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A message from Lisa Lyle

HEAD OF SCHOOL

I write this letter on the final day before spring break, and excitement is in the air. For those of you who are alumni, you've been eagerly awaiting this issue and with it the welcome return of *Class Notes*. As you will soon see, the call for news from alumni created a tsunami! In this issue, you will find more than 35 pages of news from alumni and alumnae. Let me give a shout-out to **Anne Stupp McAlpin '64**, **Libby Hall McDonnell '58** and **Cliff Saxton '64**, who helped not only advocate for the return of printed *Class Notes* but also helped proof! The process of adding *Class Notes* into our magazine offered the opportunity to reimagine its design. This is the first piece in our visual rollout of updated materials. I hope you will enjoy its fresh new look and will also take time to explore the bonus content included in a new digital version located on our website at magazine.micds.org.

While you're likely already a fan of Sterling K. Brown, you perhaps didn't know that he graduated from MICDS in 1994 before heading off to Stanford and then earning an MFA from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. Sterling won an Emmy last year for his portrayal of Christopher Darden in *The People v. O. J. Simpson: American Crime Story*. The first season of the NBC hit drama *This Is Us* just ended, and, of his portrayal as Randall Pearson, Slate's David Canfield wrote, "he's not only stealing scenes with a strikingly layered performance but emerging as the key to [the show's] success." You'll enjoy reading Debbie Higgins' interview with him in this issue of *MICDS Magazine*.

A few days ago, I was walking with Ellie as a few kids were coming off Thomas Field. One young man reached down to rub her ear and asked, with some measure of skepticism, if she were really the school dog. "Yes," I replied. "She is!" at that point, his face beamed with a toothy smile and his fist shot into the air, as he yelled a victorious "YES!"



Ellie, our four-month old yellow lab, was a gift from a generous group of donors at the Red and Green Masquerade Party. Having Ellie at MICDS has been magical for the school community: students and adults of all ages are drawn to puppies, and just having her with me means kids and adults alike are eager to pet her and chat. One colleague brought her chew toys and another dog treats. Students and colleagues stop by the office just to say hello, take her for walks and ask about her when she's not with me. She hangs out in Upper School in my husband's classroom (he teaches Spanish) or in the Upper School Office.

She's become a bit of a celebrity. Students have set up an Instagram account for her (@micdsdog) and featured her in the *Ram Report*, a video program that comes out every month or so. Ellie has a very busy schedule and we're starting to wonder if she needs her own Google calendar! She chose the winner for a Chinese New Year Quiz Show, was invited to Senior Kindergarten for Dr. Seuss Day to be an "animal" and attended the Middle School Spring Fling.

Here's to a wonderful spring!

Warmly,

Lisa Lyle

New Academic Appointments

Meet Our New JK-12 English and History Department Chairs

BY BRIAN W. THOMAS



Lynn Mittler came to MICDS in 2000 as an English teacher, and she is the current chair of the Upper School English Department. She is highly regarded for indomitable passion for supporting her colleagues and helping to promote the practices and concepts of design thinking. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Michigan, and a Master of Arts in Education from Washington University in St. Louis.

ON HER MISSION:

"We are all better when we work together. Our collective strength is better than our individual strength," Ms. Mittler says, underscoring the team approach of teachers working together at MICDS. In this new role, Ms. Mittler is charged with amplifying the great work of our JK-12 English and Language Arts faculty and setting the course for the future of the department. "The best thing I have seen at the school is that we have created space for students to be reflective in their own work." She believes that teaching students how to understand their own thinking is the most important thing we should be doing as an institution. "The second-best thing is when we tip the ratio from students consuming information from teachers to students generating their own thoughts and work."

This winter, following an intensive interview process, MICDS announced the appointment of **Carla Federman** as JK-12 History and Social Studies Department Chair and **Lynn Mittler** as JK-12 English and Language Arts Department Chair. Their appointments, which are effective beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, will bring the same coherence to the curriculum that the world languages, mathematics, and science departments have enjoyed. *MICDS Magazine* spoke with Ms. Federman and Ms. Mittler to learn more about their vision for these roles.



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Carla Federman joined the MICDS faculty in 2008 and holds a Master of Arts in History with a focus in American History and African-American History from Washington University in St. Louis. She received her Bachelor of Arts in History from Yale University, graduating with distinction.

ON HER MISSION:

Ms. Federman cites the MICDS Mission Statement as a cornerstone of her work, highlighting its emphasis on critical thinking and preparedness to meet the challenges of the world. She states, "One of the most important things that we can do as history teachers is to equip our students to be people outside of these walls: That's in terms of writing; that's in terms of analysis; that's in terms of public speaking; that's in terms of empathy; that's in terms of understanding why they believe what they believe and why others may believe differently. More than a subject matter, history is a discipline through which students improve skills that are critical for the 21st century citizen, and a vital and necessary lens through which they can interpret the events and ideas of the present."

Ms. Federman's inspirational wisdom was on display at Commencement. She was chosen by the Class of 2017 to be the faculty speaker for this year's ceremonies.

A WHIP- WIND TRIP AROUND THE GLOBE

BY MONICA SHRIPKA

The biennial International Expo celebrates diversity with a multicultural family-fun event that features food, performances, and activities that highlight our many cultures.





Quick Facts

30 LANGUAGES:

School-wide, more than 30 different languages and dialects besides English are spoken in our students' homes.

25 NATIONALITIES:

This year's International Expo featured 25 nationalities

The MICDS campus buzzed with excitement as students, faculty and parents celebrated our School's rich cultural diversity during the International Expo on February 3. Organized by the Upper School International Council and the MICDS Parents Association, the International Expo's mission is to promote, honor and celebrate diversity with a multicultural family fun event to help our students embrace all the world's people with compassion.

Mission accomplished! The MICDS community united to learn about cultures and traditions from their peers through cultural performances, interactive activities, educational displays, artifacts and food tastings from 47 different countries and regions. **Erin Hamill**, Director of International Programs and Expo Faculty Sponsor, said, "It's a wonderful opportunity to share so many of our cultures represented here at MICDS."

Students of all ages enjoyed the event. **Annie Cohen '17** said, "We're so fortunate to have such a diverse and international community at this school, and to see that in action is really cool." **Zion Harrell '23** loved the food, noting, "The Swedish chocolate was really good." Even our youngest students embraced the day. **Alexis** and **Caryl Essman '30** commented, "We like to learn about our classmates."

Mini Kumar, Parents Association Expo Committee member, said, "It's really important for the kids to know that there are so many people all over the



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world that are not going to look like them. They're not always going to speak like them. They're not going to always think like them. And it's really important to have an open mind."

This year's Expo began with a "Parade of Nations" by MICDS students and parent ambassadors in front of a packed audience in Mary Eliot Chapel, followed by a series of cultural performances from around the world. Attendees then made their way to the gym, which had been transformed into a "world tour" exhibit hall—a kaleidoscope of different sights, sounds, tastes and activities. Visitors inspected artifacts and sampled delicious foods and drinks while learning about cultural traditions from a parent, student, or faculty ambassador. The event rounded out with arts and crafts, dance demonstrations and a photo booth. All told, everyone emerged from this event with an even greater appreciation of the remarkable diversity that exists right here on our own MICDS campus.



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- 01. Megha Sanjay '19 performs a traditional Indian dance.
- 02. A capacity crowd enjoys the Expo. 03. Delia Zacks '24 represents Canada.
- 04. Students perform a traditional Chinese Dragon dance.



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2017 International Expo

PHOTO GALLERY

05. Seniors Sarah Mirkhaf, Rebecca Helfant and Kumu Myla in the photo booth. 06. Students from all grades participated in the Parade of Nations. 07. Performers Eleanor Pfeiffer and Rowan Wright '27 08. Charlie Krieger '27 inspects some artifacts. 09. Reagan Gatz '25 gets a stamp in her passport. 10. Collin Walker '27 visits a booth. 11. A student receives a henna ink design.




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Navigating the News

10th graders hone their research skills.

At MICDS, almost every 10th grade student takes Contemporary Global Issues (CGI) as their history course during the third trimester. The purpose of CGI is to further develop students' ability to conduct intensive research through the examination of a global issue. This spring, students began the class by participating in a two-week course, "The Truth About Fake News," offered by Global Online Academy (GOA).



The mission of **GOA** is to offer a breadth of courses that enable students to interact with and learn from educators and peers in truly diverse online classroom settings. MICDS is the only GOA member school in St. Louis.

"Fake news has been around for as long as news itself, and it is a global issue because of its extensive reach and the speed with which it spreads," said **Scott Herrmann-Keeling**, MICDS College Counselor and GOA Site Director. MICDS History Teacher, **Dr. Tanya Roth**, added, "Teaching our students how to navigate the contemporary news landscape and develop the ability to recognize authentic information sources helps them become better researchers. At the same time, these skills also support our mission to educate responsible world citizens."

The online course paired with discussions focused on such topics as why certain news goes viral, understanding the difference between fake news and an opinion piece, and distinguishing between misinformation (when incorrect information is presented unintentionally) and disinformation (when false information is shared intentionally).

Following completion of the course, students shared examples of fake images used with news stories, and then applied what they learned to locate and use credible sources for their extensive research projects. While students consulted with their teacher to identify and select a current global issue to study, many projects focused on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.



How to Spot Fake News:



Consider the Source

Click away from the story to investigate the site, its mission and contact info.



Supporting Sources

Click on those links! Determine if the info given actually supports the story.



Check the Author

Do a quick search on the author: Are they credible? Are they real?



Read Beyond

Headlines can be outrageous to bait clicks. What's the whole story?



Check the Date

Reposted old news stories may not be relevant to current events.



Is it a Joke?

If it's too outlandish, it might be satire. Research the site and author to be sure.



Check your Biases

Consider if your own beliefs could be affecting your judgement.



Ask the Experts

Ask a librarian, or consult a fact-checking site.

Students Engage in Cross-Divisional Psychology Project

As part of their childhood development study, AP® Psychology students observed and engaged with students in the Lower School. Senior kindergarteners taught their Upper School peers about mindfulness, while the third graders eagerly shared family histories and cultural traditions through their beautiful Family History Museum project displays.

Upper School students learned more about the connection between mindfulness and brain development from the senior kindergartners and participated in several mindfulness exercises, one of those being mindful smelling. AP® Psychology students were asked what associations they made with certain smells. A crayon might smell waxy, but what does that smell make them think about?

Throughout these exchanges, Upper Schoolers made observations related to the different childhood development concepts they had studied. "This interaction enabled me to gain deeper understanding of the information that I was learning in the classroom," said **Christine Moser '18**. Students also used this time with the Lower Schoolers to focus on



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Abby Masiel '29 discusses mindfulness with Lauryn Hughes '17.

development topics they'd chosen to explore for their independent study projects. "It was especially helpful to be able to personally interact with the younger students and ask them questions to guide our research," said **Evie Mauzé '17**.

AP® Psychology teachers, **Aaron Proctor** and **Diane Gioia**, hope to continue this for years to come. "It's been amazing for our students to be able to observe developmental psychology concepts in action," Proctor said. "What a great opportunity for learning for everyone involved!"



Study of American Government Offers Authentic Experiences

Each year, 8th grade students explore our country's government in American Government and Law. They learn about the three branches and how they operate, research laws and policies, and develop positions on important issues.

"The key is to bring government to life," says **Chris Militello**, 8th Grade American Government Teacher. "If you can make it real, the kids enjoy it." Students engage in a mock congress exercise and attempt to pass a bill. They visit local courthouses and are exposed to real life court proceedings. Students also participate in a mock trial exercise, taking on a real court case as attorneys, witnesses and judge. Not only are they fully experiencing the process, they're engaged as well.

"My favorite part about studying American government is the great discussions we get to have as a class," says **Will Thelen '21**. "We read about issues and events for homework, develop opinions, and then come in and express our ideas and ask questions."

A political discussion group is a new opportunity for students interested in continuing these conversations outside of the classroom. An optional recess activity that has brought together more than 40 students, "it helps them learn to discuss and debate in a safe environment," says Mr. Militello. "Our hope is that by teaching them to speak and discuss in a civil manner now, they'll be able to disagree agreeably when they reach Upper School."



"You just can't quit. You will learn more from your failures than from your successes."

— DR. SARAH COUSINEAU

PHOTO BY JAY FRAM



Dr. Sarah Cousineau, group leader in the Research Accelerator Division at the Spallation Neutron Source project, delivering the 2017 Harbison Lecture during an Upper School assembly.

The Harbison Lecture was established by **Suzanne Siegel Harbison '45** in honor of her 50th class reunion. It brings speakers like Dr. Cousineau who work in a science-related field to campus to encourage students to consider pursuing opportunities in STEM fields.

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Artist Cbabi Bayoc Spends A Day With Lower School Students

As the culmination to their study of St. Louis-based artist Cbabi Bayoc, Lower School students had the opportunity to observe him working on a painting in the Beasley Studio and ask questions about his creative process. Throughout the day, Cbabi worked on a painting of a "be inspired" tree made of word art. **Skyler Jackson '25** was more than happy to assist him.

"Painting with Mr. Cbabi yesterday was AMAZING. It was the best day ever," Skyler said. "I used to think that I would be a professional athlete when I grew up and do art when I retired,

but now what I really want to do every day is to be an artist. If I could spend every day doing art I would be the happiest person ever."

While he worked, Cbabi shared his story and offered words of advice. He told students that he doesn't make mistakes in his art. "Marks and lines just happen. Sometimes they work, sometimes they don't. If they don't, just cover them up and keep going." When asked why

he liked art, Cbabi replied, "Art is magical. With it, you can make a chair into a person or spaghetti into a bridge."

Prior to Cbabi's visit, Lower School Art Teacher **Sarah Garner** led students through a study of the images of children that Cbabi has painted to celebrate diversity. Students particularly loved a series featuring children wearing All-Star Converse shoes.



Cbabi Bayoc speaking to Beasley art students



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—CBABI BAYOC

The St. Louis based-artist created this painting throughout his day at Beasley as he talked about techniques

"Art is magical. With it, you can make a chair into a person or spaghetti into a bridge."

"The goal of the series was to show children as strong and powerful and as 'all-stars', showing diversity and differences as a thing of beauty," said Garner. "Our Beasley artists really connected with these paintings because they can relate to standing up for the differences that make us unique and strong."



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7th and 8th Graders Present “Seedfolks”

Where Compassion Grows

ACTORS AND CREW MEMBERS from the 7th and 8th grade brought the stage adaptation of Paul Fleischman's Newbery Award-winning book, *Seedfolks*, to Freeman Theatre in March. Through the voices of 13 narrators, *Seedfolks* tells the story of the founding and first year of a community garden in an immigrant neighborhood located in Cleveland, OH.

Ananya Radhakrishnan '21 used the opportunity of portraying a narrator to immerse herself in her role. "I had long monologues where I could act and use emotions however I saw fit without another character to react to," she said. "For the first time, I was independent—

free to interpret and judge how much emotion and everything the character needed."

The play's message resonated with the MICDS Mission because "it is about taking responsibility for the people and things around you, either through action or thought. We all bear that same responsibility to make the world a better place," said **Charlotte Dougherty**, co-director and 7th grade dean.

"Performing in *Seedfolks* is an experience I will never forget," said **Raneem Alzahabi '21**. "It showed me how people of different backgrounds can always find something in common



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and learn to coexist with one another to make something beautiful."

In addition to acting roles, students worked as members of the stage crew and were responsible for lighting and sound, set construction and publicity.



01. Noah Kleinlehrer '22 and Jayla McMurtry '21 discover the trash-filled lot that becomes the garden.



Encore!

THE ANNUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL TALENT SHOW is a highlight of the year for students, showcasing individual and group performances to the delight of their peers and faculty. This year's winner (shown here) was **Ellie Schwartz '21**, for her outstanding performance of "Journey to the Past" from *Anastasia*.



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Sing Once More

Troubadours captivate sellout crowds with The Sound of Music

THE UPPER SCHOOL TROUBADOURS gave four outstanding sellout performances of the beloved Rodgers and Hammerstein classic, *The Sound of Music*, in March. This large-scale production featured dazzling sets, including a grand staircase and stunning backdrop of the Austrian hills, and beautiful costumes. The cast included 34 actors, representing all three divisions, and a production crew of 38.



Niema Foroughi '17 made his acting debut as Captain Von Trapp and calls the experience one of the highlights of his time at MICDS. "It really helped to have such an amazing cast and director to help me along the way. This experience taught me that hard work and effort always pay off."

Abbie Driver '17 (Maria) was pleased that her final show at MICDS was a beloved classic. "The Von Trapp family was truly like a second, real life family. I love every single one of them, and they were so crucial to the success of the show—as was the entire cast!" she said, adding that portraying a well-known character was a challenge. "I wanted to portray Maria in a way that everyone would know and love, but that



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wasn't identical to Julie Andrews' portrayal. I learned throughout the show process that the best way to do this was to show her transition from a young, innocent postulant to a graceful, intelligent wife and mother."



01. Maria and the Von Trapp children sing about a few of their favorite things. **02.** So long, farewell, from the Von Trapps.

"Can you choose courage in the face of challenges, when those around you are shrinking? Can you stand tall? Can you blaze new trails?"

— DANA WESTON '00

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Dana Weston '00, MHA, FACHE,
President and CEO of Morehead Memorial
Hospital in Eden, NC, delivering the 2017
Erik L. Bond '77 Lecture during an Upper
School assembly.

Ms. Weston used the MICDS Mission Statement as inspiration for her remarks and shared lessons she has learned over the course of her life in the context of the "4 Cs": confidence, compassion, courage and connection. The Erik L. Bond '77 Lecture is held annually during Black History Month in memory of Erik L. Bond '77, the first African-American student to complete all of the grades at St. Louis Country Day School.



This is Sterling

Emmy Award-winning actor and '94 alum Sterling K. Brown talks O.J., This is Us, and following his bliss.

BY DEBBIE HIGGINS



TOP LEFT: Brown at NBC Studios, 2015. Photo Credit: Getty Images.

BOTTOM LEFT: Brown with the Cast of *This is Us*. Photo Credit: Getty Images.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Brown with costar Chrissy Metz. Photo Credit: Getty Images.



Quick Facts

EDUCATION: Brown holds a B.A. in Theater from Stanford University and a master's degree from New York University's Tisch School of Fine Arts.

NEXT UP:

Predator (2018)

Joseph Spell in *Marshall*, about the early life of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall (October 2017)

N'Jobu in Marvel's *Black Panther*, scheduled for release in 2018

To say that Sterling K. Brown's star is on the rise would be an understatement. In the past 18 months alone, the MICDS alum won his first Emmy Award, captured the hearts of millions as Randall Pearson on the hit new TV show, *This is Us*, and signed on for three film roles. He has become a regular on the red carpet following an Emmy win for his portrayal of Christopher Darden in *The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story*, a Critics' Choice Television Award, and a Golden Globe nomination for the same role. He also was a two-time nominee for Screen Actors Guild awards, for *The People v. O.J. Simpson* and *This is Us*.

Through it all, Brown has remained focused on what matters most: his family, "doing as much good work as possible for as long as possible," and following his bliss. He took time from his busy schedule to talk to *MICDS Magazine* from Vancouver, where he was filming a reboot of the *Predator* film franchise.

Q+A

Brown won an **Emmy for Best Supporting Actor** in 2016 for his role in *The People v. O.J. Simpson*.

What drew you to *This is Us*?

I received the script while I was still working on *O.J.* and hadn't read it for long before I started dropping tears on the paper. *This is Us* has something for everyone: Kevin, who is an artist looking to maintain his integrity; Kate, who is dealing with her weight and finding out exactly who she is in the midst of that battle; Randall, who's looking for his biological father for the first time in his life; and Jack and Rebecca, who are about to enter into the wonderful world of parenthood with triplets. It has so many different points of entry that most people I talk to say they relate to one or all of us in some shape, form or fashion.

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Did you have a feeling This is Us would be a bit?

I knew we had a great pilot, but I didn't know it was going to be the show that it went on to be. People will hit us up on social media and say, "are you going to make us cry again?" We have a tendency to do that, but I think it's because the show emphasizes the power of connection and how we are social animals who need each other. The definition of family as portrayed through the Pearsons is expanding and to a certain extent I feel that the show is saying that we are all family. It's not Us vs. Them. The name of the show is *This is Us*. It feels really good to be a part of something in a time when people feel so divided, whether it is politically or socially or religiously speaking. *This is Us* is a show that tends to emphasize the togetherness of us all. I think that, more than anything else, drew me to the script.

How are you like Randall Pearson, and how are you different?

I would say that Randall is a better version of Sterling, and I mean that sincerely. Randall is someone who does his best all the time, which I wish I could say for myself, but I'm close! I would say that one thing I have learned from my personal history that I can share with Randall is that perfection is not achievable. It is something you can continuously approach but never reach. If you give yourself that bit of grace then you start to enjoy the process rather than being focused on the end result. Sometimes you have to just be inside the moment and let it take care of itself.

How did it feel to win an Emmy Award?

It was magical. A lot of people were rooting for me and saying it was going to be my day. But in the back of my mind I told myself I'm just a little kid from Indian Meadows in Olivette, MO, and awards are for famous people. When they said my name, I think my soul sort of flew out of my body to the top of the auditorium and started looking down on everybody, including myself. When everyone stood up, I felt in that moment there was a real

“ Pay attention to your bliss. It rarely misleads you. ”

—Sterling K. Brown '94
Actor

appreciation for the performance and the work that I brought to the table in a way that humbled me and I will never forget for the rest of my life.

Tell us about the experience of filming The People v. O.J. Simpson. What was it like playing a person who is still alive?

I was hoping that if Christopher Darden watched the show he would see some sliver of himself in my portrayal. I watched

a lot of footage of the trial and interviews of his from that time to get inside his psyche and understand how he felt. It was probably the most immersive thing that I've done.

What are your best memories of your time at CDS and MICDS?

I would not be who I am today if I had not had the experience of going to Country Day School and MICDS. It was such a wonderfully nurturing environment where I could explore so many different aspects of myself without stigma. I was student council president, a three-year varsity letterman in football and in Troubadours for four years. I say this not to brag, but to convey that I never felt like I had to choose between being a theater geek, or a jock or a politician. The school encouraged us to do it all. As I've gotten older, I hear about so many different people's experiences in high school where they had to hide the fact that they were intelligent because they didn't want to be bullied or teased, or because they loved theater the popular kids had nothing to do with them. The fact that I got to experience all of those things without feeling like I had to choose one or hide from any of them created this wonderful space to just explore.

What advice would you offer to young aspiring actors?

If you can find joy doing whatever it is that you do, pay attention – you can't push it to the side because it doesn't seem like the



PHOTO BY NATHAN JOHNSON

During his hiatus from *This is Us*, which received an early renewal by NBC for two more seasons, Brown is busy making and promoting films. In addition to *Predator* (due in 2018), fans can look for him as Joseph Spell in *Marshall*, a drama about the early life of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall due in theaters in October 2017. He will also star as N'Jobu in *Marvel's Black Panther*, scheduled for release in 2018.

right thing. That being said, if you pursue it and ultimately are led to something else, that's ok too. A young person might interpret that as being a failure but the path leads you where it leads you.

You've just got to trust that it takes you where you need to be. **Pay attention to your bliss, it rarely misleads you.**



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Did you know?

AT MICDS, THE FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS ARE AN INTEGRAL COMPONENT OF THE JK-12 CURRICULUM.

100%

100% of students study vocal and instrumental music, theatre, dance or the visual arts.



4 plays performed each year in the Upper School; 1 in Middle School and 1 in Lower School

75

students are actively involved in theatre in the Upper School



5 Upper School students – the largest number from any school - were chosen by audition to be All-State cast and crew members for the Missouri State Thespian Conference's 2017 production of *Iphigenia*.

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Boys' Basketball

2nd Consecutive Metro League Championship

The Boys' Basketball team earned their second consecutive Metro League Championship with a league record of 10-1. The team also was the runner up in the Mater Dei Tournament and the Lindbergh Tournament. The Rams competed for the District Championship and lost a hard-fought game to Parkway Central. The senior leadership of **Matt Roper**, **Teddy Schmid** and **Alec Spence** concluded a great career with three Metro League Championships and an undefeated career record of 7-0 against rival John Burroughs. Alec Spence was named Metro League Player of the Year. Other Metro League recognition included: Matt Roper, First Team, **Austin Thompson '18**, Second Team, and **Julian Cheaney '18**, Honorable Mention. Spence was

also named as Co-Player of the Year for Class 4, District 5, and Roper and Thompson were named to the All-District Team.

Girls' Basketball

4th Straight Conference Title (Undefeated in Conference All Four Years)

The Girls' Basketball Team finished their season with a 24-3 record, winning their fourth consecutive Metro League title with an undefeated 6-0 record (24-0 in conference over the four-year streak). This season, the Rams won the Lutheran St. Charles Tournament, finished second in the Lindbergh Tournament, and earned their fifth straight MICDS Holiday Tournament Championship by defeating a ranked St. Charles squad in the final game. The Rams lost in the District semifinals to Parkway Central (#5 Large Schools). **Jordyn Brooks '18** earned 1st Team All-Conference Honors, **Lauryn Hughes '17** earned 2nd Team All-Conference Honors, and **Landys Hughes '18** and **Lindsay Parks '18** earned Honorable Mention. Lauryn Hughes played varsity for all four years of her

GO RAMS!

Cole Harmon '17 begins a match.

Wrapping up another strong season with the Rams



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high school career. The Rams went 99-13 during that stretch, won three District titles and finished in 2nd place in the Missouri State Basketball Tournament two times.

Cheerleading

The cheerleaders continued their heartfelt efforts supporting the Rams through basketball season. They made tremendous progress and bonded closer than ever as they navigated a challenging routine for the packed house against Burroughs. The crowd was awed by the amazing stunts and dances they performed. They showed that trust and hard work creates a cohesive squad that can accomplish anything!

Dance

The 2017 MICDS Dance Troupe finished the season with an evening concert for family and friends along with an assembly for the Middle School students. This year the company consisted of four freshmen, one sophomore, and three seniors. Three of the eight dancers were also choreographers. The concert highlighted eight dance pieces of many different styles of dance including hip-hop, Indian fusion, contemporary, modern and musical theater.

Ice Hockey

Seniors lead Rams to Wickenheiser Bracket Play

The Rams finished an exciting season with a 10-8-2 record under Coach **John Mattingly**. This was Coach Mattingly's first year back as head coach. Seniors **Ryan Turkin**, **Garrett Dunn** and **Bixby Childress** led the team to Wickenheiser bracket play. This was the first time in three years the Rams reached bracket play, before falling short to the Wickenheiser champions from Westminster. The coaching staff is embracing the future of this hockey program, but will miss all three seniors and the depth they brought to the lineups.

Boys' Varsity Squash

5th Consecutive MICDS Invitational Tournament Title

The Boys' Varsity Squash Team had its busiest year yet with matches against local schools John Burroughs and Whitfield, the Lake Forest School from Chicago, and against seven East Coast teams. Additionally, they played against men's teams from the Jewish Community Center, Washington University, and for the first time, the St. Louis Racquet Club. The Rams finished the season 12-8 -1 including three victories over East Coast teams and a tie with Wash U. They were also undefeated against high school teams in the Midwest. The team was ably led by senior captain **Matthew May**, the hardest working player who was undefeated at Nationals. All other senior players ended the season with positive win-loss records: **Tariq Said**, 10-5, **Clayton Pope**, 8-5, and **Kevin Xu**, 4-1. The season ended with the annual

12 Student-Athletes Honored on National Signing Day



MICDS honored 12 student-athletes who have committed to play at the college level on February 1, National Signing Day. "Everyone at MICDS is extremely proud," said **Josh Smith**, MICDS Athletic Director. "These achievements are the result of countless hours of work in the classroom and in competition."

MICDS NATIONAL SIGNING DAY STUDENT-ATHLETES

- Carolyn Botz Soccer at Carnegie Mellon University
- Caitlin Chambers Volleyball at Lawrence University
- Sydney Giacin Field Hockey at St. Lawrence University
- Max Goldenberg Swimming at Lehigh University
- Harry Hegeman Baseball at Yale University
- Andrew Krause Baseball at Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Luke Layton Baseball at Pomona Pitzer College
- Evie Mauzé Swimming at Georgetown University
- Reagan Stone Volleyball at Ithaca College
- Harry Wellford Lacrosse at University of Virginia
- Rose Williams Soccer at University of Richmond
- Whitney Williamson Field Hockey at Northwestern University

IN THE PHOTO: (Seated, from left) Max Goldenberg, Harry Hegeman, Andrew Krause, Luke Layton, Evie Mauzé and Reagan Stone; (Standing, from left) Carolyn Botz, Caitlin Chambers, Sydney Giacin, Rose Williams, Whitney Williamson and Harry Wellford (Photo by Glennon Williams)



#RamNation



The 2017 Varsity Metro League Champs

>> trip to Nationals where after a narrow first round loss, the team put together three convincing victories to win the consolation bracket.

Girls' Squash

5th Consecutive MICDS Invitational Tournament Title

The Girls' Varsity Squash Team, led by co-captains **Annabel Warren '17** and **Izzy Fenoglio '17**, had their most successful season on record with 18 wins and 1 loss. They convincingly won a second Tom Flanagan Invitational Tournament at Mercersburg Academy and won a fifth straight MICDS Invitational Tournament. The highlight of the season was equaling a program best of third place in Division III at the U.S. High School Squash Nationals in Hartford, CT. The season was defined by strong individual match play and a high level of team camaraderie. In the fall, **Connie Gonzalez-Navarrine '18** was selected

as a 2016 U.S. Squash Scholar Athlete, and most recently Annabel Warren was one of three MICDS nominees for the Skippy Keefer Award. The team bids farewell to three varsity seniors who have been hardworking and dedicated members of the squash program; Annabel Warren, Izzy Fenoglio, and **Caitlin Halligan '17**.

Girls' Swimming and Diving

4th in Metro League Meet

The Girls' Swimming and Diving team placed 4th at the Metro League Conference meet. In regular season meets, the Rams were 3-4 overall. At the MSHSAA State meet, MICDS was represented well by the relay team of **Evie Mauzé '17**, **Meaghan Cannon '20**, **Samantha Villagomez '17**, and **Carlye Goldenberg '17**. Evie placed 5th in the 100 backstroke with a new MICDS school record, and 7th in the 200 Freestyle, also with a new MICDS school record. The 200-freestyle record Evie broke

was previously set in 1994. Both of these individual performances earned her two All-State honors, as well as a 25th place finish overall for MICDS. To cap her great season, Evie was named Metro League Conference Swimmer/Diver of the Year based on her performances at conference and at state.

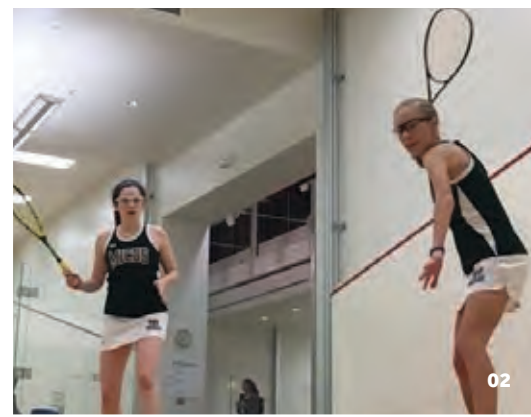
Wrestling

Two State Qualifiers

The Wrestling team finished 6th in the Metro League Tournament this winter. **Cole Harmon '17** led the Rams, earning All Conference. Cole was a two-time captain of the wrestling team and a four-year varsity award winner. He ended the season with a 28-13 record. Cole and **Zion Thomas '19** were State Qualifiers for the Rams. Zion ended the season with a 22-19 record.

Rams Winter Recap

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01. Cheerleaders before their performance at the Coaches vs. Cancer game. 02. Connie Gonzalez-Navarrine '18 and Mia Schroeder '18 warm up. 03. Evie Mauzé '17 competes in a relay. Photo Credit: Paul Kopsky. 04. Jordyn Brooks '18 takes a shot. Photo Credit: Paul Kopsky. 05. Boys' Squash team members at Nationals. 06. The 2016-17 MICDS Dance Troupe 07. Tom Maiocco '19 on the ice at Busch Stadium. Photo Credit: Tim Parker.

Student-Focused and Forward Thinking

Lower School Faculty Put Responsive Classroom® Approach into Practice

THIS YEAR, THE LOWER SCHOOL FACULTY spent four intensive sessions learning the core classroom practices at the heart of Responsive Classroom® with Cheryl Ollman, Consulting Teacher at the Center for Responsive Schools.

What does the Responsive Classroom® approach look like in our Lower School? At its core is asking children to articulate their hopes and dreams as a means to setting goals. The core classroom practices call for academic choice to help students become independent learners; interactive learning structures that offer purposeful activities; logical, non-punitive responses to misbehavior; interactive modeling for teaching procedures and routines; and the use of professional "teacher language" – words, phrases, tone and pace to enable students to engage in their learning and develop both academic and social-emotional skills. "Because of its emphasis on helping students build academic and social competencies day in and day out, the Responsive Classroom® approach resonates not only with us here in the Lower School, but also with the aspirations set forth in the 2015-2022 MICDS Strategic Plan," said **Janet McMillion**, Head of Lower School.



01. JKers Aarav Nahata and Annabelle Crall during Morning Meeting.

"It feels like the Lower School is more unified and connected. As teachers, we are using common language and techniques across grade levels and between homerooms and specialist classes. The children benefit from this consistency, and it allows us to build a stronger sense of community."

—GINNY OTTO

JK Homeroom Teacher, of her classes post-RCA training

Curriculum Work in Costa Rica



Last summer, **Rene Ashman**, Upper School Spanish Teacher, attended classes and met with administrators at the Monteverde Institute in Monteverde, Costa Rica.

She is working with **Paul Zahller**, Upper School Science Teacher, to develop a course-experience for Upper School students titled "Interconnectivity: Community and Ecology in the Bellbird Biological Corridor of Costa Rica."

Participants of the course will learn from local experts about a number of related topics including community, forestry ecology, carbon neutrality, and water quality. Experiences would include lectures by local experts, naturalist-led hikes in the cloud and rain forest, hands-on work in the field, introductory or intermediate thematic Spanish and culture studies and interactions with local youth and families.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Faculty enjoy professional development opportunities as presenters and participants

Messing Librarian **Laura Matheny** has been a frequent professional development presenter for the educators of the gifted and talented at the Ferguson/Florissant School District's PROBE program. Over the past year, she has led three sessions focused on inquiry-based learning and teaching educators to develop their students' higher order thinking skills by eliciting student questions. Last fall, she gave presentations titled "So What? How to Ask Research Questions" and "Eliciting Student Questions."

Zuowei Chang, Middle School Chinese and French Teacher, and **Sarah Elliott**, Upper School Spanish Teacher, attended the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Annual Convention and Expo in Boston, MA, this fall. The Expo is an international event bringing together more than 6,000 language educators from all languages, levels, and assignments. Sessions focused on fun tools and strategies to actively engage students as learners, use of technology in the language classroom, the importance of cultural competence, and much more.



Mindfulness at MICDS

The MICDS Counseling team—**David Hotaling**, **Kara Friedman** and **Ashley O'Toole**—joined with **Vicki Thurman**, Director of Student Support Services, to complete a Mindfulness Fundamentals Through Mindful Schools online course this fall. "There is an increasing interest in the benefits of mindfulness for members of our community," explained Vicki Thurman. "The counseling team wanted to learn specific curriculum and practice to integrate the practice of mindfulness into our School in meaningful ways." The counselors are already at work implementing mindfulness exercises during Collaborative Time in the Upper School, during advisory and recess in the Middle School, and through classroom lessons and routines in the Lower School.



imagine, investigate, innovate

A deep dive into MICDS' breadth of STEM offerings showcases the results of a 4-year-old program that's equipping students for the future of math and science.

BY DEBBIE HIGGINS



TOP LEFT: Cam Macones '17 in the greenhouse. *Photo Credit: Jay Fram*

BOTTOM LEFT: Lower School sciences students investigate a virtual reality sand table. *Photo Credit: Glennon Williams*

BOTTOM RIGHT: Grant Purdy '21 and Eshaan Tibrewala '21 get tips from upper School Math Teacher Janet Purdy during the Hour of Code event. *Photo Credit: Debbie Higgins*



Quick Facts

22 ELECTIVE CLASSES:

13 in science
9 in math

PROFESSIONAL-GRADE RESEARCH GREENHOUSE:

Equipped with evaporative pods that use captured rainwater for cooling

O'HARA RESEARCH LAB:

Provides space and research to conduct long-term research projects.

In 2010, MICDS math and science faculty accepted a challenge to develop a curriculum that actively engaged students in research and inspired curiosity about the natural world. They produced a visionary STEM curriculum aligned with national math and science standards, and motivated MICDS students of all ages to embrace the STEM disciplines in creative and engaging ways.

Four years into the implementation of this innovative curriculum, *MICDS Magazine* took some time to investigate what STEM education looks like in the Lower, Middle and Upper Schools.

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For a Life of Discovery

ACADEMIC RIGOR
EXEMPLIFIED

"Our STEM curriculum requires an inquiry-based, hands-on approach to instruction. We believe this approach develops high-level critical thinking and problem-solving skills and keeps our students energized by the learning process."

—**Bob Shaw,**
JK-12 Science Department Chair

"Our program is distinct because we have developed a cohesive JK-12 program that sees science, technology, engineering and math as integrated disciplines. Our faculty are always seeking new ways to demonstrate application in the classroom to help students see the connection between what they are learning now and how that information will be relevant in the future."

—**Amy Scheer,**
JK-12 Mathematics Department Chair



*Science**Math*

PHOTO BY JAMIE FRAM

Christy Moore's third grade science class experiments with wind tunnels and wind resistance.

Hands-on and Head First

Lower School science

In the Beasley Lower School, "science is all about STEM," says **Christy Moore**, Lower School Science Teacher. "We are always experimenting, revising and revamping—that's what keeps students excited and engaged."

The engineering process is integrated into nearly every science unit because it gives JK-4th grade students experience with redesign, problem solving and teamwork. Every unit concludes with a STEM-related assessment. For example, during their study of weather, senior kindergarten students build a shade structure to protect a snake made from UV beads. They

evaluate how well their structures offer shade and rebuild if necessary.

Why is engineering so critical? "The key is for students to realize that a project isn't necessarily finished after one round of work. They learn the importance of striving to make something better," Ms. Moore explains. Students also gain valuable practice organizing and analyzing data, and asking critical questions like "what method or structure worked best and why?"

As part of their final assessment, students also articulate what they have learned using "I can" statements. For example, the junior kindergarten class begins its study of science with a unit about change. One of their "I can"

statements for this unit is, "I can observe that most things change as they get older." As Ms. Moore explains, "If students can articulate the key goal of each unit, then I know they have learned what they need to know."

Because Ms. Moore teaches all Lower School students, she's able to build on the previous year's work. "I know the students very well and can plan lessons that challenge them," she says. The spacious science room that "gives us the freedom to get messy," the 100-acre campus, and a courtyard complete with a chicken coop offer students vast opportunities to explore and discover. "If my students love science when they leave my classroom I know I have done my job," she says.



- 01. Marin Cline '25 works on an experiment.
- 02. Kethan Doshi '28 observes a lettuce plant growing in the Lower School Science room's tower garden.

We passionately feel that students are at the center of our curriculum instead of the curriculum is at the center of our students."

Where Breadth Meets Depth *Upper School Science*

Ninth graders take Chemical and Physical Systems at either the accelerated or regular level. Developed specifically for the new STEM curriculum, the graduating Class of 2017 is the first to have completed the course. "The integrated STEM class foreshadowed what I would find in more advanced classes while presenting me with concepts and subjects that were both interesting and engaging," says **Jacob Flom '17**, who studied AP® Chemistry, AP® Physics and Vector Calculus. "I believe that my 9th and 10th grade STEM courses are the reason that I'm so involved in the sciences today."

All coursework relates to at least one of the STEM disciplines and features integrated lessons and labs. For example, to conclude a unit about energy, students made wind turbines. Most used cardboard or wood to construct their blades, but one student used the 3D printer. Students tested the turbines to determine the most effective designs, but "the process is what is important," notes **Michael Black**, Upper School Science Teacher. "Our kids learn that in engineering, things continue to evolve. Our goal is to provide multiple opportunities to explore real-world applications of science." For this reason, Science 9 also touches on fundamental particle physics, a topic that is rarely covered at the high school level but is popular in science circles and in the news.

No matter the course, science and math teachers work closely to coordinate the timing of lessons, ensuring that students have the math skills necessary to be successful in chemistry, physics, coding and engineering.

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—**Christy Moore**
Lower School Science Teacher

Beginning with the End in Mind *Middle School Science*

In the Middle School, students explore physical and earth sciences in 5th grade, environmental science in 6th grade, biology in 7th grade and chemistry and physics in 8th grade. The curriculum also offers an introduction to astronomy, robotics, writing computer code and more. Middle School faculty believe that beginning the instructional process "with the end in mind" allows them to develop a growth mindset in their students. This growth mindset allows students to take risks in STEM challenges as well as in daily classroom activities.

In 7th grade, teachers challenge students to use computer models, "which give students opportunities to work with large samples and conduct simulations in order to identify patterns and develop hypotheses," explains **Rachel Tourais**, 7th Grade Science Teacher. In January 2017, 7th graders completed a new computer programming unit using StarLogo

Nova software to write code for a program that simulated how infectious diseases spread. Computer models are especially useful when there are constraints studying the phenomena directly in the lab. The unit "combined basic computer science skills with an authentic scientific experience," says **Pat Woessner**, Middle School Coordinator of Instructional Technology. "Early exposure to the real work of scientists is one of our goals for students."

Chemistry and Physics are the main drivers of the 8th grade science curriculum, which is closely linked with the 9th grade STEM course, Chemical and Physical Systems. "Many schools do not introduce chemistry and physics until 9th or 10th grade" explains **Callie Bambenek**, 8th Grade Science Teacher. "Our instructional practices are research- and project-based to push students from thinking concretely to new levels of abstract thinking: ABCs (activity before content), flipped classrooms, engineering challenges, and coding." Adds 8th Grade Science Teacher **Michelle Hrstich**, "We look at the whole child to develop their transformative student experience.



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On the left, Kate Trowbridge '19 does titration in the lab. On the right, Maura Court '18 labels evidence in Forensics Class.

>> "We want students to understand the usefulness of math, so we integrate science and math together in class," explains **Dr. Jeff Gaw**, Upper School Science Teacher. Ninth graders use Jupyter Notebooks to learn how to write code in a structured way as well as how to solve complex scientific problems using its data visualization and manipulation tools.

"We use coding to solve problems and answer scientific questions to simulate for students how professional scientists work," Dr. Gaw continues.

After Upper School students take environmental science or one AP® level science course, those wishing to continue their study may choose from an impressive variety of applied science topics such as forensics, neuroscience, maker science and kinesiology, to name a few. Because McDonnell Hall is equipped with a professional-grade research classroom/laboratory, students also have the opportunity to pursue independent study and research at a level typically not offered until the college years.

Dr. Katrina Brandis oversees the Upper School's scientific research program, now in its third year. Interest in advanced level research has increased significantly. Thirteen students are enrolled in the course this year, compared to eight in 2015-2016 and three in 2014-2015. "We believe it is important to expose students to real scientific investigation early in their academic

"We give them the experience of failing, teaching themselves, and experiencing big and small victories. The earlier they can have an authentic research experience, the sooner they know if it is something they want to pursue in college."

—**Dr. Katrina Brandis**
Upper School Science Teacher

careers so they realize that learning science and actually doing the work of a scientist are very different," Dr. Brandis explains.

"We give them the experience of failing, teaching themselves, and experiencing big and small victories. The earlier they can have an authentic research experience, the sooner they know if it is something they want to pursue in college."

Students perform extensive research on the topic of their choosing, and because of the well-equipped O'Hara Research Lab, They have ample space and equipment to conduct the necessary experiments. They also learn how to comprehend high level scientific literature, which they use as references in their work. Senior research projects underway this spring included **Nikki Kasal's** investigation of the question of heavy antibiotic use leading to resistant bacteria, and **Nathan Huang's** study of how resting heart rates are affected by doing surveys about stress levels and lifestyles.

"One of the best things we do here at MICDS is offer a breadth of experiences and then allow kids to deep dive in areas of interest," says Dr. Brandis.

*Science**Math*

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Amirah Al-Sagr '18 uses the STEM building glass walls to solve equations.

The JK-12 Math Department uses a concept-based approach to teaching and learning to ensure students understand how all of the concepts fit together.

"Our teachers demonstrate the application of concepts, identify each student's strengths and challenges, provide enrichment opportunities and offer a hands-on approach to learning," explains Amy Scheer.

Grades JK-8 use the Math in Focus® curriculum, which places problem solving as the center of learning and teaches concepts with a concrete–pictorial–abstract progression through real-world, hands-on experiences. This is the sixth year for the Math in Focus® curriculum and, according

to Ms. Scheer, "It is amazing to see quickly it helps students build their skills. Their number sense is stronger, and they are better at reasoning through problems and using their knowledge to learn new concepts."

Building a Strong Foundation *Lower School Math*

Students in junior kindergarten through 1st grade participate in Math Workshop regularly. Typically, Math Workshop includes a small group lesson with the teacher plus a variety of activities to complete with a partner that demonstrate the ability to apply knowledge. "Children this age love movement, hands-on work and practicing skills," says **Jenn Gillis**, SK Homeroom

Teacher. Navigating the Workshop centers also builds time management and collaborative skills and helps students take responsibility for their own learning. "Our goal is to give students a broad foundation in math with no bricks missing. We give them the time they need to build the foundation before they progress vertically into different levels," Mrs. Gillis explains. Throughout the Lower School grades, students use hands-on math materials to reinforce their understanding of essential concepts such as number sense, place value and order of operations.

Lower School Faculty also honor the MICDS Parent-School Partnership by hosting Math Mornings in each grade level that offer parents the opportunity to see firsthand what a math lesson looks like in their child's grade. Frequent communication with parents

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>> is key to "helping parents understand that our goal in math is not just for students to be able to solve a certain type of problem, but additionally, to make sure they can articulate their understanding of concepts and transfer knowledge as they grow and advance to higher levels," explains Ms. Scheer.

Knowing the Path Ahead

Middle School Math

Throughout the Middle School, the curriculum is aligned with standards to give students and teachers specific feedback on areas of strength and areas to grow. "Our goal was to frame the curriculum in a way that addressed core concepts and also provided students opportunities to self-assess their understanding of those concepts. These self-assessments, combined with our pre-tests, assignments and exams, give us a very clear picture of our students' progress," explains **Krystal White**, 8th Grade Math Teacher.

Teachers and students use a common language to communicate the mastery of standards. Level 1 is minimal mastery; Level 2 is understanding the concept and the ability to apply it with the aid of an example; Level 3 is proficient mastery, the ability to apply it without assistance; and Level 4 is the ability to not only do the work independently, but also teach it and apply the knowledge to a problem the student has never seen before. "A standards-based mindset reminds us as teachers to differentiate to best meet the needs of our students," Ms. White continues. "It also compels us to give really focused and specific feedback to help students learn how to better understand a concept." In addition to returning an assignment with a B+ score, for example, the standards are labeled with mastery levels so the students understand where they need to focus their work.

This standards-based approach facilitates the transitions from Lower School to Middle School, and from Middle School to Upper School.

To bridge the foundation laid in Lower School but also accommodate students new to MICDS, 5th grade math offers a mix of new and familiar material. "We know there will be gaps in learning so we meet students where they are and take them further," says **Ally Bergman**, 5th Grade Math Teacher. "It is important to offer different ways of learning, including small group work and one-on-one time," Mrs. Bergman continues.

"Rather than memorizing procedures, we want students to understand what the math is describing, to question each other's processes and challenge each other," adds **Jody Marberry**, 6th Grade Math Teacher, whose students learn about probability and statistics and also get an introduction to algebra and geometry. "Students learn that it's not a bad thing to run into a challenge – it just means they have to figure out what went wrong. Our kids come to understand that there is not only one way to do math."

Advancing Together

Upper School Math

In the Upper School, students take Integrated Math in 9th and 10th grade. The curriculum provides a natural flow from Math in Focus®, with courses offered at different levels to meet the varied abilities of students. Students explore topics related to algebra and geometry in two- and three-dimensions to deepen their understanding of mathematical models and problem solving. They have the option to enroll in Integrated Mathematics 2: With Application, which challenges them to apply basic mathematical concepts to areas of application that focus on the collection of data and the human body. As they progress to 11th and 12th grades, a variety of electives and AP® courses are available, including Math Modeling and Trigonometry, AP® Statistics, AP® AB Calculus and Vector Calculus (also known as Calculus 3), a course that is typically only offered at the college level.

Upper School Math Teacher **Al Begrowicz**, who teaches Vector Calculus, explains that the course was developed to meet the needs of students who are grade-level accelerated and have completed BC Calculus before senior year. Mr. Begrowicz prepared the curriculum after researching college curriculum catalogs and meeting with alumni math majors about their Vector Calculus classes. In its first year, 2015-2016, six students enrolled. That number is up to nine in 2016-2017. "One goal is to help the students learn how to read mathematics at an advanced level," Mr. Begrowicz explains. "We learn by doing, covering current topics, debating how to solve problems and asking questions of each other." The curriculum integrates topics covered in upper level science courses such as AP® Chemistry. Mr. Begrowicz also uses Maple technology, a statistical software package for advanced mathematics with an interface that facilitates analyzing, exploring, visualizing and solving mathematical problems. "The students have an amazing enthusiasm for learning," says Begrowicz. "It's a math teacher's dream. I am challenged and learning right along with them."

The math department places priority on conducting assessments in meaningful ways to help students identify their strengths and areas of challenge. "We are always looking for new ways to communicate with families about where students are and where they need to go," says Ms. Scheer.

STEM education impacts each and every student at MICDS. It is integrated and aligned to provide the strongest possible foundation for them as they grow. In their early years, students experience the wonder of discovery and develop curiosity about the world around them. As they become older, they grapple with increasingly complex challenges and take ownership of their learning. Guided by deeply committed educators, our students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills that they will apply well beyond their years in school to any field of study they wish to pursue.



**A LEGACY OF
STEM AT MICDS**

52%

FEMALE

average enrollment in
sciences at higher levels
at MICDS

+10%

STARS GRADS

more than 10 percent of
students in the Class of 2017
graduated from the prestigious
Students and Teachers as
Research Scientists (STARS)
program in July 2016.



LEADING THE WAY:

Dr. William H. Danforth '44

In 1998, Bill Danforth, Class of 1944,
founded the Donald Danforth Plant Science
Center, focused on researching the nexus
of food, energy and the environment to
improve the productivity and sustainability
of agriculture.

The Danforth Plant Science Center was
at the nucleus of a boom in bio-tech for
the St. Louis region, and is a force for real
change in global food issues.

The impact of STEM education at MICDS
goes beyond one person's career: it can
impact the world.

**“ I am thrilled to see our students becoming increasingly excited about
research and am deeply proud of their participation in STARS. Our impressive
participation numbers make it clear that more and more students are
exceptionally well-served by our STEM curriculum. ”**

—Lisa Lyle
Head of School



Unite to Fight

MICDS and JBS Paint it Pink for the American Cancer Society



THE MICDS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT and Win With Wellness student group partnered with John Burroughs School to plan the annual Coaches vs. Cancer basketball games on February 10. The Coaches vs. Cancer games are always a highlight for MICDS students, but this year marked the first time our School partnered with JBS on this important fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

Win With Wellness co-chairs **Whitney Williamson '17** and **Allie Niemann '17** met with Burroughs students to decide on the evening's theme, "Unite to Fight," design the t-shirt, coordinate publicity and plan the raffles. Students who purchased a pink t-shirt in advance of the games received a raffle ticket. At halftime of the boys' game, drawings were held for gift cards and the grand prize: green seats at a Cardinals game. Special thanks to MICDS parent

Richard Spencer and Kassmo Products for donating the t-shirts.

"Everyone has been touched by cancer – we have all lost people we love. We thought bringing students together for this cause that touches so many would elevate the spirit of the evening, and it certainly did," said **Stacey Morgan**, Head Athletic Trainer and Win With Wellness Advisor. "The sea of pink filling the gym was a fantastic sight." Posters representing many different kinds of cancer, facts and prevention tips decorated the gym, and those in attendance were invited to add names of loved ones lost to cancer to a designated memory wall.

"This year was really cool because not only was our fan section pink but so was JBS. This hasn't ever happened and while a lot of people were skeptical of dressing the same as our rivals, it was really cool and important to come together to fight for something much



PHOTO BY DEBBIE HIGGINS

MICDS fans made a sea of pink in the student section

bigger than a basketball game win," said Allie Niemann. "We still had that friendly rivalry during the game but looking around and seeing everyone wearing the same color or shirt was really inspirational and showed how we can easily come together to fight for something bigger than us all."

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>> Whitney Williamson agreed that this year's event offered something special. "The Coaches vs. Cancer games are definitely highlights of the entire school year, but this one was extra special. It was the biggest turnout I have ever been a part of and every student in the stands was actively involved in the fundraising process. The fact that we partnered with JBS to unite to fight was such a cool moment and I really hope it can become a tradition in the future!"

The event raised \$7,500 for the American Cancer Society. Over the past several years, MICDS has raised more than \$200,000 to fight cancer through the Coaches vs. Cancer games and other special events.



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MICDS Athletic Director Josh Smith participates in a free throw contest.

Healthy Habits, Healthy Hearts



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FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS, the MICDS Lower School has supported the American Heart Association's community service learning program, Jump Rope for Heart. This year's event took place on February 16 and raised more than \$8,700—a record-high amount.

According to Lower School P.E. teacher **Sue Orlando**, the goals of Jump Rope for Heart include increasing the students' knowledge about how their hearts work and the best way to take care of them, and to raise funds to support the American Heart Association's efforts to help people build healthier lives. "Participating in Jump Rope for Heart also supports our goals as a school to help our students develop healthy habits and show them that being physically active can be fun," she says.

Walk for Wellness



01. Wyatt Giles '28 does a lap around the track. Photo Credit: Glennon Williams. 02. Upper School students enjoy their campus walk. Photo Credit: Britt Vogel.

DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, Middle and Upper School students, faculty, staff and Ellie participated in Walks for Wellness to promote healthy living. Prior to their walks on campus they heard from **Danielle Beck**, senior wellness coordinator at MICDS, who outlined goals for living a healthy life, including choosing nutritious foods, and the many benefits of regular physical activity.

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2,185

Students, faculty and staff have benefitted from the Campaign to date.



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REUNION GIVING REPORT

Alumni support class gift campaigns

This year, the Class of 1992 celebrated its 25th Reunion in a big way, raising more than **\$140,000 for Faculty & Staff Tuition Benefit!**

Other milestone reunion classes gave back by making a difference in the lives of today's students and teachers through class gifts to the Annual Fund. The Annual Fund touches every student and every faculty member, every day of the school year. We are grateful to everyone who participated in his or her Reunion Class Gift.

Because the fiscal year ends on June 30, individuals are still making contributions to their Reunion Class Gift, with \$360,000 already raised in total.

For more information about Reunion Giving, please contact Elizabeth Moore Coulter '08 at elimoore@micds.org or 314-995-7416.

FROM ALL CORNERS OF

OUR COMMUNITY

\$50,000 Annual Fund Challenge

A small group of donors from all corners of our community collectively committed \$50,000 to launch a Challenge to reach our Annual Fund goal by June 30, 2017. All new or increased gifts to the MICDS Annual Fund from now until June 30, 2017, will be matched by this Challenge.

The tradition of full community support is what makes our School's dynamic culture of learners second to none. Your investment is critical.

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MICDS Madness for the win!

MICDS MADNESS, our annual 10-day giving challenge between the classes of 1993-2012, recorded another championship year. These 20 classes came together to achieve 30% participation—more than four times the national average for alumni giving participation! Their gifts supported faculty salaries, financial aid, technology, athletics and other key initiatives.

TOP CLASSES (PARTICIPATION)

1994 (69%)
1998 (48%)
2007 (43%)
1993 (37%)
2003 (36%)

MOST IMPROVED CLASSES

2010 (+20%)
2004 (+12%)
1998 (+10%)
2002 (+8%)
2007 (+7%)



115 first-time donors
412 Rams Loyalty Club members



761 donors worldwide
One gift traveled 9,502 miles
(from Victoria, Australia)



51 volunteers
4x the national alumni
giving average



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Priority Profile: An Empowering Endowment



Dr. Harlan P. Wallingford '45 was a shining example of a Saint Louis Country Day School alumnus who truly lived the mission of his alma mater. Dr. Wallingford passed away in January 2016, but his commitment to society through service and work lives on. Before retiring to Tennessee, where he lived an unpretentious life, Dr. Wallingford served in the U.S. Navy and worked as a marketing professor at Pace University in New York.

After many years of saving and investing wisely, he started giving back to MICDS. Over the years, Dr. Wallingford became a very generous donor and a loyal proponent of Student Access, establishing the Harlan P. Wallingford Endowed Scholarship Fund. In accordance with his wishes, this fund provides financial aid to students with demonstrated need without regard to race, religion or gender. Over the years, this modest endowed fund has continued to grow, allowing many bright students the opportunity to receive an education at MICDS.

But what is most surprising and humbling is what happened upon Dr. Wallingford's death. While he frequently reminded us that he would be providing for MICDS in his will, we never imagined the thoughtful planning he had made for our students.

In the 16 months since his death, MICDS has received more than \$3 million from Dr. Wallingford's estate—a testament to his formation at Saint Louis Country Day School. This bequest will benefit the Bold Action Campaign's Student Access funding priority.

Our School's relationship with Dr. Wallingford extended for many years through generations of faculty, staff, volunteer leadership and Heads of School. He is an inspiration to us all, and we are most grateful for his generosity of spirit.

If you would like to contribute to the Harlan P. Wallingford Endowed Scholarship Fund, or set up an endowed fund of your own, please contact Kalleen Rose, Director of Major and Planned Gifts, at krrose@micds.org or at 314-995-7455.



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PLANNED GIVING PROFILE:

Marlyn and Alyn Essman

“YOU OPEN YOUR HOME, YOU TEACH, YOU GIVE.”

This is how Judy Essman Taylor describes the life motto of her parents, Marlyn and Alyn Essman.

The Essmans were grandparents to four MICDS students: **Aliyah Taylor '08**, **Joshua Taylor '11**, **Jordan Taylor '14** and **Isabelle Essman '18**, as

well as two German exchange students, Jannis Topfer and Mayu Modler. The couple passed away last year, but not before instilling a great love for education in their family, and not without establishing a legacy of giving to the educational organizations that mattered most to them—including MICDS. This past December, the

School received a very generous planned gift of more than \$47,000 from the Essmans' estate.

“Education was always a focus for our parents,” says Judy Taylor. “When it came time for my husband, Todd, and me to send our kids to kindergarten, our parents told us they wished they had sent us to an independent school. MICDS was a perfect choice because of the quality of the education, the class size and the caliber of the teachers,” she adds.



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“Our kids flourished there; our parents saw this and they wanted to support the School,” she recalls.

“For them, the basis of everything was education,” says Mrs. Taylor. “Our parents believed that the earlier you help a child, the better,” adds current MICDS parent Sharyn Essman.

Taylor describes how her parents supported their grandchildren's interests. “Our dad created an economics course for our son, Jordan, and his cousin, Bennett, using Legos to represent different denominations of currency. He later presented this course as a seminar at both MICDS and Lift for Life Academy. Our mom, an art enthusiast, encouraged our daughter Aliyah's interest in art school,” she says. Jordan is now studying Economics at Duke, Aliyah is pursuing her master's in Art Education at Columbia, and Bennett is focusing on community service at Indiana University.

Essman remembers how her parents took a similar interest in Josh and Isabelle's pursuit of music. “Our dad flew out to Los Angeles to meet the families of Josh's musical allies,” she says. Now, with a business degree from the University of Southern California, Josh has been working as a professional musician. Meanwhile, Isabelle, who just completed her junior year at MICDS, is a writer and a singer. “Our parents wanted to be involved in whatever the kids were involved in,” Ms. Essman recalls.



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“Our parents gave to MICDS because they wanted to give other people the same opportunities their grandchildren had,” says Ms. Essman. “They understood that there are a lot of people out there who don't have the same opportunity to learn, and they wanted to change that.”

We at MICDS are most grateful for Marlyn and Alyn Essman, their foresight, and the legacy they have created for generations of future MICDS students and faculty. Their planned gift has been added to the unrestricted Endowment fund at the School, where it will benefit Student Access and Faculty Excellence—two areas that mattered most to these most generous and thoughtful grandparents.

01. Marlyn and Alyn Essman on their wedding day in 1956.
 02. The Essmans celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.
 03. From left: Todd Taylor, Judy Taylor, Aliyah Taylor '08, Mayu Modler, Jannis Töpfer, Marlyn and Alyn Essman (center), Bennett Essman, Josh Taylor '11, Jordan Taylor '14, Sharyn Essman and Isabelle Essman '18.

the RED & GREEN Masquerade PARTY

Gala and auction raise funds for Bold Action Campaign

PHOTOS BY CHARLIE BARNES

More than 450 parents, alumni and friends of MICDS attended the Red & Green Masquerade Party on January 27 to support the Student Access and Faculty Excellence endowment priorities of the Bold Action Campaign. The evening featured a silent and live auction, and a "Raise Your Paddle" event, all of which secured \$225,000 for these endowed funds. Wes Moore, a best-selling author and motivational speaker, gave the keynote address, and **Tom Ackerman '93**, Sports Director at KMOX Radio, served as emcee. During his remarks, Wes Moore thanked guests for "being champions for so many young people who need access, opportunity and hope."

"This wonderful occasion is a vibrant example of how our community unites to support one another," said Head of School **Lisa Lyle**. "Your generosity allows us to continue to enhance our faculty and to provide the best learning experience for all of our children throughout their time at MICDS."

MICDS students and faculty did their part to support their school, too. Each grade completed class art projects to contribute to the silent auction. In addition, 22 faculty-donated experiences were up for bid, including a tour of the art museum, private tennis lessons and a bass fishing trip.

Special thanks to Honorary Co-Chairs, **Mary and Dave Steward '95** and **Carrie and Bill Polk '74**, and to the steering committee comprised of 18 parents who worked tirelessly in partnership with the MICDS Office of Alumni and Development to plan this memorable evening.



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Masquerade
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01. (Left to right): Susan Kobusch Werner '85, Jeana Reisinger, Harriette Moore Warren '80 02. (Left to right): Fawn Diaz-Granados, Jill Pruellage Hunt '86, Michelle Leith Cohen '88 03. (Left to right): Maggie Holtman, Jenn Gillis, Carrie Polk 04. (Left to right): Chonda and Fidel Nwamu 05. (Left to right): Tom Ackerman '93, Bill Polk '74, Lisa Lyle, Wes Moore 06. (Left to right): Orlando and Carla Pace 07. (Left to right): Eddie Sutton, Andy Cowen, Grant Weber 08. (Left to right): Emily Freeman Huber '89, Suzanne Christian, Kelly Butler 09. (Left to right): Suzy Snowden Brauer '95, Hunter and Betsey Brown 10. (Left to right): Calbert and Yvette Cheaney, Melissa and Clive Grannum, Katherine and Virgil Work

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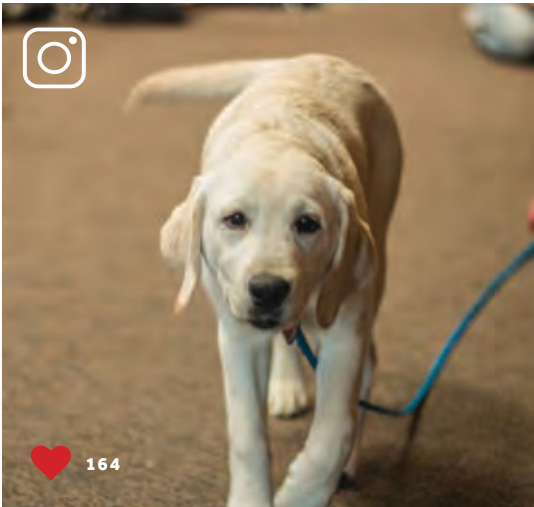
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In celebration of the 69th anniversary of CDS teacher Nadia Danett's first day in the US, enjoy her @nytimes piece!

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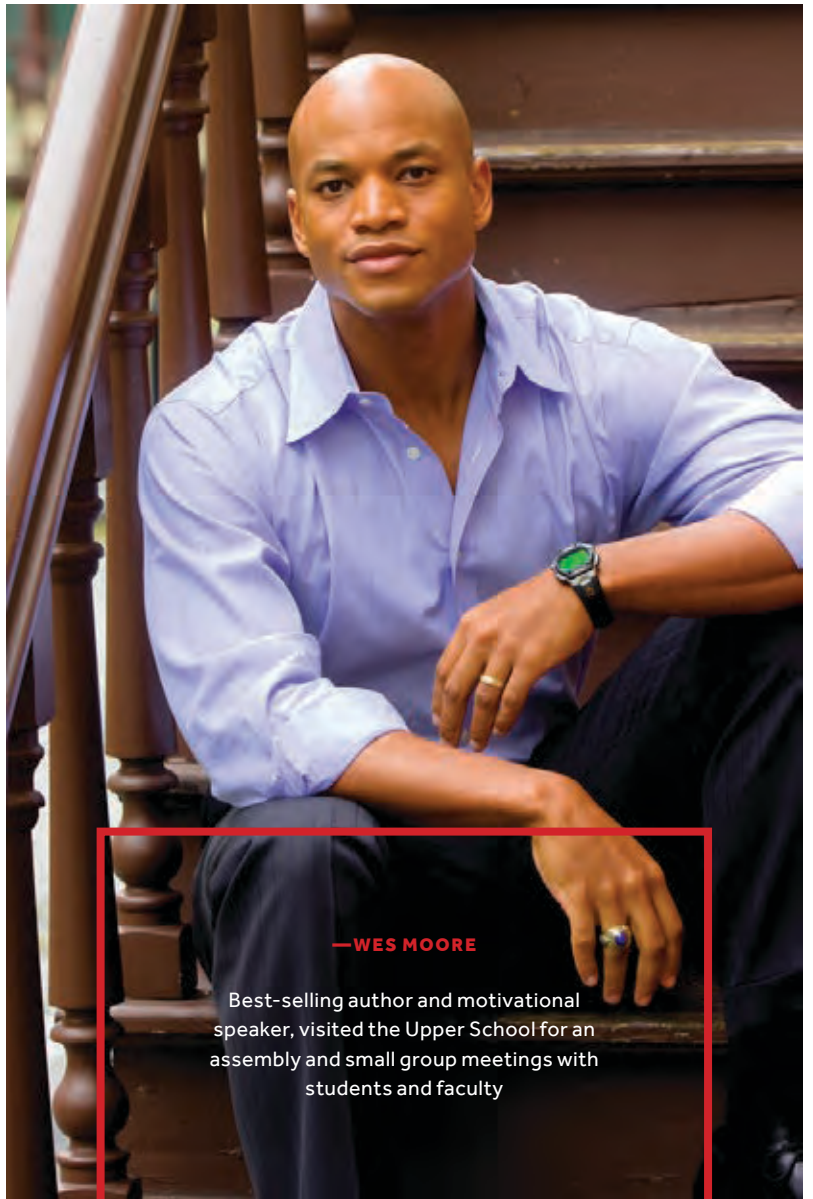


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@MCIDSDOG: Ellie isn't one to shy away from the camera!



Watch highlights from the Spring Pops Concert: <http://bit.ly/MICDSPops17>



— WES MOORE

Best-selling author and motivational speaker, visited the Upper School for an assembly and small group meetings with students and faculty

“The best thing we can do to take care of ourselves is to care for others and work to build societies characterized as safe and filled with hope.”



Class Notes

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

The following pages reflect
notes submitted through

February 15, 2017

Submit your news for the next issue to:
classnotes@micds.org by June 15, 2017.



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The wedding party of Elizabeth Moore '08 and Chris Coulter '05 included 20 alumni.

WHAT A REPRESENTATION OF THE LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS OUR ALUMNI FORM AT OUR SCHOOL!

(Left to right): Mary Holbrook '08, Blair Fortner, Christina Valentine Cammon '08, Danielle Rubin '08, Walker Matthews '05, Chris Carroll '05, Samantha Morley Ryan '08, Katie Clark Feuerbacher '08, Tyler Short '05, Kaitlin Gates '08, John Coulter '13, McPherson Moore Jr. '10, Elizabeth Moore Coulter '08, Christopher Coulter Jr. '05, Margaret Fortner, Katherine Moore '12, Chip Mallin '05, Elizabeth Coulter '03, Logan O'Connor '05, Sallie Mesker '11, Tyler Shepard '05, Audrey Block '08, Caroline Coulter '08, J.J. Bollozos '05, Evan Malone.

Births and Adoptions

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN TO OUR MICDS FAMILY.

Cady Scott Seabaugh '96 and Kevin:
Meriwether McCarthy "Mac," June 30, 2016

Sally Sullivan Harte '00 and Brian:
Felix Sullivan, August 26, 2016

Alex Reed '00 and Katie:
Genevieve "Evie", November 23, 2016

Kathleen McKee '02 and David Nierenberg:
Genevieve Grace, November 22, 2016

Ashlee Hollensbe Pilkington '04 and Scott '04:
Rory Bing, August 2016

Linnea Bruce '05 and Rémy Mollet:
Charles Theodore, October 31, 2016

Marriages

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ALUMNI ON THEIR RECENT NUPTIALS.

Susan K. Brown '77 and Frank D. Bean, Ph.D., December 26, 2016

Bob Karn '87 and Katherine Oxenhandler, October 8, 2016

Dan Levin '00 and Lisa Gottesman, May 29, 2016

Katie Price '03 and Tom Testro, October 1, 2016 (photo 02)

Elizabeth Moore '08 and Chris Coulter '05, September 17, 2016 (photo 01)

Alumnae/i Deaths

THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017

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

Edward L. Cherbonnier '35, March 7, 2017

Frances Thomas Martin '50, January 22, 2017

William H. Kopman '52, March 26, 2017

Edward W. Lane '55, January 6, 2017

Douglas L. Hundley '62, February 5, 2017

Robert M. Bry '82, March 5, 2017



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GETTING MARRIED? EXPECTING?

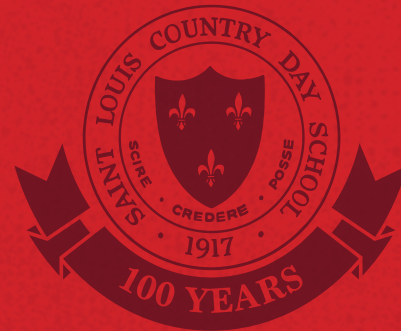
We'd like to help you celebrate, but we can't print news about future weddings or babies. When your plans become reality, please let the Alumni Office know and we'll gladly print your news after the fact and all share in the excitement!

SAVE THE DATE!

A Festival of Lessons & Carols Sing-Along

Sunday, December 17, 2017

4:00-4:30 p.m. Reception in the Alumnae Room
4:30-5:30 p.m. Lessons and Carols Sing-Along for Alumnae in Mary Eliot Chapel



hear the **CRASH**
see the **FLASH**
Country Day is having its 100th
Anniversary **BASH!**

Friday, November 17, 2017

MCDONNELL GYMNASIUM

Details to follow.

1940 MI

Frances Fisse Thompson celebrated her 95th birthday in the company of her great-grandchildren, who are the grandchildren of her daughter, **Diana Davis Madsen '65**.



Frances Thompson on her 95th birthday

1950 CDS

We have lost two of our classmates since the last report: **Joe White** and **Richard Bull**.

1954 MI

SUSAN SPOEHRER ELLIOTT

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I did not receive any specific responses for the *Class Notes*, so I am hopeful that everyone is doing well. I look forward to seeing any of you who might be in St. Louis during the 2017 Reunion Weekend, May 5-6, at the Friday-night Reunion Celebration Dinner which honors all alumnae and alumni.

I look forward to hearing from you at the time of our next request for news, which will be for the fall issue.

1956 MI

ROBYN ROESSLER HANSER

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Our 60th Reunion was a rousing success. Several activities took place at MICDS, and **Sam Erwin '17**, **Jody Noel Dietz's** grandson, treated us to a tour of the new STEM Center. **Ann Luedinghaus Case** hosted a dinner at the Deer Creek Club on Friday night. **Ellen Armstrong Wallace** and **Carolyn Frank Henges** arranged for a special behind-the-scenes tour of the Zoo, complete with lunch in the Boardroom on Saturday. Saturday night, Ann and **Nancy Noland Kurten** treated "the girls" to a beautiful dinner at Ann's house.

Lolly Desloge Hogan, who said she was never good at reading rules or following them, reports "I love living in Sisters, OR. I have lots of animals that are mostly rescue! I travel a lot/enjoying seeing many friends and family! I'm healthy and beyond happy! No complaints!!"

Judy Trimble Lane's recent news is that her husband **Ned '55** passed away on January 6, 2017. She is cheered by the fact that their daughters, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren all live in St. Louis. Those who attended Ned's service agreed it was perfectly done and exactly what Ned would have wanted.

Jancy Spoehrer Tschudy and Ann Luedinghaus Case are going to Dublin for 10 days in May on a trip sponsored by the Botanical Garden. Ann just returned from visiting **Susie Fischer Yoder** in Naples, FL, where she saw **Jody Dietz**, **Mary Zep-penfeld Glaub**, **Page Sharp Jackson** and **Mary Morey Bradley** at a luncheon given by Susie. Ann is celebrating 40 years of volunteering at Missouri Botanical Garden this year. She still volunteers at the Plant Doctor desk and the Horticultural Answer Service.

Page Jackson is delighted that we have *Class Notes* back! She and **Barry '51** had a wonderful trip to South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe in October 2016 and continue to spend winters in Naples. She says, "Life is good!"

News from Jody Dietz is that her grandson, Sam Erwin, will graduate from MICDS in May.

Mary Morey Bradley wrote, "I've downsized to a divine apartment in the middle of the Yale campus.

It's filled with professors, grad students, etc. I'll get smart yet! My daughter, Nina Clarke, lives only 40 minutes from me. My son and his family live in Philadelphia. I make sandwiches at my church for 40 homeless men. Their stories are amazing. I'm currently in Naples, FL, with many members of the Class of '56, and am lucky to have friends feeding the men until I return to New Haven in April."

Susie Yoder loves the "Naples invasion." Greta, her miniature dachshund, is stubborn but "still the perfect wonder dog." Her daughter, **Ginny Yoder Murphy '81**, is happily married to **Tad Murphy '80** and living in Oklahoma City. Susie attended the early high school graduation of her granddaughter, Natalie Hope Morgan, in Rockville, MD. Natalie captured two top prizes, the first for Art and a second for Torah Interpretation. Natalie's class will spend the last semester in Israel studying, living and learning about their heritage.

Nancy Green Maunc sent news from Charlottesville, VA. "In July 2016, I went to a National Doll Conference in D.C. I spent six days surrounded by dolls and doll lovers. It was fabulous. In August 2016, I went to Linville, NC, and had a mini-reunion with nine classmates I roomed with at Hollins. We had a great time and never stopped talking. I am still enjoying Charlottesville and my Westie, Daisy."

Nancy Buford Ream is active and happy in San Francisco. She enjoys her weekly volunteer work in The Presidio Officers Club and the walk there through the beautiful Presidio woods. She is developing paintings for a show this September at The Fromm Institute for Seniors at the University of San Francisco. Bufie adds, "I aim to attend the next '56 reunion: I miss you, classmates."

Priscilla Hocker Claman checked in from Boston: "I am almost not working now, with a few counseling clients and one workshop. But I'm very active in a women's giving circle, Womenade Boston. We pool thousand-dollar contributions and give them out in \$20,000 to \$25,000 chunks to projects for women and girls in the Boston area. I'm on the evaluation committee and lead some site visits. It's both interesting and inspiring. Some local projects have gone national after we underwrote them."

Serena Stewart is still in New York City and reports, "2016 was a crazy year as first I broke my ankle, then broke my pelvis in September. You do not want to break your pelvis. Enough said. I continue to travel, volunteer at the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge (almost 10 years now), enjoy life and play Words with Friends with Page!"

Let's hope 2017 treats Serena a lot better.

In St. Louis, **Julie Williams Deggendorf** is "still having fun with my Special Olympics Figure Skaters. This year is the Eleventh Annual Spring Extravaganza. I'm also singing with a group called The Ding-A-Lings. We perform at Bethesda Dilworth nursing home. I head to Colorado in May for Chad's high school graduation. He's Betsey's youngest. If you aren't playing Mah Jongg, you should look into it. Several of us took lessons and are having great fun laughing at ourselves."

I, **Robyn Roessler Hanser**, am sad to report that my long-time companion/co-conspirator/partner-in-crime, Jack Canepa, passed away on February 6, one day after his 90th birthday. He made me laugh even when I didn't want to smile.

1957 MI

MARGOT MARITZ MARTIN
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Margot Maritz Martin says, "A big thank you to MICDS for responding to requests to reinstate *Class Notes*. It is a nice way for us to keep in touch and feel connected to one another and to the school." She continues to stay active by working a little at a psychiatric outpatient clinic as well as serving as Alderperson in her community. Margot's two canines keep her physically active by refusing to let her slack on their twice daily walks.

Judy Jones Motley and Tony are now full-time Florida residents. Their move coincided with Hurricane Matthew, but **Pat Doughton Anderson** and Jim came to their rescue by providing safe shelter at their home in Longboat Key. "We had a lovely three days with Pat and Jim, who are great at taking hurricane refugees." Fortunately, Matthew just missed the Motleys' new home. Judy plans to join us in May for our reunion.

Pat and Jim continue to travel extensively, with trips to London, Charlotte, NC, a cruise along the coast of Norway and up into the Arctic Circle. They attended the Orange Bowl in Miami in January, then a week in Mexico at a Vidante Resort on the Yucatan peninsula, as well as a sailing trip around Aruba, and skiing in Park City, UT. Pat will also be attending our reunion.

Barbara Kaufman Wood writes that she and her husband "are still enjoying retirement in Wilming-

ton, NC. We are hoping to make it to St. Louis for our 60th reunion."

Joyce Kohn Pass and Jules spent Christmas in St. Thomas with their family. She and Jules still travel. "It is getting harder as we are getting younger!" Joyce continues to sell real estate with Janet McAfee. "Forty years and still busy and enjoying all!" Joyce, like many of us, is looking forward to our May reunion. They have two grandchildren who are seniors at New Trier, a sophomore at DePaul University in Chicago, and one who graduated from the University of Denver last June.

Julie Meyer Schmitt is "thrilled that MICDS has decided to reinstate *Class Notes*." She and Fred moved out of their home of 43 years and are now "happily ensconced in a very lively retirement community. It is closer to one of our daughters and our granddaughter's school but not far from all of our Wilmington friends and activities." Julie had a total knee replacement and is "thrilled with the results."

Louise Bartlett Franklin tells us: "Life is good. I'm continuing to enjoy the activities I've been involved in for a number of years: book club, bridge club, church flower guild and copy editor of the GA Perennial Plant Assn." She is also trying to keep fit with yoga and tai chi. She plans to move to a condo and club community in the future. I'm happy to report that Louise will also be joining us for our reunion.

Cynthia Hungerford Gibbons writes "All is well. I gave a talk at the Four Arts Society in Palm Beach. All about the amazing life of an art consultant, great fun—I thank Mary Institute for giving me a firm foundation and am doing more of my own painting now which I love." Cynthia invites classmates to visit if in Palm Beach.

Marge Bergfeld reports Bill is doing well as last he heard his cancer is gone. Marge is doing well, too. She just had a hard time getting through November and December without going to a hospital. Their daughter, Barbara, and her husband, Larry, have moved to the farm. They're taking care of everything, including two horses, a donkey, a mule and chickens. Marge hopes to be at the reunion. She still works in landscaping and is up to 46 years now.

Sarah Priest Breed also had a major loss this year with the death of her husband, Charlie. They moved from Arizona to Duxbury, MA, to be close to family after he became ill. He passed while attending his 65th reunion at Dartmouth. Sarah plans to stay in Duxbury and hopes to be with us in May.

Bonnie Barton Summers will also join us for our 60th reunion. "We fly home from Vero Beach, FL, our winter home, on May 1, and will be home for the 55th birthday of my son, **Meade Summers III!** How did he become older than we are?" Bonnie's four grandchildren are attending MICDS. "Being grandparents – it's the BEST."

DeDe DeWitt Lambert tells us the sad news of the death of her husband, Don, in February of last year, after suffering from Alzheimer's. "There was a memorial service in Florida, and we had a great group of classmates attend—Cynthia, Judy, Bonnie, Pat, **Penny Grey Howland** and **Ann Lortz Brightman**." DeDe continues her routine, living in Florida in the winter, Michigan in the summer and St. Louis in the spring. "I'm looking forward to our 60th."

Ann suffered a painful loss with the death of her brother, **Bill Lortz '56**, who passed away just before Christmas. I speak for myself and the class in expressing our condolences to DeDe and Ann. Ann and John spend the winter in Vero Beach where she runs into some MI friends. Ann is attending our 60th and tells us that Penny Howland will also join us in May. Ann says, "Let's have FUN while we can!!" A nice note with which to end our *Class Notes* for this season.

1958 CDS

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Maurice "Bud" Hirsch published his fifth poetry collection, *Bodies in the Creek*. A reviewer commented: "If life is a sinuous, circuitous creek, around each bend is an unexpected landscape of insights and surprises which become, looking back, the stuff of wisdom. Let Maurice Hirsch be your guide through the pleasing yet deadly serious terrain of life experience recalled from memory and processed in meaningful and magical wisdom."

Hugh Bartlett reports that he and Jane were heading to Bahamas in March for bonefishing and who knows what else.

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Warren Boeschstein has been painting since retiring five years ago from the University of Virginia, School of Architecture. Boesch says painting is not too different than practicing architecture without the constraints of budgets and functions. At a recent exhibit of his abstract work in Charlottesville, VA, Boesch sold nearly all of his paintings, helped by **Charlie Valier's** initial purchase of one.

Frank Elliott wishes all a Happy New Year from Washington, the state. He and Karen celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary by taking their two daughters, two granddaughters and one son-in-law to Botswana, where they were celebrating their 50th year of independence. They completed the trip in Zimbabwe. Three weeks of African safaris, two of which were in tents. Frank says it was an amazing family adventure of a lifetime.

David Hanks organized an exhibit for the Stewart Foundation in Montreal- *Partners in Design: Alfred H. Barr, Jr. and Philip Johnson*- that is now on tour. Following its presentation at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and the Davis Museum at Wellesley College, it will travel to Germany for a venue at the Kunsthalle Bielefeld in the spring of 2017. The exhibition explores the role of the Museum of Modern Art's director and curator in introducing modern design and the International Style to North America.

Geoff McClelland and Molly were in St. Louis late last fall and had a dinner with fellow alums **Jim Clarkson** and Carol, **Nick Clifford '57** and fiancée Molly, **Dick Engelsmann '57** and Diane Buhr, **Dan Feinberg** and Susie, **Lou Goldring** and Cindy Todorovich, **John Hall '61** and Bethy, and Charlie Valier and Patsy. A good time was had by all!

Rich Nelson reports he enjoyed a trip back to St. Louis for a visit at his new habitat, The Gatesworth, and did lunch with classmates Clarkson, Feinberg, Goldring, HH Hall, Hirsch and Miller. For part of last year, he did R and R in Seattle for a visit with a new grandson and in Dallas with new granddaughter Grace and two-year-old grandson Cass...all of a sudden three grandkids!

Don Wilson and Carol met Warren and Karen Boeschstein in Virginia last year to see "Mamma Mia" at Barter Theatre. They also met **Bill Kelley**

and Judy on Hilton Head. The Kelleys stopped in on them in Hendersonville recently. Don says for those of you who are considering a more temperate climate in which to retire, Western NC is a wonderful and scenic area with every outdoor activity you could want. Come and check it out.

Charlie Valier is chairman of The Bingham Trust, which owns 113 works by George Caleb Bingham, known as "The Missouri Artist." Charlie has been instrumental in retaining Bingham's drawings in Missouri; participated in the Bingham exhibit at New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art, and played a critical role in having a Bingham painting exhibited at the President's Inaugural luncheon. He has conducted original scholarly work on Bingham making presentations of his work at Missouri art museums.

1959 MI

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Greetings, Classmates! We hope this finds you all well and enjoying the beginnings of 2017. Ten members of our class gathered for a delightful 75th birthday celebration in St. Louis at the end of June. We had a wonderful dinner at Sally Curby Johnston's house, lunch at the Missouri Historical Society and went to the Muny Opera for a backstage tour and performance.

Margaret Cardwell Higonnet wrote that her little sister, **Lucy '62**, has ALS and is failing rapidly. Margaret recently retired and was determined to go to D.C. for the Women's March, where she met **Ethel '61**. Margaret shared, "We marched instead here in Boston—a huge crowd, happy under clear skies to be wearing many shades of pink hats. There were even the little statues of the ducklings on the Boston Common." Our heart is with you, Margaret, as you help your sweet Lucy. Our love to her and to you.

Betty Noland Caravati reports that she is "happily living the life of a 75-year-old. I'm still playing tennis, golf, bridge, and running our cattle farm." She adds that they have "enjoyed attending many of the UVA games since four of our 10 grandchildren are attending college there."



"One of many wonderful signs from the Women's March on Washington and around the country."—Submitted by Anne Scherck Morrison '59.

Janet Beeler Nesin was able to spend time in Rex Terrace, MI, this past summer, joined by her mother, kids and grandchildren. Janet moved her mother to a very pleasant facility in Michigan and has purchased a house nearby where she eventually plans to move.

Quinta Dunn Scott and her husband, Barrie, celebrated their 50th anniversary on February 25. She's working on a series of articles on lead mining near the Ozark National Scenic Riverways for *Confluence* magazine. Quinta joined the Women's March in St. Louis on January 21 and is now working with Women-Dems.org and ResistanceDistrict12 in Illinois.

Sue Forney Boyd is enjoying several FutureLearn.com online courses including *Maritime Archeology*; organizing programs for her garden club; managing *Sustainable Communities Online* (www.sustainable.org); growing seedlings indoors for her community garden; and, post Women's March, working with local groups on D.C. and national issues. Her family is planning a 75th birthday celebration at Lake Tahoe in June.

Lydia Ann Long moved from the house she and Sam shared for 23 years to a condominium she likes on Hanley Road in Clayton. Lydia, her granddaughter, graduates from Clayton High School this May. Lydia participated with two of her granddaughters, Lydia and Cece, in the Women's March in St. Louis in January and is active in several resistance efforts.

Lydia also gave us some news of **Stella Saxton Guy** and **Martha Louise Latzer**. Stella, our class baby

I believe, turned 75 on February 1! She's busy taking care of her husband, Ted, who isn't well. Lydia sees her at church often, and Stella remains as cheerful as always. Martha Louise and Lydia had a lot of fun together placing furniture and hanging pictures in Martha Louise's new home in Boca Raton. She's trying to downsize, but her garage belies the success she's had with that project.

Carol Jacobs Montag continues her busy life in Chicago. Carol and a friend are completing a cookbook, *Chicago Cooks: 45 Perfect Recipes for the Passionate Palate*, to be published hopefully by mid-May. An annual trip to Paris for "research" is a highlight of her year, especially the visit with the children of the family with whom she lived in 1961-62. Most exciting is her role as grandmother to two adorable boys, Henry (17 months old) and Charlie, who just arrived on February 16.

Sandra Doughton Chapin reports: "Probably our most memorable moments this year were our cruises—the Baltic last summer and the Adriatic for Christmas. I still play a lot of tennis (on three teams), dabble with bridge, try to like golf and work on Charity Week, our big fundraiser. I enjoy all three grandsons. Fortunately, two are in Vero, so I get to see their athletic events. I just returned from Victor, ID, where I visited the other grandson who is endlessly amusing."

Jane Simmons Bickford rented a studio in New Orleans for March and April. She welcomes contact with any classmates who might be visiting the city. Jane wrote from Vermont where she was looking at two feet of snow. In addition to her New Orleans visit, Jane has been doing lots of traveling (the Arctic last summer and the Antarctic in November). In addition, she feels lucky to see her children and grandchildren regularly. She's truly enjoying this stage of her life!

Anne Scherck Morrison reports that her four-year term on the MICDS Board of Visitors has ended, much to her regret. "Serving as a member of the BOV was a fantastic experience. I gained a deeper understanding and appreciation of our incredible school. I urge any classmate who is even vaguely interested in succeeding me to call or email me. Susan Boyd, Carol Montag and Sheila Humphreys served before me, and they too found the BOV invaluable and very interesting."

Mary Swarts Singer spends most of the year in Vero Beach, FL, and part of the summer in Harbor Beach, MI. She's involved in an archaeological project called "I Dig Vero." After 1913, construction efforts on a

drainage canal exposed the well-preserved remains of Late Pleistocene flora and fauna in what was suggested to be direct association with human remains. The Board Chair of "I Dig Vero" is Betty Caravati's brother-in-law, Randy Old, married to **Jody Noland Old '62**.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Terry lives in Washington, D.C., and continues to pursue her work as an artist. She frequently enters her watercolor paintings in shows and competitions in the greater Washington area. She got together with Mary Singer and Sheila Humphreys in February in Florida for lunch. Betsy reports that she took a lovely 10-day Alaskan cruise with Sally Johnston last August.

Sheila Humphreys celebrated her 75th this fall on a walking trip in Puglia, Italy, with her husband and fellow hikers from San Francisco. She very much enjoys working as a volunteer mentor to first-generation college students in STEM fields at UC Berkeley. Her son, Ben Humphreys, and his family moved from Boston to Clayton, where her grandsons are at Clayton High School with Lydia Ann Long's granddaughters. She marched with Berkeley colleagues on January 21 in Oakland.

Margaret Higonnet divides her time between Cambridge and Paris. After retiring last July, she reports: "I keep busy working on World War I, since it is, of course, the centennial spread over four years. My husband, Patrice, retired a year earlier and still works on another study of the French Revolution. Happily, our daughter, Ethel, moved to Washington to work on environmental law, and we hope her Brazilian husband will soon be able to join her."

Lisa Strelinger Beckers shares that her 14-year-old granddaughter just marched in Denver's Women's parade/protest on Inauguration day carrying a sign saying "GET A UTERUS!" OMG! LOL! Well, at least she's learning to make her voice heard. That's what her parents get for naming her Grateful Lee!

Carol Bodenheimer Loeb moves into her new condo in the heart of Clayton soon—a new adventure. She's traveling to Singapore to visit her son, Dan, and his family. They visit Carol in the summers, but wanted to show her their house, schools and especially their two dogs! Her daughter, Kelly, and her boys try to visit when they're not busy. They usually make it for Thanksgiving and spring break, but as they get older, now 12 and 15, it does get harder.

After a nasty bout of illness, **Jinks Haigler** is much-improved. Her son, Louis, is in St. Louis with his wife and two children, ages 17 and 15. Jinks' grand-

daughter is more horse-crazy than she was. She asked for a bit for her birthday, and when Jinks said, "But you don't have a horse!" Her reply was, "That's ok, I can hang it on my wall and look at it." Jink's daughter, **Virginia Hanses Howell '83**, is also in St. Louis. Their son, **Ford '16**, is at SMU, **Jack '12** works for J.P. Morgan, and Gini graduates in 2020.

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For a bit more than two years, your Class Agent, **Arthur Lucking**, has been having Monday lunch at Schneithorst's Restaurant with **Chip Matthews**. During this time, we have solved all the world's problems many times over and on occasion have been joined by various of our classmates.

George "Butch" Welch was among the first to lunch with us. Like Chip and Arthur, he still works (i.e., not retired) but finds time to play tennis and spend vacations on Longboat Key.

R. K. Barton, who resides in Michigan, joins us on his semi-annual visits to his family farm near Festus. He's one of those people who never seems to age.

Julius Frager is "mostly retired" from mediation services and spends much of the year in Boca Grande, but returns to family property in St. Louis during the summer. He has become something of an expert on seashells and typically shares examples when he comes to lunch.

Even though he is retired from the restaurant business, we find that service (which is always good) improves when **Jim Schneithorst** joins the lunch bunch. Like Julius, he spends much of the year in Florida (Vero Beach) but ventures north as the weather warms.

Fred Hanser is another "mostly retired" who spends time in Jupiter, FL, when not attending Cardinals games.

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Luke Fouke occasionally stops by our table but usually is having lunch with another regular group.

In December, **Weldon Rogers** came through St. Louis on his way from his home near Julius in Boca Grande to Arkansas to go duck hunting. In his honor, Fred Hanser arranged a lunch (at Schneithorst's again) attended by **David Culver**, Luke Fouke, Butch Welch, **Mike Latta** and Arthur Lueking. Everyone looked great—in an age-appropriate way.

Bill Tucker was in St. Louis visiting his father and found time to have dinner with Arthur and Laura Lueking. His wife, Sheila Kohler, had just published her 14th book and was on a book tour up the West Coast. While maintaining a small private practice, Bill is mostly retired from psychiatry and gets away from the bustle of Manhattan sailing on Long Island Sound off Amagansett, NY. Bill's second (and final) book *Narratives of Recovery from Serious Mental Illness*, published by Springer Publishing in May 2015.

If you are in St. Louis, want to have a good meal and catch up on local gossip, Chip and I have lunch at Schneithorst's every Monday at 11:45 a.m. We'd love to see any classmates.

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Greetings all! It's deep winter out here in California, or at least what passes for winter here. St. Louis weather apparently remains as difficult and unpleasant as I remember from our good old school days.

Now, in no particular order, apart from how their letters emerged from the printer:

Carol Willis Clifton and husband, Al, spent Christmas in Savannah, presumably working on their Southern accents. Carol writes that her oldest grandson will be working at Target when he graduates from the U of MO. Family installed where it counts! They are well, healthy and happy and, seriously, how much more does one need at this point?

Janice Hutto Hoyle embarked on her first year solo as a widow. Her first grandson, Joshua Alfred Stephen Hoyle, was born to her son and his wife. Never one to sit still, Janice wandered off to France, the Channel Islands and Sicily, touring castles, royal gardens, volcanos and many restaurants! In between jaunts, she managed to care for her aging Maine Coon cats, two tanks of tropical fish, and produce 75 pounds of honey. This girl continues to thrive and take care of business alone. And while the picture she posted of her standing on the barren landscape of Mt. Etna was sad because it didn't include her Rupert, it was all Janice, all resilience, all moving forward.

Nan Hall Hamilton lives in an old house in a small rural town in Illinois surrounded by corn fields. I'm assuming she has not seen *Children of the Corn*. Until she does and moves out, she rides her Paso Fino mare, does mainframe computer consulting, swims before dawn (not a great time to be out near those corn fields) and takes a Pilates class in addition to building her own furniture from online plans.

Deedee Kessler Ostfeld will celebrate her 50th wedding anniversary in Maui in August with her husband, David, and the whole family! Doing ANYTHING consistently for 50 years is monumental, especially if it involves marriage. Deedee is always doing something monumental, whether it is being called out of consulting retirement to lead seminars and workshops or continuing to wage war against bigotry, sexism, racism, repressive legislation or reactionary politics. I love her mantra, "watchful advocacy."

Susie Glaser Rainish continues to pursue her bridge goal of Silver Lifetime Master. I am sure it deserves a crown or a tiara! Susie traveled to the White Mountains this summer. If you live in an Arizona desert, turtlenecks and parkas might have some appeal! Never one to shirk the pressing topics of healthcare, education and women's issues, Susie feels this is a challenge we must address. Her granddaughter, Hannah, is on academic scholarship at Northern Arizona University now, meaning she can visit with Grandma Susie often!

Our own "Photographer par Excellence," **Patsy Kline Hall**, is traveling the country for photo shoots. She continues to win awards for her photography, not at all surprising. The annual get-together of Patsy, **Anne Baldwin Wetzel** and **Suzanne Macdonald Meirink** took place last November in Venice, FL. This little luncheon, avec husbands, is a mainstay of this column and a photograph is included. It's sooooo unfair that these women look as beautiful as they do.



(From left) MI '60 classmates Suzanne Macdonald Meirink, Anne Baldwin Wetzel and Patsy Kline Hall at lunch in Venice, FL.

Living in Florida for Pete's sake, aren't they supposed to shrivel up there or something?

Barbara Berkley Salsich is apparently inundated with massive amounts of family, all of whom are party-centric! Descriptions of her Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's celebrations make one wonder how she survived, much less managed to orchestrate dinners for the accumulated masses, a bonfire and fireworks that did NOT result in the destruction of their cottage in Sugar Tree. Well, we always knew this girl was a superhero!

Jill Levy Petzell addresses her concerns about political unrest by delving deeper into her art. Through her beautiful jewelry, she crafts hopefulness, joy and dreamscapes to intrigue, inspire and soothe us. Jill mounted a one-woman installation at The Sheldon Galleries called "Still Lives with Stories." This ambitious endeavor relies on interaction between a viewer and a series of photographs designed to elicit personal responses, which then hopefully lay bare the difference between actual and perceived truth. Go see it!

Lucy Schmitz Morros continues to excel as the president of the St. Louis chapter of Alliance Francaise which, thanks to her efforts, recently acquired a new building in U. City to house the expanded school, library and cultural center for which she is the spokesperson. When I go home these days, it's to the 801 to be with Lucy and **Charlotte Johansen Hamilton**, my homies extraordinaire. Without these ladies and the rest of my girls in St. Louis, I would be bereft. I am so blessed and I don't use that word lightly.

Another of the women I am so grateful to call friend is **Leanne Abramson Schneider**. She and Harvey headed to Florida in February to enjoy some respite from the aforementioned inclement St. Louis winter weather. June will find them, with the Atlanta grandson, tramping about some of the West's best

National Parks. We all miss **Sandie Peterson Kirkbride**, and Leanne always makes time to hang out with Sandie's kids, Todd and **Stacey '90**, when they come to St. Louis.

Sarah McDowell has embraced and starred in "Trips with Grandkids" with Road Scholar. She took one to St. Louis for a robotics and space exploration class, one to Burbank for a film-making class and, for a finale, took herself, minus grandkids, to the vineyards and caves of Southern France. Sounds like a well-deserved vacation...and there was probably fine wine too! She is well, healthy and sending love!

Carole Laube Paquin, while waiting for frog chirps that signal the coming of spring in her world, continues to create her own "spring" with jewelry and pottery creations, participating in various local craft shows. I've actually heard those chirping frogs of hers and feel that spring cannot be too far away! While storms have filled the chirpers' pond, falling trees have created temporary havoc on the Paquin estate! No frogs died in this event!

Now me. I came home in October and was feted in grand style! **Jan Schonwald Greenberg** hosted the most excellent Halloween dinner party in her beautiful home. Attendees were: Lucy, Charlotte, Jill, Nan, Leanne, Barbara and **Kathy Thompson Hanser**. I am enjoying life totally; the California Academy of Sciences continues to be a wondrous place to spend time. My family and I are headed to China over Spring Break to see pandas in Chengdu and climb the wall in Beijing. In June, my grandson, Cameron, and I head to Belize for a month to work at Wild Tracks, a rehabilitation sanctuary for manatees and primates.

Until next time, love always!



Guests enjoyed the festivities at Jan Schonwald Greenberg's Halloween dinner party.

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David Brining fully retired about two years ago. His investment group built a portfolio of operating companies and sold the last one in 2015. Since then, he and Molly have indulged in travel, visiting Morocco, Turkey, Israel and Africa. And, of course, they are chasing grandchildren around. They range in age from 16 years to seven months so the definition of "chasing" varies considerably. Takes time away from fly-fishing in the Sierra but worth it.

Tom Drake and Laurie are in good health, and their three children and five grandchildren all live within 90 miles of them. He fondly remembers his seven years at CDS, including Mr. Mac in the lower school at the Brown Road campus, Bob Wells, Wally Cole, Henry Gilland in French and Glen Degener in Latin, as well as others. He has applied the teachings of these men many times over the years and deeply appreciates their dedication. He still remembers the temporary cessation of classes when a plane passed overhead near the airport. Best wishes to all.

Sandy Galt is still involved with the Commerce Funds. He and **Marianne '64** are spending most of the winter in Florida and playing a lot of golf, some of it with classmate **Dixie Deibel**.

Bob Karn is sorry to report we lost two of our classmates this past year, **Laddie Hamilton** and **Steve Schacht**. Bob continues to enjoy semi-retirement and serves on one private company and three public company boards, but is about to be put out to pasture for being the "oldest guy in the room." He has two teenage grandkids, who are terrific. His son, **Bob '87**, got married for the first time this past year to a Burroughs graduate, Kate Oxenhandler, and he was honored to serve as Best Man. He and Sue split their time between St. Louis and Bonita Springs, FL, where he golfs, fishes and plays pickleball.

Bill Parker is enjoying his 10th year of retirement, having traveled to 25 different countries, some of them hiking trips (Ecuador, Iceland), and did Death Valley last year and will do southern Utah this year. His two granddaughters are in grade school in Denver, and he visits them once a year. He does photography, attends classical concerts, and reads a lot.

Denny Wedemeyer is enjoying retirement with Susan. He is taking classes at Washington University

in the adult education program. He now has three grandchildren. Denny's daughter, Ann, works and is raising her son, Wesley, and daughter, Delores, in south St. Louis. Her husband, Tony, is the IT Director at Washington University Business and Law School. **Claire '94** and her husband, Lou, live in University City. **Theo '94** and his wife, Piper, live in Chicago.

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Becky Atwood Patton had a blast at Christmas with 33 family members, including nine under the age of eight! For some reason, little ole Lexington, VA, is a stop-off point to many larger metropolitan areas, so Becky meets people from all over the world at her inn. Becky is thankful many of us have participated in marches. What a privilege to live in a country where we can and should. If she weren't busy, she'd be in Washington, D.C., for the Right to Life march.

Margaret Blanke Henderson is looking forward to her 50th Brown University reunion. A broken wrist last year motivated her to work on her slouchy, scuffing-along co-ed walk that may have contributed to her tripping on the sidewalk. Margaret so appreciated everyone's help and concern in the aftermath. She's working with a trainer now, and her wrist is fully healed! Margaret volunteers at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Native Plant Glen, which motivates her to make her own garden a native ecosystem and haven for pollinators.

Ann Hinchey Bohm chimed in to say that she and Ken are healthy and happy and have some fun travels planned with family for winter/spring, including a couple of Cardinals spring training games in Jupiter, FL.

Allison Bradbury Kitchen still lives in her motor home in White Bird, ID, on the Salmon River. She drives 26 miles to the grocery store, and Wal-Mart and Costco are 100 miles away. Allison is ready to be closer to family in Texas and live in a HOUSE.

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Her husband, Jim, has a one-year-old great granddaughter. They spent last June in Charlevoix, MI. Allison's son, Colt, and his family enjoyed some time up there while her other son, Mark, and his family were in Orlando for a club volleyball tournament for her 15-year-old granddaughter.

Suzanne Franklin Corry retired in September and is loving her new freedom. She reads a lot, enjoys her dog and is very involved in church activities. In fact, she has just been made a Deacon. Suzanne is happy, content and looking forward to our next reunion. She spoke with **Lynn Frazier Gas** by phone recently and they hope to get together in March! She is also planning on a river cruise in Europe in April.

Lee Gardner Shult traveled to Mexico, and spent nine weeks in Australia, nine weeks in Oregon and six weeks in Japan!

Ann Haigler Rittenbaum is well and still teaching at Ladue for two more years, she hopes.

Hila Hampton Green visited Coeur d'Alene, Balboa Island, Charlotte and St. Louis twice to see her five grands and took a cruise through the Panama Canal from LA to Miami this past summer with Dan. She still designs jewelry (hilasjewels.com) and Dan still paints (dangreenart.com). They celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary in December. Isn't there some kind of medal for that?

Carolyn Horner D'Arcy spent two weeks in Ireland last summer with her spouse and loved it! She sang with her community chorus in several cathedrals and toured Ireland by bus after spending a week in a cottage out in the country; that and the singing were her faves! Lots of gorgeous cows! She's still teaching halftime and traveling during breaks to visit kids and grandkids, which are why she can't retire, darn it. She loves keeping in touch with you all.

Ann Keeler Poucher and Ralph are strong, healthy and seem to travel constantly. Last year included Japan, Europe and the Galapagos with Ann's daughter, Claire, and her two kids. Ann has started a tradition where each "grand" gets a trip of their choosing when they are 13. Tala went to Paris, and she and Keeler are going to London and Scotland. Ralph and Ann continue to spend winters in Boca Grande, FL, and summers in Colorado.

Jane Lewin Steinger joined the Women's March in D.C. She and her beau, Bob, spent a few days in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea then headed off on their third jazz cruise. He calls her "Janie" unprompted, which brings back memories of you all. Jane still organizes volunteers for an annual used book and media sale supporting literacy in Detroit. She continues to take classes, see Indie films, play mahjong, shop estate sales, eat too much ice cream and exercise too little! Jane's grandgirls are nine and seven. Jane hates to preempt the news from **Edie Levy Brown**, and hopes she forgives her. Edie and Howie are en route to Australia to meet their twin grand babies – a boy and a girl. She'll let Edie fill everyone in on the rest.

Nancy Lungstras Broadfoot and Bert are healthy and life is quiet. Bert continues to work. They downsized two-and-a-half years ago and enjoy their new location. Life consists of much family interaction as all of their kids reside in Atlanta. Nancy does a lot of church work, reads books, plays a lot of golf, takes care of ailing friends (at our age, we have some!), while fitting in a bit of traveling. They had a good visit with Lynn and Francois Gas recently. She and Bert would LOVE to see anyone coming through Atlanta!

Barbara Martin Smith and Tim celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in 2016! In 2017, they anticipate quality time on a Florida beach with their son and half a world away in Shanghai, China, with their daughter. Hopefully, when they move to their family camp in the Adirondacks, the black bear who swam over for a visit in 2016 won't try that again. Barbara still paints and exhibits her work. February 19 through March, The Ethical Society in St. Louis will host an exhibition of about 15 paintings. She's a docent at the St. Louis Art Museum and volunteers with The Arts as Healing Foundation.

Susan McClelland Mosse is traveling to London to meet up with Clifford for her son, Richard's, opening in the Barbican. Susan is still enjoyably working. She had fun in NYC at Christmas, but couldn't have lunch with Rodgers as she was surrounded by three grandchildren. Clifford is retired, finally, and doing good Granny stuff. She spent a week with Susan last summer. **Ada Long** sadly lost her wonderful partner recently (they had all come to Ireland last year for Christmas. He was a great guy).

Sally Neuwochner Anderson had a wonderful trip to New York City and Quebec City this fall, Chicago in December as a "central" location to visit with friends from Santa Barbara. In between trips, Sally's concentrated on committee work and Bridge. They're currently in St. John USVI with her sister **Carolyn '67**, her husband and other friends.

They'll return to Florida where they will stay until after spring break with their great nieces, ages 13 and 10.

Nettie Orthwein Dodge and Tyler celebrated their 50th anniversary in May 2016. Their daughters created a nice event in June at the ranch when the weather was better. She and Tyler are still enjoying ranching and having their family fairly close - eight grandkids ranging from 25 to nine. They are all very precious to them.

Roxie Pool retired from United Airlines in August 2015. They offered her an early buyout...What a joke at 70. Roxie took the money and spent four and a half months in Mexico (March - July) this last summer and built a house. What a trip that was. In January, she went on her annual trip with a friend to Jayapura West Papua, Indonesia. They headed to the Baliem Valley to go trekking, Raja Ampat for snorkeling and diving and did some birding, too.

Carolyn Richards took part in the Boston Women's Solidarity March. It was awesome! There were over twice as many people as expected, more than 125,000. They marched around Boston Common. The speeches were great, but the highlight was Elizabeth Warren. Carolyn's two granddaughters, ages eight and nine, are a big part of her joining "The Resistance." Women have made so many gains since she was their age. She doesn't want to go backward.

Nancy Rodgers McGrath reports that her family is doing fine – two kids and four grandkids. Although her very athletic 9-year-old grandson, Nate, has just been diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, "it's something he's handling with both grit and grace so far." She has been writing a short family history for the grandkids, but "the farther into I get, the more I realize that none of the kids should read it until they're 50!"

Dudley Roulhac Grove has a new granddaughter, Stella Martin Grove, born March 15, 2016, to George and Amber Grove in Thibodaux, LA. Now there are seven. They gathered with their three children and their families for a total of 14 people for Thanksgiving. Dudley and Jim '62 live on their small boat, the Fanfare, for three months in the Bahamas and spend two-and-a-half months in Nova Scotia organizing education exhibits and fundraising for a small historical society. Dudley is working on their families' genealogies and loving the stories that she finds.

Suzanne Williams Haaland is happy in sunny Naples, FL, for the winter. Her children and grandchildren keep getting older (they have two headed to college next year). They are beginning to get rid of lots and lots of stuff in anticipation of selling their

home in Virginia on the Chesapeake Bay in the next year or so and downsizing to the Richmond area. She plans to spend a lot of time sailing on the Bay this spring before heading to Maine for the summer.

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William Horwitz '63 celebrated the birth of his granddaughter. Rachel Tehilla Horwitz was born on January 6 in Jerusalem.

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Ladies,

The birthday of **Vicki Shinkle Charles** on February 5th marked a milestone. She is our “Class Baby” and we now are all septuagenarians!! How’s that for a cheery opening to the new—and eagerly awaited—iteration of *Class Notes*? I recently had a chance to catch up with Vicky and her cousin, **Florence Shinkle** at a birthday luncheon given for them by our former classmate, **Kathy Orthwein Snowden**. The birthday girls both looked wonderful. Florence claims to run a “nursing home for aged horses.” Clearly her sense of humor persists. Vicki spends lots of time with her grandsons and Kathy is the “go-to” person for stray and/or wounded critters of all sorts found in the neighborhood. She also spends much time with her numerous “grands”.

A quick, last-minute (not much has changed) survey of the various “youngsters” of the Class of 1964 began yesterday with a very static-filled and, eventually dropped, phone call to our President, **Barbara Baur Dunlap**. She emailed immediately and explained that she and Charlie were entertaining houseguests with a hike in the Grand Canyon. Goodness!! Her oldest grandchild is 16 and her mother, **Florence Noland Baur '40**, is 96. She added: “Other than chasing 13 grandkids and visiting Mother, our lives hum along at top speed just answering our technology and wondering what the Lord would have us do! But has anyone figured out where they are going to spend ‘retirement’?”

A call to **Josie Pettus Wiseman '64** elicited the sad news that **Ellen Day Hoff's** mother died recently. Josie had lunch with Ellen while visiting her daughter, Porter, in Washington, D.C., this winter. Porter has a new corgi and all three took it to Puppy Play Class. Josie sees the Dunlaps every year; continues to create fabulous jewelry; and went to France before Christmas to tour churches and cathedrals known for their wonderful crêches.

Becky Jones Fouke and **Luke '59**, at the moment, are cruising between New Zealand and Australia.

Linn Upthegrove Wells and Davey are home from 10 days in Florida—where so many of our classmates seem to migrate in the winter. In the past year or so, Linn and Davey have enjoyed exotic riverboat cruises abroad and a fabulous trip to Egypt. **Elizabeth Wells '99** continues to teach Upper School history at MICDS. **Jean Wells '02** uses her civil engineering degree and her Master's in Urban Planning to work in urban planning and real estate development.

Barbara Blair Drey moved into an attractive, smaller house off Price Road nearly a year ago. She continues to volunteer for The Book Fair and the Ronald McDonald House.

Mary Vogt Myers responded to my urgent plea to say that her son, Merit Vogt Myers, now lives in Brooklyn and works at the Cooper Hewitt Museum. Merit is the youngest offspring of the Class of 1964. Mary stated that “he is loving life in the Big City.”

Cindy MacDonald Gamblin submitted: “I’m still totally enjoying retirement, staying busy with projects and some lobbying. However, the best part of it is just being a homebody, especially when nasty weather hits us. I know this isn’t going to go over too well with those of you in northern climates, but we have had a glorious winter to date with more spring-like weather than even our normal winter.”

My neighbor, **Kimmy Thompson Brauer** (we were always Study Hall neighbors, too!) joined the growing list of classmates with “replacement parts” and received a new hip this past fall. All went beautifully, and she was back to her multi-inch heels and busy travel schedule in no time. She and **Steve '63** are delighted that “young” Steve has returned to St. Louis.

Jane Cox has sad news to report. Her brother, Gordon, died in early February. Jane will be back helping with these notes for the next issue. She does Facebook and keeps up with **Patsy Clark Ball**, **Barb Cook**, **Joan Schneithorst Fick** and **Punkin Hirsch**. Jane and I promise much more news next time.

Meanwhile, I’d like to close with the news from **Marie Campagna Brauer**: “I am in the Master of Legal Studies program at WU Law School and expect to graduate (hopefully!!) in 2018. Twenty-five years after the MI/CDS merger, I’m excited to be in my 5th year on the MICDS Board, with three grandchildren there in 1st, 3rd and 5th grades. Recently, I went out to Beaver Creek, CO, for a mother/daughter ski trip with **Ashley '92** and we had a wonderful dinner with **Peggy Bealke Nicholls** and her daughter, Alicia!”

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Happy Big 70th to everyone in our class!

Harry Agress and Ronnie did some wonderful traveling last year to China, Japan and Myanmar. Harry had a photo exhibition in midtown Manhattan with many of the shots from those trips. He had a great time showing them to Nancy and **Ned Scharff**, **Jim Crawford** and **Mike '62** and **Sally Witte '66**, who were kind enough to stop by the show. For those interested the exhibit photos can be seen as the last collection on Harry’s website (www.harryagress-photography.com). So far, he reports, the Next Stage (don’t like the “R” word) has been very good. Love the free-flow no-stress state of mind.

David Deibel reports that he and his son, Walker, have been Executive Producers of nine feature length films, the latest being *Bill Nye: The Science Guy*, which is scheduled to premiere at the South by Southwest Film Festival in March. Their other films include: *Five Nights in Maine*, *Some Beasts*, *Rolling Papers*, *Finders Keepers*, *This Close*, *Omaha* and *Print the Legends*. These can generally be found on Netflix.

Tee Baur and Shellie now have four grandchildren at MICDS with two others having already graduated. One granddaughter led her MICDS team to second-place finish in the Missouri State basketball championship tournament and received Missouri all-state honors. Tee and Shellie spent the winter in Naples, FL, and were visited by George Morgan and wife Jorge.

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Bob Albrecht is still enjoying living in Sedona, AZ. Bob's wife, Shirley, is a master basket maker and oversees a Sedona artisan organization while Bob continues his work as a professional photographer.

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I am sad to report the passing of **Noell Fisher Pennington** in August 2016 after a battle with cancer. **Wendy DuBois Brockman** and **Jane Atwood Whitehead** wrote to tell me they remember how kind Noell was and have great memories of visiting her house in the "country"—in Chesterfield. **Ann Calfee Alden** recalls how much fun she had riding horses with Noell. Our thoughts are with her husband, Mike, her children, Brett and Drew, and her sister, **Elaine Fisher Macy Anderson '61**.

Our condolences to **Mimi Johnson Severs** and family on the loss of her husband, Rick, in February 2016. Mimi writes: "It was wonderful to have both of my sons and their families in town for my 70th birthday last Thanksgiving. I think I am one of the oldest '65ers, but I'm not letting it get me down. It was a comfort for all of us to be together. Rick's bachelor brother Paul is always willing and happy to turn his house into a B&B for everyone. Happy spring to all!"

Elizabeth Kendall is a professor of Liberal and Literary Studies at New School in New York. She taught at Parsons/Paris for spring semester '16 and lived in Montmartre. Now, she's teaching and working on two books: a short, meditative biography of Balanchine and a memoir examining herself as part of Hillary's generation. The movie based on her book, *Balanchine and the Lost Muse*, is moving forward with Gulfstream Pictures and a known director has been signed. She's devoting a portion of her life to activism—back to the 70s.

Connie Shapleigh Martin has more trips planned and is traveling through Australia as I write this column. Connie reports that she is glad to see *Class Notes* come back. Life is good in San Diego where she

loves spending time with her adorable grandchildren. Retirement allows Connie to travel on at least two new adventures each year.

We send our good wishes for a speedy recovery to **Anne Kennard**, who writes: "My news would be that I tried to do an Ozzie Smith double backflip on the paddle tennis court and ended up with a broken hip. I actually broke my femur in four places at the top, but they call it a hip. I had surgery that night. Rehab is going fairly well. The doctor promises that I will be on the tennis courts this summer!"

Our thoughts are with **Alice Langenberg Abrams** whose stepmother, Mary Langenberg, passed away in November. Alice hosted our lovely 45th reunion luncheon at Mary's rooftop party room. Alice has lived in Lexington, MA, for 42 years and makes artwork at the Harvard Ceramic Program. Travels to London and Southeast Asia this year have widened horizons for her and Walter. The presidential election has been the year's show stopper. Good wishes to all classmates as we celebrate our 70th birthdays.

Jan Shapleigh Mackey enjoys traveling to visit family in New York and Boston. Her daughter lives in St. Louis with her family. Her mother, **Jane Smith Shapleigh '38**, just turned 97! In February, Jan is traveling to Morocco with Steve and **Janie Ruwitch Mitchell '65**, and then, on to Spain. In July, she'll celebrate 70 by taking her family to a dude ranch. Then they'll head to their summer home at Mishaum Point, MA. Jan enjoys seeing Janie Mitchell, **Peggy Dubinsky Price** and **Leigh Limberg Mason** at the Women's Democratic Forum luncheons.

Irene Leland shares how proud she is of her son, **Austin Barzantny '97**, for his vital role in the city's real estate redevelopment, which was featured in the *Post-Dispatch* last November. In December, Irene filmed a national infomercial for Great Healthworks and their joint supplement, Omega XL. Her songs continue to win awards and receive international radio airplay. She will be honored again at Akademia's Hollywood Gala in April. She's been nominated for Artist of the Year in the Folk category!

In March 2016, **Ann Calfee Alden** had a brief recurrence of cancer. She responded well to treatment and her scans are clear again. Ann continues to ride horses, travel and spend time with family. In August, they headed to Trout Lake in Wisconsin where she used to pick up her brother, Creighton, from camp. Her sister-in-law, Carolyn Calfee, her three adult children and Ann's two daughters with their families came together to remember his life. He passed away two years ago. For Ann's 70th birthday, her daughters, Alexa and Jennifer, hosted a fun party in Tucson with many friends and family in attendance.

Ann continues to stay actively involved with Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies.

Donna Schultz Heidbreder writes: "What's important - my daughter, **Sarah Heidbreder '00**, and my Maltese, Miss Lulu Belle. My home, reading, old movies, museums. Stay-cationing in Williamsburg. Gardening, volunteering, needlepointing, cooking - and the subsequent eating! - decorating/re-decorating and faux finishing. Painting and repairing. Old friends. The occasional houseguest. Politically obsessed—who isn't these days?!—and, finally, at nearly 70, changing my Party affiliation! This is my life, and I am grateful for (nearly) every moment of it!"

Diana Davis Madsen writes from Naples, FL, where she's enjoying the fabulous weather for three months! Diana had a fun lunch catching up recently with **Nancy Burkham Williams** and **Janie Atwood Whitehead**. They missed Anne Kennard and a few others. It is hard to believe that we've already or soon will reach another milestone - 70 years! Diana visits her mom, **Frances Fisse Thompson '40**, often. She recently celebrated her 95th birthday and is going strong.

Janie Whitehead is celebrating her 70th birthday in Delray Beach, FL. As our book club leader, she recommends: "I've been lost in the world of Bruno, chief of police for the little village of St. Denis in the Dordogne. Delicious bits of fluff written by Martin Walker. St. Denis doesn't exist (Now he tells me - after I searched the atlas.) Charming detective stories with a good dollop of WWII era history. There are eight or nine books in the series."

Last but not least, our class baby, **Linda Glick**, who will be the last to turn 70 in February 2018, is—I think—the first great-grandmother! Granddaughter Rachel Rapson gave birth to Leah Maxine Stanik in December!

Besides being your class agent for life, **Peggy Price** still reads, plays mah jongg and travels with her retired husband. Peggy's daughter, **Katie Price Testo '03**, was married in a beautiful ceremony at Picchetti Winery in Cupertino, CA, last October with her sister, **Wendy Price '99**, **Leslie Loeb '03** and **Molly Rhodes '03** among the bridesmaids. Peggy is trying to recover from the election and will miss having her Wellesley classmate serve as the amazing president she knows Hillary could have been. Peggy's book recommendations are: *Eligible*, *Our Souls at Night* and *The Last Bus to Wisdom*.

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Mimi Johnson Severs celebrating her 70th birthday with her grandchildren, Natalie (6), twins Carter and Emmitt (4) and Tyler (11).



Connie Shapleigh Martin in Sri Lanka.



Ann Calfee Alden turns 70 in style with family and friends. (Front row from left) Kelly Alden, Steve Alden, Ann Calfee Alden, Alexa Alden Smith, Carolyn Calfee, Ada Alden and Dave Alden; (Back row, from left) Liz Alden Maboney, Abby Maboney, Ava Parker, Zane Parker, Sydney Smith, Dominic Smith, Heather Alden, Jeff Parker and Jennifer Parker.



Katie Price Testo '03 and Wendy Price '99, daughters of Peggy Dubinsky Price.



Alice Langenberg Abrams and family. (Front row, from left) Alice Abrams, Noab Johnson, Sonia Abrams with Keira Johnson and Ben Abrams; (Back row, from left) Walter Abrams, Mike Johnson, Austin Johnson, Sonya Abrams and Sarab Grafman



Sarab Heidbreder '00, daughter of Donna Schultz Heibreder, and Lulu.

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Diana Davis Madsen watching her mother, Fances Fisse Thompson '40, blow out the candles on her 95th birthday.



Irene Leland and son Austin Barzantny '97 at the groundbreaking of his new condo and commercial development in St. Louis.



Jamie Atwood Whitehead's daughter Hadley Wilkins and family.

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Greetings Fellow Classmates,

Welcome back to the resurrected and rejuvenated *Class Notes*, all about us.

Gale has been busy these last few months, so I've offered to keep us all informed, and not let the momentum and energy that was present at our 50th reunion wane. For all underclasswomen and men who read these articles about their elders, and are in doubt as to whether or not to attend a class reunion, let all of the '66ers who went to ours tell you to go! Everyone who wrote in for the *Notes* commented that it was a joy to reconnect after such a long time. We all picked up right where we left off, and in many cases found out that our class is even more amazing than before.

Also, a big thank you to all those at the school who helped us make the 50th such a well-run event.

Our entire Australian contingent made it to the reunion, and **Diane Deal Parks** writes that afterward she and David caught up with **Noel Messing Hefty** in Boulder, CO. They spent time driving the back roads to Mesa Verde, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque. Diane visits St. Louis every few months to see her mother. In Sydney, she continues to practice piano and volunteers for a program that takes music and music education into schools around the country. She also manages to grow veggies and orchids on her suburban balcony.

Liz Douglas is busy getting ready for Easter with all four of her children together for the first time in three years. Lots of shrimp on the Bar-B (sorry, couldn't help it). Liz bought the apartment next to hers and has renovated it to be a veritable mansion. She took a trip in October to Eastern Europe down the Danube. Liz mentioned that, at the reunion, she was reminded of how happy she was that our class accepted her so warmly. We think it was the other way 'round, Mate.

Ginny Limberg in Perth, had a family holiday in Bali. She returned home to watch the Tour de France and has been inspired to take her bike out and attack the hills around her home. She will then be tested for PEDs by Lance.

Also from far afield, **Tauna Urban Durand** managed to write from Hawaii where she and Doug were on a four-month world cruise. After the reunion, Tauna took a cruise to Alaska with her sister **Vicky '67**. She then went to Washington, D.C., with her 11-year-old grandson. In the fall, she and Doug went to France and visited the emotionally moving Normandy beaches and American cemetery. At some point, she will return to Florida to make sure she still lives there.

Sally Jones Foley took time out from Tecate, Mexico, to tell us that she's forcing herself to enjoy a trip with her daughter, Katie, and sister, **Jannie '68**. When home in Petaluma, CA, Sally volunteers at her local educational foundation, golfs, works out and grows veggies to feed her grandsons down the street. She and husband Ned traveled to Alaska with Tim and **Sally Lewis Kennedy**, and to London to see their other daughter, Sarah. Sally's son, Daniel, lives in San Francisco.

Another traveler, but this time for good, **Becky Egle Brittain von Schrader** and **Eric '66** are moving to Carpinteria, CA. They sold their St. Louis home and should be in their new place by now. Becky is excited to start a new chapter and will be concentrating on dance/arts/energetics for the soul. She pictures herself by the ocean waving colorful scarves and beating a drum. Unfortunately, in California she will not stand out...channel Isadora Duncan everyone.

Lark Upson and her husband, Jack Hoffman, sold their home in Vermont and are going to their equally quaint "maison" in France for the foreseeable future. Jack will continue to work via computer, and Lark will paint and maybe redo a small home near them for guests. Lark had a one-woman showing of her work at the Vermont Supreme Court Building in January. Along with her striking portraits, her life size endangered species paintings were impressive. Lark also attended the Women's March in Washington.

Our other acclaimed artist, **Ellen Griesedieck Posey**, is still working diligently on the American Mural Project. The big job now is to make room for it. As large as the Parthenon in square footage, and five stories high, it's going into one of the old mill buildings in Connecticut. Sixteen years and counting, Oy. Her husband Sam and children, John and Judy, are all doing well and working on their own projects. Let's

hope those projects are a tad smaller.

It was great to reconnect with **Anne (Polly) Roulhac** at the reunion and her luncheon. She is living in Washington, D.C., which she describes as interesting and filled with discoveries. She mirrored all our feelings of delight with memories of our class while introducing larger, vaster realms of experience. Well said.

Sally Kennedy is in Denver studying Henry James, reading *The Ambassadors*. When she regains consciousness, she attends to her two grandsons every Wednesday. She is teaching them Italian in hopes that they will become gondoliers in Venice someday. Sal was also on the aforementioned trip to Alaska with Sally Foley last fall. She loved seeing glaciers, whales and bears, oh my.

Mary Schlapp Thistle entered a statewide competition to knit the longest scarf. So far, she's knitted 450 feet 7 inches. If she wins, she'll head to Nationals where one presumes the winning scarf will be donated to the anaconda exhibit at Busch Gardens. Mary is also an accomplished accordion player with 23 trophies on her mantel. She and Jeff traveled to Sicily with some of his college friends last fall. Mary lamented that none of the men looked at all like Al Pacino.

Moving on to the more sane members of our class, **Ellen Roos** has shifted her focus into making her songs available to other singers and choirs to perform. She has also ventured into writing as a kind of "bread crumbs through the forest" for the next generations. Her new website is now the cyber home for both the music and the writing. Needless to say, some of our generation could use some crumbs as well.

Robin Ewing Engler is still loving the challenge of her 20-month-old twin granddaughters. Robin and Curt reenergize at their place in Boca Grande, FL, and the family's Colorado ranch. She sees St. Louis classmates whenever she can. Her elder daughter, **Lele '96**, is in New York City and a vice president of marketing at the BBC. She was with Sundance for 14 years, but felt the need to move on and let Robert Redford find his own way.

Gale Rutherford Dunlap remains very involved in the MS Bike Ride in Boulder, CO, and captained a team of 20 people who made the 150 mile ride last summer. The Dunlaps celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with an intimate soiree in August. Son Will is working at Coors Brewery and daughter Kate is doing water research. Gale has two perfect grandchildren, Thomas and Elsie. Gale traveled to the Baltics, Belgium, and St. Petersburg last May. This

past January she went to Egypt and Greece.

And finally, I, **Claire Keeler Beck**, divide my time between Colorado and Vermont. I feel the need to do as much traveling as possible before all physical functions leave me, so I'm going to the Ice Skating World Championships in Helsinki with my sister, **Ann '63**. David and I traveled to Tanzania last year and will go to Botswana in April. In June, I'm going to Ireland for a week of horseback riding and plan to gallop down the beaches, up the dales and over the fens—then limp into the closest pub.

Stay well all ye ladies, and be taking notes about yourselves for next year's installment, for there will surely be one.

In March, the Alumni Office received the sad news of the passing of **JoAnne Larkin's** husband, Tony Mulac. We offer our condolences to JoAnne and her family.

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Terry Spatz Coleman is enjoying the fun distraction of organizing our 50th class reunion. Michael keeps busy running Pole Position Raceway of St. Louis. Ryan is an RN at BJC. Terrill is happily living in Atlanta. Jim and Terry bought a boat three summers ago and enjoy exploring gorgeous Northern Lake Michigan. There sure are many St. Louisans up there! She's still singing with the Larks, and her favorite time is playing with Connor, 12, and Olivia, 9.

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The Class of 1968 has always had a lot to say. After three years without *Class Notes*, many burst through the magazine's word limit. Apologies to those whose news had to be cut.

Our messages to each other express joys and sorrows. Through it all, we were glad to have had classmates beside us. With just 54 in our class, we know each other well.

Among our great losses was **Nancy Schaefer Del Real**, who passed away July 12, 2016.

Christy Marshall sends this tribute: "Last summer, Nancy Schaefer Del Real passed away after suffering from Huntington's Chorea for more than two decades. Living in Scottsdale, Nancy leaves her two fabulous daughters, Amy and Lee, three grandsons, and her sisters, **Susie '66** and **Lee '69**. One grandson, Amy's Christopher, was born soon after her passing; the second, Schaefer, was born in January to Lee and her husband, Aaron. Nancy will be so sorely missed. Her wild streak, sharp wit, no-nonsense approach to life, and never-wavering loyalty made her one in a zillion."

When **Susie Gerrard** lost her father in 2015, we grieved for her and for ourselves. Many of us feel Michael Gerrard was the best teacher we ever had. It was an honor and a privilege to be his student. The lessons he taught from Shakespeare and Milton, Joseph Conrad and Henry James have guided our lives. Such was his energy that he bolted up the stairs at school and nearly ran from home in Kirkwood to Mary Institute every day. Mr. Gerrard's wit and wisdom have left their mark on the women we are today.

From California to Virginia, the Class of 1968 speaks.

Ann Grossman Boon: "2016 was a big year for us as our son, Tyler, became a father to Sienna in June. We got a house in Boulder to be closer to our new granddaughter. Ann, Jim and Tyler still work together in the investment business -- I guess we're too stubborn to retire. Penn is still in New York. I still ride my horse on the trails whenever I can. I also spent a week in the Canadian Arctic watching polar bears and the Aurora Borealis in October."

Nancy Fisse Davis: "I continue to be happily settled in Goldendale, WA, where I have several horses and am studying Equine Assisted Learning. I also volunteer in our community in the areas of home health,



(From left) Ben Burford, son of Nancy Davis and Jim Burford '68, Nancy Davis '68 and Susie Hardy '68 on a bike in the Arizona desert.

hospice and bereavement. Both of my children are married: Ben and Lexi live in St. Louis, and Carol and Bill live in Kingsland, GA. Susie Hardy, Ben and I went for a desert hike together in Arizona in February, and had a fun time catching up."

Holly Bobe Erker: "Charlie '68 and I are loving retirement on Marco Island. We stay busy with different clubs, the Art Center, our boat and new friends. Our biggest priority is our daughters and their families. We get to Maine as often as possible to visit Candace, a veterinarian, her husband, Scott, and their six-year-old son, Quinn. Spain and Meredith is a once a year trip. She and husband, Felipe, have Tiago, three, and Maya, one. Charlie and I celebrate our 46th anniversary this May!!"

Betsy Fordyce: "Still living in Bozeman, MT, I no longer work but continue to study and travel and recently became politically active. I've been to India, Greece, Turkey, the Netherlands and Patagonia. Next month, I'll visit several countries in Southern Africa. Lately, I've shifted my focus to American history with an emphasis on race and class. My political activity consists of taking one action a day to promote social justice. All in all, I'm happy because I'm living in accordance with my core values."

Helen French Graves downsized to buy a condo in Scituate, MA, and another in Broomfield, CO. Two of her kids (and two granddaughters) live in the Boulder area and the other loves the ocean too much to leave Massachusetts. She's enjoying split living!

Karen Smith Hempstead: "Ed and I had a busy year! Three granddaughters were born, bringing the total to 10 grandchildren. Along with these 10 blessings comes travel for birthdays, baptisms, school events and plain old visits. We also went to the Pacific Northwest, Banff, and Lake Louise last summer. We ended in Whitefish, MT, where we visited the Rouses. Recently, we returned from an exciting adventure to Australia and New Zealand. My mom passed away in April. I miss her every day."

Holly Holtz: "Part-time consulting and board activity take up much of my time. In 2016, I joined the board of the Grand Canyon Trust. An environmental non-profit, it was instrumental in getting 1.3 million acres in Southeast Utah (the Bears Ears) declared a national monument. I've visited Sedona, Durango,

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Mesa Verde, and Taos (where Betsy, Carol and I had a wonderful reunion with Bonnie and Lydia). Family highlights were my oldest nephew's wedding and my mother's 92nd birthday."

Mary Semple McWilliams: "I am down in Pine Cay, Turks and Caicos. We were here for New Year's Eve: fireworks on the beach - spectacular! My son, Alec, and Kelly had a baby girl, Lucy, who is now a year old. Melissa's boys are 8 and 10. All live in Baltimore, 10 minutes away."

Lou Horan Noland: "We have had two new grandchildren. Our son, **Tee '95**, and his wife, Kim, had their third child - Edward Turner Noland III! Our daughter, **Laura '98**, and her husband, Michael, had their fourth - Augusta! Our total is seven grandchildren! Three of Laura's children are attending Beasley School. Ted has retired, and we're enjoying lots of travel, including to our country place in Augusta and Vero Beach! Looking forward to our 50th reunion!"

Missy Ingham Pixton: "Greetings from Virginia! This past year, I became a grandmother! My son, Scott, and his wife became parents in June 2016 to an adorable baby boy, MJ! I'm in Dallas as often as they allow me. Other 2016 travel included a Caribbean cruise, Costa Rica and Vermont for our camp's 100-year celebration. My sister, Beth (**Elizabeth Ingham Reich '71**), wanted some of her ashes at camp and we had a memorial service there for her. In May, Marv, Kim and I are cruising the Baltic."

Jannie Jones Ramatici: "I am DETERMINED to come to our 50th reunion next year. As life marches on, it seems more important than ever to reconnect with those who shared such pivotal years. One of the happiest days of my life -- the marriage of my daughter, Sophie -- was also the saddest as my incredible husband was taken from the wedding reception to the ER and passed away from a chronic lung disease after two weeks in ICU. We spent Thanksgiving in Hawaii with sister, **Sally '66**, and her whole family. Then traveled to Ireland for Christmas with Sophie's husband's family and an Irish celebration of their marriage. Tears and joy. Sadness and laughter. Life."

Miriam Rand sends greetings from New Mexico. "Miriam, Ona and their almost 18-year-old daughter,

Rand; Jami and her wife, Kathy, Cherif, Emilie and her husband, Marc all live within miles of one another. Many visited for Emilie's marriage to Marc. Our oldest daughter, Jami, married her life partner, Kathy, after being together for over 15 years. One of our many blessings is seeing **Bonnie Black Taylor** and Lydia Ruffin when they come to their Taos home."

Janey Culver Rouse: "We are about to go on our bucket list trip to New Zealand and a little bit of Australia. We go to Montana more frequently since **Sonny '63** is retired. We now have four grandchildren ranging in age from 9 to 1 1/2, but sadly, none of them lives in St. Louis, which gives us a good excuse to descend upon OUR children for visits. Turnabout is fair play, after all these years!"

Missy Morriss Schroll and her husband hosted TWO destination weddings for their two daughters within one year!! Ouch!

Carol Ferring Shepley: "When **Mimi '13** graduates from Rhodes College in May, **Lucy '05** and her husband **Scott DeHaven '03**, as well as **Callie '96**, and our grandchildren, Addie and Jack, will celebrate with **Jake '68** and me. Karen and I took up bridge in order to play with our mothers. Sadly, we only got to play with them once. My mother passed away March 7, 2016, and Karen's mother followed her, April 1. I have published three books since the last alumnae notes."

Bonnie Taylor: "I still have deep theater involvements. I established First Time Puppet Theater in 2013 with production of *Beyond the Fringe* with Lulu for the STL Fringe Festival and *Landslide* in 2014. The play Carol and I have been working on since our 40th reunion, *Benazir*, was workshopped at St. Louis University in the summer of 2016. We re-located part-time to Taos 2014. My son, Nick, and his wife, Metra, live in STL. My son, Jack, is in San Diego."

Jan Howell Wisland: "After teaching for 35 years, I retired in 2015. I'm still busy subbing and tutoring at Community School, however. As a parent observed, 'Jan- you never really left! You get an F in Retirement!' But, that's okay. I get only A's from my three grandchildren- Henry (almost 5), Charlie (2 1/2) and Emily (a little over a year)! Henry and Charlie live with Kemper and Sally only two doors away from us. Emily lives with **Laura '96** and Matthew in California."

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Just as Arnold threateningly promised in *The Terminator*, saying, "I'll be back!" ...we are...with sad news, good news and AMAZING news!

We lost our great friend **Doug Houghton** suddenly last January, in Bolton Landing, NY, (Lake George). Because of his outgoing, friendly, and generous personality, Doug was always at the center of the fun. From the memorable Cella Road parties to Sarasota, Vietnam, Michigan, Lake George and more, Doug enjoyed his many friendships. For a more detailed narrative on Doug, please go to: www.alexanderfh.net. We are hopeful there will be a memorial later this summer in St Louis.

We also extend our condolences to **Gil Alfring**, **Bodie Marx** and **Ted Scallet** on the loss of their mothers, and to **Chuck DuVivier**, **Charlie Erker** and **Bob McCloskey** (deceased) on the loss of their fathers.

Rick Bidgood retired from the teaching biz last July. He has explored Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Gettysburg, New Brunswick and Newfoundland in a VW Eurovan. He currently teaches skiing three days a week at Cannon Mountain.

THP Bitting still drives the red '68 Mustang from our senior year. I sense a "trouble brewing" competition with Buckley. He has six grandchildren and hopes for more to come.

Speaking of, **Rich Buckley** says he isn't in a mid-life crisis but has been in a "vehicle crisis" since he was 16. He recently located a '67 GTO in Cleveland—a "suburban Mom car" with A/C, automatic and NO performance option—that's been shipped to Denver where Ray will have it "hot-rodged up." He plans to beat his drag-strip times from high school. Anyone traveling to Denver should visit Rich and Teresa. You'll have a great time!

From "South Alaska" aka Seattle, **Jim Burford** reports: "This Valentine's Day marks one year since my eldest, Ben, scion of the Burford family, wed **Lexi Cejka-Hales '05**, daughter of '62's own **Paul Hales '63**. My youngest, Carol, took her own matrimonial plunge the following October. These events have occasioned a dramatic upsurge in my St. Louis visits, with predictable Steak 'n Shake visitations. (Double

steakburgers with cheese are fine as a teenager, less so as a near-retiree.)”

Bob Metzger's law practice is based in Washington, D.C., but he also has an office in San Francisco. He is married to Patti Glovsky, a technology investment banker. His son, Michael, is completing a Ph.D. from Stanford and intends to teach film at a university. Bob's daughter, Kristen, is a lawyer in NYC. His other daughter, Marisa, is a professional equestrian, who trains horses and competes in Hunter classes at an elite level. (*Note to Bob- One of Peter Houghton's daughters is part of the Olympic caliber equestrian world...ring bim up!*).

Cliff Scudder says he's bored wintering in Florida. He's just flying and fishing and needs some gainful employment. Cliff's oldest daughter is at Lemoore NAS in California with her Navy F/A-18E jet jockey boyfriend and is in the private equity world. His middle daughter is a paid contractor in the Pentagon and is engaged to a sniper sergeant in the U.S. Rangers. His son is a mechanical engineer with a product development design company in Austin, TX, and is also engaged to a Ph.D. neuro-science major.

Jake Shepley and **Carol '68** will soon be empty-nesters when the baby, **Mimi '13**, graduates from Rhodes College in Memphis this May. Their middle daughter, **Lucy '05**, married **Scott DeHaven '03** in June 2015, and they live in Annapolis, MD where she teaches French and is co-raising a baby pug named Gary (Sorry Wolff...NOT named after you). We had a great visit with our eldest, **Callie '96**, along with Addie and Jack last fall in NY.

John Stupp's daughter, Nora Stupp Coggin '02, works as General Counsel at Stupp Brothers, Inc. John's daughter, **Julie '04**, lives in Marina Del Rey, CA, where John will connect her with one Dr. Scott Sale. His son, **John '06**, works at Stupp Brothers in information systems. John's daughter, **Hallie '10**, is looking for a local position in marketing and communications. His son, **Tommy '14**, is a junior at Bucknell playing water polo for a 23-5 team that will compete in the NCAA Championship tournament.

Gary Wolff is pleased to announce the birth of his first grandchild last summer. John Lawrence Wolff is the son of **Samuel Todd Wolff '98** and the great grandson of **William Wolff '42**. Our congrats to Gary and Sherry!

Kristen Browde: “You may recall that, half a century ago, I took exception to more than the occasional CDS administration statement or action. And, under the heading of ‘some things never change,’ I’m going to

do that once again. They told you Country Day was all male, that our class was the ‘Men of ‘68’ ...um, no. I’m far from the ‘man’ I used to be. Version 2.0 seems to me a significant upgrade. I don’t know if I was the first female graduate of CDS, but on June 6, 1968, we had a class of 45 young men...and me. See you at our 50th”

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Joan Harting Barham has left New York City after many, many years and has settled with her husband, Dennis, in Tucson. She is enjoying seeing her sister, **Barbara '72**, on a regular basis and experiencing the great outdoors.

Cynthia Plumb Hubbard went from a brief retirement in parish ministry in Plymouth, MA, to becoming temporary head of an Episcopal church in Vineyard Haven on Martha's Vineyard. Since Cynthia has spent summers on the Vineyard all of her life, it's been a relatively easy transition. She and Ted love to bike, hike, snow shoe and kayak. They especially enjoy their grandchildren (ages 5 1/2 and 3) who live in Boston, but spend summers on the Vineyard.

Craig Jones is approaching her 15th year in Naples, FL. She continues to work in real estate for Sotheby's, but has found time to do some political work on behalf of voting rights, women's rights and environmental issues in SW Florida. There is no question that Craig will have all of that sorted out by spring!

Pamela Lanier recently built a small house for herself in her daughter's backyard in Hollywood, FL. She finished her second college textbook; *Marketing Essentials for Independent Lodging*; served as a delegate to the IUCN World Conservation Congress; founded and serves as CEO of the Second International Observatory of Sustainable Travel and visited **Judy Jacobs '70** in Budapest where they swam in the world's largest thermal lake. Whew!!!! She welcomes all to Sonoma, California, the first “sustainable wine region” in the U.S.

Jennifer Limberg Larkin has a new namesake! Her granddaughter, Jennifer Lovera Lappe, was born several months premature this past June but is thriving. Baby Jenny and her family (her daughter, Annie, her husband, Matt and older daughter, Evie) live in Boulder, CO. Jennifer has become a bridge

“Life Master” and currently serves as president of her bridge center in Santa Barbara. She would love to host any bridge players in the class. Jennifer shared the sad news that she and **Bob '69** separated this past fall.

Parker Block McMillan and her husband, Steve, are building a new house in Kirkwood, MO. Hopefully it will provide plenty of play space for Parker's seven (with one more on the way) grandchildren, who all live in St. Louis!

Alice Beckers Muckerman reports that October 2016 was a fabulous month for her new favorite sport, baseball. Her daughter, **Merrill '99**, is married to Jed Hoyer who happens to be the General Manager of the Chicago Cubs. For those of you who literally never follow sports news, the Cubs won the 2016 World Series. Alice and Rick managed to take in a number of the exciting final games.

Paige Peck has retired twice in the last 10 years and says she is finally getting the hang of it. Since leaving her government career in Washington, D.C., in 2007, Paige moved to North Carolina and a job with a small company in the private sector. Now she is truly retired and working on her bucket list which includes trips to Australia, New Zealand, St. Martin and numerous western states in the U.S.

Marie Howe Sprague met up with **Lucia O'Reilly** in Rhode Island last summer for the first time in 47 years! Marie said they had plenty to discuss. Meanwhile, Marie keeps more frequent contact with **Tandy Thompson** with whom she takes fabulous cruises, including a 25-day trip from Miami to San Francisco and a recent cruise from Panama to Valparaiso, Chile.

As for me, **Phoebe Scott Burke**, all is well. Still in my childhood home – though now it buzzes with the voices of frequent little visitors. Our two older kids have returned to St. Louis in the last year or so and are swiftly expanding their families. I am enjoying my new persona, that of “Peeps” to my grandchildren, and have found it surprisingly easy to let go of some of my more serious endeavors in favor of playtime! Keep in touch!

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Greetings and best wishes to classmates, family members, and friends reading this, the resurrection of the CDS '70 *Class Notes*.

Continuing the tradition started by **Charlie Schott**, 15 of your buddies celebrated the 50th anniversary of the matriculation of Class IV at the Racquet Club of St. Louis last October. You already know the date for the Class III celebration this coming September. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

I was tickled to hear from **Parker Smith**: "It's been quite a year. We went from no grandchildren to three—each of our kids now has a child, including Parker IV to carry on the name. I had prostate cancer that thankfully is gone. I'm retiring after 17 years with Wind River Holdings. It's been a very rewarding end to my 9-to-5 career. Joan and I plan on traveling in the coming years and working on our golf games."

Tim Wagner reports: "Having now been presidentially branded as an 'Enemy of the American People,' I am now closer to completing a colorful resume. I have been struggling to retire from TV, but the circus in D.C. has been too much fun." Tim has been an independent engineer for 30 years.

Dave Oetting suggested we pass on information about our grandchildren, so **Mark Johnson** let us know: "I have one, plus the first four equals five. Newest one locally grown. Thanks to all my buddies who supported me on my book tour. Working on fiction now, with working title: *When He Came To*. Wife Nancy, retired since August, is rewriting the memoir as a screenplay with the heroine as the long-suffering wife."

From **Tom Barad** we are informed: "All is well out here in L.A. Thought I'd mention that we're heading to Florida in February for my mother's 94th birthday. Blessed with some good genes and good health, she remembers all of you guys fondly. In fact, she remembers a lot more than I do." Are you forgetting a few things on purpose, Tom?

Hal Bible: "Spent my summer and early fall fighting a rare form of sino-nasal cancer at Mayo Clinic with weekly chemotherapy and five times per week radiation. I'm doing very well now, and Chris and I have been in Santa Barbara since early January and will remain here until the end of March." Well done, Hal! They will be joined by **Bill McMillan '70** and Kim. The grandkid count is four.

I was happy to hear from **Henry Bangert**. "I was married for the third time, two years ago, to Joan. Among my wives we have five children; three are married. Only four grandchildren so far, all from my oldest, **Henry Charles '96**, who just turned 39 a few days ago. Not much else to report other than good health and a comfortable retirement for Joan and me. All children healthy, happy, and accounted for. Life couldn't be better!"

Great to have a report from **Ernie Planck**. "We do indeed have a granddaughter, Monroe Suzette Baker, born July 21, 2015. As of last September she lives right across the street from us. Our son, **Max '00**, founder of Oculus Story Studio, won an Emmy this year in the category of "Video Interactive" with the studio's production of *Henry*, a virtual reality short story. All is well with the Plancks. I'm still really busy working hard at doing nothing."

Larry McDaniel informs us: "The only meaningful news we have is that Chris and I plan to spend May and June on The Continent riding the great Cols of The Tour de France. Gabor Temesvari would be proud of my fluency. *Abientôt*."

I received news from **Tim Gillespie**: "I have three living grandkids now, but sadly one has passed away. I moved myself back to St. Louis permanently. I have also moved my small company here. I am enjoying being close to my brothers, friends and classmates. **Tim Barksdale '70** is a frequent visitor and, in fact, he is here now. That in itself is a testament that polar opposites can indeed get along very well!"

Speaking of Tim Barksdale, I was pleased to hear: "Had a successful year, finishing my film, *Battle on the Booming Grounds*, for PBS. It was officially selected in several film festivals and won Best Nature Environmental Film in Prague. I was also awarded 10,000 Czech Crowns and participated in multiple filmmaking panels while having my comments translated into Czech." Congratulations, Tim.

Bob Hermann sent a note on MICDS matters: "As chair of the Capital Campaign, I wanted to update everyone. We have commitments for \$84 million out of our \$90 million goal. A six-year effort with one

year to go, many of you have given and for that I say thanks. To everyone else, it would be great to get our class to 100% participation. It's a great cause, and you can spread any commitment over five years. Thanks for your help!"

Bob Wells sends his regrets for missing the October reunion and promises to see all of you in September. Bob notes that he is in the Master of Liberal Arts Program at University College. His father turned 100 on January 5. "He still reads the newspaper every day and occasionally ventures out into the community to see a play, concert, or museum exhibition."

Life here in Carlisle continues apace. I have begun to retire, such as I will, though a spate of interesting projects arrived at the end of last year. Cynthia hasn't slowed her writing for the *Carlisle Mosquito*, Luke will soon finish his B.S. in Video/Audio Production, and Rose is taking singing and guitar lessons. We look forward to three weeks at the beach in Rhode Island this summer.

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They say that there are some things which cannot be improved. And that includes us—or so I believed. Then I attended our 45th reunion last May and I now have another opinion. And I am not alone in this. The general consensus is that we are better than ever!

The turn-out was, as always, over 50%. First stop was where it all began—school for drinks and dinner. Later, we went to our bench and plaque where more classmates waited. It was the first time many had seen our class gift, and the first time we've come together to remember those we've lost. This was all the more moving because just two months earlier, **Elizabeth Buswell Futoran** succumbed to a rare brain disease. **Hope Jones Welles** spoke so movingly of life and death and the passage of time. We sang "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past" to **Ann Hardy Aschauer's** ethereal accompaniment on a Celtic harp as the sun was setting. As **Molly Coe Niven** said, "It was a reminder that even when connections are not made for decades, coming together can indeed impact our very roots in significant ways...Who were we then? Who are we now? And who will we be tomorrow?" And through it all, our bond is undeniable.

From there, we headed for the warm and welcoming home of Terry and **Sally Braxton Schnuck** for Girls' Night. Some wonderful, long-lost faces showed up: Kathy Fordyce Peake, **KK DuVivier** and Molly, **Arden Biggs Schlueter**, **Cristie Tober Krauss** and **Susie Thomasson Wienstroer**. The rest of the happy crowd were: **Lele Woolsey Springs** and **Audie Woolsey**, **Wendy**, **Dana (Susie) McBride Von Kohorn**, **Babs Claggett Wagner**, **Lisa Culver**, **Judy Griesedieck**, **Lissy Hawes Pollnow**, **Lynn Reed Neill**, **Cammi Fette Mock**, **Cyndi Trauernicht**, **Noel Goding**, **Lucy Ferriss** and **Biz Ellison Marks**, along with most committee members et moi, **Laurie Jacobson Provost**. **Bartow Lammert Molloy** was a last-minute cancellation due to a broken back. **Cynthia Avon Bennink** cancelled, too. Both were missed. Good news is that both are fine.

Judy's ever-changing slide show is always the treat that can't be beat, made even better with a brief video of our late-great classmate, **Beth Ingham Reich**. A small group of our CDS counterparts joined in to round out the evening.

Saturday night, MI-CDS '71 combined forces for dinner at the cozy Deer Creek Club. And we looked fabulous! Big thanks to **Nelson Howe**, **Dee Hawes**, **Tom Collins** and the guys for their help. **Matt Mallickrodt's** slide show was a blast. There were shrieks of laughter (with **John Trent** as either the cause or the subject), hot kisses (I am sworn to secrecy) and flashing peace sign rings. It was so much fun that people planned the 50th while still at the 45th. *Breaking News:* **Mike Minton**, **Doug Jones** and **Alex Morriss Kingzett** are putting the band back together, and we are going to rock that 50th reunion! Can you say "Mustang Sally"? I already have yeses from perennial no-shows: **Susie Hendry Fitzgerald**, **Lisa Peters Schiff** and **Libby Burkham Kenney**! This is going to be the reunion of the century or at least the half-century! Mark it down now: May 2021.

Peggy Gross Crawford and **Michael '70** were driving to U. of Indiana on reunion weekend for the graduation of Lacy, their youngest. They are officially empty-nesters.

Tish Johnson Hanna also had good reason to miss the reunion. As coach of Team USA, her "kids" were running through the streets of Rome that weekend. She officiated at track and field events in Oregon and California for the U.S. Olympic Trials and for the Youth Junior Olympic meet. In her free time, she puts in hours at the gym!

Sally Schnuck: "It was a year of traveling for us with our usual trips to NYC for business, but more

importantly to visit **Hadley '01**; two months spent in Boca Grande, a week in Alaska and a week in Havana. Our son, Ted, has moved back to St. Louis which is wonderful! AND it is awesome to have Hopie back here in our Alma Mater city!"

Mary Desloge: "Time flies, doesn't it? Lots of news from me: my divorce (!), my new home, and two of three sons married. Isn't life grand?"

Marty and **Ann Aschauer** have moved to Louisville, KY, walking distance from daughter, Joanna, and family and youngest daughter Kelly, a graduate student at the University of Louisville. Their son, Ben, and his wife had another son, Kaplan, in Nashville last June. Now both retired, Marty and Ann spend summers in Michigan and February in Florida. Ann is enjoying their five grandchildren, writing (working on her fifth book), singing in the church choir, and working with Refuge, a ministry to refugees.

Lisa Niedringhaus has moved from upstate New York to Texas. She lives with her sister, **Annie Niedringhaus Seeger '74**, and treks back east a couple of times a year to see her grandbabies, Eloise, 2, and Del, 4. Mid-January surprise: her youngest daughter, Macey, eloped with her boyfriend of 15 years, Kyle Tyll. The happy couple lives in Brooklyn.

Laurie Wolff Miller moved to a younger house with a lot less property. She returned to work for her old boss as her assistant in the interior design world and is happy to be back! Ancestry searches, knit/needlepoint, volunteering, Pilates, spinning, coaching squash and grandkids keep Laurie busy. She's been fortunate to have all three kids together a few times this year.

Lucy Ferriss is working on a new novel, a mystery. Last summer, she and Don traveled to Corsica with a world music group, Village Harmony, to learn and perform Corsican paghjella. Lucy attended the Women's March on Washington last January.

Debbie Smith Fitzgerald spent New Year's Eve with her husband, Art, and Miss Culver in Naples, celebrating at the annual Port Royal beach party. She's doing renovations upstairs, including an office for herself—the equivalent of a man cave. Then heading to Italy in the spring, both a land trip and a cruise. "I can't wait to get back to Italy!"

Abbie Carlin was thrown from a horse after the holidays and broke her back in January! She endured a successful surgery and is up and around, recovering at her dad's at this writing, and headed home soon.

She was very touched by all the cards and calls she received from classmates.

Marcia Lane McDonald and husband, Jim, are extremely proud of their son, **Jake '98**, in his newest capacity at MICDS as a full Board member and president of the alumni association! They are also proud grandparents of Alice, 4, and James P. McDonald III, 2 1/2. Jake, his wife Caroline, and the kids live nearby and they spend lots of time together.

K.K. DuVivier didn't let two hip replacements slow her down. She traveled to Colorado to volunteer for DU's Tribal Wills Project, Phoenix and New Orleans for conferences, Portland to teach a course at Lewis & Clark Law School, U.C. Santa Barbara for her son, Emmett's, graduation, New York's Columbia Law School regarding a book collaboration, St. Louis for the 45th and Godfrey, IL, to visit her mother, **Marjorie '40**. KK's daughter, Alice, and granddaughter, Lennox, joined in to celebrate four generations of beautiful women.

Alexandra Morriss Kingzett just played golf with Hopie in Vero whilst visiting her 92-year-old Mom. All is well. She saw **Doug Jones '71** too. Alexandra sold the hotel and restaurant in Florida last year and moved back to the ranch. Her sister, **Suzanne Morriss Robinson '77**, and Mom, **Suzanne Mullins Keeler '42**, are considering reunions this year, 40th and 75th respectively.

Cyndi Trauernicht left for St. Maarten as soon as February hit for her winter dose of "vitamin SEA." In May, she plans to return to Kentucky for the Derby.

Beth Trueblood: "As a Principal at Lawrence Group, I am leading the interior design of the new replacement hospital for SSM Saint Louis University which will open in 2020. I can't wait to retire at that point! Both kids are in Austin where we love to visit. Greta works for Frog - an international design innovation firm - think the original iMac. Adam continues to grow his creative studio what.it.is Creative. I am a proud mama!"

Biz Ellison Marks retired on April 15, 2016, after 25 years at Capital Senior Living. Retirement means working harder doing different things. They built a new home near Matagorda, TX, cleaned out and sold their Mesquite house and moved. They're enjoying

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veggies from the new garden, watching birds on the feeders, and driving/walking on the beach. Mike's dealing with back pain, but is otherwise healthy. Life is good; no rush hour traffic, and sleeping in is great!

Judy Griesedieck went to Nicaragua with the U of MN Bee Squad to share knowledge about working with honeybees. They have Africanized bees, much more aggressive. Judy had to wear two layers of protective suits, a heavy veil and leather gloves in 90-degree heat. She was only stung three times. They toured Managua, hiked up a volcano and swam in a lagoon. She hopes to ski the American Birkebeiner 50K cross country race in February, then head for Spain in May – olé!

Robin Brunner Moores asks: To hike or not to hike, that is the question! She is preparing for the Appalachian Trail for the third year in a row. "The first year, I broke my wrist and called it off. Second year, had four root canals and called it off again. Third year, I had a cardiac ablation, but I may be good to go now." Will 2017 be her year? Stay tuned!

Dr. Tori King is hanging out on the farm with the animals and making hay while the sun shines. "I love summer!" Of course, she made her annual sojourn to an impoverished area of the world to heal children with cleft palates. Last year, Tori lost her sister, **Kristy '66**, and two of her old dogs. Although she still does surgery part-time, Victoria has transitioned to Physician Director of Informatics and has been building the physician documentation templates for electronic medical records. She's still ranching in southern Colorado, if you come out that way.

Jeanie Roy and **Annie Gardner Imbs** enjoyed a float trip together last summer. "We went with a group of friends to Bourbon, MO, and canoed the Meramec River...had a great weekend!"

Laurie Jacobson Provost: "I'm always working on a book...working on two now. Jon and I are crazy in love with our granddaughter. We had an amazing year of travel in 2016: Amsterdam, Stuttgart, Munich, Berlin and Prague, Alaska, Canada and a surprisingly terrific trip to Memphis. The Civil Rights Museum there alone is worth a trip – fantastic. We'll be snorkeling in Grand Cayman and moving to the reggae beat in Jamaica in August on our annual

Timmy from "Lassie" cruise. Join us!"

I am deeply saddened to report the loss of another classmate too young. **Anne Jacobson Nunno** passed in September from heart-related issues. She was widowed years earlier. Our sincere condolences to her son, Lex, a college junior. Cristie said it best, "Anne was the whole package: brilliant, astonishingly beautiful, funny and above all, a wonderful mom to Lex."

Condolences to **Diane Garesché Reed**, who lost her dad in September and to **Debbie Fitzgerald**, who lost her mom last spring, and to the family of **Elizabeth Futoran**. To add to the tragedy, her father died almost immediately after she did. Our hearts go out to her husband, children and mother, a dearly loved teacher at MI.

Life and death and the passage of time...until next time, stay well, my friends.

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Barnet McKee and his wife, Ellen, and are thrilled to share news of the birth of their first grandchild, Genevieve Grace McKee Nierenberg, on November 22, 2016, in Boston, MA, to their daughter, **Kathleen E. McKee '02**, and son-in-law, David W. Nierenberg.

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Clyde Pilkington and his wife, Jane, became grandparents in August 2016. Rory Bing Pilkington was born to **Scott Pilkington '04** and his wife, **Ashley Hollensbe Pilkington '04**. Needless to say, they are thrilled.

Steve Hundley reports that his oldest graduated from Mizzou with a journalism degree and works for a digital marketing agency in Ft. Worth, TX. The youngest is at SMU. Steve moved back to Dallas

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Annie Gardner Imbs and Jeanie Roy on a float trip on the Meramec River.



(From left to right) Dana McBride Von Koborn, Babs Claggett Wagner, Doug Jones, Cammi Fette Mock, Laurie Jacobson Provost, Lynn Reed Neill



Members of the Class of '71 dedicate their class bench and plaque to their departed classmates.



Deer Creek Club: (Front row, from left) Arden Biggs Schlueter, Ann Hardy Aschauer, Lee Woolsey Springs, Babs Claggett Wagner, Dana McBride, Judy Griesedieck, Audie Woolsey, Laurie Jacobson Provost (Back row, from left) Susan Thomasson Weinstroer, Lynn Reed Neill, Mary Dubuque Desloge, Cammi Fette Mock, Lisa Culver, Sally Braxton Schnuck, Hope Jones Welles, Debbie Smith Fitzgerald, Lucy Ferriss, Laurie Wolff Miller, Gloria Niedringhaus Jarvis, Wendy Richards Echols.



Patricia Johnston Hanna in Rome to coach Team USA on a run through the streets of the city.



Lucy Ferriss and her partner, Don, soaked up the sun in Corsica last summer.



Rome, take two: Patricia Hanna, second from left, and part of her team sending congrats to her class back home.

as it felt more like “home.” He had a great surprise when he hired Starside Custom Homes and his old classmate **Lynn Urban** showed up at a meeting.

Pete Smith retired at the end of January from his position as SVP Programming and Advertising Sales at WideOpenWest. He created Further Lane, LLC, to continue his media consulting work. His son, Nick, works at Mars, Inc. in Chicago. Nick married on September 25, 2016. Pete’s daughter, Toddy, works at Enterprise in St. Louis. His wife, Nancy, still works at Wash U. School of Medicine as a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

David Gulick reports that his son **Drew ‘02** has brought him his first grandchild, Emma. David is exiting the cattle business and can show anyone curious where the beef is—if you’re interested in some, contact him at Gulick13@gmail.com.

Ken Cohen works at Huntleigh Securities in St. Louis and will until they drag him out in a long wooden box. His son, **Tom ‘01**, continues to live the life of an entrepreneur with his company, Nanopore Dx. Tom and his wife spend their time chasing Ken’s granddaughter, Hazel (2). Ken’s son, Michael, and his husband live in D.C., where Michael works for a software company, IConstituent. Ken still runs if anyone wants to meet at Priory for a cruise around the cross country course.

Pat Fihn lives in San Pablo, CA, and is now sculpting. Please feel free to view his work at www.eyesoarstudios.com.

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Things are hilarious with **Lou Dennig**, who just finished producing a new show for Comedy Central – *The High Court*. This is must watch TV. And Ellen? She loves work at the Getty Museum. The 19-month-old Denning granddaughter is growing like a weed and starting to talk. Lou claims he can understand some of the words—congratulations to child and grandfather alike! Lou’s son works as an in-house lawyer at Hilton, while his daughter-in-law juggles professional photography and toddler duties.

Paul Compton reports work at Wells Fargo Advisors is great and **Katie ‘74** is enjoying her job at the Lifelong Learning Institute. Their daughter, Mary, is a producer for Srsly.TV and ABC World News Tonight Weekend in New York. Susie will complete her Ph.D. next year in English. Wheeler has started a lacrosse equipment company, Ultimate Lacrosse. After he successfully battled cancer, Wheeler and his wife were blessed to become the parents of beautiful twins.

Life is busy for **Tad Edwards** who continues to build upon the family business legacy with Benjamin F. Edwards & Co. With over 500 employees in nearly 60 offices in 25 states, the company is excited about its future, not to mention the Edwards University program for college age kids interested in the investment business. **Hadley ‘12** is working in NYC for Chanel in public relations, while **Benjamin ‘16** is a freshman at Princeton. Both are very happy.

Martin Lammert has ventured into a new profession. After a storied furniture and design career, Martin has taken his million-dollar rolodex and become an agent for Janet McAfee Real Estate. His first listing was a horse farm owned by the widow of a member of the world-famous band, America. Atta boy, Martin!

Jeff McFarland hopes all is well with the glorious CDS class of 1973!! He continues to work for the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in international health. Jeff currently lives and works in Hanoi, Vietnam, leading the U.S Government efforts on influenza. He spent Christmas vacation in Beijing with his children, granddaughter and ex-wife, and they caught up with classmate **Jon Rachlin** and his son, Dan, for some holiday cheer.

Doug Rexford sends spring greetings from India. He writes that he is “still practicing Stillness; beyond

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that, no news is good news." *Namaste*, Doug!

Having moved to the country near Edwardsville, IL, **Mark Whitelaw** continues to work in the executive benefits field but now his office view is a forest full of deer and turkeys, not a parking lot full of cars. Two large dogs are his constant companions. His wife Joyce is a private 24/7 live-in caregiver for the elderly (and sometimes Mark). Regarding children, his oldest daughter, Kindsey, lives in Kansas City while Carrie and C.J. live in St. Charles.

Doug McCloskey proudly reminds us he and Julie have been married for 38 years and spend a lot of time bike riding. Last year, they rode the Katy Trail across the state 10 times. Doug is a fitness freak and wins the award as the only one in the class who weighs less now than at graduation. Doug still practices business law and has taught over 300 courses at Washington University, Fontbonne University and Webster University. Their oldest child teaches the classics at Kansas State, and their youngest is a ranger in Colorado.

Jay Kaiser is an investment advisor in Seattle. He loves bicycling; last year he huffed and puffed across the Netherlands, enjoying the sights and savoring the coffee. His wife is a grants manager in education. His daughter, having graduated from Johns Hopkins, now works in D.C. Jay proudly writes that they are great and then adds, "I deserve them." Jay extends an invitation to all classmates to come visit for a round of golf or some fine sipping whiskey.

And speaking of fine sipping whiskey, **Jimmy Turner** has resurrected his grandfather's distillery business, Jos. A. Magnus & Co., with the help of some expert distillers and two ace marketers who successfully competed on the TV show, Shark Tank. Their quality gin and bourbon have won them rave reviews, coveted awards and a few rough mornings. (*Note to classmates: next time you go into a bar and see the Magnus name, buy a round and raise your glass to the Class of '73.*)

Sadly, we recently learned that lower school classmate **Randy Lee** lost his battle with cancer just months after returning to St. Louis to reconnect with friends for the 40th reunion.

The CDS Class of 1972 45th Class Reunion Party will be held on Saturday, May 6. Once again, we'll be celebrating with the ladies from Mary I. The party will be at the home of **Candy Pratt Cady** and her husband, **Flip '70**. We've hired a food truck from Zia's. Of course, there'll be adult refreshments too. Hope to see everyone! **Dave Gulick** and **Dave Clark** are the CDS committee members.

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Bill Polk is MICDS Board Chair. Mary Langenberg, Bill's mother, passed away on November 20, 2016. Mary touched the lives of many people in St. Louis, but she will always be fondly remembered as an involved class mother and lifelong friend to the MI and CDS classes of 1974 as well as a dear friend of the School.

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Catherine Mallory is back in St. Louis after 21 years in Colorado, Jackson Hole and Kansas City.

Annie Chalfant Curtis is so excited about her daughter's graduation from The American Academy of Dramatic Arts in April. Holland has been in NYC for two years, and they have gotten to visit with **Paul Allman** and **Bill (Bubba) Singleton '77** when they've visited her and had a ton of fun catching up! Annie says, "I guess I'm going to spend a lot of time in NYC in the future!"

Peggy Collins Rassieur and family had quite a year in 2016. Many of you know that her mom passed away on January 2, Terry had his bike accident on May 1, and her daughter, Karen, was married to Mark Grudzien on October 22. Terry is doing well, and both of their daughters, Karen and Emily, live in Chicago. Peggy is doing some volunteering, hoping to get back on the golf course and tennis courts, and learning to play bridge.

Beth East Skalla still lives in Winnetka, IL, and represents more than 150 portrait artists and sculptors with the national firm Portraits Inc., located in New York City and Birmingham, AL. Beth's work brings her to St. Louis among other locations. Two of her three children work and live in downtown Chicago, and she has one son in Nashville. Beth loves reconnecting with classmates and getting to know their children—hard to believe so many are grandparents!

Celeste Dubuque Sprung retired from Corporate America in December of 2015 to become a full-time community volunteer. Currently, she is a provisional with the St. Louis Herb Society, a board member at the Woman's Exchange, on the Friends Council and Women's Leadership Council at the Humane Society of Missouri (President is **Kathy Wright Warnick '73**) along with volunteering at the Campbell House Museum and MICDS. She has also managed to join three book clubs and three garden clubs!

Travels again for **Kathleen Brackeen-Putnam** over the past few months. First to Savannah, GA, in November 2016 to celebrate her mother's 80th birthday. Then, a longer trip down under to New Zealand in Jan/Feb 2017 for her husband Perry's family reunion and a bit of sight-seeing including the great Kauri forest with trees rivaling our redwoods. The tree we're wrapped around is over 2,000 years old.

Lisa Coulter happily reports that her oldest son, **Chris '05**, married **Elizabeth Moore '08** last September. It was a gorgeous wedding and the festivities leading up to it were such fun! Lisa's two daughters, **Elizabeth '03** and **Caroline '08**, were bridesmaids and her son, John '13, was best man. All of Lisa's siblings came to town and she loved having her Mom, **Geraldine Froemke Dennig '50**, there to celebrate! Such a special time and they're thrilled to welcome another Elizabeth to the family!

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Laurie Reitman moved the family to Dallas approximately three years ago and has enjoyed the better weather and wonderful community. She's still busy running her luxury travel business after retiring from medicine 12 years ago. Laurie is leading a group to New Zealand in May 2018 and has six spots left if anyone is interested.

Susan K. Brown announces her December 26 marriage to Frank D. Bean (Ph.D. Duke University),

a colleague at the University of California, Irvine. Their co-authored a study of Mexican-American integration, *Parents Without Papers*, which won the best book award last year from the population section of the American Sociological Association.

Lila Shepley, a geriatric care manager, is an Approved Independent Trainer and Consultant Professional in the Teepa Snow Positive Approach to Care for those living with dementia, families and all care partners. In addition, Lila is certified as a workshop facilitator by the Alzheimer's Poetry Project. Lila lives in Glendale, MO.

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Memoria Lewis' girls are "all grown up," with Florence at Edinburgh studying English Literature and Lily at McGill studying International Development. Summer jobs included barista-ing at Foyles and camp counselling with trips to festivals and Europe. Memoria recently left the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries after six years as a director—as well as her team—and will miss the very interesting trips to Asia! M&D, Walter Jr and Trevor are all well!

Susan Shepherd Ittner continues work as a sales engineer with CA Technologies supporting API management solutions. She volunteers on the board of the Eastern Missouri Red Cross and is honored to serve on the Tiffany Circle National Council, an international women's philanthropy organization benefiting the Red Cross. She also serves on the WLC Steering Committee for the Missouri Humane Society and Elon University's Parent Board where her daughter, **Courtney Ittner '13**, is a senior.

Tracy O' Donnell Stone and Jim and celebrated their 30th year as owners of The Inn at Mitchell House! How 'bout that? Tracy sees **Betsy Sims Duff** almost every weekend because she bought a beautiful second home just down the road. Zach and Tory are both doing well on their own and she and Jim are enjoying life in The Land of Pleasant Living. They've loved all the visits from friends and hope to have more in the future!

Sarah Remington Gerding still works at Design & Detail in Maplewood. Her oldest, Will, is a freshman at Denison. Twins Mary and Tommy are in 10th grade at Ladue playing lots of lacrosse. She just had

lunch with **Carrie Hamilton Matt**, who was in town seeing her Mom. She spends lots of time with sister **Georgia Remington Martin '76!**

Caroline Campbell-McCarthy is really enjoying her new career selling custom furniture at Stash Home in Kirkwood. On her days off she makes hand-poured candles. Caroline's daughter, Maeve, is graduating in April from the University of Cincinnati School of Design, Art, Architecture and Planning. Her husband David is busy working on the renovation of their bungalow.

Barbara Merollis Bishop was fortunate to hit the road last summer and spend time with Susan Sprung Birch at her beautiful lake home in Wisconsin. Susan and Grant returned the favor in September, coming in for Barbara's father's 90th birthday. 2016's version of Small Business Saturday brought **Hope Wurdack** to town. She reps India Hicks and brought lots of great merchandise. That Saturday, Barbara saw so many alums from MI (**Laura Cook Boldt**, **Robin Wurdack Lynch '74**, **Kathy Kohlbry Mooney '76**, **Cindy Kohlbry '74**, **Letah Hickman Carruthers**, **Wendi Alper-Pressman**) and CDS (**Steve Shepley '76** and **Bill Wallace**).

Sarah Carr Mudd and husband, Gerard, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary this past year. Sarah volunteers at Sign of the Arrow and currently is the non-profit's chairman. Her daughter, **Mimi '10**, completed her two years with Teach for America in South Carolina and is applying to graduate programs for a Master's in Higher Education. Sarah's son, **Gerard '10**, lives in Fort Worth and is an assistant property manager for Ridgmar Mall.

Mimi White Carnal and her husband, **Landers '74**, will celebrate their 35th anniversary in October! Their children are all doing well. **Boyd '06** is a marine biologist based in Beaufort, NC, and **Landers '08** works for CEB consulting in Washington, D.C. **Mary '15** is in her second year at Miami University and is a student-athlete on the Varsity Synchronized Skating team. During their season, they have fun following the RedHawks to competitions across the country.

Karen Baskowitz Boebinger is a certified equine specialist and therapeutic riding instructor at Freedom Ride, a not-for-profit therapeutic riding center in Orlando. In her free time, she trains horses in natural horsemanship. She has been married to her husband Jim for 25 years.

Beth Engelsmann Flanigan reports that **Lacey '09** is making the move from NYC to Dallas to get a master's in teaching at SMU. She will be joining

Drew '03 and Caroline and our Beth's grandchildren (ages 2 and 1). Beth knows they will be visiting a lot!

Julie Hardesty Ferman is lightening her workload to make more room for stuff that matters. As a dating coach and matchmaker, she's still doing her thing—just celebrated their 1180th wedding—but more importantly, Julie's spending plenty of time on the hiking trail, skiing, horseback riding, celebrating every sunrise and cooking up a storm. She was last in town to celebrate her mom's birthday with **Brett Hardesty '77**, **Elizabeth Hardesty O'Keefe '84** and their families!

Laura Cook Boldt and Tom moved into a new house in Clayton. Tommy hung up his board after two years of world alpine racing and lives in Newport Beach working as an intervention coordinator for an addiction rehabilitation center. Winston graduated from West Point and is a First Lt in the U.S. Army. Peter graduated from Miami University and works for a marketing firm in Chicago. Billy, a junior at Whitfield School, is involved in academics and sports. Tom developed several buildings in a hip new St. Louis area, The Grove. Laura remains active in design and has been fortunate to have Barbara Bishop as her business manager.

Wendi Alper-Pressman is still toiling away at Lathrop + Gage, LLC, representing lenders in connection with loan documentation and restructuring (both in and out of bankruptcy court). She tries to be responsive to clients and respectful to adversaries, and was named one of the Top 50 female attorneys in Missouri and Kansas as well as one of the Top 50 attorneys in St. Louis. Wendi still serves on the board of the Repertory Theatre, and attends as many concerts as her schedule allows.

Betsy Sims Duff would like to thank MI and CDS '78 classmates for their incredible outpouring of love and support following the loss last August of her mom, **Betty Green Sims '53**. In addition to seeing the many classmates who were able to attend her mom's visitation and funeral, Betsy received cards, emails, phone calls and visits from MICDS friends from all over the country. It made her really stop to think about the depth of connection we have...even after almost 39 years! She has been able to lean on these friendships, memories, and kind gestures over the last several difficult months, and is so grateful to each and every one of you.

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Ann Ballard sends her greetings from L.A. where she just finished her third year as a docent at the Getty Center. She started taking watercolor classes and entered her painting of tulips in the employee art show. She hasn't painted since Mr. Handler's class in high school! Ann spent a month in South Africa and Namibia, went on a few safaris and rode an ostrich. She spent another month in Malaga, Spain. She's thankful to have friends who live all over the world. It keeps her travels interesting.

1980 MI

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Hello gals from the extraordinary class of superstars 1980!!! I'm back!

Harriette Moore Warren's youngest daughter and my goddaughter, **Livy '21**, is presenting the ribbon on May Day to her sister, **Annabel '17**! Love this tradition!

Melissa Chamberlain Bozesky is still running Learning Consultants and conducting psycho-educational evaluations. Eddie is in the accounting master's program at Ole Miss. John is a sophomore at Mizzou and Drew is a freshman at Ole Miss studying business. She is not liking the empty nest! Missing all the sports events and her boys!

Julie Goldstein Bearman says, "Hi. Nothing to report."

Joey Hibbard Williams was thrilled to celebrate the wedding of their daughter, Anne, to a former St. Louisan, Matt Foglia. They live nearby, in Durham, where Matt is finishing his MD/Ph.D. program at Duke. Caroline, her youngest daughter, is a civil engineer for Louis Berger in Raleigh. Joey continues working with undergraduate admissions at UNC-CH. They have travelled to Nova Scotia, Florida, Michigan and are building a new boat house at Lake Gaston!

Julie Larson Queensen sold her house in St. Louis three years ago and moved outside of San Antonio, TX. She and her husband, Phil, are living the retirement dream. All three of her boys are in college. She invites all or any of us to visit anytime!!!!

Sally Van Cleve Van Doren has a third book of poetry, *Promise*, featuring her visual art on the cover, that is being published by LSU press September 2017. She's giving readings in St. Louis, Connecticut and New York City. Sally is in her third year of teaching a poetry workshop at the 92nd Street Y in NYC. She was delighted to be a guest poet at Normandy Middle School. She also enjoys curating the Sunday workshops for the St. Louis Poetry Center.

Barbi Cady Macon is still doing portrait photography in St. Louis and will celebrate her 30th anniversary in June. She volunteers for BJC hospice in St. Louis. Barbi recently had an exciting trip to New Zealand to drop off her daughter, Georgia, who received a job as a pastry chef at an incredible restaurant. Her daughter, Cady, lives in St. Louis and is a fantastic life coach. William is in Nashville with Big Buddies and Harrison is at Tisch in NYC studying screenwriting.

Beth Danforth lives in a treehouse! Ha. That's what she calls the beautiful house she refurbished in the woods of Ladue. Robert is a senior and Hope is a sophomore at Spring Hill College. They have a nice beach and golf course nearby! Beth started back up with gemology studies. She went to the GIA in Carlsbad, CA, for refresher classes, and is finishing her last class on colored stones online! Good luck BEE! I want some of those stones!

Diane Peterson Haselroth traveled with her mom and sister, **Janet Peterson '78**, to Croatia—a beautiful country with waters that are 98% pure. She's headed on another cruise in November for Thanksgiving with her mom and younger sister, **Kay Peterson '83**. She's still working as a CPA, now a senior tax manager for the 20th largest tax firm. Diane keeps in touch with **Liza Kistner Sueme** when she visits St. Louis from Dallas. She too extends an invitation to Dallas!

Julie Schlueter Nelson moved to NYC for her husband's job running a luxury goods travel company. They are enjoying condo/city living and the adventures it entails. Julie is still working, long distance now, for an alcohol and drug residential program. She is the director of development for teen challenge at the faith-based center. Jacqueline is working in Boston as a clinician and Isabelle is graduating from Rhodes College in May. She wishes everyone the best!

Kimberly Rabenberg Barnes spent four years in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico, but is back in CWE in St. Louis. She loves running into her neighbor, **Liz Sueme**! Kimberly recently befriended Liz Caray. She was in Chicago for the exciting Cubs win. Her son, **Chase Barnes '10**, is in his first year of graduate school as a photographer. Kimberly is traveling to Mexico and then Florida where **Wendy Goessling** is hosting Barbi, Melissa, **Marie, Lea**, Julie Bearman, **Jenny Veron Ewing, Jenny Steinman** and Harriette. Sounds like trouble!

Love you all. Happy health and happiness to my rock stars!!!

1981 MI

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Emma Belt Forget is a stay-at-home mom with six kids at home and three in college—three are working. Emma's mom is 80 and still drives and shares their home. During the summer, they bicycle and hike and go adventure camping in Colorado or Texas or North Carolina. Gardening, chickens and beekeeping keep them busy. She wishes everyone well!

Betsey Homeier and Mark attended a wedding in Mumbai, India. The bride and groom were featured in the *Times of India* newspaper for having a wedding on Valentine's Day. They were hosted royally. Betsey had a wonderful evening with **Halle Sherwin '81** on February 3 in West Hollywood. (Julia was not feeling well.) She plans to visit Boston and Scottsdale for work next month.

Angela Gardaphe Horwitz has a fun update: Four '81 classmates had daughters on this year's 9th grade volleyball team! As for the Horwitz household: Rainey is a junior in the Honors College at Arizona State, studying biology and thinking about grad school. Gage is a senior at Burroughs and eagerly awaiting college letters. **Cecilie '20**, a 9th grader, loves the Upper School life at MICDS. Angela is busy managing the family businesses and volunteering at school and on various community non-profit boards.

Sarah Lane Hurth's daughter, Finley, got married and has a baby girl, Kennedy Lane Turnbow. Yes, that does make Sarah a grandmother—and hopefully calling her Rah-Rah!! Her son, Charlie, is in his first year at med school in Kansas City, and Sarah's young-



(From left) MICDS 9th grade daughters of MI 1981 alumane who played volleyball this fall: Laura Galleberg (Kristen Schattgen Galleberg), Cecile Horwitz (Angela Gardaphe Horwitz), Ellie Stevens (Marcella McDonnell Stevens) and Haley Driver (Jamie Stern Driver)

est, Davis, is a sophomore at Mizzou and pledged Beta Theta Pi. She loved seeing Jane and Shelley in October as well as Taryn over at Carla's house!

Last summer, **Julia Leonhardt** moved from the Washington, D.C., area to Los Angeles, which is now her forever home. She loves the warm weather and doesn't miss the cold winters in Northern Virginia. Before moving, Julia adopted her foster dog, Joy, and gave her a permanent home. Julia's enjoying hiking in the mountains, exploring Ventura Blvd., and trying new restaurants.

Bonnie Hallett Marshall continues to build her art private therapy practice where she counsels children, adolescents and their families. Her son is a sophomore lacrosse player and student at Bonnie's alma mater, Dickinson College, and her daughter is headed to college next year. Bonnie and her husband, Matt, live in Wayne, PA, celebrated 25 years of marriage on January 1.



A recent MI '81 gathering included (from left) Sarah Lane Hurth, Jana Inman, Joanie White Eblers, Laura Danforth Barnes, Carla Merollis Newton, and Shelley Childress Selle.

In 2016, **Missy McDonald Medary** was appointed the Fifth Administrative Region Presiding Judge for the State of Texas. Missy is one of nine regional judges (first female for her region) who oversee the judiciary in Texas. She also presides over a full-time District Court and was re-elected to another four-year term. Missy travels to Austin monthly to discuss the business of the courts as well as promulgate rules and regulations throughout the state. It's more work, but she truly enjoys it.

Jane McCandless Royther and Randy are "downsizing" and put their house on the market. Evy graduated from Rhodes College last May. She lives in Austin and is waiting to hear from vet schools. Tommy is a junior at University of Tennessee and loves it. Jane plays tennis, runs, reads, gardens, sings, cooks, and her relatively new calling is working at Loaves and Fishes. She's gearing up for a busy spring and hopefully moving into a new home.

Jeannie Robb Hubert and family are doing well. John William is in 8th grade and loves playing football. Jeannie's youngest, David, is in 6th grade and also played football this year. Last summer, they took a month-long RV trip to the National Parks of Colorado, Utah and Arizona. She works as a realtor at ReMax and also for her husband's company. If you are ever in the DFW area, please look her up!

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John and Virginia Hanses Howell '83 are still in St. Louis and doing well. John is at Centene Corporation, Virginia is a development director at COCA, **Jack '12** works for JP Morgan in Chicago, **Ford '16** is a freshman at SMU, and **Gini '20** is at home. The dogs are fat and happy. While John and Virginia work to pay for the escalating tuition, Ford and Gini study, party, play sports and use the debit card.

All is well with Bakers. **Bill's** oldest daughter, Mary, is a senior at Emerson in Boston, his son, Billy, is a sophomore at Auburn and his youngest daughter, Betsy, is a sophomore at Marquette High School. Bill was able to see the Winter Classic and Clemson National Championship in one wonderful week.

1985 MI

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The Class of 1985 sends its deepest sympathies to **Margee Mauzé Niemann** and **Jimmy Mauzé '82** on the death of their father, **Jim Mauzé '55**.

Georgette Gaskin writes that her father died of cancer in September 2013. She moved her mother to Maryland in November 2013, into a house that Georgette remodeled while finding out her mother had cancer in September 2014. Her mother is now cancer free and very feisty. Georgette is adjusting to cohabitating with her and their two dogs.

Jeanne Greenberg Rohatyn writes that while the elections were quite distracting, the art world continues in NYC! One of her gallery artists, Marilyn Minter, has a popular show at the Brooklyn Museum through May. Alexander, her 17-year-old, is an accomplished cellist and they're looking into joint conservatory and liberal arts programs for college. Please let her know if you have knowledge to share.

Katie Ford Jay has an adorable daughter, Edie, and is preparing for the big 5-0 this year!

Mary Hermann Lemkemeier enjoys being a mom, substitute teacher, great-aunt, and dog-sitter. She loved teaching in the schoolroom at Childrens' Hospital and is helping plan the Pilgrimage of Trust in St. Louis led by the monks of Taizé over Memorial Day. Perhaps most importantly, her husband can now be seen sporting MICDS colors!

Elizabeth Hanaway Geiger is moving to a new house in Staunton, VA, with her husband, Phil, who is retiring. They plan to paint full time now that their kids are in school. Their idea for an empty nest was to buy a bigger, older house that has lots of character and lots of problems. Artists, go figure.

Constance Morrill continues to expand her private psychotherapy practice in New York City; has been

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a field instructor for two years; and recently became a volunteer clinician for HealthRight International, providing psychological assessments for individuals seeking asylum in the U.S. She also volunteers as a therapist for the Soldiers Project, treating former military and their families. She is excited that her son will begin 4th grade at the United Nations International School this fall.

Vanessa Revard wrote and directed a feature film, a comedy set in The Loop, *The Importance of Doubting Tom*. Vanessa has been busy directing plays and received nine nominations from Arts for Life. She's helping Syrian and Iraqi families in the area transition to life in the U.S. Vanessa has one daughter at Webster University and a sweet 10-year-old girl at home. The other three kids are now living on their own and carving out their own paths.

Gianna Fruhauf Minton lives in the Netherlands with her husband, Keith, and daughters, Anna (13) and Sophie (11). After 18 years in the tropics, they returned to Europe so the girls could attend secondary school. Gianna is as an independent consultant, supporting her old research and conservation projects and collaborating with the World Wildlife Fund and the International Whaling Commission. Whenever possible, they escape to their 19th century farmhouse on the outskirts of the medieval village of Rocantica in Italy.

Julia M. Morris is happy and busy in Brooklyn, by day, teaching kindergarten, and by night, teaching college (early childhood arts education and curriculum). Sometimes, she gets confused as to whom she is teaching. Mr. Fred Sager and her cat, La-La Pie, do their best to keep her grounded. Oh yeah, and she LOVED her surprise birthday in March.

Dorothy-Dean "Dee Dee" Thomas still works in the wine industry. She continues to serve on the Oysterponds Board of Education. After four years as president, she's enjoying just being a board member again. Dee Dee's family now includes a daughter, three rescue dogs, and one rescue cat! Her daughter, Dasha, is in her first year at Roger Williams University, studying engineering. They'll celebrate their fifth year as a family on Mother's Day. Dasha's melded in

with the whole family proving that sometimes family finds you.

Melissa (Missy) Hopmeier Moore and husband Michael relocated to Santa Fe, NM, with their three dogs just before Christmas. Melissa started a new position as the Executive Director of the New Mexico Wildlife Center, and Michael works for Santa Fe Pro Musica. They love their new hometown!

Amy McFarland Dove and Doug have four children: **McCaig '13** (22) who is graduating from UNC-Chapel Hill, **Emily** (21) a junior at UNC-Chapel Hill, **Hannah** (18) a graduating senior at MICDS and **Stewart** (14) who is completing his 8th grade year at Ladue Middle School. Amy is enjoying her position as Director of Development at MICDS and looks forward to seeing as many classmates as possible in St. Louis and on the road.

1986 CDS

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In May 2016, **Tom Schott** was honored by the College Sports Information Directors of America with its 25-Year Award. Tom currently is in his 27th year at Purdue University and his third year as senior associate athletics director. Also in 2016, he had two articles published on the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum website, BaseballHall.org. Tom is in his second four-year term on the West Lafayette Community School Corporation Board of Trustees.

1986 MI

Jill Pruellage Hunt and her husband, Sean, and have been busy this year keeping track of their three children, **Lauren '19**, **Connor '22** and **Shannon '22**, as they seem to need rides to about 10 different places every day. Jill has also enjoyed being the president of the MICDS Parents Association this past school year and continues to run her family's property management business.

1990 CDS

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Burton Roberts lives in Austin, TX and has made shifts in his latest companies to give back and help others find their ideal careers. DreamJobbing (www.DreamJobbing.com) is changing the way students sample careers and helping companies fulfill their corporate social responsibility. ApplicantsPlus for Veterans (<https://veterans.applicantsplus.com>), has put all efforts toward helping veterans get the jobs they deserve by teaching them to market themselves more effectively and then matching them with hiring companies.

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Anthony Georgiadis still lives in Tampa, FL, with his wife, Katie. He no longer helps run Wendover Art, a wall décor manufacturer he co-founded in 2005. Anthony is now a partner with GTI, a Chicago-based multi-state vertically integrated cannabis operator. After seeing the medical benefits from the use of cannabidiol (a non-psychoactive derivative of the cannabis plant) on his dog, he started investing in the space. In 2016, he joined GTI full-time to help with strategy and financial planning.

Cady Scott Seabaugh, Kevin Seabaugh and their daughter, Decatesby, welcomed a baby boy, Meriwether McCarthy "Mac" Seabaugh, on June 30, 2016. They are still living in Kansas City, Missouri, where Decatesby attends the Early Childhood Program at Pembroke Hill.

Laura Wisland lives and works in Oakland as a senior energy analyst for the Union of Concerned Scientists, a national non-profit that uses science-based advocacy organization to promote a safe and healthy planet. She loves being a parent to her 13-month-old daughter, Emily, along with her husband, Matthew.

1997 **MICDS****HILLARY OLK DUTCHER**

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Things are going extremely well at Armstrong Teasdale LLP where **Hillary Bean '97** practices commercial real estate law. She is the proud mother of the most adorable 3-year-old, Connor, lives in the Davis Place subdivision in Clayton and loves her new neighborhood—close to parks and an easy walk to Clayton. Hillary looks forward to seeing the Class of 1997 for the 20th Reunion in May!

2000 **MICDS****LINDSAY HAFFNER EAGLETON**

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After two years, **Michael Harvey '00** is moving on from his position as the Rabbi of The Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Michael, his wife, Barrie, and 2-year-old son, Asher, are excited to announce that they're heading back to the Midwest in July, as he is taking the position of the Rabbi of Temple Israel, in West Lafayette, IN. Michael hopes to spend more time with family and friends living in the Midwest!

Alex Reed writes, "It's been a busy six months for the growing Reed family. After starting my new job at Edward Jones in August, where I get to see and work with **Julia Schlafly Lilly** and **Sarah Hauk**, my wife, Katie, gave birth to our first child in November. Genevieve "Evie" Reed was born on November 23, 2016, and is already smiling at anyone who will watch.

After living in New York for 4-5 years, **Robert Bloch** moved back to St. Louis in the summer of 2014. Robert taught AP Language and American Literature at Central Visual Performing Arts School for two years. He is now working at Premier Charter School as the middle school Intervention Specialist. PCS espouses his core values as an educator, celebrating each student's individuality and development as a learner. Robert works with sixth through eighth grade students on academic intervention, mainly in math.

Sally Sullivan Harte still lives in Alexandria, VA, and enjoys being a stay-at-home-mom. She and Brian welcomed Felix Sullivan Harte on August 26, 2016. Big brother Oliver (3) couldn't be happier! Sally volunteers at Arlington's animal shelter, where she used to work as the manager of special events. She's currently exploring new career options and hasn't quite settled on what she wants to do next.

Dan Cahill recently made the switch from "Extra Chunky" to "Regular Chunky" Peanut Butter. When asked for comment, Dan simply replied, "It just seemed like it was too chunky." He also had a child.

Adam Satz and his wife, Laura, live in Kansas City and enjoy every minute they can with their rambunctious two-year-old daughter, Allie. Adam is in his ninth year with New Belgium Brewing Co. Life continues at an accelerated pace. Outside of attempting to slow things down with family and travel, Adam speeds it right back up every chance he gets, on a bike seat or a snowboard. If you're passing through town, reach out for a beer (or a ride).

Dan Levin married Lisa Gottesman on May 29, 2016, at the Ballroom at the Ben in Philadelphia, PA, with fellow classmates **Herbie Markwort** and **Jon Burch** supporting as groomsmen. Dan lives in Philadelphia but works in Wilmington, DE, at the Wilmington Renaissance Corporation, where he is their project director.

Allison Stout has recently moved to Darwin, Northern Territory from Broome, Western Australia, to accept a new position at a new architectural firm called Mode Design Group with her husband Gary Annett. They welcome visitors to the 'Gateway to the Outback' and wish everyone in the MICDS community all the best in 2017!

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Jono Hiemenz transitioned into the Banking industry in February working at Enterprise Bank & Trust as a Business Development Officer here in St. Louis. He is excited about this new opportunity and has really enjoyed staying involved at MICDS by sitting on the Young Alumni Board.

Charles Theodore Mollet was born on October 31, 2016, in Paris to proud parents, **Linnea Bruce** and Rémy Mollet.

Class of '00

Classmates in New York City enjoyed a recent get-together.



Felix and Oliver Harte, children of Sally Sullivan Harte.



Meet Genevieve, daughter of Alex Reed and his wife, Katie.



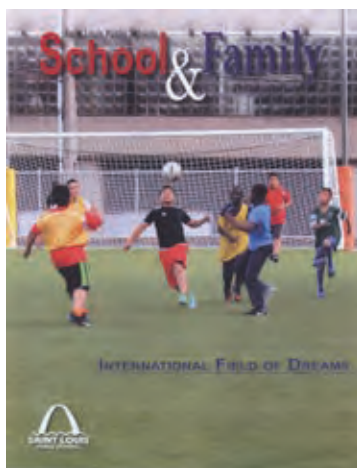
PHOTO BY HARRY AGRESS

Harry Agress '64 was invited to create an exhibit of his photographs in the large entrance lobby of a mid-Manhattan office building. The exhibit, "Through My Lens: A World of Wonder, Beauty and Spirit - Photographs by Harry Agress Jr. MD," consisted of 15 large (60"x40") fine art prints taken during his world travels. To view more photos, visit www.harryagressphotography.com.

Battle on the Blooming Grounds, a film for PBS by **Tim Barksdale '70**, was selected for several film festivals and won Best Nature/Environmental Film in Prague.

Peter Tao '75 created the vision and organized a coalition of volunteers and supporters to build an international "Field of Dreams" for Nahed Chapman New American Academy, the St. Louis Public School system's transition school for new immigrants and refugees. The project entailed replacing an asphalt lot with a new turf field, a social gathering structure, new landscaping and improved water management for the site.

The project was featured in the October/November 2016 issue of *School & Family* magazine, published by the Saint Louis Public Schools. (photo below)



Tom Schott '86 was honored by the College Sports Information Directors of America with its 25-year Award. Tom is in his 27th year at Purdue University and his third year as Senior Associate Athletic Director.

Katie Vagnino '99 is the recipient of The Wilson School's 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award, presented to graduates who bring pride and inspiration to the Wilson community. Since 2010, Katie has taught creative writing, composition, research writing and rhetoric at various secondary and higher education institutions. She is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Wisconsin in Eau Claire and is working on her first book of poetry.



Max Planck '00 was part of the team that won an Emmy Award for "Outstanding Original Interactive Program" for *Henry*, a virtual reality short film. *Henry* is the first virtual reality project to ever win an Emmy. Planck is the Technical Founder of Oculus Story Studio in San Francisco, CA.

"Reading teaches you more about writing than anything else you can do."

— AVI



Avi, Newbery Award-winning author, at a Middle School Assembly

The author of more than 60 books for children and teens, Avi led writing workshops in Middle School classes and enjoyed lunch with students during his visit. He spoke about his creative process as a writer, emphasized the critical connection between reading and writing well, and shared the importance of revising pieces of writing.





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MICDS DOG DAYS: It looks like dogs are simply an MICDS tradition!

(Top Left: Ronald S. Beasley with Rikki. Bottom Left: John R. Johnson with Augie. Right: Lisa Lyle and Ellie.)