



Miami's First Family Hosts WCAA Trustees

From the WCAA Director and Board President

Dearest Westerners!

We are in a summer state of mind. Along with the students, we, your WCAA Board and staff, look forward to the sweetness of summer: time outdoors, conversations with neighbors, the indulgences of summer fare and all the simplicities that summer brings with it. Perhaps most of all, we delight in knowing that summer means time for gathering with our fellow Western alumnae/friends at Alumnae Weekend and, this year in particular, the dedication of the Western College Legacy Circle. And that is very exciting!!!! More on that in a moment, but first a few updates ...



Mackenzie

The WCAA Board of Trustees met in Oxford April 25-27. It was an incredibly productive meeting with much accomplished. We are pleased to report that Miami University's new president, Dr. Greg Crawford, and his wife, Dr. Renate Crawford, welcomed the Board to their home, Lewis Place, for a lovely reception. Greg and Renate are deeply passionate about social justice and already have a strong sense of the history, values and traditions of Western — values they share. In June, they will be opening their home again for any of us attending Alumnae Weekend. We know you will enjoy them tremendously.

The Board was also hosted by the Dean of Libraries, Jerome Conley, who arranged for a tour of the Western Archives. It was wonderful to see how well cared for our treasures are. Dean Conley is a wonderful partner in preserving our legacy.

The very highlight of the time spent in Oxford, however, was meeting our four year scholarship recipients. To state that these students are remarkable would be an understatement. However, even beyond their impressive resumes is their genuine appreciation for the support that the Western community and all of you have provided them. They too have a desire to help carry forward the legacy and spirit of Western. They are doing us justice! While you will not have the chance to meet this group of students over the summer, we are pleased to report that our WCAA Peabody Scholarship recipients will be joining us for the Meily luncheon at Alumnae Weekend. The Board has previously met the Peabody recipients and they are truly fantastic.



Sharry

Finally, speaking of Alumnae Weekend and our legacy, we really hope you plan to join us for the dedication of the Western College Legacy Circle. It is truly beautiful and such a fitting tribute to Western. The students love it and we are confident you will too. The dedication will be a wonderful celebration with Western family.

From the WCAA Board and staff, it has been another wonderful year as we strive to fulfill our mission and continue to tell the story of Western College. Representing Western alumnae and friends is truly a great honor. Thank you for entrusting your legacy to us.

In the Spirit of Western,



Mackenzie Becker Rice HA
Director, WCAA Inc.



Sharry Patterson Addison '61
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Alumnae Weekend 2017 honors Alumnae Service Award recipients:
Farida Abou Shady '69 and Beth Merrill Dixon '86

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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: Gracious hosts Greg and Renate Crawford pose with WCAA trustees and staff on the occasion of their reception for the Board at Lewis Place.

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Meeting the Crawfords

Pleasure over business! During the very busy April meeting of the WCAA Board, trustees were invited to a reception at Lewis Place, home of Miami's First Family, where they basked in the gracious hospitality of MU President Greg and University Ambassador Renate Crawford.

Greg expressed their delight at being here in Oxford. He spoke admiringly of Western's long history of interdisciplinary emphasis, diversity, and social justice — and particularly singled out the college's role in the Civil Rights movement of the '60s — part of what influenced his decision to take the job. His favorite place on campus, not surprisingly, is the Freedom Summer Memorial, always quiet and peaceful.

And the Crawfords are well aware of the significant work of the Alumnae Association since the closing of the college — the more than two thousand scholarships for Miami students, the Western College Endowed Professorship, and fundraising in support of the arts and campus preservation.

(Yes, Renate does know how to pronounce *Pee-buddy*. We caught her correcting herself.)



Dr. Greg Crawford '58 entertains trustees — could it be a story about Miss Peabody's ghost? — as Pam Watts Coates '70 (rear) and Betty Salt '74 look on.



Renate presents her artistic hors d'oeuvres to a circle of appreciative trustees (from left): Barbara Williamson Wentz '68, Sharry Patterson Addison '61, Fran Hoffman '65 (partially hidden), Kaye Wolfe '64, and Anne Adams Weisborn '61.

Just the facts . . .

Dr. Greg Crawford, a native of Elyria, OH, was inaugurated last October as Miami University's 22nd president. A world-renowned physicist, he holds bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees from Kent State University. His most recent position was as Vice President and Associate Provost (2015-2016) and Dean of the College of Science (2008-2015) at the University of Notre Dame. Prior to that, he was Dean of Engineering (2006-2008) and Professor of Engineering and Physics (1996-2008) at Brown University. While at Notre Dame, he completed five cross-country "Road to Discovery" bicycle rides to raise awareness and funds for research on Type C Niemann-Pick Disease (NPC), a rare and fatal genetic neurodegenerative disorder.

Dr. Renate Crawford's hometown is Chagrin Falls, OH, where her family emigrated from the Netherlands when she was 16. She is now University Ambassador, as well as an adjunct Professor of Physics at Miami, having earned bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees at Kent State. Formerly an adjunct Associate Professor of Physics, then Director of Engagement for Academic Recruitment at Notre Dame, she had begun her teaching career at the University of Massachusetts, where she became Chair of the Department of Physics and Associate Dean of Engineering.

Greg and Renate (they insist on being known by first names only) met when both were doing research on liquid crystals at Kent State. They married in 1988 and have two daughters: Michaela, graduating this spring from Notre Dame; and Alexandra, "Ally," completing her freshman year at Berkeley.

Where Are They Now? Here's what two of our WCAA scholarship students are doing in their "after lives"

A native of Kyrgyzstan, **Kunduz Kyzy** received a General Multicultural Scholarship: International for academic years 2009-10 and 2010-11. These renewable full or partial grants are awarded to incoming undergraduate international students, based on merit, then need. **Maggie Simpson**, from Fairfield, OH, was awarded the Malcolm D. Hill Peabody Scholarship for 2010 and 2011. One-time/partial Peabody Scholarships, based on merit and financial need, are available to non-traditional undergraduate students (over 25) whose college educations have been interrupted. In their own words...

I graduated from Miami in December 2011 and since then I have done my first Master's in Politics and Security in Central Asia at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek, have worked for the European Commission projects in my home country, and managed Increasing women's political participation program at the National Democratic Institute in Kyrgyzstan. Currently I am finishing my second Master's degree in Sustainability Science from Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University in Japan, and am also working as Head of International Cooperation Dept at the Central Commission for Elections and Referenda of Kyrgyz Republic.



Kunduz

Those 2.5 years at Miami have been instrumental in my life. Not only I obtained a world-class education there for free, but I also learned that helping others is not a favor, it is a privilege. That is the reason why I am a member in the Progressive Kyrgyzstanis Club, where we give financial and mentorship support to exceptionally talented students from underprivileged backgrounds.

I am proud to be Miamian and an alumna of the Western College. I hope I can take the education, skills and values I learned there further and serve for the good of people.

— Kunduz Kyzy '11

My journey to Miami University was a bit unexpected. Having grown up in Fairfield, Ohio, I knew about Miami and Oxford, but when the time came for me to make my college decision, I chose Trinity College, a small women's college in Washington, DC. I loved politics and history, and I wanted to stay in the DC area and eventually attend law school. I loved my life there, and had the opportunity to attend an Inauguration, intern for a member of Congress, and meet people from around the world. During my last year of school, a family member experienced a life-changing



Maggie

injury, so I made the decision to put the last of my studies on hold, leave my new Legal Assistant position at a non-profit law firm, and return home to my family. I thought I would be home for just a short time, but I instead became a full-time caregiver for several years.

After a few years at home, I became worried that I would never go back to finish my college education. I was getting older, and I didn't know if I could juggle family obligations and work while trying to go to school. Around that time, I learned of the Saturday Select program at Miami University Hamilton, which allowed working professionals to take night and Saturday classes; I applied on a whim and transferred my credits. I was challenged in these weekend classes, and I made wonderful friends that are still close to me. I completed an Associate's Degree, and also around that time, Miami introduced its Bachelor of Integrative Studies, its first Bachelor's Degree on the regional campuses. I'm proud to say that I graduated with my Bachelor's Degree in the second graduating BIS class in December 2010.

After completing my degrees, I got a part-time job on the Hamilton campus. Eventually, I moved on to another position on the Oxford campus, and finally, when an position matching my skill set opened up on the Hamilton campus, I returned there, where I have been for the last two years. I now work in Enrollment Operations, and have the opportunity to work with many people every day. In the near future, I am also hoping to enroll in Miami's MBA program. I love working for Miami, and I'm proud to tell people that I obtained my degrees from the Regional Campuses. Further, I cannot mention my degrees without giving thanks to the wonderful donors whose generous scholarships made my educational dreams a reality. In addition to receiving an O'Tucks Scholarship from the Hamilton campus, I was the recipient of the Malcolm D. Hill Peabody Scholarship for two years in a row. As a non-traditional student, these scholarships were a blessing to help me finance my education. And, having been a women's college student myself at Trinity, I felt a great connection to the Western alumnae that I met while a student. I'll be forever grateful to the Hill Family and WCAA for their support. Thank you, and Love and Honor!

— Maggie Simpson '10

Western Campus Update: What's happening? Inquiring (Western) minds want to know

Lots! Project managers Ethan Dole and Marilyn Heflin have the answers. Photos by Debbie Baker HA illustrate the progress.

From Ethan Dole, Project Manager:

... The bridge railings ... are on schedule for their mid-April completion. After completion of the bridge the sidewalk leading to it will join together with the Western Walk project. *[The bridge opened for business May 1!]*



The total project cost for the bridge is **\$1,150,000**. This total included a complete deconstruction of the original structure, and reconstruction utilizing the original stone. The contractor performing the work was ZSR Contracting and Restoration, Inc. They specialize in historic masonry construction and restoration. They have a long history in working for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati on the historic churches throughout the city and cathedral. We were truly lucky to have them as our contractor on this project as they are the best of the best for a job of this type.



I think it is also important to highlight that essentially the new bridge is the old bridge as it would have been almost 100 years ago when Cephias Burns completed the original construction. The actual stone skin of the bridge is the same stone that was originally on it, the light posts are the originals just refurbished and converted to LED, the creek is to be rerouted also as a part of this project to flow through the large arch as it was intended when initially

constructed, The overall elevation and footprint of the bridge are also the same as the original. The bridge does, however, have some modern upgrades which I feel we tastefully incorporated into the overall design so that they will not take away from the historical significance of the structure. We have added discreet LED foot path lighting to make the bridge safer, a wrought iron rail on top of the parapet walls to bring the railing heights up to code, and also wrought iron spindles in the arches to fulfill the code requirements in the face of the parapet wall.

As for the structure of the bridge: When we reconstructed it before laying the stone veneer, we removed the old rubble fill and installed epoxy coated rebar to form the new structure, which was then poured in concrete to form the new structure. The stone was then installed as a veneer to this structure. **This should ensure that we have a sound structure well into the next 100 years.**

... I do feel that it is really an honor to work on a structure of this significance on the Western Campus, and I am grateful to have been given the opportunity!"

From Marilyn Heflin, Project Manager:

As a continuation of the 2010 Housing and Dining Master Plan, **Clawson Residence Hall** will receive an upgrade in the mechanical systems, fire suppression, energy efficiency, and minor interior renovations. The design includes improvements in the heating, cooling, electrical, life safety systems and building envelope, and is expected to extend the life of the facility. **Budget: \$15,000,000**

Preconstruction services analyzed the feasibility of a 100-bed addition and a full renovation of Clawson Hall. The services provided a schematic design estimate with a higher



cost per bed than is expected for new construction. Inefficiencies in the design and construction of the existing building are too substantial to cost effectively renovate and achieve the desired student experience. Instead a partial renovation of the existing Clawson is recommended that will more cost effectively extend the life of the building. The work will include elevators, interior lighting upgrades, plumbing systems, installation of a sprinkler system, electrical distribution, HVAC systems, life safety and fire alarm systems, utility improvements, site utilities, and limited bedroom finish improvements. Student life programming elements such as community rooms, group study rooms, and other support spaces will receive some modernization. The modernization also includes converting space on the first and lower level in the previous Alexander Dining Kitchen support areas to a recreation and fitness center. The space will include exercise equipment, a dance/workout studio, and restrooms. This space will open in October 2017.



Western Campus Geothermal Infrastructure

For most of its history, the Oxford campus has been heated by burning coal. Buildings fortunate enough to be centrally cooled were part of a system that took considerable electricity and water to operate. ... Those days are drawing to a close. **With the signing of Miami's Sustainability Commitments and Goals in 2011, President Hodge assured that we will stop burning coal by 2025. This pledge was the driving force behind the heating and cooling master plan designed by the Physical Facilities Department. When complete, the campus will be heated and cooled 40% by geothermal heat pump and 60% by combined heat and power.**



The project is the second of three planned phases of the Utility Master Plan converting the Western Campus to ground sourced heat pump simultaneous heating and cooling. The existing geothermal system will be expanded to include approximately 400 additional drilled wells. The project will install 1,400 more tons of available heating/cooling capacity at the existing Geothermal Energy Plant. **The work includes installing extensive new distribution piping and improvements in mechanical rooms connecting five (5) existing buildings (Child Care Facility, Havighurst, Clawson, Hoyt and Presser) onto the Western Campus Geothermal Energy Plant.** The project aligns with the Sustainability Commitments and Goals and will result in significant reductions in energy consumption and carbon footprint for the campus. **Budget: \$16,600,000.**

Western Walk

As part of the Long Range Housing Master Plan, the first phase of the Western Walk was created in 2014. **Phase II of this project extends the Western Walk from Western Dining Commons south past Clawson Hall to Boyd and McKee Halls. This also provides an improved connection for students living in Peabody Hall and provides a safe pedestrian walkway connecting the Western campus to main campus.**

This plan also establishes a large open commons space for students and continues to improve the aesthetic of the Western Campus. Budget: \$1,700,000

- **Clawson will house 121 students and a resident director.**
- **A tribute to the Western College will be displayed in the main entrance lobby.**
- **A living room area with fireplace, affectionately known by the Western College alumnae/i as the "Blue Room" will remain as a living room.**
- **The large great room will provide lounge and table seating, a pool table, and a large kitchen for the residents.**
- **There are study lounges provided in the building to support the students.**
- **Accessible entrances have been created from both the east and west side of the building.**
- **The exterior landscape has been improved to provide a large space for recreational activities, while maintaining the beauty of the Western campus landscape.**

Say, have you heard the news?

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Alumnae Weekend '17: Celebrating 75 years!

Barbara Burke Chesman enjoyed a mini vacation in Branson in 2016. Barb saw some of the notable shows and with friends had dinner at the College of the Ozarks.

Patricia Koch, daughter of **Helen Sitter Erbaugh**, made possible a pleasant rendezvous with me, Bea, in October. After lunch together, we spent several afternoon hours in my apartment. Patricia was pleased to tell of the many stories her mother related about days at Western, 1938-1942.

Kathryn Severin Behm is still as beautiful and charming as of yore, according to a telephone conversation with her daughter, Carol Behm. Carol is Kay's caregiver now in the home they share.

Ethel Burnham Meece's phone is no longer in service and written requests regarding her status have not been answered by staff at Channing House in Palo Alto, where Eth lives or lived.

I, **Beatrice Low Notley**, am a contented resident of Shawnee Hills Assisted Living in Kansas. 2017 news is that in May grandson Charles McAnany will receive Ph.D. diploma in Computational Bio Chemistry from the University of Virginia. Wow!

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Frannie Sutherland Larsen is in a wonderful retirement home, enjoying much activity even in her wheelchair or walker, though she wishes her brain would be more

active. Memories of Western — so special — live on. And so does her “guy” of 67 years!

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Betty “BJ” Smith Carlson wrote as “Virginia Beach’s 2017 blizzard” was blowing against her window: “Memories of Western’s snowy bridges and hills came to mind. At 92, I continue to design greeting cards; attend church, book club, and game nights. My whole family was here for the holidays, so ‘my cane’ and I participated in all the activities.”

From **Ann Winger Tuttle's** Christmas card: “The year started in an unusual way. My daughter, Cynthia, bought a DNA kit to which she gave the necessary sample — and we waited and waited for the historical results. The readouts were fulsome



Ann Winger Tuttle '46

considering a large (100,000 years) analysis of human growth and development is a large part of the results. We all remember Dr. Leakey’s spectacular find of the little humanoid, Lucy, in East Africa. I had to piggyback on Cynthia’s analysis so we found, not surprisingly, we had a large Scandinavian heritage, followed by lesser, but significant, English and Irish components. The whole concept of DNA, gene therapy, etc., is a bold frontier.

“The Scandinavian (i.e. Norwegian) heritage came into our lives again when I called St. Olaf College, my father’s alma mater. I had wanted to know his graduation year, and that took me to the archives,

as the alumni records didn’t go back that far. When the archivist called me back, he said it was quite a coincidence I had wanted information about Bjorn Winger, in that he was researching St. Olaf literary contributions during World War I, and that he had poems and letters from my father. There will be a display sometime in the spring. He very generously made copies and sent the lot to me. I had never known very much about my father’s war years, except that he had found it too traumatic to speak about. His letters were written from Paris, when he had a three-month stint at l’Académie Julian, part of the Sorbonne, where he studied art.

“There are many changes in Las Colinas (Little Hills) where I live. One part of the Elm Fork of the Trinity River is secure and peaceful — thanks to the woods bordering the banks. The other side of the roadway is another story. It seems that overnight four sections were opened up for building and up popped large tracts of apartments and condos. They look like giant dominos set in straight lines filling in what had been open and sort of wild land. All the wildlife has scattered and found sanctuary wherever they can. I find it depressing and soulless.

“But — on a cheerful note — things we enjoy do stay the same. I still enjoy the stimulation we all get from the ongoing Literary Club. The guest professors always stimulate the collective gray cells. The odd luncheon with friends is always good for morale.

“Cynthia is working flat out as is Winston. He is brand ambassador for a small whisky distillery in Waco, TX. Cynthia has taken a kitten under her wing and Ms. Amelia Peabody — shortened to Emmy — from all reports is a handful. I chose this card because of the little cat pawing at one of the ornaments and because of the bird decorations. We still have some very old clip-on glass birds with long tails made of spun glass fibers dating from my first Christmas tree.”

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I do believe that this is my last writing, as I received only two letters this year. [In addition, the office received a third.]

A Xmas letter from **Jane Clapp Towne** spoke of church activities and her new first great-grandchild on the way. A P.S. mailed later described a big celebration of her 90th birthday — with all but one of her immediate family in attendance (16)! Also, she had recently given her first sermon in a church service and commented, “Life still has new beginnings.”

The other was from Pam Prior, telling of the passing of **Nancy Pirie Prior** this past year. Nancy always liked to read the *Bulletin* to keep up with her friends.

“Greetings to all my Western College friends,” wrote **Dorothy Mershon (Bajak) Armistead**. I have been remiss in recent times about communicating, and am determined to let you know that I am alive and well and happy and busy! You know that I remarried in 2004 (thus the last name Armistead instead of Bajak). We lived happily in Virginia till Gray died and I moved back to Pittsburgh to be near daughter Jennifer and her family.

“I live in Longwood at Oakmont, a retirement community in the northeast suburbs and life is wonderful — lovely apartment, excellent food, guaranteed excellent health care till I die, and, most importantly, very interesting people. I have good friends and many opportunities to keep busy! I have just started my term as President of the Residents’ Association. There are about 450 residents in all (divided among Independent Living, Personal Care, and Nursing Care) on a 56-acre campus. It’s beautifully landscaped, but right now we have about an inch of snow.

“My most recent news is that eight of us have just published a mystery called *Where’s Laura?* which has sold more than 550 copies since the end of November. (Available on Amazon). It was lots of fun, and we’ve just started to write the second book.

“I’m looking forward to reading the *Bulletin* and catching up with some of my wonderful Western friends. I often recall those great four years!”

Our class is fast passing away! I am OK and keep moving with church activities, friends (some), swimming, etc. I have three great-grand boys now and it is fun to see them change and grow. One is 5½, one 2½, and the last one 2 months. I have two children living near me and they keep a close lookout

for me — thank goodness! No trips this year — in fact I hate to leave Detroit, as the planes are crowded and people get shot for nothing. Best wishes ...

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The office was happy to hear from three from Fifty. **Donna Hall Mader** wrote from Alexandria, KY, “I don’t know why I send this to you because it’s just the ‘same old, same old.’ Two surgeries in the last six months has really slowed me down, but I’m slowly returning to the life of volunteering. The good news is (at this writing) only 10 more garbage pickups and it will be SPRING. May 2017 be kind to all of you.”

And from **Maryel Wertis Clare**, in Lake Placid, FL: “This must be the first time I have been home at the time of the deadline for the ‘blue card’ information contact.

“Since I retired permanently (the first time was after working for New York state for 20 years and the second was after working for the Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce for several years), I have tried to take a couple of overseas trips each year. These trips have frequently been to places that, as a child reading *National Geographic*, I never thought I would see for myself. Last Christmas I was in Columbia and other Christmases have been spent in places such as Bhutan, Syria, Cuba, Morocco, and Saudi Arabia; in the spring of 2016 I spent a month in Namibia and South Africa. This spring I am looking forward to a three-week visit in Cuba. But, approaching 88, I think I have seen my last long overseas flights. Getting there is no longer half the fun!

“On top of that, I rescued and adopted a 100-pound red Doberman. He was supposed to be 5 years old, but we have figured out that he can’t be much older than 3½ — which is a teenager in dog years! He keeps me busy with long walks and training sessions. He, Rocco, is a very good traveler and we frequently pile into the car and go away for a few days, visiting friends in

Florida and Georgia. In addition to a lot of walking, I still work out three times a week with my personal trainer — keeps me fit so that I can go kayaking.

“I still volunteer at the Chamber of Commerce and the Mural Society (our small town has over 40 professionally painted murals depicting the history and ecology of the area). While no longer active in our local theater group, I maintain my subscriptions to Highlands Little Theater, as well as my subscriptions to the Asolo Theater in Sarasota and the Orlando Shakespeare Theater. Mr. Duncan introduced me to the wonderful world of theater, an appreciation that has stayed with me all these years!”

Finally, **Jane Lloyd Cantoni** took a trip across Canada on the Rocky Mountains, visiting Jasper, Lake Louise, and Banff. They also visited Butchart Gardens, in Vancouver. Jane planned to spend March in Sanibel and June in South Carolina — up until Alumnae Weekend, that is, when she will be in Oxford for Reunion. [Ed. note to Class of '50: Don't let her be the only one here!]

And Jane wanted to take the opportunity in the *Bulletin* to thank her sister, **Marj Lloyd Liggett '39** and Bill Liggett for their contribution to the Western College Legacy Circle, saying, “It is a wonderful addition to our campus and will be seen and used for years to come. Thank you, thank you, Marj and Bill!”

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Alumnae Weekend '17: Celebrating 65 years!



Sue Schrope, visited in the hospital by Barbara Williamson Wentz '68, fall 2016

After learning of class rep **Sue Off Schrope's** death last fall, **Catherine Ross Loveland** and **Chris Davis Vradelis** gamely took the reins. After contacting everyone in the class,

they were able to send in this news from classmates.

Joyce Rinckhoff Snell: "It was so nice to get your message. I am trying to learn how to use my updated phone. My family keep telling me I am getting a smart phone, but they must be bargain sales. I tell them they really give me dumb phones, and it takes so much time for me to educate them. I am in P.E.O. with **Barbara Williamson Wentz '68**. She told me about Suzy. **Jo Ann's [Fley]** passing has greatly diminished my life. I think about her so often. She was close to my two daughters. Lisa and I were with her the weekend before she died on Tuesday morning. She is buried in Ohio with her family

"I am in relatively good health for someone about to be 86 in March. I do have diabetes, have had two hip replacements but keep on rolling along. I spend eight months in Milford and four months in Naples. I am the church historian. Our church was the first Methodist class in the Northwest Territory in 1797. A direct-line grandmother was part of that class so this is of great interest to me. I also volunteer in the office one morning a week and am a past president of the historical society housed in the home of a former Ohio governor. The home was left to us about 39 years ago. I am still very active. I have been on a private mystery library board forever. I am doing a genealogy book of 30 families going back to the Mayflower for my children. I hope I have time to get it finished. I am playing too much serious duplicate bridge, but I love it. I now have five great-grandchildren. I am so grateful to have lived long enough to see this next generation develop. This is enough for this time, don't you think? Please excuse any mistakes on this 'dumb' phone they gave me. Blessings, Joyce"

Suzanne Stanley: "It's nice to connect with you and the alumnae of Western. A close friend and neighbor in New York had graduated from Western. Small world. My love of art began in my high chair, when my mother wanted to chat with a friend and put paper, my brother's set of watercolors in a tin, and a brush on the high chair tray. I remember it was a thrill to see the colors appear after brushing them. Wow, thrilling. Since that time, studying and taking part in the art world, teaching, and continued studies have been a main part of my life. I passed it on to my children, and always speak up for the arts in schools. Creative thinking is essential in this world, and it begins in primary grades. Lyn Manuel Miranda mentions how they were talking about Matisse in kindergarten! And the list goes on. It's a long, long story I hope to write about once my family history is completed, telling about those in the past. It's so amazing and interesting, one can't believe those folks, and their strength and diversity of interests and accomplishments. I'm

inspired by some Western classmates who have traveled around the world. I am personally glad to stay home, since working always took up so much time away. My four children all also live in California, and have given me six grandchildren. Those have given me eight great-grandchildren, two of them brand new. So I am joyous and have much to be thankful for. Life is a gift. Say your prayers, everybody. Have a safe and healthy holiday and New Year, and many more. Long life to you all."

Nancy Ryan Rietz: "We are still driving our classic cars around the country. Bob has decided to sell our three cars — a 1937 Packard, '48 Ford, and '50 pickup



Nancy and Bob with their 6-ft. trophy

truck. Anyone interested?? Won a 6-foot tall trophy last June — where do you put a 6-foot trophy?

Busy with family stuff and activities at Willowbrook at Delaware Run. We are very happy here. Great people. We will miss **Suzy Off**. Peace. Our health is good. Had second knee replacement end of August. A very slow recovery. Always glad to get *Western Bulletin* and catch up on our classmates. Keep it coming!"

Mary Sue Tudy" Allen Gate rt: "After my four years at Western, I took a job at Procter & Gamble in market research. This was a traveling job where we interviewed people all over the country regarding the company's products. After the P&G years I had two husbands (now dead). I have four children and five grandchildren (none of them live in Chicago where I am). I now enjoy living in my condo and going to concerts and operas with **Cathy Ross Loveland's** cousin George."



Tudy Gatzert, October 2014, amid flowers from a friend's garden

Jean Fuller Lester sent a Christmas card designed and handmade by the Lester family (mostly twin daughters Carole and Jane). The inspiration for the Santa-in-a-balloon art was a trip to Albuquerque for niece Karen O'Niell's October wedding during the balloon festival. (Karen is the daughter of **Marny Fuller O'Niell '50**, dec.) In February, Jean and Cliff had been to Puerto Rico for the wedding of a friend and enjoyed sightseeing in San Juan. In March, they were in Philadelphia for the American Friends Service Committee Corporation meetings and a visit with Cliff's family. Granddaughter Julia's 16th birthday rated a surprise visit to San Francisco; Jean celebrated her own and granddaughter Anisa's April birthdays in Minnesota, where Anisa is a student at Carleton. Off to New Zealand in September to see Jane, who was teaching cross country skiing at Snow Farm. (They also managed to see quite a lot of the South Island and long to go back.) A little closer to home, Carole works in the library and substitute teaches in June Lake; Jane has returned to teaching cross country at Tamarack; son Jack does financial work for a startup company and his wife does consulting for Peet's and other companies.

Doris May Gilmore wrote to tell us that her twin sister, **Elinor May Magowan**, passed away on November 7, 2015. She included the sad news that her husband, Bob, passed away March 12, 2016. Doris has moved from Tennessee to Maine, since they had spent many years in Maine. She is living in an independent living place there. Her new e-mail is hellyandgypsy@gmail.com.

Catherine herself is deep into being a volunteer hospice chaplain for National Church Residences, and loves attending their local Lifelong Learning Institute. She did visit with **Betty Groth Diebold** before she moved to Washington state, where she is in a small facility close to her son. She had a good visit with **Mary Sue Tudy" Allen Gate rt** while in Chicago in October.

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I begin our Notes with sad news that is a year delayed. In April 2016 **Mildred "Mitzi" Masters** died in Minneapolis. Her obituary notes that she "valued knowledge, books and privacy, and she cultivated in her four sons a forgiving intellectual curiosity, an appreciation of written correspondence, and a healthy skepticism of authority." After she was left as a single mom she earned a master's degree in library science and worked as a reference librarian at several locations around the Twin Cities. She was the author of a children's book, *The Big Bunk Bed*, and a young adult novel, *The House on the Hill*. Mitzi was my freshman year roommate, and I'm sure many others in our class also have fond memories of her.

Dee Randles Hutchinson continues to live independently, though she admits it is hard and walking a challenge. Her daughters live nearby and last June with one of them she flew to Wales for a delightful reunion with some cousins. Dee stays in touch with **Barbara Drake McConnell**, who now lives in the Springmoor senior community in Raleigh, NC.

Elia beth Renton Hale moved to Marion Woods in Ocala, FL, about two years ago and now her sister, Janet Ridley, has moved to her own apartment there. Betty/Liz selects the DVDs and plans twice weekly movie evenings for the residents. She helps plant and maintain their extensive Butterfly Gardens. Concerts by the Ocala Symphony and the Metropolitan Opera HD broadcasts are welcome interludes.

Can you imagine keeping up with three book discussion groups? That is what **Lucy Liggett** does, and in her letter she enthusiastically recommends *H is for Hawk* by Helen MacDonald. Lucy describes it as "written by someone who understands the magic of language and (who) is willing to share herself and her love for the natural world." This summer, along with visits to family, she traveled to the Festival in Stratford, Ontario, to enjoy three theater productions. For several years she has taken classes at a community college in Spanish — both literature and conversation. With that group she went to Oaxaca, Mexico, for the Dias de Los Muertos celebrations.

Mieke Van Waveren Smit and her husband, Henk, lead very busy lives and their Christmas letter told of family visits and two interesting trips. Aboard the *Viking Star* they left from Edinburgh to cruise along the coast of Norway and into its fiords, ending in Bergen, then flew on to Paris. As part of a Road Scholar group they sailed from Miami



Mieke and Henk Smit

around Cuba, stopping in and exploring several different cities. But the Big Event of their year was in October when Hurricane Matthew hit Hilton Head Island directly. They had to evacuate to an Inn in Augusta, GA, for over a week and waited until the damage was cleared, broken trees removed, water and sewer lines fixed, and electric power restored. Mieke had high praise for all who aided them and their neighbors.

Birch Hill Terrace is a CCRC in Manchester, NH, where Phil and I (**Sandy Barnes**) live in our own cottage but share in the activities of the community. We have established a Butterfly Garden but New England had such a prolonged drought in 2016 that we actually saw very few butterflies. We do aquatic exercises at the YMCA each week and are deeply involved in editing and distributing the monthly newspaper "by and for the residents" of Birch Hill.

I hope you've enjoyed reading these Notes about some old friends from the Class of '54 and I would dearly love to hear from more classmates. Please note that our e-mail address has changed (see below). With good wishes to you all ...

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Greetings, Classmates. It is early February here in Cincinnati and unbelievably, we have sunshine! I am hoping that it lasts long enough for me to finish this, because I know that when the sun disappears my energy will leave with it. I keep telling Karl that if we lived in Florida the house would be cleaner, and I would get more writing done, but I haven't been able to convince him of that — he knows me too well.

So, once more, I will begin with the sad news. On March 4, 2016, Alzheimer's Disease finally claimed **Helen Potts Felsenthal**. Helen had been diagnosed in 2012, but she remained active for three years, and it was only during the fourth year that the disease began to take its final toll. In December, Helen's husband, Norm, sent out a lovely letter to friends. In his final paragraph, Norm wrote of Helen, "She was truly a remarkable woman who touched so many lives. She was brilliant, loyal, kind, empathetic, a wonderful mother, and an accomplished professional. She was a wonderful partner in every aspect of our marriage. I am so grateful for the many years we had together."

Diane Busenburg Bradford, who lived in Carmel, IN, died on May 15, 2015. Diane had been married to Riley Bradford for 58 years and had two daughters, Terri and Tammy. In addition to her husband and daughters, her five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, Diane will be missed by the many friends she made throughout 25 years as owner of Bradford Travel of Carmel. Think back 65 years, Ladies. How many young women entering college in 1952 would go on to own their own business?

Lastly, on December 30 **Janice Shenk Pabodie** died in Juno Beach, FL. You may remember that Janice was born and grew up in Kansas, where she met then married her childhood sweetheart, Robert M. Pabodie, who predeceased her. They had three children: daughters Kathleen and Deborah, and a son, Robert, five grandchildren and three great-grandsons. Janice remained active in the WCAA during the years when the family lived in southern Ohio, and I was glad to catch up on her news whenever we met there. This winter as I read her obituary, the references to her wit and grace, her volunteer and philanthropic work gave me a sudden pang. That is the Janice I remember.

It seems appropriate for me to include here this brief note from **Jo Haines Huntsinger**. "Sorry to be so late. Wanted to let you know that my dear Bill died on July 2, 2016. His memorial service will be at Arlington the end of May and his ashes will be interred nek

Joyce Roark Phillips '56 shares her delightful account of an extraordinary trip.

YOU WENT WHERE?

I picked up a magazine in an airport recently and read about Robert De Niro's annual trip to Buenos Aires to take tango lessons. It provoked memories of Al Pacino in that compelling scene in *Scent of a Woman* in which he performed a brilliant jaw-dropping tango. What is it about that Argentine dance that evokes such passion and difficulty? I wondered.

Shortly, thereafter, I was lunching with my travel agent, who knows a "lot about a lot" (including me). Our conversation turned to the tango and you can guess where that conversation eventually led. However, the unexpected "kicker" came later after confirming my South American travel plans, noting how far south Buenos Aires is. "Wouldn't I just like to add on a once-in-a-lifetime expedition to the Antarctic?" My first reaction: "Why would I go there? I don't even like snow and ice." Then a pause and second reaction: "Why not?" (That would complete my travels to all seven continents and I do like penguins. I think!)

Finally, after much preparation — physical exams, gear, and clothing I didn't even know existed — January arrived and I was off to bask in the sun and enjoy the beauty and flavor of cosmopolitan Buenos Aires. The city did not disappoint! My daytime tango lessons were, however, a disaster; my nights in tango parlors enthralling.

I then flew three hours south, on a charter flight, to Ushuaia — the world's southernmost "city" — to board the Antarctic expedition ship. The dreaded two-day crossing of the infamous Drake Passage — the most turbulent waters in the world — was just that: dreadful! The angry sea tossed us about like a toy, and I was so sick, as were others. (And the worst part was knowing we had to repeat the crossing upon return. Fortunately, the Gods were with us and the return trip was less tumultuous.)

As I explained to friends, this was not a luxury cruise but an Antarctic Expedition — consisting of a small group of German, French, and American scientists, lecturers, photographers and "fit" adventurers. (I was definitely out of my element. Ha!) We had twice-daily Zodiac (raft) trips, off the ship, to view spectacular icebergs and scenery: points of interest — i.e. penguin rookeries, and to climb, trek, and snow shoe suitable areas. The rocky terrain was as formidable as the snow, ice, and extreme winds. In addition to the fascinating penguins (four different species), we saw seals, walruses, whales, and many interesting birds. The most spectacular event, one day, was being surrounded by a huge pod of humpback and fin whales — estimated to number between 80 and 100. For over an hour, as we dropped anchor, they curiously circled the ship, dived, spouted, and breached before moving north to warmer waters. (Did they know they had an audience?) According to our Norwegian ship captain, who has been plying the Antarctic waters for the past ten years, he had never witnessed such a massive number of whales together.

So, what was Antarctica like? A continent with no people, no flora, no fauna, no vertebrates (only birds and fish) and no structures. It is cold, it is white. It is silent and solitary. It is also a spectacular canvas of sculptural shapes, icebergs, and glaciers, shaped by the severe winds, frigid temperatures, and snow. It not only demands a human response to keep this last place on earth pristine — but evokes a spiritual response as well. As humans, how significant are we, in contrast to the enormous power and diversification of nature, on this planet?

I returned home physically spent but spiritually revived. Shortly thereafter, I flew down to the spa in Mexico to recuperate. The body, at this age, requires as much attention as this mind, especially after exhaustive tangoing and trekking!

to our baby daughter, Jill, who died in 1960. I'm doing well — trying to find my single self!" Our sympathy, Jo. And my personal admiration for your search to find your "single self." The "single" Jo I remember is absolutely someone worth finding.

And speaking of memories, our last set of class notes, which mentioned the death of **Gladys Hatcher Dalby** stirred up some recollections for **Marilyn Ballard Kaiser**. Marilyn writes, "We were roommates freshman year in McKee. ... She was peppy and very bright and was from a small town in North Carolina. ... Anyway, she was very much a southern girl and by the middle of the year had decided to transfer." Marilyn and "Honey" Hatcher (Some of you may remember Gladys by that family nickname) kept in touch via holiday postcards until just a couple of years ago.

Turning to news about her own life, Marilyn writes matter-of-factly, "As for our family, we have been very healthy so were surprised when Bob needed a triple bypass last year and I got Parkinson's disease." (That's the biggest challenge of our increasing years, isn't it, Ladies — having to deal with unexpected health crises that assail us without the least regard for our plans or convenience?) Evidently Bob's bypass was successful, because although he is officially retired, he still preaches and helps out as needed at other churches. Of her own condition, Marilyn says only, "Our four kids are scattered in New York state so that is wonderful and a great help." Yes, family support is a great help for those of us lucky enough to have it. I am glad you do, Marilyn.

Jane Peterson Gonzalez sent along a newsy Christmas letter, beginning it by commenting that there seemed hardly a week in 2016 that didn't involve at least one doctor visit for either Joe, who gets regular chemo treatments for his CLL, a form of leukemia, or for herself. However, after I read about all their trips (including a cruise in the eastern Caribbean and a week in Vermont), local and out-of-town gatherings with family and a wide circle of old friends, attending performances of the Florida Orchestra and their local opera company and singing in the church choir, I find it amazing that they found time for doctor appointments. (I just had a quiet mental chuckle, imagining Jane and Joe squeezing in a medical checkup during intermission at the opera.) Oh, and did I mention the photograph Jane sent of seven smiling women — Jane herself, sister **Anne Peterson Caviness '55**, and their five daughters/nieces at a festive outdoor Peterson Christmas? Warmth and sunshine for Christmas? Maybe Karl and I will discover some hitherto-unknown family connection with the Peterson clan and join the party next year.

I am always so happy when someone we haven't heard of for a long time writes to

bring us up-to-date with events in her life. That was the case when **Laura Johnson McFarland** clipped and sent in her “blue card.” It seems Laura and her husband, Robert, “fled the Midwest” some years ago. Working for AT&T, they lived in California for 10 years, then at 7,300 feet elevation in Los Alamos, NM, where they have been ever since, although they now spend their winters on the desert near Tucson. Laura tells me that “los alamos” means “cottonwoods” but that the town is about to become a national park called The Manhattan Project. What an interesting place to live! You are going to have to write again, Laura, because I have millions of questions, such as is it “cottonwoods,” as in the tree by that name?

Reunion Weekend last June **Joyce Roark Phillips** and I drove together to Western for the Saturday lunch, since, to our mutual disappointment, neither of us was able to make it to any other Reunion event. Although Joyce and I both live in Cincinnati, our paths don’t cross nearly as often as I wish they would, but because of this, I don’t think we stopped talking either on the way to Ok ord, or on the way home. It didn’t even faze us when we had to follow a slow-moving funeral procession that threatened to make us late for lunch. I’m glad it didn’t, because that made it possible to spend time with **Barbara Ballinger Sweet** (the only other ’56 classmate at the Reunion.) Joyce is still so much fun to talk to that I am happy she has said I can share with you her account of her recent trip to Antarctica, which you can find on the previous page.

“Oh, dear!” I thought as I read the opening sentence of **Patty Van Auken Robinson’s** Christmas letter: “We have had a difficult year.” Difficult indeed. Early in the year, husband Jeff broke his leg in two places and had to have surgery so a rod could be inserted. Sometime following this, he needed emergency surgery on his gall bladder along with some hernia repair. In September, he had a triple bypass, which required cardio rehab sessions three days a week. He wound up the year by falling and breaking a hip — more surgery, another hospital stay, then another rehab. Wow! And I can’t imagine how they did it, but in the midst of all this, Patty and Jeff were able to fit in a river cruise from Amsterdam to Vienna with Patty’s brother, Peter, and her sister, Sharon. I hope 2017 will be a better year, Patty — for both of us.

Charlotte Leary Ross’s computer “died,” and the Rosses haven’t replaced it, but Charlotte took the time to write and mail me the blue card from her *Bulletin*. (Thanks, Char.) Aside from a fortunately successful medical struggle to get Joe’s heartbeat properly regulated, the Rosses’ year seems to have been fairly peaceful — if such a thing can be with seven great-grandsons and a great-granddaughter living fairly close by. Lots of walking for Char and Joe, baby-

sitting for two of the great-grands one or two days a week, and on December 27, a celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary.

I haven’t heard from **Ann Hopper Sneden** since last Memorial Day, but I am trusting that all is well with her and she continues her volunteering at her local library. The library has an annual book sale at the end of April, and last year the volunteers were able to offer over 35,000 volumes. Unsold books are donated to schools, prisons, assisted living facilities etc. What an undertaking — inspiring! Ann is still hoping that someone has a copy of our class’s “future” letter. Since I wasn’t there to help write it, I am very curious about it, so if anyone can locate a copy of it, please let us know!

I really had no idea, but evidently Northfield, MN, home of Carleton College, is a welcoming home for many Latino refugees. In 2015 **Nancy Britain Soth**, who had already published two books about Northfield, attended The Latino Play Festival where she saw six plays that Latino students had written about their own refugee experiences. Nancy was so moved by the plays, the students, and the teacher who realized how much these pupils needed for others to hear and understand about their perilous journeys that she put aside her plan to spend 2016 reading all the “important” books she had somehow missed and began writing a third book. Now the book is finished and nearing publication. Set in the town Nancy knows and loves, it tells the story of a caring teacher who showed her students how portraying their experiences in their own words could cure wounds and foster understanding.

Managing to stay in touch with all her accomplished children, grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren scattered from coast to coast, means that **Carol Lee Silvernail Swager** has no choice but to be busy. This would be the case even if she weren’t active on the Library Board, Main Street Improvement, and the County Preservation Society. (She tells me that Sheridan County is where gold was first discovered and Montana began to be settled.) Husband Warren is active on the hospital board and oversees the community swimming pool, both of which sound like time-consuming jobs. Carol says that Warren “did take time off in February to have a heart attack.” I loved the humor, Carol, once I read enough to be assured that Warren is now “doing fine.” In July the Swagers are expecting a big turnout for their 60th wedding anniversary — I wonder if the number of guests will equal the 80 who were there for Carol Lee’s 80th birthday?

Writing this has been good for me — I am fortunate to be the first alumna to get your news and let my mind drift back to days at Western. Like Patty, I found 2016 a difficult year. Of necessity I traded my teeth for

dentures, let an oncologist relieve me of one lymph gland and a tiny lump of cancer, started counting the hairs in my hairbrush, and learned the hard way not to attempt more than two steps without either a cane or my Rollator. On the bright side, Nolan, our fourth great-grandson, was born in April; *A New School Year*, my latest book, comes out early this summer; and Karl and I are still in love, still in decent health, still together. His eyesight is still sharp, my hearing is still good, and by working together we can usually remember what we need to. We have much to be grateful for.

That’s all for this time, friends. Please keep sending me your news. I hope to be at Reunion this year, but I know not to make commitments too far ahead. Still, my intent is to be there; I hope yours is too ...

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I have to assume that the members of the Class of '58 have been overworked and understaffed, because most of them sent their messages to me through telepathy. Unfortunately, my telepathic skills have diminished, along with a few other skills, so I cannot report on those classmates who will remain, unfortunately, unmentioned in this report.

There are a few exceptions which I’ll note with great joy. **Marie Uvegas Holt** writes in her poetic style — enumerating her ups and downs. The most significant down was a fall in her garage which sent her to the hospital for tests, extra blood, and special attention to her heart. After that excitement, she continued to enjoy her friends and family, trips, and volunteer work.

Jane Smucker Fryman wrote that she “adjusted activities to conform with age and physical condition.” We will all agree with that assessment. Fortunately, Jane and Jack

were able to travel around the country to visit family members, including a 100th birthday celebration for her uncle.

June Regan Young and husband Dave are happy in their new location and remain upbeat and positive in their outlook on life. They travel to Florida each February, and I (Jennie Lou) look forward to seeing them again this year in Cocoa Beach.

A highlight in 2016, for me, was returning to the beautiful Western campus to receive one of the Alumnae Service Awards. I felt extremely honored and grateful to have been chosen. I am always proud to represent the Class of '58.

I learned what it meant to be a caregiver as I took care of my husband during the past year, then I said my final goodbye to him in August. I am slowly returning to my teaching and writing.

Many of our classmates are currently going through the journey of being a caregiver, or facing their own special challenges. I'm sure I speak for all in saying:

*"A heart, full of joy and gladness,
Will always banish sadness and strife.
So always look for the silver lining,
And try to find the sunny side of life."* (G. Buddy DeSylva)

My love to you all ...

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Betty Milligan Kipp and husband Don admit to being homebodies in Savannah, GA, for most of last year except August. They spent a week in the outer banks, time in Boston, the Cape and Nantucket and then went on to New Hampshire to visit kids and grands. The fact that Betty — “just as graceful as always” — broke her foot might have influenced their stay-at-home situation. She does admit to playing a lot of bridge but attempts to even it out a bit by reading a lot also. From Honolulu, **Barbara Kong Vlachos** called Betty a few months ago just to chat and that they did!

A brief message from **Connie Everett Cunningham** says she is doing well maintaining her need for oxygen as she rides her bike along the California coast on nice days and does special water aerobics in a nearby

therapy pool.

For good reason **Sara White Arn** chose not to send Christmas letters last year. After vacationing in Florida in the winter and Wisconsin in May, husband Dale learned that his ocular melanoma had spread to his liver. He died at home in St. Louis in September. She says she is doing okay but finding it annoying to have to check “single” on various forms rather than “widow.” She also experienced an emergency appendectomy followed two months later with aborted heart surgery. Sara, 2017 has got to be better!

True to past form, **Kathie Howard Sutherland** along with husband John, led a very full life in 2016. They both taught courses at the University of Southern Maine Senior College. Kathie taught a Middle East film course in the spring and a very well-attended Introduction to Islam in the fall. Partway into the semester, Kathie was asked to complete a course on the Middle East that a USM professor couldn't finish because of health issues. The Sutherlands also spent time traveling, visiting family and most significantly, flying to their ancestral homeland of Scotland.

Ann Hammond, a woman of few words, reports that she just spent two weeks in Cincinnati and “now knows why I live in California.”

After completing Marine Docent training, **Claudia “Whit” White Gilmartin** began volunteering at the Seacoast Science Center in Rye, NH. She also joined a Sea Trek Team that goes into schools to expose kids to dissecting squid. And she's learning beach profiling which collects data on beach erosion. There were lots of family gatherings for birthdays, holidays and shopping last year. And she made a special trip back to the Cape for a week last fall to, among other outings, revisit some of her favorite childhood memories.

Freshman buddy **Val Clark Cook** has just retired from her second career and is now volunteering at the Assistance League of Atlanta, GA, where close to 200 volunteers prepare donated clothing for sale. Receipts help support seven philanthropic programs in the area. She also watches her 3-year-old great-grandson and four times a year visits her 101-year-old mother on the Cape.

Jane Ramsey Grant reports from the Northwest that this past year was a rerun of the year before: Husband Bob had more back surgery and Jane had another shoulder replacement! She doesn't so much mind getting old as she does suffering worn-out parts. They enjoyed a lovely, long cruise starting in Dubai and ending in Ft. Lauderdale.

Dennis and **Patty Rees Dewey** spent three weeks in Europe including a cruise on the Danube from Budapest to Regensburg with

son, Joe, who was on short leave from his tour of duty in Afghanistan. Then on to Brussels and back to Singer Island, FL. Their four grandchildren are doing well, all in different schools. Being long-suffering Chicago fans, the Deweys were finally overjoyed with the outcome of last year's World Series. A three-day Dewey family reunion topped out the year and was attended by over 50 people.

Another convert to condo living this past year was **Jackie Power Sheldrick**. She reports keeping very busy with a number of activities and groups in Battle Creek, MI. This winter she took a cruise out of Miami and also rented a condo in Florida with friends for a couple weeks.

In Somerset, NJ, **Toni Power Johnson** has had a tough couple of years. Her husband needed nursing home care about the same time that she needed hip replacement. She has since begun to rebound. This winter she was thrilled to take part in the Women's March in NYC and to witness for our Western ideals: respect for all others and cultures and, of course, for the strength and value of women.

2016 was the year of the roof for roomie **Sally Hoover Harris** and husband. Hurricane Matthew managed to destroy the roof on their home in Tennessee and on their vacation home in Florida. Luckily, she says, they didn't have any ocean surge damage. She, among many others, hoped that we made it through the 2016 election cycle unscathed.

Meanwhile in Naples, FL, **Doodie Allen Masters** continues to play golf and tennis and also to volunteer at the Southwest Florida Conservancy. She returns to hometown Cincinnati at least once a year, most recently for her 60th high school reunion planned by a committee including **Cathy Bauer Cooper** and husband Coop. She often visits classmate **Jo Masson Manougian** in Tampa and is busy planning her annual summer trip.

Furthermore, Team Cooper managed to challenge the “can't teach an old dog new tricks” adage by learning a new program to design the 2016 spring Bulletin. (Since it was all in the mechanics, no one should have noticed.) Otherwise, same old, same old — but who's complaining when that includes a winter retreat to St. Simons Island, GA, and a summer getaway to Walloon Lake, MI!

Iz Oteo-De Martinez often travels from Mexico City to New York to visit her daughter's family, including granddaughter Mila and a soon-to-be new grandbaby. At the other end of the age spectrum, twin grandchildren are attending college in Canada. She continues to love singing in her church choir and plans to join the growing number of us and downsize from house to apartment.

Another year of travel describes Pete and **Syd Stout Benson's** 2016. The highlight

was celebrating their 51st wedding anniversary in St. Lucia. Other visits included time spent in Ithaca, NY, and Niagara Falls followed by Safari West in northern California with their West Coast grandtwins, sponsored by the intergenerational Elderhostel Road Scholar program.

Parts replacement also affected **Carol Cooper Henry**. She received a new hip the end of last year after her original one became too painful to negotiate. The Henrys spent three weeks in California with daughter Annie and then traveled to Arizona to support her in her seventh Ironman Triathlon. Among their five granddaughters are two skiers, a gymnast and one very promising all-around athlete.

In Wilmington, DE, **Sue Wylie Moran** and husband Peter joined the downsizing crowd a year ago and are loving it. Their life care community provides lots of wonderful friendships, good food and walking trails. Sue continues to do pro bono PR work for the charities she supports as well as keeping up with her squash game along with tennis and golf in the summer.

Mary Flagler Rachau experienced a serious setback which slowed her recovery from back surgery that took place in Palatine, IL, in April 2015. She has recently been able to finally return to round dancing and square dancing if they call it slow enough! She plans to return to campus in June.

Susie Williams Keefer and husband Jay spend most of the year driving to visit family, but the summer receiving visits from them. They pretty much cover the country, since their 10 grandchildren (ages 20 months to 24 years) live in Florida, Utah, Washington state, and New York. Susie and Jay live in West Virginia.

Two themes run through our class reports this year: replacement parts and downsizing. Our experience with the latter has been totally excellent, once we settled in. Not having to worry about outside issues and problems is just lovely! We continue with our favorite volunteer jobs and church, get into NYC as often as possible, spend as much time with family as we can and head south during cold weather. An excellent comment about our age that I just heard goes something like this: I don't mind old age so much, I'm just overwhelmed at how quickly it happened. I expect we can all agree.

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Marnie Thebaud Hauff: "Believe it or not, I am still working and still enjoying what I do. I have been the school liaison for the Pediatric Division of Hematology/Oncology at St. Louis Children's Hospital for almost 25 years now. But I am actually planning to retire in a year or so. Warren and I have three wonderful grandchildren and we are lucky enough to have them living not far from us. We get to be with them almost daily. We travel to the high peak of the Adirondacks every August for a week of canoeing or kayaking and hiking at Elk Lake. I am in touch with a couple of my friends from Western, but wish I could connect again with others!"

Joanne Tortorete Corradi and husband Dick now live in a small, mid-century brick ranch near their daughters. They have five grandchildren, all pretty much taller than Joanne. Dick goes into the hospital three times a week to teach medical students. Joanne is president of a library support group and on the board of her garden club. Says she, "We are enjoying life although we are plagued with the usual problems of old age." Amen!

Rowena Toomey writes: "**Pahn Wongvanji** of Thailand came to Hawaii for a visit before Thanksgiving. I also was in touch with **Susie Kitagawa '59**, who expressed great interest in the '16 USA election. In December, we hosted 7,000 vets for our 75th Pearl Harbor anniversary celebration. A week long ... parades, lunches, wartime movies, dinners, receptions and visit to our military museums and Punchbowl Cemetery. Hosted 7,000 Runners for the Honolulu Marathon. Got snow on two mountains."

From **Judy Henderson**: "What a joy it was to serve as your WCAA President last year. Had an unexpected twist of being called back to a church I once served as their interim 12 years previous. Wow, I had forgotten how demanding serving as full-time pastor can be! Loved every minute. After my 10 months, David and I took two long road trips, with my delight being to return to my childhood village of Skaneateles, NY. From

Oklahoma, not exactly on the 'go-to' path! Because of the gracious hospitality of the current owner, I was able to wander through the still familiar rooms of my childhood home built in the late 1800s.

My passion for upbuilding the U. of Livingstonia (UNILIA) in northern Malawi burns brightly ... been working with Unilia since 2004. Enrollment stands well over 2,000 students; plus, Miami now has a Memorandum of Understanding with Unilia. This wondrous adventure all started at Western when my horizon was broadened with a trip to the Pacific Rim in 1963. Hard to believe we now talk in terms of our grandchildren in college! Every day, David and I are grateful for good health, although he's been recently diagnosed with Parkinson's. If you have good info to share, please, do. I continue to reflect on my many college classmates I never hear from, but well-wishes are with you. My e-address is: jhenderson222@sbcglobal.net.

The **Hubbell** family is well. Three grandchildren are in college, two are in 11th grade, two are in 9th grade. Still managing the farm.

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So pleased to share the news from members of the Spirited Class of '64:

Marcia Randlett Oder sent an e-mail before Christmas, saying that while it was not the best way to send holiday greetings, she found that e-mailing was much easier than sending cards. Children Karin and Steve were in Lexington, KY; Sean and Shannon are located in San Francisco; Brendan is in San Jose; while Rich and Keith were about to close their store for the holiday, "Buster's Antiques," (where, in addition to selling antiques, they also repair and refinish used furniture) and were planning to get away for a week, but not before cooking a Christmas Eve meal for Marcia. Marcia was also looking forward to a special dinner on Christmas

Day to be held at their assisted living home in St. Petersburg. “All three grandchildren are very busy 20-somethings, working, traveling, involved in all sorts of activities — you name it.”

Now fully retired, having closed their research company, EXPORTech, after 34 years, the Oders “are doing fairly well physically.” As Marcia and Robin live next door to Eckerd College, both “are excited about exposure to a variety of areas, but Robin especially for art and science and Marcia for music and history.” They are also becoming accustomed to Florida weather, “which has nine wonderful months and three very hot and humid ones, but no hurricanes on Florida’s west coast. . . .” In Kentucky, Karin is busy with her job, while Steve has retired but is now working part-time with the University of KY. They are still partial owners of a race horse. Marcia is grateful that all four children put a lot of time and effort into helping the older generation.

Marcia spoke with **Vivien Despotopoulos Forbes** by phone in early December, and reported that though Viv was in the hospital at the time, she sounded good and was eager to return to Reading as soon as possible. Marcia asks you to keep in touch (Apt.201W, 4650 54th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33711 / ph. 727-864-5081) and invites you to visit (“We’re less than two hours from Orlando.”)

Sydney Schiller Pfeifer wrote to say that she and Dean are well “and enjoying my retirement.” Dean still works two days a week in Madison, CT, and they spend the rest of the week in Wolfeboro, NH. “Fall weekends, we still chase the Purdue football team (even though they ‘suck’). Two of my grandsons are applying to college! I can’t believe it! My stepson’s son plays hockey (he’s 14) for Bishop Brady HS in Concord, NH, so we cheer for them, too!” Sydney and Dean were planning some trips, but no specifics were provided.

Lynne Drucker Albuquerk wrote, “Since some of our classmates knew Jak, as we began dating midway through my senior year and married that July, I share that he passed away in November at age 82. He was in decline for years and his quality of life had markedly deteriorated over the last year. With wonderful helpers, he remained at home and aware of those he long knew. I truly appreciate the visit from Evie and Larry during our mourning.

“I visited the grands — three in San Francisco and two in Chicago-land — over the holidays. How did I forget how cold it is in Chicago in January? I am still working, though reduced hours, play bridge, belong to a book club, and plan to sail from San Juan to Barcelona in February. All the grandchildren (ages 11, 10, 9, 8, 6) plan to come again in July to run and romp. As Evie will attest,

the house has ample room to accommodate and I welcome visitors to Long Island. It is an hour by train to Manhattan and you see the skyline from the house.” (Jaklynn4@yahoo.com)

[I must mention, that when we visited with Lynne as she and her family sat Shiva at their home in Glen Cove, Lynne, ever the gracious hostess, made sure to introduce us to as many of her guests as possible, including her sons, their wives and children, and daughter Lisa — but also a Western classmate, **Janet Soifer Paul**, who drove down from Rye Brook, NY, with her husband for this occasion. Janet, who had been Lynne’s roommate at Western during our freshman year, has evidently maintained a long and close relationship with Lynne and Jak through the years. It was good to catch up.]

Gay Nellis Walker did not have a great year. “The best thing I can say is, ‘Thank God it’s over!’ I had shoulder surgery the end of April, and have been rehabbing ever since. The election put me in a funk. Then, on December 16th, I had a serious robbery. I wasn’t home, but they got away with nearly everything of value that I own — mostly jewelry, including a gold bracelet worth several thousand dollars. Worst, I learned firsthand that everything people have told me about how it feels is absolutely true. Someone was in my home, going through my belongings, taking things that were of financial and emotional value to me. The feelings of violation are devastating. . . . I haven’t come to acceptance yet. But I now have an alarm system. I am seriously worried about the future of our country, and every tweet scares me more. The best thing about the year has been the metalworking jewelry class I’ve been taking. It’s fun, creative, and at least I have some of the jewelry I’ve made to wear now, since they cleaned me out of everything else. Oh, yes, they took several of the best pieces I’ve made, too. Grr! Sorry I don’t feel more upbeat.”

Gail Lewis Tobin e-mailed the following: “After a long lapse, I’ll share our recent endeavors. My husband Jerry and I found real ‘purpose’ this past year restoring our family farmhouse in Kent, CT. The house was built in 1750 across the street and had fallen into disrepair, and through a family settlement, Jerry and I are now the owners of this very special farm property on 40 acres with nine outbuildings. Working alongside our contractor, we did the gutting and all the painting of the 3,000-square-foot house. This coming summer, we will be residing in it and painting the outbuildings, so we have plenty of work ahead of us. The property has recently been certified by the State of Connecticut as one of the historically important preserved sites. Now the plan is to rent it for summers through Airbnb and share this historical farm with others. To accomplish our goal, we did sell our winter home in Mt. Pleasant, SC, giving us the time and resources to restore

the farm. Now that the house is finished, we are renting on the Isle of Palms for the winter. My ‘go-to’ tool was a ‘saws all’, what fun and so very handy.” Gail ended her note with her best wishes for a happy, healthy new year to all.

In response to a nostalgic forward that I sent to classmates for whom I have e-mail addresses, **Corlin Hollister Carpenter** updated us as follows: “We lived in an old farmhouse for 18 years (built in 1853) and had a 2-seater outhouse. We did have modern bathrooms, too. They were added in the 1940’s. Joe and I are about the same. The spirit is young but the joints are old. In 2015, we went on a cruise to the southern Caribbean for our 50th anniversary. We are enjoying our grandchildren, ranging in age from 9-16.”

Patricia Spokes Snowden wrote that she has hardly touched the computer for the past few months. “Facebook has just overwhelmed me. . . . 2016 has not been an interesting year unless one is fascinated by a litany of doctors and weird tests. The one thing which might interest people is the fact that I largely lost my voice for 10 months (board meetings were interesting). Hardest for me was that I couldn’t sing in my choir. The voice isn’t fully restored, but it is back enough for me to sing. Obviously, it wasn’t a year for travel.

“The best thing has been my continued Education for Ministry (lay, not ordained) course. Last year was Old Testament; this year it’s the New. It is wonderfully enriching to spend a couple of hours each week discussing the readings (Biblical, textbook, and more), and considering how they have and can impact our lives. Finally, we each decide how we intend to try to move forward applying lessons learned in our life. We had an area reunion here with Mackenzie in November, which was well attended. It was wonderful to see old friends, some of whom I hadn’t seen in years. I continue to be in close contact with **Alice Baker**.”

Nancy McGregor Nowak e-mailed to say that she and Jerry are enjoying retirement “and spending our summers in Ontario, our volunteering in Dayton, and right now (mid-January), basking in the sunshine in Florida. Jerry spent Christmas in the hospital with kidney failure and is doing dialysis now, but we hope that will be short-lived as his numbers have come back. He also has cataract surgery in February, so I should have a rebuilt man soon. My health has been good and I do water aerobics three times a week and lots of golf in the summer. I am still a docent at the Dayton Art Institute and we do several trips every year. In April and May, we will be going to New Mexico and then the Canadian Rockies. In September we’ll travel to Scandinavia. Our 17-year-old granddaughters in Taos, NM, are active and looking at colleges.”

Betty Treiber Ahrens and Bill visited his sister in Germany for Christmas and New Year's, visited friends, and then went on to London for four days. From there, they went to Southampton to take the *Queen Elizabeth* home. In March, Betty and Bill will go to Naples, FL, for two weeks, visiting friends on the way down and back. Both are still active in all the organizations, volunteer groups, etc., as in the past.

Jan Wood Beaven e-mailed that the past year has been much like the previous one: "book groups, boards, golf and tennis, and most important, visiting with the grandkids. The one memorable change is the Women's March of 1/21 ... we had 175,000 here in Boston. For me, it reinforced the things I value — equality, education, the environment, and healthcare among others. I hope to spend the next couple years supporting these values — in the spirit of Eleanor (Roosevelt) .."



Jan, at the Boston Women's March

Jan might be pleased to know that other of our classmates also participated in the Women's March, including **Katie Kane Dell** and **Daphne Ostle Allen** in D.C. and **Prentiss Tubby Weiss** along with **Abby Ryder Neal '63** in Brunswick, ME, and **Faith Evans** in Boston.

Carolyn Moss Ford sent a wonderful picture of her and husband David with their family on the beach in Kauai, HI, celebrating their 40th anniversary. She began her update by saying, "Thank goodness, this year began differently than last. David is doing very well with his extensive rehab following a quad by-pass last January." Referring to their time in Hawaii, she wrote, "We spent the first week as honeymooners at Kiahuna Plantation and the second week on the north coast at Anini Beach, where we rented a house on the beach. Great fun for all!" Daughter Melissa, son-in-law Dan, and granddaughter Lena spent Christmas with Mossy and David at their cottage in Canada. Melissa is expecting her second child on April 9th, while son Chris and his wife Amy are expecting the arrival of twin boys April 10th. Mossy remarked, "We're convinced the stork was flying over Kauai while there!" Mossy keeps very busy with the Garden Club, The Ivy Society, playing bridge, and "cottaging" (a Canadian term?). She sends her best wishes to all for a healthy, happy year.

Faith Evans e-mailed the following: "Life has been quite busy, working for the Demo-

crats half of last year, and then trying to recover from the outcome of our presidential election. I remain quite active with my local Democrat Committee. Even got to march in Boston. Though it was more a shuffle, since there were 125,000 participants, and we were squished in. So glad I went. Hopefully, Democrats all over the country will keep up the fight for the next four years.

"This past year was dominated a bit by the failing health of my 17-year old cat, Bridgette. Many vet visits, much money, and she's fighting the good fight to live as long as possible. As a result, I am not traveling or taking any big trips. It's nice to hear about my other friends' trips, and keep tempted to travel sometime. One friend just returned from Antarctica and others went to Africa. I continue to volunteer in a local animal shelter (MSPCA) and walk dogs weekly. These are not ordinary dogs, but strays, surrendered dogs, and dogs that have been neglected and abused. Really enjoy this and am learning how to manage more difficult dogs. And I still hike one to three times a week with local groups. I love getting out of the house!

"I keep in touch with **Judy Fogt, Arlene Branca, Marcia Oder, and Vivien Forbes**. Vivien is fine. She is very grateful to Arlene for sending her magazines regularly. So I wish you all a healthy and wonderful year."

Marion Ginman Classen wrote from Burlington, VT, where wintry weather prevailed. "I've been here two weeks helping my middle daughter, Aimee, and her family move into their new house. They have just moved from Copenhagen, Denmark, to Vermont to start professorships at the U of VT in the Rubenstein School of environmental science. I start my drive back to warmer North Carolina tomorrow. Charlie and I spent five weeks this fall wandering around Australia — a wonderful trip. He is still practicing orthopedic surgery in Kingston, NC. I spend lots of

time babysitting grandchildren in Atlanta and now Burlington. Charlie and I also spend lots of weekends at our house in Thurmond, NC, behind our oldest daughter's house on 200 acres with a grand view of the mountains — a lovely way for us to get away and relax I'd love to see anyone coming our way. We have lots of room."

Nancy Van Vleck Von Allmen wrote that despite "deep despair over the national and international situation, I am in good health. After six months of bronchitis, I'm back, skiing as often as possible. We've had fabulous powder skiing in Utah this winter, and our four grandchildren love it as I do! Two of them, ages 5 and 7, are on the Squaw Valley Ski Team. (Our daughter lives in San Francisco.) In order to keep brain waves moving, I continue my travel business (affiliated with a big agency in town). Am also active several hours a day booking our five Murren (Switzerland) Chalet Snowbird apartments on Airbnb Are we all turning 75 this year? Yikes! I don't feel like what I expected this age to be like when we were at Western! Am celebrating with a WINDSTAR cruise along the coast of Costa Rica with husband (Beat), both daughters and both sons-in-law. Then we'll take the grandchildren and all go to Murren for three summer weeks of wandering among Alpine wildflowers and tall peaks. Am grateful that Western taught me to feel 'at home' overseas ... and not afraid of burkas. Stay strong, dear Class of '64. The world needs us."

Both **Hohlbers** are also keeping busy in retirement with their usual pursuits, including Rotary, Habitat, OLLI, the local historical and arts societies, and the like. I am especially pleased to be a member of the Brookhaven Town Women's Advisory Board. Larry and



Carolyn Moss Ford and family, on the beach in Kauai, HI

I continue as Suffolk County Democratic Committeemen for ED224. Disappointed by the 2016 election results (to say the least!), we are redoubling our efforts via whatever means possible to help protect and defend women's rights, equal justice/civil liberties for all, public education, healthcare, the environment, and whatever other causes we hold dear that seem to be coming under attack at this moment by the new leadership in government.

We also continue to devote as much time as we can to promoting the Hope Children's Fund, Ltd., our 501c3 nonprofit that helps maintain the Jerusha Mwiraria Hope Children's Home in Meru, Kenya. When we visited in September, we much enjoyed spending quality time with the orphanage's 90 residents. There are now 40 youngsters attending local primary schools, 31 attending secondary or technical training schools, and 19 attending Kenyan universities or similar institutions of higher learning. Our biggest challenge continues to be raising the funds to pay tuitions for all who require them (Kenya does not provide free education beyond Grade 8). Money is being raised in Kenya also, mostly via the public sale of the Home's farm produce, especially flour milled from maize, and the sale of school uniforms produced at our Technical Training Centre.

Following the motto "Education is the key," the children are progressing well as they move towards productive adulthood. Among our recent "graduates," we have a physician's assistant, a pharmacist, a secondary teacher, a baker, a hairdresser, and several welders, as well as salespeople purveying such things as cosmetics and telephone systems. To learn more about this endeavor, check out www.hopechildrensfund.org.

Much enjoyed our summer Viking tour that began in Berlin, continued as a river cruise along the Elbe to the Czech Republic, and then took us by land from Prague to Krakow and Warsaw in Poland. Happy to report that Nikki and Jose continue to be pleased to live in our nation's capital while becoming more energized as political activists there.

Are you on Facebook? Many of our classmates keep in touch via FB, sharing news and photos from time to time. Among them: **Daphne Allen, Cyndy Bailes, Prentiss Weiss, Alice Raymond, Sydney Pfeifer, Kate Dell, Gay Walker, Patricia Snowden, Linda Baker Beavers, Grace Bailey, Mimi Burstein, Mary Ryder, Patricia Scott, Nancy Bergmann Killough, Marcie Turner, Mary Sarff Forster, Nancy Nowak, Lynne Albukerk, Betsy Bresiner, Carolyn Ford, Janet Drees Hall, Beverly Wells, Gwendolyn West, Jan Beaven, Cynthia Duff Hays, and Kolalina Carpenter (aka Cory Hollister Carpenter)**. If you're not yet a member, why not become one and join us?

By whatever method you choose, we hope you'll get and stay in touch. We love to hear from and about you. Yours in service ...

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Here are some notes from those who made it to our 50th Reunion:

Sua nne Lutz May had a wonderful time at our 50th Reunion and even liked the new buildings on campus. Sue has been busy with volunteer work as President of the Deacons and on the Board of Managers of the Annie Eaton Society at All Souls Unitarian Church. She also served another term on the Development Committee of Star Island and attended the regular conference on Star Island in 2016 and plans to attend this year as well.

In October, she reconnected with a "lost" friend of Bernie's. Jim Blose was Bernie's senior roommate at Miami and stayed a fifth year in Oxford while she dealt with her senior year and Bernie's first year in the Peace Corps. Jim acted like a big brother to Bernie. Jim and his wife, Kitty, came from Georgia to NYC for a few days and they had a chance to reconnect after 52 years.

In November, Christopher and Jessa came from Evergreen, CO, for Thanksgiving. They had a lovely time together and talked a lot about Bernie. Jessa was pregnant at the time with a due date in January. But the baby boy arrived unexpectedly on Dec 22. Miller James May was almost 7 lbs and 19½ inches. Sue has been Skyping with them but hopefully made it out for a visit in January. This is what Bernie wanted. Sue sends her best to everyone and has included a picture of the family and one of Bernie's stone at the Memorial Garden at Star Island.



Announcing Miller James May, first grandson of Sue Lutz May '66

Charla Coatoam had a busy and pleasant year which included our 50th Class Reunion, a summer trip to Scotland and a later family holiday in Kansas City. She was fortunate to go to Scotland for the Dickens Fellowship annual conference which took place in Aberdeen in the North. Her November family reunion in Kansas City was a long weekend of museum-hopping and restaurant discoveries that rounded out her travels last year. They went to the World War One Memorial and Museum and were fortunate to be there on Veteran's Day. Charla is enjoying her retirement with gardening, yoga, horseback riding, reading and cultural activities around Cleveland and Northeast Ohio. She keeps in touch with **Jane Graham Murphy** and was happy to see her and other classmates at our reunion. She felt a bit disoriented at the newly built-up Western campus, but was able to find some quiet time to walk the bridges she remembered. She was very grateful for her choice of college made all those many years ago.

Jane Graham Murphy also loved the 50th reunion and the chance to reconnect with her classmates. In August, she and Becca (her older daughter) went to the Orkney Islands, Scotland, on an archaeology tour. They had a fascinating time exploring ruins, some as old as 13,000 years. Jane continues to make frequent visits with Becca and her family in Montclair, NJ. This summer Jane and her granddaughter, Lily (15), will volunteer with CCS in Morocco just as she had done with her younger daughter, Katherine, in 2009. Katherine became engaged last February and plans an October wedding. She lives in Pittsburgh and is taking two classes in preparation for beginning a graduate program to become an art therapist. When Jane is at home, she and her son usually go on 2-mile walks each day. He prefers to stay home rather than travel so he takes care of the house and cat for her when she travels. In January, Becca, Lily and Jane experienced the Women's March in Washington D. C. Jane felt it was one of her top 10 life events. In February the family was together for a ski weekend. Jane has met with **Peggy Budington** and **Charla Coatoam** and she stays in touch with **Susie Jennings Wilson** on Facebook.

Ann Walton thought the 50th Reunion was wonderful! From a class of 69, 11 of us returned to campus. We stayed up late in the dorm with lots of catch-up conversations, gathering for meals in the new dining room, blue champagne, marching in the traditional parade and just enjoying all the memories we shared at Western. For those of you who were unable to attend, Ann really missed you. She is still working hard at real estate in Ann Arbor. In the summer the days are long (10-12 hours) but she is glad to know that her mind and body can still handle the activity. Each November she spends time on Sanibel Island, FL, and catches up on her reading.

Hae I Drew enjoyed her time as a WCAA board member as well as being part of our Reunion. She will be chair of the Western Reunion this year (2017) and hopes that some of us might join her and celebrate our 51st reunion this June. They will be dedicating the Legacy Circle. In September, She helped her daughter move to Basel, Switzerland, for her daughter's job. It was a totally different city from when she worked there 48 years ago. She has come full circle.

Edie Taylor Molumby and husband Bob enjoyed seeing her classmates at our 50th. Bob enjoyed the exercise class and sang in the choir on Sunday. He and all the rest of us certainly missed Bernie May. To show how much things have changed since our 45th reunion, Bob was asked to take pictures on our cell phones rather than our cameras. For all of us staying in the dorm we donned our bathrobes and stayed up past midnight to reminisce and compare notes about accomplishments, aches and pains of aging, losses in our lives, children and grandchildren. The conversation flowed so easily and we felt like we were back in our late teens and early twenties. We did a lot of laughing too. Edie is keeping in touch by phone with **Reda Hackel Garlikov**.

In November, Molumbys were thrilled to hear that their daughter and son-in-law in Grand Rapids, MI, had been chosen by birth parents to adopt their soon-to-be-born baby. They had two weeks to get ready and were at the hospital when the baby was born. They brought Reagan Elizabeth home from the hospital. In mid-December, Bob fell and had emergency hip replacement surgery and plans to be in Seattle for Christmas were canceled. He was able to get into the same rehabilitation facility as Edie was in after both her hip replacement surgeries in 2014. We hope Bob is doing well and will soon be able to travel to Grand Rapids and Seattle to see their children and grandchildren.

And now for some notes from others in our class: **Clara Keyes Hardin** has been living in Panama since 2005 and working in real estate with her son and daughter-in-law. They are Realtors and developers specializing in the historic area of Panama City

called Casco Antiguo, a UNESCO Heritage site. She has no plans to retire but maybe will semi-retire in a couple of years. You can tell she enjoys, is excited, challenged and rewarded for being in this niche market and part of Panama.

Nancy Fryer Fishkin is living in Port St. Lucie, FL, for three winter months. Her brother and sister live very close by as well. The rest of the year she is in Fairfield, CT, and volunteers once a week at a Bridgeport second grade class. Nancy has a 4-yr-old granddaughter and an 18-month-old grandson, who live with her younger son and his wife in Las Vegas. Her older son and his wife are in Massachusetts. She is very grateful for family, friends, good health and continued excitement with what the new year will bring.

Nancy P. James-Frese is into her 35th year of insurance agency ownership and looking over the horizon with her purchase of a new guitar. She is planning a blossoming career as a night club singer — night clubs are dark you know. Love her humor. She is still playing tennis with the same woman for over 40 years and swims when she can. She sings in her church choir and serves on the Concord-Carlisle Human Rights Council. She chairs for the third year the Holocaust Remembrance for the Town of Concord. Her husband, Rick Frese, is doing research for his second book on the Civil War. Nancy has regrets that she did not have the time for our 50th Reunion. We wish you could have been there.

Peggy Budington said she thinks this is her first time responding to the request for class notes. Her life was too hectic and not always positive. She has survived, having learned many tricks of the trade to keep herself afloat. She actually is very appreciative of all that happened and how she now feels quite in charge of her life. Having said that — the recent election and inauguration has given her yet more challenges. Peggy is trying to remain positive while focusing on helping where she can help. Ah life! Anyone who would like to get in touch with her should use her current e-mail peggybud44@gmail.com. Thanks for writing, Peggy.

Sandy Weygandt Baclawski is a resident of Melbourne Beach, FL, but still maintains her home in Lake Milton, OH. Her husband passed away in 2014. She has four children and seven grandchildren whom she hosts when in Ohio. She has them for sleepovers, projects outside and taking them all to the drive-in or to Star Wars movies. She has worn very different hats during her work life including caterer,

high school cafeteria manager, radiologic and CT technologist. Now that she is retired, she is enjoying sewing, quilting, baking and managing a pre-Thanksgiving dinner for almost 200 people with a great crew of volunteers. During January through March, she teaches a watercolor painting class at the Outdoor Resorts of Melbourne Beach where she lives.

Carol Maturo Ward and her husband, Allen, are building a duplex which he designed. They hope to be finished by early fall so they can move in. She has been very busy this year at her church doing everything from serving on the vestry, teaching Church School and undertaking some pastoral care. She has even conducted services as the officiant for Morning Prayer. Her biggest challenge was giving the 10-minute homily. In these endeavors, she feels the rewards have been greater than she ever expected. The highlight of her year was the graduation of her niece from Smith College in Northampton, MA. They spent the weekend with her at Smith and learned she had been accepted in the Teach for America program. She is teaching at a Holyoke, MA, school. There were over 60 applicants for each of the Teach for America positions so they were very pleased she was selected. During the coming year, Carol is going to write about political issues, not only for her Senators and Congressmen but also for the local newspapers. She ended her letter with this statement, "The time has come to speak against the racism, sexism, and religious bigotry in the country today." I hope many of us will follow your lead.



Wishing Merry Christmas from a sleigh, Sue Dellefsen Meyers '66 and family



Kathi, as High Desert rancher

Carolyn Hall Garven has learned to start saying “no” to all the volunteer opportunities that abound. Carolyn started out teaching elementary and ended up after 32 years supervising special education in secondary and for her state department. Once she retired she jumped into serving for 12 years on the Cloud City Council and serving on various committees. Now she has said “yes” to the senior center, League of Women Voters and Delta Gamma Society for women educators. Carolyn feels she is truly blessed.

Sandy Anderson Mastin told me she feels like she should just move into her local library in Middlefield, OH. Sandy is part of a writers’ group that meets twice a month, book discussion group, and games group. We send our condolences to her on the death of her mother this past December, at the age of 94.

Gerry Davies DeGeorge sent her first update since leaving Ok ord in 1964. She attended her 50th Colby College reunion this year. After she left college, she married her husband, Larry. They had a son, Jesse, who married Amanda and gave them their first grandchild, Josie Bella, in 2015. She has worked and lived in New England all her life. Gerry and Larry love hiking in the mountains, traveling and doing volunteer work. Their lives are full and blessed. Gerry met **Sue Lutz May** at her Star Island, NH, retreat this past July. Gerry always reads the *Bulletin* and remembers fondly her days with all of us. So glad you took the time to reconnect with us.

Rita Von Hagen Monette is another first time responder to our class notes. She and her husband, Lanny, just celebrated their 50th anniversary. They married soon after we graduated. After many years of shoveling snow in Michigan, they relocated in Tennessee in 1989 and have never looked back. Her life has been as a wife, mother, occasional grade school teacher. Her fondest memory of Western was sitting on the floor in Dr. Dietz’s office discussing “What’s wrong

with the government?” I bet today’s discussion would be even more fun. Her second favorite memory was playing bridge in the rec room of New Dorm. Rita and I have been desperately trying to find her roommate **Dawn Duncan** (class of 1968) for the past 40 years. I believe she left Western after her sophomore year. Dawn’s last known place was working as a computer programmer in the oil industry in the early 1970s. If anyone can help or provide us with ideas to locate her we would both appreciate it.

Rich and I really enjoyed the 50th Reunion. It was hard to believe that it had been 50 years since I left Ok ord for Chicago, North Carolina, Ohio, California, and now Oregon. My life has taken many twists and turns but like so many of you I feel blessed. Rich and I are becoming quite the ranchers. He does amazing things with his John Deere tractor. It has been an extremely rough winter with lots of snow. Very unusual for the High Desert. By the time you read this we will be enjoying spring and maybe summer weather.

I have established a Parelli Natural Horsemanship club here and we are starting our second year with 20 members. We have a study meeting and a playday with our horses each month. [*Kathi has agreed to write about her undertaking for the fall Bulletin — look for her article!*] I am also working with a small group to put free lending libraries in various Hispanic neighborhoods in Prineville.

Thank you to all who sent in their messages. It was great to hear from so many ...

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Alumnae Weekend '17: Celebrating 50 years!

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Dear Classmates! Next year will be our 50th Reunion, believe it or not. It just doesn’t seem that long ago that we were rushing to class, walking our beautiful campus, and sitting up late at night discussing important (and sometimes not-so-important) matters. Please plan to return to Western next mid-June so that we can celebrate. This year

brought the passing of another classmate, **Alice Thompson Carter**. Alice lived in Pittsburgh with her family, where she was involved in theater, most recently as a critic. I also received a note on Facebook from **Geri Kuscher Piz**’s daughter Julia: “I’m just so grateful to hear from you. I received condolence cards from several people from Western, and it meant so much then and now to know how many lives my mom touched.”

During this past year I have continued to love living in Berkeley, a very exciting place to live, as you can imagine! Travels this year included trips to NC to visit family, Maine to visit my sister, **Gretchen Blake Roy ’71**, New York (where we saw **Pamela Knowles ’70** and **Maria Maldonado ’70**) and Italy, where we rented places through Airbnb when we weren’t in Rome with **Sappho Haralambous ’70**. For my 70th birthday, Joel arranged for both Gretchen and Sappho to come to surprise me for a week — the surprise worked and I was completely bowled over. Joel and I are getting together frequently with a student from Malawi living in International House. After many years away from the field, I am about to begin volunteer tutoring English to local refugees.

Sandy Chanis: This past Christmas season found Sandra in a serene peaceful state. Nothing else to desire ... so ... this is the best news she can share with us all! She wishes all of us health, happiness and peace.

Margie Custer Bowles wrote that she and Bob adopted a puppy named Daisy in April, the highlight of their year. They went to Greece and had a reunion week with Margie’s high school classmates from Thessaloniki International High School: 29 including spouses! Margie volunteers in their grandchildren’s classrooms and has a 5-hour/week job at the local library. The families of both children are doing fine, all within a 30-minute drive.

Kitsy Dunlop and Greg’s son Dylan and married son/couple Trevor/Alexandra are fine. **Susie Williams Oblinger** and Kitsy text back and forth on Sunday nights comparing notes on Masterpiece Theater!!! It’s great staying in touch. Due to ranch maintenance, Kitsy doubts that Greg could come or would be interested in coming to the Reunion. She expects they will be going to Scotland in the next year as he has just met many of his birth relatives living in the St. Louis, MO, area and has a keen interest in learning more about his Clan Fraser.

Kathy Evans Findley and Jim had a busy year with his position as Rotary District Governor, with local, national, and international travel. His term extends until July. One guest bedroom is now a Rotary storage facility. In between these jaunts, Jim had cataract surgery and lens implants in both eyes. In December, Kathy and Jim spent 19 days on



The Eras, showing off Chako's first grandson

a cruise to the Panama Canal, five Central American countries, and four island countries. They ate well, saw the sights, enjoyed the spa treatments, as well as the attention of a butler. Daughter Kate is in a new position with the State's Attorney in Rapid City; granddaughter Sophie loves sixth grade and the clarinet. Son James and Mary are expecting their first baby in May. 2017 will be exciting for the whole family.

Jennifer French Sponsler and 30 other family members from California, Utah, Illinois, Washington, and Georgia met in May in Phoenix for a week of fun, relaxation, sightseeing as well as celebrating her 70th birthday. It was such fun that they are planning on meeting again in August 2017, for another adventure. Then in September Jennifer and friends flew into Louisville and spent 10 days driving south to Nashville stopping along the way to walk part of the Appalachian Trail and be pampered at the Biltmore Estates. Her next adventure is a trip with one of her nieces to Cuba in February 2017. She is looking forward to seeing everyone again in 2018!

Susan Hackley's good luck health-wise gave out this fall when she learned that she had peritoneal cancer. After surgery and lots of chemo, she's doing OK. She's gone back to work at Harvard, and is working hard on her film project about the impact of war on



A mini reunion in NYC at Pisticci Restaurant, where Pamela Knowles sings on Sunday evenings. L-R: Pam Knowles '70, Maria Maldonado '70, Susan Blake '68, and Lola Schmidt Stanton '67

America's children and families, "A Child's Guide to War." A short film she and others made, called "Veteran Kids" was accepted to four film festivals, including the Middle Coast Film Festival in Indiana. Now they're working to finish a half hour documentary program for PBS. If you're interested, please check out www.achildsguidetowar.com. This is a labor of love! Susan sees her close friend **Prudence Hay '69** a lot; in fact, she was the Realtor who just sold Susan's daughter a house in Wellesley, MA. She heard from **Pamela Knowles '70** recently and hopes to see her soon. It was lovely to run into **Hayat Imam** at a peace conference last year.

Hayat Imam spoke at the Women's March in Boston on January 21, 2017. A quote from her speech: "Divisions among us do not make sense, my friends, because all of these issues affect all of us."

Brenda Lee Bell: 2016 brought some hopefully rare experiences: a tropical storm, a hurricane, Brian's allergies to Florida, and the joys of two weeks with vertigo. Much better than these were an awesome birthday that stretched into December and special times with family and good friends. Best of all, Brian and Brenda are still married in spite of playing golf together once a week. She's looking forward to seeing everyone at Reunion 2018 where, once we are back on campus, none of us will feel a minute older than we did when we graduated.

Chako Matsumoto Era and Koh were blessed with their first grandson, Syun, on July 21, 2016. He was born in New Jersey and Chako flew to see the newborn in August. She was thrilled when she held the soft baby. While on the East Coast she visited Nantucket, as well as the Frick Collection and the Met in NYC. The baby and his parents, Kohtaro (Chako and Koh's son) and Sae came to Japan to show Syun to Koh.

Cece Peabody has been working with nonprofits for over 10 years, specifically, the New Jersey Turfgrass Association and Foundation, which hosts events that raise monies for Rutgers University Center for Turfgrass Science, for research projects, scholarships, and professor endowments. The second association works with golf course superintendents. Golf trips with a close-knit group of girls (can't we still call ourselves girls even at our age?) happen in the winter to balmy climes, and playing golf with Ed around home occupies much of Cece's free time. This year Cece and Ed have also taken up jigsaw puzzles, which they plan to frame and give away as gifts. Patrick, Cece's son, continues his fourth year as head lacrosse coach at Lourdes University in Sylvania, OH. He was tapped as Coach of the Year two out

of the three years he has been there ... certainly makes a momma proud! Our 50th anniversary is only a year away and Cece can't wait to see the new campus changes, and spend some fun time with college friends. Hope you plan to be there too!

Karen Prah Voris celebrated her 70th birthday in 2016, as did most of our class. A decade birthday is a great time to reflect on what has and has not changed. Karen and John celebrated in NYC at the U.S. Open Tennis Championships and saw *Hamilton*. Other travels from Arizona included visiting older daughter Amy in England and the summer spent in the Seattle area near

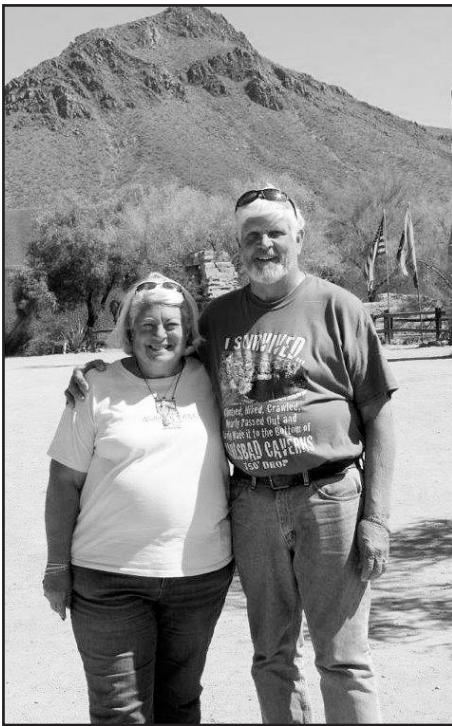


Hayat Imam (left) and Nel Ware (both '68), sightseeing in Denver

younger daughter Molly and her kids. They will celebrate John's 70th in 2017 in Hawaii with the whole family. "We are blessed with good health and, hopefully, sound minds. See you all in Oxford in 2018 for our 50th!"

Patty Robins Flint Lacey had a great year with a road trip to Missouri to see the large Mound-Builder Site of Cahokia (outside St. Louis). She also gave a lecture in Montana on her archaeological research in the Flint Creek Valley of Western Montana. A trip to Oregon took her to Seaside where she was a radio newscaster in the 1970s. Her annual trip to Santa Fe, NM, included some beautiful chamber music in the historic St. Francis Auditorium. On the home front there was volunteer work at the Anasazi Heritage Center Museum, church, band and the Cortez Historic Preservation Board.

Nel Ware and **Hayat Imam** enjoyed their first reunion in more than a decade when Hayat was in Denver for a conference in August. They hadn't seen each other since our 35th class reunion. Nel writes: "Hayat and I



Barbara Williamson Wentz and Erv,
"On the Road Again"

have this wonderful ability to pick up where we leave off no matter how many years pass in between. She and my husband met for the first time and got along famously. The three of us had many stimulating discussions on a variety of subjects. Even though there wasn't much time for sightseeing, Hayat and I did manage to steal away for a nature walk in the magnificent Garden of the Gods Park nearby. And Hayat gave us a wonderful gift: she cooked for us! She prepared an awesome chicken curry, and, for breakfast, the best omelette I've ever tasted! Hayat and I agree: we're too old to wait for serendipity anymore and are already planning this year's visit!"

Barbara Williamson Wentz continues the life of travel and connecting with friends. Her theme could be "On the Road Again." She and Erv travel in a GMC Yukon pulling a 28-foot travel trailer with their two Golden Retrievers, Lady and Brandy. In 2016, they went to Georgia, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Oklahoma, Missouri, Tennessee, Michigan, Canada around the Great Lakes, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Kentucky with grandchildren, Pennsylvania, 1000 Islands in St Lawrence Seaway, Rocky River, OH, for Erv's 55th high school reunion and Holms County Amish country, Ohio. On many of the stops they saw friends both old and new. She has recently returned to the WCAA Board of Trustees and has agreed to be the chairman of the fundraising for the renovation and preservation of Patterson Place. She looks forward to the class of '67 Reunion in June and seeing **Diane Obal '67** and all of her other friends from that class, and of course wants to encourage

everyone from the class of '68 to come to our 50th Reunion June 2018. Don't be surprised if you get an e-mail from Barbara telling you she will be in your neck of the woods on one of their trips.

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Nancy Tuan Yang Hsiung faithfully clips her "blue card" coupon from the *Bulletin* each year and sends her news, despite not having e-mail! She and husband Tom are enjoying their grandson, Frank, who is 2 going on 8. Nancy is teaching him Chinese and Japanese. Frank will have a baby sister soon. Nancy has some mysterious medical issues, but says she is fit and healthy.

Janny Morelle-Hadinata writes from France: "Do you remember me? Happy New Year to you and to all our friends. Bonne Année, Bonne Santé!"



Janny and her beautiful family

"Blessed with two daughters and son-in-law and two grandchildren, Aymeric (4) and Maureen (7).

"My husband Alain who got his stroke in 1995 is still working to improve his motricity and speech. We are very much involved in our Association for Aphasia patients & families living in Picardy (Northern France)." www.facebook.com/aphasiquespicards/

I am retiring after 24 years of University teaching and Dave and I will be moving from Denver. We've had enough of cities, enormous population growth, traffic and the altitude which has affected my health. As of this writing, we don't know where we're going! Stay tuned nek year.

Have a great year, everyone ...

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Alumnae Weekend '17: Celebrating 45 years!

Small Western world! Our son, Jamison, works for the Citizens Budget Committee in NYC. I best describe it as an independent think tank/ government policy watcher for the city and state of New York.

He was at a function sponsored by the CBC, seated with various business leaders. One of the gentlemen struck up a conversation with Jamison, asking the normal questions. Where are you from, what do you do at CBC, etc. When he discovered that Jamison was from Ohio, he immediately shared that his wife had gone to college in Ohio. He began to describe Western. Jamison immediately started to chuckle and stopped him mid-sentence. "I know all about Western, my mother is a graduate." When our two ages were compared, it was soon realized that we had graduated in the same class. The gentleman was married to a classmate, **Jane Herzig**. Western lives on!

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Sue Anderson retired on October 8, 2016, after working for 44 years for Verizon Communications (formerly New Jersey Bell when she started working there). She says, "I was always a busy person, but since I retired, I don't know how I had time to work!" She is very involved with her church, three local historical societies, the local and state chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), United Way, and some town committees. Sue still lives in Succasunna, NJ.

Cheryl Pedersen Bonnell has received the Coldwell Banker International Diamond Society Award for 2016. This award places Cheryl in the top 11% of all 88,000 Coldwell Banker real estate agents worldwide. Cheryl sells real estate in the Finger Lakes area of New York state. She has three grown children and two grandchildren.

Suzanne Kelley Doswell now lives in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. She enjoys the lifestyle there and the "opportunity to take part in our newest grandson's curious world." Suzanne writes that, "I stay in touch with my former work in brain injury as a governor's appointee to Florida's Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Advisory Council." She hopes that the state of Florida will expand its programs for those with brain and spinal cord injuries.

Holly Wright Johnson reports that her granddaughter, Caitlin Grace, is 2 years old now. She's the daughter of Holly's and Bruce's son, Bryn, and his wife Shannon. The Johnsons' daughter, Cristyn, is now the development and operations manager of Maryland Citizens for the Arts. She is also development director for the Londontowne Symphony Orchestra and plays with two community orchestras. Holly is in her 34th year working at the Howard County Public Library in Columbia, MD. She continues to enjoy her work with the Coast Guard Auxiliary and has recently been elected the flotilla's Vice Commander. Bruce continues to work at the Library of Congress. The highlight of 2016 for Holly and Bruce was a trip they took around Iceland's coastline in May. Holly says, "Every day was full of wonders that were somehow topped by the following day."

Janet Lucas and Sherrill Howard summed up their 2016 themes as family, friends, construction, and travel. They constructed a new deck and pergola after the old deck had to be demolished in order for a sewer line to be replaced. Janet and Sherrill and some friends took a trip to Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks in June 2016. They also had friends and family visiting during their annual summer trip to their cabin in New Hampshire.

Chris Moranda is still working at Ohio Health in Columbus, but is seriously thinking about retiring at the end of 2017. Her wife, Jane Russell, continues to do holistic coaching for groups, individuals, and facilitated workshops. In May 2016, Chris and Jane went to St. Augustine, FL, to surprise Chris's brother for his 70th birthday. They also got to spend time there with her nephew's three boys. In November, Chris and Jane attended the Circle of Love Gathering, a three-day spiritual retreat in Georgia. They report that, "the 'gathering' was a wonderful mix of music, meditation, workshops, in a lovely wooded setting ... we came away refreshed and renewed and plan to attend again next year."

Sheila Colligan Sobel has retired from the entertainment business and has taken up a new career as an author. Her first young adult novel called *Color Blind* was released by Merit Press/Simon & Schuster in October 2016. She's now writing her second novel which will be a work of historical fiction aimed at middle grade youth. She also says, "My husband, our two dogs, and our two cats remain a constant joy in my life," and she wishes all her classmates good health and a happy 2017.

Joan Hagan Stoutenborough sends greetings from Sarasota, FL. Her biggest news this year is the birth of her fourth grandchild, Penelope Noelle Stoutenborough, on May 5, 2016, in Sarasota. With Penelope she and her husband have two granddaughters in Florida (children of their younger son) and a girl and a boy in Florence, KY, (children of their older son). Joan and her husband took a trans-Atlantic cruise in 2016 which left from Miami, crossed the ocean, and then went to various ports in Spain, France, and Italy, ending in Rome. They flew home from Rome. Joan says, "Recently, I've found **Sue McBride** and **Diane Bratcher** on Facebook and would love any other Western women to friend me."

Nicholas Toth, who runs the Stone Age Institute (affiliated with Indiana University) in Bloomington, IN, reports that the institute just received a 3.2 million dollar grant from the John Templeton Foundation. The grant will be used "to study the driving forces of human cognitive evolution." It will fund three years of field work and research in Tanzania, the Republic of Georgia, and China. Congratulations, Nick!

Nancy Anderson Wilkinson says, "Things are fine for us, quiet, but that's good." Nancy's and Pat's daughter, Catie, is working as a site supervisor for Habitat for Humanity in Brooklyn and Queens, New York. Nancy has spent a lot of time this year helping her 95-year-old mother with downsizing her belongings from her home in preparation for a possible move someday to an independent living facility.

I (Betsy) have mostly been leading a pretty quiet life at home this year. I did take two significant trips during 2016. In July I took a cruise that began in Reykjavik, Iceland, and went to the Faroe Islands, five stops in Norway, two stops in Denmark, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland, and St. Petersburg, Russia. I saw many interesting sights, museums, castles, etc. The mountain and fjord scenery in Norway was spectacular. In November, I took another cruise along the coasts of South Africa and Namibia. I participated in cultural visits with Zulu and Xhosa African people at two different stops and found Cape Town, South Africa, to be a lovely city with beautiful Table Mountain rising directly behind it.

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With a little help from **Betsy Salt '74**, here's some news from Class of 1976:

Shamim Dattoo Hussen sent the good news that she is now a grandmother. Her son Ali is the father of a baby boy named Kayden, who is already 1 year old. Shamim lives in North York, Ontario, Canada.

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Alumnae Weekend '17: Celebrating 40 years!

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In Memoriam

Mary Duffield Boehme '32
Class Representative 2004-12
February 2017

Joyce Baker Edson '43
September 2014

Nancy Lincoln Maynard '44
June 2015

Bessie Zimmerly Terrell '46
April 2016

Sybil Wallman Holtzer '47
October 2016

Nancy Pirie Prior '48
April 2015

Judith Vincze Quinn '48
September 2016

Lorraine Tigh Dennerlein '49
September 2016

Grace Sherman Streb '49
February 2016

Eleanor Prescott Adams '50
May 2016

Betty Ward Clarke '50
March 2016

Susan Ott Faulkner '50
February 2017

Martha Murrill Norvell '50
May 2016

Carolyn Sullivan Zinn '50
Date unknown

Cecelia Trenka Hincke '52
August 2014

Dotsy Quay Kennedy '52
March 2017

Joan Anderson Nowaskey '53
October 2016

Mildred C. Masters '54
April 2016

Barbara Williams Kearns '56
March 2017

Janice Shenk Pabodie '56
December 2016

Lynn Kreuser Johnson '57
December 2016

Sandra Still Sakurai '57
May 2016

Susan Gessford Spicer '59
March 2017

Alice Thompson Carter '68
November 2016

Myrna Coker (Summers) McGlamery FS
Bulletin Class Notes Editor 1980-89
September 2015

Jean Jobs Perry FS
Development Assistant/Archivist 1979-83
Bulletin Editor 1983-92
February 2017

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. Deaths that occurred more than five years prior to publication are not included.*

The Western College Program

Message from Western Alumni 2.0 + 3.0: “What is our Legacy?”

Greetings from Oxford! As I get close to wrapping up my first year serving as president of the Western alumni board (WAAMU), I reflect on how far we have come and where we can go in the future.

This past year, the alumni board completed a variety of projects including updating our bylaws, continuation of the Alumni Mentor Program, a review of our online resources, progress planning on the 2018 Mega Reunion, filling several vacancies among the [*Bulletin*] class representatives, and many others. I am pleased with our progress, but I know that we can do more. As Western alumni, I know that when our passion is harnessed, there is no limit on what we can accomplish together.



Mike Loeffelman

As we consider our next steps, I invite you to become more involved and to consider an important question: What is our legacy? I was recently inspired by the hard work of the WCAA and the completion of the Western College Legacy Circle on campus. The WCAA is a dedicated group of alumnae who are committed to the success of students, the interdisciplinary approach to higher education, social justice, and experiential education as a philosophy for learning.

As you may be aware, Miami’s new President Greg Crawford and University Ambassador Renate Crawford are deeply committed to social justice. This serves as a great opportunity for us to make a significant impact as alumni.

I believe that we need to reflect on our legacy and consider our next steps. The alumni board will be asking this question and others during our board meeting in June which coincides with Alumnae/i Weekend (June 9-11) and we will be taking on a variety of new initiatives. Initiatives that the board members are considering include regional group events, stronger efforts towards alumni-student involvement, and a focus on renewed community building.

Speaking of Alumnae/i Weekend (June 9-11), there are several exciting events planned and I encourage you

to consider coming back to Oxford! The WCAA has planned events including the Western College Legacy Circle dedication, several receptions, and the celebration banquet. The alumni board has several events planned as well — please check out our website (via the Alumni Association) for updates and schedules.

There are multiple avenues for alumni involvement and there are open spaces on the alumni board. Opportunities for involvement include the Alumni Mentor Program, Alumni Spotlight, Reunion committee, Board membership — formal positions, special projects, and many more.

As president of the board, my continued goal is to provide updates regarding the work of the board, liaison with the current program, and to include more passionate alumni in the work at hand. To learn more about opportunities for involvement and the alumni board, please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in Oxford this summer!

— *Mike Loeffelman '03*
Board President, WAAMU





Kathy Pozna Fetzer and Rhian Miller recently got together for an evening of catching up. There were lots of laughs, a few tears, and many hugs! From the photo it's clear that these two, friends for 40+years, were having a memorable evening!



Kathy (left) and Rhian, all caught up

Keith Johnson was recently recognized for reaching the *seven gallon* mark in blood donations! Giving blood saves lives every day. In Keith's case, that's 56 donations! Way to go Keith. I'm on your trail, but only half way there.

I (Larry) retired from McMaster-Carr in June 2016 after 33 years. I've been turning my attention to sipping Dunkin Donuts coffees, bird watching, and volunteering at Catholic Relief Services.

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Avery Jenkins: "This year I enter my 24th year in practice and begin my 60th journey around the sun. I'm getting to That Age, where one looks back, reflects, and hopefully nods their head and says, 'yeah, not too bad.' Retirement is still a decade off, which is fine, as I pretty much enjoy what I do. However, I've spiced the mix a bit. I've returned to my writing roots, and in ad-

ditional to my regular blog entries at www.averyjenkins.com, I'm about a third of the way through a book. This one's been a long time coming, and I hope its reality matches my intentions. But isn't that always the case?

"Also, after completing all the prerequisite coursework, I've been accepted into the Clergy Training Program with Arndraiocht Fein, an organization of polytheist Pagan Druids. Assuming all goes well, I'll be ordained sometime in 2018. My 'ministry,' as it were, will be working with incarcerated men who want to pursue Paganism as a spiritual path, and in fact I am already working with several. I am quite looking forward to that. No, I won't be available for bar and bat mitzvahs. After about eight years off the mat due to injuries, I've returned to one of the great loves of my life, Aikido, and am training regularly once again.

"On the home front, my wife and I celebrated our 26th year of marriage and my house celebrated its 100th year of standing upright. My eldest daughter graduated from St. John's College, a Great Books program with no majors, and has taken off for a few years of world travel by backpack and hostel. Daughter #2 attends Hampshire College, another distinctive program, majoring in education. For a sidelight, she's taken up blacksmithing, and is now forging swords for fun. I told her that she's got that whole post-apocalyptic career path thing sewed up tight. When it all hits the fan, everybody is going to need a good weapons maker.

"And to think the School of Interdisciplinary Studies has made every single bit of this possible. I could not be here had I not been there. I miss all of you." [Thanks, Avery ...]

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In response to the WCAA office's request for updates, **Tammy Bennett** graciously complied. We've taken the liberty of editing her bulleted information into paragraph form. She began, "OK thanks! Not sure what you need. Here's some info." Officially, "T. E.



'88 Class Rep Andy Miller (left), celebrating his 55th birthday with five of his German host sons

Bennett" graduated from Western in 1984 and is currently a Middle School teacher in Colorado. She is apparently on a temporary leave of absence to be in Cleveland Heights, OH, from December 2016 through May 2017. We wish her well and hope to hear more!

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John Hendrickson: "I remain in Wisconsin where we own a small farm. I work 75 percent time during the academic year for the University of Wisconsin, where I coordinate research, education, and training programs for small-scale, sustainable farmers. In the time remaining to me, I operate my farm, growing organic vegetables. Karen and I also have a home-based business importing and selling some unique farming equipment from Japan. Karen's day job continue to be as a teacher of Japanese at a high school in Madison. Our oldest son, Emmett, is in his freshman year at Beloit College in southern Wisconsin, where he plays soccer and has not declared a major (I remember those days...). Our other son, Eli, is a sophomore at the high school where Karen teaches. We work way too much and don't play as often as we should but life is generally good. I am in the midst of recovering from ACL surgery and when I can get back to playing soccer, my quality of life will be better! I hope others from the class of '88 report in, as I often find myself wondering where everyone is and what they are doing."

Captain Andy Schulman, United States Navy ('84). "I recently retired from the U.S. Navy after 26 years of active duty service. My last assignment was as Director of Con-

struction, Department of Navy (Energy, Installations & Environment). I have 'dropped anchor in northern Virginia, and joined the House of Representatives as a permanent Professional Staff Member on the Armed Services Committee. I am responsible for oversight of Department of Defense environmental compliance/sustainability, installation energy-resiliency, real estate management and military construction."

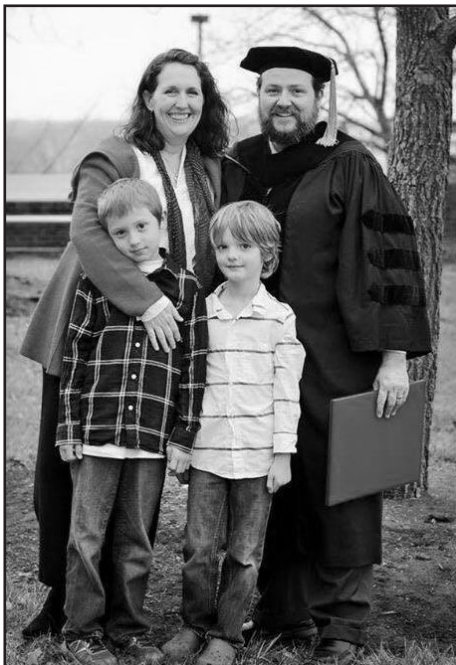
Here is a picture [previous page] of me celebrating my 50th birthday (2016) with five of my nine German host sons. My birthday was May 28, but the picture was taken in early June when I went to celebrate with the host kids.

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Hello Class of 1990! I borrowed an idea another rep used a couple issues ago and asked people for some photos this time.

One of the first I got was from **Chris Taylor**, who earned his Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Miami last year.



Chris Taylor and family

And whatever our personal politics, we can probably all agree that political activism is a very Western trait, almost as universal as missing deadlines. In that light, the photos



Cynthia in San Francisco (above) and Shari in DC (below)

from some of our classmates who participated in the Women's Marches in January seem very appropriate. **Cynthia Neiman Coleman**, participated in several marches in the San Francisco area, and **Shari Stasser Wooton** sent two from the March in DC.



Rob Nosse '91 started with the Class of '90, so he sent in these photos (his Planned Parenthood profile picture and one from the Portland Women's March) along with an update. Rob started his second term in the Oregon Legislature. He is very glad to be in Oregon — only one of five state legislatures in the United States run by the Democrats in both the House and the Senate. He is working on reining in the cost of prescription drugs. When he is not doing that he is still married and trying to raise college-age



Rob Nosse

teenagers. He cannot believe he is that old. Rob attended the Women's March with several other state legislators and friends in Portland, OR, where 100,000 people came together.

And **Karen Dollinger** sent a photo and update: "Here is a picture of me at a sister Women's March in Pikeville, KY, where I now live and teach."



Karen, marching in Pikeville, KY



'90 Class Rep Mike, with wife Alicia and classmates Margie and Paula, New Year's Eve

Finally, **Alicia (Broderick)** and I (**Mike**) are still in New Jersey, watching the kids get taller by the day. We never get to see enough of our Western friends, but we were delighted to be able to spend New Year's Eve with **Margie Legg** (who started with the Class of '90) and **Paula Taschler**. Best wishes to all ...

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Hello Western friends! I'm writing you during a time of deep divisions and political unrest, but I've been thinking of y'all a lot as I use my "Western powers" to make my way through it. Some positive news:

Heather Story Steiness: "It has been years since I last wrote in, so here's the recap. My family and I live in Phoenix, AZ. Three years ago we had a little boy we named Viktor, who makes me laugh every day with his pure commentary on the world. Last May, I completed my Ph.D. in Global Health, wrapping up six years of study and research through many life events — it feels like I'm starting a new chapter of my life now — hopefully a less stressful, but equally fulfilling one. I've watched with pride all that our Western classmates are doing with their lives and am now, more than ever, thankful for that grounding and the unique perspectives I continue to learn from. Wishing you all peace and love!"

Kurt Squire: "Hey there! I guess my move to SoCal is update worthy? Maybe that I joined the faculty at UC, Irvine in Informatics or something?"

As for me, **Johanna**, I will say that I'm in a challenging stage. I'm raising an adolescent while struggling with aging parents and a time of great responsibility in my career.

I'm guessing many of you are in similar boats. Appreciating my Western friends, who move through the world with decency, kindness, and wisdom. Missing you all — stay strong!

Johanna Smith '94
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ate Medical Director for Cedars-Sinai Medical Network."

Best Wishes for May (and June and July) to Jonas and family!! It's awesome to hear that others are doing so well. One of the few benefits of baby-brain is the fire-wall it creates from the world's politics and upheaval. I hope that this note finds all its readers in a resilient and forward-looking place ...

Kjirsten Frank Hoppe '98
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Hello to the class of 1998! It's been a while. I can't believe how fast time flies these days. My latest news includes becoming a Mommy and losing all my brain cells. I believe my son, Calvin, sucks them out of me with the breastmilk. In the attached picture I'm completely distracted by something shiny, while Calvin has the sense to pay attention.



New mom Kjirsten

Carmen Wargel, mother of 6- and 8-year-old amazing kids, assures me "it definitely gets easier."

For all of you who did this 10 or (dear lord!) 20 years ago — bravo! You were smart and did it when you still had energy!! For those who have no kids, you are brilliant and hopefully well-rested and should stay that way!!

Jonas Green reports, "I've been married for 8 years to Dafna Hopenstand; we have a 2-year-old son, Jacob, and a baby on the way in May. We live in LA, where I'm an Internal Medicine physician and Associ-



I want our class updates this year to be about celebrating our diversity and celebration of each other, and our communities.

In light of the recent political events in our country and around the world, and the increased vulnerability many individuals and communities are facing as a result of all that, I wanted the class updates this year to be somehow about challenging that. I asked my class of 2008 what they think is worth protecting in our communities, what they hold dear, and what they might already be doing to make sure we live in a world that is more just and accepting. Steering away from paranoia, hate, vilifying the other, and celebrating our diversity and celebrating each other. As usual, my cohort came back strong:

Nicole Brasseur: "I went into the field of public health because I believed it was important for everyone to have access to basic health resources and at least have a chance at living a healthy life. I currently work at Colorado's state health department



Nicole Brasseur's photo of the Women's March in Denver

coordinating a program that provides free cardiovascular screenings and healthy behavior support programs for low income women. To be completely honest, I'm taking the election of this administration and the likely repeal of the ACA pretty hard. My older colleagues tell me I can't give up and I guess I have no choice but to trust them."

Nurit (Yastrow) Friedberg: "Since the election, and especially the inauguration, I've been struggling with where to focus. There are so many important values that are threatened right now. I've been working with my Mom's Club on collecting items to help refugees with newborns who are settling in Columbus, hoping to make them feel welcomed and part of our community. I've also started to volunteer with Planned Parenthood, working to protect reproductive rights and healthcare access for women. Personally, it's also been a busy winter. We renovated and moved into our first home and are excited to be expanding to a family of four this coming summer. Hoping that I can be proud of the world I'm bringing my kids up in!"

Emily Garritson: "As I have now finished my medical training, I recently joined a small practice in Northern Indiana near my hometown where I practice medical and surgical dermatology. I am thankful to be a part of this community network of local physicians committed to providing affordable specialized health care to this underserved region."

Hailee Yoshia ki Gibbons: "I am a Doctoral Candidate in Disability Studies and University Fellow at University of Illinois at Chicago. I teach DHD 400: Disability and Human Development Capstone, which is a service-learning course in which students learn to put disability studies theories into practice by working with disabled people in the community, and also co-teach DHD 201: Disability, Rights, and Culture. My dissertation, Institutionalized Women with Dementia: The Complexities of Care and Confinement, is an ethnographic study of dementia units in nursing homes in Chicago. Using disability studies, aging studies, feminist, and critical race perspectives, it explores the lived experiences of old women with dementia and the women who care for them, and analyzes how gender, race, class, age, and disability intersect to influence care in an institutional context. My hobbies are basically nonexistent, but sometimes I lie on my couch eating ramen noodles and watching Netflix, which I justify by leaving my computer open. I hope to graduate in May or August of 2018, and finally end my 21-year career as a student."

Michael Litchfield: "Every day seems worse than the last in our political landscape, but I'm so very happy to see so many Americans standing up to this tyrant. At least we have that. I took some photos of the Women's March in Chicago and was asked to contribute a few to a good friend's



Michael Litchfield's photo of the Women's March in Chicago

website, Good Beer Hunting. While his website revolves around the beer world, he felt compelled to showcase the work and words of some of his collaborators as we took to the streets to show our support. I think, above all, love and acceptance are worth protecting in our communities and our world. It seems as possibly the largest hurdle to overcome these days, but I am committed to reflecting love and standing together against hate, bigotry, racism + misogyny."

John Obrycki: "I am researching several aspects of soil science and landscape level agricultural practices to evaluate which practices work well, and which practices may need to be modified, to ensure a stable soil base for agriculture into the future. I hope everyone is doing well, and yes, I still miss Western Woods."

Sydney Willcox: "I am sure we are all overwhelmed with the changing landscape of our new government, but I am grateful that we will always be there for one another to lean on, learn from, and fight with. Though there are countless concerns that pain me every time I open my news feed, my first worries are for the innocent people being discriminated against and families that will be destroyed by the racism and bigotry that are encouraged by the new administration's policies. Another great worry of mine is the ignorance of how to treat our planet and our bodies. The food business is my passion, and I am deeply upset over the favors that will be granted to corporations and capitalists that will wreak havoc on our land and continue to poison the agriculture we depend on. I am working at Whole Foods and also with smaller specialty grocery retailers to promote and sell food products from small companies that use all natural ingredients and methods. I am eternally grateful for my time with all of you at Western, and I recently thought about that time during the protests and marches that have been going on. The

spirit of Western is what first inspired me to #resist and stand up for the voices that need to be heard. Love to you all!"

Jessica (Slack) Yagi: "Domestic life continues to be grand as we raise our two daughters in Columbus, OH. My husband got his U.S. citizenship in April 2016. During the summer we hosted various young leaders from Africa as they participated in the Mandela Washington Fellowship at Ohio State. In my free time, I continue to volunteer and to speak about my service in Peace Corps Niger. At any chance I get, I encourage our youth to be open to the possibility of living in a foreign country to be able to get a global view."



Jessica and kids, on an excursion to Western

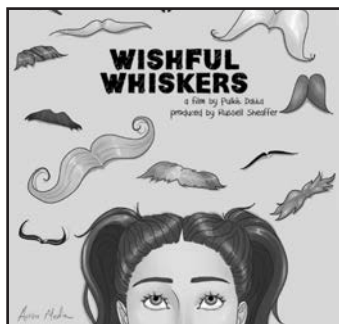
The Western Program



Martin, completing his cycle marathon in Taiwan

Martin Yip: “I value having insightful and respectful discussions with those who hold different opinions. I like what Neil Degrasse Tyson once tweeted: “I dream of a world where the truth is what shapes people’s politics, rather than politics shaping what people think is true.” Personal highlights: I recently finished cycling 200 miles in Taiwan in four days. It was a lot of fun!”

As a writer and filmmaker, I have been trying to figure out how to use the tools at my disposal to fight for the society I believe in.



Pulkit’s “playful children’s film”

All the projects I’m involved with are about going beyond traditional boundaries in some way, finding connections between people and groups, and giving a voice to those who might feel marginalized. I wrote and directed a short and playful children’s film that touches on gender identity; I’m co-producing a feature documentary about people with fibromyalgia and their struggles with the medical system; and I’m actively involved in the South Asian community in an effort to nurture stories by and about us to diversify the media landscape. These are some small steps, but seeing all the amazing work my cohort is doing in various fields, I’m hopeful that we will make a difference.

Pulkit Datta ’08
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Not to put the cart before the horse, but here’s what’s been happening with a few recent 3.0 alums. Remember, you have your own official *Bulletin* Rep now, and she’s ready, willing and eager to hear from you and share your news with all alumnae/i from WC 1.0 to WPC 2.0 to WP 3.0. Send updates and pictures to her now: hellofromhm@gmail.com.



Hannah Mills ’13

Shelby Stanovsek ’13 moved to Eugene, OR, this past September, to pursue a Master of Science degree in Media Studies at the University of Oregon. She credits her incredibly supportive and dedicated Western professor advisor **Katie Johnson** among others for helping to guide her on this latest adventure. Building upon her work at Western, she is conducting research to develop pragmatic strategies to aid children and adolescents in striking a balance in their digitally-mediated lives. She will be presenting at the 13th Technology, Knowledge and Society conference in Toronto next month, and has recently accepted a research assistantship in the psychology department’s Learning Lab.

Kate (McPherson) Haas ’14 writes: “I am currently in Dayton and working towards a master’s degree in Clinical Mental Health counseling. I am also hoping to take enough classes that I can do Marriage and Family counseling as well. Ryan (husband) and I enjoy going to the many parks around the Dayton area and are serving the High School Youth at our church.”

Alicie Nowland ’14 sends this update: “I graduated from the Western Program with the class of 2014 with an Interdisciplinary Studies degree in psychology, communications and international studies. Since then I have spent a year and a-half in New Zealand and Papua, New Guinea, as part of a nonprofit international missionary organization called Youth With A Mission (YWAM), spreading love and service work to native peoples. For the past year, I have been working in my hometown of Delaware, OH, at the community mental health center as a psychiatrist community support provider. I am also recently engaged to another Miami alum! I want to thank you for all the support and encouragement during my time in the Western Program!”

And finally, **Kayla Orta ’15** is one of eight Miami students to be nominated for the 2017-2018 Fulbright U.S. Student Program competition! As a WP senior, Kayla was a double major in International Studies/Individualized Studies, with minors in Chinese and German. She was an RA in Clawson, on the Dean’s Student Advisory Council and ASG International Education Committee. She studied abroad in Germany, South Korea, and Luxembourg and plans to use her Korean Studies Graduate Degree Grant for research in South Korea. As a recipient of the 2013 Boren Scholarship for International Study, Kayla commented, “Miami’s cultural diversity may not be as obvious to some, but once you’re involved in it you will see it every day. Coming from a town close to Washington, DC, this means a lot to me. I love meeting international students in my dorm and around campus.”

The Western Program, cont.

Message from the Director

Fragrant magnolia blossoms, when they are spared a late spring frost, are a welcome sign that winter is well behind us and that we will soon graduate a new class of Western majors. The 2017 class of 22 students is the largest that we have mentored through the program since 2010 and the quality of the senior project work is exceptional.



Nik Money

Reflecting the wider diversity of research topics adopted by the seniors, I will offer a brief description of two of the projects. **Marla Guggenheimer** has been passionate about environmental issues since she came to Miami in 2013. For her project, Marla has developed a middle school curriculum that makes use of a school garden to teach children about environmental sustainability and environmental justice. In a very different vein, **Rowland Taylor** is using his project experience to explore how music has been incorporated into Zen Buddhism. Rowland is a talented musician and his project has involved learning to play the traditional Japanese shakuhachi flute. This instrument is played in the Zen practice of suizen with the aim of achieving self-realization. Rowland has also helped Western to develop a modest recording studio in a repurposed room in Peabody Hall. Technology for this space has been purchased using financial support from a number of sources, including the **Catharine A. Gerber Fund** established by Don and **Betty (Sipe) Gerber '52**. Recordings made in the studio will become part of Rowland's submitted project. Other senior projects are equally inspiring and include studies on global healthcare systems, race on campus, and relationship psychology.

The petals will have dropped from the magnolias by the time that many of you read this message and our graduates will have left Oxford with their varied expectations. Best wishes from Peabody Hall.

— Nicholas P. Money

Western Program Director/Professor of Botany

Update from the 39° 84° West Student Center

Greetings Western! What a year it has been! I am happy to report that this cohort of Western students has been an absolute pleasure to work with. We are coming off some of my favorite events of the year. Over the past week, we have begun our Senior Project Presentations, giving each senior 20 minutes to present what they have been working on for the last year. The presentations have, without exception, been incredible. The senior class is incredibly talented and has delivered some inspiring research and action projects. This cohort has been particularly interested in issues surrounding Food, Philosophy, Art, Power Systems, Student Behavior, Animal Behavior and Communication and Perception.

But it's not all work at Western these days. This past weekend we held our second annual WestFest (think Ernst Fall Fest, but in the spring).



Garrett, posing in front of the more robust (as compared to the fall picture, above) Bird Wall in the Student Center

One of our seniors, **Julia Olmsted**, organized the music festival, pulling five bands from the Cincinnati area and coordinating all the sound, food, and marketing. It was a resounding success! Ernst was full of live music, food,

and good company. Western students of all ages came out in numbers to set up and enjoy the festival.

I wish I could go into all the details of the events of the semester and year, but here is the short laundry list edition. We have had astronomy nights, a paranormal investigation, philosophical conversations over tea (weekly, in fact), movie screenings, lectures, ecological restorations, and bonfires just to name a few! Using some funds from the **Catharine A. Gerber Award for Creative Use of Technology** (thanks Gerber family!), one of our seniors was able to retrofit our quiet study room into a fully functional recording studio. We are hoping that this studio will aid creative student projects

and are anticipating some really cool products coming from the space in the near future!

Reflecting on my brief year as the Student Activities Coordinator, I am happy to report that another superb year for the Western Program is almost in the books. Our commitment to interdisciplinary thought is evolving in unique new ways with each new class, and as always, we are fostering engaged citizens and passionate, lifelong learners. It has been my pleasure and privilege to have spent my time with the current iteration of the program we all love.

— Garrett Gust '16
Student Activities Coordinator



*In case you can't read the t-shirts and banner, it's WestFest!
Western students of all ages came out in numbers to set up and enjoy the festival.*

The Class of '17 Graduates May 14 in Kumler Chapel!

Their robes may be Miami red, but the Western Mace sits on the Western blue tablecloth.



At Area Clubs . . . Westerners Meet, Eat, Speak



Renate Crawford

The March 23rd New York Club meeting was a resounding success. Billed as a “Spectacular Western Gathering,” the luncheon, held at La Fonda Del Sol, Manhattan, lived up to its billing. The highlight of the afternoon was the glowing remarks from the group’s special guest, **Dr. Renate Crawford**. All were impressed with the energy and enthusiasm exuded by Miami’s new University Ambassador.

Among those who attended were the five from the **Class of '67** pictured here: (from left) **Lola Schmidt Stanton, Joan Barenholtz, Stephanie Smith Siegfried, Elisa Kessler Caporale, and Sue Maderer**. Others in attendance (not pictured) included **Lynne Drucker Albukerk '64, Sue Anderson '74, Sophia Karayannides Browne '65, Lusandre Chaudruc '66, Jan et Smith Dickerson-Stephens '65, Hazel Williams Drew '66, Evie Small Hohler '64** and husband Larry Hohler, **Sue Lutz May '66, Sara Wedeman** (daughter of **Marty Hall Wedeman '46**), and MU staff member Heidi Bartel.



WCAA staff members and **HA's Kaye Wolke and Debbie Baker** (far right) attended the Columbus Area meeting to update attendees on what’s happening in the office. Lots! Convening on April 8 at The Wine Bistro restaurant, in Westerville, were (from left) **Leslie Kent Cohen '79**, Sabra’s guest, **Sabra Dolan Foster '65**, organizer **Betsy Salt '74, Jan Campbell '73**, guest speaker and transformative life coach Jane Russell (Chris’s spouse), **Jan Chadwick '67**, and **Chris Moranda '74**.

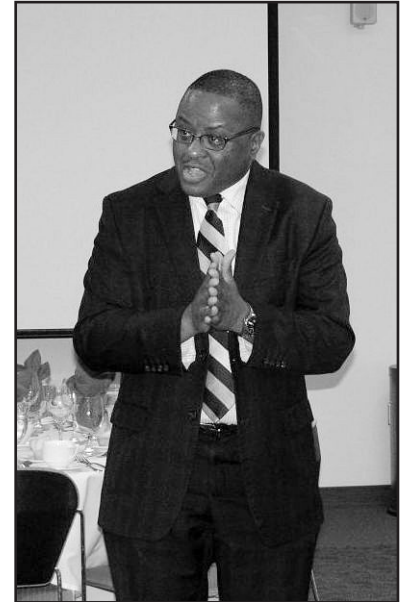
From the Archives . . .

University Archivist **Jacky Johnson** reports that all is well with the Western College Memorial Archives, now safely installed in its new home at King Library. Officially, according to the website, the University Archives has merged with the Walter Havighurst Special Collections Department, located in 321 King Library. The Archives space houses materials from the following institutions: Miami University, Western College, and Oxford Female College.

The staff in the Archives recently added approximately 5,000 new pieces of material to the Mississippi Freedom Summer Collection. Materials from the 2014 and 2009 National Freedom Summer Conferences were sent to the Archives from the Center for American and World Cultures.

An upcoming event this fall will feature Dr. Sharon Herbers, Ed.D., Associate Professor, Dreeben School of Education, The University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, TX. Dr. Herbers is the author *Tennessee Women*, in which she devoted a chapter to **Lilian Wyckoff Johnson**, who succeeded **Leila McKee** as president of Western College, and served from 1904 until 1906. More recently she wrote an entire play about her: *Aunt Lilian's Deed*, chronicling the period in Dr.

Johnson's life (1932-1935) when she donated her property to Highlander Research and Education Center (HREC), in Tennessee, and remained involved with the social justice leadership school. [See the fall 2015 issue of the *Bulletin* for an account of a ceremony at HREC, in part honoring Dr. Johnson.] Dr. Herbers will be on the Miami campus to speak during Ohio Archives Month, October 2017.



Dean Jerome Conley

Jacky was on hand to assist her boss, Dean of University Libraries **Jerome Conley**, when he hosted a dinner-tour of the new facility, and presented a slide show for the WCAA Board of Trustees, meeting in Oxford, April 25-27.

Elsewhere on Campus . . .

In April, President Crawford honored 23 students for their contributions to campus and the community through service and leadership with the President's Distinguished Service Award. Among the honorees was **Chelsea Appiah MU '17**, who was profiled in the spring 2016 issue of the *Bulletin*. The WCAA had awarded Chelsea a newly created Western College JOY Scholarship for study abroad during Miami's so-called "J-Term" (two-week winter term between semesters), enabling her to travel to the Dominican Republic, where she worked with a Christian organization ministering to children.



Chelsea Appiah

No surprise, then, that Chelsea — with a professional writing and interactive media studies double ma-

— was recognized for "serving as orientation leader, resident assistant, president of her sorority, MADE@Miami peer leader, career assistant and student court justice and on the National Panhellenic Council." During her junior year, she had also been involved in the Black Action Movement, participating in discussions with the university administration on diversity issues.

And, also with WCAA funding — in support of the arts — Miami's Performing Arts Series presented *Judgment at Nuremburg*, an LA Theatre Works production of "one of the great courtroom dramas of the last century, which became an Academy Award winning film," on April 13 in Hall Auditorium.



Send your news — and pictures! — for the Fall '17 Bulletin NOW.

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June Regan Young

Donor

Marian Martin Hawver
Julaine Beasley Kinchla
Jennie Fredley Klim
Anne Walthart McMains

1959

Clawson Club

Ann Ferguson Zeigler

Century Club

Suzanne Rhodes Crankshaw
Sis Moeller Horst
Martha Jane Knox Juel
Diana Koch Mascali
Hatsumi Takenaka Whitehead

Donor

Mary Jo Porter Brown
Judith McMillion Custer
Lucretia Bilsland Galloway
Peggy Mayer Hill
Thalia Crane Sudnik
Jane Toy Thomason

1960

Peabody Society

Sara White Arn

Clawson Club

Catherine Bauer Cooper

Century Club

Nancy Kohlman Freeman
Patricia Alman Halbig
Janet Sandrock MacEwen
Susan Getz Morris
Ursula Seeler Parobek
Mary Flagler Rachau

Donor

Claudia White Gilmartin
Ann W. Hammond
Sally Allen Masters
Mary Barber McKechnie

Joan Harrison Sievers

1961

Peabody Society

Gail Howell Litwiler
Anne Adkins Weissenborn

Clawson Club

Cynthia Ackerman Horne
Cecelia Ann Kendrick McCrillis

Century Club

Flora Zimmerman Cohen
Jeanette Kirkpatrick Duvall
Sharon Botsford Moyer
Mary De Jong Obuchowski

Donor

Sandra Baarsch Baumgardner
Ann Bronaugh Kyle
Marianne Fagel McCulloch
Lynn Bernheim Reese
Sally Vinnedge Smith

1962

Peabody Society

Doris Ning Wong

McKee Circle

Judith Dudman Henderson

Century Club

Judith Amos Hubbell

Donor

Judith Bauer

1963

Peabody Society

Susan Berryhill Hill

McKee Circle

Florence Firjanian McGurk

Century Club

Brenda Litchfield Benson
Jill Hartley Fulton
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Ellen Brower Brightly
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Marjorie Keppel Gross
Sharon Williams Hansen
Jane C. Pendley
Margaret Bradley Sanford
Elizabeth Doerr Steponkus
Nia Jones Terry
Emma Sue Nave Wilson

1964

Peabody Society

Linda Roscoe Felicetti

McKee Circle

Alice I. Baker
Yvette Small Hohler

Clawson Club

Lynne Drucker Albukerk
Grace Good Bailey
Nancy Fierbaugh Collier
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Century Club

Carol Shuler Butcher
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Donor

Janet Wood Beaven
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Faith A. Evans
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1965

Peabody Society

Katherine Egolf

McKee Circle

Frances E. Hoffman
Sylvia G. Stanfield

Clawson Club

Margaret Gaebler Morscheck

Century Club

Betsy Smith Ames
Margaret Warnock Carlough
Rita Gehlhoff
Barbara Wood Johnson
Kathleen O'Brian Lillich
Sue Brewer Thompson
Shirin Kassam Velji

Donor

Pam Eggers Gill
Phyllis B. MacConnell
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Kathy Fansher Parnell
Ann Tetrault Raynor
Sandra Gray White

1966

Peabody Society

Margaret Wilmer Bartlett
Suzanne Lutz May

Ann E. Walton

McKee Circle

Kathi Ramsey Goldsmith
Edith Taylor Molumby

Clawson Club

Charla A. Coatoam
Jane Graham Murphy

Century Club

Brenda Grant Davis
Hazel Williams Drew
Nancy Fryer Fishkin
Carol Schaefer Judd
Carol Maturu Ward

Donor

Nancy Boynton Bogan
Cynthia Crosson-Harrington
Charlotte A. Dickerson
Leanna Jones Houston
Sylvia Hoffman Swartz

1967

McKee Circle

Joan A. Barenholtz

Clawson Club

Carolyn Sparks Kokalis
Cheryl Christian Kugler
Annie Wu Lee

Katharine Ehrgood Sturm

Century Club

Janina Chadwick
Jane Gayley DuBois
Myrna Hanson Logan
Stephanie Smith Siegfried
Marlene Benjamin Tuttle
Jo Ann Brombaugh Wittmann

Donor

Jean B. Ager
Muriel Gillette Alexander
Lois Dickey Coyle
Frances Powell Harris
Blanche S. Kung
Carol Stone Lehman
Jane F. Underwood

1968

Peabody Society

Susan Blake
Patricia A. Jayson

McKee Circle

Ella Weingarten Iams
Jennifer French Sponsler

Clawson Club

Cecelia M. Peabody

Century Club

Susannah Davids
Jeanne Flowers Foster
Patricia Robins Lacey
Nancy Niver
Leslie Weirman Riley
Francine Toss
Barbara Williamson Wentz

Donor

Susan Hackley
Hayat Imam
Ellen M. Myette
Susan Williams Oblinger

1969

McKee Circle

B. J. Gibbons Bramlett

Century Club

Robin L. Bartlett
Penny Earle Cook
Carol Carlander Currie
Julie Cook Downing
Sally L. Fliess
Annette Bevan Gallagher
Cecelia Henig
Cynthia Harrington Hochberg
Virginia Weckstrom Kantor
Nancy Wilson Kobayashi
Ann Noble
Carolann Herrold Sharp
Betsy Summers Solis
Lynnette Jones Turner

Gloria Jordan Wilber

Donor

Betsy Philipson Kensinger
Karen Kling Plumb
Stevie Bentzen Snook

1970

Peabody Society

Linda Bartruff Hickey

Century Club

Candice McDaniel Dalbey
Ruth Senft Noyes
Ellyn Trautmann Pflug
Patricia E. Pinkowski

Donor

Mary Hoge Miller
Denee Dusenberry Stevenson
Nancy Stevenson Townsend

1971

Peabody Society

Christine Jordan Blanchette

Clawson Club

Pamela Waldron-Moore

Century Club

Linda Brooks Larsen
Joanne Blayne Linhard

Donor

Karen Shelly Arias
Joanne Billerman
Ligia M. Galarza
Janet Verbeyst Melamed
Nancy Stokes Saumsiegle
Deborah Ricketts Tolley

1972

Clawson Club

Linda C. Tuxen

Century Club

Pamela J. Aduskevicz

Donor

Sue Smith Farmer
Sarah Smith

1973

Clawson Club

V Joan Campbell

Century Club

Susan F. Adland
Helene Pasquale Cella
Marcy Jackoway Cornfeld
Ann M. Powell

Donor

Elisabeth Cook Coady
Carol A. Cornett
Linda Li Ng

Gita Wijesinghe Pitter

1974

Peabody Society

Elizabeth A. Salt
Jocelyn F. Woodson-Reed

Century Club

Nancy Anderson
Christine Moranda

Donor

Sue Anderson
Karen J. Kleinknecht
Ann Crowley Pagano

1975

Century Club

Mary Logan Foard

Donor

Susan Hamilton Himeles

1976

Donor

Elizabeth Rugg Grybko
Pheetta G. Wilkinson

Western Program Alumni

Peabody Society

Christopher Jennings 1983
Jan B. Montgomery 1982

McKee Circle

Benjamin D. Gibbons 1994

Century Club

Ann M. Culek 1982
Julie J. Kimsey-Carroll 1983
Barbara A. Knuth 1980
Jonathan Ralinovsky 1992
Kathryn Pendergast Wolf 1979

Donor

Emily B. Brown 2007
Kent D. Ernsting 1978
Karla Schneider Guinigundo 1999
Audree K. Riddle Boggs 2010
Catherine E. Sherron 1992

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McKee Circle

Linda Green Donaldson
Donna and William Matson

Clawson Club

Norman A. Felsenthal
William T. Trainer

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Muriel L. Blaisdell
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Congratulations and Thank You to Our Donors!

Of our active Western College Alumnae, 18% contributed to the WCAA in 2016. Not impressive you say? Considering that nationally for all colleges and universities the average is 12% and for public universities only 9%, our 18% speaks volumes for a college no longer in existence! Also very impressive — Miami University posted a 19% giving rate for 2016.

Memorial Gifts

Louise Kell Ozdemir '21

Mihrican Ozdemir Havens '56

Lois Wiggins Newman '29

Henry County Community
Foundation

Eleanor Van Dervort Talbot '34

Susan Mayer Falter '57
WCAA Dayton-Miami Valley Club

Marjorie Lloyd Liggett '39

Jane Lloyd Cantoni '50

Martha Hall Wedeman '46

Yvette Small Hohler '64

Susanne Durrell Hunt '47

Lauren Hunt

Louise Wilson Braley '50

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Marjorie Grahn Winter '50

David Winter

Suzanne Off Schrope '52

Catherine Ross Loveland '52
Joanne DuBois Shafer '52
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Helen Potts Felsenthal '56

Norman Felsenthal

Barbara Frazey Kenney '57

Edward Kenney
Donna and William Matson

Dixie Harris Trainer '58

William Trainer

Deceased Classmates

The Class of '59

**Deceased Classmates, Western
College Friends and Professors**

Susan Getz Morris '60

Elizabeth Flender Webber '62

Robert Webber

Susan Ray Woodworth '66

Jay N. Woodworth

Carol Dornan FF

Annie Wu Lee '67

Alumnae Weekend Gifts

Anniversary year classes contributed **\$58,790**, including a special gift from the Margaret and Marshall Bartlett Family Foundation, Inc.

Non-anniversary year classes contributed **\$8,975**.

Western Program contributed **\$100**.

TOTAL ALUMNAE WEEKEND GIFTS: \$67,865

Club Gifts

Columbus Area Club: Patterson Place Preservation

Dayton-Miami Valley Club: Patterson Place Preservation

Indianapolis Area Club: Patterson Place Preservation

TOTAL CLUB GIFTS: \$310

WESTERN COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, INC.

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE MODIFIED CASH BASIS

December 31, 2016 and 2015

ASSETS	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Cash	\$175,505 (b)	\$62,389 (b)
Investments (Market Value)	183,693 (c)	207,641 (c)
Other Assets		
Antiques and Art	39,875	39,875
Gift Shop Inventory	9,319	9,599
Total Other Assets	<u>49,194</u>	<u>49,474</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$408,392</u>	<u>\$319,504</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Sales Tax Payable	2	9
Fund Balance	408,390	319,495
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$408,392</u>	<u>\$319,504</u>

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND FUND BALANCE MODIFIED CASH BASIS

Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

REVENUES	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Alumnae Giving:		
Annual Fund Gifts	\$51,698	\$57,091
Patterson Place Preservation Gifts	100,563	19,750
Legacy Gifts	8,221 (d)	64,195 (d)
Reunion Gifts	68,015 (e)	14,517
Endowment Gifts	<u>14,093</u>	<u>148,825</u>
Total Giving	<u>242,590</u>	<u>304,378</u>
Other Revenues and Additions:		
Reunion Weekend Revenue	7,845	8,508
Gift Shop, Patterson Place, Misc. Revenue	3,810	5,336
Interest and Dividend Income	1,367	1,983
Gain (Loss) on Investment	<u>(3,456)</u>	<u>(8,025)</u>
Total Other Revenues and Additions	<u>9,566</u>	<u>7,802</u>
TOTAL REVENUES and ADDITIONS	<u>\$252,156</u>	<u>\$312,180</u>

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

EXPENSES	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Alumnae Relations (including <i>The Bulletin</i> , Clubs, and Annual Reunion)	\$42,691	\$59,106
Fundraising and Stewardship	9,627	6,311
Legacy Project Expenses	0	35,000 (f)
Operations	17,308	17,712
Patterson Place Expenses	0	776
Education: (g)		
Archives	0	176
International Scholarships	1,354	1,894
Peabody Scholarships	4,476	3,700
Study Abroad Scholarships	<u>750</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Total Education	<u>6,580 (g)</u>	<u>8,270 (g)</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>76,206</u>	<u>127,175</u>
TRANSFERS		
Annual/Reunion Gifts to MU Foundation and Miami University Fund	64,741 (e)	15,779
Transfer Legacy Funds to Foundation Endowment Gifts to MU Foundation	8,221 (d)	293,857 (d)
TOTAL TRANSFERS	<u>87,055</u>	<u>458,461</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES/TRANSFERS	<u>163,261</u>	<u>585,636</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	<u>88,895</u>	<u>(273,456)</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$408,390</u>	<u>\$319,495</u>

(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 \$175,450 is held by Miami University for the benefit of the WCAA.

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

(d) Legacy Gifts received 2013-2015 were transferred in 2015 to a Miami University Foundation Expendable account. The Legacy Circle, which commemorates The Western College for Women, was completed in January 2017.

(e) Includes individual gift of \$50,000 to establish a new scholarship.

(f) Legacy Project Expenses are pre-construction site 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 2016-2017, Miami University provided an original budget allotment of \$122,775 for salaries and benefits.

2016- 2017 Scholarship Recipients

WCAA ALUMNAE SCHOLARSHIPS

Jacob Henderson Almeda
Casey Strong Gallagher
Hamza Ahmed Malik
Abigail Anna Marshall
Paige Alexandra Pennington

PEABODY SCHOLARSHIPS

Fritzi Mueller Beckett Scholarship

David Beka-Binyam
Tara Lee Flaherty

Marian F. Hawk Scholarship

Sherry Kay Akins
Mark Travis Ball
Brandi Michelle Hubbard
William Ray Lane

Gary Thomas Ratliff

Malcolm D. Hill Scholarship

Lan Phuong Dao
Lori Beth Miller

Phyllis Hoyt Scholarship

Megan Lee Boggs
Danielle Marie Boyd
Carolyn Ann King

Maureen Patricia Ruppert

Jamie William Sanders

Barbara Frazey Kenney Scholarship

Holly Nicole Green
Kelly Anne MacLennan

Pruthvi Patel

Mary West Liggett Scholarship

Eman M. Abu-Alwafa
Tiffany Hollon
Deidrea Leary
Paul James Richmond
Gary L. Wenzel

E. Ramona Newton Manners Scholarship

Emily Marie Morgan-Crosby
Tisa Marie Williams

Susanna Rieley McIntyre Scholarship

William Michael Morgan

Helen Kaslo Osgood Scholarship

Lori Beth Miller
Pruthvi Patel

Rowena Snyder Scholarship

Sherry Kay Akins
Sarah Mae Beaver
Shawnette Marie Davis

Berta Marie Fuentes

Tiffany Hollon

Danielle Rosean Northcutt

Elizaeth Fern Purkey

Abigail Jean Roberts

Tisa Marie Williams

Mary Wylie Wilson Scholarship

Kelly Anne MacLennan

General Peabody Scholarship

Cachet Kamika Byrd

Jean Michelle Collins

Lan Phuong Dao

Natasha Renee Deifendahl

Rachel Michele Dodd

Rhonda Hensley

Deidrea Leary

Elizabeth Fern Purkey

Stephanie Anne Marie Richardson

Quratulain Sami

Coya Nelms Taylor

Jamie L. Whitmore

Elizabeth Alice Wilburn

MULTI-CULTURAL INTERNATIONAL

Grace Chu Scholarship

Hamza Ahmed Malik (Pakistan)

Burat Koray Polat (Turkey)

Mboya Family Scholarship

Yvonne Hellen Opuch (Kenya)

Multicultural Scholarship: International

Ayush Damani (India)

Yvonne Hellen Opuch (Kenya)

Burat Koray Polat (Turkey)

MULTICULTURAL U.S. RESIDENT

R/L/V Scholarship

Dennis E. Bowman

Graciela Rose Hart

Leslie Mathew Maliekal

Multicultural Scholarship: U.S. Resident

Adam Jorge Joesten

Garrett Joseph Stevenson

STUDY ABROAD

Jean Boyd Cable Scholarship

Alexandra Marie Formens

Florence Prendergast Cockerell Scholarship

Aaron Phillip Kawamura

Bridget Nicole O'Dell

Marie Iandoli Scholarship

Chanell Upshaw

McKenzy White

Anna Reece

Koons Family Scholarship

Grace Catherine Jackson

Josephine Nachemson-Ekwall

Lois Wiggins Newman Scholarship

Jessica Jo Beigel

Bridget Nicole O'Dell

Shannon Marie Johnston

Grace Osgood Scholarship

Chase Armond Connor

Grace Catherine Jackson

Joseph Thoms and Sarah Darnall Resor Scholarship

Chase Armond Connor

Abigail Jane Culppepper

Josephine Nachemson-Ekwall

Alice Schacht Salt Scholarship

Sara Kammer

Rowena Snyder Scholarship

Aaron Phillip Kawamura

Josephine Nachemson-Ekwall

Cameron Derek Vaske

Edith H. Von Tacky Scholarship

Altagracia Cooper-Reynoso

Angela Miyuki Day

Judy Kalbfus Waldron Scholarship

Jessica Jo Beigel

Susan Ray Woodworth Scholarship

Monica Lynn Werden

Lydia Zimmerman Scholarship

Monica Lynn Werden

General Study Abroad Scholarships

Elizabeth Atkinson

Thomas Aaron Krohn

Bryan Hiroshi Kubota

Kelsey Ann Lehr

Divya Mahadevan

Martine Ronchetti

Astrid Seifert

Laura Sirpoma

Julia Marie Snodgrass

Madelyn Grace Trummel

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Cecelia Jane Burtis

Alexis T. Chavana

Altagracia Cooper-Reynoso

Angela Miyuki Day

Elizabeth Diane DeJohn

Emily Love Evans

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Aaron Gabay

Bailey Grace Gebhard

Sarah Rose Glavin

Carla Electra Janet Joseph

Jessica Means Joyce

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Morgan Nguyen

William John Ostertag

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Hannah S. Peterson

Svitlana Albertivna Podolyan

Sarah Elizabeth Powell

Nicole Marie Radish

Elaine Rachel Ross

Jenny Ann Scarborough

Sydney Lynn Scribner

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Imma Sumaita

Kaira Ann Teschke

Caitlyn Elizabeth Wallace

Emma Grace Watson

Alexander Harris Webb

Claire Elizabeth Weigand

Kadeem Leopold Yorke

Olivia Odie

Tara Rebecca Verghis

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS

Clara Appel Scholarship

Samantha Anderson

Mary Elizabeth Bender

Danielle Erin Dailey

Mary Erin Lee

Mary Erin Lee
Katelyn Ann Morgan
Ashley Marie Overby
Jessica Lyn Sherlock
Claire Ellen Stemen
Samantha Usher

Margaret Wilmer Bartlett Scholarship

Ruby Sunshine Cribbet
Nicole Ann Nieto

Alma Bremer Scholarship

Peter James Brechting
Andrew Ernest Koopman
Bemnet Negatu
Dallin Harshadhai Patel
Kaylie Christine Sampson
Alexander L. Staron

Micaela Beth Wexler

Evelyn May Davis Scholarship

Virginia Alexandra Agee
Dane Alexander Galloway
Genevieve Elizabeth Nenninger

Casey Garnett Rhew

Catharine A. Gerber Technology Award

Brant Center
Billy Thompson
Max Leverage
Mike Taggart
Joe Melemik

Hieronymus Family Scholarship

Benjamin Alan Sorg

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

Edgar and Patricia Snowden Scholarship

Bridget O'Dell

Lois McCullough Whitter Scholarship

Jessica Jo Beigel

WCAA Creative Arts Scholarship

Molly Erin Burns

WCAA Memorial Scholarship

Arcadia Laurel Davies

WCAA Trustee Scholarship

Allyson Marie Cousino

Arcadia Laurel Davies

Zachary Scott Sudnik

Western College Scholarship

Daniel James Bartlett

Rebecca Erika Braun

Marcela Caraveo Cohen

Natalie Marie Kellamis

Robert Austin Riggs

Olivia Ryan Rizzo

Madelaine Nicole Scott

Zachary Stephen Vanderink

Shannon Nicole Wilkes

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 Trustee Scholarships Awarded to upperclass Western Program students who exhibit exemplary leadership. One-time partial scholarships based on merit and financial need, renewable up to three years.

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.



Smiling down from the Patterson Place bridge (left to right): Morgan Nguyen, Rebecca Braun, Jake Almeda, Sydney Scribner, Yvonne Opuch, (trustee Patricia Snowden '64), and Paige Pennington

In late April, a few of our scholarship recipients took a break from finals to visit Patterson Place for a reception with the WCAA Board of Trustees.

One hundred eighty scholarships/awards totaling \$575,608 were distributed for 2016-2017 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

Narka 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
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
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
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 Albuquerk '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
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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

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