

Class Notes

NEWS FOR MARY INSTITUTE
AND SAINT LOUIS COUNTRY DAY
SCHOOL ALUMNAE AND ALUMNI

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notes submitted through

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Births and Adoptions

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN TO OUR MICDS FAMILY.

Charles "Chip" Newblock McAlpin '01 and Allison Leung McAlpin, Charlotte Allison McAlpin, June 21, 2021

Lauren Brummett Collins '02 and Danny, Sloane Avery Collins, April 13, 2021 (photo 1)



Weddings

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ALUMNI ON THEIR RECENT NUPTIALS.

Daphne Washington '09 and Kurt Walcott II
May 16, 2021 (photo 2)

Stuart Andrew Maples '11 and Allyssa Nicole O'Brien
September 8, 2018 (photo 3)

Caroline Ainsley Maples '11 and
McPherson Dorsett Moore, Jr. '10
May 15, 2021 (photo 4)



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 SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

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

- Georgia Simmons Pierpont '36**, May 31, 2021
- Helene Baskowitz Roberson '42**, August 21, 2021
- Dorothy Hanpeter '45**, June 7, 2021
- Adalbert Dietz '52**, August 5, 2021
- Nancy Clipner Israel '52**, August 9, 2021
- Margot Ketcham Shriver '52**, August 17, 2021
- Lloyd Doerflinger '53**, July 7, 2021
- Wanda Bickel '55**, August 16, 2021
- Paul Johansen Jr. '56**, July 12, 2021
- Martha Baer '57**, June 24, 2021
- Charles Bascom '59**, March 29, 2021
- Nancy Lewis Shands '61**, September 10, 2021
- Lucy Cardwell '62**, May 18, 2021
- Lawrence Goldfarb '67**, August 24, 2021
- William "Bill" Huttig Ford '72**, September 9, 2021
- Karen Taylor '76**, July 18, 2021
- Roberta Hensley '82**, September 4, 2021
- Eli Karsh '86**, September 5, 2021
- Max Bernstein '15**, July 10, 2021

Faculty Deaths

William Andrews Jr., Former CDS Faculty, June 28, 2021

Virtual Tour of the Country Day Archives

Our Saint Louis Country Day alumni were invited this past spring to watch our first-ever virtual tour of the CDS Archives with volunteer archivist **Cliff Saxton '64**. The tour covers Codosco's entire history, from 1917 to 1992, and features images of treasured artifacts as well as stories and photos of beloved faculty members. Also featured are the Brown Road and Warson Road campuses, Rams football, and the Archives room located on the lower level of the STEM building. We look forward to traveling through our school's proud history with you.



CDS diorama of the Brown Road campus.



**Scan to see the
full video tour.**



Letter from the MICDS Alumni Association President

Dear MI, CDS, and MICDS Alumni,

As we embark upon a new and exciting school year for our current students, we are planning a number of fun and engaging activities for our former students near and far. But first, we want to hear from you!

I am honored to be working with the School to represent our 8,000 alumni who live and work around the world. It amazes me to learn the many ways that an MI, CDS, or MICDS education has impacted and helped our alumni. The stories are endless. Perhaps it would be fun to learn more about this broad network? Whatever your thoughts or needs from the Alumni Association, we want to hear from you. Thank you to the many alumni who filled out the survey this August. Continuing to engage with alums, near and far, is our ongoing goal and we look forward to finding new and innovative ways to keep this Alumni Association active and strong.

One of the best ways to walk down memory lane and reconnect with friends and classmates is the annual Reunion Weekend. This year Reunion Weekend will be held May 5-7, 2022, in St. Louis and is certain to be a blast. If your class year ends in 1, 2, 6, or 7, please mark your calendars now!

In addition to completing the MICDS Alumni Survey, be sure to explore:

- **MICDS Connect**, our new virtual community used to engage alumni, reconnect with classmates, enjoy professional networking, and serve as a vehicle for alumni-student mentoring. (See page 37 on how to register.)
- **Social Media Presence** on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn.
- **Volunteer opportunities** with the Alumni Office.

I look forward to representing your needs and interests and hope this year will offer you many opportunities to connect with your fellow alumni. Warm, personal connections are a trademark of our Alumni Association and are a special gift from our school. We will continue to work hard to develop and keep those connections strong. I look forward to what this school year has to offer and encourage you to stay in touch with MICDS. The School loves to hear what our alumni are doing.

Sincerely,

Whitney Gulick Reboulet '97
MICDS Alumni Association President

1954_{MI}

Susan Elliott writes: Now that COVID is mostly behind us, we can all enjoy returning to normal—whatever that is?! We are blessed to be in Florida where I play golf almost every day, ride my bike frequently, and **Howard '52** goes to the gym seven days a week. All the best to everyone.

1957_{CDS}

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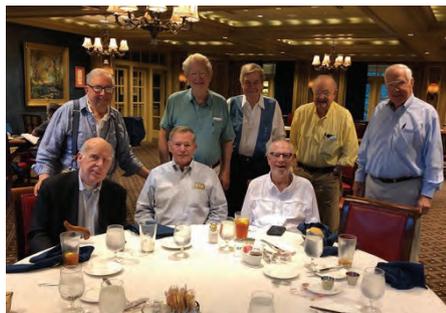
Greetings, gents. Well, eight of us made it to our recent lunch. It started off with **John Curby** and **Gene Lehr** leading us in a word of prayer—I believe a great new tradition has been established.

It was great seeing **Nick Clifford** push his walker aside and walk to the table! It has been a long haul for him, but thanks to his determination and help from his loving wife, Molly, he is getting better each time we see him. A lot to be thankful for.

Some interesting stories were told. We found out **Lew Shepley** is the most accomplished private pilot in the class. Some years ago, he took off in a heavy fog only to have one of his instruments fail. He was 200 feet off the ground and at first didn't realize his plane was about to go into a stall as he had no visual orientation (a stall would force the plane into a downward spin). This is where quick thinking and experience pay off. He was able to manually override the error and said, "This is why I can enjoy lunch with you guys today!"

Then the subject of the Bay of Pigs invasion came up. **John Curby**, an Air Force intelligence officer, was able to bring us up to speed. He had an incredible amount of knowledge about how close we came to a nuclear war with Russia. Unbeknownst to any of us at the time, **Marine John Gillis** was in a landing craft getting ready to hit a Cuban beach. Fortunately cooler heads prevailed.

Hopefully, we can meet again in early fall. Here is a photo taken at our get-together; very interesting: no flattops!



Back row (l-r): Raese Simpson, John Curby, Gene Lehr, Lew Shepley, Dick Engelsmann
Front row (l-r): Bill Bowersox, Dick Baldwin, Nick Clifford

1958_{MI}

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Susanne Morris Glasscock wrote: "The unplanned move to 'the country' has been a surprise and a blessing. We keep a condo in Houston and go every other week. Here are a couple of 80-year-olds growing grapes and peaches and watching the cows, and loving it. We are close enough to a small town to have a great church relationship, a good grocery store, and even a world-class music venue. Being blessed with good health, energy, and long-time friends nearby makes this life even better."

Some of us ended up having a lovely Zoom-like chat in June when **Laura Orthwein** emailed us that Forest Park is 145 years old. This spontaneously brought out many memories for so many of us, and classmates began to chime in on their memories of Forest Park.

Marnie wrote about her memories of the Munny opera, and also about the Art Museum and the mummy with the unwrapped toe, and the room with the "Dutch" house with the balcony and circular stairway.

This led **Susan Champaine Hopper** to comment on the mummy and toe, too, and also her escapades at the museum with her brother with the Lachaise Sculpture.

Susan also said her grandparents met in the Park at the 1904 Fair—AND **Judy Hickey Engelsmann's** and **Nancy Schumacher Dennis'** grandparents met at the 1904 Fair, too!

Libby said one of her favorites was the Jewel Box, and **Lyn Dominguez** then emailed she loved that, too. Libby also said the Waterfall along one of the drives is still there, and now is easily accessible, even for octogenarians!

Sally Spoehrer Lemkemeier wrote that the Park brought back many fun memories.

This was such fun for us all to reminisce about Forest Park—so much a part of everyone's lives. It would be great to have more online "get-togethers." We love to hear from everyone.

Our 65th MI Reunion is not until 2023 when we will be turning 83! Do we want to wait to get together or have something here in St. Louis before that? We could have our classmate dinner and then see downtown or Forest Park. Too bad the Highlands are not still going. Ho, ho! Let us know your thoughts. Stay well and safe!

1958_{CDS}

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Chris Bent reports the doctor gave him two days to live in October due to congestive heart failure and clotting. His wife took over, and here he is, 35 pounds lighter. Chris says she is one tough gal to argue with. He said, "I invite all to find out how life's journey can be amazing. I've written 15 books, thanks to CDS English classes. Visit <https://chrisbent.com/bookstore/> I was the first human to touch an Apollo Spacecraft (AS-201) to return from space. Crazy after scuba diving in the CDS pond with 'Sparky.'"

Terry Culver says, “**Ned Engman** is in Extended Care at the Gatesworth, and I saw him there while I was there in a wheelchair with a busted big toe. I am out now, but his wife, Peggy, is next door in the Gatesworth and I know she would like for any who feels like doing so to visit him. He takes a while to talk but does so fully even though it takes a minute or two for him to answer. Call her to set up a visit, maybe for lunch (the food is top rate!).”

Frank Elliott said—63 years later and we still have one thing in common: 1958 Codasco graduates. He can guarantee you a lot has happened, some of which is newsworthy but not too much this year. However, he did shoot his age again on the golf course: 80. Not too bad. Frank says all is well out there and hopes the same is true “back east.”

Maurice L. (Bud) Hirsch Jr. had several of his photographic works accepted in juried gallery exhibitions. Currently, two of his images are on display for the next several months at the Angad Arts Hotel in St. Louis. His granddaughter, **Anna Speller '20**, in her freshman year at Southeast Missouri State, was a beam specialist on their women's gymnastics team helping SEMO win the USA Gymnastics 2021 Women's Collegiate National Championship and earning her First Team All American. His grandson, **Jake Speller '17**, graduated from the University of Dayton with a major in sports management and now works for the football program at SEMO. Bud and his family celebrated his 80th in 2020 on the Atlantic in Duck, North Carolina. He is looking forward to 2022 for some photographic trips abroad.

Rich Nelson checked in to say no COVID-19 yet, but the rollout of vaccines in New Zealand is really slow. He hopes to have it shortly. Otherwise, all is well down there. He was involved with an NZ art show recently which is a joy and hopes to stay involved in the future as a patron and buyer.

1959_{MI}

Jeannie Hamilton Pearman writes: “I am living happily in Palm Beach, Florida, with Donald Hannah. We went out together in our

20s and reconnected as a widow and widower three years ago. We are working on being involved with stem cell treatments on a ship off the coast of Nassau. This summer is my 80th birthday. I'm having all of our children and grandchildren to a gala party. I remember my years at MI and my friends there so fondly. I look forward to our next reunion.”

1959_{CDS}

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I was very pleasantly surprised to receive an email from **Carl Rohne**. He writes: “I just finished a book on travels in Canada and Alaska in our motorhome with my bride, Sandra, and a well-traveled Chihuahua. I'm starting work on a play and researching physicist Lisa Meitner. Sandra and I are active in local theater as actors. We moved to Bisbee, Arizona, three years ago. We have a small Airbnb going which gives me exercise and a chance to ‘meet and greet’ the guests. Health here is good.”

Another author in our class, **Butch Welsch**, wrote: “My book, *The Indianapolis 500 – Memories of a Fan* is now available. I am really excited about the way it turned out. I have a website: Indy500memories.org. I will sell the book to any local classmates whom I see and could deliver it to avoid the mailing costs. It is available on Amazon.” I bought an autographed copy and it is well-written and beautifully produced.

I am always saddened to report the death of one of our classmates but it seems I have to do it more often. This time it's the passing of **Charlie Bascom**, who attended Codasco from Class 8 through Class 4 before being sent to the Brooks School in Massachusetts. **Ted Pettus** and **Henry Massie** each sent fond memories of Charlie when they were all little boys (pre-CDS) via email to all classmates with addresses on file.

Henry Massie reports: “I would like to announce the publication of my new novel, *The Boy Who Took Marilyn to the Prom*. It is the story of an errant psychiatrist, the son of Marilyn

Monroe's last psychiatrist. It is available on Amazon. For more information about the book, go to my Facebook page, Henry Massie Author, or my website henrymassie.com.”

The Monday lunches have entered their eighth year and continue at Lester's. All are welcome at 11:30 a.m. The monthly Zoom calls also continue (perhaps the only good thing to come out of the pandemic). If you have not joined one, email Butch at bwelsch@welsch-heatcool.com and he will send you an invitation.

1960_{CDS}

Russ Messing: I am just now finishing my fourth book of poetry! Thanks to all of you who asked for previous books. (I do have a box or two left of unsold copies.) This latest endeavor is entitled *In The Corner of the Afternoon*. I am waiting for my daughter, the artist, to finish work on the cover. If any of you are interested, please let me know I will send you an autographed and specially blessed copy.

1962_{CDS}

Michael Witte writes: “**Sally '66** and I have a third grandchild, first grandson: Luca Bruce Witte, born to Spencer and Amanda Bruce Bernal. Son Griffin, a national correspondent for the *Washington Post*, won a prestigious 2020 George Polk Award for Justice Reporting for his part in a Post series on the life of George Floyd. Youngest son, Drew, is active in the music biz, lives in Brooklyn, and has 55,000 followers on TikTok! Constantly-barking black lab, Bella, has enlivened the conversation.”

1964_{MI}

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We hope you all received our “Class Blast” about **Susan Kahn Bromberg's** father's tooth

birthday. Jane gets credit for learning about this exciting milestone, and on behalf of the Class of 1964, we extend to Dr. Kahn our congratulations!

Our first Class Notes contributor was **Carolyn Michael** (Punkin Hirsch). She wrote: “During this COVID time-out, I found it a treasure to enjoy the company of my husband, Howard Millman, who celebrated his 90th birthday! What a gift to take time out to reflect, enjoy each other, and catch up on every movie and TV series ever made. I have walked four miles every day since March 2020. Having been vaccinated, I have started to emerge and see other vaccinated folks.”

Then we heard from our May Queen, **Kim Marschel Flachmann**. “I continue to work as the Writing Program Coordinator at California State University, Bakersfield. It is the job I was born to do. My husband, Michael, died unexpectedly in 2013 while he was teaching at the Utah Shakespeare Festival. My children, Laura and Christopher, are both psychologists—and are probably analyzing my behavior every day. Christopher has two sons, ages 13 and 10; Laura just had her first baby, a son, during COVID. We are all managing and doing well.”

Jane reports: “**Patsy Clark Ball** organized a lunch adventure with **Susan Bromberg** and **Jane Cox**. On a nice day, we ended up at Union Loafers Café in Tower Grove and ate outside. If anyone wants to join in, call one of us and help choose the next time and place.”

Barbara Baur Dunlap sent two emails: First email: “Charlie and I have been visiting our children, now that quarantines have lifted. It was great to get to Austin, Texas, and California after 1 1/2 years. **Tee ’64** is going to join us this August for some fun in Telluride.” Then she sent: “Life in Arizona involves lots of gardening, giving roses away, weekly Bible study and prayer groups, walks with neighbors, and enjoying Charlie and our grandkids. I am busy making cookies to attract them to Baba and Gogo’s house.”

Becky Jones Fouke has sent the happy news that her oldest granddaughter, Lily Fouke,

has graduated from Holy Name Academy in Seattle, Washington, and will start her freshman year at Texas Christian University this fall.

At the other end of the spectrum, **Blockie McAlpin ’65** and I announce the birth of our second granddaughter, Charlotte Allison McAlpin, on June 21.

Best,
Jane & Anne

1965 MI

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As we venture out again and start to pick up where we left off before COVID, we are reuniting with our families and traveling again. In April, Dick and I visited **Wendy Price ’99** and John Patinella and new baby John Christopher Patinella (Jack), born March 21, in Los Angeles. Then, in June, we spent a week in Portland, Oregon, with **Katie Price Testo ’03**, Tom, Siena, and new baby Claire Katherine Testo, born May 3. It was wonderful to see and hug them again and especially to meet our new grandchildren.

We may not have celebrated our 55th reunion in person, but we hope to get together next year. **Charlotte Rust Dix** wrote: “I’m looking forward to a real reunion; will take more time than for the 50th. I’ve been reading royal navy fiction from the Napoleonic era. Great travel stories, great heroes—the world needs more heroes. Be a little bit of a hero every day.”

Linda Glick has a third great-grandchild: Navy Jay Stanik. According to Linda, “She is named after her grandfather and dad Will’s father. We spent a night in Healdsburg, a tradition for Steve’s birthday. I’m refreshing my conversational French so I can talk to my nephew’s new family. I found a young woman who works for the French consulate and we meet weekly. I have a new vocabulary for my age: retiree and volunteer which Madame Ely never covered.”

Irene Leland: “I was jubilant to receive two honors at The Akademia’s digital ceremony, streaming live from Los Angeles on May 14: The Artist of the Year Award and the Rising Star Award, for talent and perseverance in the field of music during extraordinary times. It was a pleasure to give a speech about my music career and sing a few songs at the Volunteer Service Council Annual Meeting and Hat Luncheon on May 25, thanks to my cousin, **Erle Lionberger Broughton ’77!**”

Elizabeth Kendall: “I spent some time recently in the country with my newest great-niece, Amelia Bee Kendall-Beauchamp, a small Quebecoise person.”

Mimi Johnson Severs: “My only news is that I had both branches of my family here for back-to-back visits for a total of 11 straight days. Except for a short visit from Matthew by himself in March, I had not seen the rest of my brood for over eighteen months. It was wonderful! The grandchildren range in age from almost 16 down to the 9-year-old twins.”

Diana Davis Madsen: “We are spending our summer mainly at our beach house in Bay Head, New Jersey, where I see **Anne Kennard** often as well as our six grands, daughters and husbands. We’ll also spend a week in July at a great ranch in Wyoming, the HF Bar, with the whole family.”

Alice Langenberg Abrams: “Appreciating life, vaccinated, cancer-free, and maskless. Walter and I celebrated our 50th anniversary in May at our favorite restaurant in Waltham, Massachusetts, which had been closed during the crisis. Got 18 minutes to see me lead you around a ceramic exhibit? Join me on YouTube or at www.stateofclay.com. I’m enjoying summer in Barnard, Vermont, looking forward to visits from grandchildren and working in my studio.”

We are reading *Hamnet* by Maggie O’Farrell for our next book club Zoom in late fall. **Jane Atwood Whitehead** wants to know: “What is the meaning of the feather across Hamnet’s eyes on the cover?” Whoever answers gets to lead our discussion!



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- 01. Tom, Katie Price '03 and Claire Testo, June 2021.
- 02. John Christopher Patinella (Jack), son of Wendy Price '99 and John Patinella, June 2021.
- 03. Peggy '65 and Dick Price with granddaughters Siena and Claire Testo, June 2021.
- 04. Irene Leland '65 with cousin Erle Lionberger Broughton '77.
- 05. Great grandchildren of Linda Glick '65.
- 06. Mimi Johnson Severs '65 and family.

Our condolences to **Bobbi Buell** on the loss of her brother, Mark.

Donna Schultz Heidbreder tells me my requests for news in 80 words or less should correctly read, “80 words or FEWER.” I apologize profusely and now accept why I couldn’t get As in English! P.S. I still like “or less” better.

From the shores of Potato Lake in Park Rapids, Minnesota: love to all.

1967_{MI}

Vicky Urban Butler reports: “Hi from Sunny Florida! I’m still in Jupiter, Florida, and enjoying every day of retirement! Still in great health and have been very blessed. I have been working part-time as a nanny for a few families and also pet sit/house sit occasionally. My passion for all animals has allowed me to visit sanctuaries and play with lions, tigers, and bears (oh my!). This fall, I’ll be visiting Shy Wolf Sanctuary and playing with wolves!”

Virginia Weidle and a friend wanted to drive Route 66 from Chicago to Santa Monica in 2020. Obviously, that didn’t happen, so they drove the Missouri section from downtown St. Louis at the MacArthur Bridge to Joplin, Missouri. They added Kansas and a few miles into Oklahoma.

Donna Marting-Hamilton reports: “Bill and I were thrilled with the birth of our first grandchild, Meredith Marting Hamilton. She was born on July 22, 2020. The proud parents are **Will ’07** and **Paige Hamilton**.”

Terry Spatz Coleman: I finally retired as a manufacturing representative selling industrial paint coatings for 50 years. We joyfully celebrated the marriage of our daughter, Terrill Estabrook, to Tim Hansen on May 21, 2021, in St. Louis. They reside in Atlanta, Georgia. Wishing peace and good health to all.

1969_{MI}

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Based on the very sparse response I received from classmates, I am assuming that no news is good news. As we emerge from the year of COVID, hopefully alive and well, our priorities are on rebuilding our lives—either a return to our old selves or perhaps a whole new vision? Do tell!

Meg Jolley was in St. Louis this summer visiting her mom, who is 96 and doing well. Meg continues to teach dance at Pomona College as well as lead classes in the Alexander Method in Los Angeles. She and her husband, David, split their time between their home in Pasadena and their bungalow in Malibu.

Jennifer Poppy Royal (nee Limberg) is enjoying the temperate, bug-free life in Santa Barbara. She is able to visit her son, Jesse, his wife, Tara, and their two darling boys in Los Angeles on a regular basis which has been a joy during the past year of restrictions.

Marie Howe Sprague’s summer in Rhode Island was greatly brightened by the visit of her children and grandchildren whom she hadn’t seen in two years!

Tandy Thompson continues to be consumed by French Colonial America. She spends a great deal of her time in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, where she tends to the gardens and oversees the restoration of several historical homes. She is also involved in many of the educational programs offered to kids visiting the area. In her free time (does she really have any?) she is raising yet another black Lab puppy, “Tres.”



Susie Belz Wiegand and her husband, Gordie, have decided to stay in Glendale (vs. a warmer vacation spot) since their son, Trey, and his wife have moved back to the area. Susie is definitely enjoying retirement!



Pamela Lanier is celebrating the birth of her first grandson after six wonderful granddaughters! She said, “He looks so much like my dad his nickname is ‘Curdy,’ but his given name is Santiago. I am headed for two UN conferences in Europe this fall where I and team will make several presentations. First in Marseille; what, oh what, will I wear?”

I, **Phoebe Scott Burke**, am happy to be 70 and healthy! That seems like an accomplishment these days. Spencer’s and my son, **Morgan ’07**, has been living with us while he has worked remotely for the past year, and it has been an incredible pleasure to become acquainted with his adult self. A bonus of these tumultuous times.

1969_{CDS}

Joe Rechter reports: “I am now a grandfather for the second time with the birth of Clementine Elisabeth Takacs on July 21, 2020. Scheduled for delivery in New York City, my then-pregnant daughter, **Louisa ’05**, her husband, Rob, and grandson, Elliott, relocated to St. Louis where she gave birth. So now we have both Yankee (or Mets) and Cardinals fans in the family. Sue and I continue to divide our time between St. Louis and Florida, keeping in touch with many classmates: **Bob Larkin** and **Shel Voges** via Zoom, **John Stein** via phone; **Andy Glaser**, **Rick Weitzer**, **Peter Griffin**, and **Pete Deibel** via high handicaps on the golf course.”

1970_{MI}

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Cheers to all the members of the Mary Institute Class of 1970 for the celebration of our 51st Reunion! While honoring the precautions of the pandemic, there was a wonderful Zoom in May during the official MICDS Reunion weekend. Twenty-seven of us signed on, and many more could not attend for very valid reasons. **Lela Shepley-Gamble** was visiting her mother for the first time in over 18 months. **Viki Huntman Brock** was hosting her daughter's wedding. **Leslie Limberg** had an important meeting; she has started a Farmers Market in New Melle, Missouri, which is held on Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. If there were "Laurel Awards" for those traveling great distances to attend the real event, **Jill Stein** would have won as she lives in Paris, France, as well as **Judy Jacobs**, who lives in Budapest, Hungary. In 2019-20, Judy and her husband had planned to be at our 50th, and so included St. Louis as part of their trip to explore the U.S. in their camper van. They were already in the States when the pandemic limits were set, so after the Smokey Mountains, they spent more time in New Mexico and went north from there.

It was a pleasure to work with **Mary Holmes Carpenter**, who spearheaded both plans A and B for our reunion. Due to the pandemic precautions, we decided to transfer our 50th celebration events over to our 55th and hold a Reunion Zoom meeting this year for our 51st. Her sincere dedication included encouraging responses from everyone and compiling information in a bio booklet with photos, which ended up with 41 classmates. For our 20th Reunion, she had also edited a similar bio booklet. These are formidable jobs that required personal connections in addition to tech skills. From all the information, Mary also wrote out a statistical review. Her efforts have revealed a wide span of compassion, friends, family, activism, careers, and interests. For fun, she also compiled a playlist from our suggestions, because really, the class of 1970 just has to acknowledge the great music from the '60s!

At the beginning of our Reunion Zoom, Jay Rainey lent a sense of solid MICDS presence to the virtual experience. With genuine enthusiasm, he expressed how he appreciates the extent of the school's development and accomplishments over so much time. Sharing an aerial view of the school property in the 1950s drove home those ideas...and driving in those days meant going over some gravel roads.

We even had entertainment! "The Trivia Game" was originally written by Jill Stein for Plan A, and got laughs throughout Plan B. Jill's concept for this game was inspiration for the rest of the virtual event. Her 29 questions took us back to the halls of Mary Institute, starting with Chapel, and then downstairs for Applecart. We were asked to recall that Fortran was introduced to us by Mr. Lykens, and many said that they felt that there was an over-all high quality of education as well as wonderful music with Ronald Arnatt. Other important topics included Mr. Beasley, teachers, the school administration, clothing trends, stores, Schneithorst's, driving, and sex education. Here's just one of the clever questions: Which school administration official's husband appeared on "What's My Line?" Hint: This husband worked for a family business that made corncob pipes (answer at the end).

The "Name that Tune" game was such fun! [APPLAUSE] **Lawrie Conant Chiaro Smiley** created and orchestrated it from Los Angeles. Her musical talents are widely appreciated, and she's available for personalized songwriting! So maybe next time we'll have to hire her to write a song. For "Name that Tune," and "The Slide Show," popular music could be used freely, as long as there was no lasting record of our Zoom, due to copyright laws in addition to privacy guidelines. So it's done and done!

Linda Ferguson Benoist has worked in extensive ways with the school including through the transition to MICDS. She gave an update on MICDS and our class gift, which is a contribution to The Mary Institute Class of 1970 Tuition Benefit Endowed Fund. This provides support for the children of MICDS employees who attend the school.

During the "Show & Tell," we shared items relating to favorite memories from any time at all, so there was a wonderful range, including **Cathy Trauernicht's** original 1960s field hockey stick, and **Judy Jacobs's** passport as she has worked and traveled in at least 20 different countries, especially through Southeast Asia. Not all the other things will be listed, but some of them follow here. **Patsy McCloskey Richards** raised her mug from Marathon Oil, where coffee breaks were actually encouraged at the same time of day as our Applecarts! **Pam Farrell Dupuis** displayed her great grandfather's Missouri Athletic Club membership card with elaborate calligraphy from the year 1912. **Ellen Langtree** found the Mary Institute embossed jack-knife that she bought at the bookstore. **Sunie Lasky**, **Caron Lindbergh Ulmer**, and **Genie Cannon Guilliams** managed to hang onto their MI blazers, while **Sally Cox Scheid** still has her class ring! **Elizabeth Donnell Morrison** took her charm bracelet out of its box for the first time in close to 50 years, and each miniature reflected her mother's loving attention to her interests as she grew up. For myself, there's a certain album/CD that reminds me about how during our last years at MI, the new young English teacher encouraged insights to humanity by analyzing song lyrics... so may I introduce to you: *Sargent Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band!* **Barbie Howell Reisner** held up the very rare Scaphella Junonia shell that was found on a Florida beach by **Irene Bartlett Guay**, who bequeathed it to her. Genie retrieved valuable documents from her personal "Social Director" files: The list of dates for everyone from our 1969 & '70 Proms! Hilarious! One of the best versions of the screenshots is included here, with apologies that three images did not make it into this particular photo. Those classmates had to temporarily step away, due to managing other important commitments at that particular moment, before returning to the screen; at the same time, their motivation to sign on was appreciated! Overall, everyone felt that the two hours went by very quickly because we enjoyed every minute!



01. 25 members of the Mary Institute Class of 1970 signed on to a reunion Zoom call. Alumnae enjoyed Lawrie Conant Chiaro's "Name that Tune" activity. First row (l-r): Mary Holmes Carpenter, Tina Rutledge Veraldi, Jill Stein, Caron Lindburg Ulmer, and Cathy Trauernicht. Second row (l-r): Cyndy Keller Maasen, Pam Farrell Dupuis, Lawrie Conant Chiaro Smylie, Barbie Howell Reisner with Ellen Shapleigh Sedgwick, and Maud Essen. Third row (l-r): Sunie Lasky, Patsy McCloskey Richards, Mimi Chamness Bible, Ellen (Roberts), Linda Ferguson Benoist, Sally Cox Scheid, Jackie Schneithorst Davis, and Lynn Bodenheimer. Fifth row (l-r): Elizabeth Donnell Morrison, Betsy Wenzel Syrov, Chris Garhardt, Annie Conant Schlafly, and The Rev. Wendy Cole Dixon.

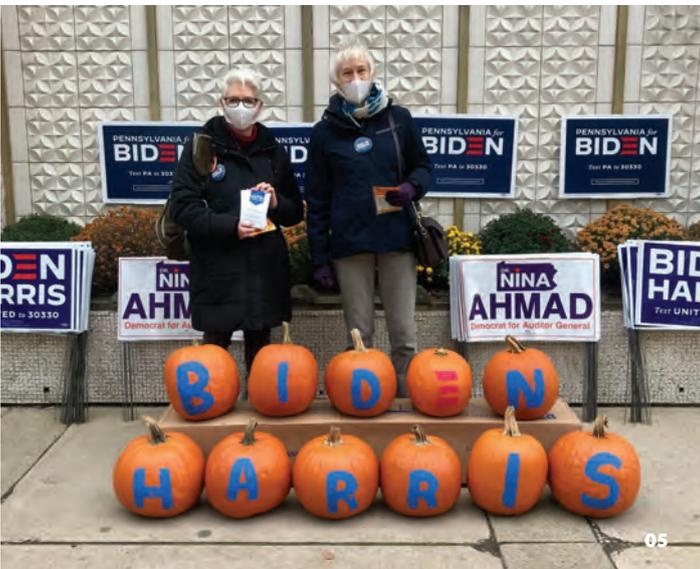


02. Babs Wagner '71 retired from the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

03. Sally Schnuck '71 and her first grandchild, Leo.

04. Dru Patterson '71 and her three children.

05. Lucy Ferriss '71 canvassed for Joe Biden.



06. Debbie Fitzgerald '71 and her first grandchild, Casey.

We're already looking forward to actually getting together in the future. In the meantime, we're still joining Zoom gatherings, which have been attended by up to 12 of us at a time. Back to the Trivia Game for the answer, which was a surprise to me: it's Mrs. Julia Otto! I'm signing off of this "Class Notes-1970, The Special Edition," with a deliberate surplus of exclamation points!!

1971 MI

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"To everything, there is a season and a time to every purpose, under heaven...A time to build up, a time to break down; A time to dance, a time to mourn; A time to cast away stones, a time to gather stones together." 2020 was all these. 2021 has brought some light to us all, but the darkness lingers just a bit. That we had to postpone our 50th seems small compared to the trials others have faced. It will make our celebration in 2022 that much sweeter.

Robin Brunner Moores lost her 92-year-old mother to COVID in December. I lost my mother at 91 after a long illness the same month. And **Bartow Lammert Malloy** lost her dear husband, Brian, in November.

The new year dawned bringing with it hope and a new appreciation for love, life, and family. **Cammy Fette Mock:** I finally saw both of my children after more than a year. My husband and I are in good health. We are vaccinated and have resumed travel within the USA. Life is good.

Biz Ellison Marks: I'm still in remission and doing quite well. I saw my transplant oncologist in Dallas in June for my one-year checkup. Hopefully, I can start getting all my childhood vaccinations so I won't be so immunocompromised. I can't wait to travel and start shopping again. By the grace of God and His healing power, I have conquered cancer. I am truly grateful for everyone's support and continued prayers. Wishing each of you good health and happy days ahead.

Judy Griesedieck: I spent the one-year anniversary of George Floyd's death at George Floyd Square where the day was a combination of a celebration of his life and the solemn remembrance of his death. The next day, I drove to St. Louis. I stayed with **Hopie Jones Welles**, who invited **Laurie Wolfe Miller**, **Babs Claggett Wagner**, and **Sally Braxton Schnuck** to lunch. We caught up and laughed a lot. I also dropped in on **Beth Trublood** who gave Hopie and me a tour of her new home across the street from Forest Park. Beth and her husband are renovating and with their combined talents, it will be amazing. From there, I drove to Taos, New Mexico, to visit my sister **Carroll Griesedieck '75** for a wonderful week. COVID isolation has been difficult for us all. I'm sure we appreciate the gift of family and good friends now more than ever. I feel so fortunate.

Babs Wagner retired after a quarter-century of service and devotion to the Missouri Botanical Garden's orchids. They bid her a fond farewell on their Facebook page: "Babs started at the Missouri Botanical Garden in 1995, and after more than 25 years of caring for our collections, she is retiring this year. We are grateful for the time she has spent here and wish her a happy retirement!" Way to go, Babs, making us proud and beautifying the world. Kudos!!

Ann Hardy Aschauer: Marty's retired and enjoys remodeling projects. I'm a writer, so we had few major changes in our schedules during the lockdown. With things open again, I've enjoyed taking the five grandchildren to the theater, the Mega Cavern, and the Ark Encounter, where, while zip-lining with them, I collided with a platform in a tree! Daughter Joanna is still in Louisville and son Ben and daughter Kelly are in Tennessee. My other "babies" are the books I haven't quite got to the publisher yet.

Lucy Ferriss did not let 2020 or retirement slow her pace: Last fall, I canvassed for Biden in Pennsylvania; I also went to Georgia to knock on doors for Rafael Warnock and Jon Ossoff. I am "retiring" from teaching at the end of June but will be writing full-time. Meanwhile, in the summer, we are visiting friends in Paris, doing research in Burgundy (12th century

monasteries), seeing my cousin on her sheep farm in the Limousin, and taking in Naples and the Amalfi Coast.

Laurie Wolff Miller: Was 2020 a nightmare or what?! With plenty of time on my hands, I traveled to Rolla twice for my vaccinations. Am now feeling a little bit of relief. Gardening and returning to golf have been my "go-to" activities along with swimming for knee replacement rehab and bike rides in hopes of a postponed bike trip to Portugal this fall. Hope to see the class of '71 at our 51st next May.

In keeping with her reputation for being terse, **Gloria Niedringhaus Jarvis** wrote: No news is good news. **Audie Woolsey** was equally brief: I wish like hell I had something of interest to report, but life is just pleasantly serene and tranquil (read un-newsworthy) on our little ranch.

One thing 2020 did bring was a proliferation of new life.

Sally Schnuck: Terry is not working as much on Broadway projects, and I'm not involved in any significant volunteer projects—just enjoying life and any time we get with **Hadley '01** and our new grand-dog, JoJo (miniature Australian Shepherd) who continue to live in the Big Apple where life is finally returning. We are lucky to have our son, Ted, and his wife, Jessie, in St. Louis with our first grandchild, Leo, born November 2020. Of course, we are totally obsessed with the newest member of the family.

Debbie Smith Fitzgerald: Three weeks after our 2nd shot, we have been to the Dominican Republic, Oklahoma, Texas, and southwest Missouri. We were in the Dominican Republic when COVID blew up in March 2020 and we left just days before airports were closed. People were frightened, and it was an emotional exit. Exactly one year later, it was an emotional return! Best news of all, Casey Elizabeth Fitzgerald, our first grandchild, was born in March 2020 to Art's son, Ryan.

Class pres **Lynn Reed Neill** also welcomed her first grandchild, Elijah, born to her oldest son, Justin, and his wife, Abby, near the first of the year. Son Andrew and Sam welcomed another boy, Hudson, ten months later. “They all live three hours away, but we visit often.”

I always want to know about **Dru Webster Patterson’s** dad. Judge Webster spoke at our graduation, you may recall. And he is the only person to head both the FBI and the CIA. Dru reports: All is good with my father and the rest of the family. He’s 97 and still healthy. Retirement is slowing him down, but he is making the best of it and his sense of humor helps! All three of my kids are now married, and I have four grandchildren; the newest, Drusilla “Silla” Lynne Busch arrived June 23.

Lisa Niedringhaus is not lagging in the grandchild department, either. Daughter Whitney, her husband, Alex, and their son, Remy, welcomed son Felix to the fold, bringing Lisa’s grandkids total to seven! “Still playing pickleball, but COVID put a halt to tournaments for a while. Working three days a week in merchandising in historic downtown Grapevine, Texas. Occasionally work for Mod Interiors as a stager and coordinator.”

Katherine Fordyce Peake had what she calls “an explosion” of grandchildren: The latest count is nine: two girls and seven boys ranging from 5 years to 6 months. One lives in Texas, and the others are in Patagonia, Arizona, New Orleans, and Bush, Louisiana.

But **Tish Johnson Hanna** holds the record with TEN grands from age 22 to 18 months! Her oldest, Miriam, graduated from engineering school and has begun work with AT&T in technology development. Proud Coach Hanna had two of the kids she coached, Robyn Stevens and Nick Christie, go to the Olympics. “One more year in the track business, then I will slow down. The pandemic made me realize that I enjoy hanging out at home and doing nothing!”

That leaves me, **Laurie Jacobson Provost**: I have two gorgeous grandkids, one of each, who bring us constant joy. My lifestyle changed little during COVID. I focused on writing and sold a book I’ve been working on for seven years. For those who remember what a Beatlemaniac I was (with **Cristie Tober Krauss** and **Cyndi Trauernicht**), you may not be surprised to hear it is about the Fab Four. I’ve got two or three more books I want to do.

I look forward to May when we will gather together to celebrate the time we shared and the time we continue to share. Hope you’ll all plan to join in. Turn, turn, turn.

1971 CDS

Tad Fryer writes: “I just started my fifth year of retirement after a 42-year career in the financial services industry. Christy and I celebrated our 25th anniversary in May, and our son, Ned, turns 21 this fall. He is currently attending the Junior College in Wildwood. Daughter **Lele ’01** and her husband, Ty Kulik, have two children, Miles (9) and Audrey (5). Lele is now a director at the Charles Schwab site here in St. Louis. It was great fun to be part of our informal 50th reunion celebrations last month, and I look forward to the big gatherings next year!”

John Trent reports: “My daughter, Elizabeth (and husband, Steve), had our first grandchild on March 16, 2020—granddaughter Peyton Schaus. As they live close by, we have been able to visit Peyton weekly. Nancy and I had a family reunion in May in Scottsdale with the Schaus family and our son, John, who lives in Denver. I retired in January 2020, after 31+ years with Brady Corp. **Hopie Welles ’71** and I became Co-Chairs of the Class of 1971 50th Reunion to generate financial support for our reunion gift. It has been a busy 15+ months since retirement. Looking forward to seeing classmates in person at the reunion next May.”

1972 MI

Deborah Rutledge writes, “I retired from my school counselor job but continue to teach piano lessons through Zoom. I have two more grandchildren who were born during COVID, a boy and a girl. My youngest daughter came back from a trip in Brazil to NYC when it was the epicenter of the pandemic. Most of my children live in DFW or Austin, so are close. My brother, **George ’71**, and his wife and kids visit me through Zoom since I haven’t been able to fly to St. Louis.”

1973 MI

Michele Caray McFadden: Greg, Sophie, and I relocated to North Carolina. We are building on Lake Tillery and should be in the new house by the end of summer. Wanted to move closer to the kids and grandkids. **David ’01** is in Tucker, Georgia, and **Jono ’05** is in NYC. David and Alexis have three children, ages 8, 3, and 18 months. Jono and Nikki have one son, age two and a half. Cannot believe my dear old friend **Michele Ely McGaffic** has been gone a year. Seems like just yesterday I was talking to her. Looking forward to my yearly visit to the LRC (Little Red Cabin) to catch up with bestie **Christy Marx Barber**.

1974 MI

Holly Hermann Gulick writes: “ITN/ Gateway is a wonderful national organization for which I am volunteering these days. We provide rides for seniors and adults with visual impairments to their doctor appointments, etc. I am so enjoying getting to know these interesting people, as each one has a story to tell. **David ’72** and I are proud grandparents of three: **Drew ’02** and Alix’s girls (ages 3 and 4.5) and Clint/Maddie’s son Lyle, born in May 2021.

1975 CDS

For Asian Pacific American Heritage month, **Peter Tao '75** gave a lecture for the Missouri History Museum on the history of the Chinese-Americans in St. Louis. His lecture featured the legacy of his parents, who were community leaders and are credited with organizing the Chinese-American community and planting the seeds for social and political representation. The recording of the lecture can be viewed on the Missouri History Museum's YouTube Channel.

1976 MI

Laurie Hogan Maples and Rick Maples celebrated the marriage of their daughter, **Caroline Ainsley '11**, to **McPherson Dorsett Moore Jr. '10** on May 15, 2021, in St. Louis. She follows her twin brother, **Stuart Andrew Maples '11**, who wed Allyssa Nicole O'Brien on September 8, 2018, in Fort Worth. Stuart and Allyssa welcomed a baby boy, Peter William Maples, on February 24, 2020, and opened Maple Branch Craft Brewery in Fort Worth, where they proudly serve meticulously brewed beer in their authentic Biergarten.

1977 MI

Catherine Kenny Howe reports: "My daughter, **Filley '07**, and her husband, Corbin, have graced us with two darling granddaughters: Capen (2) and Elliot or "Ellie" (10 months). I have been spending a lot of time in Nashville helping with the girls when Filley is on call. My parents are 92 and 90. Dad is going strong and lives at home. My mom is at a Dolan Memory Care house, and they are fabulous. Married to my amazing **Nelson '71** for 39 years. Praying all in the class of '77 are doing well, living your best life, and having wonderful experiences, no matter where or with whom!"

1977 CDS

Tom Tipton says that he and **Anne Tober Tipton '79** are having a great time at their furniture store Expressions on Clayton Road just west of Hanley. Don't be a stranger... stop by!

1978 CDS

Hop Chalfant and **Fifi Lugo '80** got to enjoy time on campus watching their daughter, **Ellis '15**, coach JV Lacrosse for MICDS. Ellis is currently enrolled in SLU's Geospatial Information Systems masters program, and her sister, **Lou '18**, is a senior at Georgetown's McDonough School of Business.

1979 MI

Mary Weidle Gordon is now an empty nester. She is grandma to her husband's three grandsons.

1980 MI

Barbi Cady Macon reports: "Biggest news of 2020 was adding a daughter-in-law to our family through the marriage of our son William. Biggest news of 2021 was the sale of our family home of 59 years. We hunker down in a condo in Old Town Clayton and hope to stay in the area. We played a LOT of pickleball during the pandemic and loved having three of our four adult kids with us for six weeks during lockdown. I had my busiest year of photography ever in 2020."

Hop Chalfant '78 and **Fifi Lugo** got to enjoy time on campus watching their daughter, **Ellis '15**, coach JV Lacrosse for MICDS. Ellis is currently enrolled in SLU's Geospatial Information Systems masters program, and her sister, **Lou '18**, is a senior at Georgetown's McDonough School of Business.

1982 MI

Kay Berra Houghtaling writes, "We were happy to celebrate daughter **Jessica Houghtaling '09** receiving her master's degree in biology from Washington University this past May. She begins her eighth year teaching high school biology at Pattonville this fall. Daughter **Kaytlin Houghtaling '13** is back to work in person after a year+ working from home with live concerts happening again at Powell Symphony Hall. **Alyssa Przygoda '09** is her supervisor! Creig and I are thankful for life returning to a more normal state, now that we are all fully vaccinated. It is so wonderful to be able to get together with family and friends again!"

1982 CDS

Whit Trovillion retired in December after a 35-year career with the National Security Agency. He started a second career with Maryland's leading solar energy company promoting the adoption of renewable energy in Maryland. He lives with Lisa—his wife of 30 years, a novelist—and various dogs, cats, and horses on a small farm in suburban Baltimore. Their daughter, Tory, is finishing her first year of a surgical residency in northern Philadelphia.

1983 MI

Anne Livingstone Kirsch writes, "I am happy to report my husband and I are grandparents of another precious little girl: Novah Aguilar was born May 16, 2021, weighing 2lb 15oz. Her big sister, Mariana (17 months in June), is so much fun. She is a joy to play with and can wear us out very quickly. Definitely keeping us on our toes."

01. Gini Howell '20, Virginia Hanses Howell '83, Leigh Miller Poole '83, Annie Knapp, Katie Gardner Knapp '83, Cary Schneithorst Reed '83, Liz Thebeau Landon '83, and Kay Bates Ruwitch '83 hosted a bar shower on Saturday, June 9, in honor of Annie Knapp and Sam Migdal's upcoming wedding.

02. Patty Mirbaha Hylla '83, Tracy Green '83, Lucy Barsanti Krause '83, Katie Krause (bride), Cary Schneithorst Reed '83, and Mimi MacDonald '83 on June 27 at Cyrano's for Lucy's daughter's bridal shower.



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1983 CDS

Clark Parriott and his wife, Ashley, reside in Ocean Ridge, Florida, where he is a realtor with William Raveis in Delray Beach. Children Jack, Will, and Sarah all live in the Delray Beach area and life is good!

Tom Wright reports the pandemic year was a very productive year for research and publications. He completed five peer-reviewed manuscripts on fat disorders, including the first-ever NIH-sponsored Standard of Care Guidelines for Lipedema. Lipedema is a fat disorder that causes disproportionate fat and fibrous tissue accumulation on the arms and legs of women.

1984 MI

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Liz Hardesty O'Keefe bought a majority interest in husband Michael's company, Technical Productions, Inc., for which she has worked for 23 years. While the timing was not ideal walking right into a pandemic, here they are...sun still coming up and grateful for each and every day, producing virtual events, designing theatres, and installing equipment alongside their event production work. Son **Michael '16** is the VP of Investment Strategies at CAZ Investments in Houston, and daughter **Cameron '18** will be a senior at Savannah College of Art and Design studying motion media with a concentration in advertising.

1985 MI

Anne M. Tureen still lives in the countryside just outside of Florence, Italy, with her husband and two children. She is a translator and breeds Irish terriers for which she is also an FCI judge. After the recent publication of her book, *Handling, the Ins and Outs* in English and Italian, she is expecting her breed book on Irish Terriers to become available in 2021/2022. Anne also regularly publishes articles in *Best in Show* magazine.



(l-r) Suchita Vadlamani '89, Jennifer McKnight '89, Libby Curtis McCandless '89, and Connie James '89.

1986 MI

Alicia McDonnell writes: "I've been busy serving on boards of local non-profits. This year I became president of the St. Louis Zoo Association. Additionally, I am serving on the board of The Magic House, St. Louis Community Foundation, St. Louis Police Foundation, Washington University, and the James S. McDonnell Foundation. It keeps me busy, but I enjoy it."

1989 MI

Libby Curtis McCandless reports: What a year this has been as we all are hitting the big 5-0. I recently got to celebrate this milestone in style with some cameos from the Class of '89! **Suchita Vadlamani** and **Danica Elsesser Enlow** surprised me from NYC and South Korea, respectively—what a treat! We were also joined by **Jennifer McKnight**, **Connie James**, and **Elaine Pasia Gwin**. The rest of this past year has been as strange for us as everyone

else, but our oldest daughter, Cate, was able to do her first year of college in person at Murray State University. Our youngest, Addie, finished her sophomore year virtually at Kirkwood High School. I continue to work part-time doing freelance marketing and French tutoring, and I still volunteer as a leader for Moms in Prayer International and as a board member with The St. Louis Children's Choirs. Todd and I celebrate our 22nd anniversary this year.

Erica Haefner Ferro reports: "My husband, Dave, and I still love living in Boulder, Colorado, with our rescue dogs. I'm still working as VP of marketing at Hitachi Power Grids, and Dave runs a commercial sign business. I've loved the break from work travel and have been able to snowshoe and hike more. Hoping to get back to volunteering at the animal shelter. I'm back and forth to St. Louis to see my parents and hope to catch up with some of you."

1994 MICDS

Edwin Ernst IV writes, “My brother, **Jeffrey W. Ernst '97**, and I started our own law firm two years ago, Ernst Law Firm LLC. We focus on employment law, business litigation, and criminal law, primarily in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. Our families—six children between us—are enjoying the hot St. Louis summer. We hope everyone is doing well!”

1996 MICDS

Rob Holton reports: “My wife, Katie, and I celebrated our 19th wedding anniversary on June 15. We live in Aspen for the school year and spend our summers in Harbor Springs, Michigan. Our son, Robert, is about to head off to college and earned his private pilot license this past fall. Daughter Greta won her state lacrosse tournament and is starting at the Aspen High School this fall after graduating from Aspen Country Day. Business is strong. Time is flying.”

1997 MICDS

Sarah Wagman Ellenbogen writes: “My husband, Andrew, and I are back in Los Angeles with our three children and the rest of the extended Wagman family. Our twin girls, Sophia and Sadie (6), are entering kindergarten, and son, Max (8), is beginning 2nd grade. After 14 years at Google and YouTube, I left to launch and run a marketing technology start-up called DigiFresh. I look forward to seeing many of you at our 25th (WOW!) reunion next year.

1999 MICDS

Hannah Kaufman reports, “We have settled down more permanently in Northern Virginia. I left the Army last summer and joined the House Armed Services Committee as a professional staff member. My husband also left the Army and began working at Kaiser, still as a radiologist. Our three kids—Vivian (7), Abraham (5), and Ulysses (2)—are enjoying being in one place for more than two years!”

James Rush James IV writes: “My wife, Meghan, and I celebrated our 10-year wedding anniversary this September. We have twin girls, Charlotte and Penelope, who turned three this past year. We currently reside in St. Louis.”

Susanna Burke Menees and **Bob Menees** participated in the MR340 Race on the Missouri River this past July. The MR340 is an endurance race across the entire state of Missouri starting in Kansas City and ending in St. Charles. Sus and Bob paddled a canoe for 62 hours, placing 103rd in a field of 500.



Susanna Burke Menees '99 and Bob Menees '99 embarking on the MR340 canoe race.

Tory Miller Casey reports: “We are still living in Delray Beach, Florida, and loving it! I was so grateful my kids were able to go to school and that my shop, The Kemble Shop, was busy. Once things got back to normal, we took a few trips, and I was happy to see some of my MICDS friends. I took my annual girls’ trip with my daughter, Emma, up to Darien and Greenwich. I saw **Elizabeth Lanese Geiger** and **James Dominick**. We went to Locust Valley, New York, where I was so lucky to see **Hadley Muckerman Reynolds** and **Jay Shaheen**.



01. Tory Miller Casey '99, right, with Liz Lanese '99 and Liz's children Milly, Liesel, and Lucy, and Tory's daughter, Emma, in Darien, Connecticut.

02. Tory Miller Casey '99, left, with son, Colt, and Hadley Muckerman Reynolds '99, with daughter, Haven in Locust Valley, New York.

2002 MICDS

Lauren Brummett Collins welcomed her second child, Sloane Avery Collins, on April 13 with husband Danny. Lauren, Danny, their son James Banner (23 months), and Sloane live in Denver, Colorado.

2007 MICDS

Carol Wicker Arant and her family moved to Palmas del Mar, Puerto Rico, this past year. Carol finished teaching at Ravenscroft School virtually and now has taken a job as Lead Copywriter and Marketing Coordinator

for Shannon Tripp. Josh's company, Mako Medical, a health care diagnostic laboratory, continues to grow, now servicing over 40 states. Their children, James (4) and Elizabeth (2.5), are enjoying life in Puerto Rico and will start school in the fall.

2011 MICDS

Caroline Ainsley Maples '11 joyfully married **McPherson Dorsett Moore, Jr. '10** on May 15, 2021, in St. Louis. They now reside in Austin, Texas, where McPherson co-founded the software-focused private equity firm Ridgepeak Partners and Caroline remotely works for St. Louis Trust & Family Office.

Stuart Andrew Maples '11 married his TCU sweetheart, Allyssa Nicole O'Brien, on September 8, 2018, in Fort Worth, Texas. Stuart and Allyssa welcomed a baby boy, Peter William Maples, on February 24, 2020. They are passionate about brewing beer at Maple Branch Craft Brewery which they opened in 2020 in Fort Worth.

2013 MICDS

Olivia Gacka will begin working toward her Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Theatre Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison this fall.

Champagne Toast

In-town alumni were invited to campus for an outdoor, socially-distanced champagne toast to kick off our virtual reunion weekend activities. Alumni across the country and around the world were also invited to log in virtually to participate and hear remarks from **Head of School Jay Rainey** and **Whitney Gulick Reboulet '97**, who was serving as the First Vice President of the MICDS Alumni Association.





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Lengthy service is a faculty hallmark at MICDS, as is the teacher-coach model, with both helping shape students' lives over generations. Country Day's J. Evan Philips ("Mr. Phil") held the school record for the most classroom years—50—teaching history from 1923 until 1973. He also directed Troubadours dramatic productions for 33 years, coached Track, and was the School's college counselor. Fast-forward to today and Chris Rappleye, who has taught English since 1989, first in Country Day's Middle School and now in the MICDS Upper School. After class, he is head Boys Cross Country coach and also coaches Track and Field. Two fine examples of faculty dedication and longevity...then and now.