Births and Adoptions

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN TO OUR MICDS FAMILY.

Camille Branch (Boever) '03 and Jake:
Caroline Grace, July 25, 2018 (photo 01)

Susan Pultman '00 and Katie:
Frederick David Pultman, December 23, 2018 (photo 02)

Dan Levin '00 and Lisa:
Benjamin Ezra, December 12, 2018 (photo 03)

Jonathan Vignorchik '99 and Katie:
Arielle Rae, October 26, 2018

FOR THE RECORD

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!
Born in London in 1930, Arnatt survived the London Blitz of World War II before moving to the United States in 1945 with his parents.

Arnatt earned degrees at Trinity College, Cambridge and Durham University. Later he earned a doctorate in music from Westminster Choir College.

In 1954 he made his way to St. Louis, and eventually to Mary Institute where he was adored by his students. Several of them attended a memorial Evensong in his honor at Christ Church Cathedral last November, where he had served as music director for 25 years. He also founded the St. Louis Chamber Chorus and directed the Bach Society of St. Louis. He hosted a radio program called “Ronald Arnatt, King of Instruments.”

At Mary Institute, he headed the Music Department after being appointed by Ronald Beasley in 1954. He also directed the MI Glee Club and continued the Lessons and Carols tradition that had been introduced by Mr. Beasley.

Alumnae fondly remember Dr. Arnatt playing the Eliot Chapel Moller Pipe Organ, which has recently been restored thanks to generous donations. Anne Stupp McAlpin ’64 said, “He inspired people to want to sing and learn about music.” She recalls Arnatt reminiscing about the war one morning, before playing a recording. He first warned students that the noise they’d hear in the background was the sound of bombers flying over Britain.
After leaving MI in 1968, he served as the head of the music department at the University of Missouri-St. Louis before moving to the east coast in 1980. Dr. Arnatt served at Trinity Church in Boston and Westminster Choir College in Princeton, was President of the American Guild of Organists from 1986 to 1990, and worked as a music editor for ECS Publishing Group. ECS published many of his compositions, some of which are still played in the Episcopal Church. His last position was at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Beverly, Massachusetts.

Dr. Arnatt died at the age of 88 on August 23, 2018 in Fredericksburg, Virginia, after a long illness. Dr. Arnatt was preceded in death by his wife, Carol Freeman Woodward. He is survived by Ronlyn Arnatt Schwartz ’71 of Langley, Washington, Sylvia Arnatt ’74 of Spotsylvania, Virginia, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Dr. Ronald Arnatt was a wonderful musician, and so much more. He was a teacher, friend, mentor, organist, choir master, glee club director and music editor.

Alumni/ae Deaths

THROUGH MARCH 11, 2019

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

Ruth Deibel Getz ’34, March 16, 2018
Carolyn Lansing McCluney ’36, September 26, 2018
Lucy Katherine Bemis Piper ’43, February 1, 2019
Richard E. Ernst ’43, December 31, 2018
Harriot O’Fallon Smith ’45, November 2, 2018
Shirley Heutel Muckler ’45, March 22, 2018
Mary Virginia Roberts Mellow ’46, February 19, 2019
Erle Lund Lionberger ’51, December 5, 2018
William E. Smart ’51, February 9, 2019
Julia Terry Barnes ’52, December 24, 2018
Nina Neubeiser Murano ’52, April 30, 2017
Mary John Wilson Siphron ’53, December 16, 2018
Ann MacCarthy Parke ’54, January 18, 2019
Margaret Pope Strieder ’54, November 5, 2016
James G. Conzelman Jr. ’55, January 5, 2019
Ellis “David” Hay ’56, December 5, 2018
Mary Mitchell Bartley ’58, December 21, 2018
John B. Eversole Jr. ’61, June 13, 2017
John B. Mitchell Jr. ’62, December 14, 2018
Susan Taylor Lane ’75, February 5, 2019
Carl L. Wolfsberger ’79, December 1, 2018
Gordon Z. Newton ’80, February 23, 2019

CORRECTION

In our Spring issue of the Magazine, we mistakenly reported that former faculty member Mr. Ed Schuh had passed away. We are thrilled to announce that we were wrong: Mr. Schuh is an active octogenarian who plays racquetball twice a week. We offer our sincere apologies to Mr. Schuh and his family, and wish him continued success on the court.

Faculty Deaths

Ronald Arnatt, Mary Institute Faculty Member
Jonathan Gunter ’63, son of John Burrows Gunter, writes that his father was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors on March 12, 2019. Gunter joined the Navy after graduating from Williams College, becoming a dive bomber pilot aboard the USS Lexington in the South Pacific. He was awarded the Navy Cross, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. He is preceded in death by Jane, his wife of 56 years. He is survived by Jonathan, daughter Lucinda Gunter Martin ’66, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Mary Institute Class of 1947 is fortunate to have the following members still living:

- Nancy Davies Mason
- Ann White Gilman
- *Georgia Dunbar Van Cleve Colwell
- *Jo Ann Crawford Hayward
- *Janet Moser Johnston
- *Nancy Freund Kalishman
- *Marilyn Simon Lord
- *Judith Grand Rubenstein
- *Clara von Gontard Steinlage
- *Barbara Lane Stephens
- Patricia Bixby Hoopes
- E. Bourgeois Wollermann
- Mary Bender Smith
- Nancy Turner Dubuque
- Elizabeth Wade Isham

Starred names live in Missouri. Louise Jones, Director of Alumni Relations in the Alumni Office at (314) 995-7312, has the addresses.

LEW BETTMAN

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Sincerely,
Lewis Bettman III

SUSAN SPOEHRER ELLIOTT

From Claire Pieper Taylor: “My granddaughter, Audrey Gordon (father Kip Gordon ’78), is on the varsity rowing team for the University of Michigan. Beautiful (but grueling) sport to watch.”

John Dennis reports: Nancy Schumacher Dennis ’58 fiercely loves MICDS and her many St. Louis friends. Always has, always will. From the beginning, Mary L. has been a central part of her life. As of mid-December, she is in the memory care unit of an assisted living facility and from now on will be unable to attend reunions or answer mail. It has been a great run. I am very proud of her.

*John’s lovely note was sent before Nancy’s passing in April.*

BETTMAN

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Sincerely,
Lewis Bettman III
Claxton Long’s wife, Judith Shepard Long of Larkspur, California, passed away on Jan. 29, 2019. Judy is survived by her sons, Courtney O’Connell (Leah) and Robin O’Connell (Mimi), and daughters Syida Long and Lydia Pelosi (Andrew).

1959 MI

CAROL JACOBS MONTAG
SHEILA MORRIN HUMPHREYS

Greetings, dear classmates,

Thanks to those of you who took the time to write your news. It was a pleasure exchanging stories with you.

Sheila Morrin Humphreys writes: In November, I was very happy to have lunch with Lisa Lyle in San Francisco and to learn of her exciting plans to lead a school in Zurich, Switzerland. The occasion was an excellent chance to express appreciation for all she has done to broaden the curriculum, expand diversity and clarify school values. My husband and I just spent two and a half weeks in India, attending a wedding of former students. I continue to have fun advising first generation STEM undergraduates at University of California, Berkeley.

From Quinta Dunn Scott: “It’s been a busy year with two replacement surgeries—left knee and right shoulder—which sapped me of my stamina, at least for walking. The good news: I have no trouble swimming for a half hour. Barrie and I decided to go to Yellowstone again this year. When we went last year smoke from forest fires clouded my photographs. In 2018, we returned to the Badlands which we visited almost 30 years ago. I continue to work for Confluence Magazine, published by Lindenwood University. The magazine will publish my article on the sources of Ozark Springs along the Current River in June.”

It was so good to hear from Jeannie Hamilton Pearman: “I’m in Mexico where I come every three months for stem cell injections to keep my arthritis at bay. It works, and I’m lucky to be able to do this. I welcome contact from anyone interested in this treatment which isn’t done in the U.S. My cell is 561-779-1820. Otherwise, I live in New York most of the year, Palm Beach in the winter. The gentleman in my life lives in Paradise Valley, Arizona, so I’m there a lot, too. He’s in the shipping business, so we are organizing a cruise for stem cells off the coast of Mexico.”

Sally Curby Johnston tells us her news: “Lydia Long went to Portugal with her sister, Ada ’63, and also on a river cruise on the Danube with Jane Simmons Bickford. Over the holidays, I took my family (minus the 5-year-old) to Botswana and South Africa. There were 11 of us, age from 17 to 77! It was the trip of a lifetime! Betsy Terry’s sister, Julia Terry Barnes ’52, died recently. I had lunch with Jinks Haigler recently at the Gatesworth.”

Jinks Haigler reports she is now enjoying life at the Gatesworth, has plenty of friends and family visitors but always likes to catch up with her classmates.

And from Lydia Ann Long: “Here in a nutshell are my goings-on. I’m taking five courses at Washington University’s Lifelong Learning Institute. I think you already put in Jane Bickford’s and my trip to Eastern Europe via the Danube. We started in Prague and ended in Sofia. My sister, Ada Long ’63, and I spent Christmas in Lisbon. In fact, there were four of us who grew up on Westminster who spent a week in Lisbon with a side trip to Sintra.”

A number of emails bounced back. If you know of a friend who has new contact information within the past year, please let MICDS know it. Our only way to connect with those ladies is via US mail, which is slow and uncertain.

During Chicago’s polar vortex, I retreated into my kitchen and cooked and thought about the eight blissful days I spent in Paris in early January. “SOLD!” signs were everywhere throughout the city, and the Gilets Jaunes demonstrated on Saturday only, so no problem. I stayed in my arrondissement all day and without incident.

In mid-February, I went to Brooklyn for a visit with my two grandsons and to celebrate the second birthday of Charlie, my youngest grandson.

Love to you all,

Carol Jacobs Montag
773-633-9297

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ARTHUR LUEKING

One of the problems I regularly face as I write these Class Notes is knowing they will not be published for several months. In this particular case, I’m sure you may already know what I’m about to tell you, but in case you’ve been living off the grid, here goes:

We will be gathering June 21-22 for the 60th reunion of the great Country Day School Class of ’59. If you have not reserved your spot, shame on you! Do it now!

Current plans call for us to meet at Busch Stadium in a private box for a baseball game between the Cardinals and the Los Angeles Dodgers, courtesy of Bill DeWitt and Fred Hanser.

The following morning, we will assemble at the School for edifying presentations by our expert classmates. Butch Welsch will be speaking on the history of the Indianapolis 500, which he has attended every year since 1946. Cody Westerbeck, photography scholar and former Curator of Photography at the Chicago Art Institute, will speak on the works of Irving Penn, one of the most important photographers of the late 20th century. Spouses and/or significant others are welcome to attend.

We will then enjoy a classmates-only lunch at Forest Hills Country Club hosted by Butch Welsch where we can reminisce about the good, bad and ugly times at the Brown Road campus, the move and the “new plant.”

Finally, we will wrap up the weekend with a gourmet dinner at the St. Louis Country Club.
Those of you who have avoided reunions in the past for whatever reason should seriously consider attending. Your classmates would love to see you.

The Monday “lunch bunch” continues to meet at Schnethorst’s Restaurant at 11:30, rain or shine. All are welcome.

1961 MI

CHARLOTTE MASTIN ELLIS

I retired on Jan. 3 from Olin Library at Washington University after 49 years in the Washington University Library System.

1963 MI

ANN KEELER POUCHER

NETTIE ORTHWEIN DODGE

Our class thanks MICDS for informing us of the special Choral Evensong for Dr. Ronald Arnatt held November 25, 2018, at Christ Church Cathedral. Barbara Martin Smith, Lucy Schmitz Morros and her sister, and Marjorie Johnson represented MI. They shared the following thoughts:

“The memorial Evensong honored Dr. Ronald Arnatt beautifully. Reflections were shared by Robert Mullgart, the organ was played by John Powel Walsh, and the songs were sung by the Choir of Christ Church Cathedral and the congregation. As Tim and I left, we read the following from a plaque on the wall near the exit. I hope all of this helps you feel the profound respect I have for the occasion. Gratefully, Barbara”

“We shall not cease from exploration. And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.”
-T.S. Eliot

“I attended the memorial service for Ronald Arnatt Sunday at his beloved Christ Church Cathedral. Some of Dr. Arnatt’s music was used in the Evensong ceremony. I felt his presence there, in the place where he made music come alive for our community for 30 years. And that was comforting to me. Marjorie”

As our class was reminiscing about Dr. Arnatt, many classmates began commenting on other teachers they interacted with over the years.

We heard from: Susan Davis Durgin Miserlis, Sally Neuwoehner Anderson, Peggy Blanke Henderson, Ann Keeler Poucher, Suzanne Franklin Corry, Ann Haigler Rittenbaum, Nancy Lungstras Broadfoot, Emy Young Boag, Nancy Rodgers McGrath, Jane Lewin Steinger, Cindy Bagby Marrs, and Roxie Pool. Fun discussions were involved and wonderful memories shared.

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JOE CAMPAGNA

JAY HENSLY

Well, it’s that time again. We have news to report, but some of the folks haven’t chimed in lately.

Leading off is Peter Kirstein, who is still a college professor but doing more things like writing and running. He has a book chapter on Karl Marx, Neoliberalism and Higher Education coming out with Brill Press. A few months after the 50th Reunion, he ran his first (and last...his words) marathon in Chicago. You can take that off the bucket list, Peter. He also has 13,500 followers on Twitter. He plans to be at our 60th in four years. Hey, that’s good for all of us.

Budge Hickel reports he is well and that he and Lindsay split their time between Denver and Vero Beach, Florida. He caught up on St. Louis news with Dick Grote and spent time with David Elliott. He and Lindsay are also planning a trip to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Congrats to both.

Steve Schmidt now has a fully restored bright red 1961 Chevy Impala which has a much better engine than the one he had in high school. He says he likes “old stuff” as part of why he’s been married for 50 years. Similar to Budge, just different ways of saying it.

John Kittner complains that the St. Louis ‘mates don’t keep in touch, but he takes part of the blame (he should). He tried to think of something amusing to share but came up empty and will keep thinking about it and report back later. John, thanks and good luck with that...we’ll wait.

Sterling (Buzz) Phillips is up next. He lives on a lake in Northern Alabama, has boats and a camper, has traveled to 37 states (wow), has six grandchildren, and, in his spare time, is an author of novels and poetry. Just Google his name and you’ll find them (and should buy them).

Denny Schuermann continues to reside in Florida and does good work for kids in need in Haiti.

Go to www.ministryofpresence.org or contact Denny directly to get more information on how you can help.

Chuck Houghton thought he had retired until the Mayor of Albany, New York, convinced him to upgrade their parks, lakes and waterways. If you visit, remember to thank Chuck when you use a drinking fountain or a toilet.

We will close with some serious thoughts courtesy of Neil Senturia. He comments on our mortality and things that accelerate it. His comments are too serious for this set of Class Notes. Contact Neil for the details, at some risk.

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JAY MARSHALL

Bob Albrecht reports that he is now specializing in digital photography and that a print called “Wolf” will be appearing in a book entitled Rewriting the Fairytales.

Jim Crawford and John Friedman attended the memorial service for Fred Carspecken in Wilmington, Delaware, in November. Jim reported that the church was filled and that Fred’s tributes were numerous and profound.
Bill Reck and Jackie have joined the contingent of Daisies in Florida by purchasing a condo near Vero Beach.

1964 MI

JANE COX

Anne Stupp McAlpin

Carolyn Michel (Punkin Hirsch) won the Best Actress Award at the Oniros Film Festival in Aosta, Italy, for her performance in a short film, “Katia.” She was surprised by the award and was there at the festival to receive it. She plays a smoking, drinking Russian Circus performer—a Cossack rider, in fact. Luckily, she had a stunt double for the horseback riding part! Carolyn will be acting in a one-woman play, “Rose,” as well as in “A Doll’s House, Part 2” at the Peterborough Players in New Hampshire in summer 2019. Carolyn spends any free time advocating for women’s rights, emceeing charitable events and hanging out with her fabulous husband, Howard Millman.

Peggy Dubinsky Price

I had a wonderful mini-reunion in Naples, Florida, in January with Jane Atwood Whitehead and Nancy Burkhams Williams. We enjoyed a fun, laugh-filled lunch. Janie and I reminisced about our epic seventh grade play, “The Wizard of Oz.” Janie played a squirrel whose only line was, “Chee! Chee! If you follow the Yellow Brick Road, you’ll get to Oz!” Can you remember what part you played? Send your memories to me for the September issue.

In other news:

Mimi Johnson Severs: “The entire Severs family gathered in Chicago for Thanksgiving. We took a great day trip to the University of Notre Dame, both Scott’s and Matthew’s alma mater, in South Bend, Indiana.”

Alice Langenberg Abrams: “I keep busy with grandchild visits and clay-making. Walter and I traveled to Morocco last fall and loved the culture, history, landscape and tilework. Enjoying our February/March escape to San Miguel de Allende in Mexico where I work in a ceramic studio while improving my Spanish. This summer, I’ll have a ceramic piece on display at the Dinnwerre Museum in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Title of show: ‘Butter.’ My piece is a lidded pancake jar.”

Elizabeth Kendall: “I’m teaching Literary Reinvention this semester, now writing a lecture on Balzac. I just gave a lecture at Parsons School of Design on Clothes and Narrative. Working on a short, unconventional George Balanchine biography.”

Christy Franchot James: “I’m President of the Society of Colonial Dames in Missouri, which owns five French colonial houses and a museum/education center in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. I’m in charge of the gardens and grounds. Connie Jenks’ grandmother donated the first house, a National Historic Landmark built in 1788. I’m also on the board of the Mercantile Library and volunteer for the Independence Center, the Red Cross and at church. Alan and I are thrilled our children and grandchildren live nearby! Connie James ’89 is retired and lives in Maplewood. Martha James Zimmerman ’90 and husband Scott live in Ladue with Matthew (12) and Meagan (10). Martha has worked for Enterprise for 20 years! I love when we have ‘unplugged’ (no electronics) get-togethers!”

Charlotte Rust Dix: “I’ve been reading every book by C.S. Forester I can find at the library. What a gift for creating heroes. I’m looking forward to our next reunion in 2020.”

Irene Leland: “I was pleased to be awarded Best Folk Recording for my song, Carry Me Over the Moon, in the Clouzine International Music Awards for fall 2018. In January, I was notified by the Akademia International Music Awards that I am nominated for their highest honor, the Akademia Executive Award, to be presented at the digital ceremony in April in Los Angeles. Alice Langenberg Abrams and I had a fantastic time in December when she graced our town for a long weekend.”

1965 MI

1967 MI

From Vicky Urban Butler: “I’m living and loving my life in Jupiter, Florida. I retired several years ago and have two grown sons and four grandchildren! Last summer holiday was spent in Playa del Carmen, swimming with whale sharks and snorkeling. Other vacation highlights were a 10-day holiday throughout Calgary, spending time in Banff. And one of my favorite cruises was a 10-day excursion to Alaska! Throughout the year, I spend time as a nanny for several families and thoroughly enjoy engaging with kids ranging from three years old to 13. Life is good!”

1966 MI

Class Notes
01. Alice Langenberg Abrams ’65 at King Hassan II’s mega-mosque.

02. Carolyn “Punkin Hirsch” Michel ’64 won the Best Actress Award at the Oniros Film Festival in Aosta, Italy, for her performance in the short film Katia.

03. Pancake jar by Alice Langenberg Abrams ’65.

04. Walter and Alice Langenberg Abrams ’65 on the edge of the Sahara.


06. Mimi Johnson Severs ’65’s Chicago family: Jen, Carter, son Matthew and Emmitt Severs.

07. Irene Leland ’65 with Alice Langenberg Abrams ’65 in St. Louis.

08. Mimi Johnson Severs ’65’s Seattle family: Linda, Natalie, son Scott and Tyler Severs.

09. Mimi Johnson Severs ’65 with her grandchildren, Emmitt (6), Tyler (13), Natalie (8) and Carter (6) at University of Notre Dame.
01. Peggy Dubinsky Price ’65 and Jane Atwood Whitehead ’65 by her pool in Bonita Springs, Florida.


03. Susan Donnell Flanigan ’65 with Irene Leland ’65.

04. Jennifer Royal ’69, Phoebe Burke ’69 and Alice Muckerman ’69 in Boulder, Colorado where Jennifer has recently relocated.

05. Phil Estep ’70 and Mooie Holmes Carpenter ’70.

06. Judy Jacobs ’70 and her son Joshua Kun.

07. Leslie Limberg ’70.

08. Ellen Miller O’Bannon ’70, Genie Cannon Guillions ’70 and Sally Schlaflly Cohn ’70.

09. Sunie Lasky ’70.

10. Linda Benoist ’70 and Lisa Coulter ’75.

11. Tracy Ulmer, Lisa Ulmer, Hillary Wiener, Clint Ulmer, Caron Lindburg Ulmer ’70 and Bruce Ulmer.
From Joe Rechter: My first grandchild, Elliot Emery Takacs, born Oct. 8, 2018 in New York City. Daughter Louisa Rechter ’05 is the proud mother!

PHOEBE SCOTT BURKE

From Marie Howe Sprague: It will be a busy year of globetrotting for me. Tandy Thompson and I just returned from Cuba and are off to New Zealand and Australia for a month. In late September, I will join my husband for a 12-day trip to Egypt after spending the summer at our home in Rhode Island. My son Justin lives in Los Angeles and is in his 12th year of working for iRobot as one of their head engineers.

PAM FARRELL DUPUIS

Greetings to my classmates. I heard from a few of you and want to thank you for your contributions.

Maud Essen has been enjoying getting together with our classmates and, as the renovation of her house proceeds, has taken on the job of City of St. Louis Board of Elections technical specialist. Maud makes sure the voting machines are running properly at the West Pine Apartments polling station in her neighborhood, where she gets to visit with a number of friends and classmates on election days.

From Suzi Hoerr Davis we hear: “Things still going well in Indianapolis. Our oldest son, Griffin, just got married. He’s working and living in Pontiac, Michigan. Our youngest son, Ellis, is starting senior year at University of Northwestern Ohio in high performance automotive design and engineering. Dan is teaching high school and doing voice-overs, and I am walking dogs and keeping busy with our mega church’s women’s bible study. Lots of East Coast travel and into St. Louis to see Mooie Holmes Carpenter and keep in touch with Cathy Traunrnicht.”

Wendy Cole Dixon was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons in the Anglican Diocese in New York on Dec. 1, 2018. In a year, it all goes well, she will move from being a transitional deacon to being ordained a priest.

Linda Ferguson Benoist is boring yet happy! “Elliot and I are still enjoying Fish Creek, Wisconsin, in the summer with family and in the winter for a time with Bill and Barbic Howell Reisner. The clan spent to days in Florida last April. Elliot ’01 and Lany are busy with William ’31 (he started SK at MICDS this year), Jackson and Charlotte. Libby ’03 and Will ’98 Claypool are great also, and we love having them all in town. Both Libby and Elliot work for Elliot Sr. at Crane Agency Insurance. I am still working with Lisa Dennig Coutufer ’75 at Janet McAfee and still loving real estate. So as long as that is the case, I’ll keep selling and meeting fabulous people! Barbie and Annie Conant Schlafly still top my list of St. Louis and bridge buddies, and I spend an enormous amount of phone time with Jill Stein (Thank God for her phone plan!). So, boring but fun!”

From Kathy Hoblitzelle Walling we hear: “I am enjoying working as a part-time consultant to Community Access, a leader developer of affordable and supportive housing in New York City. My husband and I feel fortunate to be able to spend three months each summer at our place in Prouts Neck, Maine. Our son Alex is getting married this June in Ann Arbor, where he is in his third year at University of Michigan Law School. Life is good!”

Leslie Limberg received an award last year from St. Charles County Parks for Outstanding Volunteer 2017. Leslie has been the project lead for the past 10 years working on the Bluebird population. The group has “installed our fourth Bluebird Trail with about 20 [nest] boxes per trail.” With these boxes, the group is able to monitor and record the bluebird activity and submit the data to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. With this data, scientists can understand the changes in the bluebird population. Leslie is happy to report that “the population has bounded back...146 Bluebirds fledged this year!” Congratulations on your outstanding service, Leslie!

Congratulations go out to Caron Ulmer and her husband Bruce on the marriage of their son Clint to Hillary Wiener on June 30, 2018.

Pam Farrell DuPuis is in Denver going through an online trading school. She is learning to trade Futures and Options. “It’s fascinating and I love it.” She’s up every morning at 4:30 a.m. to evaluate the market. “I’m getting used to it.” Pam gets to St. Louis often to visit her mother and is sure to spend time with Mooie Essen, Mooie and Phil. Genie Cannon Guilliams, Tina Rutledge Veraldi, and Sunie Lasky.

PAUL ANAGNOSTOPoulos

Salutations to all the classmates, family and friends reading this installment of the CDS 70 Class Notes. I hope this issue finds you happy, healthy and enjoying 2019.

Our annual matriculation reunion is planned for Sept. 19. This being the year before our 50th reunion, we are celebrating those classmates who joined us in Class 1. There are exactly zero such classmates, but there is no reason to forgo a great tradition now, so I look forward to seeing my friends at the Racquet Club of St. Louis.

All of us were sad to hear of Ron Holtman’s passing in November 2018. He was a wonderful teacher, coach and friend to many of us. Larry McDaniel remembers Mr. Holtman telling him to rely on his “parochial” vision on the basketball court. Bill McMillan notes: “He simply cared about us. All of us, I think.” And Hal Bible reminds us: “His humor and wit, his smile, and his way of inspiring us to excellence was profound.”
Tim Barksdale checked in with the news that he has started working on a new film on the beauty of Missouri, how we almost lost it and the founding of the Missouri Department of Conservation. He sounds quite excited about this project.

I was surprised to learn that Randy McDonnell has moved to Las Vegas. The primary reason, he says, is the hiking, biking and outdoor activities in the mountains. It sounds like they will keep the condo in St. Louis, so I’m hoping we will see Randy in September. Randy received some gambling advice from Bob Hermann: Black 23 is a sure bet. I do not know if this is an inside joke.

I heard from Charlie Schott that he was elected to the board of the Arthur C. Clarke foundation in Washington, D.C. Charlie is living in St. Louis but returns to D.C. about once a month. He and Randy are planning a trip to Los Angeles to visit Bill Swartout and his wife, Jane Albrecht.

Dave Oetting reports that he and Mary are now proud grandparents of Georgia, born to son Jonathan ‘01 and daughter-in-law Katie, who live in Austin. Congratulations, Oettings! These fine folks spent three weeks in Australia and New Zealand. Dave says they would go back again. (I must take this opportunity to thank the Oettings for hosting me when I come to St. Louis for our reunions.)

I was pleased that Bill McMillan said hello and that he is looking forward to seeing everyone for our 50th reunion in 2020. Apparently he finds the entire concept quite astonishing.

Speaking of grandchildren, Jack Thomas has quite the clan coming along. His daughter, Lisa Thomas Lakovich ’99, gave birth to twins last July. They are named Walker and Morgan and live in Jackson, Wyoming. His other daughter, Lauren Thomas Fries ’02, gave birth to Sophie last November. They reside in St. Louis. Felicitations, Thomases!

Larry McDaniel informs us: “We are spending the winter by mountain biking in Arizona and Southwest Texas near Big Bend National Park. We are planning another trip to France in May, June and July for road riding in Haute Provence and The Pyrenees. Life is better on two wheels.”

This grandparent gig has really become a thing. Tom Barad checked in with his required news, telling us that he and Jill are now part of the club with the birth of their granddaughter, Laurence Barad. Her parents are son Alex and his wife Gabbi.

I was happy to hear from Ed Potter, who relayed news about his fishing: “Last summer, Jeff Miller and I went to Iceland to hunt Atlantic salmon. Last fall, we went to the Bahamas for bonefish, which we will do again this May. This summer, I will return to Alaska with Mike Burns to fish for Pacific salmon and big rainbow trout. Finally, this October Jeff and I will head to British Columbia to fish for steelhead. We plan to continue these types of fishing trips until we can no longer wade in the water to catch them. Outside of this, everything else is good.”

Continuing the theme of this installment, Bill Sprich and Kathy welcomed their first grandchild, Mason William Thomas, in January. Baby, mother and father are all doing well in Chicago.

I was tickled that Bob Boyd contacted me with news that son James was recently married to his long-time girlfriend, Brenda, last July. They live in Nashville.

I received my first Social Security payment in February and Cynthia received hers in March. There is really not much else to say. Well, there is always room for a ’29 Ford Roadster.

1972 MI

From Debbie Albin Rutledge: “This fall three more grandchildren were added to my family: Two girls and one boy for a total of six. Last summer, I went to Costa Rica with my youngest daughter and completed a month-long Spanish immersion program. We enjoyed visiting the rainforest, volcanoes and ocean. Three of my daughters live in the Dallas/Fort Worth area where I live, with another in Austin and one in New York City. All are married except the youngest. I still work full time as a middle school counselor and teach piano lessons in the evenings, about 20 students. Best wishes to you all for 2019 and I hope to see you at our 50-year reunion.”

1972 CDS

KEN COHEN

Bert Barry is living an exciting life and tells us: “At the end of 2018, I spent a week in Beirut, Lebanon, visiting the University of St. Joseph, a partner of Saint Louis University. In addition to a workshop on English language teaching, I met with several doctoral students to help them with their dissertations. I also was able to observe a number of English classes, at a variety of levels. As always, I was treated with extraordinary kindness and hospitality. I look forward to my return.”

From Mike Fleetwood: “Debby and I have officially moved out of Florida back to Doniphan, Missouri, near the Arkansas border and close to the beautiful Current River. We have been building a house for the past 10 years. And by ‘building’ I mean we did all the work in our spare time. We are still on staff with Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ). All four of our kids are married now, Our oldest son, Paul, tied the knot last November to Nadia Calderon. We now have three grandkids, with two on the way.”

Dave Gulick tells us “We welcomed our son Drew’s ’02 newest daughter, Carter Van Gulick, into the world this past April. Drew and his wife, Alix, now have two girls and live in St. Louis making their parents very happy to have grandchildren so close to them.”

From Pete Smith we hear: “After retiring in January 2017 from WideOpenWest, I started a new consulting venture called Further Lane, L.L.C. Nancy continues her worthy work as a professor in Physical Therapy and Orthopaedic Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine. We welcomed our granddaughter, Grace Marjorie Smith, in September 2018. We took fun trips in 2018 to Naples and South Beach, Florida, New York City, Washington D.C., Los Angeles, Chicago, and an amazing 65th-birthday visit to Normandy, Paris and the Brittany coast in France.”
1973 CDS
St. Louisans Tom Grote, Jeff Loeb, John Drew, Martin Lammert and John Moulton ventured over the river to visit with Steve Stephens in Illinois. A good time was had by all recounting stories of the glory days. During the visit, John Drew shared a rather inglorious story of dislocating his shoulder recently from a fall while ice-skating backwards. He vowed to keep his eyes open next time he puts on skates.

1975 MI

LISA DENNIG COULTER
KAT SCHNEIDER CLARK

Celeste Dubuque Sprung is thoroughly enjoying spending her time as a community volunteer. “Last June, I became a member of the St. Louis Herb Society. If you are ever at the Missouri Botanical Garden on a Tuesday morning (from 8-10), come visit us tending the herb garden behind the Henry Shaw House from early May until the end of October. My favorite day of the week is the day that I spend out in my own garden. On a family note, I am enjoying the next generation of babies in our family through the children of my nieces and nephews!”

Katherine “Kit” Gardner West: “In 2016, my husband Jeffrey (Yaakov) Finer and I bought an international bookstore in southern Mexico and moved down there to run it together. Now, we are buying a backwoods camper and setting off to explore the West. I also published a novel entitled Lion Tamer last year, and my husband (a musician) and I participated in a ballet version of the book last December in Colorado. I also have a book of poetry coming out some time in the next few years. I publish poetry under Katherine West and fiction under Kit West.”

Kathy Krause: “I am busy teaching in the Hazelwood School District. On July 14, I will honor the memory of my mother, who would have been 100 years old. I feel blessed to have had her that long. In my spare time, I love fixing up my house, gardening, reading and being involved in my church, St. Michael and St. George. Also, I love spending time with friends, going on day trips to small towns around the St. Louis area and playing with my pets, Nikki, a dog, and cats Tina and Dasher.”

Kathy Sedgwick Moran: “Our son Ryan resides in Chicago and married Ashley in Aspen this fall. My other son, Matt, and his wife, Caroline, have two darling daughters, Mac and Hayley. They reside in Kansas City. After retiring from Rossman School, I have thoroughly enjoyed a rewarding career with Elizabeth Real Estate Group, L.L.C in Clayton. Although Mitch and I are empty nesters, we are happy and quite content with this new chapter. Feeling Blessed.”

We are so sad to share that Susan Taylor Lane passed away on Feb. 5, 2019. A couple of Susan’s dear friends shared, “During the 45 years that Susan couldn’t be the same person we all remember from our youth, she continued to lead by example. She modeled patience, tolerance, acceptance with dignity and grace.”

“Filled to the brim with joy, Heaven’s gates have been out of alignment from your arrival, dearest Susan. Singing, smiling, skiing and tap dancing are you. And no doubt forever staying warm in our hearts. How you chose to play the cards dealt to you will serve generations to come, having an infinite ripple effect of light.” We extend our love and deepest sympathy to Susan’s family.

We are also very sad to report that Jessie Gerard Camp’s husband, James, passed away on Dec. 11, 2018. Our hearts go out to Jessie and her family and friends.

1975 CDS

Peter Tao received the Washington University Sam Fox School Award of Distinction 2019, awarded April 4, 2019.

1980 MI

KIM RABENBERG BARNES

Barbi Cady Macon continues to volunteer for BJC Hospice Lumina Program when not working on portrait photography. She and Bill ‘77 celebrated Georgia’s 25th and Harrison’s 21st on Martha’s Vineyard and in New York City, respectively, with the whole crew last summer. Bill continues his flight training business at Ideal Aviation in St. Louis Downtown airport. Cady lives and works in San Francisco for Equinox. William is manager of state development and communications for Best Buddies International and lives in Nashville. Georgia is returning to Martha’s Vineyard for the season as Executive Chef for Behind the Bookstore in Edgartown, and Harrison is spending his junior semester in London for screenwriting with Tisch (NYU).

1981 MI

JEAN ROBB HUBERT

Our apologies to Marcella McDonnell Stevens for incorrectly listing her daughter’s class years in the Winter 2019 issue. The correct entry is below:

Marcella McDonnell Stevens says: “I am halfway to being an empty nester as two of my kids have graduated from college. Mimi ’12 lives and works in Louisville, and Katie ’14 lives and works in Columbus, Ohio. Ellie is a junior at St. Joseph Academy, and Mac ’23 is in 8th grade at MICDS. Greg is in his 26th year of teaching at MICDS, and I give most of my time to The Service Bureau and fundraising & diaper drives with my daughter, Ellie, for the Crisis Nursery.”

1982 CDS

From Wendell Sherk: “I was appointed to the American Bankruptcy Institute’s 22-member Commission on Consumer Bankruptcy to research and propose improvements to U.S. bankruptcy law in 2017. We have been holding hearings and meetings around the country since then. We are now finishing up a report of our recommendations to be delivered to practitioners, the public and Congress later in the spring. I’m sure everyone will want to read it (if you happen to suffer from insomnia).”
1982  MI
From Louise Green O’Farrell: “This past July, Sean and I officially became full-time Floridians. We decided to make a permanent move when we found out I was in a recurrence of ovarian cancer, staged at 3c. It is now chronic and incurable but manageable at this time, so it was time to re-evaluate our priorities. Sean is able to work from home, and I am able to be in awesome weather, surrounded by friends and some family. We are loving the warm weather in St. Pete!”

1983  MI & CDS
John and Virginia Hanses Howell ‘83 have added another dog to the household and recently enjoyed family vacations in Vero Beach, Cabo, and Palm Island. John is celebrating over three years with Centene Corporation, while Virginia still enjoys her development work with COCA. Jack ‘12 is doing terrific work with JP Morgan in Chicago. Ford ‘16 is finishing up his junior year at Southern Methodist University, and Gini ‘20 is a junior at MICDS, ready to help defend the women’s Missouri state lacrosse championship trophy.

1984  MI
CHRISTY KLOECKER THOMPSON
TROW MEIER
From Holly Ball: “Greetings class of 1984. My boys, August ’18 and Julian ’18, went to college this fall, and my daughter, Lindsay ’19, is a senior at MICDS so I am looking at being an empty nester next year. August is at Washington University studying business, and Julian is at Southern Methodist University, also studying business. Last year, I started a company, Lazarus Homes, and I am now in the rehab business. In my free time, I am still running, biking and swimming, and I completed the Ohio half ironman last year.”

Libby Mugler Sant sent a photo from her wedding. Pictured in order left bottom stair to right then the flower girl: Margi Sant ’10, Mary Sant ’13, Elsa Storts ’15, Mydie Baldwin Sant ’14, Libby Mugler Sant ’84, Dick Sant ’80, John Sant ’50, Dickie Sant ’19, Brick Storts V ’16, Mary-Margaret daughter of Tayt Baldwin ’88.

1986  CDS
Mike Ford, Lee Barksdale Bryant MI ’86 and Penn Newhard ’82 took time for a pic at the top of Highlands Bowl near Aspen in January.

1988  CDS
John Wood is general counsel and chief legal officer of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Julie, have two children and live in Arlington, Virginia.

1989  MI
MARTHA KAUFMAN SNEIDER
Mary Schneider Yeldham and husband Keith have been busy with boys, Charlie and Johnny, doing a lot of traveling to places such as Washington D.C. last summer and London and Paris this spring. “Our son, Charlie, will be attending Washington University in the fall. I have been keeping busy by tutoring elementary-age students, volunteering at Ranken Jordan Hospital and even choreographing for my son’s all-male a cappella group in preparation for their international high school competition.”

1996  MICDS
Andy Lohr shares: “I won the Powerball for 236 million last year… just kidding. I am still living in St. Louis, working at Lohr Distributing and living with my new wife, Kamie. As if marriage wasn’t a big enough change, we will be having our first child this July.”

Calvin Warner shares: “The major news in my life is that I’m finishing up my residency in family medicine in Youngstown, Ohio, this June and will be moving immediately to Columbus, Ohio, to start a fellowship year in hospice and palliative medicine at Riverside Methodist Hospital.”

1998  MICDS
From Michael Kerber: “I have been living back in St. Louis for the past 11 years, currently in Ballwin. I have been happily married to my wife Sue for almost 15 years. We have two great kids, Cooper and Andrew. I am the Director of LED Development for Grimco, Inc., a St. Louis-based company where I’ve worked for nearly 16 years now. The energy I used to spend in the water polo tank is now spent competing in Triathlons for the past 10 years, including a couple of full Ironman Triathlons. This past year, I had the great fortune of climbing the Great Wall with my wife and kids and touring all over China with them.”
1999  MICDS

Afnan Tariq has joined the faculty at New York University Langone Health and School of Medicine as a Clinical Instructor in Interventional Cardiology. He is actively engaged in research on minimally invasive catheter-based heart and valve interventions.

Many things to report from the Jonathan Vigdorchik household. "Katie and I welcomed our daughter, Arielle Rae, into the world on Oct. 26, 2018. Sleep training is going well! After five years at New York University, starting in January 2019, I accepted an academic professor position at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. Always looking forward to catching up with fellow alumni in the New York City area. Feel free to email me at grassi9@yahoo.com."

2000  MICDS

Susan Pultman and her wife, Katie, welcomed their son, Frederick David Pultman, into the world on December 23, 2018. After maternity leave, Susan will continue her work as a pediatric brain cancer social worker in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

2010  MICDS

From Caroline Morehead: “I moved back to St. Louis last year from Dallas, Texas, where I was working in Corporate Partnerships for the Dallas Stars. Over the past year, I have been working to bring this idea of mine to life, and I am thrilled to open the first Drybar location in Missouri as the Operating Partner of Drybar St. Louis. We will be open seven days a week with a simple concept: ‘no cuts, no color, just blowouts.’ Our flagship salon opens May 2019 at The Village at Schnieithorst’s in Frontenac."

2012  MICDS

Hannah Akre writes: “A non-profit organization, of which I am the Co-Founder and Executive Director, called Gloves Go Global was featured in the Feb. 1 Ladue News. We have returned from Guyana in South America, one of the preventative health care projects mentioned in the piece. We bridged a partnership with the Guyanese Environmental Health Department to provide regional hospitals, rural schoolhouses and many Venezuelan refugee camps in Guyana with clean, safe drinking water. In the Ladue News interview, I explained how this organization began as my MICDS senior project.”

2016  MICDS

MICDS found itself torn between two of our country’s greatest institutions this past fall as alumna Abby ’16 and Amelia Schroeder ’18 cheered for their respective institutions at the annual Navy-Army football game. Abby is a junior at the U.S. Naval Academy, and Amelia is a freshman cadet at the U.S. Military Academy. Parents Phil and Stephanie Schroeder divided their loyalties admirably, cheering for whichever team held the ball, but Abby still felt the sting of defeat for the third consecutive year.

01. Kathy Sedgwick Moran ’75 shared this beautiful photo from her son Ryan’s wedding to Ashley.

02. Mike Ford ’86, Lee Barksdale Bryant ’86 and Penn Newhard ’82 took time for a pic at the top of Highlands Bowl near Aspen in January.

03. In order left bottom stair to right then the flower girl: Margi Sant ’10, Mary Sant ’13, Elsa Storts ’15, Mydie Baldwin Sant ’54, Libby Mugler Sant ’84, Dick Sant ’80, John Sant ’50, Dickie Sant ’19, Brick Storts V’16, Mary-Margaret Baldwin, daughter of Tayt Baldwin ’88, at Libby Mugler Sant’s wedding.

04. Caroline Morehead ’10 opened Drybar St. Louis.

05. We extend our love and deepest sympathy to the family of Susan Taylor Lane ’75, who passed away on February 5, 2019.
Alumni Events in Washington, DC and NYC

The MICDS road show continues, and we enjoyed catching up with our Washington, DC and New York City alumni!

MI, CDS and MICDS alumni gathered to reconnect, celebrate and say “goodbye” to Lisa Lyle before she heads off on her next adventure. Over 40 alumni braved a snow storm and a government shut-down to gather at The University Club in Washington, DC, while about 80 guests enjoyed a lovely evening at The Links Club in New York City. Thank you to Bill and Lois Leith, parents of Board of Trustees Chair Michelle Leith Cohen ’88 and grandparents of Annie Cohen ’17, for hosting the New York event.
01. Harry Agress ’64, Lisa Lyle and Thomas Militello ’12 share their MICDS memories.


03. Lisa Lyle and Marie Dennig Crouch ’80 visit in New York City.

04. Natalie Singer ’13, Amy Dove ’85 and Claire Rush ’13 mingle in New York City.

05. Leslie Loeb Findling ’03, Sydney Sarachan ’03, Matt Krieg ’03 and Andrew Levine ’02 enjoy the reception.

06. Sloane Schaefer ’12, Katherine Desloge ’12 and Olivia Polk ’14 reminisce about their time at MICDS.

07. Annie Cohen ’17, Lois Leith, Michelle Leith Cohen ’88 and Bill Leith enjoy catching up with each other.
Lessons & Carols

Over 100 Mary Institute alumnae, family and friends gathered in Mary Eliot Chapel on Sunday, December 16 to enjoy the Lessons and Carols Sing-along. Fifteen beloved carols were sung in the 50-year-old former MI and MICDS tradition. The highlight of the afternoon was listening to the newly restored Eliot Chapel Moller Pipe Organ, thanks to the generosity of two Mary Institute alumnae. The Moller Pipe Organ was gifted to the School in 1951 by Mary Granger Reber 1891, in memory of her sister Maud Reber Davis 1881.

01. Kaytlin Houghtaling ’13 leads guests to sing along during Lessons & Carols.

02. Libby Hall McDonnell ’58 and Anne Stupp McAlpin ’64 reminisce.

03. Mary Institute alumnae from the 1970s catch up during a reception in the Alumnae Room before Lessons & Carols.

04. About 100 Mary Institute alumnae and their family and friends enjoyed an evening in Eliot Chapel.

05. Megan Ryan ’01, member of the MICDS Alumni Board, and Patrick Clark volunteered at the event.

06. David Sinden, the organist from St. Peter’s Episcopal Church Ladue, played the newly refurbished Moller Pipe Organ for the event.

07. Guests sang a variety of traditional holiday carols.