

# Class Notes

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## Weddings

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ALUMNI ON THEIR RECENT NUPTIALS.

**Mary Holbrook '08**  
and **Tyler Johnson '07**  
October 10, 2020  
(photo 1)

**Katie Littlefield '02**  
and **Rohan Castelino**  
August 22, 2021  
(photo 2)



### GETTING MARRIED? EXPECTING?

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

## Alumni/ae Deaths

THROUGH MAY 25, 2021

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

**Harold Jolley Jr. '41**, January 29, 2021

**Thomas Moore '43**, December 29, 2020

**Carlota Busch Webster '45**, January 15, 2021

**Harriette Costello Kacalieff '45**, March 30, 2021

**Leopold Abraham '45**, May 2, 2021

**William "Peter" Moser '47**, February 2, 2021

**Malcolm Breckenridge '47**, April 24, 2021

**Barbara Lane Stephens '47**, April 24, 2021

**Van-Lear Black '48**, February 17, 2021

**Ronald Henges '50**, January 30, 2021

**John Bosman '54**, April 5, 2021

**John Neiger III '55**, February 10, 2021

**Robert Streett '56**, February 13, 2021

**Margaret Wightman Kobusch '56**, February 19, 2021

**Cynthia Hungerford Gibbons '57**, January 16, 2021

**Robert Funsch '57**, April 25, 2021

**Cynthia Bland Medart '58**, May 25, 2021

**John Hay '59**, December 19, 2020

**George Bornstein '59**, February 2, 2021

**Barbara Dean Butler Webb '61**, February 21, 2021

**Graham LaBeaume '61**, March 12, 2021

**Patricia Ernst Woo '61**, May 3, 2021

**Robert Blankmann '63**, February 10, 2021

**Thomas Langsdorf '65**, December 24, 2020

**Ann "Nancy" Charles Miller '65**, February 1, 2021

**Deborah Freiheit Campbell '66**, July 15, 2020

**Robert Merrifield '70**, November 20, 2020

**A. Dale Preston Jr. '72**, January 8, 2021

**Leslie Waltke '75**, January 1, 2021

**Martin Yearout '75**, March 9, 2021

**Jennifer Wells '79**, February 6, 2021

**Robert Cornforth Jr. '80**, Date unknown

## Faculty Deaths

**Mildred Shocklee**, Former MI Bursar, January 2, 2021

**Charles Grimley**, Former CDS Faculty, March 18, 2021

1949<sub>MI</sub>

**Ann Schuster Klotz** lives in Wilton, Connecticut. “I went to Mary I for five years and graduated in a class of 49 girls. Most of my later life I lived in Connecticut in a farmhouse constructed in 1768 with my husband, four sons, and one daughter. My youngest son lives with me and two others are nearby. My daughter has lived in Portugal for 29 years. I had a career of raising kids, working in local schools, volunteering, quilt-making, and travel. My furthest trip was to China where we made friends with a family that has visited us many times. It would be nice to hear from my class.”

1952<sub>CDS</sub>

**Don Streott** reports: “I am now married to a great-grandmother—which means that I am a GGF thanks to our daughter **Carolyn’s** ’77 daughter delivering a son on Thanksgiving Day 2020 in Charlotte, North Carolina. I am also pleased to have received the MICDS Endowment Report for 2019-2020. Our class Band Fund looks to be holding its own in terms of Historic Market Value, and how nice to read of the uses to which some of this fund is put.”

**Bo Meyer**: “Both Lois and I are fine. Have just received the second Pfizer vaccine, which is wonderful. Still being careful, close to home and when out, wearing a mask, even when walking our dog. Thank goodness our Virginia suburb of D.C. keeps us away from any traumas in the Capitol area. Without traffic, our drive along the Potomac is only 15 minutes from the White House. These days we stay in Virginia, no inside dining, and apart from family and friends.”

**Gary Fields (Fleischman)** died on October 18, 2020, in San Francisco at the age of 86. After graduating from CDS, Gary attended Harvard University and the Stanford University School of Law. Before beginning his private law practice, he worked as an Assistant

United States Attorney in Los Angeles in the early 1960s. His practice was primarily civil litigation, but he also worked in criminal defense.

**Adie Dietz** reports: “Not even COVID-19 can dull the bond between grandparents and grandchildren. If anything, the bond has become stronger because in times of uncertainty families provide strength and stability. **Jody** ’56 and I have tried to bide our time until time opens the vista to more freedom. Health-wise, I think our class has done very well. Best wishes to all!”

**Torrey Foster** writes, “The Fosters have received their vaccines for COVID-19. All is well for us in Naples.”

We are sorry to learn that **Tom MacMahon** has been suffering from some very significant medical problems, including COVID-19. We wish him well and hope for his early recovery.

We recently received the following note from **Bob Post** with some wonderful photos of an incredible weather event on the Oregon coast: “Periodically the Oregon coast experiences what is termed a ‘king tide.’ Twenty- to 30-foot waves carry across the wide sand beaches and crash against the 15’ cliffs that border the water, sometimes transcending them and throwing water and debris onto lawns and bushes.”



Nine members of the class proved their technical savvy by attending the virtual meeting held in December. And “D” was there as an audio attendee.

1954<sub>MI</sub>

**Susan Spoehrer Elliott** says, “The Gatesworth, where we have an apartment, was in lockdown last summer, so **Howard** ’52 and I stayed in Florida and were blessed to enjoy gorgeous weather, golf, bike riding, and workouts at the fitness center. All the best to everyone!!”

**Estie Veron Pruett** reports that she has moved to an apartment on Topton Way in Clayton.

1955<sub>MI</sub>

**Elizabeth Hobson Rand** is proud to announce the birth of her first great-grandchild, Dawson Dobson Rand.

1956<sub>MI</sub>

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**Peggy Wightman Kobusch** has died. She will be remembered for her gracious smile, her concern for others and her ballroom dancing. The class sends their deepest sympathy to her family. It’s hard to believe that it has been 65 years since we graduated. Due to the pandemic, nothing has been planned to celebrate the occasion. **Page Sharp Jackson** has continued to hold Zoom get-togethers for many of us. **Nancy Green Maune, Nancy Buford Ream, Carol Culver Bitting, Susie Fischer Yoder, Jody Noel Dietz, Ellen Armstrong Wallace, Nancy Noland Kurten, Priscilla Hocker Claman, Blanche Myer, Judy Gissler Adair, Carolyn Frank Henges, Mary Morey Bradley,** and myself have all joined at one time or another. A surprise was seeing **Serena Stewart**.

**Kay Lungstras Welsh** reported that she and John spent two months on the Cape last summer then went to their winter home in

Las Vegas. **Minette Grunik Bethke** has her grandson living with her. **Judy Trimble Lane** says she and Pluto, her cat, occupy themselves bird-watching. **Lolly Desloge Hogan** has a 21-year-old rescue horse, “a sweet black Percheron” named Carl, and a lovely view of the Pacific Ocean. **Blair Smith Lawlor** and Bill have sold their Montecito winter home and are in a retirement center in Evanston. Please send me any news and stay well.

## 1958<sub>MI</sub>

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It is with great sorrow that we report the death of our dear classmate **Cynthia Bland Medart** on **May 25, 2021**. Cimmy had had Alzheimer’s and also heart issues. She died peacefully with her two daughters at her side. We all send our deepest sympathy to her family.

As no one has sent in any news to the school or to us, here are bits of news we have gotten by conversations, email, hearsay, and osmosis:

**Susan Russe Dreyfus** is still in Melbourne, Australia, and has been hunkering down and expecting to get her vaccines. Susan and Andre have two daughters, one who lives in Melbourne with two granddaughters.

**Connec Darmstatter Counts** and **Nancy Agress Brodsky** live in the same retirement complex outside of Boston! A win-win for both girls and the class of ’58!

**Lil Brokaw Metcalfe** is looking forward to a visit by her daughter **Betsy ’94** and her two granddaughters. She has not seen them in a year and a half, and is so excited to give them 1,000 hugs!

**Joyce Thompson Stericker** is happy that her son **George ’91** is engaged to be married. Joyce is glad they will be living in St. Louis.

**Alice Davis Rains** is moving from one house to another (they own both) and is finding the move most daunting!

**Marnie Crossen Bell** is reported to be doing well in California and is glad restrictions are being lifted!

**CY Williamson Metcalfe** and Walter spend most of the time at their country place—especially good during the pandemic!

**Libby Hall McDonnell** was watching her grandson **Mac Stevens ’23** play lacrosse when **Florence Johnson Lewis’** two daughters, Lizzie and Harriet, spied her and came over to say hello—what a wonderful surprise! Their son was on the opposing team.

**Mary Koenigsberg Lang** sums it all up: we are happy and healthy, so “who could ask for anything more?”

P.S. Does anyone want to try a Zoom for our class for a few minutes just to catch up and say hi? If so, let one of us know and we can possibly organize it—maybe.

Stay safe and stay in touch!

## 1958<sub>CDS</sub>

**Chris Bent** in his own words: “Survived congestive heart failure in September, lost 35 lbs., and am back fighting the good fight for the Lord. So satisfying to serve others unseen. A video surfaced of my Gemini 7 recovery in December 1965 and two months later the very first Apollo (fully operational, unmanned) to return from space. Amazing the twist and turns of life; wisdom still coming; Godspeed.

**Jim Dodds** reports his son, Chris, is engaged. His prospective daughter-in-law is a senior scientist with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. “Seems timely. Cheers.”

**Maurice (Bud) Hirsch** continues to have his photographic images accepted in juried gallery shows including at Art Saint Louis and The Foundry in St. Charles. His granddaughter, **Anna Speller ’20**, a first-year student at Southeast Missouri State, is competing on their women’s gymnastics team.

**Top Logan** says nothing to report, but it’s good to hear from us. “Greetings to all the guys. Stay safe, everyone.”

## 1959<sub>MI</sub>

Our classmates report on how they are faring during this pandemic, and many feel optimistic about traveling to see family now that vaccinations are available.

If you would like to keep up with **Quinta Dunn Scott**, follow her on Facebook! She shared this update: “I did not realize how much I enjoy writing until I started writing *Along Route 66* and *The Mississippi*. Jeff Smith, editor of *Confluence* magazine, invited me to submit. I wrote a series of articles on the springs that feed the Current River and on Ozark forests. I plan to submit to the University of Missouri Press as a book. The day has come to stop making photographs and depend on my writing.”

From **Sue Forney Boyd**: “Greetings all. Among the many things I’ve been grateful for during this pandemic are: regular check-ins with family and friends; our community garden and friends; courses on FutureLearn.com with participants from all over the world; participating with folks online in the U.S. and abroad to explore and create opportunities for Outdoor Learning; webinars on gardening; reading books; and my second and final vaccine, and the health care workers who made it possible!”

**Meredith Ittner** writes: “Like everyone else, I am mostly homebound with the pandemic. I’ve read a lot of books and signed up for too many webinars. Thank goodness for Zoom keeping us all connected. My big job is the garden. I have kept up doing artwork and belong to a collage group. I joined a group doing mail art over the next year, which means I receive art and must send a collaged or painted postcard each month.”

**Jeannie Hamilton Pearman** reports: “Don and I are full residents of Florida now, happily. We sold his house in Scottsdale and my apartment in New York, so we won’t travel so much now in our old age. We love Palm Beach, and so many friends come through here, although the coronavirus has slowed them down. I can’t believe how old we are!”

**Carol Jacobs Montag** said, “I am very grateful. There appears to be a small light at the end of this very long tunnel. I am hoping that after my second shot I can plan a trip east to see my grandchildren. It has been nearly 15 months since I have seen them in person. I don’t really go anywhere except my daily walks, doctors appointments, and trips to our cute little corner market. I love walking almost everywhere and the occasional public bus trip. I do my Alliance Française class via Zoom. Lectures, meetings, classes all conducted from anywhere in the world!”



Carol Jacobs Montag '59 and her husband Jonathan Horwich

**Sally Curby Johnston** comments that she is content at home. “My big day is watching my Roomba clean the floors, an occasional trip to Walgreens, and perhaps carry out. I’ve read 20+ books, watched endless movies, and played games on my iPad. I see my kids and grands,

when they are back from college. My love of live theater has been put on hold. I have learned I’m content at home. I’m blessed with good health and am in a financial position that I can and do help others.”

**Anne Scherck Morrison** is, we hope, a pandemic exception. “I hope I am the only classmate to report that Alan and I were felled by COVID-19 in January. We have no idea how it found us. Fortunately, we had mild cases although he spent three nights in the hospital where the latest treatments worked well. Our recovery lasted several weeks. We fortunately are now back to our pre-illness selves. We are grateful for the calls, texts and emails from so many classmates, as well as the love and support from our daughters, Nina and Becky.”

**Lydia Long** reports that she has barely left her condominium since March but has continued taking Washington University classes remotely. Both of her out-of-town sons visited in recent months.

**Josephine Christian Weil** wrote to tell us about her new grandson, Deegan, son of her daughter, Amelia, who lives in Tampa, Florida. Josephine and Richard visited Amelia and her family in March. Josephine planted 25,000 bulbs in November “so spring will come and be glorious.” All of us lucky enough to visit Josephine’s amazing garden at our last MI Reunion would be thrilled to visit again.

**Margi Cardwell Higonnet**: “We are plugging along. As someone who taught English all those years, I am fascinated by the power of lies, of group-think and web-platform algorithms. Perhaps it affects people working in medicine on issues like vaccination as well. With members of my family who don’t recognize their moments of illogic, I try to hold my tongue. But I’m actually quite strong-willed (we think it is a Cardwell trait), so I’m lucky that Patrice is very patient with me.”

**Sheila Morrin Humphreys**: “Like Sally, I have enjoyed the luxury of being at home, in my case without rushing over to the UC Berkeley campus every day. My volunteer job has filled my days. As our son, Ben, often says to us,

‘Keep active.’ We were looking forward to a good visit to St. Louis last June, now deferred to June 2021. We watch a lot of news at night, and I occasionally correct the grammar of the reporters while thinking very fondly of Miss Minton. Mrs. Johnson’s Latin declensions figure as well.”

I have very much enjoyed being in touch with many of you over the past several years, in the quest for *Class Notes*. I pin my hopes for meaningful connection with classmates on quarterly Zoom meetings as we enter our ninth decade. Fondest good wishes to each of you and please keep in touch.

1959 CDS

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By the time this is published, most of you will know this but I guess I have to say it anyway: as the members of the Class of '59 enter the fifth score of life, we are inevitably reminded of our mortality. Since the last edition of *Class Notes*, our ranks have been reduced by two with the loss of **John Hay** and **George Bornstein**, both men who lived up to the ideals modeled by the faculty we were fortunate to have had at Country Day School.

After graduation from Amherst College, John went on to earn an M.A. in Divinity from the Divinity School and an M.F.A. from the Drama School at Yale. The Reverend Hay was a full-time minister in Connecticut and Massachusetts for more than 25 years and continued to serve as an interim minister for years thereafter. Yalies will be interested to learn that for 11 years, John was the Senior Minister of United Church on the Green in New Haven (the one in the center). John is survived by his wife, Carol Squires Hay, his three children, numerous grandchildren, and countless friends.

George graduated from Harvard College, received his Ph.D. from Princeton, and spent his professional life at the University of Michigan where he retired as Professor

of English and Literature. A published and internationally recognized scholar on the life and works of William Butler Yeats, George's interests were wide-ranging and eclectic—from baseball to the relationships between the Jews and the Irish. He is survived by his wife, Jane York Bornstein, three children, several grandchildren, and many friends.

Those are the required “informational” obituaries, but neither of the two paragraphs above captures their essences. After a moment of silence in their honor, both men were fondly remembered at our monthly Zoom meeting with numerous stories of their exploits both at school and in later life. **Kent Faerber**, unable to attend, sent a beautifully worded tribute for John, and **Fred Hanser** recalled baseball discussions with George who, though a Detroit Tigers fan, had a warm spot for the Cardinals. If we had been able to meet in person, I'm sure we would have toasted their memories.

And speaking of the Zoom meeting, we were joined for the first time by **Ivar Nelson**, who continues to reside in Moscow, Idaho, where he and his wife are researching the history of the Civilian Conservation Corps, one of the more successful depression-era projects of the Roosevelt administration in the 1930s. Is there a book in the future?

Another first-timer was **Mike Latta**, fully retired from all his many ventures and feeling confined (as we all are) by the COVID pandemic which has prevented his travelling to Park City.

**Tom Hirsch** joined from Fairfield, Iowa, where he continues to work at a somewhat reduced rate in information technology at Maharishi International University where he has been employed for nearly 40 years.

Of the regular participants, **Nat Griffin** reported that, upon returning to his ranch in Texas (from Michigan with a stop in St. Louis), he had a heart attack from which he claims (and appears) to have recovered. Good news!

**Chip Matthews** overcame his negative attitude toward technology, Zoomed in for the first time, and recalled events at Ivar's family cabin in the Ozarks. Best left there.

**Sonny Harrison** determined that approximately half of the 13 participants had received at least one of the COVID vaccination shots and discussed with **Bill Tucker** several strategies for getting the shots. Bill encourages everyone to do so.

**Jim Schneithorst, Henry Massie, and Julius Frager** also Zoomed into the meeting from various parts of the country.

Over the last several months, participation in these meetings has grown to the point where nearly half the class has attended at one time or another. If you haven't (and you know who you are) and would like to, email **Butch Welsch** at [bwelsch@welsch-heatcool.com](mailto:bwelsch@welsch-heatcool.com) and he will send you an invitation and reminder. Do it! It's fun. And thank you, Butch, for doing it!

Chip, Butch and I continue to meet for lunch every Monday at Lester's, 11:30 a.m., and will continue to do so as long as the St. Louis County Executive permits indoor dining. Many have joined us; all are welcome.

## 1961 MI

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**Claire Foster Evans** is thankful to have been married to Marshall Evans for 53 years. They have four children, 12 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. They still live in three places: Atlanta, Georgia; Vero Beach, Florida; and Vail, Colorado. She has been fortunate during the pandemic to be able to play golf, ride her bike, teach Bible study, and play bridge online. She looks forward to seeing us at our reunion and says God bless us all and stay healthy and safe.

**Mary Donetta Hannegan McMillan** reports they are still hunkered down and had their first COVID vaccines.

**Hadley Hesse Wood** spent one week at a resort in Cabo San Lucas in January. She rode a camel, swam, went parasailing, and enjoyed beautiful sunsets and the beach. She also went to a week-long painting seminar. She did a

lot of writing. The mild Southern California climate allowed her to have friends over for coffee or wine, sitting outside. She created a neighborhood book club and walked with neighbors. She hopes we are all doing well and feeling attached to family and friends during this hard time.

I, **Charlotte Mastin Ellis**, have been reading a lot and watching films and concerts online. I participate in several Zoom book groups. I did a presentation about Jane Austen by Zoom for my sorority alum group. I think Miss Busse would have been proud of me.

## 1963 CDS

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Your class agents have decided to take a short hiatus from reporting on the CDS class of '63, primarily to give the *Magazine* a chance to catch up with our notes. That being said, there is one very important addition that needs mentioning. Two classmates, **John Allman** and **Mark Webber**, have already started thinking about our 60th reunion, coming in just two (short) years. They recommended that our classmates create now a short biography of “your life” since our graduation in June 1963. Both John and Mark have finished their bios, both of which are excellent, and would be happy to share their efforts if it would help. Jay has added that it might make sense to have two classmates interview and write each other's if that would be easier. Joe and Jay will develop a follow-up plan to check on your progress which gives us a great chance to visit and gather fodder for future *Class Notes*. At this writing, it is safe to say that you can forward the finished product to either your class agents or Mark or John. We can make sure they make it to one master file. In the meantime, as we hopefully approach something akin to normalcy after these bizarre last several months, stay safe and stay well.

## 1964 MI

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Most of you have implied that little is going on in your world. We do thank those of you who have written, and we are happy to share what we have gleaned.

From Florida, **Noel Volkman Cooke** sent some very sad news. “The terrible news is that my marvelous husband, James, died on November 3. It was a surprise, a sudden perfect storm of many illnesses he had been valiantly fighting for years. I am remaining in Vero Beach, surrounded by so many old St. Louis friends, just trying to cope with being a widow. Life goes on and I’ve had both COVID shots, so I’m good to go if there would only be somewhere safe to go!”

Did you all know that we have among our classmates someone who can speak to safety at this time? The class of 1964 has our own epidemiologist, **Penny Forney Canny!** She wrote, “I am still affiliated with the Yale School of Public Health and on its Leadership Council, so I’ve had a unique opportunity to have an insider view of what’s going on with COVID. Our daughter is an immunologist/pediatric rheumatologist at UW in Seattle. Our son works for Pacific Gas and Electric in the Bay Area/Northern California, so he’s been busy having to deal with the aftermath of the disastrous fires.” Penny also mentioned she has reconnected with **Susie Primm** and they have had a great time catching up.

**Marianne Schultz Galt** also wrote from Florida saying, “**Sandy ’60** and I are being careful and staying safe. We have read a lot, listened to Audible, and binged on various TV series. We feel very fortunate to be in Florida with beach walking, golfing, attending exercise classes, and dining outside. Our children joined

us after Christmas and in February and March. We love having them here and are delighted they like Florida so much. Best to everyone.”

One of our most energized and energetic classmates, **Punkin Hirsch, A/K/A Carolyn Michel**, has seemingly grabbed the pandemic by the neck and stuffed it in a closet. “New circumstances make us evolve and find new ways to do our art. My office turned into a ‘studio’ with lights, a mic, a backdrop and my iMac. Since there is no live theatre, I performed *Women I Have Loved* on Zoom with Sarasota Jewish Theatre: four monologues from favorite one-woman plays. It went very well, thankfully. My husband and I are doing well!”

Our final Florida correspondent, **Cindy MacDonald Gamblin**, submitted: “Forgive me for not submitting anything, but it’s been pretty boring around here. Take care and stay safe.”

From New Jersey, **Ann Greve Sadler** emailed: “Not much news; I am knitting a lot, reading, cooking, and helping my eight-year-old grandchild through remote learning on a Chromebook. Hope all is well with everyone. Love you guys.”

Our Virginia classmate, **Ginny Alfring Kalbach**, observed: “Our family is fine and COVID-free so far. Thanks for keeping us up to date.”

From Arkansas, **Jacky Israel Blakeslee** sent: “Not much to report here. We have survived so far, have had our first shot and looking forward to the second. Had a quiet Thanksgiving and only **Kathy** here for Christmas. Haven’t seen kids or grandkids since the fall. Ridiculous! Looking forward to a very busy spring and summer and getting back to normal.”

**Debby Roulhac Poitevent** says: “Writing from New Orleans where we had a do-it-yourself Mardi Gras. I have a 16-month-old granddaughter who is funny and adorable. I do a lot of babysitting. I am staying involved with friends and activities via Zoom. Taking a four-year course from Sewanee called Education for Ministry and practicing therapy over Zoom.

Walking and yoga and still meeting with the same group of friends (for 35 years) every Wednesday morning. We have supported one another through this. Wonderful women like our Mary I class.”

Some of our St. Louis girls chimed in and **Kimmy Thompson Brauer** exclaimed, “No one has done anything fun except email our family and friends. Home on the range! Shall we all celebrate turning 75? That is a milestone! Looking forward to the time we can all be together. Big love!”

**Mary Vogt Myers** emailed calling me (Anne McAlpin) “Hedgie,” referring to our fifth-grade play when we were both hedgehogs because Mrs. DuBois thought we resembled them! Mary hopes all are doing well in these nerve-wracking times. Mary and Punkin had the opportunity to reconnect when Mary saw Punkin’s Zoom performance and thought it was so good that she called her. Punkin was most appreciative, and speaking of Punkin, our Class President For Life, **Barbara Baur Dunlap**, says “Punkin is so young, so brilliant, so funny, such a songbird. Charlie and I may watch her every night, she is so amazing! Beside incredible talent, I want to know her secret sauce for how to look 30 years younger and be so healthy in mind/body/skin! So much fun. Love to all.”

Out in the wild west **Cherie Hagnauer Pautler** has started her vaccine series at King Soopers Grocery pharmacy. Can others claim anything more exotic?

**Patsy Clark Ball** drove with husband **Eldon ’64** to Arizona to spend Christmas with son **Justin ’01**. They had a great time and returned without COVID. Justin relocated to Arizona from Los Angeles when his job became remote and he could live anywhere he wanted.

Finally, to end on a happy note, **Becky Jones Fouke** shared: “Like everyone else, the Foukes have been hermetically sealed for the past year and have very little to report except that our oldest grandchild, Lily, was accepted early-decision at TCU! On top of that, she was also offered a partial merit scholarship, prompting

her grandfather, **Luke '59**, to observe that she's the first Fouke in the history of the planet to be offered a scholarship for anything, let alone scholastics. So there you have it. Hope everyone is well and holding up okay!"

Best,  
Jane and Anne

## 1965<sub>MI</sub>

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Greetings, classmates! There might be light at the end of the COVID tunnel. I got my COVID-19 vaccine in February and hope to be able to travel to see family soon. It's been over a year since we have seen our granddaughter, but we are grateful for Facetime and our daily chats. Hope you are receiving or have received the vaccine, too.

I was informed by MICDS of the death of our classmate, **Ann "Nancy" Charles Miller**, in February. Fun, fair, and a hard worker at everything she did—Senior Council President, sports, academics and friendship—Nancy was the best. We will miss her. Thanks to all who sent memories. She was my first roommate on the MISF trip to France in 1964 where she was our leader in fun and trouble. According to **Anne Kennard**, when we all stayed out two hours past curfew on Bastille Night to watch fireworks over the Loire River, Mme Seewoster greeted Nancy when we came in at 2 a.m. with, "You too, Nancy!" (I only remember hysterical screaming.) **Kate Meyer Getzendanner** wrote that she last saw Nancy when she served as the priest at Trinity College when her son attended. **Jane Atwood Whitehead** described Nancy as "self-deprecating, wry, unpretentious" and remembers having a student council meeting at Nancy's the summer before senior year when they tried to re-write the fire rules and later discovered they had no authority to do that! **Becky Woolsey Ester** remembers Nancy's love of Fig Newtons. **Sandi Whitelaw Russell** summed it up: "A remarkable person, a remarkable athlete, a wonderful friend to all. Not only was she smart

but as far as athletics she was my best right wing in varsity hockey and the best varsity tennis partner I had. Like so many of our classmates, you lose touch through the years but not the memories of a good friend." We send our condolences to her husband, Barry.

Condolences also to **Linda Glick** and **Trudi Glick Carey '74** on the loss of their brother, Dan. Linda described Dan as follows: "In a family of characters, Dan was our leader."

Staying home has brought out some funny email threads of MI memories. **Elizabeth Kendall** recently taught a class on *The Tempest* and started a flurry of communications about who played what part in our 10th grade play. The leads were **Irene Leland** as Ariel, **Elizabeth Kendall** as Miranda, **Bobbi Buell** as Caliban, and **Sallie Williams** as Prospero. I played Trinculo, a drunk in Shakespeare's play but, according to Mrs. DuBois, a "silly" person. **Alice Langenberg Abrams** thinks she played the other drunk/"silly" part—Stephano. Buell recalls the play opening with the two of us "drunk/silly" under a blanket. Fun memories!

Hope you'll all consider joining our Class of '65 book club! Our most recent book was *The Disappearing Earth* by Julia Phillips, a mystery about two girls who disappear in Eastern Russia. Classmates join on Zoom from near and far. It's been wonderful to get together online and catch up. Watch your email for future books and dates.

News:

**Alice Langenberg Abrams:** Walter's royal treatment, undemanding life from COVID isolation, and indoor winter existence has made me a total slug. My step counter laughs at me. It's nice being cozy in front of the fireplace! Riding out the pandemic in Lexington, Massachusetts, and Barnard, Vermont, both agreeable places to find winter hygge (yes, hygge). Breast cancer entered my life in November; treatment is proceeding successfully. Keep on track with your mammograms, classmates—they are life savers.

**Bobbi Buell:** I spent the last year in quarantine, but it hasn't been a total loss. My husband, David Waters, worked on clinical trials for one COVID treatment using colchicine, an existing and inexpensive drug. The trials were successful in preventing some of the severe complications. My daughter, Molly Rogers, has her own show Sundays on Twitch. My son, Starrett, found true love. And in November, the fourth company I founded, onPoint Oncology, sold to RxVantage, a Los Angeles tech company.

**Jane Atwood Whitehead:** On New Year's Eve I did my first binge watch: *Bridgerton*. The Duke of Hastings...there are no words. On a loftier note, I'm reading Obama's *A Promised Land*. I started it as something of a homework assignment. It's 700+ pages. He's an eloquent writer with a remarkable story to tell of his devotion to family and this country.

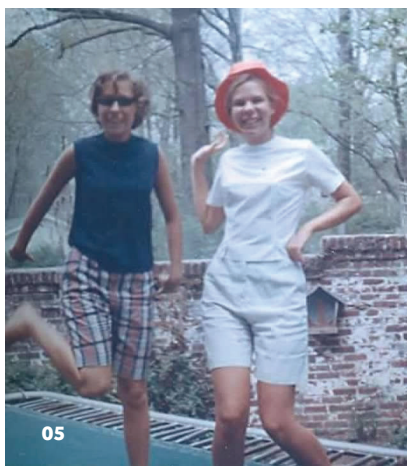
**Jan Shapleigh Mackey:** My newest grandchild, Annabel Wells Mackey, was born June 7, 2020, to Johnny and Hadley Mackey. Another redhead in the family. I had a knee replacement in October; it has been a long slog back with lots of physical therapy. Online bridge has been a godsend during COVID. I play with **Leigh Limberg Mason** every Thursday. I remember many fun times with **Nancy Charles Miller** growing up, Mary Institute, Smith College. She officiated at my daughter's wedding 10 years ago, a vivid memory all the more precious now.

**Annette Morriss Clow:** My really good news is that Frannie had a baby girl, Isobel Wynne Wallace, on January 19. She's almost named after my favorite Henry James' heroine.

**Leigh Limberg Mason:** The family went to Breckenridge, Colorado, for 10 days in July. Son Charlie has moved his business from California to Austin, Texas. I talk to **Susan Caspari Carnwath** now and then and play bridge online. My grandkids are all grown up. Two are driving. The youngest goes to MICDS and the older two to Whitfield.

**Diana Davis Madsen:** Peter and I had our first Moderna shots. We were lucky that our medical group had the vaccine. We are not





01. Alice Langenberg Abrams holding her latest work, Bacon and Eggs in Skillet.

02. Peter and Diana Davis Madsen with family in Wyoming 2020.

03. Carol Jackson Hunter, Connie Shapleigh Martin, Linda Glick and Peggy Dubinsky Price.

04. Carol Jackson Hunter (2nd from right) with three of her four daughters 2014.

05. Nancy Charles Miller shows her fun side during her MI years with Annette Morriss Clow.

06. Oldie but goody: reunion 2005.

07. Louisa Legg Deland, Connie Bascom McPheeters and Nancy Burkham Williams with Nancy Charles Miller (right) at reunion 2010.

complaining at all about our slightly sore arms! In July, our whole family, including six grands, visited the HF Bar Ranch in Wyoming after we saw the facility's COVID plan. We rode horses, fished, hiked, and ate meals outdoors. Our trip was followed by weeks of home schooling and remote working in Bay Head, New Jersey.

**Mimi Johnson Severs:** Stay well, everyone. I had my first Moderna vaccination in January and the second dose in February. Then I was 94% immune and able to resume some of my former activities in groups. May 2021 be a much better year for us all!

**Irene Leland:** "It's been wonderful receiving these latest Best Song awards to add to my treasured list from The Akademia: *The World Is Waiting; The Birds Still Sing; My Honey Babe;* and *Not A Cloud In The Sky.*" Our thoughts are with Irene as her ex-husband Joe recovers from a stroke.

Several classmates have sent memories of **Carol Jackson Hunter**. My favorite is the following from **Elizabeth Kendall**: "Carol volunteered to pierce my ears in high school. And she did it, deftly, in my home bathroom, with a needle, ice, and a cork, while my mother hovered in the background like Edvard Munch's *Scream.*" **Jane Atwood Whitehead** describes Carol as "eternally young and eternally beautiful." **Patti Baer Lehr** says Carol was "a good and kind friend." I have great memories of riding bus 24 with Carol for eight-plus years. We were close friends in middle school and spent hours wandering through Clayton with **Elizabeth Wells**. (Did our parents really let us spend Saturdays in Clayton on our own?) Carol was a psychiatric nurse in New Mexico and leaves four daughters.

Book recs: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*, *American Dirt*, *Becoming Duchess Goldblatt* (is she real?), and *Daisy Jones and the Six*. Best TV binge show: *The Queen's Gambit*. Send me your favorites for the next issue.

## 1966 MI

We received a remarkable number of responses. Thank you all! Let's begin in Missouri, specifically St. Louis, with the Honorable **Susan Frelich Appleton** who is proud to announce the arrival of two grandchildren, Catherine (in St. Louis) and Daniel (in D.C.). She continues to teach and is making another cinematic entrance, in addition to the *Kinky Kryme*, in a documentary about the life of a famous birth control crusader, Bill Baird.

**Laura Kloos Justiss** sends her best to her MI classmates and is very grateful to have meaningful work during the pandemic. Laurie has graciously offered her Zoom Pro account for our next class Zoom meeting. Our August 2020 class Zoom get-together was a tremendous success.

**Robin Ewing Engler's** family is fine, but they are all very tired of this seemingly endless virus. Her elder daughter, **Lele '96**, is in St. Louis, and daughter **Ashley '10** lives in Oxford, Mississippi, with husband and twins. Sadly, Robin's mother, **Rosalie '40**, passed away in the fall of 2020.

**Pam Moulton Baker** has been reliving some of the happy moments she spent at Community School, MI, and Whitfield and says she feels closest to her MI buddies. We are amazed that Pam was able to get to her computer to share the sad fact that she has suffered from chronic back pain since 2019 despite 12 back fusions! She is now an expert on good Amazon and Netflix series and has become fluent in Mandarin and Portuguese due to her extended time watching foreign films.

From south central Missouri, **Jane Fordyce** says her life is extraordinary despite being on the losing end of an altercation with an extension ladder. Her creative solutions for daily exercise include running a vacuum cleaner with a walker and balancing a dinner plate while maneuvering across the room with a cane. Her outside world continues unfazed: the birds and squirrels still need to be fed and she relishes the mundane.

**Diane Levy Jacobsen** has kept herself busy working on environmental issues. She made a video, *The Sabbath Year of Earth Day*, as well as a series about racism, inequality, and the environment: [www.nemnsynod.org/ecofaith.html](http://www.nemnsynod.org/ecofaith.html). Diane serves on several boards, teaches, and fishes and hikes in northern Minnesota. She visits her mom and siblings in St. Louis and enjoys Zooming with her five grandsons and their parents. In June 2021, Diane and Paul will celebrate their 50th anniversary.

**Tauna Urban Durand** and Doug have spent the last year mainly at home with weekly outings to the grocery store. This is a huge change from the globe-trotting Tauna we have come to expect. They are fortunate to live in sunny Florida where they can be outside year-round, and although she's kept up with more friends and family electronically, she looks forward to giving real hugs, not virtual ones. Even though **Barbie Winkelmeyer Ballard** has moved to Sarasota, she and Tauna have not yet been able to connect due to COVID.

We are delighted to report that **Mary Schlapp Thistle** has made a full recovery from her brain surgery this past year. She has returned to competitive accordion playing and crocheting, and she is now chasing her new granddaughter, Hollis, around the living room. She has lost none of her sense of humor nor her remarkable intelligence.

From Columbia, South Carolina, **Pam Morris** (aka Gammie) dreams of someday completing her bucket list of adventures. Before the lockdowns she was teaching MahJong but now plays online, including competing in an online tournament. Her greatest joy is chauffeuring her two local grandchildren and Zooming with the other two once a week.

**Anne Steiner Manning** cheerfully reports that she gets her second vaccine shot any day now. She sees glimpses of light at the end of this long tunnel. Anne is learning Spanish and taking a writing class where her last essay featured a story of her going to the Blue Note Club in East St. Louis to see Ike and Tina Turner! Several of us were lucky enough to have gone to that famous club. Anne lives in Miami in the

winter and spends most summers on Martha's Vineyard—not a bad combo!

**Sally Schaum Witte** sends overdue thanks to **Susie Frelich Appleton** who, she says, single-handedly changed the course of her life some 52 years ago. Sally had dropped out of college and was working in New York when Susie, then at Vassar, said something like “you have no business being out of school.” A Ph.D. in psychology and a 35-year practice in family therapy later, Sally is forever grateful for Susan’s powerful nudge. We love stories like this that show how our lifelong friendships have affected each other.

**Susie Meyer Cornell** tells us she has had Zoom happy hours with her college roommate and marathon phone calls with Tauna where they laugh constantly. Although her gym is open, she has chosen to wear out her carpet walking laps in her home. She was thrilled to get her second shot and returned to the gym in March 2021.

After 22 years of working on the American Mural Project (AMP), **Ellen Griesedieck Posey** is wondering how she thought she could complete her work without an additional century. The art installation is going well, and we highly recommend you check out her four-minute video on [www.americanmuralproject.org](http://www.americanmuralproject.org). The Posey family is doing well, with all five living together since March 2020, and they haven’t killed each other, yet.

From way north in Maine, **Nancy Eliot Ulett** tells us that she had to stop work in March 2020 due to COPD brought on, she says, after only 60 years of smoking. Even though Nan tested positive for COVID in December 2020, she had no symptoms and credits her health to her smoking and being a mass of chemicals that the virus couldn’t touch. She found time to create a great garden. Her two silly cats keep her company and her son came for a three-month summer visit.

In addition to dealing with a pandemic, **Ellen Roos** and Tom found themselves in their Colorado home surrounded by two immense wildfires that came within two miles of their house. They were evacuated for nine days, but remarkably their home survived. Needless to say, they are profoundly grateful (as are we), and she sends love to all during these times of great change.

**Kris Beam Dewees** and Chuck did not fare as well as Ellen, losing their entire home in July 2020 to fire. They decided not to rebuild and instead found a different home which they made their own. They were able to celebrate Christmas in their new home with their children and grandchildren. Kris created a “blessing tree” that she filled with beads, each carrying the name of one of the 300+ people who reached out to support them. Many Mary I names were on the tree. Their new address is 18531 Florence Bend Dr., Cyprus, TX 77429.

**Jayne Schneithorst Land** tells us that she has not been idle during the pandemic. She has found a new boyfriend in Colorado, born three weeks after Christmas 2020. Brooks is her grandson “boyfriend,” and now he and his two-and-a-half-year-old sister keep Jayne a very busy grandmother.

**Sally Lewis Kennedy** sends greetings from Denver. All is well with both of their kids, who fortunately live nearby. She isn’t able to see her three grandsons as much as she would like. However, Sal has done lots of reading, including the complete works of Mark Twain.

**Patty Glaser** is in good health, and on her one trip to Alaska in March 2020, she came home with 75 lbs. of salmon, halibut, black cod, and different rockfish. Her 95-year-old mother is doing well in St. Louis, but Patty sadly has not been able to visit her for over a year because of COVID.

**Jo Anne Larkin** reports that she had a wonderful year: 2020 began with a world cruise where she spent time on several Caribbean Islands learning the local languages and rituals. This was followed by classes in classical ballet and a debut performance on Broadway in which

she was the solo performer. Jo also learned to play the tuba while en pointe. She doesn’t expect us to believe her but promises this is all true.

**Becky Egle von Schrader** and **Eric ’66** love living in Carpinteria, California, but are ready to fly the coop to visit kids and grandchildren in St. Louis, Kauai, England, and Mexico. They are both writing their second books with Becky’s derived from her dissertation about giving children the best start in life. It is her labor of love to be able to serve future generations by combining the latest science with indigenous wisdom for early parenting.

**Sally Jones Foley** is thankful to be living in California during COVID because her outside activities are abundant. She plays lots of golf and takes long hikes. Much of her family lives in Petaluma, and she has taken up piano again which she says she hated as a child. Do we hear a future recital with Mary on accordion, Jo playing tuba, and Sal tickling the ivories? Sally is hoping to travel to southern California soon to see her other daughter and family, who recently moved back from London.

**Mary Bagby Wyatt** has recently moved to Seattle after retiring from many years at Pfizer in St. Louis. Mary tells us that this is where the development and clinical supplies for the COVID vaccine were manufactured—yay St. Louis and Pfizer! Her younger son and wife moved to Seattle where Charlotte, her granddaughter, was born in January 2020. Her other son lives in San Francisco where he and his wife were married via Zoom in 2020. Busy year, Mary!

**Abby Martin Packer** and John road-tripped to Idaho and Colorado to see their kids and grandson. They sold their lake house in Pennsylvania and are now building a home in Sun Valley, Idaho. Their daughter, Cameron, was married in July. Since John had triple bypass surgery in November 2020, walking has been a salvation both for exercise and for the chance to see neighbors and friends.

Far, far away, **Ginny Limberg** in Perth, Australia, says life is relatively sane. She lives where there are few constraints, social distancing is the norm, and no masks are required. Her heart goes out to all who have been affected by COVID—and she never assumes that it couldn't happen to her. Ginny's son and family are doing well in the Dominican Republic, where Ginny continues to “see” them on WhatsApp. She is grandmother to two lovely girls but stays close to home tending her garden and walking her dogs to stay fit.

**Diane Deal Parks** also acknowledges how lucky she and David are to be in Australia. She exercises 3x/week via Zoom, plays the piano, and tends her vegetable garden. All concerts and theater are online, and like many of us, she maintains her sanity by walking her dog.

**Liz Douglas** is holding COVID at bay, jogging, and doing Pilates—necessary because she's doing more cooking. She has directed monthly half-hour 1940s radio plays performed via Zoom. She's also the sound engineer, complete with sirens, gunshots, breaking glass, and many hilarious glitches. Her eldest son and family bought a house near Melbourne, and her youngest son and wife moved to California to be near Liz's widowed middle son and his three little boys. Liz's daughter managed to blitz her penultimate degree while homeschooling her four kids.

**Lark Upson** and husband, Jack, are happily living in France. She keeps busy painting her friends' grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Lark calls herself a humble artist, but her portraits have a warmth and a very human feeling to them. Her exhibition of paintings of four endangered species reminds her of the cost of climate change and the diminishing health of our planet. Lark sends “baisers à tous, classe de 1966.” Show off.

On a very somber note, we are sad to report that two of our classmates have died. **Susan Schafer** died after a long battle with Huntington's disease, and **Debbie Freiheit Campbell** passed away in 2020. Our deepest sympathies go out to both families.

**Claire Keeler Beck** reports that when Vail Mountain closed in March 2020, she hightailed it back to Vermont to quarantine with David for several months. She had a full summer of riding, gardening, and completing foolish household repairs. On a personal note to Robin: I am so sorry that we lost your mom (Aunt Rosalie to me). She was a great lady and was always there for my mother, including during one of the most difficult times in her life. Not a day goes by that I don't appreciate the Class of '66.

**Gale Rutherford Dunlap** says that her world is now smaller, slower, and quieter. But the pandemic downtime has introduced her to the huge benefits of daily meditation, massive amounts of gardening, and all sorts of home cooking. Her favorite meals are chocolate chip cookies and Pane Integrale. Gale looks forward to again doing things she once took for granted: time with kids and grandchildren, random unmasked walks with friends, and world traveling. Keeping in touch with MI classmates this past year, however, has been a huge bonus.

## 1970 CDS

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Hearty salutations to all the classmates, family, and friends reading this installment of the CDS '70 *Class Notes*. I trust you are healthy and managing to stay sane during these crazy times.

It is my sad duty to report that our fellow classmate **Bob Merrifield** passed away in late 2020. Bob was with us in classes 6 through 4 and then went on to Burroughs. **Tom Barad** reminded me of the C Team basketball game in which Bob was sent in with only seconds to go and scored the winning basket for the Bombers. In spite of the fact that he could have lorded this over us, he was apparently quite humble about it.

Our traditional fall mini-reunion was officially canceled, but a few intrepid classmates got together at the St. Louis Racquet Club for drinks, dinner, and conversation. Attending the fete were **Phil Estep, John Fox, Wes Mellow, Dave Oetting, Ernie Planck, and Bob Wells**. Bob let me know that he is doing well and that the get-together was “quite congenial.” Below you will find two photos taken by Dave Oetting.



Speaking of **Dave Oetting**, he informs me that his son, **Davey '04**, was married in February. Congratulations, Mary and Dave! There were ten participants including the minister and organist, along with Zoom guests hither and yon. The rehearsal dinner included six people, a pianist, and a Zoom concert by Jim Salestrom. In other happy news, Mary and Dave bought a house in Keystone, Colorado. I am sure that Mary will quite enjoy spending time there over the coming years. Oh, and Dave, too.

I received this report from **John Fox**: “We had a COVID-baby grandson, Charles Tucker Fox, born in December to son Nick and daughter-in-law Cara. I continue to attend meetings for both the City of Ladue and the St. Louis Art Museum via Zoom, which is getting very tiresome. It is better to see people in person!”

It is clear that I must give the fellows more warning when Class Notes need to be submitted. **Mark Johnson** checked in: "...but if I really try maybe I can think of something that happened since everything stopped happening a year ago."

I'm always pleased to hear from **Scott Johnson**. We often trade links to songs we have discovered during our wanderings through the interwebs. I will always be in Scott's debt for turning me on to Country Joe and the Fish one afternoon in the locker room.

**Tom Barad** checked in with his requisite news, a summary of the coronavirus era: "Lot to be said for quarantine. My broiled salmon has certainly improved...my review, not Jill's. I've also learned there is no way to avoid eating less than two handfuls of Glutino cookies once one takes the first bite. This is to be avoided." I have relatively frequent chats with **Charlie Schott**. He recently gave me an update on **Nadia Danett**: "I'm told that Mrs. Danett's memoirs are now completed. I spoke with Nadia and she is in good spirits and was very much present in the moment. She is 96 (two weeks older than my mom)." As of this writing, the book has been printed and a copy resides on my shelf.

I was happy to hear from **Jack Thomas**: "We are now in Florida and received both shots of the vaccine. A slightly better social life here than in St. Louis since we can eat outside, but still very limited contact with others. Recently ate with **Bob Hermann** and spoke briefly with **JD Koch** on the driving range. Since we can engage in outdoor activities here in the winter, I have been quail hunting quite a bit, in addition to golf."

Stop the presses! **Tim Barksdale** reports that "my film on conservation in Missouri just received the first level of approval from American Public Television, an arm of PBS. We have a completed script, trailer, and treatment and are over 60% finished. The next step is the completion of the editing and the groundbreaking animation. So we still have a lot of work to do."



The CDS Class of 1971 gathered in April in St. Louis for lunch celebrating their 50th Reunion. Back row (l-r): Shep Hermann, Madt Mallinckrodt, Tom Collins, Mike McKee, Larry Reed, John Ferring, Bruce Hecker, and Keith Bridwell. Front Row (l-r): George Albin, Jay Jarvis, Tom Goldberg, David Jolley, and Buck Drew.

Time continues to pass at a pleasant rate here in Carlisle. I declared myself more-or-less officially retired in January. Now I have plenty of time for hobbies and volunteering with various organizations in the area. Cynthia continues to report for the *Carlisle Mosquito*, writing more furiously than ever. Both kids are with us. Luke is an assistant manager at the town's only grocery store/deli/wine and beer shop. Rose takes voice and guitar lessons multiple times each week. We are looking forward to a safe three weeks in Rhode Island in June and July. Stay healthy, folks!

## 1971 CDS

In August 2020, **Bob Neuwoehner** began writing a blog about depth psychology, religion, spirituality, and more. About once a week, he posts a brief essay sharing some of the knowledge and wisdom he gained earning a doctorate in religious studies. You'll find the blog at SoulSpiritWisdom.com. He also teaches occasional courses, online for now, through the Academy for Lifelong Learning in Denver, and soon through his local church, Christ's Episcopal Church in Castle Rock, Colorado. Meanwhile, plans are in the works to release a new collection of original songs with his band, Blue Stone Mojo.

## 1972 CDS

**Peter C. Smith**: My wife Nancy's daughter, Alex, and her husband had a daughter in May '20, and my son, Nick, and his wife had their second child, a son, in September 2020. That brings our grandchildren total to five, all aged three and under. We are greatly enjoying our baby boom. Nancy continues to teach and mentor as a Professor of Physical Therapy & Orthopaedic Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine but no longer

sees patients. I am mostly retired but still do a bit of consulting in the media business. My volunteer activities are focused on supporting law enforcement and addressing hunger issues.

## 1974 MI

We apologize for misspelling the names of two classmates and for identifying one photo incorrectly in the last issue of *MICDS Magazine*:

p. 75 **Lyn McCandless Hopkins'** name was spelled incorrectly

p. 76 In the class photo from the reunion lunch, we misidentified a classmate as **Cyndy Knapp Keese**; and it was **Jennifer Hayes Best**.

p. 77 **Gayle Bodine Garrett's** name was spelled incorrectly

Thanks to **Holly Hermann Gulick** for pointing out these errors.

## 1975 MI

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Hello to all our MI Classmates. In these crazy times, we are grateful to connect with so many classmates. However, we are very sad to begin these notes with our condolences for the loss of **Leslie Waltke**. **Frances Van Dyke Burkham** was so kind to share an eloquent tribute: "Our classmate Leslie Waltke passed away after courageous battles with numerous serious diseases over her lifetime. Having survived a COVID diagnosis in November, she finally succumbed to Autoimmune Hepatitis and Kidney Failure on January 1, 2021. Before retiring and moving home to St. Louis for

her health, Leslie was a successful executive with multiple large corporations, travelling the world for business and for pleasure. She was forever indulgent to her family and friends, and to her beloved dogs. Inspiring in her indomitable drive and optimism, Leslie retained her wry sense of humor, frequently referring to her health as a never-ending game of 'Whack-a-Mole.' We will miss her."

There's no easy transition here, but we were happy to hear from so many of you! **Kathy Krause** writes, "I am busy virtual teaching during this pandemic and it has been quite an experience. I have grown to love virtual teaching, and I feel that education as we know it will never be the same. I am also busy with the Church of St. Michael and St. George. I am now a wizard at Zoom meetings, keeping in touch with far-flung family and friends. It was so good to see several of you last December via Zoom. Remembering our classmate, Leslie Waltke. My wish for each of you in a wonderful 2021."

**Annie Chalfant Curtis** writes, "Holland came back from her tiny New York City apartment and spent five months in Tennessee writing songs and recording some cool podcasts. I got both hips replaced during this downtime and boy, was it worth it. I am looking forward to getting back to my home organizing business as soon as things are safe again. I am actually finally learning to cook. I enjoyed the class Zoom meeting and look forward to the next! Thanks so much, Kathy Krause, for all the work you put into it!"



Trevor, the son of Cindy Shillington Gillentine '75, and Maggie, the daughter of Karen Sedgwick Kane '75, on their wedding day.

**Karen Sedgwick Kane** has exciting news to share: "My big news is that **Cindy Shillington Gillentine's** son, Trevor, and my daughter,

Maggie, were married on November 21. Cindy and I had such a good time planning the event, and now call ourselves the "fun-in-laws!" I was able to vacation in December with **Kathy** and Mitch on Sanibel and am headed back down again in a couple weeks to spend time with my grandson, Jimmy, Kristen and Matt's adorable two-year-old! My mom turned 90 in November and like all of us, can't wait for her world to reopen after COVID."

**Kathy Sedgwick Moran** adds, "Even with COVID, our family pulled off a 90th birthday for our healthy mother, Carla, in November. My husband, Mitch, retired July 31, and the timing was ideal as I transitioned to a new agency, Better Homes and Garden's Preferred Properties in Town & Country, in August. Our third grandchild, Patrick Sedgwick Moran, arrived January 23, 2021, in Kansas City. Counting the blessings that occurred during this crazy year, onward and upward, until we all meet again."

**Beth Sasser Eley** writes, "Our news is that Lex and I have left the DC area behind and moved full-time to the mountains of Virginia. Lex is still working remotely, and I am happily immersing myself in the community here by joining the board of the local Arts Association as well as serving on the Parish Council at our little church. I am gardening and playing golf in warmer months. Our favorite activity however is entertaining grandchildren when they come to visit."

We also heard from **Joy Spitz Lee**, who wrote, "I am going on 18 years in Houston. Retired in May 2020 after 15 years as a pet resort owner. I'm thoroughly enjoying retirement and have spent a lot of time going through everything at home, reliving a lot of fond MI memories along the way. Tom and I are in the planning stages of selling our house here and taking up beach life in Galveston. **Son Geoff Copper '03** and wife just purchased their first home here in Houston, so that's been exciting for them as well. Meanwhile, I continue to have a soft spot for senior poodles and have my own small doggie (and one former street cat who thinks she is a dog) retirement home."

As for your class agents, **Kat Schneider-Clark** shares, "It has been such a surreal time for everyone. We have not been able to perform since early last March. Daughter Caroline is a freshman at University of Louisville and seems to enjoy it. Over winter break, her dorm flooded, and luckily, Caroline was moved to a really lovely apartment-style dorm. My car knows how to make the drive to Louisville and back by itself. I am sending my love to all of my classmates!"

And **Lisa Dennig Coulter** writes, "It's been a crazy year with the pandemic but I'm grateful that my lovely mom, my four children, and my beautiful daughter-in-law are all happy and healthy! And real estate has luckily been really busy—definitely one upside to 2020! I'm wishing all our classmates health and happiness and hoping we can safely get together again soon!"

## 1980<sub>MI</sub>

**Lisa Engelsmann Acker:** I am a new YouTube creator with my own channel called *Show Me Beautiful*. I review beauty and makeup tips for the over-50 crowd. Only need a few more thousand subscribers! I have over 70 videos posted. My motto is be the best version of yourself inside and out.

**Kim Rabenberg Barnes:** Hello, class of 1980. Thanks, Fifi, for taking over as Class Agent at my request. I was tired after 40 years! I was living in Perugia, Italy, in an apartment when COVID hit, and I was stuck in Rome for a month. Not a bad place to be stuck, and of course, I was with my Broozy, server super dog! Chase came for Christmas in Rome and we saw the Pope, etc. Amazing. Love you all and can't wait until our dancing reunion!

From **Fifi Lugo:** I feel so fortunate to be able to write a little news about our 1980 class. Gosh darn, it has been 41 years since we were together! I know when I see your posts on Facebook or Instagram or get a little news from someone who saw someone who told someone about what you have been up to, it puts a smile on my face. Here is what I know, kinda know, or have been told.

I was lucky to be able to spend some time, after a long time, having coffee with **Wendy Goessling Wolfsberger** on a snow day this month. She has two boys, Clark and Jack, at SMU in Dallas. Her daughter, **Greta '22**, is at MICDS. Wendy launched a marketing partnership in late 2019, DW Partners, and is already working with national and Fortune 500 clients. She loves working for herself (and her co-founder partner) and is thrilled to discover their business model really works, even in a pandemic!

**Talby MacCarthy Payne** wrote that she and Henry still live in the Detroit area but have spent a lot of time, especially during COVID, in Northern Michigan. This summer, Talby enjoyed seeing **Lisa Acker** and **Melissa Chamberlain**. Some visiting classmates were **Lea Diederich Bender** and **Jenny Steinman**. Her husband, Henry, reviews cars so they spend a lot of time in all brands of cars, from trucks to Corvette convertibles. Talby is the webmaster for HenryPayne.com where you can see Henry's syndicated cartoons and auto reviews.

It was so fun to get a wedding announcement from **Lisa Engelsman Acker** letting us all know about the COVID wedding at her home; her son, Johnny, got married in December. And she did get a quarantine puppy which is so darn cute.

Did anyone else see the wonderful sports moment **Enid Gardner Dodson's** daughter had on the basketball court? If not, find it on Facebook. Enid is consulting for several education reform organizations supporting districts across the country with their virtual, hybrid, and in-person curriculum and instruction needs. Enid did make it to St. Louis for a quick weekend in October to see family. Enid and David celebrated their 20th anniversary in May.

If you want to see beautiful flower arrangements, go to Instagram and check out the work of **Harriette Moore Warren**. Next year will be her first year in 22 years that she

will not have a child at MICDS. Harriette and Peter's youngest daughter, **Livie '21**, graduated this Spring!

I was so excited to hear from **Julie Larson Queensen**. She and hubby Phil have moved into a great neighborhood in San Antonio called The Dominion and are loving the club life! Their youngest boy is in Texas with them, about to finish up his second year of medical school, and her two older boys are living and working in St. Louis.

**Cynthia Watson Rank** emailed to say her son **Clayton '14** graduated from Missouri S&T in 2018, and daughter **Caroline '16** graduated from TCU in 2020. Both of them are working with her at Watson Label Products, which is celebrating 60 years in business. She and her family enjoy golfing and going to the Bahamas as much as possible.

**Barbi Cady Macon** is still taking fabulous photographs of everyone around town and apparently has painted her basement floor. She was really excited about that!

**Laurie Garesché Clithero** and Michael recently moved to a beautiful townhome with a few cats. **Teddy Fister '17**, her youngest, is graduating from University of Richmond in the spring and will be working in DC. **Jack Fister '14** continues to write and perform beautiful music all over the country.

**Julie Schlueter Nelson** jets between St. Louis and New York City taking care of her mother and doing interior design for the very fancy.

And finally, I am kicking along. Everyone was home for the shut-down. So since the house was bulging at the seams, we opted to get a Newfoundland puppy to hang out with our three geriatric Westies. Fun times! You know, at the end of the day, this pandemic has had its silver lining. So many of you have said how nice it has been to spend time together with your families in a slower-paced world. Let's embrace that good. Ladies, stay safe! Stay healthy! Stay in touch!

## 1982 MI

**Kay Berra Houghtaling:** Creig and I are taking lots of long walks, visiting parks with our dog, Barney, and so far staying well. Daughters **Jessica '09** and **Kaytlin '13** are also doing well. Jessica earned her masters degree in biology from Washington University in May and finished her seventh year teaching at Pattonville High School. Kaytlin continues her work with Powell Symphony Hall even though concerts have been cancelled for the foreseeable future. We are all looking forward to a time when things are more back to normal, hopefully soon.

## 1983 MI

**Anne Nixon Livingstone Kirsch:** In January, 2020, my daughter, Caroline, and her husband, Alex Aguilar, had a daughter. Mariana Annalisa Aguilar was born weighing 4 lbs 5 oz. She is now over a year and full of lots of energy!



Anne Nixon Livingstone Kirsch '83 holds granddaughter Mariana.

## 1986 MI

**Sarah James Banks:** Hi from sunny Florida! John and I have traded our skis and parkas for flip flops and are now spending our winters in

Vero Beach. We are especially happy to have **Allison Ritter Varricchio** in town, who has welcomed us so warmly and who generously shares all of her spot-on recommendations of local necessities. Please be in touch if you're coming this way!

## 1987 CDS

**Boyd Hoffmann:** Still in St. Louis but ditched the suburbs. Moved to the city, got a golf cart to restaurant and bar hop. Been fun and lots of visitors—come on down. Still snow skiing in winter and boating at Lake Ozark in the summers. Daughter graduated from TCU and is in global sales with IBM in Boston.

**John Gregory:** I'm still teaching English at the same boarding school in Asheville, North Carolina, where I have been for the past 20 years. Still married to the same beautiful woman I met in college over 30 years ago. Still rooting for the same Duke Blue Devils. And still have the fondest memories of my eight years at CDS with the class of '87.

## 1994 MICDS

**Mitchell A Klink '94** has guest-curated an exhibit at the Bermuda National Gallery: *Illusion and Abstraction: capturing the landscape examines our relationship with the natural world through three distinct lenses: realism and depth; atmosphere, colour and light; line, shape and form.* Mitchell moved to Bermuda in 2019; he works for EY in strategy and performance improvement.



Mitchell Klink '94.

## 2009 MICDS

**Brenndan Crumley** will be starting a residency in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology at Washington University in St. Louis/ Barnes Jewish Hospital this July, after finishing medical school in Philadelphia.

## 2002 MICDS

**Katie Littlefield** married Rohan Castelino on August 22, 2021, at Edg-Cliff Farms, her family-owned vineyard and winery in Potosi, Missouri. It was a small family gathering which included her mother, **Stephanie Littlefield '72**, and her sisters, **Maggie Littlefield Sahlman '01** and **Carolyn Littlefield Brown '07**. Her aunt, **Cyndy Knapp Keesece '74**, was the officiant and her cousin, **Kendall Krummenacher '02**, was also in attendance. Katie and Rohan are looking forward to visiting classmates and spending more time in St. Louis in 2021.

### Are your friends not receiving the printed MICDS Magazine?

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We've all heard the saying, "When life gives you lemons..." so when the world as we knew it changed in the spring of 2020, the MICDS Alumni Association responded by saying, "Who's in the mood for lemonade?" A year of creative solutions for an unexpected reality quickly unfolded.

## Dear fellow alums,



While we weren't able to host our traditional in-person alumni events, we leaped at the opportunity to offer a variety of new and modified experiences that allowed for more alumni to participate.

From a virtual Homecoming Fun Run complete with printable bib numbers to lively online Trivia Nights, alumni from across the globe joined in the fun. The holidays ushered in a virtual Lessons & Carols sing-a-long where nearly 300 Mary Institute alumnae gathered in song to brighten our spirits.

We were thrilled to engage our talented faculty through online book clubs and "lunch-and-learns" on topics such as the MARSfarm, film analysis of *Vertigo*, the history of St. Louis, and remaining calm under pressure. We even had **Raj Taylor '92** offer a virtual cooking demonstration for fantastic vegetable lasagna. Lookout, "Celebrity Chef!"

Reunion Weekend 2021 was a reunion like no other, where alumni could choose their own adventure and reconnect with their beloved school. Events included a virtual champagne toast with Head of School Jay Rainey, a virtual tour of the CDS Archives, and a live stream of May Day, a beloved Mary Institute tradition. Individual classes also organized Zoom Reunions where alumni could catch up with friends near and far.

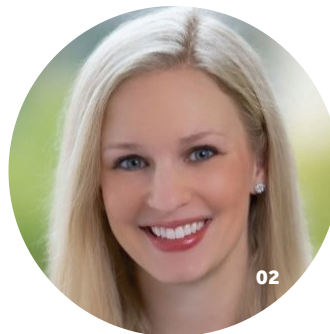
While it may not have been a year we expected, our alumni community's strength in the easy times has undoubtedly led to success in the hard times. We look forward to providing more combinations of in-person and virtual events to further bond our Alumni Association as one of the country's best.

Hear the crash,

**Steve Hughes, '84**

President, MICDS Alumni Association '20-'21





**01. Jeanne Greenberg Rohatyn '85** was profiled in the *Wall Street Journal* for the launch of her newly reimagined Salon 94 gallery space in New York's Upper East Side. 3 East 89th Street features palatial gallery rooms, an art library, offices, and a soon-to-be cafe. In the article, Jeanne shares, "I come from the school of thought that art needs a lot of help and we are responsible as dealers to make it magical, to install it correctly and light it correctly and think about the experience." Gallery context couldn't be more critical, she adds. "These are churches, in a sense, temples."

**02. Molly Rouse Ketcham '97** oversees strategic planning, business operations, and real estate across North America for Accenture Federal Services (AFS) and saw a diamond of an opportunity in her hometown for AFS's newest Advanced Technology Center. "St. Louis is such a wonderful place to live, and over the past few years, it has also become a great growth area for the technology space," Ketcham said. St. Louis checked all the boxes regarding tech-savvy talent, cost of living, and attractive quality of life. The AFS Advanced Technology Center is based in the Maryville area and will bring 1,400 new technology jobs to the St. Louis area by 2025.

**03. Logan Stone '09** recently released his directorial debut feature film, *Exodus*, a sci-fi/post-apocalyptic adventure, on AppleTV. Stone studied visual communications and film theory at DePaul University in Chicago, and in 2013 he founded Cinestone and began shooting and directing a variety of projects such as short films, music videos, commercials, and feature films.

**04. Leah Thomas '13** recently visited with Upper School students, where she spoke about her experience as an intersectional environmentalist and eco-communicator. Thomas founded the Intersectional Environmentalist platform, a resource hub that advocates for environmental justice and inclusivity in environmental activism and education. She is also the founder of the eco-lifestyle blog Green Girl Leah and has written articles for *Vogue*, *Elle*, *The Good Trade*, and numerous other publications. Thomas is currently writing a book covering the history of the environmental justice movement and how we arrived where we are today, including a chapter for educators on getting students informed and involved in environmental justice. Learn more at [greengirilleah.com](http://greengirilleah.com).

**Francis Posega Rappleye '17**, a student at the University of San Francisco (and son of MICDS faculty member Chris Rappleye), was featured in a photo exhibit for the Harvey

Milk Photo Center. Traditionally presented in analog form using darkroom materials, this year's exhibition was presented in digital format at [harveymilkphotocenter.org](http://harveymilkphotocenter.org).



Artwork by Francis Posega Rappleye '17

**05. Annika Kline '20**, a student at Haverford College, was awarded a placement on the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division III Scholars of Distinction list. In total, over 450 Division III field hockey student-athletes were honored with the prestigious plaudit. The Scholars of Distinction program recognizes student-athletes who have achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 3.9 or higher through the first semester of the 2020-21 academic year.





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**At Mary Institute, public speaking was integral to the student experience in the classroom, in activities, and at the podium in Mary Eliot Chapel. Today, starting in Lower School, students are offered opportunities to present multi-disciplinary projects, poetry, personal essays, and lead school assemblies, giving them the tools to express themselves in a variety of formats and environments.**