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

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Anne Gaebe Stanley ’00 and Bradford: Virginia Keating Gaebe, August 20, 2019 (photo 2)
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FOR THE RECORD

Alumni/ae Deaths
THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2019

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

Esther Baker Fuhrer ’35, March 24, 2018
Frances Catlin Tilt ’35, June 23, 2013
Thomas A. Cooper ’40, April 20, 2014
Patricia Adams Sterling ’42, June 25, 2019
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Patricia Lawton Miller ’45, July 23, 2019
William W. Sant II ’45, August 6, 2019
James K. Mellow ’45, August 5, 2019
Margaret Campbell Minnis ’45, August 22, 2019
Ruth Antrim Stanley ’46, October 2019
Alva Moog Jr. ’47, September 3, 2019
Sharon Wemhoener Keith ’49, April 21, 2019
James G. Houder ’49, September 11, 2019
Helen Laird Hetlage ’49, October 7, 2019
Patricia A. Reaves ’50, July 26, 2019
Sandra Collinger Rosen ’50, August 16, 2019
Margaret Bragdon Shepley ’52, July 25, 2019
Louise Levin Mandel ’53, August 30, 2019
Athen G. Mertis ’53, September 25, 2019
Emery T. Cleaves ’54, February 4, 2018
Gay M. Hirsch ’55, July 10, 2019
Leslie Shepperson Watson ’55, July 22, 2019
Drummond B. Hadley ’55, November 26, 2015
Frederick B. Drosten ’55, September 2, 2019
Julianne Williams Deggendorf ’56, September 23, 2019
Thomas A. Mason ’59, June 12, 2019
M. Weldon Rogers III ’59, July 19, 2019
Cyril Smith Jr. ’59, March 19, 2014
Steven L. Lopata ’60, March 5, 2018
Angus L. McQueen ’62, July 16, 2019
Nancy O’Leary ’63, August 6, 2019
James R. Lopata ’63, August 5, 2019
Ann Calfee Alden ’65, July 25, 2019
Mark W. Brandhorst ’72, August 8, 2019
Gordon Z. Newton ’80, February 24, 2019

Faculty Deaths

Elson T. Harmon, CDS faculty member from 1975 to 1986
Colette J. “Madame Ely” Scott, MI faculty member from 1951 to 1987
Elaine Alexander, MI faculty member from 1973 to 1990

Marriages

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ALUMNI/AE ON THEIR RECENT NUPTIALS.

Aisha Bell Robinson ’99 and Manvel L. Robinson, September 28, 2019

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!
MICDS Reunion Weekend
Celebration Classes

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Chicago Alumni Event

Chicago-area alumni (photos 1-4) gathered at the Racquet Club of Chicago on Wednesday, September 18, to kick off the first of many Meet and Greets with new Head of School Jay Rainey. Graduates from the classes of 1961 to 2017 enjoyed chatting with Rainey over hors d’oeuvres and cocktails. A former Chicago resident himself, Rainey shared some of his favorite memories from living in the city. He also talked about exciting happenings at MICDS. Many thanks to Kirk Baldwin ’83 for sponsoring the evening as a club member.

New York Alumni Event

On Tuesday, September 24, nearly 100 alumni filled the Schermerhorn Room at the Union Club of the City of New York for an opportunity to meet and greet our new Head of School (photos 5-7). Graduates from the classes of 1951 to 2015 mingled over hors d’oeuvres and drinks and enjoyed the chance to hear Rainey’s reflections on his first few months at MICDS. Many thanks to club member Jack Burkhardt ’07, for sponsoring the event.

Washington, D.C. Alumni Event

The party atmosphere then progressed to Washington, D.C., where area alumni gathered for a cocktail reception (photos 8-10) at the University Club on September 25, sponsored by Zach Archer ’02. The intimate setting of the Keefer Memorial Library allowed attendees from the classes of 1952 to 2015 to talk one-on-one with Rainey throughout the evening before he shared his remarks on the state of the School.
1954

**SUSAN SPOEHRER ELLIOTT**
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The Mary Institute Class of 1954 gathered at the Racquet Club Ladue on September 18. The event was sponsored by **Sandra Humphreys Stemmler ’54**, who invited her classmates with a poem:

Come for supper, enjoy the crowd ’54 is standing proud!
Sip a drink, have some dinner
This eve is sure to be a winner
So join the fun while we still can
Bring yourself, but not your man!


Bob Jackes ’55 reports, “I have written a book called What a Way to Make a Living that is for sale on Amazon.com. It starts in 1953 in Mr. Twitchell’s English class, so it should register with some of the ’53-’55 classmates.”

1955

**PETER T. HALL**
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Bob Jackes reports that he and his “Little Sweetie,” Mary, drove to Camden, Maine, for a 4-day cruise on the Schooner Mary Day, off the coast of Maine. They were treated to a lobster dinner on the rocky beach. He says, “P.S. I wore my ’55 Still Alive” T-shirt on the schooner.”

1956

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Our class mourns the loss of **Julie Williams Deggeendorf**, who was a member of our class for 14 years. We will miss her kindness, smile and sense of humor. We are grateful for the care **Nancy Noland Kurten** and her husband, Nick, gave her. Nancy and Nick have had time to relax on Whidbey Island near Seattle.

On a happier note, **Page Sharp Jackson** and **Barry 51** had a wonderful cruise to Alaska with their son, Josh.

**Jody Noel Dietz** and **Adie ’52** are in their new apartment, and they spent much of the summer dividing their time between Harbor Beach and Crystal Lake, Michigan. **Carol Culver Bitting** also spent time in Harbor Point, Michigan.

**Mary Zeppenfeld Glaub** and Allyn visited St. Louis briefly. They are very happy living in the Kansas City area. **Carolyn Frank Henges** spent most of her summer at her home in Idaho with visits from her children. **Ellen Armstrong Wallace** and **John ’51** also spent some time at their home in Idaho.

**Judy Trimble Lane** reports that her hip replacement went well. **Nancy Green Maune** loves her new apartment in Richmond, Virginia, and has met other residents who have a St. Louis connection. **Nancy Buford Ream** made her annual visit to the family farm. Two of her grandchildren also spent time with her. **Jody, Adie, and myself (Ann Luedinghaus Case)** also visited her. **Susie Fischer Yoder** entertained **Mary Morey Bradley**, **Page**, **Barry**, and me at a delicious brunch when I visited Susie in Naples, Florida. Email or call me with your news.

1957

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**Pat Doughton Anderson** and Jim continue to be active, traveling with family and friends to Park City, Utah, Cape Cod, Martha’s Vineyard, Nantucket and Colorado. She took her kids and their spouses/significant others to Hawaii to celebrate her birthday and Mother’s Day. Pat plays tennis, golf and duplicate bridge three times a week. They plan to move into a retirement home in November. “I am not excited about this but it is better to do it sooner than later. Downsizing is torture!” she writes.
DeDe DeWitt Lambert reports: “I am finally settled after moving last November. Downsizing is not fun but now that it is all over I love my new digs.” DeDe continues to spend the winter in Florida; Harbor Springs, Michigan, in the summer; and St. Louis in the spring and fall. She plays duplicate bridge weekly with Ann Lortz Brightman when in Florida, and she played with Cookie Ellermann Arneson over the summer in Charlevoix. She celebrated her 80th birthday with family.

Barbara Kaufman Wood and her husband are still enjoying life in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Penny Gray Howland “wishes each of the class of ’57 a happy happy 80th birthday. Here’s to good health and good times ahead. It seems like yesterday we were dancing around the maypole!” Penny continues to be a Carlisle stylist after 36 years. “Keeps me busy!”

Bonnie Barton Wolfarth writes from Florida that they will be attending three high school graduations in the spring. “We will travel to Choate in Connecticut for Lambert Perkins, our and DeDe’s granddaughter; back to St. Louis for Meade Summers IV ’20 from MICDS; and then off to California for Alexandra Aladham from Pacific Palisades. Whew!” Their oldest grandchild, Caitlin Aladham, is a junior at the University of California, Berkeley.

Margaret Drum Bergfeld continues making lawns beautiful with her landscaping business “although I am slower than I used to be,” she writes. The home where she grew up on Spoeke Road was demolished for a St. Louis County Library extension. “I am sad for the house, built in 1865, but more so for the trees.” Husband, Bill, is doing well after surviving cancer. Their oldest daughter lives on the family farm, Susan is teaching with the Special School District, and Julie runs a yoga studio and coaches cross-country.

Cynthia Hungerford Gibbons writes: “All is well. I spend my time painting, reading and playing tennis. It’s amazing to be 80.” She and Mike celebrated 40 years of marriage recently. She will have an art exhibition in Palm Beach next spring. Cynthia wishes everyone good health.

Joyce Kohn Pass and Jules continue to enjoy working, Jules with his antique store and Joyce going on 41 years with McAfee Real Estate. They are still traveling to Europe and had a “great Mediterranean cruise in June.” Joyce and Jules get together with Jane Hardesty Poole when they are in New York. “We had a great evening at a clam/lobster bake in Rye, New York, with Jane.”

Suzanne Jones Stolar writes: “Henry and I celebrated our (gulp) 80th birthdays traveling. We spent two weeks in Paris and a week each in Cannes and Nice. Then we were off to explore Morocco for three weeks. A highlight was crossing the Strait of Gibraltar from Tangier, watching North Africa fade away and Spain come into view. We climbed through huge wartime tunnels in the Rock of Gibraltar, quite a British fortress.” Sounds fascinating and exhausting.

Judy Jones Motley tells us she doesn’t have much news. Knowing Judy, I’m sure she is involved in a number of interesting activities.

Louise Bartlett Franklin sold her house in May and is moving into a 55 - community. “Time to leave a two-story house and a mature perennial garden. Getting my house ready to sell, downsizing, inspections and closing have been a nightmare.” Louise is living in the condo of Lana Mueller Jordan ’58 while she is away at her summer home. Louise and her sister Roberta Bartlett Logan ’60 went on an Alaskan cruise in July, and in September, her son, Christo, and his wife, Olivia, invited her to join them in Phoenix to celebrate her 80th birthday.

Margot Maritz Martin writes: “Much of my summer was spent going through years of collections and attending to things that have been put off in my house, where I plan to stay. I continue to work at a mental health outpatient clinic on an as-needed basis. It allows me to have free time to read, garden, walk and keep up with the news. We celebrated my 80th birthday at the Sugar Tree Club. They even managed to get 80 candles on the cake that set off the smoke alarm!”

1958 MI

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The class sends its sincere condolences to Lil Brokaw Metcalf on the death of her husband James “Jay” W. Metcalf on October 11, 2019. Lil, we send our love and sympathy to you, Betsy ’94 and Kenny ’91.

Susan Donnell has moved to Columbia, Missouri, and her address is 3700 S. Lenoir St., Apt. 117, Columbia, MO 65201.

Next year we will all turn 80—Yikes! How does everyone feel about having a mini-reunion here in St. Louis with a private, classmates-only dinner and perhaps a tour of the new Arch grounds and riverfront? Maybe in the fall of 2020? Or any other ideas? Send us an email!

1958 CDS

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Charles E. Valier writes: “Greetings from northern Michigan where we have been ensconced for the last five months. Classmates nearby are Geoff McClelland, who lives 40 yards from me, and Louis Goldring, who lives in socially upscale Harbor Springs. Rich Nelson stopped at Louis’ for a day and we had dinner. Bob Barrett ’57 and Dick Engelsmann ’57 are close neighbors on the Belvedere in Charlevoix. Facing the prospect of physical deterioration from the aging process, I have begun a new exercise program. My two-and-a-half-year-old Golden Retriever, Tigger, and I embark on daily two-hour walks down a country road just outside of town.”
Traversing the same road for the last three and a half months has strengthened my knees, reduced my weight and improved my heart rate. You would think it was a solitary enterprise but having a pretty girl with me caused all the local residents to stop and chat. We now know everyone in the neighborhood.

Warren Boeschenstein reports that he had a showing in October of his recent paintings at City Space Gallery in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Sheila Morrin Humphreys says: “I am having fun as co-chair of a history project for “150 Years of Women at Berkeley,” a yearlong celebration in 2020. The compilation of all kinds of documents will culminate in a permanent website. I had to get a Twitter account because my fellow committee members use Twitter. What is next?”

Jinks Haigler writes: “Dear Classmates, I miss you all and still remember the fond memories from our MI class reunion. While I have certainly lost a step or two, I am enjoying the Gatesworth and my many local friends and family members. Please give me a call to catch up or let me buy you lunch if you drop by the Gatesworth. Best to all.”

Josephine Christian Weil is busy with three generations. “Grandson, Sammy, woke up singing happy birthday on his 6th birthday. He is in pre-school at MICDS and went in full MICDS regalia. The birthday child and family are invited to the school to make cupcakes for the class. This past weekend was Gabe’s birthday, and 12 of his old friends flew in to celebrate. They had dinner at the Four Seasons overlooking the Arch. Richard and I have gotten involved in the new Girl Scouts organization.”

Margi Cardwell Higonnet reports that she is very busy this fall writing scholarly articles, despite scheduling two cataract operations. “I’ve been distracted by work for a UNESCO environmental group called BRIDGES, which met in Sigtuna, Sweden. My assignment was to develop suggestions about different kinds of educational programs that can promote sustainability.”

Henry Massie reports from Berkeley, California, “I have announced my retirement to my patients after 45 years of psychiatric practice effective April 1, 2020. For sure: no fooling. It will be very liberating to no longer be on call.”

Julius Frager reports that he has been in contact with Don Price, who is living in Sarasota, Florida. He tells me that Don is a serious philatelist (stamp collector) with a very impressive collection.

Bill Dyer wrote: “Kathy and I finally moved out of Chicago to The Villages in Florida. We’re enjoying a very active lifestyle, and I’m playing golf twice a week. Shot my age six times this year, but I moved up to the next forward tees so I can hit the greens in regulation, enjoying golf to the limit. The Cardinals are still my favorite team. My oldest granddaughter is attending the Dental School at the University of Alabama, full ride scholarship, thanks to the Navy. Life is good.”

George Bornstein called to say he is “still alive and still writing articles,” most recently one titled “Irish, Jewish or Both.” It’s on pages 127—139 of Irish Questions and Jewish Crossovers in Culture. He and his lovely wife Jane have celebrated 37 years of marriage.

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A quick hit from Bill Spencer (usually a reliable news source), who promises more news next issue since he is “on the road” fishing in British Columbia and cattle ranching in Montana.

R.K. Barton has sold his home of 39 years in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, and moved “up north” to Bellaire within The Shanty Creek Resort, a golf and skiing resort where he has owned property since 1978. Bellaire is just east of Torch Lake and 35 miles northeast of Traverse City. Classmates should let him know when they are coming to northern Michigan.

Cody Westerbeck and his wife, Clare Kunny, are about to depart on a month-long trip to the Veneto in Italy, then Paris, and ending with a week in New York with Cody’s daughter and family. The first half, in Italy, is business for Clare and her company Art Muse Los Angeles; the rest is R&R with friends and family.

Many of you already know this, but I think it’s my duty to share bad news as well as the good: We learned that Cyril Smith passed away in 2015 at his home in Nashville, Tennessee, and Tom Mason and Weldon Rogers left us this past summer.

The “lunch bunch” -- Chip Matthews, Butch Welsch, Jim Schnieithorst and yours truly -- continue to meet every Monday at Lester’s, 9906 Clayton Road, 11:30 a.m. sharp. All members of the CDS Class of ’59 are welcome.

Gay Armstrong Bryson

Well, as luck would have it, my anticipated six weeks in Belize caring for baby howler monkeys ended after only one week due to a broken foot... slipped on wet tile sending feed bowls and milk syringes clattering in all directions but neither I nor the baby on my shoulder hit the ground! So, while that was a swing and a miss, the good news is that this column will come to fruition after all.
What can I say? Lucy Schmitz Morros, ever our most enthusiastic Francophile and president of the Alliance Française, writes of the hugely successful effort to raise money to repair the organs of Notre Dame de Paris damaged in the fire. Christ Church Cathedral was the scene of a French music organ benefit marathon on Bastille Day and I’m sure Mr. Arnatt, our music teacher and organ enthusiast, was wildly applauding in the rafters. Lucy’s Boyd is still warbling away in his singing group, The Tremble Clefs, an outstandingly named group for those with Parkinson’s. Lucy says their concerts are great!

Leanne Abramson Schneider and her Harvey, in keeping with their new plan to never spend more than four hours on a plane to any where, visited Costa Rica in February and enjoyed it thoroughly. (Seriously, who doesn’t love Costa Rica and for those of you who may be geographically curious, they left from Charlotte, thus the four-hour window!) She describes their summer sojourn in Chautauqua, NY, as a sort of adult camp, i.e., no canoeing, horseback riding or archery. There were, however, lectures, concerts, ballet and opera performances and presumably cocktails. She and Harvey plan to return. I may go as well.

Our super-talented photographer, Patsy Kline Hall, writes that she has done nothing interesting. I could very well let this stand but, no... After her heart attack and by-pass surgery last year, Patsy has been forced to slow down a bit but is still taking photography trips, visiting her newly married son in Las Vegas and redecorating their house. Recently, she and Dik enjoyed a whirlwind trip to St. Louis where they enjoyed dinner hosted by Charlotte Laube Paquin thus birthdays to remember, and sometimes just on her own: trains, blues and jazz in St. Louis, Chicago and Kansas City. When she’s at home in her beloved Denver, she plays piano for the residents of nursing homes and Alzheimer units... Oh Lordy, please put me there should I need it!!!

On a somewhat more disquieting note, Carol Laube Paquin watches from her window as the seasonal Monet-like pond dries up and the remaining fish are picked off by lurking egrets and herons. Well, that’s certainly a visual... Happily, Carol was chosen Artist of the Month displaying a selection of her work in jewelry and ceramics at the rock museum. She is busily directing a large exhibit of scale miniature vignettes and preparing for holiday jewelry and pottery craft shows in southern Oregon.

It would appear that a lot of us are on the road going somewhere or, in Liz Curtis Allen’s case, on the river. That would be the Seine, where she floated from Paris to Rouen, Versailles, Giverny and Normandy. She said the French were nice to her, as well they should be, and a little down home time in Michigan with her large, wonderful family rounded out her summer. 60 years of Croquet Tournaments is very impressive, Liz!

As California wildfire season swings into high gear, Roberta Bartlett Logan has to deal with the latest utility shut down and the not so amusing rapidly defrosting freezer, a nice segue into reminiscing about her cruise to Alaska with her sister, Louise Bartlett Franklin ’57, which she reports was remarkable. This “river” travel thing is gaining some purchase among our classmates, and Roberta is considering a Mississippi cruise after reunion next spring and I think we should all jump on board with this idea...paddle wheeling it down to The Big Easy for a little jazz and jambalaya!

After the loss of her husband, David, Deedee Kessler Ostfeld has been spending lots of special time with her granddaughters and planning trips to visit family in Chicago and Sun Valley. The whole brood will be spending Thanksgiving in Puerto Vallarta, which sounds pretty festive to me. Ole!!

As if film-making, jewelry fabrication and interactive multimedia extravaganzas were not enough, our Jill Evans Petzall continues to reinvent herself. A now-published poet, she draws on 70 years of stored memories to give us an intimate peek behind the door of a relentlessly examined life. She is brave and honest. She also is the doyen of three kids and six grandkids, and while she may long for some great grands, she is aware that that choice is made with more serious reflection than in our generation. Well, thankfully, most choices are! And then, some aren’t. :-(

She of incredible numbers of grandkids and thus birthdays to remember, Barbara Berkley Salsich and her husband, Pete, are also cutting back on travel except for trips to southern California to visit the family offspring not immediately accessible in St. Louis. She reports being extra busy working in her garden, and after completing a massive garden renovation myself, I can totally relate to the demanding nature of all growing things! Little green tyrants!
Not only do she and Ronnie fly back and forth from St. Louis to New York to Aspen and probably a zillion other lovely places, Jan Schonwald Greenberg keeps turning out amazing books for youngsters which might just get them off their phones! Her latest about the Giacometti brothers, _Two Brothers Four Hands_, is now available with apparently great reviews. A picture taken at the St. Louis book signing is of great historical value as it shows Jan with Anne Willis Hetlage, our tenth grade history teacher, Charlotte, Jill and Nancy Freund Kalishman ’47, our sixth grade teacher. Now that’s a definite score! Having been married nigh on 56 years, she and Ronnie remain very close to their family and clearly to each other!

Life has been a bit complicated for our Madelon Sprengnether of late. Not only has she dealt with a death in the family but the complex and often difficult business of retiring, she from the University of Minnesota, knee surgery (unfortunately that particular little event looms large in many of our futures!) and writing a memoir, not ever the easiest of introspective tasks. Offsetting all this was a relaxing trip to Baja with her family, where she allowed as how there was a lot of sitting in a deck chair and reading. Perhaps she just forgot to mention the pitchers of margaritas? She, like the rest of us, is appalled that we’ve been out of MI for almost 60 years and will have to make our doddering way back for reunion—but we will all go, right?

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more likely because, as our President for Life, Barbara is forging ahead and demonstrating the art of aging gracefully! So cue the music, slow down and enjoy what’s around you.

On the other hand...Barbara and Jane are competing to see who can get to the higher level on their exercise machines. Barbara has proclaimed herself the loser, but let’s not allow her to give up. Write or phone your encouragement. Both are stepping, pushing and pulling on NuStep machines, and they think they are really getting somewhere. In reality, neither has moved an inch.

Everyone stay healthy, and don’t make any lunch dates or medical appointments for that first week in May 2024. Yes, we will be celebrating our 60th then. Please join in.

From Anne Stupp McAlpin: Burroughs had its 52nd reunion celebration in October. Helen Vollmar Diepenbrock had so much fun at ours in May that she returned for her Burroughs event and came by for a brief visit. It was great to see her twice in a period of several months.

After many years of not seeing Cindy Bricker Sale, we ran into each other at the grocery store shortly after Helen’s visit. I believe Cindy said she, too, had attended the Burroughs reunion. We spoke about our time in France with the MISF program. I guess you could say we had a mini-reunion in the middle of Straub’s.

Another voice from the past is Judy Hennessey Sommerschield. Her son, Billy, was at Miami University (Ohio) with several MICDS classmates of Chip McAlpin ’01. Chip had run into him at a baseball game here in the early 2000s, and since one of Chip’s classmates got married three weeks ago, I made it a point to get Chip to introduce me to Billy. He is very attractive, lives in Chicago, and is in finance, but he and his sisters also help Judy and Bill run www.Hoohobbers.com. Please enjoy the items they sell, and know that Judy takes grandchildren to a camp in the Ozarks each summer and plans to stop by St. Louis to visit on her next trip.

My only other news is the arrival of Eleanor Margaret McAlpin with Hurricane Barry on July 12 in Baton Rouge. She is, of course, perfectly beautiful! We are just sorry she does not live in St. Louis.

Finally, I am reminded that if any of you out-of-towners plan to be in St. Louis, please let Jane or me know and we will gather classmates so we can catch up with you. We plan to make an all-out effort for news for the next issue. Our deadline is February 7, 2020.

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I am sad to report that Ann Calfee Alden lost her courageous battle with cancer in July. She passed away peacefully surrounded by family. She is survived by daughter Jennifer Alden Parker and husband Jeff, daughter Alexis Alden Smith and husband Dominic, and grandchildren Ava and Zane Parker and Sydney Smith. Ann leaves a great legacy of helping others through her therapeutic horsemanship program in Sonoita, Arizona. As an adult, Ann found her birth family and discovered she had 11 brothers and sisters. Her final accomplishment in April was completing the Century Ride, where the ages of horse and rider equal more than 100. We will miss her.

Connie Shapleigh Martin writes: “Hello classmates! What a beautiful world we have to explore! A visit to Rapa Nui (Easter Island) was a highlight of my adventure, Across the Andes, where we crossed the Atacama Desert at 15,820 feet and entered northwest Argentina. Caught up recently with my older brother Sandy, Alexander Wessel Shapleigh III ’62. Sandy traveled extensively in his career, and we now share our stories together. I am more grateful every year for the education we received at Mary Institute.”

Irene Leland reports: “I had a wonderful recording session at Sony Studio in Nashville in July. I sang my song Cracks in the Sidewalk with Dream Machine Productions. The new...
release has been distributed worldwide by Doc Holiday and Mega International Records on all internet retail stores (iTunes, Amazon, Spotify, YouTube) and a multitude of radio stations. It is already getting lots of spins! I’m so grateful to have Doc Holiday, an acclaimed veteran in the music industry, as my producer!”

Louisa Legg Deland says: “Our family had a quite a summer. Daughter Eliza married Danny Donovan on a foggy Maine evening in Kennebunkport on July 6. Grandson, Westley, our son Sam’s second boy, was born on July 28, bringing our grandchild total to five. Hanging out with grandchildren is the best!”

Jane Atwood Whitehead reports: “Took daughter Hadley for a Sonoma spa get-away in October. Had lunch with Mary Morey Bradley ’56 and Page Sharp Jackson ’56, both now Naples residents. Mary’s parents were my godparents, and Page’s younger sister, Beverley Sharp Amberg ’61, is married to Dick Amberg ’60, the big brother of Kathy Amberg Smith ’64. Not really small world stuff, but St. Louis version. The new exciting thing in Southwest Florida is Drag Queen Bingo. I’ll be leading a delegation in a couple of weeks! Is this part of aging gracefully?”

Peggy Dubinsky Price writes: “I had a delicious lunch with friends this week at Connie Bascom McPheeters’ Café Osage at Bowood Garden Supply. Afterward, we shopped at Holliday, the fabulous shop owned by Connie’s daughter, Katherine McPheeters ’99. St. Louis friends and visitors, be sure to stop by, eat, shop and say hello.”


1969

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Long-time ’69 class agent Gary Godwin passed in April 2019. Gary did a great job keeping in touch with and sharing anecdotes about class members. There will be Class Notes, but there will never be another Gary Godwin, a true renaissance man and friend to many.

Terry Bry took his annual August sojourn to the wilds of northern Manitoba. Joining him on the trip were Jon Heitner ’70 and Dave Gulick ’72. Copious amounts of trophy pike and walleye were boated by these intrepid CDS sportsmen. Well done, me laddies!

John Broholm recently retired from the University of Kansas where he had been an associate professor of journalism for 35 years. He intends to maintain his residence in Lawrence.

Ed Hall attended Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Finals in St. Louis as a guest of his grandnephew, a former player and current scout for the Boston Bruins. Ed and Linda reside in University City, Missouri.

John Holht and Eileen reside in Houston, Texas where John is in-house counsel for Weingarten Realty Investors, a multi-state owner and developer of shopping centers.

Bob Larkin reports that he has relocated to Mendocino, California, a picturesque coastal town in the northern part of the state where he is a certified first responder and HAM radio operator (call sign ABAB). Though living in California for 40+ years, Bob remains a loyal Cardinals fan and took in a couple of Cards games in July when the Redbirds were playing the Giants in San Francisco.

Dick Lammert reports that he regularly walks the Great Rivers Greenway at Ladue Crossings with Ed Hall. Dick serves as a trustee of historic Bellefontaine Cemetery with Hugh Scott ’67. In addition, Dick and Maitland belong to a movie club with Chuck Jones ’68.

Congrats to Bob Lesser, whose son, Sean, was married this summer. Bob said a highlight of the reception was his daughter-in-law playing dodgeball with the boys in the hotel gym at 2:30 a.m. in her wedding dress!

Mike O’Guin is retired from the U.S. Postal Service and resides in Florissant, Missouri.

Tracy Rosen reports that he enjoys his farm in Vermont where he and Lotta care for 15 hungry horses.

Sorry to report the passing of Lower School classmate George “Win” Roulhac this past August while vacationing with family in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. After graduating from Culver Military Academy and the University of Wyoming, Win had a successful career in the securities industry with Edward Jones in Greenville, Mississippi.

John Stein reports he and Marilyn reside in Pacific Palisades, California. John and brother Jim Stein ’75 got together and watched the
Blues win their first Stanley Cup. The last time the Blues played in the Stanley Cup finals, the team was owned by a group that included their father, Elliot Stein.

Mark Throdahl continues as president and CEO of OrthoPediatrics Corp in Warsaw, Indiana, commuting to Clayton on weekends where he and Sudie have a condo.

Steve Turner is semi-retired in Miromar Lakes, Florida, near Ft. Myers during the winter months and Scituate, Massachusetts, during the summer. He and Lisa welcomed a new grandson, William (Liam) Magnus Turner, on April 15 born to Nick and Stephanie Turner in Dallas, Texas.

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Pam Dupuis writes: “Hello classmates: We will celebrate our 50th Reunion April 30 – May 3, 2020. Please mark the dates on your calendar and plan to head to St. Louis for the fun. Plans are already in the works and if we don’t have your correct email address please make sure to get it to Mooie Holmes Carpenter at mc@histeq.com so you will be up on all the details. Mooie and I are busy trying to find missing classmates; if you know how to reach these ladies, let Mooie and I know:

Mooie Holmes Carpenter ‘70, Lawrie Conant Smylie ‘70, Singie Shepley Gamble ‘70.

In June, Mooie Holmes Carpenter and Phil Estep ‘70 attended the premier of Lawrie Conant Smylie’s musical in Hollywood with Singie Shepley-Gamble. Phil and Mooie also made small trips in Missouri to visit Ste. Genevieve and Columbia this summer. Phil’s tax credit business is booming. Mooie, her niece, Elise Knobeloch, daughter of Trudy Holmes Knobeloch ‘72, and Mooie’s son, Michael Carpenter, work for him. A modern family business.”

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My husband had a stent put in his heart this summer and is recovering well. We divide our time between Buena Vista, Colorado, and Lake Havasu City, Arizona. Our son, Tad, is an ophthalmologist in Roanoke, Virginia, specializing in glaucoma. Our daughter, Heidi, is a yoga instructor and studio manager in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.”

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Annie Conant Schlafly reports: “This summer, the whole family (all 17 of us) headed to Seattle to visit daughter Ellen ’02, her husband, Jared, and their two boys for a week-long vacation. We have been blessed with seven grandchildren, and spending the week together was wonderful. Joe and I also went to Hollywood to see sister Lawrie Chiaro Smylie’s fabulous musical she wrote and produced for the Hollywood Fringe Festival. I cannot believe we are celebrating our 50th and look forward to seeing everyone in May.”

Caron Lindburg Ulmer and Bruce are contemplating downsizing in the next decade, allowing Caron time to organize their house in Radnor, Pennsylvania. Triplets did not make
that process easy in the past, although using them as an excuse after they turned 31 this spring sounds bad. Tracy, Lisa, Clint and his wife, Hillary, joined them in Stratton, Vermont, last Thanksgiving, and all spent Christmas Day in St. Louis with Caron’s dad. Caron still skis, rides her horse, practices yoga and gardens when not single handedly supplying Goodwill. Bruce is retired and is frequently seen driving to Goodwill.

Ellen Langtree wrote: “I am retired from teaching. I loved my students and art. I hope I inspired my students, many thousands in the 19 years of teaching. I developed a sculpture course, cartoon, 2D and 3D Design, and painting I and II. Retirement was not as I expected. I felt I had lost my identity after all those years in the classroom. Now I feel acclimated to being myself once again. I look forward to seeing old friends next spring in St. Louis. I am glad to be alive!”

Pam Farrell Dupuis was in St. Louis in July to visit her mom who just turned 97, and saw Maud and her historic restoration in St. Louis City. She also saw Genie Newport Guilliams, Tina Rutledge Veraldi, Sunie Lasky, who has started a new venture, Mooie Holmes Carpenter, Sally Schlafly Cohn, Nathalie Pettus and Annie Conant Schlafly.

Sunie Lasky ‘70

Sally Schlafly Cohn and husband, Tom, just moved to the Whitehall in Clayton. She and Tom were renting on the 14th floor at the Whitehall, and 10 days later, they bought a condo on the 20th floor. She and Tom will completely renovate before moving in.

by the Woolsey fire in late 2018. Bill’s house was untouched, but many neighbors lost their homes. He reports that lots have been cleared of rubble and rebuilding has begun, but he estimates that it will take two or three years for people to return to their new homes.

Jeff Miller informed me that he was fishing around Jackson Hole, Wyoming last August. His guide was Chase Putnam. “I didn’t hold against him the fact that he’s our classmate John Putnam’s son. What a great young man! We had a few great days on the water.” You can see them together in the photo below.

I asked Hal Bible how he was doing. “I’m continuing to do well. Chris and I had a very busy summer with all kids and grandkids visiting, a family reunion for Chris’ family in Indiana, and a photographic expedition to a remote basecamp on the southeastern shore of Greenland. Did a lot of hiking below glaciers, kayaking among the icebergs and whale-watching. It was fantastic.” Hal will be in Santa Barbara just before our 50th reunion and may arrange to fly to St. Louis with Bill McMillan.

Mark Johnson had to cancel his visit to St. Louis for our September reunion dinner, but he is looking forward to our 50th. He sends his regards to all our classmates. We missed him at the dinner.

Sunie Lasky ‘70

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Salutations to all the classmates, family, and friends reading this installment of the CDS ‘70 Class Notes. I (Paul Anagnostopoulos) hope this winter finds you happy, healthy and warm.

We held our annual reunion dinner on September 19, attended by 15 classmates. This year we were celebrating the 50th anniversary of the matriculation of those who started with us in Class One. There were exactly zero such people. Everyone had a great time catching up with friends, chatting about old times and enjoying a delicious meal. Thanks again to Dave Oetting and John Fox for arranging the shindig at the Racquet Club St. Louis. I would also like to thank the Foxes for hosting me during my stay in St. Louis.

The Foxes and I had dinner with Mary Holmes Carpenter ‘70 and Phil Estep at the Hotel St. Louis. Take a look at the MI Class of 1970 notes for news about this lovely couple.

I checked in with Bill Swartout. His neighborhood in Malibu was severely damaged...
We have begun planning for our blow-out 50th reunion in 2020. Stay tuned for a schedule and a registration letter. I hope to see all of you at our events April 29 through May 2. Life here in Carlisle is moving along at a pleasant pace. We still have no bank, no gas station, no grocery store and no stoplights. When the bank closed up, they left behind an ATM machine.

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Hi Gang,

As you may be aware, the Alumni Association presents the MICDS Distinguished Alumni Award to deserving recipients every three years. It is the highest and most prestigious award the school bestows, and it represents a demonstrated record of distinguished service and extraordinary achievement in a particular field or endeavor that brings distinction and honor to MICDS.

It is with extreme pride and joy that I announce that K.K. DuVivier has been chosen for this well-deserved honor. A nationally renowned legal expert in the field of alternative energy, K.K. is an outstanding law professor recognized by her peers and more importantly by her students. She is also passionate about the protection of the environment. The class is thrilled for her, and many of us will be there on February 21 for the presentation and the special celebration the night before. Congratulations, K.K. You rock!

Retired Judge Kathy Fordyce Peake wrote to say she met up with K.K. at the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation near Cortez, Colorado, in March to participate in the Denver University Tribal Wills Program. They helped students write wills, advance medical directives and medical powers of attorney for over 60 tribal members. “Then we took advantage of the casino in our hotel!”

Dr. Tori King made her annual trek to repair cleft palates: “Had a great trip to Guatemala in August. Did 24 surgeries. The locals speak a Mayan dialect, so I need an interpreter to translate my Spanish into Mayan. No English speakers in the mountains of Guatemala.”

Ann Hardy Aschauer writes: “Marty and I enjoy Manistee, Michigan, in summer; Louisville, Kentucky, in winter; and Sanibel, Florida, in February. Our younger daughter, Kelly, and her family live in Knoxville, Ben and his family in Nashville, and Joanna and her family in Louisville, about a mile from us. We enjoy close proximity to the five grandkids, at least in the winter. Finishing my fifth book, Satan’s Worst Nightmare, based on a multimedia production I directed for 15 years. Visit my blog: seekingdivineperspective.com.”

Wendy Richards Echols writes: “Gene and I spent two weeks in Marathon, Greece, relaxing, boating and fishing. It’s been a long, hot summer, though it seems like a brutally hot one everywhere. Real estate is good at Coldwell Banker Premier Properties, and my husband’s Palm Beach Yacht Sales business is fantastic. Love to all.”

Debbie Smith Fitzgerald reports: “Art and I had a wonderful, fabulious, fun trip to Scotland in May with Bartow Lammert Molloy, Babs Claggett Wagner, and their hubbies! We travelled the Whisky Trail and visited Nessie’s Loch along with lots of castles and a touch of Harry Potter. We loved Scotland!”

Babs Claggett Wagner says: “I’m still at the Garden taking care of their orchid collection, 24 years this October! Time flies when you’re having fun! My son, Evan, and wife, Melinda, had their second boy this April. Tim ’70 and I are well, and we had a fantastic trip to Scotland in May with Debbie and Art and Bartow and Brian. Still cutting grass at our farm in Hermann!”

Hope Jones Welles writes: “The biggest and best news of the summer was that we welcomed our sixth and final grandchild: a beautiful little girl to Berkley and Bob, who now have three. Hopie and Luke also have three. Six is a good even number.”


Hadley Schnuck ’01 lives in New York City. Her documentary short on Cuba was accepted into the Bozeman Film Festival where we enjoyed an action-packed weekend. Spent time with my brother and his family there. My son, Ted, married a wonderful St. Louis girl, Jessica Germanese, last December. We spent part of our winter in Boca Grande, and we had a great Schnuck family reunion in Newport Beach.”

Sally and Hopie joined Laurie Wolff Miller for a great lunch with Peggy Gross Crawford. All four were part of a mini-reunion over at Hopie’s when Susan Krone Cabral and Dana McBride Von Kohorn came to town in October 2018. “We had quite the crew and had a blast,” writes Hope. Joining the fun were Beth Trueblood, Mary Dubuque Desloge, Lisa Culver, Babs, Debbie, Gloria Niedringshaus Jarvis, Susie Thomasson Weinstroer, Lynn Reed Neill and Lisa Hermann.
Beth Trueblood says: “I am in the last year of work on my final project: the new SSM Saint Louis University Hospital opening September 1, 2020. I am counting the days! Our son, Adam, got married in April in Austin, where both he and our daughter, Greta, are enjoying their hip city. We are looking forward to having more time to visit them and travel the world!”

Dana Von Kohorn writes: “In my ‘semi-retired’ state, I have decided to take a part-time job at a local bank and have just completed my teller training! My first job out of college was in banking, so I’m going full circle! I have Mom and one daughter nearby. My other daughter lives in Nashville and loves it as do I. If you haven’t visited and like country music, you must go!”

Marika Csapo-Sweet reports: “Sold my apartment in Budapest and bought a lovely house on Cape Cod. It’s near Woods Hole, Massachusetts, where I spent the first 20 summers of my life. Great for big family reunions! My documentary Made in Auschwitz: the Untold Story of Block 10 was broadcast on Israeli TV and elsewhere in the E.U. over the summer. It had its North American premiere at the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival and was shown at the St. Louis International Film Festival in November.”

Judy Griesedieck says: “Spent two weeks in Italy with Mike to celebrate our 30th anniversary. Daughter Taylor joined us for 10 days. They surprised me with an unexpected detour to Sicily and tickets to an Andrea Bocelli concert in Teatro Antico, an amphitheater with haunting lighting. A perfect venue. In my normal life, I’m still working as a freelance photographer and part-time at the University of Minnesota Bee Squad. I credit the occasional bee stings with good health. Can’t ask for more than that at 66.”

Cammi Fetté Mock had a rough start to the year: “While traveling in Australia and New Zealand, my husband caught pneumonia and I found a cancerous lump. Today, Logan and I are healthy. Both my children continue to do well and by all accounts are happy, so life is good.”

Mary Dubuque Desloge writes: “All good news from me! I now have two granddaughters! William and Holly have a daughter, Halsey, 2, and Chris and Emily have Charlotte, 1. Having girls is wonderful! My third son, Ray, got married in October in Richmond. Had a fabulous trip to the Grand Canyon where a college buddy’s daughter got married. I was gobsnacked by the Canyon! I highly recommend going there. Life is grand!”

Lisa Peters Schiff says: “Peter and I are great. We are just finishing building a house in Jupiter Island, Florida, which we are very excited about. Our three kids are all married and near us in the New York area. We are very blessed to have our 10th grandchild, which I believe will be the cabooses. Seven girls and three boys! So much fun to be had.”

On their two-week adventure in Scotland and Ireland, Susan Krone Cabral ’71 and Lynn Reed Neill ’71 take in a museum ...or maybe it’s the other way around?

Cristie Tober Krauss writes: “After three sons, I have a daughter (in-law)! My oldest son, David, married a wonderful Georgia girl, Jessica Friedrich, this past May in a beautiful setting in Atlanta. They live in Brooklyn, as does my middle son, Zack. Benjy holds down the fort in Chicago. We also had another addition to the family! Maisie joined us in June. Like her brother Leo, we hope she will be certified as a therapy dog and accompany us to schools and health care facilities. Sending love to the irrepressible class of ’71.”

Susan Krone Cabral says: “What a year of travel and family: New Orleans in January and then daughter, Sarah, Andy and grandkids came to Hawaii in July. Randy and I were off to Sedona right after that. We completed a whirlwind 14-day tour of Ireland and Scotland with Lynn Neill and two other friends; Erin’s wedding in Florida in November; and one last trip to D.C. planned for December! I’m also working part-time as a student-teacher field supervisor. Always fun to help new teachers master the art!”

Lucy Ferriss reports: “I am on sabbatical this year, writing a new novel and planning to return to France in the spring. Broke my wrist in August playing tennis and now have a nifty little plate in there. Met Martina Navratilova at the We the People March in Washington, D.C. last September. And no, I did not break my wrist playing tennis with her!”

Alex Morris Kingzett writes: “I’m working on a new album of country/blues and bluegrass. First one in nearly 30 years. Hope to have finished by our 50th reunion. I work on it when I can. At the same time, I still compose orchestral stuff.”

Our condolences to Emily Johnston Martens, who lost her mother in June. Francine Ely Cannon lost her mother at 94 in October.
Madame Ely Scott was a fixture at MI for so many years, a presence we all felt whether we were in her classroom or not. A great teacher, she was always smiling as she walked clickity-click down the halls with a joie de vivre that lifted us up as she whooshed by. Emails flew as the class remembered her with tremendous fondness and gratitude. Thanks to Francine and her sister, Michele Ely McGaffic '73, for sharing her with all of us.

Our hearts go out to Biz Ellison Marks who lost Mike on his 67th birthday last March just months shy of their 50th anniversary. “It’s been a difficult summer. I lost Mike, and shortly after, I was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a curable blood cancer. My daughter, Chris, and her husband tend to my every need and transport me all around Texas for treatments. Please keep me in your prayers. I’m fighting this with all I’ve got. I expect to see you all at the next reunion. My good news is that I am now a great-grandmother! Jerry had a son, Atticus Christopher Farr, in September. The circle of life continues.”

As for me, Laurie Jacobson Provost: “Jon and I enjoyed a fantastic cruise to Havana, Cuba. I’m still writing and should have two books out next year. Celebrating the birth of grandson Lucas. Granddaughter Juliana is five. Lots of little trips and great concerts. So happy to see how many of us continue to get together, share new adventures, and most importantly have each other’s back. Looking forward to seeing many of you at K.K.’s ceremony. A proud moment for the amazing Class of ’71. After that, all eyes will be on our 50th!”

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CDS 1973 had a great reunion when classmate Trey Waltke ’73 came to town. (l-r) Martin Lammert ’73, Jeff Loeb ’73, Ted Edwards ’73, Trey Waltke ’73, Charlie Allen ’73, Ben Bush ’73, Larry Otto ’73, John Moulton ’73, Chip Waltke ’73.

1974 MI

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Cathy Mellow Goltermann still enjoys teaching her “nuggets” at St. Peter’s Playgroup and her summers at Burr-Oak Camp as a Camp Counselor. Woody is finishing his third year at law school in Tampa, Florida. He studied abroad in Toronto, Canada, and Oxford, England. Daughter Catherine works for Special School District teaching at Hixson Middle School, spends summers at Burr-Oak Camp as a counselor and volunteers with Girls On the Run. Christen and Peter celebrated their one-year anniversary, are settled in their new home and are traveling.

1975 MI

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Martha Scott Roeder shares “Daughter Ashley was married to Robert Brockmann this past summer at Watch Hill, Rhode Island, and the reception was at Ocean House. All is well with me!”

We are so happy for you, Martha! We can’t believe we will be celebrating our 45th reunion this May. Hope you all are planning to come. We are excited to see everyone! ~ Kat Schneider-Clark and Lisa Coulter

We also heard from Kitty Ewing that “Jessie Gerard Camp is a professional backpacking field guide who runs camps and trips for schools and groups through her non-profit company (www.fieldguides.org). She took Amy Elzemeyer Mower, Carroll Grieseck, and me through the majestic Trinity Alps Wilderness in Northern California, renamed Jessie’s World.”
Now that our class has proudly set a record for most years without any Class Notes, I (Lou Stemmler) thought I would gather a few updates on some of us.

Dr. Todd Baumgartner writes: “We spend as much time as possible in Manchester, Vermont. I continue to develop new medicines at a bio-tech company called Acorda Therapeutics in Westchester County, New York. We received FDA and EU approval for a new therapy for Parkinson’s Disease. We have an apartment near my office and New York Medical College, where my wife is on faculty. Older daughter, Elizabeth, is a second-year medical student at the University of Vermont. Younger daughter, Meg, graduated from Wesleyan University and lives in Hollywood, trying to break into acting. On a business trip to Copenhagen, I had dinner with Pepi Simon and his family at their home. It was great to see Pepi and meet his crew!”

Entrepreneur Brett Combs and Susi have decamped to their ranch near Branson. When he’s not hunting, Brett manages his empire of storage units and liquor stores around the state.

Long-lost Steve Eliasson has led a successful career as a writer for Lands’ End and the stylish J. Peterman catalogue, among others. Maybe he should get together with Jon Austin to take over the advertising world.

Brett Hardey continues to build a better world one elegant home at a time in St. Louis and St. Charles Counties.

Captain Bill Macon is flying high while piloting the planes of his company, Ideal Aviation, around the country. Bill writes: “[We] attended a wedding in D.C. and then visited one of our daughters on Martha’s Vineyard. I own a flight school that is growing quickly. It is rewarding helping others pursue careers and dreams in aviation! Most of our employees and customers are closer to our kids’ ages, which makes it fun to come to work every day. The photography business of Barbi ’80 keeps her more than busy! We also spend many weekends at Sugar Tree Club near Rolla, where Clay Otto and Rick Oertli also have cottages. Last summer Rick introduced us to pickleball, which has become a favorite activity at the club. Easy to learn, and not too hard on those aging joints!”

Dave Schuessler is living the good life on his farm in Defiance, Missouri: “Workin’ on my country twang. Seem to be getting older every day. Aches and pains that never used to exist are now daily. Wife, horses, dogs and cats seem to rule my life. For the last few months had no help. Shoveling is fun. Just found help and Heidi will be back on the horse show trail soon. If you come out to wine country, let me know. Love to see some of the old guard.”

Attorney Joe “Pepi” Simon and his doctor husband, Andreas, continue to run the world from Copenhagen. Pepi writes: “I left A.P. Moller-Maersk in 2017 after 10 years and have been with the Nilfisk group, continuing work as global legal compliance officer. Daughter Nicoline is in her senior year of high school. The highlight of 2019 was her gaining U.S. citizenship, returning home with both a red Danish and a blue American passport. (I became a dual U.S.-Danish citizen last year.) You and your families are always welcome at our houses in Copenhagen or Hundested for chilling out.”

The pic above of Pepi, Bill Macon, and your scribe dates to one of Pepi’s interesting get-togethers at his mother’s home in South St. Louis.

Wm. Q. “Bubba” Singleton continues dodging crazy New Jersey drivers on the Jersey Turnpike by staying busy as a voice-over actor.
(professionally as Bill Andrew Quinn) in commercials, promos, a two-plus-year weekly featured faux-news reader on the D.L. Hughley radio show and audiobook narrator. He adds that being behind a microphone is a lot of fun and says, “I have a legitimate reason for continually talking to myself. Please don’t judge me!”

It’s been over a year, but I (Lou) wanted to compliment Andy Spann for conducting the memorial service for Bob Koedding with style and grace. Our class faithfully accounted for almost half of the attendees, including Hardesty, Oertli, F. Brooks Parriott, Schuessler, and, via FaceTime, James A. Luther. Nice job, gentlemen.

Your one-shot Class Agent lives and works in Brentwood, where I run my corporate and litigation video companies while mis-managing my tiny real estate empire. Sarah Wilson ’78 and I have enjoyed recent trips to Manhattan, Sanibel, London, and the Galapagos. I have attended a number of the annual Erik Lyons Bond ’77 lectures on campus that our class endowed: outstanding speakers with impressive messages. It WAS a bit surreal this past year to be the only one in that gathering of several hundred to have actually known the honoree. Perhaps some of you might join me in coming years.

I hope that most of the above are “true facts” and that the rest of you are doing well. Perhaps we’ll have some more Class Notes in a decade or two.

Memoria Lewis reports: “I have taken a new role as CFO for Morison KSi, so I will be a very busy bee. I’m so very excited! The girls are well. Both had great internships last summer: fintech, headhunters, Women’s Leadership charity and Grazia magazine. Flo finished at Edinburgh with her Master’s (Honours) and moved to Melbourne. Lily went back to Montreal. The summer was very busy with Flo back. All of her friends stayed with us, so it felt a bit like a youth hostel at times. I also went to Sao Paulo.”

Laura Cook Boldt writes: “I hope all is well with the class of ’78. Tom and I enjoy life with travel and adventure. We are not grandparents yet, but Tommy, Winston, Peter and Bill are amazing and we love every opportunity when we can all be together. It’s a blast. I am looking forward to turning 60 and wish you all a happy 60th this coming year as well. Time goes by too quickly! Best of health, fun and turning 60 to all. Thank you to Barbara for keeping us organized.”

Ann Ballard writes: “I was fortunate to travel with a friend doing a documentary on “Looking for God.” Went on many Christian and Jewish pilgrimages throughout Israel during Easter and Passover. I loved staying in the old city of Jerusalem. Incredible to explore this ancient city. In Egypt, I loved seeing the ruins of the time of pharaohs and took a Nile River cruise. I’m taking art history and painting classes at Pierce College in the San Fernando Valley. Learning history through paintings is a lot more interesting than learning from a textbook.”

Caroline Campbell-McCarthy says: “It has been a wonderful year. David and I are still in Glendale. I sell custom furniture for Stash Home. On my days off last summer, I built out a Mercedes Sprinter van for travel. On her maiden voyage we traveled through Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Our van has a built-in kennel for our dog, a small galley kitchen, a very comfortable bed and a bathroom. We have planned short photographic adventures and lots of boondocking on the weekends.”

Wendi Alper-Pressman writes: “Still toiling away at Lathrop Gage L.L.P, representing lenders and the occasional borrower in loan transactions. Norman and I moved into a condominium in Old Town Clayton and we are enjoying the maintenance-free lifestyle, many restaurants and walking almost everywhere.

You can find me most evenings walking Scarlett down North Central to Forsyth as she greets the diners at Barcelona, Sushi Ai, Bao, The Crossing and Café Napoli. The parking valet at The Crossing puts out treats for dogs, so that is always on our walking route.”

Ann Murphy Burroughs reports: “I continue to enjoy my work at the Saint Louis Art Museum where I oversee Interpretation and help visitors connect with the art. In my free time, I’m often traveling to see my kids: Charlie (finishing up a degree in plant biology at Univ. of Illinois), Tim (finishing up a law degree at Vanderbilt), and Molly (working at Vose Art Gallery in Boston). I’m planning to head to Florida this winter and visit Class of ’78 snowbirds and residents!”

Susan Sprung Birtch says: “I was so happy to get to St. Louis in April to celebrate my sweet friend Barbara Merollis Bishop’s 60th birthday! We continue to enjoy living in Wisconsin, especially in the summer! I have picked up pickleball recently and couldn’t play enough this past summer! Apparently it’s the fastest growing sport in the USA and I can see why. I am truly loving it myself!”

Sarah Carr Mudd writes: “Gerard and I recently celebrated our 33rd wedding anniversary and are thrilled to have both children back in St. Louis. Mimi ’10 graduated from Northwestern University in December with her Master’s in Higher Education Administration and Policy. She currently works at Pi Beta Phi Headquarters as part of the membership team. Gerard ’78 returned from Fort Worth, after serving as general manager for a retail shopping mall, and he is now employed by Bianco Properties as property manager for holdings in St. Louis, Chicago and Indianapolis.

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Julie Hardesty Ferman says: “Gil and I are in love with life in Santa Fe: skiing, mountain climbing, hiking and playing tennis. The boys, Alex, 28, and Kevin, 25, are in Los Angeles, where I am often, continuing my work as a matchmaker and dating coach, with clients in Los Angeles and Santa Fe.”
Amy Shure says: “Hi there! In the last six years, I have become a financial advisor with Edward Jones. I’m loving it and am nationally in the top percent. Sorry I missed the reunion and seeing everyone. I have an amazing son, Sam, who is 16 and driving.”

Lisa Keyes White reports: “I enjoy my role as part-time ‘Granny Nanny’ to adorable grandson, Will, 2, who keeps me on my toes. I’m also busy helping contain pets as a co-owner of the DogWatch Hidden Fence St. Louis dealership along with son Billy (Will’s dad) and nephew Jim Schaperkotter ’08. Billy’s wife, Arika, teaches 1st grade at Rossman; Teddy works for Google in San Francisco; and Ellie graduated from Furman University in May. She is a 4th grade teacher in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and is pursuing her Master’s in Education. Bill and I celebrated our 35th-plus-one anniversary with a European river cruise on the Rhine!”

Margaret Lilly Buck reports: “My oldest daughter, Lauren, was married in December 2018, and on September 12, she and her husband, Cody, welcomed a baby girl, Margot Claire Mittig, 8 lbs., 7 oz and a head full of red hair! All are doing well!”

Anne Gundelfinger and her husband Mark are plotting their return to the U.S. from Zürich, Switzerland after nearly seven years there. They will be moving to Portland, Oregon, in January 2020 and are looking forward to spending more time with their three new grandkids and the rest of their family and friends in the U.S.

Laura Scherck Wittecoff writes: “I moved to Los Angeles five years ago, married a St. Louisian (Burroughs, not CDS). Too funny, and it’s nice to connect with other MICDS alums here! I received my doctorate at the University of Southern California and continue to grow my practice supporting mostly nonprofits and small social impact organizations while teaching at USC. Mark and I hosted the first MICDS L.A. event at the Beverly Hills Tennis Club in November! It was fun to have a bit of St. Louis out west!”

Lucy Lionberger Rise reports: “Carter and I have settled into being empty nesters. Christopher began sophomore year at Southern Methodist University, and Walker graduated from Wake Forest and moved to New York. Carter Jr. still enjoys living in D.C. and working for IBM, and Elise is an artist in New York City. I’ve had a fun year of mountain climbing. We summit Carstensz Pyramid in Indonesia and Mt. Dickey in Alaska, went climbing in the Alps and trekking in the Lofoten Islands in Norway. We are hoping for one more go at Mt. Blanc next June.”

Betsy Sims Duff says: “Still running a family wealth management firm outside of D.C. while spending weekends on the eastern shore of Maryland close by Tracy O’Donnell Stone’s Inn at Mitchell I house. To further complicate things, this year my kids moved to California: Maggie, 25, is constructing the NFL stadium in Los Angeles, while Patrick, 29, is working for a rapidly growing tech firm in San Francisco. Trying to figure out how to spend more time on the West Coast in addition to visiting family and friends in St. Louis!”

Susan Shepherd Ittner reports: “As I contemplate retirement, I have begun efforts to encourage and enable students to pursue careers related to the software industry. It has been over 40 years since Fortran class with Mr. Lykens, and it served me well. I have completed 10 years with CA Technologies. I’m a solutions architect, assigned to a handful of global companies. I am in my second term on the St. Louis Red Cross board and on the Red Cross Tiffany Circle National Council. It has been a very rewarding experience.”

As for me (Barbara Bishop), Bob and I moved to Vero Beach, Florida, in August and are enjoying a completely different lifestyle. All is good in the Sunshine State. I get a chance to see Conce Noyes Fowler ’81 and her husband, Ian, which has been fun, and I am awaiting Laura Cook Boldt’s arrival along with any of you who travel this way. We’ll leave the light on! Best wishes to all!”

1980 CDS

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In February 2019, we lost our dear friend and classmate, Gordon Newton Jr. Gordon was doing what he loved most, fly fishing in southern Missouri, when he passed away. He was a highly accomplished angler who fished all over the country, and like everything he did in his life, he did it with unbridled passion and joy. Gordon was married to Carla Merollis Newton ’81 and was the father of two beautiful daughters, Carter and Camden. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, brother and son who was blessed with a beautiful family. Gordon spent much of his career with Verizon Wireless, where he was a marketing manager. Many of Gordon’s classmates were together for the days leading up to and after his memorial service, and it was clear how much he was loved, admired and missed. The Class of ‘80 shared a lot of stories, laughs, tears and beers as we remembered a friend who made all of our lives so much better. We were blessed to have him in our lives for 57 years. Cheers, Gordy.

Derek Rapp writes: “Emily and I have moved back to St. Louis from New York. After five years leading JDRF, I have joined RiverVest Venture Partners, a life sciences venture capital firm in Clayton. I look forward to seeing you around town or at reunions.”

Gordon Newton Jr. ’80
Jean Robb Hubert reports that her boys are now both in high school (freshman and junior). She and her family spent a wonderful month in Italy this summer seeing all the sights. She loved catching up with fellow MI friends on their girls trip to The Greenbrier.

Caroline Polk still lives in Charlottesville, Virginia, where she continues to manage digital publications and other online products for American Occupational Therapy Association. She and her husband, Forrest Swope, have adjusted easily to a relatively empty nest and are looking forward to moving back downtown as soon as their “forever home” is finished. She enjoys seeing Sara Woods Wallace and her husband, Gary, at their football tailgates (Go Hoos!) and hopes to see more of them now that her mother, Nancy Green Maune ’56, has moved to Richmond.

Linda Tschudy Werner says: “I have been volunteering once a week since 2000 at University City Children’s Center. I also started volunteering at Home Sweet Home, a furniture bank for people coming out of homelessness. I have been dancing with my Hip Hop Mama group and DJ Reggie for 10 years and we have a blast! My kids are doing well. Kevin ’12 went to college and graduate school in Washington, D.C. He loves the D.C. area,
so he stayed there after he graduated. He is a research analyst at the Urban Institute, a social and economic policy research think tank. Nicki ‘14 is enjoying life in Philadelphia where she is in her second year of graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania. She is getting her Master’s in Social Work. Pete and I are having fun doing some traveling—and more often than not to visit our kids!”

Laura Challoner Wright lives in Lexington, Kentucky where she is director of donor communications and stewardship at University of Kentucky HealthCare. Her three children are working their way to full frontal lobe development. Son Sam is a nationally ranked e-sports professional, his twin, Elisabeth, just graduated from George Washington University, and ‘bonus baby’ Celia is a high school junior/volleyball junkie with an eye toward college at a large, public university.

We extend our deepest condolences and love to Carla Merollis Newton on the passing of her father, and her husband, Gordon Newton ’80.

Beth Vargas Hughes ’89 and Martha Kaufman Sneider ’89 with their daughters Bonnie Sneider ’21 and Barrett Hughes at the Homecoming Fun Run.

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Mary Hermann Lemkemier is excited to attend the MICDS legacy dinner with her son, Charlie ’20. She spends much of her time at The Nook, a boutique on Clayton Road that hosts classes and is available for gatherings. All profits from The Nook benefit St. Louis Children’s Hospital. Many classmates and alumnae volunteer or shop there, and you even can find cards painted by Berkeley Gunther. The Nook is two doors up from Schnarrs. Go visit!

Jeanne Greenberg Rohatyn writes: “I am excited to share our new gallery headquarters at 3 East 89th Street (across from the Guggenheim) in New York! We are renovating now and will be ready for visitors next year. Alexander is in his second year at Harvard and NEC, and both girls (Coco and Clara) are in high school at Spence. And how about being in the “Originals” company in this year’s Vanity Fair Best Dressed list.

Moyenda M. Knapp has joined the Chicago office of global law firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP as of counsel in the Labor & Employment Practice. Prior to joining the firm, Knapp was a partner at MWH Law Group LLP.

Libby Curtis McCandless writes: “No major updates, just trying to survive life with a high school senior and freshman. We’re all doing well, but wow, is it a busy year! Lots of love to the class of ’89!”

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CDS ’92 classmates Mike Burke, Chris Mitchell, Justin Stein, John Stivers, Mike Vranich, Jeremy Bell, Andy Wamser, Bill Deblendorf, Andy Spitzfaden, Matt Brooks, and Bobby Rodgers (not pictured) gathered in Miami Beach in October for a guys weekend getaway. A bunch of gray hairs and shiny melons didn’t stop the guys from picking up where they left off 27 years ago!
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Sathya Chinnadurai writes: “In July, I moved back to Saint Louis after being away since graduation. My wife, Amy Wrenn, my two daughters, Helena, 7, and Rosie, 4, and I lived in Chicago where I worked at the Chicago Zoological Society’s Brookfield Zoo for seven years. In July, I started a new job as the Director of Animal Health at the Saint Louis Zoo. It is great to be back in Saint Louis, at my hometown zoo. The girls, dog, cat, lizards and tortoises have all settled in, and Amy and I are slowly readjusting.”

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Elizabeth Laine lives in Los Angeles with her husband Andy Rosen and their two kids, Teddy, 5, and Otis, 3. She’s currently writing for another season of the TV show I’m Sorry (on Netflix) and recently wrapped on The Village (on NBC).

Andrew Wenner writes: “Katie and I are still happily living in New York City with our two children, Hadley, 4, and Carson, 2, and we do our best to catch up with the few MICDS classmates still in the city. Katie started working at Mubadala Capital in April 2018, while I am still working at MUFG, a large Japanese bank. We are slowly easing out of city life into the suburbs of New Canaan, Connecticut, on the weekends. If you currently live in the area, please reach out as we would love to connect. Away from family life, we recently celebrated ‘Todd Stevens’ 40th birthday in Destin, Florida, this past August with several MICDS graduates, including Doug Hillhouse, Steve Lanese ’98 and Avi Samudrala ’98.”

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Courtney Ittner reports that she is working at KSDK as a marketing producer. Her Cinema and Television Arts degree from Elon University has helped her to create campaigns for 5 On Your Side and for big events like the Blues Stanley Cup. She is proud to have received two nominations this year for the NATAS Mid-America Emmy Awards.

Alumni: Please Stay Connected!

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• Did you move recently?
• Do you have a new email address?

Please keep MICDS updated with your latest information by emailing the change to update@micds.org
William “Bubba” Singleton ’77 has been reading away, recording four new audiobooks this year. The most recent, The Handbook of Culture and Psychology, will be released in 2020 under Singleton’s professional name, Bill Andrew Quinn.

Doug Schukar ’82 handed off his duties as president of USA Mortgage in September as he continues in his role as chairman and CEO of DAS Acquisition.

Congratulations to Kristin Anderson Reddington ’88 for joining the Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital team as a philanthropy office.

Congratulations to Chrissy Taylor ’94 for supporting the spirit of the St. Louis soccer community. Taylor is a member of the first female majority-owned MLS team, and we’re joining the rest of the region in saying thank you for working so hard to bring MLS to St. Louis.

Shannon Gould ’18 received the Patriot League’s Women’s Golfer of the Week award in mid-September. Gould won her first individual title by shooting a 7-over-par 217 at the Bucknell Invitational.

Gabrielle Carmichael ’19 earned the Girl Scout Gold Award for her community service project with the International Institute. Carmichael organized a picture day for recent immigrants in order to bring a sense of home back to their families.

Sean Buchanan ’19 was awarded the STEAM Scholarship from the National Society of High School Scholars, given to students planning to major in a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, or mathematics) field. As part of the award, Buchanan will receive $1,000.

Katie Flemming ’19 has signed a music management deal with Damien Wong-Ken, a Nashville-based manager with over 20 years experience working with Christian musicians.

Cami Thomas ’11, filmmaker, premiered a new season of Smoke City on Amazon in late September. This is the second season of a web series in which each episode introduces viewers to a part of St. Louis people might have misconceptions about.

Two MICDS Boys Lacrosse alumni, Alex Bean ’16 and Graham Bundy Jr. ’19, returned home to play in the Saint Louis Fall Lacrosse Classic at Lindenwood University. The October game took place at Lindenwood University and featured Georgetown vs. Rutgers University. Proceeds of $15,000 benefited Saint Louis Children’s Hospital.

Sterling K. Brown ’94 spent time in St. Louis in November for the American Cancer Society’s Champions of Hope Gala. Brown was the guest speaker at the event that serves to raise funds to help people facing a cancer diagnosis today; educate people about how to reduce their risk for cancer or detect it early when it’s the easiest to treat; and, to fund cancer research that will help protect future generations. Brown is also starring in The Rhythm Section, in theaters late January 2020, and is the voice of Lieutenant Mattias, a new character in Frozen 2.
“Changing the world happens in the classroom, a place where lives can literally be transformed.”

— KRISTAL WHITE

Ms. White knows first-hand how important teachers are to their students.

Why I Teach - Krystal White

This fall, Krystal Sno White, 8th Grade Math Teacher, shared why she teaches with the 8th grade class. She spoke about her own childhood in Kentucky and how her teachers helped her navigate out of poverty and uncertainty. She went on to become the first college graduate in her extended family.
40 years after the Mary Institute Field Hockey team clinched the championship, the MICDS Field Hockey team did the same. It was a fitting end to an inaugural season on the new water turf field. Congratulations, Rams!