

Class Notes

NEWS FOR MARY INSTITUTE
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SCHOOL ALUMNAE AND ALUMNI

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Births and Adoptions

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN TO OUR MICDS FAMILY.

Dana Weston Graves '00 and Cornelius:
Weston Scott Graves, *April 10, 2020 (Photo 1)*

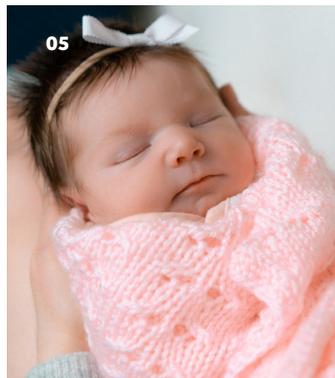
Matt Kramer '04 and Emily:
Layla Mae Kramer, *September 21, 2018 (Photo 2)*

Jonathan M. McKee '04 and Dr. Meghan Pillai:
Maeve Elizabeth Laurel McKee, *April 21, 2020*

Michael Kramer '05 and Stephanie:
Mara Hadley Kramer, *October 14, 2019 (Photo 3)*

Logan Roe O'Connor '05 and Melissa:
Dorothy "Dottie" Howe O'Connor, *June 19, 2020 (Photo 4)*

Geoffrey F. Grammer '06 and Kelsey:
Eleanor Mae Grammer, *February 1, 2020 (Photo 5)*



Weddings

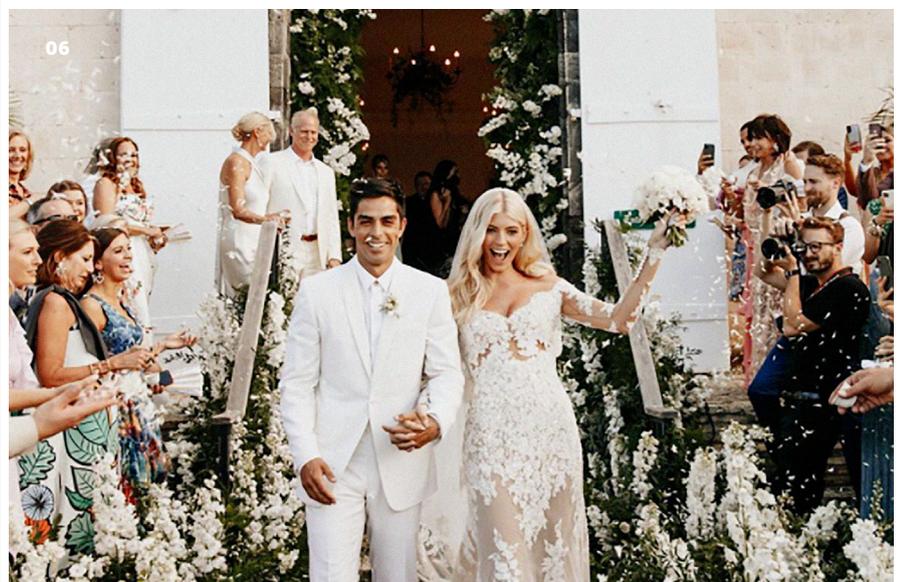
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ALUMNI ON THEIR RECENT NUPTIALS.

Devon Windsor '12 and Jonathan Barbara
November 16, 2019 (Photo 6)



GETTING MARRIED? EXPECTING?

We'd like to help you celebrate, but we can't print news about future weddings or babies. When your plans become reality, please let the Alumni Office know and we'll gladly print your news after the fact, and all share in the excitement!



Alumni/ae Deaths

THROUGH JULY 8, 2020

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE
FAMILIES OF ALUMNI/AE WE HAVE LOST.

- Betty Carter Gibson '39, January 11, 2019
- Robert R. Hermann '40, April 5, 2020
- Rosalie McRee Ewing '40, May 4, 2020
- Anita Stanza Graves '41, May 7, 2020
- Jane Latzer Schott '41, June 16, 2020
- Grace Niedringhaus de Menocal '44, December 26, 2019
- Virginia Marx Kiernat '45, October 31, 2015
- Judith Grand Rubenstein '47, April 1, 2020
- James Houser '49, September 11, 2019
- Woodson K. Woods III '50, February 14, 2020
- Robert A. Abbott '51, February 20, 2018
- Roland Webb '53, February 22, 2019
- Nina Moss '53, April 13, 2020
- Mary Park Coxe '53, May 9, 2020
- Charles Kopman '54, April 1, 2020
- Mary Pahmeyer Byrd '54, April 28, 2020
- Louis H. Burford '54, April 19, 2019
- Charles Hemker '57, June 28, 2017
- Margaret Pauley Gundlach '57, April 12, 2020
- Roger Lord III '58, June 7, 2020
- Steven Schacht '60, December 14, 2016
- Leigh Paquin '60, April 25, 2020
- Ronald Lowy '61, April 10, 2020
- Mary Brewster Limberg Steck '62, May 10, 2020
- Patricia Baur Istwan '62, June 14, 2020
- Randolph B. Bell '63, April 9, 2020
- Jonathan S. Grove '64, July 8, 2020
- John McPheeters '65, June 8, 2020
- Thomas Gross '67, January 5, 2020
- Abby Braxton McCarthy '67, June 10, 2020
- James G. "Gil" Alfring '68, February 21, 2020
- Jane Culver Rouse '68, March 24, 2020
- Marian Bland Langdon '69, January 2, 2020
- Marie Clarkson Montgomery '73, March 14, 2020
- Thomas "Tim" McKittrick Jones '77, April 9, 2020
- Charles Caspari, Jr. '83, March 19, 2020
- Lindsay Obermeyer '84, June 4, 2020
- Edward D. Humphrey '94, June 26, 2020
- David Meiners '99, April 2, 2020
- Nathaniel Olk '00, May 21, 2020
- Elizabeth Luyties McKee '02, May 16, 2020
- Anya Vykopal '02, June 17, 2020

1933 MI

Mary Marshall Metcalfe Rexford '33 is now honored in Bellefontaine Cemetery's historical self-guided tour (Memorial #5), as the first woman to land on Normandy Beach after the D-Day invasion. Her husband, **Oscar Whitelaw Rexford '26**, wrote a book titled *Battle Stars and Doughnuts*, which chronicles Mary's adventures in the Red Cross during WWII. The Rexford family recently donated several copies of the book to the MICDS library. Mary's uniforms, medals, and field satchel are currently on display at the Eisenhower Presidential Library in Kansas, the Truman Library in Independence, Missouri, and the National Churchill Museum in Fulton, Missouri.



Oscar Whitelaw
Rexford '26 and
Mary Marshall
Metcalfe Rexford '33.



1945 MI

Margaret Mize Mathis: Here in Maine where I live in the last house on a dead-end dirt road; things are not too different for me. I spent today in my kayak on the local lake, no one near me. I play bridge virtually with my daughter's family (**Peggy Mize McKee '80**) about once a week. Her son is home from Yale, and her daughter, also at home, is about to graduate from Dartmouth. I was planning to come to reunion and miss returning to St. Louis.

1949 CDS

Thayer Browne: I am not sure who of us from this class is left. I recall coming in at Commencement wearing our seersucker summer suits in the old, un-air-conditioned Berkeley location, marching to Pomp and Circumstance and trying to look reasonably cool but serious. Lots of us were headed for Ivy League colleges, as were our MI sisters. The original CDS and MI heads thought that

adolescent boys and girls tended to distract each other and should consequently be educated separately so as to minimize that distraction in preparation for college. Over the years since then, CDS and MI figured it out.

1949 MI

Gloria D'Oench James: I celebrated my birthday with a BYOS (bring your own stuff) party in my driveway. There were 10 of us, all neighbors wearing masks, sitting six feet apart. It was surprisingly fun. The highlight was a Zoom meeting with my son Bruce and his family in Portland, Oregon. I am staying active, in both body and mind. I take a stretch and strength class, attend meetings, and take an Adult Ed religion class online. This summer I attended Seminars at Steamboat online. I am grateful that I live in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, where I feel safer and can get out almost daily to walk and hike. I'm in a hiking group of women ages 73 to 93.

1952 CDS

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Unfortunately, the class luncheon scheduled for May 1, which had been arranged by **Don Streett** as in past years, was cancelled due to the pandemic. Therefore, we had a Zoom session that afternoon, which was attended by seven of our classmates.

Torrey Foster provided an interesting account of the procedures at his retirement home: "We are in a pretty much lockdown situation. Dinner is served in our apartments and most activities cancelled. We exercise via video on our community channel. Anne occasionally shops for food and enjoys cooking three dinners a week. We read, watch television, and walk most days. There have been only two cases of coronavirus here, quickly discovered and quarantined. All persons entering are tested for temperature, including residents. No guests allowed and limited entry for contractors and delivery trucks."

Tom MacMahon reported an innovative way of dealing with the virus: “We are coping and, with nothing else to do, growing a beard.” Also, he reported that he moved to a new address this summer.

During the Zoom session, **Bob Shapiro** mentioned that he is still working full-time in the investment business in New York.

David Schettler passed away on January 26 of this year. An electrical engineer, he had a 36-year career with General Electric Company. Also, he was active for decades in the stagecraft of live theatre, including a long association with the Westport (Connecticut) Community Theatre.

Peter Fuger reports: “Sally and I canceled our trip plans to Williamsburg and are unsure about going to Maui (with grandkids) in September. Lost my tennis scheduler job when COVID-19 closed the Tennis Club last March. We had six courts of players on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Had great times with **Adie and Jody ’56** in Harbor Beach last summer and an awesome cruise trip in Portugal last September. Lately we keep in touch with Post while taking turns staring out the window!”

Adie Dietz writes: “Glad to report that the Dietz family is doing well, despite the topsy-turvy world that has changed everyone’s life. We’ve moved to a nearby apartment, and it’s a relief to have household obligations behind us. Looking back at our days at Country Day, I think we ought to pay a tribute to the masters who struggled to teach us subjects we abhorred. Somehow it all worked out. Our class has more cohesion than many other peer classes, and we should all be proud of that.

1954_{MI}

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The Mary Institute Class of 1954 extends its sympathy to Debbie Alstad, the daughter of beloved classmate **Mary Pahmeyer Byrd**.

Debbie shared the following information about her mother: “Mom passed away from pancreatic cancer. She died peacefully in her sleep. She was grateful for her life and felt like she lived to the fullest. She owned and operated a small vineyard in Virginia for 10 years which was her big project from the heart. She was a seasoned traveler on cargo ships for 10 years and went all around the world to many exotic ports. Mom was so thankful to return to St. Louis the last 20 years. Her only regret is that she did not come home sooner. She enjoyed many wonderful times with friends and family and was so happy to be home.” Gifts in memory of Mary may be made to Sunshine Ministries, 1325 Howard St., St Louis, MO 63106. Condolence notes may be sent to Debbie Alstad at 6309 N. Rosebury Ave., #2, Clayton, MO 63105.

From **Jeannie D’Oench Field**: “The news of Mary Pahmeyer Byrd’s illness and death has been very sad. Mary was a catalyst in getting classmates together and staying in touch with those of us from out of town. I will miss her! All the more reason to appreciate our successful reunion and the chance to catch up a little with old friends. “The memories of school days will never grow old...”

A classmate in the MI Class of 1954 has shared this photo. Is anyone in the class able to identify who is in this old photo? If so, please email Louise Jones in the Alumni Office at ljones@micds.org and share your guess. Have fun with this!



1955_{MI}

JULIA HURD TAYLOR

Since our last edition of Class Notes, the whole world has changed for all of us. Our 65th reunion is postponed until next year. To remember the date this year, a tree has been planted in a National Forest through the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of the Class of 1955 at Mary Institute.

Most news came before our life and times were altered—some is more recent. Here goes:

Wanda Bickel’s news comes from Florida that life with her husband, **Dixon Harris ’55**, is grand. They are kept busy with four cats and three Corgi dogs and enjoy wonderful weather.

Roz Tupper Maiden writes that all are grounded due to the COVID-19, but two of her granddaughters hope to head off in the fall to Chicago and Philly. The other two girls are putting on shows in the neighborhood as they are budding actresses in the max.

Marian Shipley Hill is living in Reno, Nevada. That sounds very exciting. Hope to hear more soon.

Caryl Green Simon is far and away our most traveled class member and hoping to continue very soon. Caryl spoke to **Elizabeth Swarts Wood**, living in Florida, and all is totally well with her.

Liz Hobson Rand recently returned from more travels—all good news.

Suzanne Japha Kyger, who is still called Suds, says she is “happy, blessed and active.” She sends her best wishes to all.

Ellen Bernoudy lives in California where she follows her music and her good work. She is still giving concerts and promoting her strong dreams of a peaceful world.

Julia Hurd Taylor is still living in Quaker, Missouri, where she pursues her artwork, gardening and annual production of the local farmer's market cookbook. Her grandson, Dylan Brady, was recently well reviewed in the *New York Times* and featured in *Rolling Stone Magazine* for his music group and his latest recording. More concert tours for him in the fall.

In closing, I have not had any reports of sad news in our class. I am hoping all of us are safely tucked inside and will be able to emerge from the tragic pandemic very soon. I send my thoughts and prayers to all of you and hope to hear from more of you soon.

1957 CDS

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The great Class of 1957 has been getting together three to four times a year for lunch at MAC-West. We have been doing this for several years now. We have had a few classmates reconnect from afar, including **Henry Neiger** and **Hugh Tilson** thanks to **John Curby's** efforts. Hopefully by the time you read this some of this COVID-19 crisis will have dissipated and we will have recently had a get-together or one is imminent. If you have any news or are not receiving updates and invitations (even if not in STL), please email me and we'll get you on the contact list.

1958 MI

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Dear Octogenarians—or Soon-to-be-Octogenarians! Well, we didn't get to celebrate our 80th together this year, but let us aim for a reunion/celebration sometime in the near future for sure!



The Class of 1957 enjoys gathering several times each year, when there is no pandemic, of course.

Hoping everyone is coping well during the pandemic and staying very healthy and safe!
Much love, Mary and Libby

1958 CDS

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Chris Bent said he has turned 80, had a double bypass, four stents, two pacemakers...biz in jeopardy. He is energized by serving the Lord every moment of every day. He shares his 13th book and this with all of you: <https://bit.ly/31WW7DD>. Chris shares his writings for free to those who request them at chrisbent.com/bookstore.

Frank Elliott has been at home for months; the family wedding announced a few months ago has been postponed; and he is finding the new lifestyle to be challenging.

Top Logan says, "I sure as hell hope the rest of you guys are getting to be 80, too! Stay well, guys."

Geoff McClelland reports that just before the virus arrived, "Marilyn and **Dick Helmholz** came over to our house for a very nice 'catch-up' dinner. Nothing else of consequence to report (like everyone else)."

David Scharff is still working full out and a bit busier than usual in quarantine. That has meant not traveling to China for regular gigs but teaching in China and Russia remotely, seeing patients online, and writing. New book to be published at the end of the year tentatively titled *Marriage and Family in Contemporary*



China, drawn from 13 years of travel there and interviewing patients and families through translation. Too bad we didn't learn Chinese at Codosco! Able to visit with some of the local children and grandchildren in-person by social distancing.

Maurice "Bud" Hirsch: Bud Hirsch's granddaughter, **Anna Speller '20**, just graduated, a unique one for sure. Marian and Bud had planned to take a cruise this summer, but...Well, they hope to celebrate Bud's 80th on the Outer Banks in October. Last fall, he was on a photo workshop in southern Italy and Sicily... good timing, heh?

J. Ben Miller: I am happy to report that **Carter '64** and I are sheltering, embarrassingly comfortably, here in Vero Beach. I suppose because of our collective ages, we take masks, gloves, and distancing quite seriously. Our children and grandchildren appear to be safe as well, while expressing more than a little anxiety as to what fall schooling will be like. Hope you and yours are well and stay so.

Kent Ravenscroft shares the "Sheltering in Place" photo below of his sculpture with Barack Obama and the photos Kent used, in the background, to sculpt him. Obama was on Martha's Vineyard, and Kent hoped he would see the sculpture along with the finished bronze of Michelle Obama.



1959_{MI}

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Lucy Smith Haynes wrote from London: Being on this side of the 'pond' things are a bit different. I have been walking side streets where there is so little road traffic. Like others, I have been sorting through boxes of photographs. I managed to offload team photos to my sons, Peter and Christopher. Thank heavens for my garden and Zoom. I am keeping fit, taking architecture classes, and enjoying my book group and weekly family gatherings. My sister, **Gene '51**, is in a care home in Providence near her daughter **Sally '76**. Her dementia has progressed to where she doesn't always know who Sally is. I last visited her some years ago and she did recognize me at that time. **Blair '56** is with her husband Bill in an apartment, sheltered, in Chicago. Fortunately they have been able to continue with her 24-hour care. Although all their sons live in Chicago, I don't know if they are allowed in the building.

Carol Wenthe Palmer sends "howdy" greetings from north of Austin in Georgetown, Texas. Fourteen years now here. I am very well, following guidelines. We opened up on a limited basis, returning to a bit of life which has elevated all of our spirits. I truly loved having no responsibilities, no activities and no silly job I took a year ago. Since everyone is very healthy I cannot complain, and pray that all of my MI friends and classmates stay well as we travel onward through this crazy time.

Nicki Mitchell Gillis has been self-isolating with **John '57** in Clayton, and they are staying at home this summer.

Margi Cardwell Higonnet shares: We have been sheltering at home since early March. My only passion is the garden; I've found it impossible to do scholarly work. The triennial FILLM Congress was postponed by a year, so I've been caught up in notifying people. And an old friend who commuted with me to Connecticut died of the virus in a nursing home, leaving no family, so I was the one to organize notifications, obituary, and burial,

except that no one is being cremated and buried these days. I'm looking forward to seeing our daughter.

Lisa Strelinger Beckers reports: I am surviving the quarantine, and quite well if I do say so. I'm actually grateful for this time to do all those things I've been putting off forever, like going through the three remaining boxes full of old family photos and organizing them into albums, weeding out my clothes closet, reorganizing my pantry and utility closets, getting out my paints and going to parks and doing some plein air watercolor, and reading.

Because she doesn't do computers, I wanted to bring you up to date on **Stella Saxton Guy**. She is in Assisted Living in a very nice retirement center near West Palm Beach where her son lives. Her dementia has progressed slowly but consistently, to the point that it's difficult to carry on a conversation without her becoming confused. Her health is fine, she's happy in the facility, and has her great cat Chessy for company.

Quinta Dunn Scott said: Under COVID-19 self-isolation I have learned how important it is to be in contact with old friends. I texted Janet several weeks ago. She replied that she is on her farm in Tennessee. When we celebrated our 50th, we all signed up for Facebook. I see Anne, Sally, and Lydia, but seldom see anyone else. We are holed up in Waterloo. Fortunately, we are both at work. I'm writing a series of articles on Ozark forests for Confluence. Barrie works on drawings for a friend's deck and a simple townhouse design, in case he ever needs one.

NOTE: **Carol Jacobs Montag**, **Lydia Long**, **Anne Scherck Morrison**, **Sally Curby Johnston**, and **Quinta** actively use Facebook. Follow them and check out their posts for more current news.

Jeannie Hamilton Pearman is doing well in Palm Beach, where she lives happily with a gentleman she has known for 50 years, Don Hannah. She is still organizing a cruise with him, now delayed by the coronavirus. She sends her best wishes to all classmates.

Sandy Doughton Chapin: The house has never been cleaner. I hope my plants recover from the third pruning. Depending on how windy it is I rollerblade or bike with Pandora playing songs from our youth. Although I am not a big fan of golf, it has been the only available social interaction. My husband and I now play tennis. I work on our Charity Committee, and it is tragic what is happening to our county. We are so fortunate to have lived in the best years of this country. I remain hopeful that our children and grandchildren can enjoy their very different world.

Jane Simmons Bickford: I'm writing from New Orleans where COVID-19 hit early on. Even though I'm in a hotspot, I'm loving being here and feel very lucky! We've had glorious weather, the flowers are colorful and sweet smelling, and the trees are lusciously green, some with flowers. This is such a crazy time. I like knowing we are only a click away, a zoom away, a phone call away from friends and family. Please stay safe and healthy! We want to be around for that vaccine!

Josephine Christian Weil and her husband were fortunate to be able to travel to Tampa, Florida, for the wedding of her daughter, Amelia, on June 14. A larger celebration in St. Louis was postponed. Those of us lucky enough to tour Josephine's garden at our reunion last May remember it as a highlight.

Sheila Morrin Humphreys: Thank you to each of you who wrote in the middle of the pandemic. Like many grandparents of high school graduates, we were disappointed to miss the graduation of Peter. We will meet son Ben and his family in Saddlestring, Wyoming, in July, where I look forward to seeing godson Peter Pelissier, **Sophie Shepley Pelissier's** son. I am the co-chair of a project at UC Berkeley to chronicle the history of women-faculty, alumnae, and students, in celebration of the admission of women to Cal in 1870. If you are interested in the history of women in higher education, check out our archive on the website: 15ow.berkeley.edu

1959 CDS

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As I write this, restaurants in the St. Louis area are reopening after the COVID-19 lockdown. This may not seem important to many of you, but to **Chip Matthews**, **Butch Welsch** and me, it means that we can resume our weekly lunches. Just as a reminder all classmates are welcome to join us at Lester's on Clayton Road every Monday at 11:30 a.m.

After about the third week of the lockdown, Butch (who is clearly living in the 21st century) came up with the genius idea of having Zoom lunches, and since these are virtual lunches, we could invite classmates not in St. Louis. Genius! There were some very minor technical glitches, but we were ultimately able to assemble at various times:

R. K. Barton from his new permanent digs in Bellaire, Michigan;

Kent Faerber from Amherst, Massachusetts, with lots to say but nothing special to report.

Julius Frager from Boca Grande, Florida, shortly to return to St. Louis (although by the time you read this he may very well be back in Florida).

Fred Hanser returned to St. Louis from Jupiter, Florida, earlier than usual and beat the lockdown. By the time you read this, the fate of the baseball season will have been determined, so I won't add any conjectures.

Sonny Harrison from Maryland added wit and wisdom to our meetings. I should have asked if his beard was a regular feature or the result of the quarantine.

Chip Matthews, one of the original "lunch bunch," was finally able to join with video after audio-only attendance (he looks great, by the way).

Jim Schneithorst from Vero Beach, Florida, showed off the view from his porch complete with blue skies and palm trees.

Bill Tucker joined from New York City the day he and Sheila were leaving after 55 years to take up full-time residence in Amagansett.

Butch Welsch, who is lost because the Indianapolis 500 was postponed and his 72 years of consecutive attendance on Memorial Day weekend has come to an end.

Pitcairn James and wife, **Leslie '61**, are retired and are moving back to St. Louis. They will be living at the Willows on Woods Mill Rd. after Labor Day.

Everyone looked great and many opinions were shared. We (Butch, Chip and me) are thinking of making these Zoom lunches a regular thing, so if you haven't attended one and would like to do so, just email me (arthurll@msn.com) or Butch (bwelsch@welsch-heatcool.com) and you'll be invited to join.

Be smart and stay safe!

1960 CDS

Russ Messing: I am happy to announce the arrival of my third book of poetry, *The Inescapable Accretion of Less*. It has an alumni reunion quick pencil portrait of yours truly done by **Harry Weber '60**. It can be yours for \$15.00 plus shipping. I am open to haggling. I have retired from my practice of clinical psychology, love being a dad and grandpa, pulling weeds, splitting wood for our stove, cooking and doing dishes, and smile and laugh and love a lot. We have six grandchildren ages 20 to 5. Life has been good to me. I think I have reciprocated. My best to all.

Harry Weber: Still working away at sculpting. Soon to install a group of four Texas humorists later this year in Nacogdoches, Texas, and then a statue of Ted Simmons to join the rest of the Cardinals out in front of Busch Stadium.

Tom Drake: Our seventh grandchild, Sienna Reed Drake, a six-pound, 14-ounce, 21-inch healthy girl, was born May 26 to our son Mark and his wife, Britt. Laurie and I are doing well health-wise and hope to remain so despite the pandemic.

1961 MI

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The Mary Institute Class of 1961 expresses their sympathy to **Sudie Black Shinkle** on the death of her husband, Brian Shinkle, in May.

1961 CDS

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The CDS class of 1961 is starting to think about the 60th and what it might look like. Thirty-five of our class of 54 grads, plus a couple who were in the class but didn't graduate from CDS, are still active in an email group, and just completed our second Zoom "mini-reunion." We had almost two dozen in the virtual meeting from St. Louis, Texas, Michigan, a half dozen other states, and the Philippines. **Ed Lortz** is the farthest away, having retired to the provinces of the Philippines five years ago from California.

1962 CDS

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The class of '62 has been meeting by Zoom every two weeks for the last couple of months. Participants have come from as far away as Thailand (**Jigger Primm**), which is kind of amazing because when we meet at 9 a.m. on Friday he is able to join us but it's 9 p.m. Saturday for him.

The stories we have heard from emails following the Zoom meetings have included ones like this: “One day on the bus an upperclassman sitting behind me told me to be quiet and look straight ahead and then proceeded to tweak my ears. I turned around and slugged him and then covered my head for the pounding I knew would come, but he never bothered me again. I remember one day in chapel, Headmaster Harper commented on the hazing and said that the Golden Rule at Codasco seemed to have become ‘Do unto others as it was done unto you.’”

Discussions about teachers included this from **Bruce Brandhorst**: “Molecular biology was just getting started when we went off to college and little of it was included in college courses then. It is incredible to look back on what we know now compared to the ’60s. I took an advanced intro biology course from Jim Watson, who received the Nobel Prize during the course. He provided wonderful lecture notes that became the basis of his textbook *The Molecular Biology of the Gene*. We were fortunate to have had some effective teachers at CDS.”

Military service came up and there were comments about some of the inequities of getting drafted into the armed services. **Bob Frank** shared, “The same Webster Groves draft board that **Charlie Homeyer** speaks of drafted me out of my freshman year in medical school. Francis Peay and I took our army physical together at the Jefferson Barracks induction center. Francis was the starting right tackle for Missouri. He stood 6’5” tall and weighed 256 lbs. He had an x-ray envelope about two inches thick under his arm and about 8% body fat. I had not seen the inside of a gym for at least two years. You will be gratified to know that I passed my physical and was classified 1A but Francis did not (knee injuries). You will also be gratified to know that his impairment did not keep him from being all-pro with the NY Giants for several years.”

Lanny Jones (past editor of *Money* and *People* magazines) shared this: “In about 1967 I got a draft notice from my St. Louis draft board. I postponed, and later reported to Whitehall

Street in Greenwich Village, NYC, where Arlo Guthrie talks about in *Alice’s Restaurant*. When I took the hearing test, the examiner said to me, ‘You’re faking!’ My hearing results were awful and I was talking to him semi-normally, thanks to lip-reading. He passed me. I enlisted in the Army’s 7th Special Forces, a Green Beret Reserve Unit based on Staten Island and spent five years typing at meetings in Fort Drum, New York. I had regular Army Basic Training but nothing cool like Special Forces training. I later interviewed Arlo Guthrie and met the real Alice.”

1963_{MI}

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In all my years of gathering info from our classmates and compiling it into a column, this will be the hardest one I have ever had to write. The thoughts and feelings you all expressed in your answers to Nettie and me were so interesting, informative, and in some cases, moving, that I loved reading every word. There’s a word limit on what we can submit, so I have had to edit your submissions. Luckily, I think all the emails were to “reply all,” so you got to read just about everything.

I’ll start with myself, **Ann Keeler Poucher**. We’ve spent the quarantine in Florida, but headed back to Colorado mid-June. We are both healthy, being really careful, and happy to see our kids and “grands.” It was a quiet summer spent in the mountains, away from downtown Denver, hiking, upgrading some things around the house, reading, and who knows what else. Love to all of you, and maybe we can convene somewhere next year.

Susan Durgin Miserlis sends love and virtual hugs to all. She is grateful to be retired and not having to teach a group of young learners over Zoom online (her 15-year-old grandson has

shared with her all the ways they have figured out to torment the teachers!). She is thankful that all three of her own children are still healthy and gainfully employed.

Eddie Levy Brown has been at home since the beginning of March; her family are her jailers. “I feel invincible and I feel great, and it is killing me that I can’t volunteer to do anything!” She is still involved with INDIVISIBLE and working hard on getting people to vote in the upcoming election. Unfortunately she hasn’t been able to go to Australia to see her daughter and her children, nor can they come here. But, on a happy note, her son just got engaged. Eddie sends love—“it feels like all of you are my sisters.”

Nancy Shoenberg Sanders and Barry have been hunkered down in Beverly Hills. Barry continues to teach his classes at UCLA via Zoom, and they both are Zoom meeting with the boards of the charitable organizations they serve. Nancy says, “Artists of all sorts are suffering greatly from this pandemic and in most cases, are not eligible for unemployment or government relief. Lots of funds have popped up to help them. If someone you know asks you to give, and you are able, please do so. What would our lives be without the Arts?”

Becky Atwood Patton and Landey celebrated his 80th birthday on March 15, which ended up being the last time they saw all their family. Then they closed Abigail Inn and set about organizing their life. Becky was amazed that she qualified for unemployment, and she actually gets a check every week from the Commonwealth of Virginia!

No traveling for **Allison Bradbury Kitchen** to see family milestones, as her granddaughter Kylie will graduate virtually from high school, her grandson Cade will graduate virtually from Wake Forest, and her great niece Emily will graduate from University of Idaho, plus Emily’s wedding has been postponed. Also up in the air are her plans to travel to Charlevoix, Michigan. She hopes everyone is healthy and happy.

Daily walks are keeping **Peggy Blanke Henderson** sane. She also has been gardening to help, as well as sharing favorite poems with her half-brother; he loves Wordsworth. Peggy reminds us that in the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic, St. Louis was exemplary in carrying out the stay-at-home orders, thereby greatly reducing the spread. So “even though most of us live away from St. Louis, let’s keep the healthy tradition going. Stay safe, everyone!”

Suzanne Franklin Corry moved into her senior living facility in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, just in time to be totally shut down. It’s a beautiful spring, but unfortunately she feels very isolated.

Ann Haigler Rittenbaum’s kids have forbidden her from going anywhere except to daughter Tracy’s house (who does all her shopping) or to a park for a walk. When she and Jim can travel, they drive to Rhode Island with their dog, Sweetie Pie, to see their five grandchildren who aren’t in St. Louis. She is glad to hear that so many of us are well and safe.

Emy Young Boag has been rediscovering jigsaw puzzles, taking on long-deferred home projects, and meeting by Zoom with boards and teams from church. She has a new granddaughter, Frances Grace, and hopes that she will be able to greet her in person over the summer—she lives in northern Michigan. Emy says, “I am coasting on happy memories of our reunion and look forward to another get-together when the world and germs settle down.”

“If I’ve learned nothing else in the past two months in our CA lockdown, it’s that our housekeeper needs a raise and that we will need a bigger house to hold all the jewelry I’ll be designing over the next six months or longer!” says **Hila Hampton Green**. Apparently, Hila has turned into a cleaning dervish at the tender age of 74.

Jane Lewin Steinger wrote the most wonderful tale of her last few months. She sums up all our feelings so perfectly in saying, “What day is this? The other day? I’ll do it tomorrow

day?” She enjoyed a two-week getaway in January in Puerto Vallarta with four women friends. Then she and Bob traveled to Tucson for a six-week stay in mid-February. “Then March 15 arrived with its dark hooves and I’ve been, more or less, in the same seated position since!” They finally headed back to Michigan mid-May so Jane could reclaim her pets and visit her daughter and grand girls through the window. “I send my love, healing thoughts, and hopes for some progress in our world.”

Another down-to-the-wire trip was pulled off by **Nancy Lungstras Broadfoot**, who squeaked out a two-week cruise in the Caribbean with her sister and brother-in-law, returning February 26, safe and sound. They have been at home since early March, taking long walks daily. Spring has come to Atlanta, and they have been able to play their first game of golf. “Sunshine can lift people’s spirits in these crazy times.” Nancy misses all and says, “Hang in there and stay well everybody!”

Sally Neuwoehner Anderson and Ken spent 12 days in St. John, USVI, and four weeks in Sarasota, headed home, and hunkered down for the duration. They are binge-reading and managing to avoid any organization projects thus far. Sally has started playing duplicate bridge at her virtual St. Louis Bridge Center. She adds that it’s a whole different world and sends love to all.

I’m writing this at the end of May and just talked to **Nettie Orthwein Dodge**, who is in St. Louis for a visit. She had dinner with **Dudley Grove** and Jim last night and said that Jim looked great. She has had no problem social distancing in Wyoming! There has been very little COVID-19 there. She spent spring feeding steers and trying to stay healthy; now the ranch work entails getting the meadows ready for growing and harvesting of grass hay. Nettie says, “we always pray for water—it always comes when hay is cut and ready to be baled—not the best time.”

Roxie Pool had quite the interesting winter. She visited the Middle East in January-February: Israel, Jordan, Oman, and Saudi

Arabia, and was able to visit with two Saudi families, one Sunni and one Shiite. Through this whole time, Roxie was sick with “something” and visited a couple of doctors until it finally went away. Unfortunately, she got tested for COVID-19 antibodies and it was negative, so she’s not bulletproof! She says she hasn’t gotten anything done or cleaned or cleaned out after the first two weeks. She does walk or ride her bike.

Dudley Roulhac Grove and Jim got caught on their boat, *Fanfare*, in Key West. Their families cancelled their trips, and they holed up in the marina. They filled the days doing boat projects, cleaning, reading, riding bikes, and cooking. Dudley wonders what will our lives be like this summer, next year?

Suzanne Williams Haaland is also in Florida, Naples, where there have been no cases in her community. So she got to play golf, take walks, swim, and socialize a bit with friends. She is heading back to Virginia for the summer where her life will be more confined due to stricter regulations there. She was supposed to travel to Canada this summer but suspected that wouldn’t happen. She exhorts us to stay safe and well.

We echo that sentiment—stay in touch, too. Virtual hugs,
Nettie and Ann

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I’m writing this with help again from **Jay Hensley ’63** (welcome back) in the 10th week of the global pandemic. The passing of two classmates (**Randy Bell** in April 2020 and **Jim Lopata** in September 2019) sets the tone for what follows and their “stories” intersect as you will see...

Like many during the “isolation in place,” the drudgery of cleaning out closets had no appeal until I came upon a lengthy letter (way before computers and emails) written by Randy (aka RBell) in December 1988 to his friends about his “conversion” that year, prompted in part by his travels and the 25th CDS Reunion, which he found “uplifting and energizing” and his perception of the “affection and concern we had for each other...the lack of competition and the precious nature of the gift of life and health.” He left St. Louis that summer with newfound hope and inspiration and his travels over the next 32 years took him many places, having previously spent time in Ithaca, New York, New England, Silicon Valley and Guam (transportation and lodging provided by the United States Navy). RBell’s classmates responded quickly to the news of his passing with the following words/phrases and remembrances:

“Music (Ray Charles and the Windjammers), Redbirds, his tackle preserving the 6-0 win against the Bombers, and all things political”—which he perfected over many years.”



“Hasta la vista, Randy...thanks for sharing so much music and laughter with our class...we’ll expect reports from the Elysium.” **John Allman**

“He was meant to be with friends, savor the flavor, get mellow and give the ‘good times’ more than an occasional nudge.” **Jock Gunter**

I contacted Suzanne Bell (married to RBell’s nephew), who came into possession of some of his things, including a picture of the class from that 1988 Reunion, and asked me “who’s the guy holding the sink?”

You guessed it...Jim Lopata. Jim had a successful career as an engineer in Chicago for many years but, like RBell, was quite passionate about “more important things in life,”

supporting the arts and cultural institutions and “greeting friends and strangers alike with a smile and three little pigs.” As for the “sink,” no one has fessed up but it relates to damage done at his home during a social gathering which got a bit out of control; his willingness to pose with it tells you all you need to know.

So, it comes full circle during these times and after all those years:

“Time passes, careers come and go, children grow up...true friends are always there...no matter how long it’s been or how many miles away they are. Take care of your children but keep a group of good friends; stay in touch with them forever.” **Denny Schuermann**

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Carolyn Michel ’64 (Punkin Hirsch): Safe and healthy in Sarasota, Florida, with my wonderful husband, walking four miles a day to stay fit. Learned how to Zoom. Taking care of chores like everyone else. I am making videos for Florida Studio Theatre to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women’s right to vote! Before quarantine, I did several live performances of speeches made by suffragettes. Last fall I performed in *A Doll’s House Part 2* and *Rose* at Peterborough Players in New Hampshire. I went to Amsterdam for a Best Actress nomination for a short film I did called *Katia*, then to London. My darling sister, **Gay Hirsch MI ’55**, passed away last summer on July 10, not too long after our wonderful MI reunion. She is missed and loved and her spirit lives on! Stay safe, everyone! Be healthy! Take this time to give virtual hugs!

Classmates, in this weird and distressing world, we hope that you will stay safe and that we will have some news to share for the next edition of Class Notes. Your deadline will be October 12, 2020. Please keep us posted about your news.

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Greetings from quarantine! We are walking, reading, bingeing TV shows, cooking, and using FaceTime and Zoom. We met on Zoom for a MI ’65 55th Reunion Book Club where 14 of us discussed *Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid under the able leadership of **Elizabeth Kendall**, Associate Professor of Liberal and Literary Studies at Eugene Lang College. A highlight of our call was having our foreign exchange student, **Ingrid Nordqvist Le Roux**, join us from Capetown, South Africa. It was wonderful to see her again and to hear her thoughts on COVID-19 as a physician. South Africa is under lockdown, but her home country of Sweden is not. She said Sweden is going for herd immunity. Ingrid specializes in children’s and women’s health. She treated Nelson Mandela when he was released from prison in 1990! In case any classmates have forgotten, Ingrid married Pieter Le Roux, the 1964-65 foreign exchange student at John Burroughs. Also attending our book group were **Linda Glick**, **Alice Langenberg Abrams**, **Jan Shapleigh Mackey**, **Janie Ruwitch Mitchell**, **Weezie Legg Deland**, **Susan Donnell Flanigan**, **Julie Grote Rogers**, **Diana Davis Madsen**, **Irene Leland**, **Rosalie Thompson Maloney**, **Peggy Dubinsky Price**, and **Susan Caspari Carnwath** from Cambridge, UK. We have planned future meetings and hope more classmates will join us. Watch for my emails with dates and times.

Rosalie Thompson Maloney, who asked if we could form a book club, took her family to Capetown, followed by a safari and on to Johannesburg. **Jan Shapleigh Mackey** visited Capetown and wine country in South Africa. Next trip, they’ll visit Ingrid.

Susan Donnell Flanigan joined our class discussion (on and off due to wi-fi problems) from the Ozarks. She and John are splitting their time between St. Louis and their Ozarks cabin.

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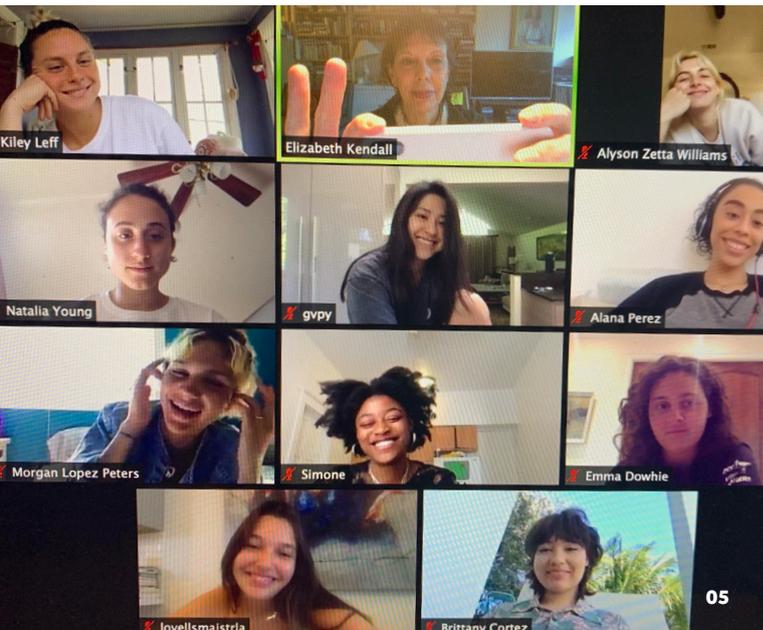
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- 01. Connie Shapleigh Martin in the poppy fields of Samarkand in 2019.
- 02. Alice Langenberg Abrams and daughter Sonya at mother-in-law and grandmother Sonia Abrams' 100th birthday, February 2020.
- 03. Oldie but goodie—Shapleigh cousins at Mary Institute graduation, June 1965: Jan Shapleigh Mackey, Leigh Limberg Mason, Connie Shapleigh Martin and Lois Shapleigh.
- 04. Ingrid Nordqvist Le Roux celebrates summer in a photo reminiscent of Santa Lucia Day, 1964.
- 05. Elizabeth Kendall and her Eugene Lang College Non-Fiction students meeting on Zoom.
- 06. Irene Leland on the back cover of *Poze Magazine*.

In other news:

Our beloved deceased classmate, **Claude Fouke Benoist**, has a new granddaughter and namesake, Claudie, born to daughter **Sophie Benoist Contessa '02**.

Alice Langenberg Abrams: Husband Walter and I were in San Miguel before returning to Massachusetts in March. From Mexico to immediate lockdown. Since then, I've been helping our son and his wife with childcare, organizing my house, working in my home ceramics studio, and spending isolation time in Vermont. Like everyone else, I wonder what the future holds in store and wish everyone well. A class book club on Zoom was a memorable way to celebrate our 55th reunion.

Molly Lane Mason: So glad the Book Club went well. I wish I had been able to attend. Hopefully I can next time. I now have time to read!

Mimi Johnson Severs: Living in a retirement community, as I do, has been interesting. We have no known cases of COVID-19 so far, and they want to keep it that way. We are still in virtual lockdown in that no visitors can come in, and if we leave campus for ANY reason, we have to be quarantined for 14 days. I have been busying myself reading *We Were the Lucky Ones*, *The Wedding Gift*, and am currently loving *Dutch House*. Stay safe and healthy, everyone!

Connie Shapleigh Martin: I'm thinking of all the seniors around the country who are missing out on graduation activities. Many of us moved on from St. Louis as we began our lives scattered far away from childhood memories. I become more grateful with each passing year for the excellent education we were given.

Irene Leland: I was grateful to be honored at the Akademia's International Music Awards with the Artist Vision Award for exceptional talent and originality. My producer in Nashville has asked me to return to Sony Studio to record another of my originals in July. I just signed a contract with Dream Machine Productions/Mega International Records for my song, *Wishing Well*, and was recently featured in

Poze Magazine. I wish my classmates continued safety and good health during this trying time!

Elizabeth Kendall: I'm so proud of my Creative Non-Fiction Capstone students at Eugene Lang College who all finished their final writing projects, despite having to uproot and move all over the country, and despite many of them writing about home and family and then being thrust INTO home and family—to finish their projects.

Judy Williams Gibbons: Jim and I are wearing masks and staying home. We are thankful that we share almost 50 years of marriage and are most happy when together. Stay well and in masks.

Cathy Chrisler Schaefer: My experience at our last reunion was beyond my expectations. I haven't sent updates since then because for the last 14 years I have been helping my husband, Warren, fight Alzheimer's Disease. We were lucky to participate in a clinical trial that stopped the progression of this deplorable disease, but it ended last year. Since then I have had to take over every detail of our lives.

Some of us are going through hard times. If anyone is caring for a relative with Alzheimer's, please contact **Cathy Schaefer**. Sending love to **Jane Atwood Whitehead** with hope for a speedy recovery on her shoulder replacement surgery. Hugs to **Wiggie Limberg** on the loss of her wonderful sister **Brucey Limberg Steck '62** and to **Connie Bascom McPheeters** on the loss of **John '65**. We have enjoyed many reunion gatherings at the McPheeters homes.

I had a fun Zoom happy hour with **Linda Glick**, **Bobbi Buell**, and **Jill Glaser Cohen**. Bobbi's husband, Dr. David Waters, is working on a study to find a drug to treat COVID-19. We wish him well! Dick and I love seeing our 21-month-old granddaughter Siena every day on FaceTime and can't wait to see her in person again. We missed our trip to Greece and Rome, which was cancelled, but hope to reschedule in the future.

MICDS has a fabulous new web site with an updated Alumni Directory at micds.org. Check

it out! Our 55th reunion was postponed, but we hope to celebrate next year. Quarantine suggestions: Disney+, books by Thomas Perry, long walks and sunshine. Also Doritos. Love to all. Next deadline: October 12.

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Eric von Schrader and **Becky Egle von Schrader '66** are newly-published authors. Becky's book is *The Art of Sparkling: Share Your Inner Light with the World* (written under her professional name, Becky Brittain, PhD). As a clinically trained psychotherapist, life coach and registered dance-movement therapist, Becky's passion is helping others shine more brightly. "Sparkling" is a transmission of energies visualized as sparkling light. Learn more at www.danceinlight.com. Eric's book, *A Universe Less Traveled*, is a novel set in St. Louis. A man struggling with a midlife business crisis stumbles into an alternate version of the city where he has spent his entire life. At first, his visits are the most fun he's had in years, then they become an obsession that upends his entire world. Learn more at www.ericvonschrader.com.

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Lotsie Hermann Holton '67 and husband Rick celebrated 50 years of marriage with four generations in Palm Beach in January 2020 at a Polynesian dinner dance celebration.



Dan Johanningmeier reports: Here is an update about **Carolyn Penningroth Johanningmeier**. We celebrated our 44th wedding anniversary in May. We have one son, Brian and one beautiful granddaughter, Haley, who will be attending the University of Missouri this fall. Carolyn lost her hearing about 20 years ago and was completely deaf by 2004. In 2005 she had cochlear implant surgery to restore hearing in her right ear. Also, in 2004, she began to suffer from an extremely aggressive case of Rheumatoid Arthritis. She was also later diagnosed with CPDD (Calcium Pyrophosphate Deposition Disease). Between 2004 and 2011, Carolyn had six joint replacements in an effort to maintain her mobility; unfortunately she has lost most of it. The battle with RA and CPDD has been complicated by osteoporosis and fibromyalgia. Carolyn is unable to do much writing but is interested in hearing about her classmates. Her email address is haleysgram@att.net. She also likes to browse Instagram and Facebook.

Susan Taylor: Hope everyone's surviving this miserable pandemic. Some good news: I've continued to go to work, and my routes downtown, by bike or on foot, take me past the new MLS soccer stadium site on Market Street. The highway access ramps have been cleared and pile-driving has begun! Go (TBA)! And it's even possible to have fun with masks. Stay well!



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Perry Chrisler: Patty and I recently celebrated the milestones of our 40th wedding anniversary and our 70th birthdays. We spent our 40th on a Viking two-week European cruise. Over the past five years we have sailed over 25,000

nautical miles around Mexico on our S/V "C'est Si Bon-a Beneteau 46." Our next adventure is leaving San Diego base this October and to sail to Panama, a trip through six countries over eight months. We are blessed with good health and full family with our three daughters and six grandsons. Scottsdale, Arizona, is still our home base and we still hike and bike extensively. Cheers to all.

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Janey Culver Rouse died March 24. It's hard to think of the class of 1968 without Janey. She was such an involved and active member of our class. She helped keep us connected, and in her memory let's remain that way. Thank goodness for our wonderful 50th reunion!

Janey was a member of our class from the very beginning, one of the Old Guard. Janey, if you are looking upon us now, please know how much we love you and how much we miss you. You entertained us with your wit and clever sense of humor. You were a loyal and true friend. You will forever be in our hearts.

Thanks to everyone who sent news. So many said there was not much to report, but somehow provided us with post-COVID-19 items of interest. We have shown our resilience, adaptability, and openness to learning new skills. We are an interesting group!

Here's our news:

Ann Grossman Boon: In February, we left Denver for the relative safety of California countryside. Jim and I helped our clients virtually stay on the stock market thrill ride. Improved culinary creativity has certainly been one of the positive outcomes of this quarantine. Jim learned to be a hair colorist. I may never go

back to the salon. I am venturing out a bit, albeit with limited human contact. I ride my horse almost every day. Last year's big adventure was traveling to Bulgaria for son Penn's wedding. This year traveling back to Colorado to celebrate milestone birthdays.

Nancy Fisse Davis: My home is located in a sweet community on the Olympic Peninsula, and I'm focused on living as sustainably as I can. My yard has become a mini-farm (watered with gray water from the house) and teaching tool for growing food (veggies, fruit and mushrooms) with minimal water and eventually minimal labor. My granddaughter, Tennyson, was born in St. Louis last summer and is the star of daily family videos.

Gail Engler: It's recycle week, hot times. I got nuthin' honey! You could dedicate our notes to Janey. I've known her since first grade, playing at her "castle house" across from MI. We went into lockdown early as Vail was one of the first hot spots. We were at home by the first week in March.

Sue Essen: I'm in touch with **Holly Bobe Erker**, who just had shoulder surgery and received possession of a five-month-old black American field lab in the same week! I'm also in touch with **Linda Hall**, who is still berthed in Oakland on her 35-foot retired racing sloop. Her boundlessly positive attitude has served her well since a stroke two years ago left her with vision in the right hemispheres only of both eyes and some more subtle challenges. Her aunt Jean Walters just turned 100 and still resides in Huntleigh Woods where I met you, my class of '68, at a swim party the summer before 8th grade. I was pretty much already isolating with my husband, Tony, when the virus came. He's a chronic pain patient due to a fall 20+ years ago while hang-gliding on a prototype wing, with the added challenge of COPD. He hasn't been the same since two recent hospitalizations: in March for pneumonia and in April for what unfolded as unresolved pneumonia, and unexpected persistent AFib, right pulmonary emboli and mass which is being monitored, DVTs, and diabetes. Ha! So, we have a new normal routine at my house!

Betsy Fordyce: After 28 years in Montana, I bought a condo in the Central West End of St. Louis with a beautiful view. I'm replacing the responsibilities of work and owning a house with a leaner, simpler life. I experience the joy of walks in Forest Park where there is a surprising amount of wildlife. I've been able to explore solitude and Zoom. While the world around us is in chaos and filled with suffering, I am trying to keep a calm mind, meditating daily in an effort to be both compassionate and wise, a tall order.

Betsy Trent Heberling: I've been using my time since my layoff from indoor cycling instruction to focus (even more than usual) on my children. August 5 was Peter's and my 48th wedding anniversary! Our son Andrew married into a big family with lots of Chicago and Milwaukee in-laws. Andrew and Monica live in Phoenix. Monica is a senior pharmacist. Trent has been living in Greensboro, North Carolina where we lived for 15 years. He's working at Lincoln Financial. He loves reconnecting with old friends and rediscovering his hometown.

Helen French Graves: During the pandemic, I'm probably doing what a lot are doing: walking, getting hooked on a TV series, and eating! I have gotten back to using my camera, which gives a fun purpose to walks on the trails in Colorado and the beaches in Massachusetts. I'm hoping all of our classmates stay well!

Karen Smith Hempstead: Ed and I had a wonderful trip to Tanzania and Kenya last August. We were there for The Great Migration. A stopover in Dubai completed an awe-inspiring journey. We now take long walks, play golf, and see friends while social distancing. We enjoy the slower pace. We made videos (cooking lessons and story time) for our grandchildren. The kids seemed to enjoy them, but I think we had more fun making them! I also assembled a cookbook of favorite recipes for my daughters.

Holly Holtz: Early fall in the Cascades with brothers and sister-in-law; touring Canyon de Chelly on the Navajo reservation and hiking in the Grand Canyon with **Betsy Fordyce**, **Carol**

Shepley, Bonnie Taylor and Lydia Ruffin; having tea with **Janey Rouse** and a few other classmates; visiting with my nephew and **Ann Boon** and Jim in San Diego; celebrating my mother's 95th birthday. Managed to procure enough workout equipment and accessories to refashion my living room into a mini gym and figuring out, though not mastering, how to make a mask that will only partially fog up my glasses on brisk walks.

Marmee Williams Lyon: Frank Lyon and I married on September 6, 2019 and went on a cruise from Venice to Croatia, Montenegro, Greece, Slovenia and back to Venice. For Thanksgiving, we got both our families together on Captiva Island, Florida. We have 13 grandchildren between us! In March, we went to Vero Beach, Florida. Back in New Canaan, Connecticut, we've been persevering through the quarantine by playing golf and taking walks. We are very thankful to be together and to have stayed healthy through all of this!

Jenny Ross Manganaro: It seems like our 1/2 of 20th Century beats our current situation in the 21st—thank heaven for adult children, grandbabies, friends, and pets! Wishing health, wealth, wisdom, and happiness!

Christy Marshall: I'm hunkering down just like everyone else. Katie and I were going to Alaska for my 70th, but of course that got pushed back to my 71st birthday. I'm shuffling back between Kirkwood and Grubville but pretty much social distancing from everyone and everything.

Becky Wells Mattison: Being anti-social curmudgeons in the best of times has prepared us well for these times of forced isolation. Our finely honed DIY skills come in handy for catching up on 40+ years of neglect of an old house and way too much land. That is NOT to say that we haven't had to face some of our "shortcomings."

Mary Semple McWilliams: We were down in the Turks and Caicos (Pine Cay) at the end of March and got word that the Provo airport was closing in two days, so we closed up the house and got out. So now home: gardening,

long walks, basement clean out, jigsaw puzzles, reading, Zoom programs from our clubs. I do get together with my children regularly. I am the Chairman of our homeowners association in Pine Cay, so that is consuming my energies as we deal with how to move forward.

Jodie Brodhead Moore: In quarantine, I call friends all over the world and have good long conversations; I do Zoom Pilates several times a week; I walk a lot; I do bridge online. I put most of my photos in a photograph album and I spend quality time with my cats and my garden! I also have been the main support person for Tom Johnson, with whom I started The Neighborhood Academy. He had to have major surgery for duodenal cancer. The recovery is grizzly, but the prognosis looks good.

Lou Horan Noland: We spent the winter in Vero Beach. Both **Tee '95** and **Laura '98** along with their families joined us for a week after Christmas with all seven grandchildren! Throughout the winter, we enjoyed lots of golf, bike rides and walks on the beach. Even during COVID-19, we were able to continue all these activities. We felt fortunate to be in such a safe place with very few cases.

Missy Ingham Pixton: Not much to report from here. My trips were cancelled due to the virus, torn rotator cuff and need for surgery plus the loss of Cocoa, my beloved Irish Water Spaniel. The only great news is the birth of my granddaughter, Grace Elizabeth, this past January.

Bo Singer Pratter: In March, on walks around our subdivision, I kept a tally of how many more houses had daffodils blooming in front yards each successive day. In April, I welcomed goldfinches and other birds back to our feeders. And in May I savored some of my very favorite fragrances—lilies of the valley and peonies.

Jannie Jones Ramatici: I am safe, healthy and finding new ways to connect and time to write, reflect and celebrate. Sophie, 31, is married. Mary, 27, graduated June 12 from University of Denver. As most of us did this year, I turned 70! My fun experience pouring wine and olive

oil at a local winery came to a halt in March. I have loved having Mary home. I have had the amazing gift of spending so much time with my two adult daughters and Sophie's husband, Dave, plus sister Sally and her family. Endless walks. Uninterrupted conversations. Smiles behind masks.

Melissa Morriss Schroll: I am still living in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Have two grandchildren ages 2 and 6 months. We are all just trying to stay healthy and survive this craziness. I am thankful we were together to celebrate our 50th.

Carol Ferring Shepley: I'm accustomed to staying home to write, so sheltering didn't seem like a big change. **Jake '68** and I have watched a year's worth of television in three months. There has been great sadness. In January, I lost my father-in-law; in March, Janey; in May, a dear friend's son; in April, my dog. There is joy. Granddaughter Maisie (18 months) loves ducks. Granddaughter Addie (14) gave a concert, singing and playing guitar. Grandson Jack (12) rides his bike. Thank goodness we have the internet and Zoom so friends and family can keep in touch.

Bonnie Black Taylor: This spring, Carol and I finished the play we've been writing for almost 12 years! The play is about the life and politics of Benazir Bhutto, Prime Minister of Pakistan, who was assassinated in December 2007 and whose story was inspired at our 40th reunion. Our classmate, **Victoria Schofield**, had a long and deep relationship with Bhutto. Best part of COVID-19: Zoom cocktails with friends and classmates. My best wishes to all my classmates and my condolences to Janey's family.

Jan Howell Wisland: Dave and I just returned from "hunkering down" in Sarasota, Florida. We were fortunate to be in a beautiful location for seven weeks to bike, beach, explore the art of "cooking in" with Chef Dave, FaceTime a lot with our grandchildren Henry, Charlie, Emily, and Ava, and exercise our minds with puzzles, reading, and marathon games of Gin Rummy! For summer, Dave and I headed out to Berkeley, California, by car to be with Laura and her family.

Robin Shoenberg Zwick: I have been enjoying the time at home with cooking new recipes and enjoying my early-morning walks along the water in Balboa in Newport Beach. The spring flowers here have been magnificent. I was devastated to hear the news of our classmate Janey and send my sympathy to her family. Hoping everyone is healthy!

This year most of us turn 70. In all our long lives, we have never experienced anything like the pandemic. While COVID-19 has prevented birthday gatherings, clearly we have much to celebrate. Reading our notes is a joy. Our class is facing this challenge with strength, flexibility and good humor.

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Thanks to all CDS Classmates of 1969 who took the time to share personal news during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020.

Andy Glaser: The only news from me is I changed law firms (Sandberg Phoenix). My family has remained the same; they have not kicked me out (yet).

Peter Griffin: "I continue to work the CDS Archives, even from home. I have all of my research sources at my disposal on my computer. A few months ago I turned the big 70. I know that I am old, but I keep asking myself when am I going to grow up. During this lockdown I am getting a lot of stuff done around the house and yard."

Ed Hall: Recently joined Sunbelt Business Brokers of St. Louis as vice president. Sunbelt is the largest network of business brokers in the world.

John Hohlt: "I am working remotely; actually, it's not as bad as I thought it would be. That's partly because things have slowed down in the RE biz—a lot. Hard to finance new deals now. In Texas, we're still allowed to go outdoors,

walk, exercise, whatever. I tend to wear my Codasco t-shirt purchased at the 50-year reunion, and sometimes strangers stop and ask me what it means. Hot chicks mostly—not."

Dick Lammert: "My daughter **Meredith Lammert Shrinivas '02** and her husband Shaum both work from home in Kirkwood, Missouri, so Maitland and I spend time with our two grandkids (ages 3 and 4) so that their parents can get some work done. Son **Dick Lammert '99** and his wife live in Manhattan, working out of their apartment and doing well. In my spare time I am active in various progressive causes with an emphasis on saving the planet.

Bob Larkin: "All of the state is under shelter-in-place orders. Mendocino County (as opposed to Montecito, which is part of Santa Barbara) has even made it illegal to rent rooms to anyone from outside the county. No hotels, inns, AirB&Bs, etc. The county has basically made tourism illegal so we are staying at home. Only pharmacies, doctors, and groceries are open. We can go to parks and walk, which I do every day with the dogs. But no meeting others. VERY strange times."

Wally Meissner: "We met **Ralph Winkelmeyer** in Oaxaca, Mexico, in March (just before lockdowns, fortunately) in what has become something of an annual reunion for our families. They escape Minneapolis and we escape Washington, D.C. for some days together. His Spanish is getting to be almost as good as his French."

Clayton Perry: "I retired from orthopedic surgery a year and a half ago. We've been spending May through December in Northern Michigan at our place on Beaver Island. We hike, sail, Monica gardens, I build boats and we have two dogs. December through April we are in St. Louis. We sold our house on Lenox Place and bought a condo on Newstead. We visited **John Frank** and Jan in Phoenix last February. They're doing great! Our sons, **Kevin '00** and **Clay '97**, are both orthopedic surgeons. Clay is in Grand Rapids so we see him and his family fairly frequently. Anyway everything is good."

Richard Reichle: “Nothing much to report from my end, other than what we did not do. We had to cancel three trips we had planned due to the pandemic: we were going to New Orleans for their St. Patrick’s Day parade (good thing we didn’t, that turned out to be a hotspot), we were supposed to be coming home today from a Rhine River cruise, and we canceled a Disney World stay in early June with grandchildren.”

Tracy Rosen: “Here in the middle of nowhere Vermont we are doing everything right. Business is dicey, retirement is for other people, one kid lives in a yurt in the backyard, the other lives here when not living on a sailboat he restored in Lake Champlain. We have two lovely grandkids who go into a crate when we leave the house. Our strict rule is no children who can’t be crated. We are always happy to have visitors in the summer to help bale the hay and work in the barn.”

John Rosenheim: “My family and I are all well, and I am still down in West Palm Beach, Florida, until I figure out in the next 30 days when to head back to Massachusetts. I saw some CDS and MI folks and alums at the house of **Bob Hermann ’70** in Palm Beach in the last few months.”

John Stein: “I’m part of a team trying to set the land speed record for motorcycles. We held it at 367 mph until a few years ago and are trying to get it back. Wish us luck.”

Steve Turner: “The extended Turner family is doing well. Our daughter, Blair, lives in the small coastal town of Scituate. We are fortunate to be able to spend a lot of time with Blair, her husband, Steve, and our granddaughter, Maya, who is two and a half. Our son, Nick, lives in Dallas. Nick and his wife, Stephanie, just celebrated their son’s 1st birthday, although with COVID-19 we were unable to travel there to participate in celebrating the event. Fortunately, I doubt our grandson will hold it against us.”

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With the coronavirus, our 50th reunion in May happened by Zoom. Thanks to **Tina Veraldi** for organizing the Zoom call. We had participation from ladies we hadn’t seen in years. The class participants have unanimously decided to have future Zoom calls so our class can stay in touch. Please check your emails to be informed about the dates for these calls.

In other news we heard from **Judy Jacobs:** “Mihaly and I are traveling around the U.S. for a year in our camper van. After taking off from Oregon last October, we spent time in the Northwest, Brooklyn, and Pennsylvania, before making it to Florida. We were in Great Smoky Mountains National Park in early March, and ended up in southern New Mexico. As I’m writing this we are in Silver City, hunkered down in a hotel so I can complete the revision for the latest edition of a book I wrote five years ago and is published by Jails to Jobs, a nonprofit where I’m in charge of communications.”

Dede Haverstick: I retired from the University of Virginia in March 2019 after 30 years, just in time to spend much of the last 18 months in Wentzville helping my sister **Laura ’72** as she had multiple surgeries for a bad arm/elbow break. If you have to hunker down in quarantine, a 20-acre plot of land with 10 to 15 dogs to take care of and horses to look at is a great spot! Am healthy but continue to refer to myself as a Virginia resident.

We have some sad news to report. **Marian (Tina) Ewing’s** mother, **Rosalie McRee Ewing ’40**, passed away on May 4, 2020. Condolences to Tina.

Brucey Limberg Steck ’62, sister of **Leslie Limberg**, passed away on May 10, 2020. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Leslie.

There are some members of our class that we have not heard from in many years. If you are receiving our emails or this magazine and have not responded in any way, please let us know that we have your correct email address by contacting the above email. Thank You.

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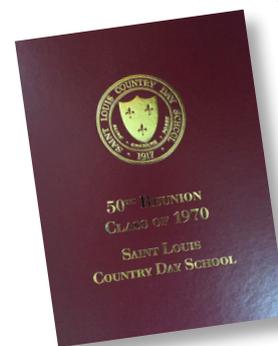
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Cheers to all classmates, family, and friends reading this installment of the CDS ’70 Class Notes. I hope these notes find you healthy and managing to keep your sanity in the face of the pandemic.

It was with great sadness that we had to give up on our grand 50th reunion, scheduled for May but canceled due to the pandemic. Instead, we had a virtual Zoom reunion on May 2. It was **Charlie Schott’s** idea to have this virtual cocktail hour. About 24 classmates joined us as we lamented our fate and caught up on one another’s lives. I was pleased to have **J.T. Koch** join us from Wales; I hadn’t seen him since graduation.

But all was not lost. About that same time we each received our wonderful Class of 1970 50th Reunion yearbook. **Jack Thomas** came up with the idea for this yearbook, and his hard work and generosity certainly paid off. Charlie Schott and Jack’s assistant, Pam Bazzell, also contributed untold hours of pestering, collecting, organizing, and copyediting. The yearbook includes a page for each graduating classmate who contributed photos and a bio,

photos and bios for classmates who were with us for some years but did not graduate with us, names and photos of the rest of our class, an In Memoriam page for our fallen friends, and lots of photos from the 1960s and subsequent reunions.





Soon after the previous Class Notes were due, I heard from **Bob Boyd**. He is doing well. From left to right are Bob, daughter Marla, daughter-in-law Brenda, son James, and his English son-in-law, Rich. Bob says, “Funny we’re all wearing glasses; usually only Brenda and I wear them all day.”

Ed Potter checked in with this news: “All is going well. My wife, Cindy, and I went to Dubai and the Seychelles with **Jeff Miller** and his wife, Abby. The Seychelles were a place that Jeff and I always wanted to go to fish, but we also fished in Dubai. They have more oil money in the UAE than they know what to do with and they are building more and more of these architecturally amazing buildings. It’s way off the top.”

I spent a lot of time talking with **Charlie Schott** over the past few months. I was quite pleased that he silently took over the duties of Classmate Finder, a job sadly given up by **Tim Gillespie** when he passed away. Charlie’s tasks were instrumental in creating the 50th reunion yearbook. Charlie tells us: “Professionally, the most significant news is that I recently signed on as a Senior Advisor to a St. Louis start up, 4Me4We, LLC, that is in the field of helping companies raise brand awareness through charitable giving. My primary responsibility is helping them raise a \$500K angel round. I am also involved with business strategy and customer acquisition.”

I check in with **Dave Oetting** fairly often, and he was happy to summarize his current life: “Planting corn, beans, Dan Quayle potatoes, and building a new barn at the farm. Davey is gut-rehabbing Mom’s house (Granada

Way). Practicing law some each day. Italy trip canceled. Weekly cocktail parties from afar. Missing granddaughter in Austin.”

Jeff Miller sent in the following news: “My daughter and I flew to Buenos Aires on March 12, planning to head to Tierra del Fuego to fish for gigantic brown trout. That day, the Argentine government began to close down the country due to the virus, American Airlines began canceling flights, and the lodge we planned to patronize shut its doors. We had a nice dinner, spent the night, and headed home the following day. At least we made it home!”

Checking in with the requisite information, **Tom Barad** reports: “What am I doing? Let me tell you: I’m trying to figure out why the floor looks so streaky after I damp mop. And then I must nurse my back. I’m proud to say I’m getting much better with the Swiffer. My mother, now 97, joined a conference call (old technology) and read from *The Adventures of Uncle Wiggly* to her seven great grandchildren, six grandchildren and their spouses, her three sons and wives. It was a great show. She’s available for hire.”

I just heard from **Harold Bible**: “There’s nothing especially exciting or noteworthy from here. Chris and I are masking, gloving, ordering groceries on-line, and FaceTiming with kids and grandkids. We now also have the capability to get out in our boat or kayaks on the lake and stay socially distanced there.”

I have been more or less retired this year, both out of desire and due to the pandemic. This affords me more time for working on my latest car model and puttering on programming projects. Cynthia has been even busier reporting for the town paper, the *Carlisle Mosquito*. Luke works at the only grocery store/deli in town, so his job continues apace, with the added pleasure of making meals for local and Boston hospitals. Rose participates in virtual singing and guitar lessons.

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Barnet M. (Mike) McKee and his wife, Ellen, announce the birth of their third grandchild on April 21, Maeve Elizabeth Laurel McKee, daughter of **Jonathan M. McKee ’04** and his wife, Dr. Meghan Pillai. Maeve joins cousins Genevie (born November 22, 2016) and Esmé (born March 22, 2019), daughters of **Dr. Kathleen E. McKee ’02** and David Nierenberg.

1971_{MI}

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The pandemic has changed life as we know it and that is clearly reflected in the news from our classmates.

Victoria “Tori” King is the Fremont County Public Health Department Medical Officer in Colorado. “It is similar to controlling rowdy horses. I have been the Medical Officer for over 20 years, but it usually revolves around treating TB, people bitten by potentially rabid animals, measles outbreaks, and immunizations. H1N1 was a good practice run for this in a much more limited fashion. The sad thing about this, beyond the deaths, has been the death threats, general misinformation, and denial.”

Cyndi Trauernicht: “Life has slowed to a crawl it seems. The long, cool, wet spring didn’t help. Real estate was down just a bit, and virtual showings and closings became the new normal. It’s been interesting!”



Track coach for her world team champs, **Patricia “Tish” Johnson Hanna** writes: “I am doing great. With sports, Olympic trials and my track cancelled, this is the first time in 13 years that I have not been traveling weekly through the year! I have actually seen more of my 10 grandchildren than ever before; and my college-age granddaughter has been living with me since her classes have been online and her engineering job is now remote. I got a new dog. Looks like my 2021 will be busier than I planned.”

Debbie Smith Fitzgerald was nearly trapped in the Dominican Republic. “We returned to the Lou on March 14, and four days later, the DR closed the airports. We have done social distancing cocktails with neighbors; and now, slowly and carefully easing out. We are overwhelmed with house projects. With Zoom, we are seeing relatives in Colorado, Massachusetts, and Oklahoma every two weeks vs. every year or so. Ditto with relatives in Cape Breton and Toronto! Only took a pandemic to make it happen; and it’s so fun to visit this way!”

Molly Coe Niven reports: “My husband David and I just had a Zoom graduation with our grandson **Morgan Niven ’20**, complete with formal dress, Pomp and Circumstance on the accordion by yours truly, Commencement Address given by ‘Chancellor’ Niven in full regalia, a cast of hundreds in the audience—think George Washington, Abe Lincoln, John Wesley Powell, both Roosevelts, four generations of Nivens and Coes, and many more, plus a ‘speech’ by the graduate and both

parents, and a retrospective of Morgan’s life. It was a memorable occasion!”

Of course, **Judy Griesedieck** has been photographing “some of the aspects of this crazy but historic period in our lives: protesters at the Minnesota Governor’s mansion, neighbors being creative with graduations and their children’s home schooling, my own family working from home...documenting for future generations. My daughter is home from Brooklyn, working from home. That’s the silver lining to this pandemic: our children coming home for a few months to make us thankful for our blessings.”

Susan Krone Cabral is sheltering in place in Hawaii; hoped she could get to Florida in August to help care for her new grandson.

Audie Woolsey’s lifestyle is the very definition of preparedness: “Nothing to report from our small ranch in South Carolina other than it is easy to social distance on 29 acres just outside of a town of 868 people.”

Wendy Richards Echols has been very proactive against the virus in Florida. With her husband’s yacht business, they spend a good deal of time on the water with their dog at their side. Now they have a big project to occupy their time: “We bought a barge that we plan to convert to a floating business off West Palm Beach...just not sure what yet.” She is open to suggestions.

Some of our classmates have turned to one another for relief and recreation. **Gloria Niedringhaus Jarvis**: “Since the quarantine, **Cristie Tober Krauss, Babs Claggett Wagner, Laurie Wolff Miller, Susan Cabral, Anne Gardner Imbs** and I have organized a book club that meets virtually on Monday evenings. I think we are doing more visiting than discussing the assigned book. Right now, we are reading *Emma* by Jane Austen. We all like to read and we have known each other forever, so it is a fun group and a great way to keep in touch with friends one evening a week. Anyone who’d like to join, get in touch!”

Maybe they’ll read **Lucy Ferriss’** new book. “My second collection of short fiction, *Foreign Climes*, has won the Brighthorse Books Award and will be published by Brighthorse at the end of this year. And if anyone is getting nostalgic for needlepoint, they can check out my essay *A Stitch in Time* at The American Scholar later this summer. Don and I are ensconced in the Berkshires for the summer and welcome visitors at the appropriate social distance.”

Alexandra Kingzett used the time to finish her latest album, *Mr. Ragbone’s Curiosity Shop, Vol. 1*, available wherever music is sold. And with her creative juices flowing, she has already started work on volume 2 due out in the spring.

Ann Hardy Aschauer: “We made it back to Kentucky before the shelter-in-place started, fortunately! Spring was beautiful here, so we have been able to walk outside, enjoy the flowers and birds, and smile and wave at our neighbors. I’ve actually gotten to know some of my neighbors I didn’t know before while walking my dog. We live in a very friendly area, so it hasn’t been hard for us at all. We’ve all stayed safe and sane. See you at the 50th!”

As for me, **Laurie Jacobson Provost**, I caught COVID-19 in March. Fortunately, it was a mild case and I recovered at home over the course of several weeks. The worst part was being separated from my grandchildren, ages five and six months. Thank goodness for Facetime and our all-too-brief drive-by hellos. My latest book came out in April, *TV Dinners: 40 Classic TV Kid Stars Dish Up Favorite Recipes with a Side of Memories*.

Looking ahead, I agree with Annie Aschauer. I certainly hope we will have no impediment to our “No Excuses Reunion,” May 7-8, 2021. Laurie Miller and I are already making plans for it. Can it really be 50 years since we ruled the halls of 101 N. Warson? We predict that “Mustang Sally” will ride again, ladies. Reserve the weekend now. This is the one not to be missed.

Meanwhile, stay safe.

1972_{MI}

Christy Wuerthenbaccher Moore: All is well from the Moore household. I actually retired this time. After nine great years as a science teacher at MICDS, it was time to move on. We got our first grandchild last July, and that was the impetus for the retirement. My plans include a lot of travel (our granddaughter lives in California), yard work, volunteering at the St. Louis Aquarium, and becoming a master naturalist, oh, and I need to bone up on my French. Madame Ehrenreich would be so proud; our granddaughter is half French.

1972_{CDS}

Peter C. Smith: My daughter **Elizabeth “Toddy” Smith Rakel ’03** gave birth to her second child, Parker Christian Rakel, on April 27, 2020. He joins his older brother, Grayson, and, with my son Nick’s daughter Grace Smith, brings my grandchild count to three. I feel very blessed. My wife Nancy and I have had to cancel many personal and professional travel plans this year, as I’m sure others have also. We look forward to life returning to a more normal state in the future.

1973_{CDS}

Mark Moore: I am practicing half-time in Colorado, and spending the rest at our farm in Lonedell, Missouri. My wife and I planted a small vineyard three years ago and hope to have our first bottle of Norton wine next year! The farm looks about the same as when we had our sophomore class party. Visited with **Charlie Allen** last year, was great to catch up. My youngest daughter now in Cornell Vet school and oldest an Internal Medicine resident at Ohio State, my son working at Morgan Stanley in California.

Jeff McFarland wrote in March 2020, “I was in Geneva from the end of February until mid-May serving as the U.S. CDC Liaison Officer to the World Health Organization (WHO) for COVID-19. Long days, seven days a week. The city was locked down, only food stores, pharmacies and hospitals open. Buses and trains were still running and a few hotels remained open. There was no social life at all, mostly because of the working hours, but also because people do not see each other. A real highlight was connecting with **Christoph Meier**, the foreign exchange student from Switzerland who was in our class senior year. He lives in Geneva and we had lunch in a park and met briefly outside WHO headquarters. Christoph works part-time, seems healthy and in very good spirits.”



Jeff McFarland '73 was able to visit with Christoph Meier, pictured, in Geneva.

1974_{MI}

Holly Hermann Gulick: During this crazy time of quarantine, it’s important to look for the bright spots in our lives...and here’s one: **David ’72** and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary in April by renewing our vows with our wonderful priest. Assorted extended family waited outside in the parking lot while our son **Drew ’02** and his wife Alix decorated the car, along with our granddaughters. It was great fun and marked a special day in a memorable manner! Son Clint lives and works in Dallas with his wife, Maddie.

1976_{MI}

Darlene Wiggins Sierocuk and her husband of 34 years, Tom, have finally landed. “Our last house has completed building and we have moved in. We are retired in a small boating community in Palmetto, Florida. We also bought our first boat, a 14-foot sailboat, the *Viral Escape*. Other than tending to our new house and sailing, we remain engaged in feeding those less fortunate and helping my mom, who lives in The Villages a hundred miles north of us. Wishing you all health and happiness.”

1978_{CDS}

Conrad Tirre, MD, FACS reports, “My wife Windy and I have moved to the Big Island of Hawaii. I joined a multispecialty group here. I hope all is well with my classmates. I hope I can catch up with some of you. My email is conradtirre@gmail.com.”

1980_{CDS}

Nick Deppen: My son received his B.S. from Rochester Institute of Technology this year and began working at a Seattle company that makes industrial lasers. I returned from business travel in Asia in late February and no one wanted me in the office. Shortly thereafter the shut-down happened, and I have been working from home ever since. My hair may actually be longer now than it was in 1979, and there is gray in my beard.

Kyle Etzkorn MD, FACP: I am, and have been for the past four years, the CEO of Borland Groover, a multispecialty group located throughout north Florida that is focused on digestive diseases.



1983_{MI}

Patty Mirbaha Hylla: Hello! I hope this message finds everyone healthy and well. The Hylla children are now all Hylla adults. Rick (24) is in the Neuroscience Division with UCB and enjoys his new sales position. Jack (22) graduates soon from University of Missouri with a Business Degree and our Sarah Rose (20) will be completing her sophomore year at Indiana University shortly; her focus is Business. Mike continues to be very busy with his company EMA Inc. Sending lots of love during this crazy time.



1987_{CDS}

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Gordon Scherck writes, "I found the Iambic Pentameter overwhelming then and now, so stuck with a Haiku (not certain to date if I have ever read anything by Shakespeare):

Year Eighty Seven,
Comprised of the greatest men,
Best class of all time.

Love you all, hope you and the families are well,
God bless you!!"

1992_{CDS}

Kevin O'Briant is currently splitting his time between Missoula, Montana, where he guides back-country historical tours along the Lewis & Clark Trail and teaches classes at the University of Montana, and San Diego, California, where he is working on a series of short films on the archaeology and ecological history of California for a new nature-based social media startup called Mammalz.com.

1999_{MICDS}

Tory Miller Casey: I am still living in Delray Beach, Florida, and loving it! My daughter Emma, will be five in August, and Colt, my boy, just turned two on Memorial Day! It has been a struggle homeschooling these little guys, but I have gotten used to Zoom. I have had a blast catching up with old friends on it, including **Liz Lanese Geiger, Lindsey Philp, Sarah Drake, Janey Brauer Miller** and **Lisa Thomas Lakovitch**. I recently launched the website for The Kemble Shop, thekembleshop.com, located in Palm Beach, Florida. I have had so much fun filling our shop with unique and whimsical items. If you are ever in town come by and say hello! Wishing everyone a very happy 2020.

2005_{MICDS}

Walker Matthews served as project manager on the preservation team that worked on the historic St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. His team with Aeon, a hands-on restoration firm specializing in architectural conservation, returned the main north elevation and bell tower to near-original condition and provided the entire church with repairs designed to last a half century.

2006_{MICDS}

David Leander reports he graduated from Dartmouth's MD-MBA program at the Geisel School of Medicine and Tuck School of Business in June and will go on to his Internal Medicine residency training at Washington University—his top choice. He said, "Looking forward to returning home for the next few years."

01. Kevin O'Briant

02. Members of the class of 2016 reconnected at Walloon Lake in Michigan. Back row (l-r): Samantha Mishkin '16, Taylor Baur '16, Chris Saunders '16, and Austin Saunders '16. Front row (l-r): Kate Barnes '16, Caroline Rank '16, and Jacob Queller '16.



Cynthia Shoenberg Peters '67 and Raymond W. Peters II '67 with one of their six grandchildren, August, son of Eleanor Peters Bergquist '93.



Kevin P. Byrne '89

01. Cynthia Shoenberg Peters '67 is a trustee emeritus at the Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG). Her husband, **Raymond W. Peters II '67**, serves as a trustee for the Missouri Historical Society (MHS) which includes the Missouri History Museum, the Library & Research Center as well as the Soldiers Memorial and Military Museum and is also a trustee at Bellefontaine Cemetery & Arboretum (BCA). Between the two of them, they have been able to make valuable and unique connections among all three organizations. The Garden has partnered with BCA on the planting of rare and endangered species. The Missouri Historical Society also partners with BCA for shows, exhibits and tours.

02. Rear Admiral Kevin P. Byrne '89 has been appointed Commander of the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) and of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC). As the commander of NSWC/NUWC, he leads more than 27,000 scientists, engineers, technicians and support personnel, both civilian and active-duty, at eight Surface Warfare Divisions and two Undersea Warfare Divisions. The NAVSEA Warfare Centers provide research, development, test, and evaluation for the future Navy as well as in-service engineering and logistics support for the operational naval forces. Byrne is authorized to wear the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal, in addition to various service and unit awards.

In a KMOX facebook live session in the spring, **Tom Ackerman '93** and **Sterling K. Brown '94** took a stroll down CDS and MICDS memory lane. They chatted about Ram football games that Tom called and in which Sterling shined. Sterling also said, "My mom was a school teacher...She sent me to Country Day in the 6th grade, and I went sort of kicking and screaming. And it turned out to be one of the best experiences of my life. I don't think I would have become an actor if I didn't go to Country Day. There was something really wonderful about being a jock but not having that be a stigma; being a theater geek but not being ridiculed for that; being a nerd, but we were all kinda nerds."

James Proctor '16 finished his senior year at Princeton by preparing for the Major League Baseball draft. The right-handed pitcher was signed as a free agent by the Cincinnati Reds. In 2016, he was the St. Louis American Player of the Year in baseball after leading MICDS to the Class 4 state championship.

Elly Weller '16 graduated from Ole Miss this spring, having been involved with the Ole Miss baseball program for four years and completing internships in the Cape Cod Summer League in 2018 and 2019. (The Cape Cod is the premier summer league for pro prospects.) This past summer, she was one of only 10 women to get a scouting internship with the league. Her work and experience has led to a position in the Cardinals front office!

New Alumni Portal!



Our new Alumni Portal launched in the spring! The new portal allows you to:

- Make address updates online
- Search the online alumni directory
- Connect on social media

If you have never logged into an MICDS Portal before and did not receive a welcome email in May, please contact Louise Jones at ljones@micds.org. If you already have an account (because you are a current parent, faculty or staff member), you have instant access to the alumni portal via the portal switcher (the pillar icon) centered at the top of all MICDS portals.

03. Abby Schroeder '16 graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy this spring, and received her ceremonial first salute from sister **Mia Schroeder '18**, a cadet at West Point, in an emotional reunion in Wildwood. After, Abby shipped out to San Diego for three months before heading to Japan to serve on the U.S.S. America.



04. Gini Howell '20, a sixth-generation alum, worked with alumna **Louisa Rechter Takacs '05**, co-founder of Mestiza New York, to design her May Day gown. "We wanted to design her dress with someone who knows MICDS traditions and appreciates the significance of May Day," said Gini's mom, **Virginia Hanes Howell '83**. After a trip to Mestiza, Gini chose a dress inspired by a pre-existing design and re-imagined it in a white silk saille. "Gini was our first May Day client," says Louisa. "I was especially honored that she asked us to be part of this very special day."



Gini Howell '20, with her parents Virginia Hanes Howell '83 and John Howell '83 and brothers Jack Howell '12 and Ford Howell '16.



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CDS Class of 1962 Zoom Reunion

John Hensley reports, "This is a picture my wife, Linda, took during the Zoom meeting we had recently." Classmates included **Bruce Brandhorst, Geoff Butler, Lou Cariffe, Skip Culver, Bill Dehlendorf, C.B. Gebhard, Joe Griesedieck, Jim Grove, Jim Harrell, John Hensley, Charles Homeyer, Lanny Jones, Lyle Kalish, Duff Morrill, Dinny Niedringhaus, Bill Oakey, John Primm** (also known as Jigger Primm—all the way from Thailand), **Sandy Primm, Terry Scherck, Sandy Shapleigh, Shap Shapleigh, Bill Stanard, Joe Von Kaenel, Karl Weinkauff, and Mike Witte**. We talked about everything from who our favorite teachers were to how we got into and out of trouble at Schneithorst's and who was at fault for the penalty that had a touchdown called back in our lopsided loss to Burroughs. It was an incredible event and has been repeated several times. It was nice to connect again with classmates we have not seen for a number of years.

MI Class of 1965 Zoom Reunion

Elizabeth Kendall, Assistant Professor of Literary Studies at Eugene Lang School in New York, led the Class of 1965 in a discussion of *Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid. Fourteen alumnae used Zoom to see and talk to each other on May 1, which would have been the first day of their 55th reunion weekend.



Top (l-r): Elizabeth Kendall, Peggy Dubinsky Price, Diana Davis Madsen. Second Row (l-r): Ingrid Nordqvist Le Roux, Jan Shapleigh Mackey, Linda Glick. Third row (l-r): Susan Caspari Carnwath, Alice Langenberg Abrams, Louisa Legg Deland. Bottom (l-r): Jane Ruwitch Mitchell, Rosalie Thompson Maloney, Susan Donnell Flanigan. Julie Grote Rogers and Irene Leland also joined but are not pictured.

MI Class of 1970 Zoom Reunion

Members of the Mary Institute Class of 1970 connected via Zoom, including **Tina Rutledge Veraldi, Pam Farrell Dupuis, Sunie Lasky, Patsy McCloskey Richards, Cathy Trauernicht, Lela Shepley, Ellen Roberts Langtree, Genie Cannon Guilliams, Chris Garhart, Caron Lindberg Ulmer, Leslie Limberg, and Maud Essen**.

