

# Class Notes

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## Births and Adoptions

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN TO OUR MICDS FAMILY.

**Alex Schaefer Levis '08 and Matt Levis '05,**  
Theodore "Theo" Walcott Levis, August 27, 2020



### 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 DECEMBER 18, 2020

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

- Edwin Meissner, Jr. '36, October 17, 2020
- Louise French Blodget '37, March 31, 2020
- Patsy Raymond Taylor '40, June 14, 2020
- Inez Schlueter Brock '40, September 26, 2020
- Spencer Wolling '41, November 1, 2020
- Elizabeth Jolley Cave '42, September 22, 2020
- Marie Dennig Gildehaus '42, November 20, 2020
- Harris Frank '43, October 19, 2020
- William Danforth '44, September 16, 2020
- Marie Williams von Gontard '45, August 19, 2020
- Evelyn Niedringhaus Williams '45, October 25, 2020
- Hayward Gatch Jr. '46, September 30, 2020
- Joseph Losos '48, October 11, 2020
- Frances Johnston Jones '48, November 3, 2020
- Robert Avis '49, July 6, 2020
- J. Thomas Hurley '49, August 12, 2020
- Michael McCabe '50, June 24, 2020
- C. Terrence Maguire '50, September 6, 2020
- Gary Fields '52, October 18, 2020
- Mary Jones Halbert '57, July 24, 2020
- James Clarkson '58, July 15, 2020
- Virginia Haigler '59, November 7, 2020
- Nina Orthwein Durham '61, July 22, 2020
- Mary Dunford Reid '63, September 19, 2020
- William Werremeyer '65, September 12, 2020
- Rebecca Nickel Tyler '65, October 3, 2020
- Susan Schaefer '66, August 28, 2020
- Thomas Seeger '67, July 21, 2020
- Lyle Gulley Jr. '68, November 6, 2020
- Stuart Sproull '72, June 20, 2020
- Michele Ely McGaffie '73, July 4, 2020
- Holly Storts Morriss '82, July 12, 2020
- Christine Stark Kern '92, November 26, 2020
- Paul Deatherage '01, August 1, 2020
- Sydney Saunders '13, December 4, 2020

## Faculty Deaths

### Bill Werremeyer '65



**William R. "Bill" Werremeyer '65**, St. Louis Country Day School alumnus and longtime Country Day and MICDS faculty member and coach, passed away on September 12, 2020, following a long illness. He was 73. Bill is survived by his wife and two daughters.

The Werremeyer name, of course, is familiar to generations of our School's graduates and is woven throughout much of its history—for 81 years, in fact, beginning in 1930 when Bill's father, **Frederic N. Werremeyer**, joined the faculty of a very young Country Day. Until his retirement in 1971, Fred Werremeyer played a pivotal role in the growth of the School, serving as chairman of the mathematics department as well as Head of the Upper School.

Bill Werremeyer was a member of the CDS Class of 1965. During his eight years as a student, he distinguished himself both academically and on the athletic field. He graduated cum laude and was recognized in a written recommendation by his college advisor for his demonstrated aptitude in the field of mathematics. A three-sport letterman, Bill excelled in football, soccer, and baseball. He was a member of the All-ABC League baseball team for two years and was varsity baseball captain his senior year. Among the other honors Bill received were Country Day's Princeton Award and the Headmaster's Cup.

After earning his bachelor's degree in mathematics at Hanover College, Bill joined the Country Day faculty for the 1970-71 school



year, overlapping the final terms of his father's 41-year tenure. Bill literally followed in his father's footsteps, assuming the chairmanship of the mathematics department in 1976 while continuing to teach the difficult subjects of calculus and pre-calculus. Returning to Country Day as a faculty member, Bill met a lovely woman working for the Head of the Upper School. Bill and Marcia were married soon thereafter.

As a teacher, Bill is remembered as having a blunt and enthusiastic style. He was a friendly, witty, and caring instructor who took great pride in our School and its students. While insisting on discipline, he was also always willing and eager to take extra time with a student needing help.

Outside the classroom, Bill drew upon his impressive athletic abilities and knowledge to serve, for three decades, as defensive assistant to legendary football coach Ron Holtman. During those years, Rams football teams brought home six Missouri State championships. Bill's colorful attire and

infectious on-stage enthusiasm enlivened many "Red and White Day" pep rallies in Danforth Chapel immediately before the annual Country Day-John Burroughs football showdown. Bill served as the School's varsity baseball coach for a number of years and also coached soccer.

After retiring from full-time teaching, Bill continued to serve as a substitute math teacher at MICDS while devoting more time to his extracurricular passion of playing golf, a pastime he pursued until shortly before his death.

**Eric Brunt '02**, our Director of Enrollment Management, offered remarks upon Bill's retirement in 2011. "Tough as nails, and willing to outwork anyone," Brunt said. "Bill lived this as a student at Country Day School, and left this as a legacy on young men for decades coming up through the Country Day and MICDS football tradition."

May we all continue to fulfill Bill's good and enduring legacy.

## Faculty Deaths

### Karen Barnes



**“Karen was a wonderful teacher, colleague, and friend; a mentor to many and a beloved teacher to hundreds of children.”**

**JUDY NORD,  
KAREN'S DEAR FRIEND**

**Karen Barnes**, our former 3rd and 4th grade Beasley teacher, passed away on September 19, 2020, at the age of 80. Karen made a positive impact on the lives of her students and colleagues at Beasley from 1981 to 2004. Karen is survived by her three children, her sister, and her seven grandchildren. Karen will be missed by her former students and the many people she touched with her wit, wisdom, and infectious smile.

Karen grew up on the near north side of Chicago and excelled in academics from early childhood, graduating from high school at age 16. After high school, she went on to attend DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana, where she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority and graduated with a degree in education. At DePauw, she also met her future husband, Robert C. Barnes. They were married on June 16, 1962, and were later divorced. Robert passed away on April 26, 2019.

Upon graduation from DePauw, Karen moved to Chicago where she began her teaching career. She eventually moved to St. Louis, continuing her chosen profession and lifelong passion at MICDS, where she worked for 23 years teaching in the Ronald S. Beasley Lower School. She truly had a thirst for learning; she was an avid reader and an educated historian.

Karen's dear friend Judy Nord said, "Karen was a wonderful teacher, colleague, and friend; a mentor to many and a beloved teacher to hundreds of children. There is a tree planted in her memory out in front of the Beasley School." Judy's social media post about Karen garnered many expressions of sadness and fond memories from her former students and their parents to her colleagues and friends, many of whom she made at MICDS and kept close in her retirement.

**Greg Stevens, Lower School Coordinator of Instructional Technology**, said, "Karen was such a highly respected teacher that parents clamored to have their children in her class. The children were guaranteed to learn and have a productive year. Karen had super high expectations, she was firm and strong in her approach. Everyone in her room knew that learning was important and real, not just a series of must-do tasks to finish. The energy and purpose she brought to School was engaging and she was a valuable and effective teammate who planned with great attention to detail. I learned a lot from working with Karen."

It is always hard to lose a beloved member of our community, and we honor her memory by continuing today the good work she generously shared with us for so many years.

## 1949 MI

**Gloria D'Oench James:** I am well and trying to stay safe in this pandemic, but I have sad news. My daughter, Christy, who has had several illnesses, passed away in her sleep this past June. She was in and out of the hospital 12 times between December and June, and amazingly never got COVID-19, but finally succumbed to pneumonia and COPD. More recently, when I was delivering dinner to a friend, a young moose appeared from around the house and was only about 10 feet away. Fortunately, she was docile!

## 1954 MI

**SUSAN SPOEHRER ELLIOTT**

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**Jeannie D'Oench Field:** In June, we received sad news that our niece, Christy James Bisbee of Tampa, died of pneumonia. Christy was the daughter of my sister, **Gloria D'Oench James '49**. Otherwise, we are doing well, though lamenting missing our grandson's high school graduation, family gatherings, and travel. We have a nice place to be "stuck" and benefit by being outside yearlong. I do yard work, planting for birds and butterflies, and cheering the return of hummingbirds. I enrolled in Tropical Audubon's Ambassador Program and advocate for creatures whose habitats are threatened.

**Sarah Lund Donnem:** I had to miss my daughter Liz's wedding as I could not travel to Bucks County, Pennsylvania, from Charleston, South Carolina, my home! However, my other daughter got a lifesize cutout of me sent. I was in the wedding pictures and attended by FaceTime. I even made a toast. I was told that many people danced with me! Only the immediate family was there at their separate tables. It was outside under a tent. All was safe!

## 1955 MI

**Julia Hurd Taylor:** During the time since our last *MICDS Magazine*, the world has turned upside down. This has caused me to wonder even more intently how all of you are getting along, so I am sending my hopes and prayers for good news. Please write if you get a moment. These are times to keep in touch.

**Marian Shipley Hill** reports she is enjoying her new home in Reno, Nevada, and is doing 150% in the rest of her life! She is thrilled with her new digs and was so happy to connect with **Caryl Green Simon** recently!

## 1956 MI

**ANN LUEDINGHAUS CASE**

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The class sends their deepest sympathy to **Susie Butler Wonham** on the loss of her husband and to **Carol Culver Bitting** on the loss of her sister, **Jane Culver Rouse '68**.

**Page Sharp Jackson** started having Zoom gatherings with many of us on a weekly basis. The following classmates participated: **Nancy Buford Ream, Blanche Myer, Priscilla Hocker Claman, Mary Morey Bradley, Susie Fischer Yoder, Judy Gissler Adair, Nancy Green Maune, Ellen Armstrong Wallace, Jody Noel Dietz, Carol Culver Bitting, Nancy Noland Kurten, Judy Trimble Lane** and myself.

**Carolyn Frank Henges** spent most of the summer in Idaho.

**Jody and Adie Dietz '52** visited **Page and Barry Jackson '51** at their timeshare in North Carolina and then went to Michigan.

**Carol Culver Bitting** spent July in Michigan, with her children visiting her.

**Priscilla Hocker Claman** spent some time at Cape Cod.

**Nancy Noland Kurten** reported that **Lolly Desloge Hogan** is living by the ocean in Yachats, Oregon, with her three corgis and French bulldog. She also spoke to **Kay Lungstras Welsh**, who said she doesn't like Zoom but is doing well otherwise.

## 1956 CDS

**TOBY JAMES**

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**Terry Bettendorf:** Happily living in Stuart, Florida, for late fall, winter, and early spring and from late spring until late fall in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. Our three daughters are healthy and happy.

**Dave Martin:** Lots to be glad about and very few complaints. We haven't been on an airplane for nine months; this'll be the first year in the last 50 that we haven't spent time in Europe. Ellen is working half days at Sewickley Academy. I completed what will surely be my last bank merger late last year. I do a little consulting with the American Association of Bank Directors. I am playing more golf and getting worse at it. I have no more doctor visits than the rest of you.

**Joe Sparks:** My wife Petra and I celebrated, on September 7, 2020, our 20th year in Naples, Florida. We enjoy staying close to home now after our two-month trip last year to Europe to see dear friends and family. Tell your friends you care for them. Tell those loved ones you love them. To our many close friends from the class of 1956 and the classes above it and below it, St. Louis Country Day School is the best. It has been a great life and still more to come.

**John Caulk** offered up the following: Sweetie and I have a bouvier who likes to impersonate a snowplow. We're living in a home for old people in Philadelphia. Son Nat is 10 minutes away; his wife and daughters are here and grandson David also moved nearby with his wife and two boys. Granddaughter Lauren comes regularly from Brooklyn. Son John lives in Berlin; fun to visit. The other inmates here can be rather fun,

too. I amaze kids nowadays by telling them I was shooting songbirds off the high branches even before cellphones.

**Tom Latta:** I'm hobbling on one knee and considering surgery. The heightened focus on cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfection has been great for business. Fogmaster Corporation manufactures atomization equipment (in the USA!). I'm working part time, largely from home. I lost my wife Carla (57 years of marriage) in early March. Son Bruce moved to Lubbock, Texas, two years ago as head of a private pre-K-12 school. Younger son Brian is a developer, specializing in reclaiming compromised sites to create big-box warehouse/distribution buildings.

**Chris Layton** is still in Calistoga, California, and dodged two of the big fires out there. He is still a working architect and his wife, Adele, is writing mysteries.

Yours truly lost his third wife a year and a half ago. I am still working as a tax accountant and thoroughly enjoying it although I did cut my work schedule back to four days a week with the seven person firm I work for. I have also been involved in a big way in parades in St. Louis. Two that happen each year plus running the Cardinal's World Series Parade in 2011 and part of the Blues parade following their Stanley Cup Victory in 2019.

## 1957<sub>MI</sub>

**MARGOT MARITZ MARTIN**  
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The past six months have challenged us to adjust to a new way of living coupled with uncertainty regarding the future. I trust that we are handling it with wisdom, grace and optimism. That certainly appears to be the case with those who have responded to my request for news.

In July, we received the sad news of the death of **Mary "Stevie" Stephens Jones**. You can read her obituary in the August 15, 2020, edition of

her local newspaper at [www.magicvalley.com](http://www.magicvalley.com). It is a lovely article highlighting the variety of organizations in which she was involved and honors she received.

**Barbara Kaufman Wood**, not surprisingly, has been "cooking up a storm! Making lots of good stuff." Barbara and her husband have been working on puzzles to help pass the time as well as taking daily walks. I wish she lived nearby; I could use some of her "good stuff."

**Cynthia Hungerford Gibbons** reports "life has been dull here in the Hudson Valley...but important to dig deep and find productive things to do." She reports she is saddened by the daily news reports about "so many people out of work and suffering." Cynthia ends with a note of optimism: "This will end in a few months." She and Mike are looking forward to returning to Palm Beach soon.

**Suzi Chapman Stolar** and Henry "are grateful that we and our family are well. The last time we packed suitcases, at the end of January, we went to Palm Beach to see Mike and Cynthia Hungerford Gibbons—dinners, museums, wandering the lovely streets. Like everyone else, we've learned new technologies and enjoy virtual gatherings, Zoom, book clubs and conversations with family and far-flung friends. May all stay safe and well."

**DeDe DeWitt Lambert** writes "the only good news about COVID-19 is that Peter and Middy '88 were both working virtually so they spent the summer in Michigan with me." Her granddaughter Campbell, 16, had a camp there at the house to help make money for a car and will be attending MICDS this year. Lambert taught sailing in Michigan and will be attending Washington University this year. "Summer has been the best it could be with COVID-19."

**Marge Drum Bergfeld** continues her work in landscaping "although a bit slower than I was." She is grateful that her husband, Bill, is "surviving quite well, considering that four years ago he was told he had cancer and wasn't expected to live very long." Their three daughters are living in the St. Louis area. Their oldest daughter and her husband live at the

family farm in Warrenton, Missouri, "with a passel of animals."

**Bonnie Barton Wolfarth** is happy to report that her daughter, **Beth Summers Aladham '82**, has moved back to St. Louis with her two college student daughters. "The bad news is that all four of our college student grandchildren are at home and online." Beth's daughter, Catlin, is at the University of California, Berkeley, and Alexandra is at Emory University. "What a disappointing college experience due to the coronavirus!"

**Judy Jones Motley** and Tony have been in relative lockdown since March. "The powers that be in our community have never taken away golf, so I am able to get out three or four times a week. Fitness classes have been cancelled. The top of my 'thankful for' column is my Tony and his companionship and humor. Let's hope that by publication we are living an old normal rather than the new normal."

**Joyce Kohn Pass** and Jules are both busy. Joyce continues to sell real estate, and Jules can be found at his beautiful antique store in Ladue. "No traveling." Joyce sends wishes for "everyone to stay well."

**Pat Doughton Anderson** and Jim moved into a retirement community in early April. All the amenities were closed, so they were unable to meet the other residents, although they have been able to meet a few of their neighbors during outside cocktail hour gatherings before dinner. Meals are sent to their room. Pat stays active playing golf and tennis and regularly plays bridge virtually.

**Sarah Priest Breed** reports, "Staying safe at the Village at Duxbury, independent living." She is grateful for the lovely view. Sarah has made some very nice friends, "is missing Charlie, who was here with me only six months, so my seven-year-old Scottish Terrier, Mac, and I are 'hanging in,' in spite of growing quarantine fatigue." While sorting through her picture albums, she came across a photo taken at **Barbara Blake Putnam's** house on the occasion of Barbara's mother's 90th birthday celebration.

**Judy Scullin Tilson** and **Hugh '57** moved to a retirement community in Chapel Hill eight years ago. “We are both involved in the community for nine months of the year, and then we head to Maine for the summer months. We are both well, as are our four kids and their spouses and our 11 grandchildren.” She and Hugh may make the trip back to St. Louis sometime in the future. Judy hopes all is well with the Class of '57.

I am well and managing okay. I had a virus in August, tested negative for COVID-19 but was in quarantine for two weeks. I read, walk daily, keep up with the news and have enjoyed a number of informational and educational options on the internet. Walking provides an opportunity to socialize with other walkers along with getting exercise. Like Sarah, I have a dog who is great company. One of my favorite quotes is from an author who reminds us that life is uncertain and unpredictable and encourages us to “be secure enough to be insecure.”

## 1957 CDS

Five of us got together in September and had a great time. We were able to get outside (I doubt that will happen in winter).



(l-r) Gene Lehr '57, Raese Simpson '57, Bill Bowersox '57, and Norm Jones '57, photographed by Dick Engelsmann '57



(l-r) Cynthia Bland Medart '58, Muffy Hensley McPheeters '58, Libby Hall McDonnell '58, and Lil Brokaw Metcalfe '58 in September, 2020.



Carol Montag '59 and her new husband, Jonathan.

## 1958 MI

**MARY KOENIGSBERG LANG**  
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The class sends its deepest condolences to **Connce Darmstatter Counts** on the death of her husband, Lewis Counts, in September. We all fondly remember Lew when he accompanied Connce at several of our MI Reunions.

By the time you read this, all but a few of us will have turned 80! It is really hard to roll that off the tongue. Not only are we becoming octogenarians, but we are dealing with the pandemic as best we can! May we congratulate each other on having made it thus far. We are ready to celebrate this milestone!

We now have a poem and motto: “We’re doing Well, We’re feeling Great—We’re the Class of Fifty-Eight!” Do stay in touch with us, too!

## 1958 CDS

**DANIEL FEINBERG**  
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**Frank Elliott** has this to say: “This year has been a whole different ball game. Everyone has fought off COVID-19 as best we could,

primarily by staying at home for months at a time. When we were finally allowed to move around town here in Washington, it didn’t take too long before the smoke drove us inside because of the West Coast fires followed recently by lots of rain. Wearing a mask has become second nature. I take our temperatures constantly to prove that we are healthy.”

**Maurice (Bud) Hirsch** continues to have his photography represented in juried gallery shows. He and his family went to the Outer Banks of North Carolina to celebrate his 80th birthday. His granddaughter, **Anna Speller '20**, is a first-year student at SEMO and on their gymnastics team. His grandson, **Jake Speller '17**, is a senior at University of Dayton. Bud and his wife, Marian, live in Chesterfield, Missouri.

**Charlie Valier** reports: Once the pandemic forced me into isolation, I sought refuge in Charlevoix with my wife, Patsy, and our golden, Tigger. I turned 80, an event common to my class with the exception of **Goldring** and **Clarkson** (God rest his soul), who have to wait until next year. I turned in a manuscript that I hope will be published shortly in the Missouri Historical Review. I resumed my walks in the country with Tigger. While **Boeschstein** goads me that the hills I traverse are “mere contours of the land,” those walks have turned me into a naturalist and are a daily challenge.

## 1959 MI

**SHEILA MORRIN HUMPHREYS**

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**Carol Jacobs Montag** married her handsome beau, Jonathan. Our warmest wishes to them! She writes: “The pandemic has been a productive time. Zoom has made it easy to be a part of meetings and lectures. I continue to consult with two small schools. My only sadness is that I haven’t been able to be with my son and his family. We FaceTime frequently, but I want to get my arms around them. Still, it is better than nothing and I am grateful for the technology.”

**Carol Bodenheimer Loeb** writes: “I am busier than ever. I am treasurer of Women of Achievement, which has been time-consuming as we changed from a luncheon to a virtual telecast. Also, I had to change the celebration for the Loeb Prize at the Science Center to a webcast. My other main commitment is the Washington University Medical School Council and the new Gateway Curriculum. I spend time with my St. Louis grandchildren. My daughter’s boys in Indiana I do not get to see as much.”

**Quinta Dunn Scott** wrote to us an impassioned letter about the importance of voting in this election to us. No one would disagree with the importance of voting.

**Jeannie Hamilton Pearman** wrote from California that she and her partner, Don, are about to return to Palm Beach, Florida, for the winter. They were both in the hospital but recovering well. Jeannie sends her best to us all.

From **Margi Cardwell Higonet**: Margi writes about her sister **Lucy ’62** and Lucy’s husband, who are both ill. She writes, “What I had not anticipated was that reaching our age, I would suddenly be much busier, not only with work for a UNESCO project along with the banking complexities for FILLM, but also handling husband Patrice’s crises with his computer and, of course, trying to think about how to use FaceTime to cheer Lucy.”

**Lisa Strelinger Beckers**: “It’s been a sad and difficult time. My sister and brother have terminal cancer; my sister is in hospice in Boston. My brother in St. Louis is doing well and we’re thankful for this pain-free respite. My youngest son, here in Cleveland, has been in and out of the hospital, but is going back to work. The most difficult thing has been not traveling or going into a hospital to visit. I talk to **Stella Saxton Guy** at least every other week, and her physical health is good.”

From **Anne Scherck Morrison**: Fifteen members of our class held a catch-up via Zoom last July. The idea came from my brother, **Terry Scherck ’62**. His classmates meet every month or so. We covered many subjects, including personal updates, what our children, grandchildren and significant others are up to, and how we are coping during the pandemic. It was wonderful to see as well as hear from each other. Everyone said they enjoyed our first Zoom get-together and plan to have another one soon, hopefully with more classmates next time.

At the end of October, I joined a small Zoom birthday call for Anne with **Amy Upthegrove Wheeler**, who is fine. Amy and Anne each drove 1.5 hours to meet at a midpoint between their homes for lunch. **Mike ’56** and I were able to spend almost seven weeks at our place in mid-coast Maine this summer with kayaking for me. I often see two friends from MI ’57: **Judy Scullin Tilson** and **Kitty Norcross Wheeler**, who live nearby. My main occupation has been co-chairing a history project to compile a chronicle of women at UC Berkeley. The final product will be a digital archive of materials: 15ow.berkeley.edu

## 1959 CDS

**ARTHUR LUEKING**

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The Monday lunch group resumed meeting following several weeks of coronavirus shut-down. It continues to be an enjoyable get-together for St. Louis-based alumni and an occasional transient passing through or visiting family. All members of the Class of ’59

are welcome to come to Lester’s on Clayton Road every Monday at 11:30. The regulars (**Matthews, Lueking, Schneithorst** and **Welsch**) were recently joined by **Nat Griffin**, who was spending a few weeks in the city between Michigan and his Texas ranch.

We were also surprised when **Norman (Pitcairn) James** showed up completely unexpectedly. After 50+ years in the Boston area, he and his lovely wife, **Leslie Gardner James ’61**, closed their travel business (before the pandemic) and moved back to St. Louis—actually Chesterfield—where they have a condo in The Willows. You may recall that when we were in school Norman lived just west of Mason Road off Highway 40 and it was considered the end of the earth. How times have changed!

If I remember correctly (and that is by no means a certainty), I wrote of a Zoom meeting for out-of-town classmates. Well, we are indeed holding one on the first Friday of every month at noon Central Time. In addition to the irregular Lester’s diners **Fouke, Frager, and Hanser**, the virtual meeting has attracted **Bill Tucker** from the Hamptons, **Kent Faerber** from Amherst, **Sonny Harrison** from Maryland, **George Bornstein** from Michigan, **Mike Latta** from Clayton or Park City, **Chris Peper** from St. Louis and **R. K. Barton** from far northern Michigan. The meetings are generously hosted on **Butch Welsch’s** Zoom account. If you would like to be included, just email Butch at [bwelsch@welsch-heatcool.com](mailto:bwelsch@welsch-heatcool.com) and he will send you an invitation and a reminder. We look forward to including all of our classmates. If any of you have contact with Class of ’59 alumni not listed, please encourage them to join these meetings.

And speaking of Butch, he and his son Bryan managed to attend the 2020 Indianapolis 500. This was Butch’s 73rd in a row and Bryan’s 39th. They somehow worked out being among the 300 “Special Guests” who watched from the Pagoda. This was no small feat. Congratulations, Butch.

I was purging files from my laptop computer and ran across the internet address for “codasco59.blogspot.com” which I started to host pictures of our 50th reunion. I



subsequently added some photos of our 55th but then forgot about it. Anyone can access it, and the images are great. If I can remember how, I will post pictures of our 60th.

## 1960<sub>MI</sub>

### GAY ARMSTRONG BRYSON

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I was in Belize with my baby monkeys when this pandemic began and was forced to return to the U.S., isolated in my home, unable to continue volunteering at the California Academy of Sciences, barred from my water fitness classes, and separated from friends and family. I watched and smelled much of California burning. And yet...here we are, hoping to find some small pleasure in reading the accomplishments of our classmates. Whoever sticks around for that journey deserves some play here in this column.

**Roberta Bartlett Logan** experienced firsthand the unpleasant confluence of health problems and fire danger as she was forced out of her home while the fires crept closer. For a while, she was in the hospital in San Francisco, so I could bring her books and puzzles. Home and safe now and in reasonably good health, we look forward to lunching together when things relax. Our Roberta maintains a certain classy demeanor whether stuck in a hospital bed or in a motel room waiting to hear if she had a house left!

**Carol Thomas Ruikka**, our erstwhile real estate maven, regrets retiring, as the housing market has gone crazy in the Phoenix area. I'm guessing it has something to do with the fact that many folks are leaving California because most of it is on fire. But with 110-degree temperatures, it wouldn't be my first choice.

**Carol Lee** seems to be happy and remains healthy, which is a good thing.

Our Francophile femme fatale, **Lucy Schmitz Morros**, is spending her time Zooming with the Alliance Française et al and eating (aren't we all!). Lucy is planning a lecture on Napoleon,

the dictator, and Madame de Staël, the woman of letters. Considering that those two were both charismatic and often at odds, it could be a fascinating little jaunt through Parisian history. Since her husband, Boyd, is an excellent cook, I can see why she is eating.

**Carol Willis Clifton** writes that she and hubby Albert took a road trip from Florida up through North Carolina and Virginia to visit family and I'm guessing it wasn't on Albert's motorcycle although she says he does ride a lot. Carol has a personal trainer to keep her in that enviable shape we all remember and mitigate the fallout from previous cancer bouts. Reportedly all is well in their household.

**Liz Curtis Allen** has been working feverishly to keep Lake Michigan away from the door of their summer house, scene of countless Curtis family get-togethers. Let's hope a sea wall or two will help keep Mother Nature at bay. At home, Liz continues playing tennis and pickleball (my new favorite game) and re-reading old Nancy Drew books for fun. She points out that we were all weaned on wildly politically incorrect writing. Good thing we have moved past that, right?

**Sarah McDowell**, our most musical classmate, has had to suspend her musical gigs at local retirement homes due to the pandemic. She loved playing the piano for residents, who were cheered by the contact, but now she's working on a way to Zoom to her audiences who are, I'm sure, missing her. Like many of us, Sarah's contact with her family members is somewhat restricted as families are struggling with the time constraints of home Zoom schooling.

**Leanne Abramson Schneider** and her Harvey have taken Zoom to new heights: Zoom birthdays, book clubs, seders and fundraising galas. I'm assuming that one wears something more elegant than sweat pants for the galas! She and Harvey are exploring local parks and doing yoga to keep healthy and active.

**Carole Laube Paquin** remains optimistic and hopeful despite desperate times. Carole lost a good friend to COVID-19 in March; her husband, Lee, passed away in April; her pond dried up; and all the artisan shows she

frequented were cancelled. As fires continue to threaten communities and smoke pollutes the skies, Carole remains on alert, ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. This is emotionally exhausting but she is grateful for supportive neighbors, Zoom meetings, gardening and continuing the creative endeavors that sustain her.

Two major projects are threatening **Patsy Kline Hall's** sanity: roof, gutter, and leak repair which, considering the amounts of rain Florida has experienced lately, is not a little thing; and a new puppy, Dexter, and his contingent training issues. Puppy potty training notwithstanding, she and Dick persevere. Patsy continues to be a wildlife photographer sans égal, and those of us who are her friends on Facebook can see her lovely photographs daily.

To allay some of the pandemic blues, **Deedee Kessler Ostfeld** has chosen a rescue pup, a two-year-old German Shepherd who is putting our girl through her training paces as it's been 12 years since the last time she had to deal with a strong-willed dog. Meanwhile, she dreams of global travels, nail biting adventures, and dancing and drinking the night away once again while Zooming in and out of lectures and programs dressed, as many of us are, in the pandemic outfit du jour: t-shirt and sweatpants!

**Jan Schonwald Greenberg** has been quarantining in various locales and, like many of us, spending time with family. Being in St. Louis was wearing thin as might be expected, so they headed off to Aspen for a few months and hosted their whole family there for Thanksgiving. Jan's new book, *World of Glass: The Art of Dale Chibuly*, features many photographs of his amazing glass sculptures.

## 1960<sub>CDS</sub>

### BOB KARN

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**Dixie Deibel, Sandy Galt, Harry Weber,** and I (**Bob Karn**) played in the 2020 Holtman Golf event, and being by far the oldest group, we did not win. We have won a couple times in past

years. We had a great time representing our great class.

Bob Karn reports: “To get me through the pandemic, I wrote my autobiography. It is all about the good, bad, and ugly to give my family something to ponder. All my bad deeds at CDS; the Codasco Ram which turned out to be an ewe, the famous snow woman on campus (lost senior lounge privileges), and backfiring my 1928 Model A through MI (lost my driving privileges) are covered and pictured. In addition, I feature the varsity basketball trip to Pembroke and the party. Dixie will remember us sitting with Dean Webb trying to explain that night.”

**Larry Knight** reports that his grandson, Spencer, who has been the starting hockey goalie for Boston College and is on the roster for the U.S.A. Hockey Team, was selected by the Florida Panthers 13th overall in the 2019 NHL draft. Google Spencer Knight to view him in action.

**Sandy Galt** and his wife, **Marianne '64**, report their daughter, **Farrell Crowley '93**, and her husband, John, moved to St. Louis where John works for Wells Fargo Advisors. Their son, **Scott '90**, is a partner with Armstrong Teasdale. Scott and his wife, Stacy, are remodeling their home on Fordyce Lane previously owned by CDS alum **Sandy Peters '67**. Sandy continues to shoot his age at golf, and Marianne is still busy in residential real estate.

**Harry Weber** continues as our class over-achiever as he was recently inducted into the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame and named the National Sports Artist of the Year by the U.S. Sports Academy. Google Harry to see his many famous sculptures.

**Russ Messing:** “We survived the Walbridge fire here in northern California. We lost one small building, and many of our olive trees were badly singed. Thank goodness for our insurance! Added to all this, before the fires Arlene fell and fractured two vertebrae in her neck, was in a brace for over a month, which didn't do what it was supposed to do, and required surgery. We have been staying in

Healdsburg. We are in good spirits and know how damn lucky we were.”

**Denny Wedemeyer:** “Following my graduation from Princeton, I taught history at a small school in northern Vermont. Then on to law school at Washington University. Susan and I were married in 1969. I worked as an Assistant U. S. Attorney in St. Louis for 40 years and am now retired. Susan and I have three children—daughters Ann and **Claire '94**, a son **Theo '94**—and four grandchildren. I do a lot of reading and go to adult ed classes at Washington University, where I often see **Ken Langsdorf**. Also email frequently with **Tom Singer**, **Russ Messing**, **Dick Amberg**, and **Larry Mendonsa**.”

## 1961 MI

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I'm sorry to report the passing of **Nina Orthwein Durham** recently. Our condolences to her family and friends.

Condolences also to **Susan Lewis Vatterott** and **Claudia Geyer Thompson**, who both lost their husbands recently, and to **Susan Rouse Hall**, who lost her son, **David Humphrey '94**.

**Nancy Smith Johnson** says hello from Texas. She misses seeing her friends and is doing lots of reading.

**Donetta Hannegan McMillan** is hunkered down like most of us and doing lots of reading, watching TV, playing on the computer, and keeping up with her children by phone.

**Ginny Russell Rowe** is missing her California family. She hasn't seen them since last Thanksgiving, and her grandson has turned 13 and has grown four inches since she saw him. She is so proud of her daughter, **Nancy Curby '84**, who is working at Feeding America as senior VP. Ginny said that she and **Leigh Friedman Pratter** were able to spend a lot of time with Nina during her illness.

**Diane Desloge Clarke** says hello to everyone. Her grandchildren are now in middle school,

a senior in high school, and playing hockey at Boston College and headed for professional hockey with the Panthers in Florida.

**Pam Mesker White:** Paula and I, in response to COVID, have changed our working habits considerably! Paula has taught all over the country and given seminars internationally—all from home. My writing and painting have stayed at home, and my shows and clients are virtual. We have been in person with Izarra, our Mustang mare. CT Public TV came in person to film Paula for a segment about artists and what they are doing. We miss our children and grandchildren, but we are all safe. My son, Ben, and his family in Turkey have had no problem getting tested.

I, **Charlotte Mastin Ellis**, drove to Utah in August with my dog and spent six weeks with my daughter and her husband. I'm happy that they will soon be moving to Madison, Wisconsin, so will be much closer.

Remember—this spring will be our 60th reunion. I hope we will be able to have some kind of celebration and might see some of you from out of town.

## 1963 MI

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We are all sorry to hear of the passing of our classmate **Mary Dunford Reid**. Fond memories were shared amongst us.

Our request for news brought responses.

**Margaret Blanke Henderson** is enjoying living in Colorado, hiking, singing in choir, and participating in local politics.

**Lynn Frazier Gas** is still enjoying gardening.

**Barbara Martin Smith** traveled to the Adirondacks for a summer with family and is

still painting scenes she loves. Barbara was able to touch base with **Suzanne Williams La Prade Haaland**.

**Roxie Pool** is still as active as ever doing the things she loves in Colorado. Roxie was able to have a great trip to the Middle East in January and February before all of this started. She visited Israel, Jordan, UAE, Oman, and Saudi Arabia.

**Nancy Rogers McGrath** is enjoying volunteer work via Zoom, being with her family, exploring cooking, and adjusting to life as we know it.

**Dudley Roulhac Grove** says she and Jim are doing well, staying put in St. Louis and enjoying their garden and activities they can participate in.

**Nancy Shoenberg Sanders** wrote that they are staying in California and remaining healthy.

It appears that we are all learning to adapt with this challenge to our families, our work, and our friends. Everyone is looking forward to when the world opens and we can have a super "blow-out" reunion. So sorry we were unable to enjoy Lexington, Virginia, with **Becky Atwood Patton**. Maybe next year.

## 1963 CDS

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Let's start off with **John Allman**: "I spent my career writing and making television programs—mostly for public television. During COVID-19, I've been staying home poring over stories of my life. Luckily, I'm stuck at home with a wonderful wife, Jamey Cohen, whose work as an entertainment attorney has remained grueling." Son Liam is involved in focus groups within the video gaming industry, and Gavin is working towards a master's degree at Duke's Sanford School of Public Policy. John also offered, "I am healthy and completely out of shape."

**Mark Webber**: "Janet and I celebrated our 50th in northern Ontario. I produced two books of my photographs and texts. *Algonquin Park: Eine sehr persönliche (Ein-)führung*, builds on a half-century of paddling and hiking in Algonquin Provincial Park. *Time Exposures: A Photographic Essay*, is a riff on physics, a subject I studiously avoided at CDS. The Algonquin book is available at [store.algonquinpark.on.ca](http://store.algonquinpark.on.ca). *Time Exposures* will be available in hard copy from me at cost, or as a free pdf link."

Early in 2020, I, Jay, attended a reception in Naples, Florida, for the new Head of School, the other Jay—**Jay Rainey**. The event was hosted by **Tec Baur '64** and his wife, Shellie. Someone tapped me on the shoulder and I turned to find **David Elliot**, the ambassador for the Class of 1963. David and his wife, Susan, had just purchased a Condo in Naples. It has been great reminiscing with David and I look forward to all the free golf lessons I'm going to extract next season. David is truly the class PR arm, claiming, with substantial proof, that the Class of '63 has been the premier class to graduate from the school since it all started.

We heard from **John Kittner** who, it seems, still has not gotten his fill of coaching youth soccer, as he is currently coaching a granddaughter's team. John began coaching his son's youth team and continued through both daughters' teams, including a young lady who went on to play for the U.S.A. Olympic team and who attributes a great deal of her success to playing under John's tutelage. Speaking of making a difference in a kid's life. Wow!

The class of '63 has benefitted so many times through the years from the myriad of pictures offered by **Don Smiegiel**. It's hard to believe that his filing system could possibly be that organized. Well, this time Don has jumped media and offers a YouTube video that chronicles our generation's coming of age (perhaps loss of innocence is more appropriate) in the song American Pie written and sung by Don McLean.

We heard from **William Love** out in Sheridan, Wyoming. The Compass Center for Families, which is the umbrella organization for CASA,

the Court Appointed Special Advocates program, has designated Bill and Mary Kay as their 2020 Champions for Children. Certainly something of which to be very proud. Bill says it is quite easy to social distance in his community because there just aren't all that many people to stay away from. Sounds like there's a cowboy song in there somewhere.

**Paul Hales** writes from St. Louis that he has shunned retirement so far. "I've developed software and tools for an entirely new way of delivering legal services. All we need is a laptop and secure Internet connection. Our flagship product is called The HIPAA E-Tool®." Paul recently sold the building housing his law practice and has moved into the offices of **Ted Bakewell '64** in Clayton.

It seems we can always get a contribution from our West Coast link, **Neil Senturia**. Neil, who has always had a tortured relationship with upper case letters, writes "i have frequently reflected on the phrase 'there but for the grace of god, go i'—and so in the few years remaining i have dug in deep on prison recidivism, building a mobile app and teaching in the slammer. and then in order to quench my privileged guilt, I am now the CFO of a hot new tequila company. Drink up." **Dick Grote** tells us Neil's wife is currently running for Mayor of San Diego and adds, "If Neil keeps his mouth shut, she just might win."

I had a request from Louise Jones for a celebration of music during the pandemic. I offered to give virtual banjo lessons; it is a generally accepted fact that the banjo is the most effective social distancing tool on the planet. I had no takers but it was fun creating the video. No, I did not quit my day job, thank you very much. I spend winters in Naples, Florida, and volunteer as a docent and boat pilot on the Gordon River for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

**Joe Campagna** gets to end this version. "I'm glad to report that the Campagna family is well—in different versions of hunkered down, but safe." His son, Joe, is a district judge in King County, Washington. Joe and Caroline are giving serious thought to popping down to

Florida for a week or two over the winter. Joe quoted the great (although scatterbrained) Yogi Berra: “When you get to a fork in the road, you really need to take it.”

That’s pretty much all the news that’s fit to print and maybe even some that isn’t. If you want to see your name in lights in future editions of the “News,” you have to send us something. We’re not allowed to make stuff up. Joe and Jay encourage everyone to stay safe and stay healthy.

## 1964<sub>MI</sub>

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We want to thank all of you who responded to our plea for Class Notes information. Here is what we have gleaned:

From the East Coast of Florida, **Noel Volkman Cooke** sent: “James and I are happily still ensconced in Johns Island, Vero Beach. James’ health has been a concern but we are happily living our retirement from London and loving the sea, beach, golf, friends...all good in this time of virus and uncertainty.”

**Cindy MacDonald Gamblin** submitted: “Just when everything here in the Tampa Bay area was calm, cool, and collected, the place erupted in boat parades and excitement. The Tampa Bay Lightning brought the Stanley Cup back to town after a long absence. Unfortunately, we still have two months left of hurricane season. We keep our fingers crossed that we will not have any hit our shores. With this pandemic, I have not ventured out of the house any more than absolutely necessary—grocery store and errands.”

**Punkin Hirsch** (aka **Carolyn Michel**) sent her news: “Being in my house with my fabulous husband has been joyful. I walk four miles every day. We have caught up on terrific Netflix and Hulu series and documentaries. Zoom calls with relatives and friends and colleagues across

the country have brought us all closer together. And since there is no live theatre, I have been performing live in a suffragist project on Zoom, produced by Florida Studio Theatre.”

Our final bit of Florida information is from **Carter Simpson Noel Miller**. She is off to Florida soon, but her decorating business will bring her back and forth to St. Louis this winter. Her Teddy and his wife, **Lauren Carroll Noel ’99**, recently added Master Edwin Charles (Chase) to their family. Maggie seems very pleased to have a baby brother.

Heading north from Florida takes us to Winchester, Virginia, where **Ginny Alfring Kalbach** lives. She apologized for her lack of exciting news but stated on September 18 that her family was “fine” and urged us all to “stay safe.”

Further north, in Camden, New Jersey, **Ann Greve Sadler**, now recovered from COVID-19, wrote: “I am feeling much better...fully recovered. Schools in New Jersey are still closed and so my Ivana, who is in second grade, is remote learning on a Chromebook. Still haven’t sold my house, still clearing it out, still missing my guys, so am very much hoping that everyone else is staying safe and well. Feeling positive and not succumbing to any old-age (mature?) issues. Am looking forward to 2021.”

From Massachusetts: **Susie Primm Thel** sent a positive message. “Last fall I began a certificate program at the Rhode Island School of Design in Painting Studies. My secret reason for wanting to go to college at Brown was so I could walk over to RISD and take classes there, too, as I have wanted to learn to paint since childhood. At 73, I began this dream! I am swimming daily with a mask on (breast stroke!) and walking with friends six feet apart. Politically active too.”

From Pee wee Valley, Kentucky, **Josie Pettus Wiseman** wrote: “The best news I can offer is Fleur, an apricot Standard Poodle. Fleur is in addition to, not instead of, my older poodle Truffle. After my trip to Phoenix to volunteer at the Heard Museum Indian Market and see Charlie and **Barbra Baur Dunlap** in early March, I got home just in time before things

really shut down. We are all fine so far, and I am hoping that you all and all of MI ’64 are, too.”

Meanwhile, in St. Louis, **Ann Kroeger** wrote, “I am happy to have remained healthy and busy even if busy is different from pre-virus days. I’ve been reading, working on genealogy and knitting projects, doing jigsaw puzzles, and cleaning closets and drawers...in other words, I putter around. Being in a building full of people, although all of us are masked and distancing, reduces the feeling of isolation so many people are experiencing, but it will be a relief to go back to a less limited lifestyle.”

**Mary Vogt Myers** said that her COVID-19 victim offspring, Merit, who lives in New York City, is recovered and she wishes all of us her very best.

In Hot Springs, Arkansas, **Jacky Israel Blakeslee** sent: “Our big news is our oldest grandson, Luke Kinder, was married to Christina Lykken, in a beautiful wedding in Fredericksburg, Texas, in early January. They now reside in Houston. Pete and I have been laying low except for a trip to Big Cedar in June with some of the kids and out to Colorado in August with **Kathy**. Lots of hiking and good weather.”

**Debbly Roulhac Poitevent** wrote: “A little news from New Orleans. As we say down here, ‘every day is Tuesday’ slogging through the monotony of COVID-19. We’ve learned to make our own fun with ‘driveway drinks,’ sitting in our driveways and talking across the street! Loving life as grandmother of Amelia Lane Sanders (parents are daughter Evie and her husband, Lem). Have survived several hurricanes and are still standing! Take care.”

Lastly, **Barbara Baur Dunlap** sent: “Summer in Arizona was a big surprise for all those who are usually in cooler climates to avoid four months of heat. In typical American fashion, we just soldiered on, exclaiming joyfully over every 78- or 82-degree temp at 6 a.m.! We’ve never seen more dogs or people on bikes out on trails. ‘Busyness’ sure came to a standstill and family time grew exponentially. Tee’s daughter **Hadley Baur Laughlin ’92** braved the heat to bring her four kids out to see us in July! I did

talk to **Lucy Upson**, whose life wasn't changed greatly by the quarantine which she is faithfully following."

We are doing our best to stay safe and wish you all our very best!

## 1964 CDS

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On April 26, a CDS Class of '64 Zoom meeting arranged by **Frank Wolff** and **Cliff Saxton** was attended by 17 class members. Following is information gathered about our classmates from that get-together.

**Tim Lucas** had a long career in accounting, with the last 17 years spent as a self-employed expert witness for lawyers. He has been retired for two years.

**Win Reed** is still active in real estate. His three children are doing well with their six offspring, two of whom are MICDS graduates currently attending Fordham and Boston University. Win reports he is walked daily by his dog, Katy, and that he shoots skeet and takes to the water via sail and motor whenever possible.

**Bill Hassebrock** reports he is aggressively avoiding retirement. He lives mostly in San Francisco, where he continues to advise Silicon Valley startups, but he also gets to spend four to six months a year in Italy where he has a vacation real estate venture. When relaxing in his Italian home, his close neighbor is none other than **Jim Crawford**.

**Jim Crawford** still owns a converted monastery/home in Italy but may sell it. He retired from his private equity partnership in 2006, created TRIAD Capital Management, and currently invests in companies serving the federal government. Jim and **Alicia '67**, his wife of 50 years, live in Lake Forest, Illinois. Jim stays active in his church choir and on the golf course, and he recently visited with one of our English teachers, **Alan Howard**, who lives on a farm in Charlottesville, Virginia.

**Ken Strassner** has been retired for 11 years from Kimberly Clark where he practiced environmental law. Ken currently splits his time between homes in Atlanta, Georgia, and Naples, Florida.

**Cliff Saxton** continues to write "for fun" in retirement. With **Peter Griffin '69**, he manages the Country Day archives. Cliff and Gail, married 51 years, also oversee an historic hotel's archives in Pennsylvania. He remains in contact with two of our English teachers, **Bob Philips** and **Tom Freeman**, both in their 90s.

**Howard Robinson** has lived since 1979 in South Florida where he practiced plastic surgery until 2015. He runs a conservative blog and, as a heavy metal fanatic, another blog on rock concerts. An avid concert-goer, he also enjoys spending time with five grandchildren.

**Phil Freedman** moved to Vail, Colorado, after finishing his family practice residency and practiced for 20 years before working full-time in the local ER. Phil worked as a cruise ship physician in summers, primarily for National Geographic, and he retired from the ER three years ago, although he still performs occasional Expedition Medicine.

**Bob Albrecht** has lived in Sedona, Arizona, with his wife, Shirley, for 20 years, working as a digital artist for nine years. He has been in professional photography for 50 years and is currently helping support the Sedona Humane Society through his work, some of which you can see at [truwestimages.com](http://truwestimages.com).

**John Friedman** has lived in Philadelphia for 44 years and has been retired from Germantown Friends School for 13 years. He and his wife, Carolyn, enjoy their two grandchildren. John's many community activities include Green Tree Health Care Foundation, Awbury Arboretum, and the Crefeld School board.

**Paul Henderson** married **Liza Jones Fryer '66** in 2001, sold his architectural business in 2002, and spent three years with Liza sailing the Caribbean before settling in Savannah, Georgia, where he resumed his work as an architect. Three years ago, they moved to Jacksonville, Florida, where Paul has been doing consulting work.

**Mark Mittleman** continues to practice law in St. Louis and lives in Webster Groves. He enjoys classical music, serving on the St. Louis Symphony Volunteer Association and as a board member of the Chamber Music Society of St. Louis. Mark is a dedicated birdwatcher and has traveled widely in his winged pursuit, most recently in the Santa Marta Mountains of Colombia and the Austrian Alps.

**Harry Agress** has been retired from radiology for five years. He has spent his entire 36-year career in New York City, specializing in diagnostic radiology and nuclear medicine. Harry has continued teaching radiology, in addition to golfing and pursuing his lifelong love of photography. He has presented his photos in multiple shows, including one at MICDS, and he is currently donating some of his images to health care facilities.

**Ned Scharff** pursued a career in journalism and public communications in NYC before moving to his beloved Philadelphia, where he did consulting work. Retired for five years, he is busier than ever, tutoring at a local elementary school and serving as board chairman of a local historic library.

**Frank Wolff** still works in law, specializing in representing non-profit organizations including the Missouri Historical Society, Missouri Botanical Garden, and St. Louis Science Center. Frank enjoys Clayton condo life and is an enthusiastic walker.

**George Morgan** has homes in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Jupiter, Florida, continuing to pursue his 40-year career in commercial real estate development. He and wife, Jorg, are golfers and active grandparents. Jorg has written several cookbooks.

And as for your Class Agent: I spend most of my time at our farm in Grubville, Missouri. Wife Sue and I are both retired from medical careers. I continue to hunt and fish, while Sue is an enthusiastic equestrienne. Our three daughters and six grandchildren are a constant pleasure. Sue and I recently celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary by making our first tandem skydives.



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# Class Notes

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01. Jan Shapleigh Mackey '65 and Connie Shapleigh Martin '65 at their old family summer home in Mishaum Point, Massachusetts.

02. Lunch bunch in Naples, Florida: Mary Morey Bradley '56, Jane Atwood Whitehead '65, Page Sharp Jackson '57 and Nancy Burkham Williams '65.

03. Price Family FaceTime: Jeff, Wendy '99 and Katie Price Testo '03 with Siena.

04. Louisa Legg Deland '65 with new grandson Frank, named after his grandfather.

05. Irene Leland '65 giving her video acceptance speech for the Artist Vision Award.

06. Remembering Becky Nickel Tyler '65 at our 45th reunion, May 2010.

07. Louisa Legg Deland '65 and family gathered in Biddeford Pool, Maine.



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## 1965 MI

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### PEGGY DUBINSKY PRICE

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Our class has lost one of our own. **Becky Nickel Tyler** passed away in October. She is survived by her daughter, Jeannette Tyler Bowers, and grandchildren Jacob and Chloe Bowers, along with her sisters, **Anne Nickel Curtin '67** and **Jenny Nickel Martin '78**, and their families. We will always remember Becky for her warmth and good humor and will miss her. Our thoughts are also with **Annie Dunford Heist** and family on the loss of her sister, **Mary Dunford Reid '63**.

The Class of '65 has met virtually for three book club meetings since the 55th reunion that never happened. We have read *Exit West*, *The Dutch House* and *Purple Hibiscus*. Thanks to **Elizabeth Kendall**, **Alice Langenberg Abrams**, and **Linda Glick** for serving as discussion leaders. Please join us for future meetings. We have enjoyed seeing each other and hearing what we've been doing. Reading the book is not a requirement. Let me know if you have a book recommendation for our discussions and want to join.

Here's the news:

**Susan Caspari Carnwath** has been buying books, cleaning house, gardening, walking, and cycling. She is in touch with **Ginny Drosten** in Germany and enjoys catching up with her by phone.

**Nancy Burkham Williams** missed our July book club but wrote that reading *The Dutch House* was like wrapping up in a big fuzzy blanket! Nancy couldn't help remembering wandering through her grandparents' huge house at 2 Westmoreland Place on the corner of Kingshighway. After it was torn down, Nancy would drive by and stare at the place where it had been and remember.

**Wendy DuBois Brockman** didn't join our book club but recommended some books: the new Blake Gopnik bio on Andy Warhol and Elena Ferrante's latest.

**Anne Kennard** has been knitting. She has made baby sweaters, hats, mittens, teddy bears, and scrunchies! Every year Anne runs a 12-and-under novice tennis tournament at the yacht club. This year, out of 50 participants, it was fun to have three of **Diana Davis Madsen's** grandchildren playing! Anne has also been the Bingo Lady for the kids for the past 20 summers. It was challenging this year as everyone played outside.

**Jane Atwood Whitehead** has been living the life in her bubble in Bonita Springs, Florida. She sees **Nancy Burkham Williams**, **Mary Morey Bradley '56** and **Page Sharp Jackson '56**.

**Becky Woolsey Ester** and Gary moved into a two-bedroom apartment in a retirement community in Dallas 14 months ago. She started losing her hearing shortly after moving. Carrying on a phone conversation is hard because her hearing fluctuates. They have a wonderful woodworking shop—the main reason Gary agreed to move.

**Connie Shapleigh Martin** is happy to report that “life is good!” The virus did not keep Connie from spending two wonderful weeks with family and friends at their beloved Misham Point in July, as all other travel adventures are postponed until next year. Cousin **Jan Shapleigh Mackey** was also there with her children and grands enjoying picture perfect weather.

**Irene Leland** recorded her new song, *Wishing Well*, at Sony Studio in Nashville. It is available on retail digital sites and will be distributed to radio stations worldwide. Irene's song, *For All You Are*, was selected to be part of the Music with A Conscience series on the Women of Substance Podcast. The song is about overcoming mental illness and preventing suicide. Irene's infomercial for Omega XL has been very successful.

**Connie Bascom McPheeters** reports a sudden sighting of **Irene Leland** pop up on an Omega XL ad on TV!

**Linda Glick** would love to say that since COVID-19, she speaks two new languages and finished the great American novel but

instead decided she doesn't like housework, meal planning, or Instacart! She did become an “alchemist;” making her kitchen shine; baking pizza and pastries. She cancelled trips, mastered workouts via Zoom, hiked and worked on the design for a virtual charity. San Francisco is slowly re-opening, but residents are saddened for their neighbors who have lost so much in the wildfires.

**Louisa Legg Deland** spent a wonderful summer in Biddeford Pool with family. All three children and their families visited. They only had one day alone. On August 16, they added little Frank, named for his grandfather, to their gang of grandkids now totaling six with the oldest being seven. With the arrival of fall, they are returning to a more cautious approach. In most respects, she feels 2020 has been a terrifying year.

Thank you to everyone who wrote such kind notes after I shared my breast cancer diagnosis. I was touched to hear from so many of you, especially those who wrote of their own successful battles. I'm happy to say my cancer was caught early at my annual mammogram and after radiation, I'll be fine. Thanks to **Bobbi Buell** who reassured me and recommended a wonderful surgeon, along with **Carol Bodenheimer Loeb '59** who seconded the choice. I'm grateful for my family, phone, email, and texting friends (**Donna Schultz Heidbreder**, I mean you!) who save my sanity daily.

We may be separated from family and friends, but every day brings us closer to when we can be together again. Our next deadline is February 1, 2021.

## 1968 MI

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Hello, 1968 Classmates!

Four more months of sheltering at home has brought a small amount of news. Here are the updates:

**Nancy Fisse Davis** is still gardening (medicinal herbs and edibles), hiking in the second growth forest near her house, and hanging out with her horses at a nearby ranch. “Recently I’ve been making medicinal herbal tinctures. Last week, my daughter, Carol, moved in with her dog and cat so things are really humming around here!”

**Helen French Graves** reports that she has been “dog sitting” Guiding Eyes for the Blind puppies when their raisers are on vacation. “I get to take the pups to stores, outdoor restaurants, the beach, to Boston, my harbor town—anywhere where they can practice their skills. Keeps me busy and I’m having fun.”

**Betsy Trent Heberling’s** big news is the birth of her first grandchild, a girl! Sutton Ashley Heberling was born on August 7, 2020, to Monica King and Andrew Heberling. She was born only five months after the first grandchild of Betsy’s brother, **John Trent, CDS ’71**, also a girl, Peyton Laurel Schaus. The cousins are in constant FaceTime contact from Phoenix and Los Angeles.

**Carol Ferring Shepley** is delighted to announce that her daughter, **Callie Starbuck ’96**, got married to Hank Blom in October. Callie’s daughter and son, Addie and Jack, walked her down the aisle. This joyous occasion was the first time she and Jake saw all three daughters since January 2020. The Shepleys have another addition to their family, T. Rex, a Yorkie/Maltese mix. Carol introduced **Betsy Fordyce**, who spoke about her great-great-grandmother, great-grandmother, and grandmother who all fought for women’s suffrage. You can see them on the Bellefontaine Cemetery and the Missouri History Museum Facebook pages.

**Becky Wells Mattison**, as always, entertains us with her wonderful sense of humor! “I’m acting like a pioneer woman: foraging the garden and woods for edibles I can store for the never-ending winter about to start! No wonder those poor souls died so young! I’m almost begging for a visit from the grim reaper myself. Here’s hoping by spring something ‘exciting’ will

happen. I’ll drink to that. After all, that poor, trapped wine *needs* to be released from that cruel bottle.”

Take care of yourselves and we will be back next spring!

## 1968 CDS

**George L. Curran III ’68** reports he retired in October, 2019.

## 1969 MI

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Dear fellow classmates: What a year we are having! Based on most of the reports I have received, we 69ers are surviving the pandemic relatively well and in decent spirits. Maybe this ripe old age gives us a more positive perspective on trying times! Here’s what our classmates had to say:

**Marki Cady** was wintering in the Cayman Islands when COVID-19 hit the scene. She and Joe headed back to Pennsylvania just before the government closed the Cayman airport. She is missing her island home but did manage to spend three weeks on Damariscotta Lake in Maine this summer.

**Nan Holmes** reports that COVID-19 has been quite a catalyst for her. Her son and family moved from Kentucky to Nan’s home in Seattle so that Nan could assist with the Zoom schooling of her second grade grandson. Since her grandson’s school is on Eastern Standard Time, Zooming from the west coast means starting the day at 6 a.m. Nan is an early riser so she takes the first shift. She said her new life is chaotic but very happy.

**Marie Howe Sprague** was able to squeeze in one last big trip—to Egypt last fall—before the shutdown. Now life is centered at home in Lexington, Kentucky, where she and her husband are enjoying their time on the tennis court as well as playing with their new yellow Lab puppy.



Marian “Mim” Bland Langdon ‘69 with Ronald Beasley.

**Barb Kennedy** sent in a wonderful photograph of **Marian “Mim” Bland Langdon**, who died this past year. It’s from our MI graduation and also features a very spry Ronald Beasley.

**Beth Green Kling** is expanding her educational skills during the pandemic. She is a volunteer in a program her church is running to assist elementary school children with their online curricula. Beth is mastering all kinds of technical skills as she navigates this new Zoom territory, and she is so impressed with the persistence and resilience of her young charges as they tackle their daily assignments. **Melissa Lord Jorgensen MI ’74** is a volunteer in the same program.

**Meg Jolley** continues to teach dance at Pomona College. Since her fall classes are all via Zoom, she is missing the studio interaction with her students, but she is very glad to be working during this strange time. On the plus and minus side of how COVID-19 has affected her: her daughter, Emma, was able to visit for a month this summer, but her parents are in lockdown (no visitors) at their assisted living facility.

**Jennifer Limberg Royal** has moved back to Santa Barbara after several years in Boulder, Colorado, where she lived close to her daughter and granddaughters. She hopes to visit Boulder regularly once it is safe, but in the meantime she has her son and grandsons close by in Los Angeles and she has a new puppy. She is playing a lot of online bridge.

**Anne MacDonald Wilson** reports (with a wink) that she and her husband, Mark, are still speaking to each other despite being laid off from work and spending a lot of time together



at home in Albuquerque! They are bonding with their golden retriever siblings, Bonnie and Clyde, as well as birdwatching and binge-watching TV.

**Cynthia Plumb Hubbard** experienced firsthand the success the country of New Zealand has had dealing with COVID-19. She and her husband were there visiting their daughter and family this spring during the lockdown. She was extremely impressed with the New Zealand prime minister, who was able to effectively control the spread of the virus and limit the number of cases. Cynthia is back in the U.S. now, riding out the pandemic in Martha's Vineyard.

**Tandy Thompson** is her usual chipper self. While she misses traveling, she was away so much in 2019 that she is actually glad to be in St. Louis. Tandy continues to be involved with the care and restoration of four historic buildings dating back to French Colonial times in St. Genevieve, Missouri. She has immersed herself in historical documents which have provided a framework for much of the restoration of the buildings and gardens. Tandy has also discovered a new game, Petanque.

**Christy Trauernicht** is "making the most of the sequestered lifestyle" trying new recipes, canning jams and pickles, gardening, playing the piano, and seeing friends from a distance. She is also letting her hair go gray. She sent a photo and of course she looks great—as young as ever! She and Don spent the winter at their new home in Sebastian, Florida, where they hosted Bill and **Beth Green Kling**.

**Nancy Macdonald Hinkson** writes: Our daughter, Laura, son-in-law, and our two grandchildren could not return for their summer visit from New Delhi where they live and work. Daughter Allison and her husband live and work in Denver. Meanwhile, back in St. Louis, I found that eating ice cream and watching Netflix was the only way to get through the pandemic. David had open heart surgery on May 26 and is better than ever. All in all, we have settled into the new normal.

Finally I, **Phoebe Scott Burke**, am parked in my usual spot on Hanley Road. I have been supervising my youngest grandchildren two mornings per week at what we call "Peeps (my grandmother name) Academy." My original objective was to make life a bit easier for my daughter and daughter-in-law while they oversee their older children in online school, but the result has been an opportunity to develop a much better connection to these two little ones.

## 1969 CDS

### ED HALL

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**Ed Hall:** Our class remains hunkered down for the most part due to COVID-19, but a few guys did check in with updates:

**John Chappell:** "I'm still alive in Lawrence, Kansas, where you'll also find **John Broholm** with whom I'm long overdue for a beer. Haven't been able to visit grandkids in California. My wife and I are making like hermits since we're, well, you know, past a certain age. But I'm still working, a little. A legal career based on oil leases isn't exactly hopping like the good old days. Probably a good time to retire, if I could remember where I put all that money I surely must've saved up."

**Joe Rechter:** "Had my second grandchild on July 21, 2020: Clementine Elisabeth Takacs. Her parents are Rob Takacs and **Louisa Rechter '05**. Clementine's parents temporarily moved from New York City to St. Louis during the pandemic in March while Louisa was pregnant; fully expecting to be back in New York in time for the delivery. Fortunately for us, she delivered in St. Louis at Missouri Baptist—she's now a Cardinals fan forever!"

**Alan Ritter:** "Marcia and I downsized this year and moved all of three or four miles into an apartment at Aberdeen Heights, the retirement community in Kirkwood. Nice not to have to worry about home maintenance, yard work, etc. I'm still consulting and busy three days/week at B&L (where I worked for almost 31

years) and two days/week at another client in Chesterfield. Still a demand for experienced electronic engineers, and it keeps the brain cells firing."

**Rick Weitzer:** "I am close to retirement as I transition to teaching (part-time) at Webster University in St. Louis and Chengdu, China, now (exclusively) via Zoom. Other than that, Susie and I are enjoying our two grandsons, ages three and six, and I have been playing a lot of golf with **Joe Rechter**."

## 1970 MI

**Mary (Mooie) Holmes Carpenter:** 2020 started with such anticipation for our big 50th reunion. This, along with so many things large and small, had to be postponed until 2021. The dates are May 6-9, 2021. We hope you will be able to join us!

## 1970 CDS

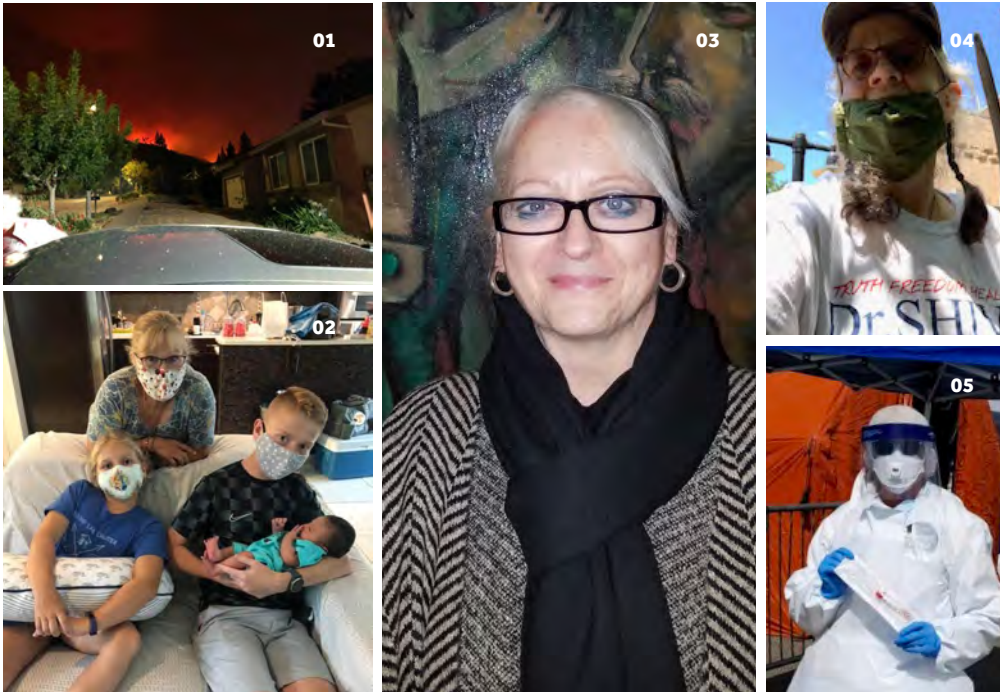
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Greetings to all classmates, family, and friends reading this latest installment of the CDS '70 Class Notes. I hope you are staying healthy and sane in these trying times.

As reported earlier, our gala 50th reunion was canceled due to the coronavirus epidemic. Our plan now is to join the class of 1971 for a delayed reunion in May 2021. Here's hoping that we will be able to have an in-person reunion by then.

In place of our traditional fall mini-reunion, we had a Zoom virtual reunion in early October. The reunion was attended by **Henry Bangert, Harold Bible, Bob Cohen, Phil Estep, Cap Grossman, Jon Heitner, Larry McDaniel, Ernie Planck**, and yours truly. We had a great time catching up on news and lamenting our fate. Unable to join us but sending their best were **Tim Barksdale, Tom Barad, Mark Johnson, Bill McMillan, and Tim Wagner**.



01. Laurie Jacobson Provost '71 paused to take a photo of the approaching wildfire as she and her husband prepared to flee.

02. Susan Krone Cabral greets her new grandson. "This photo sums up my entire year," she said.

03. Marika Csapo '71 at a pre-COVID-19 screening of her latest film, *Made in Auschwitz: the Untold Story of Block 10*.

04. Robin Brunner Moore '71 gardens at her Cambridge condo.

05. In case you don't recognize her, this is Tori King '71 in her COVID-19 testing gear.

Otherwise, there is not much to report. We are keeping relatively sane here in Carlisle and looking forward to seeing friends when we can. I hope that you all make it through this adventure with minimal damage.

## 1971 MI

### Laurie Jacobson Provost

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2020—a year that will live in infamy. My classmates create a vivid portrait of it in their own words:

**Judy Griesedieck:** "I went from the safety of my home to fighting tear gas and rubber bullets while covering peaceful protests by day and the burning and looting of dozens of businesses by night after the death of George Floyd here in Minneapolis—the toughest assignment I've ever had. Daughter Taylor returned from Brooklyn for five months; such a silver lining. I also started my own apiary of honeybees, a calming and joyful distraction."

**Debbie Smith Fitzgerald:** "In COVID-19 St. Louis, we cleaned out cabinets, received and passed on some hysterical videos, watched every conceivable movie and learned to Zoom weekly with relatives we previously saw once a year. We do our own grocery shopping and visit with family and friends in small, socially distanced groups. And we have very clean cabinets." Saving the best for last, Debbie and

Art became grandparents to Casey Elizabeth Fitzgerald.

**Victoria "Tori" King:** "Hindsight is 2020.

That's something we say frequently in medicine. Years from now we will look back at this year and understand why the SARS Covid virus was so difficult to contain. I am the public health department medical officer in my area and have lots of thoughts on this virus. I don't believe I have ever seen a medical problem become so politicized. The blame game has not enhanced taking care of the problem."

**Susan Krone Cabral:** "We spent the summer self-isolating in preparation for a visit to Florida to see our daughters, Sarah and Erin, and their families: Peyton and Teegan Scott, and Erin and Robert's firstborn, Ezra Kai Lizardi."

**Sallie Estep Bhuller:** "We are all well. Everyone here getting on with life and work as best we can. New York is a bit of a ghost town but functioning."

**Molly Coe Niven:** "David and I have been quarantining in the Montana outback wilderness on rivers and bikes—not much phone service in these parts."

**Sally Braxton Schnuck:** "We are managing, surviving in St. Louis and Boca Grande, Florida. **Hadley '01** escaped NYC for four months at the beginning of the pandemic, and we loved having her with us both in Florida and St. Louis. It was especially wonderful having her here in June, when I lost my sister, **Abby '67**,

to an immune system issue. Hope to see all in May at our 50th!" Our deepest condolences, Sally.

**Ann Hardy Aschauer:** "While COVID-19 had Marty and me at home more than expected, I got a lot of writing done on my blog, *Seeking Divine Perspective*, on my most recent book and my first children's book, both yet to be published. The hardest part about the quarantine was not being able to see and hug the grandchildren! We still live in Louisville, Kentucky, in the winter and Manistee, Maine, in the summer."

**Biz Ellison Marks:** "Overall, I feel great. I'm so grateful the chemo I received combined with a blood stem cell transplant was successful. I sold the house we built in Matagorda, Texas, and am now a resident of the Rio Grande Valley. Chris and Chad live just down the street. Erica is still in Matagorda. My great grandson, Atticus, turned one in September. We watched the festivities on FaceTime—modern technology is wonderful. I hope to join everyone for our 50th."

**Mary Dubuque Desloge:** "Life is good. My three sons are happily married; and I have five grandchildren—so far!"

**Wendy Richards Echols:** "Still working at Coldwell Banker Premier Properties in St. Augustine Beach and spending time with my husband on our barge/2nd home in West Palm Beach."

**Marika Csapo Sweet:** “In 2019, the film I co-produced, *Made in Auschwitz: the Untold Story of Block 10*, premiered on Israeli TV and elsewhere in the European Union. It was screened at the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival, the St. Louis International Film Festival, and other festivals around the world. And then came February, 2020. Now all festivals are virtual and life, as we used to know it, is over. Can’t wait to see everyone at our 50th! Hugs (virtual for now) until then.”

**Laurie Wolff Miller:** “Not much to report during these days. Life slowed down, so it seemed like a good idea to proceed with an RT knee replacement. What was I thinking?! **Margot ’06** came home to be my caretaker and has a future in it if anyone’s looking. Hoping to prepare for a rescheduled bike trip to Portugal next fall. As for our 50th next May, here’s hoping the stars align and plans will be uninterrupted!”

**Gloria Niedringhaus Jarvis:** “Nothing new from us. Book club has grown by two. **Laurie Miller, Susan Cabral, Babs Claggett Wagner, Cristie Tober Krauss, Annie Gardner Imbs, Abbie Carlin,** and now **Lynn Reed Neill.** Jay and I have been swamped with business, so I have failed to live up to my reading assignments. I just check in to Zoom on Monday nights to socialize. We would love to have other classmates join us. Everyone is having fun.”

**Jeanie Roy:** “I went to my son David’s winging ceremony. He was chosen to fly the Osprey, a Marine workhorse similar to WWII’s B-17.” To stay in shape, Jeanie spends a good deal of time hiking with another Marine mother and their border collies. In October, David received a promotion. Congratulations, Captain Roy!”

**Cammi Fetté Mock:** “Love living out in the country. My daughter had a hip replacement as well as COVID-19 with fairly minor symptoms. I am blessed to say my family is now healthy. Though we cancelled a couple vacations, we enjoyed Florida in February and fished Minnesota and Wyoming in July. We just came back from New Mexico where we added a young English Setter, Grace, to our family.”



Mark Moore '73 in his vineyard, 300 Norton Vines.

**Robin Brunner Moores:** “Still camping a bit (hiking has been on hold after foot surgery). But up in the White Mountains, New Hampshire, I forgot the wide tree straps for my hammock. I’d brought along some extra thin rope which I tried to rig up, but it gradually fell down the tree about an inch every half hour till my derriere hit the ground. It was 32 degrees out—kinda nippy. I made a checklist for next time. Hope I remember to check it!”

**Beth Trueblood:** “My final project, the new SSM Saint Louis University Hospital, opened its doors on September 1, 2020, giving me the ability to retire after 45 years of designing medical and corporate interiors! We’re planning to move back into the city to be near Forest Park and all the St. Louis cultural institutions we love. We look forward to traveling when the world opens up again.”

**Alexandra “Alex” Kingzett:** “After 44 years on the West Coast, Jim and I are packing it up and taking the show back to St. Petersburg. A lifetime of memories to be cherished for sure, but we are looking forward to the next chapter. Stay tuned.”

**Laurie Jacobson Provost:** “Depending on how you look at it, 2020 was lucky for me. I got COVID-19 but recovered 100%. Yet another NorCal wildfire descended upon us, this time coming within 200 yards of my door, but brave and wonderful firefighters saved my neighborhood. And my latest book, *TV Diners*, is still managing to sell despite the closure of every bookstore in North America. After all that, a friend suggested I buy a lottery ticket.”

No question, we’re all looking forward to 2021. And Laurie M. and I are preparing a big celebration for our very special reunion slated



Jeff Loeb '73 and Jim Turner '73 shared this picture of them fishing in Montana. They reported they were working on a 10-day streak without a nibble. A river with hungry fish must run elsewhere in the state.

for May 6-8. Imagine, 50 years and still we share our stories and care about what happens “at Mary and on through the years.” What a gift that is. If you’re only going to attend one reunion, this is the one! There won’t be another like it. Stay safe and see you there!!

## 1972 CDS

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Spoke to classmate **Rob Meissner** who is moving with his new love to Boulder, Colorado. He is happily settled into retirement and looks forward to an eventual move to Taos, New Mexico.

Sympathies to classmate **John Mozley**, who lost his father, and to the family of classmate **Stu Sproull**, who passed away this last year.

**Peter Smith:** My wife Nancy continues her work as a Doctor of Physical Therapy and Orthopedic Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine. I have enjoyed the past four years at leisure. I do a little consulting and a fair amount of volunteering. Nancy and I welcomed our third, fourth, and fifth grandchildren during 2020. Three bright spots in a challenging year. Not all our grands live in St. Louis but two are here and we see the others as often as we can. I hope everyone in the Class of '72 is safe, happy and healthy.

## 1973 CDS

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**Mark Moore** reports that he is in partial retirement after 30+ years of being a Radiologist. One daughter is in second-year Neurology Residency at Ohio State, another at Cornell Vet School, and his son is completing an MBA program in California. Mark and his wife return to St. Louis periodically and stay at the family farmhouse (scene of the sophomore class party); they have started a vineyard called 300 Norton Vines!

**Charlie Allen** retired from Bunge in 2018. He is currently completing a Russian-into-English translation of a memoir by a writer he knew in Paris in the 1980s. Charlie will be teaching 20th century Russian literature next semester as an adjunct professor at the UMSL honors college. He and his wife, Lisa, have a combined total of six children and three grandchildren in Missouri, Oregon, and Minnesota.

## 1974 MI

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*Editor's Note: We inadvertently omitted the notes for the MI Class of 1974 in the last issue of MICDS Magazine. We are including them here, along with the notes for this issue below. We apologize for the error.*

**Fall 2020 MI '74 Notes:**

**Holly Hermann Gulick:** Our 45th reunion this past May was a blast! A hearty thanks to Peggy for chairing it. Hostesses Becky and Cindy opened their homes for our gatherings (complete with yellow rolls, shepherd's pie and green/gold desserts). Cyndy supplied us once again with her wine. Jennifer designed the save-the-date cards/invitations and organized a power walk. Muffy held a lunch

for us on the terrace at dear old MI. The weather cooperated, too! Kudos also go to Peggy and Alice and Joan for the unenviable job of collecting funds. Many thanks to all who came in from out of town: **Lynn McCandless Hopkins, Peggy Daniel Deecham, Mary Ewing, Muffy Roulhac Sewall, Jane Spivy Keough, Harriet Travilla Reynolds**—and to all who helped organize and/or hosted: **Becky Howe Hailand, Cindy Kohlbry, Joan Hagedorn Ball, Jennifer Hayes Best, Cyndy Knapp Keese, Muffy Roulhac Sewall**—to name a few. See you the first weekend in May 2024!

**Margot Lyman Sprague:** Christopher and I have been leaning into a little expansion of our house in Dublin, New Hampshire, with plans to call it our full-time spot in a year. Hoping the extra space will help woo our kids back for more frequent and comfortable visits from Washington, D.C., and Brooklyn. Nina and I are thrilled that Casey will be moving closer by (Hartford) and visiting her house in Maine more frequently. Happy visits more easily orchestrated!

**Nina Primm McIntyre** has saddled up again with a full time job in Boston (at www.etq.com—quality management software for any manufacturers out there? Robin?). She and her husband, Archie, and her two daughters, Ellie (with husband Ben) and Georgia (with boyfriend Ben), had a fun trip to Fes, Morocco, in April.

**Jennifer Hayes Best:** The 45th reunion—we have a great class with lots of energetic short, tall, small, and big people and families doing things in town, like teaching, and singing and growing wine and owning Airbnbs and VRBOs. Travels around the world, gains and losses in life and still able to recall memorable past events! The school's campus is incredibly nostalgic, yet new. The pool and Upper School in particular, as well as the archives.

**Laura Brooks Meyer** continues as principal at Meyer & Meyer in Boston and writes: "Both my daughter, Diana, and her husband and my son, John, and his wife are expecting in the fall. John starts his Fellowship at BI hospital this summer and has moved back to Boston from NY.

**Peggy Daniel Deecham:** My son, Ian, is a third-year internal medicine resident at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. He is engaged to a pediatric resident and lives in the Central West End. He has explored the St. Louis area and enjoys it all from craft breweries to the Blues! My other son lives in LA as a hopeful actor, currently working in hospitality. My husband retired a few years ago; I still work part-time at Bank of America in NJ doing business development.

**Anne Niedringhaus Seeger:** I retired May 2018 after 26 years at ExxonMobil and got engaged in January this year. I am sorry to have missed the reunion but we were in the midst of moving to Sarasota! My son, Michael, is now living and working in Denver and loves it. Hope everyone is doing well. Miss y'all!

**Viki Saigh Valli:** My husband and I are living in Chesterfield with four dogs and two cats. My daughter, Emily, and her dog, Odie, live in California and she is in her fourth year of vet school. I see **Sue McKinney Maune** and **Christy Stephens Salmon**, and keep in touch with **Lisa Dozier Stewart** and **Mimi Johnston Vangel**.

**Muffy Roulhac Sewall:** I am largely retired but continue to consult part time as an executive in residence for the University of Minnesota's office of technology commercialization. I work with a team to advise aspiring entrepreneurs who want to take their innovations to start new companies! We continue to run a small event space funding a 501c3 in memory of our son, Sam, and fund STEM programs and pediatric oncology programs.

**Susan Tober Goldenberg:** Barry and I have been married 38 years, going strong and both fully engaged in our lives and careers. I am still working with **Linda Loeb Bearman**, and we are celebrating our 18th year in business together. My daughter, Katie, and her husband, Jeff, live in St. Louis with our two grandsons Charlie, 4, and Will, 2. Our son, Michael, is married as of June 29 and will reside in New York City with his beautiful wife who is in the fashion business. I see **Becky Howe Hailand** on a regular basis and we have now prepared for this next chapter by learning and playing mahjong!



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01. Harriet Travilla Reynolds '74, Melissa Lord Jorgensen '74, Holly Hermann Gulick '74, Muffy Roulhac Sewall '74, Robin Wurdack Lynch '74, Joan Hagedorn-Ball '74, Peggy Daniel Deehan '74, Cathy Mellow Goltermann '74, Lyn McCandless Hopkins '74, Mary Ewing '74, Cyndy Knapp Keesee '74, and Sarah McCleery Striler '74 gather at their reunion in 2019.

02. Alice Wuertenbaecher Sedgwick '74 and Muffy Roulhac Sewall '74.

03. Holly Hermann Gulick '74 and Anne Niedringhaus Heckman '74.

04. MI '74 classmates enjoying their hen party at the home of Cynthia Kohlbray '74.

**Cathy Mellow Goltermann** is teaching special needs children at Steger 6th Grade Center in Webster Groves and loves it! **Christen '09** and **Peter Grote '98** celebrated their first anniversary and are busy with their first home and enjoying traveling! **Woody '11** finished his second year at WMU Cooley Law School and is traveling to Canada, Paris, and London this summer. "I am still enjoying teaching 'nuggets' at St. Peter's Playgroup, and babysitting and dog sitting on weekends. I will be at Burr-Oak Camp in the summer with Catherine and have Wisconsin to look forward to."

**Cyndy Knapp Keesee** and her sister, **Steffie Knapp Littlefield '72**, are keeping busy at the farm. Spring found Cyndy sprucing up and planting in the gardens as well as bottling early releases of 2018 Edg-Clif Wines. Every weekend finds her with visitors in the tasting

pavilion or serving up wines and Edg-Clif Brews at St. Louis-area events. She and her husband, Girard, enjoy their cellar time, making the wines. Cyndy spends the quieter moments knitting for her three grandkids and two grand nieces. Their four kids are spread out between Colorado, St. Louis, and Europe, with both of their girls living in St. Louis.

**Robin Wurdack Lynch:** Son Colin has just completed the first year in a scientific glass-blowing program and launched a jewelry line with customers around the U.S. as well as in Japan. Son George continues to serve up Moroccan food in the East Village while he moves toward graduate school. Michael is enjoying retirement and is busy trying to keep up with the grass and watching the river. I am still making paint and importing pretty things from Italy.

Hellos were sent from **Alice Wuertenbaecher Sedgwick**, **Reggie Spring Townsend** now living in Denver, and **Christy Stephens Salmon** with a photo taken at her son's wedding.

**Casey Mallinckrodt:** After three great years at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts I'm moving to Hartford, Connecticut, to the Wadsworth Atheneum. I'll miss seeing **Harriet Travilla Reynolds** in Virginia but will see more of **Nina Primm McIntrye** and **Margot Lyman Sprague** and will be able to catch up with other megalopolis alums. My daughter, Leeds, is taking full advantage of life in Denver, but it is still too far away from me. MI74, keep me posted, and see you at the 50th!

**Winter 2021 MI '74 Notes:**

**Lyn McCandless Hopkins:** My life continues as a yoga instructor, yet teaching remotely has proven a tad challenging. Home base is still Longmeadow, Massachusetts. Jeff and I celebrated our 40-year anniversary in June, and we have been spending many weeks at the family home in New London, New Hampshire. We have two Labrador retrievers who also love to swim the lakes and dash about with us. Son Charlie and Jen live in Vermont, Chase and daughter Annie are in Pittsburgh, and Sam is in Boston.

**Trudi Glick Carey:** Presently working on a new modern house for myself all on one level. My youngest, Sam, is engaged but had to put the wedding off until next year due to COVID-19. My oldest, Nathan, works with me at the Carey Group, so I have both of them in town, which is pure fun. Between electric bikes, surfing, polo, tennis, and hiking, we are all entertained. All of my siblings and everyone's children have chartered a yacht to do the Caribbean islands in 2021.

**Peggy Daniel Deehan:** All is well from New Jersey, where we are currently hunkering down. We bought a condo in Jupiter, Florida, and were there January-May, which was fortuitous for walking during the pandemic. Lyn and Holly were our first visitors. I retired in April from Bank of America and haven't missed working this time! My son, Ian, finished his residency at Barnes Hospital and is now a hospitalist there, applying for a fellowship next year in conjunction with his wife, Lexi, who is finishing her residency at Children's and is also applying for a fellowship.

**Holly Hermann Gulick:** David '72 and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary in 2020. We have owned our property for 27 years now. Drew '02, his wife Alix, and their two girls live in town. Son Clint his wife, Maddie, and their wonderful lab, Piper, live in Dallas. We had a grand time last summer when they came up to southern Missouri for our annual Hermann Family reunion. My daily exercise consists of swimming laps and/or power walking. I also volunteer for a national organization, ITN/Gateway, giving rides to seniors and adults with visual impairments.

**Melissa Lord Jorgensen:** My son, Tyler Shepard '05, is now managing the United Van Lines division in Colorado Springs. Courtney Shepard '01 and her husband, Devin, live in Ann Arbor with the love of my life, Josiah, my 18-month-old grandson. I do manage a trip up to Ann Arbor about every six weeks where I get to spoil my little man! Still working part-time (physical therapy), but retirement is in a little over a year! Monitoring my mother a bit who now is in assisted living but doing very well.

**Gail Bodine Garrett:** Our son and his wife, Carolyn '06, had twins, Henry and Louisa, in June. I moved in with them and helped with their four-year-old son, who was not entirely happy with his change in status. Our daughter finished her Ph.D. in nursing from Saint Louis University around the same time while she had three kids at home distance learning. I didn't help her very much because she wanted us to quarantine—or maybe she was just fine without us. I have six grandchildren and really enjoy watching them grow up and helping when I can.

**Cathy Mellow Goltermann:** After COVID-19 hit, my nursery school did not return, so I am now nannying full-time and it is so joyful. Catherine is teaching at Hixson Special School District in Webster, and Christen '09 and Peter Grote '98 celebrated their second wedding anniversary. Woody graduated from Western Michigan Law School and moved to the Big Apple.

**Becky Howe Hailand:** The Hailand family has had a busy 2020. We had two COVID-19 weddings and all the changes that go with them. Our oldest son got married in July and our daughter in November. I get to see Susan Tober Goldenberg all the time as we play mahjong together. She manages to take all my money. I hope everyone in the class is doing well, and I look forward to the next reunion.

**Nancy Peck Hawkins:** After surviving breast cancer, I moved to Sun City in Georgetown, Texas, with my husband. We just love it, even if not much is open. We stay busy keeping in touch and visiting our six grandchildren. Life is good!

**Robin Wurdack Lynch:** We started off 2020 rather normally with visits to market in both

Atlanta and New York for the side business. Son George moved back home while he works out next steps as he was applying to grad school when the world fell apart. I have been going to work although for a while we rotated working in the office and at home. My older son, Colin, delivered an order of his glass jewelry to MoMA in February. He came home for our birthday/ anniversary.

**Nina Primm McIntyre:** A “couple weeks quarantine” escape from NYC for our daughter, Georgia, and her boyfriend ended up being a seven-month stay. Then her sister, Ellie, and her husband arrived, and it became a regular cooking fest and work-week Zoom study hall for all of us. Ellie and Ben are expecting their first child! Everyone has moved into new apartments (Brooklyn and Harrison, New York), while Archie and I remain here in Dublin, New Hampshire.

**Laura Brooks Meyer:** Meyer & Meyer still going strong, but I am taking time to watch my grandson, John Meyer IV, as my son, John, and his wife live in Boston. My daughter, Diana, had a baby girl a month after John IV was born, but sadly they live in Florida. Lots of fun to have one of each! Hope all our classmates and their families have been able to safely cope through this pandemic!

**Anne Niedringhaus Heckman:** It's been an amazing year with two weddings. I married Chris Heckman last spring, and we split our time between Minnesota and Sarasota. My son, Michael, lives in Denver. We had a mini-family reunion at my wedding in February. My brother, Denny '62, and sisters, Ginger Niedringhaus Trueblood '66 and Lisa Niedringhaus '71, came and helped us celebrate. Thankfully all pre-COVID-19.

**Muffy Roulhac Sewall:** I have been able to catch up in person with Holly G., Alice S. (in Florida), Jane K., and Peggy D. in the Northeast this past summer. I also have my first granddaughter and have been spending considerable time in the New York area visiting, helping out and generally enjoying the “grand” experience. Still advising medical device startup organizations and working part-time at the University of Minnesota as an executive

in residence advising their startup teams and teaching a course in “lean startup.”

**Margot Lyman Sprague:** Christopher and I have moved full time to Dublin, New Hampshire, where we are undergoing an expansion project to be retirement-ready! It has been a heavenly spot to ride out the pandemic storm. Our children are now each within easy reach—Emmy on the North Shore of Boston, and Jay and fiancé, Vanessa, on a farm in nearby Jaffrey. I am surprisingly active with our little GCA club, primarily because of the wonderful camaraderie it offers and the generous good it does locally.

**Casey Mallinckrodt:** I’m the objects conservator at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum in Hartford, Connecticut, happily working on materials from ancient glass to recent plastics, and I am a trustee of College of the Atlantic. Before COVID-19, I was able to see more of Nina and Margot in New Hampshire, and Lyn, who is just up the road, and I was fortunate to spend much of the four-month COVID-19 closure of the museum in Northeast Harbor, Maine. I’m too far from my wonderful daughter, Leeds, in Denver but have a new appreciation for FaceTime and Zoom.

## 1976 MI

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**Connie Lane:** Connie’s mother, Janet, passed away in October. We all send our love to you Connie! In July 2019, Connie was honored to travel to Cooperstown, New York, to support a new production of her revised script, *The Night They Lit Up Wrigley*, a story based on the life of Rita Meyer Moellering, who was a member of the Peoria Redwings (1946-1949) in the All-American Girls Baseball League. Congratulations, Connie!

**Georgia Remington Martin:** I came out of retirement to return to Ladue Chapel Nursery School as a teacher. This is my 20th year as a

preschool teacher and I am loving it. Daughter **Katherine Martin Bitting ’06** and her husband, Jamie, have two children, Georgia, 4, and James, 1, with whom we are blessed to spend a lot of time. Son **Charlie Martin ’08** was married in June and we absolutely love his bride, Marta. They live in Clayton, so we get to see them a lot, too. Daughter **Maggie Martin ’14** has been in Atlanta since graduating from college, and we are so lucky to be able to visit her often. Paul continues to work at Bank of America Private Bank (currently from a makeshift office in one of our bedrooms). I hope everybody is riding out the pandemic in health.

**Renee Reisel Bennet** writes: We were fortunate to visit our daughter, **Lara Bennett Hacala ’04**, and Ryan and their two children, Zachary, 3, and Zoe, 1, in August for a week. That was the highlight of our summer. Otherwise working in the garden a lot, reading, and needlepointing. I hope conditions improve and we can be back to normal.

**Melinda Levitt:** I have spent the COVID-19 period working from home here in DC. While my brother and I have been fine, my two bassetts have gone through health scares: Honoria, 13.5, had a cancerous lump removed from her shoulder and five treatments of chemo; Winchester, 11, had a stroke but has recovered completely. No travel but walks through the neighborhood, gardening, and very small groups over for BBQ on the patio. I use Zoom to have virtual friends’ gatherings, and I stay in touch with **Ellen Bates Scott** and **Betsy Knowles**.

**Ellen Bates Scott:** Still working as a psychologist in private practice, but forced to pivot to teletherapy last March with the pandemic. Son **Sam ’07** was married in September 2018 and is a staff attorney for Bronx Legal Services. Daughter Liza graduated from Washington University Law School, clerked for a judge on the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, and is an associate at Jenner & Block in Chicago. Daughter Maddie lives in New York City where she is a development assistant at Columbia University and is



01. The grandchildren of Linda Wunderlich Dybus ’76.

02. The family of Nancy Croak McKown ’76.

working toward a Master’s degree in Nonprofit Management. Mac continues to work as a realtor for Janet McAfee.

**Peggy Cornwell:** I’m back in St. Louis full-time now, enjoying a different kind of life including a new garden project and a very sweet lab puppy. Both have been great ways to escape the current craziness!

**Linda Wunderlich Dybus:** Steve and I escaped to the Cayman Islands in February. I continue to work as a nurse for SLUCare Otolaryngology. Steve is busy running Wunderlich Fibre Box. Daughter Alanna is

in the Washington, D.C., area; Adrienne is in Omaha, Nebraska, with Philip, 9, Regina, 7, and Louis, 5; Erin is in Seattle, Washington, with Jackson, 1 1/2 and Steven is in Denver, Colorado. Fortunately, everyone made it home for a visit over the summer.

**Caryl Potocnjak Childers:** Our daughter, Morgan, graduated from UMSL this year after a successful student athlete career. She and her volleyball teammates made it to NCAA Div II regional competition in her senior season. It was an exciting accomplishment after playing for so many years in elementary school, high school, and club. She is working in supply chain management and lives nearby. I'm working at Wells Fargo providing communications to clients.

**Pamela Edwards Bunn:** I'm thankful to live in south Florida where we've been able to enjoy being outside and active. I joined my old Raleigh book club via computer, watched our daughter's master's graduation from UPenn on screen, taught Texas grandchildren manners over Zoom, and we relandscaped and had the house painted. Lee and I celebrated our 40th anniversary and had the whole family here. Lee and I hiked five National Parks in Utah.

**Melanie Ellis Streed:** Although there is turmoil, upheaval and change in the world, my husband and I are both still teaching Latin. At least we can count on the declensions and conjugations to stay the same! We feel lucky to have jobs and students who keep us laughing. Our kids and grandkids all live in the Boston/New Hampshire area and are doing well. Our middle son is an illustrator, so if you know a child, check out *Alfred's Book of Monsters* by Sam Streed.

**Nancy Croak McKown:** I am considered a necessary worker, so I've been actually going into the office every day. People expect their bankers to be there! My hands are about to

crack off from all the washing! My kids are doing great. **Claire '05** is in New York living the dream. **JL '07** moved back from South Korea after four years. He started grad school for photography at SCAD. **Libby '13** is finishing up her last year at SLU law school.

**Jaelyn Wiseman:** I'm living in Santa Monica Canyon (Los Angeles) near the beach and spending time painting in my home art studio, hiking, and on Zoom.

**Didi McKee Noelker:** I continue to teach science at Villa Duchesne. We have been back at school (actually in the building) since August. Husband Tim works in Washington, D.C., as general counsel for the Peace Corps. Son Joe and two grandchildren (Naina, 4, and Sahil, 1) reside in Tulsa. Our daughter, Joan, son-in-law, Phil, and baby, Sullivan, live in St. Louis. Joan and Phil are working on the front line as emergency medicine physicians.

## 1976 CDS

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**Jim Spencer:** After college at Pitzer I went to graduate school at Stanford in molecular biology, then medical school at Columbia University in New York with a residency in dermatology, followed by a fellowship in Mohs Surgery for skin cancer. I spent my career in academics at University of Miami then at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York. I opened a private practice dedicated to Mohs Surgery in St. Petersburg, Florida. I am happily married with one son.

**Kent Rapp:** All is well for me as a managing director at Grant Cooper, a retained executive search firm, where I have been for the past 20 years. Jenny is doing great with her interior

design business, JCR Design Group. Our two boys, **Alex '05** and **Andrew '08**, are happily married with kids of their own. Jenny and I are wrapped up in being grandparents and loving every minute. The MICDS Board of Trustees continues to keep me very busy in my "spare" time, and I love being involved with such great people who are doing such good and important work!

**Neal Davis** has worked as a staff attorney with the Air Line Pilots' Association for the past 24 years. Before that he worked at the union-side labor and employment law firm Schuchat, Cook and Werner. Prior to that he was a high school English teacher in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He has four children, all in their 20s. He enjoys cooking, birding, and playing tennis with classmates **Waite Stuhl** and **Ned Golterman**.

**Bill White:** **Lisa '78** and I have been married 37 years, have three grown children, two grands and a few canine friends. Lisa owns and runs a family business with our son, Billy, and nephew, **Jim Schaperkottter '08**. I continue to work in the banking and investment business. All is well during this interesting year.

**Ted Greenberg:** Still here in St Louis. I have been married for over 37 years to my wife, Laura; we live in Chesterfield. I still am selling investment real estate and playing tennis, when I am healthy, with **Paul Goldberg**. I also speak with **Arthur Fishel**, **Rob Epstein**, **Rob Roberts**, and some others more sporadically. Both of my kids live in the Denver area; one works in digital technology and one is focused on algorithmic trading.



## 1978 MI

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**Ann Ballard:** Completed docent training at Los Angeles Zoo and botanical garden, turned 60, continue to take art classes at Pierce College through Zoom. I have done countless home improvement projects and cleaned out every drawer during the COVID-19 quarantine. Hoping that my classmates stay in good health!

**Memoria Lewis:** Just over a year with Morison KSi as CEO. It is an association of professional services firms. Flo is in Melbourne, one of the few places on the planet which has taken this virus seriously, and Lily, who graduated in June, is still in Montreal. Both have “portfolio” careers at the moment, which isn’t what they had planned—but of course they are having to adapt like the rest of us! Trevor is trying new recipes out on me a few nights a week.

**Caroline Campbell McCarthy:** Last year I began a handcrafted custom RV build-out of a high roof Sprinter van. It was a challenging and satisfying project. We have several cross-country trips planned in the near future. This year we have been on several camping trips in the upper peninsula of Michigan.

**Lucy Lionberger Rise:** For a good bit of last spring, we had all our “kids” at home. Now they are all back to their respective lives: Elise and Walker in NYC in new apartments and Elise with a new job; Carter Jr. in D.C. recently engaged to his fiancée, Christina; and Christopher is back at SMU doing the 1/2 and 1/2 class schedule. Carter’s business is doing well, and I am training as usual, this time for an attempt on Denali in Alaska.

**Susan Shepherd Ittner:** My only news is that I retired in early February of 2020. Otherwise, I escaped to my home in Michigan for three

months this summer and had family enjoy some downtime and refuge there as well. Life at this slower pace is wonderful and sorely needed.

## 1981 CDS

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**Donny Rosenfeld** spent July and August in St. Louis in lockdown with his parents and eight-year-old son, Sebastian. These past months have been incredibly challenging for all worldwide, but family and dear friends have kept our spirits up, and shown us what truly counts in this life.

## 1982 MI

**Kay Berra Houghtaling:** Creig and I have been staying well and successfully avoiding COVID-19 during this crazy year. Being retired now, we like to take lots of walks around our neighborhood and in local parks with our dog, Barney, plus there is always a project or two to work on. We are in better shape, having lost a few pounds each from all the exercise! Both daughters, **Jessica '09** and **Kaytlin '13**, and their significant others have been able to work from home and are also doing well.

## 1985 MI

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The Class of 1985 sends its deepest sympathies to **Susan Zimmerman Jenkins** on the loss of her father, Stuart Zimmerman, **Katie Ford Jay** on the loss of her mother, Kathy Ford, and **Amy McFarland Dove** on the loss of her mother, Karen McFarland.

## 1990 MI

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Not surprisingly, we don’t have much news to report. COVID-19 has changed the landscape and it’s been a tough year for everyone on so many different levels. Hoping you and yours are safe and healthy, and we’re looking forward to the day we can see each other in person again!

One bit of positive news we are thrilled to share is that in January 2020, **Maryanne Vacho Anglionto** became the associate dean of math, physics, and technology at Jefferson College in Hillsboro, Missouri. She had been teaching physics and astronomy there for 12 years and was offered the position just in time to learn the ropes of her new administration role...in a pandemic. Trial by fire! Congrats, Maryanne!

**Sarah Johnson Rye** is living with her husband, Dave, and kids, Hunter and Hadley, in Menlo Park, California. She and her family enjoyed a few weeks in Idaho over the summer. Just when they returned to navigate online school in the fall, the air quality in the Bay Area was significantly impacted by the smoke from wildfires. Thankfully, things have improved and they’re doing well.

**Kitty McDonnell Pipoli** is enjoying being back in St. Louis and re-exploring with husband, Antonio, and son, **Jimmy '31**. Jimmy is in 2nd grade at MICDS, and loves having Sue Orlando as one of his PE teachers!

## 2010 MICDS

**Helen Zell:** My news is a little unconventional, but this September, my friend and I completed hiking all of the Colorado 14ers (14,000 ft mountains). There are 58 mountains total and we were able to complete these in 3.5 years. It takes some people 15+ years to achieve this.

## 2012 MICDS

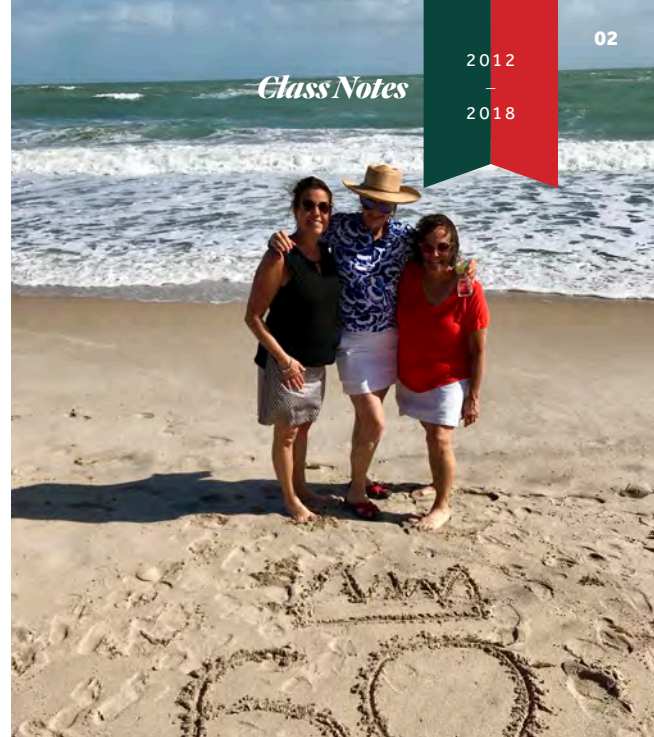
**Alec Gualdoni** was recently promoted to the rank of Captain in the United States Army. Alec graduated from Drexel University in Philadelphia in 2016 and received his commission in June of that year in the branch of Military Intelligence. He was stationed for three years at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and has deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq. In November he reported to new duties at Fort Carson, Colorado.

## 2016 MICDS

**Lily Xu** graduated from Washington University and started an online tutoring company, Learning Lodge.

## 2018 MICDS

**Campbell Schafer:** My friends and I started an online tutoring site called Learn it Together, an academic and wellness support program for middle and high school students learning remotely, especially those from low-income households, children of essential workers, and those who face barriers engaging fully in school. We offer tutoring in English, math, science, and history, as well as weekly programs like book clubs, creative writing hours, yoga/meditation hours, college prep, etc.



01. (l-r) Elise Curlee Burfield '78, Elizabeth Engelsmann Flanigan '78, and Betsy Sims Duff '78 in Naples, Florida, before COVID-19.
02. (l-r) Susan Sprung Birtch '78, Laura Cook Boldt '78, and Barbara Merollis Bishop '78 on Vero Beach before COVID-19.
03. Alec Gualdoni '12 with his fiancée, Abby Kelly, at his "COVID-19-style promotion" in Sierra Vista, Arizona.
04. Helen Zell '10 completed hiking all of the Colorado 14ers. Here she is with friends on the top of Pyramid Peak.
05. Ann Ballard '78 celebrates a birthday.

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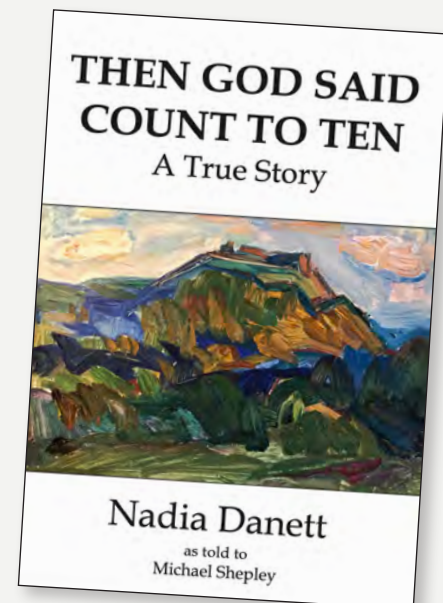
Example: If your annual gift is \$250, a monthly gift of \$25 can increase your impact by 20%!



## The True Story of Nadia Danett

**Nadia Danett** students take note! After many decades of promising to write her life story, Mrs. Danett's memoir, *Then God Said Count to Ten—A True Story* is now published. **Michael Shepley '67** has worked with Nadia for the past four-and-a-half years to get the full story on paper. For more information about the book and how to order, visit [www.nadiadanett.com](http://www.nadiadanett.com).

Beginning in 1960, Nadia was the first full-time female teacher at Country Day since the 1918-19 school year. For 39 years, she taught Russian (as well as other languages) and Area Studies, was a student and college adviser, produced annual Russian Evenings and dinners, organized the cheerleaders, and was a good luck charm to the football and basketball teams. She calls these years with MICDS the happiest years of her life. She will be 97 years old in March and still lives in her home in Des Peres. The website invites alumni to leave reminiscences or messages for Nadia.

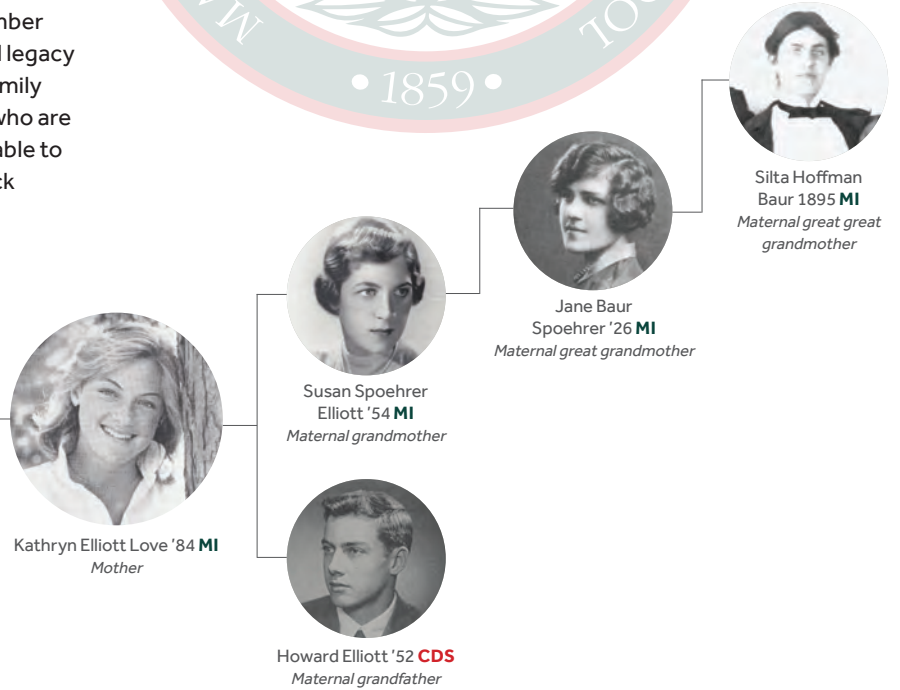


# The Legacy Goes On

At MICDS, we are proud that our community has a strong tradition of family ties, where multiple generations within the same family have graduated from Mary Institute, Saint Louis Country Day School, and MICDS. We celebrate these important connections and legacies with our graduating seniors in the fall of each year. The 16th annual Legacy Dinner was not able to take place in November due to the pandemic, but we were able to honor all legacy families with a special booklet showcasing their family trees. The MICDS Class of 2021 has 32 members who are legacies: 18 girls and 14 boys. Several seniors are able to trace their families' connections to the School back to the 1800s!



Helen Love '21 can trace her family's connection back to 1895.



Kathryn Elliott Love '84 **MI**  
Mother



Susan Spoehrer Elliott '54 **MI**  
Maternal grandmother



Howard Elliott '52 **CDS**  
Maternal grandfather



Jane Baur Spoehrer '26 **MI**  
Maternal great grandmother



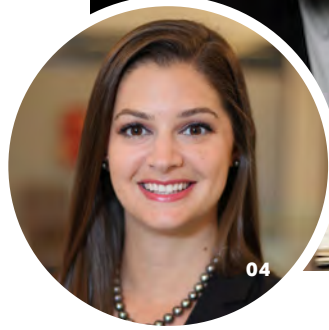
Silta Hoffman Baur 1895 **MI**  
Maternal great great grandmother

## Virtual Trivia Nights Gather Alumni



There's no question our first and second virtual trivia nights were a success! Between the two events, over 150 alumni gathered virtually, representing the classes of 1981 through 2016 Zooming in from San Francisco, California, to Somerville, Massachusetts, and everywhere in between. Alumni were able to sit in the comfort of their own home while Mark Arminio from Questionable Pursuits, a St. Louis-based company, live-hosted trivia via Zoom.

MICDS' virtual trivia nights were so much fun that we look forward to hosting more in 2021! Be prepared to gather your smartest friends, create a team, and show off your trivia knowledge in this friendly competition!



**01. Susan Dubinsky Terris '55** published a new book of poetry called *Dream Fragments*. She is the author of seven books of poetry, 16 chapter books, three artist's books, and one play. *Dream Fragments* won the 2019 Swan Scythe Chapbook Award and is available for purchase at [www.spdbooks.org](http://www.spdbooks.org).

Ram Nation is giving a round of applause to **Joe Buck '87** for being elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame as winner of the 2020 Pete Rozelle Award! Congratulations, Joe!

**02. Tom Ackerman '93** was interviewed on the podcast OT with Oliver. Ackerman shares his feelings about Country Day. Watch Tom answer seven questions about St. Louis at <https://rb.gy/hsd9df>.

**03. David Steward II '95** and **04. Elizabeth Schlesinger '01** were named to the *St. Louis Business Journal's* Diverse Leaders of 2020 list. The *Journal* reported, "Steward founded Lion Forge, a comic book publisher that emphasizes diverse stories told by diverse creators, in 2011. His media business expanded in 2018 with the creation of holding company Polarity Ltd., and again last year with Lion Forge Animation, a St. Louis-based animation studio that carries the comics brand's focus on diversity to a larger medium. In its first year, Lion Forge Animation co-produced *Hair Love*, a story of a Black man doing his daughter's hair for the first time, which took home the Academy Award for Best Animated Short.

Schlesinger advocated throughout her career for LGBTQ rights. As counsel at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner, she has

been a key contributor to the firm's pro bono representation of the Family Equality Council, a group that represents LGBTQ parents and their children. Schlesinger also is a founding member of the LGBTQ Lawyers Affinity Group and involved in firm diversity initiatives. She has worked to support and expand Bryan Cave's commitment in this area and has been a driving force in its strategy and direction.

**05. Sterling K. Brown '94** was cast to take on the part of "Leo" on a special live HBO Max production of *The West Wing*. Brown took on the role played by John Spencer in the NBC series. Spencer died in 2005. Brown joined many of the regular cast members, show creator Aaron Sorkin, and director Thomas Schlamme for the stage performance of the Season 3 episode *Hartsfield's Landing* in mid-October.



"If you step on the School Seal, do you really have to bend down and kiss it?"

That was one of several questions Beasley 2nd graders sent to the Mary Institute archivists as part of a class research project about the School and its community in the fall of 2019.

## New MI Seal Graces Danforth Hall Entrance

Over the past several years, more and more MICDS students from all divisions have been exploring the School's history for various humanities classes and research projects. Even Beasley students expressed curiosity about School traditions, such as not stepping on the School seal, during their MICDS community learning unit. Before the pandemic, our volunteer Mary Institute archivist, **Anne Stupp McAlpin '64**, hosted students on tours of the Mary Institute archives and showed them important icons from the School's history, including the historic MI seal at the entrance to the School's Danforth Hall, the original Mary Institute building on this campus.

The Class of 1959 presented the seal to the School as its graduation present. One member of the class was **Quinta Dunn Scott '59**. Her father, the prominent architect Frederick W. Dunn, agreed to design the seal. As 1959 marked the School's 100th anniversary, this was a very special gift. Fast forward to 1984, when the Class of 1934 (noted for being **Betty Grable's** class) celebrated its 50th Reunion and gifted the School with a restoration of the seal. In the early 2000s the School paid for another redo.

By 2019, however, help was needed! Too much harsh climate and too many feet—large and small—had taken their toll. McAlpin and her archive volunteers knew something had to be done. Funding was obtained from the Stupp Brothers Bridge & Iron Co. Foundation. The archivists consulted with Tom Moore of Mackey Mitchell Architects and Don Musick and Glen O'Harver of Musick Construction Company, in addition to MICDS employees **Amy Dove, Director of Development; Louise Jones, Director of Alumni Relations; and Bob Jett, Director of Operations**. The collaboration led to a total remake of the seal with only one real change: the addition of one additional color of terrazzo.

Current students should have something to admire and be proud of as they study the School's vibrant history. Now the seal is fresh, bright, and clean. It looks almost kissable—but we are not sure we recommend it.

Next time you are on campus, take a stroll to the Middle School campus, walk up the central stairs to the main entrance of Danforth Hall, and look down. Be careful not to step on the seal; it's a School tradition!