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## To the Editor:

I so appreciated reading "The Power of a Role Model" about Dean Jewel Plummer Cobb (Summer 2012). Alumni reminiscences of her influence on their lives provide moving affirmation of something those of us in higher education believe but cannot measure: Diversity throughout the faculty and leadership positions really is important. I'd love to think that I was seeing the reverberations of her influence at Conn in the early '80s and at Rutgers in the late '80s.

### Gretchen Galbraith '85

*Associate Professor of History  
Grand Valley State University  
Allendale, Mich.*

What a delight to receive the Summer 2012 issue of CC Magazine. I congratulate you especially on the fine article about Dr. Cobb; the stunning cover photograph evoked for me an immediate flood of nostalgic memories.

Beverly Clark Prince '72 first came to Conn College as a 15-year-old New York City high-school student and was one of my charges when, as a college student,

I counseled and tutored in the first Summer Humanities Program in 1965.

The Summer Humanities Program brought promising high-school girls from urban centers for an eight-week college experience, and was directed by Professor William Meredith, our famous poet. Funded by a Rockefeller grant and modeled on a Princeton experiment, it was a first for young women and listed under the College's forward-thinking activities of the 1960s. It is an amazing testimony to the program's effect that Beverly later attended CC and went on to a successful medical career. We never doubted her talent, but what a spitfire she was in those days.

I first met Jewel Cobb in the summer of 1969 just before the start of her tenure as dean. I had by this time acquired a graduate degree and returned as a mathematics instructor in the summer program. Dr. Cobb gave a talk to our crop of high-school students that year, explaining her research and allowing them to touch the tumors in her mice — the essence of a role model for careers in science.

When Dr. Cobb visited Guyana, my home country, in 1970 I gave her

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BEVERLY CLARK PRINCE '72, THIRD FROM LEFT, AND PHILIPPA CARRINGTON PERRY '66, FAR RIGHT, WERE AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE COLLEGE'S FIRST SUMMER HUMANITIES PROGRAM IN 1965.

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## Welcome back

*Leo I. Higdon, Jr.*



A. VINCENT SCARANO

PRESIDENT HIGDON SPEAKS TO NEW STUDENTS AT A PRE-ORIENTATION EVENT IN AUGUST.

**I WASN'T SURPRISED** to learn that Newsweek recently named Connecticut College one of the 10 most beautiful schools in the country. Like most rankings, it's completely unscientific — it even attempts to factor in the weather and the attractiveness of our students. But I can't argue with the conclusion: Connecticut College is a visually stunning place.

We spent the summer making this campus even more beautiful, as well as more functional, because we know the physical setting plays an important role in the student experience as well as in attracting prospective students. It's also important for alumni, who frequently tell me that the beauty of the campus is a point of pride for them.

You can read about the latest improvements to residential houses, roads, athletics facilities and other spaces, as well as more campus news, on page 9.

As we continue to enhance the physical campus, we also are building the rigor and quality of the academic program and intellectual life at the College. One of our latest innovations is the new Academic Resource Center. You can read on page 24 about how it will help all our students reach their highest academic potential and further distinguish Connecticut College.

Equally important is the work done by faculty behind the scenes to re-evaluate and renew the curriculum, including our general education requirements. Over the summer, faculty attended workshops and meetings to discuss new ways to ensure that general education provides the strongest

possible foundation for the intellectual discovery that unfolds here.

As I welcomed new students and their families to campus a few weeks ago, I couldn't help but marvel about what this exceptional group of young people will experience during their four years at Connecticut College. They will be challenged — and, I hope, they will challenge themselves — to explore new ideas, break through cultural boundaries and discover new passions.

One former student who has clearly found his life's passion is Debo Adegbile '91. Now a trustee of the College, Debo is the acting president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, a legal organization that fights for racial justice. Debo was the featured speaker at this year's Convocation, where he shared an inside look at the pending Supreme Court case, *Fisher vs. University of Texas at Austin*. This case is expected to have a significant impact on how colleges and universities treat race in admission. (Listen to his speech at <http://cconline.conncoll.edu>.)

Debo's active involvement in the College is characteristic of our alumni who generously share their knowledge and talents with our students. The connections students make — with alumni, professors and classmates — help shape their personal and professional lives. And every day, I see in our alumni the value of these connections.

I invite all alumni and parents to join us on Fall Weekend, Oct. 5-7, and make some new connections of your own. I look forward to seeing you then. ■



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a tour of the brand-new University of Guyana, where I lectured in mathematics. My life and hers took various detours, but I am happy that we stayed in touch for many years and I was able to connect with her again in 1994 on campus. Last year, I returned for the Centennial Diversity Conference and was pleased that Connecticut College gave Jewel Cobb a well-deserved tribute.

**Philippa Carrington Perry '66**

*Pound Ridge, N.Y.*

I read "Spring Break: Havana" (Summer 2012) and was horrified by its tenor, which leaves the impression that all is hunky-dory in Cuba. The students saw all the "good" things about which the Cuban regime brags and showcases to the world.

My wife was born in Cuba and emigrated in 1956. Because she is Cuban, we were able to travel there two years ago, unescorted by a religious or education group, to visit her family in the suburbs of Havana. That is where the real story of Cuba is told. In my wife's hometown, there are no paved roads. They have water only one hour a day, and electricity for only hours a day, sometimes only minutes. They have no working toilets. Food is a daily question: During our visit, it took her family five days to amass five chicken wings to serve us.

In my years of traveling the world, I have never seen such abject poverty. Your students walked the streets of Havana and were not stunned, even horrified by the squalor? What did they learn about my wife's cousin, a psychologist, who gets up at 5 a.m., walks three miles to the bus, then travels two more hours to get to work? When she had an internal medical problem, she had to take the same route to a hospital, whose

*Posted to the College's Facebook page by Elena Bennett-Goulet '88:*



doctors were in Africa; the interns who remained knew little of how to care for her. Meanwhile, her 15-year-old son was prohibited from playing in a baseball championship because he refused to march in a pro-Castro demonstration.

Tell Professor James to take his students back to when I went to college, when I learned that there is not, and never will be, anything like our country. Then they may better understand Cuba for what it is: a perfectly horrible place to live and be imprisoned.

**Peter Holzer P'05**

*Red Bank, N.J.*

*Professor of Education Michael James, who led the March 2012 Traveling Research and Immersion Program to Cuba and will lead a Study Away/Teach Away to Cuba in Spring 2013, responds:*

I want to reassure Mr. Holzer that the students who traveled to Cuba understood that the island is not a perfect place. They saw the crumbling buildings, heard stories about the lack of medical supplies and food, especially during the crisis of the early 1990s, and spoke with Cubans who were less than pleased with the state of

the economy.

In spite of all that, they saw a health and education system that in many ways outperforms what we have in the U.S., and they were confused: How, amidst of all this plenty we call the United States, could we not come close to replicating for all of our citizens what this little, impoverished island has done? They also saw, firsthand, the impact of the 50-year-old U.S. embargo, which might have something to do with the poverty in Mr. Holzer's wife's community.

Our trip was exactly what a Connecticut College education is all about: having the opportunity to travel to another place that does not affirm one's identity but challenges it, confuses it, makes you uncomfortable with your assumptions about how the world works. Now that we're back, my job is to help the students figure out what they can do about it.

## TALK TO US

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# The French connection

*A professor's international vision sparks a lifelong friendship*

By Betsey Nodler Pinkert '67

## IN 1966, DURING MY JUNIOR YEAR IN PARIS,

I received a letter from Marion Monaco, chair of the French and Italian department at Connecticut College. Miss Monaco was an inspirational figure who passionately believed in the value of cultural immersion and encouraged her students to experience life abroad. In her letter, she requested that I make contact with 19-year-old Nathalie Chassériau, a Parisian student, who had been selected to live in Knowlton House as the "French hostess" for the coming academic year.

Nathalie was the grand-niece of the poet Philippe Soupault, who was a friend of Monaco's. Soupault was a pillar of the Surrealist movement and an associate of Louis Aragon, André Breton, Guillaume Apollinaire, Salvador Dalí and others.

I arranged to meet Nathalie at her grandmother's home in Paris. Six feet tall, energetic and smiling, Nathalie introduced me to Soupault. He inscribed for me a small volume of his poetry that still resides in a place of honor in my library.

When Nathalie's ship sailed into New York the following September, my parents and I greeted her on the dock. We became her American family; she came home with me to Philadelphia on school vacations. We shared a unique bond with conversations alternating from French to English.

At Connecticut College, Nathalie presided "à table," speaking French in the dorm and coordinating French activities on campus. We sought one another out frequently. We were both experiencing culture shock. For Nathalie, the challenge was adjusting to what she called "a girls' university." The strict parietal hours and the restrictions on socializing with men mystified her. And the cultural differences of Paris and New London were stark. Whenever I missed Paris, Nathalie's companionship was invaluable. I helped her to navigate life in America and the charged political climate of the '60s. Most important,

Marion Monaco supported us both, intuitively grasping the challenges we were experiencing.

Soon after graduation, Nathalie and I lost contact.

Forty-four years later, I was promenading in the Quartier Latin of Paris, where I had spent much time as a student. As I passed the Hotel des Grands Hommes, opposite the Pantheon, a gold wall plaque caught my eye. It was a tribute to the artists André Breton and Philippe Soupault.

It was as if Soupault were calling from the past, reminding me of Nathalie.

On New Year's Day, 2010, thanks to Google, I found Nathalie's number and telephoned her in Nice. I cautiously announced myself as a "voice from 40 years past." Instantly, she responded, "Is it Betsey Nodler?" She had searched for me in Philadelphia without success. Now an author of books on health and Far Eastern philosophies, Nathalie is a journalist writing in both Italian and French.

The following June we experienced an emotional reunion in Nice. We knew that it was not just happenstance that brought us together, either the first time or the second. Philippe Soupault was the *deus ex machina* of our encounter — with quite a bit of assistance from Miss Monaco.

*Au temps retrouvé et au futur à partager!*



ABOVE: NATHALIE CHASSÉRIAU AND BETSEY NODLER PINKERT '67 REUNITE IN ST. PAUL DE VENICE, FRANCE, IN 2010.



FROM LEFT: JEAN THIBAUDEAU, VISITING LECTURER IN FRENCH; MARION MONACO, CHAIR OF THE FRENCH AND ITALIAN DEPARTMENT; AND KNOWLTON "FRENCH HOSTESS" NATHALIE CHASSÉRIAU.



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## Changing of the guard

**THE CONNECTICUT COLLEGE** Board of Trustees underwent a major transition this summer, with seven trustees rotating off the board, including former Chair James S. Berrien '74, and nine newly elected trustees beginning their terms under the leadership of Chair Pamela D. Zilly '75 and vice-chairs William P. Barrack '81 and Judith Tindal Opatrny '72.

Kevon Copeland '76 and Prescott W. Hafner '80 were elected to their second four-year terms, and five former trustees were honored with emeritus status: Raymond J. Debbane P'09 '13, John F. Niblack P'98, Thomas A. Sargent '82, W. Carter Sullivan '79 P'16 and Sally Susman '84.

The new Connecticut College trustees as of July 1, 2012 (below, left to right by row), are Bradford T. Brown P'12 '15 of Acton, Mass.; Sarah Hamilton Fenton '63 of Portola Valley, Calif.; Defred G. Folts III '82 of Harvard, Mass.; Mark Iger '75 of New York City; Kenneth R. Kabel '76 P'12 of Cincinnati, Ohio; Clyde D. McKee III '80 P'12 of Malvern, Pa.; Anakena C. Paddon '12 of Pibrac, France; Karen Quint '87 of Kentfield, Calif.; and Annie Scott '84 of Waterbury, Conn.



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FROM LEFT: RETIRING TRUSTEES LINDA J. LEAR '62, THEODORE M. ROMANOW '76, CONSTANCE H. SMITH GEMMER '80 P'10, JAMES S. BERRIEN '74, HARRIS ROSENHEIM '09, THEODORE S. CHAPIN '72 P'07 AND FRANKLIN A. TUITT '87 WERE FETED AT A DINNER IN MAY.

## Music of 'Moonrise Kingdom'

**WHEN EDWARD NORTON**, as Scout Master Ward, strides through the Khaki Scout camp in the film "Moonrise Kingdom," he marches to the beat of Adjunct Assistant Professor of Music Peter Jarvis.

Jarvis, who specializes in percussion and chamber music, performed "Camp Ivanhoe Cadence," the second track on the film soundtrack, and helped score, arrange and perform much of the music in the film, which opened in May to critical acclaim.

Last fall Jarvis met with director Wes Anderson to view the film and discuss the scenes in need of his percussion work. Jarvis then joined other musicians in New York City to record the soundtrack at Electric Lady Studios, which was built by Jimi Hendrix in 1970.

This isn't Jarvis's only screen work: He recently finished recording for the third season of the HBO series "Boardwalk Empire," which airs this fall. Jarvis also conducts and performs, as a soloist and with orchestras and choruses, around the country and the world.



FOR HIS COLLEGE INTERNSHIP, ANDREW MIANO '13 JOINED A RESEARCH TEAM FROM THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY IN WOODS HOLE, MASS., ON A 10-WEEK ARCTIC RESEARCH EXPEDITION. THE TEAM IS STUDYING THE EFFECT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON FISH MIGRATIONS. THIS YEAR, MIANO, A BIOLOGY MAJOR AND HISTORY MINOR, PLANS TO APPLY FOR DOCTORAL PROGRAMS IN MARINE/FRESHWATER BIOLOGY.

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**FROM AN ORGANIC FARM** in southwestern France to a youth organization in Barrow, Alaska, to science laboratories on campus, more than 320 rising seniors spread out around the globe to complete College-funded internships and research. More than 70 percent of the Class of 2013 received a stipend of up to \$3,000 from the College to support a summer work experience connected to their academic or career goals. Connecticut College is one of only two liberal arts colleges in the country that provide this opportunity, with funding, to every student between the junior and senior years.



## College welcomes new dean

**CAROLYN C. DENARD**, the new dean of the College and senior diversity officer, previously led diversity initiatives at Brown University and Emory University. At Connecticut College she oversees all the services and programs that integrate students' experiences in and out of the classroom and that foster the educational benefits derived from a diverse community. A scholar of the life and works of author Toni Morrison, Denard is founder and chair of the Toni Morrison Society.

## Tweet this

**CONNECTICUT COLLEGE** cracked the list of Top 100 Social Media Colleges this spring. StudentAdvisor, an online resource for students researching colleges, ranked the College at No. 98 based on its effectiveness in engaging audiences on sites such as Twitter, Facebook and YouTube, as well as iTunes, podcasts and other tools.

## TRENDING ON TWITTER



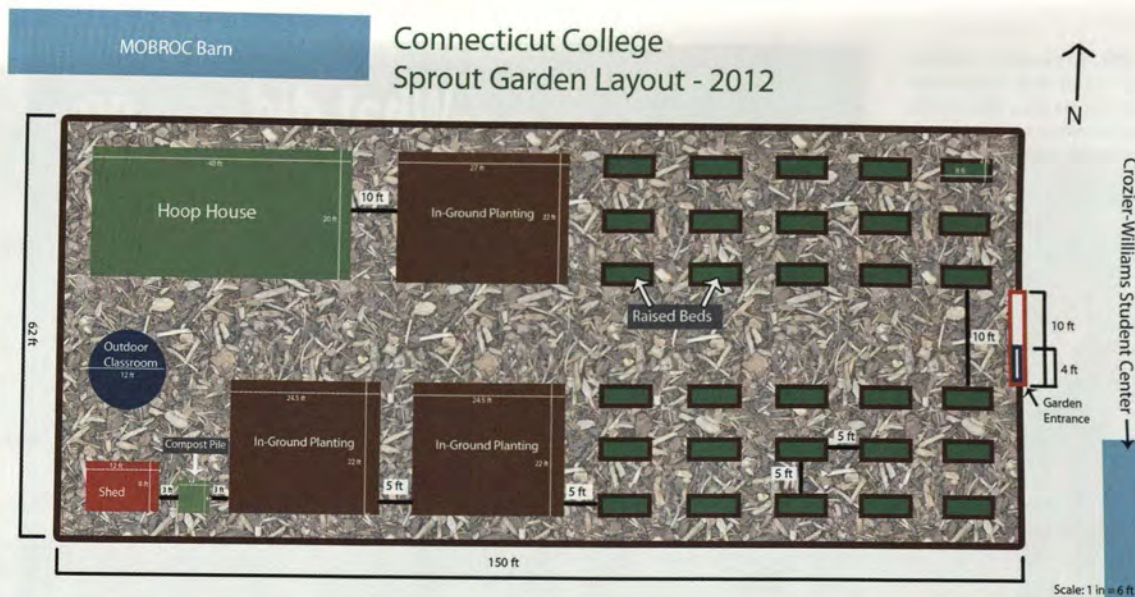


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## Sprout garden grows bigger and better

**SPROUT, THE STUDENT-RUN** organic garden, is expanding and moving to a prominent new location behind the College Center at Crozier-Williams. The new site will provide better sun exposure and soil, more planting area, and a high-profile opportunity to highlight the advantages of locally produced food.

The new garden (see diagram, above) will encompass about 10,000 square feet with up to 30 raised beds, space for in-ground planting, a garden shed, and a protective "hoop house" to stretch the growing season.

Garden managers Zoe Lynch '15 and Azul Tellez '15 spent the summer cultivating a bumper crop

of tomatoes, kale, zucchini and other vegetables in the original garden near 360 Apartments while also working with Sustainability Coordinator Josh Stoffel to prepare the new site. By August, they had constructed an 8-foot fence to discourage deer and erected the new shed. This fall Sprout will seek volunteers to help build and fill the beds and set up the hoop house.

Since 2005, when students established the first Sprout garden, it has supplied hundreds of pounds of organic produce to the College's dining halls while offering students hands-on experience in sustainable agricultural practices.



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THE FIRST OF MORE THAN A DOZEN NEW STEINWAYS IS DELIVERED ON CAMPUS IN JUNE. A GIFT FROM NANCY MARSHALL ATHEY '72 AND HER HUSBAND, PRESTON, FUNDED THE PIANOS AND ELEVATES THE COLLEGE TO DISTINCTION AS AN "ALL-STEINWAY SCHOOL."

## Brain power

### TEN TENURE-TRACK

professors joined the College this fall. They include an economist who studies how people make spending decisions, a sociologist specializing in criminology and deviance, and a German professor who is an expert on the Holocaust.

Read more about the new faculty at <http://cconline.conncoll.edu>.





**CONGRATULATIONS** to Olympians Amanda Clark '05 and Bob Willis '09. Clark and her teammate placed ninth in the women's 470 sailing medal race at the London Games, and Willis finished 22nd in the RS:X windsurfing series. For a look back at the Olympics experience, go to <http://cconline.conncoll.edu>.

## New and improved

Heavy equipment dominated the campus this summer with another round of renovations and other improvements.

View a slideshow at <http://cconline.conncoll.edu>.

### THE SCIENCE CENTER

Workers put the final touches on the \$25 million expansion and renovation of New London Hall.



EILEEN JENKINS

### ATHLETIC CENTER

With funding from the Campaign for Connecticut College, the College enlarged and renovated locker rooms and upgraded the training room.



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### CASTLE COURT

Work crews replaced the crumbling slate underfoot in this popular gathering spot between Palmer Auditorium and Cummings Arts Center and rebuilt the steps up to Tempel Green.

### RESIDENTIAL HOUSES

Bathrooms were upgraded in Blackstone and Windham; ceilings were replaced in the Plex; and River Ridge Apartments, 360 Apartments and Abbey House got new common room furniture.



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### PLAYING FIELDS

Campaign gifts paid for new lights on the Lyn and David Silfen Track & Field, and the athletic fields on Tempel Green were refurbished to NESCAC playing standards.



BENJAMIN PARENT



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## Champion breed

**THE COLLEGE IS HOME** to a new national champion — a Bebb willow rooted in the Arboretum. The first tree at the College named to American Forests' National Register of Big Trees, it boasts a circumference of 134 inches, a height of 44 feet and a crown spread of 48 feet — one of the largest Bebb willows ever documented.



# REUNION

*June 1-3, 2012*

## A LITTLE RAIN CAN'T DAMPEN ALUMNI SPIRITS



**T**he weather was less than ideal, but the mood was sunny throughout Reunion weekend in June, when more than 1,000 alumni, friends and family members returned to campus.

Though heavy rains on Saturday forced the cancellation of the traditional Parade of Classes, the Class of 1962 made the best of it with a spirited entrance into Alumni Convocation, accompanied by a jazz band.

The festivities commenced the day before with the Sykes Society Luncheon, which honored the class on the occasion of their 50th Reunion. More than 200 alumni and guests gathered, fittingly, in the 1962 Room for the reception.

"The length of time that has elapsed between our graduation and now has certainly not changed the bond that we shared," said Joyce Finger Beckwith '62, a member of the Reunion Planning Committee.

Social events ranged from a lobster feast on Tempel Green, a microbrewery beer tasting and a performance by the 1980s cover band Orange Crush to several receptions hosted by President Lee Higdon.

Many events were tailored for specific classes, such as the Class of 1957 breakfast, when Bradley Maykow '12

gave a brief overview of student life today — prompting spirited discussion among alumnae who remembered a much different time on campus, one when they enjoyed linen service and weekly housekeeping.

Lectures and discussions offered further opportunities for alumni to reconnect with their alma mater.

Seth Solway '07 was excited to be back in the classroom with Gene Gallagher, the Rosemary Park Professor of Religious Studies, who led the discussion "The End of the World? 2012 and Beyond."

"I took a class with Professor Gallagher my junior year," Solway said. "It was wonderful to hear him speak again."

Alumni of the Toor Cummings Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts (CISLA), which celebrated its 20th anniversary over the weekend, joined many Reunion events as well as a special dinner

and reception on Larrabee Green. With faculty, staff, and current and former CISLA directors, they reflected on the importance of their center experience.

"To go somewhere and face a challenge on my own and be in a new environment is definitely something that is transferable to any situation — not just a new country, but a new company," Gili Ben-Yosef '09 said.

— *Melissa Bennett*







CONNIE SMITH GEMMER '80 P'10, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS



ABOVE: THE CLASS OF 1962 MAKES THEIR GRAND ENTRANCE INTO ALUMNI CONVOCATION.

LEFT: LINDA LEAR '62 GIVES THE SYKES SOCIETY LUNCHEON KEYNOTE ADDRESS.



## ALUMNAE FROM THE CLASS OF 1942

like to say they blew in with the Hurricane of 1938 and out with the draft in 1942. Seven of these feisty alumnae blew onto campus again for their reunion in June, one of the highest turnouts ever for a 70th reunion.

The hurricane and World War II bookended their years on campus. The storm took everyone by surprise. Franny Hyde Forde was walking across campus and was stunned to see the roof of one of the residence halls tear away.

The wind blew Jane "Woodie" Worley Peak over. But she was most distressed by the fact that she couldn't do her homework that night. "There was no power," she said.

Three years later, the war changed their lives dramatically. Many had brothers or boyfriends who went off to fight.

There were blackouts at night, and the Navy put a chain across the Thames River to keep enemy submarines out, said Mary Elizabeth "Pete" Franklin Gehrig, whose daughter Suzanne Gehrig Kranz '68 and granddaughter Kathryn Kranz '03 were with her.

Her mother worried that New London would be bombed, but Gehrig wasn't concerned. "I was young," she said, shrugging.

Other members of the class at Reunion were Barry Beach Alter, Justine Clark, Connie Hughes McBrien and Ann Shattuck Smith.

— Barbara Nagy







## ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

ELIZABETH "SUE" ROCKWELL CESARE '52  
Alumni Association President's Award  
*for Distinguished Service in Education*

ADAM BOROS '02

Harriet Buescher Lawrence '34 Prize  
*for outstanding contributions to society*

CAROL BLAKE BOYD '72

Agnes Berkley Leahy Award *for*  
*outstanding service and participation in*  
*class, club or Board of Directors activities*

PRISCILLA GEIGIS '87

Alumni Tribute Award *for sustained*  
*and extraordinary service to the College*

DEBORAH MURRAY SLOAN '67

Goss Award *for a member of the Alumni*  
*Association who has made a significant*  
*contribution to the Connecticut College*  
*community*

LESLIE ROSEN '02

CONNOR DONOHUE '07\*

Mach Arom '89 Alumni Award *for*  
*service to Connecticut College and for*  
*distinguished achievements in his or her*  
*professional field or within society*

*\*Awarded posthumously. See story next page*



MARY ELIZABETH FRANKLIN GEHRIG '42, CENTER,  
WITH DAUGHTER SUZANNE GEHRIG KRANZ '68,  
LEFT, AND GRANDDAUGHTER KATHRYN KRANZ '03.



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PROFESSOR ALEX HYBEL  
GIVES THE REUNION  
KEYNOTE PRESENTATION.



DEAN OF THE FACULTY ROGER BROOKS, BACKGROUND, APPLAUDS  
PROFESSORS CELEBRATING MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES, FROM LEFT:  
BLANCHE BOYD AND JULIE RIVKIN, 30 YEARS; JOAN C. CHRISLER AND  
KATHLEEN MCKEON, 25 YEARS; AND MARYANNE BORRELLI, LESLIE  
BROWN AND T. PAGE OWEN, 20 YEARS.

## A LIFE OF SERVICE, CUT SHORT



At Alumni Convocation, Connor Donohue '07 was posthumously awarded the Mach Arom '89 Alumni

Award, which honors service to the College and professional achievements. His parents, Patrick and Jane Donohue, accepted the award in his memory.

Donohue, who died in 2010, was formerly dean of students at Prep for Prep, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving educational opportunities for underserved youth in New York. In 2009, the Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University selected Donohue for a Fellowship for Emerging Leaders in Public Service. Shortly before his death, he took a job at Single Stop USA, an organization working to end poverty.

Donohue, an English and music major, earned the College's Lavinnia Hull Smith '23 prize for excellence in music and graduated magna cum laude with distinction in music. The percussionist practiced on the marimba, xylophone, tympani and many other instruments so tirelessly that he developed tendonitis and had to cancel his senior recital.

"He had great potential," recalls Margaret Thomas, associate professor of music and chair of the department.

During his senior year, Donohue established New London Music Tutoring to share his love of music with underprivileged students in local schools. He recruited volunteers from the College and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy to tutor elementary school children and worked with school and district administrators to implement the program.

As a young alumnus in New York, Donohue served on the board of YNPN-NYC, a networking organization for young nonprofit professionals in the city. After his death, the group posted a tribute to Donohue on its website, which read in part: "Leadership, when truly possessed, is humble, ingenious and transcends the boundaries of time and age. ... His commitment, work ethic and passion to serve others made him an exemplary board member and an amazing friend."

— Phoebe Hall



DONOHUE'S PARENTS AT ALUMNI CONVOCATION





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# MAL HELPERS

**IN 1916**, a German scientist established one of the first schools to train dogs to guide returning soldiers blinded by mustard gas in the trenches of World War I. Dorothy Harrison Eustis, a wealthy American living in Switzerland, wrote a story about the school in the *Saturday Evening Post* in 1927 and subsequently helped to found the first school for “seeing-eye” dogs in this country.

From this relatively recent beginning, scores of programs and organizations now train and provide canine assistants to individuals with disabilities. Signal dogs assist the deaf. Mobility dogs help individuals who are confined to wheelchairs. Service dogs now include canines that sense the onset of seizures and others that can monitor a diabetic’s glucose level and fetch a snack when it dips too low.

While dogs remain by far the most common animal helpers, miniature horses, monkeys, cats, birds and even pot-bellied pigs are all being used to assist individuals with physical, cognitive and psychological disabilities.

The use of assistance animals “is absolutely on the rise,” says Gennifer Furst '97, associate professor of sociology at William Paterson University of New Jersey and an expert on the use of animal programs in prisons (see book review, page 31). “We are seeing it expand to different areas of social services. There is increased recognition of the role that non-humans play in a human’s life.”

Beyond service animals — which are individually trained to assist with specific tasks — is a menagerie of therapy animals that calm, comfort or otherwise assist patients and clients in therapeutic settings such as a psychologist’s office, nursing home, hospital or school. Therapy animals also include those used in a therapeutic treatment, such as horses and, more controversially, dolphins.

One reason for the increasing popularity of animal helpers is the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which, in affirming the civil rights of the disabled, mandated unprecedented public access for service animals. The U.S. Department of Transportation went a step further, requiring airlines to provide access to animals that give “emotional support” to travelers with mental disabilities, a broader category than the ADA definition of service animal.

The trend is also being fueled by increased awareness and diagnosis of “invisible” disabilities, such as autism spectrum disorders and, among returning military veterans, traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder. In many cases, people with these disorders have benefited from interacting with service and therapy animals.

In this environment, it’s no wonder that training and working with assistance animals is an increasingly popular career choice. In the following pages, Bailey Bennett '14, an English and film studies major, looks at the working lives of four graduates who are finding personal and professional satisfaction helping animals help people. — *Patricia M. Carey, Editor*



JERRI, A CAPUCHIN MONKEY, PROVIDES COMPANIONSHIP AS WELL AS HELPING HANDS TO  
BRADLEY MAZE, 24, WHO WAS PARALYZED FIVE YEARS AGO IN A DIVING ACCIDENT.



# MONKEY TEACHER

Jennifer Evans '06 sits cross-legged on a linoleum floor with a 25-year-old capuchin monkey named Dillon and a set of brightly-colored stacking rings. Nearby is a plastic cup of peanut butter and a shiny concierge bell.

Dillon, wearing a diaper, paces back and forth, sometimes climbing into Evans's lap or perching on her shoulder. Evans shines the beam of a laser pointer on a plastic ring. Dillon grabs it and slides it onto the toy's conical base.

Evans dings the bell and gives the monkey a lick of peanut butter from her finger.

"Good girl," Evans says. "Nice work, Dillon."

Praise, peanut butter and endless repetition are all in a day's work for Evans, one of five placement trainers at Helping Hands, an Allston, Mass., nonprofit that trains service monkeys as live-in assistants for individuals with spinal cord injuries and other serious neurological disabilities.

Growing up in Farmington, Conn., Evans was sure she wanted to be a veterinarian. At Connecticut College, she majored in biology with a focus on pre-veterinary medicine, volunteered at the Mystic Aquarium and did her College-funded internship at a veterinary clinic in England. After experiencing the pace and pressure of a veterinary practice, however, she realized that she still wanted to work with animals — just not as their doctor.

After graduation, Evans spent two years as a teaching assistant in Boston. Then she saw a television news report about Helping Hands. She signed on as a volunteer; several months later, she was hired as a trainer.

Evans works with 10 monkeys and is responsible for their care and training, from potty training to cage cleaning to weekly baths. The job is hard, messy and sometimes tedious, but Evans loves it. Working with monkeys, she says, is "something you never get tired of."

Evans teaches each monkey to perform tasks that may be difficult or impossible for a disabled individual, including picking up dropped objects, turning on lights, fetching food from the refrigerator and loading a DVD player.

The natural traits and intelligence of capuchins make

them uniquely suited to assist humans, says Christopher Krupenye '11, a doctoral student researching primate cognition at Duke University. In their native South American habitat, they are active foragers, "so they spend a lot of time manipulating objects and are quite good at solving physical puzzles to acquire food," he says. They also are highly social and build strong bonds with humans.

Each Helping Hands monkey is trained for three to four years. In between one-on-one training sessions, monkeys play with their trainers or socialize with other trainers and monkeys. Play includes enrichment activities such as figuring out how to extricate treats from complex containers or climbing on a room-sized jungle gym.

The initial training focuses on basic skills and task completion in a small, bare room with few distractions. In the second stage, additional household objects are introduced, including a microwave and DVD player. Also at this stage, Evans typically will begin potty training and introduce an electric wheelchair.

"We train them using positive reinforcement, meaning we only acknowledge tasks done correctly — by ringing a bell, along with verbal praise and a treat," Evans says. "The monkeys can learn hundreds of vocab words, but we train them with about 30 basic command words and use a laser pointer to help identify objects for them to manipulate."

Training helps monkeys to control their natural curiosity and impulsiveness. For example, like small children, monkeys love to flip light switches off and on. With the command word "sun," they learn to press the switch — just once.

The final training takes place in a fully furnished space known as "the Apartment." Here, Evans helps each monkey become accustomed to furniture, windows and other features of a typical home. The monkey learns that some objects can be manipulated or retrieved, while others should be left where they are. Evans also teaches the monkey how to keep a wheelchair user company by perching on the back of her chair or cuddling in her lap.

The hardest part of the job is when a monkey is finally ready for placement in a recipient's home. "They really become almost like my own children," she says. "Monkeys have every range of emotion that a person has, which makes for a very strong bond and understanding of each other."

In April, one of Evans's trainees, 19-year-old Jerri, was placed with Bradley Maze, 24, who was paralyzed in a diving accident five years ago. A Helping Hands trainer spent a week at Maze's home in Alabama to facilitate the

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"My favorite part of this job is seeing years of both my efforts and also the monkey's efforts get put to use toward a good cause."

— Jennifer Evans '06

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introductions, and Evans will provide transition assistance by telephone for as long as it's needed.

Capuchins socialize within a hierarchical structure, which means that a monkey in a home will assign everyone (including household pets) a relative ranking. The monkey will give complete trust and respect to the individual at the top of the hierarchy. As a result, a key element of a successful placement is teaching the monkey to put the recipient in the top spot.

"Many of our recipients worry about how they appear to other people because of their disability or health problems," Evans says. "When a monkey comes in and places that recipient at the top of the hierarchy and takes to that person over anyone else, it can mean the world to the recipient."

**H**elping Hands has placed 159 monkeys with recipients since 1979; some monkeys have been in the same homes for 20 years. The monkeys are bred in captivity or rescued from homes where they were being kept improperly as pets; the majority are brown-tufted capuchins, a species that is not endangered.

The organization monitors the health and welfare of the 30 to 40 monkeys currently in placements and has developed resources to care for monkeys when they are too old or ill to work. (Life expectancy for capuchins averages 25 years in the wild, and 40 years or more in captivity.)

In Alabama, Bradley Maze's relationship with his monkey gets stronger every day. He especially appreciates that Jerri never tires of simple, repetitive tasks that could feel like a burden for his parents or other human helpers. "I can have her help me around the house without having to bother someone else to do it for me," he says.

Like most recipients, Maze values Jerri as much for her companionship as her practical assistance. "When I'm home alone she's always here keeping me company, and I don't feel so lonely," he says.

At the end of the day, Evans says, that's what makes her work so rewarding. "My favorite part of this job is seeing years of both my efforts and also the monkey's efforts get put to use toward a good cause," she says. "When I hear how well they are doing with the recipient, it's completely worth it." [www.monkeyhelpers.org](http://www.monkeyhelpers.org)



# DOG ADVOCATE

**R**obert Porter '79, executive director and CEO of Paws for Purple Hearts, will never forget his job interview. Instead of a receptionist, a large golden retriever welcomed him at the door.

Throughout the building, dogs outnumbered people three to one. His interviewer was Bonnie Bergin, a dog-training expert and the founder of Bergin University for Canine Studies, a small college in Santa Rosa, Calif., that strives to "advance the human-canine partnership through research and education."

After hours of questions, Bergin issued an invitation: Would Porter like to visit the puppy petting area? A few minutes later, Porter was sitting on the floor of a playpen in a "scrum" of 3-month-old golden retrievers. As the puppies climbed all over him, "I knew I had found a home with this organization," Porter says.

For Porter, the organization's mission was even more appealing than the puppies. Based on the principle of

"veterans helping veterans," Paws for Purple Hearts teaches military veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) to train service dogs for placement with disabled veterans and active-duty military.

Working with golden retrievers and Labrador retrievers, which are bred for high intelligence and calm dispositions, the patient-trainers teach the dogs more than 90 commands. The dogs learn to pull a wheelchair, work light switches, open and close doors and cabinets, and retrieve items from the fridge. And, while the dogs are learning these skills, their handlers are learning how to cope with their disorder and reintegrate into society.

For example, the dogs can alleviate nightmares and sleeplessness, common symptoms of PTSD. A veteran who wakes up with flashbacks "sees that the dog isn't upset, so that means it must be a dream, and they can go back to sleep," Porter says.

The dogs also help the patient-trainers feel secure and ready to face society again. Just having to go out and walk the dog can break down a veteran's sense of isolation "because everybody wants to meet the puppy," Porter says.

In March, Paws for Purple Hearts delivered a black lab named Yoko to Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Richard J. Si-

**"Veterans helping veterans" is the founding principle of Paws for Purple Hearts.**



ROBERT PORTER '79 SITS WITH GOLDEN RETRIEVER NATHAN, A SERVICE DOG TRAINED BY PAWS FOR PURPLE HEARTS. NATHAN WORKS AS A FACILITY DOG AT FORT BELVOIR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN VIRGINIA, DEMONSTRATING FOR PATIENTS WHAT A SERVICE DOG CAN DO.



U.S. AIR FORCE CHIEF MASTER SGT. RICHARD SIMONSEN JR., WITH HIS SERVICE DOG, YOKO, IS AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART AT A CEREMONY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., IN APRIL 2012.

monsen Jr., now the senior enlisted leader for Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, D.C. A veteran of deployments in Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan, Simonsen's military honors include a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. He suffers from mild traumatic brain injury, PTSD and some chronic pain as a result of injuries sustained in combat in Afghanistan.

When pain flares up in Simonsen's hip or back, Yoko can pick things up for him and even help him take off his socks. And her quiet companionship helps him cope with the tumult of city life, including taking the subway. "Yoko has really been a transformational aspect to my medical care program," he says. "The effects were almost immediate. She is a resiliency tool of the first order."

**P**aws for Purple Hearts was established in 2008 as a research program of Bergin University. After a successful pilot at the Palo Alto/Menlo Park Veterans Administration Medical Center in California, additional pilots were launched at three military facilities in Virginia and Maryland. At that point, Bonnie Bergin decided the program was ready to be launched as an independent organization, and she hired Porter to take it to the next level.

For Porter, a government major at Connecticut College, it was an opportunity to try on a new career after more than three decades working in and around government. He had served as a staffer for the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; vice president of an international consulting firm led by former Defense Secretary William S. Cohen; and senior government relations adviser at Witt Associates, a consulting firm that specializes in emergency preparedness.

Bergin University provides administrative support and dog instructors; otherwise, D.C.-based Porter is pretty much a one-man show, developing online resources, doing media interviews, shepherding the organization's pending application for tax-exempt status, responding to requests for service dogs, searching for funding sources, and working his Rolodex for universities, veterans organizations and other nonprofits to become program partners.

Shortly after Porter signed on, the U.S. Army decided to bring the three D.C.-area programs in-house and hired away Porter's training staff as government contractors.



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Despite this setback, Porter is optimistic about his ability to expand the flagship California program to at least two more locations by the end of 2013. In the past year, Paws for Purple Hearts has placed four service dogs, two with combat veterans and two with active-duty military personnel. A successful placement "makes everything you do seem right," Porter says.

One of his biggest challenges is the lack of hard data "proving" that participation in service-dog training activities is an effective therapy for PTSD. While the anecdotal evidence is compelling, physicians and mental health professionals are accustomed to designing therapies based on peer-reviewed clinical studies, especially for a medical condition as complex and serious as PTSD.

Another challenge is fundraising. Training a service dog costs at least \$15,000 and takes 18 to 24 months. And neither Bergin nor Porter is willing to launch a training program without full funding to complete the program and meet the medical needs of the participants.

Porter and his wife, Cynthia Power, have served as foster parents to dogs in training, and he recently completed Bergin University's "boot camp" for service dog recipients, which allows him to act as a dog handler at conferences or fundraising events.

Clearly, Porter enjoys interacting with the dogs. But even more so, he's in it for the humans. "To see the face of a wounded warrior light up when they first receive their service dog or the expression of a trainer who has trained one of our dogs for their comrades-in-arms — it just doesn't get any better than that," he says.

[www.pawsforpurplehearts.org](http://www.pawsforpurplehearts.org)





# HORSE THERAPISTS



n a sunny summer day, the stable at High Hopes Therapeutic Riding in Old Lyme, Conn., is warm and inviting, with an earthy scent of grain. As Laura Brown Moya '07 walks through with a visitor, horses poke their massive heads out of stalls, shaking their manes or whinnying to get her attention. Moya pauses to

pet the long nose of Petra, a light brown Norwegian Fjord mare.

"She's one of our most reliable horses," she says. "She's always so gentle and patient with everyone she meets. The kids really love her."

An avid horseback rider since the age of 4, Moya always loved working with animals. As a psychology major at Connecticut College, she was interested in human behavior. But it wasn't until she discovered High Hopes, through a College-funded internship, that she realized she could combine both interests into a career helping horses help people.

Moya spent the summer after her junior year interning at the center, which offers horse-related activities for children and adults with physical, emotional and development disabilities. She worked alongside teaching staff and took the first steps toward becoming certified as a therapeutic riding instructor. Today, she is the organization's special programs manager and an advanced certified instructor.

Experts distinguish between therapeutic riding, which focuses on teaching horsemanship and riding skills, and hippotherapy, in which the movement of the horse is used in physical, occupational or speech therapy. In practice, however, therapeutic riding has broad benefits beyond learning to ride, such as improving participants' balance, muscle tone and overall health, as well as social skills, mood and confidence.

Lucy Helvenston Caskey '94 is a certified instructor at Circle of Hope Therapeutic Riding in Barnesville, Md., a small program with 55 participants, including many children with autism spectrum disorders. "Many students

who come to us are very unfocused, but once they are on the horse, they are a completely different person," says Caskey, who majored in biology. "They quiet down and start making eye contact with the people around them."

Interacting with horses develops the children's communications skills and spatial awareness as well as their understanding of social norms. For example, horses don't like when people stand uncomfortably close, thus teaching the students how to maintain appropriate distance from animals and people alike.

Autistic children, Caskey says, are looking for stimulation, so they often want a horse that moves around a lot. "I really try to make the lessons fun for them," Caskey says. "They get therapy all week long at hospitals and in school, so I don't want riding to feel like work."

At High Hopes, a growing number of program participants are military veterans with combat-related physical disabilities, traumatic brain injuries or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). For those who aren't ready or able to mount a horse, High Hopes offers carriage driving and equine-facilitated learning in which participants learn how to feed, groom and care for horses.

Symptoms of PTSD may include depression, anxiety, isolation, difficulty sleeping, and feelings of stress and anger. Equine-facilitated learning can reduce these symptoms as participants work with horses hand-picked for good behavior and calm dispositions. The goal, Moya says, is to get participants to realize, "If I can take care of a 1,200-pound animal, I can take care of myself."

Moya adds that, for people with PTSD, even leaving their houses may be difficult, but they find a way "because they know their horse is waiting for them." Horses also mirror humans' moods, motivating the participants to bring a positive attitude and higher energy level.

High Hopes is one of the largest therapeutic riding centers in the U.S., with

25 horses; 230 program participants each week; 600 volunteers (including three to five Connecticut College students each semester); and 120 acres of postcard-pretty pastures, woods and riding trails. In addition to teaching, Moya's administrative responsibilities include managing the center's database, summer camps, field trips and

**For people with PTSD, even leaving their houses may be difficult, but they find a way "because they know their horse is waiting for them."**



outreach, plus training and education programs that prepare students and interns to become therapeutic riding instructors.

It's a complex organization, and every day Moya juggles many different tasks. Her favorite part of the job is seeing how much a horse can do for a human. A horse will never judge someone for having a disability, but instead will help him or her overcome it.

"The horse is a wonderful gift to us," she says. "To be able to provide a form of physical therapy while the participant is just having a great time, learning riding skills and getting significant benefit out of the activity, is a huge win-win." [www.highthopestr.org](http://www.highthopestr.org), [www.chtr.org](http://www.chtr.org)

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LEFT: USING A TRANSFER DEVICE TO LIFT AND POSITION PARTICIPANTS FROM A WHEELCHAIR ONTO A HORSE, HIGH HOPES SPECIAL PROGRAMS MANAGER LAURA BROWN MOYA '07 (ALSO ABOVE) HELPS PREPARE JORDAN THOMPSON FOR HIS WEEKLY LESSON. THOMPSON, WHO HAS CEREBRAL PALSY, HAS BEEN RIDING AT HIGH HOPES FOR 13 YEARS.



# BARBIE OVERLOAD

**"EVERY GOOD GIRL SHOULD** have a whole ton of Barbies," a Los Angeles mother of two told Anthony Graesch, assistant professor of anthropology, and three colleagues who followed 32 middle-class families to document what they owned and how they used their homes. The result of their multi-year study is the book "Life at Home in the Twenty-First Century" (Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, 2012), with statistics, floor plans and photos like this one that illustrate just how much stuff clutters the average American home. The authors tallied more than 100 visible dolls, action figures and other toys in most of the households they studied, noting that many more were concealed under beds and in closets. "We have so much stuff crammed into our houses, and it was interesting to see how this excess creates stress," Graesch says. "We know we have too much, but we don't have time to deal with it, and we can't seem to part with it."

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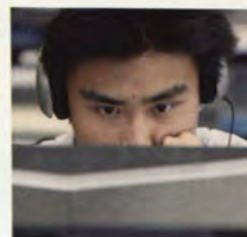
► CAMPAIGN SPOTLIGHT

**A new academic resource center in the heart  
of Shain Library will bring new dimensions  
to student learning**



# BEYOND

by Patricia M. Carey



## A NEW ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

will open this year, bringing together a broad array of staff and services with a single goal: to make sure all students reach their highest academic potential.

"Connecticut College is already known for personalized attention to each student's learning," President Lee Higdon says. "The center will support our students at a whole new level. Our program will be state of the art among liberal arts colleges."

Professional staff in the center will help incorporate best practices for student learning into freshman orientation, pre-major advising, fellowship applications, funded internships and other signature experiences of the College. They will also collaborate on programming with the staff of the Joy Shechtman Mankoff Center for Teaching & Learning, which focuses on faculty development and innovative approaches to teaching.

A national search for the director is underway, and programming will begin in temporary offices as soon as the director is on board. Three more staff will be added later in the year: an additional learning professional, a program coordinator and a director of a new quantitative skills program. Part-time professional staff and trained peer tutors will augment the staffing.

Over the next 12 to 24 months, a 2,500-square-foot space on the third floor of Shain Library will be renovated into seminar rooms, staff offices, and large

and small meeting rooms for tutoring and workshops. That area is now primarily used for books, which will be moved to space-saving compact shelving in the basement and elsewhere on the third floor. Some of the new spaces, including computing workstations, will be available for student use in the evenings and on weekends, when study space is often at a premium.

"This is another example of how libraries are evolving to meet the changing needs of students and faculty," says W. Lee Hisle, librarian of the College and vice president for information services. "Resources that used to be spread across campus will be centralized, new resources will be added, and all of this will complement the research and technology support provided by library staff."

## ► RAISING THE BAR

The center's programs and resources will give every student the resources and support to excel in an increasingly rigorous academic environment. "We are challenging students to set, meet and then exceed higher learning goals," Higdon says.

Under the leadership of Dean of the Faculty Roger Brooks, faculty members are reviewing and rethinking every aspect of the academic program, from general education to major requirements to



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— PRESIDENT  
LEO I. HIGDON, JR.



facilitation of interdisciplinary collaboration. Last year, they completed an initiative to define specific learning outcomes for each academic major; they are now developing new ways to measure and assess students' learning. Many of these efforts have grown out of the College's participation since 2006 in the landmark Wabash National Study of Liberal Arts Education, a groundbreaking long-term study of liberal arts education and outcomes.

"We have a deeper understanding than ever of what factors lead to the highest and best learning," Brooks says. "The Wabash study reaffirms the centrality of faculty-student



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— W. LEE HISLE, VICE PRESIDENT  
FOR INFORMATION SERVICES

relationships, which will be further supported by the work of the center.”

The new center has been funded and endowed by an anonymous \$11 million gift, part of the \$200 million Campaign for Connecticut College. Generous gifts such as these, Higdon emphasizes, are essential to the future of the College.

“Connecticut College is one of the best liberal arts colleges in the nation,” Higdon says. “In this age of high costs and rising competition, however, we can never rest on our record. We are constantly evaluating, innovating and investing in this extraordinary educational experience.” ■

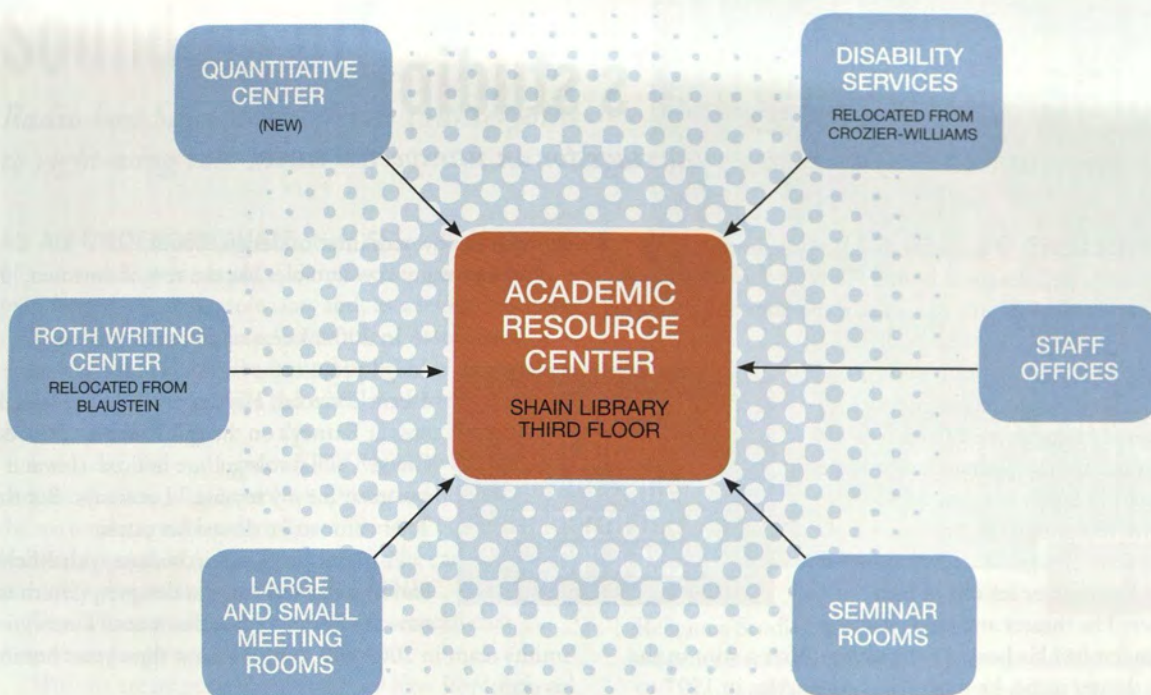
## ► RAMPED-UP RESOURCES

### PROGRAMMING IN THE NEW CENTER WILL INCLUDE:

- Workshops to help students maximize their engagement with faculty and the curriculum
- Faculty education programs, in collaboration with the Joy Shechtman Mankoff Center for Teaching and Learning
- High-level skill development in math and computational sciences
- Peer-to-peer learning with a focus on development of subject-specific skills and strategies
- Coaching to help students at all levels expand the range and fluency of their writing
- Workshops on time management, reading strategies, note taking, test preparation and organization
- Programs and services to address special learning challenges, including learning disabilities
- Ongoing program assessment and incorporation of emerging best practices for effective student learning



## NEW AND EXISTING LEARNING RESOURCES WILL BE CENTRALIZED IN ONE LOCATION



“ This center will change the landscape of learning at Connecticut College and be a model for other liberal arts colleges. ”

— PRESIDENT HIGDON





# Inside the designer's studio

*At Connecticut College, Joe Lucas set the stage for an unexpected career*

**FOR JOE LUCAS '95**, there's no place like home — an exceptionally well-designed home. With residential projects from Florida to Montana, the interior designer and co-owner of Lucas Studio Inc. in West Hollywood, Calif., has built a reputation on stylish, comfortable and classic interiors. Traditional Home named Lucas Studio one of the "Top 20 Young Design Firms to Watch" in 2009; last year, House Beautiful recognized the firm as one of its American Design Trailblazers.

But Lucas never set out to be a designer: The theater and child development major had his heart set on acting. After a stint in the Seattle theater scene, he moved to Los Angeles in 1997 to pursue a career in film and television. To pay the bills, he took a job managing an antique store, occasionally helping

out with the owner's interior design clients.

"I didn't want to wait tables like the rest of the town," he says.

In 2000, Lucas started taking on small design projects for friends. He also got some decent TV roles: His biggest was playing Jack's boss at Barney's on the NBC sitcom "Will & Grace." "That role got me noticed a bit and was great for my resume," Lucas says. But the 2001 actor strike slowed his career.

A friend put Lucas in contact with Michael Smith, a top Los Angeles designer. (Smith is now the White House decorator.) Lucas joined

Smith's team in 2002 and spent the next three years honing his craft.

"I learned more working with him than I ever could have in any design program," says Lucas, who went from assisting with design to managing multimillion-dollar projects.

While working with Smith, Lucas met Parrish Chilcoat. "She and I started the same week and became great friends," he says. When they got the opportunity to work on a few projects themselves, they left and started Lucas Studio in 2005. Three years later they opened Harbinger, their retail showroom.

At Connecticut College, Lucas spent an awful lot of time rearranging his dorm room. He covered a Salvation Army couch with fabric from the mall and put his bed on a make-shift loft to make the room seem bigger.

"Warning bells were sounding everywhere, except in my head," he says.

Lucas loved his theater professors; Linda Herr, now professor emeritus, and David Jaffe '77, now chair of the department, were great inspirations. Lucas says Jaffe helped him make significant breakthroughs as an actor: "He will always be a mentor to me."

Jaffe never saw Lucas as a designer. "It just wasn't on my radar," he says. "I didn't know if he was going to make a life in the theater, but I did know he was going to make a strong place for himself," Jaffe says.

The humor and spark crafted in his acting classes now help Lucas make sales.

"At the end of the day, I'm a salesman," he says. "Whether it's selling my business to a potential client or selling a design plan, I can't be boring." — *Mary Howard*

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JOE LUCAS '95



# Sounding off

*Radio host Sam Seder offers a counterpoint to right-wing talk shows*

**AS AN UNDERGRADUATE**, Sam Seder '88 was immersed in all forms of government. He majored in government, was president of his sophomore class and, as a senior, held the same post with the Student Government Association.

Seder's days still revolve around politics, as he works round-the-clock to provide the world with viewpoints from the left side of things.

Every day, Seder, 45, hosts "The Majority Report," a podcast that also airs live online. On Saturdays, he co-hosts the nationally syndicated program "Ring of Fire" with Robert Kennedy Jr. and Mike Papantonio. And he can sometimes be seen quipping on current events on MSNBC.

The Worcester, Mass., native says it's crucial that Americans keep up with current affairs.

"Politics are important because they have implications on everything our society does," says Seder, who lives in New York with his wife, Nicole, a director and documentary producer, and their 6-year-old, Myla. "I'm interested in politics because they will dictate what kind of world my daughter is going to grow up in."

But Seder didn't go straight from Connecticut College to political punditry. After graduation, he moved to Boston to go to law school and follow in the family tradition. But it wasn't the right fit, he says.

Instead, he spent nearly five years in Boston's venerable stand-up comedy scene. He moved to California in the mid-'90s, where he wrote pilots for Fox, HBO, CBS and NBC. He's also directed movies and acted in sitcoms, from "Spin City" to "Sex and the City." He remains active in the entertainment world, doing voice work on Fox's animated series "Bob's Burgers."

Seder's entry into the realm of political talk radio was a fortuitous twist of fate. In 2003 his long-time friend, comedian Janeane Garofalo, asked him to team up with her to host "The Majority Report," a new left-wing talk show on Air America.

"At the time, I just thought that it could be a fun thing to do," Seder recalls.

The Hollywood funnyman found himself in a new role, politically opposite the Rush Limbaughs of the world. In six years, Seder hosted four different shows for the now-defunct radio station, including "The Sam Seder Show," "Seder on Sundays" and "Break Room Live."

Eugene Gallagher, the Rosemary Park Professor of



**SAM SEDER '88**

Religious Studies, says his former student's success in political talk is not terribly surprising.

"Sam could engage with the material in a serious but playful way, encapsulate his thoughts in a striking verbal image, and actually use that to further the discussion," Gallagher recalls. "In the glimpses I've had of Sam's career after college, it seems to me that he has continued to develop those skills in ways that have served him well in his multiple pursuits in political commentary and comedy, which are often not too far apart."

Day after day, Seder tackles the hot-button issues that dominate newspaper headlines. He interviews a wide range of guests on the "The Majority Report": one day a grass-roots activist, the next a U.S. senator. From the death penalty to abortion to health care, no topic is off the table, but Seder always explores it from a liberal point of view.

Seder admits it's tough to compete, day after day, with Limbaugh, Glenn Beck and other conservative voices. The shrinking talk-radio industry hasn't helped, he adds.

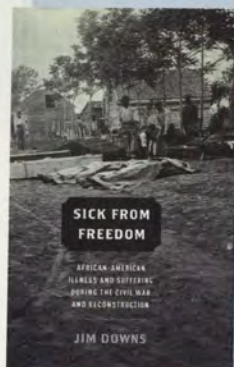
"But the market is going to change when the delivery mechanism changes, when you see the emergence of things like podcasts," Seder says. "The way the industry is currently set up, it will be very difficult to change. The structure of the industry is biased against new formats."

Despite the ups and downs, talk radio has been a natural fit for Seder.

"For the most part, I love it," he says. "Our politics can get depressing. You're working on this relentless 24-hour schedule. And it's hard to constantly come up with 90 minutes of new material. But it's definitely been healthy for me. For one, I don't yell at the TV as much any more."

— Andrew Clark





## Sick from Freedom

By Jim Downs  
2012, Oxford University Press,  
\$29.95

Downs, an assistant professor of history at the College, has garnered media attention across the U.S. and in Europe with his new book, which documents the deaths of hundreds of thousands of former slaves following the

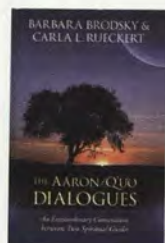
Emancipation Proclamation. Downs uncovers a smallpox epidemic that spread in the wake of the Civil War and was exacerbated by a lack of medical care, malnutrition, extreme poverty and poor living conditions.

The health crisis prompted the federal government to create the country's first national health care

system. At the height of the epidemic, the Medical Division of the Freedmen's Bureau built and operated 40 hospitals throughout the South. But an exact death toll is difficult to pin down, Downs says, due to shoddy record keeping in black hospitals. "No one talked about black bodies," he says.

"Sick From Freedom" was reviewed not only in national newspapers such as the New York Times, but also international media, including The Guardian and The Daily Mail in London and news outlets in Greece and Czech Republic. Steven Hahn, the 2004 winner of the Pulitzer Prize for history, wrote that Downs' book is "a fresh and ambitious account of the Civil War era that not only interrogates the transition from slavery to freedom in new and unsettling ways, but also invites us to rethink the geographical dimensions of Reconstruction."

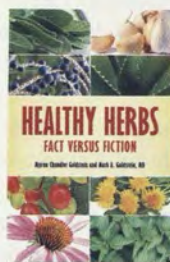
Read more at [www.conncoll.edu/news/7910.cfm](http://www.conncoll.edu/news/7910.cfm).



## The Aaron/Q'uo Dialogues

By Barbara Brodsky-Rothbart '64 and  
Carla L. Rueckert  
2011, North Atlantic Books, \$24.95

Brodsky, who teaches meditation, and Rueckert co-channel a conversation between their spiritual guides and share their teachings on living with more compassion and awareness.



## Healthy Herbs: Fact versus Fiction

By Myrna Chandler Goldstein '70  
and Mark A. Goldstein  
2012, Greenwood, \$58

The authors examine health claims associated with popular herbs, from açai to watercress, condensing clinical findings as well as the history of use to help readers make informed decisions.



## Dear Teen Me

Co-edited by E. Kristin Anderson  
(Emily Morse '05)

November 2012, Zest Books, \$14.99

In this Junior Library Guild selection, young adult authors (including Morse) write letters to their teenage selves with advice on everything from love and proms to anorexia and child abuse. The book is based on the popular blog <http://DearTeenMe.com>.



## Imperfect Heroes

By D.J. Kelley '76  
2012, Aviva Publishing, \$24.95

When Chris Osborne's wife leaves him, he turns to online dating — and finds himself embroiled in a thrilling web of romantic opportunities. Through all his comic misadventures, he never loses hope.



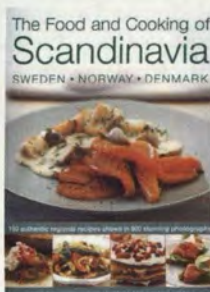
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## Silly Ghosts

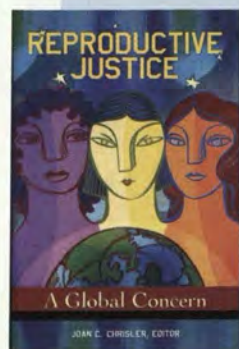
By Janet Lawler '74  
2011, *Jumping Jack Press*,  
\$19.95

The friendly ghouls and Lawler's simple rhymes make this "haunted pop-up book" a spooky good time for the littlest trick-or-treaters.



## The Food and Cooking of Scandinavia

By Judith H. Dern '71, et al.  
2011, *Lorenz Books*, \$35  
Dern, who has lived and traveled extensively in Scandinavia, and her co-authors explore the cuisine of Sweden, Norway and Denmark in this beautifully illustrated book featuring 150 authentic recipes.



## Reproductive Justice

Edited by Joan C. Chrisler  
2012, *Praeger*, \$58

In this collection of essays, Chrisler, the Class of '43 Professor of Psychology, challenges Western assumptions that women have power over their own bodies and the ability to choose what happens to them.

"The book takes a global view of reproductive justice ... as women's rights and ability to exercise those rights and to access needed health, counseling and educational services vary greatly between (and even within) countries," Chrisler says.

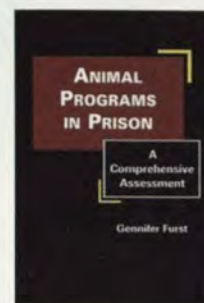
Essay topics include abortion, infertility, sex trafficking and female infanticide. As editor,

## Animal Programs in Prison

By Gennifer Furst '97  
2011, *FirstForumPress*, \$59.95

Furst, an associate professor of sociology at William Paterson University of New Jersey, examines the growing practice of incorporating animals into prison programming and connects this trend with research on how humans benefit from interacting with animals in many different settings.

Furst identifies eight kinds of prison animal programs: visitations to prisons by companion animals, wildlife rehabilitation, livestock care, pet adoption by prisoners, service animal socialization and training, vocational training in animal care, community service, and programs that combine two or more approaches. While recognizing that some of these initiatives may be seen as "coddling" lawbreakers, Furst believes that animal programs have the potential to transform some inmates' lives and reduce recidivism. "Having inmates and animals help each other in a symbiotic relationship, regardless of the motivation for establishing such a program, makes it possible to achieve a win-win-win situation," she writes.



Chrisler outlined the book, sought experts to write original chapters, and wrote the introduction and afterword, in which she urges readers to know their rights and take action.

Chrisler, who joined the Connecticut College faculty in 1987, has studied reproductive justice for 30 years. In addition to her scholarly work, she is a longtime activist with reproductive rights organizations and is regularly consulted by media on issues related to women's health and psychology, including body image, eating disorders, menstruation and menopause, as well as reproductive justice.

In June, the New York State Psychological Association selected Chrisler to receive the 2012 Margaret Floy Washburn Award, in recognition of her significant contributions to areas of feminist concern.

Read more about Chrisler's book at [www.conncoll.edu/news/7967.cfm](http://www.conncoll.edu/news/7967.cfm).



# campaign

## NSF grant sustains innovative science program

**A \$436,307 GRANT** from the National Science Foundation will continue support for the College's Science Leaders Program.

The College established Science Leaders in 2007 with an NSF grant to increase the number of underrepresented students graduating with research experience in chemistry, physics, environmental science, neuroscience and laboratory-based biological sciences. The program is 70-percent federally funded.

The first Science Leaders, members of the Class of 2012, completed multiple internships and conducted research with faculty members, including attending conferences and contributing to research papers. After Commencement, Science Leaders began graduate studies or medical school, continued research projects, or took jobs related to their fields.

Students admitted into the Science Leaders Program take an intensive first-year seminar and receive enhanced scholarships, research opportunities, career preparation and assistance applying to graduate school. The program readies

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them for a wide range of science-related careers and provides a solid foundation for graduate study or medical school.

Marc Zimmer, the Jean C. Tempel '65 Professor of Physical Sciences and the program's director, designed Science Leaders based on his work with inner-city high schools with high percentages of minorities and other underrepresented populations.

All prospective science majors at Connecticut College who are U.S. citizens and who qualify for need-based financial aid are eligible for Science Leaders, but priority is given to women, students of color, students with disabilities, first-generation college students and students who are economically disadvantaged.

"This program's success is characteristic of Connecticut College and the kind of personalized education we offer on a broader level," President Lee Higdon said.

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# THANK YOU!

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Your support is central to the success of the Campaign for Connecticut College, and it is the foundation on which the College builds its future. On behalf of today's students, thank you for supporting the College in 2011-12.

## Grant supports diversification of future faculty

**A \$435,000 GRANT** from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation continues support of the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF) program, which is dedicated to increasing the number of minority students who pursue a doctoral degree.

"The goal of the MMUF program is to create a pipeline for the diversification of the faculty throughout higher education institutions," Dean of Multicultural Affairs Elizabeth Garcia said. "We are thrilled that the Mellon Foundation has renewed our grant, which will allow us to continue to identify and nurture future professors and scholars."

Each year, Connecticut College faculty members select up to five rising juniors who plan to pursue a Ph.D. in core fields in the arts and sciences. The program provides these fellows with faculty mentorship and research training, as well as a yearly stipend, summer research support, funding for research-related travel and the opportunity to attend conferences with other Mellon fellows.

*The College's MMUF program was established in 2008 with a \$500,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation. The renewal grant will support the program through 2016.*

## Why I Give TO CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

### Irma Klein Schachter '49 P'78 GP'15

*Irma Klein Schachter earned a graduate degree from the Harvard-Radcliffe Program in Business Administration. She held various executive positions in retail, including vice president at Lord & Taylor.*



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#### What drew you to attend Connecticut College?

Several of my Northfield Mount Hermon classmates attended the College, so I was aware of the beautiful campus, small class sizes and close student-faculty relationships. The fact that it was located near my home in Hartford was also a huge plus.

#### What did you take away from your time here?

Connecticut College really taught me how to think and set goals for myself. It also prepared me well for graduate school and rewarded me with lifelong friends.

#### Why did you include Connecticut College in your will?

It is important for me to show how much the College impacted my life and the life of my family. My son attended, and my granddaughter is a current student who is having the time of her life! My gift will support scholarships for deserving students. To know that someone will benefit from the same experiences I did means the world to me.

#### And the gift is in honor of your parents?

Long before many others, my parents believed that women should have the same quality education as men. They worked hard so that I could achieve my goals. Providing a student with a Connecticut College education is a wonderful way to keep my parents' memories alive.



# class notes

## 1935

Correspondent: Sabrina (Subby) Burr Sanders, 33 Mill St., Unit 4E, Wethersfield, CT 06109

## 1937

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## 1938 REUNION

5/31-6/2, 2013

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## 1940

Correspondent: Frances Sears Baratz, 87 Plant St., New London, CT 06320, f.baratz@sbcglobal.net

### Mims Brooks Butterworth

writes: "I guess there aren't many of us left, for better or worse. I am happy to say that I made the right decision several years ago to move to Seabury, a great retirement place with interesting people and lots to do. I'm on the library committee and play chimes; we put on a concert this spring. My daughter Kate and her family are about 20 minutes away, and I see my three sons fairly often. I keep myself alert with a couple of projects: I'm still working on a map (Beyond Manifest Destiny) that might be useful in American history classrooms; I'm writing something about 'My Felon Friends'; and my autobiography, 'Just Say Yes,' is still selling. But my knees don't work as well as I wish, and I've been fitted for hearing aids. And so it goes. My love to you and anyone else you are in touch with."

**Elaine Perry Sheldon** has lived at Beverwyck, a community for adults in Slingerlands, NY, for seven years. It has 200 residents and lots of activities, with entertainment, education, speakers and more. The area has walking trails. Elaine loved her years at CC, and her sister, the late June Perry Mack '42, followed her there. Elaine's son lives 10 minutes away, and her daughter is in Indianapolis.

If you recall, our class created a fund for scholarships from contributions at our 50th reunion. As a representative from our class, I

was invited in April to a luncheon for donors and recipients. The students were so grateful; one remarked: "You have given me something I always dreamed of — the opportunity for a better life and a higher education. Going to college has been my dream, knowing the odds were slim but holding fast. The opportunity to be here justifies every choice I have made and proves that anything is possible."

## 1941

Correspondent: Ethel Moore Wills, P.O. Box 443, Northport, MI 49670, e-wills@sbcglobal.net

I trust you all received the letter from our class agent chair, **Priscilla Duxbury Wescott-Huber**, requesting our support for the College Annual Fund Drive this year. I did not chat with Dux but was happy to see she was still valiantly representing us. I

know our College is out there working hard to reach generous alumni. I (Happy) was invited to attend a reception in Bloomfield Hills, MI, with Dean of the Faculty Roger Brooks, who is leading the \$25-million transformation of New London Hall into a state-of-the-art Science Center. I was unable to drive the 250 miles downstate, but nagged Ginny Choje Richmond to go — she didn't, because she knew she would have been the oldest alum there. I would have loved that role!

**Cathy Elias Moore** spent a month in FL this winter and was hoping to catch up with **Phyllis Walters Williams** in St. Petersburg, but it didn't work out because of poor timing. So I phoned Phyllis, and we had a great chat. Phyllis enjoyed living in a beach home there for 60 years, until her husband died and she moved to a beachfront apartment with a beautiful view. She said

that a young person recently said, "You are the prettiest 93-year-old I know." Phyllis responded, "How many 93-year-olds do you know?" Phyllis spent a postgraduate year at the National Cathedral School in Washington, DC, before coming to CC, because her parents thought she wasn't "ready." Ironically, she didn't graduate because she married in Spring '41, just one credit short (which she never made up). The war was looming, and time seemed short. Phyllis was married twice, had two boys of her own, and picked up three more children with her second marriage, resulting in eight grands and four great-grands. She recently went on oxygen, which makes it difficult to get to all her bridge games. It was fun talking to her, and she ended with the observation that "if the good die young, we must have been hellers."

**Kay Ord McChesney**, your former

class correspondent (who left me holding the bag), reported that her daughter, a niece and a grandson were coming for a weekend visit, and they would be eating out and doing all sorts of social things. In July, she and her children had their mid-year family reunion in Yachats, OR.

**Elizabeth Schwab Fuld** lost her husband in Dec. We send our sympathy. She has a son and a daughter, Suzanne Fuld Marger '63, and five grands.

The Class of '41 sends sympathy to the friends and family of **Eleanor (E.K.) Reisinger Silvers**, who died 6/1. Before her death, I spoke to her daughter, Julie. She and her 26-year-old son were living with E.K. in West Chester, PA. E.K. was a great sports fan and always cheered for the Phillies and the Flyers. Julie told me her mother's friends called her the "firecracker girl" and that she had a great sense of humor and lived on



GRACE ASTROVE '10 and friend in Israel.

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laughter and love. E.K. would have turned 94 on 7/4.

The Class of '41 also sends sympathy to the friends and family of **Nancy Butler Finley**, who died 10/12/10, and **Helen Canty Berns**, who died in June '11.

## 1942

Correspondent: Jane "Woodie" Worley Peak, Vinson Hall, Apt. 306, 6251 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, VA 22101, [jwpeak@aol.com](mailto:jwpeak@aol.com)

## 1943 REUNION 5/31-6/2, 2013

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**Mary Riddell MacMullen** feels fortunate that she and her family are healthy and that her children and grandchildren live nearby. She enjoys their visits with her at her summer home in Door County, WI. Mary is still active, drives her car, and is involved in various activities, such as "dabbling in watercolors."

**Brooks Johnstone Saltsman** is very well and enjoys her retirement home in Bethesda, MD. She appreciates the ease of living there with almost no responsibilities.

On a sad note, the class sends sincere sympathy to **Margery Newman Puder** on the loss of her husband last Dec. after a brief illness.

## 1944

Correspondent: Jane Bridgwater Hewes, 236 Silver Creek Circle, Santa Rosa, CA 95409, [whewesjr@aol.com](mailto:whewesjr@aol.com)

**Priscilla Martin Laubenstein's** late daughter, Linda Laubenstein, was a pioneering doctor in the fight against AIDS. She was the inspiration for playwright Larry Kramer's play, "The Normal Heart," a play about the first days of the AIDS epidemic. The play opened on Broadway in April '11. Priscilla attended opening night with her son, Peter, and Kramer and other celebrities.

**Lois Webster Ricklin** celebrated her 90th birthday on 4/7 at a dinner party with family, friends and neighbors.

**Ellie Abrahams Josephson** continues driving, walking, reading and feeling fine.

**Edith Miller Kerrigan's** hip prosthesis has done very well

# A sweet business idea becomes reality

**ALEX FEINSTEIN '07 AND Molly Goettsche Feinstein '07** took a risk when they left big business to find their own way to success.

The risk paid off. Two years after opening GoBerry, a frozen yogurt shop that uses only fresh, locally sourced ingredients, in Northampton, Mass., the couple expanded to a second location in nearby Amherst.

Their path to entrepreneurial success was not a straight line. After graduation they moved to Boston, where Molly worked in health care advocacy and Alex at a renewable energy company. "But after a few years, we both felt that city life was not the best fit for us," Molly says.

Inspiration struck after they got engaged in 2010 and visited Northampton, Alex's hometown. Molly recalls, "I turned to Alex and said, 'The only thing Northampton is missing is some good frozen yogurt.'"

"There was no going back; we opened two months later," she says.

The Feinsteins describe GoBerry as "very much a labor of love," but they admit that at first they felt out of their element. Alex majored in anthropology and Molly in molecular and cellular biology. But the lessons they learned at Connecticut College — in class and on the pool deck (Alex played water



Alex Feinstein '07 and Molly Goettsche Feinstein '07 in front of their first frozen yogurt shop, GoBerry in Northampton, Mass., where they hosted an alumni social in June.

polo; Molly was a swimmer) — helped them succeed.

"We both agree being a part of a team has been instrumental in business," Molly says. "We very much view our stores as teams and have found it to be integral to our leadership styles."

The couple remains active with the College. Alex returned to campus during the annual Seminar on Success in January to talk to juniors and seniors about the business venture, and in June the Feinsteins hosted an alumni social at GoBerry's Northampton store.

"At every stage of our journey so far we have felt grateful to the opportunities that our liberal arts education provided us," Alex says. — *Bailey Bennett '14; reporting by Jordan Thomas '15*

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orthopedically. Her granddaughter, in between two challenging jobs in the entertainment field — one with Warner Brothers in Paris and one as head of movies for Sony in London — came to visit and lend a hand. Edie attended an annual family reunion in July in Tenants Harbor, ME.

**Lucretia Lincoln Stanley** and **Edie Miller Kerrigan** attended the centennial Sykes Society Luncheon in June '11, where they enjoyed Paul Marthers' talk on Connecticut College history. Lucretia has stopped driving after 72 years. She and George are in reasonably good health and are thankful and happy that they have many friends and family who are helping with their needs.

**Jacqueline Pinney Dunbar's** life is routine and includes playing bridge once a week with 80- and 90-year-olds. It's always good to read news of classmates!

## 1945

Correspondent: **Ann LeLievre Hermann**, 6809 Turban Court, Ft. Myers, FL 33908, [annhermann26@gmail.com](mailto:annhermann26@gmail.com)

**Stephanie Lustofin '14** is the latest recipient of the Class of '45 Scholarship Fund in honor of Dean Burdick. She is a math major specializing in pre-med; she also plays soccer and track. Stephanie

says her professors and coaches are the best. She is grateful for our support, which makes it possible for her to continue in college. Let us all wish her the very best as she focuses on her future.

**Shirley Armstrong Meniece** wrote, "I have no right to be so active at this age, but I keep my fingers crossed and barge ahead." Last fall, she attended the 10th annual Garden Club of America Horticulture Conference and plans to attend No. 11 this year, at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in TX. In May, she traveled to China with a group, including her daughter. They mostly visited the west, including Xishuangbanna, which Shirley first saw 26 years ago and always wanted to revisit. "I don't move too fast any more, but as one of my friends pointed out, 'you never did!' There aren't enough hours in my day, but that's the way I like it."

**Natalie Bigelow Barlow** writes, "Our third great-grandson, Cole Barlow Atkinson, arrived in Jan." She attended family weddings in Culebra, PR; Newport, RI; and San Francisco.

Nat should be our social chairman: "I have been in touch with **Betty Harlow Bangs**, **Winnie Fischer Hubbard-Parrot**, **Peggy Marion Schiffert** and **Marge Lawrence**

**Weidig**. All are well and busy. I continue to be active in church and community activities, read a lot, play bridge regularly, tend window boxes and a small garden, follow the news, and knit for our missionary table at church." She was going to San Francisco in Sept. for a wedding.

Nat phoned **Suzanne (Sookie) Porter Wilkins**, who "sounded fine and maintains her interest in CC and classmates." Nat also chatted with **Anne Oxnard Hatch**, who is well and who started talking about our 70th Reunion! Nat and Anne ask, "Do you think a group of us will go to our 70th Reunion in '15?" It's time to start planning!

**Hedi Seligsohn Piel** wrote: "I'm working hard to register folks to vote for Obama. Unfortunately, my efforts were interrupted by a burst appendix. . . . I understand that should only happen to younger folks, but I got the measles during my sophomore year at CC and had my tonsils out at age 31, so I guess I am a late bloomer?" Hedi, we wish you improved health and hope that you never have to grow old enough to add "senior maladies" to your list of ailments!

**Lucile Lebowich Darcy** should be an inspiration to all of us. Without details or complaints, she shared that she is legally blind and has

hearing problems. Nonetheless, she functions with gratitude, a sense of humor and lots of laughter with the help of her daughters, sons, friends, and magnifiers and other "toys"! She is able to enjoy her computer, as she emails and uses it to keep up with news and political blogs. Lucile ended her notes with a "high five" to all of us!

**Mariechen Wilder Smith** appreciates the good health that allows her to enjoy so many activities, both physical and mental, with friends in her community. Her family lives near enough to visit. She has spent 15 years at Carolina Meadows, NC, a continuing-care community, where she was elected to the board of directors for a three-year term. Mariechen wondered if our generation at CC somehow learned to enjoy challenges, to look for them and to act upon them. She says her later years have been among the best of her life.

After 30 years of teaching math, **Marjorie McClellan Feeney** keeps busy taking care of five Shelties, her house and garden; grocery shops for herself and her 93-year-old neighbor; goes to church; and though she has an iPad and computers, "I prefer real books to eBooks. . . . I am very thankful I have my original knees and

do not have to use a cane or a walker, as many friends do. Best wishes to all classmates."

**Marjory Schwalbe Berkowitz** has lived in NYC her whole life. She and her husband raised a daughter and three sons. She has three grandsons in boarding school, and she hopefully sends them CC literature. For a few years, Marjory had a shop on the north shore of Long Island, but as a city girl she couldn't wait to get back to town. Her sister, brother and most of her family live nearby. For 20 years, she has been in real estate and is still at it! How many other classmates are still holding jobs?

**Nancy Mayers Blitzer**, another true New Yorker, lives by her philosophy, "to keep going while I still can." She expressed gratitude for her good health and a life full of blessings. This past year, she visited her sister-in-law in FL; vacationed in Rangeley, ME, with a childhood friend; and took a train to Washington, DC, to see an exhibit of the 18th-century Japanese artist Ito Jakuchō at the National Gallery. Nancy sends regards to all.

**Joyce Stoddard Aronson** volunteers as librarian of the 5,000+ book collection (and a full room of paperbacks) at her retirement community. She loves it and the



Jen Levy '04 and Dave Strick '04 were married 8/6/11 in Healdsburg, CA. From left: Kristin McNally '04, Susie Mattke-Robinson '04, Danielle Miley '04, Lindsey Silken '04, Brittany Birmingham '04, the bride and groom, Mike Silber '04, Liam Cohen '05 and Eddie Slade '06.



committee members she works with. "There is always plenty to do . . . so life is only dull if that is what you want." Joyce enjoyed a weekend visit by three friends; their flight was delayed from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m., but neither that nor the next day's torrential rains and tornado warnings quelled their nonstop talking and laughter! She also visited her daughter in Bethesda, MD, at Christmas. "I had a fabulous time with all the children and grands. . . . It is so heartwarming to see them all together."

**Lois (Toni) Fenton Tuttle** now has six great-grandchildren. Her granddaughter, Laura, was married in Seattle, after graduating with a degree in natural medicine. The couple is moving to Cambridge, MA, where Laura will open an acupuncture office.

Finally, I want to close with Toni's wonderfully humorous description of how she graduated with the rest of us: "I had managed to pass all exams and even that notorious comprehensive, but for three years I could not pass the required posture test! You remember that little doozy, the one where we were photographed in the nude? Somehow my scheduling always coincided with my period, so I looked like that cat in the commercial covering her private parts. Sure

enough, the final exam found me in the same female state, but I bravely assumed a full upright position, and lo and behold, I was able to accept my diploma!" Shall we presume that our alma mater has matured in the last 67 years!?

## 1946

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## 1947

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## 1948 REUNION 5/31-6/2, 2013

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## 1949

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**Irma Klein Schachter** and her theater group were treated to a "talkback" with **Estelle Parsons** after seeing her new show, "Nice Work If You Can Get It." Irma says Estelle "wowed" the group, is fantastic and still has her "joie de vivre." Irma was recently appointed to the Westport Library steering committee, and she still enjoys playing bridge. Granddaughter Lillie Schachter '15 loves CC.

**Jennifer Judge Howes** also enjoyed Estelle's new play, seeing it with granddaughter Noli and **Barbara Himmel Springer**. Jeff visited family in AZ and FL last winter, and several times a year she sees Professor Vyse contribute to discussions of the supernatural.

Last year, **Suzanne Brenner Geller** lost her husband of 64 years; they were married the summer of her sophomore year, so he spent lots of time at CC, commuting from Yale. (In those days the College required that all students live on campus during

their senior year!) Sue still lives in a large house after 40 years but has been joined by her daughter and husband, their two children and their dogs. She still paints, mostly en plein air in watercolor, is vice president of the San Diego Watercolor Society, takes courses at U. of California, and enjoys walking on the beach. Her love of animals, especially dogs, keeps her involved in local animal welfare and rescue.

**Nancy Henneberger Matthews**, whose husband died several years ago, sold her house in Chevy Chase, MD, and moved to Missoula, MT, where she bought a house with a mountain view from every window. She chose Missoula for retirement after visits there when she was working on an exhibition of western art for the Meridian Center in Washington, DC. Nancy is involved with the MT Museum of Art and Culture, Rocky Mountain Ballet Theater, MT World Affairs Council and a local art gallery, and she is a visiting scholar in the International Programs Department of the U. of Montana. A granddaughter is a student there, and Nancy enjoys many visits from family and friends.

**Joan Jossen Biven**, who lives in La Jolla, CA, said she had no real news, but she plays bridge and Mexican train dominos, is president of their homeowners board, is on the

altar guild at church, and delivers meals on wheels. Her grandson graduated from Princeton in June.

The above five items were received in response to the email sent in your co-correspondents' names by the CC Alumni Office, asking for news. Thank you so much.

**Marjorie Stutz Turner** continues to live in an over-55 active senior community just outside Warrenton, VA, where she enjoys many area concerts and plays, as well as water aerobics and church activities. Now that Ned is gone, she travels with daughter Jane, an enthusiastic companion. Recent destinations have been Panama, France, Germany and Russia, with Greece and the Greek islands on the itinerary.

**Lois (Lucky) Siller Victory** still travels — often with her entire family of 21 — including a trip to Costa Rica. After visiting friends in Hilton Head, Lucky took her family to Oglebay Resort in Wheeling, WV. Families took turns cooking dinners and did lots of hiking. Another trip was to Mt. Mansfield Horse Farm in Stowe, VT. With a neighbor driving to Atlanta, Lucky was able to visit daughter Maureen.

**Mary Stecher Douthit** has a winter home in Tucson but lives mostly in Sandusky, OH, where her



Left: Tim James '99 and Mariko Wilcox '99 at a California Academy of Sciences NightLife event.

Right: Kimberley Gray '93 with her partner, Jason Anderson, and their daughter, Eliana Simone Brown Anderson.

Below: From left, Janet Newcome Brown, Nancy James, Susie Chadwick Pokress and Kathy Swift Gravino, all Class of '71, in March.





husband is in an assisted-living facility. Two of their children live in Cleveland with their families, so there are grandchildren nearby.

**Mary Lou (Taffy) Strassburger Treat** loves life in VT in her long-time home. Taffy belongs to an exercise group and a lecture group. She attends neighborhood potluck luncheons each month. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute has a branch at the U. of Vermont and sponsors lectures with excellent speakers. The Yellow Barn, a music group, has outstanding programs.

**Sandra Strotz Keiser** is still associated with ESOL but no longer teaches. She serves on several church committees. She was nominated last year by Real Heroes, an organization that annually honors the person who has performed the greatest community service.

**Joan Underwood Walls'** life is quiet. She has a cottage in Stone Harbor, NJ, and a condo in Wilmington, DE. One son is an architect in VA; the other lives in FL.

After years at CC, **Olga (Pete) Van Wagoner Valentine** worked for the U.S. Court of Appeals. Now retired, she reads to 3-year-olds once a week.

**Marilyn Viets Davis'** activities are limited by her husband's need for care. She recently attended a

luncheon where she met Kenneth Dolbashian, a specialist in elder law, who advises alumnae how to help CC financially in the most advantageous way. Marilyn keeps in touch with **Jean Carter Bradley** and had dinner with **Anne Glazier** while on a trip East.

**Barbara Walker Fitzgerald** and her granddaughter, who lives with her, and two dogs barely made it to the basement when a tornado hit their house. All were OK, but it took more than seven months to repair the house. Barbara's first daughter is Deborah Fitzgerald Safford '71.

**Emmy Lu Walsh Hartley** moved to a retirement home 13 years ago and loves it. She sees **Marian Markle Pool**. As we spoke, Emmy Lu was off to a lecture, "Van Gogh Up Close," sponsored by the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

**Gretchen Van Syckle Whalen** went on a Panama Canal cruise. The ship went only as far as one of the lakes, but visitors were able to go ashore and see Panama, Aruba, Costa Rica and Colombia.

**Elizabeth Leslie Hahn** says her son's company, Film House, made a great movie this year, "Deadline," based on a true story.

The class extends condolences to the family and friends of **Barbara Norton Fleming**, who died on 3/18.

## 1950

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**Meredith Byrne '13**, our '50 scholarship student, spent last fall in Cameroon and returned this summer on an internship with a local NGO. We established this fund in '90 in celebration of our 40th Reunion. It has supported 10 students.

**Nancy Whitney DeVoe** and husband enjoyed a trip to the Caribbean. After living in Mystic for a number of years, she and her husband moved to Kennett Square, PA, to be closer to family. One grandchild graduated from college and one from medical school this spring, and the DeVoes have one great-grandchild.

The day before I spoke with **Lois Papa Dudley**, her husband, Marshall had died (5/4). Lois has kept in touch with **Ruth Kaplan**, **Priscilla Harris Dalrymple** and **Barbara Biddle Gallagher**. The class sends condolences to Lois on her loss.

**Jean (Rusty) McClure Blanning's** granddaughter, Allison, received early

admission to CC, and Rusty was kept informed by the admission office. They were open to her adding more information if she wanted. "I was very proud of the College in its approach."

**Marcia Dorfman Katz** lives in Sarasota, FL, where she moved after Irwin closed his business in NY. Marcia finds the Sarasota cultural life very stimulating, especially since she can indulge her love of ballet.

**Ann Monjo** worked for many years for an international education nonprofit, giving her the opportunity to travel the world. Retired, she now lives in New Canaan, CT. She's a computer enthusiast and sees **Gloria Grimson Loewenthal** occasionally.

**Gerry Foote Dolliver** lives in a condo for seniors in Windsor, CT. Dick died three years ago. She gets to the Sykes Society Luncheon some years. She sees Marilyn Crane Williams, another Coast Guard wife, on occasion.

**Ruth Kaplan** continues to live in Newton Center, MA. A loyal fan, Ruth enjoyed the 100th anniversary of the Red Sox. She sees **Brenda Ginsberg Silin** every week at lifetime learning courses. Brenda remains very active, playing tennis and bridge. They recall memories of playing bridge seated on the floor of North Cottage.

**Hyla Alderman Raphael** sold her

house after 11 years of managing on her own. She now lives in an assisted-living residence in Orange, CT. She feels fortunate that she can still drive.

**Jan Pinney Shea**, whose husband worked for the Agency for International Development for many years, returned to one of their former posts, Amman, Jordan, last March. Jan's step-grandson, Robert Landry '13, spent his junior semester in Amman. Jan loved revisiting Petra, the Jordan valley and the Dead Sea, but most of all she enjoyed a two-night stay in a Bedouin campground with a local tribe, which also included a Jeep tour of the Wadi, an area made famous by Lawrence of Arabia.

**Barbara Biddle Gallagher** amazes her doctors. Despite having macular degeneration and being legally blind, she can still play a good game of tennis! She was widowed in '03 and now lives in Stonington.

The Class of '50 sends sympathy to the family and friends of Janice Sage, who died on 12/4, and **Barbara Phelps Shepard**, who died 1/28.

## 1951

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From left: Sally Withington, Julie Solmssen Steedman, Gail Glidden Goodell (in her original CC blazer), Carole Broer Bishop, Edie Hollmann Bowers and Lucy Allen Separk, all Class of '59, in North Chelmsford, MA.



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Kudos to **Elizabeth Babbott Conant**, who was honored in the keynote speech at the Sykes Society Luncheon in June, along with Rachel Carson and Mary Cantwell '53.

**Pat Roth Squire** and David had a wonderful, truly touching visit to Cambodia and Vietnam, where they spent a week on a small riverboat on the Mekong River, seeing all the activities and industries of these hardworking people in endless rice paddies, as well as their skills at weaving silks and linens on looms that have been handed down for generations.

**Mary Martha Suckling Sherts** has also visited these countries, as well as Laos and Thailand, with daughter Amy, recalling it as an awesome experience. MM also reported a trip to Cancun in March, where she has maintained a timeshare for 35 years. Daughter Kathy and granddaughter Martha enjoyed the beautiful beaches with her.

**Nancy Bath Roof** continues her career with Kosmos Associates, traveling to Rio + 20, the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, to introduce the Global Citizens Movement she is working on with others from eight different countries. At home, two Havanese puppies, Willy and Sophia, are the loves of Nancy's life.

**Ann Hotz Kaiser** and Rick continue to love life in Bellingham, WA, where their house sits on the side of a mountain, overlooking the Salish Sea and the San Juan Islands. Rick is an automation engineer and database analyst, commuting to work in the Arctic every two weeks. Watch for Ann's cookbook for scuba divers.

Some classmates report they have returned north from wintering in FL. **Iris Bain Hutchison** and James are back in Dexter, NY, after their stay in Bonita Springs. **Sally (Bucky) Buck Thompson** is home in PA from Siesta Key, albeit moving more slowly due to her second knee replacement. Our thoughts are with **Jeanne Tucker Zenker**, who suffered a fractured hip while dancing. **Jane Swett Lonsdale** and Adrian are in Mattapoisett, MA, after an exciting climax in FL. Jane was not only president of the tennis association but also captain of the tennis team, which, for the first time in 21 years, won the league championship. Congratulations!

**Phyllis Hoffman Driscoll** and

Frank were in Kissimmee in March for the Collegiate Softball Rebel Games. Their granddaughter played shortstop on her college team, and the family has always had a mini-reunion at the games. In May, Phyll and Frank were in Washington, DC, for their granddaughter's graduation from Catholic U. Notes to Phyll from **Chloe Bissel Jones** and **Ellie Tuttle Wade** indicate all is well with them.

**Helen (Johnnie) Johnson Haberstroh**, while wintering in Gulf Shores, AL, put together the second annual art show at their church, raising \$400 for a local elementary school. Back home in OH, she and Dick are busy with their outreach choir preparing for nursing home presentations.

**Norma Kochenour Kniseley** and Burt enjoyed his 60th reunion at the Coast Guard Academy last Sept. and now plan a cruise to Spain and Portugal. They had lunch with **Sheila Albert Rosenzweig** and Leonard last spring. The Rosenzweigs now live in Wyomissing, PA, close to their son and his family.

**Claire Goldschmidt Katz** writes of a mini-reunion earlier this year in Tucson with **Marilyn Whittum Gehrig**, **Lois Banks** and Ann Busker Penfield '52, friends from Emily Abbey days. Claire belongs to a group of "kindred spirits" who meet monthly to read plays. Among them is Miriam (Mims) Brooks Butterworth '40, a real star at age 93! Claire is enjoying a spur-of-the-moment purchase of a player piano.

**Roldah Northup Cameron** enjoyed a trip west in March to visit with son Ross in CA and son Alex in OK.

**Marge Erickson Albertson** and Murray's granddaughter will attend U. of Notre Dame this fall.

Class President **Mona Gustafson Affinito** sends greetings. She has enjoyed having her granddaughter living with her between jobs.

The class extends sympathy to the family and friends of **Ann McCreary Turner**, who died following a stroke while on vacation last Feb., and to **Lois (Sugar) Sessions Spratley** on the death of her husband, Fred, last March.

## 1952

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**Roberta (Bobbie) Katz Duker** lives in Dedham, MA, in an assisted-living community near her son

and her daughter, Judith Duker Rosenberg '82. Bobbie, who suffers from Alzheimer's, is usually in good spirits and always has a smile for people, especially children. She enjoys going to lectures given by the rabbi in her community, Newbridge on the Charles. Rabbi Karen Ezra-Landy '84. Bobbie often sees her son and daughter-in-law and their four children, and daughter Judy and son-in-law and their two children, including Adam Rosenberg '14, who loves CC and is vice president of Hillel there and treasurer of the Golf Club. Bobbie's other daughter and grandson also visit. Judy comments, "I often can get her to remember her fun and wonderful times at CC, and she can enjoy talking about her friends and classmates."

## 1953 REUNION 5/31-6/2, 2013

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**Edwina Saunders Costley** and husband Frank celebrated their 60th anniversary with a stay at the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, WV. On their return to NC, they picked up their newly restored 1897 Punnett Companion double bike, which has been in the family for more than 100 years. "It's a little tricky to ride, but with practice it's a lot of fun. We only know of three others, at the Bicycle Museum of America, at the Fork Museum, and one that was in Steve McQueen's collection. As a boy, Frank rode the bike across the Mississippi River Bridge above New Orleans. He also rode it behind the Rex Parade one Mardi Gras."

**Mary Ireland Rule** made a trip from Chagrin Falls, OH, to Pensacola, FL, in an RV with a good friend and her two golden retrievers. Mary enjoyed a teaching career; first, she taught eighth-grade English at Laurel School for 10 years, then she taught history at Hawken School for seven years. She and A.O. hosted **Liz Gallogly Bacon** and John for an overnight visit. In DC for the Army-Navy game, they had dinner with **C. J. Hirsch Ginder** and Sam. Mary claims that C.J. looks like a college sophomore and still plays tennis at a high level.

**Lydia Richards Boyer** writes: "Many of our classmates have already experienced the trauma of leaving a home of many years and downsizing, but David and I are just now experiencing it, with hard work and a super busy schedule.

Everything is going well, though, and our new cottage is very comfortable, modern and pretty. We look forward to new activities and new friends. Our dogs were welcomed and soon felt right at home. Since most dogs here at Stonegates are little puff balls, our two Labs decided that they were benevolent tyrants and are friendly to the puff balls but quite aloof."

The most impressive accomplishment of a classmate belongs to **Susan Rausch Misner**. She opted for adventure and recently went skydiving, loved it and wants to go again. Her first granddaughter's wedding was an occasion for her whole family to get together. She has been traveling with different family members to Italy, France, the Alps and HI.

Eightieth birthday celebrations are an important part of our lives just now. For hers, **Cynthia Bassett Polhemus**'s three children treated her to a trip to Las Vegas. Her two sisters came along.

**Jane Graham Pemberton** celebrated with a pizza bash and an elegant dinner. Jack Pemberton continues to be active in the National Museum of African Art, Smithsonian Institution. Jane's daughter Nanci had a wedding, including numerous brothers, sisters and in-laws in the wedding party. On a southern trip, Jane and Jack visited **Headley Mills Smith** and Roger.

**Allis Van Voorhis D'Amanda** reports that her family has 19 grandchildren and 12 great-grands. Since all but one live in Rochester, she is very lucky and very busy. She continues to volunteer at the Rochester School for the Deaf, where her grandfather was one of the founders. She is very proud of her grandson, Louis D'Amanda '13.

**Allie O'Brien Bates** has made a fine recovery from a bad auto accident. She is playing serious bridge and travels to play in tournaments. If she comes to one of our Middle Atlantic tournaments, maybe we could meet up.

Aren't you proud of us at 80 years? Keep it up!!

## 1954

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**Judy Brown Cox** reports from their new home in Sunrise, AZ, where the altitude and climate are better for Bruce. They're in an "active over-55 community." Bruce enjoys his volunteer job at the welcome

center, and Judy works in the "honor" library, where she keeps the shelves in order — e.g., memoirs inadvertently shelved as fiction ("but then they may be"). In-house retired professors teach various programs, and Judy has enjoyed history and art appreciation lectures. She reminisced about Miss Mulvey: "I have never forgotten the morning she came into the English history class, pushed up the sleeves of her suit jacket and said with a twinkle, 'and now let's talk about Henry VIII.' Mary and I used to alternate taking notes; you just couldn't enjoy her lecture AND write at the same time." Judy and Bruce continue to enjoy Elderhostels (now called Road Scholars) and recently attended the Sacramento Music Festival, mostly jazz. They also recommend the Guthrie Theater and the Museum of Art in Minneapolis.

I, **Loie Keating Learned**, continue to appreciate my over-60 community, though I've slowed down a bit and limit my out-trips to the locale and family. Do send me news of your doings — grandchildren, trips, even aches and pains, though I promise not to print them!

## 1955

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Andrew Majkut '14 of Upton, MA, is our Class of '56 Scholarship Recipient. Andrew is enthusiastic about everything he has experienced at CC. His academic favorite was a government course on insurgency and counterinsurgency taught by William Rose. Drew said it "pushed me academically, forcing me to further develop my analytical skills." Meanwhile an experimental dance workshop was refreshing and opened up horizons for "personal expression and self-confidence. . . . It was an amazing amount of fun." Drew is a member of the track and cross-country teams. Coach Jim Butler "has a wealth of knowledge not only about running but in dealing with issues that college students face on a daily basis." He plans to major in international relations with a focus on security studies and



counterinsurgency tactics; to minor in history; and to apply for a research Fulbright to study counterinsurgency.

Betty Ann and Jan are so happy to have heard from so many '56ers. Thank you, and please do not stop!

There's a new Irish citizen in our class! **Geneva Grimes de Labry** was eligible for dual Irish citizenship because her grandmother was born there. Geneva received her citizenship in '11, the same year she and Gerry toured Ireland. After Gerry's serious skiing accident a few years ago, the de Labrys left the slopes for the beaches. They spent this winter in Jupiter, FL, and **Suzy Johnston Grainger** visited them after her Elderhostel golf week in Daytona. Geneva and Suzy have kept in close touch since college. Their families have visited each other, skied together in ID and snorkeled in the Bahamas. Geneva's first trip to Ireland was with Suzie in '09.

**Cindy Van Der Kar Corderman** and her husband have lived in Williamsburg, VA, for 12 years. They are busy keeping up with their 11 grandchildren (ages 4-25), who are spread between DC, NYC, upstate NY, and Greensboro, NC. Cindy has been involved with botanical art for many years, and she writes, "I was lucky enough to find some kindred souls and a wonderful mentor" in Williamsburg.

**Carole Awad Hunt** had a "long and interesting trip to Vietnam and Cambodia last fall ... very revealing." At home, she keeps busy working at museums; playing bridge, tennis and golf; skiing; and enjoying grandchildren ages 20 months to 16 years (and 6½ feet tall!).

**Flo Cohen Gerber** of the Travelin' Gerbers has been to AK; Whistler, BC; NYC and onward, visiting friends and family, especially grandchildren. In NJ, Flo and Marvin visited Bev Vahlteich DeLaney '57, Flo's chemistry lab partner at CC. More travel ahead ...

"After 46 wonderful years and making many dear friends in Anchorage, AK," **Heidi Schweizer Ely** and her husband are moving to NH to be closer to their family. "As a sendoff, we celebrated a record 134 inches of snow this winter!" She wants to contact classmates near Durham, NH, "by email, mail or telephone — after all these years."

**Mary Ann Hinsch Meanwell** shared exciting news: "My daughter adopted a most adorable Ethiopian boy in Sept '10. Gabriel is a rarin'-to-go 2-year-old" and the only nearby grandchild, "which makes him even

more special. He attracts attention wherever he goes, his big smile and huge brown eyes. He is a great addition to many lives!"

A collector of beautiful things — plants, photography, sculpture, glass and her own drawings — **Iris Melnik Orlovitz** is photographing all of it and assembling her own poetry, written over the years, as "my legacy for posterity." Husband Sonny works part time, plays clarinet in a community band, and acts and sings with a senior drama group. Son Allen is a band leader and guitarist; he and wife Pam have three children. Son Steven broadcasts financial news for Market Watch Radio Network; his wife, Carol, is VP of marketing and communications at the National Building Museum in DC. Iris keeps in touch with **Sheila Walsh Bankhead** and **Barbara Wind Fitzsimmons**.

Serious reading has captured **Ann (Bonye) Fisher Norton**, her daughter and others. Bonye is engrossed in the printed word with three groups (as she does have another life). Group meditation has also been important to her for years. She has been involved with a group at Johns Hopkins for students — "this one is just taking off." Bonye practices a form of meditation based on John Cassian (4th-century holy man in the desert): "It has changed my life over the years: It prepared me for the death of our elder son, Charles ... now 22 years ago."

**Debby Gutman Cornelius** hosted **Janie Haynes DuPlessis** in Santa Fe. "We had a wonderful time hiking through ancient Indian ruins and dining and shopping." Debby came east in May for a high-school reunion and family visits.

**Bet Eve Messmer** retired after 25 years of coordinating the Santa Clara Uniform School District's adult ESL program. She completed her training to be a Stephen Minister. Bet keeps busy with all the wonderful activities at Stanford, Santa Clara U. and San Jose U. Her trip to a cay near Belize to help track and gather data on wild dolphins sounds exciting.

We regret very much the death in Jan. of **Laura Elliman Patrick**. Laura's life seems to have embodied "calm, cool and collected," one of the descriptions in her Koiné write-up. People who knew her work for the Staten Island Historical Society, Staten Island Academy, the VNA of Staten Island and the Staten Island Botanical Garden have expressed gratitude for Laura's gifts: "She was always part of the solution, never part of the problem," and "She often

used her wit to defuse or cut through challenging situations." The tributes bear out her signal Koiné quote: "Greatness consists in goodness."

We send sympathy to **Prudy Murphy Parris** and her family on the death of Prudy's husband, Cliff. Described as "a handsome guy in a Navy uniform" in our early CC days, for many of our classmates, Cliff Parris was always there — almost an ex officio member of our class. He will be missed by many.

## 1957

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We hadn't heard from **Anne Hildreth Russell** in a long while, but she brought us up to date: "Five years ago, we moved from our Lincoln, MA, home of 45 years, where I had been teaching ESL for quite some time. We moved because my husband, Willy (a wonderful, lively, funny and intelligent man) developed Alzheimer's. Two of my kids living in ME (where I came from) urged us to move to ME so they could help with Willy's care. My son, Willy Russell Jr. '88, works for Christie's in NY, and I certainly didn't want to move there! My husband died last year, and I am now permanently in ME, surrounded by lots of grands, making new friends, and keeping busy by singing and volunteer-teaching ESL in one of Portland's low-income housing projects. Life is busy, and I am adjusting to my new life pretty well. Portland is a small but vibrant city with lots going on. I am near the things I love: outdoor activities, teaching, family, friends, music and courses to take. I can't believe I am almost 80!!! I am comfortable with that; I just want to continue to be curious, learn new things, enjoy different people, and be physically active and as productive as I can be for as long as I can."

**Caroline (Coco) Myers Baillon** wrote from her home in Lakeland, MN, that she spent five lovely days in FL in Jan. visiting her sister. She enjoys gardening, volunteering, concerts, lectures, tennis, Zumba dancing "and, of course, following the activities of our 13 grandkids." Her husband, John, has been able to maintain the recovery he attained after suffering a stroke five years ago.

**Jo Clapp Carpenter** wrote after returning from a trip to Vietnam and Cambodia in March. "What a trip! Four days cruising on the Mekong River from Saigon to a border town in

Vietnam. Two ferry trips and a couple of days later, we landed in Siem Reap. Angkor Wat was most impressive, as were the other temple sites."

**Jaynor Johnson Johnston** had knee replacement surgery last spring and wrote that she had an easy recovery. "Two weeks after the surgery, the physical therapists were exclaiming that I was six weeks ahead of schedule. OMG, how's that for a 76-year-old? Even though they can't seem to believe it, I truly believe that the preparatory acupuncture and mantra work is the reason."

In May, **Mimi Prosswimmer**

**Longyear** and Russ traveled with old friends to spend a week in a National Trust cottage on the grounds of Polesden Lacey in Surrey, UK, and another week in Burgundy, cruising on the Canal Latéral à la Loire in a boat they operated themselves. They did this on the Canal du Midi in Southwest France with the same couple in '10.

**Nancy Pollak Beres** has been dating Howard Eisenstein (who happens to be **Joan Schwartz Buehler's** brother-in-law) for almost two years. They enjoy theater, opera and the New York Philharmonic. They have traveled to Turkey, Israel, Malta, Barcelona, the Caribbean and South Africa. "Life has been a wonderful whirlwind for me." One of Nancy's grandsons is a junior majoring in Chinese at Hamilton College, and another grandson is at Bates College. Granddaughter Sydney plays lacrosse and field hockey in high school. "Two smaller grandsons, Gabe and Max, also give me a great deal of pleasure, because I get to spend time with them."

**Sarah Greene Burger** sees a lot of **Ann Henry Crow** and her husband, Harte, in VT and NH. "My husband and I are still working, so we keep out of trouble."

**Ellen Smith** has been taking French and attended a wonderful lecture series on India at the MFA. She enjoys tutoring a third-grader in math at the local elementary school in Cambridge.

**Sue Krim Greene** had surgery on both knees last winter and was back on the ski slopes very quickly. What a wonderful result! **Helene Zimmer-Loew** and husband Mark Schneider visited Sue in CO toward the end of ski season. "This was probably the 15th consecutive year they have visited me here! Helene and I hiked daily since it was a low snow year; in fact, one day we snowshoed, a sport that Helene had never tried!"

**Lynne Twinem Gorman's**

granddaughter, Kerri, attends St. John's College in Annapolis. "It is the school where they read 100 great books. She loves the classics, and everything is taught in discussion groups. Perfect for her. I have a grandson who is a freshman at Villanova. Exciting times for our family."

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## 1959

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**Nan Krulewicz Socolow** has lived on Cayman Brac, 90 miles south of Cuba, for 25 years. "I am content living on this 'island time forgot,' especially when I visit the U.S. and see the humongous development and bitter political animosity that has taken place in past decades." Daughter Elisabeth lives in Singapore with her husband and two sons; son Mike, a professor at U. of Maine, Orono, and his wife also have two sons. Nan's oldest son, Jonathan, a lawyer on natural gas and oil projects, lives in Moscow. Nan gardens, cooks, reads, and has posted more than 2,500 online comments in response to New York Times opinion columnists. "After working for years for the U.S. State Department and USIA, this is how I can express how I feel about what is happening in the U.S. Kindest thoughts to you all!"

**Debbie Tolman Haliday** had been married almost 52 years when her husband passed away. They met at the Submarine Base when she was at CC. Her son lives nearby and is retiring from the Marine Corps, and his wife is in nursing school. They have two sons. Debbie is a historical guide for St. George and a member of a DAR chapter. Our condolences on the loss of her husband.

**Olga Lehovich** commented on "the peekaboo NH weather, which had sunny 80s in March and then poof, back to the 20s in April." She has learned new skills — human and culinary — and has downsized, which is hard, since she likes yard sales.

**Judy Eichelberger Gruner** returned from Boulder, where she visited her son's baby, Elliott. She



volunteers at a free clinic as a translator for Spanish-speaking patients.

**Ginger Reed Levick** has fun with "good friends, good talks, meaningful relationships, good music, hilarious family time and good laughs." Her daughter, Debbie, who came within three points of getting her GED, has early Alzheimer's disease, which all Downs eventually get. Ginger works at Stanford on research in the area. Daughter Carolee and son Reid each have two children.

**Marna Leerburger Biederman** retired after 43 years of teaching. Her husband died nine years ago, and her daughter moved in. Her son and his family live nearby. She and her daughter traveled to Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania. Marna is taking courses at U. of California, Los Angeles, and enjoys theater and opera.

**Melinda Brown Beard's** family now numbers 20, since her oldest grandson just married. Linda and her husband volunteer 30 hours a week and are still in the same house where they raised their children. The children are in and out and there for Sunday dinners.

**Sandra Sidman Larson** had 27 guests for Christmas, including her youngest son from Kauai. She has

eight pages in a recently published poetry anthology, and will do many public readings. She will graduate soon from a poetry program.

**Carolyn Frederick** rises every day at 6:30, and with husband John and a renter, cares for seven horses, two of which are rescue animals with special needs. John also looks after 19 peafowl. She just finished a six-year term on the board of Matheson Historical Museum in Gainesville, FL.

**Ann Frankel Robinson** was senior editor of "Shadow and Light — A Literary Anthology on Memory," the sixth anthology of Monadnock Writers' Group. Prose, poetry and photos were chosen from over 900 submissions from all over the U.S. Ann received a total left knee replacement and hopes to play tennis, go to her gym class and walk on Cape Cod.

**Marilyn Sheehan Watson** is busy with writing, politics, gardening and fun with grandchildren. She saw her granddaughter compete in the high jump at Stanford Invitational Track Meet. She finished a chapter with some colleagues at California State U. at Sacramento for the book "The Moral Work of Schools," and is preparing for a video presentation on ways teachers can foster students' ethical development for the Collaborative for Ethical and Spiritual

Education. She is trying to rid 40 acres of former cattle ranch of weeds and replace them with native grasses.

**Peggy Brown Guinness** and husband are retired but coping with a new puppy. They are still in their same house after 46 years! She recently wrote a memoir. For their 50th anniversary the whole family will gather in MT, where Peggy's oldest son lives with his wife and 600 sheep. Peggy's second son lives nearby in RI with his wife and two children. Peggy's daughter, husband and two children are in VT. Peggy says her husband is the chef and she is the dishwasher. She is looking forward to doing some gardening.

**Lucy Allen Separk** meets with **Sara Gail Glidden Goodell** when Gail visits her daughter in NY. Gail and Lucy gathered on 5/11 with **Sally Withington**, **Julie Solmssen Steedman**, **Carole Broer Bishop** and **Edie Holmann Bowers** for a mini-reunion near Chelmsford, MA, for lunch and a visit to Butterfly Place. Gail said: "It was magical, walking in an enclosed garden with hundreds of colorful butterflies flitting around and occasionally landing on a head or shoulder. ... Our conversations were spirited and sometimes deep." Carolee is active at her church and has the youngest

grandchild, a 6-month-old girl. Edie, an artist, has a studio in Boston. She volunteers at Children's Hospital rocking babies and will do a 7-mile walk to raise money for the hospital. Julie helps run a reading group at an assisted-living facility. She spent a week on Sanibel Island with her three children and their families. Lucy sings with Sweet Adelines and is in a tap dancing group. She was reading "50 Shades of Grey" by E.L. James. Sally is the only one still working, part time, as a real estate agent in Boston. Gail takes care of her son's three children at least one day a week. She had a fire in her kitchen and was trying to put everything away in new cupboards. They hoped to hold another mini-reunion in late summer, with more classmates in attendance.

## 1960

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When **Susan Biddle Dzyacky**, **Nancy Bald Ripley** and **Sally Glanville Train** met in **Lenore Fiskio's** lovely Naples, FL, condo last Feb., there were "lots of laughs, and Lenore amazed us by remembering

every word of our class song," Sally writes. They went to the beach, Ringling Museum in Sarasota, and Naples Symphony and Museum. Nancy adds: "The years just melted away! What great friendships we formed back in '56, starting in Vinal Cottage!"

On 2/29, Sally and Ken met **Marion Fitz-Randolph Coste** and **Bill** for lunch and a tour in Honolulu. Marion and Bill enjoy playing golf, going to the beach and entertaining visitors. Marion stays in touch with Nancy Ripley through Facebook. (Co-correspondent **Del Merrill Welch** is looking into initiating a class Facebook page.) Marion and Bill's two granddaughters, visiting over spring break, educated them on how the "plugged-in" generation communicates; pictures of their activities were on Facebook before they even got home! Marion hears from **Nancy Waddell** of Clinton, WA.

**Ina Slosberg Caro**, who left CC after her first year, published her second book, "Paris to the Past: Traveling through French History by Train."

In April, **Carolyn McGonigle Holleran** visited her sister in Hilton Head, SC. She looked forward to planting a native wildflower meadow at her home in Sinking Spring, PA.



Above: Heather Ellis '02 and Dennis Tsang '02 with their daughter, Amalee.



Right: Jeff Durst '98 and Christine Thetford '98 were married in Chapel Hill, NC. From left: Yang Diao '97, the best man; Rachel Avery '97, a musician in the ceremony; and the bride and groom.



She and Jerry had planned many family gatherings this summer. Her responsibilities as president of the PA Coalition Against Domestic Violence keep her busy.

**Linda Strassenmeyer Stein** lives in Barkhamsted, CT, with husband Don, the town's first selectman. Linda retired in '04 but stays busy with community affairs, water aerobics and reading. They love to travel; NH is a favorite weekend destination, and they're eyeing AK for their next trip. Linda planned to attend our 50th Reunion, but in March '10 they lost their son, Charles, and she did "not have the heart to go." Their remaining three children are married, and they have four grandchildren. Two families are in NH, and one is in Barkhamsted.

On Friday, 4/13, **Patricia Wertheim Abrams**, **Joan Wertheim Carris** and **Anne Sweazey** got together to reverse the negative connotation of Friday the 13th through the power of their long-term friendship. Patricia and husband Dick traveled from CT to Santa Cruz, CA, in July for their twin granddaughters' bat mitzvah.

Having retired from her job as principal of Elisabeth Morrow School in Englewood, NJ, **Emmy Morgan Hewetson** now works part time coaching elementary- and

middle-school teachers in Closter, NJ. Her other passion is singing: She participates in the NJ Choral Society and she is president of the board of trustees. Her two children live in Austin, TX, enjoying the music and theater there. Occasionally, she sees **Katie Young Downes** of Englewood, NJ.

**Beverly Hill Windatt** nursed a broken rib in Savannah, GA, where she and husband Dick spend winter months away from Old Saybrook, CT. She fell on a 3 a.m. trip to the bathroom. "Ah, old age!" Nonetheless, she was prepared to welcome their 12-year-old grandson, visiting from Darien, CT. She and **Robyn Roessler Hanser** keep their minds alert by playing Scrabble on their iPads!

Former class correspondent **Jeanie Chappell** of Norwalk, CT, enjoyed a safari in Tanzania last Aug., and toured Prague, Vienna and Budapest in fall '11. Now she has to "save money for more travels!" She enjoys water aerobics, Qigong and arthritis exercises, sings with the local chorale, is active in her church, and is "generally busy!"

From South Burlington, VT, **Mary Ann Fuller Young** writes: "I am in my final semester to get an MFA in creative nonfiction at VT College of Fine Arts. What an adventure!"

**Carol Griffenhagen Dallos** has three children and six grandchildren. She moved to NYC 15 years ago, after retiring as a senior social worker in the Stamford, CT, public schools. Widowed in '91, she later married Michael Fabrikant. They love NYC's theater, music and art; Carol works at the Metropolitan Museum of Art Visitors Services and is active on the NY Philharmonic Orchestra Volunteer Council. They have a summer home on Martha's Vineyard. In March, she visited **Jane Silverstein Root** in Houston. She sees **Mardie Roth Brown** when visiting one son and three grandchildren in DC. She often sees **Louise Schine Silverman**. Last year, she got together with **Patricia Wertheim Abrams** and **Joan Wertheim Carris**.

**Cynthia Enloe**, **Mary (Polly) Kurtz Baynum** and **Carol Broggini** trade book suggestions. In April, Cynnie and **Aggie Gund** met for breakfast in NYC, where Cynnie learned how Aggie supports art in the city's public elementary schools. Cynnie travels extensively, giving talks on women and politics; in May, she spoke in Sweden and Istanbul. Her appearances on YouTube and in podcasts "keep her on her toes!"

**Frances Gillmore Pratt** and husband Harry returned from a

fascinating, small-group trip to Vietnam. It was extraordinarily educational, for during the war they were busy raising three children under 3 and quite oblivious to the happenings of those terrible years. This summer, they took their entire family for two weeks of rafting in ID — "Harry's idea," says Frances, and a new experience for all! They are healthy and busy, hoping all classmates and their families are as lucky!

**Don and Ellen Oppenheimer** Oasis vacationed in London and loved the art museums and special exhibits, as well as perfect, sunny weather: 65-75 degrees every day. In the spring, they celebrated Don's 75th birthday with their three children and nine grandchildren, all living within an hour of their Sudbury, MA, home. Two granddaughters were bat mitzvahs this spring. Ellen and Don summer in Saratoga, NY, for the horseracing season. Ellen plays duplicate bridge; she has been a life master for 10 years.

**Harriet Kaufman Breslow** still loves her work as a therapist. She has two daughters and a granddaughter. Although husband Jerry has retired, he still writes music. Harriet, a member of the Shwiffs, is still singing! She also plays tennis, swims

and skis.

We learned in March that **Heidi Schimmel** died on 9/22/11. The alumni office has no contact information for her family. We have been unable to find any details.

## 1961

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Last year, **Robin Foster Spaulding** and Linc celebrated 50 years of marriage. They also attended Linc's 55th college reunion and Robin's 50th at CC. Robin visited **Al and Sally Foote Martin** in ME after Reunion. Robin is still HR director at Sheppard Envelope Co. in Auburn. She is also a hospice volunteer one day a week and a board member for hospice, which is very dear to her heart.

**Ellin Taylor Black** wrote from El Dorado Hills, CA, where she moved from VT in '08 to be with her oldest daughter and her three children. She watches her grandchildren's sports and does line dancing, square dancing and Zumba. Ellin takes a memoir-writing class and loves raising vegetables and swimming.

Last summer, **Emily Adeev Andren** saw **Jill Dargeon's** new house in Brick, NJ, near the shore. They have



Virginia Aldous Emerson '83, Shari Weathers Randall '83 and Terri Paradis LeDuc '83 on the Brooklyn Bridge in Aug. 2011.



From left: Carol Shanks Price '87, Tiana Celesia Quigley '88, Kristen MacKenzie Pollard '88, Peggy Harlow '87, Lissa Loucks '88 and Christine Durkin '88 in front of Mud Puddle Toys, Pollard's store in Marblehead, MA.



stayed in touch since college. Emily's husband, John, who retired in '96, is a trustee and on the investment committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. After Emily became "one of the 250,000 IBM employees who were 'surplussed' (that means canned) in the early '90s," she worked various jobs, including freelance writer and research director for a market research firm. She now manages the office for one of the oldest Masonic lodges in the country. "We are having a wonderful life!"

Emily had dinner in NYC with **Yvonne Aslindes Tsavalas** and her mother, who is 91 and travels around the world with Yvonne. Yvonne's son, John, was married in Greece last year. Emily went to a reception in Wilmington, DE, for everyone who didn't make it to Greece. "It was a beautiful party, with lots of Greek dances, just like Yvonne and George's wedding 42 years ago."

**Colleen Dougherty Lund** and Bill had a busy '11, including a river cruise in the fall with **Margie Domingue Bernache**, which concluded in Paris. She and Bill spent a month at the International Language Institute in Aix en Provence this summer. Colleen makes wood carvings, selling some for a local charity.

From **Barbara Thomas Yeomans**: "Think 1911. Really, even after Reunion! In Sept., **Abby Clement LePage** started **Trelawney Nichols Goodell** and me to another reunion, a celebration of Camp Quinbeck on Lake Fairlee (Abby counseled across the lake!) above White River Junction, VT. Trelawney and I counseled at the Junior Camp. Here we were in 2011, with very competent adult women we had not seen in 50 years. The foresighted focus on girls begun in 1911 explains that." In April Barbara was completing week 6 of her recovery from a successful hip-replacement surgery. "Will need to regain strength and flexibility before I can bend over to put ye ol' golf ball on the tee."

**Joan Sumner Oster** and **Gaele Mansfield Barthold** were our only classmates at the CC Sarasota (FL) Club luncheon on 3/28. "Held at the Sarasota Yacht Club, it was a gorgeous day and the view was beautiful, the food was delicious and the speaker was quite interesting!"

Last Nov. **Trich Siegel-Finley** went to Rome, then boarded a cruise ship at Citta Vecchia to visit old Spanish cities along the Mediterranean, then Portimão, Lisbon and Madeira before crossing the Atlantic to Ft. Lauderdale. In Aug., they cruised

from Amsterdam to Helsinki, Tallinn, St. Petersburg, Copenhagen, Stockholm and Berlin. "It has been a dream of mine to visit the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg ever since my Russian history class with Helen Mulvey. Holland America has arranged a private evening tour of the Hermitage, so we won't have to worry about crowds. Otherwise, I can honestly say that this year has been one big hassle! While I railed against French bureaucracy in my younger days, moving from NY to MA is equally bad."

Last fall, Jim and **Barb Frick Jung** enjoyed a wonderful cruise from Quebec City to Ft. Lauderdale. "It was a thrill to sail into the NY harbor early in the morning, past the brightly lit Statue of Liberty!" Feb. found them on Tortola, BVI, for three weeks. This is their 20th year of traveling there with friends. They recently visited San Francisco, where "we were lucky to have six days with our son and 7-year-old granddaughter while her mom was on a trip." In April they were in Ft. Collins, CO, where their 18-year-old granddaughter is a freshman at Colorado State U.

**Judy Warner Edwards** writes: "We are in that lovely stage where we have all the fun of our six grandchildren and none of the

responsibility. Three live in MD, easy to reach by car, and the other three are in southern CA. . . . My husband dreams of driving across the country, but I would rather spend the time with the munchkins." Judy quilts "endlessly," meeting monthly with a small group of friends for encouragement and show-and-tell. She also enjoys the Genesee Valley Quilt Club, which draws top speakers from all over the world. "We organize a fabulous quilt show every other year, held in the mammoth gym of a local college!"

**Lydia Coleman Hutchinson** and husband still live in their 200+-year-old farmhouse in Middletown, MD. They celebrated their 52nd anniversary on 8/13. Lydia raises and shows cairn terriers and recently completed the championship title on the 235th American Kennel Club Champion, certainly a record number for the breed. She also judges dog shows at home and overseas, including Austria, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, England, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Scotland and Sweden.

**Penelope Saunders TeSelle** writes: "I am trying to find something to wear to my oldest son's second wedding, where grandsons will be in tuxedos and my husband (an

ordained Presbyterian minister) will officiate, and everything looks like it's made for teeny boppers!" Penelope, retired after 30 years as a Realtor, is monitoring health concerns, which seem inevitable at this stage in life. They still travel and enjoy their condo in Sarasota during the winter. She plays bridge, knits, reads (in several book groups) and gardens.

## 1962

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During the two decades since she last wrote, **Dorrie Swahn Williams** spent two and a half years living in Italy and traveling around the Mediterranean. There were many highlights, just one of which was dining with President George H.W. Bush the evening before his historic pre-summit meeting in Malta with Gorbachev. After returning to Arlington, VA, Dorrie took a nine-month course at Christie's in London that enhanced her antiques business. Son Jonathan is a consulting hydrogeologist, living in OR with his wife and two sons. Daughter Samantha is a VP with Schlumberger, living in TX with her husband and two



Left: Chuck Halsey '00, his family and friends gather in Keystone, CO in March. From left, back row: Day Halsey, Karen Kirley '00, Chuck Halsey '00, Peter Fisher '00 and Dan Saccardi '00. Front row: Jon Roses '00 and Austin Halsey.

Right: Mary Scott Kühl '05 married Stephan Kühl on 7/16/11 in Islamorada, FL.

Below: Mary Scott Kühl '05 at her wedding with classmates Kate Bowsza, Ashley Solod Nary, Norah Longendyck, bridesmaid Rachel Holt, Alison Brooks and Andrea Brear.





daughters. Dorrie and husband now live in ME but travel regularly to Big Sky, MT. "I am still in the antiques business and get great satisfaction building for Habitat."

**Leslie Siegel Kapon** married Michael Kapon in '70; they have three sons and nine grandchildren. One son and his three children live with them. Son John runs Acker Merrall & Condit Wine Merchants, an auction division of fine wines, now the largest independent auction house in the world. "I am retired but still do an occasional commercial. Greetings to the Class of '62."

After a long career in San Francisco and New York, **Pam Blume McAllister** married a wonderful chap from Rhodesia and moved to Johannesburg for five years, returning to the U.S. to raise their two sons. Pam is actively involved with volunteer work, the Atlanta Symphony and gardening. They spend three months a year in Cape Town to avoid the Atlanta winter and so her husband can golf year round. "Best regards and wishes for good health to all."

**Florence McCrea Wright's** son, Will Wright '05, was married in Santa Fe on 9/6/09, with eight alumni

in attendance. It was a wonderful occasion. "I want to thank our classmates who participated in the '62 Digital Art Show and made it a success. It's great to see what some of us have been up to artistically in the last 50 years. Special thanks to Bridget McShane, who helped put it all together." Florence sees **Anne Kimball Davis**, who lives in Los Alamos, and **Midge Genat Burling**, who lives outside Santa Fe, and she enjoyed seeing **Barbara Platz Williams** and husband Dave when they traveled through Santa Fe.

After many adventures, **Margo Conderman Arnold** is now on a spiritual path. "Check [www.margoarnold.com](http://www.margoarnold.com) and see all my adventures."

Since retiring from eight years in elective office (Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors) and many years in the public sector, **Susan Rosenberg Rose** has been busy volunteering, traveling and enjoying her family (eight grandchildren). She has refocused on her great passion — women's issues — by doing political writing, helping women get elected, creating a Women and Leadership Program, and serving on the international advisory committee

of the Women's Rights Division of Human Rights Watch. "One of the highlights of last year was attending the Centennial celebration with my CC roommate, **Seyril Siegel**, where I spoke on a panel on women in U.S. politics. I am working closely with development staff member Alison Darrell to expand the Women's Center in Smith-Burdick, where I lived for two years."

**Linda Lear** feels deeply privileged to have served on the College Board of Trustees these last eight years, and to have seen our alma mater grow and thrive even in these tough economic times, which are even tougher for a liberal arts college. "I discovered to my dismay that I was the 'oldest' chronologically on the board a few years ago, and now the last member to carry the tradition of Connecticut College for Women. We are in good hands, in good shape and with a good institutional memory."

**Carolyn (Toodie) Mandell Master** is getting close to 50 years of marriage to the guy she met at CC! They are happily retired in Virginia Beach and enjoy slowing down the pace of a life a bit. They have two wonderful children and three grandchildren. Husband Carl was a

naval officer for 20+ years, then with Merrill Lynch for another 20+ years. They moved around a lot with the Navy before settling in Virginia Beach. "I'm sorry I didn't make it to Reunion. I would have enjoyed reconnecting with some old JA'ers and seeing how the campus has changed."

**Camilla Boitel Burgess** and husband of 48 years, Dave, are both retired and have been enjoying travels to CO, AK, CT, FL and Europe. She has four grandchildren, ages 4-17. The oldest will be going to college in '13 — hard to believe! Cami keeps busy with a board position for the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in IL. The IL Dames support patriotic endeavors, as well as provide furnishings for the Clarke House Museum, Chicago's oldest building. She is also active in her church, sings in the choir and serves as a group discussion leader for women's Bible study. Most recently, Cami has been president of our class and helped plan our 50th Reunion.

After 16 wonderful years in Venezuela, I (**Seyril Siegel**) moved to Boca Raton, FL, in '06, just after my daughter, Isabel Siegel Griffith '06, graduated. She married Benjamin

Griffith '06 on 8/1/09 in Portland, ME, with many generations of alumni present, and they are temporarily living in Seattle. I play a lot of tennis, do some traveling, do some quilting, volunteer with the American Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity, tutor elementary children in reading and Spanish, and am trying to learn Italian. I'm taking bridge lessons, since even that game has changed in the 50 years since we played "just one hand" after dinner. I was lucky to see a few CC'ers during the winter months, which is always a lot of fun. Please keep those notes coming my way.

## 1963 REUNION

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It is, or was, *that time* for most of us: turning 70 (or 71 by now). A couple of celebrants reported special trips: **Cynny Nichols Travers** spent two weeks in London and, among other activities, saw 12 plays. **Tina Savell Treadwell** and her husband celebrated all year, beginning with a trip to NYC (four plays in four days) and a March family trip to St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where she swam with large and wonderful sea



Above: Peggy McQuaid '10 marches in an independence day parade with Central Escolar Santa Clara in Juticalpa, Honduras.



Katie Stephenson McDonald '00 with her first child, Grace Catherine.



Above: Kacie Hare Linegar '05 and Kirtland Linegar with their daughter, Charlotte Jeanne, born 1/7/12.

Left: Carlos Garcia '88 and his wife, Lucinda.



creatures and generally appreciated being alive. **Jane Engel Francoeur** and her husband had a "fabulous trip to Myanmar" in Feb. They hiked in tribal regions of the Golden Triangle and enjoyed the beauty of the people, the scenery and the food. They were particularly impressed with how eager the Burmese people were to embrace their new freedoms. They were amused to meet four U.S. senators in a pagoda.

**Cynthianna Hahn** also began the year with a trip to Cambodia and Thailand. Visits to the S-21 prison and the Killing Fields near Phnom Penh were stark reminders of the horrors of the Pol Pot regime. Cynthianna enjoys staying active in social work by working part time as a clinical field consultant at the U. of Chicago School of Social Service Administration.

**Diana Altman** lives happily in NYC with husband Richard Siegel. She's adjusted well to the empty nest by abandoning her kitchen in favor of restaurants — now that she no longer has to worry about her family starving if she doesn't cook. In contrast, daughter Vanessa has become a professional chef. Daughter Claudia has an art gallery, Altman

Siegel SF, on Geary Street in San Francisco, and a baby, Zachy. Diana is thrilled to be a grandmother at last.

**I, Bonnie Campbell Billings**, am proud to report the birth of my first granddaughter, Ivy Wakefield Billings, in April. She lives in Telluride, CO, with her brother, West, and her parents, Ben (my son) and Sarah. My other two grandsons, Chase and Ryder McMurray, are in Madison, CT, with my daughter, Eliza.

After six years of living at 9,600 feet in the mountains of CO, **Debbie Morris Kullby** and her husband are building a house in Anthem Ranch, a 55-plus senior community in Broomfield, CO. Living in "the plains," Debbie will continue to enjoy her favorite activities of singing, reading, hiking and bicycling.

**Jane Veitch Greenlaw** has spent most of her time since college on Manhattan's West Side. She got degrees at Columbia, taught Latin at first, and then, with an M.L.S., spent 40 years as a research librarian. In '01, Jane began her training in Swedish massage therapy and now works with hospice clients, which she finds very rewarding. Jane and husband Bill share a passion for music and go to many concerts,

especially chamber music and early music, at nearby Lincoln Center and around town. Bill, an Episcopal priest, was rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles. Jane sang in its professional choir until Bill retired in '08. For the past 20 years, they have spent a month each summer in Zermatt, Switzerland.

**Heather Axelrod Alberts** and husband Dave have lived in Tucson since '75. They feel especially blessed to have their two children, five grandchildren and Heather's mother living nearby, getting together for Sunday night dinners. Dave has been director of the AZ Cancer Center for seven years. Heather founded the Better Than Ever program in '00 to promote fitness, health and fun. The group has raised \$1.7 million dedicated to faculty grants at the AZ Cancer Center. Good job!

Living in Klein Machnow, Germany, **Lily Russell Heiliger** enjoyed an Easter visit from her daughter, son, in-laws and four grandchildren, ages 7 weeks-12 years. Sixteen years ago Lily founded, and continues to be involved with, the Berlin Chapter of a nonprofit that brings live music performances to those who cannot attend concerts: people in senior

residences, hospitals, jails and schools. She loves her work.

Following a career in magazine publishing that included being an editor at *Mademoiselle*, *Vogue*, *Mirabella* and *Elle*, **Amy Gross** stepped down from eight years as editor-in-chief of *O, The Oprah Magazine*, in '08 to start a new career teaching mindfulness-based stress reduction. As she put it in a *Newsweek* article (1/1/12), "My job was getting in the way of my life." A practitioner of mindfulness meditation since '94, Amy now finds that sharing this methodology with others brings her great satisfaction. Like many of you, Amy is interested in catching up with classmates and welcomes connection via email or Facebook.

And speaking of catching up, being in touch, and looking forward to our 50th Reunion (5/31-6/2, 2013), you should have received, or will soon, a request for your submission to our 50th Reunion class book, *Koiné Gold*. Gather your thoughts about the past 50 years; guidelines will be provided. The important thing is to do it, and get it back in time!! And don't forget a picture.

We are saddened to report the

passing of **Jo Lindseth Busser**. The class extends its sympathies to her husband, Bob, and their three sons.

## 1964

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So good to receive news from so many of you!! Do keep it coming!!

Since retirement, **Pat Arnold Onion** has written and directed a play, "The Innkeeper and Secret Santa," a contemporary version of the medieval "The Second Shepherd's Play." She has also published two books of town stories, participated in a poetry-writing group, is working on ecological issues related to the lakes in her area of ME, and has published a series on American Indian literature. Somehow, she still has enough time and energy to enjoy her four grandchildren as well as travel to visit friends and family across the country.

**Carol Aspinwall Saumarez** and husband James, who live in England, have just returned from a wonderful trip to Vietnam and Cambodia. She describes their experiences as "exciting and exotic," culturally and



Marcie Berry '05 and Timothy Lenaghan were married on Martha's Vineyard on 9/24/11. From left: Kirsten Barton '05, Allison Read '05, Jeremy Make '05, Lexie Zukowski '06, Steve Owen '05, Rich Templeton '06, Merrill Swig '06, the bride and groom, Kristen MacBride Terpstra '05, Kristina Lewis Civali '05, Emily Goldberg James '05, Paige Diamond '05, and Lauren Engst '05.



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intellectually stimulating, and very moving to appreciate the hardships of life, especially in Cambodia. Back home, they were in the midst of helping to celebrate 60 years of Queen Elizabeth's reign.

**Barbara Brodsky-Rothbart**, a dharma teacher for 25 years, has been touring the country to promote her two most recent books, "Cosmic Healing" and "The Aaron/Q'uo Dialogues," available in bookstores and from Amazon. She and husband Hal delight in the many accomplishments of their three adult sons and the pleasures of being with their grandchildren. They spend the summers in a peaceful lakeside cabin in northern MI, enjoying visits from family and friends.

**Ellen Corroon Petersen** stays happily busy with her gardening, attending various Garden Club of America functions, at which she sees **Alice Cotsworth Goltra**. She also keeps in touch with **Susan Epstein Messitte**, **Marie Birnbaum Vahl** and **Margot Sheesley** (at least via email). Her two sons and three grandchildren are a joy. She took them to a dude ranch in AZ and enjoyed a fabulous trip to France (for truffle hunting).

Wonderful news from proud parents **Susan Epstein Messitte** and husband Peter (a senior U.S. federal judge): son Zach has been named the 13th president of Ripon (WI) College. Daughter Abby and husband Derek Eller own an art gallery in NYC. Susan enjoys attending the Shakespeare Theatre in Washington, DC, with **Marie Birnbaum Vahl** and also keeps up with **Susan Mann Swett** and **Ellen Corroon Petersen**. Peter was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship last year; they lived in Portugal for six weeks while he taught at law schools there. Susan looks forward to renewing old friendships at our 50th Reunion, which is fast approaching!

**Cornelia Gordon-Hempe** and husband Henry have been married 47 years! They live in Madison, WI, where he is a labor arbitrator; she has a doctorate in social welfare from the U. of Wisconsin, Madison, and teaches in the social work department at the U. of Wisconsin, Oshkosh. They both love their work and every chance they get to visit son Andrew and his family in Houston, and daughter Amy, who teaches school in Denver. Blessed with good health and rewarding careers, "life is good!"

**Ellen Greenspan Cardwell** and husband Larry visited me at my summer home on Lake Michigan

in northern WI for Memorial Day weekend. In Racine, WI, Ellen keeps very busy singing in choral groups and participating in and organizing art shows, as well as other community causes (too numerous to name). She is also the very committed caregiver for Larry, who suffers from Parkinson's but is doing well.

**Lucy Massie Phenix** is in Europe, where one of her recent films won the Prix de Public at a film festival in France! She promises to tell us more when she returns.

**Darcy Miller Austin** and husband Jim have been driving around the U.S. and having a wonderful time. Back home in ME, they are highly invested in working with students and teachers to change the response to conflict in schools. They also participate in a monthly support group for patients with Parkinson's disease, as well as their caregivers, which tries to address the needs of both. And they invite anyone nearby to join them at their weekly Sunday morning breakfasts.

This year **Vicki Rogosin Lansky** has been working hard updating her popular original "Practical Parenting Tips," now available as an e-book. Check her out on Wikipedia, as well as [www.bookpeddlers.com](http://www.bookpeddlers.com). She is finding that there is a big market for her previous publications and is formatting them for e-book distribution. Vicki and Stephen traveled to Southern CA to visit relatives and explore retirement options in a sunnier clime. They have decided to remain in Minneapolis and have invested in a community that is under construction. (They expect that this will require a lot of difficult downsizing!) Lots of traveling to visit family and friends worldwide has kept them hopping happily.

**Judy Sheldon Carberg** delights in visiting daughter Becky and 1-year-old grandson Sebastian, who live in Chile!

**Joan Stuart Ross** continues to pursue her career as an artist in her studios in Seattle and Nahcotta, WA. She is busy working on layered engraved encaustic paintings and has several exhibitions scheduled for '12. She was an artist-in-residence at Playa in southeast OR during April. Keep up the great work, Joan!

From **Platt Townend Arnold** we continue to hear good news about husband David's medical situation. He is thought to be free of active cancer, physically stronger and more able to move about, and dealing with these issues in a very courageous manner. She has traveled throughout



the country to visit children and grandchildren and enjoyed visits from other family members. They are both singing in their church choir, loving the music and the friendships they have formed. We all join you in hoping that things will remain stable and continue to improve.

Again, to everyone, thanks for sharing your news with all of us. All best wishes!

## 1965

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## 1966

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**Jackie Cogan Smith** is happy with life in Canada. Since retiring from teaching special needs children in June '11, she still helps out at one school and cultivates her bridge and golf games. She spent Feb. in New Zealand, enjoying the beautiful countryside and friendly people.

**Ellen Kagan** is again producing

and hosting "Your Health Care: Choice or Chance?" on public access TV and podcast ([www.tyourhealthcare.org](http://www.tyourhealthcare.org)). Ellen also has a new blog, "Car Love" (<http://ellen-kagan.blogspot.com>), about her wild and crazy experiences with auto mechanics.

**Kathy Legg** retired as executive director of Spence-Chapin Services to Families and Children in May '11. She now enjoys working as a literacy tutor, primarily to students from West Africa. Kathy still spends most of her time in NYC, where she often dines with **Susan Rothschild** and **Bernice Abramowitz Shor** and plays as much mahjong as possible. Kathy and her husband get to their house in the Poconos most weekends in the summer.

**Sue Leiser Frank** was in NY in April for a two-day glass class, an interest she took up in '03. As usual, she stayed with **Rona Shor**, who in turn stays with Sue when visiting CA. Sue hosted a party for friends and family at son Adam's new Brooklyn restaurant, Cochinita. In addition to her glass work, Sue keeps busy in L.A. playing duplicate bridge (along with

**Toni Gold**), hiking, participating in book clubs and cooking for friends. She belongs to a Renewment Group ([www.projectrenewment.com](http://www.projectrenewment.com)), sings in her synagogue's High Holiday choir and works on a number of charitable endeavors. Retirement is wonderful!

**Barbara Metzger** has published another Willow Tate fantasy novel, "Life Guards in the Hamptons" (DAW Books, May 2012), using her pen name Celia Jerome. She is having a great time with the contemporary series, after writing more than three dozen books set in Regency England — most now available as e-books.

**Sharon Myers** is in the second year of a five-year MFA program at Heartwood College of Art in Kennebunk, ME. It's a low-residence program that fits in with her work and studio time. She continues catering, and she hosted the family Seder last April with two 1-year-old grandchildren, Josie and Ella, running around. Sharon also has a new puppy, a male Sheltie named Jasper.

**Diana Neale Craig** retired after more than 30 years as director of admissions at a private school in St. Petersburg, FL, and now fills the

days with volunteer work, art class, Spanish lessons and lots of tennis. Her two children and their families moved back to St. Petersburg with her four young grandchildren, whom they visit often.

**Carol Potter Day** enjoys writing a blog called "Serendipity," knitting, quilting and photography. She took a wonderful cruise to the Panama Canal and spends her summers in ME.

**Anne Vicary Callaway** has become a serious amateur musician. In Nov., she performed Domenico Cimerosa's "Concerto for Two Flutes" with her "flute buddy" and the local community orchestra. She has discovered a large amateur cultural community (art, drama, dance, etc.) in Grass Valley in the Sierra Nevada foothills of Northern CA, and is convinced that the future of classical music in America depends on the efforts of its amateur musicians.

**Martha Blanchard Twigg** retired after 16 years as executive director of the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, MA.

On behalf of the class, we extend condolences to the family of **Carol Crossley Barbera**, who passed away

unexpectedly in Feb. For details, see the obituary section.

The College reports that Class Notes is the first section that alums read in this magazine. Many of you have expressed to us your personal appreciation for the news in our recent columns — thank you! And please keep your news coming.

## 1967

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Hi classmates! This entry is rather short since most of you, I hope, sent your biographical information and pictures to **Debby Greenstein** for our Reunion booklet.

**Wally Lindburg Nicita** was sorry to miss Reunion. She hopes to make it to our 50th!

**Marcia Hunter Matthews** enjoys the wonderful world of retirement!

**Amanda Slabaugh Haas** reflects back on the time since leaving CC as rewarding and fulfilling, having raised three lovely children in San Francisco and now enjoying six grandchildren



Mention the hashtag #wheremycamelsat on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram with a picture to show the Camel community what you're up to.

Trustee Christy Burke '93 in Togo on a philanthropic trip organized by Plan International. She visited schools, health care centers, and arts and vocational programs.



while living in Sonoma wine country. Amanda and her husband make their own wine and grow their own food, sharing the harvest with friends and the local food bank. Despite a "bionic" addition to her body, she continues her gratifying work in the fine arts.

**Lauren Levinson Pohn** and her partner, David Kilkenny, planned to move to Zona Intag, Ecuador, in July when David retired. They had a lot to do: build a bridge over the river and start on the construction of their home deep in a remote natural area that they love.

**Lynn Weichsel Hand** enjoyed her granddaughter's dance recital at the end of May before heading to New London for our 40th.

**Susan Endel Kerner** loves being grandson Max's "Grandy" and visiting Max's dad, Andrew Kerner '02, and mom, Ali Roth-Kerner '01, in Ann Arbor, MI, where Andrew teaches political science at U. of Michigan and Ali is a therapist. Second son Jeffrey is in year two of his psychiatry residence at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx. Youngest son David is working toward his M.A. in psychology at Montclair State U. "Where did all these shrinks come from? Maybe the logical legacy of a theater Mom and a mathematician

Dad..." Susan still loves teaching theater and directing plays at Montclair State. She is also freelance directing for American Academy of Dramatic Arts in NYC, working with playwrights on new scripts, and has enjoyed teaching gigs in China, Korea, England, Italy and Greece in the last few years. She was really looking forward to reconnecting with CC friends at our 45th.

**Jackie King Donnelly** and husband Patrick celebrated their big 40th wedding anniversary in Chicago and in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, this summer, with their children from Singapore and Chicago. Unfortunately, this precluded her participating in our 45th Reunion.

And one last note from Jackie: "This will be my last posting of notes for the wonderful Class of '67. I have enjoyed being your class correspondent but am going to pass the baton to another willing volunteer. Any takers?"

Please contact Karen Laskey at the address at the top of this column if you are interested in being the correspondent. Thank you, Jackie, for all your years of service!

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**Helen Reynolds** will be working for a long time — daughter Alice graduated from high school in June, and son John is in college. She joins the rest of our classmates in expressing sorrow for the loss of **Janet Finkelstein** and **Leslie Levin Dangel Roosevelt**.

**Naomi Corman Luban** is still at Children's National Medical Center/George Washington U. School of Medicine as vice chair of academic affairs, training new research-intense faculty and applying for and getting research grants, including one teaching science to third- through fifth-graders in DC public schools with the National Children's Museum. She was just named to the NIH National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute's council, which aids the NHLBI in determining funding direction. Naomi and her husband celebrated their 40th anniversary with a weekend's worth of activities for 30 friends, their kids and new daughter-in-law on Cape Cod last Aug. If anyone summers in Barnstable, let her know!

**Allyson Cook Gall** retired 1/1

after almost 20 years with the American Jewish Committee, the last 12 as NJ director. Retirement is quite a change from 12-hour workdays and 24/7 availability to journalists! She is finally getting some exercise (a combo of health club, yard work and tackling 22 years of accumulated "stuff" in their house), traveling to CT and MA to help with granddaughters, and hiking down the Bright Angel Trail and rafting the Grand Canyon for nine days in April! Husband Marty retired 4/1.

**Laura (Lolly) Pliskin Gottwald** is a grandmother. Daughter Vezna has a son, and son Lukasz has a daughter. Lolly is still designing and decorating, hearing lots of live jazz, going to galleries and museums, and loving crazed city life!

**Catherine (Dickey) Wilson** and husband Peter love their new home in Farrington, NC. They have two stepchildren and three beautiful step-grandchildren within driving distance. Peter writes screenplays, and Dickey is a freelance writer, mostly for pharmaceutical firms. She joined a wonderful women's chorus (feels like CC for Women) and reconnected with a fellow singer, Ann Rothfuss Marra '67.

**Helen Epps** says she is still in the relatively full-time private

practice of clinical psychology and keeps involved in a variety of other volunteer activities. She toured and hiked in CA last Sept. with a friend. They visited (and benefited from the gracious hospitality of) **Fredricka (Ricki) Chapman McGlashan**, **Gail Weintraub Stern** and **Roberta Ward Holleman**.

**Jane Radcliffe** still lives in Hallowell, ME, and continues her contract work cataloging museum collections. Her book, "Folk Art Murals of the Rufus Porter School: New England Landscapes 1825-1845," was published in May '11 after many years of research. She recently curated "Rugs All Marked Out," an exhibit on the burlap rug hooking patterns of Edward S. Frost of Biddeford, ME, at the Saco Museum.

In June '11, **Kathryn Bard** was again a visiting professor at the U. of Padua, Italy, where she lectured and attended archaeology seminars. On 10/12, she gave the Boston U. Lecture, honoring "excellence in research." One professor is chosen from the entire university for this each year, and Kathryn was the eighth woman to be chosen since it began in '50. Her lecture was based on her fieldwork and finds in Egypt: "The Wonderful Things of Punt; Excavations at a Pharaonic Harbor on



Emily Joyce Oakes '97 hosts a baby shower in Aug. '12 at her home in Guilford, CT, for Courtney Diamond Goodale '98 and Lena Borst Batt '97. From left, back row: Courtney, Meg Hammond '97, Sarah Schoellkopf '97, Lena, Robin Spruce '97 and Emily; front row: Sarah Eio Smithson '98 and her son, Oliver; Heather Ehrman Krill '97 and her son, Carver; Robin's daughter, Cecilia Ling Spruce-Alger; and Morgan and Addison Oakes, daughters of Emily and Ryan Oakes '97.



Leila Ann Edwards '97 and William Carlton Harris were married 6/25/11 in Sudbury, MA.



the Red Sea."

**Anna Bush** is still a bank examiner in CO, traveling throughout the beautiful state and working hard to improve and pay off her house so that she can afford to retire.

**Susan Van Winkle Pollock** still lives in Litchfield, CT, and works in real estate with Litchfield Hills Sotheby's International Realty. She is not ready to retire yet but does think about it occasionally. Her daughter remarried a couple of years ago and lives nearby in Avon, CT, with her blended family. Susan's son works for Ithaca (NY) College; he and his wife have three little girls, so Susan is blessed with seven grandchildren! So much fun. She got her nerve up last Sept. and auditioned for the Hartford Chorale, which sings with the Hartford Symphony; she wishes she had done it sooner, as she is really enjoying it and learning a lot. In '06, Susan and her sister purchased a cottage at Bantam Lake, where they spent their childhood summers. It's only eight minutes from both their houses, and they alternate weeks, when their kids are not using it.

**Joan Pagano** and **Judy Irving** got together for their annual dinner in NYC in Jan., when Joan was in town for a week. They always have so much to share. No chance of slowing down!

Joan is still spreading the message that strength training is the key factor in an "active aging" process. This winter she completed a 15-city radio tour with interviews all over the country. The highlight was her appearance on Doctor Radio, Sirius and XM Channel 81. In April, she did a live presentation for seniors at Judson Smart Living, a continuing-care retirement community in Cleveland. "Older adults need to know that it's never too late to begin a strength-training program, and the earlier you begin, the longer you benefit."

Please keep your news coming; we all love to know what is happening in the lives of our friends from CC.

## 1969

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**Elaine Davey Topodas** and husband **Jonathan** now live in the mountains of western NC. "Although we are 'retired,' I am fairly certain that in the future we will both become involved in teaching at Appalachian State U, which is just down the road."

Retired from teaching high-school social studies since '04, **Leslie**

**Fisher Steen** enjoys outdoor activities and volunteering in both Steamboat Springs, CO, and Bandon, OR. Husband **Rodger** works for an air quality consulting firm, "and our four children and spouses are healthy and employed in satisfying jobs." Last fall, **Leslie** traveled to New England to visit **Beth Brereton Smith** and **Karen Sullivan Wolfskehl**. "We checked out changes on the CC campus and took part in events celebrating the 100th birthday."

After 30+ years as a commercial banker with Chase and Citi, last year **Pat Gumo Stumpp** joined Bank of the West as senior credit officer in NYC. "We have many Italian and French clients so I use those languages almost daily, which is great fun." She loves NYC life, playing in string quartets and spending time with her family. Her mother, 95, still goes to the opera with her! "**Nancy Barry** and I stay in touch and have had the chance to attend many great musical events together over the years. Life is good and I wish the same for all my CC classmates."

**Joan Hosmer Smith** writes from Groton: "I have not gone through any noticeable transition, but sure do tire more easily whenever I clamber over rocks and bang through woodlands, quicksand and thickets. The bruises,

scratches, sore muscles, torn clothes and muddy splashes are the same, but younger companions seem to bounce back much faster. Some lady friends and I have backpacked each summer for 15 years, and, God willing, we will keep on going. This year will be the Olympic Peninsula. Is it OK to yell 'You go girl!' to old broads? Husband **Doug** is doing fine; son **Derek** is a bookseller on Vashon Island, near Seattle."

**Ellen Lougee Simmons** became a grandmother last Nov. "What fun to have a boy in our family, and his aunts all want to spoil him. They live in San Francisco, as do two of my other daughters, Emma and Lydia, so I can visit them all at once." Daughter **Abigail Simmons** '04 married **Tim Walker** '04 in June; daughter **Winnie** received her master's in social work from Smith College and works with foster children and families in Houston. "All the above keeps me very busy, but I am staying active in several organizations I love, like the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the New England Historic Genealogical Society. I will spend my summer in ME, and always welcome visits from friends who find themselves in Camden-Rockport."

**Stephie Phillips** followed a FL

trip to celebrate her father's 90th birthday with an early spring cruise on the Danube — "very educational, great scenery, etc." Son **Jeffrey** graduated from Wesleyan and got a "real job" with Apple in CA. Daughter **Bonnie** is working on her Ph.D. at U.C. Berkeley and owns a home in the Mission District of San Francisco. "Why am I still on the East Coast?"

**Nancy Oskow-Schoenbrod** enjoys her work for the NY State Education Department, providing technical assistance to school districts, families and others regarding special education and special ed law and regulation. Scott manages residential and commercial property in NYC. Nancy takes a dance class 3-5 times a week, and she and Scott are still renovating their circa-1800 farmhouse. They live on two acres with chickens, frogs, and Maggie, their 5-year-old Portuguese water dog. One son is a film editor for a NYC advertising firm; the other is involved with the day-to-day operations of an art center in OR and does his own artwork. "Scott and I also have a place to hang our hats in the Brooklyn neighborhood Boerum Hill, where we started out and started renovating. Scott... loves to cook for big groups, which is how we keep up with Westchester and Brooklyn



Left: Bettina Hempel '94 with husband Rick Gilbert and sons Oliver, left, and Thibault.



Above: The Rev. Joanna Hollis '97, left, and her partner, Karen Walsh, right, finalize the adoption of their daughter, Inori Rose Walsh-Hollis. Their judge is at center.



Left: Jackie Vargas '85 with her 1-year-old daughter, Isabella Marie.



friends of many years. I have been very fortunate in many ways, including having been a part of the liberal arts community at Connecticut College in the 1960s."

Still in Montevideo, Uruguay, with her husband, a son and a daughter, **Maria Varela Berchesi** had a springtime visit in CA with her older son's family, including a 3½-year-old grandson. "I'm still in awe at how he speaks in English when he turns to his mother and in Spanish when he turns to me or his father. . . . You can easily tell that I am totally gaga." En route to CA, she met Esperanza Lau Nee '68 in Las Vegas, and together they visited Zion and Great Canyon national parks and Sedona. Maria continues to find "great joy in working at Saint George's School among so many highly motivated children and adults."

More than 200 class members are now on email. To join our occasional exchanges or provide a quick update, please email me.

## 1970

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**Linda Lush Richardson** has been a member of the faculty at Siena College in Loudonville, NY, since '91.

Her fields are finance and economics. In addition, she has been the vice president of academic affairs (chief academic officer) for 10 years.

"I'm pretty sure that the economics department at CC would never have thought I would end up where I am now. It surprises me at times."

For the past 12 years, **Karen Nielsen Bevan** has been "co-producing and performing in shows featuring young and old opera, operetta and musical theater singers/actors (some are skilled amateurs, some are full-time professionals) for various nonprofit organizations or clubs in Bronxville, Westchester County, Albany, NYC, and Newport, RI." When she submitted her update, Karen was working on a Bastille Day program to celebrate the American-French Alliance for the Redwood Library and Athenaeum in Newport. Her co-producer was Terry Taffinder Grosvenor '67, "a friend from the ConnChords freshman year." Husband Stuart and son Andrew, 24, work in the financial services industry. The family's beloved dog, Reggie, died in '11, "so we are now truly empty-nesters."

This spring, **Frances Cary Lukens** retired from St. Anne's School of Annapolis, which she founded and led for 25 years. "It's been a

privilege to help create a school from a personal vision and see it grow. I'm setting aside the first three to six months after retirement to have the sabbatical I never had and will decide my next steps after that." Her two sons and their families live nearby. "Cary is a yacht broker by day and an adolescent therapist in the evenings. Having completed his Ph.D. in economics, Gid is working at the Office of Management and Budget." Daughter Abby works at Children's Hospital in Boston and is applying to medical school. "Bill will retire soon from the Office of Naval Research, and we're looking forward to continuing to enjoy the natural beauty and activities of Annapolis and the seashore nearby, where we have lived for many years."

**Rachel Sherbourne Cooney** continues to work as a social worker and to run a B&B in her home on the beach. Her son lives in LA. with his wife. "I still see **Cynthia Howard Harvell**, **Valerie Zucker Holt**, **Mary Jane Atwater** and **Nancy Pierce Morgan**. Life is good!"

After 38 years of marriage, **Laurie Schaffer Disick** lost her husband, Ellis, unexpectedly in March '10. She continues to live in Scarsdale, NY, and spends part of the year in her home in a golf community in Delray

Beach, FL. "**Dale Ross Wang** and her husband have a home around the corner, which is wonderful." Laurie's son, Grant, a urologist, lives in Boca Raton with his wife and two sons.

"That is a big reason for me to love FL." Her other son, Evan, a dentist, lives in CA with his wife and son. "We are big on boys!"

A year ago, **Nancy Accola** moved from Cambridge to Temecula in Southern CA. "The move brought me close to a spiritual teacher and community, as well as near my only daughter, her husband and my three grandchildren. As a longtime gardener, I love studying and planting all the new possibilities here, including fruit trees and native drought-tolerant species." Nancy returns to her family's home in MA for several months each year. She enjoys leading tours at a local arboretum there.

After 32 years of working for the Social Security Administration in New Haven, **Brenda Brown** retired and moved to CA. "I am living among musicians in the San Diego area, and my life is full of music and dancing."

Earlier this year, **Lisa Richter** relocated her three-person marketing research and consulting business, Stakeholder Insights, to a National Historic Register downtown office

building near the St. Louis Gateway Arch. "We help businesses and nonprofits see their own value through their customers' eyes, so they can increase it — and brand more compellingly." Lisa and her husband, Bob Mai, are the proud grandparents of Henry, born last year. He is the son of older daughter Ellen and her husband, Beau Hurtig, who live in Minneapolis. Younger daughter Vanessa lives and works in St. Louis.

As for the Goldsteins, we now have four grandchildren. Our son and his wife, Brett Goldstein '96 and Sarah Duggan Goldstein '97, have a son and two daughters. Our daughter and her husband, Samantha and Jeremy, have a little boy. Last April, our most recent book, "Healthy Herbs: Fact versus Fiction," was published by Greenwood, a division of ABC-CLIO. Now please email your news!

## 1971

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**Susie Chadwick Pokress**, **Janet Newcomb Brown**, **Nancy James**, **Kathy Swift Gravino** and their husbands, all CGA '69, met in New London for the cadets' annual spring



Navy Ensign John Bryant Rode '09 (third from left) with fellow officers from the USS Kidd in San Diego after returning from a seven-month deployment to Indonesia and the Middle East.



Sandy Brown '84, Hartley Pond '81 and Andy Hoffman '83, left to right, in their CC ski club T-shirts that they bought at Centennial Fall Weekend.



Stephanie Wilson Mendez '95 and Nigel Mendez '95 with baby Oliver and big brother Theo.



musical performance — to see each other and have some fun! Susie and Bob love to travel and went to Eastern Europe and France in May.

**Leslie Richmond Simmons** received two amazing gifts at the end of '11. The first was Levi Simmons Segal, son of daughter Rollin Simmons and son-in-law David Segal, the cantor and rabbi at the Aspen Jewish Congregation in Aspen, CO. The second gift was being chosen as one of 20 participants in a three-year stem cell trial for multiple sclerosis. Leslie has been wrestling with this insidious disease since her diagnosis in '96. She hopes to have good news to report in coming issues.

**Carol Vater** enjoyed her career as a research scientist, most recently contributing to the development of antibody-based therapeutics for oncology while working in the biotech industry. In '11, she changed fields and launched [www.NoteWorthySheetMusic.com](http://www.NoteWorthySheetMusic.com), an online business specializing in uncommon music for flute and alto flute. She loves her encore career — creating novel transcriptions of classical works, preparing facsimile editions of rare 19th-century scores, and interacting with composers and arrangers who contribute their contemporary works to the company's catalog. Carol lives in the greater Boston area and enjoys traveling and playing chamber music.

**Pat Morin Foster** and husband Brian moved to Gloucester, MA, last year to what may be their retirement home. They love being surrounded by the ocean! Son Ben graduated from Georgetown in '09 and happily lives and works in DC. Most of their recent travel involves driving down to see him, although they also spend as much time as possible along the coast of ME. Pat still enjoys working full time, doing accounting for a nonprofit.

**Jennifer Maduro** writes from Montreal: "This originally-from-Aruba alumna is less resistant to the Canadian cold! I am thankful for my French major at CC, which was a great help in my career here in Montreal, and for lots of mentoring from Professors B.J. Macklin in anthro and Nelly Murstein in litt. Francais." Jennifer retired two years ago from her professional job at the Ville de Montreal, and keeps busy as a board member with several local community organizations, volunteer work, "art therapy" projects and visits to the Musée des Beaux Arts. She was looking forward to seeing CC friends this summer and spending

winter in Southern CA near her family.

**Beverly Sager** has worked for the Stratford Public Schools as a social worker for 21 years. In '06, she moved to a condo on the water in West Haven, CT, where she kayaks, bikes and walks the beach every chance she gets. She continues to sing and performs with the Mendelssohn Choir of CT. Daughter Kimberly is married to Bryan Gross; they have three daughters, a 5-year-old and 10-month-old twins, whom Beverly visits frequently.

**Jennifer Harvey** is still a volunteer teacher for VSO in Rwanda. Daughter Daphne visited, and they "enjoyed a bit of a walkabout in Uganda after going to see the mountain gorillas in Rwanda — sensational!"

**Betsy Collier Little** loves life in Southern CA. Husband Jim is retired and gardens, manages finances and is a genealogy fanatic! Betsy continues as a professional volunteer. Daughter Laura remained in the East after graduating from Dartmouth in '08 and now enjoys a great financial career (and skiing!).

**Ann-Louise Gittleman** is as busy as ever with a brand new venture — her own YouTube channel ([www.YouTube.com/drannlouise](http://www.YouTube.com/drannlouise)). She has built her own studio, where she can be "beamed in" for interviews, and she is really enjoying working with other alternative health care practitioners. She would love to connect with other alumnae in the inland Northwest ([algittle@aol.com](mailto:algittle@aol.com)).

**Kathy Wilson Mansfield** lives in Britain, where her English husband is a patent attorney and her daughter works for The Economist. Kathy is a photographer/writer/historian working with classic yachts, writing for Wooden Boat and other magazines. She has a calendar, *Classic Sail*, published by Tide-Mark Press. Her work takes her all over Europe — and sometimes even to Mystic Seaport! Kathy wrote: "This summer Britain has countless classic regattas planned leading up to the Olympics, and 1,000 historic and other boats plus music barges will process down the Thames on June 3 to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. That should be a sight to photograph!"

**Susan Bear** is an associate professor of biology at Pine Manor College. She took her latest research sabbatical in a tissue-engineering lab in Boston. Her husband is a cancer researcher at Tufts Medical Center. Her older son works in a research

lab in Boston, and her younger one is a Peace Corps volunteer in Burkina Faso; Susan and her husband were planning to visit him there this summer.

**Lisa McDonnell**, attended two back-to-back academic conferences in Boston this spring and ran up to Salem for a quick visit with good friend **Maria Kondon** after almost 40 years. Maria looks great and enjoys working at Salem State College, where she occasionally runs into Margo Reynolds Steiner '72. Maria has a naughty black cat and enjoys doing needlepoint and writing poetry.

Class President **An-Ming Sze Truxes** and husband Tom are proud grandparents of Gabriela, born in Oct. to oldest son Patrick and wife Yasmine. Second son Emmet is entering his final year at the Harvard Graduate School of Design; daughter Yi-Mei works for Condé Nast as a marketing manager for *Vogue* magazine. An-Ming recently took a new job with CT's Department of Social Services; husband Tom still teaches at NYU. An-Ming hoped to see some of her classmates at a get-together she planned to host at her house in Westbrook, CT, this summer.

## 1972

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**Lynn Gorsey Westenberg** moved to WY from DC 10 years ago to escape traffic, pollution, crowds and high living costs. She and husband Lee love their beautiful small town next to the Big Horn Mountains. Lynn retired from her law practice and now does pro bono work and other volunteer activities in Buffalo, especially with the Buffalo Senior Center. Travels include a walking trip to Provence last year and another in Italy this spring. They enjoy exercise with their Cardigan Welsh corgi, Zelda, age 2.

**Ted Chapin** is still at Rodgers & Hammerstein. Some things change, some stay the same: "On far too many committees and boards, although I'll miss the CC Board, off which I rotated this spring." Serving on the Board made him realize, "It's doing damn well!" So is his family; both daughters are interested in theater and the arts. Can't imagine what that happened ...

**Ruth Ritter Ladd** still works at the Corps of Engineers. As long as it's enjoyable and rewarding, she

sees no need to retire! She, her mother (Merion Ferris Ritter '35) and **Dee Russell** went to the Centennial celebration in the fall and had a wonderful time. Ruth and husband Larry enjoy their three grandchildren.

**Meredith Morten** took a leave last fall from the Montserrat College of Art in Beverly, MA, where she is professor of sculpture, for her project, "Terrain," in Hungary. She created clay works inspired by the landmass and archaeology of the Carpathian Basin. The sculptures will be at Gorka Géza Ceramics Museum in Veröce, Hungary, until 9/30. "It is a continuation of work begun during my Fulbright scholarship to Hungary in '09." Check out [www.hallspace.org/mMorten11.html](http://www.hallspace.org/mMorten11.html).

**Emily Bryan Grimes** has three adult children. Tennessee (named after her home state) lives in Brooklyn, and Sophie and Walker will soon empty the nest, so Emily and husband Roger accepted an exchange student for the fall. "In college, I liked to stay up late and sleep in. I now indulge in this behavior in a productive way, by photographing late-night hip-hop events in Chicago." She occasionally takes Roger along, who retired from the EPA. Check out [emilygrimes.com/blog](http://emilygrimes.com/blog). Photographs and excerpts from Emily's book, "On My Mother's Side," are in the archive post 12/8/09.

**Merrily Gerrish** was laid off from the Bank of America legal department in Nov. after almost 20 years. She is looking for a pre-retirement job, possibly in law or nonprofit. She hoped to come to Reunion along with some pals, including **Kathy Bacastow**, **Barbara Ashton Carey**, **Carol Neitlich Bridges**, **Pam McKittrick Keim**, **Susie Welshonice Brewer** and **Debbie Eliason Rollins**.

**Peggy Muschell Jackson** traveled all over the U.S. as part of husband Paul's Coast Guard career. Peggy received her doctorate from Golden Gate U. in '95 and started a consulting practice in '00. Paul retired as a commander in '92 and joined the California Maritime Academy faculty; he is now an executive with Marine Design Dynamics in DC. They traded their primary residence from Walnut Creek, CA, to Alexandria, VA; Peggy still has clients in CA and travels there every 4-6 weeks. She has written or co-authored eight books on risk management and Sarbanes-Oxley compliance for nonprofits and small businesses. "The Busy Administrator's Guide to Risk Management and Contingency

Planning, College and University Edition" will be published by BEW as an e-book. All in all, both are doing fabulously well.

**Lucy Boswell Siegel** has run her own PR firm in NYC for seven years, focusing on startups and foreign companies within the U.S. market. The firm works with great clients from all over the world, and Lucy has no plans to retire. Both sons graduated from college and are in San Francisco. Older son David received his Ph.D. in physics from Berkeley this spring and is looking for a postdoctoral position. Younger son Josh graduated from Claremont McKenna and works for Deloitte Consulting. Lucy occasionally gets together with **Kathleen McGrath** and is in touch with Barbara Sagan '70 and Vivian Segal '73. "I can't believe that it's been 40 years. We're just not that old, are we?"

**Nancy-Jean McNamara** has lived in NYC since '85 and teaches Pilates. She trained with Romana Kryzanowska, whom Joseph Pilates trained and chose to carry on his legacy and work. Nancy-Jean teaches at Romana's studio in midtown Manhattan. Her husband teaches at NYU's film school. She's in touch with Sia Liss Stovall '74, Michael Ridgway '75 and **Robyn Rice**. She joined Martha Myers and other dancers for a reunion at her NY home. Martha is amazing as always.

**Nancy Kyle** and husband Jack Fraser had dinner with Lee Higdon (guests of Ann Werner Johnson '68 and Tom) in Palm Beach for an update on CC. Nancy is vice chair of Capital Guardian Trust Co., still managing investments in global equity markets after 38 years, and lives in Palm Beach Gardens. Both sons live in NYC; Cameron graduated from NYU with an L.L.M. in tax law in May, and Briggs works in equity sales for a Swiss bank. Nancy's hobby is restoring historic homes. She owns two federal homes, a Greek Revival and a Victorian, and converted a Masonic lodge into a Shaker Meetinghouse. She installed Japanese gardens, open to the public, at the Victorian home, known as Tilden Mansion.

**Judith Tindal Opatrny** and her husband moved to Jackson, WY, in '09 and are enjoying the great outdoors of Grand Teton National Park and Yellowstone. "I have not really disappeared. ... This is my seventh year as a CC trustee, which has been an excellent experience. Great momentum on campus. I particularly enjoyed the Centennial celebrations."



**Susan Swyer Earle's** daughter, Katherine Earle '05, lives in Katmandu, Nepal. She met her fiancé in the Peace Corps in Nicaragua. Katie works in public affairs for the U.S. Embassy, where two other alumni work. Small world.

Thank you all for responding so promptly to our mass email. It makes it so easy to prepare these updates.

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**Jay Levin** wrote that he was "in the midst of the (as-per-usual) crazy legislative session" and would write more when freed in May. At publication, I am still waiting to hear from him! Some things never change!

**Judy Smith** retired from Kenyon College, where she was a professor of English and became a novelist. Her first novel, "Yellowbird" (Lewis-Clark Press, 2007), won the Native Writers' Circle of the Americas Award. Two novels are forthcoming: "Dragonfly, Walking Stick" and "Sleeping Giant." Let's get them in the bookstore!

**Brian Robie** is working on a project at the CDC to help prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV/AIDS in Ethiopia. "On a personal note, on the 4th of July, I ran my 31st Peachtree 10K Road Race, where I've noticed my fellow runners are looking increasingly younger."

**Keith Nappi** thought it was great to see "a bunch of ol' college buddies at the Centennial-Homecoming weekend," including Jon Gold '74, Ted Schlette '75 and daughter Audrey Schlette '14, Dan Tucker '75 and son David Tucker '08, Mark Warren '75, and Art Durity '84, who was working for the College as a photographer. Keith finally got to ski in the Alps (a lifetime dream come true): "Chamonix, Verbier, Courmayeur ... all around Mt. Blanc ... MAGNIFICO!!!"

**Dave Clark** has moved into semiretirement by a lake in the Ozarks. He still does the same things he did at CC: basketball, politics, religion, music. His new hobby is writing screenplays. He enjoyed being on campus for the Centennial and looks forward to serving on the alumni council.

**Sheila Erlich Pruzansky** continues to practice psychology and supervise psychologists in training. Son Jason is becoming an orthopedic hand surgeon like husband Mark Pruzansky. Daughter Julie is a clinical social worker.

**Karen Hartigan Whiting** says they had a rough time this year with her husband's breast cancer but are hoping that is settling down due to a new treatment. She has a new book out, "Stories of Faith and Courage from the Home Front: From the French and Indian War to the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan." Now she looks forward to writing books for girls and tween girls.

**Jean Wong** is an associate professor in the Department of Special Education, Language and Literacy at The College of New Jersey. She teaches in the Teaching English as a Second Language program. She has published "Conversation Analysis and Second Language Pedagogy: A Guide for ESL/EFL Teachers" (Routledge, 2010). Jean visited CC in April '11 when she delivered the convocation address for Asian-Pacific Islander Month. Check out [www.tcnj.edu/~jwong](http://www.tcnj.edu/~jwong).

**Wendy Royer Billue** is enjoying her sixth year of retirement from municipal recreation. She is a part-time freelance writer for the local paper, with the following parameters: no hard news, no politics. Everything else is fair game. Besides a weekly column, she also has a blog. "Lots of photos and fun stories about people, animals, events, etc. Intermittently, I do nanny duty in Alexandria, VA, for 1-year-old granddaughter Kaylen. Ken and I were in Warsaw, Kiev, Moldova and Hungary in early summer visiting some of our previous foreign exchange students and their families."

**Cheri Kohler Saltzman** has enjoyed teaching French for many years, most recently in an urban and very diverse school. She's now retiring and ready to spend time with family (especially her young grandchildren in Boston), travel, read, draw and play some golf. "It's fun to contemplate and dream about the next chapters."

**Nancy DeGumbia Bullock, Carol Proctor McCurdy and Peg Ford Cosgrove** had a lovely reunion last summer. Carol went to the opening of "Peter and the Dreamcatcher" on Broadway courtesy of Liz Green '72, and she keeps in touch with **Donna Burkeholder Potts** via Facebook.

As for me, well, **Seth Cummins** and wife Cathy were guests at my 3/23 wedding to Greg Gittins. It was a beautiful event at the Biltmore in Asheville. My sister-in-law, Patricia Hortal Davit '76, was also present. I enjoy working for the NC Department of Health and Human Services and look forward to moving into a house

in Cary, NC. I also look forward to frequent trips to Boston, where my son and his wife live. My girls are great; it is good to have them all settled. Forgive my edits and keep the news coming! See you at Reunion!

## 1974

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**Sherry Alpert** continues to run her public relations consulting practice in Canton, MA. She and partner Larry are involved with the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, their local synagogue and Boston-area networking groups for startups. They also enjoy the Boston theater scene.

**Charles Blanksteen** is a health care consultant, providing strategic and technical services for large health care systems and Fortune 100 companies. He co-founded Focused Health Management LLC and Active Health Management and holds the patent of the Care Engine technology. He was previously managing director and worldwide partner at William M. Mercer, where he founded four coalitions of hospital systems and employers.

**Peter Bruyn** is in year 13 of teaching life science to middle-schoolers and loves every minute of it. He previously ran a garden center and co-started a landscaping company, still in operation. "Teaching is a bit sedentary, so I'm tracing local (southern NH) rail trails and hiking as many of the area's natural areas as I can find."

**Jan (Queenie) Chiu Kong** moved back to Hong Kong in '83 and worked there until '10, when she retired from 25 years in retail, working as group buyer and general manager for a major department store. She has been consulting since retirement and is able to devote more time to family.

**Susan Compton Pollard** lives in Pittsburgh with husband Dick (retired attorney and active Episcopal priest) and daughters Jean and Mary (both attending Community College of Allegheny County). After graduation, she took her M.B.A. to work in banks in Atlanta, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, in credit and risk management. In Jan. '11, she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and had major surgery and chemotherapy. She participates in a clinical trial with monthly chemo treatments and is doing well and starting to feel better!

**Christine Dunkel-Schetter** is professor of psychology at U. of

California, Los Angeles, and chair of the Health Psychology Program. She loves teaching, mentoring and research. She has two boys in college, Alex and James. Christine lives in Pacific Palisades, near the ocean and in a canyon with wildlife. This past year, work took her to Washington, DC; UT; New Zealand; and Crete.

Since retiring from teaching in '05, **Ann Taback-Fairman Pasquier** and husband Bernard have enjoyed visiting the beautiful state parks in FL. They look forward to winter months in their new home in Nokomis, FL. Home base is still Quaker Hill. They enjoy kayaking and biking, and Ann continues quilting and calligraphy. Daughter Wendy lives in Santa Fe and daughter Sandrine in Norwich, CT. Life is good!

**Ellen Feldman Thorp** traveled to Australia to the Great Barrier Reef, on a gourmet horseback trip in Snowy River Country, to Kauai, and to WA. Adventure traveling has been curtailed for health reasons, but she still tries to get high-school kids to love Spanish as much as she does by tutoring them. Daughter Sara is a CPA in Denver.

**Debbie Hoff** continues her solo law practice in south central PA. She and bookseller husband Chuck Roberts '76 have two sons in college; Chuck is a senior at Columbia U., and Joey is a freshman at Muhlenberg College.

After 28 years managing Verizon's compensation programs, **Cathy Holland Beck** retired in March. For six years, she commuted from home in VA to NJ each week, so she is happy to be back in VA. Her husband is retiring from the federal government, and they plan to move to AZ this fall.

**Janet Lawler** is busy with her second career as a children's author. "Snowzilla" will be published this fall. She is very excited to be writing a counting book for National Geographic. Her daughter is a freshman in high school, and her son is in his second year of a biochem Ph.D. program at Tufts. Janet and her husband play tennis and paddle tennis in their spare time.

**Paula Marcus Platz** and husband live in ME, where she continues her psychotherapy practice. They are traveling more, and she is "at the age where I am wondering what else/more/next is on my dance card. Things in my life are slowly shifting, though in ways that aren't yet dramatic or even clear. I am assuming that this is all part of the

next part of the journey, including the confusion." Children are Joe, Adam and Molly Platz '11.

**Roma Taddei Mott** and husband John are delighted to return to Kalamazoo, MI, after eight years in St. Louis. Roma is enjoying time off from teaching elementary school. John continues as a director at Pfizer. Son Jonathan is an electrical engineer at HP in OR, and daughter Juliette is a psychologist in Houston helping veterans with PTSD.

After 16 years in Nepal, **Brian Peniston** and family moved back to Washington, DC, where he continues as director of The Mountain Institute Programs in the Himalaya, focused on biodiversity conservation, mountain livelihoods and carbon forestry programs. Brian continues to travel between the U.S. and Asia, living a semi-nomadic lifestyle similar to that of herders on the Tibetan Plateau.

After 30 years of medical practice in the VA and teaching at Tulane, **Harry Pigman** is pursuing music full time. He rebuilt the house flooded by Katrina to include a small music studio and retired this summer.

To promote more auspicious karma, six weeks before her 60th birthday, **Kathy Powell** legally changed her last name from Cohn back to Powell. She also got a dragonfly tattoo on her left bicep and a floral vine on her right ankle.

**Andrea Shechter** has lived in Seattle with partner Stu Shiffman since '90. She has been disabled for 20 years and now uses a power wheelchair. Andi and Stu attended Left Coast Crime 2012, a volunteer-run mystery convention. Andi previously chaired two LCCs and was fan Guest of Honor in '01. She's been writing book reviews for 10 years, contributed essays to mystery publications and wrote a convention-running guide.

After serving five churches and two hospitals as chaplain and running a nonprofit pastoral counseling center, **Anne Swallow Gillis** specializes in working with congregations in transition. Living on MD's Eastern Shore with husband Chris, she enjoys Assateague, being closer to her mom, eating blue crab and canoeing the salt marshes. Their adult children are nearby, working and thriving in DC.

## 1975

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In March, **Mark Warren**, who works for Electronic Sales of New England in Old Saybrook, CT, traveled to London for an oceanology conference and met up with **Michael Ridgway** and Robin Rice '72. Mike and Robin were visiting a friend of Mike's there as they began a trip to London, Paris and Florence.

**Darius Mojallali** continues to serve as a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Albany, NY, and is now rector of two churches, St. John's in Delhi and St. Peter's in Hobart. He married Stephanie in '99, and they have a 9-year-old son, Matthias, as well as Darius's older children, Daniel and Anna, and Stephanie's daughter, Danielle. "We love life in a small town and get to the nearest city-like settlement, Oneonta, at least once a week. We often go to Albany to visit with Stephanie's parents. We spent '08-'11 in Agawam, MA, doing an interim ministry, and we were happy to return to the diocese where Stephanie grew up and in which I was ordained in '83. It is good to have a sense of home, and as I have gained in years, I have come more and more to see that as something very valuable. Best wishes to all my friends from the Class of '75 and

others; I hope to send in an update before another decade passes!" If anyone would like to be in touch, email Darius at dmojo26@me.com.

**Deborah McGlaufflin** is ecstatically happy in her new job as the North America fundraising director for 84000: Translating the Words of the Buddha, a nonprofit that does what its name says. In her ongoing revel in poetic oblivion, she also self-published her third book of poetry last year and continues to post all her poetry on her blog at <http://mainegirl.net>. She looked forward to attending a Rigpa (Tibetan Buddhist) retreat at CC in June. Deborah's on Facebook and Twitter as dmclaufflin and owns a Kindle, but she would still rather just read a good book that has real pages.

## 1976

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**Hannah Benoit** is the senior writer in the Wheaton College communications office. She also works as a professional freelance photographer and writer in the

Boston area through her business, PenAndShutter.com.

**Bob Axelrod** is the chief clerk of the Meriden, CT, Superior Court. Wife Katrina is the founder and director of a Meriden-area nonprofit agency that operates four classical music ensembles for children and adults. Older son Phil received his Master of Education degree from U. of Connecticut in May and was commissioned as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army upon graduation. Younger son Ben has completed his sophomore year at George Washington U., studying in the Elliot School of International Affairs. "I send occasional emails to **Dan Samelson** bragging about the weather in CT compared to AK."

In addition to teaching early childhood music at Wooster School and several other schools in the upper Westchester/northern Fairfield County area, **Nancy Hershatter** has been performing with Prism, a folk/rock trio whose repertoire is straight out of our high school and college days: songs from the '60s and '70s in close three-part harmony. "Performing with the other two musicians is a blast, and, strictly by coincidence, we were all born in '54, so we all cut our musical teeth listening to the same stuff."

**Craig Barth** was happy to see his older son, Jordan, graduate from high school and his younger son, Tyler, graduate from eighth grade in the spring. Craig was elected by his Presbytery (denominational tri-county region) to be their lay representative to the Presbyterian Church's General Assembly in July.

In addition to her primary ministry as rector of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Cobleskill, NY, the **Rev. Dr. Nina George-Hacker** now serves as priest-in-charge of St. Paul's Church in West Middleburgh, NY. She and husband Richard Hacker continue to enjoy living in beautiful upstate NY.

## 1977

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You will be reading this after the 35th Reunion this past June, and we're writing this with absolute confidence that everyone who attended had a great time. Thanks to Sarah Fournier Hillman and to all of the classmates who put in so much time and effort to make it fun for everyone!

What follows is the final, final Class Notes that **Jim McGoldrick** is doing. Clearly, Jim is off the hook

entirely here. (Is he really tweeting the notes with made-up Twitter names??? Yes, he is!) So we're hoping that someone reasonably sane will be stepping up to restore some of the lost seriousness and decorum that our class deserves ...

**@VanessaWeber**. Got clinical license in social work in CT and after long break from earlier work — helping individuals and families deal with cults — now writing book on how people get hurt by involvement with psychics and how to help them (the individuals, not the psychics). Hopes to have it published by the time this comes out. Info at [www.psychicabuse.com](http://www.psychicabuse.com) (shameless self-promotion!). Aside from that, she makes jewelry for fun and still breeds dogs. New mantra: Simplify.

**@DanBoothCohen**. Facilitator and trainer of the transformational process called Systemic Family Constellations. Remarkably simple in form and astonishing in content. Calls the Constellation process "the missing tool in the peacemaker's toolkit." Every Constellation begins with a real person and pressing personal issue. The process reveals how negative thought patterns are aftereffects of traumas from past generations. Workshops in '12 scheduled in WA,



Bryanne Robson '06 married Brendan McCorkle 8/6/11 at the College of Physicians in Philadelphia. From left, front row: Laura Deming '06, Katie Stanne Chin '06, Abby Hochstein '06 and Anne Bider '06. Back row: Alix Werner '06, the bride and groom, Merrill Swig '06, and Rich Templeton '06.



Martha Blanchard Twigg '66 holds a wood turtle at her retirement party from the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, MA.



CA, AZ, HI, CT, Ireland, England, Norway, and his own ancestral homeland, Lithuania. [www.HiddenSolution.com](http://www.HiddenSolution.com) (more shameless self-promotion).

**@AlissaGoldJacobs.** BIG NEWS: Just purchased fabulous downtown boutique in vibrant Portsmouth, NH. The business has been ongoing for over 25 years! (Come on, Alissa... need boutique name if we're going to have some [yes!] shameless you-know-what!). Son Josh having fun at Mitchell College in New London. Daughter Rebekah is freshman at local high school. Still lives in Seacoast, NH (20 years!), and spends lots of time on the ocean and at the beach. Of course, eating at the 90+ restaurants in this area has been fun too.

**@PaulaFrost.** Living in Perry, ME, with partner. Director of substance-abuse treatment services at the regional medical center in Lubeck. Part-time jobs are fire chief of Perry and a fire service instructor for Maine Fire Service Institute (how cool is that!). Enjoys fishing and cooking as well as spending time with friends and family.

**@StevePitts.** Still lives in Princeton, NJ. Teacher for HITOPS adolescent health and education center. Spends much of his time

teaching incarcerated boys and girls about pregnancy and HIV prevention and about healthier relationships.

**@MelissaJMills.** Retired after 30 years in academic administration at Harvard and Duke. Now has project and data management consulting practice. Ended up going to Duke Divinity School, where she got a Master of Theological Studies. Taught Ethics in Science to Duke freshmen (a remedial class?). Got an MBA from Duke in '87. Now writing book that "reframes the 'self-interest' of capitalism within the context of new findings on the role of cooperation in evolution's mechanisms of natural selection" (whaaat?!). Live-ins include Sam, a very sweet rescue dog (who is secretly co-writing the new book), kittens Mimi and Kiki (in charge of research), and one cat named Cat (who refuses to get involved in the book at all). Daughter Hannah is in her first year as a graduate student in computer science at Stanford.

**@StuartSadick.** Just finished second term as board president of local domestic violence organization. Still at Heidrick & Struggles, hunting heads. Son Christian thriving in second grade, playing soccer, basketball and drums, and keeping his dads very alert and busy. Claims

life is good. Looking forward to Reunion.

**@DavidSargent.** Serving 26 years in Norwich, VT, after doing time at Pratt (NYC) and in Boston. Daughter Charlotte to attend CC, Class of '16. Son Tucker graduated in '09 from U. of Montana and lives in Missoula. Son Tim is a freestyle skier in Truckee, CA, and summers on Mt. Hood. With wife of 30 years Annie, works at high-end residential design (yes, more shameless s-p... [www.sargentdesigncompany.com](http://www.sargentdesigncompany.com)). Considering writing a guidebook for parents about successfully navigating the "torturous road through learning disabilities." (OK, apparently not serving time, as indicated above, but rather) lives on riverside family farm in VT with many porch-climbers, including 90-year-old mom, siblings Anne Sargent Walker '69 and Tom Sargent '82 with wife Allison Ijams '82. Frequent family visitors include Clement Butt '87 and wife Katherine (Kitty) Ijams Butt '86, and close friend Jane Fankhanel '68. Sees classmate **Judy Fern Brown** and lots of Camels. (And we hope David means "alums.")

**@JimMcGoldrick.** Still writing Jan Coffey suspense thrillers with love of his life, Nikoo. (SHAMELESS SELF-PROMOTION: [www.JanCoffey.com](http://www.JanCoffey.com)).

com). Younger son Sam is in final year at Tufts (English and film studies) and older son Cyrus (newly married to lovely daughter-in-law Sarosh) is civil rights manager at Council of American Islamic Relations in NYC. Jim wants to thank everyone for putting up with him. Finally, tweets as @Marlo\_Dog. Seriously. Stay in touch. Peace and health to all.

## 1978 REUNION 5/31-6/2, 2013

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### Laura Adair Abel '78

is the new assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and administration for Isle of Wight County Schools in Virginia. Previously the principal of Grafton Middle School in Yorktown, Va., she also has worked as a high school and elementary school principal and as the coordinator of professional development for York County Schools in Virginia. Abel received her master's degree from George Washington University.

**Caroline Boyce** is in her 10th year as executive VP of the PA chapter of the American Institute of Architects. She received her Certified Association Executive credential and is president-elect of the National Council of Architectural Component Executives. The class extends its condolences to Caroline and her daughter, Emma, on the death of Caroline's husband, Albert Neri, in May '11. They still live near Harrisburg, PA, and travel when they can.

**Jack Batchelder** lives in Gloucester, MA, working as an environmental scientist for Free Flow Power, a private hydropower developer. Wife Lili works in safety and risk management for study abroad programs at Lodestone International. Son Christopher, 19, is a freshman at U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and daughter Aisling, 15, is in ninth grade. Jack enjoys sea kayaking, sailing, gardening and home improvement projects.

**Robin Lipson Fishman** had a chance to reconnect with CC when daughter Sarah enrolled in the Class of '15. Robin has spent time with **Donald Capelin** and his wife, Beth, whose daughter is Alexandra '15. Robin and **Ben Sprague** have spent several weekends together cheering for Sarah and Ben's daughter, Caity



Will Wright '05 married Cynthia Wright on 9/6/09 in Santa Fe. From left: Kathy Batley Johnson '05, Tiffany Krempely Proffitt '05, Anya Watson '05, John Hanson '05, the bride and groom, Florence McCrea Wright '62, Susan Scheller Johnson '60, and Maureen McCrea '66.



'13, both members of the women's rowing team.

**Jonathan Graham** is a landscape designer in Washington, DC. He thanks Drs. Niering and Taylor for inspiring him to pursue botany as a career. His daughter, Julia, is a junior at Bowdoin, and he was fortunate to visit her in Cape Town, South Africa, while she studied abroad. He suggests that anyone who travels there not miss the Kirstenbosch Gardens. He connects with **Alison MacMillan** and **Chip Meehan '77** as often as possible.

**Sharon Golec Keniger** has lived in Paris for 25 years. She and Roland have a son, Daniel, 20. Sharon practiced law for 20 years and now does management, recruiting and consulting for the legal profession.

**Alva Angle Scott** and husband Jon live in Reading, PA. Daughter Genevieve was married in June and finished a fellowship at Yale Law. Younger daughter Lily graduated in May from Bryn Mawr and was her sister's maid-of-honor. Alva is in touch with **Elizabeth Ashforth Bacon**, as their daughters were planning their weddings at the same facility in VT. Alva actively volunteers in her community, and for relaxation she has switched from modern dance to yoga (not as tough on the joints).

**Cindy Roehr Anthony** lives in Lebanon, NH. She got her B.S. in nursing in '80 and works at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center on the ortho/trauma/plastics floor. Cindy recalls working at Roosevelt Hospital in NYC the night John Lennon was brought there. She also helped establish a summer camp program that brought children from welfare hotels to the country for three weeks; Chris Rock was a success story of her program. While living in MA and working as a public health nurse, Cindy provided testimony that helped to enact legislation to protect the elderly from abuse. The "loves of her life" are daughter Katie and grandson Caleb. Having caught the travel bug during the Semester-At-Sea Program in '77, Cindy spent two weeks working in Haiti in '10. She has backpacked in the MT Rockies. As retirement nears, she is thinking about working with Doctors Without Borders or Partners in Health. She has spent summers playing tennis with John Atkins '79 and his wife, Jamie.

**Alan Trebat** lives in Somerville, MA. After 25+ years as a real estate and business attorney, arbitrator and mediator, he now works for a nonprofit housing and anti-poverty agency as administrator of a loan

program that provides funding to make homes accessible for the elderly and disabled. In his spare time, Alan referees for triathlons. He has completed the Boston Marathon and an Ironman triathlon. He plays drums for the Lowell Philharmonic Orchestra, serves on its board of directors, and performs with local jazz and rock bands and community theater groups. Alan recently joined the Heartsleeves with vocalists Jared Nathanson '94 and Liza Talusan '96. He has traveled to OR to reunite with Smatter bandmates **Scott Calamar**, **Jack Wade** and **Sim Glaser '77**.

**Robert Cole** is back east after wrapping up work on the conversion of "Titanic" into 3-D format and is involved in several 3-D animation projects.

**Laura Brown Narvaiz** lives in Chevy Chase, MD, with husband Rick and children John, 11, and Maribel, 12. She works in executive communications at the National Association of Manufacturers. Maribel was adopted from Colombia, and Laura highly touts the agency Kidsave International ([www.kidsave.org](http://www.kidsave.org)), which facilitated.

**Sarah Rabinowitz Mogroni** runs a natural horsemanship program in their sanctuary for horses, donkeys, ponies and mules in the NJ

Pinelands. She focuses on special-needs students. Check out [www.labradorhill.com](http://www.labradorhill.com) or look for her on Facebook. Sarah also continues to paint, exhibit and teach art. Son Josh, 30, is married and is VP of government relations at the Brooklyn Public Library. Daughter Lizzie, 16, is in high school. Husband Russ is at the NJ Department of Health.

**Peter Hallarman and Prudence (Rindy) Regan Hallarman** send greetings from the Chicago area. Peter works in an eight-physician dermatology practice and is a clinical assistant professor of dermatology at the U. of Illinois. He is the class agent chair for our upcoming 35th Reunion and reminds us to give generously. Rindy teaches psychology and does consulting with high school and college kids who have Asperger's syndrome. She is on the board of directors for Riverside Foundation, which provides residential and developmental services for adults with intellectual disabilities. Daughter Nicole is the assessment associate (aka Data Geek) at DC Prep, a group of charter schools in DC. She begins studies this fall for her Master in Education in her attempt to "reform the education world." Son Sean lives in Brooklyn, NY. He dreams of being a record producer and

works as a publicist with Big Hassle Media. One of his clients is CC's own Clap Your Hands Say Yeah. He would appreciate it if someone would donate a condo to him in the better part of Williamsburg.

## Mary Erina Driscoll '78

is the new dean of the City College of New York School of Education. Driscoll had been chair of the Department of Administration, Leadership and Technology at NYU's Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development since 2008 and a member of NYU's educational leadership faculty since 1991. She holds a Ph.D. in educational administration from the University of Chicago and an M.A. in child development from Sarah Lawrence College. She is a past president of the University Council for Educational Administration.

## 1979

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Elise Abrahams Josephson '44 (seated) with her daughter Miriam Josephson Whitehouse '75 (standing, second from right) and their family.



Cara Esparo Schirmeister '82, Tracy Fitch Nista '82, Nancy Schubert Riffe '82 and her daughter Cara, Anick Plevin '83, and Kathryn Bonn '82, left to right, at Centennial Fall Weekend.



Dave Samson '99 married Kate Keller on 6/25/11 in Waitsfield, VT. From left, back row: Serena Holch Manny '99, Sara Rosenthal Butchenhart '99 and Michael Tenofsky '99. Front row: Jamie Keough '00, the groom and bride, Rob Butchenhart '99, and Chris O'Leary '99.



Kayeum, sakayeum@comcast.net

**Kurt Fischer** is still flying for Delta Airlines as a 747 captain, based in Detroit and living in Lyme, CT. He and wife Susan have two kids, Mara, 19, at James Madison U., and Derek, 15, in high school. Kurt also serves as assistant chief at Lyme Fire Company, works as a carriage driver for Allegra Farms (where they just shot a TV pilot for an ABC series called "Gilded Lilies"), and does an annual maple syrup run with Blood Street Sawworks. He is looking forward to the next alumni magazine!

**Bob Hartmann** writes: "Now that our two children, born and raised in England, are finishing university, we've made the move back to CT after 24 years in England. My wife and I have started a tax preparation and financial advisory business, The Hartmann Group, in Guilford and love being back! We're looking forward to catching up with more of our friends soon. It's terrific to spend more time with great CC friends **Deacon Etherington**, Mitch Pine '78, **Ken Schweitzer**, **Jim Ballentine**, **John Junda**, Peter Simpson '81 and Dave Evans '80 around the Northeast. Plans are forming for us to get out for another epic motorcycle journey this summer. Watch this space!"

**Jody Paskow Gold** and **Barry**

**Gold** have had an eventful year. Barry has been spending more time at home than he would like as he recoups from an injury sustained on a UT ski trip in Feb. He is managing partner at Conn Kavanaugh in Boston. Son David graduated from Boston College in May with a B.A. in history and began his training program in July at NetSuite in Boston. Daughter Amy, 25, is an account executive for a marketing company in NYC and is considering graduate studies in business. Jody works at the front desk at New England Sinai Hospital and attends seminars for CEUs to keep up her counseling license. She plans to run a couple of groups again soon. In addition, she has been studying for two years and became a bat mitzvah in June, along with her class of 17 adults! "Hope everyone is well!"

**Lynda Plavin Fitzgerald** sends greetings from Annapolis. Oldest son Matthew graduated from St. Michael's College in May with a degree in English and a minor in technical theater (concentration in sound technology). "We're praying for his gainful employment!" Younger son Daniel finished his sophomore year at the U. of Maryland, double majoring in marketing and psychology, and he's contemplating adding a third major,

finance. "He's looking forward to summer, as he's joyfully employed as a pirate at a great place in Annapolis called Pirate Adventures. He gets to be on a pirate ship with kids all day long!" Husband Jeff still teaches chemistry at the Naval Academy, and Lynda continues to direct the dance program at Anne Arundel Community College. "I just got back from taking my 20 dance company members to the U. of Utah for the American College Dance Festival... great fun! Salt Lake City is absolutely stunning!"

**Jay Faber**, Jim Glick '78 and Tom (TK) Kadzis '78 visited Myrtle Beach, SC, this spring on a three-day golf outing. The competition was intense; in fact it took 72 holes to settle the score. Faber began the week with a big beat down of Mr. Glick. Day two also ended badly for Mr. Glick, as TK defeated Jimmy for the very first time in their long and storied rivalry. For three days, the matches went back and forth and were deadlocked as the players approached the final hole, a par three island green, surrounded by water filled with alligators. With Mr. Glick safely on, both Faber and TK dumped their tee shots into the water, thus handing the victory to Mr. Glick. As Faber and Kadzis looked on, stunned, a jubilant Mr. Glick leapt into the pond and was eaten by a

baby alligator.

## 1980

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**Andrea Blomgren Sandler** lives in Edison, NJ, and enjoys her work as an HR manager for TestAmerica Laboratories, a nationwide environmental testing firm. Realizing the inevitability of the aging process, she joined the Red Hat Society last year and has a lot of fun wearing the red hats and silly outfits. Her daughter is a high school senior. Andrea would love to hear from **Caroline Boyce '78** and **Lisa Fues**.

**Kathleen Cairns** has been in private practice in West Hartford, CT, for 13 years. She wrote "The Psychotherapy Workbook." She will be taking her fourth trip to Nara, Japan, to visit her pen pal from '78, where they'll hike in the mountains and explore hot springs.

**Francesca Herndon-Consagra** and husband Willie Herndon relocated to TX in June. She is senior curator of prints and drawings and European paintings at the Blanton Museum of Art at U. of Texas, Austin.

**Holly Corroon-Robinson** enjoys

connecting with classmates on Facebook. She recently took her high school daughter to visit CC. It turns out her 13-year-old son's best friend's parents are Robert Esmond '87 and Audrey Franks Esmond '85.

After a long career on Wall Street, **Jill Eisner** helped launch a startup daily-deal website focused on kids and moms, Doodledeals. One year after becoming the largest such site in the NYC area, they merged with the national mom-focused site Plum District. Jill says the fast-paced business has been an interesting contrast to "the Street." She keeps in touch with **Holly Burnet Mikula**, **Dawn Tatsapaugh Herdman** and **Steve Lau '83**, and she attended the winter piano and violin recital at **Steve Owen's** fabulous apartment, where he and his wife were excellent hosts.

**Lori Epstein Plaut**, husband Joshua and son Jonas, 11, went on an Everest View trek in Nepal's Himalayas and to the lakeside town of Pokhara in the Annapurna range! She's been on other trekking adventures, including Peru, which culminated with Machu Picchu. Lori and her family divide their time between Greenwich Village (NoHo) and Martha's Vineyard.

**Michael Litchman** and his

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Left: **Bradley Wade '86** and **Darren Coleman** in Curacao in March.

Right: **Katie Novick '04** with her new husband, **Dan Nolan**.



Below: From left, **Mark Warren '75**, **Michael Ridgway '75** and **Robin Rice '72** at the Scolt Head Pub in London in March.





younger son visited fellow former Burdick basement-ite **Seth Marcus** and his wife in Chicago in April as part of a baseball (White Sox, Cubs and Brewers) and cultural school vacation week. Michael continues to practice commercial real estate law in the Boston and NY offices of Goodwin Procter LLP. Michael, his wife, and their sons, ages 16 and 13, live in Needham, MA.

**Peter Mykrantz and Debbie Low Mykrantz** sold their Italian marble furniture importing/distribution business after 21 years so Debbie could retire and Peter could pursue a new business, Get Fresh Bakehouse, a wholesale gluten-free bakery. Peter and his team have developed recipes for all sorts of baked goods, and last summer Oprah's online magazine voted them the runaway winner for best gluten-free chocolate chip cookie in the country. His products are sold in many hospitals, gourmet markets, coffee shops and schools in the tri-state area. Their eldest daughter is a sophomore and Arts Merit Scholar at Bucknell, and their other daughter, an aspiring actress, is a sophomore at the Hackley School in Tarrytown (Debbie's alma mater).

**Nancy Neiditz-Pinillos** visited Italy, where she introduced her work treating infants with torticollis to Florentine physical therapists. Nancy has been traveling around the U.S. teaching pediatric physical therapists her gentle, painless treatment of the third-most common orthopedic issue in infants and toddlers. She still studies ballet and modern dance with hopes of having a concert soon with Gorana, her small company in NY.

**Annie-B Parson** is co-artistic director of Big Dance Theater, whose most recent work was commissioned by the Walker Art Center, premiered at the National Theatre de Chaillot in Paris, and shown at Brooklyn Academy of Music. Annie-B has received a Guggenheim Fellowship, an OBIE Award, two Lucille Lortel nominations for choreography and two Bessie Awards. She teaches at New York U.'s Tisch School of the Arts.

**Stephanie Pick** is a visiting nurse. She loves living in Northampton, MA, and is on the school board. Her daughter is a high school junior and her son is a college freshman in VT. She is preoccupied with rehabbing her house.

**Jeff Sado** lives in NYC. He just completed his first screenplay, "Lady Liberty/The Love Story," which he is pitching to Hollywood with his agent, the former chairman of MGM. His son

is 13 and the joy of Jeff's life.

**Robert Saypol**, of Packanack Lake, NJ, was named manager at 3rd Generation Home Loans and is looking to open a NJ office for the company. He has two kids in college and a 12-year-old in competitive dance, and can't figure out which costs more.

**Lisa Schumacher**, who lives in the DC area, recently became certified as a massage cupping practitioner. She's been a massage therapist since '96 and certified Zero Balancing practitioner since '05. After witnessing a demonstration of massage cupping, Lisa took a seminar that revolutionized the way she works. She writes, "Imagine using negative pressure (through suction) to address tight muscles, loosen adhesions, bring hydration and blood flow to body tissues, open lymphatic pathways!" Lisa also learned natural face lifting techniques with micro-cupping, and the results are amazing!

**Martha Sharples** is exploring her next venture. The kids have gone off to live their lives, and she has given up her perennial gardening business due to the physical strain, although she still gardens. She plans to stretch her academic legs with an online master's degree in transpersonal studies at Atlantic U.

**Mitch Tishler** has maintained a private practice for 25 years as a holistic physician in Chatham, MA. He co-founded an international medical relief organization that, for 23 years, has provided critical health care services to more than 125,000 individuals in the southern Honduras mountains. Eleven years ago, Mitch began offering Seeing With Heart, a program for cultivating inner peace, which he shares with individuals and groups internationally. An avid sailor, photographer, musician, cyclist and poet, Mitch joyfully embraces life along the magical shores of Cape Cod.

## 1981

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**Mark Tajima** lives in Amherst, MA, and runs Energia LLC, a mission-oriented energy service company that does deep-energy retrofits of residential and commercial properties. He serves as board chair of Co-op Power and Northeast Biodiesel in Greenfield, MA. Children Alex, 17, and Claudia, 20, are a high-school senior and junior at Tufts, respectively.

"Life is sweet, that's what I

say!" **Marcia Williams** recently added classmate/friend **Jacquey Zuckerman Tynan** to her business, Harvest Research Group LLC. "I'm committed to taking volunteer vacations each year, all with Habitat for Humanity thus far." In March, she went on a build in Trinidad with a team of 12, and in Aug. she participated in an all-women's build in Durban, South Africa. "I'm happy, healthy and grateful!"

**Dana Friedman Kiesel** and Paul Kiesel '82 will be empty-nesters, as their youngest heads off to college this fall. Her psychology practice and his law practice are thriving in L.A. They had plans to visit Tuscany, the French Alps and Paris this summer, where Dana hoped to connect with **Coco Stein Mollard**. "It's been really fun checking out the Class of '81 Facebook page and reconnecting with classmates since Reunion last June."

**Linda Gurwitz Mogren** is the HR director for Carpentersville, a municipality near Chicago. Husband Eric teaches history at Northern Illinois U. Son Leif is interning at a local history museum in Sycamore, and daughter Claire will spend a semester at the U. of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand.

**Mike Sladden** owns and directs a century-old wilderness canoe trip and outdoor education camp in northern Ontario. "I could regale you with tales of no bathrooms, lights or running water. ... The camp's schedule is crazy once the ice goes out on the northern lakes, and that prevented me from attending Reunion last year, despite plans to get there. It would have been great to see everyone — photos looked like you all had fun."

**Jim Blakeslee** is a recovering lawyer working as a mutual fund executive for Fred Alger & Co. in NYC. He lives with his wife of 29 years, Kim (who was a Twelve-College Exchange student in Fall '79) and sons Myles and Robbie in a historic Norwell, MA, home. He still reflects on the thumbsup CC has left on his life, particularly by Professors Doro and Anthony. "If you get stuck in traffic on Rt. 3 heading to the Cape, get off exit 13 and give me a call. Camels are always welcome!"

**Barry Hyman** lives in Glencoe, IL, with wife Jamie, who works in the hedge fund industry. Daughter Laura graduated last year from Amherst and works in Boston. Liza is a junior at the U. of Illinois, and youngest daughter Hilary will attend Vanderbilt this fall. "Had dinner with **Chris Gifford** in NYC, and I stay in touch

with **Bill Malinowski** and Herb Kenny '80. Saw CC Director of Athletics Fran Shields, Barb Paul Belotti '79 and Peter Belotti '78 at a Camels basketball game this year."

Last year, **Cristy Beckwith Bensley** and family lived in Seattle while husband Chris worked for Paul Gauguin Cruises. Now they are home in Andover, MA, where both boys attend high school. Chris runs a start-up site, [www.TripService.com](http://www.TripService.com), and a niche Europe site, [www.eurothority.com](http://www.eurothority.com). Cristy has launched [www.TahitiJourneys.com](http://www.TahitiJourneys.com) as director of sales. "Check out our great travel deals! Life is busy and good!"

Congrats to **Linda Rosenthal Maness**, who was training for her first full marathon in May. She co-chairs the Komen Vermont Race for the Cure, a local 5K that celebrated its 20th anniversary in July. "Daughter Sarah will be a high-school senior. Son Andy lives in L.A. and Kate is in Manhattan. When not working at elementary school or writing PR for nonprofits, I walk. I took part in two half-marathons in the last few months, one in AZ in Feb. and one in MA in April. I completed both in under three hours."

To **Bill Barrack**, it feels like Reunion was just yesterday! "For the first time in three Reunions, we had spectacular weather. A topic of conversation was what folks were thinking about for their 'Third Act.' Nothing firmed up yet. The real estate world in Boston is making a comeback ... more to follow." Bill is in touch with **Dan Gallagher** in Santa Barbara and **Peter Gregory** and Tom Sargent '82 in Boston. He has also reconnected with Jeff Johnstone '82 and Mary Calder Johnstone '82 in RI, and he frequently catches up with our esteemed class president, **Bryan MacDonald**. "Does anyone know where Reevy is?"

Funny you should ask, **Bill: Brooke Perry Pardue** recently hosted **Peter Simpson** on his trip to Nashville, and both joined your pal **Cris (Reevy) Revaz**, **Rick Gersten** and **Andy Storero** in DC for a mini Camel reunion.

## 1982

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**Lynne Rothney-Kozlak** still enjoys living in Litchfield, ME, with her husband and three cats, working as a part-time independent health care consultant, and competing for

national championships (against her husband!) in SCCA's autocross series. She is getting certified at Kripalu as a yoga dance teacher. Lynne looked forward to seeing everyone at our 30th Reunion in June. Actually, she really can't believe it's been 30 years since we graduated on Harkness lawn!

**Linda Tuerk** has lived and worked in the Bay Area since graduation, mostly in technical and executive search and running the Silicon Valley Search consortium. That concentration in Brodtkin's Indian Civ classes has come in very handy! "I'm an intentionally single mom, and still a guitar addict, concert nut and Red Sox fan." Linda planned to be at Fenway for the Yankees series in July and hoped to swing by CC on the same trip.

**Kiri Bermack** left teaching to freelance as a multimedia designer and started her own business as a commercial lighting designer. In '11, she won an art and technology grant at the Chicago Art Institute for their Teacher Institute in Contemporary Art summer program. Please visit [www.kbdesign.fluidhosting.com](http://www.kbdesign.fluidhosting.com).

**Terri Tyminski** recently moved from Sausalito to Guangzhou, China, as she was selected to join the Foreign Commercial Service. She invites any classmate in China to "c'mon by!!" She misses CA and feels like CT is light years away.

**Julie Stahlgren Wharton** has been living in the DC area for five and a half years, the longest she's been any place since leaving home for college. Husband Bruce is a foreign service officer, and they've lived in Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Guatemala. "Fairfax, VA, may be the strangest place yet!" Julie teaches and directs theater in a Fairfax County middle school. "LOVE what I do!" Julie is proud of daughter Sarah, who graduated with a theater degree from NYU and is acting in NYC; son Sam, who is working on a B.S. in film production at Hofstra on Long Island; and youngest son Turner, who begins university this fall. "Life is full and exciting."

**Ben Robinson** is in NYC and continues to be a much sought-after magician. After a year of consulting on "Magicians on Screen" at the Museum of the Moving Image, last Dec. he completed an amazing triecta, producing a major magic show about the history of magic in film, and presenting a lecture and a new book (his fifth!) both titled "Magic & the Silent Clowns." All went down between 12/1 and 1/2 in



support and celebration of "Hugo" by Scorsese. It was a ton of work over 10 months. Ben was getting ready for a show at the Discovery Center in Times Square.

**Nancy Rosoff Morrow** has been the Andrew W. Mellon Curator of the Arts of the Americas collection at the Brooklyn Museum since '01. Most recently, she co-curated the "Tipi: Heritage of the Great Plains" exhibition in '11, which was accompanied by a catalog co-published by U. of Washington Press. Her current project involves the preparation of a long-term, permanent collection exhibition, "Life, Death, and Transformation in the Americas," scheduled to open in the new Arts of the Americas galleries on 1/18/13. She is married to Michael Morrow, and daughter Andrea is 16. Nancy was looking forward to our 30th Reunion!

**Tom Sargent and Allison Ijams** report all is well in Wellesley, MA. "I think we are at the stage of life where no (exciting) news is good news." Allison and Tom have three nearly grown children; daughter Katharine is out of college and supporting herself in Manhattan — "so fun to see them leave the nest." Son Will is 21, taking college courses locally and volunteering; son John finished his junior year at Noble and Greenough School, feeling the pain of junior spring. Tom started his own broker dealer about seven years ago and is happy to be running his own shop, "although I must admit it has been a wild ride. Our office is in the heart of Back Bay, a welcome change from downtown Boston." Allison writes freelance and is heavily involved in area charitable organizations. "We count our blessings daily." Tom and Allison were looking forward to returning to New London for Reunion.

**Randi Chudnow Loeb** lives in Sudbury, MA, with one of her two daughters, her husband and two golden retrievers. She is celebrating 20 years as a speech pathologist and co-director of Children's Speech & Language Services in Lexington, where she specializes in assessment and treatment of social communication disorders. She keeps in touch with **Jan Henkelman-Bennet** and **Richard Root**. She sends her best to all of you.

**Elizabeth (Buffi) Weisenberg DePiero** lives in Madison, CT, and still has a crush on Scott DePiero, whom she married 22 years ago. Son Jake is at Champlain College in Burlington, VT, and daughter Emma finished her junior year of high

school. CC is included in her college list, but she says "the downside is that it is too close to home!" Buffi has worked since '03 at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown, CT, as project manager of Medicare Demonstrations and Quality Improvement. She was looking forward to Reunion. "It will be quite convenient, as I live so close. Funny, I went to CC from Chicago, and now I live less than an hour down the road from the campus."

## 1983 REUNION

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**Virginia Aldous Emerson, Shari Weathers Randall and Terri Paradis LeDuc** had a mini-reunion/50th birthday celebration in NYC last Aug. Unfortunately, **Barb Ritter Sauder** couldn't join them. They walked across the Brooklyn Bridge to Grimaldi's Pizzeria and took the last ferry back to Manhattan. The next night they saw "Billy Elliot." "We had a great time and hope to get there more often."

**Andy Hoffman**, Sandy Brown '84 and Hartley Pond '80 meet to ski at least once a year in Salt Lake City, where Sandy has lived since '91.

**Joy Jerome Turtola** oversees training and development for OR's largest provider of Head Start services to migrant and seasonal children and families. Her son, 10, is full of attitude and spunk, and their two cats keep them busy.

**Alan Cohen** is president of Acts of Balance Coaching and Training, working with public relations agencies in effective communications, leadership and creativity. Alan married his partner of 23 years in Dec.; they live in Manhattan with their Wheaton terrier, Bueller. They are rebuilding their weekend home in Accord, NY, which took a beating in last summer's hurricane. Alan is author of "Those Difficult Talks for PR Pros," offering guidance with clients, colleagues and employees.

**Eric Jacobson** left his job at State Street Bank Zurich covering alternative asset managers and is seeking something new in Europe. He hopes to come to our 30th Reunion!

**Matthew Martin** lives on NYC's Upper West Side with wife Elizabeth and children Daniel, 15, and Erin, 10. He is VP, associate general counsel at Random House. He sees or hears from **Sloan Schickler**, **Alec Madoff**, **Jeannine Riley Madoff** '84, **Sarah**

**Barrett, Rachel Shatz, Alan Cohen, Andrew Magioncalda, Leslie Fine Smith, Seth Coplan** and many more via Facebook.

**David Upin** was in Toronto in Oct. for the wedding of Danielle Kaster '09, **David Kaster**'s daughter. David is still in Minneapolis in the investment business, but with twin daughters graduating from high school and heading to college, he hopes to be in a warmer climate this time next year.

**Adele (Deedee) Sands-Berking** is director of student services at Tri-County Regional Voc/Tech High School in Franklin, MA. She moved to Hopkinton, MA, after 13 years in the Berkshires. Deedee and Carter, married 22 years, have a son, James, at U. of Massachusetts; and daughters Emma and Charlotte, both at Hopkinton High School. "We have dogs, a cat and horses also, so our house is a busy place."

**Helen MacDonald Hobbs** is busy and happy in San Francisco. Alice, with a credential and M.A. in education, works and lives in Santa Cruz. Laura is working and traveling in Argentina on a gap year. Edmund learned to drive, went to junior prom and plays soccer at St. Ignatius College Prep. Albert is a high-school freshman. Helen and Jim cannot keep up with any of this. "Come visit us!"

Things are also busy for **Eric Brunstad**. Son Eric finished his junior year of college. Son Rob, a high-school senior, began the college search. Daughter Alex is a high-school sophomore. Eric earned his master's at Yale Law last year and is enrolled in their doctoral program. He has taught at Yale for 20+ years, but while finishing his dissertation he'll teach at NYU School of Law. He made 10 arguments in the U.S. Supreme Court (including the Anna Nicole Smith case). He's also a partner at Dechert and is finishing a book for one of the courses he teaches.

**Karyn Barsa** lives in the Bay Area. She is CEO at Coyuchi ([www.coyuchi.com](http://www.coyuchi.com)) and is a member of several boards, while nearby Tahoe calls to her for skiing, hiking and cycling. She'd love to see classmates visiting the area.

**Julie Grossman**, professor of English and communication and film studies at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, NY, was awarded the Joseph C. Georg Endowed Professorship.

**Judith Krigman** is a research technician/lab manager in the Department of Pharmacology and

Chemical Biology at U. of Pittsburgh. She moved closer to downtown and hopes to spend more time in the glassblowing studio, having made her nephew some cool marbles and paperweights. Son Martin is a senior at Missouri Western, and son Samuel is learning to be a chef.

**Laura Patz Barber** teaches Spanish in the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District, MA. Her eighth-grade son is involved in music, gymnastics and Boy Scouts, and her ninth-grade daughter is into show choir, gymnastics and volleyball. Laura returned to Honduras a few years ago, where she was a Peace Corps volunteer. Technology has made a difference, but "not all that much seems to have changed." She's in touch with **Jim Gravel** and wishes she were more in touch with **Helen Royce Shanley Isleib** and **Martha Moulton**. Laura lives in the same town as **Jim Fleming** and **Barry Finn** '82.

**Laurie Reynolds Rardin** finished a grant renewal application to NIEHS for continued funding for the Dartmouth College Toxic Metals Superfund Research Program, for which she is research translation coordinator. She gets research results into the hands of stakeholders. At age 50, she feels more like a grownup, especially after losing her remaining parent, her mom, in Jan. Daughter Brynne is looking at colleges. Daughter Marta is in ninth grade. Husband Jed is senior pastor at South Congregational Church. Laurie writes in her spare time and enjoys seeing **Nancy Reynolds, Jill Baker, Meredith Drake, Alison Ogg Martin** and **Joy Turtola**.

**William Field** teaches politics and runs political internships for Rutgers U. With an empty nest, he's leveraging the wealth of contacts he's developed over the years to challenge the local party machines and is running for mayor.

**Sara Townsend Pomerol** is in her sixth year as a relocation adviser for a Geneva-based company and is getting a relocation coaching degree from Oxford Brooks U. in England. She and husband Gilles are enjoying French village life and raising their twin boy and girl, 16. Anyone passing through the Geneva area is welcome!

## 1984

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**Jackie Vargas** has lived in San Diego and worked at Sony Electronics since '96. She is happy to announce the birth of her first child in Jan. '11, a baby girl named Isabella Marie. "Can't believe she already turned 1." Jackie was excited about a vacation in May to Zurich and Berlin. "Motherhood is great and is keeping me very busy. Stop by and say hello if you are ever in the San Diego area."

**Jane Ach Kalmes** has been a practicing physician assistant for 23 years, living in Peoria, IL, with her husband, a design engineer for Caterpillar. She works in urgent care and is busy with sons Zeke, 13, and Joshua, 10, who play hockey, lacrosse, soccer and basketball. "It is a never-ending car ride to practices and games, but that's why we become parents."

**John Eley** lives in NYC with his wife and three daughters, 19, 16 and 12. John works at a company that makes trading software for banks, brokers and hedge funds. Wife Susie runs an art gallery, Susan Eley Fine Art ([www.susaneleyfineart.com](http://www.susaneleyfineart.com)).

**Kama Almasi** lives on the OR coast and teaches math and science. She married Rex Smith in '95, and they have a 12-year-old son, Koa. Kama earned her doctorate in ecology in '98, but after teaching at a university for several years and volunteering in the public schools, she decided to switch to teaching younger students, and she loves every minute of it.

**Caroline Renwick** has been in Madison, WI, since '96. "How time flies! I purchased my first home back in '02, so I am feeling rather settled here. It's a beautiful city and state, though I do miss my home state of ME a lot." Caroline planned to go to England in late May. "It has been 18 years since my last visit and seeing my mum. One brother is there as well, so I am looking forward to the trip immensely." Caroline works full time at Trader Joe's. She looks forward to enjoying some biking this year, "and perhaps an additional trip home to visit my dad."



## 1986

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**Donna Roberts Dione** still lives in Deep River, CT, with husband Don and 14-year-old twins Donnie and Dakota. "The highlight of our past year was a trip to Ireland. The kids qualified for an Irish step dancing team representing the Mulkerin School of Irish Dance on a two-week tour of Ireland, where they danced almost every day. We also visited many cultural, natural and historical sites throughout the country, along with having the most fun meeting, dancing and singing with the locals." Donna is on layoff status from her research position at Yale but now has more time to get back to her environmental educator roots as a part-time instructor at Bauer Park in Madison, CT.

**Andrea Trella Blakemore** and Buzz "are still raising three great kids, two in college now." Andrea is an IT vice president at State Street Bank, and Buzz is New England leasing manager at Oracle Database. From time to time, Andrea sees **Mary Jude Martin Dickson**, **Patti Walsh**, **Jessica Benoliel**, **Blake Ward '88**, **Carrie Kaplan Ward '88**, **Paul Stueck**

'85 and **Peggy Harlow '87**.

**Carol Newman Cronin** just received the first paperback copies of her third book, "Game of Sails: an Olympic Love Story." She's still sailing competitively in the Snipe class (thanks to Tom Olsen '85 for that lead, 20 years ago).

**Patti Walsh** is moving to Cape Cod, "as my oldest son is about to graduate college and the youngest is off to college in the fall. We are empty-nesters in Sept." Patti has worked at Hewlett Packard for the last two years as a divisional manager in recruiting, and she and Steve will celebrate their 25th anniversary in Oct. "Looking forward to life on Cape Cod full time. I see **Andrea Trella Blakemore** regularly, as she lives in the same town. Will miss her when I move to the Cape."

**Kirsten DeConti Ziotas** and **Angelo Ziotas** celebrated their 20th anniversary last year. They met in Windham House in '83 and have been together ever since. They live in New Canaan, CT, with daughter Sophia, 16, and son Alexander, 10.

**Joan Robins Brady** enjoys life, commuting between NYC and VA with husband Jim and their two beagles. Joan is involved in some interesting nonprofit work, including "photographing prison inmates who

train service dogs and making sure that local children in foster care have pictures to document their childhoods." She recently caught up with **Laurence (Nemo) Hannifin** and his wife, Joanne.

After living in New London County since graduation, **A. J. Jenny Normand Groome** moved to Newington, CT. "As a newly single mom, I needed to be closer to work — newly single, not newly a mom." Jenny had planned to attend Reunion, but divorce and preparing to move sidetracked her. "I'm bouncing back from a stressful year of divorce, my mom's death, having to return to work full time, moving and getting a new job." Her older son and his wife bought their first house, and Jenny's "baby" turned 7 in May. Jenny is a reference librarian at CT State Library, working with government documents, as she did for 14 years working at Shain Library. "Once in a while, I have occasion to call Jim MacDonald and Ashley Powell Hanson '82 at the library. It was great to be the librarian getting the request to find the CT Special Act chartering CC, all for the big 100th anniversary!" Jenny took time off from Morris dancing last year and performed at CC's 30th presentation of "Make We Joy." If you are in the CT State Library, stop

by and say hello to her. "Any Morris dancers or other folk dancers in the Hartford/Newington area? Let me know. I would love to join/start a group a little closer to my new digs."

**Grisel Benitez-Hodge** still lives in Honolulu and works as a dean of students at Chaminade U. She loves visitors and wants everyone to know that she has two grandsons, ages 8 and 5, the children of son Mark.

**Sonya Aston** is very excited to be running for state district judge in Harris County, TX (Houston). "I am having a great time campaigning and learning a lot. I work for the Harris County Clerk's Office, working on contracts and legislation and overseeing grants. It has been a very exciting year to run, with the redistricting issues, photo identification and presidential campaigns."

**Dimitris Zepos** sends "greetings to all from struggling Athens. Amidst the wider gloomy economic situation, our daughter, Amaryllis, was born last Nov. to fill us with happiness, love and hope."

**Brenda Kramer Coutinho** is in touch with **Chris Rempfer**, **Sarah Hutter** and **Margi Schwartz**, traveling to NYC to visit with her girls as often as she can. "I miss **Angie Thompson Busch** and see

her when I can. It was great to see **Rich Snyder**, **Will Conroy** and **Nicki Dolin** at Reunion last year." Brenda continues to chair the ob/gyn department at Milford Hospital, "working hard delivering babies! John and I are married 20 years this year, and daughters Mia, 14, and Isabelle, 10, are doing great."

**Christine Heym Lopez** is a high-school principal in South Orange, NJ. She completed her Ed.D. at the College of St. Elizabeth in Dec. Her dissertation is "It Takes a Community: Professional Development Strategies to Support Inclusion in a Catholic High School" and is available on ProQuest.

Last fall and winter, **Lisa Newman Paratore** worked with the PBS program "This Old House" as the designer on a project filmed in Barrington, RI. "It was an unusual opportunity to use my design skills in a new way and be part of a television production."

**Bradley Wade** and companion Darren Coleman sailed from Fort Lauderdale aboard the ms Westerdam in March, visiting Half Moon Cay in the Bahamas, Curaçao and Bonaire. They continue to enjoy their home near Asheville, NC, "in a quiet valley at the foot of Mount Pisgah." Bradley worked at Biltmore House for nearly



Shari Darman '99 married Markus Ruegsegger in Switzerland in Sept. Irina Telyukova '99, Lorin Petros '99 and Samantha Shullo '99 were in attendance.



Nina Davit '73 married Greg Gittins on 3/23. In attendance were her sister-in-law Patricia Hortal Davit '76, left, and Seth Cummins '73.



10 years as an interpreter/guide before leaving in '10.

Many thanks to **Barbara Malmberg**, who stepped down from her post as class co-correspondent in June. We appreciate all of your hard work and commitment to the class!

## 1987

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**Peg Stewart Van Patten's** daughter, Anne Van Patten Kelly '91, came for Easter with daughters Emily, Cat and Maggie. "We had a fabulous time ice skating. I am learning figure skating rather late in life and used the Dayton Arena a couple of times."

**Luke Wimer** is EVP of operations and technology for MoneyGram International. He really likes the work and gets a lot of international travel. With wife Cynthia Fazzari Wimer '88 and daughter Francesca, he's moving from Lexington, MA, to Dallas this year. They've run into several alumni in Lexington, but Luke sees **Charlie Van Dusen**, **Geoff Wallace** and **Bill Rieders** the most.

**Tracy Thomson Teare** gave up freelancing and now writes copy for

L.L. Bean. She, **Matt Teare** and their three girls are happily settled in ME and try to see the Camels when they come to Bowdoin.

**David Wittenberg** has been in Atlanta for 19 years, self-employed as a consumer bankruptcy attorney. Daughter Sara starts college this fall, and son Aaron is in middle school. David tries to take at least one big trip a year; the last one was to Belize. David was excited to attend Reunion.

**May Hall** built a new home this summer on Chebeague Island, ME. "By the time the notes come out, I should be almost ready to move in (fingers crossed) with my kids." Cassidy, a high-school senior, plays football and lacrosse. CC is one of his top choices. Fourth-grader Beatrice plays piano and is a folk dancer. "Looking forward to visits from **Joan Edwards**, **Tracey Thomas**, **Rachel Reiser** '90 and **Ricky Pahl** '90, among others!"

**Amy Walther LaMarche's** son, Matthew, heads to college this year (probably Northeastern). Daughter Renee is a junior at Phillips Academy; daughter Olivia starts there this fall. Husband Stephen LaMarche '86 owns Unified Technologies, a telecommunications business. Amy is a business development officer at a local bank. They live on Boston's

North Shore.

**Carol Shanks Price** lives in Houston, her hometown, across the street from Rice U. "Boy, those college students play their music loud — did we really do that?!" Carol and kids Abigail, 10, and Rex, 8, live in the house her mother grew up in, which won a preservation award. Shelley Pannill Stein '92 lives nearby; their kids go to the same school, of which they are both alumnae as well. Carol visited New England in '10 to see some CC friends. She couldn't attend Reunion, but was thinking of everyone!

**Cecilia (Ces) Fernandez-Hall** lives in Windham, NH, with husband Peter and daughters Sofia, 9, and Claudia, 7. She is a psychologist in a private group practice in MA and helps at her kids' school and as a Girl Scout leader. "The things we do for our kids!" Her hobby is photography; she enjoys doing photo walks in New England. She catches up with Helen and **Marcel Dardati** in Boston or the suburbs. She also reminisces with **Martha Denial Kendler**, **Ross Dackow**, **Julia Morton**, **Dan Craft**, **Eddy Castell**, **Jennifer Croke**, **Richard Greenwald** and **Hugh Fraser**. Ces hopes to reconnect with more CC folks!

**Hayley Altman Gans** and Hilary

Gans '86 have lived in Palo Alto, CA, for 20+ years. Hayley does clinical work, research and teaching in pediatric infectious diseases at Stanford. Hilary runs the solid waste authority for 13 municipalities. Their sons are 17, 15 and 11. "Our lives are happy and full, and we would love any visitors."

After almost 22 years in Tokyo, **Michael Waitze** moved to Bangkok. His 10-year-old daughter is enrolled at International School Bangkok. He and wife Kyoko really enjoy living there and are studying Thai. They are happy to entertain any CC students making their way through Thailand.

**Adam Mintz**, in Westborough, MA, is a counselor/consultant for a regional EAP company. He's been married for almost 14 years and is the proud dad of son Elliot, 11, and daughter Leah, 9. Adam connects with Chris and Bob occasionally and remains grateful that he met them at CC. "I have stronger memories of my time at CC 25 years ago than of what I did just yesterday. Go figure. Peace out."

**Gardner Bradlee** and **Tiffany Cobb Bradlee** couldn't believe our 25th Reunion coincided with their daughter's high-school graduation! "We'll miss seeing our classmates that weekend, but we're sure our pals

will know that we are reconnecting and partying there in spirit ... scorpion bowls anyone?!" Daughter Asia graduated from Phillips Academy, "but it seems like a short time ago that we sent in her birth announcement to the magazine!" Son Quillen loved freshman year at Belmont Hill, and fourth-grader son Rowan is "rather successfully keeping up with his older sibs." They've lived in Reading, MA, for 14 years. Tiffany teaches part time in the Lexington public schools and has a business painting furniture and home decor and selling it to Boston-area stores ([www.tiffanybradleedesigns.com](http://www.tiffanybradleedesigns.com)). Gardner works in the automotive components manufacturing industry as business development manager at Stoneridge Corp. in Canton. They occasionally get together with other CC couples. "We hope this finds everyone well!"

Brothers **Mark Stepper** and **David Stepper** have been creating and marketing a line of collectible animal sculptures for 14 years ([www.steppersculptures.com](http://www.steppersculptures.com)). Their work is sold in art galleries throughout the U.S. They recently added jewelry and brushed-aluminum wall art. They're also developing innovative corporate gifts and installations for companies, educational institutions and other



Elizabeth Taich '04 and Chris Huff were married 7/9/11 in Chicago. From left: Lindsay Ferrara '05, Rachel Grossinger '04, Catherine Solomon '04, Spencer Taich '06, the bride and groom, Grace Chang '04, Ali Platt '03, Thea Suchodolski '04 and Brendan Rampi '06.



organizations. CC Dean of Faculty Roger Brooks asked the Steppers to submit a proposal for art for the new Science Center at New London Hall. Mark writes, "It would truly be an honor if our art was selected to be a part of this new building." Last summer Mark went fly-fishing for the first time with **Mike Jaeger** and his family on the Green River in UT. They planned to do the same trip this summer.

Correspondent **Jill Perlman Pienkos** notes: "I was shopping one day with **Lisa Prezioso Ultan** in Pleasantville, NY, and we admired these great-looking animal sculptures. We turned one over and found it was made by our CC classmates!"

## 1988 REUNION

5/31-6/2, 2013

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## 1989

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Did you know that more than 40% of our classmates belong to the CC Class of '89 Facebook group? If you aren't a member, take a minute to

**Michael Sheridan '89**, founder and director of Community Supported Film, produced the film "Death to the Camera," which won the Best Documentary award at the Human Rights Film Festival in Kabul in 2011 and was an official selection of the Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival in May. Sheridan founded CSFilm to train Afghans and others in crisis communities to create documentary films.

add yourself to the group. It's a great way to get some occasional updates about things that are relevant to our class.

**Melissa O'Neill Albert** moved to Seattle 20 years ago. She's married and the mother of Seamus, 8, and Malcolm, 6. For five years, she has had a bridal boutique in the Belltown neighborhood. In between brides and the boys' sports commitments, Melissa keeps busy on the board of a marine education and research organization and enjoys the best of Seattle: great coffee, delicious wine, really fresh fish, progressive politics and the newest technology.

In Feb., **James Appel** was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. At writing, he had gone through three rounds of chemotherapy and was doing extremely well. Since being diagnosed, James has continued to play tennis 4-5 times a week and to serve in his elected position of treasurer of the Republican Party for Anne Arundel County, MD. James is also chief financial officer for the U.S. Department of Commerce, Seafood Inspection Program. Please keep James and his family in your thoughts, and send vibes of speedy and full recovery his way!

**Alexandra MacColl Buckley** looks forward to her second summer in Edinburgh, Scotland, with husband Geoff Buckley '87 and their three children. Geoff leads a study-abroad program for Ohio U., teaching his urban geography class in Edinburgh to 12 students. At home in Athens, OH, Alex works part time at Ohio U. in the student orientation office, and she loves watching her kids play soccer and run track.

Congratulations to **Sara Walsh Cook** and **Chris Cook '90** on the birth of their "little good luck charm," son Richard James, born St. Patrick's Day in '11. He joins big sister Brigit and older brothers Steven, Tim and

Michael.

**Alix Davis Cummin** is an educational consultant and private tutor for students with learning disabilities. Son Hunter is a sophomore in high school (college searches loom on the horizon), and Nathan is in fifth grade. Both kids follow in their mom's wake as sailors. Alix is very involved at her yacht club as ladies' president, and she helps run their Junior Olympics in July. Alix loves to take photographs. Her family has a new black lab named Otis.

**Stuart Eaton** and family — Melissa, his wife of 14 years, and sons Miles, 9; Nat, 5; and Flynn, 4 — are constantly busy with work, school events, lacrosse, soccer and life. They still live in Bend, OR, where Stuart is a manager for Starbucks Coffee. He and Melissa have found that parenting three boys, holding down jobs and paying a mortgage is a lot like juggling cats.

**Larry Miller** reports that "not much has changed since the last time I wrote something for Class Notes, but every time I get the alumni magazine, the first place I look is our Class Notes." Larry still lives in Burlington, VT. Daughter Brooke, from a previous marriage, is 9 and in third grade. Larry is still a pilot for JetBlue, based out of JFK. He occasionally

sees **Sylvia Plumb**, who lives nearby in Montpelier.

**Cheron Morris** moved to Minneapolis. She practices law and is chief privacy officer for Supervalu, the parent corporation of Shaw's Supermarkets in New England. She often sees **Jennifer Balderson Saintfort**, Ralph Saintfort '90, and their twin boys, Max and Luc, who live just a few hours away. She keeps in touch with **Pam Holmes**, who is in seminary school at Princeton, **Lawrence Friedman**, and **Alison Mitchell**. If there are any alums in the Twin Cities, Cheron would love to connect with you!

**Christopher Steadman** lives and works in Berlin, London and NYC. His work is widely exhibited throughout Europe and the U.S. He works with video installations, creating various entry points on multiple screens. His work can be seen at Seattle's Center on Contemporary Art. For more information, visit [www.christophersteadman.com](http://www.christophersteadman.com).

**Sarah Wilson** and her partner, Kim, have a new home in Middletown, CT. She really enjoys being back in a college town (and we'll forgive her that it's not OUR college town!). She loves seeing the rowers on the CT River in the early mornings as she drives to her On-Road Planning job at



Left: **Jeremy Dobish '03**, **Emily Parrington Dobish**, **Beth Kreiger Jacober '77** and **Arden Levine '01** (standing) and **Sylvia Kreiger Frumer '50** (seated) celebrate **Jeremy and Emily's** marriage in Sept.



Left: **Khanh Pham '10**, **Christopher Collier '97** and **Brenda Johnstone Flynn '00**, left to right, bring Camel power to Bullhorn, a company in Boston.



Right: **Heidi Szycher Grasbon '95** at the memorial for cyclist **Marco Pantani** in Cesenatico, Italy.



FedEx in Windsor Locks. She had to put her 6-year-old dog to sleep last Oct. due to complications from Lyme disease and was thrilled to rescue another dog this winter. She traveled to Beijing and Zibo, China, for 12 days in April with a teacher/principal/community school exchange program. "Life is good, very good."

Congratulations to **Jamie Worrell**, who was voted 2011 Retirement Plan Advisor of the Year by PLANSOR Magazine and inducted into the Plan Advisor Hall of Fame in March. Jamie and his family enjoyed catching up with **Frank Suher**, his wife, Hilary, and their family in Rye, NY, over Christmas. This past winter, Jamie began playing in an indoor over-40 lacrosse league, getting ready for full field play in the summer.

## 1990

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## 1991

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After 12 years in Egypt, **Sarah Houseman** has returned to the U.S.! She moved back this summer with her husband, Tamer, and children Noor, 6, and Karim, 4. "Egypt was a fabulous home to us for a long time, but with the current (and most likely future) instability in the country, we decided to leave and make a go of it in the DC area, where we have family and friends. I would love to hear from any classmates in the vicinity and reconnect with people!"

This year's Red Sox season finds **Shannon K'doah Range** listening to games from her office as the director of communications at San Francisco Friends School, the largest K-8 Quaker school west of the Mississippi (founded in '02). "Third-grader William continues to love both the Red Sox and Giants. Lila, 3, just likes painting her clothes. My wife, Laura, continues to tolerate my BoSox obsession. We're loving life in Noe Valley in San Francisco, but can't wait for some hot New England summer nights during our family reunion in Aug. Mmmm, lobsters and cold beer."

## 1992

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## 1993 REUNION 5/31-6/2, 2013

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"The last couple of years have been busy!" writes **Michelle LaGrave**. "In '10, I graduated from Andover Newton Theological School with a Master of Divinity. I was ordained by First Parish in Framingham, MA, and granted fellowship by the Unitarian Universalist Association. Last year, I was married to my wonderful life partner, Micah, just before moving to Petersham, MA, where I now serve as developmental minister of the Unitarian church. We live in a beautiful small town and can walk right out our back door and onto miles of hiking trails!"

**Jesshill Love** and Elizabeth Turner '94 live in Menlo Park, CA, with children Vivian, 10, and Jesse, 7. Jess is a practicing lawyer in Silicon Valley and is a partner at Ropers, Majeski, Kohn & Bentley. Elizabeth is the manager of lateral partner recruiting at McDermott, Will & Emery's Silicon Valley office. "We spent the winter skiing the Sierras with our kids, who have both been skiing since the tender age of 3. Vivian graduated

from skiing to snowboarding this season, after a grueling day of black diamond skiing. The deal was that if she could keep up with her dad on skis, she could graduate to snowboarding. She also rides horses competitively and ribboned in four out of five events at her big spring show. Mother and father are very proud of her. Little Jesse is in his second season driving quarter midget cars at Baylands Race Track in San Jose. He went undefeated in his novice season and has graduated to Junior Stock. He is itching to drive a sprint car like his dad." (Check out their racing videos at [www.youtube.com/jesshilllove](http://www.youtube.com/jesshilllove).) Jess still invests in real estate and is much happier now that rents are skyrocketing! Liz is pursuing her cake decorating addiction and dreams of opening a bakery. Vivian loves this idea and has created logos, T-shirts and fliers for the bakery. She also holds quarterly bake sales in the neighborhood, making more money than her dad! They see Cristina Harper Madrid '95 weekly and stay in contact with **Sung Cho**, **Brad Geller**, **Jean-Paul Duvivier**, **Sara Spoonheim** '95, **Steve Bullfont** and others. They would love to hear from other alums as they pass through the greater San Francisco area. "All our best to everyone!"

After nearly a decade in the NY area, **Mike Marchand** moved back to Austin to take a strategy and corporate development leadership position at Dell. "I am happily married to my wife, Trish, and we have a 4-year-old daughter. If you are in Austin, let me know."

**Christy Burke** is busy running Burke & Co., a NYC-based legal technology PR and marketing firm she founded in '04. She is now on the CC Board of Trustees and is organizing events in Manhattan to bring together area alumni for professional networking. An avid philanthropist, Christy has traveled to Africa twice in the past year and supports several arts programs in the NYC public schools, as well as homelessness intervention programs.

**Michael Rey** and wife Cat Greenleaf welcomed their second son, Truman, on 1/16. After winning an Emmy last year for investigative reporting, Michael became a staff producer at "60 Minutes." His first story, an investigation into black-market stem cell therapies, aired last Jan.

**Bill and Molly Joslin Bush** welcomed their second child, **Samantha Nicole Bush**, into the world on 3/16/10. She joins big brother Billy. They just purchased and moved



Courtney Diamond Goodale '98 and her husband, Alan, with their first child, Reid, born 10/8/11.

Edwina Saunders Costley '53 and husband Frank with their 1897 Punnett Companion double bike.





into their first house in Rutherford, NJ.

**Lauri Richman Hidalgo** writes: "Elan Richman Hidalgo was born on 7/16/11! Mateo is very happy to be a big brother!"

**Rob Marbury** is living in Baltimore after 18 years in NY and Minneapolis. In March, Rob married Alix Fenhagen, a writer and actress. "André Lee officiated the ceremony (did a kick-ass job, although I think we are only married in the State of Baltimore).

**Alison Dean** cleaned up nice, was the wedding dog wrangler and might have given me away (dunno, it goes by so fast)." Rob started an arts and advertising company and had a busy spring, with two shows in L.A. as well as giving a lecture during the "Activating Stilled Lives: The Aesthetics and Politics of Specimens on Display" conference at University College of London.

**Andrew Gibian** shared: "All is well with the Gibians. A move to Ridgefield, CT, last Aug. was followed the next day by a hurricane that knocked out power for eight days. Then an Oct. snowstorm knocked out power for eight more days. Good thing the new house had a generator built in. . . . Other than trying to keep the lights on, we're busy following the hockey exploits of Alexander, 10, and the creativity of Victoria, 9. Off to Toronto later this month for more hockey. Good times."

A lot has transpired in the past few years for **Kimberley Gray**. A work-related move took her to Sydney, Australia, in late '05, and she has been living between NYC and Sydney. She was offered the opportunity to roll out Six Sigma for one of Australia's four big banks. "The job has allowed me to see the world (Japan, India, South America and New Zealand). But my biggest achievement to date has been meeting my life partner, Jason Anderson (an Australian), followed late last year by the birth of our daughter, Eliana Simone Brown Anderson. We are head-over-heels in love with her." While it may take some logistical maneuvering, they plan to move back to NYC. Kimberley keeps in touch with freshman roommate **Ventrice Shillingford-Cole**.

## 1994

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**Jennifer Lapan Mann** oversees sales, marketing and social media

for an upstart handbag company, Ellen Allen Annapolis. "Contact me through [www.ellenallen.com](http://www.ellenallen.com); I give a Camel discount!" Jen has a son, 5, and daughter, 4, and does a lot of volunteer work for the Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore.

**Makiko Ushiba Katoh** and Tai welcomed Yuzu Sylvester Katoh into their family on 3/7 in NYC. Yuzu weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz., and is happy to have Anni, 2, as her big sister! Makiko recently spent a lovely afternoon with **Nick Szechenyi** and his wife, Michelle.

**Maisha Yearwood** lives in NYC and L.A., writing movies and TV shows for Hollywood studios. "When one or the other is actually produced, I'll let you all know."

**Dana Rousmaniere** lives in Hyde Park, MA, with Marinell Yoders Rousmaniere '95, son Liam, 7, and daughter Liza, 3. Dana spent an evening with **Jon Finnimore** and **Dan Levine** celebrating Dan's early arrival to 40. He also maintains a more than three-year-long email thread on baseball and the meaning of life with **Dan Levine**, **Chuck Stackhouse** and **Andrew Bogle**.

**John Gould**, wife Paulie, and children Eva, 10, and Alex, 8, lived outside London for the past year, as John took an international assignment running professional services in Europe/Middle East/Africa for Dell. "The kids have had a phenomenal experience living in a different culture, seeing different parts of Europe, and gaining an appreciation for what America offers and how different this is from other societies." John and family returned home this summer and live outside Dallas (Frisco area). "Hope everyone in '94 is doing well!"

In '10, **Seth Rigoletti** left a career in education and theater to start Valico, a leadership communication coaching company. In Italian, the name refers to the passes (or connections) between mountain peaks. Valico's mission is to help leaders clarify their vision and be more genuine in their communication, making their message more impactful. Seth has coached corporate executives, engineers, scientists, artists, doctors and authors to be more comfortable in their own skin and more confident in their ability to communicate their passion and ideas. He draws heavily on years of helping people in theater to overcome their fear, interrupt their inner narrative and welcome their own voice. Learn more at [www.valicogroup.com](http://www.valicogroup.com).

Last summer, **Jenn Acker Ayer** moved to San Francisco from NYC with husband Ethan and son Benton, 2. "We're really enjoying getting used to life on the West Coast, with great opportunities to bike ride and take our little guy 'hiking.' We've seen **Adrienne Broadbear**, **Sarah Sutro Steenhausen** (though not enough, given she's up in Sacramento!), and **Hilary Magowan Malko** and husband Anton Malko '91. We hope to connect with more alums out here!"

Financial planner **Kerri Aleksiewicz Melley** received the 2011 Baystate Financial Charitable Foundation Community Service Award. The award honors individuals who have demonstrated exceptional integrity, ethics, community service and agency spirit. It comes with a \$500 donation in the name of the winner to a nonprofit community organization of their choosing. Kerri chose the Worcester Partnership—a collaboration between Bancroft School and Elm Park Community School—in honor of their 10th anniversary.

**Andrew Bogle** saw Derek Fisher '95 in Monte Carlo at the Davis Cup. Andrew is now managing director at Keiretsu Forum, NY, which brings together angel investors and entrepreneurs seeking \$500,000 to \$5 million investments.

**Anja Hennerkes Böttinger** received the President's Volunteer Service Award, Gold Level, and Volunteer of Excellence Award in April for serving as chair of the German-American Women's Club Stuttgart e.v. Pfennigbazar in Stuttgart, Germany, in '11. "We take all kinds of donations (clothing, books, shoes, housewares, electric equipment, handbags, etc.) from members and friends of the club and sell it for small prices on two days once a year in the Liederhalle in Stuttgart. The money we earn goes to welfare organizations to help youth and families in need of assistance."

**Jessica Ammirati**'s theater company, Going to Tahiti Productions, will be adapting the novel "Within Arm's Reach," written by **Ann Napolitano**, for the stage. The play will be performed this fall and winter in NYC. Details are available at [www.goingtotahtiproductions.com](http://www.goingtotahtiproductions.com).

## 1995

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**Stephanie Wilson Mendez**

and **Nigel Mendez**, along with big brother Theo, welcomed baby Oliver on 12/11.

**Heather Black** and husband Mark Bailey welcomed their second daughter, Nora, on 12/27. Nora joins big sister Lila, 2.

**Tedman David Martínez Onofre** writes: "Soy el consejero bilingüe de Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School. Me relaciono con Luis Rodríguez, Tracee Reiser, Jeff Singer y Michelle Dunlap. Estoy desarrollando una serie de talleres para padres Latino. Eso es lo nuevo."

**Derek Fisher** met up with Andrew Bogle '94 in Monte Carlo, Monaco, in early March for the Davis Cup tennis match between U.S.A. and France.

**Elizabeth Murtha Nuti** writes: "I have two boys (Tyler, 2, and Daniel, 5). We are moving to the RI area this summer. I will continue to work for Peace Corps, supporting our Africa offices. Looking forward to reconnecting with CC friends in the area."

**Heidi Szycher Grashon** returned from a one-week trip to Cosenatico, Italy, with her triathlon team. They were mainly biking but also went running and had swim training. The weather was beautiful, sunny and 30 degrees C every day. "We biked about 100 km a day, first away from the coast toward the mountains, and then up and down and all throughout the mountains and back. The scenery was breathtaking, and I enjoyed each and every kilometer. Each day, after biking about half our mileage, we would take a quick break, mostly for cappuccinos. I was in heaven—basically sport all day! Perfect. At night we laughed and shared stories from the day and filled our plates with delicious Italian food. I look forward to going again next year."

## 1996

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**Alex Katz '96**, co-executive producer of "The Biggest Loser," signed a deal to executive produce NBC's new matchmaking reality show "Ready for Love," which premieres this winter. Katz has also worked on the reality shows "Hell's Kitchen," "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette."

**Darren Coyle** lives and works in Washington, DC, producing a TV show for the Investigation Discovery Channel. "I have also launched a website featuring my podcast, 'The Real Stuff.' Visit [www.darrencoyle.com](http://www.darrencoyle.com) and click on the 'The Real Stuff' podcast page. You can listen to it streaming or download it for an MP3 player."

## 1997

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**Irene Grassi Osborne** lives in NYC and is a real estate agent at Stribling. She often sees **Anna Snider**, **Ashley Stevens** and **Jennifer Morton**, also of NYC. She keeps in touch with **Stephanie Walker '98**, **Tara Whelan Kyman**, **Julie Berg Krintzman**, **Sare Jacques Largay** and **Lisa Hawkins Taylor '98**.

**Alison Burns Herbert** reports: "All is well here in Sydney; we finally had some sunny weather over Easter and enjoyed some beach swims at Manly. I'm busy running an English tutoring business and keeping up with Alastair, 4, and Elspeth, 2, and husband Cameron. No Reunion for me this year; I'll be thinking of you from Australia."

**Leila Edwards** and **William Carlton Harris** were married 6/25/11 at the historic Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury, MA. They first met in '95 when Leila attended CC and William served at the Naval Submarine Base in Groton. Ten years after graduation, they reunited, and the rest is history! They live in Austin, TX.

**Amy Sleeper Matson** and husband Scott welcomed Seth into their family on 11/23. He joins big brother Sam, 4.

**Natalie Hildt** earned a master's in communications management from Emerson College and is putting the degree to work at Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships, where she manages public policy outreach. "I enjoy hearing from young Camels in the Boston area who are interested in getting into the field!" She and **Becky Watt**, **John Biancur** and **Karen Douglass Wright** helped plan our 15th Reunion. "Find our class on Facebook!"

**Andy Sprunger** is a fourth-grade teacher at Venerini Academy in Worcester, MA. This was his first year as a teacher, and he is really enjoying it. Prior to teaching at Venerini, Andy substitute taught for a few years while getting his master's



in elementary education at Anna Maria College in Paxton, MA. He and wife Heather live in Holden, MA, with daughter Noelle, 2, and son Charlie, 6 months. "The only CC grads I am in frequent contact with are my sisters, Christi Sprunger Lipka '94 and Meg Sprunger Ives '99. He hoped to bring his family to Reunion in June.

**Heather Ehrman-Krill** lives in North Woodstock, NH, with husband Geoff, the director of New England Disabled Sports at Loon Mountain, and children Carver, 2, and Greta, 10 months. Heather still teaches high-school English at Lin-Wood School. "We do our best to stay connected with CC friends with weddings, baby showers and summer getaway weekends, which I could really use right about now!"

**Dana Curran Mortenson** and her husband live in Minneapolis. Dana sees **Kathleen (KK) McGregor Neimann** and **Doug Neimann** often; they are neighbors, and KK joined the team at World Savvy, a global education nonprofit that Dana co-founded in '02. They talk frequently to **Kristine Kunkel Campbell**, **Jill Gardner Bonnin**, **Slobhan Doherty Smith '97** and **Casey Kriedman Novotny**.

**Doreen Cutionilli** is now in Nampula, Mozambique, where she is the most popular person in the Maratane Refugee Camp. She is the only resettlement person at the UNHCR Nampula office, and all the refugees hope she will resettle them to America one day. Although she spends most of her time working, she occasionally gets to the beach, where she enjoys some of the most spectacular coastline in the world. She says a visit is highly recommended.

"Greetings from Manila!" **Martin Lopez's** year started with a brief visit from **Valerie Martin**, now based in Singapore, just a three-hour flight away. "I look forward to visits from other Camels! By the time this gets published, I will be halfway through my master's in liberal studies with a focus on arts development program management. I am taking the online version offered by the U. of Denver, which allows me to continue with my jobs here in Manila while applying immediately what I learn."

A mini-reunion and joint baby shower last summer honored moms-to-be Courtney Diamond Goodale '98 and **Lena Borst Batt** and included **Emily Joyce Oakes**, **Meg Hammond**, **Heather Ehrman-Krill**, **Wendy Waesche Lavallee**, **Sarah Schoellkopf**, **Robin Spruce**,

**Margaret Siegel**, **Valerie Martin** and **Megan Tucker Gimbel**.

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### Adam Bunting '98

is the new principal of Montpelier (Vt.) High School. He came to Montpelier from Champlain Valley Union High School in Hinesburg, Vt., where he was the director of Snelling House. A graduate of CVU, Bunting worked there for 13 years. He earned his master's degree in education at Harvard University.

**Sarah Pikilingis** married Jim Hodge at Laidholm Farm in ME last July. She has been teaching middle-school math for eight years, though not all in one place. The couple has lived in Chicago, Somerville, MA, and Durham, NC. They aren't sure where they'll be next, but they're enjoying the adventure!

**Nate Heller** started a new job as West Africa director at Impact Energies, a clean-energy supply chain company working with micro-finance banks in Ghana to supply solar lighting systems and clean cook stoves to poor rural communities. He was sad to miss the CISLA reunion in June.

After 11 years training in the child welfare industry, **Amy Hurvitz Bubenheim** started a new career in health care as a national training specialist for WellCare Health Plans. She creates national sales curriculum and professional development for national trainers. She still lives in Tampa Bay with her husband and two boys.

**Rebecca Thompson Crosby** continues with her ministry at the First Congregational Church in Old Lyme as an associate minister. She and husband Ted founded a scholarship organization with offices in Deschanelles, Haiti, in '04. The organization now provides 171 full scholarships to very poor Haitians at the high school, technical school and university level. Check out [www.crosbyfund.org](http://www.crosbyfund.org).

**Adam Bunting** is having a great

time in VT with wife MaryBeth and daughters Madeline and Rose. The new principal of Montpelier High School, Adam has been thinking a lot lately about Bud Church and CC education classes. He and **Chris Abplanalp**, **Michelle Parral Abplanalp**, **Liston Hills '99** and **Chris Terrien** had a small reunion in the mighty metropolis of Canton.

**Courtney Diamond Goodale** and husband Alan welcomed their first child, son Reid Meyers, on 10/8. Reid already has quite an extensive stuffed camel collection, and Courtney and Alan are very much enjoying the challenges and rewards of being parents. Courtney has been teaching third grade in Essex, CT, for five years and lives in Old Saybrook, CT. "Life is truly great!" Courtney catches up with other Camels every once in a while, and sees **Sarah Eio Smithson** most often. Last summer, Courtney got together with a number of alums for a mini-reunion and joint baby shower, including fellow moms-to-be **Lena Borst Batt '97** as well as **Emily Joyce Oakes**, **Meg Hammond**, **Heather Ehrman-Krill**, **Wendy Waesche Lavallee**, **Sarah Schoellkopf**, **Robin Spruce**, **Margaret Siegel**, **Valerie Martin** and **Megan Tucker Gimbel**, all Class of '97.

On 5/21/11, **Jeff Durst** and **Christine Theftford** were married in Chapel Hill, NC. Two other alums were in attendance: **Yang Diao '97** was the best man, and **Rachel Avery '97** was one of the musicians for the ceremony. Jeff is the education coordinator at the Hagley Museum and Library in Wilmington, DE. Christine runs her own freelance medical writing business (Durst Writing Solutions), working from their home in Swarthmore, PA.

**Abby Clark** is now the marketing and events coordinator for the contemporary art program at BRIC Arts | Media | Bklyn. The nonprofit cultural organization presents contemporary art, performing arts and community media programs that reflect Brooklyn's creativity and diversity. Abby continues to live in Park Slope and is really enjoying her new 20-minute commute!

## 1999

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**Aleksei Stevens** has been happily married to Alexis Lloyd since '05. They

A poem by **Aracelis Girmay '99** was included in New York City's Poetry in Motion campaign in the spring. The poem, "Noche de Lluvia, San Salvador," was part of a 12-minute program loop broadcast on TV screens in city taxicabs. Girmay, an assistant professor of poetry at Hampshire College, received the 2011 Isabella Gardner Poetry Award for her second poetry collection, "Kingdom Animalia."

have two beautiful boys: Ben, 3, and Eli, 1. Aleksei is teaching composition and music technology at Hoff Barthelson Music School in Scarsdale, NY. The family lives in Brooklyn and recently purchased an apartment.

**Megan LeDuc Taggard** welcomed **Andrew McNeil** to their family on 6/14/11. He joins older siblings Jack, 7, and Piper, 3. They relocated from NC to West Simsbury, CT, a few years ago and love being back in the Northeast.

**Dave Samson** married **Kate Keller** in Waitsfield, VT, on 6/25/11. They now live in Philadelphia with their two dogs. Dave is a counselor, English teacher and lacrosse coach at Germantown Academy.

**Meg Sprunger Ives** was named a partner at Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP in Boston. Her practice focuses on intellectual property and commercial litigation. She and husband Tom live in Worcester with identical twin girls, Abigail and Charlotte, 4. Not surprisingly, she frequently sees **Andrew Sprunger '97** and **Christi Sprunger Lipka '94**, who live nearby with their children. In fact, Andrew is teaching fourth grade at the same school where Meg's girls attend preschool.

**Kate Cross Tapply** and her husband live in Belmont, MA. Kate is getting her graduate degree in counseling psychology (guidance, LMHC) at Lesley U. and hopes to work with elementary- and middle-school kids. She wishes she were at Florialia.

**Sara Scott Adamson** lives in Jackson Hole, WY, with three dogs, one daughter, one husband, and innumerable bikes, skis and boats.

**Miranda Kelly Plunkett** returned home to Australia eight years ago after studying creative dance at CC and then doing graduate studies in acupuncture and Oriental medicine

in Portland, OR. She loved the West Coast and continued her interest in contemporary dance as well as natural healing styles. Miranda married **Seth Plunkett '98** in a Unitarian church in Reno, NV, en route to settling down in Australia. They landed in Brisbane, Queensland, on the eastern coast of Oz.

**Zoe Klein Henriquez** now works full time for March of Dimes in White Plains, NY. An account manager at the national office, she works with nationwide partners of the foundation, who support the mission in various ways. Daughter **Isabella**, 3 (a preemie herself), and son **Sebastian**, 2, are even taking part, modeling for the new campaign that launched this spring. Zoe's family joined **Katie Minor Kheel** and family on vacation in April, enjoying a week of nonstop action with their combined three kids.

**Doug Pierce** married **Gretchen Wetter** 10/15 in Philadelphia. In attendance were **Eric Annes**, **Mike Kochman**, **Lisa Sheley**, **Melissa Hoover Walker**, **Katie Zorena** and **Jenn Levine**. Doug is in his fourth year of Ph.D. studies in political science at Rutgers U. and hopes to finish his dissertation in the next year or so.

**Brent Never** and wife **Erica** welcomed their first daughter, **Tilly Jennifer**, on 3/16. Brent teaches at U. of Missouri, Kansas City.

**Kim Schoenbacher** married **Michael Williams** in Harkness Chapel on 7/9/11. The reception was in the 1962 Room, and guests included **Jamala Stoute**, **Ray Squires**, **Nicole Peters** and Professor **Lisa Wilson**.

**Shari Darman** married **Markus Rueggesser** in Grindewald, Switzerland, in Sept. '10. **Irina Telyukova**, **Lorin Petros Roiphe** and **Samantha Shullo** were in attendance.

**Sara Burns Davis** is still happily living in NYC, but for the first time in 14 years is not planning corporate events; she is now a project manager for corporate real estate projects. She is still obsessed with animals, having adopted a retired racing greyhound and purchased an interest in a thoroughbred racehorse.

## 2000

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**Brenda Johnstone Flynn** writes, "The Camel network runs strong in software development in Boston!" Brenda started a new job at Bullhorn,



a software-as-a-service company, last winter and soon learned that coworker Khanh Pham '10 was an alum. A few months later they found another Camel, Christopher Collier '96, at the company, and they all gathered for a photo in front of the corporate logo. Bullhorn offers industry-leading recruiting software and innovative social media platforms such as Bullhorn Reach and theFit.com.

**Kristen Bell Farman** and husband Tucker Farman '99 have a daughter, Lindley.

**Jordan Kaplan** and wife Jenny welcomed a son, Benjamin William, on 2/29. Jordan visited with **Mike Borden** in Feb., but the arrival of his son put the reunion on hold!

**Larysa Gumowskyj Rosemann** has lived in the Washington, DC, area, since graduating from Yale Law School in '03. She recently left her job as tax counsel at Bingham McCutchen to become a partner at Schaner & Lubitz, a practice that focuses on the representation of tax-exempt organizations, venture philanthropy and new markets tax credits.

**Peter Gross** has taken on an expanded role with social media and online content at CFA Institute, a

nonprofit educational organization for financial professionals. He and his wife live in VA and have a daughter.

**Kylie Hirst** teaches third grade in Plainfield, CT. It is her seventh year in the district and 11th year teaching.

**Jessica Bartol** married Eric Boswell on 3/17 at the Society Room in Hartford, CT. Eric, a geologist, graduated from Allegheny College in '99. They live in Meriden, CT.

**Katie Stephenson McDonald** and husband Pat welcomed their first child, Grace Catherine, in Oct. Katie is an adjunct professor of writing and women's studies at Mitchell College, Southern Connecticut State U. and Three Rivers Community College. They live in Waterford.

## 2001

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Kayden Kathleen Thompson was born 8/24/11 to **Megan Valentine** and Scott Thompson. "She is happy and healthy and lots of fun," says Meg.

**Jennifer Dahlgren**, MS, RD, is an oncology dietitian at Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center in Middletown, CT. She's also owner of Pradipika Yoga Studio in Clinton, CT,

which offers power vinyasa and yoga basics classes.

**Sarah Reisman** and husband Andy welcomed son Oliver Anderson Nickel on 12/1. They live in Pasadena, CA, where Sarah works as an assistant professor of chemistry at the California Institute of Technology.

**Jordana Gustafson** reported for the public radio documentary series "The Arab World's Demographic Dilemma: Young, Unemployed and Searching for a Voice," which won the Sigma Chi Delta award for excellence in journalism from the Society for Professional Journalists. She lives in Washington, DC, and is producing for NPR's "All Things Considered."

In Aug. '11, **Kate Tomkins** married Fred Viennot in Brooksville, ME. They live in Brooklyn. Kate travels regularly to Congo for her job with the International Rescue Committee.

**Maile Sullivan** married Mark Gleason in a seaside ceremony in HI in Sept. '11. They live in Seattle with their yellow lab puppy, Bessie. Alison Hopcroft '00, **Jamie Haines**, **Mike Keaney**, **Kate Tomkins** and **Jordana Gustafson** all made the journey to Oahu.

## 2002

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**Heather Ellis** and **Dennis Tsang** are happy to announce the birth of their baby girl, Amalee Ellis Tsang. She was born 2/15 in Arlington, VA, and weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz.

## 2003 REUNION 5/31-6/2, 2013

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**Jeremy Dobish** and Emily Parrington were married 9/10/11 at Boettcher Mansion in Golden, CO. Three generations of alumni attended: Sylvia Kreiger Frumer '50, Beth Kreiger Jacober '77 and Arden Levine '01.

## 2004

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**Olivia Janus** married Barrett Ide on 3/16 in Mt. Pleasant, SC.

**Christine Nevins-Herbert** finished her family medicine residency at

Brown in June and started a palliative care fellowship at Jamaica Hospital in Queens, NY, on 7/1.

**Annie Tselikis** was nominated as one of ME's "Forty Under 40" winners. The event, hosted by MaineToday Media, highlights the outstanding achievements of young leaders around the state of ME.

**Nick Vealitzek**, wife Shannon and their son, Alex, live in Boise, ID.

**Elizabeth Taich** married Chris Huff on 7/9/11 in Chicago. Guests included Lindsay Ferrara '05, **Rachel Grossinger**, **Catherine Solomon**, Spencer Taich '06, **Grace Chang**, Ali Platt '03, **Thea Suchodolski** and Brendan Rampi '06.

**Dave Strick** married **Jen Levy** on 8/6/11 in Healdsburg, CA. **Kristin McNally**, **Susie Mattke-Robinson**, **Danielle Miley**, **Lindsey Silken**, **Brittany Birmingham**, **Mike Silber**, Liam Cohen '05 and Eddie Slade '06 attended.

**Blake Zahn** left the Putney School in Putney, VT, after seven years. He and wife Ashley now teach at the Sage Ridge School in Reno/Tahoe, NV.

**Katie Novick** married Dan Nolan on 5/26. Katie recently transitioned to a private practice and practices psychotherapy with individuals and families in Brookline, MA. She also teaches in the master's in social



Robin Foster Spaulding '61, Sally Foote Martin '61 and Al Martin.



Kevin Burke '03, Director of Athletics Fran Shields and Rob Houston '99 cheer on the men's lacrosse team in the NESCAC playoffs at Tufts in May.



Jennifer Dahlgren '01 owns Pradipika Yoga Studio in Clinton, CT, where she teaches classes.



work program at Wheelock College.

**Rob Wilson** lives in Stamford, CT, and is VP of business development at Titan Advisors in Rye Brook, NY.

**Hollyann Pierce** has taught biology, botany and AP environmental science at Montville High School since '04. She received her master's in special education from St. Joseph College in June.

## 2005

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**Emily Morse**, writing as E. Kristin Anderson, co-edited her first anthology, "Dear Teen Me: Authors Write Letters to Their Teen Selves," with Miranda Kenneally, to be published this fall by Zest Books (distributed by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt). The book is based on the popular blog at DearTeenMe.com, with all new content from 70 young adult authors, including New York Times bestsellers Ellen Hopkins, Carrie Jones, Tom Angleberger, Lauren Oliver, Nancy Holder and Cynthia Leitich Smith.

On 9/24/11, **Marcie Berry** and Timothy Lenaghan were married on beautiful Martha's Vineyard. Guests included **Kirsten Barton Goethert**, **Allison Read**, **Jeremy Make**, **Lexie Zukowski '06**, **Steve Owen**, **Rich Templeton '06**, **Merrill Swig '06**, **Kristen MacBride Terpstra**, **Kristina Lewis Civali**, **Emily Goldberg James**, **Paige Diamond** and **Lauren Engst**. Marcie and Tim just bought a townhouse in Olney, MD, near DC, and have a pet rabbit, Buster.

**Mary Scott Kuhl** married Stephan Kuhl on 7/16/11 in Islamorada, FL. **Rachel Holt** was a bridesmaid. **Kate Bowsza**, **Ashley Solod Nary**, **Norah Longendyck**, **Alison Brooks** and **Andrea Brear** also attended. Mary and Stephan live near DC in northern VA.

**Kacie Hare Linegar** and Kirtland Linegar are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Charlotte Jeanne Linegar, on 1/7. According to new mom Kacie, "Charlie is happy, healthy and gorgeous! We are so proud of her and are excited to transition into life with our new little Camel."

## 2006

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**Elise LaPointe** earned a master's in special education from American U. in Washington, DC. She now works in VA at the Burke School, a school for children with emotional disabilities,

and lives in Georgetown.

**Katie Roth** lives in DC, working for the U.S. Department of Justice as a paralegal specialist.

**Bryanne Robson** and **Brendan McCorkle** (Ithaca College '03) were married 8/6/11 at the College of Physicians in Philadelphia. Camels in attendance included bridesmaids **Laura Deming** and **Merrill Swig**, and **Alix Werner**, **Rich Templeton**, **Katie Stanne Chin**, **Anne Bider** and **Abby Hochstein**. Bryanne received her M.D. from Drexel U. College of Medicine in May and began residency at Crozer-Keystone's Family Medicine Residency Program in June. Brendan is the founder and CEO of the Philadelphia startup CloudMine.

**Christi Milum-Lott** lives in New Brighton, PA, and provides therapeutic staff support for children with severe emotional and behavioral problems.

**Julia Jacobson** lives in NYC. In May, she completed dual master's degrees in early childhood general and special education and social work through a joint program at Bank Street College and Columbia U.

**Ken Brown** and **Meghen De Santa** were married at Harkness Chapel on 10/15/11 and live in Hingham, MA. Alums from across the country attended the wedding.

**Alix Werner** completed her master's degree in public health at Boston U. last spring. She is a project manager at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

## 2007

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## 2008 REUNION 5/31-6/2, 2013

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**Alexander Krogh-Grabbe '08** is the first executive director of the new Business Improvement District in Amherst, Mass., his hometown. Krogh-Grabbe, a member of the Amherst Town Meeting, previously worked in financial development at WFCR before earning his master's degree in urban and environmental policy and planning at Tufts University.

## 2009

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**Navy Officer Ensign John Bryant Rode** returned from a seven-month deployment to Indonesia and the Middle East. His ship was part of a carrier group, the USS Stennis, which delivered the last planes to Iraq, many planes to Afghanistan, and participated in humanitarian and counter-piracy operations. John received his "Surface Warfare" medal at sea.

**Erin Holstein** is completing a master's degree in human rights at the London School of Economics. She is thoroughly enjoying the program and her time abroad.

**Randy Fixman** is attending the Master of City and Regional Planning program at the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers U.

**Nick Downing** and **Martha Carl** were married, with **Emily Richard** and **Pete Courtemanche** alongside them, in June.

**Nathaniel Wiley** is receiving his MFA in creative writing at Wichita State U. He also has a short story forthcoming from the *Hawaii Review*, Issue 76, and attended the Camac Centre D'Art — Marnay Art Centre as a writer-in-residency in Marnay sur Seine, France, this summer.

## 2010

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In March, **Grace Astrove** went on a Birthright trip to Israel. She visited Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, climbed Masada, swam in the Dead Sea, and, of course, rode camels through the desert at sunset!

**Elizabeth (Libby) Trainer** has been the director of music at St. Mary Church in Newington, CT, since Oct. '10. She directs four choirs and a chamber orchestra. She plays the organ, piano and flute at weekly masses, funerals, weddings and other special services. She also works with the children at the parish's elementary school. Libby lives in West Hartford, CT.

**Jillian Natausky** is excited to be back at CC as an assistant director of admission. She lives in Mystic and loves being back in the area!

"Hi friends!" **Blake Marcus** writes from MT. He spent the last two winters

in MT and says: "I miss you all very much. Not many Camels trekked this way after college, so I hope you are all doing well." Blake has been a ski instructor at a private ski resort for celebrities and millionaires. When not teaching, he uses his new parachute to Speed Fly off anything he can jump off. In the summers, Blake splits his time between leading trips in Peru for high-school students and teaching English in Thailand and Cambodia. "I even made it to Colombia when the plane I was on broke down and had to make an emergency landing." Last summer, Blake skateboarded from MT to San Francisco and saw some amazing national parks. "I just accepted a job in China that starts at the end of April. Good luck, everybody, with the coming year!"

CC Assistant Director of Annual Giving **Samantha (Sammy) McCracking** reports that the Class of '10 brought in the most gifts for March Mania!

**Erin Brady** finished Teach for America in New Orleans, teaching high-school biology. She is staying there to continue teaching while earning an M.A. in educational leadership through Columbia U., as well as a principal certificate.

After two seasons as a staff assistant in the marketing department for the Miami Dolphins, **Pat Gaughn** now works full time as the service and continuity coordinator in the integrated media department. He is responsible for the content across all of the team's media platforms, including their radio show, "The Finsiders." Outside of work, Pat has continued his passion for lacrosse by playing in a competitive men's league and coaching 11- to 15-year-olds with the Broward Barracudas. Now a second-year player and part of the administrative board for the Fort Lauderdale Flamingos, his team finished second overall, losing in the championship to the Dad 305 squad, lead by Major League Lacrosse star Chaz Woodson.

**Ashley Milton** works for Skye Associates, a fashion Web development company in the DC area. She also volunteers for StandUp for Kids, counseling troubled youth. Ashley is starting her own business, an online vintage boutique.

**Anna Simonds** finished her Teach for America commitment in June. She won the Sue Lehman Award for Excellence in Teaching in Elementary Education for the Greater New Orleans region.

**Cristina Moreno** graduated from the Neag School of Education at the

U. of Connecticut with a master's in education for curriculum and instruction in May. She was a literacy intern at Windham Center School in Windham, CT.

**Peggy McQuaid** is in her second year as principal of a bilingual elementary school in central Honduras. She also coordinates the volunteer program. "Come volunteer with us! There is a 10-month volunteer commitment to teach English, no Spanish or teaching degree necessary, great benefits." Check out [www.olanchoid.org](http://www.olanchoid.org) for more info.

**Bianca Drew** graduated from Boston College Graduate School of Social Work with a master's in social work. Bianca is exploring career options in clinical fieldwork in NYC.

**Jason Cordova** lives in CA. After graduation, he was recruited by Bright Prospect, the college access and retention nonprofit organization that helped him gain admission to CC and supported him until graduation. He is a program coordinator, delivering college readiness programming; creating and implementing workshops, presentations and lesson plans; providing one-on-one college counseling; and chaperoning cultural field trips and community projects. "Bright Prospect is an exceptional organization, making major advancements in today's issues of college retention, and receiving national attention for its innovative peer-support model. We serve more than 1,200 low-income students from the cities of Pomona, Montclair and Ontario, and hope to share our strategy with other struggling neighborhoods like ours. It is great to be back home making a difference in my community and inspiring young leaders to do the same. Please visit [www.brightprospect.org](http://www.brightprospect.org)."

**Alex Marcus** lives in Providence, RI, with his lifelong friend and puppy. He is a Web developer for ShapeUp.com and plays skateboards at concerts and on rock walls.

**Charles van Rees** was accepted into the biology program in the School of Arts, Sciences and Engineering at Tufts U., where he will study water conflict in relation to endangered Hawaiian water birds. He spent the summer working for the Trustees of Reservations, managing and protecting endangered piping plovers.

## 2011

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**Liz Joslin** is serving as an



AmeriCorps member with the Lutheran Family Health Centers in Brooklyn, NY. She is a tutor and vocational counselor for GED students at Project Reach Youth.

**Stephanie Blennerhassett** works at a permaculture demonstration farm in Thailand but also has been at sites in the U.S., Ethiopia, Australia and Malaysia since graduation. She leaves for Senegal in Sept. to do sustainable agricultural development work with the Peace Corps.

**Emily Webb** is working with Teach for America, teaching ninth-grade geography, AVID and team sports at Collegiate Prep Academy in Denver. Despite the difficult circumstances in which they live, the students have unique and spirited personalities that inspire her to work hard every day. She is looking forward to her second year with TFA.

**Brittany Shinn** will attend Columbia U. this fall to obtain a master's in occupational therapy.

Though living in CA, **Katie McCarthy** had the opportunity to fly back east to visit CC and fellow Camels. She was very excited to speak with President Higdon about upcoming plans for the College. She now attends graduate school at the Monterey Institute of International Relations, an extension of Middlebury College.

**Randy Lovelace** has settled into the lifestyle of Hanoi, Vietnam. He is teaching English to kids and adults of all skill levels and has published four stories in the English section of a national newspaper, VOV (The Voice of Vietnam). Randy is doing some language exchanges to learn Vietnamese and has nearly perfected his motorbike skills.

After completing his first year of graduate school at Duke, where he discovered a family of people who love monkeys as much as he does, **Chris Krupenye** spent the summer at the Primate Research Institute of Kyoto U., Japan, studying chimpanzee cognition with Japan's preeminent primatologist, Professor Tetsuro Matsuzawa.

**Matt Cannon** lives in Washington, DC, and is enrolled in American U.'s School of International Service in their Global Environmental Policy program.

**Patty Arenson** is attending U. of California, Davis, to receive her M.S. in international agricultural development. Afterward, she plans to pursue a Ph.D. in anthropology. She hopes that her specialized training will qualify her for a career as an anthropologist advising in international development initiatives.

**Trevor Prophet** has spent the last year in Kimberley, South Africa, where he has been volunteering with Grassroot Soccer. The organization uses the power of soccer in the fight against HIV. He plans to stay another year to try his luck with professional soccer.

## 2012

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## OBITUARIES

**Catherine Baker Sandberg '34** of Cape Coral, Fla., died May 3. Kay was a Connecticut native and a zoology major at the College and enjoyed a long and rewarding career as a teacher. She is survived by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Marjorie Mintz Deitz '38 P'63 GP'82** of Hudson, Mass., died April 13. After graduating with a major in sociology, she attended Simmons College of Social Work. She leaves behind a large family, including daughter Jane Deitz Adolph '63 and granddaughter Sarah Wan Leer Adolph '82.

**Anne Oppenheim Freed '38** of Canton, Mass., died May 29. She enjoyed a long career as a clinical social worker, professor and author after graduating from the College, where she majored in history and political science. Anne was a two-time Fulbright recipient and loved to travel. She volunteered as a planned giving agent and was recognized by the College for her service with the Harriet Buescher Lawrence '34 Prize in 1994. Survivors include her sister, Isabelle Gould '50 P'75, and nephews Robert N. Gould '75 and Andrew Mann '83.

**Miriam Kenigsberg Glass '38** of Fairfield, Conn., died May 14. An economics major at the College, she worked as a social worker for many years, was an avid gardener and loved cooking. She is survived by many children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

**Anne Hardy Antell '40 P'65'74** of South Burlington, Vt., died May 10. An avid volunteer who was actively involved in her community, she acted as a class agent chair for the College. She is survived by her children, including Patricia Antell Andrews '65 and Ruth Antell McGehee '74. She was an economics major.

**Dorothy Boschen Holbein '41** of Auburndale, Mass., died April 12. An economics major, she worked with the Navy during World War II before joining the Red Cross. She served on the College Alumni Board of Directors. Dorothy is survived by cousins Wilda Schaumann Williams-King '48 and Janice Schaumann Bell '51.

**Eleanor Reisinger Silvers '41** of West Chester, Pa., died June 1. Devoted to helping children in the classroom as a nursery school director and a teacher, she was especially dedicated to those with special needs. She was a child development major at the College. Her

survivors include a daughter, son and their children.

**Ann Whitmore Carter '42** of Millsboro, Del., died Feb. 6. A history and government major at the College, she met her future husband, Bill, a Navy ensign, on a blind date in New London her senior year. Their three children survive.

**Vivian Eshelman Kunkel '42** of Lancaster, Pa., died May 10. An economics major, for 11 years she was executive director of Mental Health America, which awarded her a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008. Her survivors include three children.

**Palmina Scarpa Weigle '42** of Candler, N.C., died June 26. A classics major, Palmy volunteered as a club leader for the College. She is survived by her son.

**Elizabeth Travis Sollenberger '44** of Silverthorne, Colo., died April 2. A music major, Libby enjoyed teaching organ and piano to college students. She volunteered as a class agent for the College and is survived by a son and a cousin, Lucia P. Putnam '55.

**Mary "Molly" McKey Waller '44** of Decatur, Ill., died June 2. Molly, a sociology major, and her husband settled in Decatur in 1947, where she was devoted to raising her three children, who survive her. She is also survived by five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Charlotte Tomlinson Taft '45** of Springfield, Mass., died June 1. A zoology major, she loved dogs and family trips, and traveled to all 50 states with her husband, Millens. In addition to her husband, she is survived by their four children.

**Joan Wilmarth Cresap '48** of Rye, N.Y., died May 8. After graduating with a degree in chemistry, Joanie became a registered nurse and worked at numerous hospitals, always desiring to help others. She was a Reunion Committee member for the College and is survived by her children and grandchildren.

**Patricia Parrott Willits '48** of Encino, Calif., died May 7. A philosophy major, Pat was philanthropically engaged in the arts and education and was a trustee for more than one institution. She is survived by her daughters.

**Jane Keeler Hawes '50** of Palo Alto, Calif., died June 12. A resident of the U.S. Virgin Islands for 22 years, she was president of the U.S.O. there for 10 years. A psychology major at the College, she is survived by her two daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Mary Cardie Lowe '51** of Naples, Fla., died May 3. A history major at the College, she also earned a master's degree in library science at Simmons College. She is survived by her husband and four children.



**Paul Fussell**  
1924-2012

**PAUL FUSSELL**, a professor of English at the College from 1951-55, died May 23 in Medford, Ore. He was 88.

A prolific author, long-time academic and literary critic, Fussell had an accomplished and memorable career. His views on war, American society, travel and many other topics are discussed in the more than 20 books he published in his lifetime. His writing career took off in 1975 with the publication of "The Great War and Modern Memory," a study of World War I that drew on his own experiences as an infantryman in World War II. Other notable books include "Abroad: British Literary Traveling Between the Wars" (1980), "Class: A Guide Through The American Status System" (1983), and "BAD: Or, the Dumbing of America" (1991).

Fussell grew up in Pasadena, Calif., and attended Pomona College before being drafted into the Army. He earned his master's degree in English from Harvard. He was an English professor at Connecticut College, Rutgers University, and finally the University of Pennsylvania, from which he retired as professor emeritus.

He will be remembered for his strong opinions and contributions to the literary world. Survivors include two children, his wife, four stepchildren and a sister.



**Edythe Jarvis '52** of Amesbury, Mass., died May 5. A history major, E.J. was fond of traveling and sold resort real estate in places like the Bahamas. She volunteered as a class agent for the College and is survived by a sister and nieces and nephews.

**Joyce Leeming Mayfield '52** of Greensboro, N.C., died March 6. She was a zoology major, and enjoyed a deep love of animals and the scientific world. She volunteered as a Reunion Committee member and class agent. Survivors include four children and nieces Leslie Leeming Flynn '84 and Catherine Leeming Andersen '84.

**Patricia Browne Hunter '53** of Bluffton, S.C., died Dec. 23. She loved working with children and was a kindergarten teacher for many years after graduating from the College with a degree in child development. She is survived by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Grace H. Quinlan '55** of Guilford, Conn., died June 6. A teacher for 35 years, she was a government major at the College. She served as a class secretary, Reunion Committee member and reunion gift chair for the College. She is survived by her brother and niece.

**Barbara Humble Hill '57** of East Walpole, Mass., died April 30. She spent her retirement traveling to China, Scandinavia and elsewhere and is survived by a large family. She volunteered as a class agent for the College and was a child development major.

**Nancy Cozier Whitcomb '61** of Nantucket, Mass., died June 3. An English major, she was very active as an alumna of the College, volunteering as a class correspondent, class nominating chair, alumni admission representative, class agent chair and class president. Her survivors include her husband and daughter.

**Carol Bankart Gilmore '62** of Charleston, Maine, died May 9. An economics major at Connecticut College, she went on to be a professor of business management at the University of Maine for more than 30 years. She volunteered as an alumni admission representative and was passionate about animals, raising more than one AKC championship dog.

**Jane Steinhausen Semich '67** of Ellicott City, Md., died Feb. 2. She leaves her husband, Chuck, with whom she operated a family counseling center from their home. A religious studies major, she loved

traveling and adventure.

**Kathleen Fowler '70** of Ramsey, N.J., died May 31. She was a professor of gerontology and women's studies at Ramapo College of New Jersey. An English major at Connecticut College, she remained passionate about literature all her life. She was predeceased by her sister, Anne E. Fowler '75.

**Carolyn A. Esser '71** of Manhattan, Kan., died May 24. Devoted to working and volunteering with children, she was a child development major at the College. She is survived by her mother, Naomi Kissling Fortune '40 P'71, her brother, and two daughters.

**Esther Caldwell Jackson '79** of Old Lyme, Conn., died April 2. A lover of music, she returned to college as a music major, going on to teach violin and piano to local students. She is survived by a son.

**Sharon Robinson Shields '79** of Lawnside, N.J., died May 29. A Connecticut native and sociology major at the College, she was on the Camden Board of Education from 1990 until her death. She was predeceased by her husband.

**Danielle Freudenheim '95** of New York, N.Y., died May 5. She earned a psychology degree from the College and went on to become a licensed psychologist. She is survived by her fiancé, Lee Berendsen '94, her parents and a brother.

**Jennifer Dinaburg '02** of Gloversville, N.Y., died April 26. A Chinese language and literature major at the College, Jenn focused her studies on Tibetan medical plants and was part of a Ph.D. program at the University of Colorado when she died. She is survived by her sister, brother and parents.

CC: Magazine requires an official, printed obituary for all death notices listed in the magazine and online. To view extended obituaries or submit information to the College about alumni who have died, visit the Class Notes section of the Alumni Online Community at [www.conncoll.edu/alumni](http://www.conncoll.edu/alumni).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Meet the Faculty Sept. 12, Chicago; and Sept. 13, Minneapolis

Alex Hybel, the Susan Eckert Lynch '62 Professor of Government and International Relations, discusses "The Revolution That Never Was."

### Connecticut College Conversations Sept. 19, Washington, D.C.

Gene Gallagher, the Rosemary Park Professor of Religious Studies, and terrorism expert Bruce Hoffman '76 are featured speakers.

### Meet the Faculty Sept. 20, Baltimore

Reconnect with alumni and meet Gene Gallagher, the Rosemary Park Professor of Religious Studies.

### Connecticut College Conversations Sept. 27, New York City

Trustee Debo Adegbile '91, head of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and William Frasure, professor of government and international relations, are featured speakers.

### Meet the Faculty Oct. 10, Denver

Meet with friends and hear

Professor of Biology Martha Grossel speak.

### Distinguished Alumni Oct. 11, Washington, D.C.

Join fellow alumni for a presentation by presidential historian Martha Joynt Kumar '63.

### Distinguished Alumni Oct. 25, New York City

Meet fellow alumni and hear featured speaker Rebecca Rosen Shapiro '95, vice president of Shore Fire Media.

### Head of the Charles Regatta Oct. 20-21, Boston

Catch up with friends and see some of the world's best rowing!

### Meet the Faculty Nov. 8, Pittsburgh

Connect with alumni and friends and meet Ronald J.O. Flores, associate professor of sociology.

### Meet the Faculty Nov. 14, Central New Jersey; and Nov. 15, Northern New Jersey

Come hear featured speaker Stuart Vyse, the Joanne Toor Cummings '50 Professor of Psychology.

For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-888-7549 or view the calendar at [www.conncoll.edu/alumni](http://www.conncoll.edu/alumni).

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# REUNION 2013

## SAVE THE DATE AND CALL A FRIEND!

Come back to Connecticut College to remember, relive and reconnect this May 31-June 2. The weekend will be packed with events you won't want to miss. It's a special weekend for classes ending in a '3 or '8, though all alumni are invited to join the festivities. Mark your calendars now and plan to return to campus for this extraordinary event. For more information, go to <http://reunion.conncoll.edu>.



Marion Skerker Sader '53, right, with Estelle Parsons '49 at a private cocktail reception for alumni after a matinee performance of Gershwin's "Nice Work If You Can Get It," starring Matthew Broderick and Kelli O'Hara, at the Imperial Theater in New York City in May. Parsons, an Academy Award-winning actress and four-time Tony Award nominee, plays Broderick's mother in the musical comedy. O'Hara also attended the reception.



Katherine Pope P'14, left, and Georgia Howe MacRae '58, right, with Wayne Swanson, professor emeritus of government, at a June Meet the Faculty event in Maine.



The Office of Alumni Relations is proud to welcome Breanne Timura '12 as its new assistant director of alumni relations. Breanne will oversee upcoming Reunion programming and manage the College's LinkedIn network. (See page 70.)

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### AN EVENING AT THE POPS

**Dec. 6**

Boston Symphony Hall  
301 Massachusetts Ave.

### WASHINGTON, D.C., HOLIDAY PARTY

**Dec. 12**

Heurich House Museum  
1307 New Hampshire Ave. NW

### ANNUAL BOSTON HOLIDAY PARTY

**Dec. 13**

Algonquin Club of Boston  
217 Commonwealth Ave.

### GEORGE BALANCHINE'S "THE NUTCRACKER"

**Dec. 15**

David H. Koch Theater  
20 Lincoln Center, New York City

### WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR DETAILS ON THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

- \* Annual Connecticut College Alumni of Color Holiday Reception
- \* GOLD\* Boston Holiday After Party
- \* Annual New York City Holiday Party
- \* GOLD\* New York City After Party
- \* GOLD\* Washington, D.C., After Party

*\*Graduates of the Last Decade*



# Tapping the Power of the Network

**LAUNCHED IN 2003**, LinkedIn is a powerful social media tool that is sometimes called “Facebook for professionals.” A free LinkedIn membership allows you to create a professional profile and then a worldwide network of professional contacts.

More than 10,000 Connecticut College alumni and students have already created LinkedIn profiles and are using them to find jobs, fill open positions, share expertise, attract clients, and connect with fellow alumni working in the same industry or geographic location.

“Every element of LinkedIn has helped me in some capacity,” says Ashley Ryall ’09, an in-house social media consultant at John Leonard Employment Services in Boston. “I am constantly reaching out to people, nurturing relationships and networks in ways I hope will be mutually beneficial.”

As a corporate development and strategy analyst at KEC Holdings LLC, Brian Laung Aoaeh ’01 researches start-up companies for investment by KEC. Like Ryall, he is a strong advocate of LinkedIn, which he has been using since 2005.

“I am in my current job because the recruiter saw my profile on LinkedIn in 2008 and emailed me to ask if I would be interested in having a discussion about this position,” he says. “As it turns out, this is my dream job.”

Aoaeh depends on LinkedIn to follow industry developments, stay in touch with his professional connections, and share his expertise and experience. “I think of it as a canvas on which you can paint a living picture of your professional career,” he says.

His personal canvas includes an MBA from New York University; hands-on research as a physics major at Connecticut College; and past jobs in actuarial consulting, diversity and inclusion, and accounting.

For Bonnie Rockoff Marcus ’70, principal of Women’s Success Coaching in Vineyard Haven, Mass.,



LinkedIn is an invaluable tool for attracting new clients and building her own brand. “I’ve been able to create visibility, exposure and credibility for my business,” she says. “You can get to know people and figure out what you

have in common. It’s about building relationships and leveraging those relationships.”

Marcus advises alumni to pay attention to the quality of their connections as well as the quantity. “It’s important to set your intention for what you want to get out of meeting people,” she says. “Are you looking for a job? Are you looking for clients? Are you looking to collaborate? Be very strategic about it. Building your network is always worthwhile for the purpose of the relationships.” — *Patricia M. Carey*



Breanne Timura '12

## Getting started

The College is actively working to support the growing alumni community on LinkedIn. “We want to help and encourage alumni to use this tool for their personal benefit and to strengthen the alumni network,” says Breanne Timura ’12, assistant director of alumni relations and community manager for the newly created LinkedIn group Connecticut College Networking.

As the group administrator, Timura’s job includes helping newcomers learn to use LinkedIn; posting useful information such as dates and locations of College-sponsored events and job opportunities; and encouraging interaction within the group.

Getting started is as easy as going to [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com) and following the step-by-step directions to build your profile.

Don’t be intimidated by all the possible categories of information, Timura says. You can start with a basic profile and fill in more details later. Pay attention first to your summary description and be sure to upload a photo. “And fill in your Connecticut College education, so other alumni can find you easily,” she says.

Once you have a profile, you can start connecting with classmates and colleagues. Join the Connecticut College Networking group and seek out other groups related to your interests and affiliations.

Timura is actively seeking feedback from alumni on how to make the new group more effective and useful. Email her at [btimura@conncoll.edu](mailto:btimura@conncoll.edu) or post your comments and questions to the group.



Recent discussions on LinkedIn:



Brenda Johnstone  
Flynn '00



**Boston jobs at a great company!**

Hey, my company (Bullhorn Software) currently has two Camels ('10 & '00), but there's room for a few more. We have open positions from entry level/intern up through sr. roles...

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Ron Sweet '74



**Hello all - I'm transitioning as the euphemism goes; north of Boston. Lots of experience in operations and business management. ...**

Like Comment Follow More ▾



Bill Lessig

Mei Lai Wong • Prof Lessig, I am a Chinese Dept. graduate with extensive business experience in international trade, procurement and negotiations in China. I speak Mandarin at native-level fluency and...

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**Need Chinese interpreter to assist me in discussions with a manufacturer.**

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Benjamin Lodmell '93

**Traveling Camels have a friend in Buenos Aires.**

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Kelly Parlin '12

**Hello Camels! I am a senior soon to graduate with a Japanese major! I was wondering if there are any other EAS majors out there and what you're doing now?**

Sarah Tillotson • Hi Kelly, I was a Japanese major, did JET for 2 years after graduating, and am now working at the Japanese Embassy in Washington, DC. If you have any questions or would like to chat, let me know!

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Christy Burke '93

## Taking it to the next level

**LinkedIn power user Christy Burke '93 offers tips to maximize the value of your LinkedIn presence.**

- Keep your LinkedIn page up to date. If you change jobs or get your first job or even an internship, update your profile right away. If you win an award or earn an advanced degree or certificate, add that too.
- Build up your connections on LinkedIn to at least 50 or 100. If people go to your LinkedIn page and see you have very few connections, that does not make a good impression. I recently was told that a legal client decided not to work with a particular lawyer because the lawyer had very few LinkedIn contacts.
- If you're trying to connect with someone you don't know, send a LinkedIn message along with your connection request explaining how you heard of the person and why you want to connect.
- Ask for recommendations from clients and colleagues who will speak well of your work. Be sure to email or call before sending the request via LinkedIn. It's presumptuous to request an endorsement through LinkedIn without asking beforehand.

*Burke is a Connecticut College trustee and the founder and president of Burke & Co. in New York City.*

## 5 ways to build the Connecticut College Network

*A stronger alumni network raises the profile of Connecticut College and, with it, the value of every graduate's degree. Here's how you can help:*

- 1. Develop your profile.** As you add more details, it will be easier for other alumni to find you and create connections.
- 2. Join the Connecticut College Networking group** and participate actively.
- 3. Become a mentor.** Your advice and encouragement can be invaluable to a student or recent graduate.
- 4. Post job and internship opportunities** from your company. You'll be helping fellow alumni and giving your employer access to a new pool of talent.
- 5. Recommend someone.** Posting a LinkedIn recommendation is a great way to recognize and reward good work.



# While you were away

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE STREAMED INTO NEW LONDON'S WATERFRONT JULY 7-8 FOR OPSAIL 2012, WHICH INCLUDED A PARADE OF TALL SHIPS UP THE THAMES RIVER AND THE CHANCE TO TOUR VESSELS DOCKED AT CITY PIER. THE FLEET INCLUDED, CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT, THE FREEDOM SCHOONER AMISTAD, A RECREATION OF THE INFAMOUS 19TH-CENTURY SLAVE SHIP; THE U.S. COAST GUARD EAGLE; THE CISNE BRANCO, FROM BRAZIL; AND THE TICONDEROGA, A 72-FOOT RACING YACHT. OPSAIL, SHORT FOR OPERATION SAIL, IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT CELEBRATES MARITIME HISTORY AND PROMOTES INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL. IN ADDITION TO NEW LONDON, THE CITIES HOSTING OPSAIL 2012 WERE BALTIMORE, BOSTON, NEW ORLEANS, NEW YORK, AND NORFOLK, VA.

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# = FALL WEEKEND

**C**ome celebrate with us **October 5-7** when Connecticut College welcomes alumni, parents and friends to campus for Fall Weekend.

*Fall Weekend will feature sporting events on Saturday and Sunday, the State of the College Address from President Higdon on Saturday morning, and an all-campus brunch on Sunday.*

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:

- + **Traditional activities**, such as Friday courses, an all-campus picnic on Tempel Green and Harvestfest
- + **Saturday seminars** featuring faculty, students, staff and alumni
- + **onStage with Irish music** ensemble Cherish the Ladies. *Ticket sales to benefit arts in New London*
- + **See the new Science Center** and experience Centennial Plaza!
- + **Saturday keynote** with Bill Rose, professor of government and international relations, "On becoming an educator at Connecticut College: Inspiration plus perspiration equals transformation"
- + **Family-friendly movie night** on Tempel Green Saturday: the popular Pixar film "Up"!

» For more information about Fall Weekend go to <http://fallweekend.conncoll.edu>