa Fe Opera and saw *Dr. Atomic* by John Adams. Jim suggests that readers of this pay attention to the plight of the NM "down-winders" and their descendants who still suffer effects of the Trinity bomb test without government compensation. **BOB KLEIN** missed the 60th as well "due to a conflict in dates" but as an interested alum and former trustee, he does keep in touch with the alma mater on a regular basis. I talk with Dom DiMarco when I'm in Detroit and this winter, I met with our new headmistress, Aimeclaira Roche, as well as

the new community development director, Eileen Savage—both first-class individuals and first-class talents. While it is a real challenge to replicate Arlyce, Cranbrook is in good hands with a good tailwind as a legacy. That the daughter of a longtime friend, Jim Williams '60, Jamie Feliski, is also crying forward as Cranbrook board chair is an additional plus. I have also had good visits with classmates **JIM GOLANTY** and **HAM SCHIRMER**, and talk regularly in November and Christmas with **GARY GRICKSHEIT**—good memories that have not missed a beat. Klein-wise, my wife Wally and I continue to divide our time between Charlevoix and LaJolla. Routine has not changed—lots of golf and tennis with several charitable involvements in between. Good friends in both locations add to our enjoyment, and I look forward to an 80th birthday in 2020 with a good trajectory. **JIM LUDWIG** writes from Ontario where it is 74 (this in the middle of July) so "we are 'stylin' as the kids say." I just finished my fourth summer of research on Great Lakes waterbirds, pulled out the research boat and am resting a bit. Alison and I have had an eventful year, selling one home to buy what we expect will be our last home in the most rural part of southwestern Ontario. We live in a small century-aged home in the tiny hamlet of Duart, Ontario, growing gardens and writing books. I am working on a revision to my *Dismal State* of the Great Lakes. I hope to have it ready for the editors to pounce on by late October. Ali is working on her fourth book on family histories from Ireland and England. Our kids seem to be doing well (son is running for Michigan House in western Michigan). We are very much enjoying a quiet but eventful retirement. **LARRY DANTO** and his wife Linda are retired in the "no longer so right wing Orange County of San Juan Capistrano." "Why the move? Well, we no longer ski or do snow; the kids settled close to each other in OC; and so the grandkids are all here—or they used to be as the oldest three are already off to college. Actually the oldest will be graduating Cal Berkeley in structural engineering in 2019. (Beginning to feel as old as dirt.) If any of you happen to watch Cal football, you will see Zander on the field waving the Cal flag. Year-round golf is not too hard to take in SoCal and I can read and write anywhere. We are supposed to be taking a trans America/Canada with the **GOLANTY**s but I believe it's in a stall mode. Anyway, they are doing

well. (See Jim's note above.) A medical note: two years ago I had to have my aortic valve replaced. Big operation but the recovery was easy and uneventful. I'm an ex-marathoner with superb lipids. However, when we were kids in the Midwest, it was popular for a few years to shrink the enlarged childhood thymus with radiation. The thinking was that it would decrease the incidence of childhood ENT infections. Well, it didn't do that, but it did cause a lot of hypertension, coronary artery disease, valvular disease, and even lymphomas later in life. For most of you this is useless info; but for some of you it may be pertinent." **HAM SCHIRMER** recently attended the graduation of wife Barb's grandson. There we were not "40 years on" but 60 years on! Same ceremony as ours but with bigger and healthier graduates. I don't think any of us were ever as fit as the kids these days. Saw **OZZIE JACOBSEN**, who also had a grandson graduate, and **BOB SCHULTZ**. Life is good in Northern Michigan. We do lots of traveling to spots far and wide—China coming up next year. I do lots of hunting, fishing and model boat building. Just turned 78 yesterday with no new aches or pains. I guess 78 is the new... er...78. Life is good. **HOWARD KAUFMAN** is finishing a master's degree in Jewish Studies at Columbia U. with some classes at the Jewish theological seminary next door. Amazing profs, amazing students, great fun. Will have two degrees from Columbia 50 years apart. Living in Edgewater, NJ right on the Hudson just south of GW Bridge. I spent a total of eight years in training at Columbia Presbyterian just across the river. Now looking in the opposite direction. New York is fascinating. Among other events I saw Andrew Lloyd Weber, Mel Brooks, and Alan Alda in conversation. Andrew Lloyd Weber spoke with Glenn Close and he played the piano. Lots of famous actors on and off Broadway. New York is growing—many skyscrapers under construction. **BOB SCHULTZ** attended the Cranbrook graduation with his brother David '63. They were invited to sit in the row directly behind the graduating seniors. **OZZIE JACOBSON** was directly behind them. He also saw **MIKE MELET** and **FRED LAVERY** at the Saturday cocktail party. He and brother Dave attended the alumni baseball game on Saturday morning at Jack Sanders Memorial Field. Enclosed is a picture of them at the game.



Bob Schultz '58, and his brother Dave Schultz '63, at the alumni baseball game

Yours truly spent a very non-active summer here in Phoenix. My granddaughter graduated from Grand Canyon University with honors. She is now teaching third grade. My oldest grandson spent the summer as an intern at Edwards AFB. He was recruited by the DOD to do this internship and as he has one more year in college and one more year as an intern, the DOD gives him a stipend. He is majoring in optics. He says the internship is pretty awesome and the optics very interesting. All of which is well beyond my ken. He is, to put it mildly, a "brain!" I won't brag about my grandchildren anymore. I'll just close here and say goodbye until next time. Regards, **DON LE MESSURIER**.

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Summer is fleeting and our classmates are busy as always. Some have found the precious time to respond to the Cranbrook Alumni Office request for news. **NONNIE HAMADY MARKESET** responded from San Miguel de Allende, GTO Mexico. Her mailing address is in Laredo, Texas. She writes: 'I am off to Paris for two months. My daughter, who lives

and works in Brussels, will be there receiving treatment for cancer and I am going to be with her for that time. Both Ed and I are well considering our age.' **ANNE HOUSTON DOW** sends her love from Fairfield, Iowa. 'I came to the 60th reunion in June and it was super. I just loved catching up with old classmates. Those attending were **NANCY TREGENZA LITTLE, SUSAN FLINT COOPER**, Mike and **KAY LEVY MELET**, and **BARB HEDRICK BOWMAN SCHIRMER** and **MANDY MATTHEWS LUNGHAMER**. I also loved wandering around the campus and realizing how lucky we were to have had such a beautiful campus. They are truly the most beautiful grounds and buildings I have ever seen for any school. I enjoyed walking into Miss Fry's math classroom, Miss Bennett's English classroom and Miss Waldo's English classroom again. Sitting in the auditorium where we put on those marvelous plays and musicals triggered wonderful memories. Remember *Brigadoon* and our junior year show about ancient Rome and Egypt? I think I remember you were the slave driver and I was one of the slaves, and **NONNIE HAMADY MARKESET** singing about the dancing Cleopatra and Marc Anthony: 'She gave those old Egyptian kings something to watch besides the sphinx.' Marc Anthony admitted that what first made him 'flip' was the wobbly dance that Cleopatra did.' I remember a concert where **KATHY KYES** sang 'Oh No John, No John, No John, No.' We had a lovely dinner at **MANDY MATTHEWS LUNGHAMER**'s in Birmingham. Finally, I have a rewarding and challenging life at Maharishi University of Management, teaching math and transcendental meditation. It is scary to read the latest edition of *National Geographic* about plastic, and also that the Australian Great Barrier Reef is already half gone due to global warming. If anyone in our class has offspring interested in consciousness-based education, in self-realization, in creating coherence in national consciousness while studying at university, please check us out at www.mum.edu. **MOLLY MARSHALL PESSL** writes from Bellevue, Washington where she is the owner/manager of Evergreen Perinatal Education 'I still enjoy my work which is lucky as I seem to be working all the time. I do miss out on my time at home, in my garden, greenhouse. I also miss out on time with the ten grandchildren. However, the other day when I was lamenting my lack of time and commitment to my grandchildren, one of my sweet daughters-in-law told me she is proud

to be able to tell her three little girls that they have a grandma who is out there working and making a difference in the world. I guess that's good. At least it made me feel better. Heading back to Australia for the 12th time in January 2019. My husband Fred joins me for the first part when we add the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne. Then he returns to the States and I will be going on with a colleague to lecture in Perth, Canberra and Adelaide. Last year, we did Melbourne, Gold Coast, and Sydney. Always enjoy my time there! Have spoken recently with **KATHY VAN DUSEN SYLVESTER, JOBY FREDERICKSON MARGADANT, MICHELE TAIT MARSHALL** and Peggy Mayne Post '59. Really hope to see some people in the next year. The long list of deaths from our class is a true reality check. I tend to be a bit naïve about how long I or others will be around or able to visit. The most recent email I have from **LUCIANA CAGNASSO GILERA** is lucianacagnasso@gmail.com. I haven't heard from her in the past few months, but mostly we commiserate about our unbelievable political situation in the US. With so much international travel and friends and colleagues from all over the world, I am constantly embarrassed (and somewhat terrified) by what's going on. I was just working in Canada this summer, and I couldn't believe the difference in my reception at their border. The Canadians are pretty disgusted with us. I guess I can't blame them, but it's so sad. **KATIE WILLIAMS STEWART** concludes with: Thank you all for taking the time out of your busy lives to keep in touch so thoroughly and thoughtfully. Jimmy and I will be in Michigan in early September and **SUSAN FLINT COOPER, NANCY TREGENZA LITTLE, KAY LEVY MELET, MANDY MATTHEWS LUNGHAMER, BARB HEDRICK BOWMAN SCHIRMER**, and I are meeting for lunch at Brio in Troy and have asked Susan Post from the Cranbrook Alumni Office to join us. We will chat about the possibility of On the Road mini reunions and keep you 'posted.' Be happy and well as always.

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I think I've been class secretary for about 25 years or so. I promised myself to never miss a column when I took the job. I missed my deadline for the first time last issue, and one of you has already called me out for failing. What are friends for. I've been moving from AZ to CO, and it seems to be far more difficult than it was when I was moving every two or three years when I was in the service. Anyway, my computer died during the move and I was just too busy/lazy to do it the old way with pen and paper. Remember those days? Besides, no one ever writes with news. Are we too old for news? Is it all the same old damn thing? I hope not. **DALE RANDS** is no longer semi-bicoastal. No, that's not one of the new sexes, I mean he used to live in Snowmass, CO and Palm Beach, FL and went back and forth when the weather moved him. He sold in CO and is just Palm Beach now, and is headed for Europe in September. Dale also just won the Aspen Bridge Team championship with three partners. I only know this because we are Facebook friends. The good news is that no one has died. That I know of. In your list of things for your executor to do, is there a paragraph of who to notify? If not, add one item and include Cranbrook, please. Don't make me chase you down, it's already depressing enough. You may have noticed that the girls have a new class secretary. Welcome Sally Waddell Goshorn, farewell Karen Gilray Street, and thanks for your years of service. I have worked with Margi Brown at the Alumni Office for most of my 25 years, and she is retiring too. I checked with payroll at Cranbrook and learned that I too can retire with FULL PAY after my service, and I am wondering if anyone would like to take my position and paycheck? No hurry, I still intend to attempt to organize something for our 60th reunion next year, but it would be nice to have a smooth transition. Let me know. And if you care enough to write, maybe you could find something new for me to write about? Can we really be too old and boring for news? Please tell me I'm wrong. Has anyone had a full-body transplant? Anyone married someone 50 years younger? **BILL HESTER**, are all your children out of grade school? **ALEC PENDLETON**, are you still running? It's all I can do to walk up the stairs. Anyone had a sex change? It seems to me that we are hopelessly pedestrian in this

arena. Cranbrook has sent an '18 grad to the USAF Academy here across the freeway. He is Davis Schiller, and I will be sponsoring him as an old (very old) grad.



Hank Hoffman '59, and Davis Schiller '18, whom he will be sponsoring at the United States Air Force Academy

He was a high school All American in lacrosse! I am very much looking forward to getting to know him and some of his classmates. I actually received one email from **RON RIEDER!** He says that he was visiting **RAY SOKOLOV** and sends these thoughts about life: "After Medical School at Harvard ('68), I became a psychiatrist and spent years at the NIH, Columbia, and Mount Sinai (in NYC). In each place, I focused on education, as well as some research. In 2015, I retired from the full-time faculty and ended my private practice. Now, 2018, I am still learning how to be in this phase of life. I call it Post-Adulthood, because, for one thing, it involves giving up the signal attributes of being an "Adult"—such as job, house, mortgage, child rearing. I even sold, last month, both of my cars, and am "carless" for the first time since age 16. Frankly, this is an excellent way to adapt to apartment living in New York City. However, I think one should TAKE ON new things in this stage as well. What I've concentrated on are: 1) much more physical exercise—e.g. bicycle riding and hand weights; 2) cognitive work—for me learning to speak French well; 3) reconnecting with old friends and making new ones; and 4) joining or becoming more active in organizations that I value and can use my skills, which for

me means as of now doing more as a Quaker. I've also more time to read, and some of my choices seem to have a theme of what might or will occur in the future—ways to keep healthy, death, living alone, and even science fiction about the future (e.g. the Cixin Liu trilogy). Ray and I are excited about going to our 60th Cranbrook/Kingswood reunion, and hope to see all of you there!" Thank you, Ron, and I believe your philosophical comments are truly appropriate for us in our time of life. I am going to download Cixin Liu on my Kindle. Who else has words of wisdom for us? Who can comment on their own Post-Adult experience? Personally, not many have accused me of being adult, much less more than that...Somebody write to me!

(EDITOR'S NOTE)

After the press deadline, word came of the loss of **STEVE JONES**. From Steve's obituary: We are saddened to bring you the news that Stephen Jones of Beier Howlett has passed away. Steve practiced in the areas of estate planning, probate administration, corporate, and tax and real estate law for more than 50 years. He graduated from Cranbrook in 1959. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Albion College and received his law degree with distinction from the University of Michigan Law School. Steve was a past chairman of the State Bar of Michigan Probate and Estate Planning Section and a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, as well as an occasional lecturer for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education. He also was one of the leading advocates of probate law reform in Michigan. Indeed, Steve was one of the drafters of 1993 legislation repealing Michigan's inheritance tax, and worked for its successful passage. Steve was very active in community service around Royal Oak. He was a past board member of both the South Oakland YMCA and the Royal Oak Boys and Girls Club. Steve also was actively involved with Boy Scouts Troop 1629, the Royal Oak Historical Society, and First Congregational Church of Royal Oak. He loved spending time with his family, being at a game at the Big House cheering on his Wolverines, traveling and RV camping, and especially enjoying a beautiful sunset over Lake Michigan with his family at their cottage.

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Very happy news from **JOYCE HARLAN**: she and Bruce McDonald were married and he has her playing golf and tennis again. She also volunteers at the Cranbrook House and is still quilting. Editorial note: Joyce creates the most extraordinary quilts. She brought an unforgettable one to our 50th with tiny shoes on it, titled, if memory serves, “These Boots Are Made for Walking.” **MARYBETH HEINRICK KRAVETS** also reports happy news: she and Dr. Jack Shartsis from Huntington Woods are engaged. She is the busiest ‘59er I know, on boards, revising her book, consulting, being a grandmother. Her energy is astonishing! **KAREN GILRAY STREET** is representative of many of us. (But probably writes more humorously!). “I continue to not garner awards, degrees, honoraria, & thankfully not memorials. I thrive on my daily walking routine incorporating arm work. It has replaced tennis & paddle for me. Duplicate bridge is a grand diversion as well.” Asked to comment about current events, she said, “I find the constantly changing & surprising political news fascinating & frustrating.” Don’t we all! **JANE BUGAS SWIGART** continues to live in San Francisco. She has two daughters and a four-year-old grandson whom she adores. She is still trying to finish her book, a novel about Wyoming. **(EDITOR’S NOTE: she published one book already, her Ph.D. dissertation.)** **GALE HUMMEL NILL** divides her time between La Jolla, CA & Lexington, MA. She had just sent her second grandson off to Dartmouth in September. Her first granddaughter is a senior at Claremont McKenna College in CA. And she has six more down to age four! She says, “What fun they all are, and it’s a full-time job visiting, especially with one family on Nantucket and another in CA.” She’s looking forward to our reunion. Her fondest memories include close relationships with terrific women like our field hockey team, Mrs. Houston, Senior Cabin with smoke-filled air and the amazing weaving looms. Everyone!! Even if you’ve never come, next year is the year! It is such fun sharing memories like Gale’s. As for me, my husband and I accompanied our teenaged granddaughters to London in June and then went on to Edinburgh and Inverness. Great fun, especially the London Eye and my visit with **PEGGY MAYNE POST**.



Peggy Mayne Post and Sally Waddell Goshorn, both '59, in London

We caught up on 50 years of living in her stunningly beautiful town house in Nottingham Hill Gate. I was fortunate to meet her delightful husband Herschel that morning. Sadly Herschel passed away in August, and we send our deepest condolences. Classmates: please don’t wait for me to email or, heaven forbid, call you asking for “news.” Anything counts—where you live now, what you’re reading, what you’re doing, what concerns you most, what lessons you’ve learned that you wish you’d learned sooner, whatever!

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I was late sending out the request for input, but thanks to a few days’ extension from Ms. Susan Post, our new *Tradition* editor, there was a very impressive response. Thanks, Sue. To all those who replied—thank you for your kind words of encouragement and support. After nearly sixty years, it’s amazing we still remember each other. Let’s all keep on keeping on as best we can. **BOB BRAUD** “In February we traveled to Monterey, CA, to visit our oldest son who recently moved into a gorgeous new home with a Bay View! His new home was almost in the exact spot where my former Infantry Company was located at Ft.

Ord (no longer in existence) Bravo Company, Second Brigade. Once Viet Nam wound down the Department of Defense sold Ft. Ord to the adjacent cities who have now sold some of that very valuable oceanfront land to private developers! Currently, I am trying to cut back on my real estate activities. I was appointed about 18 months ago to be the official Realtor for the surplus properties owned by our local county. However, in August I resigned because it was taking too much of my time and I am trying to slow down, not add stress to my life. This year, we plan to move from our large 2-story home to a smaller, single level home. We are considering moving to Texas where we can find a smaller home there at a reasonable price. Our daughter and her family live near Austin and our son-in-law is an Army LTC at Ft. Hood. There is a good VA Medical Center in Temple, TX, so we should be well cared for if we move. My wife and I are very thankful that we still are in relatively good health in our 70s and I cherish the Alumni news that appears in this publication.” **TIM COUGHLIN** sent a rather stunning photo of him, his wife Laurie, plus their nine grandchildren at their annual family reunion on the dock of their vacation home in Skytop, PA.



Tim Coughlin '60, his wife Laurie and their nine grandchildren

Tim wrote “I’m still working full-time as an investment advisor after retiring from Riggs Bank of Washington, DC 14 years ago.” **JOE FELDMAN**: Cathy and I are accumulating airline miles. Cathy seems to have developed an addiction to hiking, and I am quietly swimming every morning at a nearby hotel spa. We were in Borneo a couple of months ago, seeing some orangutans in a jungle. Does anyone want to know anything about leeches? We also stopped for a couple of days at Borobudur, which is very much worth a visit; it is something of a quiet version of Angkor Wat, with few tourists. In case anyone is hungry, one ought to mention the world’s cheapest

one-Michelin-starred restaurant, a chicken street-food joint in Singapore. Our next trips are to western Italy, Tasmania, and Vienna, and then Ceylon; and Patagonia in a few months. Cathy is going hiking to Machu Picchu in a couple of weeks. Carey, our chef/son, and Lucy, got married this summer, and we are dropping the usual hints about needing a first grandchild. Amy is in vet school, thinking about doing a residency in animal radiology after graduation. If anyone gets near Chicago, please do come for a meal!" **ROGER ROTHENBERGER:** "Since I haven't done much reporting back I don't even know where to begin. After spending almost 10 years in Asia (8 in Taiwan and 2+ in Mainland China about 200 miles from inner Mongolia) I returned to US in 2006. I worked as Construction Manager on Lake Mead Intake Tunnel #3 (I also worked on #2 many years before) where I ended up finishing my career except for some spot consultation work at the Transbay Center in San Francisco, a rather expensive \$1.2B Bus Stop with provisions for trains underneath if they ever find the next \$1B to do the short 1.5 mile tunnel from the old train station to the new Transit Center. I am in Southern California about 50 miles northeast of San Diego and 50 miles inland from Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, CA renovating a house on three acres (also needs work). I have one granddaughter (16) who looks like she might be a candidate for volleyball scholarship—one can only hope. My son has been in Japan teaching English for a number of years. I keep in fairly constant phone contact with **BILL MOSHER** up in Charlevoix, MI where he is retired. We get to commiserate on family problem issues but we are both refusing to become grumpy old men; old yes—grumpy no. I remember **TED SEYFARTH** because he was one of the guys who used to come down to buy the donuts or whatever we were selling on Sunday in the basement. I remember **BOB BRAUD** as well. I really miss **JIM WILLIAMS** (our baseball team's catcher when I pitched). He was always reassuring especially because I didn't have to think when he was catching; just throw the ball. (Roger—I miss him too. It was our 2000 reunion when Jim volunteered me to become class secretary—Mitch]. So, I am digging ditches, graveling roads in preparation of concrete paving, digging out 3 acres of 100% weeds, built a barn like we used to set up mechanics shops on tunnel jobs, tearing out walls [have a contractor but do some of the

walls], painting. All too much at 76+ but I am lucky to have my health, strength (not much endurance in 100 degree heat). My granddaughter and her volleyball are the principal remaining delights." **TED SEYFARTH** "I am pleased to report that, except for a shaky right hand, all is going well in these 'golden' years. Sunday it was our pleasure to help our twin sons celebrate their 50th birthdays, with their spouses and all 5 grandchildren. I'm quite sure, if you had asked me in June of 1960 whether this would be my life in September 2018, that I would have been completely unable to give a coherent (much less, accurate) answer. At this rate, I fully expect to see my children sharing the benefits of Social Security and Medicare with me. In these tumultuous times, it is great to see that my life and the lives of my family members follow a nice smooth curve. We are coming off a great summer having spent much of our time enjoying the outdoors, whether at the beach with grandkids or gardening, or, simply, dinner on our deck. I exchange e-mails with **BOB BRAUD**, and from them, can confirm that he is also enjoying his life with his family. I don't know what kind of 'busyness' has been affecting your life, but from prior exchanges, I assume it is worthwhile. Once more Sally and I have cruise reservations for travel away from winter. This year we begin in Sydney, travel around eastern and northern Australia and through Indonesian islands to an intermediate stop in Singapore (which looks like a great place, based on *Crazy Rich Asians*) and traveling onward to Myanmar, ending in Bangkok for the return trip home. That will nicely take care of mid-January through the end of February, getting us back home for what should be incipient springtime. By that time, I fully expect to see another request for Class Notes material. Maybe the trip will generate a story or two." **PHIL SKED** "Update: we now have 18 grandchildren plus 18 great-grandchildren. We are retired and sold our house this March and moved into a fabulous retirement facility in Apple Valley, MN outside Minneapolis. I moved my woodworking shop to their facility so others could enjoy and pursue their hobbies too. My bucket list is mostly complete. After 50 years of restoring antique cars and motorcycles, it was time to put down the wrenches and go sit in the sun. Several of my efforts have made their way into auto museums where others can enjoy their rarity. Several cars have been on magazine covers over the years and recently

I sent a bunch of SCCA racing memorabilia to the museum out at Watkins Glen racetrack in New York for display. When you close down your home you sure acquire a bunch of STUFF!!" It was a pleasant surprise to get a phone call from **SAM THOMAS**. From my hastily scribbled notes: Sam has two sons, one in business plus one still in college. He and his wife, Rhonda, have been together 22 years. They live in Ann Arbor. For the past 15 years he has been a real estate developer, residential and commercial. His residential developments have mostly been affordable housing [way to go Sam—Mitch]. Commercial has been shopping centers in and around Ann Arbor and Detroit, but also in Florida. Rhonda's accounting expertise has made her an invaluable partner in these enterprises. **LARRY WEIS:** "I feel badly about not having sent you anything for what seems like an eternity, so I'll jot down a few random things. My wife (Dr. Kathi McCarroll) and I each have lived a relatively short distance from Cranbrook-Kingswood for the past 35+ years. After leaving a career in public relations at Ford Motor Company, I formed my own automotive p.r. agency (AutoCom Associates) with a close friend from General Motors. Based in Bloomfield Hills, AutoCom (www.usautocom.com) will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2020. Kathi and I have four children (ranging in age from 35 to 50), five grandchildren scattered about in Michigan, Texas and New Mexico, and two fur babies—a three-year-old Goldendoodle and an 11-year-old black Boxer. When we're not working, we enjoy traveling in Europe (usually food and wine trips) or in Mexico (beachside or golfing). We recently did an especially fun Michelin-starred restaurant visit to Germany, including stops in Mainz, near Johannisberg, in Wolfsburg and in Berlin. To keep off the pounds, I do my best to stay active despite two meniscus tears, single malt scotch, Kentucky bourbon and a variety of Cuban cigars. That includes golf, cycling and running, although I stopped doing 26-milers three years ago. Hope that brings things somewhat up to date. Would love to hear from other classmates and spend some time with a glass of wine (and optional cigar) with anyone who's either in or passing through Detroit." From yours truly: Denise '62 and I have had a few health issues, but all is mostly OK. After a new deck plus 2017's extensive "aging in place" remodel, we hope to stay here as long as we can. We look out over Puget Sound here in

Edmonds, WA. Sunsets over the Olympics to the West, Mt. Baker to the north, plus new Boeing jets flying overhead from their nest at Everett's Paine Field—*baruch hashem*, we continue to live *la dolce vita* and *la vida loca* as best we can, here in our corner of the Pacific Northwest. P.S.: One of my third-form memories is seeing a preview of the new 1957 cars on campus during 1956. Over the past few decades I have come across many car makers' photos taken on the Cranbrook institutions' campuses. The favorite locations were the fountain and steps in front of the Art Museum's breezeway. The entire file is to be posted on Cranbrook's Facebook page; an example is included here.



A 1961 Rambler Ambassador in the Cranbrook Quad, from the collection of Mitch Grayson '60

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NANCY WILCOX KARGER—"I'm so very sorry about the loss of our three classmates, **CHRIS HEWLETT**, **NANCY KNORR POLK**, and **CAROL KLENKE BURROW**. We boarders have spoken before about how grateful we were to the day students who took us into their families. Nancy Knorr Polk gave me a very special treat on several occasions by taking me to a baseball game, where we sat in her families' box. I was much more interested in greeting the players in the parking lot than seeing them play on the field. Thank you for keeping our class together." Also I read Diana Gornick Day '63, who spoke about Nancy Knorr Polk while both were at Kingswood—"I am no longer surprised when current events recall old, old memories. Life is much like a spider web—pattern seems willy-nilly but eventually all comes together. Nancy's dad invited Diana to Tigers games

when they played the Yankees. Important to know he was an owner. Perhaps I was 12, but a baseball fan forever—always parked inside the stadium. Used my best memories, but Nancy's dad always told me to go ahead and yell for my team. You have to hang around a very long time to have memories like this." **HANLEY BIRD COX**—"So sad to learn of the loss of so many classmates. I guess we really are getting older! It makes it evident how important it is for us to stay connected. Thank you Sue for keeping us in touch! News—family wise—I now have 4 of my 5 granddaughters in college. The twins are seniors at SMU and University of Richmond and the other two are freshmen at Duke and Vanderbilt. The youngest is a sophomore in high school. Time passes way too fast. Travel-wise I had a great trip to Singapore and Malaysia in January and lots of visiting family and friends since. I look forward to seeing **JULIE KRUGER BAILEY**, **NANCY WILCOX KARGER**, and **BARBARA BOWEN OBERG** in October." **BROOKE BURGESS ADLER**—"Thank you for the update, Sue, even with the sad news of Nancy's passing. All is well with the Adlers, as I hope it is with you and your family." **VIRGINIA CROSS WALDEN**—"Unfortunately we have another name to add to our death list. **CAROL KLENKE BURROW** died last April. She had been battling cancer. She also had been spending summers in Harbor Springs where **MARGIE MCMEHEN BURCH** and I had wonderful times playing golf with her. Carol had sold her house in Dallas and moved into a fabulous residential community. She was very happy there. A week before she died, she was the MC at a talent show. Her last outing was to shop for a boa to wear for the show. She pushed her walker aside and was a star. I was lucky to have had conversations with her throughout her journey. She never lost her sense of humor and she knew what would happen every step of the way. I am sorry to be the bearer of this sad news." **MARGIE MCMEHEN BURCH**—"Thanks for doing this once again, Sue. We will certainly miss Margi Brown who retired from Kingswood at the end of August. After Chris Hewlett suffered her stroke, several of us visited Chris with regularity. She seemed to be the glue that brought us together: **TRISH KELLEY STOLTZ**, **SUSAN ALLAN**, **JOAN AKERS BINKOW**, **LYNNIE DAWSON SOLNAR**, **GINNY CROSS WALDEN** (when she could) and me.



Margie McMehen Burch, Ginny Cross Walden, and Michel Howard Williams, all '60

We enjoyed an outing to Ann Arbor, a painting class at Chris' and her 75th birthday celebration, along with weekly visits. Chris loved asking about our families and hearing our adventures. She enjoyed reminiscing about our Kingswood antics. Chris had such a big heart and, even with her limitations, always had a smile and a hug for all. She truly will be missed. My family is great. We are sending two grandchildren off to Washington University in St. Louis (freshman and senior). Still enjoying Harbor Springs in the summer, and off to Morocco with Bob this fall." **JOAN AKERS BINKOW**—"I continue to be busy setting up after-school Art & Design classes for underserved elementary school children and traveling this fall to Japan and then the Amazon so that's my news for the moment. Thanks for doing this once again, Sue." **PATRICIA KELLEY STOLTZ**—"I'm sure you've heard from Befothers about the death of Nancy Knorr Polk. I was surprised by this obituary in the *Birmingham Observer-Eccentric*. You may already have received from others." **EDITH FOLEY STRUIK**—"Thank you heaps for doing this! I was shocked & saddened to hear about Carol Klenke's death. I guess that we're all getting older; but, this has been one of my best years yet! I am still very involved with Focus on the Family. We celebrated our 40th anniversary last year with Vice President Pence being our guest speaker in Colorado Springs. This May, Henk & I attended a Faith & Freedom Tour in Washington, D.C. Fabulous! We got to hear privately from various U.S. House members & senators! Henk & I were also involved this

summer in Branson, MO with Focus' Hope Restored ministry to couples whose marriages are in trouble. We're working to have these centers in various parts of the U.S. In Raleigh we support Pardoned by Christ, providing housing & support to men coming out of prison. In September we'll make our annual trip to The Netherlands & Switzerland to visit family & friends. We try to keep healthy with regular exercise & good food. I love to cook! That's about it for me!" **RAEWYN FREAR WHITHAM**—"I was so very saddened to learn of Carol's passing; I knew earlier this year about her illness but didn't realize that the end was going to be quite so soon. I guess after my family, the Kelleys, I spent more time with the Klenkes than any other Kingswood family, mainly because they used to pick me up and take me to church on Sunday mornings and then, often out to brunch, which was always a great treat. If anyone has contact details for any of her three daughters, would you please forward them to me? I met them all in Dallas way back in 1980. My main news is that at the end of next month we will be putting our much-loved home on the market, and it will go to auction late November. We hope to be able to spend one last summer here, ideally until late February, but it may well be that the new owners will want to be in by Christmas or for the January school vacations. We always knew that we could not continue living in Hahei indefinitely, due to the lack of medical facilities in the greater area, the winding, hilly roads, and a lot of other factors, but we are immensely saddened that the time has come. We sit up in bed in the morning with a coffee, reading the morning newspaper on line and surveying our spectacular views, then turn to each other and say "How CAN we do this? How CAN we leave?" But as the walrus said, the time has come, (unfortunately). So we are going to a brand new retirement village near where our children and grandchildren live, on the North Shore of Auckland. It has all the different stages—from retirement village to serviced apartment to rest home to hospital to, perish the thought, an Alzheimer unit, so no more moves. And we will keep our motor home, at least in the short term, so will still be able to stay in our beloved Hahei. You are still welcome to come and stay with us, but it will be in Auckland rather than at the beach. Please take care of yourselves. With my love, and maybe we will see you at our 60th reunion!" **HANLEY BIRD COX**—"Thank you for keeping us informed. It is such sad news

but makes it evident how important it is for us to stay connected. Thank you Susan for all that you do." **SARA BARTHOLOMEW GARTON**—"It was a celebratory spring for my family as my oldest grandchild, Bailey Garton, graduated cum laude from Boston University in May, and then we returned home to celebrate Brennecke Gale's graduation as valedictorian from Eagle Valley High School in Colorado. My youngest, Mackenzie Gale, is the only grandchild of five still in high school. Wow – tempus fugit! In June I had an over-the-top trip to Scandinavia and a Windstar cruise on the Baltic Sea. A friend and I stayed several days before and after our sailing at lovely Airbnbs in Stockholm and Copenhagen, and our ports of call were Tallinn, St. Petersburg, and Helsinki. It was so special with excellent lectures, land excursions, and we enjoyed beautiful weather and White Nights (the sun only set for three hours a night in late June!). I prepared all winter with reading, films, and research. *Peter the Great* by Robert Massie was a favorite book and a new hero for me. I had never visited that part of the world; I was swept away.



Aboard the Star Breeze: Sara Bartholomew Garton '60 and Lech Walesa, founder of Solidarity, former president of Poland, and Nobel Peace Prize winner.

BARBARA DAY GIESEN—"Thanks for 'bugging' us to get you our news. It's just hard when there isn't much—which, at our age, is a good thing! I spent my first year as a real snowbird, spending six months in Green Valley, AZ, where I had bought a townhouse, and then back to Cheboygan, MI, where I've spent summers most of my life. Green Valley is a very active community and the sun shines almost every day! I look out at mountains all winter and the straits of Mackinac all summer. Can't beat that! I also just got a puppy, and he's keeping me busy as well as entertained. My children and theirs visit every summer, so

life is good and full. I'm still a weaver and trying to get the grandchildren into it too. That's it I guess. I hope you're enjoying life and good health too." **MAUD COOPER PLUMER**—"Not much news this year; it has been a quiet one. My oldest granddaughter graduated from the University of South Carolina and is now working in New York City. Her brother, my only grandson, is working in Los Angeles, and loving it. I have two granddaughters at Grand Valley State, both sophomores. And I have one granddaughter who is in color guard as a freshman, and one who is a good soccer player. All are healthy and wonderful. Hank's uncle passed away in February so we are in Lauderdale by the Sea for ten days. Part of the time we cleaned out his apartment; that is a tough job. Who wants what, what do you keep, etc? So when we came home we cleaned out our apartment. Everything went up north to our house and a major garage sale was had. We have spent more time up north this year than ever, and it has been wonderful. So sorry that we have lost more classmates; I still think of us the way we looked in 1960. My best to everyone." **NANCY TANN ZIDE**—"I retired last November from my store. I had decided 75 and out. Somehow, I'm staying busy. My big project now is cleaning out my house. After 55 years of marriage, a very large basement, and running your own business, I've never had time to edit everything. But, I am moving slowly. Marty and I are planning a cruise to New Zealand and Australia next February. Hopefully, we will be able to see **RAEWYN FREAR WHITHAM.**" **JAEDENE ROBERTS LEVY**—"So sorry to read about Nancy and Carol. I did get to spend an evening with Chris. So glad I was able to be there. We've been busy in the last six months. Our older daughter Marjorie was married in New York, we were thrilled to have our granddaughter Stella with us for two weeks in late June. We went to Japan after that and a few weeks later to the Chautauqua in upper New York state. I'm still busy with my psychotherapy practice here in Chevy Chase, and my husband Chuck loves his retirement. He's busy writing and rowing. Thanks to Susan for continuing to do this for all of us." Linda Welt Horowitz '61—"No jet lag this year. We spent all summer in Dallas since we went on a Panama Canal Cruise in April. It was something I had always wanted to see, so now I have. It was very interesting especially listening to the history of the canal. Going through was rather like watching paint dry since it was so slow, but still very interesting. I

watched going in to the lake and coming back out. Have had a busy summer here in Dallas. Right after we got here in late June, my sister (Lois Welt Lawson '66) and brother-in-law, their two daughters, one son-in-law, and two grandkids came to visit us and our family. There were 14 of us and everyone had a ball. Our winter in Puerto Vallarta this past year was great, lovely weather and lots of good times with friends. Lois and Bill came down so Lois and I could celebrate our birthdays together. Hers is the day after mine. The grandkids went back to school yesterday, so the summer is winding down. We will be here for three more weeks and then head back to PV for some hot humid weather. You are wonderful to continue to keep us all informed of our classmates' life journeys. Thank you."

BARBARA CRIPPS TRACY—"This has been a FULL year. Last summer we started a kitchen renovation. We just finished! That is a whole year of this and that. However, it looks great and functions much more to my liking than the original kitchen. I did have lots of fun with this project. I took all of the cabinet doors, drawers and shelves down myself. I moved them downstairs to the lower level and of course numbered them so that I would know what went with what. Since I did that, the contractor set up and installed a group of cabinets at the bottom of the stairs and I reinstalled the doors and shelving. I cut out the carpet where the old cabinets were reinstalled, removed and reinstalled the baseboards, but was not able to quite fit the toe kick in place. I will need to get my grandson in law to remove just a wee bit off the top of the toe kick. He has a great many more woodworking tools than I have. My granddaughter-in-law, Tracie, and Kyle got married in a small civil ceremony this summer. Phillip, another of my daughter-in-law Terri's children is seeking to join the army this fall. Nikki, Terri's other daughter, still manages the Hallmark store in Oakwood, Georgia. I go there to purchase my month's supply of birthday cards etc. It is a fun and lovely place to spend a bit of time. My son Matt and Terri are in the process of deciding if they want to try to sell their home and downsize a bit. All of the kids have moved out and have their own 'digs.' The deer got my pink flowers out front again. I try to keep them sprayed, but the rain comes and goes and sometimes I do not get to them fast enough. The two crepe myrtle trees that I grew from root stock are doing great. The one out back blossomed this year with beautiful pink clouds of color. The smaller

one out front is trying to bloom. Perhaps it will succeed next year. Bob and I are fairly put stay-at-home curmudgeons and are no longer even playing bridge. We invited **CAROL THOMAS FREDERICK** and LaMar, **BECKY PARSONS MESSER** and Buel and **BETTY PRANCE BURNS** and Ed to come spend a week with us, but so far there appear to be no takers. My husband Bob does not like to be far from his own doctors and hospitals. It looks as though the gang of four plus husbands had its last hurrah some time ago. Thank goodness for Ma Bell or whatever has taken her place. We still can have lively conversations via phone and text. We also share humorous emails from time to time. Carol is especially good at forwarding some hilarious cartoons. As with you all, we are aging, not always as smoothly as we would like. After my diabetes, I now am enjoying osteo arthritis and some lower back issues that leave me exhausted. My brother Todd has visited us several times this year. We do enjoy his company. This year he built a giant lighted wooden cross for their church sanctuary. As usual, he did an excellent job. It is gorgeous. His wife Vicki is once again slated for surgery September 5th. Our prayers are with them both. With each issue we get the opportunity to learn more about ourselves; our strengths and our weaknesses. We get the chance to praise God and to give him thanks for the blessings and friends he has given us as we traveled along the way. To all of you who read this note, we send our wishes for blessing in your lives."

CAROL THOMAS FREDERICK—"Getting old is not for the faint of heart, but at least we're still able to grumble about it. RIP to Carol's family. Sue, interesting you should add that item about all the stress levels you/we now have to deal with. I thought it was only me who wanted to throw bricks, strangle both young and old, who are pushing my buttons. PEACE to you and to all our classmates. And again, thank you so much for doing this year after year. I know I speak for all of us: Thank you, Sue. You're the BEST!"

BECKY PARSONS MESSER—"Hi Sue, we really have very little news. Buel is feeling fairly well at present although he does frequently suffer from gout attacks. I am well; September is the time Bible studies begin, and we are both involved in these. I am beginning a BSF study in the Old Testament and hopefully I will have sufficient time to do another study called Even Better than Eden. Buel participates in a men's study early Thursday mornings; they are presently

working in First Samuel. We also have a home group from our church that meets twice a month in our house. Our sons and grandchildren are all fine, although one family has a home in the Outer Banks which is causing concern. Thanks for keeping in touch and making time to get this accomplished. My new email is rpmesser42@outlook.com."

SUSAN WAGNER MOSSMAN—"Cheers from New Mexico, where we are grateful for good health and late summer rains."

ANN FOSTER COLLIER—"Happy Labor Day. You are so great to carry on the mantle of class secretary! All is well in my world. We have sold our Chautauqua Lake house and will live full time at Hilton Head. You know, simplify! Health is good, children are fine and the grandchildren wonderful. Life is good!"

POLLY OPPENHEIMER WEISBERG—"I would like to thank you for being our class rep for so many years above and beyond the call of duty. Not much news. I moved to a much smaller house in May. Am still unpacking—it's like Christmas—every box is a surprise. I thought I did such a good job of labeling—LOL. Continuing to breed, show and, hopefully sell the Miniature horses. I have cut the herd from 60 to 30. Seems to be downsizing everywhere. So sorry to hear about Carol. Our class seems to be getting smaller by the minute. Hope this finds the rest of you in good health. Getting old is definitely not for the faint of heart."

ANDIE MERCER—"Greetings from very hot and humid FL. So far no hurricanes. Our fingers are crossed. All is well here. I have rescued a 10-yr-old miniature poodle, a retired circus dog. Wish he could tell me about his previous life! Interests are reading for book clubs, Mah Jong, gardening, volunteering at the local middle school and being a dog mom. My new address is 769 Village Circle, Venice, FL 34292. Thank you for keeping us all in the loop!"

SUZIE HAPKE BOWMAN—"As always, thank you for doing this. I continue to enjoy taking care of my grandchildren and am grateful to be so close. Last week, I was called to take over while my daughter-in-law took my son to the ER (turned out he has a double hernia). I was at their house for seven hours, much of the time with five children 2-12, monitoring chores, getting dinner, etc., and I gained a new respect for my daughter-in-law! I had to take a long nap the next day. Usually, I have the 5- and 6-year-old girls for one or two nights a week, and that's fun. I just published an article in our community magazine on 'The Joys of Grandparenting in Sun City.' That's it

for now. Love to all our classmates.” **BARBARA BOWEN OBERG**—“Another big thanks to Sue for serving our class over many years and being patient with those of us who are dilatory in responding to your requests for news. Hearing such regular news of the death and declining health of classmates is painful. I enjoyed seeing **MARY-LOVE RUSSELL HARMAN** over the summer when she was in Princeton with Bill this summer. And Perry and I spent a delightful evening in Carpentaria, CA with Nancy and Frank Karger while we were living in Pasadena for three months. We have liked spending January through March there for the past few years and have a nice group of friends who are also retired academics. We call ourselves “the snowbirds.” In most ways Perry’s and my life is just about the same as it was last year which is not bad at all for our age.” **MARY-LOVE RUSSELL HARMAN**—“Life here is fine. Both our children are close. Lisa and her family live two blocks away. She is the editor of *Brides*, a Conde Nast magazine. Her daughter often stops by to chat with our doorman on her way home from school. If she has gotten spelling words wrong on her weekly test she tells him in the hopes he will tell me, and I will let her mother know. She and her brother keep us young. We see our son, Bill, often. He lives in Brooklyn and is working with his father selling real estate. Can’t ask for anything more.” **KAREN VAN DELLEN FELTIS**—“Thank you Sue! Didn’t think I had so much on which to philosophize! Honoring Carol and Nancy who have gone on before us...RIP. Husband and I have regressed from being ‘on the list’ for local retirement home to buying new kayaks and ski boat and digging in our heels here where we’ve lived for the past 46 years! Hope our many minor aging ailments don’t insist we reconsider, sooner rather than later! I had my senior moments this summer: taking a tumble while pruning and looking up, and leaving the water running in my dressing room necessitating “flood restoration” so we are doing that one remodel project! Gratitude for such a small flood (inconvenience really) as Hurricane Florence threatens the East Coast. Life is so good though more random than we used to think. Here we have been celebrating my father-in-law’s 100th birthday! Meanwhile I organize while having our youngest grandson when our daughter goes to NYC on business. The cost of living in 2018. Interesting how life changes require us to be adaptable. One of the many lessons we learned at KSC! How sweetly

simple life looked in 1960, with hindsight! One major fun trip was taken to Italy with my granddaughter (14 years) and the Road Scholar group. Still relying on my Miss Myers’ French study! Au revoir to you all until 2020 Reunion?!?” **SUSAN ALLAN**—“I am enjoying my first trip to Ireland and it has been wonderful so far, although today it is very windy due to the Florence remnants so I am not sure how the climb to the Blarney Stone will go. I retired about a year ago and am doing some traveling and gardening but hoping to find some part-time work this winter. Love and best wishes to all my classmates.



Patty Shile Aarons '60

PATTY SHILE AARONS—“**NANCY KNORR POLK** went forth to serve and was a credit to her education. Nancy and I were so close during our Kingswood years and beyond—in each other’s weddings, godmothers to each other’s children, enjoyed a riotous adventure in NYC for a week of theater way way back. Sadly we had lost touch for many years. I will forever regret her not joining our 50th reunion happening. It is my personal opinion that along with our achieving our 70+ age status, comes the privilege of relaxing our ‘filters’—in words, thoughts, and actions. Never to be cruel, but to freely express ourselves within reason. My wise younger sister, Susie, says she spent the first third of her life trying to please our parents, the second third trying to please her husband and children, and that this last third will be trying to please herself. How’s that for a philosophy? Hugs to you both. Hang in there and BE STRONG. It is always so nice to hear from all of you. You are wonderful to do

all this year after year. YOU are appreciated! Getting my ‘news’ off to you in light of the sadness of Nancy Knorr Polk’s recent death—added to those of Chris Hewlett’s and Carol Klenke Burrow’s is accomplished with a heavy heart—all 3 being grand classmates and friends. Our wonderful KSC Class of 1960 is quickly getting on the endangered species list. Wonderful memories but those past years too quickly gone. I continue living in Arizona. This dry heat is therapeutic for aging bones—human and canine. It is wonderful to not have to layer clothing to venture outside. It is, however, necessary to walk dogs at sunrise and after sunset for the short time it is really hot. Days spent in the pool or inside with the AC and a good book. Thank you Miss Bennett, Miss Waldo, and those much dreaded Summer Reading Lists for instilling in me a love of books. I send hugs and best wishes to all.” In 1997 **NANCY KNORR POLK** bought a 250-acre Normandy Farm—late 18th century—in Lexington, KY. The cemetery there includes Man O’ War’s parents’ stallion Fair Play. Nancy went from one broodmare to 16. She was the breeder of Daddy’s Lil Darling who was a multiple stakes winner. **SUSAN FEAD COFLIN**—I spoke to Nancy a few years back and she was tending to her garden. It was great, but I had no idea about this great farm. I am fine as my family is spread all over from Maryland, Virginia and my sisters Beverly ’63 in Wyoming and Sally ’62 in New Mexico and my brother Edward ’70 in Michigan. My kids, their kids, and their kids are great. Just went to the Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention and met Robert Wagner (he went to Brookside in kindergarten and he said his sister went to Kingswood), Stephanie Powers, Kristy McNichol, and Morgan Fairchild. Shared the day with my daughter, Vikki.



Susan Fead Coflin '60, and singer Bobby Rydell

Since I almost did not do the news this fall, I very much appreciated all of my classmates responding in only a few weeks. Keep us all together. Thanks again.

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To all of our classmates who have recently battled or who are now battling health issues, our collective special thoughts are with you. And to you who have recently lost a loved one, we send our heartfelt condolences to you. But, that doesn't mean there are no reserves to cheer **CHARLOTTE COHEN CAGAN's** continuing success in writing grants or to wish **JOAN MCDONALD BECK** happiness in her new home. She and Larry have made the reverse move from Florida to Pennsylvania and have settled into a neighborhood they know well to be closer to friends and family but not her daughter who recently moved to Virginia. Who knows? She may become the newest member of **JACKIE ZUELZER ANDERSON's** Resist React Resolve movement which resists developer's demolition of historic buildings, reacts to halt these plans and resolves to do it again and again in Old Sterling with the locals who are of like mind. Wildlife preservation is also her passion as seen from night videos taken outside her home. A three-day professional video shoot for YouTube with oldest son, Steve, was on **BUNNY MILLER LENHARD's** calendar this spring. Both celebrated milestones with Orangetheory, his one-year orangeversary and her 1000th class. Check it out at YouTube: Steve and Bunny's More Life Story. In July she also ran her 36th consecutive Peachtree Race Road; it's the largest 10K race in the world, drawing 60,000 runners and walkers on a hilly course. In August she beat her own record and ran a 7.58-minute mile. We have a star among us! Stars, the Perseid meteor shower and the Northern Lights are what **ALICE BUSHONG** and **MARGIE GREAVES ADAMS** saw, pulling an all-nighter on deck lounge chairs of the SS Badger, crossing from Ludington to Manitowoc and back in August.



Alice Bushong and Margie Greaves Adams '61

This spectacular show followed our usual kite flying on the 1st Avenue beach of Manistee. And that's not all Alice flew. Earlier in the summer, she jetted to France for a river cruise on the Seine with her grandniece, a repeat of last year's trip, it was that good. Monet's house, gardens and private art collection were favorites as was the port town of Honfleur with one of its museums exhibiting cat cartoons. Their hilarity was not dependent on language fluency. Upon her return, she captured favorite sites in her watercolor class and is she talented!



"Grandkids" of Sarah Marwil Lamstein '61

In a class by herself is **SARAH MARWIL LAMSTEIN** who, until now, has withheld news of three more grandkids' arrival, thanks to daughter, Emily, who has seven chickens, all named Jeannine, and one rooster, Gene. **CAROLE GLUECK BROOKINS** is nearly

crowding about the completion of her Florida condo's rehab, a long time coming and difficult to oversee, as she spends much of her time at her pied à terre parisien. **NATALIE BRADLEY CAMPBELL's** 4-year-old twin grandchildren are always on a riotous tear. She survives their energy well but looks forward to retreating to her new home at The Cedars in Chapel Hill. Her daughter is now CEO of a \$250M institute at MIT while her oldest son is in charge of international sales at his current company. A Yankee at heart, however, she still loves NYC and remembers well class luncheons there, not unlike the one **ROSE MAE CORBETT GORDON, LIZ ROEDIGER RINDSKOPF PARKER** and **NANCY LINN** attended at **JOAN PAPE UHLE's** place on enchanted Roosevelt Island with its interesting river traffic, cool breezes and commanding views of Manhattan last summer. Joan's personal tour of the island was sensational as was **DONNA VOGT CARTWRIGHT's** tour of Gungywamp, location of her family's summer retreat, "archeological wonders" predating Christopher Columbus and proximate to New London where she and Rose Mae met for lunch.



Donna Vogt Cartwright and Rose Mae Corbett Gordon, both '61

Suburban Columbus, OH will be retirement home to **SUE GASS WILLIAMSTON** when their house there is completed in October. In anticipation of her August retirement, a June party was thrown in Italy for friends from Greece, Italy and the US. By fall she will have a part-time appointment at MSU for projects researched between lecturing in China, Russia and Morocco in the spring and weaving as time permits. In going, going, going mode were **PAT WILSON HRIDEL** and husband, Jerry, who were in Russia and Norway late August after spending time earlier in their MI cabin. Did she make time to explore Norway's

techniques of Åklevev weaving while nibbling on gravlaks? No strangers to fishing are **MARYMAC LAMB LAING** and husband, Don, who spent late June in Montana and Wyoming although the rivers were high, making fishing marginal. As a winter break they spent time on Harbour Island and in June attended a family wedding in northern Michigan, but home at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains is hard to beat. Also, westward ho is **ESTELLE LOUD** after cataract surgery. Her 75th will be spent at the Grand Canyon or Las Vegas as the mood dictates followed by a visit with her son, Charlie, in Santa Cruz to finish her birthday with ice cream, lots of it due to the expansion of Marianne's ice cream store and factory, that is. A birthday dinner for **NANCY MUHLITNER-BRACY**'s granddaughter, Eliza, was celebrated in Chicago where she's a junior at Loyola University. Another family birthday party was for her Floridian mother who, at 102 in August, is computer savvy and still active. After 42 years, **SUZANNE CROOK-WHYTE** is still an active member of the Zonta Club which promotes women's rights and eliminating violence against them worldwide, taking time off to boat in the summer months. Fred had a bad left arm break up to his shoulder over the winter so future boating to Mackinac Island may have to be curtailed.



Betsy Barbour Stine '61, and family

BETSY BARBOUR STINE has no restrictions on her activities which include six grandchildren now, bus driver and activity director for Project Independence, biking, and cross country and downhill skiing in Vermont. About this time of year, she can be heard singing "let it snow, let it snow, let it snow." Despite her spinal stenosis acting up again, **LINDA WELT HOROWITZ**'s visits with children and very active grandchildren ages 7 to 15 culminated with a visit from all 14 of them at once, preceded by Panama Canal cruise in April. In the fall they will sail from Lisbon to the Azores, crossing the

Atlantic to Canada stopping in Bar Harbor and disembarking in Boston to visit her sister and family, and college friends. So stay tuned.

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JESS BREWER reports from British Columbia, "We went to the Yucatan again last Feb-Mar, this time for two weeks in Chixulub (site of the dinosaur-killer impact) and two weeks in Merida. Good fishing, warm weather, great food! I managed to avoid traveling to conferences and laboratories this year, but had a few exciting events close to home. Set a new BC record in the indoor 60m hurdles and won both hurdles (80m and 300m) in the Canadian Masters Track & Field championships, but my times are slower every year now. (Age sucks.) Took up pole vaulting again: 2.0m so far. I'm involved in a project where artists from Emily Carr U. work with physicists from TRIUMF; it was a gas last year, and this year they've accepted my proposal for a theme: "Emergence." Should be fun. We just hosted a family reunion (Pat's side of the family) at our house. Next spring, I'll be going to a family reunion (my side of the family) in Sea Island, GA." **JOE KIMBLE** writes, "First, it was great to see everyone at the 55th reunion. Many thanks to Tibble for handling all the arrangements. These old friendships get more meaningful with time, and I hope even more classmates will attend the 60th (ugh). I'm having great fun visiting elementary-school classes to talk about my kids' picture book, *Mr. Mouthful Learns His Lesson*. I'm now working on a sequel. Working title: *Mr. Mouthful Has a Relapse*. I've published several articles recently on the theory of judicial interpretation called textualism. I'm not a fan. The most recent one, published in the *National Law Journal*, is called "Ideological Judging: The Record of Textualism." Finally, WMU-Cooley Law School, where I taught for 30 years, has just created the Kimble Center for Legal Drafting. Not my idea, but I'm honored, of course. I'll be the senior director. We will be writing clear, user-friendly legal documents for the public. I think they'll be unlike anything that people are used to seeing from lawyers. Best regards to '63 mates." **JOHN PARSONS**

checked in from Traverse City, "Pretty short of info from here. Last summer wasn't very exciting because I spent all of it recovering (to some extent) from surgery on both Achilles tendons. Which meant, among other things, that I was totally away from my enjoyable, but already very shaky, golf game. I'm trying to recover it this year, but frequently go home trying to stifle the sobs. The highlight of the past year has been that, for the first time in our 52 years of marriage, Judy and I got a dog. We think of him (as does everyone else who has a dog) as handsome, noble, intelligent, obedient, and possessed of every other positive quality. Don't know if he could actually save us from a bear, but we'd be highly confident. The other highlight (can there actually be two highlight?) is the great times we spend with each other in these beautiful surroundings. Two of my brothers (including Rob) are here with their wives, and also my sister. The place is absolutely lousy with festivals (he said Scrooge-ishly) but we have plenty of ways to stay clear of them. And of course I still take time to remember, and hopefully will have many more years to remember, Cranbrook events that were so special to me. That requires, of course, brushing aside the massive blot of my scholarly pursuits. And so perhaps I can make it to the next reunion." **BILL STROUD** writes, "I'm still in Germany. This last summer, my wife and I took a cruise around the British Isles, with stops in England, the Channel Isles, Ireland, Scotland, and France. Great trip. Highly recommend cruising! Read about our travels and see photos at: stroudallover.blogspot.com.

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55TH REUNION—JUNE 7-8-9, 2019

Too late for my last report, I received another note of appreciation and memory about Ben Snyder from **JOHN STRICKLAND**. John mentioned that athletic trips to North Carolina acquainted him with universities there and that he and **JOHN NEELY, BILL ESTES, CHIP BRETHEN, and ALAN STEINBRECHER** all entered Mr. Snyder's

alma mater, the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in the fall of 1964. John also noted that Mr. Snyder supported the Youth For Understanding program, which had John spending the summer of 1962 in Germany; he remains in contact with his German “brother” from those days. Recently John made the trip back to Cranbrook reunions in June to see his cousin Richard who was celebrating his 50th anniversary and to visit other cousins and relatives. Enjoyed very much the tribute dinner to Arlyce Seibert and a great tour of the new Ice Rink facilities. **ALAN STEINBRECHER** is still practicing law in Los Angeles. He left the “big law firm” after 28 years and in 2005 started his own firm. He reports that, “I’m still practicing law, and not getting decidedly better at it despite the significant amount of practice time.” However, he has no plans to stop working in the foreseeable future. Alan and wife Millie have three children (well, at 28, 30 and 32, they’re grown-ups) working for Hulu, a government employee, and an actor. Alan and Millie occasionally travel with Andy Scott ’70, and his wife. **STEVE SENTER** has settled into (can I call it a retirement home?) a lovely new house in Oakland and recently enjoyed a visit to scenic Glen Lake (where the family has had a cottage for many years). Steve and wife, Debby, did attend their 50th college reunion at Harvard and report having a wonderful time. Son Daniel has bought a house ten minutes away and Steve and Debby are babysitting a grandkid frequently. Steve says the skies are filled with smoke but no nearby fires at the moment. **HOWARD GOLDMAN** threatened to share some Mitt Romney stories but discretion apparently set in. He tells us that his wife wrote a screenplay, which she is in negotiations to sell; reportedly Clint Eastwood is interested. Could be awesome! **TERRY VERITY** did not attend a 50th college reunion although he was impressed with the college’s ability to track him down. (He suspects LinkedIn is to blame.) His strongest alumni allegiance is to Cranbrook. He has retired from his college at this point and was about to hit the road when he jotted down his note to me. **DALE BOSLEY** reports that he did attend his 50th reunion at Princeton. He also seems to enjoy his day job quite a bit as he is still at it. Bravo! “Failure to retire” seems to be a theme for some of us. **BOB LAKIN** lives in Marblehead, MA and despite two cataract surgeries, managed to co-chair his 50th reunion at Bowdoin. He is active in his local yacht club, organizing, and

leading a major flotilla of boats (44 to be exact) along the Maine Coast. He and Rosemary have been spending a winter month or so in Fort Myers for the last few years where they often see **JOHN KOPCHICK** and his wife. **DOUG LIEBERMAN** had the best college reunion story though he did NOT attend the 50th reunion at Columbia. As you may recall, Columbia was shut down in the spring of 1968 by a major student strike. Doug has actually never received a bachelor’s degree (okay, he has two master’s degrees). It turns out that as a result of the many commemorations of the 1968 Events at Columbia, the Dean’s Office is now looking into finding a practical path to award that BA. Doug may be working on this degree after his retirement in December 2018! **ARCH COPELAND** reports a wonderful and unique intergenerational holiday in Iceland.



Arch Copeland '64, and extended family in Iceland

Eleven grandkids and fourteen grandparents! Visiting glaciers, farms, volcanoes, and much more. **JOHN PIRAINO** did return to Oberlin around the time of his 50th reunion but he had a much larger mission. John is creating a fund for Oberlin and collaborating with Oberlin on the development and production of a musical he has been writing (“for 30 years”) called *Threads*. The collaboration with folks at Oberlin has inspired him to completely change the approach to the story (a drama of the rise and fall of civilization as seen from the point of view of angels). The show keeps changing because “I continue to keep learning” but John believes he’s about a year away from completion. Stay tuned! **DOUG GREEN** reports that isn’t doing much except for Riders In The Sky’s FORTIETH anniversary tour. I would say that forty years on doing something you (and the fans) love is a serious accomplishment in life. Congrats! **MIKE STANTON** has failed to retire repeatedly. He is currently part-time medical director of a vascular clinic at University of Colorado North in Fort Collins. After 39 years as a heart

surgeon, he quit actively operating about six months ago. The family report includes wife Susan (cardiovascular PA), daughter (M&A attorney in St. Louis, retired), daughter (child psychologist, Austin, Texas) who received a kidney transplant from her mother three years ago and is doing well. Mike has traveled the globe in the past ten years, visited enough countries to end with “etc.” He has taken up gardening and is thinking about taking up piano, maybe going back to school. And hopes to make it to the 55th class reunion next year. **TIM MCDAID** coped with the shock of getting a pacemaker with a new motorcycle (Yamaha SCR950). He continues to tutor mathematics at the local community college and feels that math is helping keep the brain cells firing properly. He has fond memories of the humor and rigor of Hubie Davis. Like so many of us, Tim appreciates that the writing experience at Cranbrook put him in the position of being the “communicator” in a group of folks with a less rigorous training. **PETE SCHOEN** has been in Atlanta for a couple of decades at this point. He caught us up with about fifty years of life in a quick note outlining the Army, a counterculture phase, a back to school period (Georgia State) followed by a career in IT, retiring in 2009. His dog appears to be in charge of his domestic schedule; I probably ought to visit him to meet the dog. **GUY BRAMBLE** may actually retire—in 2021—after fifty years as a schoolmaster, the last thirty at Heritage Hall in Oklahoma City. He’s hoping that waking up to “overnight irrelevancy” won’t be too much of a shock to his psyche. His children appear to be woven deeply into the fabric of his Heritage Hall family including many graduates of the school, present faculty (technology in elementary level, arts department among others) with grandchildren beginning their attendance at the school these days.



Strong family resemblance in grandkids of Guy Bramble '64!

As for your secretary, I'm still having a good time producing simple commercial videos, making short films, writing, and helping others with their films. Web series seem to be the thing everyone is trying to get in on around here. I recently put all my films online on my website www.turnipfilms.com so take a look and tell me what you think.



Jim McQuaid '64, with Carrie, Bev, and Annie at the beach

Our two daughters are both nearby, and join Bev and me every summer for a week in Nags Head.

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Swiss-German grandchildren of Stephanie Okun Miron '64

With sadness, we extend our deepest sympathy to **PENNY HAUSER CRAM** on the death of her sister, Julie Hauser Gilbert '53 last spring; **JULIE WILLIAMS HOWTING** on the death of her 95-year-old mother in 2017; and **KAREN PLEW TAIT** on the death of her husband, George, in April. From **AKOSUA BARTHWELL EVANS**: "The last year has been a year of travel, lots of Yale involvement, and continuing with the never ending house restoration. I was appointed

to the Yale Alumni Association's Board of Governors (one of the two appointees representing all of Yale's alums) and also to a follow-up committee regarding the Yale Alumni Association Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force (to which I was appointed previously). I also arranged the first Yale Alumni Association Day of Service in Detroit, which was very successful. My son, Walter, and I traveled to Hong Kong and Vietnam, which was extremely interesting, although at the same time rather shocking from the perspective of the War Museum. I periodically see Morley and have been in touch with Lillian and her husband on several occasions. When you come to our reunion you will see all of the 'revitalization' of Detroit; new shops and restaurants particularly in Midtown near Wayne State and downtown. The question is will the persons who have lived here all along benefit? Would love to see more of you. Warm regards, Akosua." The family of **NANCY EMERMAN SOLOMON** had a very trying year. "Steve had pancreas surgery at Johns Hopkins last year and is doing fine after that, except for spinal stenosis which is under control. My son, Matthew, had a battle with lymphoma last fall and was beautifully cared for at the Rose Cancer Center at Beaumont and seems to be in remission now. His beautiful wife was diagnosed with bi-lateral breast cancer as he was finishing his rough treatment. She had a double mastectomy, chemo and will finish her year of hercepton now. They both handled themselves with great courage and grace. I am fine and our grandchildren thrive even with all they have gone through. I hope to hear great news from our classmates and will perhaps be joining everyone next summer. Be well." Nancy, our thoughts are with you and your family for continued strength in the coming year. It was a busy summer for **SARAH JANE HULLINGER HOFFMAN** mostly staying out of Florida. She had a grand time at Miami University for her 50th college reunion. "Then, the whole family took our biennial National Park trip to Hawaii. Kish and I joined the all fifty club, Jenny having hit that mark last summer. David still needs three states in the northeast. Am spending a grand total of eight weeks in Rhode Island. Weather much better, food great and close to not only my family, but my sister, Linda, Hays and some of their family. Back home in mid-September." Happy traveling, SJ! When **SUSIE YOUNG STERLING** wrote to me, she and Chuck had just returned from two amazing

weeks in Iceland where they celebrated their 50th anniversary with friends from Flagstaff and London. "Lots of pictures including gorgeous landscapes, volcanoes, glaciers, waterfalls, wild horses, and birds. Fun facts: In Iceland, there are more than twice as many sheep than there are people! And it is really hard (nearly impossible) to learn the language. So much to see and a great break for us from Arizona heat in August." In May, she and Chuck went to Lewiston in northern Michigan to open their family's cabin. **SUSIE SHILE BLACK** drove up for a day for a short but fun time as Susie B. can't leave her boarding kennel business for too long. Susie and Chuck hope to open their cabin again in May '19, but probably will be back to Arizona before our reunion in June as leaving their house for five weeks and their dog in the kennel is too long. It's also been too long since many of us have been together. Updates on our 55th will be coming this spring. Hopefully many of you can be at Kingswood during a beautiful Michigan weekend. My best to all of you.

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Not too many responses to the call this time but those of you that did respond had lots to say. Let's begin with **PETER ELLIOT**. "Since retiring quite a few years ago, I have been a volunteer with the AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide program. This is a nationwide program that provides a fulfilling volunteer experience—one that I heartily recommend to anyone. We primarily assist low- and moderate-income seniors to file their income tax returns and, often more importantly, their Michigan property tax credit forms. I have recently been named the state coordinator for Michigan, and will be responsible for over 1,000 volunteers and 142 sites (including one in Tawas City, where I recall that someone (Matt?) lives. This new position has forced me to cut back on my traveling, though I did sneak in a quick trip to Panama to traverse the canal. Did you know that the Atlantic end is farther west than the Pacific end? And AARP paid for a trip to Kansas City in July for a four-day training meeting. Believe me, those are three words that should never appear in the same sentence." Next up, **BOB MCCORMICK**

writes: It's been a dreadful year at Michigan State, making me even more glad to be retired from the law faculty. While the media's focus has largely been on Larry Nasser and the university administration's lack of oversight, I'm strongly of the view that the whole incident reflects the corrupting nature of college sports. Nasser was a rock star in the sports world, and, as a result, essentially above suspicion here at MSU where sports are king. I'm afraid that if we beat UM (again) this fall, all will be forgotten. In this vein, I've just learned that the research my wife, Amy, and I have done in this area was described in a *Vice Sports* article "Four Years a Student-Athlete" which was included in *The Best American Sports Writing* for 2017. Otherwise, I'm enjoying life in East Lansing where I'm periodically in touch with Sid, Schlecte, Ray Buch, Steph Lady, and Stu White. Steph, as Stu will undoubtedly report, has moved to Australia where he is no doubt lounging on the beach and sipping a Foster's while the USA roils. Sounds to me like a nice winter escape from the Michigan doldrums. Thanks, as always, for doing this work, irritating as it must sometimes be." Not at all, Mackie, especially when I get to read the periodic chirp from the Bird, **PETER WERBEL**. Only this time it wasn't just a chirp, but a full-fledged aria. "All is well here at Tahoe. We were having glorious summer weather, and temperature-wise still couldn't ask for more. However, the fires, depending on wind, have made our skies smokey most of the time, and this is supposed to continue into September. Not the beautiful blue we are used to. Of course, it could be worse. It could be us that is burning up. Had three toes operated on in April to straighten them out. Possibly old soccer injury. Cut a big "V" out of the bone on first toe, and tendons on second and baby toe. Sounds gruesome but it wasn't all that bad, even though I had pins sticking out of two toes. Was able to ride my bike seven weeks after surgery. Anyway, it is now 99% healed and allows me to get into all shoes without discomfort, and bike ride, run, hike, XC ski without thinking about the foot. After living in Squaw Valley for forty years, in the same house although remodeled, my wife has decided she has had enough of tourist traffic, noise from rentals, overhead power lines, bad roads, etc. So, we will be moving to Truckee (12 miles away) in a year and a half. If I was not married I would never have considered such a move. We love our house and I can fairly easily put up with the tourists.

Most of our friends live in Truckee, and most of our activities, including work are there, so although a big change, it will be just fine. We can walk to downtown Truckee, get on either highway 80 or 89 in one to two minutes, and yet when you are on our property, which is forested, you might think we were twenty miles away, out in the woods. We bought a 3/4-acre lot that butts up to 130 acres of Land Trust Property. In essence it was like buying 130 plus acres. Knute and I helped with house plans (wanted to make the house as similar to our present as reasonable) and I have one of my best friends as contractor. Hope to put in foundation this fall and build next spring, but we will see. First, we need to get plans through the building department, which takes a bit of time and then see if anyone is available for the foundation. At present, we are having a building boom here, so getting subs is problematic. I guess next newsletter I will let you know where we stand. Still working the winter at Tahoe Donner Cross Country as assistant manager. Have a part-time job this summer patrolling a private section of the Truckee River for the San Francisco Fly Fishing Club. I ride my mountain bike up and down checking to see if anyone is poaching on their land. It is a three to four day a week job, three to four hours a day with me picking the days and hours. Pretty damn flexible and perfect for a 71 year old. Perhaps the biggest news is seeing and being in contact with three (other than your good old self) classmates. **TOM BUFORD** was traveling through Truckee last April with a friend and spent a glorious evening and morning together. The guy has an amazing memory. He invited us to Cleveland and who knows we just might show up. Buf says he can show Knute and I an amazing time, and I actually believe him. Have also been in touch with **TOM VAN HORN**. I guess he now has the travel bug. He wants us to go to India with him. I told Tom that would have to wait until our house is completed and we see if we are within the budget or in huge debt. Also, just heard from **STEVE HANWAY**. He found something in the archives, regarding baseball, which he sent to me, and we have now been emailing. Shoot, I may even call him. After 50 plus years, I think I really do still like some of you guys. My body is holding up well. Biking, running, and gardening keeping me reasonably fit. No need for diapers just yet. Have rambled on way too much." Ya think so, Bird? Not to worry. **JOHN GRAHAM** can compete admirably with this contribution. "It's been a

busy year. First, we saw the eclipse in beautiful downtown Buncombe, Illinois and then went to China for our annual teaching and sight-seeing. This year the International Astronomical Union named an asteroid after Joanne to honor her for her work in space law. Her asteroid is Gabrynowicz 9002 and is located in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter. No chance on hitting Earth! She also received a Fulbright Scholarship to teach space law at law schools in Warsaw and Krakow, Poland. In January we went on a 68-day cruise circumnavigating South America. Starting in Ft Lauderdale we sailed through the Panama Canal and to Ecuador, Peru and Chile. We took an interesting trip to Juan Fernandez Island, now called Robinson Crusoe Island where Alexander Selkirk was marooned in 1704 and was Defoe's inspiration for his novel. We then went through the Straits of Magellan and around Cape Horn. We saw a penguin rookery on an island near Terra del Fuego and then went on a four-day trip around the Antarctic Peninsula with stops near Palmer Station where a number of scientists came on board to tell us about their research. After seeing lots of whales, seals and penguins we went to the Falkland Islands where we visited the battlefields from the Argentinian-British War in 1982. After stops in Rio, Montevideo, and Buenos Aires we sailed into the Amazon River and went as far as Manaus where we toured a city of over a million in the middle of a jungle. Didn't catch any piranhas, but saw a lot of stuffed ones for sale. We then went to Devil's Island, several other islands and returned to Ft Lauderdale. In April we went to Vienna, Austria to attend the annual UN Office of Outer Space Affairs meeting. This year's subject of interest was asteroid mining. I took a side trip to Budapest, saw the sights and had several Hungarian dishes. In May we went to Poland where Joanne taught space law at the University of Warsaw's School of Law and Economics as part of her Fulbright. Warsaw is a beautiful city totally rebuilt from the destruction of WWII and the communist occupation. We stayed in a flat right on the Oder River and enjoyed touring the Old Town and attending several Chopin concerts. Joanne also addressed a committee of the Polish Senate about her work and research concerning space law. We then traveled to Krakow where Joanne taught more classes at the Krakow's College of Economics and Law. It's another beautiful city with a really wonderful

square and lots of activities occurring. We visited Auschwitz, a truly somber reminder of the unmentionable cruelty of one people on another. One hint about going there. Make sure you get reservations for a tour. It's really crowded. People are there from everywhere. We also went to the Krakow salt mines. It's a really worthwhile tour as you go about 1000 feet underground and see a salt mine with all sorts of carvings and chapels made from salt. We returned to Warsaw where I toured the Warsaw Ghetto area which had much more meaning after seeing Auschwitz. This fall, we return to China for another month of Joanne teaching and me trying to communicate with the local population. We hope everyone is healthy and happy and enjoying your lives as much as we are!" You are, indeed, an inspiration to us all, John. **LANCE LEITHOUSE** sent this short note. "I forwarded a couple of photos from my last trip to Norway and Sweden. Most of the rock there goes back 4 to 5 thousand years. Heading to Tanzania in September." Lance's pictures were fascinating but weren't really appropriate for our *Tradition* letter. That raises an issue, however, that I want to address. Cranbrook does have a web site that is made for pictures that alumni want to share with class members and KC friends. The website is <http://ckaaphotogallery.smugmug.com/CranbrookKingswood-class-of-65/>. If you want to load your pictures onto the site, go to <http://ckaaphotogallery.smugmug.com/upload/b4VJgR/65> and drag or click your pictures into the site. Now back to business. And what would a *Tradition* letter be without a word from the Pastor, **MARK MAYERSTEIN**? "Sorry I couldn't help your last *Tradition* effort with a bit of prose. Like the Apostle Paul said, 'I do the things I don't want to do, and don't do the things I do want to do.' So, I'm going to get ahead of the power curve this time and send a letter early. Two significant events have occurred in my life since last we communicated. The first was a very successful mission trip to southern India. While it was a bit scary at times, the Hindus don't like Christians coming over and luring their people away to another faith, the overall impact was awesome. The team took enough Proclaimers—basically electronic Bibles in the main Indian dialect that run on batteries, solar, hand crank, or plug in cord—for 100 pastors. Miracle of miracles, over 200 pastors showed up for the main events. What a blessing. Our team was also able to help a few orphanages.

This is an incredibly, albeit dangerous, mission field to which the team will return for years to come, God willing. The second event concerns the completion and publishing of my book, *Too Young to Die: Memories of Tommy and the Vietnam War*. It took me almost 40 years to write this, as the memories it evoked caused me more anxiety than I could handle. So, I'd toss what I had written and a few years later I'd start over again. Not this time! The Lord gave me the courage and perseverance (and the VA docs gave me the meds) to finish what I started so long ago. It is available both on Amazon in paperback and on Kindle. I don't know when the other outlets will come online, but those two are active now. I've also just finished writing a Commentary on the Book of Galatians, which should be available through the Amazon and Kindle sites in about six weeks. It is the first in what I pray will become, initially, a series of commentaries on the New Testament Books. My weekly Christian internet radio show on www.theHUBnm.com (~1110-1145 MT on Wednesdays) has been very well received. I don't have as many listeners as pastors such as Joel Osteen, but those I do have enjoy the show and have expressed their appreciation; which was welcomed affirmation. In addition to our monthly tithe, we have been contributing to the support of a young Kenyan (12 y.o.) named Larigoni. He is, by all accounts, a very intelligent and motivated young man. They say he wants to be a judge some day because he sees so much injustice in the world and he wants to do something to fix that. If any of you lawyers/judges out there want to write any letters of encouragement/advice, I'd be happy to forward them. And, if you want to help this very worthwhile and highly regarded charity, go to the Food for the Hungry website (www.fth.org) and get hooked up with a kid. Who knows, you might get the next Nelson Mandela." Like Pastor Mark, **RON SILL** has not been keeping us informed but now writes "The Spring issue of *Tradition* hit my mailbox last week...And, I too, haven't been in touch for a while, seems it was easier taking a minute at work to write and now I'm into year two of retirement. So, the news. We're nearing the final stages of building our house in Panama. Packing and preparing is daunting and stressful so we decided to slow down a bit and take some of the pressure off. The house and the property are just what we hoped for, the swimming holes in the river are numerous, some are big and deep, and we have only cows

for neighbors on one side. Grandchild number ten arrived a little over a month ago and number eleven is due in September. This is the part that makes moving more difficult since we enjoy having the grandkids close, but, all the places we considered moving to have about the same length of travel involved (this one requires passports, though). I must say I will not miss the Mojave desert with the year-round wind and dryness. It does have a certain beauty we've enjoyed but climate change has taken its toll here—very little winter snow in the mountains above us, no rain and likely many fires in the coming months. We're looking forward to green and moisture as much as anything. I've attached a panorama from the deck and two shots of the house (further along now, but you get the idea of what it's like). We'll be in Panama for five weeks from Sept. 8 thru Oct. 15 and should have some new pics for the next round of news. Our grandkid number 11 arrived Aug 17th MaggieMae Rebecca Sill." I like your pictures a lot, Ron, and I urge you to share them and others with the class as described above. **REED SHAFER** sends his greetings from Wyoming and tells us: "This summer our skies have been smoky—we've had wildfires near Cheyenne, and spill-over from California and Pacific NW, as well as northern Rockies. Our health has been good. Enjoyed a camping trip to Montana to see our son receive his doctorate in Physical Therapy from the Univ of Montana. It will be good for us to have a Physical Therapist in the family at our stage in the life cycle! That event was followed by a four-day raft trip on the Smith river. High fast spring runoff water, and amazing weather. In June my wife & I toured Peru for two weeks...an amazing time learning about ancient pre-Inca cultures. Again, we really lucked out with the weather. Saw the Inti Raymi Festival of the Sun (Google it!) on winter solstice—most unlike anything I've ever experienced. Since then, we've been doing summer stuff in Wyoming and Colorado. Why leave during the best part of the year! More regional travel plans for the fall, then we hope for a very snowy ski season in Steamboat. Regards and best wishes to all!" Our congratulations go to **JOE HARLAN** who gave us this bit of information. "On August 10th Christina (Christina Ostby '67) and I are celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary." I hope that was Joe Harlan. He only signed his email "Joe." We only had one Joe in the class, didn't we? **PHIL MAXWELL** sent a short note

along with a picture that I hope gets in this issue. "Really just wanted to send a pic of my grandsons, both 5, Max Schroeder (L) and Sam Powell (R).



Philip Maxwell '65, and his grandsons

A dynamic duo. Otherwise things proceed. Still practicing, and grateful that I am. Michigan seeming more and more like the place to be, surrounded by water in a flaming world." **RICH HOWARD** has this news about his and Yvette's travel plans. "Our horizons are narrowing with repair, renewal and upgrading more in evidence than adventure. Examples: repair of a brick/granite walkway I constructed 13 years ago, renewal of an overgrown raspberry patch and an upgraded energy partnership with my sons. My basketball has not improved although a **SID BARTHWELL** pass could probably hide some of the weaknesses. Happily, Yvette has never "upgraded" and we celebrated our 50th anniversary with all eleven Howards at a resort this past July 4th. We are planning an October Adriatic cruise (including a bucket list stop in Trieste) and I hope to see my old Ras Tanura home in Arabia at some point this coming year. Yvette and I often discuss the debt we owe Cranbrook and especially the kindness and experiences we share with our classmates." We will end with the inimitable **BILL SCHLECTE**. "The only reason I am writing is because you are the absolute best at laying guilt trips on your fellow Cranes for not giving you filler for the alum mag. In that vein: My mother, who was a psychiatrist, many years ago with her shrink hat on and starting on her second Manhattan on the porch with me at our Tawas City, MI cottage, told me in her best psychiatrist and philosopher voice: 'Bill, you know guilt is a useless emotion.' I immediately tucked that gem away for use later when a mother's most potent weapon would surely be

brandished to address some perceived failure or fault of her dutiful son (e.g., failing to call on a more regular basis). Unfortunately, the next morning as we were enjoying a cup of coffee on the same porch, she leaned over and in a matter-of-fact voice said: 'Bill—you know what I said to you about guilt last night? ...Forget I said it.' I still have her last voice mail message she left for me before she passed away in 2008. She was complaining that she can never reach me because I have too many phone numbers. It is a vivid reminder of that episode at the cottage. I know this has nothing to do with Cranbrook or what it is I am doing or the things I am accomplishing, but it seemed appropriate in light of your repeated pleas when the deadline for material approaches. I no longer have a mother laying guilt trips on me—just you and a wife ("Yes, Dear"). Life is good. This time I will not mention politics or what is happening to our country. I will leave that for filler the next time you guilt me into sending you stuff to include in the Cranbrook rag. I am still working full time and, as I said in my last message to you, have no intention of retiring. One thing that would be interesting is put the following questions to our fellow grads: Are you retired? From what occupation or career are you retired? What are you doing in retirement? And, are you happy in retirement? If not retired, do you plan to retire and, if so, when? I would be very interested in knowing how everyone in our class is doing now that we are approaching (in?) our "Golden Years." Maybe this email could be the questionnaire? I was unable to make the 2015 Reunion, but will not miss the 2020. Best regards to you and yours and to all of my fellow grads." The McDonald clan is doing just fine in 2018. Susan and I have been traveling, mainly to Europe to see our almost 3-year-old grandson in Aachen, Germany. My son and his family live in Aachen where my daughter-in-law is principal in the opera company there. She was performing in Japan this summer and Susan and I went to see her in Kobe (great beef), with visits to Tokyo and Kyoto (lots of people). Had a wonderful time, even with the temperature above 100 degrees almost every day. On the home front, I'll be closing my law firm this fall and looking to do *pro bono* legal work in the Philadelphia area. Hope this letter finds you all well. Keep in touch and Aim High.

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The first classmate to report in was **SHARON CROMMETT BOBECZKO**, who is certainly our star globetrotter. She and Michael sold their home in December, put everything in storage, and began a succession of cruises: first the South Pacific, next Tampa to Barcelona (via Key West and the Canary Islands), then Italy, Montenegro and the Greek Islands, and finally Rotterdam to Norway, Shetland Islands, Iceland, Greenland, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and Boston. They returned briefly to Southern California for doctor appointments, then they were off on a Panama Canal cruise. Next year they hope to cruise in the Southern hemisphere and spend a few months in Mexico and Colombia. Sharon is working on her Spanish language skills and learning to pack small! **ANNE FUCHS TOWBES** wrote from Iceland, where she was on a fundraising hiking trip, raising money for a Santa Barbara drug and alcohol abuse center. She wrote her news as 'A Tale of Three Houses.' The first, the Smith House, is the Frank Lloyd Wright house built by her late in-laws, Sara and Melvyn Maxwell Smith. A gift from the Towbes Foundation, ownership was recently transferred to Cranbrook, who will organize monthly tours of the home. The second house is the Santa Barbara home she built with Michael. It's been on the market since 2017. Soon Anne will move to a smaller house (number 3) in a nearby gated community. The damage from the January mudslides has been repaired, and Anne is excited to move in. She sends love to all her "wonderful classmates." **SANDRA TRUBOW FAIRBANK** wrote that she visited with Kathy Shore Patrikis '64 at Kathy's Radcliffe reunion this spring. They hadn't seen each other since 1964, but they had a lovely visit and hope to meet again soon in Cambridge or New Haven. **CAROLYN SCHWARTZ HILL** sent greetings from Colorado, where she has been hiking this summer in different parts of the state.



Ilene Rogers Tyler '65 with copies of her book

ILENE ROGERS TYLER and her husband have been working for the last year-and-a-half on writing the third edition of their book, *Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles, and Practice*. Their reward was unpacking their box of author copies and seeing that all was printed as proofed and edited. They celebrated completion of the book with an authors' three-week trip to Ireland. **JANICE PAUL ANDAHAZY** enjoyed lots of lake time with her grandchildren this summer. She and **TERRI LERCHEN HARTLE** volunteered at a Cranbrook open house fundraiser and they spent some time with **ANNE FUCHS TOWBES**, who was there because of the Smith House (see above). **MARILYN MAUCK SANDERS** wrote that the summer was difficult because of her husband's health concerns, but the good news is that he is improving. They added a 70-pound, six-month-old Newfoundland puppy to their family, and "Ella" has given them a lot to smile about, as well as causing them to "move more than we did at KSC field hockey practice!" Grandson Alexi is driving and looking at colleges, while granddaughter Amanda is a high school soccer and track athlete. **FRAN STAIR WHITE**, **KARIN CHRISTIANSEN FOWLER**, and **MARCIA MAYHEW ROLLINS** send greetings but had no news to report this time. **CANDY PORTER** had no news but is planning an October trip to Iceland "to catch nature's light show," and will share details for the next Tradition. Rich and I celebrated our 50th anniversary with children and grandchildren at a beautiful resort in NY (Mohonk Mountain House) this summer, and we are about to leave for an Adriatic cruise on a 60-passenger sailing vessel, preceded by four days in London. Enough celebrating, I think, for us old folks! Thank you to those who sent news, and if you are in touch with

classmates we seldom hear from, give them a nudge! An essay is not required; a few words will do!

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After a very long absence due to deep state obligations, of which I cannot provide details, your loyal class secretary has returned. All rumors of my demise are exaggerated. All suggestions that placed me in strategic national positions are within the realm of reality. If the word, "dossier" piques your interest, 'nuff said. One glaring realization about our class has concretized for me since our 50th reunion two years ago. The dismaying fact that it is 48 years until our next seminal gathering has left me groping for news from the class. Indeed, there are faithful contributors in our midst, and I salute them, but for many others, it seems that you are waiting for the 100th to approach before you submit a personal update. Men o' '66, your pilot lights still glimmer. Our collective runways are getting shorter and before we all don Disney polyester track suits and designer tri-focals and get adjoining rooms in the Pleurisy Wing at Vertigo Village in Rancho Cucamonga, take a moment to scratch out a few legible sentences and send them along. "I'll take Metamucil for 500, Alex!" Yours truly spent an enjoyable late afternoon in Leland, MI with **JOHN BENNISON** and his lovely wife, Germaine. John was in Michigan to see his sister and to attend the Traverse City Film Festival. John has an abiding interest in movies as he is the director of The Mountain Shadow Film Festival in the East Bay Area of San Francisco (Walnut Creek), now in its fifth year. John and I shared one year at DePauw U after Cranbrook and then he moved on to Lake Forest College and then Claremont Seminary. For over four decades, he has been a pastor, preacher, teacher, trainer, conference leader, carpenter, coffin builder, counselor, spiritual advisor, ethicist, writer and lyricist, musician and entertainer, assembly-line union worker, small business entrepreneur, residential real estate specialist, corporate cog, and executive director of a few faith-based and other non-profit organizations. John's journey is remarkable. **GREG "BUCKY" BOWER**, a

champion of contributions, wrote this. "...just got back from a week at Interlochen Music Camp, lending my violinistic skills (such as they are) to various ensembles of fellow amateur musicians. This was my 22nd consecutive year of attendance. My first experience as an Interlochen camper was as a teenager in 1962; little did I know I would be returning decades later as a septuagenarian." **STEVE "ACE" MOLINA** let me know that he was searching the interwebnets for my obituary since I had not authored any recent class notes. "Will VP Pence refund my D.C. Military March donation? I was marching with the Texas National Guard back in the day. In other news—I just took over as director of Energy Programs at The University of Texas at Dallas' Jindal School of Business. I also teach Energy Economics, Energy Law and Contracts, Energy Finance, and Sustainability in our graduate school, and I lecture on Financial Negotiations and Intro to Energy to undergraduates. The Jindal School of Business has 9,200 students on a campus with a total enrollment of about 27,000. I'm teaching two undergraduate classes (Financial Regulations; Financial Negotiations) and one graduate class on Sustainability. Yes, sustainability. I feel like a fox in the hen house, but I have learned to roll with the times. Once again, the majority of my program is populated with foreign graduate students. Very challenging." I must add that the mere concept of Ace in front of students causes me to temporarily lose control of bodily functions. Mr. Hoffman would be so proud. I found this posted image of Professor Molina with his thinking cap on. I follow **MIKE STERN** on social media as this era of political intrigue unfolds. His insightful posts are deep peeks into his global mind as he dissects the zeitgeist. We were in the capital following the inauguration but I could not find him in the crowd of 400k. Mike is now a movie producer mogul with the inclusion of his film, *General Magic*, at the Tribeca Film Festival in NYC. The film was chosen as one of the Top Ten movies to see at the festival. Distribution is the next hurdle. Mike was in New York for the festival in the spring and coincidentally at Columbia U for the 50th Reunion of the '68 Student Occupation. www.theverge.com/2018/4/22/17233362/general-magic-movie-review-documentary-silicon-valley-tribeca-2018. The intrepid **STEVE TROXEL**, our lone Arizona delegate, always has lots of news. "The year: 2016 was a difficult year for

the Troxel family as I first lost my older brother after a five-year battle with cancer in February and then lost my 95-year-old Father—Lynn Troxel '39, in late May, so we spent the first half of 2016 trying to take care of family issues which included both a quick trip to San Jose, CA for a memorial service for my brother, followed by a trip back to northern Ohio in June to take my father's cremains back for burial there. My Father had actually lived out here in the Chandler, AZ area for almost 5 years, so losing him was tough, and I feel that having him here close to us probably added an extra 4+ years to his life. I made the decision to finally retire from the State after realizing that the time was right to call it a career. This would also allow me time to continue with the 'volunteer' activities that I have enjoyed for many years—such as participating in the annual P.F. Chang's Arizona Rock 'N' Roll Marathon and Half-Marathon events that I have been involved with since 2007 and with Pat's Run—that supports the Pat Tillman Foundation and their Tillman Military Scholars Program since 2009. Retirement has also given me an opportunity to do some travel as well, as my wife and I visited her family in the Republic of Panama in February 2017, followed by another trip to Panama in July 2017—where we took the two daughters, the son-in-law, and the three granddaughters; a trip that just ended last Friday evening. My daughters had both visited in Panama many years ago, but this was the first time for everyone else! While I had served a tour of duty in the U.S. Army in the early 1970s in what was then the Panama Canal Zone, I had forgotten how humid the months of June, July, and August were during that period of time, so the humidity (average: 96%), the heat (average: 93 degrees), and the heavy daily rains were a bit uncomfortable this year, so we were all glad to get back to the Arizona heat. My family continues to grow—and make us all so proud, but I have a difficult time in conceptualizing the fact that we now have three granddaughters all in high school—a senior, a junior and a freshman—as it seems that only yesterday, all three were young enough to sit on my lap giving each a bottle! Now the two oldest are actually looking at colleges and universities with both of them seriously contemplating careers in the medicine field. Thank heavens that they are both good students, but I do not know if they realize what is ahead of them if that is their ultimate goal!" **ROD DAVIES**, the big Bopper,

reports on an incredible venture. "I just landed in Bangkok. Never been busier or had more fun in my career. I'm part of a team that has figured out how to make plastic biodegrade in the ocean. I've stranded eight kids and now 34 grandkids in Utah. They're hoping I will return home one day. Meanwhile, busy saving the world. The first article from our press release has already appeared: environmentalleader.com/2018/08/177746. I will likely stay in Hong Kong for the next year or so. Most of our investors are here and our new factory is in this part of the world. And of course, the world's worst polluters are here. They're trying to 'save face' by embracing a new technology." **STEPH LADY** made the migration of a lifetime. "Sending G'day and aloha from tropical Outback Australia. Here in Darwin, Northern Territory. Found a lovely place overlooking Darwin Harbor and the shimmering green and turquoise Sea of Timor. We're on schedule for citizenship, so naturally friends and family ask what Oz is like. I'd describe it, as everything America could be, but isn't. On the negative side, the speed cameras are a scourge and the Mexican food is abominable. Aussies are a friendly and hospitable bunch; they remind me of my southern relatives without the Bible-banging and rabid politics. If you've been thinking of visiting Oz, the exchange rate is great right now. And be sure to drop by if you find your way up to the Top End." I saved our entry from **RAY DOSS** for last. Dr. Doss has never, ever, submitted any news in 52 years. **JOHN BENNISON** provided me Ray's email and we exchanged news in the last month. The thing about prep school is that shared events and experiences and memories can so easily be recalled. As though they happened yesterday. Ray and I endured a French class/teacher in 1966 that cannot be wiped from our collective psyches. "Just woke up from a nightmare of you waking me up in the back row of Harry Schneider's French class and telling me I had to write something. God, it was an awful nightmare. I retired three years ago from Veterinary Medicine where I practiced in Charlottesville, Virginia since leaving Michigan in 1976. No comments on Charlottesville at this time. Moved up to Maine in the Spring of 2016. My family used to summer in Maine going back to the 60s so it was destined. We live in Bath, on the Kennebec River in an old 1750s historic house. Lots of fun restoring it. It was one of the old British Mast landing docks in the pre-revolutionary mid-coast region of

Maine. We generally flee the winters here in January and February. Had the occasion to meet up with **DAVID SMITH** in Park City, Utah and **RAUL SMITH** in the southern greater Houston area during our escapes. The only other area of interest to all is having been able to visit and have lunch with Ben and Margot Snyder in August of 2016 at the retirement facility/Ocean View in Falmouth ME, which is just north of Portland. We had a "show and tell" get together. Ben was 96 then. As many of you know, he passed away in April of 2017. Margot was beginning to lose her memory then. It was a wonderful visit and a sharing event. He was truly a wonderful person in our lives at Cranbrook. A great man for the young men of Cranbrook to admire. I visited Margot the next year. She was physically fine, but was unable to remember. She has family in the immediate area. If any of you men o'66 are travelling down east, please look us up. We have plenty of room to stay. We are only a mile or so off of US 1 on the river in Bath. This has always been a ship building town, so don't be alarmed if you see a few US Navy Destroyers docked at BIW to the south of the bridge." Your plucky secretary continues to take daily sustenance, mostly Leelanau County grape varietals, while at the same time fighting off the ravages of old age; facial corkboarding, rectal dyslexia, scrappy dooism, and reverse multi-brow. I keep my nose in educational matters in little Ann Arbor, regularly attend M football and basketball games, love Leland in the summers and trek to South Carolina for bidness. I've turned down the unrelenting cacophony in the capital. I take nothing for granted. The Dudeist in me says have a White Russian and Abide.

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The past year has brought an unexpected and happy change for **STEPHANIE GUETHING GIERING**. "To understand the joy I am feeling, it would need to be in some sort of context: I started drinking at 12. The reasons why are complicated, but nonetheless, my drinking led to many other things for which I usually refused to take responsibility or accountability. One such result was finding myself pregnant at 18 in the summer after

a night of Singapore slings. I returned to college, delaying any decisions that needed to be made. That December I came home to 'confront' my parents. As one can imagine in that day, things were very different. I wanted to keep him, but I was told I needed to complete college and could not take the risk of destroying my child's life. My mother sprang into action, finding an adoption agency that met her very exacting standards. In short, I journeyed to Evanston, Illinois where I gave birth to a healthy boy. My excuses for my drinking increased as my baby was taken away and given up for adoption. In 1992, I chose to start accepting responsibility for my life and went into recovery. That is when I first started looking for my son. At that time, the adoption was 'closed' and 'sealed.' Even my mother was encouraging me to find my son. Papers were filed, forms filled out, people were consulted, and the wait began. I suppose I could have pushed it, but I felt my son had a right to his privacy! I had a lot of swirling emotions surrounding my son, but I always wanted what was best for him. My child turned 50 in April of this year. Facebook, Ancestry.com and DNA testing as well as his doctor, his wife and his daughter (!) encouraged him to search for his birth mom as well as one of his best friends recently finding his own birth mom and that reunion was epic, so he now started looking for me! A few months ago, I received a wave on FB messenger from a Carter Mattig as well as a note from his best friend's wife asking if I gave a baby up for adoption in April of 1968. I asked why he thought we were related. As the story unfolded, my heart started pounding as I realized my wait was over. My son lives in Chicago and is loving, kind, smart, and funny (as well as editing this story!). As an added bonus he just won the International Backgammon championship in Cyprus last November, so he is the international backgammon champion! My heart is complete and my cup runneth over. Lindsay, my 24-year-old granddaughter is more than I could have ever dreamed. We spend as much time as possible Facetiming, visiting, and sending cards. Both have been to my Farmhouse. I cannot explain how blessed I feel...everything I have ever wished for has been realized. I never knew I had the capacity to love others as I do now. I can't wait for the next chapter to unfold!" It is impossible to add to Stephanie's beautiful story. I can only comment that during an hour conversation with her, I could feel her joy and peace. I have heard from many of you

demonstrating that the women of the class of 1966 may have retired but they certainly are not slowing down. We have another class author. **CICELY GUENTHER WINTER** writes, "My book of *Música Regional Oaxaqueña de ayer y hoy, transcripciones para órgano y piano* (I won't translate because I'm sure you get the gist) just came out. Eventually I'll have it available online. It was time to write down and digitize the improvisations on folk music I'd been playing on the organs for years so that others could play them. The book also includes photos and explanations of the songs and dances and accompanies the CD I made of the music some years back. I'm still working hard administering the Oaxaca Historic Organ Institute, teaching, and participating in concerts. I hope to finish catalogs in Spanish and English of the organs in 2019, which will involve a lot of field work to update the conservation data of the 72 organs scattered around the state. And then...semi-retirement? I have guided this specialized project for 18 years and finding a replacement is a challenge. I'm itching to expand my horizons and see the world rather than focusing ever more closely on this one topic. Otherwise life is good. Marcus is kept constantly busy by ongoing archeological discoveries and projects. Our four children and four grandchildren are scattered—Lucas and family, Ceci, and Carlos in DC, Emi and family in NJ, and Katie in Mexico City, all busy and doing well, but it's hard not being able to see them more regularly." **MARY FISHER** has made a big move. "I've got a house in England in Winnie the Pooh's forest and am so loving it. I get to spend the beautiful time of the year here and then return to incredible Florida and the ocean. Still speaking, and working on my art. I had a show in Florida in January and have one coming up in Tulsa, OK Feb 1 2019 at the 108 Contemporary Gallery." I was in Palm Beach in February and met Mary at her art show. The show featured Mary and her friends who have used fabric as magnificent art forms. I have attached a photo that I took while in the gallery.



Art installation by Mary Fisher '66

Standing under this display was awe-inspiring. If you ever come to Washington, DC and plan to do sightseeing, **SHERIDAN STRICKLAND** might be one of your museum tour guides. "I was accepted into the docent program at the National Gallery of Art. After two years of training, I will be qualified to give all the nine tours offered to our visitors. If any of you are in DC, please let me practice by giving you a tour. Michael can only stand so much! Michael and I survived a family reunion this summer in Chautauqua, NY. My brother and sister-in-law gathered their two children and spouses, and 4 grandchildren together—4 kids under 6 years old, and Michael and I survived! Minor miracle, which will have all of you with children and grandchildren laughing! The experience was fun, but tiring keeping up with the rug-runners." **ANITA MANHART MCCONNELL** writes, "Not much new with us here in Richmond area. Ted is going to finally retire (for good this time) in December. Our children are still scattered coast to coast with grandchildren from 6-20 years of age. Our youngest son is a Lt. Col. in the Air Force and just stationed to Minot, ND, after being at the Pentagon. We will miss having his family so close to us! I am still always working on genealogy and family history. We completed Jamestowne and SAR applications for Ted and they were quickly approved, and we have a pending DAR application for one of the daughters-in-law. In addition, I completed approved applications for an uncle, cousin, and myself to get more than 15 ancestors into First Families of Ohio. I recently completed a small book listing all the family heirlooms with small photos so that descendants will know

which pieces are important to family history and their background stories. Having had all boys who did not really seem to be interested in family keepsakes, I realized that after we're finally gone, they would not have a clue about what to pass on to other family members. It was a long labor of love and I am sure some family descendant many years from now will appreciate it. In my 'spare time' working in my yard and pollinator gardens keep me busy."

MARY LARSEN HOLMES had an amazing year of surprises. "Sarah (my older daughter) announced just a year ago that her husband was going to attend the Cleveland Institute of Art and they along with their 2-year-old son, giant pit bull, and kitten were moving from Florida to Cleveland to live in our guest house. Turned out, the guest house needed major renovation, so they lived with us for seven months. Yes, the pit bull and cat, too. They moved into their new home in March. We had a brief vacation in St. Lucia, and sat out the long, gray spring in Gates Mills. We had had our house on the market so that we could downsize, but here we are. Next winter I plan to be in Hawaii where daughter number 2 (many of you may remember Molly) lives with her dentist husband. They are expecting their first baby January 3. Still working on food issues and assumed the chapter leadership of Slow Food Cleveland. If anyone else is involved with Slow Food I'd love to hear from you. mkhcon@gmail.com or 440-423-1870."

MAGGIE SHOPEN THOMPSON wrote that she and Mary Larson Holmes spent a delightful July day on Caspian Lake in Greensboro, VT, talking non-stop, while their husbands patiently got acquainted. "It's heartening to know the bonds made long ago at Kingswood can be easily renewed! I continue to teach three to four creative writing classes a week each quarter, which I love doing. Participants are adults, ages 50-92, with a wealth of unique life experience and stories. My latest new project which will continue until Sept. 2019, is chair of the search committee to find a new Episcopal Bishop for the Diocese of Vermont—quite an interesting and complex process. Our daughters and grandsons are doing well. No retirement on the horizon for Ron or me!" **JAN WALLACE HOFFMAN** and her husband, Mike, love their life in the North Carolina mountains where they have done a lot of entertaining. "Last November, a neighbor laughingly told us to put a 'closed for the season' sign in our front yard as there are

many friends and family members who visit us—and we love that! The Dupont Forest waterfalls, Chimney Rock gorge, Mt. Pisgah and Carl Sandburg home are favorite tours. We look forward to apple picking with grandchildren and hiking a trail to cut down a Christmas tree. When the Hoffmann 'B and B' isn't booked, we engage in our community or travel. There is always a project to keep us busy. I find the greatest blessing of retirement is the gift of time—time to pursue passions, take care of oneself, spend quality time with others, and appreciate God's creation."

MARTHA ALLING D'ALESSANDRO always seems to have multiple projects going especially with her jewelry business. "This has been a great year, amazing how fast the time goes by. Peter and I are well and love living in Raleigh, NC. I am so very happy to be back in the USA. My jewelry business, Gemjunky, is doing well, we completely revamped our own website, www.gemjunky.com. However, we still make most of our sales on 1stdibs.com which we love and is very good to us. Peter does my photography. Our son, Chris, visited from LA for Christmas and dragged me into the 21st century re: social media. We made a road trip with our two Labs for them to visit their previous owner and for us to visit Alex and Ashley in MN. I love driving across the country, especially with such a welcoming destination. Peter is just back from Rio where he still does some consulting. I must admit that the photo of him on Ipanema beach made my heart beat a little faster. So many wonderful memories of that view of the beach and the mountains. I am busy with my genealogical societies. We are now planning the NC Society of Mayflower Descendants Annual Meeting here in Raleigh."

HARRIET RHODES CANNON has spent the year traveling. "We are enjoying retirement. I am writing for pleasure and traveling (Oaxaca to the organ festival and a wonderful visit with Cicely) Scotland, England and Wales doing the roots thing on a route on trains away from tourist packed cities. We are grateful for good health and celebrating our 49th anniversary on August 30th." **MELINDA FITZGERALD BAUMAN** and her husband have found an excellent way to enjoy retirement. "My husband, Ken, is working at a winery (which comes in handy for me from time to time) and loves it. He has evolved in the process to the point of making and blending the wines. So proud of him. My mother will be celebrating her 98th birthday in September, such an amazing woman, and we are so blessed to still

have her with us. As for me, I am retired and working really hard at doing nothing but fun stuff. Just haven't found a new career path that appeals to me. Wishing all my dear old classmates prosperity, good health and happy days."

Having had enough of Midwest winters, **MARY VANOSENBRUGGEN FRASER** writes that she is now a devoted Floridian. "I moved down here 8 years ago because I was very tired of shoveling snow and because my oldest son and his wife live here in St. Pete. It's a wonderful city: fabulous art scene and the flowers in my garden bloom all year! After years in Chicago, where I ran the ceramics program at a senior center, the clean air and the quiet are wonderful. My other two kids are in Chicago and Tucson. Sadly, my only grandchild is the farthest away—thank god for Skype and airplanes. My last name is now Fraser—after the divorce I couldn't quite bring myself to go back to vanOsenbruggen. If any of you are in this part of the world I'd love to see you. I'm old-fashioned so I'm still findable via 411." **LOIS WELT LAWSON** finds that retirement "is nice but a bit weird. I have to figure out what I want to do. We had a wonderful trip to Texas with our kids and grandchildren for two family reunions. My family in Dallas and then Bill's family in the Austin area. It was such fun." **JANET DOOLITTLE BRODESSER** sent a picture of her granddaughter Annalise, age three, who lives in Thailand.



Anna, granddaughter of Janet Doolittle Brodesser '66

Janet commented Anna looks like her son, James, when she has a serious face, and like her mother when she laughs. Janet lives in upper New York and writes that she is physically healthy and strong, due to working

hard in the greenhouses at a large nursery nearby. “Emotionally, well—the Jet Stream is slowing down (because global warming is real—no, REAL!), so when bad weather comes by it just sits around and sits around until we think we can’t stand it anymore. Winter did that here; now the heat and humidity just will not move on. This, and trying to keep a hopeful attitude in a county where the pickup trucks fly their Rebel flags (larger than the Stars and Stripes) as they pass coming at you on a curve and a hill besides, with traffic on both sides, tests my faith that this phase of our history, like the current weather, will eventually pass. What will be left behind it is anyone’s guess. Otherwise, I am grateful to have a pension and health care, a roof over our head, a flush toilet and three meals a day if we are hungry. So, my life is perfect. I hope yours is too.” Sending a cheerful and uplifting note, **SUSHEILA HORWITZ** wrote, “Lots to be grateful for this year; health, peace, living in a stable country. I have been in three of our different houses this year, filling in where someone is needed. Gave me a chance to spend four months in Vancouver, 2 1/2 months in Edmonton, Alberta, where I was able to see old friends again. I spent a little time in Washington, DC. Not too much news really, just happy to be able to live, to love, to try to serve others.” I am still writing my daily newsletter for 300 lobbyists, lobbying for two clients and teaching swimming. While working daily on politics and federal budget issues is frustrating, the kids I teach keep me laughing. I have tried to write down some of the things they have said to me. After seeing my husband walk by, a little boy asked, “Is that your husband? How many kids do you have?” “We don’t have any children?” “What!! How can you have a husband without any kids?” After I got a short haircut, a little girl with long hair asked me, “Are you a girl or a boy?” Apparently, bodies are very interesting to them. One new student asked, “Are you old?” A five-year-old girl reached up and patted my breast. I said, “What are you doing?” She said, “I just wanted to touch your boob.” Another asked, “Why does your tummy stick out?” Julia, after going under water, said, “Your legs are spiky.” “Huh?” “You have hairs on your legs.” My funniest student is a 3-year-old boy who I look forward to seeing every Saturday. I had the kids doing “rocket ships” through a hula hoop. They are supposed hold their arms out, hands crossed and go through the hoop head first. Mason didn’t quite get the idea. He

put his head through the hoop as well as one leg. Before I could stop him, he got tangled up in the hoop and fell into the water. He came up laughing and giggling. Absolutely, not panicked by being submerged. On the next try, when I saw him raising his leg to once again step through the hoop, I told him, “No, no that’s the wrong way.” He wasn’t having my direction. He insisted and grinned with glee, “Let’s do it the wrong way.” They teach me something new every day.

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I’m writing this just after Bob Woodward’s book *Fear* and the Washington Post’s “Op Ed” were published. Our nation’s capitol seems to be reeling from the news—and it appears there is no end in sight. I do realize this write-up of “class news” may not have the same impact as a presidential administration exposé, but I do think our amazing class has achieved so much in the last 51 years. For example, we have teachers, engineers, doctors, auctioneers, professors, cyber crime experts, software creators, community planners, lawyers, entertainment executives, government officials, landmark historians and authors, accountants, company and dealership owners, architects, business executives, consultants—professionals of all persuasions, and all successful in their own right. We do indeed have a “newsworthy” class. One case in point, **BOB LIEBERMAN**, who wrote recently that he was elected earlier this year to the U.S. National Academy of Engineering. Bob went on to say that he shared the honor with 80 others including Jeff Bezos of Amazon fame. Congrats Bob! **DOUG MORAN** and his wife, Rosy, continue to enjoy retirement in Northern Michigan and are eagerly awaiting their first grandchild, due in December. Parents are Doug and Rosy’s younger son, Alan and his wife, Erin. Doug went on to say that Alan and Erin are active in the Port Huron Community Theater and Alan recently played Reverend Shaw from *Footloose*. Older son, Patrick, and his wife, Rachel, just relocated to Salt Lake City where Alan works for Becton Dickinson as a packaging engineer. Doug sends his best wishes to all of our classmates. I caught up with **BOB DONAHUE** on the phone and we

discussed his career starting with his role as a public defender in 1974 following law school. He then decided to get a master’s in Tax Law and now does legal tax work for a CPA firm. Bob went on to say that the big news in their family was that their son, James, a software analyst, was married earlier in the year. **DAVE BARCUS** reports that he and his wife, Susan, continue to enjoy Dayton, Ohio and the tri-state area. Dave is a volunteer patient advocate in one of the region’s largest cancer centers. He adds that tennis, golf, and walking are regular pursuits, and continues, “I can’t say my skills have diminished, but that has much to do with my humble beginning skill levels.” Dave and Susan are excitedly looking forward to their first grandchild in early 2019. **HUGH MAHLER** continues to work at Forgotten Harvest, a large food pantry in Detroit. I was able to tour the facility last year with Hugh and it is indeed an amazing place. He is also on a project with Goodwill Industries helping them to look for private companies to buy what will be “training grounds” for the people they serve and to provide a more suitable income for independence. Hugh is doing the searching and vetting along with a small committee. Brian, Hugh, and Darlene’s youngest son, has exited the military and has enrolled in the joint Law-MBA program at Georgetown. Hugh adds that “he will be right in the swamp in Washington D.C. and will be able to report from the inside.” Brian’s older brother, Kevin, and family “are doing great in Omaha and have recently enjoyed a two-week wilderness trip in Colorado, Utah and Arizona seeing three national parks: Bryce Canyon, Zion and Arches.” Hugh and Darlene were also on the move as they spent a week in Alaska in late August. Hugh had mentioned that he hadn’t seen **SCOTT MATTHEWS** in a while, and neither had I, so I phoned the “Big Fella” and we caught up. Scott, and his wife, Ruth, continue to work in their respective jobs, Scott as the creator and head of MetroAlive, his Detroit area community website. He reports that the business is doing well and it remains a major focus for him. Writing from the smoky air (due to the wildfires in British Columbia and eastern Washington) **JIM LONGLEY** reports that “he and Connie have stayed pretty much close to home, tending the gardens and trying not to inhale too much smoke from the summer wildfires.” He continues that “they have had several long periods of smoke where the sky is hazy all day and night and there is the smell of smoke continually in

the air." They did get away in June on a "car camping" trip outside Mt. Rainier National Park "to a campground called *La Wis Wis*." Jim was also pleased that he has been able to keep up regular communications with the Morans (**DOUG**) and the Hosts (**BRAD**) since the 50th Reunion last year. And from the United Kingdom, **JOHN FINGLETON** reports that he turned the "Big 7-0" in September and celebrated it by having a black tie party in London. Several other Cranbrook ESU (English Speaking Union) exchange students were in attendance including Mark Packard '66, and Roger Marsh '63. My wife, Kathy, and I also "crossed the pond" to help celebrate with our old classmate. More on this in the spring edition of *Tradition*. As for the Lowrie clan, we are all well. We have managed some travel, most notably to Egypt this past spring and Vancouver in July. We have hosted a number of the grandkids this summer, great fun, but we found it more exhausting than we remembered when raising their parents! Could age be a factor?! We have seven grandkids, as oldest son, Wes, and his wife, Aruna, welcomed their second son in September. Until next time, all the best, Ted.

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Our 50th Reunion was a wonderful event, with over half of our surviving class in attendance at one or more of the many activities throughout the weekend. Many thanks to **LYNNE CARPENTER** who organized the class gift and created packets full of copies of archived documents for us, and to **BETH MUZZY HOLMQUIST** and **KATIE LERCHEN NELSON** who planned our dinner at Thornlea House following the Reunion Classes Cocktail Party—our first time being included in the party at Cranbrook House!



The ladies of K'68 on the grounds of Thornlea House

ANDREA CALLARD wrote a beautiful response to my request for news and reunion memories: "Hope you are all well and flourishing. It was so nice to see those who gathered in June. (I thought half of those living was great.) I agree with Caroline, happy to get to know better people I didn't really know then we really knew so little in some ways. On the Friday of the reunion, I walked the grounds making photos. I scribbled a few words: The intimacy of dorm was memorable living under the same rules (not the ones implied by my family) being aware of others and how different their experience was from mine. How amazing to live in such a beautifully designed environment: the grounds, the building, the windows, the lamps, the chairs, tapestries, silverware. I loved exploring the grounds after school to smoke cigarettes in the woods or more sneakily at night in the dark with someone who was nice. At Kingswood, I loved the small classes. The teachers were fine for the most part. (But not the one that pronounced the "b" in subtle.) George Nowacki and Meg influenced my life. Marjorie Minster was fascinating. I am sorry I can't discuss her with Candy Angel. A few possessed what felt like radical politics. J. Sinclair took us by bus to see the burned out areas after the fires of '67. I have always felt grateful to Michael Kinsley for showing us the Felix Green Vietnam movie and for bringing John Sinclair to read poetry to us. How wild that the MC5 played at our dances, f!*#!ing incredible in retrospect. I'm very grateful for the fine people I've met and got to know a bit. I have wondered sometimes why we don't really keep it closer, in better touch but I guess life has been messy. A Wash U. friend from Cranbrook was Jeff Moffatt who died too young. I was sorry I didn't see Paul Cragin's lovely wife at the party. It was very fun to see Ned and Lulu and Louie and Walter!" **CYNTHIA MAGUIRE BRUNS** wrote, "I had a great time at the reunion. Also had some extra time to revisit the area where I grew up. **JAN BURGGRAAF** and I saw all the houses we ever lived in and checked out the Birmingham/Bloomfield Hills area. Then **LAURI ELLIAS MURPHY** gave us a great tour of Detroit. We got some insight into its revitalization and had a lovely lunch downtown on the water! It was wonderful to see classmates and get reacquainted. I'm hoping to see more of my classmates and get to know each other even more. We still spend some of our time in Anchorage, Alaska but hope to now spend most of our time in

Portland, Oregon. I'm also hoping to see more and more of classmates that also now live in the Northwest. Let's connect!" **BARB HAYES THOMAS** wrote, "Loved seeing everyone at reunion—I would love to have the group picture if anyone has one to share! Thanks to all who organized our reunion—Beth, Katie, Lynne and whoever else contributed!" **CHRIS WALKER TAKACH** wrote, "Gene and I are looking forward to going on our first Viking cruise from Avignon to Lyon with an extra three days in Paris to celebrate our 45th anniversary. We loved seeing everyone at the reunion last June, catching up with all, and wished we lived closer so we could do it more often." **VANDY SEEBURG** wrote: "Sorry I missed the reunion. We have moved from Bolinas, CA to Rhinebeck, NY and would love to see old KSC friends who visit the Hudson Valley!" **JANA DARWALL GOODMAN** wrote, "I didn't make our 50th reunion but I did have a reunion here in Montana this summer—with my siblings and their spouses.



Siblings Chris Darwall '66, Jana Darwall Goodman '68, Bruce Bartlett '69, and Mary Darwall-Santangelo '69

My husband, Bill, and I do a fair amount of traveling throughout the year. Life is good! Northwest Montana is a wonderful place to live even though we did have some bad wild fires in the area again this year. Seems to be the 'new normal.' I love catching the snippets of your lives. Thanks to everyone for staying in touch." **SALLY WALKER GAUTIER** wrote,

“Hi everyone! Sorry to have missed the reunion. Glad to hear that most of us are still around and enjoying life. I often think of the great memories we made, so much fun! Best wishes to you all.” **MARNIE GREENWOOD** wrote, “Just bought summer house in Little Compton, RI. Come visit. CT house on market. Hartford is the new Detroit so keeping our fingers crossed. Don’t know where we are going to go. Vacation this fall Chile, Bolivia, and Argentina. One grandchild.” I, **JAN DECKER BURGGRAAF**, also had a memorable time reconnecting with classmates, reminiscing, and learning new things about each other. Thanks to all who made the effort to get there!

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50TH REUNION—JUNE 7-8-9, 2019

ALAN CAMPBELL has resurfaced, living in the Pacific Northwest. He’s a “plant physiologist” with a Ph.D to match, and runs a consulting group that advises vineyards—yet another in a series of fascinating careers our classmates picked. As I understand it, he combines two forms of expertise: high-tech and knowledge of plants to figure out things like irrigation and good locations for people looking to start a vineyard. Alan and his wife, Jo Ellen, live just outside Portland and have two kids, a girl living in Seattle, and a recent college graduate boy. A lot of us have been travelling near and far, but some of the best travels involve seeing other members of our class.



Dan Powers and Dave Berry in San Francisco

Californians **DAVE BERRY** and **DAN POWERS** found each other in San Francisco, as documented in the attached photo. **MARK EATON** and I, your trusty Class Secretary, decided we wanted to pick a spot where we and our wives could meet for a long weekend.

The spot needed to be mutually convenient from both Seattle and D.C., and needed to be someplace that merited our attention. We decided on...Detroit—and had an absolutely fabulous time. The headliner was a tour of Henry Ford’s Rouge plant in Dearborn; it’s changed a bit since I took the tour when I was five years old and lived in Birmingham, and since Mark went on a field trip from Ann Arbor during Junior High. But it set the stage for the entire weekend: lots of history, but also lots to see of Detroit in the present day. A visit to the Motown Museum, and the Arab-American Museum in Dearborn. A visit to the Detroit Institute of Arts, where Mark’s late mother and my late mother both worked as volunteers for many years (and where I was pleased to see the name of one of our classmates—**MARK NEITHERCUT**—etched on a wall for his generous contributions. Mark N. also recently ended a 10-year stint on the DIA Board.). We went to a Tiger game—on Mickey Lolich bobblehead night, no less! (see, hopefully, attached photo—Mark would be the tall guy on the right) And we drove around and saw the best of Detroit from over the years, as well as plenty of Detroit at its worst.



Mark Eaton and Rod Fonda

We saw that for all of Detroit’s problems, it is still fighting—and I’m pleased to report that it’s making some progress, even if it does have a long way to go. Since our graduation in 1969, I have always remembered the area “right downtown” around Grand Circus Park retained some plusses, and the area around the Fisher Building and the General Motors Building, the “New Center” area, looked ok—but Woodward in between those areas always looked pretty bad. That interim

stretch of Woodward now looks better than I ever remember it (although the vacant block that used to be Hudson’s is still a pretty stark reminder that some of the past glory days have died and have not been replaced—and issues like gentrification and consumerism at the expense of neighborhoods are certainly up for discussion). The weekend made me proud to be a native of Detroit. I encourage those of you who haven’t seen the city of Detroit in a long time to realize that there are a variety of really interesting things to be seen there. And if you need a time for a family trip, early June, 2019 would be good. You’re all coming to the area then anyway, right? Particularly for those of you who have escaped contact, please let me know if you would like information about our upcoming 50th Reunion, which kicks off on Friday night, June 7, fifty years to the day after our Commencement. We expect a record-setting turn-out; the goal is 50 guys. If you are unsure whether or not you want to go—let me tell you: yes, you do want to go. As we all get “Shorter in Wind, as in Memory Long” not to mention feeble of foot and other assorted body parts, you are likely never again to see many of the classmates you will see at our 50th. You will not be the only one who is bald, or gray, or heavier than you think would be ideal. Think of the guys you would like to see, and haven’t seen for way too long. And while you may not have any burning ambition to see Classmate XXX—you may shock yourself to see how much you now have in common with XXX, even though you moved to different parts of the country and had a different life’s vocation. Reliving our past is only part of the venture; we’re a remarkably interesting group of guys, who have done lots of interesting things in the last 50 years. And you are very likely to be surprised just how interesting those fellow former dweebs in Latin/Chem/Geometry/Ron Penny’s History Class turned out. Please come; a delightful time will be had by all.

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Dear Class, At the urging of **CATHERINE ANDERSON WEGERT**, I am taking up the duties of class secretary. In addition, she and I are interested to learn if some of you

are planning to attend our 50th reunion. As of now, we are a committee of two, but we gladly welcome your help with planning and executing some event(s) not on the 'official' schedule. Due to circumstances beyond our control, this notice is the best we can do with the deadline of September 7. To appear in the spring edition of *Tradition*, please send your news to me, **KATHERINE LOUISE RUSSELL** (Linda Louise Brown) at russekpk@gmail.com, and for responses concerning the 50th, please email Catherine at candersonwegert@gmail.com. Nancy Vermeulen (Cisne) and Mary Stewart are volunteering to facilitate planning for our Kingswood 50th. If you'd like to be in the loop as we build a contact list, contact Mary at: marybewley@gmail.com. We see this as not being about the school, but rather about our friendships. We hope you will join us in any capacity that suits you. With warmest regards, Kit.

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K70

As you all know, the Cranbrook Community lost one of its legendary leaders late last year. We thought it fitting to share our classmate **KITTY DENIO JOSPE'S** touching tribute to her dad. "John Prentice Denio, 95, retired teacher and Brookside headmaster, died at 11:30 pm on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2017, at the Hospice House, Traverse City, MI surrounded by his oldest daughter, Anne, her husband Bob and son Geoff, his oldest grandchild. Born in Lincoln, MA on March 24, 1922, he graduated from Amherst College, and earned his MA in Education from Boston University. He taught History and Shop and was head of the middle school at Shady Hill, an independent school in Cambridge until June 1961. He was appointed as the second head of Brookside School Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, MI, founded the same year he was born. There, in addition to his leadership, he continued to teach a history course that used the process of "discovery" where 6th graders would be able to draw a free-hand world map, trace trade routes, colonies, as well as the Westward expansion of the USA. In addition to serving as headmaster from 1961-1982, he was recognized for his "outstanding contribution to the Cranbrook community." He was active in educational

organizations, especially the Independent Schools Association of the Central States and served on numerous committees responsible for evaluating independent schools across the country. When he retired, Herbert B. Moore, director at the time, said, 'Jock is leaving a school that bears his imprint in every aspect of its programs and in many areas of the physical plant. But most important, hundreds of boys and girls have profited from the education he and his faculty have so carefully and caringly offered.' You might see him playing cello in the Brookside orchestra, hitting a home run over the fence in the 6th-grade-Faculty end-of-the-year baseball game or recording sessions of the Brookside Jazz ensemble. He was known for his good will, wisdom, love and friendship, which extended in his work not only at Brookside and in the community but also as vestry member of Christ Church Cranbrook. In 1962, he married Suzanne McCourt Gibbs, kindergarten teacher at Brookside. They retired to Traverse City, Michigan, where he started a children's book business called, Children, Naturally, where he continued to promote good children's literature that focused on happy, healthy learning. He enjoyed hosting a jazz radio show and was an avid supporter of music at Interlochen. He is survived by his wife Sue, his three daughters, four grandchildren, seven nieces and nephews and their children." As most of you know, another bright light has left our class. **GAIL MCCUE LEAVINES** died suddenly in April. She spent the last decade of her short life trying to connect/reconnect with as many of us as possible and felt that our class was her extended family. I will miss her phone calls, inspiring attitude about how to push through her pain despite her debilitating back injury, and her infectious laugh. She loved the community we all shared and we will miss her. Donations to the school can be made in her name. Happier news next time.

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C71

MIKE ZAHN took a side trip to the Motor City on his way from upstate New York to Chicago for his orthopedic recertification exam in July. The highlight was a reunion with **PAUL LACASSE** and **KESTUTIS MISKINIS**, who

were great hosts. Two nights on the town with the local boys convinced Mike that the city is making a comeback.



Paul LaCasse, Kestutis Miskinis and Mike Zahn, all '71

Mike made a run up the Lodge to Cranbrook for a visit to the Art Museum. Mike and Debby's son, Hayden, just moved to Boston where he will begin to find his way in the world. Hayden has spent a lot of time in Japan in the course of four visits—now reasonably fluent in the language—and would like to find a way to get back there for a while. He's interested in sound design, the intersection of music and tech. Mike invites any classmates with contacts in that field to contact him. Mike estimates he has maybe three more years in his practice left in him, and still enjoys bicycling and dabbling in art. Debby continues to rebuild old houses and pursue music. Speaking of Cranbrook art, **CHRIS MORTON** has been in touch with Greg Wittkopp, director of the Cranbrook Center for Collections and Research. The exhibit, "Too Fast to Live, Too Young to Die: Punk Graphics, 1976-1986," currently at The Cranbrook Art Museum, sparked a conversation in which Chris recalled the 1968 appearance of the MC5 in the Cranbrook Little Gym. The band is often cited as a progenitor of the punk movement. '71 classmates may recall that event, when Chris delivered a remarkable shadow show alongside the band. Chris sent some news about **CHARLIE REITH**. Charlie runs Reith Energy, in Sarasota, FL. According to its website, the firm transforms a business into a sustainable enterprise, a venture that continuously reduces its demand on resources, expands its delivery of value to

customers and community, and increases its profitability. Charlie holds a PhD in ecology from the University of New Mexico. **JB FORD**, Annie, and their dog, Zen, have found a wonderful place during the summer months in the Blue Ridge Mountains where they park their Airstream. JB walks every day, and slowly his hip is healing from a botched replacement surgery two and a half years ago. From their mountain HQ, JB conducts his motorcycling workshops from April to mid-October. His book, *The Art of Riding Smooth*, continues to sell well. “Not like James Comey’s book, but well enough to purchase a bright red Ducati.” His book has earned a 5-star review from *Motorcycle Consumer News* magazine. **BRAD LEITHAUSER** has a new novel coming out in the spring. It’s called *The Promise of Elsewhere*. “Its protagonist is a young guy (though I’m not sure when, exactly, being 43 began to strike me as young) who teaches at ‘what may be the silliest college in Michigan.’ He plans a round-the-world journey for himself that will take him to Rome and Turkey and India and Japan. He gets waylaid, though, and winds up in Greenland, out among the icebergs. I’m hoping the book is funny, because if it isn’t funny, I’m afraid it’s a failure. On my optimistic days, it seems not only funny but also lyrical and sweet.” Brad lives in Amherst, MA, commuting each week during the school year to Baltimore and Johns Hopkins. He loves the job but could do without all the airports. **JIM DAVIES** sent a photo of his entire clan, including Becky’s mother and their nanny.



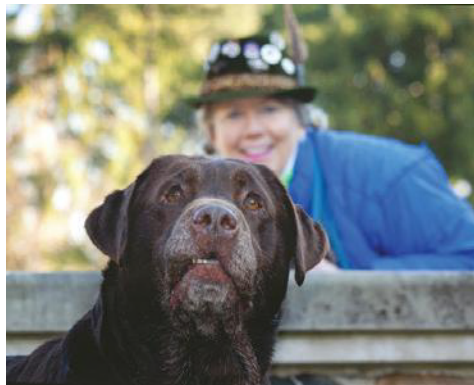
Jim Davies '71, and family

“It includes our seven children and 16 of our 18 grandchildren—one on a church mission in Ghana, and one yet unborn.”

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CK72

Exciting news—two lost classmates have been found! Credit goes to **KIM LUCKENBACH LADD** for spotting **ENA ANN BROWN** in a photograph posted on our Facebook page and wondering where she was. Ena was pleased to be found! She graduated from the Purnell School in Pottersville, New Jersey—horse country. She then graduated from the Boston University School of Nursing (BSN) and worked at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston as an operating room nurse (CNOR) and later as a senior staff nurse for the General Surgical Services.



Ena Ann Brown

After several years of living in the Boston area, she moved back to Birmingham to be closer to family. At that point she transitioned to work in quality assurance, capturing clinical outcomes data for two large health systems. Currently, she is with Henry Ford Health System and is “grateful for the numerous opportunities to present innovation project work and share data with leadership.” The other lost classmate is our beloved foreign exchange student **MIRANDA MILLS**. We have **ART SHANKLER** to thank for finally making contact. She too was happy to be found and admits that keeping contact has not been her strength. She writes: “I have lived in Hobart, Tasmania, for the last four years as I returned to care for my elderly mum. Dinie is 95 and even though she lives independently in a retirement village, I am often her arms, legs, driver and entertainment. She is also my friend, which is a great help. I have returned to Art and Design School and having a lot of fun studying time-based media, film, art history etc. in a bachelor’s degree. This is also not my first time at University, it’s my third actually... but that’s another story. I’m not sure if I will make my home permanently here on this little

island where I was born, but it’s where I am now.” She concludes with: “Never lost, just living somewhere else.”



Miranda Mills '72

CINDY STAFFORD BRANNON wrote “I actually went somewhere besides Lake Superior this summer. And while I’m sorry I didn’t get to sit by that ocean-like lake for days at a time, instead my oldest (Sara) and I went to visit my youngest (Charlotte) in Zurich, where she was on a research fellowship studying ‘communities of bacteria’ or something like that. (Imagine Cindy Stafford having a child who excels in science!) (Secretary’s note: that’s Cindy’s statement, not mine!) The Zurichsee, Lake Lugano, and Lake Como were gorgeous substitutes...It was interesting to be in Europe with these two, who let their phones guide them. I just followed along, and I have to say it was sort of nice not to be in charge! **KIM LUCKENBACH LADD** is enjoying retirement in Venice, FL. Since selling their house in Connecticut they have lived full time in Venice. She is enjoying boating, pickleball, Venice Newcomers Club and box office/usher volunteering at Venice Performing Arts Center. A family gathering took them to Jackson Hole, WY in June with Kim’s father, Carl Luckenbach '52, and sister, Liz Luckenbach '86. They had a great time white water rafting, kayaking, horseback riding, and exploring all the wonders of Yellowstone National Park. She highly recommends it! They then travelled to Iowa in August to visit their son, Austin, and his wife, Amanda. There they spent two days at the Iowa State Fair, another bucket list destination. They are expecting

their second grandchild in February to their Colorado family, a baby brother to their most precious Lucy. They are healthy and happy and can't ask for more. They saw Scuppy (Gordon '75) and **JEFF KERN** in Naples last winter where they were able to catch up on the past 40 years.



Scuppy Gordon Kern '75, Kim Luckenbach Ladd '72 and Jeff Kern '72

PHOEBE LAWRENCE ERDMAN's youngest, Johnny, just started med school in NYC.



Johnny, son of Phoebe Lawrence Erdman '72

With any luck, they will have a doctor in the family in four years! She reports that all Erdmans are doing well, and she's looking forward to a mini-reunion with **SALLY CHRISTIANSEN HARRIS**, **NANCY MAY** and **JILL WHEATON DEBOER** in Boston in the fall. **SALLY CHRISTIANSEN HARRIS**, and her husband Mike, still passionate photographers, spent ten days exploring and photographing the mostly abandoned coal mining towns of West Virginia. It was an eye-opening experience, and they plan to return. They are looking forward to a major photography exhibit in Greenwich this spring

that will feature many of their travels. **PAUL DRESCHER** and **ROGER WINKELMAN** met for dinner in Santa Barbara after Paul's youngest son's graduation ceremony from UCSB. First reunion in 35 years. Paul notes: He's bald, I'm not, and neither one of us has gotten fat!



Paul Drescher and Roger Winkelman, '72

JEFFRY STEELE left his job as a mental health therapist for a mostly homeless population on Tacoma's Hilltop, for a new job as a child/family therapist on San Juan Island. He reports, "This allows us to finally move our household up north, a dream of ours since we purchased a house on neighboring Orcas Island two years ago. My daily commute then will be by ferry through a sublime seascape. We are excited to build on many connections Monica and I have been making in the performing arts, human service, political and recovery communities up there. I am also woodshedding a lot on my 8-string classical, a rich step up from the 6-string I have been playing all these years."



Jeffry Steele '72

Because the deadline for these notes coincided with the death of Aretha Franklin, **DARRYL DALTON** reminisced about a dinner he and Darryl Taylor '71, current director of Horizons-Upward Bound, once had with the Queen of Soul. She was a supporter of HUB. Dalton is busy promoting Otis Williams and The Temptations and was in the Detroit area when The Temps performed at Andiamo, a supper club, in November.



Darryl Dalton '72

Those of us following **MARK SCHATZ** on Facebook have seen that he has been busy exhibiting his beautiful glassware at shows around the San Francisco area. **MICHAEL HODGES** has had an eventful year. The Michigan chapter of the American Institute of Architects honored him with its "Balthazar Korab Award" for his recently published biography of Albert Kahn, *Building the Modern World: Albert Kahn in Detroit*, which was released in April by Wayne State University Press. According to the AIA Michigan website, the annual award is given "in recognition of an individual's significant effort and contribution to architecture and/or the arts." Last August, **DEBBIE DIETRICH** was in Minneapolis with daughters Amelia '03, and Kelsey '07 for a family wedding. Debbie joined **NICK KOCH** for a weightlifting session at his gym followed by a Detroit Tigers vs. Minnesota Twins game.



Nick Koch and Debbie Dietrich, '72, with Debbie's daughters Amelia '03 and Kelsey '07

Fun and flexing for all! As always, for up-to-the-minute news and photos, go to Facebook and sign-on to the Cranbrook Kingswood Class of 1972 page.

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C73

The highlight of the Class of 1973's 45th Reunion was certainly the opportunity to put on our dancin' shoes and rock out to **CHRIS COOKE's** fabulous band, East Bay Blue. Cookie writes: "My band and I had a great time playing for the 45th (geez) reunion at the 'Little Gym.' I don't think I had been in that building since wrestling season of my senior year. Thanks to our Reunion organization team, and, of course, to the KSC theater folks who set up the stage and lights. I am hoping to drag the band down for our 50th (and I mean 'drag!'). Hopefully, we will have the same enthusiastic group (and more) from our class. I think '73 should set the high bar for class reunions. After that experience, the rest of the summer went down hill (LOL.) I am still out in Traverse City, MI practicing law. The kids are scattered around the country, pursuing higher education and careers. I just pay. Please, any of the Crannies/Woodies that get this way, look me up and we'll go on a tour of the

wineries/micro breweries for which we are known. Till next time, 'Aim High!'" **JOHN CARMAN** "retired from the Boy Scouts of America on July 1, 2018 after a 35-year career, the last 21 of which I served as Scout Executive/CEO of the Quapaw Area Council in Little Rock, AK. While there, we increased our endowment by more than \$9 million and raised more than \$10 million for capital construction projects and expanded our Camp property to more than 3,200 acres. Upon my arrival in 1997, the council territory covered 16.5 counties. After taking over two other councils in 2001 and 2011, it now serves 39 of Arkansas' 75 counties and just over half the population and the geography of the state with 28 full-time employees. These days my wife Mary and I are busy Monday through Friday babysitting our granddaughter while her parents go to work; on the weekends, we try to rest. Our granddaughter started preschool on her first birthday, September 11th, after which we will be working on our home in Louisville, KY and travelling a great deal. Best wishes to all." **CHRIS JONES** had a "busy summer with my 14-year-old son (yeah, I got started a little later on the family thing than the rest of you): backpacking in the Sierra, huckleberry picking in Montana, lots of hiking and bike riding here in Northern California. Otherwise, still raising money for Hanna Boys Center, a residential treatment center in Sonoma for teen boys, and in my spare time, serve as a chaplain in the Marin County Jail and San Quentin." **STEVE BERLIN** is "still in Los Angeles, married for 23 years. We have two girls: one a senior at North Eastern, studying architecture; the younger is in Switzerland in a hotel management school. We are happy in Beverly Hills, although remodeling the house is a hassle." **HUGH KERR** and wife Sally "are enjoying our three grandchildren very much. The oldest, Luke, attended Brookside day camp this summer and had a wonderful time. So did we as it brought us out to the campus again for pick up and drop off duties. Our older daughter, Lauren Kerr Freund '01, also has a boy, James, almost one-year-old. He is a little champ! Youngest daughter Avery Kerr Gordon '03, has a baby girl just over a year old and we are fortunate to see them quite often. I am still practicing radiology in the Beaumont system and find time to play a little rock 'n' roll on the side. I was able to get together with some old school chums this spring, Jimmy Olsen and Jon Berman, both '72, and Doug Seed '70, for

a musical extravaganza on the shores of Lake Erie, playing late into the night. We continue to enjoy sailing on Lake Michigan with Sally's brother, Jim Carpenter '76, and his wife, Jenny, on a fine little trimaran named Arcturus. We also dedicate ourselves to enjoying French wine and have been visiting Bordeaux and Burgundy over the past several years. I stay connected with Cranbrook through involvement in producing bronze pieces for the Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association. Most recently, we have added a small bronze owl sculpture as a commemorative for Brookside school, in addition to the bronze sculptures and plaques commemorating Cranbrook and Kingswood. So, we are keeping busy with no slowing down in sight! A hearty 'Aim High' to all!" Glad to hear from **JIM SMITH** that "things are great around the JB Smith household. I just hit 20 years with SAP, now managing a global team as we assimilate a company we acquired. Diane is still a senior technical writer for Abbott Laboratories for implantable medical devices. Our daughter Anne is in her third year of Ob/GYN residency at the University of Missouri, Kansas City. As all of you MDs know, she doesn't have much free time, but we get to see her at weddings and vacations. Our son, Michael, is starting his third year, now as a Sr. Analyst, with Goldman Sachs in Manhattan. His Masters Water Polo brings him regularly to SoCal, and it is always nice to see him with his Buckeye teammates. Diane and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary in December 2017. We had planned an exciting, 28-day trip to Australia and New Zealand in February, but unfortunately, right before Thanksgiving, Diane fell and broke her kneecap. A long recovery, with a couple of surgeries and extensive rehab (she's tough), was rewarded with an extended family vacation on Maui in mid-August. Not a bad consolation and a perfect setting, especially since we missed hurricane Lane by a week. Brother Mark Smith '76, and family have left SoCal for NoCal (Sacramento area)—but we see them at holidays and USC Trojan football games! Hope you are all well and look forward to hearing how all are doing." For **BERNIE POLEN**, "Not much changes from one year to the next (a good thing). My work life continues to be busy and I look forward to backing off in the relatively near future to focus more on my favorite hobbies. For those of you that remember my love of cars, that has only gotten worse. At the end of August, we added

a 1961 Morgan to the mix. Open-air motoring is wonderful. Our daughter, Nikki, is about to get her BSN and is loving being an ICU nurse in central Indiana. Our son, Andy, continues to be an important part of our business and takes care of lots of the things I used to do. Cathy enjoys an endless summer in Florida, and Kippy, our five-year-old puppy, and I stay in the Winter Wonderland most of the time. I will make irregular trips to Florida to get my Vitamin D. Earlier this year, we joined a group of pilots in Melbourne, FL and flew our planes to the Bahamas. We had a great time and hope to do that more often. Happy fall." **KEVIN RODDY** is "still practicing law in Woodbridge, NJ—Wilentz Goldman & Spitzer, PA—representing plaintiffs in class actions and complex cases. My wife, Joann, is in real estate. We just celebrated our 23rd wedding anniversary. Daughter Erin is a veterinarian and horse breeder in New South Wales, Australia. Son William is a junior at The College of New Jersey, majoring in politics and heading to law school in 2020. Son Logan is a sophomore at James Madison University, majoring in broadcasting and journalism. I send greetings to friends and classmates." Unfortunately for **MIKE NEFF**, it was "a smoke-filled summer here in the Wenatchee Valley (as in Seattle), which is just a reminder of the fragile nature of this beautiful land we call home. Otherwise, our past year will be remembered by the beautiful wedding of our youngest daughter Karlie (charge nurse in the telemetry unit of the large regional hospital in Reno, NV); our eldest daughter Jenna's move with her hubby from Denver back closer to us on Whidbey Island (they're both in the PT business); and middle daughter Melanie's success with a start-up company in the transportation business. After 24 years of living in our beautiful 'house on the hill' we elected to downsize and bought a one-level home on the golf course, which will serve us for the remainder of our time here in Wenatchee. But you talk about stressful—de-cluttering 24 years of accumulated crap put something of a 'strain' on our 35-year marital bonds ... LOL! My lovely, practical wife Kristie would have dumped it all on Goodwill's doorstep, whereas I was not always as eager to part ways. But in the end we got it done, and truly cleaned house in a positive way; I love my new home and have vowed I'm not moving again, unless it's in a box! With Kristie's retirement as a nurse in the local school district, our plans are to do more traveling,

including a two-week trip to Italy mid-September to celebrate her retirement. I'm enjoying work enough to plug along in the food business, and really only work three-and-a-half to four days a week anyway, so why stop? Life really is fun, and I wake up most days with a smile on my face thankful for our many blessings and good fortune. Best wishes to all." **WARREN WARREN** is doing his final 'lap around the track' as chair of Physics at Duke (ending 6/30/19). "I won't retire after that, but chair positions in science departments are always temporary—this will mark four years as chair in physics, after five as chair in chemistry. Let's just say that if you watch 'The Big Bang Theory,' you have a pretty good idea about how some physicists act, and that's a good reason why you don't do this forever. On the personal side, the grandkids are now 11, six and three, and all live with my daughter three miles from us, so we see them regularly. Durham is a very pleasant and surprisingly sophisticated place to live; the arts climate here is very strong. I did not make the 45th, but I am looking forward to the 50th!" Well, there's a lot of time to plan for that seminal event. Your erstwhile Reunion Committee is already on it. Stay healthy, stay happy, and stay in touch, Crannie brothers!

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The Class of 1973 is still smiling from the celebration of our 45th Reunion! We weren't large in numbers, but we were mighty in spirit!



Class of 1973, celebrating their 45th reunion

MARY SEVERS SPEISER's "favorite part was the Madrigal reunion singing with Nina. What a pleasure that was. I love that there were so many 'generations' that participated. And we even sounded pretty good. In August, there was a mini get together of local classmates

to attend a Cranbrook House tour led by our **NANCY ALBERT**. She was terrific." The Woodies of 1973 are so proud that Nancy has started as a docent volunteer tour guide at Cranbrook (Booth) House. Nancy writes: "It has been great learning about Cranbrook founders, George and Ellen Booth, and the history of the amazing house where the Cranbrook that we know began. In August, **TINA DENISON** organized classmates to go on one of the tours that I lead. **MARY SEVERS SPEISER, MEREDITH FREEMAN** (and Rick), **LOIS BRYANT** and **MATAYAH MUNRO** came, along with Tina's father, Walter Denison '49.



Tina Denison and Meredith Freeman, '73

They enjoyed the experience and had great questions. Afterwards, Tina, **KAREN RYAN**, and Mary's husband, Marc, joined the group for dinner at 'Reunion HQ.' If anyone is interested in taking a tour, please check the schedule on the Cranbrook House and Gardens website." Meredith herself wrote that she also enjoyed our "wonderful 45th reunion this year! Especially great to sing with Nina (Studebaker) Machus again, to dance in the little gym with **CHRIS COOKE's** band, East Bay Blue, and to hang out with the members of the class of 1973 at 'Reunion Headquarters!'" **LAURA MCLANE FOX** says, "It was great to see all who showed for the 45th. Thanks again to the team for 'Reunion HQ.' Afterwards, in October, I spent a four-week tour of Australia/New Zealand with my daughter." **JOAN BURNES** was "truly sorry not to be able to attend the reunion, but everyone looks terrific in our class photo. I'm especially saddened by the fact that I was unable to be there singing with my fellow Madrigal singers, honoring Arlyce and the other faculty who are retiring. I saw a video of the Madrigal singers performing 'I Must Be Going' for the surprise retirement party. OMG! I couldn't stop crying!!! Everyone sounded wonderful and I saw Mary and Meredith, as well as my sisters Carolyn and Maggy Burnes, both K'77,

singing their hearts out. Nina looks absolutely wonderful! Nothing much to report, I'm afraid; just busy as hell." **DARNELL CARR NEWSUM** was "so happy to be at our reunion this year—it was really a treat. I am forever grateful for my Kingswood years and the many friendships that have been important to me, some for nearly 50 years." **MELISSA REED** is "happy to report that my niece, Hannah Reed, is working at Cranbrook this year—a good reason to come back for a visit. I have urged her to take all the campus tours, so keep an eye out for her, Nancy Albert—not surprisingly, she is tall! We continue to travel while we still can. We had an excellent trip to Krakow, Budapest, Vienna, and Prague in June and a week in Glacier NP in September. Otherwise, the five grandchildren in two states keep us on the road. I am continuing my advocacy business—I like the work and but not the marketing!" We're also proud of **LOIS BRYANT**'s latest accomplishment: "In late August, I completed a major weaving commission for the First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, MI, a permanent installation for their sanctuary. It consists of two panels, each 80 inches by 39 inches; the medium is mostly cotton (the colorful yarns) plus some multi-colored metallics. The design, subject matter and colors were up to me (great client!) I titled it 'Arise.' I decided to use colors from the stained glass windows, which are also the colors of the liturgical calendar: red (Pentacost), blue and purple (Advent & Lent), green (Ordinary Time), and white (Easter and special occasions such as weddings and funerals.) Cheers!"



Elaine Field and Connie Watkins Pass, '73

In September, we had a couple weeks of fun in Alaska. Yes, lots of travel this summer but it will have come to an end with Lisa getting her other knee replaced in October. We had a wonderful time at the reunion last June, especially hanging at 'Reunion Headquarters.' After all the festivities that weekend, we spent another 10 days exploring Michigan's lower peninsula—Sleeping Bear, Mackinac Island, scuba diving in Lake Huron, etc. I was reminded how beautiful the state is and lots of friendly people. Sad news about the death of Aretha Franklin. What an amazing person. I'm so glad I saw her in the early '70s at Pine Knob. Never will forget her at the piano and her soulful singing of Dr. Feelgood." In the **BETH FRIEDMAN WEXNER** world, "life is truly wonderful. My husband Richard and I will be married 40 years this fall (to the same person)! Crazy ... how time has escaped ... I still so often reflect on a past Kingswood/Cranbrook memory and smile. Our son Adam Wexner is married to an outstanding woman, Ashley Simmons from West Bloomfield! Both are attorneys, and their careers have kept them in Chicago (we are so lucky!)—Kirkland and Ellis/Sidley Austin. The kids (who chose to have their engagement photos shot on the Cranbrook grounds) have an 18-month-old, Leonard, who has stolen our hearts! Our daughter, Nicki, is approaching ten years of marriage. Her husband, Lee Eisenstein, and their precious girls—Avery, age 5 and Camryn, age 2 1/2—have been a wonderful joy! These girls have the Friedman blue eyes and personalities with hearts of gold. Lee continues his career at a REIT - VENTAS and Nicki is a private event planner. Fortunately, they live in Chicago, too. No matter where any of us live, it truly takes a village. Richard and I always comment how fortunate we are to have everyone close! Richard has retired, but loves any and all outdoor activities, planning

amazing vacations and simply being a good guy! We continue to live in the city. Please feel free to call or email if ever anyone wants to connect. Happy Fall to all." **LORI DRESNER WYCOFF** sent a nice long update, even though she claims: "Not a lot new in the Dresner/Wycoff household. I can only say that I am lucky to have found love late in my life and be so comfortable with it. Pete and I celebrated our 5th anniversary on September 21. We spend half our time in Aspen and half in Denver, making the drive every weekend. And I mean every weekend. If only we could rack up miles for driving ... we'd be traveling everywhere for free!!! This past year we went to Japan where we skied powder up to our necks, and had an amazing cultural experience touring Kyoto and Tokyo with a good friend of mine who lives in Nagano. I stayed an extra week and visited Nara and the Benesse Art Site on the island of Naoshima. It's a trip I will never forget. I am still making sculptures and pottery, had two shows last spring—my work is selling and it's rewarding to know that people enjoy it in their homes. My step-daughter, Sydney, is working on a counseling degree from Regis University and should graduate by the end of this year. Fingers crossed!! The Dresner Foundation has occupied much of my time and we have awarded many grants to wonderful organizations in the Detroit and Denver Metropolitan areas. My two favorites in Detroit are The Michigan Humane Society and the Dresner Soul Studio where adults with disabilities get to create and sell their art. In Denver, we provided The Bridge Project a grant to support the College and Career Readiness Program which helps students develop work force readiness and career skills. That's about it. Like I said not too exciting, apart from celebrating the marriage of **SHERYL GHEZZI**'s daughter, Amanda, in Mexico in November. That's it! Hugs from Denver." **CHRISTINE JACUS LAPIERRE** reports that "Life is good in Birmingham. We live in a 1925 bungalow, and happy with it! Have a French Bulldog which is awesome! (Second one for us.)" **SARAH BEARUP-NEAL** sends "Greetings, Aardvarks, from Northern Michigan. In November, I marked the anniversary of my first year as manager of the Glen Arbor Art Center's new gallery and Exhibitions Program—year-round exhibitions of 2D + 3D work. The program is driven by our focus on creative thinking and problem solving. Had an opportunity to illustrate both of these things the other day at a meeting,



"Arise," a new work by Lois Bryant '73

In August, **ELAINE FIELD** and her wife, Lisa, had "an amazing dive trip to Cocos Island, Costa Rica. Lots of shark action plus lots more!

when I recalled being in one of Miss Edberg's art history classes (circa 1972). She brought in a guest speaker, a studio potter who didn't make coffee mugs (my until-then only point of reference for understanding the work of a studio potter), but, instead, built sculpture. It was a lightening moment for a 16-year-old, and ignited my life-long interest in how creativity works and informs lives. So grateful for this, and so many other KSC experiences that propelled me to here + now." **JENNIFER JAKUST THOMAS** "purchased a property higher in altitude here in Colorado and am in the process of getting the house ready for occupation. The inside of the small house hadn't been painted since the 1970s. All the bright green carpet was removed and will be replaced with wood flooring. The major attraction at the new place is the view. The house sits on the southeast corner of a mesa and we can see mountain ranges near and far, plus a beautiful valley below. The view of the night sky is fabulous at that altitude. The only houses that can be seen are down the road a good distance—and I mean down. Sweet."

SARAH ELLIS JACKSON sent in a nice family update: "My son, Donald, graduated with his engineering degree with honors which surprised him (not me—I put all his Dean's List certificates on the kitchen bulletin board, so I knew). In August, he started an exciting job in research, design, and testing for Honda and is loving every minute. He has been able to test drive all sorts of cars. My daughter, Kristi, has decided—since she now has a baby girl—to go back to school for a masters in education so she can get a traditional teaching job. The blessing is having time with your own children on all the holidays. We plan to go on a trip the summer after she finishes ... or maybe after she squires the job. My school started up for the year: my third graders harvested some of the crops they planted in the spring, and our school chef will prepare the harvest for their lunches. Harvest included tomatoes, onions, and peppers, so we can make salsa. The students and I have so much fun with this project! My husband, Ron, built a Cobra with Donald. The thing is with these guys, they are always taking their cars back apart and doing something to them. So ... he spent the summer making alterations on that car. He has two other cars in storage he didn't get out even once over the summer. But the four vehicles they do have at home have all spent time apart and together. Counting blessings." **BONNIE KORTES KISS** submitted "The Kingswood

Update for the Kortess/Kiss Household. I retired this year, and absolutely love being retired from the grind of the corporate world. My husband and I have not done any extensive traveling due to health issues; over the summer, he was recuperating from recent spinal surgery. We did manage to slip in a long weekend to Savannah, GA, our favorite SE city and enjoy the local sites, art, Tybee Island and several Lavender Bellini cocktails. So, for the past several months, I have been busy decluttering our house and going through 30-plus years of collecting stuff. I have either donated, sold, or just tossed it in the dumpster! I can't believe what we collected over the years—way too much. We are making headway. I am planning to volunteer at the local Humane Society in the fall, as well as beginning to learn a new foreign language (French). So, for now, 'Au revoir.'" Celebrating our 45th Reunion was amazing—Cookie's band, East Bay Blue, truly brought down the gym. For those who couldn't make it, don't worry, the band is booked for our 50th! Your Class Secretary can't thank Tina and Nancy enough for all the hard work they put into every class bash, whether the official five-year school event or fun local B'ham get together. Following Reunion Weekend, my husband Gibby Brand and I spent another peaceful holiday in our beloved Scotland. We joined thousands in the stands at The Open Golf Tournament (and got to pose with the coveted Claret Jug!), took solitary walks through woodlands silent except for an osprey's call, and toasted 19 years of blessed marriage with two fingers of The Balvenie in our cottage in Dornoch overlooking Loch Fleet.



Lucy Chase Williams and husband Gibby Brand, at the Open Golf Tournament in Scotland

Another highlight of the year was a pilgrimage 69 years in the making, when my brother, Bart Williams '76, and I visited Robert L. ("Big Bob") Haymans '49, in his Ohio condo, to return his Cranbrook ring which, during their senior year, he had given his first sweetheart—his '49 classmate and my mother, Susie Cunningham. Unfortunately, the photo of the three of us was lost, but the occasion remains another poignant Cranbrook/Kingswood memory I'll never forget.

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45TH REUNION—JUNE 7-8-9, 2019

Greetings to all, last year has not been kind to our class in many ways. As you all know by now, we lost our beloved Ben Snyder as well as two members of the class of '74. The untimely loss of **RICK DERESZ** and **MARC RUBEN** has been felt by all of us. I also need to apologize for not fulfilling my duties as class secretary for a while due to health issues that required my undivided attention. I am now better and ready to keep all of you informed! I have found that one way to keep up with our classmates is via Facebook, although I still love getting direct information from you when possible. In fact, I received a wonderful email from **JIM PARSONS** who informs me that he is living in New Canaan, CT surrounded by several Cranbrook tennis team members: Mark Weber '73, Steve Holmes '75, and Howdy Perkins '75. Another tennis team member, Jack Kaspers '75, also lives in the same area. Jim still spends summers in Northern Michigan (Charlevoix) where he has a summer home and regularly spends time with Cranbrook grads Bill Powel '75, Jim '73, Steve '75, Bill Holmes '79, and Denie Cash '75. The youngest of Jim's four daughters is graduating from college this spring, marking the end of 20 years of taking all four to countless junior tennis and squash tournaments and watching their college matches. With all his newfound free time, he hopes to visit Cranbrook more frequently and looks forward to attending our 45th high school reunion next year. **VINCE GUINN** enjoys good health and a busy cardiology practice, although he feels it's time to start winding down. It has been difficult to keep up with **JOE RUTZ**, who is now living and

working in Texas. Both of his sons are now in Dallas. Joe and his wife, Mary, still follow their beloved Wolverines in spite of the distance from Ann Arbor. They were cheering the basketball team on in San Antonio, TX, for the Final Four enjoying the wonderful success of the Maize and Blue. I also heard from our two exchange students. **MAX RINCOURT** is living in Paris where he practices Labor Law and Business Law. **CHRIS NEWMAN** states that living in London has made it difficult to keep in touch with his Cranbrook friends but he does communicate with **PAUL BURKHOLDER** periodically. Chris has been quite busy in the film industry and specifically in the screen business. He had been working on the final season of *Game of Thrones*, a project that concluded in July 2018. According to Chris, this has been an incredible adventure, and who can dispute that! It is difficult to believe that **JIM JOHNSON** is retired. He is enjoying life by spending time as a dad, a grandpa to his granddaughter, traveling with his wife, and playing lots of golf.



Reed Mihaloew and grandson, Teddy

REED MIHALOEW has started a new adventure by becoming a grandfather for the first time. His daughter, Kelsey, and son-in-law, Peter, brought little Theodore (Teddy) into Reed's world in April. With his wife, Darlene, they both enjoy the time they spend babysitting little Teddy (see picture). Reed has been working at MITRE for the last 23 years, his son, Casey, is working there as well. I am in touch with **KEVIN MERIGIAN**, who is busy with multiple activities both as a very respected physician and a talented artist. In fact, when I chat with him I am amazed that he finds the time to accomplish it all. **BILL CUTLER** writes from Boulder, CO, where he lives with his wife Arlene. He is still working as a geologist. In his spare

time he enjoys skiing, trout fishing, and spending his summers in Leelanau County, MI. Mark Okster '75 still lives locally and is a Real Estate Agent/Broker at EXP Realty. **MICHAEL MOSS** is a very happy grandfather living in Albany, GA. Michael is truly enjoying life, having overcome some significant health issues. He is doing much better and looking forward to a smoother ride. Our Attorney at Law, Chris Cooke '73, has been entertaining music lovers in the Traverse City area with his BrewzBrotherz Show Band. You can follow Chris on Facebook for more details. **RAY MATURO** is still practicing pediatric dentistry in Ann Arbor. He is in his private practice three days a week and teaches pediatric dental residents at the University of Michigan one day a week. His practice expanded to five dentists with a second location in nearby Chelsea. They bought a historic post office in downtown Chelsea and renovated it for their office. Ray's daughters are grown and he has one grandson with a second on the way. Our busy dentist recently bought a small house near downtown Ann Arbor and is renovating it from top to bottom while living in it. His goal is to get the plumbing and electrical done so he can insulate it before winter. As for yours truly, I am back on my feet and looking forward to a better year. My wife Susan has been a great pillar of strength with her support and love. My children continue with their respective careers. Marisa started her third year of medical school at Wayne State School of Medicine (my alma mater), Lara is a school teacher in Colorado, Benjamin is starting his masters at MSU, and my youngest, Paolo, is a junior also at MSU. Once school starts, we will again be experiencing the "empty nest" living. But I feel blessed and look forward to seeing all of you at our next big reunion. Please keep those emails coming: Cranbrook74@yahoo.com. My best always.

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Greetings, classmates! After an absence from the last several editions of *Tradition*, we have plenty of news to report this issue. We even

have a few recurring themes: several of our class members have published new books, and others are involved in new business ventures in the Phoenix area. So I guess we all need to catch up on our reading, and plan to visit the desert southwest! On to the news: **RICHARD OHLSON** reported celebrating a recent birthday in Sardinia, where he organized a family game of cricket with a long lunch. The elders did not fare well against the youth, but it did not spoil the occasion. Richard is still working in the Lloyd's market (his company, Amlin, has been purchased by a large Japanese insurer, Mitsui Sumitomo). "We are immersed in the Brexit issues whereby nothing seems to get done and there is little cause for optimism...oh, yes, there is: an English prince has married an American actress!" Richard would be delighted to see any of the class of '75 in London. **DAVID RICHARD** and his wife Kathy were recently visited by Alan Davisson '74, and his wife Sally. "It was great, we hadn't seen each other in about 30 years, although we stay in touch by email." **CRAIG DOLBY** reported last year (during a period when I did not submit class notes) that his sister arranged a surprise 60th birthday party for him at a small boutique winery in Fallbrook, CA, which was attended by Jim Kellogg '80. Craig and Jim previously reconnected at the dedication of the Del Walden Field. Craig recently re-entered the work force after 11 years of retirement, "mainly because my best friends want me to be engaged thinking I can add value and occupy my time—right." Despite working, Craig still has opportunities to travel, and has spent time in Jamaica, Mexico, Dominican Republic, and Europe. **MICHAEL BACHER** recently spent a half year living in India, serving as an interim general manager there for his company. He was based in Hyderabad, a city of about 7 million in south central India, but had an opportunity to see other parts of the country as well, including Mumbai; Delhi; Bangalore; the hill country of Munnar; the Taj Mahal in Agra; and the foothills of the Himalayas in Ladakh. "I had a fantastic experience and immersed myself into the culture as much as I could, I learned some Hindi, took a yoga class (weekdays at 5:30 AM) and participated in numerous festivals and celebrations. I was virtually adopted by a family there who took me to local landmarks and attractions and welcomed me into their home and their lives; their warm hospitality really made me feel welcomed and I referred

to them as my second family. It was difficult to be away from home at times, but I was treated very well and really enjoyed the experiences I had there. I knew I liked Indian food before I left but expanded my appreciation considerably as Hyderabad is a foodie city.” **MARK WEINBERG**’s memoir from his time working in Ronald Reagan’s White House, *Movie Nights With the Reagans*, was published this year by Simon & Schuster, and has made Amazon’s best-selling list. **DIRK DENISON** also has a book coming out this fall, *Dirk Denison Ten Houses*. Dirk said that in his book, “I do talk about Cranbrook and its impact on my work.” **MARK KOGAN** reported that he and his youngest son, Eli, are starting a new business together in Scottsdale, AZ, called “OTTO, which is “a combination of a social club, vehicle storage, and collection management program for car enthusiasts. We own a 45,000 square foot facility in Scottsdale where owners will store their collectible cars and we take care of every aspect of ownership for them. The club has 4,000 sq ft of meeting and office space on the ground floor for members and a 4,000 sq ft second floor club lounge as well. We will program road rallies, track days, seminars, product introductions, lectures, member dinners, and other activities that complement the car enthusiast’s lifestyle. The website is www.ottocarclub.com.” Mark’s eldest son Ben is a software engineer for Spotify and lives in Brooklyn. Mark and his wife, Betsy, recently completed a home in Scottsdale in January, and now split their time between Vail and Scottsdale. **MARC APPLEMAN** is also involved in a new venture in the Phoenix area: Marc is now the CEO of HOME: The Baseball Experience, which “will be a one-of-a-kind immersive, technology-based baseball attraction. The goal is to reinforce the emotional connection people have with baseball and to deepen the understanding of the game. It will be an experiential attraction where guests can be active participants. Through the use of cutting-edge technologies and great storytelling, HOME: The Baseball Experience will reveal hidden truths and little-known stories that will expand every fan’s knowledge about the sport in ways that are easy-to-understand and fun to experience.” Prior to this venture, Marc was the CEO of SABR (Society for American Baseball Research), the senior coordinating editor and director of SportsNation at ESPN, director of programming at AOL Sports, managing editor

of FoxSports.com, chief operating officer at Active.com, writer/editor/producer for Sports Illustrated for Kids, and a sportswriter at the Los Angeles Times San Diego Edition. **DON RODIE**, himself a long-time resident of the Phoenix area, reported “lots of life changes for my boys and me.” Don married Susie London July 10 in Whitefish, MT; they met in February of 2015, and “got engaged on a remote island off the coast of Belize while scuba diving last Thanksgiving.” Don wrote that Susie has a son and daughter, both of whom are accomplished professionals in the food and beverage industry. Don’s son Hartley is recently married, and just opened his first real estate development in the Roosevelt Arts district of downtown Phoenix: “It’s called Churchill and is comprised of used shipping containers modified for retail uses—primarily food and beverage. The project was 100% pre-leased prior to groundbreaking. It has gotten a lot of press and promises to be the hot spot in downtown.” Don’s other son, Preston, lives in New York City and is now the A&R Manager for Sire/Warner Brothers Records after four years in a similar position with RCA Records. Don wrote, “I live vicariously through Preston as he signs new artists, makes records and hangs with the rock, hip-hop and pop music glitterati.” **JOE FULLER** has been teaching at Harvard for the last six years and is “enjoying it immensely. In addition to teaching MBA candidates and executives, I run the school’s Managing the Future of Work initiative. It focuses on how work is changing due to technology, immigration, demographics, the emergence of new types of work (e.g., the ‘gig’ economy), etc. I’ve published quite a bit on skills and education and have new stuff coming on the gig economy and the impact of caregiving responsibilities on careers.” Joe also reported that his wife, Ruthanne Schwartz Fuller ’75, was elected last November as the mayor of the City of Newton, Massachusetts, after four terms on the city council. Joe wrote, “She’s enjoying it, but I’m having to master the art of having no opinions about anything. As some of our classmates will remember, that doesn’t come naturally to me.” **CHUCK DALGLEISH** is now a double-retiree: some years ago he retired as a colonel from the Army Reserve, and last year he retired from Federal Government service. He is now working as a contractor and consultant with several military Special Operations Units; and is also writing a book on guerilla warfare during the Civil War.

Chuck wrote, “I take historical fencing classes and practice archery regularly. As a family, we are traveling a good deal.” One domestic trip included a return to Michigan this summer, where Chuck and **NORM FILL** got together. Next up: a trip to Iceland to study the locations of the Viking Icelandic sagas; then skiing (and ski racing) in Vermont and Vail; and next year a Rhine River cruise and then to the Alps. **BILL POWEL** and his wife Sandra recently sold the home where they raised their four daughters in Shaker Heights, Ohio, and moved into a condo apartment in the same neighborhood. Bill reported, “For anyone who’s downsized, it’s a huge job, especially unearthing our children’s fossilized layers of kindergarten drawings and other ‘treasures!’ We’re still glad we made the change.” Bill and Sandra are now proud grandparents to two granddaughters, Lilah (age 5) with daughter Lindsey who live nearby in Shaker Heights; and Weezie (18 months) with daughter Read and her husband, Pete Lanctot, who live in Chicago. Daughter Cam and her husband now live in Raleigh, NC, and daughter Whitney is associate director of admissions at Westminster School in Simsbury, CT, where she is an alum. Bill remains Canon to the Ordinary and Chancellor of the Diocese of Ohio—“essentially as chief of staff and lawyer for the Episcopal Bishop for the northern half of the state”—a position he has held for four years. Bill often spends time in Charlevoix in the summers, where he has reconnected with **STEVE HOLMES**, Jim Holmes ’73, and Bill Holmes ’79, as well as Jim Parsons ’74, Sarah Parsons ’76 and Don Parsons ’80. Bill also advised that **DENIE CASH** now has three grandchildren: Charlie (2) and twins born in the spring, Avery and Conor. As for me, I am still practicing commercial real estate law in Florida (although my practice involves properties located all across the country). I have the pleasure of working with my daughter, Tracy Berger ’03, an attorney in San Diego, so I suppose that makes our practice bi-coastal. And by the time these notes are published, I will have had the exceptional pleasure of walking Tracy down the aisle at her wedding! My other daughter, Sherri Berger ’01, and her husband recently relocated from California to Washington, D.C., where Sherri accepted a prestigious position at the National Museum of American History (a Smithsonian institution). I am incredibly proud of both of my daughters, and of both of my sons-in-law as well! My wife Susan and I continue to be active volunteers for a non-

profit social services agency here in Tampa, and enjoy the almost-endless summer that living in a tropical climate offers us. I highly recommend it. If any of you are visiting the Florida Suncoast, give me a call! My thanks to everyone who wrote in, and my congratulations to all of you who had so many wonderful life experiences and special milestones to report! Until next issue...Aim High, and keep your class notes coming!

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Greetings classmates. Well, Labor Day Weekend is over, Michigan just gave it away to Notre Dame, and I'm still not over it. Maybe by the time you read this, I will have calmed down a bit. Okay, let's get on to something a bit more positive. First up is **RAY FITZSIMONS**. Ray writes in to say that back in May, he went to Rwanda and Uganda with his sister. Kind of a family reunion trip. They wanted to see the mountain gorillas. Rwanda is a beautiful country, about the size of Rhode Island. They call it the land of a thousand mountains and he feels like they hiked most of them. The people are friendly and it's a very clean country. No litter—at all. They went through genocide back in the 90s. The attitudes are for living life and making something one can be proud of. One Sunday of every month people come

out and clean up the streets—some paved, some dirt, ditches (very hilly with erosion issues) and whatever else needs to be done. Very cool. Uganda not so much. Lots of trash along the roads but the mountain gorillas are worth it. Big and imposing, yet docile. They are fascinating to watch. (You only have one hour with them. The rangers don't want to disturb them too much.) The gorillas have become used to humans as the tours have been going on for a few decades now. They got very close to one family and he got some good video.



Ray Fitzsimons '77, with his sister in Rwanda

Back in Rwanda, they got to see chimpanzees, golden and mountain monkeys as well as the usual array of cattle, goats, pigs, and dogs. A fantastic trip. Ray says he wouldn't hesitate to go back to Rwanda. It's truly beautiful. I also heard from Dyanna Washington, who is **PHIL WASHINGTON's** widow. Dyanna writes in to say that their son, Quinn, just graduated from army boot camp on his way to becoming a combat medic.



Quinn Washington, son of Phil Washington '77

I'm sure Phil would be proud. As for me, your humble class secretary had some minor surgery about a month ago to get a baclofen

pump installed. I'm now the Bionic man who's been assimilated by the Borg. For those of you who are Facebook friends, you know all the details by now. I'm pretty well healed and back at it. Hopefully I can stay out of the Houston Medical Center for a while. Well, that's all I have for this semester. Until the next one... Carpe Diem!

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It was wonderful to hear from so many classmates this fall. Thank you for writing in. I love receiving your emails and photos. You brighten my day! **ALISON PORTER MCADAM** was at a Labor Day club event where members wear their favorite football team garb. She noticed a few women in Michigan outfits and one of them turned out to be **CAROL SECREST CHAIKOVSKY**. They had a great time catching up in the Rocky Mountains after 41 years.



(L to R): Alison Porter McAdam '77, Carol Secrest Chaikovsky '77, and friend

Also out west is **KAREN STADLER VAN DUSEN**. Karen's big news is that their older son Rob married his college sweetheart, Sofia Becerra, in Boulder. They couldn't be more excited to have Sofi join their family. The Van Dusens had a 2nd reception in Buenos Aires this past February where they danced until the sun came up. Son Peter will complete his master's degree in Hydrology and Water Resource Management at the University of Colorado in December. Also in Colorado is **MIMI ROSEBROUGH WHEELER**. Mimi went to a high school graduation party and had a mini K'wood reunion with three women from the class of 1992 who started school together at Brookside. **CAROLYN OHM HOLT** and

husband, Gary, are officially empty nesters. Their two sons graduated this past May from Boise State and UNLV. They are happily and gainfully employed in careers in their majors. With the nest empty, Carolyn and Gary are building their custom forever home in the foothills of Star, Idaho. They love it there and particularly enjoy the beautiful view of the mountains and surrounding land. If anyone is traveling through the area and wants to visit, contact me and I'll put you in touch with Carolyn. **JODI DUFRESNE** and husband, Jeff, are also building their forever home. Theirs is outside of Atlanta. Jodi can't imagine how the Booths constructed all of Cranbrook. It always takes more time and money than anticipated! **DONNA KATZMAN GREENWALL** is remembering Arlyce Seibert and how "she holds the most treasured spot in my heart of my memories at Kingswood. She understood me before I understood me!" D.J. is dreaming of getting our class to take a getaway to celebrate our milestone 60th birthdays. Please contact her to get the party started, djgreenwall@gmail.com. **KERRIE SEIBERT GORAY** and I have also been thinking about Arlyce. We had a lovely conversation about our time at Kingswood and how much we enjoyed and admired Arlyce. We spoke about how Arlyce was such a gift to the Cranbrook community, a wonderful teacher and administrator. **DANIELLE WENNER SCHOENINGER** is enjoying being a grandmother. She and Dick get to babysit their granddaughter, Quinn Bell, and their grandpuppy every 3rd weekend while their daughter and son-in-law work weekends. They love it but by Sunday night they're exhausted! **NANCY KING FERGUSON** is pleased to report that their side of their duplex has been rented after sitting empty for almost three years. That's one less thing to worry about! The more transformative change involves her husband Bill. He was diagnosed with Parkinson's back in '88 but last December Bill was diagnosed with Parkinson's dementia. Fortunately, new medications have helped tremendously and there are many more good days punctuated by the occasional off day. Nancy, on behalf of the class, I'm sending the best to you and Bill. **JENNIFER NOLTE STEVENS** had a fun visit to Michigan when she dropped her daughter Alexandra off at U of M for her senior year. Afterwards, she spent time horseback riding with **CATE STRUMBOS** and **LISA LEVINE ADLER**. They also took a lovely walk around the Cranbrook grounds.

Jennifer's other daughter, Suzanna, is in Northern California working as a medical device sales rep. She had a nice visit with her sister, Suzanne '81, and her family at their Laguna Beach home over the summer. Jennifer and husband Mark took a fun three-week adventure to Morocco in October. **CINDY FRENKEL** vacationed in Seattle and Portland with daughter Hannah at the end of the summer where they had a terrific time and enjoyed the beautiful landscape. Hannah is in social work school in Ann Arbor and will graduate in December. Cindy was part of a panel at a fundraiser to promote Susan Shapiro's new book where Cindy read her piece *My Brother & Kate Spade (Thoughts on Suicide)*, which recently ran in *The Detroit Jewish News*. She was so happy to see **CATE STRUMBOS** there. Cindy also completed a three-day training on Suicide Awareness and Prevention run by Gigi Columbini from the Institute for Hope & Human Flourishing in Birmingham. This past spring, Cindy and her siblings sold their childhood home of over 60 years. It was hard to say goodbye to a home she loved so deeply. Cindy was honored to receive a fellowship at The Hambidge Center in Rabun Gap, GA. Her travels also took her to NYC and to Stuart, FL to be with her father who still knows Cindy's name "and can readily tell you that Einstein was the better physicist than Niels Bohr but has no clue what he ate for lunch." Cindy continues writing, working on her house, and teaching at Lawrence Tech. She is also a fiction reader for the *Bellevue Literary Review*, a NYU's School of Medicine publication. Like so many of us Cindy is sorry that Arlyce Seibert and Claudia Schuette have retired. She said that it was such a treat to hear the Madrigals sing at the retirement dinner held for Arlyce over this past reunion weekend. **CATHY GEIGER PETTER, CAROLYN BURNES, MARGARET BURNES, CAROL HIMELHOCH, and BETH JACKSON ANCTIL** were some of many Madrigals, led by Nina Machus, who were there. It brought tears to the eyes of many in attendance, including me. While in town, Beth ran into the Hagenlockers who lived next door to the Jacksons in West Bloomfield, before moving to Bloomfield Hills. At the reunion Beth and I figured out that I live around the corner from where Beth grew up in W. Bloomfield. Beth said that the Hagenlockers were instrumental in inspiring the Jacksons to send their children to Cranbrook Kingswood. Her son Sam is in his senior year of high school. Carol loved singing

with Nina and the Madrigals as well. She, too, can't imagine CK without Arlyce and Claudia. The entire weekend was special for Carol because she accompanied her father, Chuck Himelhoch '38, to his 80th reunion. Mr. Himelhoch is 99 and Carol is so grateful for that. Carol also reports that her second book on transformational leadership was published in August. **CYNTHIA GREIG** and husband Richard have had a busy year but managed to enjoy spending much of their free time up North this summer visiting friends and Cynthia's cousin Nan '72, who now lives in Leelanau County. In June, they were happy to visit with good friend Bill Yetzer '77. Cindy continues to work as an artist and writer in Detroit. She recently wrote an essay on Michigan painter John Dempsey that will be included in his upcoming publication. Cindy held her first solo exhibition in April, "San Souci," at metro Detroit's Paul Kotula Projects, focusing on the context of the contemporary art gallery as a microcosm of the larger world order. She and Richard collaborated on a new video, "Museum Mandala," based on footage of visitors entering and exiting the museum during the DIA's Noel Night. In July, Cindy opened her two-person collaborative exhibition, "Regarding Space," with Toronto artist Vid Ingelevics at the Peel Art Museum, Gallery + Archives in Ontario and in August she and co-collaborator L.E. Young-Siri enjoyed a packed opening for their second immersive video installation, "Before," at Buckham Gallery in Flint. The exhibition includes video footage from 16mm, Super 8mm film and digital cameras to create a mesmerizing, immersive installation. **CLAUDIA LYNN HALUSKA** and I visited **EMILY MOORE** in the Chicago area early this summer. Emily's sister Catherine Moore Anderson '69, was there too and we had a wonderful weekend catching up, enjoying some great meals, wine, and just celebrating life. I've also been fortunate to see **JANET GARRITY TAGETT, KIM GOOD JOBOULIAN, and JILL YOUNG SIARTO** a few times this year. All of these special women are doing well. I spent a fabulous weekend with Cindy Frenkel in Stratford where we saw a musical and two plays and of course we squeezed in a bit of shopping. (How could we resist that exchange rate?) I traveled to NYC with my daughter, Charlotte '19, where we enjoyed some theater, more shopping, and some college tours at schools specializing in fashion design. (Thank you CK for your

fabulous art-related course offerings and your inspirational campus that have shaped Charlotte's career aspirations.) I also spent a lovely weekend in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada at the Shaw Festival with my husband Joseph, and my son Ryan where I experienced more terrific theater. My oldest son, Aaron, just started a new IT job in Brighton which he loves. Charlotte's twin, Cameron, will probably follow in Aaron's footsteps pursuing a career in computer technology. This will be a busy school year with my twins applying to college! On behalf of the Class of 1977, I deeply thank Arlyce Seibert and Claudia Schuette for the many years they devoted to Cranbrook Schools. Your accomplishments are too numerous to mention here but know how much you are loved and appreciated by our class and how much you will be missed. We wish you the best!

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 **C79**
 40TH REUNION—JUNE 7-8-9, 2019

As we approach our hallowed 40th reunion, we have four classmates who have offered to get the party started. Here are their stories. From **MARSHAL HAY**: "My wife, two sons and I have relocated to Bloomfield Hills for the school year so the boys, Cameron and Clarke, can begin their Cranbrook educations. Cameron will be in 9th grade and Clarke in 7th. We'll now be dividing our time between Kalamazoo, Bloomfield Hills and Walloon for the next several years. The things we do for kids." **JIM ISAACSON** sends this message, "I recently changed jobs and was surprised to join a company my kids had heard of before I did! Being in the medical device space I'm also adjusting to working for a company in the news on a virtually daily basis: JUUL Labs. It's a lot of fun putting a dent in 'big tobacco' and also combating the fad with teens. I travel often to their headquarters in SF and would enjoy connecting with any fellow alums in the Bay Area. Robyn (wife) and I are enjoying increasing travel as the college tuition payments fade (youngest is a senior!). Speaking of increasing travel, I'm hoping to make it back for the 40th, however it is just weeks after our daughter's graduation from Indiana." **STEVE SCHWARTZ** adds, "Forty-years on I find myself ensconced in Ann Arbor

sharing a magnificent life with my wonderful wife Lisa of 27 years. We have two children, Aaron '10, and Kathryn '16. Lisa serves on the board of directors of Northstar Reach, a Paul Newman charity. Aaron is living the boarder dream in San Francisco working in tech, while Kathryn is starting her junior year at Smith College studying international relations. I continue to practice oncology in metro Detroit and serve as faculty at both Michigan State and Wayne State universities. At present I am completing my master's of public health at Dartmouth's Geisel School of Medicine, a truly Herculean albeit ill-conceived undertaking. Last year, I journeyed to the Wind River Range of Wyoming and tried my luck at mountaineering in a month long National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) expedition. All limbs accounted for and no rescue calls to the National Guard. In the two to three minutes of spare time allotted, I have enjoyed raising five generations of Bernese Mountain Dogs, slipping the surly bonds of earth in my Bonanza, and enjoying downtime on the family farm in Suttons Bay. As always, the October boarder retreat at the farm is a must do event for those looking for a challenge. Those who have experience with law enforcement are particularly welcome." I can attest to the awesomeness of "boarder retreat" at Schwartz's farm. All should consider it each fall. Even day boys (and girls) are invited. Finally, **BOB BREEDEN** sends this note and photos, "Hello long-lost Cranes. This Crane ended up in Alaska, via Virginia. I first went to Alaska eight years after graduating from Cranbrook, in 1987. I'm grateful for the Cranbrook experiences of Lodestar, the Smoky's trip, and being abroad for a semester in Cranbrook, Kent, England. With the outdoor travel bug established, I was only satisfied when wandering through Alaska. Currently I live in Alaska through the summer months, May, June and July, with March added in as the days are long then, the skies blue and snow clean and deep. In the fall, I live in Prout's Neck, Maine and on Cumberland Island, Georgia, with the woman I am going about with, Lucy. This follows a career in building and real estate development in Virginia. I sold my Virginia home in 2011 and consolidated to my Alaskan home. I have two children, Brittany and Bobby. Brittany is married to Chris, a financial planner. Together they are planning their move to Alaska. Son Bobby is a pilot with Delta. I'm seriously considering traveling to our 40th reunion in June. I'd like to reach you

guys, enjoy some time together and see where life has taken you. And if you are headed to Alaska anytime soon, look me up!" Hoping to see lots of you at the reunion, but of course you can always share stories and pictures on our class Facebook page Cranbrook Class of '79.

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 **K79**
 40TH REUNION—JUNE 7-8-9, 2019

Hello fellow 1979 Aardvarks! Thanks to those of you who responded to my request for updates. I hope that all of you are looking forward to our 40th Reunion, June 7-9, 2019.



Ellen Lettvin '79, and Stephen Hawking at the Seattle Science Festival

On a somber note, one of our amazing classmates, **ELLEN LETTVIN**, passed away this year after a brave battle with cancer. As one of the Business Wires put it, "Nation Loses Leading STEM Policy Expert." Ellen was particularly focused on sparking young girls' and women's interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) learning. According to Ellen, her crowning achievement as a fellow was to steward the STEM agenda across the transitions from the Obama to the Trump administration. The Ellen Lettvin STEM Education Fund will be guided by collaboration between Ellen's family and the STEM Next Opportunity Fund board and staff. If interested in donating to this fund, go online at stemnext.org/our-investments/ellen-lettvin-stem-education-fund/. Or,

checks may be made payable to the Ellen Lettvin STEM Education Fund, STEM Next Opportunity Fund, 704 J Street, San Diego, CA 92101. **AMY DENIO** toured freezing Europe last February and March with her all-women Tiptons Sax Quartet, celebrating their 30th anniversary as an ensemble! In June and July, Amy played festivals in the Balkan countries with Kultur Shock. Along with teaching privately, she has been producing lots of recordings in her studio, and last January completed a commission by Kino Lorber to compose and produce the soundtrack for a silent film (*The Daughter of the Law*, Grace Cunard 1921) which will come out in a boxed set of women film producers paired with contemporary female composers. Now, Amy is working on another commission to score *Variete*, a German silent film from 1925. This new work is for a 12-piece chamber ensemble, and they will perform the work live at the beautiful Paramount Theater in Seattle in February 2019. After a minor encounter with breast cancer last year, Amy's health is now fine! She was delighted to stay in touch with the most brilliant and hilarious **ELLEN LETTVIN**, who lost her battle with cancer on April 13, 2018. **ELIZABETH HILLIARD SELKA** is back living in London following her divorce. She recently had paintings and an installation in Paint Matters, and exhibition in the Art Pavilion in Mile End (a trendy part of east London), and her work can be seen at her new website: www.hilliardselka.com. **MARJIE BILYEU GELL** writes from Copenhagen, where she and Dan '78, just departed a ship where they are celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary in the fiords of Norway.



Marjieu Bilyeu Gell '79, and husband Dan Gell '78

They both hope to attend our 40th. Saludos Aardvarks from Galapagos Islands from **CLAUDIA HODARI**. Claudia was able to attend the class of '78 reunion party this past June which was "very fun." She suggests that whoever is able to organize our reunion party, invite the classes of '78 and '80, to have more friends involved and more dance partners available. **PENNY ROSEBROUGH DARCEY** and her husband Bill are preparing to be empty nesters. Their youngest son, Teddy, will attend Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, NH this fall as a PG (Post Graduate) student, before heading to Penn State University the following year as a varsity lacrosse goalie. The empty nesters first adventure is an October trip to Iceland, staying at The Retreat right on the blue lagoon and then going to Deplar Farm for five days. They continue to summer in Michigan each year on the shores of Lake Michigan, which allows them lots of family time with their Chicago-based son, Will. Penny also gets to see her mother, sisters Mimi '79, and Kelly '90, and a plethora of nieces and nephews. The rest of the year the Darceys live in Wellesley. **HEIDI OLESEN SHURTLEFF** writes that they had a decent ski season in Colorado. (Heidi got in 63 days to be exact.) Heidi also mentions that they experienced a lot of smoke from the California fires. Heidi is still playing lots of golf (but says she does not seem to be getting any better). The excitement of their new house in Steamboat (completed in April) has made them want to spend a few months enjoying it. Heidi's brother Jake '85, and his family stayed with them for a week (including two 11-year-old twin boys). She reports that it was crazy but great fun. It was non-stop action. Prior to arriving in Steamboat, Heidi and her husband Doug had a very busy couple of months in Laguna with several sets of guests, fun wedding celebrations and celebrating their own 25th wedding anniversary. She went to the Detroit area after Labor Day for an 80th birthday celebration and caught up with Laurie and Rob MacGregor '79, and Dottie and Billy Holmes '79. Personally, I think the Shurtleffs must have cloned themselves to do all that they do. Amazing! **LURIE FRANKEL** experienced a thrill of a lifetime when she presented her daughter, Leia, her senior class ring this past spring at the Junior Ring Ceremony in Christ Church. Leia will be graduating in 2019, the same time as our 40th reunion. Laurie's son, Nathan, is a junior this year, so Laurie will again be able to present

him his class ring this spring (a tradition that started with the school merger). Laurie is the president of the Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association this year. (Thanks to **NANCY VARBEDIAN** who got Laurie involved 6-7 years ago.) As a result (and cool bonus) Laurie is on the CK Board of Governors and will be able to give both of her students their diplomas. Laurie encourages all local alumni to get involved with the CKAA. "It's a great way to reconnect with old acquaintances and meet the new administration." Laurie, **CLAUDIA HODARI** and Harold Hancock '79, attended the fabulous class of '78 after-party. Hopes are that our reunion party will be just as good. **WENDY STRETTON** reports that their younger son, Josh, starts Middlebury in February of 2019. Their older son, Zach Carlson (26) is a music producer and met with Jimmy Lovine, who liked his music and gave him a leg up. Matthew was nominated for an Emmy for best children's TV show, *Alexa & Katie* on Netflix. Wendy's spiritual counseling practice is growing and she is being trained to lead large groups in transformational healing—her dream job!! Wendy and the family still spend time in Gaylord at their cabin on Opal Lake and enjoy those times. Coincidentally, Wendy spoke with **KAORI MURATA** the same day that she sent her update. Kaori is living in NYC and is a highly trained Japanese sake sommelier. The story started when Kaori arrived at the Kingswood dorm from Japan. A friend in common with Wendy and Kaori had taken Kaori to dinner at Benihana. Recently, the Manhattan Benihana heard about Kaori and hired her to train their staff. Kaori spoke to the staff about her story and the friend's family's kindness, a beautiful moment that she felt brought her life full circle. **TRISH BERRY** writes that she is looking forward to the 40th reunion. She was fortunate enough to help her mom get to Kingswood to celebrate her 70th reunion this past June. Trish enjoyed being back on the campus and spending it with the class of 1948. An incredible group of ladies were able to attend. Those Golden Graduates are celebrated in style. Since Trish's mom's accident, she has spent much of her free time taking care of her. Trish gets back to Michigan around once a month and knows her way around better than when she was at KC. Trish was able to attend the Boston alumni event in November of 2018 and she had a great time catching up with Boston alum classmates. Trish traveled a bit and snuck in a quick trip to Hawaii (first time back in 20 years), and was

able to get in some good New England skiing. Trish is planning on attending our 40th. **ANNE NICKELSON HINTCH** and husband Ron are proud new grandparents. Their daughter, Katie, and her husband, Rob, had a beautiful baby boy—Dean Thomas.



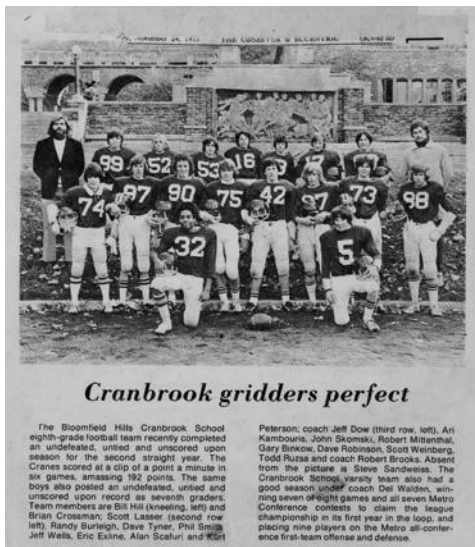
Dean Thomas, grandson of Anne Nickelson Hintch '79, and husband Ron

As for me, **TINA JOHN GRIPPI**, the most notable experience was having to evacuate our home due to the fires approaching from the east, north, and west back in October 2018. The smoke was unbearable and we emptied our pond in efforts to water down the house. I took the girls and the cats down to San Rafael (Marin) and stayed with my cousin Sanny Greenawalt for over a week. My husband Chris stayed and prepared for the fires as they got closer. Our home was spared but we have several friends who lost their homes in the Sonoma Hills, Glen Ellen and Santa Rosa. On a lighter note, our girls, Dani (15 and a sophomore) and Jojo (14 and in 8th grade) both learned how to water ski this summer and also learned to ice skate over the winter. Both girls continue to be involved in sports (volleyball mostly) and are getting pretty good grades at the same time. I am hoping to attend the 40th reunion either by myself or with the girls and maybe the hubby. I hope that several of our local alumni can get together and find a home or a space where the Saturday night party can take place. Thank you for any help that you can provide.

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C80

QUICK TEST: Who are those guys in 1975!!! Everyone in the picture now needs to update me on their lives and acknowledge the fact we were undefeated and unscored upon for 2 years!!!!



Class of 1980 in 8th grade football: undefeated and unscored upon for two years

Updates: **STEPHEN PARK** says he is communicating with **PHIL SMITH** some. Phil lives in NC, he still circles around to see **ADAM PERRIN** at least 1x / year for their informal Amherst reunion. Stephen just finished his 1st year as chair of the Otolaryngology Department at UVA. (Go Steph!) His oldest boy (Dylan) graduated college and is working in Boston for Bulfinch Co. in commercial real estate acquisitions. Officially off the payroll. His youngest (Austin) is a senior at Amherst and playing lacrosse. Still on the payroll. Eileen has started her new career as a growing artist, looking at her first upcoming exhibition. **JON MELNICK**: Our son, Tim, just graduated from Oklahoma State. Our daughter, Julia, is a junior majoring in Speech Pathology at Auburn. My wife, Cami, took a new job recently and we just celebrated our 30th anniversary. **MICHAEL (ACH) ACHESON** writes that he is proud of his son, Mitchel Acheson '13, who graduated from Michigan this year and headed to NYC to work for Ernst & Young in management consulting. His son, Max '11, is researching in Marine Biology out in San Diego. I was proud to see Mike awarded the Community Leadership Award from Wayne State University in January this year, for his commitment to the youth of Detroit. (Way to go, Ach!) **WILLIAM**

(BINK) HARVEY's daughter, Katie, graduated this year and daughter, Emily '16, just finished her sophomore year at U of M (go blue) in the joint Ross business/engineering program. She headed to Italy this summer for an internship with FIAT. Bink is still the executive VP at Transwestern properties. This March 2018, I was honored to host a community round table discussion for University of Michigan Hospital's Michigan-Open program, in order to educate people on the risks of post surgical opioid addiction. Many doctors and judges were in attendance for this great cause, including some supportive Cranbrook/Kingswood grads like: Lindsey (Aikens) Hefter '80, Dr. Matthew Trunsky '85, Laurie Frankel '79, **MARK RUBENFIRE** and Lyle Dahlberg '71. **SCOTT RUTCHIK** says all was well until yesterday, when we found out our Chicago place had flooded from a unit six stories above ours! Oh well, that's what insurance is for. Planning trip to Greece in October. The Rutchiks are always available in Chicago—or Niles—to see our old CK friends. For me, I'm still on the right side of the turf. Listen 80s, as little as you all have written or updated me this year, we might have well been the class of K'38. June Daisley Lockhart '38, wrote in a past *Tradition* that after 80 years of being the class secretary, she was the lone survivor. I know what you mean, June...live long and prosper.

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K80

LYNN GILLOW sent along a nice picture of her luncheon with **JILL MORAN GOLDER** and **CYNTHIA HAMMOND JENKINS**. Lynn has busy serving on the Alumni board as secretary.



Jill Moran Golder, Lynn Gillow and Cynthia Hammond Jenkins, '80

She also helps organize casual get-togethers for alumna in the area at local restaurants. Way to keep us in touch, Lynn! **AMY RITTER MURPHY** checked in from sunny California. She finds it hard to believe as of November, it will be the third year that she has lived near the beach in California. She says it really IS sunny all the time and she often hopes for rain!



Amy Ritter Murphy '80, and husband Scott

She is still playing beach tennis and joined their board. Amy is taking up Pickleball. This past summer, Amy and Murph and I drove from California to Michigan with their two sixty-pound dogs in a small SUV/station wagon! She writes, "I dreaded the trip, almost backing out up to a week before, but it wasn't sooo bad. After three-and-a-half days, thirty hours of driving, four dog friendly hotels, lots of fast food, and crossing multiple state lines we stopped and saw our daughter in Chicago." Allie Murphy '11, is 25 and works at an ad agency as a media planner and loves the city. After Chicago, Amy headed north to our cottage and was able to spend five weeks up there. She had a great time spending a long weekend with **SARAH AIKENS POST** at her beautiful house in L'Arbre Croche, and saw Susan Aikens Post '78, Alice Shaw Aikens '51, and Bink/Bill Harvey '80. Amy's son, William, graduated this May from The Kelley School of Business at Indiana University in Bloomington.

"Yay! Tuition-free after 22 years!" she adds. He has since moved to California, too, and is also working for an electric car company. Amy feels fortunate to get back to Michigan periodically to see family and friends and travel a bit to visit them in Florida and Arizona. The Murphys are hoping to get back to snowy Michigan for Christmas. Amy has had lots of changes over the last three years. She writes, "Here's a question for everyone to ponder... when was the last time you did something for the first time? Change is good." **LISA WELSH RITTER** had a lovely summer after spending three months in Cascais, Portugal where she and her husband, Bill, bought a vacation home. They plan on visiting a couple of times a year and may ultimately move there. Lisa writes, "It will be in the rental pool when we are not there. Barry Surman '80, was our first paying customer!" Lisa and Bill became grandparents for the second time in September when their daughter, Danielle, gave birth to Lucia, a sister for Lukos. Danni and her family are currently living in Cancun, Mexico. **CATHIE BURCH WOLFGRAM, SARAH CUNNINGHAM CLOYD, JENNIFER BURNS ROMEISER, and CAROLYN HARTMANN** had a fun reunion week this past June in Belize.



Cathie Burch Wolfgram, Sarah Cunningham Cloyd, Jennifer Burns Romeiser, and Carolyn Hartmann, '80

They had an amazing time snorkeling, cave tubing, viewing ruins, and learning how to drive golf carts around the island of San Pedro. Carolyn says it felt like learning how to drive all over again. Carolyn writes that she loves spending time with these wonderful women. 2018 has been an eventful year for me, Sarah. My father, William Aikens, passed away in January. We had a beautiful and even humorous celebration of his life in May at Christ Church Cranbrook. My sister, Susan, my brother Robb Aikens and my brother-in-law, Nick Post gave funny and meaningful talks. Nina Machus sang for us and we all

processed out of the church as the bagpipes played "Amazing Grace." The luncheon after at Bloomfield Hills Country Club was so nice as we shared more stories and caught up with friends who remembered my dad at his feistiest. After my daughter's wedding last September, we had three more weddings of cousins on the Post side. My daughter, Katie Post Wagner '05 and her husband, Drew, welcomed baby, Andrew William Wagner, at the end of August. Andrew is the sixth Andrew Wagner in the family with a recognition of my father for his middle name.



Sarah Aikens Post '80, and grandson, Andrew

Katie and family live in Bloomfield Hills so Grandma Sassy (moi) gets to see baby a lot. My son, Robbie Post '08, bought a house in Keego Harbor and works for United Shore Mortgage. He has us signed up to help them move in and I'm grateful that I can still haul boxes. I owe a little of that muscle to teaching at Brookside as I begin my fourteenth year teaching Physical Education. Be in touch if you are in town. I'm pretty good at campus tours at this point! Regards to you all.

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There are times when these class notes are a breeze to write and others when I write them with a heavy heart. On July 26th we were saddened by the news that our dear

friend **TIM CANNON** died while hiking in the Mount Sneffels Wilderness, the victim of an apparent fall. He leaves behind his wife Amy, his children Lindsey and John and his stepchildren Morgan and Erin Pihl. Years ago, I remember putting the shot and throwing discus on the track team. My events were often over before the rest of the team had gotten off the bus. Because of this, the results of my events were announced during other events, like—oh, say—the mile for example. Tim was often the first to offer kind congratulations and encouragement. Then I would sit on the grass slope to watch the phenomenon that was the great Tim Cannon sprinting the mile on Cranbrook's archaic cinder track. Bits of volcanic rock would spit off of his cleats as he'd crunch around the track, lapping his competitors. Then he'd cross the finish line without so much as a drop of sweat to show for it. At least that's the way I remember it. Tim brought the same zeal to everything he did. He was one of the bright shining lights during my six years there and his passing makes this world just a little less awesome.



Tim Cannon '81

TIM KELLEY remembers him this way, "There were only two Tims who graduated in our class I believe, the third having left the school in 9th grade, and both of us enjoyed breakfast

together in the dining hall most mornings. I went because I used to study early in the library and enjoyed the food. Tim did it because he was eating healthy, drinking a lot of water, and often was simply preparing for a morning run prior to class. So, while I was slouching around trying to gussy up a lab report so it would look like Bob Thayer's, Tim was out developing his prowess as a runner. During these breakfasts we talked about all sorts of things, he was always a pretty philosophical guy. But, as I wrote on his Facebook page, I still remember to this day, the importance of starting your day with a glass of water. Even before hearing of his tragic loss, I would often think of Tim as I slug down my first glass of water to get me started. And that was always Tim's gift to others as well. He often would provoke deeper thoughts, or start conversations about something meaningful. On the cross-country team, he was also brilliant with starts. It was the only time I would see him unless, of course, we were running a laps course where he would always pass me on the way to his usually impressive first-place finishes. I wonder what he would think about when he ran because it was clear he was in his element when he did so. For me, I always thought he was a caring and dedicated guy who really took the time to think about what matters to him and to others. In other words, I don't think he did anything to be fast. He did it because he cared about it. And that will always be Tim's legacy to me, that, and the way I start my day." **ADAM GORDON** adds this, "Tim was always friendly to me and a good spirit and it is so sad that we lose our mates over time; some through illness and some through accidents but I really like to believe that all our friends, family and even our favorite pets that we lost over the years meet across the way." **SCOTT STUBBS** sent in these thoughts, "Tim had been living with his family happily in Telluride, Colorado. It's hard to imagine the tragic accident that took his life this summer while hiking in the mountains. What I always remember about Tim (besides being the fastest high school runner in the state of Michigan!) was his kind and genuine personality. Tim, may you Rest In Peace." **BEN CONNELLY** says, "My memory of Tim is that he was a really preppy dresser. He was always buttoned up and nothing ever seemed to get to him. I didn't know him well, but his death touched me just the same. My best to those who were close to Tim," and, lastly, we hear from **BILL ALLESEE** who had this to say, "Tim

Cannon was such a wonderful guy. Every interaction with him was positive. I always felt better after a conversation with him. His manner and warmth made you feel like he truly cared about you. His passion for running and the outdoors was always on display and it's humbling as I get older to see that he continued to live his life filled with that passion. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Roth and Cannon families for their losses. The world is a better place having known these two fine gentlemen." Of course, as Bill mentioned, we also lost Dr. Frederic Hull Roth, Jr. whom **JIM WELLS** describes as "one of my very favorite teachers" who "lived a good life." Allesee also described him as "one of my favorite teachers" and continued to say that he was "...a great inspiration in my life. His humor and intelligence shone through in everything he did from the classroom to the yearbook offices." **ADAM GORDON** says, "I recall having early morning English class with Dr. Roth. Truthfully, it was one of my most poorly worked classes due to the incredible amount of experimentation with fun that year. I got in trouble on his exams with zero sympathy although I will always remember his explanation of some of the Canterbury Tales." On a happier note, I think **BILL ALLESEE** speaks for all of us when he says, "Congratulations to Arlyce Seibert on her retirement. She has been a steady presence at the school from the time I was a student through my time as a CK parent. She has always represented the school with honor and the Cranbrook community will miss her." **ERIC WEXLER** adds, "Unfortunately, while I never got the chance to offer my congratulations and well wishes to Arlyce over the summer, at least Class Notes allows me to offer a few thoughts. Arlyce was one of the more meaningful teachers I had because her classes were always a safe space which gave me the ability to express my thoughts on a topic with conviction. The calming reassurance she was able to provide inside and outside the classroom clearly left me with a lasting positive impression which enabled me to become more confident in my approach to academics and my career choices. I am truly grateful that I had the chance to learn and develop under her tutelage." Well said. In other news, **BILL ALLESEE** says, "I hope you've been having a great summer. It's hard to believe that it's already over. On the home front, our older daughter, Meredith, continues to live in Chicago where she's loving life and

our younger daughter, Olivia, graduated from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago's fashion design program in the spring and is currently looking for a job in the fashion or costume industry that isn't in New York City. So, if anybody has any hot tips let me know! Joan and I just celebrated our 32nd wedding anniversary this summer (man, time flies) and have enjoyed throwing our bikes on the car for a couple of road trips including a circumnavigation of Lake Michigan with stops in the Chicago area, Door County, WI, and Mackinac Island. It was a great way to end the summer. I hope everyone is doing well and I look forward to hearing what you've been up to in the next *Tradition!*" **SCOTT STUBBS** popped this in the mail, "Greetings from Estes Park, Colorado. Time flies as it's been a year now since I took on the real estate development and construction job at The Stanley Hotel campus, the inspiration for Stephen King's book *The Shining*. It's a unique property: 100-year-old buildings undergoing multi-million dollar renovations, 100,000 ghost tours, and dozens of music concerts coming this season. What a flashback to see Rick Springfield and Crosby, Stills & Nash!" **BEN CONNELLY** says that, "All is well in Oregon. I am cancer free after one year. The fires in Northern California caused Portland to have air as bad as Beijing! Hope to hear from more of my classmates!" So do I, Ben. So do I. **ERIC WEXLER** adds that he "hopes we are all doing well as we head into the fall." **ADAM GORDON** adds that his kids are "doing well in both Naples, Florida, and NYC. We will be heading to Harry Potter World to relax next week. I spoke with **JACK BINDER** a few weeks ago and had a great conversation catching up. I hope to go sailing with him and some other 'crew' involved in our former sailing adventures." He also says, "I had mentioned, on Facebook, that I truly enjoy seeing all the amazing things that our classmates do and have done and it makes me happy to be part of our Cranbrook and Kingswood community. Rob, thank you for keeping this together all these years and I can't wait to see your new movie! (More on that later. Ha!)" And, lastly, Adam adds, "I am sad to say my mother passed away on August 21st this year. Perhaps some of my classmates recall the Sue Gordon Bridal Salon at 708 N. Woodward or wore a dress at a friend's wedding from our store before we

sold it last century. We are heading up to Traverse City next week to take both my folks' ashes to be spread out on Grand Traverse Bay. My great great great grandfather (1840's) was one of the founders of the Traverse City Temple so it is a special journey." And that's the current State of the Class of 1981. As for me, I'm celebrating 28 years of marriage to Michele (@MissMixter on Insta) this Saturday. Our younger son, Sammy, is now a senior at Loyola University in Maryland and we're looking forward to hopping out there a few times this year for lacrosse games and graduation. Our older son, Jay, is now a world traveler who counts New Zealand, Iceland, and Machu Picchu among others as his destinations this year. Unfortunately, I can't talk about the projects that I'm working on just yet but there's an animated feature, a dramatic feature, and a cable pilot in the mix at the moment. Wish me luck! Before I go, I'd like to say a fond adieu to Margi Brown who has been coordinating the *Tradition* Class Notes since I started my cut-and-paste-fest during the Jurassic Period. Her patience, spirit, and wisdom will be missed. Well, that's it for this time around. Please visit the Facebook page whenever you get a minute. Even I'm surprised at the updates I find there. It was especially helpful for getting up-to-the-minute information about the search for Tim. See you next time! Go Cranes!

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K82

Hi K'82! I'm writing this column on my way back from Michigan, where I attended the wedding of **HILARY WOLF BORMAN's** daughter, Molly, last night! The big event was held at Franklin Hills Country Club and was just phenomenal. One of the best parts was seeing old pals from Kingswood, including **SARAH LEVINE JACOBS, ELLEN JAFFE SHERMAN, KATHY KLEIN BRESLER, and STACY MAY KLEIN '85.**



Just married! Hilary Wolf Borman's '82, daughter, Molly, and her husband Larry Heymont

Not only that, Hilary's other daughter, Hannah, is about to make Hilary a grandmother in about a month. Now, in fairness, Hilary was one of the first to get married—in 1988—but, really? Grandmother? Not to make it about me but, I'm feeling kinda old right now! In other news, I heard from **FIONA RAGHEB**, who wrote that after spending four years back on the Cranbrook campus, where her husband led the Academy of Art, they are back in Manhattan. She wrote: "While Cranbrook is an incredibly beautiful place and we were privileged to live in Milles House, neither my husband (who is an alum of the Academy) nor I ever anticipated returning to the educational environments of our youth and taking up residence there! I would occasionally run into Arlyce Seibert who was my husband's colleague during his tenure as Director of the Academy of Art and Art Museum, as well as other faculty from our student days. I was deeply saddened to hear of Dr. Roth's passing shortly after we left campus." With Cranbrook in her rearview mirror, Fiona continued: "I am beyond thrilled to have returned to the city, with its energy, diversity, and extensive cultural offerings and a place where we both have friends in abundance."



Three generations of Swedes: Kim Viergever '82, with her mom, aunt and daughter, on a summer trip to Sweden and Norway

KIMBERLY VIERGEVER wrote: "We had a fabulous summer full of travel. We had the opportunity as a family, along with my mom and aunt, to travel to Norway and Sweden. My son, Grayden, traveled to Rwanda on a mission trip to Hope Haven and introduced the kids there to lacrosse.



Grayden (in the blue shirt), son of Kim Viergever '82, teaching lacrosse in Rwanda

And, finally, I had a parental moment this year as I took our daughter, Scout, to Hartwick College where she will be attending nursing school and swimming. Now it is back to work!" **CAROL LEVY** and I traded emails about the nonprofit organization she founded, called Pilot Light Foundation, which works in Africa with people living in extreme poverty. Their focus is on building the framework to enable individuals to have financial sustainability. She said, "The idea of the 'pilot light' is that we will light a small spark that can grow into a larger fire, after we are gone. In other words, we are committed to empowering people to help themselves in the fight against extreme poverty." I asked Carol how the foundation came to be, and she shared the story with me: "I was a dealer of ethnographic art in the years before having children, which took me traveling to West Africa on buying trips and fed my love for the art, culture and history of the countries

I visited. Many years later, when serving as a board member for the US Fund for UNICEF, I travelled on a fact-finding mission to Uganda that really changed by life. I made friends and contacts in Uganda that brought my attention to the types of problems that Pilot Light is focusing on. I found that having a hands-on role was much more interesting to me than merely raising money for a large organization, thus Pilot Light was born. It started as one project and has snowballed over the years to 12 projects currently, all over Rwanda and Uganda. To donate: <http://pilotlightfund.org>" **PATTY SOLOMON FREUD** and her husband Dominic recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. And **SARAH LEVINE JACOBS** and her husband, Jonathan, Jacobs '83, celebrated their 25th! Their award-winning family business, The Robot Garage, which has stores in Birmingham and Rochester, is doing amazing things, especially in the area of STEM education. The Robot Garage is a maker space that teaches engineering and robotics to kids. Sarah mentioned to me that she's very excited about all the work they are currently doing with Detroit Public Schools. Check it out at www.therobotgarage.com. That's it for this time. Please keep me posted about the happenings in your life so I can include you in the next column!

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C84 35TH REUNION—JUNE 7-8-9, 2019

Dear classmates, it won't be long before our 35th Reunion is upon us. I'm hoping that it will be an opportunity for all of us to catch up in person. Please mark your calendars for June 7-9, 2019. Additionally, if any classmates or other near classmates are available and interested in joining **MATT TRUNSKY** and me on the Cranbrook Schools Wilderness Expedition #50 in Tennessee/North Carolina in March 2019 please let me know!! We'd love to have you join us! I have the pleasure of forwarding an update from **RAVI CHANDRA** who resides in San Francisco: **RAVI CHANDRA's** full-length nonfiction debut, *Facebuddha: Transcendence in the Age of Social Networks*, won a 2017 Nautilus Silver Award for Religion/Spirituality of Eastern Thought. Thich Nhat Hanh won the gold, so Ravi can't realllly complain :)! Facebuddha

is a memoir of his Asian American immigrant experience (with mention of his days at Cranbrook/Kingswood), an exploration of the psychological research on social media, and an introduction to Buddhism. Using the tools of mindfulness and compassion, he asks "what happens to the mind and the heart as we try to connect online?" More details at facebuddha.co. He continues in the private practice of psychiatry and volunteer work in the community, in addition to writing and teaching compassion workshops. Details about his activities and writing can be found at RaviChandraMD.com. All the best until we meet in person in June, I hope!!

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As our 35th year reunion approaches next June I find it quite hard to believe that so much time has passed since June 8, 1984. Does that sound cliché? Perhaps I am the only person who feels this way. I don't feel very much different than I did in high school in some ways. I feel a little wiser, I certainly feel a little older, but I don't feel as if 35 years have passed. The world is much different today, almost unrecognizable. Indeed, some of the ways in which the world has changed were manifested in part by members of our class! Those of you who are lucky enough to have your children matriculate through Cranbrook and Kingswood must have such a unique sense of 'Deja Vu.' Back in 1984, we were concerned about so many things, all of them quite intensely. Today I have trouble remembering the feeling of having so little to worry about, save for college applications and Dining Hall Duty. At the time it certainly did not feel like a carefree existence. It felt then as if we had the weight of the world on us. In reality, it was the weight of our dreams, our expectations and all that we wanted for ourselves. Even if we cannot remember back that far at least we can physically come back. I hope I get to see most of you in June. I heard from more people than usual this time and I was glad to hear from some long-lost souls I thought might have disappeared. Before I share their news, I want to express how very lucky I feel to have had this job for the past 15 years. As as we get

to our 35th reunion I ask that all of you please make a sincere effort to attend this time. As we all get older life gets more complicated: we have kids in college, or are empty nesters, we are taking care of parents or experiencing different types of life transitions. Perhaps it's going to get harder and harder for us to come back to Michigan to attend the reunions. For this reason, I hope that more of you will think about coming this year. No one really knows what the future holds. We should try hard to make the most of these 5-year milestone reunions. We are in the process of planning a party that is going to be very fun. I would love some help with planning this party. The alumni office has graciously volunteered to help me find a good venue and some caterers, etc, to make it a really fun evening after the cocktail party in the quad. I wanted it to be easy to get to (ideally without driving—like the Cranbrook Dining Hall?) and I think it would be really great to see more and more people. If anyone has any great ideas or would like to help plan this party, we WELCOME your help and suggestions. I am all the way out here in kooky Oregon, and while it is very nice here it is quite difficult to plan a party from 3,000 miles away. If you would like to help, please contact me by email or phone or text (see below). I sincerely hope you will all make a real effort to attend our reunion. As always, I admire greatly the grace in which all of you are handling the very real challenges of life, whether you are raising toddlers or teens, are empty nesters, starting new careers, or transitioning after big life changes. I am so proud to know all of you and hear about your lives for the past 15 years. Here's the news from your classmates of Kingswood 1984: **CACKIE BOOMER** writes: I'm at the cottage, having been here since early May. There seems to be an endless list of projects I'm trying to catch up on. My father did an amazing job of looking after things and fostering wonderful friendships with so many in the Port Austin community. I reach out to them often for advice and help tackling various maintenance tasks. After moving home in 2013 to be a compassionate companion and primary care manager for my parents, I'm slowly finding my way forward after their passing. While I'm thankful for all of my experiences: travel, coaching, teaching, my family... I am forever changed from the experience I had caring for my parents. I miss them every day, but know they want me to continue to follow my heart. I have begun to shape what I think will be my next adventure.

I am currently pursuing a certification in mediation and conflict resolution through Colorado State University. This program has validated my own interpersonal skills and given me the confidence to begin planning to start my own consulting business. I hope to encourage families to engage in multi-generational conversations about aging. So many decisions are based in emotion and not reality. I hope to help families have open, honest dialogue about options & expectations for aging. One book that greatly impacted me was *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande. It suggested focusing energies on quality of life, not quantity. There are so many resources out there and I hope to offer an aggregated forum and real life experience to help guide others through an inevitable life transition. It can be a positive experience. I spend part of my time in DC, where I share an apartment with my sister Ellen, CK '89. She and I stay busy there with friends, cultural events, and philanthropic pursuits. I'm grateful every day for the life my parents gave me and I'm always looking for ways to share that gratitude. I will do what I can to help with the reunion, but cannot commit to anything specific right now. Heard from my suitemate Junior year: **PAULA KIM PARK**. In the picture is our son on the left and he is a Cornell University graduate (2016), our daughter is to the right of him and she is a University of Michigan graduate (2018), and I am to the right of her and my husband is to the right of me.



Paula Kim Park '84, and her family

My husband and I are empty nesters and we still reside in New York. I am planning to attend 35th reunion next year and looking forward to seeing classmates again! (Paula! I am very much looking forward to seeing you!) **PAMELA GRAND** writes: I am still in Grosse Pointe Farms with my boys, dogs, and husband Tim. I am sub teaching, making metal art, and jewelry. We also have an arcade in downtown

Detroit called Off World that we opened with some friends. We do the pinball machines. Come play pinball everyone! **SHARON SCHUELE WEAVER** writes: I'm sad I won't be able to make it to the reunion but I have a great excuse. My daughter is getting married that weekend. How does time go so fast? We moved to Plymouth, MI a couple of years ago and spend a lot of time trying to update our Very Brady looking 1973 home to a modern day version. Life is good here. We are healthy and happy and have three great kids who keep amazing us. Hope you are well and all my best to everyone at the reunion. **KELLI SPANGLER SHAHEEN** writes: I am still working as a psychologist, continue to be happily married, and my children's business American Oxford is thriving. Taking orders now for fall and winter. Check us out! www.americanoxford2015.com **CAROLYN RANDS** and her husband, Douglas Parker, live in Birmingham, Michigan. Her husband is an attorney that represents the Detroit Land Bank in their property sales. Together they also have a small business flipping houses in the Metro Detroit area. **MAUREEN MILLIRON** writes: I have been living in Naples FL since 2009 and now am a dean at Ave Maria Law School. I celebrated my 25th wedding anniversary with Kirk Miller in May. We have two boys, 21 and 18 years old. Life is good! I miss Prince and his music! For myself, I'm still living here in Oregon. My son Spencer has just turned 14 and has started high school. He is having success there, but high school is so very different now. I don't know if I can imagine what Cranbrook would have been like in the age of Instagram and Facebook and Snapchat and all those things that kids have at their disposal these days. Even the college application process is much different. We are so immersed in trying to make his high school years the best they can be that we don't have a lot of time for anything else. Spencer plays percussion in the band and orchestra, and plans to join the tennis team in the Spring. He has been fluent in Spanish since 5th grade, and is head of a group called Chess for Success where he not only plays chess at high school, but he also goes to his old elementary school and teaches chess to younger kids in both Spanish and English. I'm still on the transportation committee for the city of Canby, Oregon, and I'm still in my book club. After 9 years in the PTA (Kindergarten–8th grade) I finally “retired” from PTA. It was harder for me to make the transition to HS from Middle School than it was for Spencer.

The first few days I kept accidentally driving to the Middle School to pick him up. I did finally sell my 'NerdVan' so I guess that is a step in the right direction. I sold it to our Church Youth Director so I still get to visit it sometimes. It is harder than I ever thought it would be to watch my child grow up. I am excited for the changes in his life and am very proud of who he is, but I have to admit that I sometimes would love to go back to the days of snuggling at bedtime and reading *Are You My Mother?* for the 47,635th time. I hope all of you are healthy and happy, and I hope that you can celebrate the good things in life. The world can be a tough place sometimes but a little peace can be had by just thinking back on our time at this lovely place—the beautiful natural cathedral of the Kingswood Cranbrook campus. I have many times thought of the mist rising up off the lake in the morning, the geese honking in the distance, the swans, the boat house and beautiful sculptures, the green fields, and magnificent architecture. Whenever someone says “find your happy place.” many times that's where I go—beside a lake, beneath an oak clad hill. I very much hope to see all of you in June. PLEASE contact me to help plan our party!

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C89

30TH REUNION—JUNE 7-8-9, 2019

Greetings, fellow '89ers. There will be no made up stories about your classmates in this issue. Instead we are focusing on our 30th reunion. It's right around the corner, so please plan on being there. It's in early June, by the way. **GARFIELD JOHNSON**, I'm calling you out. Please try to squeeze in the reunion between charity events and vacations. **NICK COBURN** has generously offered to host a reunion party after the cocktail party in the quad. Thank you, Nick. Bring your bathing suits, seriously. Nick has a great pool in his backyard. Also, there will be a basketball game for our class Saturday afternoon at the Paris mothership. I haven't actually asked **JASON PARIS** about it yet, but let's just show up and it will be fine. Let's try to have a great turnout, so please spread the word to all of our classmates. We actually have a class Facebook page, so please check there for updates. I'm sure there will be future mail updates as well. If anyone has an

idea for other fun activities that weekend or if anyone wants to help plan something, please email me at erikstamell@yahoo.com.

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K89

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K90

(EDITOR'S NOTE)

Longtime class secretary, **KEIA PERRY-FARR**, writes that she is getting ready to embark upon a tour that will require extensive travel over the next couple of years and needs to step down as class secretary. Thank you for your service, Keia! If anyone from the class has interest in taking on this role, please contact the alumni office at alumni@cranbrook.edu.

CK91

It's been 27 years since we graduated high school...you guys and gals are getting old... Finally someone took me up on my offer to write the class notes, thanks Julia.



Mini reunion in Honk Kong with Kimmie Chow '92, Julia Kao, and Ricky Cheng who hopped over from Shanghai

JULIA KAO has been living in NYC with husband Sherman and son Joshua (7) and recently met up with her host family **AUBIN CHANG**, Melissa Chang Thompson '89, and former Kingswood Middle School teacher Mrs. Sylvia Chang in Chicago over Memorial Day weekend.



Julia Kao '91, with her former host family Melissa Chang Thompson '89, former Kingswood Middle School for Girls teacher Sylvia Chang, and Aubin Chang '91.

She's also in touch with Kimmie Chow '94 and **RICKY CHENG**. They recently met up in their hometown Hong Kong! **CASEY CHEYNE** is still living in the Seattle area with his wife, Cindy, and two boys Hayden (12) and Mitchell (9). He is working at Google focused on their cloud business. Casey was able to connect with **TONY CANNARSA** and **DAVID KRAMER** on a recent trip to Michigan. Both are doing well. **JEN BRIGGS** is still also in the Boston area and keeps in touch with several CK alumni. **JUSTIN FINNICUM** is doing well living and working in the Boston area too, doing well with his wonderful wife and three kids. **GREG ARTZ** is living in Grand Rapids and enjoying his work as an ENT Surgeon in Michigan. More this spring, I promise...

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CK92

Since many of us get regular updates on our lives from social media, the class of 1992 thought it might be great to take a different approach for the fall update. Someone in our class once mentioned that it seems like every one of us is involved in some method of service, either in our professional lives and/or personal projects and passions. Through our updates, several of our class members are sharing updates on particular projects they are involved in and how others can possibly provide support. As a development officer for UCHHealth Memorial Hospital, **MICHELLE TISEO REICH**'s work allows her to connect people to causes they are passionate about,

so that they can give patients and families of UCHHealth the freedom to live extraordinary lives. UCHHealth combines the strengths of the region's best academic and community hospitals, along with access to clinics to improve the lives of patients and their families in Colorado and beyond. Michelle's two particular passion projects are The Circle of Hope Program, providing direct financial assistance to patients undergoing cancer care so that they can focus on their healing; and The Alessia Rose Foundation, that supports clinical trials and research in the field of extreme prematurity and provides resources to parents and families who experience a premature birth. You can learn more about these programs, and give people the freedom to live extraordinary lives, by visiting: www.UCHHealthMemorialcares.org or by heading to [Facebook.com/memorialhospitalfoundation](https://www.facebook.com/memorialhospitalfoundation) and clicking the donate button. **CANDICE TOLL AARON** is the chairman of LIVESTRONG. LIVESTRONG fights to improve the lives of people affected by cancer by providing access to resources and cancer navigation, and by helping people build community and feel strong again after a diagnosis. There are many ways to get involved, whether it be fundraising and community-raising by participating in a Team LIVESTRONG event, creating your own grass-roots fundraiser or by donating directly to the foundation. If you are a survivor or caregiver, you can also participate as a mentor to someone in the same fight today. Alumni can reach out to Candice with any questions or if they or a loved one need LIVESTRONG's help. Candice is also on the board of Dallas Pets Alive, which is the primary partner to Dallas Animal Services (which has one of the highest intake rates of shelters in the country) in pulling animals slated for euthanasia out of the system in time. DPA is an all-volunteer staffed organization, which saved the lives of 1,800 animals last year, and in its five year existence has enabled Dallas Animal Services' live exit rate to increase from 40 percent to over 85 percent. Alumni can support DPA by donating to fund its operations or by connecting with Candice if they are interested in adopting from DPA or serving as an out-of-state partner of the rescue to receive DPA animals (believe it or not, a lot of southern animal rescues ship our animals north where there is more demand). **JEFFREY CALCOTT IMERMAN** and his brother, Jonny '94, have launched CLOZTALK, which is based on

the messaging power of clothing to spark conversations about nonprofits and charities.



CLOZTALK truck—Jonny Imerman '94, and Jeff Imerman '92, startup, CLOZTALK.com

They design and produce cool, high-quality apparel that showcases the name and logo of great causes in our community. Their mission is to help brand these nonprofit organizations so that more people know about their services and where to go for help. Check it out at www.cloztalk.com. **SUSAN POULTON** has had several fun visits from CK alumni to The Franklin Institute science museum in Philadelphia including **JEN (COBB) MIDDLETON** and her family, and **CHRIS MELLOW**. Susan is currently helping to support Elissa Slotkin '94, and her run for congress in Michigan's 8th District. Alumni interested in supporting her can learn more at www.elissaforcongress.com. She also continues to work with Syrian refugees through Project Amal ou Salam (Peace and Hope) who have built a school in northern Jordan and work with other children in Beirut.



Some of the Syrian refugees Susan Poulton is working with through Project Amal ou Salam (Peace and Hope)

Those interested in supporting this project can learn more at <http://projectamalouislam.org>. **BECKY BROOKS** writes that she is still living with her family out in Los Angeles, Santa Monica specifically. She sees **JASON KAROLAK** and **TIM CHOW** from time to time as she is in New York frequently for business.

"**NICOLE FINK LESHMAN** and I are still very much in contact and I enjoyed a dinner with Nicole and **DAVID COLLON** this past fall as I found myself in Detroit for 24 hours." **JASON CANNER** checks in and writes that he is currently living outside of Chicago in Downers Grove, IL and has been there for about a year now.



Sons of Jason Canner '92

They have three boys, Max (9), Will (7), and Charlie (4), who have kept them busy all summer with baseball, basketball camps, soccer, and running around the neighborhood with their friends. His wife (Janie) is working as a pediatrician in Naperville, and makes sure that they all stay on schedule and have fun. He is continuing his work in pediatric hematology/oncology for Advocate Children's Hospital. He writes, "Additionally, I keep myself busy with The Cure It Foundation, a non-profit organization I started 8 years ago supporting kids fighting childhood cancer as they navigate their way through this terrible illness (www.cureitfoundation.org). Summer was great—highlighted by a reunion in NYC with **JASON KAROLAK**, **CHRIS SEIDNER**, and **JOHN SLACK**."

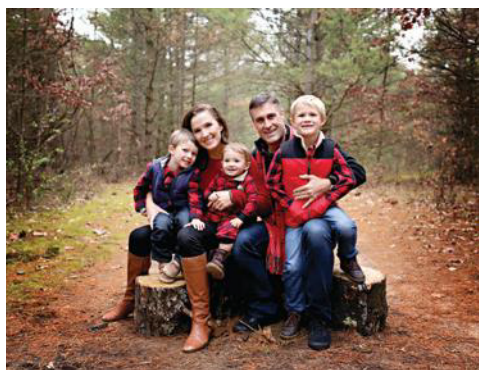
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BRIAN STEWART and awesome wife, Rachel Tronstein Stewart, and their St. Bernese Mountain Dog "Hershey" are

living in Birmingham, and Brian is practicing dermatology, and Rachel works for Gardner-White. **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 living in Bloomfield Hills with his wife Melissa and their two sons, Asher and Adam. **BRAD DUBIN** is in LA, married to CK grad Amy Berlin Dubin, working for a real estate firm called KanDu Capital. **JEFF "HURLY" HURLBERT** is doing great and sounds great and he reports: "I'm operating 2 Full Service Car washes in Dallas, I'm now Soapy Jeff! Sarah Ruth is still moving up the ranks at Coca Cola. Our son JP, recently played for Team Manitoba in the Brick Hockey tournament in Edmonton. Daughter Caroline is tearing up the hardwood in Volleyball." **KYLE MUELLER** is in Birmingham, working with GM, and married to wife Erica, a powerhouse Bikram instructor, and they have one kid. **MATT GRACE** is living in B'ham and is doing a lot of great community work on the side!



Chad Kohler '94, and family

CHAD KOHLER is living in Grand Rapids with his wife, Cynthia, positive as always and reports: "The Kohler clan is doing well and loves living in West Michigan. Spending as much time in the summer sun on our boat or at our cottage hiking through the woods. Caleb is 7 years old and just started 1st grade, Luke is 5 years old and love critters, and Will is a 2-year-old wild man trying to keep up with his older bros. Cynthia certainly has her hands full as a Household Executive. I recently changed career direction from Medical Device Sales Management to Director of Business Development. I currently work at Fresenius Kidney Care, a global leader in Dialysis services. It's a great move and I am enjoying it. Best wishes to all." **SILAS BOUYER** is still serving our country with the Navy and living

in San Diego with his wife and kids. **KRISTA HAMLIN (CHOW)** and **MIKE HAMLIN** are happily married and living in Boston. **MARK VANN** is in Houston and an orthopedic surgeon, married, and doing great! Recently in the D, I saw Mark's sister Monique Vann and she's doing great and so nice! **KEN GORSKI** is in South Carolina and doing great! **STEVE "PRUCH" PRUCHER** is living in Birmingham and sounds as great and upbeat as always! **AARON COHN** is an eye doctor in Philly and married and doing great and reports: "I am still loving the city of brotherly love. Work and family life has smoothed out and all cylinders are firing together." **ANISH PATEL** is an anesthesiologist and happily married and living in the DC area, and doing great!! **DAVID LIU** is in Seattle. **JAY HACK** is living in Detroit and working in investment management and is married and doing great! Sally '98, and **CHRIS BELL**, are living in Portland and as usual spreading good positive energy to everyone they touch in the state of Oregon!!! C Bell reports: "#1 25 years?! Holy snikes! HARD TO BELIEVE. Best be seeing everybody back. You might shout that from the rooftops in your posting, in some way, shape or form. Aardvarkian Crane's Sally and Chris Bell have little major news to report from Eugene, Oregon. Two boys, Lewis (1) and Pierce (3) provide boundless entertainment and need for hair coloring. Painted the house (formerly pink). Growing grass (for a soccer field). Fired up for Elissa Slotkin. Excited for the 25th!" **ROBERT AXELROD** and wife Tami are living in DC—Robert is an attorney! **TERRY KALNA** sounds great and reports: "All is well in Pittsburgh and with life at the Penguins. We are still enjoying our time living in the North Hills. I see Bryan Doner and Jaime Benard every once in a while during hockey season. It was a real coincidence seeing Don while we were playing in Vegas last year. My kids started 2nd and 4th grade this week. I think I spend all of my little bit of free time either at the rink or the pool with them, which is perfect. We open training camp soon, which means a trip back to Detroit for a preseason game. I'm excited to see our fellow CK'er Sam Miletic on the ice shortly!" **BRAD SPENCER** and his wife, and **MICHAEL PARIS** are all living in the Birmingham area. **RYAN UTARNACHITT** is a GI doctor and he and his wife Mary live in Central California. **KEITH LANGBO** sounds great and reports: "Still living in Raleigh, loving life & work!" **DOMINIC HARRIS** is in London with his wife and daughter. **PETER EMERY** is

living in San Francisco and doing great! And I want to give a special SHOUT to **ELISSA SLOTKIN** who's running for congress in MI!! We support you girl!! You GO and keep up all the GOOD!! As for me, my brother Jeff Imerman '92, and I are building a start-up called CLOZTALK - CLOZTALK.com. WE DESIGN AND SELL CHARITY LOGO APPAREL! Our mission is to help non-profits and social causes BRAND BETTER by inspiring and empowering people to wear CAUSE-LOGO APPAREL—encouraging everyday people to REP a brand that's meaningful to them and you're volunteering by just being you! Check out our peace truck, our 30-foot BEAST of a truck that is almost always on the streets of Chi-town or the D! Flag us down and say hi when you see us!! We've got LED tape lights, 8 JL speakers, and a PA—this is no ordinary truck!! We've partnered and helped 50+ charities so far and we are loving the building process! If you know any awesome charities (anywhere in US) that would like to grow their brands and not spend time or money, please have them apply to partner with us at CLOZTALK.com, thanks! Imerman Angels is still rolling forward and helping thousands of cancer patients every year, our TEAM is a passionate one—please send anyone you meet touched by cancer and in need to ImermanAngels.org. We're nearly 10,000 survivors and family members strong worldwide who've all been through the cancer experience and want to give back and help others! THANKS! BE WELL y'all and anytime I can be helpful let me know! Wishing y'all all the best!! 25th Reunion June 7-8-9. See you there.

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 **K94**
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  **CK95**

Greetings Class of 1995! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is settling into back to school routines. In Nashville, it is still super hot and I am just eagerly waiting the fall to come. How I miss the fall colors around the CK

campus! **CRICKET S. MYERS** writes in: "This spring, I was honored with the Ruth Morley Award from the League of Professional Theater Women. The League recognizes one female designer a year for outstanding work in their field. I got to fly to NY in March and participate in their ceremony, where I gave a speech about how important it is for female designers to support the next generation of women entering into our field. This is the only photo I have, as I am horrible about remembering to take pictures!"



Cricket Myers receives Ruth Morley Design Award

Congrats to Cricket! What an amazing achievement!! **HILLARY STEPHENSON KEENEY** is always great in keeping us up on her amazing life. She writes, "I can't recall if I sent an update since last January 2018, but basically my husband Brad and I moved back to New Orleans last winter and just spent another summer in Budapest, Hungary. We just signed a book contract with an academic press for a new book on creative therapy." Again—congrats to Hillary and Brad!! **STEPHEN SHAPIRO** writes to tell us, "Stephen is now a home-schooling parent whose focus is on teaching his kids proper farming, composting and worm-loving techniques. He misses his CK crew and wishes them all well." **PHILIP MAXWELL** writes, "After the past 2 years in Colorado, the Army JAG Corps reassigned me to Europe with a fellowship at the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in San Remo, Italy. I will spend the next year teaching Law of War, Targeting, Rules of Engagement, and other related topics to military officers and government civilians from around the world. While not working, my family and I have made the most of our time here already visiting Spain, France, and various cities here in Italy. I've also attached a photo of my son Louis and I walking around Venice if you'd like to use that."



Philip Maxwell and son Louis

DAMON GOLDSMITH writes to say, "Hope you're having a good summer. My wife Jeniece and I were thrilled to welcome our first little one last year (Mara). I was too busy to drop you a note and let you know when she arrived." Thank you all for writing in and keeping us posted. Our class continually amazes me with all their successes and brilliance. Have a wonderful autumn!

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Happy fall, fellow CK '96 classmates!! I hope you are all doing well. Please continue to send updates and photos.



Class of 1996's Laura Ragsdale Shullman's 40th birthday, featuring fellow '96 alumnae Blakely Lauria, Tiffany Fellberg Harris, Chrissy Wolfram Taylor, Melissa Burstein Gordon, Jennifer Canner and Rebecca Tufts-Bhowmick.

MIGUEL GONZALEZ-PRENDES married Adriana Jimenez in Boca Raton, Florida on April 6th. CK's **KYLE STONER, KAI KNIGHT,** and **KEITH BRIGGS** were on hand to celebrate with them!

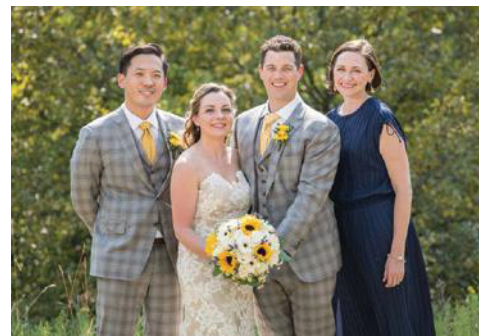


Miguel Gonzalez Prendes' wedding party with Kyle Stoner, Kai Knight, and Keith Briggs, all '96



Miguel Gonzalez-Prendes '96, and bride Adriana Jimenez

MELISSA BURSTEIN GORDON and her husband welcomed their daughter, Shayna, in March. Congratulations! **TOM BROWN** was recently married to his longtime friend, Lindsay, in a ceremony in Victor, Idaho.



Wedding of Tom Brown '96, including Ku Yoo '96

Fellow '96 CK alum **KU YOO** was in attendance and “lucky enough to hand them their rings as they set off on their new adventure.” Have a great year everyone!

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C00

CHRIS RAMOS recently finished up his obligations with Detroit Custom Coach, the food truck manufacturing company he started and then sold in late 2016. He and his wife, Jo Ramos '02, recently started a marketing and consulting agency, Ramos Digital Media, and have been keeping very busy on-boarding a handful of new clients. Their daughter, Sam, is in SK ('30) and their other daughter, Alex, will be starting Brookside Pre-K in the fall of 2018. Team Ramos is still living in Ferndale, and keeps in touch with Bagels, Buns, and Coco on a regular basis! **SUJEET RAO** moved to New York City last fall to join the executive team at Elucd, a startup that builds technology to help city leaders improve community trust and safety. Leaving Washington, DC, was bittersweet for him after serving in the Obama Administration, but on the bright side he now gets to see fellow CK '00 alumni **JAMIE HODARI, SLOAN EDDLESTON, and CHAD DILLARD** very often in New York. **ALEXIS WOLF YANOFSKY** was made partner at her matrimonial law firm, Chemtob, Moss, Forman, & Beyda, LLP in Manhattan. I, **JOE SLADE**, am moving a few miles up the road this summer and settling down (hopefully somewhat permanently) in Bergen County, NJ.

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C01

Bilal Chaudhry contacted the alumni office to say that after fifteen years as class secretary he is ready to turn over the reins. Thank you for your service, Bilal! Any member of the class with interest in this role can contact the alumni office at alumni@cranbrook.edu.

K01

LINDSAY TIEMEYER WINTERHALTER and her husband, Brian, welcomed their second child, Henry, on June 28th. Henry's godmother is former Cranbrook Kingswood student Haley Stevens (attended '97-'98). Big sister Riley loves her little brother and being a “big helper.”



Riley and Henry, children of Lindsay Tiemeyer Winterhalter '01, and her husband, Brian

Riley just started preschool in Washington DC and Lindsay returns to work from maternity leave shortly. **COURTNEY CIULLO** recently finished her MBA at the University of Michigan and works in Detroit as a commercial litigator at Kotz Sangster Wysocki, PC. Courtney works with two CK alumni, Greg Wysocki '75, and Bruce Margulis '06. Courtney is also an aunt—her brother, Jeremy Ciullo '00, recently welcomed his first child, Santino Vincent.



Courtney Ciullo '01, and her nephew, Santino Vincent

JULI GILLIAM DREIFUSS and her husband, David, reside in Illinois with their daughter, Lanie Fay, who turns one on October 14th.



Juli Gilliam Dreifuss '01, her husband, David, and daughter, Lanie, celebrating David's golf club championship at Twin Orchard Country Club.

Juli continues to practice law part-time in Chicago while spending the rest of her time with her family. **LAUREN KERR FREUND** is living in Birmingham with her husband, Nick, and their two little boys, Luke (age 4) and James (almost age 1). Lauren continues to work in-house at Penske Automotive Group as Senior Litigation Counsel. She loves being a working mom while always trying to balance life with family and friends! Lauren, Nick, Luke, and James spend a lot of time on the Cranbrook campus as Luke especially loves the Science Institute. Lauren is also an aunt to the most darling little girl, Gracie, daughter of Avery Kerr Gordon '03 and her husband Ian. **KIMBERLY DOWDELL** was recently named one of this year's 40 Under 40 honorees in *Crain's Detroit Business* for her work to improve Detroit and its neighborhoods. Kim married her business partner, Andrew Colom. **GABRIELA ZAPATA** was recognized with the Health Award from the Health & Medicine Policy Research Group, whose mission is to promote social justice and challenge inequities in health and healthcare, for her work providing trauma-informed behavioral healthcare and housing to marginalized communities. In addition, Gabriela's bipartisan Early Mental Health and Addictions Treatment Act was signed into law, making Illinois the first state in the country to cover early treatment models through its Medicaid program. **AMY MEISNER ANDERSON** and her husband, Tyler, welcomed their son, Zevi, in January 2018.

  **CK02**



Amy Meisner Anderson '01, and her son, Zevi

In addition to motherhood, Amy is excited to be working in the writer's office for the popular show *This is Us*. Amy encourages anyone visiting the Los Angeles area to reach out. **KATIE MECSEY GEORGES** married her husband, Nawar, in November 2017. They are expecting their first child this September.



Katie Mecsey Georges '01, and husband, Nawar

This is Katie's seventh year teaching 8th grade English at the Cranbrook Kingswood Middle School for Girls. As for me, **SARAH JACOB**, I successfully defended my PhD in equine endocrinology and nutrition at Michigan State University in October 2017 and continue to dabble in research. I am also teaching comparative nutrition to veterinary students while enjoying clinical medicine as a boarded large animal internal medicine specialist. Please keep your contact information up to date. Best wishes for another great year!

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It was great to hear from a few classmates this summer! The class of 2002 continues to make news. Both Kimberly Dowdell '01, and **KACEE MUST** made the Crain's list of 40 under 40 this fall, and **LINDSAY ULREY** was selected to EventMarketer's 35 under 35 list. **EMILY NISCH TERRELL** wrote that she ran into **CHANDRA CLARKE DAVENPORT** at a local event—Emily would love to see other CK02 classmates in the Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill area. She reports that she sees **CHANI HODONSKY** from time to time! **ELIZABETH PETERSON-MINOR** shared that she started a new job at Sesame Workshop, the non-profit media company that produces *Sesame Street*, among other programs. Elizabeth is the Director of Domestic Foundation Development, concentrating on fundraising for the non-television social impact initiatives in the U.S. She reports that it's a big change moving from the museum world into media, but also a lot of fun. For instance, in June, Elizabeth had the chance to visit the set to watch the Muppets in action—and to hang out in Big Bird's nest! Congratulations to **AARON MELAAS** and fiancée, Sheila Jackson! The couple got engaged in July 2018 and are planning a fall 2019 wedding! **PARKER LYNCH** is back in Detroit after living in Austin, TX. Parker will be the new Squash and Fitness Coordinator at Racquet Up Detroit (an urban squash and academic nonprofit) on the east side of Detroit. Parker is also in his 12th year of running Born & Raised Detroit! He also shared that he's patenting a multi sensory mouse aimed at kids with autism and ADHD. **HOLLY ZAFIAN** moved from Alaska to Austin where she began a new career teaching high school science. **JOSHUA STEINMEN** is coming up on two years on the National Security Council, where he oversees the international cyber portfolio. Joshua reports that this role has been the honor of a lifetime to work for President Trump in the White House. **MARISSA KELIN MURPHY** shared a photo of her beautiful children!



Children of Marissa Kelin Murphy '02 and Alex Murphy '00

MARISSA KELIN MURPHY and Alex Murphy '00, welcomed their son on June 22, 2018—welcome Beau Palmer Murphy! Beau joined older sister, Georgia. Thanks to all who shared an update for this issue of *Tradition* and please keep in touch!

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 **C04**
15TH REUNION—JUNE 7-8-9, 2019

ALEX HAIMANN and his wife, Sarah, welcomed their second child, Winston Ezra Haimann on July 19, 2018. They're excited to bring Winston and his older sister, Karinne, to CK for the first time next June for our 15th Reunion! **HARRISON BAI** is doing his fellowship in interventional radiology (PGY-6) at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania after finishing residency this year. On the ballot for this year's November 2018 general election, **JAKE CUNNINGHAM** is running for Oakland County Circuit Court Judge. He currently lives in Ferndale with his partner and dog and is a judicial staff attorney for Judge Mary Ellen Brennan. As for myself, **DANIEL CHOI** is currently based in

Washington DC working as an epidemiologist for the Department of Defense. He is working on HIV research in partnership within the PEPFAR interagency space and the State Department. Besides his work, he lives with his partner and cat and is working on completing another degree in Computer Science.

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JAE EUN CHUNG and her husband moved to Seattle and are now first-time homeowners. Their house came with eight chickens (including one rooster) and they're finding the chickens actually entertain them more than they expected. Jae has a new job as an analyst in financial planning and business intelligence. **SHEILA O'CONNELL JOHNSON** and her husband, Kevin, have two kids—Paige (2 1/2 years old) and Elizabeth (almost 1). They have their hands full but are grateful for all of the joy and laughs their kids bring to their lives. Sheila is a Unit Manager at Lockton Companies in the Employee Benefits practice. She has been there for almost 8 years and continues to enjoy what she does despite the ongoing struggle of work/life balance. **SABRINA MUST** is living in San Diego, growing her blog SabrinaMust.com and her content marketing business WriteLessBad.com. She's traveling a ton with her pug, Monkey, and her family is doing really well. After moving to downtown Detroit two years ago, **JORDAN NOSANCHUK** decided to buy her first place in Midtown this past June. She's quite passionate about the city's renaissance.



Jordan Nosanchuk '04, enjoying Midtown Detroit

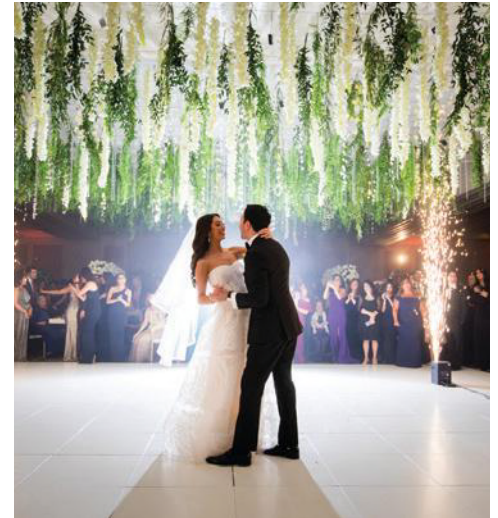
It has been incredible for her to watch the growth of Detroit and to be a part of the movement. In 2016, she left her teaching position in the Troy School District to focus on her health. Upon graduating high school, she was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease (ulcerative colitis) and the past 15 years have been a challenge, both emotionally and physically. However, her most recent tests show that she is FINALLY in remission, thanks to the help of her amazing doctor at U of M and the ongoing support from friends and family. This year she joined a Crohn's & Colitis Young Professionals group and she is chairing a spinning event in order to raise money for medical research. **PAIGE SMITH** just returned from Amsterdam, where she and her husband, Reid, did a quick trip to celebrate their 1st anniversary. They are living in New York and enjoy seeing fellow CK friends in the city. **KIM TRUBIRO** works at Cummins Inc., the world's largest independent global power leader, where she leads executive corporate communications for the CAO and CIO. Semi-newly single, she's been traveling quite a bit and enjoying the freedom to explore the world. She lives in downtown Indianapolis, and visits Michigan as often as possible to visit family. **SARAH WON**, in Columbus, Ohio, started her fifth year as an Intervention Specialist at Dublin Scioto High School. She graduated in May from Miami University with her Master's in Educational Leadership. She hopes to be a principal one day! She will be starting a doctorate program next year. I, **JULIA (KRAMER) PONG** continue to run my in-home daycare Cheerful Beginnings and have started new parent coaching as well to help parents with anything from baby registry to sleep training to choosing the right childcare option in their area. We didn't take as many trips this year as we usually do, but we feel more settled into our new home after round two of projects on the outside of the house. Kids August (1) and Oakley (3) and husband, Chris, are all great as well!

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C05

Hi Class of 2005—only a couple updates to share this time around. **BLAKE GEORGE** and his wife, Jewels, were married last November

and are happily approaching their first anniversary (see the included wedding photo).



Blake George '05, and his wife Jewels

MIKE ILITCH III and his young family are living in metro Detroit, and they are excited for baby #2 to arrive in early 2019. Mike is currently working on exciting new and rehabilitated commercial properties with Olympia Development in downtown Detroit. **COLIN LENEHAN** reports that he continues to enjoy life in Chicago while working as an audio visual technician at Northwestern Medicine's conference center, a tech director for the Midwest Independent Film Festival, and a freelance sound engineer and video editor for a variety of projects. Colin has also been exploring the world of cosplay with his better half, having attended major ComicCons like Wizard World and Dragon Con. As for me, **RYAN ZAMPARDO**, I moved back to downtown Detroit at the beginning of the year and have been working on a real estate business in the city. Please feel free to reach out with additional updates (rzampardo@gmail.com) or if you're passing through Detroit—it would be great to reconnect.

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C06

Few updates this time: **MICHAEL BIRNKRANT** and his wife, Leah, are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter Annie Sage on June 3, 2018 in Boston, MA. Mom, Dad, and baby are happy and healthy!



Annie Sage Birnkrant, daughter of Michael Birnkrant '06, and his wife, Leah

Michael is also currently working on completing his doctorate in psychoanalysis at the Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis. **BRIAN HARBOUR** attended **EVAN HANCOCK**'s wedding in Minnesota in July to Maren Frisell. Also in attendance were **JOE DREWS**, Eric Harbour '09, and Brendan Hancock '09. I continue to live in Houston and am surviving sweltering summers.

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C08

To answer the burning question that's on everyone's mind, the 10-Year Reunion was a huge success. We had more than 50 attendees, which is a big turnout for one of these things. Many of us convened on the Quad for our class picture before adjourning to Social Kitchen in Birmingham for the official class party. We took advantage of the open bar and passed appetizers for the full two hours we rented the roof and then just kept on going. At some point we migrated over to Dick O'Dow's, where (I'm told) our class partied the night away until closing time. So, basically exactly what you'd expect from a Cranbrook party. A big thank you is in order for the reunion planning committee who worked tirelessly to pull off this event: **NICK ANDERSEN**, **MATT BRODER**, **RYAN DREWS**, **XANDER STREK**, and **ARI TYLER**. With all sincerity, this party never would have happened without them. In addition to the reunion recap, I have a few updates from our classmates to share. **JAMES ROSS** is in his third year of OB-GYN residency at UPMC in Pittsburgh. This past fall, he married his amazing wife, Nina, whom he met in medical school. **JEREMY TRAVIS** served as one of James's groomsmen. On the subject of nuptials, **THAD NAPIER-DUNNINGS** and

STEPHEN MANKER want to congratulate **GEORGE SMITH** on his wedding as well. Thad and Stephen served as George's best man and groomsman. **ROB DOZORTSEV** has started business school at Rice University and is looking forward to exploring China and Chile as part of his program this year. **M. PAUL WEEKS** is living in New York City and is currently juggling two jobs as a software engineer at a startup and coding instructor at a bootcamp. Outside of work, he spends his free time playing games, building websites, and lecturing at anime conventions. As for your Class Secretary, **PETER BAUMHART** got a few chances to enjoy the Chicago summer when he wasn't working, including a visit from **RYAN DREWS**. Ryan is still enjoying living and working in Detroit, but he has taken a leave of absence from his garage band due to creative differences stemming from the other members' desire to incorporate bagpipes, steel drums, and more cowbell into the band's music. As ever, please feel free to reach out with any updates you might have, or even just to say hi. It's always a pleasure to hear from an old classmate.

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ARTUR FRUMAN has officially changed his name to Arthur! Not actually tho. He's living in NYC and focuses his time in real estate and running his company ScrapeYourTongue.com. Fun fact—he's recently started eating a lot less meat and cheese. Doesn't feel any different, but he thinks it'll help out in the long run. **ERIC HARBOUR** is finishing off a master's thesis, and working in sports science/strength and conditioning down in the S hemisphere. Learning rugby and searching for Rivendell. **CHRIS JEON** is living in NYC working as an accountant. **TETSU KIKUCHI** is still working in a French military industrial firm in Tokyo, Japan, selling aircraft radars and armored vehicles to the Japanese Self-Defense Forces. He recently bought a 1987 Honda Prelude, with pop-up headlamps. Unfortunately, the dealer is fixing the AC unit before delivery, and that is taking some time. Would've loved to show some photos. **JOSH MASTRACCI** is working at Hyde Park Capital, an investment bank in Tampa, Florida. **USMAN SYED**

is currently in Toronto, Canada working at a healthcare consulting firm. He recently completed a master's degree in Biomedical Engineering from University of Ottawa. **ADAM WELLS** is still living in Seattle, WA with his fiancé Annie Rothrock. Most recently he directed a short film called *Before the Spill* that addresses an aging oil pipeline in the Straits of Mackinac that poses a serious threat to the freshwater of the Great Lakes. For more info, visit www.beforethespill.com. Class of 2009's 10th reunion is coming up this June 7-8-9. Mark your calendars. It will be the 50th anniversary of Wilderness Experience, Mr. Halajian is retiring, and lots more will be happening that weekend. Anyone who wants to get involved with our class plans for the weekend should email me or contact the alumni office at alumni@cranbrook.edu.

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TAYLOR ABBOTT is in her third year of dental school at Midwestern University in Illinois. She and her fiancé, Joseph Vlastic II, are planning their upcoming wedding. Across the Atlantic, **LUCY XU** is living in Athens, Greece after moving from New York City two years ago to build The Port, a company that advises startups and small businesses on fundraising, sales and marketing, and growth by combining American innovation with Greek creativity. Currently working with both clients in the States and Greece, Lucy aims to equip founders across the world with the knowledge and resources they need to scale. She'd love to connect with anyone interested in tech (or the beautiful Mediterranean!). Drop her a note at lucy@totheport.com. This summer, I caught up with **LINDSEY KARP** at **JORDAN BIRNHOLTZ**'s birthday party. **LINDSEY KARP** lives on the UWS with her fiancé Kevin and is finishing her chemistry PhD at Columbia. **JORDAN BIRNHOLTZ** is currently residing in Brooklyn, and started a tech company that makes software to help unions and Dems organize their members and volunteers. His co-founder is Michael Luciani '10. In September, I spent an afternoon at Smorgasburg in Prospect Park with **NEAL ANDERSON**, who recently made a career switch to full-time musician. He is currently

playing gigs in the Ann Arbor and Detroit areas. Neal also saw **CAROLYN CARPENTER** during his trip. She moved to NYC this summer after finishing law school at University of Pennsylvania. She started work at a law firm at the end of September. As for me, I'm still living in NYC, and working in PR & events. Let me know if you're ever in New York or want a dessert recommendation, and I hope to see many of you next June for our 10-year reunion!

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C10

There's no surprise that members of the Class of 2010 are doing amazing things wherever they are! After graduating from UMich in 2013, **ALEX VANDERKOLK** founded a healthcare data analytics company, moved to Cupertino, CA to work with Apple and is now working in Corporate Litigation at Varnum Law in Grand Rapids. He will then be returning to Ann Arbor to attend UMich Law! **ALEC SCHIMPKE** just started his first year at The Broad College of Business at Michigan State University in pursuit of his MBA. **RICKY ATKINS** just announced that he got engaged in May and the wedding is set to take place in August 2019! Congratulations, Ricky! **ZANDER TALLMAN** just moved back to Lexington, VA in January and is opening a friendly local game store called Just Games Lexington. The store is open for business, so if you're in Lexington and want to support a CK alumnus who can take care of most of your gaming needs, make sure you link up with Zander! Learn more at facebook.com/justgameslex/. **GRANT DRZYZGA** and **PHILLIP SHANE** have partnered up on a real estate and asset management platform. I'm sure we'll hear much more about this awesome partnership in the months ahead! From school to wedding planning to business ventures with former classmates, the Class of 2010 seems to be doing many great things. I know there are so many more great accomplishments out there, so, as always send me a text/email if you have any updates you want to share.

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K12

Starting with some wedding and engagement updates (!), **MADI HEIMERDINGER** married Michael Vercelli on June 30, 2018 at Arrowhead Golf Course in Littleton, Colorado. **MADISON ROMNEY** is engaged to Dallen Thomas and will be getting married in Saint George, Utah in October 2018. They had a very millennial romance, meeting on Facebook and will be moving from New York City to Utah for Dallen to go back to school at Brigham Young University this fall. Madison continues to work as a consultant at Deloitte focused on helping organization solve their most pressing organizational and people challenges. Also happy to share that **ADRI VALTIERRA** moved to Nashville, TN this fall to begin her MS in Speech-Language Pathology at Vanderbilt. She is excited to take her first steps in this fascinating field and looks forward to exploring all the nature, sites, and music that Tennessee has to offer. Thanks so much to those who shared updates with me. It's always great to hear what everyone is up to these days! Feel free to continue to share email updates with me (**SYDNEY SANDERS**) at ssanders0603@gmail.com, and let me know if you're ever in San Francisco!

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C14

5TH REUNION—JUNE 7-8-9, 2019

JONAH ADELMAN is finishing up his Chemical Engineering degree and has been working at FCA. He is currently interviewing at some environmental consulting firms, looking to put in four years to become a professional engineer and implement ideas for a new PM2.5 filter to fight pollution. **SEAN BOGUE** moved back to California after graduating from Kalamazoo College. He is taking some Japanese classes at a local community college and hoping to move out to Los Angeles to pursue film in the next few months. **ROBIN BUTTAR** graduated from University of Michigan with a B.S. in Economics. Robin is currently taking a gap year to apply to medical school for next year's class. He has been assisting with research on sentinel lymph node mapping in various cancers and also plans on working as an EMT

in Flint this upcoming winter. **TREY HEINE** is finishing up his undergrad at USC, studying Business, Design, and Music. Trey is the social media manager for Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Henry Cavill. He also works on a startup, Halla, which was just accepted into the Food-X Accelerator in NYC. Halla offers both a consumer-facing food delivery aggregator, and an enterprise SAAS backend leveraging AI for personalization. Trey is based in LA, but commutes to NYC for work when needed. **STEVEN JI** is currently in Pittsburgh for the last five years at CMU, learning product design and will graduate to be a digital product designer. Over this past summer, he interned at an EdTech company founded by a math professor from CMU to provide free STEM content to students from elementary to high schools. The past four years' experience is totally different from that of Cranbrook. He is extremely glad for having a Cranbrook education, and looks forward to moving to a city where his path will cross with Cranbrook and college classmates. **WYATT KAYNE** graduated from Emory University with a BBA in Finance and will start law school at Georgetown University this fall. After law school he plans to practice as a corporate attorney—likely with a focus on bankruptcy, transactional work, or corporate governance. In addition to law, he is very interested in politics and hopes to use his degree to leave a mark on American public policy. **DEMETRI KAVADAS** transferred from the University of Michigan to Washington University in St. Louis. He is currently studying abroad in Cairns, Australia. Demetri is expecting to graduate from Washington University in May 2019. **BELVIN LILES** graduated from Indiana University in May from the Kelley School of Business, majoring in Finance with a co-major in International Business. He is currently employed by Citibank in Boston as a commercial banking analyst in their TMT group. **DANIEL LIN** is finishing up his degree in Biomedical Engineering at the University of California, Davis. Currently, he lives close to the Bay Area. In 2019, he is moving to Santa Monica / Los Angeles area to continue expanding his companies Enforce Enterprises and TicketHarbor, LLC. In the near future, he might pursue a master's degree while expanding his music business into Chicago and NYC. **RADWAN MUNKARAH** graduated from U of M with dual degrees in business and international studies. He is now working at Huron Consulting Group doing healthcare

consulting in Chicago. **REENA PANG** (graduated as Maxwell Pang) came out as transgender two years ago. She is excited to be reacquainted! She graduated from U of M a few weeks ago with a double major in psychology and drama, and is also taking a few years to reevaluate before (probably) diving into applying for graduate programs. (Her pronouns are she/her/hers.) **ROHIN PATEL** graduated from the University of Michigan and worked in investment banking in NYC this summer. He will be pursuing a master's degree in Development and Economics at the University of Oxford starting this October after which he plans to continue working in banking or seek out new opportunities in finance. **BO YUAN "PETER" PENG** graduated in June with a BA in Mathematical Methods in Social Sciences, Economics, and Mathematics from Northwestern. After finishing his internship at Bank of America Merrill Lynch in the summer of his junior year, he decided to return full time as an investment banking analyst in Chicago. His job focuses primarily on investment banking for the automotive and capital goods industries. He just started in mid July with training in New York and everything has been very interesting! Peter met a lot of new colleagues and caught up with old friends, including Anna Du, Maxwell Li, and Sophia Chen from our Cranbrook Class of 2014. He is now back in Chicago and has started full-time work. In terms of future pursuits, he hopes to continue a career at the intersection of finance and automotive mobility and pursue an MBA in the next five years. **JOO YUNG "JEFF" PARK** completed his undergraduate studies in Health Sciences at McMaster University in Canada. He is starting medical school in the fall at the University of Toronto. Jeff is grateful for all his experiences at Cranbrook, especially making lifelong friendships and learning discipline and skills to survive in the real world. **FINNEGAN POWERS** works for Giraffe Design Build, a fairly small, but a well-established and accredited contracting company in the Ann Arbor area, doing work for affluent and interesting clientele. He mainly does carpentry work for them, mostly remodels, but also some full house new construction as well and actually has one breaking ground soon. Besides the carpentry, he also does daily photography work for them, organization, material handling, shopping and driving. The company is paying for Finn to return to academia in pursuit of contractor

licensing through Washtenaw Community College. **SPENCER PURDY** graduated from the University of Michigan in the spring with a BA in Political Science and a Minor in Entrepreneurial Studies and has since moved to Manhattan, New York to work in business development and strategy for a technology startup called Wonder that focuses on scaling knowledge worldwide and provides comprehensive research/answers to any question in under 24 hours. **ALEX ROED** graduated from Vanderbilt University in May 2018 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a minor in financial economics. He is currently living in Charlotte, North Carolina and working for Red Ventures in digital product development and customer experience. **DEX ROMAN** graduated from Babson College with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration and a concentration in accounting. Dex recently accepted a full-time offer with PWC beginning in 2019. In the meantime he's pursuing a graduate degree in Information Systems at Loyola University Chicago while studying for the CPA exam. Dex continues to celebrate the Eagles Super Bowl win every day. **BEN SCHNEIDER** graduated from Miami University in May and began a career in market research in Chicago in June. He plans to continue working in market research and eventually start his own company. **UZAIR SHAH** will be finishing up his undergrad this December with a bachelor's in mechanical engineering from Wayne State University. Once he finishes, he will either go to grad school or start working full time. **NIHAL SHETTY** started his first year as a PhD student at Berkeley in Slavic, studying the relationship between narrative and ethics through Russian literature. **PARTH SONARA** graduated about a couple of months ago and has joined BlackRock as an analyst in Mumbai. **NATE RENN TATTRIE** is about to start his 5th year of college tomorrow to finish a major in mechanical engineering and a minor in entrepreneurship. He is part of an engineering club called SPARK Electric Racing where he builds and then races electric motorcycles. He created and grew the business team there to raise funds for their expensive hobby. He also is a part of TEDxUofM—this year, he is the Speaker Team lead where he's in charge of curating the best possible speaker line up for our annual end-of-year conference. This past summer, he worked at a tier 1 automotive distributor called Varroc Lighting Systems. He

made prototypes that will hopefully change conventions and aesthetics of car head and rear lights. He showed their prototypes to customers and hopefully will have them implemented into production by 2020. **JOHN THAVORNWONGWONGSE** is currently in San Francisco, doing real estate private equity for the lodging industry. Plan for the future is to earn a lot of money-big pockets. **NATE TOMETICH** graduated from Grinnell College in May. He is currently applying to graduate schools for his doctorate in physical therapy. **ALI TURFAH** was the leader of a software team that was awarded Best Software Award at the International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) competition in 2016. He is currently working at a startup in Troy and getting ready to apply to Master's/PhD programs. **KATSUMASA ROBERT UENO** graduated from Lehigh Uni with a BS in Biology. He has been doing research at Keio University in Tokyo on possible drug targets for brain tumors. Robert plans on going to graduate school in Tokyo and live over here as a researcher. **CHRISTIAN WILDEMAN** graduated from Michigan State University and moved to Chicago. Your class secretary **XIEFANGZHENG "WILL" SUN** graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from Washington University in Saint Louis. I am pursuing a M. Arch at Rice School of Architecture in Houston. I look forward to creating democratic, affordable, and socially responsible architecture in the near future. I would like to thank Eliel, Eero, Loja, Charlie, Albert, Steven, Tod, Nancy Mosley, Jeff Welch, Christine Goodale, and many others. See you at our 5th reunion this June 7-8-9. Email the alumni office at alumni@cranbrook.edu if you want details on activities and planning for our class.

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After some time apart, we are full force in making sure CK'14 stays in touch: **ANNA DU** recently attended NASA's historic launch of Parker Solar Probe in Cape Canaveral, Florida. Earlier in the summer, Anna met up with **JACOB FEORD** and **ALI TURFAH**.



Jacob Feord, Ali Turfah and Anna Du, all '14 drop in on Fred

The trio completed a road trip across Michigan and visited retired CK math teacher Fred by the shores of Lake Superior. Anna works at a health care consulting firm in New York City.



Anna Du '06, with Dr. Nicola Fox, Parker Solar Probe chief project scientist of the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, at mission briefing.

SHANNON IRVINE graduated from Kalamazoo College this spring with a BA in Biology and Spanish as well as a concentration in African Studies. She is anxiously awaiting the publication of her first research paper this fall and is in the midst of applying to medical school. During her gap year she is working as a medical assistant at Grace Health in Battle Creek, MI. **ANNA WINEGARDEN** recently graduated with a bachelor's degree in Psychology. She is preparing to begin a Master's of Counseling at Westminster Theological Seminary next month, and to marry her fiance in December! **GABBIE IORIO** graduated from Barnard College in May with a degree in American Studies. She now lives in Manhattan, New York and works as an event coordinator at MTV. **AUDREY ELKUS** lives in West Village, Detroit, and is the co-owner of an independent product design studio named TAIT Design Co. **ANNA THOMPSON** graduated from Wellesley

College with majors in Spanish and Peace and Justice Studies and a concentration in Urban Community Development. In her gap year before pursuing a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning, she is interning in the City of Detroit's Planning and Development Department. **MARIA MALINOWSKI** graduated from the University of Michigan Stephen M. Ross School of Business with a Bachelor's in Business Administration. She works for Walmart eCommerce where she manages the company's online dog consumables business across its Walmart.com and Jet.com platforms. **AYESHA KARIM** recently graduated from the University of Michigan with a BS in Biomolecular Science and International Studies. She is currently applying to medical school, and is working at City Year Chicago during her gap year. **OLIVIA ALLESEE** graduated with a BFA from the School of the Art Institute in the spring, 2018. She majored in fashion design, and went on to help create costumes for Montana Shakespeare in the Park's productions of *Othello* and *Love's Labour's Lost*. **JULIA BRIGGS** graduated from DePauw as a studio art major and now works as a bronze foundry artist in a Buddhist community near Cazadero, CA. She is in the process of welding together an 8-ft-tall standing Buddha and an arch. When the statues are all gold plated and spiffy, they will either stay at one of the temples or be donated to monasteries in India during the World Peace Ceremony. Her duties include molding, wax casting, slurry dipping, bronze pouring, welding, grinding, gold plating, etc. **CLAIRE YERMAN** is at the University of Michigan, completing degrees in Business Administration and Environmental Science. She spent this past summer working in Los Angeles and learning how to surf. Although she enjoyed Los Angeles, she's still trying to figure out her next steps after graduation. She's looking forward to catching up with everyone at our upcoming reunion. After graduating from University of Michigan with a BS in Biopsychology, Cognition, and Neuroscience with a minor in Spanish, **JULIET WU** is at UNC Chapel Hill on the way to obtaining a master's degree in public health, in health behavior. **NATALIE BOLTON** graduated from Rice University this May with a B.S. in Bioengineering. This September, she moved to Tokyo where she works as an Application Engineer at National Instruments. And coincidentally '09 alum Yong Il Kwon is also employed there. Cranes fly together

across the Pacific! Please save the date for our big five-year class reunion on June 7-9, 2019. It will also be the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Experience! If you would like to help organize festivities, submit a class note, or want to get involved in other ways, send an email (or message us directly!) to 2014cktraditions@gmail.com.

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Class of 2017—the best class to ever go through Cranbrook—we hope you had a wonderful summer! It's that time of year again when we send out an update from our classmates. Last spring, we wrote about **COLE THOMPSON** and **COURTNEY WRIGHT**, but this fall we want to share the adventures of more than just two classmates. **GRACE WANG** is currently at the University of Michigan, studying at the Ross School of Business and has been quite busy. Last year she created a start-up with a couple other UM students and they raised 20k to get off the ground! Since then they've been working tirelessly with the help their co-founder, Cranbrook's one and only: **JULIETTE RAYMOND**. Juliette is currently at Cornell and is majoring in Industrial and Labor Relations. Anyway, the goal of their start-up is to create a one-stop-shop for applying to colleges. This means they are working on creating one platform for all college admissions processes as well as scholarship applications. (Wouldn't that have been great to have while we were applying to college?) They plan to officially launch the platform in December—so keep your eyes peeled. Like Grace, **AVA HARB** is also enjoying the University of Michigan. She loves the people and being part of her sorority KKG. Ava also became very involved in the Wolverine Support Network. For the second summer in a row she worked at Quicken Loans and had another incredible experience downtown. The last few weeks she spent traveling California with her family. Speaking of California, **WYATT FRYKMAN** and **ARLO GOLDMAN** had a fantastic year at the University of California, Los Angeles. Arlo is at the UCLA design school and Wyatt is on the pre-med track and joined SigEp.

Wyatt has also continued playing Club Golf (he was captain of the golf team at Cranbrook) and is hoping to join the varsity team next year. He's also thinking about joining student government and the Democratic Club.

CK18

Hi everyone! This is **ALEXANDRA GRANT** and I am so excited to be one of the class secretaries for the Class of 2018. I am currently at the University of Michigan studying political science on a pre-law track. While I miss the days of receiving numerous tickets from Securitas or watching hordes of students trying to fight their way onto the bus, I am so excited to see what everyone will accomplish during their college years and beyond. This is **CHARLIE PANFIL**, and like Alex, I'm excited to be a class secretary for the class of 2018. I'm currently at The George Washington University studying political science in GW's Politics and Values Program. While moving into GW feels like a fifth year in the Cranbrook dorm, I'm glad to be in D.C. and some air conditioning. Even though our class achieved so much at Cranbrook, I can't wait to see how our class exceeds expectations at their new universities and beyond. Three 2018 alumni started their freshman year early with basic training at elite military service academies. **SAMANTHA CHINN**, who is studying Operations Research and is a member of the competitive cycling team at the United States Military Academy, most looks forward to her mathematics and German language classes this fall. **DAVIS SCHILLER**, who is studying Space Operations and is a member of the mens' lacrosse team at the United States Air Force Academy, described how all in one day he and the other new students were gassed, completed 300 push-ups and training to use an M4 carbine. **PATRICK BAKER** is studying Weapons System Engineering and is a member of the parachute and CrossFit team at the United States Naval Academy. Patrick described his plebe summer as "hard but it's so worth it and you become extremely close to everyone in your company who is enduring it with you." Sammy, Davis, and Patrick will go onto bravely serve in their respective branch of the United States Armed Forces once they graduate. We look forward to hearing more about what you all have done throughout the year!

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Wyatt Frykman '17, at UCLA

Meanwhile back in the Midwest, **TRISTAN KNOER** is playing football at Denison University and is majoring in Economics and German. He loved his first year and this summer lived in Frankfurt, Germany for 10 weeks to practice his German and train for football season. **JALEN ALLEN** is also getting ready for a big football season this year at Columbia University. He is loving New York City and is excited to explore some more this year. Also in NYC at NYU is **GRACIE GILBERT** who started off in their dance program, but switched and is now studying psychology. Gracie also went to France over the summer before interning in downtown Detroit for the last two months. She has also been wanting to start a YouTube channel for a while and finally did! She loves it and you guys should definitely check out her videos.

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HONORARY ALUMNI

Our group is growing with this year's addition of honorary alumni **CLAUDIA SCHUETTE** and **DAVID WATSON**. The Cranbrook Kingswood Alumni Association made the announcement and gave them their school rings at their annual meeting last May.



Claudia Schuette and David Watson, the newest honorary alumni

Claudia was Dean of Faculty and a math teacher prior to that position (47 years of tenure at the schools). David was a faculty member for 33 years and advisor for the *Crane-Clarion* for more than 30. Some fun details are that Claudia's daughter, Meredith '95, was present when CKAA President-Elect Laurie Frankel '79, presented Claudia with the ring and was the first to give it a twist. Past CKAA President Lauren Kerr Freund '01, presented David Watson with his ring. We hope that we will hear from both Claudia and David in the future. **SUZAN BAMFORD** was the first to respond with her news—she has moved into a "beautiful restored factory building" in Warren, Rhode Island, and we send her best wishes in her new environment. **BETSY CLARK** is living at a facility in Rochester Hills. She moved there to recuperate after a bad case of pneumonia laid her low last winter. She is doing better, and you can write her care of Medilodge, 1480 Walton Blvd, Rochester Hills, MI 48309. **PHEBE**

GOLDSTEIN and her husband Sid had fun at the retirement festivities held at this past reunion and at the Senior Alumni dinner held this fall. We all wish **ARLYCE SEIBERT** the best in her retirement and hope to hear from her for this column in the years ahead. As for me, Tom and I have been out and about this year—in March we were in Fort Lauderdale during spring break (what an experience that was!), Chicago in April, and have had a busy summer. We were in California for the first two weeks in June. The first week we flew to San Diego and stayed with our grandsons, Ben, 15, and Sam, 13, while their parents—our daughter, Jennifer, and her husband, Steve—went to Hawaii to celebrate their 50th birthdays. The next week we took the train to Long Beach to meet our new (and first) granddaughter, Mila Rose, a little beauty of course. On our spring train trip to Chicago, the train stopped in New Buffalo, MI. Looking out the train window, we thought it was a beautiful spot close to Lake Michigan. So in August we went back to check it out—lovely—and the hotel had many nice amenities. Later that month we took our annual trip to Charlevoix, but we had to postpone it a bit as we watched the weather reports for some days without rain. And finally we are going to Italy for 11 days in October—happy to be doing what retirees do.

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FORMER FACULTY

Recent months have been prolific with big Cranbrook Kingswood milestones bringing home many former faculty to sacred soil. The retirement of Director of Schools **ARLYCE SEIBERT** was an emotional purging of epic proportions. Faculty from several decades joined in the celebration to honor Arlyce's 47-year career as well as the retirement of colleagues **CLAUDIA SCHUETTE, DAVID WATSON, JEFF MILLER, TOM BURGESS, CELE YEAGER, SANDY HERTZ, and JUDY KECK.**



Jeff Miller celebrates a 38 year career at Cranbrook Schools surrounded by family and colleagues

Among those spotted on campus for the weekend festivities were **JEFF VENNELL, DEBBIE RUTZEN, FRAN DAGBOVIE, MARYAGNES VANKLAVEREN, DAVID COX, JOHN WINTER, NINA MACHUS, JIMMY KECK, DAVID TIDWELL, HERB SNITZ, WILMA HAATAJA, FRANK NORTON, DEL WALDEN and GINNY CROSS WALDEN, and MARIA CASWELL.**



Linda Burgess, Jen Uhl, Herb Snitz and Kristen Burgess Ruud '00



Maryagnes VanKlaveren, Fran Dagbovie, Mo Briske and Jeff Miller at "A Celebration of Excellence"



CEC President Dom DiMarco and Deborah Rutzen celebrate "A Tradition of Excellence"

Nina Machus came out of retirement to conduct a very special group of alumni Madrigals in a moving rendition of Hannisian's "Movin' On" for the retirees that drew raves from the crowd.



Nina Machus conducting Madrigal alumni

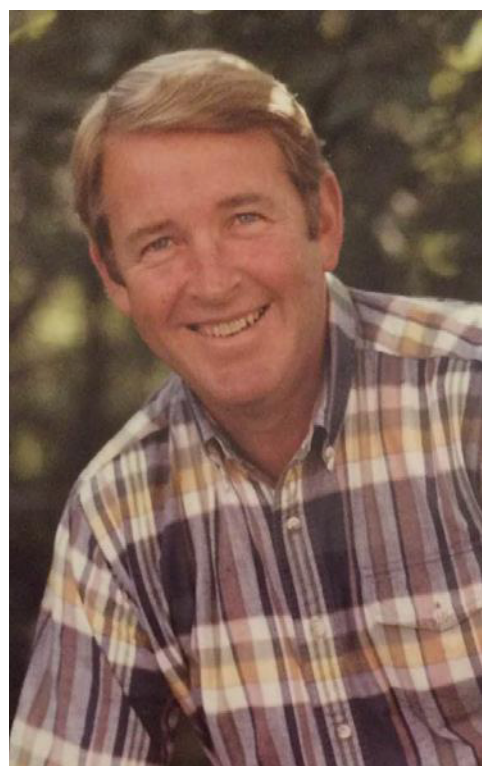
Our sweet-tempered, longtime keyboard instructor, **JAN WELLS**, reports that she and her husband, Dr. Jim Wells, former Cranbrook Institute of Science botanist, are very happy and active in their retirement in Nashville, Tennessee. Jan is still an avid tennis player, busy as always. Jim tries to stay one step ahead of property repairs and brush cleaning. In September, past winners of the Frances Miller Dawkins Award for Excellence in Teaching, including **DR. JEFFREY WELCH, DR. BOB COWIE, CLAUDIA SCHUETTE, MARIA CASWELL, and SANDY HERTZ** joined homecoming honoree Pete Dawkins '55, who made a special tribute dinner in their honor at Cranbrook House. **DR. JEFFREY WELCH** returned to campus in early October to continue his campus architecture tours. His focus was Kingswood School and the human scale on which it was conceived by Saarinen. Dr. Welch pointed out how Saarinen's vision integrated the contributions of Carl Milles and George Booth. As usual, he provided an eloquent and exciting re-discovery of this place. **JIM PICKETT** celebrated his sixth year as Head of Upper School at Castilleja School in Palo Alto, CA, by giving a diploma to his daughter (and Brookside alumna) Anna Pickett. Anna matriculated to Mount Holyoke College in the fall.



Kathy Discenna and David Tidwell prepare for the reunion memorial service

We pass along the sad news of the passing of **MARIE VALLANCE**, a beloved member of the religion department in the early 1980s. What do **SANDRA SHAW** (middle school French), and **RENEE NORRED** (BMS librarian) have in common? Both of them can and will, without prompting, bring up photos of young grandchildren on their phones in seconds. Sad news to share with the loss of Physical Education and Cranbrook tennis legend **DON BROWN**, and iconic English teachers **FRED ROTH** and **TOM MURDOCK**. More below.

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Don Brown

DON BROWN **1936-2018**

Don's deep blue eyes and radiant smile made an instant impression. Nicknamed affectionately as "the man with the yellow hat" by students and "Don the dominator" by respectful coaches, Don was appointed in 1972 as instructor of physical education at Brookside. He took over head coaching responsibilities for a tennis team that was 4-11 that year and won Cranbrook's first state championship in tennis. At his retirement in 2001, his teams had won sixteen state championships and nine second place

state championship finishes. Don's teams achieved 327 wins against only 52 losses. Don's coaching honors were prolific. He was a district National High School Athletic Coaches Association Coach of the Year in 1989 and 1993. He also was elected to the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association Hall of Fame. In 1996, Don was named the National High School Athletic Tennis Coaches Association "Coach of the Year", the highest honor afforded a high school tennis coach in the country. "Like a lot of coaches, I never just teach forehands and backhands," he recently shared. "I attempt to instill faith and life-time values. It is easy for a coach to identify someone with good hand-eye coordination and who is quick and athletic. But winning is about attitude as much as aptitude. I taught my tennis players that they needed to be accountable to their teammates, themselves and the coaches. I always taught my students that you manage mistakes by learning to play within your abilities and realizing that managing and minimizing mistakes in tennis—and in life—is critical. Tennis teaches you to accept responsibility because only you can prepare to compete. You also learn to win graciously and lose with honor. Gloating after a win or making excuses after a loss doesn't work in tennis—or in life." Don, who grew up in Detroit, didn't start playing tennis until his sophomore year in high school and then only because his football coach also coached tennis and encouraged Don to join the team as a way of conditioning for fall football. Don was the team's quarterback. Within one year, he and a teammate won the city doubles championship, and, in Don's senior year, he was runner up to the city's singles tennis championship. He received a partial tennis scholarship to attend University of Michigan but his father's sudden blindness put a financial strain on the family. He attended Wayne State University instead, where he played varsity tennis all four years and was captain in his junior and senior years. In 1959, Don became a tennis pro. He did workshops with famous players like Chrissie Evert. He also had fun coaching his daughter Bonnie who is a tennis coach in Portland, Oregon. Don and his wife, Susan, raised five children. In 2000, Don and Susan moved to Vero Beach, Florida, where he was very active in the First Presbyterian Church. (Parts of this article are taken with credit to Stanford Erickson, "Don Brown—His Real Racquet is Serving God and Us".)



Frederic Roth

DR. FRED ROTH **1941-2018**

With the news of his passing, Facebook blew up with tributes to his teaching genius. Many of them started with something like "Fred is the reason I...". Dr. Frederic Hull Roth was always at the center of a swarm of adoring students. Gales of laughter filled his classroom. An aura of infinite patience and saintly kindness enfolded him. Campus pilgrimages by alums were never complete without a reunion with Fred. After completing his B.A. at Yale and Ph.D. at the University of Virginia, Fred did a short teaching stint at Hamilton College. Fred brought his beloved wife Kathy and their three children to Cranbrook School in 1997, where he soon became head of the English department and a teaching legend. Wordlessly, Fred could persuade you that you were irresistibly funny, brilliant, original. Worshipful students ensured that the secret formula of their favorite class, "Romantic Quest" or "Shakespeare," was never tampered with. His comments on papers and quarterly evaluations were the stuff of school folklore, renowned for their flair, perspicacity, the affectionate elbow in the ribs, and, yes, their length. Fred was also appreciated for his remarkable capacity to listen and to empathize. Such qualities, the writer can attest, rescued many young faculty from the frying pan at various times. Fred had a prodigious gift of bringing characters to life,

from Shakespeare to contemporary movies. Voices spilled out of him. The sharpest student wags followed Fred to a position with the Brook. The distribution of the yearbook in early June became one of the most anticipated moments of the school year. Always testing Fred's benign leadership, artfully cropped photos, skillful caricatures, bogus college essays, and imagined faculty conversations pressed the outer limits of adolescent humor. Fred and Kathy regularly opened their home for class parties themed around a syllabus as long as the Bayeux Tapestry. At Fred's memorial service this past September, young Fred created a slideshow with original music and Kim made unforgettable remarks. Lara read from a beautiful tribute, excerpted as follows: "His most prodigious traits were readily apparent through even his last days in the hospital, where he entertained and enlightened every nurse, doctor, and visitor who entered his room. It was always like that with my dad: whoever you were, you felt rewarded just listening to him. He had the gift of speech: he could turn a phrase perfectly and be so extemporaneously clever and effortlessly charming. On the last night that I talked to my father, I left his bedside by whispering in his ear, "Good Night Sweet Prince," thinking I was clever quoting some of Horatio's last words to his dying friend Hamlet. My father, not missing a beat, smiled sweetly, and clearly and loudly delivered Horatio's next line: "And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest!" He loved joking around with everyone, especially his grandchildren and his students, who tried their best to keep up with him." Fred taught at Cranbrook School until 1991, when the call to join family on the west coast could no longer be resisted. He went on to complete a spectacular teaching career at the Stevenson School in Pebble Beach, California.



Tom Murdock

TOM MURDOCK

JANUARY 15, 1970-NOVEMBER 02, 2018

Thomas Jerald Murdock, cofounder of Moodlerooms and gifted high school English teacher, died of a heart attack Nov. 2, 2018 while on a business trip in Colorado. He was 48. Mr. Murdock was a talented poet and musician; he loved hiking and traveling on little known back roads, where he did not mind getting lost; he loved the lakes and rivers of northern Michigan, as well as the lyrics of Greg Brown and Bob Dylan. Mr. Murdock strongly disliked Donald Trump, most vegetables and breathy flute music. He liked his mother, Carol Murdock's beef and noodles, pasties and Traveling Cake. Tom lived in many places: on beaches, in forests, under stars and in daydreams beside fast rivers. Murdock adored the writing of Jim Harrison, traveled to Australia and India and took his wife and daughter on a number of adventures: in the dune shacks of Cape Cod, on the Appalachian Trail and in the crypts of London. He inspired high school students for more than a decade at Cranbrook Schools in Bloomfield Hills and at St. Paul's School in Baltimore, Maryland, where he believed in exploring literature by asking questions to which there were no clear answers. He piloted the online platform Moodle in his high school classroom and helped its Australian creator, Martin Dougiamas, establish Moodle at universities around the world. Tom sketched tiny homes in all his notebooks and spent six years living in a cabin on top of North Mountain in West Virginia, where a bear once ate the front seat of his car and carried his mail into a dense

forest; he was friendly with several mountain goats that wintered in a cave. Tom was once visited by the secret service in his dorm room at Princeton University and he was known and loved by many contemporary American poets, including Alan Dugan, Thomas Lux and Gerald Stern. His final poetry thesis at Princeton University won him a pair of A-pluses and his love letters to his wife, the poet Faith Shearin, are easily the best writing she has ever read. Tom, his wife and daughter were the owners of a number of beloved pets: a distinguished hamster named Professor, who devoured a wall, and another, Velma, who ate a dictionary. They owned two dogs: a pointy dachshund and a shih-tzu with an underbite, as well as a rose hair tarantula, two hermit crabs and a pair of very attractive betta fish. Tom taught his Google Home to identify his personal president as Barack Obama; he was strongly influenced by his father, Jerald W. Murdock, a math teacher and textbook author who gave him an early Apple computer and believed in games, curiosity and life-long learning. Tom played cello, banjo and guitar and enjoyed studying music with his sisters, Kate Olson and Elizabeth Walsh, at Interlochen's Summer Camp and Academy. Tom is survived by his daughter, Mavis Murdock, who studies classics and computer science at Mount Holyoke College; his wife, Faith Shearin; his mother, Carol; his sisters, Kate and Libby; his brother-in-law, Rocky Olson; and his nieces, Claire and Sydney Walsh.

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