



**Preserving the Past, Honoring Friends**

## From the WCAA Director

Hello Westerners, and happy spring!

As I'm sure you remember, spring is a very exciting — and very busy — time of year for college students. Students are fluttering all over Western campus — preparing for exams, completing final projects and assignments, getting in last-minute conversations and laughs with good friends before leaving for the summer or, in the case of seniors, departing for that great big world out there.



*Mackenzie Becker Rice*

As I watch all this hustle and bustle out my window of Patterson Place, I so often see the students walk down Western Walk, past the Western Dining Commons and then pause to hang a hammock in the trees. I'm envious as they casually lie in their hammocks and soak in the beauty of our Western campus. While I can't read their minds, it looks to me as if they feel a sense of pride and belonging to this campus.

These times make me even more excited about the final construction of the Western College Legacy Circle. My hope is that after completion (slated for late July 2016), these students — whether immersed in the beautiful views from their hammocks or on their walks across campus — will know more about Western College and what makes this campus so very special, thanks to the Western College Legacy Circle and the story it will tell for future generations.

True, the beauty of our campus is arguably unsurpassed. But as you and I know, there is so much more than that. Long-honored traditions and the sacred history are woven deeply in the diverse architecture. The strength of Western's dedicated educators is embroidered on every stone bridge. Relentless passion for education and knowledge is still present in the halls of Peabody, and a deeply rooted desire to make the world better hangs in the air surrounding the Freedom Summer Memorial. It is so much more than just a beautiful campus.

So while we are disappointed that due to construction delays, the Western College Legacy Circle will not be completed in time for Reunion, we are thrilled with the final renderings and look forward to dedicating the Circle in 2017. Then we can be sure that the students, faculty, and visitors to campus will be able to take it all in — and understand the true legacy of all that is and was Western College.

From your true blue WCAA Staff, please know that it has been another wonderful year in service to you, full of touching lives in the name of Western College. We, your staff, are fully aware of just how special Western Alumnae and Friends are. We are humbled to work with all of you, who consistently go above and beyond to help us reach our mission, and so much more.

In the Spirit of Western,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mackenzie Becker Rice'.

Mackenzie Becker Rice  
Director, Western College Alumnae Association, Inc.

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**Mission of the Association:**

- to preserve and encourage communication among and with alumnae,
- to support education and human values that continue the heritage and tradition of The Western College.

**On the cover:** The WCAA presents the Harriet Beecher Stowe Desk to Miami in recognition of the Hodges' friendship and support.

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# What's on Your Mind

Thanks to Daniel Kuntz '84 for sending a recently found copy of a speech delivered by Chris Kerosky '81 at the WCP Senior Luncheon. He thought it then and now a "wonderful summation" of the Western experience. We agree and share excerpts below. Since graduation Chris has continued to be a loyal and active alum, even speaking at Alumnae Weekend Chapel in 2003.

I'd like to thank the Western College Alumnae Association for arranging this dinner for us and this chance to meet them. I'd especially like to thank them for allowing me this opportunity to speak. As most of my classmates probably know by now, I happen to love having an audience. ...

Actually I'd like to use this opportunity to reflect back on Western College and the Western Program just as we're preparing to leave it. ...

Everyone remembers the good times — volleyball games on Clawson lawn, Gladys' pastry days in the Mary Lyon basement, MS, SS, and BFP, or watching Barb and Britta play during lecture. And how about Mark Juergens' freshman CC papers?

Western encouraged us to look critically at those things in life we once accepted without questioning. (The dwarves are testimony to that.) The courses here have confronted us with problems that may have seemed far away before — racism, poverty, world hunger, human aggression — (it's been a depressing four years). Yet the hope is that now we'll be more a part of the solution and less a part of the problem.

Most importantly, Western has presented us with a rational, sensible look at social problems and issues and a marriage of many disciplines. To study only the economics of the energy crisis would be a nice intellectual exercise, but it requires a disciplinary approach to gain an understanding of the problem.

This is what Western is for me: an attempt to provide an understanding of human problems. It seems like the most reasonable goal of any institution.

To me, Western is not just a liberal arts institution, it is a humanistic one. When I say this, I think of Mike Lunine's oft-quoted phrase, "There is an assumption here that the student is a human being." Mike always one to go out on a limb.

I think that humanism is the one common thread running through the wide variety of disciplines and theories we've studied. I define humanism as a sensitivity and appreciation of human resources, as opposed to material ones; world problems and interests, as opposed to national or local ones.

Western has defined it with the struggles of the South Africans and the horrors of Other America. It has introduced us to childhood in a concentration camp and growing old on a Shaker farm. It has brought us the music of the molimo as well as that of the romantic composers. ...

If we have allowed any of these discussions to seep through our old stereotypes and preoccupations and actually sensitize us to other people's problems, then Western has done more for us than any diploma can demonstrate.

But what seems more elusive, more difficult to realize is the effect Western has had on us all. How have our years here changed us? How have we changed Western? Or the question only the gods have an answer to, what is the Western Program?

Some say that college is like an ivory tower — or a red brick tower, if you will — at which people escape the pressures and problems of the world for four years and meditate on the greater issues of man's existence. Others claim that college should be like a training ground, a sort of skills camp to teach one how to perform a role within society, and most of all, to get paid for it.

It seems to me that college should be a little of each: it must be removed enough from society to provide an opportunity to examine and reflect on institutions and ideas that we've grown up with. Yet it must closely link these often abstract studies to the real world. It is the greatest insult to education when one ignores what he has learned at a school after he leaves it.

Western has humanized us.

Most of all we should take with us the most simple lesson of our education — that is, that we will not be merely doctors or businessmen or professionals of one sort or another, but people with hopefully a wider view of life and wider responsibilities than just our employers or our families. This is the message of humanism.

My hunch is that we're all a little more "human" because of what's happened here the last four years and for that we all can be both thankful and proud.

I'm swelled with both pride and gratitude when I think of the benefits I have enjoyed from the Western community and I want to take this chance to express those feelings before I climb down from the ivory tower. Thank you all very much.

— Chris Kerosky '81



Chris Kerosky,  
Reunion 2003

## From the WCAA President

Dear WCAA Friends,

Such a privilege it's been serving at a time when there's so much transitioning to our final days as an Association. Your Board is working with so much synergy to get everything in order.

Remember the Psalmist when he wrote *By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Babylon*. For those that still feel a tinge of sadness that the WCAA campus is changing I'd like to offer a perspective. When the campus was sold to MU, it was in disarray because there was little money to keep up the buildings and landscaping. Today the campus is absolutely beautiful! Yes, there are new dorms, but also, attentive grounds keeping. Mary Lyon is being removed because it is structurally unsound but being left as park space. The bridges are being protected. The landscape architect is listening to our remembrances of what plant life flourished on the campus to replicate both for the Legacy Circle and throughout WCAA campus. Imagine more redbuds, peonies, daffodils!!



Judy Henderson

It was a blustery rainy day in April when your Board hosted a reception at Patterson Place to honor outgoing President David and Valerie Hodge. But, there was much laughter at this well-attended gathering of MU dignitaries and local historians, when the Harriet Beecher Stowe desk that has been in the Western family since the 1860s was gifted to the McGuffey Museum to honor the Hodges' love and support.

The new home for the Stowe desk represents just one of many difficult decisions your Board is facing in the days ahead. It has now been determined that artifacts are the property of WCAA! Rest assured, the responsible Curatorial Committee is already seeking appraisals and making recommendations.

Sadly, because of issues beyond our control, the Legacy Circle will not be complete by Reunion — but, enough that one can fully appreciate the concept. But, please, come to Reunion to see what is in place and visit with friends. Reunions are a special time and the Board strives to provide you with the warmest welcoming WCAA Spirit.

In just my six years on the Board so many major projects have been accomplished. The MU Foundation Articulation Agreement was approved, the WCAA Endowed Professorship was fully funded and awarded to Dr. Jana Braziel, the Legacy Circle was designed and fully funded (\$350,000), Patterson Place and grounds were preserved with plans underway for renovation, the MU Board Articulation Agreement is on schedule for approval in June 2016. What pleasure and joy to have been part of this little piece of the WCAA history!

All the best to each of you,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Judy Dudman Henderson".

Rev. Judy Dudman Henderson '62  
President, WCAA

P. S. This time last year we received the news we had successfully preserved our precious Patterson Place (PP), and just as importantly, the lush green space that surrounds us along Patterson Ave. We've appreciated this lull time while Miami University (MU) figures out structurally what needs to be done and determine the total amount needed for Renovation. Many voices joined together saying "it's worth preserving!" The Miami Board of Directors did the right thing and we must do the right thing in helping the Oxford community preserve this beautiful green space with bridges and historic home. And, it becomes incumbent that all these voices equally join in to help raise the funds. And, that includes the WCAA. A Miami benefactor has offered to match ALL donations 2 to 1. Generous!

**Alumnae Weekend 2016 honors Alumnae Service Award recipients:  
Jennie Lou Fredley Klim '58, Suzanne Lutz May '66, Rhian Miller '78, and John Rego '81!**

# A New Home for an Old Desk

The time was right. 2024, just eight years away, had been set as the end date for the Western College Alumnae Association, Inc. An Articulation Agreement with Miami University confirms WCAA ownership of our art and artifacts, and the board had formed a Curatorial Committee to study proper curation and dispersal. Patterson Place is to be preserved, but must undergo extensive renovation inside and out. Miami University President David Hodge had announced his retirement, effective June 30, 2016. The Board of Trustees was seeking a way to recognize President Hodge and Ambassador Valerie Hodge for their friendship and support over the past 10 years. What better way than to make a gift of the Western College Harriet Beecher Stowe Desk, arguably our most valuable artifact, to the Miami University McGuffey Museum in their name.

## The Presentation: Patterson Place, April 7, 2016



At left: UA Vice President Tom Herbert (standing) greets Miami Merger Fred and Mary Jane Brower, two of the 40-plus guests who filled Patterson parlor to help celebrate the transfer.



At right: WCAA Endowed Professor Jana Braziel (left) chats with trustee Patricia Spokes Snowden '64. Below: WCAA President Judy Henderson reads the resolution honoring President David and Ambassador Valerie Hodge. Many "whereas's"!



Steve Gordon, McGuffey Museum Administrator, and trustee Jane Smucker Fryman '58 look on in anticipation as WCAA President Judy Henderson '62 prepares for the unveiling.

At right: Jane Fryman gives a brief history of the desk's path from Tichenor to Western.



Above: Putting aside her notes, trustee Sharry Patterson Addison '61 delivers her closing remarks from the heart.



Valerie (above right) and David Hodge warmly thank the WCAA for the gift of the Harriet Beecher Stowe Desk.

## What Better Place — the McGuffey Museum!

*The William Holmes McGuffey Museum, on the Miami campus, is a registered National Historic Landmark. It is open to the public Thursday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m (except when the University is closed) and admission is free. It was the home of William Holmes McGuffey while, as a professor at Miami, he compiled his first McGuffey Eclectic Reader. The house was purchased by Miami in 1958 and endowed to serve as a museum with the “aim to collect, preserve, interpret, and exhibit materials relating to the life of William Holmes McGuffey, the McGuffey Eclectic Reader series, the history of Miami University, and 19th century domestic life and architecture of southwest Ohio.” [from the Miami Website, McGuffey Museum page] A popular travel destination, the museum has many visitors from around the world and is, of course, a valuable resource for students, teachers, and historians. We asked Steve Gordon, Administrator, McGuffey Museum, to tell us more about our famous desk.*



### Stowe and Tichenor: The Tale of the Desk

In 1860, while much of the United States was bitterly divided over the great social issue of the time — slavery — a remarkable gesture occurred in Oxford, Ohio, that symbolically transcended the nation’s sectional differences. There, in the small Midwestern village, Elizabeth Tichenor, recently widowed by a former slave owner and southern planter, had donated funds and a set of furniture to Western Female Seminary. Part of the furniture included a desk. But it was not an ordinary desk. Because of its reputed association with the noted author Harriet Beecher Stowe, it would simply be known as the Stowe Desk.



Steve Gordon, at the presentation

So how did this remarkable artifact come to Western? The trail of the Tichenor desk traces its origins to Western’s early years. Gabriel Tichenor, a founding Western trustee



Stowe Desk (photo, courtesy, the Miamian)

and generous benefactor, was noteworthy in his own right. Born in Essex, New Jersey, in 1781, Tichenor was appointed an attorney of the Mississippi Territory in March 1809. Following marriage to Elizabeth Wallace in 1810, Tichenor became a successful businessman in Natchez, and in 1826 he sent his slave and daughter to Cincinnati, where they were emancipated (*MS Census Index*; Broussard, p. 28). Sometime between 1830 and 1834, the Tichenor family moved to Cincinnati. The Beecher family came to Cincinnati in 1832 where

Lyman Beecher served as President of Lane Seminary (*Western Star*, 6 July 1832). Primary research conducted by Dr. Elizabeth Johnson confirms as early as 1834 members

of the Tichenor and Beecher families were congregants of Lane Seminary Presbyterian Church in Walnut Hills. In 1836, Gabriel Tichenor was ordained as a ruling elder in the church and was in attendance when the new chapel was dedicated by Lyman Beecher. In November 1837, newborn daughters of both families were baptized in Lane Church (*Session Minutes*). By 1840, the federal population census indicates Tichenor’s Cincinnati residence housed nine free white residents and four free “colored” persons. These latter residents may have been the slaves enumerated within Tichenor’s Natchez household in 1830 (*US Population Census, 1830, 1840*).

Harriet Beecher Stowe, also a member of Lane church and a nearby neighbor of Tichenor’s Walnut Hills home, must have been fascinated by Tichenor’s reminiscences of life in the deep South (*Cincinnati Directory, 1844*). Born in Connecticut to a New England family, it seems entirely plausible Stowe would have welcomed conversations with Tichenor, who as a slave owner in Mississippi would have willingly shared his first-hand experiences of plantation life. During her visits with Tichenor, Stowe reportedly sat at his desk taking notes for what ultimately would



Harriet Beecher Stowe, ca. 1833

in 1851 be serialized into “Life Among the Lowly,” later published in two volumes as *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* (Nelson, p. 64; Pike Dictation, n.d; “Historic Desk at Western,” 1940).

The origins of the Tichenor desk before coming to Western are unknown. Its form and style are typical of a pre-1850 desk on frame, sometimes referred to as a plantation desk. The Empire-style turned legs, mahogany veneer on the front face, cherry wood, original hardware and simple cornice all suggest the decade of the 1840s as a construction time frame.

If the estimated dates are accurate, Tichenor may have purchased the desk while living in Cincinnati, which at the time was among the nation's leading furniture manufacturing centers. The desk would have been made during or prior to the time when Stowe was gathering her notes for Uncle Tom's Cabin.

The Tichenor desk serves as a tangible reminder of Western College's long history and its early association with an important transplanted southerner. The desk also embodies the story of Tichenor's influence on one of the 19<sup>th</sup> century's most famous authors, Harriet Beecher Stowe. We are fortunate today that our predecessors at Western have treasured this iconic artifact for the past 125 years and been such loving and responsible stewards. Its new home, McGuffey Museum, welcomes the opportunity to interpret the desk while carefully conserving it, along with the famous McGuffey table, for future generations.

— Steve Gordon  
Administrator, McGuffey Museum

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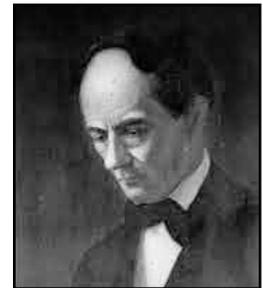
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## More about McGuffey

From 1820 to 1825 McGuffey attended Washington College. His funds ran so low that he had to leave school before graduation to open a private school in a smokehouse at Paris, Kentucky. Washington College, however, graduated him with honors in 1826. He was then considered qualified to teach moral philosophy and the Latin, Greek, and Hebrew languages. Robert Hamilton Bishop, President of Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, met the young teacher in Paris, and was so pleased with him that he recommended him to his Board of Trustees as a professor of languages. The following fall, William H. McGuffey, accompanied by his ten-year-old brother Alexander, rode into Oxford with his saddlebags stuffed with personal copies of books on moral philosophy and the languages he expected to teach.



W.H. McGuffey

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The "famous octagonal table"  
(photo by Jeff Sabo, MU)

McGuffey's house was conveniently located. The campus was just across the street, and it was only a short walk to the entrance of the college building which faced Spring Street. On the southwest corner of the second floor of that building was McGuffey's classroom. The present Harrison Hall stands on the site of the original "college edifice."

McGuffey wrote and compiled his first four *Readers* in his new home. They were made up of his own writings, clippings from periodicals, and selections from standard works. The famous octagonal table at which he compiled his *Readers*, his classroom table, his secretary, and a few other pieces of his furniture are again housed in the old home. Through the generosity of Mrs. Emma Gould Blocker, the house has been restored and is maintained by the Blocker Foundation. The west wing, which contains the McGuffey Library, was added to the house in 1860 by its owner at that time, J. H. Shuey.

Excerpts from texts by Dr. William E. Smith, 1973, Miami McGuffey Museum Website:  
<https://miamioh.edu/cca/mcguffey-museum/learn-more/wh-mcguffey/index.html>

# "Hope to see some of those smiling faces"



**Ann Walton** writes that she had a busy year in real estate and helping friends with cancer treatments. She had talked with her college roommate, **Sue Ray Woodworth**

In late August, after attending a wedding in Lancaster, PA., Ann drove on to NYC to pick up **Sue Lutz May** for a "class reunion re-



*Ann*



*Nancy J.*

last March (2015) about our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion and rooming together as they had done at past reunions. She had been diagnosed with cancer several years earlier and was in re-

cruiting trip" to the Boston area. They visited with **Nancy James-Frese**, **Carol Schaefer Judd**, and **Sylvia Hoffman Swartz**, but were not able to meet with **Helen Bowditch**, **Carole Halpern Dia-**

**Nancy Freyer Fishkin** gave us an update on her past 15 years. Her husband, Bruce, passed away in 2000 and although she hadn't worked outside the home for many years, she found a dream job at a wonder-



*Nancy F.*



*Sue Rey*



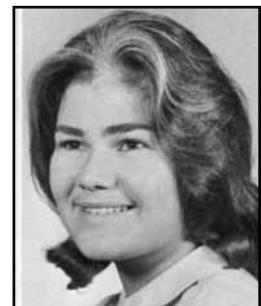
*Carol*

ful day school in Westport, CT. She worked in the Advancement Office for 13 years. After she retired, she began to spend her winters in Port St. Lucie, FL, where her widowed sister and single brother live. The rest of the year she lives in Fairfield, CT, and enjoys volunteering and seeing friends. Her oldest son lives in Weston, MA, and her youngest son lives in Las Vegas, NV. Both are married and the youngest has two children whom she loves dearly.

She received the chain e-mail from Ann Walton about attending our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion and it got her thinking about friends and events in her life. She is now planning on coming to the Reunion and hopes to see many of her classmates there.

mission. Sue's husband, Jay, wrote in May that the cancer has returned. Sue died in early July and the family had a lovely memorial at the Episcopal Church in Summit, NJ, in August. Sue had been a very active member of that church and had enjoyed singing in the choir. Her passion during the past 15 years of her life was rug hooking — nothing made her happier than hooking with friends. Sue, along with all the other classmates we have lost, will be with us in spirit in June on the Western campus.

**mond**, **Betsy Fenn Spiess**, or **Gerry Davies DeGeorge**. Says Ann, "It was so great to reconnect and hope to see some of those smiling faces at Reunion!"



*Sylvia*



*Sue L.*

Thank you, Ann, for your e-mails (and visits) to our class members, urging them to join us this June.

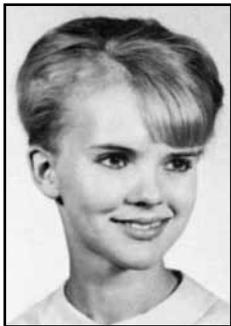
Rich and I are doing great at our Central Oregon ranch, now named the "Rockin' B." I continue to study Parelli Natural Horsemanship and have started the Parelli Savvy Club of Central Oregon this January. We have 16 members already, which is a great start. I continue to volunteer to help young readers thru the SMART reading program in Prineville. I am also active in PEO, a Centering Prayer group and the local Faith Based Network. Rich stays very busy and

healthy keeping all the farm equipment running (tractor, trailers, ATV, irrigation, cars and truck) and recently remodeling our main bath. We get to see our Bend family (oldest son and his wife as well as the three adult grandchildren) regularly. Our oldest grandson, Landon, has been a pilot with Horizon Airlines for the past year. This was his goal for the past decade and he never wavered from it. He and his wife, Lizzy, are living in Nampa, ID. After the reunion, we

will be visiting our youngest son and his wife in Richfield, OH, before flying back to the West Coast. We are hoping to visit with many of you in on campus in June.

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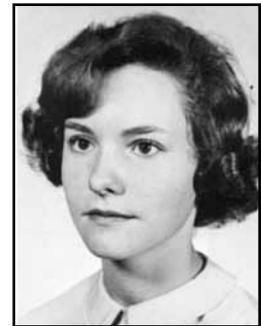
## You're guaranteed to see these smiling faces



*Susie*



*Hazel*



*Margaret*

Trustees **Susie Detlefsen Meyers** and **Hazel Williams Drew** will be super busy, wearing two hats. Not only will they be carrying out the various chores assigned to all trustees during the weekend, but they will be making time to reminisce (and party!) with their Golden Classmates. Look for Alumnae Weekend Chair Hazel behind podiums at every event and leading the parade Saturday morning. And Susie will no doubt be constantly snapping pictures with her handy dandy new iPhone. And we're not talking selfies here ...

**Margaret Wilmer Bartlett** is the featured speaker for the Sunday morning Alumnae Chapel program. She will focus on social justice and share her experiences and knowledge from her lifelong study of the Republic of Cyprus.



*Sue, 2013*

And mega congratulations to **Suzanne Lutz May**, who will be honored with a 2016 Alumnae Service Award!

# ... if you are among the very young-at-heart ...



**Janet Klingstedt Cassler '49** thinks: "Anyone who reaches 104 should be acknowledged. **Mary Duffield Boehme** is a proud 1932 graduate of Western College. She is the only other alum in the Canton area so we bonded immediately. She is happy, inspiring and a joy to visit. I am truly blessed to know this remarkable young-at-heart lady, and I wanted to share her smiling face with other Western alumnae."



We agree, and so here is the picture of Duffy (foreground) and Jan.

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Alumnae Weekend '15: Celebrating 75 years!

News for Fall '16 Bulletin due Labor Day!  
See Blue Card, page 46!



Bea's back! She sends the following:

Hello from Kansas on a wintry February morning ... A phone call from **Margaret Spears Bates's** son revealed that Peg, be-

cause of a detached retina some time ago, is legally blind. She now resides in an assisted-living apartment in Myrtle Beach, SC, to be near family. Hi, Peg.

**Barbara Burke Chesman** wrote a long letter to accompany her Christmas card. Shortly after her long-time toy poodle pet had to be euthanized for health reasons, she adopted a young Lhasa Apso, who soon chewed lots of household fabric items, as well as wood surfaces. She has resorted to "crating" the pup at night and when she is away from home. A vacation trip to the West Coast is planned for 2016.

Phone calls and a letter to **Ethel Burnham Meece** have been disappointing. First, a caregiver or maybe friend, hung up after saying Eth was not able to come to the phone. The Palo Alto phone has since been disconnected and a letter has had no response, alas.

From Cincinnati came a fine response from **Jane Murphy Wall**. She and **Carolyn Fath Thielen** live in the same senior residence. They play bridge frequently and enjoy outings together. Carolyn still drives and wrote that she likes to visit our beautiful Miami-Western campus when she is in Oxford.

The executor of **Marion Constable's** estate wrote a short note saying that Marion died in 2015. No date or further information was given.

I, Bea, live in a cozy, attractive third (top) floor apartment in an excellent independent-living senior residence in Shawnee, KS. My daughter lives close by and makes the frequent joys of aged mom possible. They arranged in October a glorious week in Michigan, renting a car at the Detroit airport, avoided the city and headed north to Bay City, Holly (Great Lakes National Cemetery) and east to Tawas City to visit step-family. Highway north was especially lovely — field and forest on the left side and Lake Huron with beach cottages on the right.

*After she submitted her letter, Bea was delighted and relieved to receive a letter from the daughter of **Kay Severin Behm**, whom she'd been unable to reach, and sent it to the office. Kay is alive and in good health, having recovered from hip and knee replacements due to falls. A series of "mini-strokes" has caused lapses in memory and comprehension – but at 95, daughter Carol writes, "she is still very good-looking. They think she's my older sister."*

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Alumnae Weekend '16: Celebrating 70 years!

In lieu of an official Class Rep, the WCAA office is happy to receive your news directly and so welcomed the 2015 Christmas letter of **Ann Winger Tuttle**. Full of literary references, it began with a famous quote from "The Ancient Mariner" apropos of the record-breaking flooding they were experiencing in Irving, TX. (Can you guess it?) Ann is enjoying her new Amazon Echo (a gift from daughter Cynthia) which enabled her to spend weeks listening to Thomas Hardy's Wessex novels. Tiring of his "gloomy Gus" plots, she moved on to *The Tale of Genji*, an 11<sup>th</sup>-century Japanese novel by Lady Murasaki considered the first novel written. She made it through 46 of the 60 listening hours — "I *did* try!" — before giving up and turning to a new crime hero, *Bruno, Chief of Police*, which "wafted me to the French countryside, where crime meets cooking." Life is quiet "except for luncheons with friends, the good old Literay Club meetings, and family visits. ... Thanksgiving was family — Winston brought his two beautiful cats ... They explored everything but the dinner table."

Many memories were jolted loose by the airing of the PBS special on the Roosevelts. Ann recalled being on campus when FDR died and how shaken they all were by the announcement. Her final thoughts for "a Peaceable Kingdom" were unfortunately displaced by Pogo's "We have met the enemy and he is us." But she sent all good wishes ...

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I have not much to write about this year. Our classmates are not sending me letters or they have passed away. I do enjoy hearing from you 1948 people.

I had a nice Christmas card from **Helen Grinnell**, living in Colorado. She has lived there many years now and seems to be getting along just fine. She still keeps busy with her two businesses that take up much of her time.

A long letter from **Jane Clapp Towne** told me of her various activities: graduations, weddings, and her work as a deacon in the Episcopal church. She plays bridge, goes to her PED, and drives *very carefully*. Her family gives her love and guidance.

The sad note is that we lost another classmate, **Jackie Smith Greenhoe**. She and **Jerry [Smith Rector]** were such a part of our class that it is hard to think of their passing.

In April 2014, **Pat Hartnett Argo** passed away. Private services were held and she was buried in Ft. Logan National Cemetery.

I have called **Ellen Siddall Zimmermann** several times but do not get an answer. Maybe she has a new phone!

As for me ... just getting older! In June, my whole family went to California for two weddings. Two of my grandchildren were married. A nice party for the whole family here. February 23, I go to Florida to see my youngest daughter be married in Ft. Lauderdale, her second marriage and we are all happy for her. She is a Leap Year baby, so she will be married February 28<sup>th</sup> — her birthday. So another gathering of the Brandon clan. About 20 of us, including great-grandchildren.

I keep busy with volunteer work, (some) book groups, potluck, etc. I also swim three days a week. I did visit the hospital this year — first in 50 years. One for a leg infection from gardening and the other from asthma. Now I feel just fine.

My best wishes to all and good living!

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**Donna Hall Mader** had "another year of volunteering like a crazy old lady." She is still keeping up with her church activities, mentoring at an elementary school, retired teachers association, working in the gardens at the extension center, helping out at the county library, working with literacy for DAR, and making many baby bibs for pregnant high school girls (urging them to read to their babies). She claims to be doing "nothing earth-shattering — just paying my 'civic rent' and at the same time battling the onset of medical concerns that accompany aging. Luckily I have many happy memories of being younger — including my Western years!"

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**Alumnae Weekend '16: Celebrating 65 years!**

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**Barbara Peterson Block** had open heart surgery in July for a valve repair and two

bypasses. She has recovered well, and she and Roger are busy keeping up with their children and grandchildren's activities. Way to go, Barb! She says that New Hampshire is full of politicians running for office due to their holding the first primary in the nation. They will be glad when it is all over!

**Catherine Ross Loveland** had a nice visit with **Betty Groth Diebold**. Betty is moving from Ohio to Tacoma, WA, where she will be near her son. Catherine and I have had several phone conversations during the past year. She and I roomed next to each other as freshmen at Western and I love keeping in touch after all these years.

**Joyce Rinckhoff Snell** writes from Naples, FL. She now has five great-grandchildren. Joyce says that she doesn't mind being a "great," but has trouble getting her mind around her daughter Joanie being a grandmother. Joyce is active in several clubs and plays a lot of duplicate bridge.

**Mary Sue Allen Gatzert** is still playing bridge. She has also attended four operas and many outdoor concerts in Chicago. Her nephew, Bennett Lowenthal, who is the son of her deceased sister, **Laura "Pookie" Allen Lowenthal '53**, has decided to settle down in Chicago. Tudy says, "I now have a relative here!"

Don and **Betty Sipe Gerber** have joined the ranks of great-grandparents. Betty says, "Fortunately our small family live in Indianapolis so we are 'close, but not too close.'" Betty missed Reunion last year due to health issues, but expects to be there this year.

The office notified me of the death of two of our classmates this year. **Elinor May Magowan** and **Carolyn Bosse Watkin**. And condolences to **Doris May Gilmore** for the death of her husband, Bob, March 12, 2016.

2015 was a bittersweet year for me. Dan passed away in March and it has been quite an adjustment for me to be alone after 59 years. Fortunately, my singing group and my very active great-grandchildren have kept me busy and out of trouble. I also finally got a long-overdue total hip replacement in August. Everything went well and I'm back to normal, and without pain for the first time in several years.

Keep those cards and letters coming! If you missed this deadline, there's always a next time.

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I thought, when I took on the assignment of writing up the Class of 1954 Notes, that I'd soon hear from many old friends. I wish that were true! Remember, I can only include news that YOU send me — so hopefully next year I will have more to share.

After **Lucy Liggett** had replacement surgery on a second hip last year she is now looking around for travel possibilities — “Which country next?” Active in her Friends of the Library group, she enjoys the mental stimulation of a book discussion group and her Elderwise classes.

**Dee Randles Hutchinson** faced problems with her back after a fall last year. Now she feels much better and is able to stay in her own home though she's had to give up driving. Her daughters live nearby so they are a big help. With college behind them she noted that all her grandchildren are independent and out in the working world. Dee stays in touch with **Barbara Drake McConnell** and **Willa Ward**.

After a full year of living at Marion Woods in Ocala, FL, **Elizabeth Renton Hale** said that the interesting part of the move has been meeting new people and getting to know them and hearing their stories. She founded a group called “Tea and Talk,” where folks gather and share their ideas and experiences on the Topic of the Day. The Butterfly Garden benefits from her knowledgeable care and twice a week she offers and promotes a Movie Night.

**Mieke Van Waveren Smit** and Henk Smit celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, and at a lovely party Henk reminisced about their lives together — how they'd lived in five countries and moved 17 times. As a touching conclusion to his speech he presented 60 roses to his bride! In the fall they joined a group for a cruise of the Fiji Islands, enjoying gorgeous scenery as they met interesting passengers from many parts of the world. Earlier in the year, Mieke had returned to Holland for a four-sister reunion — certainly a time to share many memories.

My husband and I continue our interest in Monarch butterflies. We've planted a Butterfly Garden with nectar flowers and the milkweed that is the only food source for larval Monarchs. Last summer we bought some Monarch caterpillars and raised them at home, which involved gathering fresh milkweed leaves for 12-14 days. But what a thrill when the lovely black and orange butterflies emerged, ready to fly off and explore the world. Birch Hill Terrace has a monthly in-house newspaper that we help edit. I write articles and Phil selects the jokes that will amuse (yet not shock) our readers. The book discussion group is fun and I volunteer in our library.

I hope that reading these Class Notes has triggered memories for YOU and that you will share something of your lives in the coming year. I welcome e-mail at any time and please do plan to add me to your Christmas card/letter list.

Good wishes to each and every one of you,

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**Alumnae Weekend '16: Celebrating 60 years!**

So many of you have been thanking me recently for doing the class alumnae news that I am beginning to feel guilty. Actually I find the job fun and rewarding. First, through your cards and e-mails I am getting to know some of you better than I did years ago (I didn't know what I was missing), and second it is reassuring to find that, different though our lives may have been, we share so many commonalities. (Is that a word? I'll have to look it up.)

Now, please indulge me for a personal word before I begin. Most of us have observed our 80th birthday by now, and age has been kinder to some than to others. Do keep that in mind as you read. No one wants to write about the little embarrassments and indignities of growing old, but I haven't met any-

one who hasn't experienced some. Our bodies have let us down, or we haven't accomplished the things we wanted to. Our children have disappointed us, or our savings have vanished. We have false teeth, we use a walker, we wear Depends. If anything like that is how it is with you, I assure you, you are not alone, even if you don't see yourself reflected in these columns. So if you are thinking you'd like to come to our 60th if only things were different, lift your chin and come anyway. Inside we are all still the beautiful young women we were, only now we are kinder and wiser. Please come join us. If you really can't, won't you give me a call or send me an e-mail or letter with news I can share with others?

I don't know about you, but when given the choice of hearing the good news or the bad news first, I will always pick to get the bad over with first. In that regard, let me give you the bad — or in this case, sad information now. We have lost three more class members. First, the alumnae office received belated notice of the Miami, FL, death of **Nilda Chavarria McHugh** on October 5, 2013. I can't offer any more than that, but if any of you have information you can send me about Nilda, I will gratefully include it in my next newsletter.

We learned also that **Ann Dillenbeck Thomas** died on November 8, 2013 in Baylor County, TX. I had lost touch with Ann, but I learned from a brief obituary notice that she had been widowed two years earlier, and was survived by four children as well as numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was listed as a member of Encore Vocal Group, her local garden club, The Women's Forum, and P.E.O. as well as a parishioner of St. Benedict of Nursia, Antiochian Orthodox Church. Doesn't that sound like a full and happy life?

A more recent loss is that of **Gladys Hatcher Dalby**. I am not sure — perhaps someone can tell me — how many years Gladys attended Western. Her obituary stated only that she received her B.A. from the University of North Carolina and her M.S. in Library Science from the University of Maryland. Evidently she was a reference librarian for many years in Fairfax County, Virginia, and is survived by her husband, two children, and six grandchildren. Can anyone who knew Gladys better supply more information?

Now on to happier things:

**Anne Welch Burnette**, alphabetically first in this report, was the also the first to get her news to me this year even though she is obviously one busy lady. She gives museum tours, handles mailing of the newsletter at her church, participates in a book club, attends the symphony and the opera, a study group and a Red Hat group. She meets with a trainer at the gym twice a week

and has a Shih Tzu puppy to walk. In spite of all those activities she managed to get away for a Christmas visit to Deer Valley, UT, a skiing resort, where she was joined by family members from Singapore, New York, and Cincinnati as well as the son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter who also live in Birmingham. Anne reports that there were 10 family members there, and that nine of the ten skied — two skied black, two skied green, and five skied blue. (No idea what that means, ladies, I'm just passing along the information.) I am intrigued by that 10th person, the non-skier whom I picture sitting cozily and safely in a lodge, book in hand, beverage close by, drinking in a beautiful view of snowy hills, and not the least bit tempted to venture out into the frosty air. If I were there, that's where I would be, in the lodge, although I'd be hoping that a third and a fourth would show up for a game of bridge. I might have guessed that Anne was the 10<sup>th</sup> person, but in view of those twice weekly sessions at the gym, maybe not. Seriously, Anne, I admire you and I'm glad you all had a good enough time to be planning a return trip.

**Ingrid Roberta Hoover Chafee** (these days she uses her first name, Ingrid, rather than Roberta) writes, "It has been quiet," and many of us speak of our current lives that way. Ingrid's husband, Nat, who had successful treatment for early-stage cancer and who suffered from some small strokes earlier, has an increased need for rest, so aside from several weeks at the Chafee summer place in Maine, the couple has remained in Atlanta. There Nat can get the rest he needs, while Ingrid stays busy reading, writing, and managing the Special Needs Trust she and Nat have set up for her disabled older son, Robert. Happily, her younger son, a software specialist in Chapel Hill, is close enough to visit a few times a year. She writes, "When I think of people like the refugees, I stop and reflect on how many of them would love the chance to have more quiet and less disruption. Makes me glad for the lack of events."

Ingrid says she and **Laura Johnson McFarland** stay in touch. The McFarlands escape "the cold weather in the mountains of New Mexico" by spending their winters in their desert home near Tucson, AZ. How far away classmates have spread! Those are two states I never have visited, Laura. Why don't you send us a picture of your New Mexico mountains? I'd love to hear from you.

Here's an idea for those of you who can't seem to find time to send in your *Bulletin* news — do as **Greta Richardson Ettinger** does, and let your husband write for you. Ed Ettinger, bless his heart, sends Greta's greetings to us. The Ettingers spend their summers in Hudson, OH, and their winters in Naples, FL. Ed reports that they stay active by playing a little golf and walking their puppy, who is their fifth dog. (It wasn't ex-

actly clear whether they have had five dogs over the years or whether Ed's two exclamation marks mean the puppy is the fifth dog in the Ettingers' current household. If it's the latter case, I'm surprised either one of them had time to write.)

Not all of us have settled into the quiet life, it seems. A Christmas letter from **Jane Peterson Gonzalez** mentions a cruise on the Caribbean, one week in North Carolina, and another in northern Georgia, as well as numerous gatherings of friends and family. (Of course, those family visits included Jane's sister, **Anne Peterson Caviness**, who you will remember was a year ahead of us at Western.) Undoubtedly there would have been more travels, but a sudden, serious illness in August sent Joe to the hospital ICU. On his third day there, Jane fell in a hospital corridor and suffered a compression fracture of the left humerus. It took 27 days for Joe to recover enough to come home, but by November both of them were again singing in their church choir, and Jane was also in Master Chorale rehearsals for the Christmas Concert. An aside — Jane sent me an update on a photo card featuring the most beautiful butterfly photograph! My next Google search will involve an attempt to identify the species. Did you or Joe take the picture, Jane? It's gorgeous.

As in Jane's case, health issues are dictating life changes for many of us. **Jo Haines Huntsinger** has taken on the role of caretaker for her husband, Bill, whose health problems are increasing. But Jo says that they still enjoy each other's company after 60 years together, and happily she is strong and healthy enough to supply the care he needs. One of the things they enjoy together is watching *Jeopardy* each day. "It reminds us of how many things we once knew, but can't pull up from our tired and overloaded brains in time to say the answer." For my part, I think there should be a Senior *Jeopardy* program where contestants are allowed 24 hours in which to answer. That's how long it took me to remember the word "alliteration" last week. I could have Googled it, I could have asked someone, but of course I was too stubborn. What English major would want to ask *that*?

It would be a disservice to all of you if I tried to give you this news about **Barbara Williams Kearns** in my own words. I couldn't possibly capture the flavor of this message from Evil Alice, (her user name). This is so typically "BeBe" I can almost see her as I read it: "Somehow I don't remember getting your messages, but I have been somewhat disorganized. Late the year before last I was found passed out on the floor. Eventually the hospital sent me to a senior care facility in hospice care. One day I just woke up and started figuring things out. I began joining the world again and kept improving until I was sent home on New Year's Eve. Now I've had another New Year's Eve, live

on my own, have a new cat, have friends where I live as well as friends in my medieval group and am physically in great shape. I'm pretty sharp mentally but realize that there are some fuzzies once in a while and even those goofs are fewer and far between. The powers that be insisted I give up driving so I gave the car to my son ... And that's the way it's been — life is good." I am so very glad for that, Barbara. Keep enjoying life!

Back with the quiet life, **Nancy Haas Osborn** begins her e-mail with "not much news here in Indianapolis." Nevertheless, the news she does have is exciting — a great-granddaughter, Adaline Rose, joined the family in December of 2015, and a second granddaughter was expecting twins this spring. My sympathies were aroused when I read Nancy's gentle complaint that it's the Florida and North Carolina grandchildren who are having babies, while her Indianapolis grandson doesn't appear to be thinking along those lines yet. I understand where you are coming from, Nancy — the three little great-grandsons we now have live in Cleveland, and Columbus will be home to the new great-grandson expected in May. Not as far away as yours, of course, but not close enough to see as often as I would like.

In early February I heard from my peripatetic roommate, **Patty Van Auken Robinson**, from her home overlooking the beach in St. Petersburg, FL, that she and husband Jeff won't be making one of their trips to exotic places for a while, because Jeff had tripped and fallen a couple weeks earlier, breaking both his hip and his femur. At the time Patty wrote, Jeff was getting intensive physical therapy at a rehab facility, and she was expecting him back home in about a week, but the doctors were stating it would take two or three months for him to recover fully. Luckily, (Or was it luck? A priest I know would argue otherwise.) a short time before Jeff's fall, Patty had begun cutting back on the number of scheduled activities crowding her days. Because of that move, she will be much more available when Jeff needs attention and assistance during his recovery.

Moving on to Parkersburg, WV, **Charlotte Leary Ross** babysits her 3-year-old great-granddaughter and the little girl's 6-month-old brother three days every week. Charlotte says she counts herself lucky to be able to manage it, because she enjoys being with the little ones. I am very glad for your sake, Char, but I don't think I could do it. Trying to keep up with even one preschooler reminds me again that "I'm not as young as I used to be." And as for being younger, how many of you know that Charlotte and **Jane Peterson Gonzalez** were the first two students at Western to enter the medical technology field? That's an example of what I call forward thinking!

Forward Thinking — what a nice lead-in I gave myself there! I was reading **Suzanne Schmidt Smith's** fascinating Christmas letter when I saw a reference to *New Ways to Work*. I had forgotten that in 1972, forward thinkers Suzanne and Barney Olmsted co-founded that organization, just a handful of employees. It was a pioneering effort to promote the concept of workplace flexibility options, and it has grown into an award-winning national organization with ever-expanding goals. You can read about it by Googling "New Ways to Work." I believe I read in one of the articles that both women are now retired from managing the organization, but I am sure they maintain an active interest in its future. Suzanne is now living at The Sequoias in San Francisco where she is president of their Residents Association, representing 350 fellow residents. In autumn of last year, she joined members of her church, St. Mark's Lutheran, on a tour of beautiful old churches in Germany, one of which was the Frauenkirche in Dresden, beautifully restored now after being largely demolished by Allied bombing in World War II.

In 2015 many of us celebrated our 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with family and friends, and **Ann Hopper Sneden** sent along a photograph of her whole family (sadly, as she said, missing Bob) taken approximately a year before family members again gathered, this time for her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration at a resort in Walker, MN. I counted 22 people there, one more beautiful than the other. Not surprising considering the Matriarch, right? There were two babies in the photograph, and by January of this year, two more great-grandchildren had joined the growing family. Now back in Tennessee, Ann is happy with the volunteer work which she says is her "idea of pleasure." On a different note, she is wondering if anyone happens to have a copy of our Senior "Future" letter, read at the Howl. It *would* be fun, Ann, to read the prognoses and see how many came true. Ladies, does anyone have a copy?

Sometime last year **Nancy Britton Soth** decided to change her life. She began by telling her two book clubs she wanted to "remain on the perimeter," etc. and prepared to retire into a leisurely reading of classics she had missed. Does anyone else, hearing about an ambitious plan, immediately think of this quotation, "Man proposes, but God disposes"? Just as Nancy was ready to embark on her reading program, she happened to go to a Latino Play Festival, there in Northfield, MN, and she was inspired. She is now immersed in a joint venture with two other writers — they are writing an account of the history of the festival. It is the brainchild of a Northfield high school teacher who for five years has involved her ESL classes in a year-long playwriting project. The students learn to write, trust each other with their stories, and finally produce and perform their play at the yearly Latino Play Festival. Nancy's book will also feature the many

other ways Northfield has welcomed foreign students — through mentoring, tutoring, and organizing activities to help them graduate from high school and go on to college. So glad you are writing up this inspiring story, Nancy. I am eager to read it. The classics can wait!

**Carol Lee Silvernail Swager** was in a reflective mood when she wrote this year. Looking back on the 60 years since our graduation, during 57 of which she and Warren have lived in Montana, she was able to say with gratitude, "Each day I look at our mountains and realize life has been good to our family. We now have three great-grandchildren, 4, 3 and 1. All our kids are doing well, realizing their dreams, and our granddaughter Lauren is in medical school following in her grandpa's footsteps. We look forward always to family visits from Boston, Kansas City, Phoenix, Washington state, and Wyoming. We are not snowbirds. We love our winters." Carol Lee is requesting that those able to attend our 60<sup>th</sup> and the dedication of Legacy Circle will *celebrate* for her, and she sends a special hello to everyone.

I know it can't be quite as idyllic as it sounds to me, but reading **Barbara Ballinger Sweet's** e-mail presents a picture that could be featured on a calendar called *Rural America*, or be the basis of a picture book about a family farm. Just listen: Barb and George have two horses, three dogs, five cats (hooray!) 18 goats (counting the three in the freezer, and 13 hens. They share their log home on its 10 acres with Barbara's sister Linda, and granddaughter Whitney, whom they have raised since she was 15 months old. Barbara's oldest daughter, Becky, and Becky's son, Ben, have an 88-acre farm adjoining the Sweets'. The farm's location, close to Pittsburgh, has made it convenient for trips both to Vermont, to see George's children, and to Nags Head, NC, where Barbara's son and her middle daughter live with their respective families. You will remember that Barbara has always been involved in "horse stuff" as she refers to it, and now, even with the titanium hip which she got in 2014, she is still involved, even going on a short trail ride last fall and taking horse-related trips to New York and Virginia last year. Whitney, who recently graduated from Bethany College with a major in communications, is a rider also, occasionally competing in eventing and jumping venues. She has a paid internship with Roots Sports in Pittsburgh, a regional sports network that is home of the Pittsburgh Pirates. Barbara is encouraging all of us to try to get to Western for our 60<sup>th</sup> and I gladly join her in that.

As for the Millers, I am glad to say 2015 was a quiet year. Most of our adventures these days are vicarious ones, and there is nothing wrong with that. Karl and I take great joy and pride in our eight children. I wish I had known when I was an anxious young

mother what fine, caring adults they would grow up to be, all both so alike and unlike. I love the way that, scattered all over the continent, they remain close to one another and to us. And now I see them look at their own children and grandchildren with the same pride and wonder and realize how very blessed our family has been. Thanks to those of you who have asked about my books. Yes, two new ones were published this year: *Sunday Shopping*, a picture book illustrated by the fantastic Shadra Strickland and published by Lee & Low; and *Jump Back, Paul*, a middle grade biography of the poet Paul Laurence Dunbar, sensitively illustrated by Sean Qualls and published by Candlewick Press. [See *brief review*, p. 27, *Spring 2015 Bulletin*.] Both are Children's Library Guild selections. If you try to locate them from your local bookstore or from Amazon, remember that I write under the name you all know me by, Sally Derby. If anyone has a copy you would like signed, bring it along to Reunion and I'll be glad to do so. I'll also bring a few copies I can sell. See you in June, ladies!

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The best part of being your Class Rep is hearing from my classmates, from time to time. I wish the percentage of responses were higher, but I'm glad for each one that comes through. I first heard from one of my roommates, **Sandra Meredith McNulty**. She wrote: "There's not a lot to report as I am not out and about collecting antiques anymore due to some health issues. Ed and I have moved from our lakeside home in NKY to Bellbrook, OH, to be closer to our architect son Dan in Dayton. Our other four children are scattered across the country — from Maine to Meadville, PA, to Dayton, to Austin, TX, to Tucson, AZ. We have one grandchild, 4-year-old Bella in Pennsylvania. We are proud that son Nevin, in Texas, is a professional church organist. My husband, Ed, still reviews films at [visualparables.org](http://visualparables.org), and thus we enjoy the

fact that Paul, in Pennsylvania, manages a large cinema complex. I do still enjoy playing Scrabble and love to win over the author, Ed, supposedly the wordsmith of the family.”

**Jan McKee Banks** is the co-chair for a \$2 million capital campaign which she helped found 13 years ago. The Friends of the Farm at Hilltop is about to be launched for the nonprofit. On the musical side, Jan is directing the adult bell choir at her church, which joyously consumes a lot of her time, in addition to being a doting grandmother.

**Phyllis Yeamans Bailey**'s life is one of daily caregiving for her husband, Earl. Her daughter, Susan, and family are moving to the Washington coast for a year to allow a transition to a new school there that will be a marvelous opportunity for granddaughter Katie Rose. Her son Jim's book, *The End of Healing*, published last year, is available on Amazon and in Barnes & Noble. On another bright note, Phyllis is playing her piano again, and it's wonderful therapy for her. (Our special thoughts are with you, Phyllis).

**Juli Beasley Kinchla** is enjoying her new location in sunny, warm Ventura, CA, but loves her visits with grandsons in Nashville. Her sons have become well known across the country with their own band, Blues Traveler. (When they performed in Cocoa Beach, recently, I so wanted to meet them, but other obligations prevented this.)

**Esin Aka Atil** has found peace and quietude after decades of hard yet most rewarding work as a curator at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. She has published over 20 books, 100 some articles, and has lectured all over the world. Now, she spends her time reading and learning new things, and taking care of her health. She had a pacemaker installed, uses a cane (more as a security blanket than necessity — great for hailing taxis in DC). She rejoices in her relative good health.

**Jocelyn Wilkins Wilks** writes: “Another year, another wedding, and another great-grand on the way. For Christmas, 24 of us were all together at my middle daughter's house party. I finally went to bed that night at 1:30, falling asleep to the pulsating beat of dance music (which went on until 3:30 a.m.). I guess I'm just an old party pooper.” (No, Jos, a hostess for 24 people is no party pooper!) Jos continues, “Added to my hobbies this past summer, I had fun creating a fairy garden along a garden path for grand and great-grandchildren. Well, truth be told, I had far more fun with it than any of them — finally turning it into a fairy village by the end of the summer. Although the meteorologists tell us El Nino is responsible for our warm snowless winter, it is actually because I bought a snow blower. We are hoping for a little snow here in Virginia but I am already thumbing through spring

garden catalogues which have begun arriving in the mail.”

What a great surprise when **Jane Smucker Fryman** called me, just to chat. She has recovered well from her open heart surgery in October of 2014 and is back in the swing of many activities with her children and grandchildren, their gardening, and her involvement with both the Oxford League of Women Voters and Western College Alumnae Association boards. (Thank you, Jane, for all you do in representing us on the WCAA board.) Jane has upgraded her computer and promises to write more often, thus reaching out to classmates. She says, “I started school early so am just approaching 79, but at this point who is counting! Jack and I have not taken any long trips since spending Thanksgiving in Chicago at our niece Cheri's home with 30 other Fryman relatives. I just received the spring catalogue for the Institute for Learning in Retirement. It is a five-week period of classes from pottery, yoga, bird watching, wine tasting, F. Scott Fitzgerald's story stories, symphonic sounds, and sundown cinema. There 34 classes to choose from in Oxford. I usually start out with 10 possibilities and narrow it down to five or six. The teachers are some of Miami's best current and retired teachers. Several are from the Western College Program and Eleanor Vail taught an excellent piano class several years ago. We have WCAA Board meetings in April, June, and October and I would be glad to bring up any ideas, concerns or questions from class members. We all appreciate your service as our class representative. It keeps us in touch with each other. Old friends are some of our best friends.”

**Joan Avakian Poritsky** seems to know when I need an uplifting note and sends just the words to brighten my day. She writes of her greatly anticipated visits with her daughters in California and Seattle, WA.

With great sadness, I include the news of the passing of our classmate, **Beth Brown Carey**, who died November 2, 2012.

I tracked down Jeanne Miller and learned that her mother, **Betty Strong Miller**, is now in a personal care facility outside Philadelphia. She is fortunate to have her daughters nearby.

**Sally Raub Alkire** lost her husband, Jim, who passed away last April. She writes that since then, she's just been taking care of things that he normally did and trying to get rid of a lot of superfluous things. She finds herself playing a lot of bridge, and enjoys seeing more of her sister and nieces. In her words, “my life is full, but uneventful.”

**Marie Uveges Holt** sent the following: “In December 2014 just before Christmas, I was in the hospital, where I learned that I had a TIA stroke. No real damage had taken place



*Jennie Lou (left) and June Regan Young, lunching and catching up in February*

but warning signs were evident. I was home for Christmas. In 2015, I continued to keep busy with Kappas, Friends of the Library, Stow Woman's Club, Grief volunteer and playing bridge six times a month. When I was in the hospital I learned how much my kids loved me. Both took good care of me and told me to call them day or night if I needed them. They live 10 minutes from me. My eight grandchildren are fine. There are three of them who may soon entertain thoughts of marriage. One is still in college and two are in high school. My autistic grandson is 24 and working locally. One sad note was the loss of a great-grandson. He lived two days. His dad is back at work. My Internet friend, and love of 11 years, and I are still going strong. We talk and play Slingo every night. I'm glad we met several years ago. He makes my days and nights happy.”

Dave, **June Regan Young** and I met for lunch in February and brought each other up to date on our lives during the past year. For June and Dave, there has been much traveling across the country to visit friends in Denver, Mexico, and Florida, and then the decision to move into a retirement community. They now have a new address: 149 East Side Drive 377, Concord, NH 03301. June continues her creative craft hobby and her Church activities.

**Carol Towne Schaub** and her husband live only a few miles away, so we manage to meet occasionally. In a response note, she shared her news: “We spent four days in January in Gainesville (FL) for our son's wedding, and it was cold!!! My Sweet Adeline chorus is giving our annual show and I've been making a costume that our new members needed. I took classes for the election in March. All poll workers have to take a class for each election, because things change and there are always new workers. Th-th-th-at's all folks.”

And so, from the land of sunshine and snow-birds, I (Jennie Lou) send you all my best wishes for your 80th birthday (unless you were born before or after 1936). It was great hearing from those of you who shared some news of your accomplishments, travels, gardening, grandchildren, and/or other exciting events. After waiting, in vain, for 100 percent return/response, I made a few calls.

I could not reach **Jette Mohr Handley, Doreen Smith Hunziker, Evelyn Mallis Griffin**, but I loved hearing the voices of **Amy Hoover Frierson, Ann Mulvihill Webb, Rosa Ewing Goldman, Marie Holt Uveg-es, Rosalind Chu, and Betty Strong Miller**. We all agreed that being an octogenarian was challenging but had a few advantages, like being helped across the street by a young Boy Scout. It was so wonderful to hear the voices of these long-lost friends that I have vowed to call others in the coming months.

As with many of you, I walk a bit more slowly at the beginning of the day, it takes an extra effort to get up from the chair, and I often wish I had the vim and vigor of my youth, but I am learning to accept that which I cannot change and continue to turn the pages of the calendar with thanks for each new day. I am still teaching violin to young children and love their presence in my life. If you want to see me as I talk about my books, then put my name into your computer, and view my YouTube.

I have not been an Ann Landers reader but her words are so appropriate: "Love is friendship that has caught fire. It is quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. It is loyalty through good and bad times. It settles for less than perfection and makes allowances for human weaknesses." Regardless of the weather, we can turn to each other with quiet understanding, mutual confidence, sharing and forgiving. Believing this, we can get through any tough times, and melt the clouds away. Let's look for the silver lining, and try to find the sunny side of life. I send you all my love ...

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*Congratulations to Jennie Lou—  
a 2016 Alumnae Service Award winner!*



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A long Christmas letter from **Patty Rees Dewey** is filled with good reports about her very active family. Son Joe finished his Stuttgart assignment and moved to a job with the NATO Command in Netherlands. Son James remains in the Greensboro area of South Carolina but with a new job. The four state-side grandchildren — ages 7-16 — are busy and active. Patty and husband Dennis again cruised with friends across the Atlantic from Miami to Bermuda to the Azores, Lisbon, Bilbao and LeHavre. The holidays found them in their Singer Island, FL, condo.

Senior roomie **Sally Hoover Harris** agrees that being "closer to 80 than anything else" is a dumbfounding situation. She and husband Tom are grateful every day to still be upright and mobile! She wishes she had a grandchild nearby to help her keep up with the ever-changing technology. Sound familiar?

Pete and **Sydney Stout Benson** spent this past year celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which included trips and visits with friends from California to Hawaii. While there they met up with **Barb Kong Vlachos**. At home in Medina, OH, they are very active volunteers in the local area as well as their church. They see son Rob and children in Wooster, OH, as often as possible and visit son Scott's family — including 8-year-old twins — in California.

A 10th grandchild was added to Jay and **Susie Williams Keefer's** family early last year. The others range from third grade to college. All 18 of their family gathered in West Virginia to help the Keefers celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last August. And before the year was out they also celebrated Jay's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. As a grandson pointed out: Susie had better hurry to catch up with him!

Our dear **Izzie Oteo De-Martinez** writes from Mexico City that she is keeping busy swimming, walking, exercising, and singing in a church choir that performs outside the church as well. It helps her not miss her husband, who died two years ago. Added to her four grandchildren (ages 13-17) is brand-new 1<sup>st</sup>-year-old Mila, born in New York.

**Sara White Arn** has become very reflective in her (our) later years! What a great life she has had although not fully realizing it at the time. All daughters are in happy homes and are contributing members of society. Some of her grandchildren have finished college and are gainfully employed. The younger ones are good students. And she is especially thankful for the progress medical science has made to be able to provide replacement parts for worn-out joints!

The Friendship Force Club has played an important role in **Claudia "Whit" White Gilmartin's** life. Her local Maine chapter welcomed visitors from Australia and New Zealand this past year. And Claudia and a traveling companion were welcomed and entertained by Canadian friends from the Quebec chapter. While grandson Joel graduated from MIT and granddaughter Rachel, from high school, two great-grandchildren were added to the family! Whit is studying to become a marine docent in her local museum.

A review of John and **Kathy Howard Sullivan's** year includes miles of travel including Portugal where Kathy fractured her foot, Connecticut to visit John's daughter's family — where she unbelievably fractured her other foot — California to visit daughter Heather and ending up in the sun on Florida's Longboat Key. She and John continued their teaching and studying at The Senior College at the University of Southern Maine. They team-taught a course on immigration and both did Readers' Theater. She just went off the board of the World Affairs Council of Maine after nine years' service.

**Sue Wylie Moran and Ann Gingrich Kuehn** had a long-awaited reconnection last



*Patty Rees Dewey and family*



Ann Kuehn (left), visiting '60 classmate Sue Moran 54 years later!

summer, 54 years after Ann served in Sue's wedding! They both still look beautiful! Shortly after, Sue and husband Peter moved into a life-care community in Wilmington, DE.

Another world traveler this year, **Christine "Singi" Saari Dempf** spent five weeks over Christmas with 10 members of her family in Austria — the second of two visits last year — where her grandson proposed to his girlfriend. Also visited were Wyoming, New Mexico and Auburn Hills. Christine shares a studio with four other artists where she continues to create her cigar box shrines — 101 to date! She exhibits her small works and posts her daily photo practice on Facebook. She also keeps inspired by membership in a book group and poetry group and exercises with husband Jon camping, canoeing, and walking.

**Betty Milligan Kipp** reports life is good but "hardly exciting." Repeating her coordination issues from our days at Western, she fell getting into a touring cart in Maine and had to cut the trip short. She and husband Don are facing the tough decision of choosing a life-care facility. As she says, "This was for my mother, not me!" They will probably end up on Skidaway Island. She quotes a friend who reminded her that "It's better to be two years ahead than 15 minutes behind." Food for thought.

After overseeing extensive remodeling, **Connie Everett Cunningham** has moved back into the home she bought 29 years ago. She continues to bike-ride and do water aerobics, wearing oxygen 24/7 but feeling happy and "somewhat" healthy.

**Ann Hammond** gets back to Ohio twice a year to visit her family. She is doing well at home in Tustin, CA, and traveling when she can. There will be a few road trips this spring and Iceland in the summer.

A lovely surprise was hearing from **Jane Ramsey Grant** from her new digs in Dayton, NV. The move happened between Jane's reverse shoulder replacement (exactly how does that work??) and husband Bob's fourth back surgery. Things have calmed down since then and they are happily closer to kids and grandkids. They play a lot of golf — reportedly not well but they're having fun.

Speaking of golf, **Sally "Doodie" Allen Masters** is also spending lots of time at it farther south in Naples, FL, along with tennis. She continues to volunteer at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. She's traveled to visit family and has gone on several Road Scholar events this past year.

And then there's **Nancy Kohlman Freeman** in Norwalk, CT, who smashed her shoulder in a middle-of-the-night accident that sent her to the hospital also for a reverse shoulder replacement! Followed by four months of PT and a full year's recovery.

She also reports an afternoon of reminiscing with **Barbara Kong Vlachos**, who was on her way from Boston to an airport in New York. Nancy is auditing a few classes at the local community college and enjoying everything but having to get to school by 8 a.m.

**Cathy Bauer Cooper** insists that she's too old to keep doing this (editing *Bulletins*). But then she reads what all the rest of the class is doing and figures sitting in front of a computer punching keys a few hours every day for a couple months twice a year is pretty cushy. Or so she says. She, Coop, and pets are committed St. Simons Island, GA, snowbirds and wish they could stay longer than January-February. But by March, duty and spring yard work call.

It's been a while since I heard from fellow ex-Clevelander **Patti Alman Halbig**. From Murrieta, CA. She reports that she is still running the art therapy program she began with homeless vets temporarily housed at March Air Force Base. Their mess hall is lined with framed drawings and paintings. The more religious ones are being exhibited at her nearby church. Also keeping her busy are her grandchildren (ages 5, 8 and 11). She spent a wonderful month last year driving through the British Isles.

So the theme this year is HOW DID WE GET THIS OLD?! And then I am reminded that it's sure better than the opposite. Ed and I sold our all-time favorite house and moved back to Wilton, CT, into a condo without walking distance of town. It was a tough decision and a horrible time of downsizing and having to make so many changes, but it was the right move. We now only have to worry about the inside while "they" take care of the outside. Activities involving family, music, the library and church take up a lot

of our time. New York City, the Jersey shore and February in Florida keep us entertained and in touch with many friends.

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**Alumnae Weekend '16: Celebrating 55 years!**

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Here's hoping that 2016 is being kind to you and that, like me, you look forward to hearing from and about our classmates and other Western friends. Sharing our news and information via *The Bulletin* is a wonderful way to catch up with one another (in addition to using e-mail, Facebook, snail mail, and the phone). Please keep in touch. Thank you to those who have written.

**Faith Evans** e-mailed several times to provide updates on her life. The past year has been busy for her. She retired in April 2013 and, "it's been a tricky adjustment." Faith had great fun attending her 55th high school reunion. She enjoys hiking with three local groups and exploring good areas on the

North Shore of Boston. She returned to Echo Lake Camp in Acadia for a week and, as always, had a great time. It was her 10th or 12th visit. "I have not done a 'big trip' for three years, and it's time. Would love to return to England and also see Scotland. Some friends at my church are going to Transylvania and Budapest, and I am considering that in the fall. I enjoy volunteering at an animal shelter (MSP-CA) weekly and walk dogs. Exercise and maintaining good health are important to me. My ongoing task is getting rid of clutter. I have made a dent. Maybe in my next note for Western I can say I finished...!" Involved with a local Democratic group, she notes that this coming year will be quite hectic and she plans to work hard to get the Democratic presidential candidate elected. Faith keeps in touch with **Judy White Fogt, Arlene Branca, Marcia Randlett Oder, and Vivien Despotopulos Forbes**. She ended her message with these words, "Enjoy your year, think young, and do what you really want to do."

**Jan Wood Beaven** wrote briefly, "The highlight of my year was a trip to Iran where we had a warm welcome from people on the street. The official stance is more complicated as most people know. I think the nuclear agreement is very positive, as is the release of the U.S. prisoners. On the election, I watch with puzzlement and hope. On the personal side, it is all about the grands and my interactions with them! Cheers to all!"

On Facebook, **Cyndy Smith Bailes** shared the following: "I continue a quiet life of reading, bridge, [spending time with] now 7-year-old granddaughter, and exchanging FB posts with Evie."

**Mary Prentiss Ryder** continues to enjoy living in the Ozarks. "Retirement is good along with excellent health. No replacement parts yet! Hobbies include quilting with emphasis on making Quilts of Honor and kayaking on Table Rock Lake. Vacations for Bob and me are more local — Oklahoma, Iowa, and Alabama, plus an annual bus trip with fellow quilters. Our grandson lived with us for eight months before going to college. Fun having youth in the house. Our furry family members include two Shih Tzus and one large black cat."

This has been a busy year for **Betty Treiber Ahrens**. "In June, I was diagnosed with lung cancer. By July it was all gone and I'm clean. Six weeks later, Bill and I and two other couples boarded the *Queen Mary 2* for Southampton. Spent a week in London and then took the train to Paris and spent two days in Normandy, which was very moving. Rather than spending a month in Florida this



Carolyn Moss Ford '64, joined by all at Christmas 2015

year, we opted for a golf week in Tubac, AZ, in March. In April, we're taking a 14-day cruise with four couples to Barcelona. After a week in Barcelona, we're flying to Munich for the christening of Bill's latest nephew (son of his niece). Am still volunteering at our local historic theater and busy working with Bill on our Historical Associations (note the plural). We did join the Grange, which happens to be right next to our house, and are busy with it, too. Guess that's about it for now."

**Carolyn Moss Ford** counts 2015 as another special year for her family. "I retired from my volunteer job of advertising/marketing for our lake newsletter, which has freed up some time for me to play more bridge, golf, and cottage life. The children all joined us for Christmas, which was so much fun at the cottage. Both of us were in seemingly good health, and then 2016 hit ... with a storm! As for the past many years, we were celebrating New Year's with good friends near our cottage, playing games and dining with great fun and revelry. In the midst of acting out *Star Wars: The Awakening Force* in charades, David suddenly went down onto a glass on a coffee table, cutting his throat, just missing his carotid artery by millimeters. Ambulanced to the closest hospital one hour away, cardiac arrest, and then New Year's Day ambulanced to St. Mike's in Toronto. This led to a quadruple by-pass surgery on Jan. 11th. He is recovering very well after spending only four days in the hospital! We are thankful for the skilled physicians, surgeon, and wonderful care and guardian angels he had on this journey. The excellent recovery is, I believe, due to his excellent fitness. We have been following the U.S. election primaries and caucuses with interest. After the hospital visits and surgery that David has just been through, I marvel at the Canadian universal health care system which benefits all."

**Cathie Koutsogiane Cipolla** reports that she now has a new e-mail address,

cathiecipolla@gmail.com, and that her husband became pastor of St. Mary's Church in Norwalk, CT, in April "so life has changed."

**Marcia Randlett Oder** and husband Robin are now living in St. Petersburg, FL, in an assisted-living facility on the intercoastal waterway and very close to St. Pete beach. "In our opinion, the temperature has been a bit chilly in the low 60s lately [in February], but we're certainly not having to deal with what's been hitting the Midwest and the East Coast. It's been exactly a year since my accident when I was hit by a bus as I was walking across a crosswalk, but I'm getting better a little every day. A thank-you goes to so many of you for your support and your encouragement.

Our new home is called Allegro, which is next door to Eckerd College, which offers two major programs for retired adults. All sorts of presentations are given, including some that offer science, math, history, art, language, music, current events, etc. Robin and I both spend a good deal of time there. If any of you are in this area, please get in touch." Contact info: 727-864-5081; moder@magneticseparation.com; 4650 54th Avenue South, Apt. 201, St. Petersburg, FL 33711.

**Gay Nellis Walker** notes that after 15 years of separation, she is finally getting an official divorce. "Other than that, I have been taking metalworking [jewelry] class and really enjoying it. Still singing — this year it's Mahler's 2nd Symphony. Last spring we had sort of a family reunion on Maui for my niece's wedding. My sister and her remaining son came from Ohio, her granddaughter came from Colorado, and my daughter and her family came from Nevada. My other daughter and her family, of course, live on Maui. It was great fun to be all together like that, and for such a joyous occasion — my niece's first wedding at age 50! I'm still practicing psychotherapy two days a week. Maybe if I keep practicing, I'll finally master it! Looking forward to everyone's news."

**Judy White Fogt** wrote to say she didn't have any interesting news — "pretty much doing what was in the last [*Bulletin*] issue." She hopes to have more to share next year. This past summer, Judy, **Arlene Branca**, Larry, and I had a most enjoyable mini-reunion at Arlene's Hampton Bays vacation home and at a local restaurant, at which time we were able to catch up on each other's activities.

**Gypsy Kimball Richardson** shared the following: "I have had an exciting year in 2015 and it has continued in 2016. I took a trip to Santa Fe in April. I love that part of the world. Learned a lot about Pueblo life. Went to Taos, Los Alamos, and Bandelier Park



Alice Mollenauer Raymond (left), Beverly Wells, and Jill Hartley '63, in tennis visors at Indian Canyons in Palm Springs

among other places. In late June spent two weeks in Brevard, NC, attending many concerts put on by the Brevard Music Center every year. In October, I finally got a contract on my house. It had been on the market for a year and a-half. Downsizing and packing has been interesting. I moved permanently to Brevard, NC, at the end of January. After two weeks, I have finally unpacked everything. Just have pictures to hang. My sister lives in the area. I am renting a nice airy condo situated where I can walk to Brevard College, downtown Brevard, the library, and my church. My address is 23 W. Woodsong Ln., Brevard, NC 28712. My phone # is 828-884-3616. My cell number is 540-273-0692. I would love to have people visit if they are in the area."

**Alice Mollenauer Raymond, Beverly Wells, and Jill Fulton Hartley '63** spent two days at the BNP Parabas tennis tournament in Indian Wells, CA, following several weeks visiting in Claremont at Jill's home enjoying Southern California's good weather and many cultural and social events.

**Faith Evans** e-mailed the following information for **Vivien Despotopulos Forbes**: "I am doing quite well here at Meadowview. If any of you would like to drop a note, or even come by if you are in the area, you are very welcome. My address is Meadowview Care and Rehabilitation Center, 134 North Street, North Reading, MA 01864."

**Lynne Drucker Albuquerk** began her remarks with: "Not much new this year, thank goodness! Grands and kids all visited twice for a week. Twelve in the house. Family parties of 25 or so, but I am finally wising up and having about half the food brought in prepared and using disposable plates (so much for environmental sensitivity). The four girls at ages 9, 8, 8, and 7 are a 'flock' who love being together here. The lone boy at 4 tags along as "me too." Summer project was building a swing to hang from two trees, and winter was setting up an art studio in the basement. Grandma's holiday gift to each, including grown-ups, was remote control cars. Watch out zooming down the halls;

many crashes, thank you, Amazon! Oh yeah, I am helping one of our aides set up a home health care agency. I am the business end and mouthpiece for new clients, vendors, insurance companies, governmental regulators ... wait a minute ... this is hours a week." Lynne enjoyed being one of the two representatives of the Class of '64 at our 51st reunion in Oxford. She had to miss our 50th, as she was convalescing from back surgery at that time, but appreciated this past June's opportunity to get together with the Class of '65, the Aubles, and especially **Brooksie Jacobs** at Western.

When **Nancy Van Vleck Von Allmen** wrote, it was at a "crazy, hectic" time. Her daughter was visiting from California with her two kids. Her other daughter was expecting to give birth to her second child at any moment. Despite the busyness, here's what Nancy took the time to share: "My life continues to go well because my family is healthy, happy, and safe. Just wish our planet wasn't facing so many challenges. When considering the gifts of life, I often think of Herrick Young and Western. Am still in awe of how much of the world Dr. Young exposed us to. The amazing African and then Middle East Seminar experiences so enabled me to care about and comprehend the current news of those two dozen countries ... including over a week in Iran. What a huge gift in 2016! Studying Middle Eastern thought enables me to more or less understand what is transpiring there today. Western truly gave me so much for which I am increasingly grateful..." Nancy also thinks of some classmates like **Irene Abernathy**, and the impact that the travel seminars had on them that later influenced their important work in regions they first visited as Western students. In conclusion, Nancy says: "On a personal note, I'm expecting my fourth, and last, grandchild (a girl!!!!) any minute! Am busy volunteering, skiing, and renting our five chalet apartments through Airbnb in Murren, Switzerland. Life is good."

We Hohlers continue to love retirement. We're still busy with Rotary, Habitat, OLLI classes at SUNY Stony Brook, activities with the historical society and as Democratic Committee persons. I also continue to serve on the Town of Brookhaven's Women's Advisory Council. We enjoy occasional visits with Nicole and Jose, who come up from DC to see us. Most of our time, though, is still taken up with fundraising for our non-profit organization, Hope Children's Fund, Ltd. (HCF), which helps support the 80 or so youngsters at the Jerusha Mwiraria Hope Children's Home in Meru, Kenya. The Home celebrated its 10th anniversary of operation when we visited this past September. In taking the annual census at The Home, we got to interview and photograph all of the children, who are so darling and eager to please. A number of our original youth have left us, are living independently, and appear to be gainfully employed. Ten of "our" kids

now attend universities: one studying engineering at Nairobi Technical University; one in pre-med at Kenyatta University; three working on degrees in medical technology or electrical engineering at Mt. Kenya University; one studying engineering at Nairobi Multi-Media University; two finishing up their studies at Kenya Methodist University, where one will be certified as a pharmacist and the other as a physician's assistant; one at Rabate Presbyterian Teachers Training College; and one at Chuka University, now interning in an eco-tourism program. Around 30 youngsters from The Home attend secondary schools — either academic or technical, which require tuitions, while the rest are in primary school, which is free. Our fundraising needs grow as our kids continue to do so. But, hopefully, once they're up and out, they'll help their younger "brothers and sisters" by paying it forward and helping with financing those remaining at The Home. By the way, we encourage visitors to come to The Home and meet "our kids." To know them is to love them, and a warm welcome is assured. You can follow our progress at [www.hopechildrensfund.org](http://www.hopechildrensfund.org). In July-August, Larry and I will be taking a Viking Cruise along the Elbe from Berlin to Czechoslovakia and then a land tour of Poland, also with Viking. This will be our first non-Kenyan overseas travel in many years; however, we do plan a return trip to Meru in mid-September. Want to join us in the latter?

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Dear Classmates! We have only two years until our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, so it's not too early to put **June 8-10, 2018**, on your calendars. I would like to suggest that we bring our partners/spouses if they would like to attend; please let me know your thoughts. As you now know, in January we lost one of our classmates, **Geri Kuscher Pizzi**, who was always a bright light in our class. Geri brought her former husband, Skip, and Robert and Julia, to at least one reunion — I think several — during the era when we were putting on lavish entertainments with the help of **Jacqui Wallace** and **Al Sugg**. I heard from quite a few people after Geri died, some of whom didn't send news: **Lucky Bardshar Borland**, **Vicki Choy**, **Susan Fackler Sykes**, **Jennifer French Sponsler**, **Jo Beth Phillips Mount**, **Lawanda Powell Randall**, **Pat Shook Misiuk**, **Alice Thompson Carter**, and **Ella Weingarten Iams**.

2015 was a rather quiet year for me, with the exception of a couple of trips to North Carolina to visit my step-mother and step-sister, along with my sister, **Gretchen Blake Roy '71**, and my husband, Joel. Gretchen



Susan (left) with classmate Nel Ware (center) and sister Gretchen Blake Roy '71

and I visited cousins in Colorado in July and had a lovely lunch in Denver with **Nel Ware**. [See photo.] Joel and I also had an exciting trip to Central Asia in August and September. Mom, Gretchen, and I traveled there when the area was part of the Soviet Union, exactly 50 years before, between my freshman and sophomore years at Western. Needless to say, the changes were not unexpected, but remarkable nonetheless. On the way, we stopped in Istanbul to visit with **Diane Eby Özbal '67** and her husband, Hâdi. I still love living in Berkeley, a thriving university town, with so many activities within easy walking distance.

2015 was unexpected for **Sandra Chanis**. What she took as a two-three month Inter-



Sandra Chanis and daughter

im Executive Director position for Ocean-side Museum of Art (OMA) in California, ended up being seven months! While being the ED, Sandra took time off and did Country Walker's El Camino De Santiago tour with her oldest daughter. (See photo) She highly recommends it!! Now Sandra spends her time sculpting white marble, giving moral support to her youngest daughter, Jeanette Bonds, who is busily launching Glas Animation Festival in Berkeley, and playing with three grandchildren who live nearby, from attorney daughter Sandra Bonds-Hickey. Life is good, healthy, and very happy.

**Margie Custer Bowles** wrote that she and Bob were in Greece in the midst of their ongoing financial crisis, flying there the day after their banks closed for a week before instituting strict financial controls that allowed Greeks to withdraw only \$60/day from their ATMs. Fortunately, Margie and Bob took their own Euros. Six weeks after their return from Greece, they flew to Montreal to begin a 10-day cruise on the St. Lawrence, to the Canadian Maritime Provinces and the U.S. eastern seaboard to NYC, about a week too early for fall foliage. Margie still works as a homework helper in the library, and she and Bob have various volunteer commitments.

**Kitsy Dunlop** continues to enjoy being a Florida rancher of sorts. Ranch chores and handling her own horses and those of boarders usually take up her time through mid-morning. The balance of her days is spent engaged in service to the community and many of the activities offered

in the small rural town of Cedar Key, FL. Supporting the activities of the Levy County Horse Club pairs well with her love of riding. She is glad she and her husband Greg continue to enjoy extensive trail riding together throughout the area. It is always fun to discover a Western connection with people she meets. To learn a bit more of what she is about, check out her website: [www.cedarkeycedarridgeranch.com](http://www.cedarkeycedarridgeranch.com).

Kitsy was thrilled to visit with **Brenda Lee Bell**, who has moved to The Villages community near Ocala and about a two-hour drive from Cedar Key.

**Geri Kuscher Pizzi's** obituary from *The Washington Post* is below: "On Friday, January 15, 2016, Geraldine Kuscher 'Geri' Pizzi of Fairfax, VA, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family and close friends. Worked as NPR reporter and producer, announcer/host/DJ on local radio, arts reporter at KCUR-FM in Kansas City, Mo., independent audio producer, acted on screen and stage. Loving mother of Julia and Robert Pizzi. Dear sister of Sue Spector. Services will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to Capital Caring Hospice Services of Central Fairfax County, VA." See more: [www.legacy.com/obituaries/washingtonpost/obituary.aspx?n=geraldine-kuscher-pizzi&pid=177378648#sthash.ydEitCRf.dpuf](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/washingtonpost/obituary.aspx?n=geraldine-kuscher-pizzi&pid=177378648#sthash.ydEitCRf.dpuf)

**Brenda Lee Bell** and husband Brian find joy in the ordinary pleasures of retirement. Brenda's highlights: starting a book club and a Mah Jongg group, helping daughter, Kristen, settle into her new house, and, most improbably, having a hole in one! Brian fully retired in June of 2015 giving him more time for projects as well as tournament golf. The Miami Men's Glee Club performed in The Villages, and they met a freshman who lives on Western's campus in Thomson Hall. Very weird thinking of men living in New Dorm! They had a visit from **Barbara Williamson Wentz** and Erv. (See photo)

**Chako Matsumoto Era** underwent a stomach biopsy last summer. For a month she tried not to take alcoholic beverages, cof-



Brenda Bell (left) with Barbara Wentz and hubbies



*Karen Voris, with husband John (right) and Arrow*

fee, fat, and spicy foods, and ate a lot of cooked vegetables. The result was great. Though she still takes medicine, she feels fine and doesn't miss drinks. But it is not easy for her to start the morning without black coffee. She will join a group tour to Myanmar this spring; she will fly to New York in August to visit her son and his family. It will be the first time for her to see their apartment. During her stay on the East Coast, she hopes to visit Ground Zero to console the victims' souls.

**Nancy Niver** wrote that she's retired and having fun in Long Beach, CA. Singing and carrying on with friends and being grateful for each day.

**Cece Peabody** will be enjoying her 10th year of association management with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey and the New Jersey Turfgrass Association. At the 40th Anniversary Green Expo Turf & Landscape Conference in December, Rutgers University Center for Turfgrass Science awarded Cece with the Distinguished Service Award for her work with faculty, students, and staff. It came completely as a surprise! Son Patrick is the head coach of men's lacrosse at Lourdes University in Sylvania, OH. He started the program three years ago and has built a steady strong team from across the country. Cece continues to enjoy golf with Ed and friends, and retirement in the next three-five years is looking good. Someplace warm like The Villages is very appealing ... where **Brenda Lee Bell** and others are. Cece looks forward to the 50th Reunion and hopes many classmates will be there for some great memories and fun!

**Karen Prah Voris** had a wonderful and healthy year with husband John and Arrow, the dog. They split their time between

Scottsdale, AZ, and Gig Harbor, WA. The Washington adventures are due to the three granddaughters in nearby Olympia. Their other daughter, Amy, a WCP graduate, lives in Manchester, England. Traveling, volunteering, and playing tennis fill out very full days. Karen asks if it is possible we are turning 70 this year? Yikes!

**Karen Rengier Farmer** wrote that she and her husband, Neil, have started a nonprofit food sharing program called A Simple Gesture — Norwell (MA), based on A Simple Gesture started in California a few years ago. ([www.asimplegesture.org](http://www.asimplegesture.org)) Six times a year, filled bags of food are picked up for one's local food pantry. Karen works part-time with a longstanding group of psychotherapists. She has five grandkids, travels a lot, and generally feels very blessed. **Heather Smith Langefoss** lives a mile away; they were roommates for all four years!

**Patty Robins Lacey** continues to volunteer at the Anasazi Heritage Center Museum in Dolores. With community band, archaeology society and church, life is good. She's added water aerobics, yoga and strength training. She has also been working on an archaeological project to restore the last of 104 irrigation flumes in her county. She enjoyed connecting with **Karen Kinnear '72**, who is the state president of the Colorado Archaeological Society.

**Mary "Mame" Russell** is getting more space than the rest of us because we haven't heard from her for many years: The last few years have been fulfilling and challenging for her. In 2013, she and her husband of 25 years successfully completed a mediated divorce. She has lived in LA for the last 14 years, now residing in Montrose, CA, a northern suburb. In 2014, she survived colon cancer; following a full recovery, she is gratefully back downhill skiing, bike riding, etc.

With the changed perspective that any such major illness provides, she took the challenge to take a year "sabbatical" from her day job, in February 2014, which she recently completed. During this time, she retired from her 35-year career in the financial services industry. This work gave her the enormous good fortune to learn of many great causes, travel widely and meet the many wonderful people who give of their time and expertise handling pension plans, endowment funds, etc. Part of her career was spent covering the Middle East from New York and Bahrain. The current plight of refugees and civilians there breaks her heart. She is currently on the Vestry and active on her church's Finance Committee, and she aims to serve on additional not-for-profit boards in the next years.

Not having been able to have children of her own, being close to her two brothers,



*Gunvor Fink Moeller '67 (left) and class rep Susan at Wells Fargo Museum, February 2016*

her sister, their children and now their four grandchildren has given her enormous pleasure and admiration for all who survive raising kids. This year will involve a 100-mile cycling event in Palm Springs with friends, skiing with her brother and nephew at Whistler, BC, and hopefully a trip "down under" to visit niece Emily, her husband, Harout, and their new baby boy, in Armadale, NSW, Australia. (Anyone in Australia near Sydney/ Brisbane?)

To continue to support these interests, she is actively looking for a small company in LA in which to invest/work near term. Keeping involved with others as she attempts to repay those gifts she has been so generously given by teachers, family, mentors and friends, (including during her time at Western College with her junior year at College Year in Athens, and at Harvard for graduate work) has been a good recipe for growing old fearlessly and gratefully. Her e-mail is: [maryedithrussell@icloud.com](mailto:maryedithrussell@icloud.com) and "Welcome!" if you are going her way!

**Susie Williams Oblinger** retired from 30 years of teaching at the end of the school year last year. She is excited to travel and spend more time with her grandchildren. Her son Christian and his wife and two daughters live close to her. Her other son, Brent, lives in Bend, OR, with his wife and a baby girl. Susie has been making frequent trips west and loves FaceTime. Her life has changed from teaching to tea parties and doll playing. She is very excited about her new adventures.

**Barbara Williamson Wentz** and Erv moved to a progressive retirement community the week of Thanksgiving. (Barbara, teasing you — does that mean politically progressive?!!)



From left: Diane Ozbal '67, Rauni Pellikka '67, and Barbara Wentz '68 in Amsterdam

I assume it means various levels of care, as needed??) Their big adventure this year was a trip to Europe, beginning with several days in Istanbul with **Diane Eby Özbal '67** and her husband, Hâdi (Sound like a trend?), followed by a cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam, where they met up with **Rauni Pellikka '67**. (See photo) And then on to Scotland where they visited Scotch distilleries. They took a road trip in March and met up with **Brenda Lee Bell** and Brian at their home. (See photo) They were planning a road trip early this year in their new RV to visit friends in several states. Both Barbara and Erv continue to be active in their church, and with other volunteer activities such as food pantry and Habitat for Humanity.



Gretchen Roy '71 (left) and Sappho Haralambous '70 (center) surprise Susan for her birthday.

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News for Fall '16 Bulletin due Labor Day!  
See Blue Card, page 46!



I decided to send an e-mail blast this year to everyone I have an address for — and more than a dozen of you responded! And sent pictures! We had a newsy thread going on for several days as people responded to other posts and there was much remembrance of professors, places in Oxford, and Al Sugg's production of *Gypsy*. For those of you who missed the thread and classmates from other classes who follow us, the conversation is digested here. Enjoy.

**Dee Newell Banks** is living in Youngstown, OH, where she is head of infectious diseases at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Married with four children, she wanted to thank Wally Dalby for his influence in her admittance to Case Western Reserve's medical school. Dee had warm memories of visiting with **Alison MacDonald** and **Betsy Morris** every year while she was there.

**Louise Hamilton Short's** son Ryan graduated from Carnegie Mellon. Her blended family includes four children living in Austin, Del Ray Beach, Dallas, and Denver. Unfortunately, her husband passed away in 2014. Louise is an independent registered investment advisor in Tulsa, OK. She was able to cruise the Rhone through France last year and will see the Loire valley this fall with daughter Katie. Louise is a four-year cancer survivor — all the best to you. If you are ever visiting your Denver child, let me know.

**Catherine "Cathy" Smith Strate** writes from Atlanta, "I am still employed as the Director of Enrollment and Finances for the School of Public Affairs at Emory University. In an effort to determine if I could still walk, talk, and chew gum I started another master's degree program in Social Justice, Peace Building and Conflict Transformation. With luck I will graduate in May 2017 and then I can start a new career!! My husband and I are seriously contemplating the downsizing step. Our son lives outside NYC (with our 1 2/3 grandsons) and our daughter is in LA. They could not be farther apart."

From France: "You may remember me as **Janny Hadinata**, in 1972 married to a Frenchman, Alain Morelle. We live in France, barely an hour away from Charles de Gaulle Airport (Roissy). We are blessed with two daughters, and the eldest is married and has a girl of 6 and a boy of 3. After retirement, besides being a caregiver for my husband who got a stroke in '95 which left him with hemiplegia and aphasia, my present activity can be resumed by these



Janny Hadinata '70, with Alain

two FB pages: [www.facebook.com/apha-siquespicscards](http://www.facebook.com/apha-siquespicscards) and [www.facebook.com/St-Peters-Chantilly](http://www.facebook.com/St-Peters-Chantilly). But that does not mean that we can't enjoy life to its full, we continue to travel to accessible places, with our wonderful and dedicated assistant dog Ussel." Please see Janny's wonderful picture.

News from **Celia "Cece" Dalton Clark** who was really class of '69, but out a year being a Marine wife during Viet Nam, so graduated with us. She is living in the DC suburbs (Rockville, MD) and mostly retired from two alternating careers in acting and travel, but does seasonal work (Feb-June) for World Strides: mostly greeting middle school groups coming to visit their nation's capital. She has a teeny tiny Etsy shop: [www.cicys.etsy.com](http://www.cicys.etsy.com) and does occasional energy healing.

Cece's best friend, **Karen Weber Carlisle '69**, lives with her husband, Tom, in a gorgeous home they designed and had built on a beach in Harpswell, ME. Cece also reported very sad news that fellow theater major, **Gerri Kuscher Pizzi '68**, died after a several-month bout with lung cancer, and writes, "she was our Mama Rose ... a force to be reckoned with!"

**Betsy Morris** (big Betsy) wrote from her log-cabin retirement in Maine where she moved from western New York. She is in frequent contact with **Alison McDonald**, who is living in Florida and still practices medicine, and with **Suzanne "Dippy" dePeyster, '69**. In Betsy's words: "Here's a little known fact — I was originally in the Class of '69, supposed to room with **Edith von Tacky**. About three weeks before my freshman year, I found a lump in my neck and stayed home to undergo lots of radiation therapy. And, I still remember that production of *Gypsy* and practically every lyric of every song. I worked the crew. My fish story memory says I was the assistant stage manager. Don't know for sure, but I do know that I went on to build scenery at Center Stage in Baltimore after

Western while Alison was at Johns Hopkins. Last year was our 45th reunion, but my 50th year as a cancer survivor! I've had a few long-term survivor side effects, but amazed even the radiation oncologist who treated me. I was working in the Medical Library at the U of R in 1988 when he walked in and saw me, saying, 'Are you still alive?' Not much on bedside manner, but great when it came to an experimental treatment in 1965." And great that you still came to Western, even a year late.

On to some news from the group who were able to attend the 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2015:

"**Jane Koenig** (still the same last name) here. I continue to be happier than ever living in a remote resort area in the western North Carolina mountains. It's plenty busy in the summer, but nearly deserted in the winter ... and I love it that way! I'm not a complete hermit though. I've made lots of local friends and stay active with county political work. **Sandy Oxley Fehrman** and I drove to Oxford last June for our 45th reunion and had a great time. Along with **Mary Melison McDonald**, we spent time with **Pam Watts Coates** (our trustee), and **Candy (McDaniel)** and **Wally Dalbey**, who breezed through for Saturday lunch and afternoon. Candy and I joined two other psych majors from earlier classes and visited with **Don** and **Carolyn Auble** in the afternoon, which was a real treat for me. I look forward to the 50th and expect to see many more '70 alums there!" Enjoy this wonderful picture of Jane, Sandy and Candy — and Don Auble, looking like he hasn't aged a day.

Also from **Pam Watts Coates**, our Board of Trustee member: "I live in Indianapolis so trips back to Oxford are just a two-hour drive. I moved here after a year in Pittsburgh after



Professor Emeritus Don Auble and his wife, Carolyn (rear), enjoyed a visit from former Class of '70 students (left to right): Sandy Buxley Fehrman, Candy McDaniel Dalbey, Jane Koenig, and Lynne Drucker Albuquerk '64.

graduation for a Dietetic Internship and never left. Married the guy next door in my apt building. Still working as Diabetes Educator but working on lining up all that retirement stuff. I have two daughters, one getting married in Sept, the other living at home saving money to go back to school. The wedding hasn't taken over my life — yet. Usually vacation in September, guess not this year. So great to hear from everyone and catch up a bit. Did miss you all at Reunion 45 last year but Candy, Jane, Sandy and Mary and I had a good time catching up and reconnecting. Note different e-mail coattales74@gmail.com"

Here's an update from **Sherry Glickman**: "I graduated from Western and then headed to NYC for graduate school never thinking I would remain in New York. but 45 years later I am still in New York state (first 15 in the city and the last 30 in Nyack (a lovely little town on the Hudson River 25 miles from midtown NYC). I had worked as a social worker overseeing a children's mental health clinic for 38 years and retired in 2010. These past few years I have been traveling with my husband, visiting our grown children — a daughter in Boston and a son who lived in San Francisco for three years. I have also been taking classes, exercising a lot, volunteering my time and really enjoying life. I did visit **Maliha Zulfacar** from our class while in California and I do see **Jennifer Ferdinand**, who transferred after two years and lives in Boston. She and I went to our 40th Reunion and will hopefully be back for the 50th. Great to hear of the comings and goings of the class of 1970!"

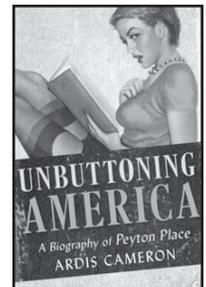
I was a guest at **Sally Spayth Slattery's** wedding on the day we graduated — and that seems a really long time ago! She writes, "I was just writing a note to a high school friend regarding our upcoming 50th Reunion this year ... that's just downright scary!! However, in my mind, I mark the most significant event of 1966 as coming to Western where I found great joy and comfort. I'm now permanently retired and busy serving on boards of nonprofits, participating in a great study group on geopolitical issues, travel, bad golf and hanging out with a gaggle of grandchildren (# 8 due next week!) Snow has arrived in Cincinnati this week and I'm thrilled to be heading South in a few days to Anna Maria Island, FL, until March.

"**Barbara Burgess** and I are still best friends and we're planning (another) trip to Italy to celebrate our 50 years as BFFs. We met the first day of college in our little orientation group in Clawson parlor and have traveled life's bumpy road together ever since. All best wishes for good health and happiness to my fellow Westerners!"



Ardis (standing) with spouse Nancy

From **Ardis Cameron**, in Maine: "I too live in Maine, in Portland, where I'm Professor Emeritus at the University of Southern Maine. My new book came out last May. Cancer, however, took the life of my partner and spouse of 27 years, Nancy MacKay in October. My heart breaks. **Susan Vitucci** and **Pamela Knowles** came to the service and remain great friends. I'd love to see you, Big Betsy. Where is the house? Glad to join this thread."



It was wonderful to hear from **Denee Dusenberry Stevenson**. She writes, "I discovered Ardis Cameron's book when reading the very positive review she received in the *Wall Street Journal*. I was so excited. I send my deepest sympathy to you, Ardis, for the loss of Nancy.

"**Terry Reed** is also a published author and I have her fiction book, *The Full Cleveland*, on my shelf. So many of you are so accomplished. I feel so lucky to have received my education at Western College. A big part of that were the Dr. Sugg productions. Gypsy was one of my very favorites, but I remember many of them. Geri was amazing in it. My roommate, **Judy Greenwald**, was also involved in the productions. She lives in Bali and we see each other about once a year

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**1946**  
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**1954**

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**McKee Circle**

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**1957**

**Peabody Society**

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**Clawson Club**

Diana Haynes O'Keefe

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**1959**

**Peabody Society**

Ann Ferguson Zeigler

**McKee Circle**

Mary Ellen Thomas Forte

**Clawson Club**

Patricia French Cook Richardson

Gail Budelman Nutty

**Century Club**

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**1960**

**Peabody Society**

Ursula Seeler Parobek

**McKee Circle**

Sara White Arn

**Clawson Club**

Catherine Bauer Cooper

**Century Club**

Patricia Alman Halbig

Janet Sandrock MacEwen

Sally Allen Masters

Maryann McConnell Mills

Susan Getz Morris

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**Clawson Club**

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**Peabody Society**

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Young-Sook Kim Park

Doris Ning Wong

**Century Club**

Mary Jane Dillon Bohl

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**1963**

**Peabody Society**

Susan Berryhill Hill

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Ella Brown McMahan

**Clawson Club**

Eva Nortvedt Humbach

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**1964**

**Peabody Society**

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Linda Roscoe Felicetti

Patricia Spokes Snowden

**McKee Circle**

Yvette Small Hohler

**Clawson Club**

Alice I. Baker

Nancy Fierbaugh Collier

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Nancy McGregor Nowak

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Gay Nellis Walker

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**1965**

**Peabody Society**

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**McKee Circle**

Rita Gehlhoff

Margaret Gaebler Morscheck

Shirin Kassam Velji

**Clawson Club**

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Roberta T. Melnick

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#### **1966**

**Peabody Society**  
Margaret Wilmer Bartlett  
**McKee Circle**  
Suzanne Lutz May  
**Clawson Club**  
Brenda Grant Davis  
Kathi Ramsey Goldsmith  
Suzanne Detlefsen Meyers  
Ann E. Walton  
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#### **1967**

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**Clawson Club**  
Carolyn Sparks Kokalis  
Cheryl Christian Kugler  
Stephanie Smith Siegfried  
**Century Club**  
Muriel Gillette Alexander  
Janina Chadwick  
Jane Gayley DuBois  
Blanche S. Kung  
Carol Stone Lehman  
Myrna Hanson Logan  
Joan Roderick Sosnicky  
Katharine Ehrgood Sturm  
Marlene Benjamin Tuttle  
Jo Ann Brombaugh Wittmann  
**Donor**  
Lois Dickey Coyle  
Frances Powell Harris  
Elaine Chakeres Mateyka  
Gloria Tumino Molella  
Jane F. Underwood

#### **1968**

**Peabody Society**  
Susan Blake  
Karen Prah Voris  
**Clawson Club**  
Jennifer French Sponsler  
**Century Club**  
Victoria Choy  
Susannah Davids  
Ella Weingarten Iams  
Patricia Robins Lacey  
Ellen M. Myette  
Leslie Weirman Riley  
Francine Toss  
Barbara Williamson Wentz  
**Donor**  
Hisako Matsumoto Era  
Nancy Niver

#### **1969**

**McKee Circle**  
B. J. Gibbons Bramlett  
Nancy Wilson Kobayashi  
**Clawson Club**  
Robin L. Bartlett  
**Century Club**  
Julie Cook Downing  
Sue Hamilton Eidemiller  
Cecelia Henig  
Cynthia Harrington Hochberg  
Roberta Smith Hurley  
Virginia Weckstrom Kantor  
Ann Noble  
Carolann Herrold Sharp  
Stevie Bentzen Snook  
Gloria Jordan Wilber  
**Donor**  
Annette Bevan Gallagher  
Nancy Galbraith Karoll  
Betsy Philipson Kensingler  
Karen Kling Plumb

#### **1970**

**Peabody Society**  
Mary Kelly Felice  
**McKee Circle**  
Linda Bartruff Hickey  
Jane S. Koenig  
**Clawson Club**  
Pamela Watts Coates  
Sandra Oxley Fehrman  
Mary Melison McDonald  
**Century Club**  
Lucy R. Boyle  
Candice McDaniel Dalbey  
Ruth Senft Noyes  
Patricia E. Pinkowski  
**Donor**  
Mary Hoge Miller  
Ellyn Trautmann Pflug  
Denee Dusenberry Stevenson

#### **1971**

**Peabody Society**  
Christine Jordan Blanchette  
**McKee Circle**  
Joanne Blayne Linhard  
**Century Club**  
Susan Wolfe Caceci  
Valerie Dickson-Horton  
Susan Kudner Starr  
Deborah Ricketts Tolley  
Pamela Waldron-Moore  
**Donor**  
Ligia M. Galarza  
Nancy Stokes Saumsiegle

#### **1972**

**Clawson Club**  
Renee Harris Yates  
**Century Club**  
Pamela J. Aduskevics  
Sue Smith Farmer  
Jan Eschenbrenner Meyers\*  
**Donor**  
Susan Smith Broz  
Sarah Smith

#### **1973**

**Clawson Club**

V. Joan Campbell  
**Century Club**  
Linda J. Watts  
**Donor**  
Elisabeth Cook Coady  
Marcy Jacoway Cornfeld  
Rita E. Greene  
Linda Li Ng  
Lynne Mueller Sweeney  
Lesley B. Wischmann

#### **1974**

**McKee Circle**  
Elizabeth A. Salt  
**Century Club**  
Nancy Anderson  
Christine Moranda  
**Donor**  
Sue Anderson  
Cheryl P. Bonnell  
Susanna DeWitt Mooney  
Ann Crowley Pagano  
Joan Hagan Stoutenborough

#### **1975**

**Century Club**  
Mary Logan Foard

#### **1976**

**Clawson Club**  
Jeannette Jones Fukuzawa  
**Century Club**  
Pheetta G. Wilkinson  
**Donor**  
Elizabeth Rugg Grybko

#### **Western Program Alumni**

**Peabody Society**  
Timothy J. Matune 1981  
Genevieve A. O'Malley Knight 2004  
**Clawson Club**  
Valerie A. Kirby 1990  
Alicia Broderick 1990  
Michael S. Conaway 1990  
Michael P. Loeffelman 2003  
Caroline Quine 1979  
**Donor**  
Tyrus J. Burgess 1994  
Benjamin D. Gibbons 1994  
Julie J. Kimsey-Carroll 1983

#### **Western Former Faculty/Staff**

**Peabody Society**  
Donavon Auble  
**Century Club**  
Josephine O'Brien Schaefer

#### **Western Honorary Alumnae**

**Peabody Society**  
Mackenzie Becker Rice  
Jacqueline S. Wallace  
**Clawson Club**  
Lucy Curry  
**Century Club**  
Deborah S. Baker  
William J. Gracie, Jr.  
Judy Kalbfus Waldron  
Mary K. Wolke

#### **Western Friends**

**Peabody Society**  
Lee D. Hieronymus

Edward J. Kenney  
Donna and William Matson  
Susan A. Mboya  
**Clawson Club**  
Feliciano Matienzo  
Gretchen R. Theissen  
William T. Trainer  
**Century Club**  
Muriel L. Blaisdell  
Kyong-Hee Cho  
Valerie Edwards Elliot  
Daniel J. Fairbanks  
Bruce R. Henke  
David C. Hodge  
Valerie Leach Hodge  
Sue Holliday  
Senour Hunt  
Marilyn East Lewis  
Sarah Howes McIntosh  
Susan Mitchell  
Johnny L. Stone  
Karen Tribble  
Robert Webber  
Rosemary Weller  
Christopher R. Wolfe  
**Donor**  
Susan M. Frazier  
Carolyn H. Henderson  
Sten Wiedling  
Allan M. Winkler

#### **Organizations**

BE Charitable Fund  
Dayton Foundation Depository  
Incorporated  
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund  
General Electric Company  
Hieronymus Family Fund Inc.  
International Business Machines  
Corporation  
MAI Foundation Inc.  
Margaret and Marshall Bartlett  
Family Foundation Inc.  
Procter & Gamble Company  
Raymond James Charitable Endow-  
ment Fund  
Russell's Garden Center Charitable  
Foundation Incorporated  
Susan Scherer Charitable Foun-  
dation Inc.  
The Henry County Community  
Foundation Inc.  
The Miami Foundation  
Verizon Foundation  
WCAA Columbus Area Club  
WCAA Dayton-Miami Valley Club  
WCAA Indiana Club  
WCAA MD/DC/VA Club

\* deceased

## Memorial Gifts

**Louise Kell Ozdemir '21**  
Mihrican Ozdemir Havens '56

**Virginia Hirschfield Tribble '50**  
Karen Tiibble

**Philip E. Henderson**  
Carolyn H. Henderson

**Dorothy Crist Reinartz '24**  
Gretchen Theissen

**Joanne Ramsey Rose '52**  
Elizabeth Anne McNellie '86

**Harry and Mary Bradney Egolf**  
Katherine Egolf '65  
Raymond James Foundation

**Lois Wiggins Newman '29**  
Henry County Community Foundation

**Barbara Frazey Kenney '57**  
Edward Kenney  
William and Donna Matson

**Frank Esterquest**  
Jeannette Jones Fukuzawa '76

**Lillian Olivella Matienzo '34**  
Feliciano Matienzo

**Dixie Harris Trainer '58**  
William Trainer

**John L. Morris**  
Susan Getz Morris '60

**Bernarda Danford Rice '42**  
Elizabeth Salt '74

**Deceased Members  
of the Class of 1959**  
Gail Budelman Nutty '59

**Gifts in Honor of Living  
Alumnae and Friends**

**Martha Hall Wedeman '46**  
Yvette Small Hohler '64

**Elizabeth Flender Webber '62**  
Robert Webber

**Margaret Lewis Holliday '58**  
Susan Mitchell  
Sue Holliday  
Marilyn Lewis

**Susanne Durrell Hunt '47**  
Senour Hunt  
Barbara and Dennis Puppel

**Catherine A. Andreyev '68**  
Ellen Myette '68

**Margaret & Chuck Henry**  
Donna Kenney Matson

**Louise Wilson Braley '50**  
BE Charitable Fund

**Nana Mbelle Seshibe '70**  
Renee Harris Yates '72

### Congratulations and Thank You to Our Donors!

*Of our active Western College Alumnae, 19% contributed to the WCAA in 2015. Not impressive you say? Considering that nationally for all colleges and universities the average is 12% and for public universities only 9%, our 19% speaks volumes for a college no longer in existence! Also very impressive — Miami University posted a 22% giving rate for 2015.*

#### Alumnae Weekend Gifts

Anniversary year classes contributed **\$10,010**.  
Non-anniversary year classes contributed **\$6,432**.  
Western Program contributed **\$150**.

**TOTAL ALUMNAE WEEKEND GIFTS \$16,592**

#### Club Gifts

**Columbus Area** Legacy Circle Project  
**Dayton-Miami Valley Club** Legacy Circle Project/  
Patterson Place Preservation  
**Indianapolis Area** Patterson Place Preservation  
**MC/DC/VA** Legacy Circle Project

**TOTAL CLUB GIFTS \$860**

# WESTERN COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, INC.

## STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE MODIFIED CASH BASIS December 31, 2015 and 2014

ASSETS	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash	\$62,389 (b)	\$317,526 (b)
Investments (Market Value)	207,641 (c)	223,774 (c)
Other Assets		
Antiques and Art	39,875	39,875
Gift Shop Inventory	9,599	11,787
Total Other Assets	<u>49,474</u>	<u>51,662</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$319,504</u></b>	<b><u>\$592,962</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
Sales Tax Payable	9	11
Fund Balance	319,495	592,951
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$319,504</u></b>	<b><u>\$592,962</u></b>

## STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND FUND BALANCE MODIFIED CASH BASIS Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

REVENUES	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>Alumnae Giving:</b>		
Annual Fund Gifts	\$57,091	\$52,037
Patterson Place Preservation Gifts	19,750 (d)	0
Legacy Gifts	64,195 (c,e)	206,098 (c,e)
Reunion Gifts	14,517	18,321
Endowment Gifts	<u>148,825 (c)</u>	<u>90,905 (c)</u>
Total Giving	<b><u>304,378</u></b>	<b><u>367,361</u></b>
<b>Other Revenues and Additions:</b>		
Reunion Weekend Revenue	8,508	12,609
Gift Shop, Patterson Place, Misc. Revenue	5,336	2,549
Interest and Dividend Income	1,983	2,818
Gain (Loss) on Investment	(8,025)	4,199
Total Other Revenues and Additions	<u>7,802</u>	<u>22,175</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES and ADDITIONS</b>	<b><u>\$312,180</u></b>	<b><u>\$389,536</u></b>

## STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND FUND BALANCE MODIFIED CASH BASIS, continued

EXPENSES	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Alumnae Relations (including <i>The Bulletin</i> , Clubs, and Annual Reunion)	\$59,106	\$34,797
Fundraising and Stewardship	6,311	8,268
Legacy Project Expenses	35,000 (f)	15,000 (f)
Operations	17,712	15,933
Patterson Place Expenses	776	641
Education: (g)		
Sponsorships: Freedom Summer/Theatre	0	4,058
Archives	176	1,780
International Scholarships	1,894	4,394
Peabody Scholarships	3,700	4,450
Study Abroad Scholarships	<u>2,500</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Education	<b><u>8,270 (g)</u></b>	<b><u>14,682 (g)</u></b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>127,175</b>	<b>89,321</b>
<b>TRANSFERS</b>		
Annual/Reunion Gifts to MU Foundation and Miami University Fund	15,779	17,070
Legacy Gifts to MU Foundation	293,857 (c,e)	0
Endowment Gifts to MU Foundation	<u>148,825 (c)</u>	<u>87,855 (c)</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS	<b><u>458,461</u></b>	<b><u>104,925</u></b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES/TRANSFERS</b>	<b>585,636</b>	<b>194,246</b>
<b>(Decrease) in Fund Balance</b>	<b>(273,456)</b>	<b>195,290</b>
<b>Fund Balance Beginning of the Year</b>	<b><u>592,951</u></b>	<b><u>397,661</u></b>
<b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b><u>\$319,495</u></b>	<b><u>\$592,951</u></b>

(a) The above Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance - Modified Cash Basis and Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Fund Balance - Modified Cash Basis were prepared using the modified cash basis of accounting. Assets and liabilities are recorded and revenues and expenses are recognized on the cash basis, modified for sales tax payable and unrealized gains and losses from investments.

(b) Cash of \$62,237 is held by Miami University for the benefit of the WCAA.

(c) WCAA Investments and WCAA Endowment Accounts are held by the Miami University Foundation for the benefit of the WCAA.

(d) Account established to pay for preservation/renovations of Patterson Place.

(e) The Legacy Circle will commemorate The Western College for Women. Legacy Gifts received 2013-2015 were transferred in 2015 to a Miami University Foundation Expendable account.

(f) Legacy Project Expenses are pre-construction preparation expenses.

(g) Education expenses listed are from Annual Fund gifts only. They are supplemented by distributions from WCAA Endowment Funds as available.

(h) In addition to the above figures, for fiscal year 2014-2015, Miami University provided allotments of \$105,434 for salaries and benefits.

## 2015- 2016 Scholarship Recipients

### WCAA ALUMNAE SCHOLARSHIPS

Jacob Almeda  
Casey Strong Gallagher  
Kevin Schrock

### PEABODY SCHOLARSHIPS

#### Fritzi Mueller Beckett Scholarship

Sara Jean Jimenez

#### Marian F. Hawk Scholarship

Lan Phuong Dao  
Sara Jean Jimenez

Takiywa Monney-Jordan

#### Malcolm D. Hill Scholarship

Maurice James Henry  
Patrick Scott Hadley

James Randall Jordan

#### Phyllis Hoyt Scholarship

Megan Lee Boggs  
Stephanie Michelle Posillico  
Lori Ann Shaffer

#### Barbara Frazey Kenney Scholarship

Ashley Nicole Jenk  
Tara Lynn Knapp

#### Mary West Liggett Scholarship

Eman M. Abu-Alwafa  
Deidrea Leary  
Tiffany Hollon

Paul James Richmond  
Gary L. Wenzel

#### E. Ramona Newton Manners Scholarship

Beth Ann Davis  
Ashley Nicole Jenk

#### Susanna Rieley McIntyre Scholarship

Patrick Scott Hadley

#### Helen Kaslo Osgood Scholarship

David Larrence Glock  
Gary L. Wenzel

#### Rowena Snyder Scholarship

Alice Eleanor Vincent  
Tisa Marie Williams

#### Mary Wylie Wilson Scholarship

Tiffany Hollon

#### General Peabody Scholarship

Deborah Colleen Cornett  
David Curl  
Debi Lee Ellenburg  
David Larrence Glock

Deidrea Leary

Coya Nelms Taylor

Christina Thompson

### MULTI-CULTURAL INTERNATIONAL

#### Grace Chu Scholarship

Hamza Malik (Pakistan)

Burat Koray Polat (Turkey)

#### Mboya Family Scholarship

Yvonne Hellen Opuoh (Kenya )

#### Herrick Black Young Scholarship

Ayush Damani (India)

Burat Koray Polat (Turkey)

#### International Student Scholarship

Ayush Damani (India)

#### Multicultural Scholarship: International

Ayush Damani (India)

Yvonne Hellen Opuoh (Kenya)

Burat Koray Polat (Turkey)

### MULTICULTURAL U.S. RESIDENT

#### R/LV Scholarship

Michael Owen Donnelly

Graciela Rose Hart

Rachel Ania Kaczka

Leslie Mathew Maliekal

Nicole McKee

Michael Anthony Prieto

#### Multicultural Scholarship: U.S. Resident

Adam Jorge Joesten

Garrett Joseph Stevenson

### STUDY ABROAD

#### Faith Wilcox Barrington Scholarship

No Award

#### Jean Boyd Cable Scholarship

James John Breen

Alyssa Nicole Perry

#### Florence Prendergast Cockerell Scholarship

Carly Elizabeth Hamilton

Robert Marks

Chelsea Appiah

#### Koons Family Scholarship

No Award

#### Lois Wiggins Newman Scholarship

Carly Elizabeth Hamilton

Robert Marks

#### Grace Osgood Scholarship

Marc Anthony Papa

Kathryn Elizabeth Peters

#### Joseph Thoms and Sarah Darnall Resor Scholarship

Andrew Iain Freund

Joseph Edward Larson

Kathryn Elizabeth Peters

#### Alice Schacht Salt Scholarship

Rachel Ann Gregory

Tali Brianna Hunt

Angela Lynn Riffle

#### Rowena Snyder Scholarship

Andrew Ian Freund

Sarah Elizabeth Linnenkohl

Kathryn Elizabeth Peters

#### Edith H. Von Tacky Scholarship

Stacey Jane Fleischman

#### Judy Kalbus Waldron Scholarship

Robert Marks

#### Susan Ray Woodworth Scholarship

Deanna Elise Krokos

#### Lydia Zimmerman Scholarship

Young Ah Choi

Kelsey Jayne Simpson

#### General Study Abroad Scholarships

Andrew Ian Freund

Rachel Ann Gregory

Tali Brianna Hunt

Joseph Edward Larson

Marc Anthony Papa

Lynn Belhumeur Tuk

Karl A. Adkins

Kathryn Elizabeth Amato

McKensie Kay Barnes

Matthew Curtis Bolton

James John Breen

Shannon Therese Carey

Elizabeth Susan Carter

Haley M. Channell

Young AH Choi

Joseph Leonardo Demarco

Allison Rae Dille

Stacey Jane Fleischman

Anne Morris Fogel

Elizabeth Emily Foley

Alexandra Tiffani Glino

Sabrina Elizabeth Halligan

Geoffrey Philip Hubbard

Jennifer Rose Kalkman

Gabriel Anthony Kovacs

Madeleine Mary Laplante-Dube

Nathan Joseph Mara

Catherine Irene Mazanek

Alissa Ann Miller

Julia Marie Mitchell

William Hoover Murray

Caitlin M. Nevins

Alyssa Nicole Perry

Kayla L. Petersen

Callie Elizabeth Powers

Kayla Denise Rice

Elizabeth Jane Robbins

Erika Jane Robota

Madison Jane Saffin

Mariah Beth Schlossmann

Joseph Thomas Simon

Liza Marie Stanislaw

Bridget Dru Sullivan

Nicholas Anthony Szappanos

Brandon Charles Thomas

Dionna Evelyn Trapp

Alison Treen

Peter Joseph Wendland

Kathryn Marie Wernke

Grace Elaine Winstel

### OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS

#### Clara Appel Scholarship

Samantha Anderson

Mary Elizabeth Bender

Danielle Erin Dailey

Mary Erin Lee

Katelin Ann Morgan

Ashley Marie Overby

Jessica Lyn Sherlock

Claire Ellen Stemen

#### Margaret Wilmer Bartlett Scholarship

Ruby Sunshine Cribbet

Nicole Anne Nieto

**Alma Bremer Scholarship**

Shannon Elizabeth Bradford  
 Peter James Brechting  
 Andrew Ernest Koopman  
 Dallin Harshadhai Patel  
 Adam Michael Powell  
 Avicia Nicole Rodgers  
 Kaylie Christine Sampson  
 Alexander L. Staron  
 Micaela Beth Wexler  
**Evelyn May Davis Scholarship**  
 Virginia Alexandra Agee  
 Allison Carey Brougner  
 Atticus James Jordan  
 Kayla Michelle Miller  
 Genevieve Elizabeth Nenninger  
 Jillian Robyn Runser  
 Kaitlin Jenell Wensinger

**Catharine A. Gerber Technology Award**

Taylor Martin Pittard  
 Jocelynnne Ann Samu

**Hieronymus Family Scholarship**

Bailey L Kersey

**Harriet Gebhart Hieronymus Scholarship**

Quentin Anthony Mullen  
**Meed-Zearley-Clingman Scholarship**  
 Victoria Regina Pace  
**Mr & Mrs Anthony Poplis Scholarship**  
 Jared Ross Abromowitz  
 Leah McKenzie Kessler  
 Nathan Isaac Turner

**Edgar and Patricia Snowden Scholarship**

Bridget O'Dell

**Lois McCullough Whitter Scholarship**

Tasha J Anderson  
 Joseph Melenick  
 Michael Liam Taggart  
 Alice Eleanor Vincent

**WCAA Creative Arts Scholarship**

Lauren Paige DeMarks

**WCAA Memorial Scholarship**

Reis Gentry Thebault  
 Christine Valerie Torrese  
 Caroline Rebecca Ward

**WCAA Trustee Scholarship**

Allyson Marie Cousino  
 Marla Breanne Guggenheimer  
 Cary Elizabeth Hamilton  
 Rachael E. White

**Western College Scholarship**

Daniel James Bartlett  
 Rebecca Erika Braun  
 Brandon Scott Johnson  
 Natalie Marie Kellamis  
 Matthew Gerard Lionetti  
 Joseph Stegman Neidhard  
 Maxwell David Pauly  
 Olivia Ryan Rizzo  
 Madeline Nicole Scott  
 John Alan Spear  
 Amanda Jane Stevens  
 Shannon Nicole Wilkes  
 Paul Garrett Wilson

*Thirteen of this year's 182 scholarship recipients joined trustees for lunch in April and shared a little background and their big plans for the future ...*



*Smiling faces (left to right) are Tiffany Hollon, Kelsey Simpson, Caroline Ward, Chelsea Appiah, Tasha Anderson, Kevin Schrock, Marla Guggenheimer, David Glock, Rebecca Braun, Coya Taylor, Ian Phuong Dao, Jake Almeda, and Tali Hunt.*

**Alumnae Scholarships** Awarded to an outstanding incoming student enrolled in the College of Arts and Science or Fine Arts. Award covers one-half the cost of tuition and is based on merit, then financial need, renewable up to three years.

**Peabody Scholarships** Awarded to non-traditional undergraduate students (over 25) who have had their college education interrupted. One-time partial scholarships, based on merit and financial need.

**International Exchange Scholarships** Awarded to undergraduate students in international exchange/study programs. One-time partial scholarships, based on merit and financial need.

**Multicultural Scholarships: International** Awarded to incoming undergraduate international students. Full and partial scholarships based on merit, then financial need, renewable up to three years.

**Multicultural Scholarships: U.S. Resident** Awarded to incoming undergraduate -African-, Hispanic- or Native-American U.S. residents. Partial scholarships based on merit and financial need, renewable up to three years.

**Study Abroad Scholarships** Awarded to undergraduate students enrolled in either a semester or full year study abroad program. One-time partial award.

**Trustee Scholarships** Awarded to upperclass Western Program students who exhibit exemplary leadership. One-time partial scholarships.

**Memorial Scholarships** Awarded to upperclass Western Program students with need. (Funds made available through annual gifts to the WCAA in memory of classmates.)

**Donor-designated Awards/Scholarships** Criteria vary, established by creator of scholarship/award in conjunction with the university.

*One hundred eighty-two scholarships/awards totaling \$546,153 were distributed for 2015-2016 thanks to YOUR support!  
 To learn more about creating a named scholarship, please call WCAA Director Mackenzie Becker Rice at 513-529-4400.*

# THE NARKA NELSON CIRCLE

## WESTERN'S PLANNED GIVING SOCIETY

**N**arka Nelson – earnest student in the Class of 1920, passionate classics professor until retirement in 1965, official college historian – made a very generous gift to Western College before the college was closed. However, since her inheritance first provided for members of her immediate family, it was many years before the gift came to Western.

Unable to thank Narka for her gift, the WCAA Board of Trustees decided to establish a special “society” to thank in advance those individuals who have made a gift that continues “the spirit of Western” on campus through a deferred giving instrument such as a charitable gift annuity, pooled income fund, charitable trust, IRA, or bequest.

The individuals listed below have done just that. We are grateful to them for their foresightedness and generosity. They invite you to join them.



Jeanne Ott Saunders '40

Beth Shirk Bevan '45

Nancy A. Myers '46

Jane Alexander Durrell '47

Emily W. Greenland '47

Mary-Garnett Tillinghast '47

Dorothy Mershon Armistead '48

Julia Ashcraft Armstrong '48

Grete Stern Wrede '51

Elizabeth Sipe Gerber '52

Catherine Ross Loveland '52

Sue Off Schroppe '52

Gloria Wilson Sylvester '52

Betty Jean Wright '52

Mary Culver Daniels '53

Sandra Franz Barnes '54

Miriam Chesslin '54

Lucy Liggett '54

Maria Van Waveren Smit '54

Mary Ann Fichtner Mountain '57

Rosa Ewing Goldman '58

Caroline Kawallek Manildi '58

Ann Ferguson Zeigler '59

Anne Adkins Weissenborn '61

Susan Berryhill Hill '63

Joan Kowalski Jordan '63

Lynne Drucker Albukerk '64

Faith A. Evans '64

Yvette Small Hohler '64

Patricia Spokes Snowden '64

Faith W. Barrington '65

Charlotte A. Dickerson '66

Ann E. Walton '66

Susan Blake '68

Patricia A. Jayson '68

Barbara Williamson Wentz '68

Mary Kelly Felice '70

Ann M. Powell '73

Christine Moranda '74

Elizabeth Salt '74

Lorna Jordan '81

Ann Rosenfield '83

Curtis W. Ellison HA

Burton Kaufman FF

Judy Kalbfus Waldron HA

David A. Rook and Svetlana Beros Rook FR

*If you have included the WCAA in your deferred giving plans and your name is not listed or if you wish to learn more about becoming a member of the Narka Nelson Circle to help continue the legacy of Western College, please contact Mackenzie Becker Rice, WCAA Director. (513) 529-4400, e-mail: beckerml@miamioh.edu*

IMPORTANT REMINDER: MAKE SURE BENEFICIARY IS  
THE WESTERN COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, INC., NOT WESTERN COLLEGE.

(although I've never been to Bali). I remember all of you so fondly. Time slips away but good memories stay. I wish I could be playing bridge again with Louise.

"I wish I could be drinking wine and talking with Betsy and Alison. I do see **Barb Butler Glessner** regularly. We are both retired and lead simple lives, mainly spending time with family. We have been back on campus. It's still beautiful and even though it's part of Miami University — it's still distinct and very special."

Based on Duse's note I did a brief search for **Terry Reed**. The author of *The Full Cleveland*, published in 2005, she lives in New York City and writes fiction, non-fiction and screenplays.

So great to hear from **Laura McPherson**, who left Western early but stayed in touch: "Laura McPherson here. I left after only two years at Western, to explore life outside of Ohio, but have reconnected with Western over the years. I was in Oxford in May 2015 for a niece's graduation from Miami and went by Patterson Place, where Debbie (Baker) was so generous of her time, looking at the old yearbooks — my niece found me as a chorus girl in *Gypsy* :) — and telling stories. Pointing out the old Boar's Head, where I worked, said she, 'but that's the Coop, Aunt Laura, it's so big ...' and said I, 'well, it was a big bar!' Oh my.

In the '70s, I was a U.S. Foreign Service Officer with USAID, along with **Valerie Dickson-Horton** among others, and in later years I've connected with **Susan MacMillan '71** in Nairobi, and **Bonnie Hunt '67** (my old roommate). Hope to make it to the 50th and rediscover others."

A last bit of news from **Nancy Yang Hsiung**, living in Roselle, IL. She does not have e-mail but consistently writes me a card every year at Christmas. She reminds me it is now the Year of the Monkey, and her health seems to have improved since the birth of her grandson, Frank, now 17 months. He is being taught to speak both English and Mandarin, and has mastered "no" in both languages. Nancy babysits five days a week and husband Tom makes homemade baby food. Thanks for keeping in touch.

I, too have sad news to report. I unexpectedly learned of the death of **Sallie Ferree '69**, in January 2016. Many of you knew Sallie from the Music Department, choir, and theater productions, and she went on to a career in teaching music and conducting in the West Hartford schools. This is one of those friendships I let go over the years, and while I knew what was going on with her, we really lost track. I deeply regret it.

Dave and I set our retirement dates for spring '18, 40 years at the phone company beast, 25 for me in teaching. We will leave

Denver for someplace tropical and small, with less traffic and without 100K in new population each year. Still on the road, this year to the far western Hebrides of Scotland, across the north to Orkney. I never tire of it.

Thanks for your efforts in writing your notes this year. Many of you made references to wanting to reconnect at the 50th, now only four years away. Let's make that happen.

**Kelly Felice '70**  
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*Alumnae Weekend '16: Celebrating 45 years!*

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*Despite having sent messages out to classmates not just once, but twice, your loyal and diligent Class Rep, sadly, received no answers. She did share her personal news:*

"We are expecting our first grandchild in May by daughter Demaris, and son Jamison is being married in September. I'm either preparing a nursery or stitching wedding items. Loving every minute of it."

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**Amy Robinson Collins** and her husband, Jim, took a trip to the West in September 2015 to visit their son, Jeff, and his family who live in Colorado. On their way home, they visited the state of South Dakota where they enjoyed seeing Mount Rushmore, the Crazy Horse Memorial, and the Badlands. They went to South Carolina for Thanksgiving to visit their daughter, Becca, and her family. Since then, they've been enjoying quiet times at home.

**Suzanne Kelley Doswell** and her husband are happily living in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, after relocating from western Massachusetts. One of their daughters lives just minutes away, and she and her husband are expecting their first child soon. Suzanne's other daughter and her family live in Austin, TX. Suzanne has been appointed by the Florida governor to the Florida Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Advisory Council.

**Holly Wright Johnson** sent news that granddaughter, Caitlyn Grace, turned 1 year old in 2015. She is the daughter of Holly's and Bruce's son, Bryn, and his wife, Shannon. Holly says that, "Her librarian grandparents are pleased to report that she already loves books." Holly's and Bruce's daughter, Cristyn, received a master's degree in arts administration from Drexel University in 2015. She is now the Development and Operations Manager for Maryland Citizens for the Arts. Holly is now in her 32<sup>nd</sup> year of work at the Howard County Public Library in Columbia, MD. Bruce continues to work at the Library of Congress and is active on several American Library Association committees. The highlight of 2015 for Holly and Bruce was an extended cruise on Chesapeake Bay in their sailboat *Glamorgan* in early October.

**Martha Crawford Lacy** is semi-retired and living in Nashville, TN. She retired from full-time middle school teaching in 2014. However, she is still teaching as an adjunct at VolState Community College. Martha and her husband celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 18, 2015. Martha also wanted to let her classmates know that she learned that **Patricia Distler Rowland**, another of our classmates, passed away in March 2013.

**Janet Lucas** and Sherrill Howard made several visits to their cabin in New Hampshire this past year. They also celebrated the first birthday of granddaughter Hannah. They spent time with the other grandchildren, Mia and Landon, and Janet's mother during the year as well. In August 2015, Janet and Sherrill held their annual Lobster



Lindy McLean '74, astride Sorrento

Fest, and in the fall they returned to New England and visited Acadia National Park in Maine. They hope to travel to Yellowstone National Park with friends in June 2016.

**Lindy Walsler McLean** wrote for the first time. She has been a hairdresser for 38 years and also likes to travel. One of her more interesting travel experiences was in 2005 when she went to Kabul, Afghanistan, to help at the Kabul Beauty School. (Lindy says to check out the book by that same name. She's mentioned in the acknowledgments.) Lindy and Bob McLean have been married for four years, but have been together for 21 years. Bob is a retired CPA. She says, "We have no kids, nieces, or nephews to spoil, so we spoil our dog, Perkins." Lindy's hobbies include taking a figure drawing class, painting dogs, doing

Zumba, and riding a friend's Peruvian Paso horse named "Sorrento."

Lindy lives in Santa Barbara, CA, and would like to hear from **Connie Wong '72** and **Jamilla Hakimi**. Does anyone have contact information for Jamilla? E-mail me (Betsy) if you do, and I'll forward the information to Lindy.

**Dilu Walji Valliani** and her family took an interesting vacation to Malaysia and Bali, Indonesia, in late November and early December of 2015.

**Nancy Anderson Wilkinson** is still working at UBS Asset Management in New York City. Nancy's husband, Pat, is back in the United States after a work stint in London, England.

**Kathy Albright Willowoode** reports that in March 2015, she retired from her work at the Sunspot health food store in Lafayette, IN. She says that she and Bill built a basement under their house in 2014. She said that was enough of an adventure to last for a couple of years, so during 2015 they "have had a quiet year with no trips, no adventures."

I had a quiet summer in 2015, although I went to our family's traditional vacation spot, Mohonk Mountain House in upstate New York in late August and visited my brother at the same time. I was back in New Paltz, NY, in early October for my brother's wedding party. Then in late October, I went on a nature oriented tour to Churchill, Manitoba (on Hudson Bay in far northern Manitoba, Canada) to see polar bears in the wild. Our group saw around 25 polar bears as well as Arctic foxes, Arctic hares, and snowy owls, during three and a-half days of exploring the wilderness preserve south of Churchill by polar rover (a heated bus-like vehicle with

monster truck tires that kept us high enough to safely view the polar bears we encountered). We returned to Churchill each evening and enjoyed the frontier atmosphere of this remote town.

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## R.I.P. Mary Lyon Hall, 1925-2016



Sadly — but not unexpectedly — Mary Lyon Hall — must come down. Extensive deterioration has rendered it structurally unsound beyond restoration, and it will be deconstructed this summer. Happily, the cleared site will remain green space and landscaped Western-style with a stone marker noting the building's location. **Cindy Ackerman Horne '61** remembers ...

"It was just a building — bricks and mortar, stone and concrete. I lived in Mary Lyon my sophomore and senior years and for me it had a special spirit. A spirit linked forever to the people who were such an integral part of that building. I can't remember Mary Lyon without remembering Mrs. Webster, our housemother and Miss Knapp who lived for a time in a corner room. I can't remember Mary Lyon without remembering classmates and friends who gave the building life and spirit. I can't remember Mary Lyon without remembering my senior year as Dorm Chairman and the six extraordinary seniors who shared that year with me. I suppose for some people it was just a building, but for me it will always be the place that holds the memories of a special time in my life."

## In Memoriam

**Eleanor Hook Beuke '32**  
April 2016

**Catherine B. Terry '34**  
June 2006

**Jeanne Gorman Strong '36**  
August 2014

**Beulah Burkholder Sundstrom '39**  
July 2015

**Barbara Burrer Baughman '40**  
January 2016

**Susanne Green Shafer '40**  
March 2016

**Kathleen Tague Armbruster '41**  
July 2015

**May Egerton Fyfe '41**  
April 2016

**Lucy Clapper Mackey '41**  
October 2015

**Pauline Switzer Boyer '42**  
July 2015

**Marion Constable '42**  
2015

**Kathrine Chalmers Arsenault '44**  
September 2014

**Helen Ankrom Peters '45**  
December 2011

**Margaret McKenzie Midener '47**  
April 2016

**Jeraldine Smith Rector '48**  
October 2014

**Margaret McKee Seder '48**  
December 2015

**Patricia Ann Thomas Pogue '49**  
December 2011

**Elizabeth Chimples Shook '49**  
April 2016

**Pauline Wall Rogers '50**  
January 2016

**Marian Gage Wiedeback '50**  
December 2013

**Nancy Roehm Harbison '51**  
March 2016

**Elinor May Magowan '52**  
November 2015

**Louise Blair Wammack '52**  
September 2014

**Carolyn Bosse Watkin '52**  
March 2013

**DiAnne Busenburg Bradford '56**  
May 2015

**Helen Potts Felsenthal '56**  
March 2016

**Beth Brown Carey '58**  
November 2012

**Mary Liller Tracy '63**  
March 2015

**Betsy Fenstermaker Olsen '66**  
April 2011

**Geri Kuscher Pizzi '68**  
January 2016

**Sally Ferrebee '69**  
January 2016

**Jan Eschenbrenner Meyers '72**  
July 2015

**Patricia Distler Rowland '74**  
March 2013

**Catherine Comello Stehlin '92**  
February 2016

**Alison Brooke Kettler '94**  
December 2015

*Bulletin policy is to list deaths of Western College alumnae, former administrators, faculty and staff in "In Memoriam." WCAA trustees and Bulletin class representatives will be so designated and their terms of service noted. Obituaries are not printed, but class representatives are notified and encouraged to include personal remembrances in class notes at their discretion. Administrators and faculty members with exceptional, long-term service will be eulogized. (With occasional exceptions, deaths that occurred more than five years prior to publication are not included.)*

# The Western College Program

**Hello all!**

This is my last letter as president of the WCPAA, and it's been my privilege to serve for these last three years. Without question, the high point of my term was seeing the WCP, Western College, Miami and Oxford communities all pulling together to save Patterson Place from the forces of "progress" — my thanks to all of you for your involvement in that movement. It was a truly worthwhile use of our collective energies, and we can all be proud to have been a part of it.

(I should, of course, take this last opportunity to remind everyone that Patterson still needs financial support if it's to receive the upgrades and modernizations that it needs. You can contribute online to the Patterson Place Preservation Fund at the WCAA's donation page: [ww.forloveandhonor.org/givetowcaa](http://ww.forloveandhonor.org/givetowcaa). Be sure to write "Patterson Place Preservation Fund" in the "Comments" field. Or send a check, made out to the WCAA or to Miami University, to: WCAA, Inc., 325 S. Patterson Ave., Oxford, OH 45056. Again, write "Patterson Place Preservation Fund" on the memo line.)

I'd also like to offer our best wishes to departing Miami University President David Hodge, who will be leaving office on June 30 of this year, and his wife, Valerie. President Hodge began his tenure as Miami's president in 2006, just as the School of Interdisciplinary Studies

had been disbanded. It was largely through his efforts that Western did not die with the end of the WCP but remained an active, vibrant piece of Miami's academic identity, via the creation of the current Western Program (Individualized Studies), which has grown and thrived over the last several years. Our thanks to President Hodge for this. We also express our welcome to incoming president Gregory Crawford and his wife, Renate, and wish them many fruitful years as a part of the Miami family.

As for myself, although I'll remain as administrator of the WCPAA Facebook page (which you should join!) and will continue to pester the class of 1990 as your class rep, I'll step down as WCPAA president at our next board meeting — June 11 — during the WCAA's annual reunion. At that meeting, it will be my sincere pleasure to welcome **Mike Loeffelman '03**, whom you met last issue, as our new president. Mike has great energy and vision; he's already been working to improve our alumni network and to bring WCP alums into a closer relationship with the current Western Program, and I know he'll do a wonderful job.

Thanks to you all, and I hope to see you at the WCAA's summer reunion!

— *Mike Conaway '90*  
*President, WCPAA*



From **Lynn Thomas**: "Fled the country to avoid the trauma of thinking about our landmark birthdays. Left our husbands and sons at home and enjoyed a hiking trip on the Amalfi coast last summer with **Libby Fellerhoff '79**. I am still practicing law in San Diego while Libby is an artist in Cincinnati. We visited classmate **Fern Goodman** and her husband in Santa Fe a couple of years ago, where she was working as a lawyer for the Supreme Court of New Mexico. She and husband Will are enjoying travel and golf since her retirement.



*Lynn (middle), with Libby Fellerhoff '79 (right) and fellow traveler*

**Rhian Miller** wished all a happy New Year with a fun illustrated letter, "A romp through 2015." See picture for the highlight of the year! Atticus graduated with a master's in Agricultural and Resource Economics from UC Davis. Now he's in Washington, DC, working with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.



*Proud mom and son Atticus*

**Congratulations also to Rhian, who will be honored with a 2016 WCAA Alumnae Service Award at the June 10-12 Reunion!**

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**From Barb Knuth:** “The Rubber Rose Ranchers (Western '80) reunited in Colorado in July 2015, starting at the home of **Lori Maundrell Eberle** in Ft. Collins, then



*Ranchers reunited: (clockwise from top left): Barb (standing), Cynthia P-M, Lori, Marla, Jacqueline, Cindy, Phoebe, Beth, and Sue*

migrating to Rocky Mountain National Park, including **Lori, Jacqueline Patterson** (Ohio), **Sue Ahlrichs** (Ohio), **Phoebe Brockman Kashkoush** (Washington), **Marla Murphy Craft** (Oregon), **Cynthia Payne-Meyer** (Vermont), **Cindy Rathje Orth** (Ohio), **Beth Melcher** (North Carolina), **Barbara Knuth** (New York), and joined by



**Cynthia Rundquist** (Colorado). We enjoyed a week of delicious gourmet food, mostly Rancher-prepared, much talking through the days and into the evenings, fine libations, lots of laughing, hiking, horseback riding, and relaxation.

Among us, we have some common career paths — in human health care, law, education, and environment. And we compiled a fabulous book reading list that will keep us engaged until our next reunion in a few years!

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*Dear Class of '82, and to those who may not have graduated with us but wish they had:* I approached my gig as the '82 class rep with the assumption that everyone has fond memories of the community we enjoyed at Western College and would want to reconnect with our classmates.

Following the tradition of designing our own majors, I decided that I would loosen the guidelines and look for everyone I could remember whether or not they actually graduated in our class. Hours spent on Facebook and LinkedIn, and lots of outreach. Thanks to all who shared their updates, it really warmed my heart to hear from you. For the rest of you, it is never too late to reconnect.

**Nancy Kohn:** In 1990 I had my first full-time job on a political campaign, working on Dawn Clark Netsch's successful campaign for Illinois State Comptroller. By coincidence, her husband, Walter, was the architect of the beautiful modern art museum on the Western Campus. It seems that wherever I turn, I can always find a connection. I've worked in politics for most of my career, as a consultant providing fundraising and strategy services. One of my clients is Senator Maria Cantwell, a fellow Miami graduate, class of 1981. We think we were in the same political science class, and that Senator Sherrod Brown, another of my clients, was the guest speaker. Small world. Shout out to my main political client, for over 20 years, Senator Dick Durbin, a mensch of a guy. But no Miami connection.

As a consultant I get to work with a variety of projects — I've been fortunate to pursue a career that has been fulfilling in many ways. A highlight was raising the funds for the successful campaign for marriage equality in Illinois. I've started to shift my focus to providing similar services, fundraising, strategy, advocacy and communications to non-profits and find this work challenging and enjoyable.

I may be the first in our class to become a grandparent, and I was probably the last to marry. The best advice I've heard is that

being a grandparent is the only thing in life not overrated. It's true! I look forward to our play dates. On the other hand, like many of you I have witnessed my parents becoming elderly, and then losing my mom to lung cancer. My parents were big cheerleaders for my Western experience, they enjoyed visiting, hearing about our coursework, and kept tabs on what the Western Union gals were up to! I appreciate them underwriting my college experience (and graduate school, London School of Economics). I've been in Chicago since graduate school, love to travel, and am finishing this up as my husband and I head home from Puerto Rico, just two weeks after visiting **Abby Schultz** in Hong Kong. If you are heading my way, I'd love to see you. Let's connect on Facebook, too! [nkohn@kohnconsulting.com](mailto:nkohn@kohnconsulting.com)

**Dan Adamson:** “Hello Western Community. Both of my daughters have graduated, have jobs and are supporting themselves. Amazing. And Karen has a business that keeps her very busy. If you are in DC let me buy you lunch. I work right behind Union Station, which is pretty central. My cell is (202)285-0797 and my e-mail is [danmarkadamson@gmail.com](mailto:danmarkadamson@gmail.com) or [work.daniel.adamson@ferc.gov](mailto:work.daniel.adamson@ferc.gov). And do not fear, Hillary will win the Democratic nomination for President and will defeat her right-wing opponent.”

**Michael Baldauf:** “Greetings Westerners. I am finally getting around to an update. After graduation I moved to Southern California for four years and then came back to Marion, OH, to help my father with the family lumberyard. In 2004, my father sold the business so I moved back to The OC in 2005 and have lived here ever since. For the past 20 years I have worked at the same software company in various roles and am now a manager of the technical support department. Since The OC is rather boring, I divide my weekends between San Diego, LA, and Palm Springs. If you are ever out this way, please look me up.” [tekboyoc@gmail.com](mailto:tekboyoc@gmail.com)



*Michael Baldauf*

**Heidi Hansen Beach:** After Miami I went directly to Boston and attended Simmons College for my master's in social work. I have remained in the area, currently living in Sharon, MA, the town that *Money Magazine* ranks as the #1 or #2 (depending on the year) of the best small towns in America. My work life has consisted of employee assistance program work and private practice. Days at the Oxford crisis center and Planned Parenthood were a great training ground.

"Fortunately I have been married 28 years and we plan on staying married. We raised two kids, 23-year-old Erica living in New York and 21-year-old Ian at Lehigh University. Life is now on a turn to transition to "what now." I have been experiencing a hunger for learning and seem to want to attend every continuing education program I see. I have been accepted into a program to learn "internal family systems therapy" which will be ongoing into next year. It's Bates-like." [hhansenbeach@gmail.com](mailto:hhansenbeach@gmail.com)

**Jeff Beigel:** Hello all! Nancy K. has asked me to write something to prove I'm alive. I am. I'm happily living out my days with extended family in my hometown of Sidney, Ohio. Married: Yup, forever. Children: two collegiate daughters. Career: Owner of Beigel Law Office. Hobbies: Crossfit for old people and mailing money to Ohio State University. Wife: Lorie, Sidney native, uber-mom and music teacher at local Catholic school. Travel: Nothing recently of note. Favorite foods: Still sampling. Contact with classmates: **Joe** and **Laura McGowan** have called me *every year* on my birthday to remind me I'm getting old; once sighted Robert Cox in Sidney; Nancy K. found my e-mail. Politics: Independently minded. Favorite books: Anything by Ken Wilber; would love to read T. Prachett's Discworld series as if new. Favorite TV/Movies: *Dr. Who*. Guilty pleasures: Binge watching Netflix. Nemesis: Our old home. Future goals: To happily live 40 more years and die in my sleep. Western was a singular, not-to-be-missed experience

"Although I have not kept in contact with many over the years I can sincerely say that, to a person, the Western class of '82 is a cherished part of the fabric of my life. My best to everyone. [jbeigel@woh.rr.com](mailto:jbeigel@woh.rr.com)

**Cara Chenfeld Wilbat:** I did not graduate from Western College, but of course have very fond memories of my two years there! I had gone to Tel Aviv University my junior year and then transferred to Ohio State and graduated from there. I have been in the Chicago suburbs since then and married for almost 30 years to Jim Wilbat. I manage his glassblowing business and also work in the promotional products industry.

"My daughter, Callie, graduated recently from University of Michigan and is applying to graduate programs in Speech Pathology. My son, Ryan, is a sophomore at NYU, studying production and design for theater. [cara@wilbatglass.com](mailto:cara@wilbatglass.com).

**Irene Dvoraczky Bell:** I'm living in the Columbus, Ohio, area. One husband (28 years in May), four kids (24, 22, 20, and 17) and two cats. In true Western fashion, I did a few years of graduate work in special education and used that experience to teach 7th grade and work as a vocational rehabilitation counselor with adults with disabili-



*Irene Bell*

ties in Camden, NJ (the armpit of America). Decided to go to law school and was admitted to the Ohio and Federal bars. Opened up my own practice and worked intermittently for 25 years in the legal field (did I mention that I have four kids?). Got an M.B.A. alongside my husband (most normal couples go on vacation when they want to spend a little time together). Worked a few years doing financial planning until the responsibilities of firmly being the meat-in-the-middle of the sandwich generation required my attention be directed toward children and aging parents. No regrets. Family first. Currently taking care of family, traveling a lot (U.S.A. and Europe), and looking into many possibilities to marry the business acumen I've acquired over the years with my love for art and music. Playing in bands when I can and my newest endeavors in creating public art. Waiting to see what is next on this journey. [irenebell1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:irenebell1@sbcglobal.net)

**Susan Fain:** Ok, ok! Here ya go! After 30 years slogging away in corporate America (I'm a slow learner), I am now working for Veggie U, a small nonprofit in Oberlin, Ohio, that believes kids who understand how plants work and are exposed to growing their own food are more likely to include vegetables in their diet.

Veggie U supplies indoor Classroom Gardens and a standards-based science program to elementary and special needs students nationwide and is dedicated to increasing children's awareness of healthy food options. 25,000 students a year are learning to love their vegetables from Veggie U! All of our indoor garden components are assembled by volunteers, including many students from Oberlin College and as the volunteer coordinator, I have the absolute pleasure of working with some incredibly dedicated (and generally amusing) souls. We have a great time bagging soils, packing seeds and harvesting worms (for classroom worm farms), among other things, and I must say I really love spending my second career up to my elbows in dirt. I live about a half-hour away from Oberlin in Bay Village, but I love working in a college town ... reminds me a lot of Western, as a matter of fact. Oberlin kids are so much like we

were, perhaps even a little more starry-eyed if you can believe it. Even though I've "retired" from graphic design, I still love making quilts and working with other fibers. [normmolly@yahoo.com](mailto:normmolly@yahoo.com)

**Geoff Gwynne:** I'm delighted to say hello and share a few things with you and others from class of '82. I'm not a social media guy, so most of this will be news. I'm a pastor now living in the Houston area. Married, three boys. I rise to yoga, steel cut oats, and scripture meditation every day.

Some will remember I came to Western in the second semester of freshman year, missing all the foundational work done in the fall — both social and academic. I roomed with **Alex Albanese** and then **Steve McBride**. Entering a semester late was a deficit I felt I never overcame. I joined a fraternity — they served a lot of beer, so I seemed always to be leaving Western for somewhere else. Three jarring events took place within that next year. I had a diving injury over spring break '79. The first chiropractor to see me said, quite memorably, "Son, you oughta be thankful you aren't painting with your eyelashes for a living." The next event happened that summer, when I totaled a little Ford Pinto headlong into a telephone pole. (I was not sober for either of those events.) The third event took place in the fall of 1979. During elective week I took a class with a small group of Western classmates called Values/Behavior Clarification. Does anyone remember that one? Dated as an "oh so '70s thing," and yet a timeless exercise of self-examination, it brought to my conscious life the notion that I was not who I wanted to be. I was a pretender, a liar, and good at it. A sober despair took root. Fortunately, these events began a spiritual journey that continues to this day.



*Getting together (left to right): Susan Brasier, Steve Roos '81, Irene Dvoraczky Bell, Susan Lambert Kuertz, John Rego '81, and Van Viney '81. Mega congrats to John, who will receive a 2016 WCAA Alumnae Service Award at the June 10-12 Reunion!*

In the spring of senior year, I was told by Karl Schilling something to the effect that my SEO was one of the worst he'd ever seen. Somehow he let me graduate. After bouncing around for a few years, I took a degree from Yale and was led to become a priest in the Episcopal Church. At age 30 I married a fellow Miamian ('88), and for 15 years we lived in Colorado raising our three boys. Then to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia for eight years, now in Texas. We've grown together and happily so. My work allows me to be part of the dominant subculture while tending to the margins. Here in Houston my wife and I are involved in addressing human trafficking (Houston is America's hub), and we also work to "build bridges" for people in cycles of poverty. It's very satisfying and uses all kinds of "systems" approaches, which were introduced to us all in our marvelously forward-thinking Core Curriculum. (I wish I could hear lectures on Gregory Bateson today. Back then it went completely over my head, but I'm convinced there was something worth learning. I just wasn't ready. Am I alone in that feeling, or can others remember feeling really lost in the curriculum at times?) Much of my workweek these days is tending to everyday problems with everyday people in a suburban setting and, for the most part, it suits me well. We had one full year in Aspen, and many of our acquaintances that year lived exotic lives and took extreme adventures. It was fun.

Seeking brownie points: My younger sister also graduated from Western (**Elizabeth Gwynne '86**). Maybe some in class of '82 have read *Empire of the Summer Moon*, or *Rebel Yell*, both authored by my brother. (Do I get brownie points for either of those? I'm hustlin' for brownie points.) Last one: each of my three sons is an Eagle Scout.

What a terrific class we had. My only regret is not being more present to let more friendships flourish. Some I got to know well, but far too few. [rector@gshepherd.net](mailto:rector@gshepherd.net)

**Mara Linden:** Wow! This is such a blast from the past. I transferred to Rice University in my junior year, but actually believe my Western College education was pretty fabulous and often wonder what in the world I was thinking when I left. Majored in music and then went on to get an M.M. from UT Austin. Over these many years I have zig-zagged back and forth between being a musician/teacher/ and social worker. Sometimes at the same time. Go figure. I currently live in New York and have three kids: 23, 21, and 18. I'm married to a musician. I would love to reconnect with some of these old friends. I'm probably the only person on the planet not on Facebook ... maybe this will be the big push I need? [maralinden@yahoo.com](mailto:maralinden@yahoo.com)

**Kate Linder:** Stacy Bussell and I got married on June 4, 2014, 15 days after PA ruled



*Christmas Eve 2015: Kate Linder (center), with daughter Katy Bussell (left) and wife Stacy Bussell*

that same sex marriages were legal. Our daughter Katy, born to Stacy, is 23 and working her first year post-undergraduate degree, teaching deaf and special needs 3-year-olds in South Carolina. Stacy and I also have two canine kids, Murry (12-year-old Pug) and Franco (7-year-old Shepherd-Lab mix). Stacy's a therapist at a local drug/alcohol treatment agency and I'm Associate Vice President of Student Affairs at Indiana University of PA (I've worked here since 1987 in several progressive positions).

Besides being incredibly fun, Western taught me how to think critically, which has served me well in my career. I remember "Fresh Western" (and watched it on the Internet recently), Shore To Slimy Shore, BFPs, making wine to learn about chemistry in Bill Green's class, creating and performing a cabaret with **Sarah Pollit** and **Leslie Heaton** for a class project, rolling out of bed to go to lecture in pajamas in Peabody, etc., etc. It was an amazing undergraduate experience!

**Anita Max:** Life has settled into a comfortable flow of family, friends, creativity, and just plain living. Lots of transitions these past few years have finally yielded a balanced and comfortable pace. I left my management and culinary career a decade ago and have focused on raising my daughter and supporting the decline and death of my parents and my mother's long battle with throat cancer. I relocated from Columbus, Ohio, back to my family home in Middletown, a place I never thought I'd ever live again. I am renovating my newly inherited

house, tying up loose ends and getting ready for the transition of having an exceptionally wonderful and talented teenager in high school next year. Recently amicably split with my partner of 25 years who is the father of my daughter. I am redefining my life and am embracing new adventures each day. We are beginning to search for property for a small retreat home and are considering Costa Rica, Ecuador, or Belize. If anyone has any insight here I'd love to hear from you. I am a licensed Massage Therapist and still can't stay out of the kitchen. My newest passion is making artisanal cheeses from locally sourced raw organic goat's milk. I will be attending a professional training this summer in Vermont to further my skills. I may have found my future calling along with writing and wanderlust! Hope this update finds each of you in good health, perusing what you love and living each day to the fullest! [Anitaamax@gmail.com](mailto:Anitaamax@gmail.com)

P.S. Does anyone have news of Western professors from 1978-1982?

**Joe McGowan: Laura (Kuhn McGowan)** I are doing well, living in Richmond, VA. We have three wonderful young adult children, Patrick, Elizabeth, and Kevin. Patrick is married and is living in Nashville, TN, completing his M.B.A. at Vanderbilt University. His wife, Lucy, is completing her Ph.D. in Bio-Statistics at Vanderbilt as well; they are obviously well-educated. Our youngest son, Kevin, completed his undergrad at UNC-Chapel Hill and found a job at Vanderbilt University in their endowment department as an investment analyst. The boys definitely followed Laura's ability in economics and banking. Our daughter, Elizabeth, graduated from University of Cincinnati in the DAAP program, Design-Art-Architecture-Planning. She is a fashion stylist working at Trunk Club in Chicago. She is living in the Lincoln Park area with all the other 20 somethings with her high school friend.

"I am still working in the energy efficiency industry. Yes, my Western concentration in



*Laura McGowan on a recent outing in Richmond, with three of her inner-city students*

energy management has paid off! I am currently working at an LED lighting company, Energy Focus, as their business development manager for institutional and government facilities. I have an office in DC; however, I travel primarily through the mid-Atlantic region.

Laura left her Federal Reserve Bank position at the turn of the century and is now focused on making an impact with inner-city education. She is doing double duty as Director of Development and Communication for a tuition-free private middle school in the heart of Richmond's housing authority, Anna Julia Cooper ES. The school is doing an incredible job in educating and developing children into wonderful young adults. The school stays involved with their graduates through high school, and now their first graduating class is applying to college. We both mentor students at the school as well as graduates, which helps keep us humble. I attached a picture of Laura and three of her students at a recent outing in Richmond. Yes, we have blossoming bushes in late January, which is a far cry from our blue-ice pyramid. Joe: jtmcgowan7@gmail.com  
Laura: laurakmcgowan@gmail.com

**Margaret McLaren:** "I am still teaching philosophy at Rollins College in Winter Park, FL, and still love my job after 23 years. Still together with my life-partner/spouse, Chuck Weise, and still love him after almost 30 years. :- ) One of the highlights of the past year was going on an educational, social justice trip to South Africa with Arun Gandhi, M. K. Gandhi's grandson, and meeting former Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and learning more about South African history and the struggle against Apartheid. I am still very grateful for my Western education and all of you who shared that experience. It's been fun to reconnect with many of you on Facebook since I (finally) joined two years ago. I also had the pleasure of re-connecting with **Anita Max** in person last February



Margaret McLaren (third from left), in South Africa with Arun Gandhi, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and entourage

when I gave a talk at Miami University's philosophy lecture series. And, I get to see **Mark Juergens '81** almost annually during a yearly conference in NYC." mmclaren@rollins.edu

**Jeri Missory:** "I think of Western often and credit that experience as having the most profound impact on my life. I came to Western as a sheltered and oblivious Catholic girl who was never allowed to think independently, explore my feelings or consider the texture, diversity and unity of culture, science and philosophy. Western shattered my world and created a new way of seeing things. I emerged with a holistic perspective that guides my heart, soul, conscience and directs my parenting style.

"My best friends to this day, are those that I made in Peabody: **Ann Alywin, Ann Willmott, Robbin Frantz (Redden), Lisa Ott (Valentine), Louise Harkins (Taylor), Nancy Slocum (Callahan)**. What a dream campus for an architecture student with the beautiful and Victorian Miss Peabody and her boulevard corridors and curved stair rails. The gas lights on Patterson Avenue and the turn-of-the-century duck pond complete with a meandering hill and the foundation of a boat house structure. The Georgian architecture "across the street" was also impressive and nestled under the canopy of huge old pine trees. It was a blissfully beautiful campus and instilled a sense of place in me that I hadn't previously experienced.

"I am living in Westerville, OH, and have one husband to whom I have been married for 21 years. We have two children, three dogs, two chinchillas and a school of fish. My 16-year-old daughter, Wren, is a musician and a pretty smart cookie whose company I truly enjoy. My sweet son, Lakota, is 13 and spends all of his free time modding Minecraft and Harry Potter video games. He

is fascinated by the world of building by design. Both apples have fallen close to the trees as they are both heading down the path to digital design. My husband is a designer, master carpenter, and general contractor. I have recently begun a new career by stepping into the commercial world of contract furniture, having

been a residential interior designer for many years. It is time for a change and a more family friendly endeavor. This next step will allow me to pursue my passion for sustainable design and I am working toward my LEED AP credential. I credit the WCP for my environmental advocacy. The senior project that I finally wrote was titled "Sustainable Architecture and the Legacy of Frank Lloyd Wright." Big shout out to Bill Newell for his limitless faith and patience!" jerimissory@gmail.com

**Maggie Nash:** "I'll be in Washington, DC, this spring, as visiting faculty for the University of California's Washington Center. I'm excited — I lived in D.C. in the mid-'80s, and it will be fun going back now and experiencing it in a different way. Would love to see any Western folks in the area while I'm there — March 19-June 3. I published a paper this past fall that got picked up by HuffPo — a rare thing to have academic work get any press, and I don't expect lightning to strike twice! :- ) The post is here: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/margaret-a-nash/the-hidden-history-of-gay\\_b\\_8760644.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/margaret-a-nash/the-hidden-history-of-gay_b_8760644.html). I have been singing with the Mountainside Master Chorale for a couple of years now, and loving it. Last summer we toured Poland, and had an amazing time. Heartbreaking too — went to Auschwitz, and no matter how much you've read about the Holocaust, nothing prepares you for being there. We also went to Prague, which was so beautiful. At Christmas, we sang in the televised Holiday Concert at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles — so fun!" manash2459@yahoo.com

**Phil Paternite:** After the film *The Importance of Roughage*, there was only one place I could go that didn't require a background check or an insurance rider: commercial film production. I spent several years in Cincinnati working on commercials, corporate and experimental videos before moving on to San Francisco, where I was awarded an artist-in-resident fellowship from Headlands Center for the Arts. I spent the next 20+ years working on many great projects; like MTV's Liquid Television, as well as creating interesting videos for innovative companies in Silicon Valley and beyond. Along the way I had a son. His name is Leo. He's definitely one of the finer lads in the land. And I developed a knack for roasting coffee — samples on request. Shuffling the deck again, I moved to Austin six years ago where I do much the same thing — although now with the enticing aroma of Texas BBQ surrounding me." phil.paternite@gmail.com

**Pat Primm:** "My life is not as exciting as my fellow classmates but here is what's going on. Celebrated my 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of being employed at Cascade Auto Group (my family's car dealership) in January. We are now the oldest Audi dealer in Ohio and the fourth oldest in the US. We also carry Mazda and Subaru. I am a partner. I am past



Pat Primm (right) and brother Mike, meeting President Bush

President of the Northeast Ohio Auto Dealers Association, past board member of the Summit Count CASA/CAL Program and am an active member of the Akron Commerce Club. I am in training for my second Towpath Century Ride, a biking fundraiser from Cleveland to New Philadelphia that supports the Ohio Erie Canalway Coalition. I still golf as much as possible. I am happily divorced and currently interviewing candidates for a wife replacement. Got to meet and hang with former President George W. Bush in December. Life is good.”  
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**Jeff Ricchetti:** “What is worthy of writing. I’ve been happily married for 16 years to a self-proclaimed ‘Jersey girl’ named Kathy. I have two wonderful children, one of each flavor — 14-year-old Tommy, and 12-year-old Emma. From Miami, I went to law school at Georgetown, practiced law in my hometown of Cleveland for seven years, then moved back to Washington, DC, where I have been a lobbyist and consultant for the last 23 years.

“For most of the last 20 years I have hung out with two more noteworthy Western alums, my brother **Steve (Ricchetti ’79)**, whom I have periodically been in business with when he is not serving a Democratic president, and **Jan Montgomery’s** husband, **Chris Jennings**, with whom I have shared office space when he is not serving a Democratic president. I coach a lot of kids’ soccer and basketball, and head to the mountains of PA for skiing and other outdoor activities when schedules permit.”  
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**Barbara Ruben:** “My daughter, Sarah, is a freshman at a small liberal arts college in Virginia. Interestingly, while she is majoring in special education, the major itself is titled interdisciplinary studies — teacher education. Visiting colleges with her reminded me of my own first visit to Western, where I had lunch with Alan Davis and Mike Lunine, who thoroughly intimidated me with his vast vocabulary, but was a great ambassador for the program. I’ve been the managing editor for a group of newspapers

for older adults for the last 16 years. I oversee editions in the Washington, DC, Baltimore and Palm Springs, CA, areas. (www.thebeaconnewspapers.com) I’ve aged into our 50+ demographic while working there, and we have weathered the implosion of print journalism since our readers seem to be the last bastion of those who read words on paper. Conversely, I wrote freelance articles for years for the *Washington Post*, but all my editors took buyouts as readership and pages plunged. I’ve lived in the Washington, D.C., area almost the entire time since graduation, and my freshman year roommate **Miriam Klein** lives just a couple miles away.”  
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**Dina Schlossberg:** “I’ve been living in Philadelphia, PA, pretty much since leaving Oxford in 1982. I spend my days as an attorney, working for a nonprofit law group that represents nonprofit organizations on affordable housing and community development transactions. My career, like our education at Western, involves an interdisciplinary approach to addressing issues and problem solving! I have two children both in college, and both find it funny that I somehow managed to avoid taking many courses that involved math or the hard sciences. I thought of my Western experience only a few weeks ago when I was in New York and went to the Museum of Modern Art and visited the many Picassos in the gallery. No matter what we thought back then, these are truly amazing paintings!! If you are in the Philadelphia area, please reach out.”  
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**Jan Montgomery:** “**Chris (Jennings)** and I (a Western Union for almost 35 years since our first ‘date’) are still living in Arlington, VA — part of that old guard Hillary ‘establishment’ who we promise cares about students and working people. We would love to see any Westerners who are in the area or visiting! In theory, we are empty nesters now, with our three boys away, but we spend all of our time going to see them or with them coming home for breaks. Nate is 24 and living in Miami, after graduating from the “U,” Nick is 20 and a sophomore at UNC Chapel Hill, and Luke is 18 and a senior at the Interlochen Arts Academy, a performing arts high school in Michigan. We are looking forward to a mini Western Union reunion next month at our house with **Nancy Kohn, Judi (Rosenthal) Pollak,**

**Dina Schlossberg and Abby Schultz.”**  
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**Abby Schultz:** “Hi Western! I’m sitting in our Hong Kong apartment glimpsing Tai Tam bay around the boxes filling our living room. We’re heading home to work in NYC and live in Montclair, NJ, after four-and-a-half years living in Hong Kong and exploring Asia whenever we had a chance. New Jersey won’t be quite as exotic, but we’re excited to be on the same continent again with our children, both in college. Let us know if you’re passing through New York/NJ! Would love to see you.” schultz.abby@gmail.com

**Terry Segal:** “Hmmm. Catching up. What a trick. I think some of you know that after school, I promptly took my degree and became a delinquent whitewater rafting guide in West By-God Virginia on the New and Gauley Rivers for four+ years. In 1987, I moved to California, so as to continue my wilderness career out there, but I had sustained a back injury while rowing a boat down the Grand Canyon, so my river life came to a reluctant end, and I went into intensive body therapies so as to recover. Fortunately, I did so, at the hands of many gifted practitioners, and this led me into my Life’s Work as a massage/bodywork/energywork/etc. practitioner of the healing arts. I am grateful to say that my practice is going strongly and I celebrate my 24th year this month! I resided blissfully out west (Bay Area, CA, for about 12 years, and then moved up to Port Townsend, WA, on the Olympic Peninsula for 13+ years).

“Five years ago, I chose to move back to Cleveland (something I NEVER thought I’d do), so as to be near my beloved parents as they deepen into their aging. It supremely rocked my world to leave the West, where my spirit truly thrives, and to return to the Land of my Adolescence, but in truth, I am



In DC for Hannah’s dance recital: Class Rep Nancy Kohn (center), with (from left) Judi Rosenthal Pollak, Jan Montgomery, Hannah Kearney (Dina’s daughter) and Dina Schlossberg

grateful to report that I have a beautiful life here, and despite the internal challenges, do not regret my decision for a moment. My precious Daddy made his Great Transformation just short of one year ago, and we are honoring his Yahrzeit on March 6th. It is incomprehensible to me that he is gone, and his passing has been deeply transformative for me. Truly one of the most poignant gifts of my life. My Mama continues to carry on in her indomitably intrepid fashion, even as she navigates almost two years of ongoing chemotherapy for acute myeloid leukemia, and the loss of her life mate of 67 years. It has been a tough few years, and has aged me greatly. I know that we are all in some stage of that journey of loss, disorientation/reorientation/redefinition ... I am sorry to hear of Anita's mother, and bow to her devotion to move to Middletown to care for her.

"All of this organically, and rather spontaneously, led me to enroll in a fabulously rich program to become a Certified Life-Cycle Celebrant, and I am just a few weeks shy of completing that, with a focus on being a Funereal Celebrant. I am qualified and eager to officiate ANY manner of life-cycle events, however, and funerals shall be amongst those. It is a profoundly humbling and meaningful opportunity, and I feel awed and deeply privileged to be entrusted — just as I do with my bodywork practice. My hope is to cultivate the Celebrancy into a parallel practice, and over time, to evolve into that as a primary practice, and hopefully one that affords me the chance to offer my services most anywhere ... not just locally. One of the many things I love about this path is that each ceremony is like crafting an art piece unto itself. Sooo intriguing, challenging and full of creative potential. I love it! I'm about to officiate my second ceremony in a couple of weeks (the first was for a retirement/life transition ... this one for a Renewal of Vows for a couple who have been together for about 30 years, hit a rough patch, and have worked it out ... such an honor!).

"Meanwhile, I am appreciating practicing from my absolutely charming, artful 100-year-old house in Cleveland Heights, only six blocks due east of the old family homestead! I still feel like I just got off the boat around here, and miss the majestic breathing spaces of the west with every cell. Day by day. Those are the big chunks, Lovely Ladies! I sooo look forward to continuing our conversations all around, and thank you again for holding me in mind and heart, and for sharing all of your exciting news." [segalsnest@yahoo.com](mailto:segalsnest@yahoo.com)

**Phyllis Scrocco Zrzavy:** "I have been teaching for many years, and am a professor of Communication and Media Studies at Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire. I live in Peterborough, NH, and I have discovered that there are a few graduates from both Western College and our program who live here, and Western's Dean Phyllis

Hoyt lived here for many years. I was lucky enough to meet her, and be invited to a Western College reunion at her home. It was a pleasure to hear them sing the old Western songs, and reminisce. I have two daughters in college, and my son is in high school. I continue to draw from my Western College education all the time, and from the memories I made there. [zrzavyps.fpu@gmail.com](mailto:zrzavyps.fpu@gmail.com)

**Mike Way:** "I am not a Western grad. I left after our freshman year because I wanted to graduate early ('81). That required my switching to a main campus major, but I continued to live on the Western campus my whole time at Miami. I feel connected to the program and I do love hearing about my former classmates and the amazing things that they have achieved. I must say that my time at Western (both in the program and out) helped to form me ethically, which ultimately placed me upon a path where I could work for social justice and other progressive causes through my faith." (Mike is now an Episcopal Priest, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Asbury Park, NJ.) [revway@gmail.com](mailto:revway@gmail.com)

**John Stamm:** "Greetings from Kinshasa (Congo). I haven't been in touch with many Westerners recently, although I was home on leave while working in Liberia when I saw **Jeri (Missory)** at the grocery store in my home town, Westerville, OH. A lot has happened since Western. Starting with family, I have five children. Four are with a previous wife, from West Africa. Three daughters, ages 30, 27, 24, and a son 22 years old. And I am a grandfather! My 30-year-old daughter had a son last October. I remarried in 2012 to a lovely British woman and we have a 3-year-old son. Yes, he is already an uncle! Home base is Westerville, where I plan to retire in the next couple of years.

"Here are some highlights from my official biography: Worked in the economic development/community development field for 33 years. Now working as Director of the Social Services Office of USAID/ Democratic Republic of Congo. I did work in Liberia, first for two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer, then with USAID from 2008 -2010, managing an economic governance project. Sadly, the country was better off in the early '80s than now. Previously served with USAID in Washington, Haiti, Senegal, Ethiopia, Liberia, Afghanistan, and Nepal. Associate Peace Corps Director with Peace Corps Guinea, 1992-94; started up the Habitat for Humanity Program in Central African Republic, 1990-92; Peace Corps Volunteer in Liberia, 1983-85. I would like to get in touch with some people from our class." [jstamm7@yahoo.com](mailto:jstamm7@yahoo.com)

**Nancy Kohn '82**  
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The Class of '84 has a new class representative — **Cheryl (Stanley) Hainey**. Cheryl welcomed the opportunity to volunteer in this capacity, seeing it as a great way to reconnect with friends and keep the Western community plied with the latest and most interesting news from its graduates. All members of the Class of '84 (whose whereabouts are known) were contacted via e-mail, and encouraged to forward photos and news to share. At the suggestion of **Lisa Parker Gates**, a Facebook page was created. So, Cheryl says, "Hey, Class of '84, be sure to 'like' us at [www.facebook.com/wcp1984](http://www.facebook.com/wcp1984) — and use the page to make announcements or report events that I can pass along through the *WCAA Bulletin*."

News for the *Bulletin* can also be e-mailed directly to her (see below). Just to get things started, here's Cheryl's own update:

"Hey everyone! I hope everyone is well. I'm not sure when I last contributed to our class notes, but I guess if I can't remember, it means it's been a while! I recently began working at the Dayton Performing Arts Alliance as a grant writer, a profession that I enjoy immensely. My husband and I are not only empty-nesters now, but he celebrated his retirement in September. This gives us time to do things like raise alpacas on a small hobby farm, garden at a more leisurely pace, and travel when we can. I highly recommend Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. I also have more time to return to old hobbies and explore new ones, like playing Irish whistle, flute and harp. Hopefully the time will come when I can put those talents to use in an authentic Irish pub! Enjoy your spring!"

We were so glad to hear from **Daniel Kuntz**, who was in the Western Program in the class of '84, but didn't graduate from the program.

He wrote: "I found the attached letter (*excerpted on page 4*) in the Western College Newsletter from 1981, a speech by **Chris Kerosky** delivered at the Senior Luncheon. I must have thought at the time, and still do, that it was a wonderful summation of Chris' time and experience in the Western program. Even though I graduated from another university, I still brag continually about the Western College Program I was a part of so many years ago."

**Cheryl Hainey '84**  
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As **Laura Dobbins** aptly reported — Holy cow — it's 2016 ... which means it's 30 YEARS SINCE WE GRADUATED. Wow. Wow. Wow.

**Susan Kilbane** reports that she has made a big change! She moved clear across the country to Bainbridge Island, WA, off the coast of Seattle. Her parents and sister Karen and her husband, Pat (**Karen Kilbane** and **Patrick Callahan**, also WCP graduates, **Class of '83**) and their four kids also live on the island. Susan had visited the island many, many times and decided it was time to make it her home. She landed a principal job at St. Cecilia Catholic School. St. Cecilia is the patron saint of music, which Susan has broadened to include the fine arts. Susan absolutely loves it! She has much more freedom to create a wonderful, nurturing, child-centered environment than she did in the public system. Class sizes are 15 or less. They have a word-of-the-month including *compassion*, *initiative*, *respect*, and *gratitude*. Susan finds it wonderful to be near family. She sold her Chicago condo to a former teacher and bought a condo two blocks from the water. Her commute is literally three minutes. Seattle is only 35 minutes away by ferry. Now, instead of tall buildings, the mountains, water and green mossy trees surround her. Susan finds her "city edge" and energy are a bit much for the reserved Pacific Northwestern folks, but they are getting used to her. She goes to the Pegasus Coffee shop every single morning ... it's her Cheers. Susan absolutely loves her new homes requests that we come to visit!

**Grant Shull** reports that he is headed in the other direction. Grant is empty nesting in a condo in the DC Metro with fellow Western grad **Elizabeth Hoeflinger Shull**. They have four daughters who have distributed themselves rather uniformly about the globe in Seoul, LA, NYC and Berlin. Grant is celebrating his first year under the authority of St. Peter at the Ordinariate along with his double 30th year as a bachelor and as not. And, he is experiencing the same feelings of peace and freedom that Susan expressed. Grant wishes peace, freedom, and wonder to follow all of us Western siblings as we take up the next 30 years of our journey.

**Diane Wright** reports that she is living in Cincinnati, still working as an administrator in the large community mental health agency where she has been for 21 years. Diane also gets to teach as an adjunct in a couple of social work programs locally. Her sons (25 and 14) are amazing young men — re-

silient, funny, and kind. As they get older, Diane says that she is enjoying the freedom to travel, and the highlights of her year are always her re-connections with people. **John Mack, Marcy Shultz, John Haffner-Layden, Laura Dobbins, Susanne Noble, Anne Meskey Elhajoui** and others can tell you, you never know when Diane might breeze into your neck of the woods and demand a get-together. Otherwise, Diane tries to keep things simple, living in a duplex with just room enough for her sons and her kayaks so she can focus on getting out into the world. Diane notes that folks are always welcome to come and visit her in Cincinnati!

**Jim Lopata** notes that he is in amazing Massachusetts (first in universal health care and marriage equality!). Jim is happy to report that, after a few years in the making, his career coaching and entrepreneurial consulting business is taking off! Jim is humbled and honored to be assisting people who are stuck in their careers. He has been helping them to move on to find work they love, that earns more than they need, in a way where they feel they are making a positive difference in the world. It's through a program he's created with a career coaching colleague, called The Career innerOvation (Career.innerOvation.com). Jim is also celebrating one year with his partner, Tom Concannon, who does amazing work as a policy researcher at Rand, helping to get our crazy health care system under control. Jim misses his Western class buds!

**John Mack** reports that it has been nearly three years since he moved to California and Santa Catalina Island. John notes that his little slice of paradise is as beautiful as ever, although he is hoping for some big rains to break the four-year drought. John's kids are now 15 and almost 17 (Aaron and Rachel) and he finds it hard to believe he is leaving the "childhood" phase of parenting and heading into the college years. John is starting to feel like a Californian and that it is very nice to be in a state that actually "believes" in climate change and is really doing something about it. He reports that the weather really is nice all the time, although he confesses to missing May and October in the Northeast, which do not happen there in the same way.

John has developed a distinct attraction to the sea since living there (an ancient genetic memory?!), and has taken up sailing with a passion. As a pastime and a discipline it hits all the sweet spots: romantic, intellectual, practical DIY, technical, historical and spiritual all at once. He has a beautiful 19-ft. Cape Dory Typhoon sailboat that he keeps in Catalina Harbor on the Island's windward side. If you are out his way, it is an easy ferry ride from Long Beach to the island, so John would love to connect up in person, either on the mainland or on the island. He notes that **Diane Wright** can at-

test to his 4WD back country tour of the island! Or John will show you the island from the ocean side. John sends his best to everyone!

**John Haffner Layden** reports that he is still working at The New School, a progressive university in Greenwich Village, where he has a new role as Marketing Content Director. John focuses on creative storytelling about the university and much of his writing is for Parsons, the art and design school with The New School umbrella (John is pretty sure Laura D. has a creative nonfiction writing advanced degree from TNS!) John maintains a pretty low-key existence, still living in Park Slope, with family in Ohio and beyond, so he gets back there a bit. John is still close to my longtime family friend, Trina Marschall, and her extended family and others such as **Marcy Schultz (Mulford), Susanne Foley, Misun Oh, and Tom Jennings**. John notes that his dad is still kicking in Ohio. John sends his love to y'all.

John reports that **Tom Jennings** is doing well — producing work, teaching part time at NYU where he's created a nice link between Frontline (his main producing outlet) and NYU, and being a dad to a creative musician at Oberlin and a partner to a great woman who works for a global nonprofit dealing with health issues of various kinds.

**Sherry Hofmann Loniewski** reports that she is a teacher now. After 23 successful and exciting years of working as a graphic designer, Sherry has changed careers. She really wanted to work with children. Sherry went back to school and earned her master's in teaching and was hired by Camas School District in Camas, WA, just over the border from good old Portlandia. Sherry taught second grade for five years and then took a position as a teacher librarian. It is a teaching position, in addition to managing the library. She teaches literacy lessons to K-5. Sherry loves her job! She is also now a grandma, as Jessica (the baby she had in college) is now 30. Jessica's boys, Max and Hugo, are the love of her life. Sherry also has a son, Justin, who is 20. Her life is very good; she's married to a great Polish guy who treats her like a queen, plays a mean guitar, and loves the great outdoors. As Sherry says, "Who could ask for more?" Sherry wishes us all a very good life, as well. She finds the days are long, but the years are short. Sherry likes to imagine herself back in Peabody, bathing in the warm sunshine streaming in through one of those tall, narrow windows ... as she notes, such a special place filled with the most amazing people. Sherry sends her love to you all.

**Gail Deibler Finke** still lives in Cincinnati, in the house she's lived in for 20 (!!) years. Her youngest (19) just got his first apartment and her oldest (22) is finishing up college and looking at grad schools, so she and her husband are shocked (in a good

way) to suddenly be empty nesters. She and her husband still run the family printing company and Gail continues to run the daily Catholic news and features website she started four years ago, and now has a short weekly events segment on her local Catholic radio station. As Gail notes, "fame, at last."

Last spring, Gail started working at Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati, the original Right to Life organization. It's part-time but she is excited to be part of the greatest human rights struggle of our time, the fight for the lives and human dignity of women, children, and families. But Gail's current job is working on end-of-life issues, less well known but no less important. At the end of life, as at the beginning, she notes, people who are not "useful" or "wanted" are extremely vulnerable, and many laws are being proposed that actively or passively encourage euthanasia. As larger and larger proportions of Western countries become elderly, the incentive to "help" older and sicker people die will grow exponentially. Gail reports that it is an unprecedented situation that no one knows how to plan for and making predictions is risky, but part of her job is to try to predict where misguided legislation can lead and prevent it from doing so.

While Gail has plenty on her plate, she's thinking about the future, and pondering how to become involved in advocacy for the mentally ill and their families. The plight of families who have to care for children with serious mental illness is especially close to Gail's heart. As she notes, few people understand how much they have to deal with, how little help is available to them, and how much they are left to do the jobs of doctors, nurses, security guards, teachers, and therapists, but in their homes, without any training, and 24/7 — with no breaks, ever. She muses, "A book? A project? A program?" She doesn't know ... but if anyone is involved in working with families (vs. therapy with patients or working in an institution) Gail would love to hear from you!

**Laura Dobbins** reports that not much has changed since her last report — but how can that be? She feels different! Laura is living in East Village, NYC (with a low-grade constant worry about explosions after a building near her had a gas leak this year and two people died ... as if terrorism wasn't enough). Laura still has wanderlust, with satiation finally on the horizon: Mexico, France, and Sicily are on the books this year.

Laura's day job is writing for a tech company and still fighting the good fight against gawdawful jargon — and as it turns out, randomly working with a Western grad, **David Simutis '94**. Laura experiences the relief to have that instant understanding that Westerners have. And, she notes, he's hilarious too, so that's a bonus. Laura is also having a great time with fashion academic/

Met museum collections assistant/Western grad **Michele McVicker '14** as she conquers New York as only a young person can. Laura is still an environmental activist — the labor-intensive kind, like community organizing/educating, which is mostly on hold as she tries to figure out how to balance having a creative life and volunteering.

Laura reports that the rest of her time is mostly spent in gratitude for the goodness in her life — family, friends, housing, enough (okay, too much) exquisite food, things like going to hear friends' bands play, book readings by extraordinary authors, and amazing theater that teaches us truth in all its fiction. One major thought Laura keeps returning to as the years go on, and illness — mostly that damned cancer in her patch-worked circle — steals dear ones from us, is the miracle that the heart can stretch and hold so much grief and love at the same time. Sometimes, Laura notes, it's at a heart-breaking point, but she still believes that love wins in the end — so she sends that love out to all her Western friends, keeping that circle unbroken.

I, **Beth McNellie**, report that it remains an honor to be the class reporter and to receive the stories of the amazing classmates that continue to impact my life on a regular and oh so welcomed way. My husband and I are now officially empty nesters as our son, Ben, is a freshman at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, CA. I'm thrilled to report that Ben loves college, his teammates (Ben runs) and his studies. I'm still practicing law with Baker Hostetler LLP, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, and continue to work with younger attorneys both in and outside the firm. My practice still centers on the automotive industry and an occasional tax matter. Jon and I still travel as much as possible, with trips to Whistler, Germany/Austria and a couple of forays to California for good measure during the last year. I've become active in the Social Concerns ministry in my church and am working on increasing community engagement in social justice centered activities. We're still in Columbus and welcome any Westerners in the area for a visit.

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*No news, but Andy did check in with us and hopes to have a report from classmates next year. We're sorry to learn he has been ill for much of the past year and wish him well!*

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Hello all! In spite of fierce resistance, I managed to collect a few updates from our class:

**Karen Dollinger** wrote: "I am currently working as an Assistant Professor of Spanish at the University of Pikeville in Kentucky. This past fall, I returned to Miami on Halloween weekend for an event, and got to tell a Helen Peabody ghost story in Western Lodge on Halloween night. Doing my part to keep the tradition alive." ([karen.dollinger@gmail.com](mailto:karen.dollinger@gmail.com))

**Chris Taylor** thought fondly of "waking up on cold snowy days in one of the Western dorms and looking out at the scenery covered in snow then heading to Alexander (RIP!) for warm food and hot coffee," and said, "I actually have an update. In December, I graduated with my Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Miami. My dissertation was titled 'Bros Like Me: Adherence to Male Role Norms in Fraternity Men.'" Chris is Director of Community Standards and Student Conduct at Wright State University, and can be reached there at 3640 Colonel Glenn Highway, 022 Student Union, Dayton, OH 45435, or at [chris.taylor@wright.edu](mailto:chris.taylor@wright.edu).

And **Elizabeth Locey** made up for missing a few years' updates with the following: "Hello, party people! I don't know when the last time was that I sent an update, so I'll presume that it's been at least 10 years.

"When we last saw our heroine, she was an award-winning professor and chair of her department (Modern Languages & Literatures) at Emporia State University, in Emporia, KS. In the first days of 2006, at just barely six months pregnant, she had out-of-nowhere pre-eclampsia, and came THIS close to dying a few times. The baby, Anne-Charlotte, was born an entire trimester early, weighing in at 1 lb 10 oz (yes, the weight of a can of pumpkin) but was a fighter and today, having just turned 10, is bilingual (French is her primary language, then English) enjoys ballet, gymnastics, soccer, scuba diving, painting, drawing, and playing with Legos. (Is the mommy-pride showing?)

"For me, though, her eventful birth was a rebirth — as an intuitive. Even though I was firmly entrenched in academia (tenured, administrator, serving on almost every committee outside of parking), the spiritual stuff kept getting more and more powerful, until on January 1, 2010, I resigned my position. That blew everyone's mind, but not my own. I was certain, and there was no going back. What REALLY blew minds, though, was that I was leaving my distinguished career (not



'90 Class Rep Mike Conaway, with wife Alicia Broderick '90 and kids, in traditional family photo near Durham Cathedral, northern England

to mention guaranteed salary for life), in the middle of the Great Recession, to become an Akashic Records channel and Crystal Savante. When I would tell them, I loved watching people pull back from their eyes to consider whether or not they should call the men in the white coats, and possibly if what I had was catching.

"Well, she who laughs last laughs hardest. Within 18 months of quitting the professoriate, I had a global six-figure business channeling and being a spiritual business coach. The family and I now live in Atlanta (Sandy Springs — do let me know when you're in town and we'll hang out), though there's a chance that we might be moving to Europe later in the year for Thomas's business.

"As I get more and more connected to my past lives, I can't wear 21st-C street clothes anymore. I am most often seen in corset dresses or in kirtles with long, trailing sleeves. I am also on the ordination path as a priestess of the 13Moon Mystery School; it's something I've done in almost every incarnation. It's mostly fun to re-connect to lifetimes in Atlantis, Delphi, and Avalon (lots of those) but there's so much grief and rage at the Patriarchy for trying to torture, burn, and drown the wisdom out of us, and mostly succeeding with the warping of history through the telling of untrue stories. Still, I know that I am doing my part stitching heaven and earth together by bringing through the divine wisdom that was lost.

"What I REALLY love about all of this: Despite a 20-year detour into scholarship/academia, I have now come full-circle back to where I was at Western, though at a higher level of course: instead of READING the *Mists of Avalon* as I did back then, I am re-living and enacting it. I also am dressing the

same! After years of feeling that I had to dress professionally with discreet jewelry, I am happy to report that I no longer own a suit jacket or anything resembling one, and am sporting the same kind of funky silver jewelry as back then, but this time made by me.

"Lovelies, given that I am no longer cutting myself off from or repressing the true, Western-style me, I'd love to hear from you! Reach me at [elizabeth@elizabethlocey.com](mailto:elizabeth@elizabethlocey.com). MWAH!"

As for us, **Alicia (Broderick '90)**, the kids and I made one of our periodic trips to Belgium and to the UK to see my folks this winter, and took our traditional family photo near Durham Cathedral in northern England (actually, the tradition of family photos at this spot goes back to before I was born). Most of the time, though, we're still at 1496 Julian Terrace, Union, NJ 07083, or you can find me at the e-mail address below — especially when you're sending me your updates next year. Thanks all!

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Hi friends. This marks the first goodbye we've had to say to a classmate, and it's something I've dreaded. I was not expecting it to come so early in our lives. I hope you are all well and happy. I hope you know that you are remembered and cherished. I'll start with the happier updates:



Two Chrises

From **Chris Delacruz**: "I have been in living in Northwest Arkansas for about 10 years in the shadow of Wal-Mart headquarters. I have two semesters left to complete a two-year graphic design degree. I attached my photo and painted self-portrait. I will be adding art to my online portfolio at [www.behance.net/cdelacruz](http://www.behance.net/cdelacruz). My Facebook account is at [www.facebook.com/chris.delacruz.9674227](http://www.facebook.com/chris.delacruz.9674227) until I possibly close it to simplify my life."

From **Jason "Shecky" Gambatese!!!** "Life is swell. Nine years ago, we left the city of brotherly love and the right coast for the left coast and ended up in the city by the bay (Berkeley specifically). I'm still working for



Jason Gambatese '94 and family

EPA (19 years now). Currently, I am working with Tribal drinking water systems which led me to cross paths, professionally, with **Rollie Wilson (class of '92)**. A few years back, we decided we wanted to build a family and ended up with 2 kids. And there went our early retirement plans, but it was worth it. So we are in it for the long haul now and have decided to plant our roots here. Last year I had a great visit from Kevin Frato and his crew. If you find yourself in the bay area, drop me a line." [wcvrangler@gmail.com](mailto:wcvrangler@gmail.com)

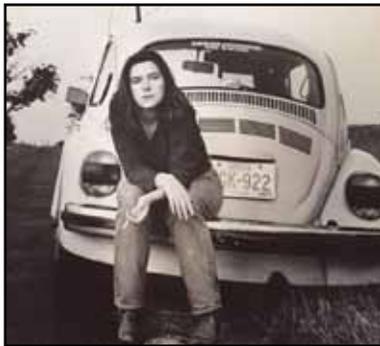
From **Erica Burgett**: "Not much to report. I'm now a nurse practitioner working in both maternal/fetal medicine and adult primary care. My little family lives in Austin, TX but will likely head back to our origins (NYC) in the next few years. I am married to a lovely Brit named Jacob and have 2 children, Leina (7) and Asher (5). Our lives are both full and tiny. Sending love to our class. Xxxoo E" ([ericaburgett@hotmail.com](mailto:ericaburgett@hotmail.com))

From **Nika (Stanley) Carleton**: "This December, several Western alumni gathered in



Graduation photo: Jessica Funk, Alison, Nicole Stanley Carleton, Andrew Carleton

Oxford for the difficult task of saying goodbye to **Alison Brooke Kettler (1972-2015)**.



Portrait of Alison

Alison was a stunningly beautiful, fiercely intelligent, mesmerizingly articulate, passionate individual. When I first saw her striding down the halls of Peabody, she left me in awe. Alison had a gift for helping individuals recognize their own self-worth. Having her tell you that she believed in you was nothing short of life changing, as so many attested to at her memorial. Alison taught me to stand straight, look people in the eye and believe in myself. When she gave me her friendship, I understood my true worth. So many of us are better people because of her love, and she will be deeply missed." For her memorial please see this link: [www.oglepaulyoungfuneralhome.com/memsol.cgi?user\\_id=1716969](http://www.oglepaulyoungfuneralhome.com/memsol.cgi?user_id=1716969) [NCarleton@ghbulldogs.org](mailto:NCarleton@ghbulldogs.org)

Thinking of you all. Please join us on Facebook if you haven't already — it's another way we can share memories. Pictures especially welcome ...

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'06



**Graham Filler** is an assistant attorney general and lives with his wife Alicia in Dewitt, MI. He was married in June 2015 on Mackinac Island. He runs, plays tennis, and enjoys reading (last two books read: *The Last Lion* on Winston Churchill, and *Witness* by Whittaker Chambers). He also serves as treasurer for the local Republican Party.

**Alex Dodwell** is having his busiest year ever in Austin, TX. He was married to his partner of eight years in October, started a senior software developer position at Life-size, and moved to a new urban home. Alex is grateful to be able to carry his Western friendships through all these adventures and more to come!

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'08



Many of us in the Class of 2008 are on the cusp of some major life changes. Some of us are turning 30, maybe already have (guilty!). So I asked my classmates, *How did you celebrate the end of your 20s? How did you ring in 30? What were the most memorable things that would eventually become worthy of sharing with the grand-kids?* Here's what they had to say:

**Michael Litchfield:** "Coming up on its 5th year of incorporation, my company Potluck Creative (formed with fellow Miami-alum, Sam Jordan) offered me more travel opportunities in 2015 than I could have ever imagined (12 states in total over 24 unique pho-



Michael

to/video related trips), with our most exciting (and international!) trip just a few weeks ago. We were lucky enough to film with two breweries in Belgium (Dupont and Dubuisson) to show off the processes that make their beers truly special. We're excited to see where the work takes us next!"

**Jocelyn Haugen:** "The last year of my twenties was incredible. I moved, started a new job, bought a log home, got engaged, and started raising 7 chickens. On any given day, I balance my Director of Marketing job for a



Jocelyn and fiance Nic

corporate housing company, ABODA in the greater Seattle area, my country life on acreage in Monroe, WA, and planning a wedding. It's been a crazy year, but exciting too! I rang in the big dirty thirty in January 2016 and will be married to my best friend Nic end of February. We're excited for the next big chapter (though particularly excited to honeymoon in Mexico, drink a cocktail and not do any more planning or big life things for a while)! Cheers to this next decade."

**Emilie Rouse:** "I resigned from my job in marketing research and plunged headfirst into being a stay-at-home mom. I've never been happier. My husband and I welcomed a baby boy into the world last May and are having a blast seeing where parenthood takes us. So far mostly to the zoo and diaper aisle ... I kid. It's been emotional as we watch him grow from an immobile baby blob to a crazy fun into-everything little person. My grandkids might be kind of bored hearing about 2015 someday ... but they wouldn't be alive without it, so they'll just have to suck it up and let me be nostalgic."



Baby boy Rouse

**Louisa Versaw:** "I left my office job at the end of 2014 to become a full-time showgirl and haven't looked back. In 2015, I played



Louise, AKA Dolly Debutante

a Ziegfeld girl in a six-month run of an immersive off-Broadway play. I am continuing to perform in NYC as Dolly Debutante."

**John Obrycki:** "Still working towards my Ph.D., with the hopes of finishing up in May 2016. Something cool I've done in the past year is going to the Cleveland Museum of Art and seeing an exhibition about Monet and Matisse. Included in this exhibit was a combination of paintings in which Monet painted a scene and then Matisse painted Monet painting the scene. The exhibit fea-



Nurit at home

tured a series of bridge paintings which showed Monet's evolution as a painter and the types of themes he developed during his career. Quite powerful!"

**Nurit Friedberg:** "2015 was a year of changes for my family. My husband finished his medical residency and got a job at OSU, so we packed up and moved to his hometown of Bexley, OH. Since I was leaving my job to relocate, I made a decision I had been thinking about for a long time — to become a full-time stay-at-home mom, which has been great so far!"

**Nicole Brasseur:** "I moved to Colorado and recently got engaged. There's been lots of hiking, breweries and I even tried snowboarding for the first time."

**Martin Yip:** "I'm in love with a very kind-hearted kindergarten teacher and I've started working for another bank, a job I thoroughly enjoy. I met up with several groups of Miami students and faculty members as the Alumni Liaison person in Hong Kong."

**Elliot Rossbach:** "Professional life has been totally all over the place. I finally achieved my dream of working for an international consultancy where I am based in Jakarta and have traveled to Dubai, Sydney, and Singapore for work with all kinds of big name companies including international banks, insurance companies, and even the government of Queensland. I've been promoted two times since starting two years ago. AND I'm incredibly stressed out and unhappy. Big Business is for the birds and business travel has not been quite as amazing as I thought it would be."

"I don't see myself achieving any of the goals I set out to achieve when I left Western and far from the person I once was. I catch myself in the office staring out the window and wondering what else I could be doing. I think of the Western experience a lot believe it or not. I've often focused on it during nights I can't sleep. I think about the people there,

the passion, the energy and acceptance of everything except the status quo

"Anyway, I submitted my resignation a couple of weeks ago and will be leaving Jakarta for Tobelo in April to help my friend finish a construction project there. We'll be using that experience to build a couple of other projects around Indonesia that I'm hoping to incorporate as much green construction processes into as possible (Something I know very little about, and a really tough sell to my local partners — but I'm going to learn and I'm going to try!) At the same time I'll be preparing for my PMP certification. I hope that in roughly 18 months from now we will break ground on our first Green Villa in Bali (possibly designed by a friend from Miami), and I'll be fully certified for project management."

**Emily Garritson:** "At age 30, I will be finally getting my first real (non-training) job! I will



Emily in Brazil

be joining a dermatology practice in Indiana after finishing my final year of residency in Chicago this summer. I celebrated the last year of my 20s with a trip to Brazil!"

**Pulkit Datta:** "Filmmaking takes a while. A long while. After years of working on several projects, building a network, planting many seeds, things finally started coming to fruition right before I turn 30. I took several steps in raising funding and assembling a team for my passion project *Colony*, which will be my debut feature film as a writer/director. I started producing a comedy web series and a couple of shorts, and also gained traction with two different TV series that I've been developing. The icing on the cake? One of the first films I worked on as production manager several years ago, *This Changes Everything* (a feature documentary about climate change) premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in the fall. On top of all this, the South Asian Film Lab,



Pulkit in Toronto

an organization I co-founded, grew significantly over the past year. I'm happy to report that we've established a wonderfully nurturing community of writers, actors, directors and producers that is workshopping several projects, providing resources and opportunities for each other, and we also pulled off two public staged scripts."

**Stephanie Lee:** "I definitely lived out the last of my twenties to their fullest! I broke up with my fiancé, quit my job that was making me miserable, and moved halfway across the country to start a new chapter of my life in Madison, WI, and I haven't looked back! I currently work as an educator at an electronic medical records company whose software enables the provision and improvement of patient care to over half of the country! It is very fulfilling and enjoyable work



Stephanie at her radio gig

that has allowed me to travel around the country and reunite with old friends from the Western community! In my free time I started teaching yoga to kids with disabilities and their caregivers. Continuing my work with NPR that started when I was at Western, I began a part-time gig as the announcer and sidekick to Michael Feldman on the nationally syndicated live variety show *Whad'Ya Know?* The radio show has been one of the coolest things I've ever gotten to do. Highlights include: drinking spiked eggnog for

the first time on live broadcast, speaking Swedish in my Town of the Week segment, traveling to Des Moines, Jacksonville, FL, and Cleveland with the cast and crew when we take the show on the road, and getting recognized around town by my laugh (never fails to surprise me)! I rang in my 30th birthday with family at a resort in Cancun, drinking tequila, hiking amidst Mayan ruins, surfing, swimming, and riding bikes all day. And the new year is already off to a great start, with lots of yoga, adventures with friends, and a 150 bike ride planned for the spring. Can't wait to see what year 30 has to offer!

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**Laura Flamm** is still a proud resident and (beyond all odds) employee of the City of Baltimore. When she's not heading up the Baltmarket food access programs, she is biking around the city, cuddling with her neighbor's chickens, or cooking up something green. Last year was a big one: she and her close friends bought a chunk of adventure land in West Virginia and she got to see many Western faces at her wedding! (Fear not: Emma Goldman made an appearance in the ceremony to keep a check on the patriarchy.)

**James Muruthi** is still at the University of Georgia trying to be a Dr. Muruthi preferably by the end of this year. He may be moving to Falls Church to be with his wife, who has taken a job there and is excited to move.

**Teresa Zaffiro** lives in Minneapolis, MN, and is working as a family advocate for Native American Families at a Native-run nonprofit. She loves this work, and continues to be as passionate as ever about indigenous peoples and their rights. The Twin Cities are a beautiful community and she is humbled to be a part of it. Last year her girlfriend, Lisa, and she hiked about 1,500 miles of the Appalachian Trail between moving from Kansas City to Minneapolis. It was a beautiful and crazy adventure. They plan to be in Minnesota for the long term, and are excited to see what the future holds. When she's not working she's riding her bike, running in the park, cooking for friends, or vol-

unteering with some bad ass POC-led organizations working for racial and economic justice in the Cities. Life is good and she's very grateful.

**Abby Hills** currently works at a newer non-profit on the island of Galveston, TX. Its mission is to empower youth through numerous on-the-water experiences. Being the manager, she leads and partakes in all the events: passenger ship tours, sailboats, kayaks, SCUBA, snorkel, swimming and wading! It's not too shabby for her first real job! On her off time, She works for NOAA as their benthic monitor and volunteer with Galveston Bay Foundation, assisting with their Water Quality Monitoring program as a monitor and trainer.

**Audree Riddle** still works at Ohio State for her day job. She also recently took on the role of COO for a small local company, Sadie Baby Sweets — a designer bakery. She really enjoys this new experience.

**Megan Sabal** is still living in Santa Cruz, CA, doing fisheries research. There she studies how habitat influences predator-prey interactions in relation to salmon. In her off time, she's busy road biking, gardening, and exploring outdoorsy places in California!

**Renee Plourde** is living in Seattle now and just started a job at the Woodland Park Zoo in the education department. Meanwhile, she's been getting back into rock climbing and has been exploring Washington and all of its beauty.

**Dan Coale** is still in Brooklyn teaching high school earth science. Norming it as a teacher and loving it more and more. He also works on new earth science raps all the time and also writes rock and roll songs with his band slabz.

**Bridget Clegg** still lives in her same spot in Brooklyn, but has a new job at Hearst. She's the photo editor for a new site called BestProducts.com where she makes lots of crops, collages and gifs (it's digitally crafty!). She spent last year's travel budget attending many lovely weddings — best of which was that patriarchy-free one in Baltimore in the company of some beautiful Westerners!

**Lauren Bangert** is still in Chapel Hill, NC, working on her Ph.D. at UNC, focusing her studies on pediatric neuropsychology. This year she's been working with kiddos at UNC Hospitals as a part of the Pediatric Psychology and Psychiatry consult team. She's finally started research for her dissertation

(pew!), which will be on social cognition and executive functioning in adolescents at clinical high risk for psychosis. When she's not busy with grad school stuff, she enjoys hanging out with Ryan and their two cute pups, getting out in the beautiful NC weather, and catching up on sleep!

**Kat Hayes** is not "still at Miami" for the first time since graduation, working on her clinical internship at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She's glad to have some new experiences and getting a chance to reconnect with **Amy Humphrey '09**, who is also there.

**Ali Tanker** accepted a position with Hawken School's Entrepreneurship program to teach the next generation the skills they need to change the world. She and Hawken School are working at a national level now with educators who are adopting their model for classrooms. If anyone is interested, check out the podcast they recently launched: doschoolbetter.com. She is currently living near downtown Cleveland with her girlfriend, who is opening her own restaurant in June. She'd like anyone to let her know if they're passing through town and want to grab a bite.

**Jani Sparks** is currently at UC finishing up her Ph.D. in the Geology Dept. She's planning to graduate this summer and is currently on the job hunt.

**Amy Biochini** is a senior reporter at *The Holland Sentinel* (daily newspaper with about 12K circulation) in Holland on Michigan's west coast, where she writes about education and health issues. She is also recently engaged and planning to get married in October! Lastly, she's also learning to code websites and build databases and has been really enjoying that.

I, **Cayla Adams**, am a current resident of Columbus, OH, and work for a national trade association that deals in all facets of financing economic development. Through my job, I travel to different states frequently and after traveling abroad quite a bit, I'm happy to finally be discovering new parts of the U.S. In my free time, I — and my fiancé — spend time with friends, plan weekend trips and visit family. I'm excited to get married in September. New address: 34 E. Tulane Rd., Columbus, OH 43202.

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**WCAA's All-Classes — especially years ending in 1 or 6 —  
All-Western Reunion 2016 on Western Campus, June 10-12!**

# The Western Program

## Message from the Director

You may be surprised to be reminded, that 2015-2016 is the sixth academic year of operations for the Western Program and Individualized Studies major within the College of Arts and Science. I am astonished by the swift passage of time, my hair graying in harmony with the expansion of the universe . . . “time, the subtle thief of youth,” wrote John Milton in 1645. Speaking of Milton, *Paradise Lost* plays a role in our current offering of WST 301, Interdisciplinary Problems and Questions, which we are teaching with a science and religion theme. Milton’s depiction of Eden and warnings about the Tree of Knowledge offer a poetic foundation for considering the rewards of scientific progress versus the loss of religious innocence. The 20 seniors engaged in their capstone research have less opportunity for philosophical musings as they hurtle toward graduation in May. There are some spectacular projects this year, including a study of happiness by a budding filmmaker, detailed analysis of the environmental impact of microbreweries (carbon footprint per case of beer), and investigations on autism, color theory, and social justice.



Nik Money

One of our juniors, **Mickey Myers**, was highlighted in a recent interview with *The Miami Student*. [<http://miamistudent.net/?p=17015049>] Mickey Myers began college as a social justice major and switched to Western to combine her diverse interests in food security and sustainability, and wilderness therapy. She was very attracted to the idea of taking control of her own educational path. In her interview with *The Miami Student* she said, “What I really like about Western is this idea of student directed inquiry.” Through the Western Program, Mickey has the flexibility to design part of her course of study, drawing upon classes from multiple disciplines, and she has already enjoyed a year of independent study in Hawaii. Mickey’s interests in food security and sustainability have been stimulated by her involvement with a volunteer organization called

World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF). WWOOF is a work ex-change program in which volunteers work on organic farms in exchange for practical experience in farming, and free room and board. Mickey inspired her younger sister, Phoebe, to join Western this year and we are excited by the opportunity to work with her as she develops an equally creative plan of study.

— *Nicholas P. Money*  
Western Program Director and Professor of Botany

### WP 3.0 Alumni: What’s Happening?

**We — Western College Alumnae (WC 1.0) and Western College Program Alumni (WCP 2.0) —want to hear from you!**  
**You now have an official All-Classes WP Bulletin Representative!**

### Introducing Hannah Mills, WP Class of '13:

I will be serving as the “Class Rep” for the newest group of Western Program graduates! In the past few years, Western’s latest iteration has graduated dozens of driven, passionate, and curious students. I am excited to share your post grad adventures with this community. Please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always available for all things Western.



Hannah Mills

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**Send your pictures and updates today!**

## News from Student Activities Coordinator

As the semester comes to a close, we are looking forward to new beginnings experienced by our students and the department. This semester, we developed a new event to bring students who weren't living on Western Campus to enjoy the beauty of Ernst in the spring, as well as keeping with the tradition of the seniors' final months.



Kate Haas

This year, one of our juniors, **Julia Olmsted**, suggested a new event called WestFest. The idea of this event changed and adjusted, but came to a very Western end. We brought in bands, food trucks, hung lights, passed out pizza, and enjoyed the beauty of Western Campus. One of the main purposes of this event was to bring in students across 27 who don't go to Western Campus very often. We were able to enjoy a steady stream of students from the time we started until we ended. It was an absolute joy to see this come to life, and we are excited to see it continue!

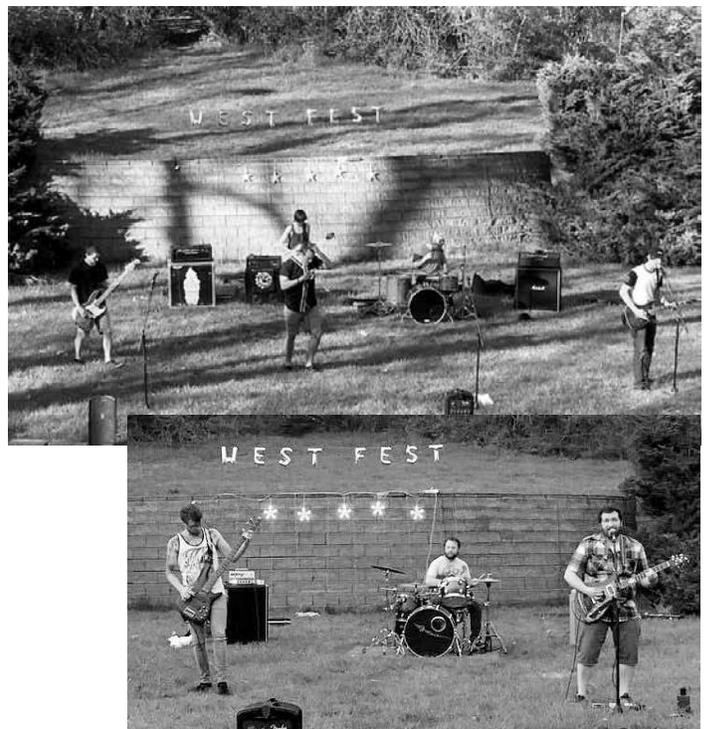
The seniors are well on their way to graduation! They have recently presented on their presentations, each as unique as them. We had presentations on consumers, the importance of natural education, differing cultures, social justice education, sensory interactions, and how people interact in their cultures and environment. This year includes a project by one of the seniors help to plan their presentations, the senior dinner we have to celebrate their work, and their commencement ceremony.

At the end of this semester, I will be leaving the Western Program family and begin graduate school at Wright State for Clinical Mental Counseling. I will be ever thankful for the time I was given to grow in the Western Program, both as a student and a staff member.

For the upcoming school year, **Garrett Gust** has been named as the new Student Activities Coordinator. A Western Program major, he is graduating this spring, and has a focus in anthropology. Garrett is an intelligent, community-driven young man who will continue to look for the best ways to ignite the community development in the newest form of the Western Program.

— Kate Haas '14  
Student Activities Coordinator

Photos by Julia Olmsted '17



## Meet Chelsea — a JOYful Scholar

*Chelsea Appiah is currently a junior English/Professional Writing and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality studies double major at Miami, who has always had a passion for serving others, especially children. January 9-23, 2016, she was able to do just that — with a little help from the WCAA — in the Dominican Republic. We asked Chelsea to share her experience in her own words ...*

We departed from Miami, FL, around 7:35 p.m. that evening. I was a little nervous, uneasy, and had no expectations of what I was about to encounter on this trip. I kept thinking to myself, “Chelsea, you have traveled before, it would be okay.” However, I knew deep down inside it was not okay. Why was I so nervous? What was it about traveling to the Dominican Republic on this study abroad trip that made me more anxious than I have ever been about traveling? While waiting in the airport, most of the people sitting at the gate seemed to be Dominican. Some of them had lighter skin and others had darker skin. All of them spoke Spanish, quite fast. Although I had taken Spanish since my freshman year of high school, I still could not understand or even try to comprehend what they were saying.

Nonetheless, we all boarded the plane and arrived in the Dominican Republic safely. It was around 10 p.m. on January 9, 2016. Once I arrived at the host home we were staying at, I got even more nervous. I was attending this trip with students I did not know, a professor I was not familiar with, in a country whose culture and language I did not understand. I surprised myself when I did not feel a sense of culture shock. I was not bothered by the fact that I could not flush my toilet paper down the toilet to avoid clogging the pipeline nor was I shocked that we did not have power for a few days as many of my fellow peers were. ...

Prior to signing up, I knew our primary task would be working with a Christian organization at different school sites. I knew we would be in constant interaction with children and locals in our community. What I did not know was the impact my interactions with these individuals would have on my life.

We were given two options throughout the course of the trip regarding what we wanted to do for the day. The first option was to play soccer with the kids at the Anija School. The other option was to comb lice out of children's hair at the Palo Blanco School. I am not much of a sporty individual, so naturally, I chose to help with the lice. At first, I was extremely hesitant. After a few days, it became the highlight of my trip.

While combing lice out of the young girls' hair, I had the opportunity to sit down and talk with them. They would tell me about their goals, dreams, and aspirations. They would ask me questions about American life, schooling, and cul-



*WCAA JOY scholarship recipient Chelsea Appiah (back row, far left) takes a break to pose for an official group portrait.*

ture. They would be most happy when they were finished and I would put their hair in braids with bows, hair ties, and other fun hair accessories we were provided.

Afterwards, they would often ask me to play soccer, baseball, or do jump rope with them. Jump rope was my absolute favorite. During this time, the girls would often jump on my back, want to take pictures with me, play with my phone, or laugh at me for trying to speak “Dominican” Spanish.

One of the days, I met a girl named Marjorie who absolutely stole my heart. She was funny, witty, and had the most joy out of all of the kids that I met. Every day after I met her, I would see her at recess and during gym class. We would take pictures together, tell each other funny jokes, and play games such as “patty cake.”

That first week in the Dominican was not only eye opening and fun, but it really challenged me to think about the true meaning of joy and happiness. The primary focus of our trip was to study child poverty in the United States. Through the organization we worked with, Kids Alive, all of the students we met were in extremely impoverished upbringings.

Some had experiences emotional, mental, or sexual abuse. Many only had two meals a day that were provided at school. Attending a school such as Miami University, we refer to our meal plans as “monopoly money” and, at the end of the semester, purchase mindless amounts of snacks so we can use up all of our monopoly money. ...



*JOY founder Frankie Roskam (left) and Chelsea with one of their kids*

The turning point of my trip happened when we were at the beach in Santo Domingo. As we approached the ocean, I noticed a little boy with a wooden box that contained supplies to shine shoes for strangers on the street. Frankie had shared with us that the young boys who come from the most extreme poverty must abandon school and look for shoes to shine for countless hours a day in order to help with family expenses. When I saw this boy with his wooden box on the beach, his eyes locked into mine. We stared at each other for a moment and then he stared at my feet.

I immediately began to bawl my eyes out. At first, I was not quite sure why I was crying. I knew I was confused, upset, and scared but I was not quite sure what it was about that boy that made me so emotional. After a few hours of thinking, crying, and reflecting, it really hit me. ...

In that moment when my heart broke, I began to realize how truly wrapped up in my life I had become, especially at Miami. It is easy to become extremely engrained in the “Miami bubble” and forget that individuals outside of our community are hurting in ways that really matter. My heart was

breaking because I wanted to help their pain and heal their hearts. ... That is when things began to make sense to me.

When we choose joy, it means we are choosing to love. Love, in my opinion, is the ultimate way to show you really care for them and that you really value their well-being. Love prevails above all and while I may have not been able to donate one million dollars to help the kids like I wanted to, I traveled abroad, I chose to be joyful, and I learned the importance of love. This is deeper than any kind of lesson or experience I could have obtained in the classroom. My love and appreciation for the opportunity is absolutely endless. My heart is in the Dominican Republic and there is not a single day that passes by without me thinking about my experience ... I wanted the world, and thanks to my scholarship, I got it.

— Chelsea Appiah MU '17

A year ago, Miami became the first Ohio public university to create Winter Term (aka “J-Term”) to offer opportunities for students to expand their academic experiences — often with study abroad. Through MU’s Community Based Leadership program, Chelsea connected with two organizations — Kids Alive International and Miami-based Justification of Youth (JOY), seeking to serve young students in the Dominican Republic. She would be conducting research on the student development of African-American and Hispanic students in early adolescent years through the first two years of college, a first step in her senior thesis endeavor. Last fall WCAA trustees met JOY founder Frankie Roskam (*see Fall 2015 Bulletin, p. 48*) and were so impressed that they proposed a so-called “Western College JOY Scholarship” to help one or more students participating in the J-Term JOY study abroad class in 2016. Chelsea is our winner!

## On the Club Circuit



*Members of the Columbus Club plus WCAA staff (left to right) Nancy Ryan Rietz '52, Janina Chadwick '67, Betsy Salt '74, Joan Campbell '73, Audree Riddle '10, Accounting Associate Kaye Wolke, Catherine Ross Loveland '52, and Senior Program Assistant Debbie Baker met for a Western Spring Mixer and Luncheon at The Wine Bistro on April 23.*

*Guest speaker was Yvonne Opuch (far right), Miami University, class of 2020, and recipient of the WCAA International Mboya Family Scholarship. From Nairobi, Kenya, Yvonne shared her experiences on the Miami campus, family history, and goal: to work in a field empowering women to pursue careers outside the home. In an aside, attendees also enjoyed hearing about the wedding plans of Audree Riddle, who will be married this fall in Kumler Chapel — the wedding party having prepped for the event in Patterson Place.*

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## From the Archives

University and WCMA Archivist **Jacky Johnson** reported on the following activities ...

The Miami University Archives — including the Western College Memorial Archives — moved to the university's main library, King Library, April 11-28, 2016. Part of the University Libraries Special Collections Department, it is located on the third floor of King. The Archives contains manuscripts, publications, photographs, and artifacts dealing with Miami University. It also houses archival material of



*Andrea Forero Mateus, University Archives Graduate Assistant (foreground), and Elizabeth Maurer, Archives Assistant, inventory boxes in the new space,*

Western College, formerly Western Female Seminary, and Oxford College for Women. The archive is dedicated to acquiring and preserving materials directly related to Miami, Western College, and Oxford College for Women history. Materials produced by or about the three institutions such as administrative records, policies, catalogs, biographical information about faculty and alumni, publications, photographs, and other media are contained within the archives.

The new move will provide all three archives with common reading room, shared display space, larger staffing and allow more people to learn more about the archives now that it's in the main library.

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Jacky and Kathy Conkwright, formerly MU Clinical Professor, Department of Media, Journalism and Film, received a grant from the Ohio Humanities Council, and support from the Miami University Humanities Center, Oxford Community Foundation, Miami University Department of Media, Journalism Film and Miami University Libraries to produce the documentary *Training for Freedom: How Ordinary People in an Unusual Time & Unlikely Place Made Extraordinary History*, a work-in-progress documentary project that

“captures the transformational story of how idealistic college students and black activist teachers came together in a small, mid-western town to find their humanity and the common ground to fight as one in the freedom struggle that would define a nation and alter the course of history.” It includes interviews with and performances by many participants in the actual summer of 1964 training, as well as historians and authors who have studied the event over the past 50+ years.

Jacky, Digital Scholarship Librarian Elias Tzoc, and Graphics Design major Morgan Murray are creating the website which will include lesson plans for K-12 and adults to accompany the documentary. Dr. Stephanie Danker, MU Assistant Professor, Art Education, and undergraduate students in her course Introduction to Art Education are creating the lesson plans. The project will be completed in June 2016.

## At Patterson Place

The word is out! Patterson Place is a great place to hold a meeting! Last summer, the Butler County Historical Collaborative met there and Western's own Debbie Baker, gracious hostess that she is, was pressed into action to chair the meeting.

Now the League of Women Voters of Oxford (LWVox) has hosted two open brown bag lunches in the parlor. In December, they celebrated league members who had served or were currently serving in elected office on the Oxford City Council. The room was filled with members and guests (including past and present mayors) at the event. Sandi Woy Hazelton, Co-Chair for Program, gave a brief history of the League members service on the council over the last 65 years.

On February 24, 2016, the League returned to Patterson Place to hear guest speaker Dr. Kimberly Hamlin, Miami University Associate Professor of History and American Studies. Dr. Hamlin discussed her research on women suffragists and science. Her book *From Eve to Evolution: Darwin Science, and Women's Rights in Gilded Age America* (University of Chicago Press 2015) won critical acclaim for its original insights into the history of American feminism.



*Dr. Hamlin (center) with Mrs. Jane Strippel (left) and WCP professor emerita Muriel Blaisdell*

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# Preserving and Promoting the Legacies of Western



## Patterson Place Preservation Fund

Friends of the Western College, Miami University and Oxford communities are joining in a fundraising initiative to support the preservation of Patterson Place. The initiative has two central focuses:

- To preserve the building's historic character while restoring and repairing the original features - including the brick and woodwork - and replacing the roof and copper gutters.
- To renovate the building to modern standards and ensure its place as a functional campus resource, including handicap accessibility and efficient HVAC system.

As a demonstration of its commitment to this effort, Miami University is offering a generous matching-gift opportunity that provides \$2 in university support for every \$1 of private support raised.

Donors can join the effort by returning the enclosed business reply envelope. To learn more or to discuss naming options available within Patterson Place, contact Mackenzie Rice, director, at 513-529-8759 or [beckerml@MiamiOH.edu](mailto:beckerml@MiamiOH.edu).

## Western College Legacy Circle

The process continues ... the construction contract has been negotiated and signed, the granite has been selected, donor names are being proofed for accuracy, and the site work has begun.

Unfortunately, due to some delays, the Legacy Circle will not be completed in time for a dedication at Alumnae/i Weekend in June. However, campus visitors will enjoy a preview and see the work in progress. We regret this change of plans, but feel confident that our project managers are ensuring that the work is completed to our utmost satisfaction.

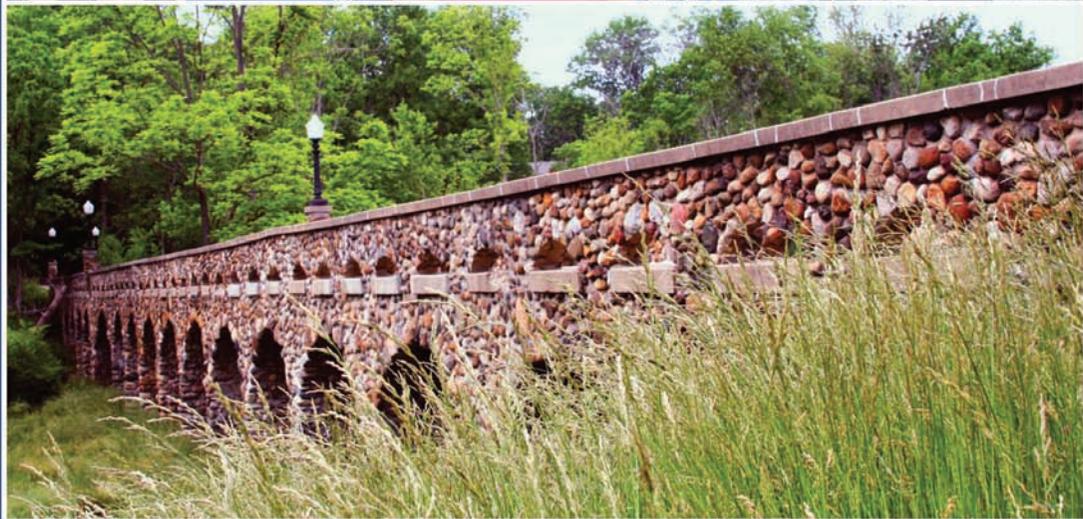


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