

*"What is a storyteller's role? Many people think it should be to convey truth or justice or beauty. But the storyteller's first role is to get the reader to want to turn the page. That's how it begins."*

— GARY SCHMIDT



**Gary Schmidt,**  
Professor and Author

Renowned author Gary Schmidt visited the Middle School as part of its annual Author Visit, where he engaged with students during assembly and held writing workshops for 7th and 8th graders. Schmidt is the recipient of both a Newbery Honor and a Printz Honor for *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy* and a Newbery Honor for *The Wednesday Wars*. He serves as professor of English at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he has worked for more than 30 years.

# Classes Notes

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

The following pages reflect  
notes submitted through

**October 15, 2017**

Submit your news for the next issue to:  
[classnotes@micds.org](mailto:classnotes@micds.org) by February 15, 2018.





01

Hayden Prescott with his wife, Abigail, on their wedding day at the Sculpture Garden of the Bridgeport Arts Center in Chicago. For their honeymoon they went to Santorini, Greece and traveled throughout the Peloponnesian peninsula.

## Births and Adoptions

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN TO OUR MICDS FAMILY.

**Lara Bennett Hacala '04** and Ryan:  
Zachary Bennett, August 23, 2017 (photo 02)

## Marriages

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ALUMNI ON THEIR RECENT NUPTIALS.

**Phil Henderson '03** and Katie Gray, September 30, 2017.  
**Hayden Prescott '99** and Abigail Csanda, October 2, 2015. (photo 01)  
**Toby James '56** and Betty Freeman, September 9, 2017.

## Alumnae/i Deaths

THROUGH NOVEMBER 27, 2017

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES OF ALUMNAE/I WE HAVE LOST.

- Florence Noland Baur '40, November, 26, 2017
- Alma Young Connor '41, June 6, 2017
- Cecelia Ramsey Raines '42, August 16, 2017
- Susan Blumeyer Braxton '44, November 19, 2017
- Suzanne Shillington Fell '45, July 19, 2017
- Patricia Vollmer Hotchkiss '46, October 18, 2017
- Charlotte O'Keefe Manassa '47, May 4, 2016
- John T. Clarkson Jr. '50, November 15, 2017
- Lynn R. Henges '52, November 13, 2017
- Jesse S. Myer III '53, November 21, 2017
- Emily Keyes Barksdale '56, November 23, 2017
- Georgann Lutz Kennedy '57, October 3, 2017
- Anne Barker Nichaus '58, December 19, 2016
- Beth Hanser Keigher '59, October 9, 2017
- Andrew J. White '61, October 9, 2017
- Cynthia Danforth Prather '75, October 11, 2017
- Carol Danforth '77, September 29, 2017
- David L. Gardner Jr. '77, August 27, 2017
- Richard W. Metz Jr. '87, November 2, 2017

## Faculty Deaths

Patricia Rogers, faculty member (ceramics and sculpture) from 1948 to 1981



02



### 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!



# Reminisce & Reconnect

MAY 3-5, 2018

## Join us for 2018 Reunion Weekend

Special Reunion Events for Class Years ending in 3 and 8

MAY  
3

### "Golden Ram" Luncheon

50th, 55th, 60th, 65th, 70th, 75th and 80th Reunion Classes  
The Log Cabin Club | 11:30 a.m.

### 25th Reunion Cocktail Reception

MICDS Class of '93  
Home of Head of School Lisa Lyle | 6:30 p.m.

MAY  
4

### 50th Reunion Gathering with Lisa Lyle

MI and CDS Classes of '68  
Olson Hall Presentation Room | 4:30 p.m.

### Reunion Celebration Dinner

All Reunion Classes, All Alumni  
The MAC | 6:30 p.m. | Cocktails and Buffet Dinner

MAY  
5

### Campus Tours

Olson Hall Presentation Room | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

### May Day

Lilly's Field | 6:00 p.m.



## Reserve your room today!

MAY 3-6, 2018

A block of rooms are available for reunion classes at:  
Frontenac Hilton | 314.993.1100 | \$132.00 per night





## MICDS Welcomes Alum Eric Brunt '02 as MICDS' New Director of Enrollment Management

If there's an epitome of the MICDS term "lifer," **Eric Brunt '02** fits the bill. He attended MICDS as a Junior Kindergartner all the way through 12th grade. After a successful college career at Vanderbilt University and early business career as a recruiter in Washington, D.C., Eric was presented the opportunity to move his family back home to St. Louis and the chance to make his mark as a member of the MICDS Admission team. In fact, it was a phone call and push from Athletic Director Josh Smith—Eric's Upper School advisor, math teacher and football coach—that swayed him to apply for the position at his alma mater. And what a great decision that was—for both Eric and MICDS.

For nearly eight years, Eric has been a leader on the admission team, serving as associate director of admission for both the Upper and subsequently Middle School, while serving in leadership roles for the School's ISACS Self-Study and 2015-2022 Strategic Planning process. And that's not all—he also coached 7th grade football for seven years—evidence that it's true what they say: At MICDS, you really can pursue your passions.

During his tenure, Eric has become a pro at engaging prospective families and welcoming them into the MICDS community. Concurrently, the world of independent school admission has also changed, and with that change has come an increasing need for what is formally called "enrollment management." Leading that charge at MICDS—Eric Brunt.

We sat down with Eric to ask him a few questions about his new role as director of enrollment management and how he plans to make further waves for the betterment of the MICDS community.

READ THE FULL INTERVIEW ON THE "INSIDE MICDS" BLOG >>  
[info.micds.org/blog](http://info.micds.org/blog)



01



02

- 01. Brian Thomas and Lisa Lyle pose with the Ram.
- 02. Dick Grote '63 and Sam Martorelli reconnect with Ron Holtman.
- 03. Peter Griffin '69 and Cliff Saxton '64.
- 04. Jeff Giles '94 and Charlie Allen '73 reminisce with long-time faculty member Nadia Danett.
- 05. Virginia Howell '83, John Gillis '85, Linda Hunter and Matt Essman.

## Country Day School Centennial Bash

On November 17, nearly 300 members of the community gathered together to celebrate 100 years since St. Louis Country Day School's founding. Highlights included bagpipers, archival memorabilia, remarks from emcee Steve Hughes '84, a video surprise from Sterling K. Brown '94, memories from keynote speaker Jack Danforth '54 and a big surprise from the classes of 1994 and 1995—the returning of the original Country Day School sign, which will be proudly displayed on campus.

At the event, we also announced the CDS Centennial Fund—an opportunity to leave our own legacy and ensure students and faculty experience the same level of excellence for the next 100 years. Help us celebrate 100 more years by making a gift. Visit [bit.ly/cdscentennial](http://bit.ly/cdscentennial)

SEE MORE PHOTOS AND RECAP VIDEOS FROM THE CDS CENTENNIAL >>  
[micds.org/page/cds-centennial](http://micds.org/page/cds-centennial)



03



04



05



## 1936 MI

**Georgia Simmons Pierpont** writes: “I’ve come to the sad realization that I am just too old to make it to my 80th Reunion at MICDS. I know all of you would be most helpful, and I am very disappointed, but at almost 98 years I must be realistic. I enjoyed my 75th Reunion so much and have many happy memories. I loved my years, and my education, at Mary Institute—more than I can say. It was a valuable part of my life. The caring teachers gave me the greatest gift of all, a love, indeed almost a lust, for learning. I’ve had a very happy life raising a large, and I hope, a happy family. I also did a great deal of environmental and clinic volunteer work. Happy memories there, too! Have a great Reunion event. Thank you all for keeping me in the ‘loop.’”

## 1953 CDS

## LEWIS BETTMAN

The problem with writing about octogenarians is there are rather few left about whom to write. I estimate we are down by well over 30 percent from the 33 of us who graduated some 64 years ago. In the last couple of years, we’ve lost **Peter Nathan** and **Jimmy Singer**. We also lost **Jack Gilmore** and most recently, **Jesse Myer**. Our condolences go out to their families and friends.

**Joe Hahn** has written a book entitled *Hitchhiking Through Europe*, which tells of Joe’s travels through a number of countries while a student. He did so on the princely sum of \$700.

**Marshal Backlar** and Nathalie have been traveling extensively recently to Machu Picchu as well as to Barcelona, Provence, Gascony, Loire and Paris. Marshal continues to coach new business executives on how to succeed. He also continues to do pro bono work with nonprofit organizations.

**Warner Isaacs** continues his work with Stifel and reminds us that our 65th reunion is next year. **Stokley Towles’** son Amor was in town to sell and autograph his highly regarded book, *A Gentleman in Moscow*. And finally, yours truly continues to work at Raymond James.

## 1954 MI

From **Susan Spochrer Elliott**: “We moved out of our house of 44 years this past summer and are now at the Gatesworth. It was a staggering task, but we are thrilled that we have accomplished it. We are now in Florida. All the best.”

From **Jean D’Oench Field**: “Classmates, thanks for your calls. We were scared expecting a category four hurricane and were so lucky! Most of our problems are small repairs and lots of cleanup with two yards to take care of. With all the rain, the denuded trees are already pushing out new growth. We hope you were spared as well. My birthday was pleasant, though subdued as we were all worn out! We celebrated getting our power back as well as TV, internet and A/C. Chris is getting things done in France, and I am progressing with my list, too.”

## 1956 MI

## ROBYN ROESSLER HANSER

Rhanser1213@att.net

My classmates always marvel at what a close-knit group we are. Nothing proved it more than the summer of 2017. **Nancy Green Maune** lives in Charlottesville, Virginia, and I believe the protests there were the first of the summer’s troubling events. Several of us called Purp and found that she lives far enough away from town so she was not really affected. She was fully aware of the chaos going on nearby, however.

**Priscilla Hocker Claman** wrote to see how our Florida friends were doing. As Hurricane Irma was advancing to Florida, Naples resident **Susie Fischer Yoder** was planning her get-away. Her daughter, **Ginny ’81**, flew from her home in Oklahoma City to Florida to get Susie and Greta the Wonder Dog out of harm’s way. They were in the massive traffic jam going up the state but 29 hours later were safe and sound in St. Louis. Priscilla and Victor’s grandson is a freshman at the University of Miami, and he caught a flight out the Thursday before the storm hit. Priscilla is working very little now, and they spent the entire summer on the Cape. I hope Vero Beach resident **Suzie Butler Wonham** was still in the Adirondacks when Irma arrived.

**Andrea Maxwell Platz** tells me that she had the busiest summer in decades. “On August 5, my second oldest grandson, Colin Emrich, was the first grandchild in our family to be married, at a beautiful farm near Grand Rapids, Michigan.” And one of the happiest “breaks” in her summer schedule was the overnight she and George spent at Nick and **Nancy Noland Kurten’s** Redtail Farm on the night before the eclipse. They were returning from a brief vacation in Tennessee, and “kind of invited ourselves to view the eclipse from Sullivan! Nancy and Nick were, as always, the perfect hosts, and we enjoyed so much meeting their son, Bo, and two of his friends.”

In St. Louis we had a nearly perfect viewing of the eclipse, but so did **Ellen Armstrong Wallace** and **Carolyn Frank Henges**, who spend their summers in Idaho. **Nancy Buford Ream** reported, “There’s the usual thick summer marine layer (fog) over the Bay Area of San Francisco. I plan to watch the event on television.”

**Mary Morey Bradley** and I wondered where Las Vegas resident **Kay Lungstras Welsh** and John were during the tragic shootings in their city. A quick email to Kay elicited this response: “Thank you for your concern. John and I are in Las Vegas and are fine. We arrived out here the Thursday before the shooting from the Cape. We were asleep when the whole thing happened! John and I do not know anyone who died, but some of our grandchildren do, especially the older ones who live in California.”

**Blanche Myer** called one day while Ellen, Julie, **Jody Noel Dietz** and I were playing Mah Jongg. She didn’t know she was going to hit the jackpot and didn’t have enough time to talk to all of us. When we finally caught up, she said her back is improving. Being the athletic and goal-oriented (not the hockey kind any more) person she is, she follows her physical therapy plan, swims daily and is doing well. I, **Robyn**, have reinvented myself as a modern day Madame Defarge, knitting lap robes for Missouri Veterans Endeavor, a facility for homeless veterans in the St. Louis area, where Ellen’s son, **Bill Wallace ’78**, is president.

Andrea brought up the matter of our age saying, “I turned 79 in August, and I have a feeling a lot of us are turning 79! (Well, not Priscilla or Serena!) Happy birthday to us all, and didn’t someone at our 60th reunion suggest an 80th birthday party? I’d offer our farm in Three Oaks, Michigan, but

you all are probably thinking London or Paris, right?” Turns out Andrea was right. Most of us will turn 80 in 2018. I hope someone will step up and organize something involving party hats, cake and candles!

## 1956 CDS

**Christopher Layton** writes: “Where so many have lost so much, Adele and I and our small town have survived the fires. Other than the mandatory heart-stopping evacuation orders at 2 a.m., the very bad smoke-filled air and the extreme anxiety, we made it through just fine. We will celebrate our 48th wedding anniversary as a second run at marital bliss. Thanks also for your keeping in touch. Really want to preserve happy memories of friends in St. Louis. Hope to see you at the next reunion.”

## 1957 MI

## MARGOT MARITZ MARTIN

margomm@swbell.net

**Pat Doughton Anderson** writes: “We spent most of the month of September in our condo in Breckenridge, Colorado. We were so lucky to have been there when Hurricane Irma went only 15 miles from Longboat Key. On September 16, my youngest son got married in Frisco. He and his fiancé rented a house for all of their immediate family to stay together. It was wonderful being with all three of my children. In November, we went to Dallas to celebrate my husband, Jim’s, 80th birthday so all of his three children, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren could be there.”

## 1958 MI

**Libby Hall McDonnell** writes: “Ladies—a reminder! Our 60th Reunion is coming up (egads)! Please save the dates of Thursday, May 3 (lunch and dinner) and Friday, May 4 (dinner), 2018. We will inform you of the details soon—and hope everyone will try to make it!”

## 1958 CDS

## DAN B. FEINBERG

dbfeinberg@sbcglobal.net

**Hugh Bartlett** and Jane wrote in from Page, Arizona, on Lake Powell, just down from the North Rim. Then they were heading toward Albuquerque for the Balloon Festival. Hugh says he has never done the hot air ride before and not too old to start!

**Chris Bent** has now finished his 12th book, *r-800-CALL-TO-ARMS*. All were written for his daughters and wife so thoughts and feelings would be passed on. He states, “We grandparents end up being smiley face pictures on some wall or certificates in some office.” He also is building the “SEALs For Christ” website. Chris comments that he has become a wordsmith thanks to our English class frustrating him. He closes by saying “Godspeed, my silent friends.”

**Frank Elliott** and Karen toured Ireland this summer with their youngest daughter, Julie, who did all the driving and selected all of the many Guinness water holes. Frank reports it was an exceptional experience for all of them.

**Bud Hirsch** and Marian’s grandson, **Jake ’17**, graduated from MICDS last spring and is now at the University of Dayton in their sports management program and on the football team’s student staff. Granddaughter **Anna ’20** will continue competing in Level 10 Women’s Gymnastics, her third year at this top level. Bud recently traveled to New Zealand and also Spain on photographer trips. In between, he and Marian took a trip to the Carolinas and got out before Irma hit. His fifth poetry collection is *Bodies in the Creek*, which, along with his other four poetry books, is available at <http://hirschwrites.com>. Also on this site are links to his photographic images and other material.

**Bill Kelley** and Judy were in Illinois as they watched carefully as Hurricane Irma approached their home on Hilton Head Island. Bill says there was lots of water at Hilton Head but nothing remarkable at Windmill Harbour. He had to move the horses from their barn all the way up to Virginia—and back! The bridges to Hilton Head were closed. Most people evacuated.

**Geoff McClelland** is doing well with his bionic knee.

**Benny Miller** had much fun the Saturday of Homecoming Weekend as he watched his grandson in the 52-0 win over JBS. He was joined by **Jim Clarkson**, **Rich Nelson**, **Lou Goldring** (whose adorable granddaughter cheers for the team) and others he says he might not have seen in the large Holtman Stadium. It reminded him of watching our parents and grandparents doing the same from his seat on the bench. Benny says, “Best to all!”

**Sparky Ravenscroft** says, “I’ve finally dragged my wife out of Paris. She thinks she’s French. I know I’m American. We’ve settled back in Washington. Washington? Maybe I don’t want to be American. Anyway, it was a good run, and now I’ll find out what the next chapter will be. Hope you’re all having a good run, yourselves.”

**Charlie Valier** had been in Charlevoix all summer. He and Patsy were leaving for Budapest to cruise the Danube with **Dick Engelsmann ’57**, Diane Buhr, **John Hall ’61** and Bethy. Charlie’s latest article on Bingham was published in July by the *Missouri Historical Review*. Charlie says his middle daughter, Nicky, has a cottage 100 yards from them. Her daughters are in school at The Latin School and Sacred Heart in Chicago. Nicky’s youngest daughter, Marin, was class detur in 7th grade. Charlie’s younger daughter, Stephanie, is a brand manager for Church and Dwight. Her older daughter is in 1st grade at Princeton Day School.

**David Hanks** organized the exhibition “Partners in Design” for the Stewart Foundation in Montreal, which was the last stop on its international tour. This exhibition traced the introduction of modernism in the United States, c. 1930, through the efforts of Alfred H. Barr, Jr., the first director of The Museum of Modern Art, and Philip Johnson, the museum’s first curator of architecture. The “partners” organized “Modern Architecture” in 1932 and “Machine Art” in 1934—two of MoMA’s most significant early design exhibitions.

## 1959 MI

**SHEILA MORRIN HUMPHREYS**  
shumphreys@berkeley.edu

Our class is extremely sorry to have lost our dear classmate **Beth Hanser Keigher** in October. Beth was an outstanding athlete, successful professional woman and an active advocate for children and social justice in many organizations in Rochester. She was a loving mother to her son and daughter, Jono and Tracy. **Sandy Doughton Chapin** writes, “Beth was a good and loyal friend. It is difficult to accept that she is no longer doing her own thing as well as organizing the world within her sphere. She will be missed by many.”

**Lisa Strelinger Beckers**: “Once again the ‘Treasure Coast’ of Eastern Florida dodged the bullet! However, I am writing this from St. Louis where I, in my cowardice, escaped to when I saw that monster coming toward us in Stuart. I am so thankful that Irma spared us but feel so badly for those who experienced the brunt of her fury. I am having a wonderful time visiting all my St. Louis family. Thanksgiving week, I was in Orlando with my two sons and granddaughter—poolside with a good book at our rental house. Blessings to you all!”

**Molly Macon McHenry**: “I lived in New York City, married a portrait photographer, an identical twin, from Dayton, Ohio, with three children and have lived in Houston, Texas, for about 40 years. He came to Houston because he was very close to his sister who was married to James A. Baker, former Secretary of State. I acquired two daughters and a son in the process and then we had a daughter, Katie. We have eight grandchildren in Oregon and only wish they were here in Houston where we could see them more often. Jerry has health problems so we don’t travel any more. Blessings to one and all.”

**Margaret Cardwell Higonet**: “My little sister, **Lucy** ’62, has just been here with me, now relying on a cane or ‘rollator,’ as her ALS progressively destroys her nerves and muscles. Lucy is amazingly honest about confronting the rapid loss of mobility, and yet continues her work for the state of Maryland against fraud of various kinds. We have visited our daughter, Ethel, in Washington, where she works on environmental issues. I’ve been busy with two large projects, one an inter-

national project exploring the history of ‘realism,’ and the other working as president of FILLM, a federation of societies studying languages and literatures, under the aegis of UNESCO.”

**Sally Curby Johnston**: “Of My two grandchildren, graduates of MICDS, one is a senior at Chapman University in California, while the other graduated from Elon in North Carolina, worked two years in New York and is now working at The Muny in St. Louis. I have three granddaughters at Burroughs, and their older sister is a sophomore at SMU. My four-year-old grandson is at Community. One dancing granddaughter was in the ensemble of Little Mermaid and Chorus Line at The Muny this summer.”

**Jeannie Hamilton Pearman**: “I am in Ensenada, Mexico, where I come almost every month and have for two years for stem cell injections not allowed in the U.S. (by the FDA). The stem cells here come from the University of Munich and are the strongest in the world, made when the egg and sperm meet to form a fetus. You are given an injection of millions of them, and they cure you, or at least alleviate your pain. My aim in life is to allow this treatment in the United States.”

**Anne Scherck Morrison** and Alan moved from a four-floor townhouse to a two-bedroom apartment in July. They spend as much time as possible at their house in the Poconos with their Brooklynite daughters, Nina and Becky, and their families. A highlight of the summer was a visit from her French “brother” and his wife. She lived with his family during her junior year at Smith 56 years ago. She continues her rewarding work with Friendship Place, helping homeless and formerly homeless participants prepare for and find jobs.

**Quinta Dunn Scott**: “We watched the eclipse in Grand Island, Nebraska, which we could have watched in our own backyard. We were on our way to California to see Barrie’s son, Kendall, then to Eugene, Oregon, to see grandson Ian and then to Portland to see grandson Alex and great-grandchildren. We then drove east through the Columbia River Gorge. We also visited the headwaters of the Missouri, where the smoke from wildfires is strong enough to be unhealthy. Then on to Yellowstone and the Tetons. In the meantime, I continue work on the Ozarks.”

**Carol Jacobs Montag** wrote that she had a great catch-up phone call with **Cindy Wattenberg**

**Berg** earlier in the summer. Cindy is in great health now after some issues have been resolved. “Keep strong and healthy, Cindy, or as my doctor says, stay vertical! We reviewed our lives over the past several years. Cindy sounded so filled with joy. She had a visit from **Janet Beeler Nesin** and **Carolyn Wilson** who had travelled to Michigan to see Janet’s mother.” Carol has a new grandson as of February 16, 2017. Charlie Samuels joins his brother, Henry, who turned 2 in early September. Life in Chicago continues to be wonderful and filled with more events and activities than anyone can attend. Our thoughts are with all of our classmates who are in Houston and Florida.



Carolyn Wilson '59

**Sheila Morrin Humphreys**: “My women’s Yosemite High Country Hike was cancelled because of forest fire this July for the first time in 30 years! We spent seven weeks this summer in our small house in Maine, where I spent most of my time gardening and kayaking. Our neighbor, **Kitty Norcross Wheeler** ’57, and I met often to discuss our recollections of our mothers, Helen Morrin and **Emily Norcross** ’26, who were very close friends. Mike and I also joined our son, Ben, and his 13-year-old, Wendy, at Eatons’ Ranch near Sheridan, Wyoming, for a few days of riding. We spent a happy evening with Jack Pelissier, husband of our classmate **Sophie Shepley Pelissier**, and Sophie’s son and daughter, Peter and Susie. Peter, a vet in Sheridan, is my godson. Since our son moved with his family from Boston to work at Washington University Medical School, we are pleased to come often to St. Louis, opening the door for me to catch up with friends.”

## 1959 CDS

**Bill Spencer** reports: “Sue and I spent a few weeks in late June/early July exploring more of

Iceland with our Icelandic friends. First, they invited us to their “59/50 Party,” where 125 of their family and friends celebrated them both turning 50 years old. Then they took us exploring the Western Fiords where few tourists go—single lane dirt roads with geysers, waterfalls, rugged coastlines, puffins, whales, fresh seafood and thermal hot tubs in each tiny village. We also enjoyed riding their beautiful horses again.”

**Henry Massie** writes: “I have a new book to report, which I am proud of and contributed a preface. It is *Children of Chateau de La Hille* by Sebastian Steiger, previously only available in the original German and in French. The book was passed on to me two years ago to arrange the English translation and publication. It is Steiger’s memoir of the years when, as a young Swiss teacher, he volunteered at La Hille, a refuge during World War II in the south of France for 100 Jewish children whose parents were sent to death camps. I am also winding down my psychiatric practice in Berkeley, California. My wife, Bridget Connelly, and I get immense pleasure from our daughter, Kate, who just went to work as an attorney for the city of Oakland, California, and from picking up granddaughter Felice from school.”

## 1960 MI

**GAY ARMSTRONG BRYSON**  
gaybryson@comcast.net

As I write this column, much of my beloved Northern California is going up in flames. The devastation is unbelievable and the effects of so many fires are being felt here in the Bay Area. And yet I cannot seriously complain. I have friends who have lost their homes, members of their families, their pets, their livelihood.

**Roberta Bartlett Logan** experienced firsthand what it was like to be out of her home for six harrowing days not knowing if there would be anything left to come home to after the fire. Fortunately there was, and as happens after cataclysmic events like this, one’s perspective on what’s important in life undergoes a major shift. We are so grateful Roberta is safe and sound.

Mother Nature seems to be having a bad summer. **Patsy Kline Hall** writes of the herculean efforts to extract her son, Kirk, and his fiancée, Cara, from the U.S. Virgin Island of St. Thomas after Hurricane Irma. She and her hubby, Dick, inhabit a part of Florida that is another favorite target of the hurricane gods! Ever mindful of photo ops, our Patsy headed off to photograph mountain goats and wild flowers in Colorado but wisely cancelled the trip to the Smokey Mountains due to thunderstorms. Patsy, the colored leaves will be there next year and meanwhile, you can display your amazing photographs in that new Main Street Gallery that has wisely signed you up! While on a whirlwind trip to St. Louis, Patsy was able to see **Lucy Schmitz Morros** and **Charlotte Johansen Hamilton** briefly.

Hurricanes can’t stop our **Carol Willis Clifton**, who survived intact while the weather gods managed to hang on to a few trees and most of the golf course as well. Minnesota is in the rear view mirror for her family, most of whom have gotten the message that warm is better, so they’ve moved to Florida.

Another survivor of Mother Nature is our **DeeDec Kessler Ostfeld**. She and hubby, David, and German Shepherd Gus are currently living in a lovely rental house. Why? Well, 3-4 feet of filthy staph-infected water in every room of your own home discourages occupancy. Hurricane Harvey was the culprit in this one. Now the battle with FEMA begins. Scavenging through the debris, DeeDec came across a picture of our Senior Day performance. Enjoy! Hang tough, Deeds.

I think that may wrap up current classmate horror stories for the time being.

Our **Jan Schonwald Greenberg** writes that it is a challenge juggling the parts of her life so that nothing falls. The various juggling balls in the air are: travel more with Ronnie and include Diego, her dog, spend more time with grandkids, play better bridge (note to **Susan Glaser Rainish**, she needs bridge lessons, and since you are the acknowledged champ in this area, it’s up to you!) and write more books! Oh Look! She just published another one: *Meet Cindy Sherman/Artist*,

*Photographer, Chameleon*. Jan writes glowingly of **Jill Evans Petzall**’s gallery opening of her interactive photographic exhibition, “Still Lives with Stories.” Jan attended along with **Charlotte Johansen Hamilton** and **Lucy Schmitz Morros**, all of whom seemed to have a marvelous time and looked amazing as well. The installation will remain through January of next year.

Michigan saw the annual reunion of **Liz Curtis Allen**’s sprawling family again this year. Recently, Liz reminded me of how Mr. Beasley marched us out of chapel one day for wearing “outlandish” dress. Goodness knows what that meant—probably pants. Liz saw **Sandie Peterson Kirkbride**’s husband Roger, and her daughter, **Stacey** ’90, for dinner when Stacey came to town this summer.

Lucy Schmitz Morros is carrying on her involvement with the Alliance Française de St Louis. Lucy likes to point out that their wonderful new building has finally been paid for and completely renovated. Our Lucy is a capital campaign manager of the highest order. Not only did she manage to get her new Alliance building renovated, but she went off to Paris to teach them how to manage their capital campaigns as well. I’m sure you all remember Lucy’s little sister, **Ellen Schmitz Livingston** ’61. Well, after decades in Washington D.C. and London, she has decided to come back to St. Louis and has settled down on Skinker Blvd., just a stone’s throw from Lucy.

Even though **Leanne Abramson Schneider** never read *Anne of Green Gables* as a child, she and Harvey decided to motor coach through the Canadian Maritimes. She waxed positively poetic about the lighthouses, the cattle and the rolling hills on Prince Edward Island. Leanne says they were so inspired by the beauty of the area that they rented the movie. Their grandkids and their accomplishments continue to be a big part of Leanne and Harvey’s life.

**Barbara Berkley Salsich** writes that she and Pete are staying busy. How could it be otherwise with a blended family of six children and 21 grandchildren? A lot of the women in her family are doing well and either just got married or are working



## 1960 MI CONTINUED &gt;&gt;

in California. Our Barbara, who looks about 45, is now a great-grandmother by default since Pete's granddaughter just produced an offspring. Congrats, Barbara!

The ever elusive **Madelon Sprengnether** announces her retirement from the University of Minnesota. She hasn't cleaned out the office yet but is working on a new book, *Mourning Freud*, to be published in 2018. Madelon is also a "blogger" on "Psychology Today," and her latest is, "Who's Afraid of Nuclear War?" She may be retired, but she's not stopping apparently. The good news is that she has more (almost) free time to come to reunions!

Our pianist and composer classmate, **Sarah McDowell**, continues to musically comfort and entertain many folks by volunteering to play at church and at various nursing homes. As an Amtrak host for 10 years, Sarah was uniquely qualified to host a 15-member family excursion from Denver to Glenwood Springs for a little R&R and rafting on the Colorado River.

**Caro Smith Schneithorst** writes through James that she is grateful for the education she received at MI, which prepared her, as she says, "for life on life's terms."

Our real estate maven, **Carol Lee Thomas Ruikka**, keeps threatening to retire from the business, but has she? Nope, still hanging on after 45 years. If you're considering a move in her direction, go now. She may actually pull the plug, and you'll miss out on the Classmate discount.

As for me, last June, my grandson, Cameron, and I spent a month volunteering at Wildtraks, an animal rescue, rehab and release facility in Belize. Their main focus is on primates, specifically Spider and Howler monkeys rescued from the pet trade or habitat loss and manatees injured by boat strikes or babies separated from their mothers. I worked in the Howler monkey nursery caring for four little babies. At the end of August, I was called back to be the caregiver for one very damaged little monkey, Franklin. For 12 hours a day, he and I wandered through the jungle, sat in the sun gently "grooming" each other or taking small walks to strengthen his legs. When I left after six weeks, he was happy and healthy. Leaving

was very hard. Will I return a third time? Yes. But meanwhile, I look forward to visiting my homies in St. Louis once again, spending time with my family and doing the volunteer work that I love at the California Academy of Sciences.



*Gay Armstrong Bryson '60 and Franklin*



*Senior Day, Mary Institute, 1960*



*Jan Schonwald Greenberg '60, Charlotte Jobansen Hamilton '60, Jill Evans Petzall '60 and Lucy Schmitz Morros '60.*

## 1960 CDS

**Greg Gettle** is nearing six years working as a volunteer in the Infusion Center at St. Luke's Hospital in Saint Louis, a job he dearly loves.

## 1961 MI

**CHARLOTTE MASTIN ELLIS**  
cellis57us@yahoo.com

**Diane Metz** survived Hurricane Irma just fine, thanks to the very safe retirement center that Richard and she now call home. The day (Sunday) was rainy, windy and noisy, as you can all imagine. They are on the same power grid as the nearby hospital, and the power was restored in 28 hours. She says she will really relax when hurricane season is officially over.

**Pam Willhite Finch** moved in April to Brookdale Creve Coeur Senior Living. She reads to Mt. Zion preschoolers three days a week and sings with the Junior League Nightingales. Over the last 10 years, she has sewn more than 800 jumpers for little girls in Nicaragua for St. Michael's mission trips. Her most exciting news is that, in September, she became great grandma to Althea Grace.

**Hadley Hesse Wood** retired in May 2016 after 48 years of teaching. She has been doing a bit of travel (New Zealand, Dominican Republic and Mexico) in 2017. She has a lot more scheduled for 2018. She continues painting, writing and playing music as well as going to plays and baseball. Add friends in the mix, and she has a busy and satisfying life.

**Nancy Smith Johnson** has moved to the semi-rural small town of Azle, Texas, which she really loves. She spends her time gardening and volunteering at her church and the community care center of Azle. She is learning what deer won't eat.

**Claudia Geyer Thompson** turned 75 recently, and the best thing about it was spending it with her one and only grandchild, Lila Cummins.



*Claudia Geyer Thompson '61 with her grandchild, Lila Cummins.*

**Carolyn Corvey Cranston** just returned from an Alaskan cruise and recommends it to those who have not seen the many wonders, both fauna and flora, that still abound in America.

**Mary (Donetta) Hannegan McMillan** has also been doing a lot of traveling. She drove to Cold Spring, Kentucky for the baptism of her great-great nephew. There were a couple of trips to Alexandria, Virginia—for Easter with her son and his family and then back in May for grandparents' day at her granddaughter's school. In July, she drove to her daughter's in Illinois, and the two of them came to St. Louis for Antiques Roadshow. In August, she drove again to Alexandria and joined her daughter-in-law, her mother and her granddaughter for a three week trip to the Canadian Maritimes. Now she says it is time to relax and catch up on reading.

**Claire Foster Evans** wrote from Australia where she was attending the wedding of her granddaughter, Capen Evans, who married Will Stanham of Camden Park, Australia. She has 12 grandchildren ranging in age from 1 to 26 and one great grandchild. In May, she and Marshall celebrated their 50th anniversary by taking their four children and spouses to the Loire Valley in France on a Backroads biking trip. They spend their summers in Vail, Colorado, spring and fall in Atlanta and winter in Vero Beach, Florida. She is on Facebook and Instagram and would love to hear from everyone.

I, **Charlotte Mastin Ellis**, am still working in the library at Washington University. I think this is my 47th year. My daughter, Cynthia, got married

two years ago and moved to Salt Lake City, Utah. My most recent trips have been to visit her. I am active in several organizations, and my church. I sing in a women's chorus. My only grandchild is Chico, my little terrier mix, that Cynthia left with me because her husband is allergic. I read when I have time and go to lots of movies.

## 1962 MI

**Lisa Pettus Hamilton** says: "Still living by the beach in Solana Beach, California. Still surfing, still planning to ski this winter—I hope. My granddaughter, Brighton Hamilton (8), can out-ski me any day."

## 1962 CDS

**John Primm** writes: "Living in Hua Hin, Thailand, and teaching English as a Second Language (ESL)."

## 1963 CDS

**JOSEPH A. CAMPAGNA JR.**  
jcampagna@dejazzd.com

**Joe Campagna** is writing this at the last minute because he only heard back from folks at the last minute. Must be the way things are! It's great that, after all these years, we still get together.

**David Elliott** and **Ollie Hickel** are one example; they are still working on getting together in New Hampshire. David's daughter, Kathryn, has been accepted to the S.I. Newhouse School of Communications in Syracuse, New York, and is on a club field hockey team.

**Rush Shapleigh** saw Ollie Hickel at a gathering hosted by **David Deibel '64** and also gets together with **Jay Hensley** and Barb in Florida, especially in the winter. Rush also seems to have an annual fishing trip in Florida with **George Diehr**. Proof of Rush with the catch is included.

Does anyone remember the song "Beep, Beep..." (1958) by The Playmates? **John Kittner** lived it while competing in an SCCA Road Race, getting passed by a VW more than once. John, you can strike that off your Bucket List.

Speaking of age-inappropriate activities, **Don Smiegiel** took an insane rafting trip down the Gauley River in West Virginia.

Those who didn't respond are just resting up for the 55th Reunion...Joe expects there will be more mini reunions between now and when you read this...visiting Rush, Jay and Ollie in Florida seems like a good short term Bucket List item, especially in late February/early March when it's still nasty in Pa. The other item on his Bucket List is launching Villages of Tiny Homes for homeless veterans, at least one of which will be located on a working organic farm. Check it out at [www.yellowwolfadvocacyproject.com](http://www.yellowwolfadvocacyproject.com)



*Rush Shapleigh '63 with a big catch on an annual fishing trip in Florida.*

## 1964 MI

**JANE COX**  
jdotcox@sbcglobal.net

**ANNE STUPP MCALPIN**  
annemcalpin@aol.com

We, your Class Agents, are slowly getting used to the new Class Notes schedule (we missed our last deadline), but we promise to be more organized going forth. We have each heard from several of you, as follows:



## 1964 MI CONTINUED &gt;&gt;

First and foremost is our Class President, **Barbara Baur Dunlap**. She has been to St. Louis frequently from Arizona over the past few years to be with her mother, **Florence Noland Baur '40**, who has been unwell. Sadly, Mrs. Baur died on November 25, and we thought you'd want to know.

Classmates from the South submitted their news:

**Debby Roulhac Poitevent** wrote from New Orleans “Not much has changed except I have moved to a condo. It's a great location—on St. Charles Avenue in the Garden District. Because of his Parkinson's, Eads continues to live at Poydras Home—a fabulous place run by a board of women (only) and in existence for 150 years! Our children are fine as are all my siblings. I continue to run the store with my kids as well as my private practice for clinical social work. It's an odd combination, but it works for me, and I love doing both!”

Further north—in Arkansas—**Jacky Israel Blakeslee** stated, “Pete finally retired last January, and we have been traveling a lot visiting with our family. With nine grandkids, we have many events to attend. We have three in college. The Great Aunt Kath (**Kathie Israel Starnes**) helps with this. All were in Colorado this summer for the 4th of July. We just returned from Minneapolis where Pete competed in a U.S. Racquetball tournament. I am continuing to take art lessons and am really enjoying producing masterpieces.”

Speaking of Colorado, **Cherie Hagnauer Pautler** claims she and **Jane Cox** watched the eclipse together. The former couldn't find any eclipse glasses so the latter sent her a pair. They talked as the moon overtook the sun. Cherie's son, Dan, had a go at the glasses, too.

Way south in Florida, we have '64 girls on both coasts. **Noel Volkman Cooke** wrote, “James and I really have nothing new to report. We still live on John's Island in Vero Beach, Florida. We spent a month during September and October renting a farm house/villa in Tuscany—gorgeous food, countryside and wine! We're just two old happy retired folks living in paradise!”

Our class actress and “Energizer Bunny,” **Punkin Hirsch** (aka **Carolyn Michel**) says, “I just completed shooting a short film, *KATIA*, in

which I play a drinking, smoking Cossack Rider in a European Circus circa 1970. Also, I recently played Daisy in *Driving Miss Daisy* in Florida and in New Hampshire. I have travelled with my wonderful husband, Howard Millman (who happily recovered from a heart issue last spring, and at 86 years young, directed a play in New Hampshire again this summer), to the National Black Theatre Festival in Winston Salem where I was asked to act in a reading. Howard and I will be honored in March by the Salvation Army for our humanitarian work in the community, which is lovely and humbling.”

From Dunedin, near Tampa, **Cindy MacDonald Gamblin** reports that she survived the hurricane. Being without power for four days, her food-stuffs, hiding in the fridge and freezer, did not!

In Canada, we find **Mimi Ferriss Wilson**, who has sent updates about her family. She says, “My son, Andrew (43), has been married 10 years to Ros, and they have three boys. Andrew is in finance, and they have recently moved to Toronto. Cliff (41) is married to Melany, and they have a 2-year old daughter, Emma, born on Mimi's birthday. They live in Anchorage, Alaska. Katie (39) lives in Brooklyn and works at Guttman College in Manhattan, where she teaches public health and sociology. Rosie (37) has been married five years to Nathan, and they have a 14-month-old toddler, Silvan. They live in northern California on a ranch. My husband, Bruce, had a major stroke in 2004 and has been unable to work. He has developed several medical conditions in addition to chronic fatigue. But he has a boat docked on the Ottawa River, which keeps him busy. I volunteer in several church and community settings, walk and do deep-water aquafit and make cloth activity/quiet books for my grandchildren.”

Not to be overlooked (heading south to Kentucky) is **Josie Pettus Wiseman** who took time from a huge house renovation project to email her news. They had to replace all the windows in their 29-year old house. She says it's most unnerving. With all that is going on in Kentucky, she's not able to get to Paris as usual this fall but will be going to visit Porter before Christmas. She sends greetings to all.

From west in New Mexico came word from **Susan Duncan Wolfe**, who reports little news.

She tends to her husband and their household of cats—loves to read and play bridge for relaxation. She reports that the lack of quality sleep is a frustration for her.

Saint Louis news includes the following:

**Patsy Clark Ball** has driven more miles in the past year than a long-distance trucker. She has been to California and Pennsylvania, amongst other destinations. When she returns home, she often ends up driving to the farm and then drives the tractor to cut the grass.

**Patty Duke Dear** recently lost her mother, Jewel, at age 105. She was a fun and talented lady, and many classmates can reminisce about the times spent at Patty's house enjoying her paintings, singing and piano playing. Patty and Dick still run a group home for Pomeranian puppies, and daughter Edie is as delightful as ever.

**Joan Schneithorst Fick** is enjoying living at Aberdeen Heights and occasionally crosses paths with **Barbara Cook**, who also lives there. Joan is a faithful user of the exercise facilities. She often has a jigsaw puzzle in progress and doesn't mind if visitors join in.

**Susan Kahn Bromberg** recently and suddenly lost her husband, Neil, after a long struggle with Parkinson's. Our sympathy goes out to Susan and her children. Her parents, Dr. And Mrs. Kahn, are as interesting and interested as ever. Mrs. Kahn doesn't seem to have changed a bit. Susan just can't stop learning and is taking three classes but says she has saved two days of the week if anyone wants to go to lunch.

Finally, we have heard from **Ann Greve Sadler** in Camden, New Jersey. She still runs a Senior Center and is chasing a 4 1/2-year-old grandchild at home. Ann confirmed the sad news that **Kathy Ittner** died April 18, 2017. Because they were so close, we asked Ann to tell us a bit about Kathy. They both attended Rossman School, lived as youngsters in the CWE near each other, skated at the Winter Garden together and came to Mary Institute in the 6th Grade. Ann mentioned Kathy's difficult college years and talked about a time when they were each nearing 40, when Kathy asked Ann to come see her, and they had a couple of wonderful days telling stories and laughing. About 30 years later, they regrouped in

Boston. By then, Kathy had retired teaching ESL. She would, from time to time over the ensuing years, call at odd hours, and she and Ann would relive their early days going back to kindergarten. Kathy is survived by her two children, Daniel Messinger and Amanda Messinger Baler; her grandsons, Theo Baler and Samuel Baler; her sister, **Meredith Ittner '59**; and her brother, **George Ittner**.

Our next class notes deadline will be in February. We will be in touch with you to remind you of it in January. We may even have a survey looking forward to our 55th Reunion which will be in May 2019.

## 1965 MI

**PEGGY DUBINSKY PRICE**  
peggy.d.price@gmail.com

**Irene Leland**: “I was invited to perform at the X-Poze-Ing Music Awards in Chicago in August. During the show, it was announced that I was among the nominees for Artist of the Year. I was thrilled to win for both Folk and Singer/Songwriter and to come home with two beautiful trophies! My son, **Austin Barzantny '97**, is on the cover of the September issue of the new St. Louis lifestyle magazine, MAX, for his redevelopment of the Central Corridor.”

**Connie Shapleigh Martin**: “It's been a wonderful summer here in sunny San Diego where I've enjoyed lots of “Doodle” time with my grandchildren and even an encounter with my neighbor's rescue turtle! My next adventure is in November to visit Egypt, Jordan, Israel and Palestine and includes a cruise through the Suez Canal. Life is good, my friends! Thanks to **Peggy Dubinsky Price** for helping us stay in touch.”

**Ann Calfee Alden**: “In June, lightning caused a fire close to my home. I had 30 minutes to evacuate six horses, two dogs, one cat and myself, driving through the flames! I returned after three days, and my ranch was miraculously untouched. In July, I learned my cancer was back and started immunotherapy with Opdivo. So far, I'm doing well and staying active. It was caught early. I enjoy visiting my three grandkids and riding my horse. Take care, everyone.”

**MiJohnson Severs**: “I had an enjoyable visit in early August from my son, Matt, and one of his five-year-old twins, Carter. At Thanksgiving, the entire Severs family will gather in Seattle to celebrate. Recently, I had a wonderful phone chat with **Virginia Drosten**, who was calling from New York where she and Patrick were staying for a few weeks. They are both doing well and seem constantly on the move with their many travels.”

**Donna Schultz Heidbreder**: “I am blessed to live with my daughter, **Sarah Heidbreder '00**, who is excellent company and a great help to the old lady! She wants me to join her in yoga class—definitely no photos of that! Turning 70 has been liberating: gloves and all bets are off!! Look out!”

**Alice Langenberg Abrams**: “Walter and I visited Gros Morne National Park in Newfoundland, where we wandered this summer. By chance, it was Canada's 150th birthday, so they eliminated all entry fees to the parks. Also, it was before my birthday, so I felt really young. I celebrated my 70th by taking a five-day pottery workshop on Cape Cod, then luxuriating at Chatham Bars Inn with Walter.”

**Rosalie Thompson Maloney**: “As we all know, we're turning 70! I have a new and probably last grandchild who is named Rosalie. She is my eighth grandchild, and my son Andy and his wife's sixth child! Six children is uncommon these days. To celebrate my 70th, my children and I are going to Africa in November. Very excited. Hope this finds our class of '65 well. Best to all!”

**Bobbi Buell**: “David and I spent a week in Tuscany this summer. We took a cooking class with a private chef, and I learned to make my beloved cici with pepe (pasta with butter, cheese and peppercorns). We went to two fabulous wineries in Chianti. Our villa was in Sovicille, which is about 60-70 minutes from Florence and about a half hour from Siena.”

**Linda Glick** is being honored for her volunteer work with Open Hand, a non-profit organization that provides meals to the sick and elderly in San Francisco. Linda serves on their board of directors.

**Peggy Dubinsky Price**: “Dick and I took a fabulous trip in September to celebrate our 70th birthdays and 41st wedding anniversary. We cruised on the Oceania Marina from Copenhagen to Amsterdam with stops in Helsinki, St. Petersburg, Tallinn, Stockholm, Berlin, Skagen and Oslo. We loved Oceania, an informal cruise line with wonderful shore excursion options in every port. I recently had lunch with **Leigh Limberg Mason**, who took a similar cruise on a different line with her family, and we enjoyed comparing notes and photos!”

Our love and condolences to **Jane Atwood Whitehead** on the loss of her husband, Bob; to **Susan Donnell Flanigan** on the loss of her brother, Sunny; and to anyone else who lost a family member this fall. Janie has had a rough year. She had to evacuate her home during Hurricane Irma and sleep on a concrete floor for three nights. Luckily, her home survived with mostly minor damages.

Next deadline: February 2018. Happy Holidays, everyone!



*Alice Langenberg Abrams '65 and Walter at Gros Morne National Park in Newfoundland.*





01. Ann Calfee Alden '65 on Sum Punk on a trail ride near her ranch in Arizona.  
02. Elizabeth Kendall '65 with Margo Jefferson '65 and Lari Angervo '65 in Finland.

03. Bobbi Buell '65 in the hills of Paso Robles.  
04. Peggy Dubinsky Price '65 and Dick in front of Kadriorg Palace in Tallinn, Estonia.

05. Irene Leland '65 with her guitar, which was a gift from the Presley family after Irene wrote a book about Elaine Presley's life.  
06. Connie Shapleigh Martin '65 and friend.

07. Rosalie, granddaughter of Rosalie Thompson Maloney '65.  
08. Irene Leland '65 with son Austin Barzantny '97.

## 1967 MI

**Virginia Weidle** writes: "We had a wonderful reunion, with more than half of our remaining classmates attending. We caught up with each other and the absentees we each knew. Later, I found out that my 5th great grandfather was accepted as a new patriot in the Daughters of the American Revolution. My nieces appreciate the grants they have received for their college educations, which was my prime motivation. To those who couldn't attend our 50th, we all missed you!"

**Donna Marting Hamilton** reports: "Bill and I took a wonderful trip to Portugal and Spain this fall. We visited Lisbon, took a small cruise up the southern coast of Spain and ended up going to Barcelona and Madrid. We saw many fascinating historical sights!"

On the East Coast, **Melissa Morriss Schroll** witnessed the eclipse in the Hamptons, while **Helen French Graves** saw it in Scituate, Massachusetts, through a special telescope. With two sons in Colorado and one in Massachusetts, Helen is trying out "living, but not voting!" in both states. After downsizing, she is living in a condo near the ocean in Scituate and another south of Boulder.

**Ann Grossman Boon** returned to St. Louis to watch the eclipse on a farm near St. Clair with her brother, **Cap '70**, and his wife, Jen. She and Jim have moved to "a cool new apartment" in Denver 10 minutes from son Tyler and 10 minutes from **Ruth Falchero**. Ann and Ruth talked about reunion and will be there. Ann says: "Don't you remember watching those 50th Reunion ladies at our graduation and our 25th reunion and thinking, 'We will never be that old.'"

**Nancy Fisse Davis** also came back to St. Louis to watch the eclipse and saw "about 10 minutes of totality." She was visiting her mother.



Lotsie Hermann Holton '67 at Tiger's Nest, Bhutan.

**Bo Singer Pratter** said they did the eclipse with "no roughing it or traffic to fight on August 21." They watched from a party on the rooftop of Maryland Walk in Clayton. "Assorted 'themed' desserts including mini-Moon Pies, which I don't recall tasting since apple cart at MI!" Bo and Jerry took off for a Michigan vacation in October.

**Carol Ferring Shepley** and **Jake '68** roughed it, hoofing it all the way out to a friend's farm outside of Cedar Hill and fought a traffic jam on the way home. "Seeing the day turn to night on a hilltop was magic. As is our new apartment." Since their baby, **Mi '13**, graduated from college and took off for Manhattan a week later, they sold the family home and moved to a high-rise on Skinker. **Jenny Ross Manganaro** provided great help with the decorating. And they had fun. "I hope we never take our beautiful views for granted."

## 1968 MI

**JANEY CULVER ROUSE**  
carolshepley@msn.com

**CAROL FERRING SHEPLEY**  
janeyrou@aol.com

When we asked the Class of 1968 about the eclipse, **Hilary Volkman** said: "Surely, we are not in eclipse! The best is yet to come, in case you missed it!" Hilary witnessed the totality in Grubville, Missouri, at **Christy Marshall's** farm along with **Holly Holtz** and Holly's mother.

**Victoria Schofield** makes our class look very good with all her accomplishments. She just published volume 2 of her history of the Black Watch, five years after the publication of volume 1. A close friend of assassinated Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, Victoria makes yearly visits to Pakistan to speak at conferences. Last year, she enjoyed traveling around the world on a lecture tour/holiday. She is hoping to and planning on joining us next May.

**Missy Ingham Pixton** has been very busy seeing and spoiling her first grandchild, Michael Scott Edwards, Jr., or MJ, who was born in June 2016 to her son, Scott, and his wife, Christy. They all took a family, pre-hurricane vacation to Panama City Beach, Florida. Missy and Marv took daughter, Kim, on a Baltic cruise in May. She's looking forward to reunion.

**Lou Horan Noland** says she and **Ted '67** "enjoyed another year of exciting travel." In July, they spent time in Georgia with family, including all seven grandchildren, three of whom are attending MICDS. This fall, they took a cruise on the Danube river and afterwards met with their son **Tec '95**, and his wife, Kim, in Switzerland. Last May, they attended Ted's 50th reunion and are both looking forward to ours.

On a sad note, **Marmec Williams Taylor** lost both her husband and her mother, Midge Eddy, this summer.

The hometown team is busy planning our 50th Reunion. Details to follow. Dig deep into your closets: Archives wants your mementos of school days.

## 1968 CDS

**JOHN H. SHEPLEY**  
jshpeley@hillikercorp.com

We received word from **Bodie Marx '68** with a few nice family updates: "Julie got married to Tim Heitmann last September and moved back to St. Louis from Columbus, Ohio, to work in financial management at Maritz. Lizzie moved back to St. Louis from Chicago after accepting a recruiting job at NISA in Clayton. I continue to run the



## 1968 CDS CONTINUED &gt;&gt;

curriculum division at School Specialty, a major educational distributor dividing my time between New Hampshire, Cambridge and New York City. Laurie spends considerable time in Naples; I look forward to seeing her, and now my daughters, on weekends.”

**Chuck Jones '68** retired from Stifel, Nicolaus in June after a 34-year career in various forms of fixed income. “I’m in the process of rebalancing my day-to-day activities and slowly planning a great new chapter ahead. My family is great and my health is excellent. It’s a good start.”

## 1970 MI

**LINDA FERGUSON BENOIST**  
lbenoist7@aol.com

**Linda Ferguson Benoist** writes, “Hi all, greetings! All is good in St. Louis. Work and play still both great—kids, in-laws and grandkids a joy! Took a road trip to Hilton Head for a wedding in October with **Barbie Howell Reisner** and **Bill** and then on the Charleston for a little R&R.”

**Annie Conant Schlafly** and **Joe** went on an October bike trip to Europe and spent a couple of days doing up Paris with **Jill!**

It is with great sadness that we report that **Judy Lipscomb McCaffrey** died in October after a short illness. She was always a smiling beacon for the years we had her in St. Louis, and she will be sorely missed by all her friends and family.

## 1970 CDS

**PAUL ANAGNOSTOPOULOS**  
paul@windfall.com

Greetings to classmates, family members and friends reading this installment of the CDS '70 Class Notes.

In keeping with our now annual tradition, we held a reunion dinner at the Racquet Club of St. Louis on September 28. This dinner celebrated the 50th anniversary of the matriculation of those classmates who entered Codasco in class 3.

They included **John D. Koch, John T. Koch, Bill Mead** and **Ming Wu**. The turnout was slightly lower than usual this year, with 13 classmates attending. Check out the photo and you'll see **Bill Sprich, Henry Bangert, Mark Johnson**, yours truly, **Tom Duncan, Cap Grossman, Phil Estep, Jack Thomas, Ernie Planck, Dave Oetting, Bob Wells, John Fox** and **Mike Crawford**. A smashing time was had by all.

A few guys who usually attend were out of town or otherwise unavailable this year. But they all send salutations to the rest of their classmates: **Jim Kjorlein, Randy McDonnell, Parker Smith, Bob Hermann, Jeff Miller, Mike Burns, Jon Heitner, Ben Brink, Wes Mellow, Charlie Schott, Tim Gillespie** and **Tom Barad**.

It has also become a tradition to have bagels and coffee at Ernie Planck's place during my visit to St. Louis. I was pleased to catch up with Ernie, Mark Johnson and Phil Estep. Thanks to Mark for making the trip from down south in Alabama. And kudos to Ernie and Susan for their most excellent breakfast gazebo.

At various other meals, I saw **John Chasnoff, Scott Johnson, Cap Grossman, Bob Wells** and **Ben Brink**. I was also pleased to have dinner with Mary and Dave Oetting, **Mooie Carpenter** and **Phil Estep**. Special thanks to Mary and Dave for allowing me, once again, to take advantage of their hospitality.

**Hal Bible** sent a quick update. He is doing well. In October he went pheasant hunting in South Dakota. He will report the results of his next round of tests in a future installment. We are all cheering for you, Hal.

**Tim Gillespie** reports that he had dinner with **Bill Swartout** and his wife, Jane Albrecht. Now that Bill and Jane are a couple, they have more reasons to visit St. Louis. I'm glad these fine folks got together for a meal.

**Ernie Planck** reports that he and Susan have a new granddaughter, Harlow Emerson Baker. Harlow lives across the street from Ernie and Susan, which means that there will be merciless spoiling in evidence. Congratulations, guys!



*A small breakfast reunion of classmates from '70 at Ernie Planck's house.*



*Classmates from CDS '70 gather at the Racquet Club of St. Louis.*

## 1972 MI

**Marian King O'Reilly** writes: “I am busy running animals hither and yon. I transport rescue animals. I've done hundreds of dogs, 11 cats and two roosters. My car went from new car smell to flea spray smell. I have close to 62k miles in a year and a half. Luckily, I drive a Prius. I have a new great-nephew, Jameson David Moyer Irving, the first grandson of **Ann O'Reilly Irving '74**. Hope everyone is well and happy.”

## 1973 CDS

**WILLIAM PIPER**  
williampiper@birch.net

**John Moulton** is doing well, still working at Duncker, Streett & Co. by day and playing tennis when time permits. Ruth is enjoying her work as an educational consultant. **Annie Moulton Peuquet '06** lives in Denver with her husband and is a founding partner of Envoys, a provider of experiential education trips for some of the country's top schools. **Jack Moulton '07** lives in San Francisco and is busy selling digital advertising to agencies in California and throughout the west.

In addition to being a respected architect, **Phil Gomez** is rapidly becoming the leading Latin musician in St. Louis. He was a recent headliner at the University City Jazz Festival, not to mention playing the Festival of Nations event this summer with three different bands, one as leader of his own group, “Clave Sol.”

Congratulations to **Roger Brodsky** and his lovely new bride, Diane. Roger, you are a lucky man!

It is no surprise that marketing genius, **Jeff Loeb**, has a new hit. While recently driving across the country, trying to avoid the usual vile varmints on the road, Jeff wondered if a family game (for home use) could be created where one actually tries to hit critters! Hhmm...? 1,400 miles later the *Redneck Roadkill* concept was born. We are told the game taps into what dudes and gals love about pickup trucks, bumper stickers and duct-tape.



*Jeff Loeb '73 promotes Redneck Roadkill.*

**Paul and Katie Compton '74** report little change in their own lives other than new uses for old bedrooms. After 10 years on the east coast, older

daughter Mary has returned to Missouri. Living in Columbia, she is press secretary for Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley. Son Wheeler is father of twins born in December 2016 and owner/president of Ultimate Lacrosse, the premier locally-owned specialty lacrosse store in St. Louis. Younger daughter Susie was married this past summer and continues working toward her Ph.D. in American literature.

## 1976 MI

**DIDI NOELKER**  
dnoelker@gmail.com

**Renee Reisel Bennett** writes: “My daughter, **Lara '04**, had her baby boy on August 23, 2017. His name is Zachary Bennett Hacala. Her husband, Ryan, and she still live in Maryland. I spent two weeks in September with them and plan to go again in November.”

## 1980 MI

**KIMBERLY RABENBERG BARNES**  
Kimbarnes13@hotmail.com



*Classmates from '80 met for a reunion in Ocean Reef Key Largo to celebrate their 55th birthdays.*

## 1981 CDS

**DAVID WEISS**  
weissd@stifel.com

**Parker Condie** writes: “After almost 20 years at Coin Acceptors, I am now CEO of Helicopters Incorporated. We operate camera-equipped

helicopters for the news stations around the country. We are the largest company in our industry and operate in over 35 cities throughout the United States. No, I don't have a pilot's license, although it is tempting.”

**Evan Benjamin** sent an update from Columbia, South Carolina: “I'm working at an AmLaw100 firm Nelson Mullins LLP in Columbia, South Carolina, managing review platforms and document productions for litigation matters. I recently spoke on a panel addressing federal judges in Arlington, Virginia, discussing the merits of Technology Assisted Review for Discovery in Litigation. I also write quarterly for the *International Legal Technology Association Journal*. My new interests are machine learning and analytics for litigation.”

Congratulations to **Roger Scherck**, who recently received the “Excellence in Education” from the Ladue School District for his work as a 7th grade guidance counselor. Roger has been with the district for 24 years. He and his wife, Julie, have daughter Ellie away at Bradley University, and daughter Katie is a junior at Clayton High School.

**Mike Jehle** is director of the Fairfield Museum in Fairfield, Connecticut, and is the proud papa of two boys, Zander (16) and Adam (14). Zander is a junior at Fairfield Prep and was recently named to the National Honor Society, and Adam, a freshman, will be joining his dad on a three-week sail from Tierra del Fuego to Antarctica aboard the tall ship Europa this December.

And myself, your humble class agent. Bobby and I are busy raising Jonathan, 3rd grade. He plays almost every sport and piano. I've been coaching his soccer and baseball teams for several years—great fun. Bobby is five years as director of major gifts at the St. Louis Art Museum, and I'm 19 years at Stifel. I'm serving on the Collaboration and Inclusion Committee for the MICDS board and am glad to help our fine school.

**Clark Wolfsberger** says, “**Wendy '80** and I are doing well. Clark Light is attending SMU as a sophomore, **Jack '18** is enjoying his senior year at MICDS as is **Greta '22** with her last year in Middle School. I just purchased a garage door company called Precision Door that handles both residential and commercial doors.”



## 1983 CDS

**John Howell** writes: “The Howell family is doing well and looking forward to the upcoming class reunion this spring. John is celebrating his second anniversary with Centene Corporation, and his wife, **Virginia ’83**, is continuing her development work with COCA, a local nonprofit. **Jack ’12** is now an Analyst with JP Morgan in Chicago after graduating from Brown University, **Ford ’16** is enjoying his time at SMU and **Gini ’20** is focused on her grades, field hockey and lacrosse.”

**Dwight Seward** writes: “My older son, Nathan, graduated with honors from Mizzou in June and is in the management program at Target in the Kansas City, Missouri, area. Older step son Alex is a senior in Belmont University’s music business program and is interning in the music publishing field. Younger step son Brycen is a sophomore at Iowa State where he looks to complete a double major in MIS and supply chain management. And younger son Hank is a sophomore at University of St. Thomas majoring in entrepreneurship. Kim and I recently moved to Vero Beach, Florida. We are building a home near the ocean, which should be ready in spring 2018.”

## 1984 MI

From **Trowbridge Mcier**: “I’ve been back in St. Louis for almost three years now and have enjoyed reconnecting with classmates. I continue to cheer on my nieces and nephew at MICDS with their many activities throughout the year. I have enjoyed traveling and last year had a chance to visit Peru and Morocco with **Allison Roberts ’88**. My new job takes me to exciting places as well, like Dubai. Otherwise, I’m home either involved in fun yard work or preferably looking for someone to enjoy a round of golf with me!”

## 1984 CDS

**Frank Sant** reports: “**Sarah Sant ’16** played on the Grey College field hockey team at Durham University (U.K.) where they captured the league

and tournament titles while going undefeated. She will be a 2018 team captain. **Jack Sant ’17** served as captain of the 2016 MICDS team, which beat Burroughs and all the other Metro teams to bring home the league title. He also served as captain of the 2017 MICDS lacrosse team, which won its fourth consecutive State Championship and finished as the #6 ranked team in the Midwest. **Caroline Sant ’19** continues to dance at Krupinski and was recently voted “Mom’s Favorite Child who lives at home.”

## 1985 MI

**AMY MCFARLAND DOVE**  
adove@micds.org

**Margee Niemann** and Ken are almost empty nesters! **Allie ’17** graduated from MICDS last spring and joins big sister **Cameron ’15** at the University of Georgia in Athens. Go Dawgs! **Nick ’20**, a sophomore at MICDS, gets all of his parents loving attention now!

**Vanessa Revard Roman** reports: “It’s been a pretty great year. Screened my comedy feature film *The Importance of Doubting Tom* at the Tivoli for a local Film Festival showing. We still had some work to do on the score, so we finished up in August with legendary Harry Manfredini, who generously wrote an original score just for my movie! My youngest daughter, Isabella, started middle school this year, and middle child Marissa is attending Webster University. The older three are also doing well! Caught up with **Dede Boudinet** and got to drive her and brand new husband to the airport to set off on their honeymoon. You can hear my Uber stories on KTRS Tuesday nights on Jay Kanzler’s show. Hope to see you all at a reunion soon!”

**Carol Platt Liebau** writes that she and her nine-year-old twins, Andrew and Elizabeth, recently had the opportunity to visit with **Lauren Boeschentstein Gundlach** and her daughter, Elise, when they traveled from their home in Seattle to Manhattan for a family event. Lauren and her family were also headed for Paris in June—while Carol will be spending a good deal of time in Hartford, Connecticut this summer (she

works as president of the Yankee Institute for Public Policy, a free-market think tank).

**Dede Boudinet** writes, “For the first time in years I actually have news! Lots of changes in the past year. Moved to U City, my dad passed away and I got married (June 17), all in three months. Wedding was fabulous (I am a little biased!)! Married **Bill Wallace ’86**. My new mother-in-law is **Lee Trueblood Wallace Pommer ’60**—yes, Mrs. Wallace from Middle School! I was honored to have **Rebecca Penniman**, **Chrissy Simon Sugavanam** and **Anne Wallace ’89** as bridesmaids and **Ginny Yoder Murphy ’81** reading.

**Elizabeth Hanaway Geiger** writes that she and her newly retired husband moved in February to Staunton, Virginia, where they plan to spend the remainder of their days painting. “Just blocks from main street, 220 W Frederick St. was designed in 1898 and finished in 1903. Check out the pics on Zillow. It’s a stunner. We would love a visit!”

## 1987 MI

**DREES A. CLINE**  
drees.cline@sbcglobal.net

The Cline family moved this summer! We now live across the street from MICDS! It works nicely, as **Marin ’25** can essentially roll out of bed and land in her classroom.

**Kaki Rohan Ianchulev** writes that she has lived in Marblehead, Massachusetts, for nine years and has two children, Sophia (13) and Sander (11). She owns a clothing boutique, Seaside Allure, with a business partner. She has two locations, Marblehead and Portsmouth, New Hampshire. She loves New England, skis in the winter and sails in the summer!

**Moyenda Mutharika Knapp** says, “I live in the Chicago suburbs with my husband and two sons (18 and 15). I’m a partner at MWH Law Group LLP. I have been teaching at Northwestern University School of Law as an adjunct professor since 2005. I joined the MICDS Board of Visitors in 2016 and also stay active on the boards of two charitable organizations. In my spare time, I



## 13th Annual Legacy Dinner

At MICDS, we are proud to count among our alumni population multiple generations of families—our alumni legacy families. And each year, members of the senior class come together with their alumni parents and/or alumni grandparents, as legacy families, for a special celebration. This year, the 13th annual Legacy Dinner took place on Sunday, October 29 to honor 36 members (18 girls and 18 boys) of the MICDS Class of 2018 who have alumni connections to our School. Overall, 110 guests were in attendance, with alumni dating back from the 1940s and every decade since. In fact, some members from the Class of 2018 could trace their families’ connections to the School as far back as the 1800s.

26%

of current students are children of alumni.

This year’s event featured three speakers who shared their thoughts and memories on what this School means to them and what it means to be a legacy: Caryl Green Simon ’55, grandmother of Jason Sugavanam ’18; Fifi Lugo ’80, mother of Lou Chalfant ’18; and Wilson Graves, representing the MICDS Class of 2018.

## 1991 MI

**Elizabeth Dilley Garcia** writes: “I graduated from Washington University School of Law last May and was admitted to the Missouri Bar. I’m now practicing with my mom, Nancy Dilley, whose small firm in downtown Clayton focuses on estate planning. My husband, Juan, is an engineer at Cannon Design, and our 5th grader Joey keeps us busy with band, orchestra, soccer, baseball and math club.”

## 1997 MICDS

**Talmage E. Newton IV** writes: “All is well with the Newtons. I am still living in the City of St. Louis with my wife, Anna, and our two kids, age 6 and 8. I was excited to move my law firm Newton Barth L.L.P. from St. Louis County to downtown this year. We moved into a historic property on Washington Ave. that has a lot of exposed brick and beams. We just finished the build-out and renovation, and if you are in the neighborhood, please drop by and say hello.”

## 1999 MICDS

Daniel Miller says: “I have seen a number of fellow MICDS grads recently. Robb Preston and I met for lunch in Clayton, and the restaurant staff seemed to enjoy the fact that we were both wearing red bow ties. I was in Boston for work and promptly called **Ziggy Zografakis ’00** who was too busy to see me. **Chris Haffenreffer** and I recently cooked hot dogs and marshmallows over a campfire in the Ozark Mountains. **Dick Lammert** came over for dinner while in town. He stayed too late, but we had fun.”

## 2003 MICDS

**Julian Jacquin** began a new position as the economic development manager for the City of Wildwood in October 2016. He says, “The City of Wildwood is a growing community in west St. Louis County with exceptional green space and is known throughout the region for its physical landscapes and high quality living.”





Louisa Rechter '05, co-founder and owner of Mestiza New York.

Mestiza New York, a clothing line co-founded and owned by **Louisa Rechter '05**, recently launched at Neiman Marcus in St. Louis. The line was inspired by Louisa and her business partner's Philippine heritage, and Mestiza is a Spanish word often used in the Philippines for a woman of mixed race and foreign ancestry. In addition to being picked up by Neiman Marcus, the line has also been spotted recently on red carpets. In a recent interview with *St. Louis Magazine*, Rechter described the resilience it took to earn success in the industry. She said, "At first, our efforts failed; no one answered our calls or wanted to meet with us. But then we decided to adopt a more direct-to-consumer model and attended trunk shows in New York City and Palm Beach. We sold 100 pieces in two weeks and then had the money to invest in making more. In our third season, we sent our 'look-book' to several buyers, and it happened to land in the inbox of Nieman's top buyer."



A shot from Mestiza New York's spring 2018 Lookbook.



A still from a scene in Donald Rosenfeld's film, "Cradle of Champions," which screened at the St. Louis International Film Festival in November.

**Donald Rosenfeld '81** recently produced the documentary film "Cradle of Champions," which screened at the St. Louis International Film Festival and also won "Best Documentary" at the Big Sky Film Festival in Montana. "Cradle of Champions" captures the epic story of three young people fighting for their lives in the oldest, biggest and most important amateur boxing tournament in the world: the New York's *Daily News* Golden Gloves. "Cradle of Champions" follows three inspiring individuals on an urban odyssey through the 10-week Golden Gloves. The film had complete access to the tournament — for the first time in its 90-year history — and to its characters.

"When the school honors us for what our interests are, then we start honoring each other. We start out with different kids, other. We start out with different kids, different interests. And we end up as seniors respecting each other, and liking each other and honoring each other. We have this bond with our different interests, but we respect those different interests. And we're still friends."

— JACK DANFORTH '54



JACK DANFORTH '54

Jack Danforth '54 served as the keynote speaker for the Centennial celebration of St. Louis Country Day School's founding, held on November 17, 2017. During the event, Jack shared various light-hearted memories of his days as a CDS student on the Brown Road campus, the students' common commute on the bus, and the exceptional teachers who evoked passion in him and his peers.