



*Marjorie & Bill Liggett: Western-Miami Merger
& Western Legacy*

From the WCAA Director

Hello Westerners!

We hope you are looking forward to a joyous holiday season. All of us at the Western College Alumnae Association extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones as we celebrate the conclusion of another exciting and eventful year. We are so thankful for all that we have accomplished — and with an abundant amount of fun along the way!

The highlight of the year was most definitely the debut of the Western College Legacy Circle and the dedication of the Liggett Parlor in Patterson Place with the many members of the **Marjorie Lloyd Liggett '39** family. What a memorable day that was! We absolutely cannot wait to have the dedication for the Circle at Alumnae Weekend, June 9-11, 2017, and really hope you can plan to be there. I hope you will love the final product as much as we do. It is so fun to see the students putting it to good use and reading the history panels. I know I speak for the WCAA Board and staff when I say it is everything we wanted it to be and more.



Mackenzie Becker Rice

We have had many other notable occasions as well. We welcomed home several alumnae for Alumnae Weekend 2016 and held successful club gatherings in Columbus, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, and Washington DC. We give thanks for the many spirited alumnae we get to spend time with who make our work as WCAA Board and staff so inspiring and full.

We remain deeply grateful to all of you for the success of the WCAA and look forward with eager anticipation to new opportunities that await us in 2017. It is not a coincidence that we have been going strong for 42 years, but instead directly attributable to the strong Western alumnae base committed to the same values and ideals that made Western College the unique place it was. Thank you for traveling with us on this journey to carry forward the Western legacy.

Wishing you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons!

In the Spirit of Western,

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

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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: Portrait of Marjorie and Bill Liggett, ca. 1986, provided by the Liggett family

Anchor alert: We welcome your archival stories and pictures. Can you find one in these pages? Hint: Look for the Meily Society .



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What's on Your Mind

Margaret Wilmer Bartlett '66 delivered the inspiring keynote address, excerpted here, at the Alumnae Weekend 2016 Closing Service in Kumler Chapel. To read her speech in its entirety, you may request a copy from the WCAA office or go to our website: www.miamioh.edu/wcaa

My whole life I have heard it said that the library is the heart of the college or university. I contend that for many of the people I encountered during my four years as a student at Western College for Women, historic Kumler Chapel was the heart of the campus — not the library. The library was the center for cognitive research and rigorous concentration. Kumler Chapel was the place for one's heart, one's inspiration, religion, beautiful music, moral values, meditation and reflection, and dreams of a good future. I enjoyed singing in the choir. In four years I never missed a Sunday.



Dr. Margaret Wilmer Bartlett

... I am so proud to stand here today, because Western College provided an excellent education for women and made my career in publishing possible. My interest in women's rights and the Civil Rights Movement expanded here at Western. This brings me to the main point of my speech: the struggle for social justice.

Throughout my life social justice has occupied an important part of my thinking. ...

...

After four years at Yale, in 1957, my father became the Dean of the Berkeley Divinity School, which today is part of the Yale School of Theology. He influenced us by talking to us about the Civil War: the terrible loss of life, the abolition of slavery, as well as the importance of the Civil Rights Movement and the ecumenical movement, all of which sparked my interest in social justice. My parents attended the World Council of Churches conference in New Delhi, India, in 1961. Growing up I experienced the value of diversity. On August 28, 1963, my parents attended the March on Washington. For history I wrote a paper, titled "Sherman's March to the Sea" to indicate how the North won the Civil War.

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During the ordeal of very competitive college interviews, Western College for Women was recommended to me as the Mount Holyoke of the Midwest, a seven-sister-level college that was also a leader in international education with a strong emphasis on diversity, which was meaningful to me.

Breakfast with the college president, Dr. Herrick Young, was a highlight of the Western College for Women Freshman Orientation. Kippers were served. We felt very privileged. Dr. Young, formerly a missionary in Iran, gave us a better understanding of how peace may be achieved in the Middle East. The president set the tone for four years of study that included a focus on one continent per year to learn world culture, two semesters of required intercultural studies, and an atmosphere of inclusion with many international students. The environment really resonated with me, first, because of my experience of having lived in Europe, second, due to my early exposure to the Civil Rights movement, and third, because of my experience working with Navajo Indians. One of the courses I studied in 1966 was Africa in Modern Times, a course that in the 1960s was not part of every college curriculum.

In addition, I was very impressed to hear the many assertive students who spoke up distinctly to participate in student government. In contrast to the reserved, conventional way I had been brought up, they spoke in a forthright manner about their qualifications. Furthermore, the political activists, who represented the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee spoke in a practiced, professional manner with confidence. This was a new experience for me, because I had been taught traditional female skills. Furthermore, my former school had stressed silence to teach concentration. At both schools I had the full benefit of education designed to empower women. Empowerment of women continues today even with coeducation.

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Creative Writing provided me the opportunity to compose different types of prose and poetry to submit for publication. This course was similar to an internship. Professor Ruth Limmer, a published author, demonstrated the specific, concrete steps involved in pursuing a professional writing career. This had a direct impact on my future publishing career. She taught us to think "So what?" to define our purpose, theme, or claim. How is the reader going to benefit by reading your article or poem or novel? She offered a Creative Writing seminar to simulate graduate study and professional dialogue.

I knew at Western that I wanted to write nonfiction books. I had first-hand experience of major social justice themes: World War II, the Cold War, the Civil Rights Movement, and the Women's Movement, beginning with the emphasis

on advanced education for women, the increased entry of women into the workforce, and the struggle for wage parity. Today we even have a woman running for president.

At Western it was evident that we were part of the quest for world peace, civil rights, and gender equality despite the obstacles presented by discrimination and the backlash against women. However, I also learned never to assume that lofty ideals lead directly to productive, rewarding work. On a practical level, each person has to take a stance and make life decisions. Will working for an NGO be more constructive than entering missionary work or teaching? I felt very proud to learn that the Freedom Summer workers were oriented on this campus. The summer of 1964 my college really took a stand with important results. This is one of the most significant legacies of Western College.

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The Radcliffe Publishing Procedures Course consisted of lectures and dialogue-oriented activities. The students worked in teams. The world of communication unfolded before me. One assignment was to read a manuscript and decide whether it should be published. On job day I read the postings. There was an opening in the Law Department of Little, Brown & Company. Because my grandfather was an international lawyer, I said to myself, "This job suits me."

My introduction to the workforce began with typing zip codes into the customer mailing list. Soon I learned how to design advertisements for law books. When I was promoted to the Production Department after three months, I worked on 40 different tasks for the Production Editor.

During my tenure at Little, Brown, the CEO conducted an analysis of the entire company to study tasks and wages. The female employees knew that their salaries were lower than those of their male colleagues. We were told that men are the heads of households and thus deserve higher pay. Of course, women are also heads of households: single women, widows, and single mothers. However, equal pay for equal work was still in the future. Still, after filling out the three-page form, I felt that for the first time my work was professionally valued. This may have been one of the most important days of my three years at Little, Brown.

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To return to the theme of social justice, I will briefly mention the Long Island Historical Society, where I worked for ten years both professionally and as a volunteer. Standing in a vault, I assisted the librarian who was in charge of cataloguing the collection of rare books written during the American Revolution, which were filled with all of the principles of democracy. I was elected a Director before the organization undertook a million-dollar renovation. Then fast-forward to the M.A. that I earned in International Affairs at Drew University in 1988. During the required United

Nations semester, I wrote about the peacekeeping force in Cyprus. Because civil war between the Greek Cypriots in the southern part of the island and the Turkish Cypriots in the northern part necessitated intervention by the United Nations, the citizens lost their human rights.

Studying the situation in Cyprus has provided me with a perspective on the problems confronting women in the United States involving prejudice and backlash. In my latest research for my dissertation, one chapter of which will be published January 2017 in the *Journal of Cyprus Studies*, I discovered empirical evidence that Cypriot women during the 1960s were not paid even 50 percent of the amount that men were paid. I am proud and thrilled that this article will be published by the *Journal of Cyprus Studies*. This can be considered a breakthrough in social justice, because although I stressed the point that in Cyprus, churches and mosques restrict women, I was not turned down. I hope to publish the dissertation next.

My advice is to pursue your intellectual interests, always balancing your life with wellness, religion, fitness, and friends. Concentrate on your passion. For me it is social justice, which began in my youth, was enhanced at Western College, and has continued throughout my life.

Regrettably, most of Margaret's incredible biography has been omitted because of space limitations. However, she wanted to emphasize the Sewanee experience, saying, "I can remember being 8 years of age in Tennessee more than any other year of my childhood."

We had not settled in Tennessee for long before a major controversy erupted. In the fall of 1951 the report of the Christian Social Relations Department of the Provincial Synod of the Episcopal Church recommended that the southern seminaries be racially integrated, which is the mission of the church. After the resolution was adopted by a vote, the Episcopal Church advised the University of the South that St. Luke's Episcopal School of Theology would be racially integrated. Because separate but equal was the law, the University Board of Trustees chose not to admit African American students. The Episcopal Church believed it was unethical to build a separate theological school for African Americans, who deserved the mainstream and the best preparation possible to successfully navigate the reality of racial tensions. ... The small town was in an uproar with both sides of the dispute over integration furious. Fortunately, my father was not singled out for character assassination. Other faculty members, however, were harassed. The atmosphere turned very nasty. We experienced the hatred of racism.

— M.W.B.

Two Legacies Intertwined: The Liggett Family & Western

On October 8, 2016, the Board of Trustees of the Western College Alumnae Association formally dedicated the Marjorie Lloyd Liggett/William N. Liggett Parlor at Patterson Place “in honor of their lifelong commitment to their family, friends, community, alma maters, and the value of education.” In attendance were some 35 members of the extended family, having traveled from several states — including Hawaii — for the occasion. A gala luncheon at the Marcum Center preceded the reception and presentation at Patterson Place, which was followed by the debut of the Western College Legacy Circle on campus, also honoring the Liggett family. [See pictures on pp. 46-47.]



WCAA President Sharry Patterson Addison '61 welcomes guests and fellow trustees and asks all to identify themselves. Hawaiian leis were presented to trustees by Reese Liggett and his wife, Suzan Harada, who live in Hawaii.



WCAA past president Rev. Judy Dudman Henderson '62 (left) delivers the invocation, and Miami University Provost Phyllis Callahan offers a Miami welcome



Provost Callahan said, in part:

Miami deeply values the relationship we have with the WCAA. I have worked with the WCAA Board as both Dean and Provost, and I have seen firsthand how dedicated and passionate the Western alumnae are. It is truly a unique and mutually beneficial relationship that Miami and Western have. The Western family has been very generous to Miami over the years, awarding over \$9 million in scholarships to deserving Miami students, endowing the Western College Professorship, raising funds to preserve Patterson Place, and of course, establishing the very exciting Western College Legacy Circle, which I know you will debut later today.

We have to look no farther to understand the Miami/Western relationship than to look at Marjorie and Bill Liggett, so I am honored to be a part of this celebration of the Liggett family's dedication. Marjorie, a 1939 Western College graduate, and Bill, a 1939 Miami graduate and 1974 recipient of an Honorary Doctorate, clearly had a deep and profound love for both Miami and Western. They gave generously of their time, treasure and talent to both Miami and to Western. ...

And true to their love for both Western and Miami, we are so grateful for their lead donations to both Patterson Place and the Western College Legacy Circle. It is so fitting that their names will be in prominent places on the Western campus, places that are important to both Miami University and the Western College legacy.



Marjorie and Bill, ca. 1980



Members of the family identify themselves (top), and fourth generation Liggett progeny take over the children's table.

*The program of dedication began at 2:30 with a warm welcome from WCAA Vice President **Janet Smith Dickerson-Stephens '65**. Trustee **Suzanne Detlefsen Meyers '66** then read a short history of Patterson Place — the building — and former WCAA President **Sylvia Stanfield '65** recounted the harrowing months-long saga of saving the historic building from pending demolition. Below are excerpts from their remarks. Finally, the resolution was read by current WCAA President **Sharry Patterson Addison '61**, and the plaque was unveiled. [See next page.]*



Janet

“We are absolutely delighted that you, as the family of Marjorie and Bill Liggett, chose to honor your parents while at the same time help us to preserve this important building. This currently is the number one fundraising initiative for the WCAA, and evidenced by the 2:1 match that Miami is offering, obviously also very important to them. ...

“Now, our beloved Marjorie and the honored Bill will have their name in the parlor. The parlor is the family room of this house. It is where many important presidential guests gathered in the time of Western College, and now is the home to Western College alumnae gatherings. It is where the Board meets, and small classes are held. We know that family was so very important to Marjorie and Bill; this is clear by the attendance of their families here today. So to have their name in the Parlor, the center of it all, is so very fitting.”

“In 1891, James Patterson, a 1858 graduate of Miami University, who had inherited the 70-acre site, decided to build a summer home in Oxford. He constructed the two-story, seven-room house of brick with a porch on three sides. The house did not have central heat or running water, except for a pump in the kitchen.



Suzanne

“Patterson was an active member of the Oxford community, giving his time and donating money and land. He was one of the largest donors to the University Alumni Library, contributed to the student loan fund and endowed the McFarland Mathematical prize. He was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 1899 and 1908 and received an honorary degree in 1912.

“After Patterson’s death in 1913, Patterson’s sisters, Miss Alice Patterson and Mrs. George Bishop, negotiated a lease arrangement with incoming president, Dr. William W. Boyd. Within two months, the sisters decided to gift to Western the home and property.

“Patterson Place served as the home of Western College presidents until 1974. When the college closed, Miami University

granted use of the building to the newly established Western College Alumnae Association, Inc.

“This house has always had a Miami/Western connection. The name Patterson carries forward that important connotation. And now the Parlor named in honor of Marjorie, a Western alumna, and Bill, a Miami alumnus, will only further this very important and unified relationship between Miami and Western.”



Sylvia

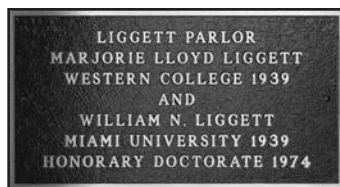
“I’ll never forget the months of April and May 2015. ...We were planning for the reunion that summer and all was well. I then get a visit from Miami’s [then-President] David Hodge ... and I was more than a little surprised to hear that the University intended to take down our home, Patterson Place, to make way for a new residence hall.

“Certainly their reasoning made sense — they were short on beds ... wanted to close the geothermal loop And of course Patterson Place was in need of many repairs. All understandable, but still upsetting nonetheless. The Board then later had a meeting with President Hodge [and others], where we made a very strong case that it should be saved. ...

“But it was then that the Miami and Oxford community really began to show how much they care for the history of Western. They wrote countless letters to the President and Miami Board of Trustees. Many of them attended the Board of Trustees public meeting and spoke up. And the students came out in full force ... too. They were infuriated and outraged that Miami would even think to take down such a beautiful and historically important building on such a picturesque setting. We didn’t know how much Patterson Place was also part of the Miami story!

“It was truly inspiring and amazing to see the Miami and Western communities come together to fight for the common good. It made it so very clear that Miami and Western are now in this together. We are united, like Marjorie and Bill, in our love for both Western and Miami. Having this parlor named for both Marjorie and Bill could not be a more appropriate tribute. It is also representative of the close association of the WCAA and Miami University.”

From the address of Col. William Reese Liggett, USAF ret. in response to the unveiling of the dedication plaque:



My what a lovely setting of remembrance — of Western, Miami, and my parents. Personally, I enjoy the living museum quality of older residences like this ... I feel like part of the past. ...

Marge and Bill Liggett met in Ripley, Ohio, where my mother summered to work in her family's newborn, shoe manufacturing business ... Bill clerked summers in the bank where his father was cashier — the manager of a small country bank. Not long after meeting in Ripley, they were at Oxford — Western and Miami respectively. My father had a board job waiting tables, he sold advertising for the *Miami Student* — rising to business manager, and he drove a laundry truck picking up and delivering laundry for an uptown business. He played in the marching band, was a member of Phi Kappa Tau and was admitted to Omicron Delta Kappa at graduation time in 1939. I don't know much about my mother's Western years except that she was a *strawberry* — and that's Western insider stuff I presume. We family couldn't help but note and admire her wide collection of strawberries: dishes, table ornaments, pins, et cetera.

A year out of college Marge and Bill married in Marge's parents' in Portsmouth — another Ohio River town about an hour from Ripley. ... They settled in Ripley where Bill continued to clerk in the bank. I've seen the house many times from the outside where they rented on Third Street — that's third street from the Ohio River. ... The war came and my father had a federal banking job with the FDIC, and he was exempt from the military draft that was populating America's largest armed forces ever. But my mother told me just a few years ago that Dad felt left out and unpatriotic — he asked for her agreement ... and he went for Naval Officer training at Yale ... and then he was off to the Pacific where he served for the final year of the war ...

Back to the FDIC Dad went, until in 1948, when he began work for First National Bank of Cincinnati until his retirement as Chairman and CEO in 1984. Also in that time he served as a Western Trustee, President of the Miami Alumni Association, and as a governor-appointed trustee, and finally Chair, of the Board of Trustees at Miami.

Marge supported his career with a terrific home life and together they raised two boys and two girls. ... Three of us are Miami alums. And throughout their lives my parents loved and supported their alma maters ...

So it is fitting that their last major gift supports this former Western College president's residence, on the Western campus of Miami, now a museum — a historic token to remember Western by. And by dedication of this room it will recall Marge and Bill Liggett's devotion to the colleges that gave them such a fine start — and a lifetime of devoted pleasure in their service and support of both Western and Miami.

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Whereas: Rarely have so many members of one family given so much in so many ways for so many years to their alma maters. The family of Marjorie and Bill Liggett is such a family; and

Whereas: Since the early days of the Seminary, Western College has been the beneficiary of their counsel, their service, their financial generosity—in short, their loyalty and love.

Whereas: Patterson Place, previously the home of Western College presidents and now the Western College Alumnae Association, Inc., survives today as a testament to the loyalty and love of Western's many alumnae and friends. Foremost among contributions to save and restore this historic building was yet another generous gift from Marjorie Lloyd and William N. Liggett; and

Whereas: Marjorie Liggett served on an advisory committee overseeing the redecoration of the Patterson Place Parlor in 1974; Bill Liggett, as a trustee of the college in its final years, undoubtedly took tea here following meetings with presidents Young and Spencer; and

Whereas: The WCAA Board of Trustees is deeply grateful to the children and family of Marjorie and William Liggett for determining that the use of their estate gift shall be used for the preservation of Patterson Place; and

Whereas: In special recognition of this generous gift and with deep gratitude for all that they have done for Western College and Miami University, the WCAA recommended to the Miami University Board of Trustees that the Patterson Place Parlor be named in honor of Marjorie Lloyd Liggett and William N. Liggett, truly a fitting tribute for a family so deeply rooted in Western College and Miami University. Such naming proposal was approved on February 19, 2016; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That: In deepest appreciation for all the Liggett family has done for Western College and Miami University, the Parlor in Patterson Place is now the Marjorie Lloyd Liggett (WC 1939) and William N. Liggett (MU 1939, Hon. Doc. 1974) Parlor.



After unveiling the bronze naming plaque that ultimately will be mounted in the parlor or foyer, Reese Liggett spoke for the family. Janet Smith Dickerson-Stephens '65 closed the ceremony and directed guests to the Legacy Circle.

Meet Your New Trustees

Loretta Ryder '62 graduated from Western in 1963 with a B.A. in Music, subsequently receiving a Master of Arts degree in Humanities and a certificate in elementary education from Wayne State University. She enjoyed 41 years of teaching at every level from second to seventh grades in two of the Detroit Public Schools, the second of which was a gifted and talented program.



Loretta

Her degree in music has not gone unused, however. She sang with the Kenneth Jewell/Detroit Symphony Chorale from 1971 until its dissolution in 1991, is a soloist at Christ Church Detroit, and sings with Opera Lite, Cantata Academy, and Christ Church Grosse Pointe chorales. She is learning to play the cello at the Michigan State Community Music School (hoping to be proficient before her octogenarian years) and plays clarinet in the regular and jazz bands there.

In addition, Loretta is a member of the Board of Directors of her cooperative townhouse association, for which she writes the monthly "Nicolet Notes."

Barbara Williamson Wentz '68 majored in sociology at Western. After spending many years as an at-home wife, mother, and volunteer, she returned to school to earn an M.A. in sociology from Texas Women's University, Denton, TX, in 1991. She worked as a social worker and program manager in the field of adoption in Cincinnati from 1991 until 2013, when she retired. She also presented workshops and training on adoption and parenting, and offered consulting services to other mental health professionals on the issues of adoption as well as coached adoptive parents to help them deal with challenging children.



Barbara

Barbara believes her most important accomplishments are her terrific marriage of almost 48 years, their two children, who have grown into wonderful adults, and their four grandchildren ranging in age from 10 to 20. She and Erv have recently moved into a retirement community in Hamilton — earlier than necessary, but planning for possible future needs. Barbara appreciates the opportunity to return to the Western Board of Trustees.

Loretta and Barbara were elected for three-year terms (2016-2019), along with former trustee **Suzanne Off Schrope '52**. Sadly, Sue passed away October 6; she will be missed especially by the Curatorial Committee, which she chaired, just as they begin the arduous work of evaluating and dispersing Association arts and artifacts.

Also elected to replace Board of Trustees members whose terms expired June 30, 2016: President **Sharry Patterson Addison '61** (two-year term); First Vice President/Treasurer **Janet Smith Dickerson-Stephens '65** (two-year term).

In her new role as WCAA President, Sharry offers a few thoughts ...

First and foremost, Western College was ahead of the times. Consider the welcoming of foreign students in the '50s, establishing the international program with seminars and trips abroad, global initiatives, the emphasis on social justice, and the landmark event of Freedom Summer 1964.



Sharry

Today's Western is in close partnership with Miami: We are in regular contact with Phyllis Callahan, Miami Provost. Former president David Hodge committed to perpetuating the Western legacy and traditions. Efforts were made to make the new buildings on our Western Campus blend in with the ones we all loved. Several of our dorms have been (or are being) fully upgraded, as was Kumler Chapel.

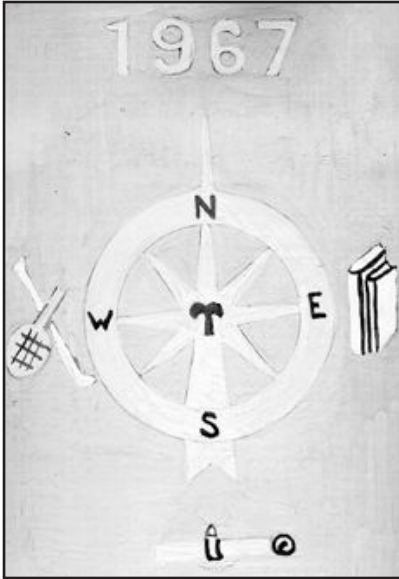
As the 50th anniversary of the Freedom Center was celebrated at Miami, President Hodge dedicated the year to the legacy of that summer, and the commemoration ceremony was held in Kumler Chapel during Alumnae Weekend 2014.

Current president Gregory Crawford specifically mentioned Western College twice in his inaugural address, and the Western Mace, on loan from the WCAA, was carried in the academic procession. The Western College Memorial Archives now has a permanent home in Miami's King Library.

In sum, Western legacy has influenced Miami, and Miami both acknowledges and appreciates it. It has been a very compatible collaboration. Your Board will continue to keep this strong connection.

If you would be interested in serving on the Board — or would like to recommend someone for future election — talk to a current trustee or contact the office: WCAA, Inc. 325 S. Patterson Ave., Oxford, OH 45056; 513-529-4400; wcaa@miamioh.edu.

"We can't believe it has been 50 years!"



As we approach our 50th college Reunion, which will be held on Western's campus June 9-11, 2017, we find that during 2016 classmates have dealt with problems ranging from the terrorists to floods and to health problems. Nevertheless, all affected have coped and are looking forward to a happy get-together in June.

With regard to what was happening in cities across Europe, **Elisa Kessler Caporale** and I exchanged notes with each other and with our classmates living in the affected areas. We heard from **Rauni Pellikka**, who lives in Brussels, 48 hours after the attack there. She reported that physically she was OK,



Rauni

but could easily have been at the airport or on the Metro that day, but at the last minute decided to stay home. The mood in her city was one of sorrow, anger and incomprehension. While the death toll that first day was just 35 people, over 200 were seriously wounded and there was fear that the toll might be higher. During those early days the emergency level was a 4, the highest possible. Trains, trams and bus transportation was limited, museums, expos, cinemas and restaurants were closed. After tensions eased and normalcy began to return, Rauni was able to vacation in Palma de Mallorca.

Elisa and husband John were planning a trip to France in March with a few days in Nice followed by a river cruise to Paris. I put her in touch with **Leslie Lavigne Rothschild**, who is a psychotherapist in Nice. They were able to meet one day for a quick lunch when Leslie was between clients. Elisa reported that Leslie's husband Pierre died about 10 years ago, and that she has two grown children. Later when trouble erupted there on Bastille



Leslie

Day, we both contacted Leslie to make sure she and her family were safe and doing well. Her son, David, and his family, who live in Nice were out of town that weekend. Her daughter, Nathalie, lives in New York and her son was in Antibes with his father, so that family too was spared the horrors. That night Leslie had gone up the hill to the village of Vence to a concert. Normally upon leaving there she would have driven down to the Promenade area to get home, but for some reason she decided to take the voie rapide, a road that was calm and sprinkled with people returning from a night out. This was just 10 minutes after the attack on the Promenade, though at the time she didn't know about the terror. When she walked into her apartment a few minutes later, she found a message from a friend telling her to stay away from the Promenade area because of what had just happened. Hopefully the tensions in Nice are now easing and people are recovering from a night of barbarianism.



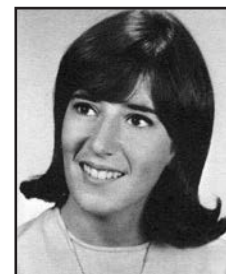
Diane

A third European city facing unrest, not once but twice is Istanbul, home of Hadi and **Diane Eby Ozbal**. They had planned to fly to Boston to spend time with son Jon's family and luckily chose a flight leaving the day after the Istanbul airport bombing. Although

the airport was a mess, they were allowed to board the flight and leave.

Elisa and John were in the Boston area to spend time with a new granddaughter and thus were able to meet with Hadi and Diane for lunch. When our nightly news began reporting the attempted coup in July, I contacted Diane with the hope that all was well with her family. In her reply she stated that she, Hadi, daughter Rana, her husband and their two children had left the city that Friday afternoon, before the troubles began, for their now 10-year-old archaeological dig located in a small backwater area far away from major cities. She said they felt safe in a nowhere town where they know their way around and have a strong support group of locals, which makes the dig the best place for them to be during the troubles.

Back here at home the Southwest has been facing some nasty fires, the Midwest and East Coast flooding and rioting. Only one classmate in these affected areas reported any problems. **Gloria Tumino Molella** and husband Chick were awakened by the noise of the tornado Hermine. They live at the Landings on Skidaway Island in Savannah, GA. Gloria reported that the street one block to her left was hit pretty badly by the tornado



Gloria

which then turned around and hit the street two blocks to the right of them. The damage on those streets was horrific but at least no person was injured. After many frightening hours and many prayers, Gloria found she had only minor damage to her house and yard. In other news Gloria says she was so happy to be almost 72, healthy, active and full of energy. She is used to walking four miles a day, golfing three times a week and biking and swimming, until recently. Two months ago she was diagnosed with a herniated disk and was to have back surgery fusion on September 29. Her attitude is great — she survived breast cancer 16 years ago and two bouts with pneumonia and is not about to be defeated by this, especially since she wants to be in Oxford in June! The Molellas spent six weeks this summer in Millbrook, NY, with their children and four grandchildren but Gloria had to sit on the sidelines. Here's to better times, better health and a June party!

Carolyn Sparks Kokalis also wrote of health issues. Pain in her right hip is pretty bad and she is awaiting better numbers on her next blood sugar test before her doctor will let her go ahead with replacement sur-



Carolyn

gery. Otherwise she reports she is doing well and enjoying life in Ft. Myers, FL. All three sons are married, with middle son Jeremy living in Jupiter, FL. She sees him and his two daughters monthly, and recently did a grandmother's reading day at the eldest's school. Her oldest son, David, and wife live near Riverside, CA, and her youngest son, Darren, lives in Maryland with his family and another granddaughter. Carolyn has retained her second home in Lewes, DE, a summer meeting place for the family. She indicated that she sees and talks with Hex a lot, and is definitely planning on being at Western in June to catch up with other classmates.

Heard from **Carol Hoexter "Hex" Mandel** while I was reading the note from Carolyn. She has had a busy year. Three grandchildren underwent Bar Mitzvahs, and she and husband Steve did a lot of traveling. In addition to visiting with Carolyn, they



Hex

signed up for a Bridges tour and took eldest grandson, Jacob, to London and Paris. Later they made a road trip to Cleveland to visit the Rock and Roll hall of Fame and to visit friends. Eventually they arrived in Chicago where they met up with friends from the early days of their marriage and discovered that their first house still existed. Before returning home they went to Milwaukee to help celebrate a cousin's 100th birthday. Back home again Hex is playing golf, bowling, and rooting for the Mets and Cubbies. She is grateful for her good health and wishes that for all classmates and that they enjoy each day!

Gunvor Fink Moeller announced that she had just found her certification that showed she had been officially awarded the title "Fink of the year" 50 years ago by Western College. She also received a Fink switcher. At 73 she is still going strong. She lives with her husband of 47 years and they both enjoy spending time with their eight grandchildren. Gunvor volunteers with an organization that



Gunvor

works with refugees from Syria and Eritrea. Those seeking asylum must stay in the community for three years, find jobs and try to learn Danish. Gunvor's job is to teach and to organize. Travel also has been part of her year. Daughter Hanne and family are now living in Nairobi, where she works to help empower women. During Christmas 2015, nine family members visited them in Africa where they spent a delightful New Year's Eve sleeping outdoors in a Masai village. In April of this year, Gunvor and husband Paoul made a trip to California to visit family and friends. On the plane she reread her diary written during her time at Western and was amazed by how much she had noted about life on campus. This and much more was a topic of conversation during their visit with **Susan Blake '68**. Later this summer Gunvor hopped on her bike and made a 175 km tour by herself from the western part of the island Sjaelland to Copenhagen.



Heather

Heather Antell Abed has spent this summer moving the contents of her 30 years in Walnut Creek, CA, to a new home in Santa Barbara. This move will put her closer to her sons and their families and make it easier to be a part of the lives of her four granddaughters. Heather stays in touch with Elisa, Diane and **Penny Corcoran Decker**, whom she will encourage to join her at Reunion.

Received two notes from **Joan Barenholtz**, who at the time was in Italy exploring the

Italian Lakes. In the first, she reported how proud of herself she is to finally have decluttered her apartment. That done, she turned to her 8x8 kitchen, refaced the cabinets in a shiny Merlot color, installed white quartz counter tops, then turned her attention to the floor. Before she retired from her job with a



Joan

floor manufacturer, she bought some wood flooring, brought it out of storage and had that installed. She is now ready for visitors. Her second e-mail was about her trip to Italy with a Roads Scholar group. One of the things the group did was take a cruise around Lake Como, stopping for meals, visiting villages and looking at lovely villas from the boat. She was to return home at the end of September following a Last Supper of wonderful Italian food. Her health has been good since a bout with pneumonia seven years ago and a lumpectomy six years ago. If it remains so, she will plan on a trip to Western.

Paul and **Ruth Kline Keppler** spent 12 days in August visiting Las Vegas, Zion, Bryce, and Grand Canyon national parks. They also went tubing on Lake Powell, hiking in Antelope Canyon with an Indian guide and walked out above the Colorado River to get



Ruth

a look at Horseshoe Bend. It was great to be young enough and her two grandchildren old enough to enjoy these amazing adventures. In September, Kepplers hosted Tom and **Pat Troyer Leipzig** and Jeff and **Ann Verdon Leisenring** at their second home in the Berkshire mountains of Massachusetts. It had been a long time since the six of them had been together, and the four days flew by too quickly. The women spent much of their time reminiscing about their wonderful four years at Western and entertaining their husbands with their hilarious stories. Each couple has two children and several

grandchildren, who also were topics of discussions and anecdotes. Ruth hopes that all



Pat

of us stay healthy this next year so we can attend this big Reunion!



Ann V.

Ann Coleman Lynn sent a "Hi!!" to all her classmates. She and husband Fred have been living in Scottsdale, AZ, for 21 years



Ann C.

and still love it there. Their son Jeffery and wife Lindsay live in London with 5-month-old daughter Hannah. Ann can't believe it has been 50 years since we left Western. Neither can **Judy Mason Betz**! She and Gary will do their best to make it to Reunion and our big party.



Judy

Elisa Kessler Caporale is planning to be there too. When not traveling, Elisa makes baskets. Her work currently is on exhibit in two shows. The first submission was to a conference in Seoul, Korea, on Bojoagi. Her piece there was a modern rendition of an old stitching technique and the background material was a piece from her new coat freshman year at Western. The other exhibition was a juried show at Durst Gallery in New York City, where she had a large crocheted piece on display. Congratulations on this achievement! Elisa also reported that daughter Clemencia is teaching at Frostburg



Elisa

State University in Maryland, and husband John is hard at work helping to plan his 50th reunion at RPI and is very active with the American Italian roundtable program in New York City. Condolences to John who lost his mother this spring!

In previous *Bulletins* **Muriel Gillette Alexander** told of her trials with degenerating hips which led her to hip replacements in 2014, and of buying a small farm in the Ozark Lake area of Missouri. For this *Bulletin* she sent information on other ways she keeps body and soul together. She and husband Mike enjoy driving around Alaska, seeing the sites, camping out or fishing. They especially



Muriel

enjoy showing their many visitors the beauties of Alaska. Muriel is a gardener with six raised beds for vegetables plus areas for flowers, particularly roses. On occasion she writes, but more frequently can be seen painting, mostly in oils — she's done over 110 — but sometimes in acrylics or water color. At other times she plays music. She learned to play the organ freshman year at Western and is accomplished on the piano, violin and guitar. She reads historical fiction and crime murder mysteries. Now that her hips work again she sometimes plays tennis or rides her bike. She hoped to get down to

Oregon in November to see her son and new grandson. Muriel also is looking forward to Reunion and meeting up with former roommate **Jan Chadwick**.

Jo Ann Brombaugh Wittman and husband Jack are so fortunate to be able to continue traveling. They especially enjoy cruising. Thanksgiving last year was spent in the Bahamas. They avoided January's snow storms by cruising in the Caribbean and celebrated Jack's 75th birthday on a trip through the Panama Canal which took them to several new countries. In August,



Jo Ann

they drove up to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, where the weather and scenery were beautiful but the traffic rapidly became unbearable, and also visited Cape May, NJ. It was hot and busy there but they found eating in the restaurants to be a wonderful experience. Back at home, Jo Ann enjoys golfing, yoga, water aerobics, line dancing and playing the piano for other seniors. She has been out of touch with classmates so is looking forward to June's Reunion and catching up with friends.

Two late entries arrived from classmates hoping to attend. **Kathy Hanisko Jaffee** writes: "So, here's the story standing on one foot. Mark and I have been married for 46 years and have two amazing children.



Kathy H.

Our daughter Sara is a professor of Developmental Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania. Our son Brian is the director of The Jewish Foundation in Cincinnati. Each of our children has a 9-year-old and 7-year-old daughter and those four girls are the lights of our lives. I taught first and second grade for 35 years in the Oberlin Public Schools and then taught prospective teachers at Oberlin College. I just retired last year. Mark taught high school math for

45 years and retired two years ago. Now we both get to spend more time with family. Teaching seems to be the family business. We are looking forward to the Reunion and I am especially looking forward to reconnecting with friends I haven't seen in decades."

And, from **Chris Agas Collins**: "My high school class (150 members) has rekindled our relationships and it has been a joy. The Western 50th reunion is bound to do the same. My husband, Max (Miami grad) and I are lawyers and happily practicing together



Chris

north of Baltimore. Our schedule is often set by our cases and the courts. We try to reserve August for time off. June is not a good month for us. However, if we can see our way clear we will come to the Reunion. Definitely will encourage others to attend!"

Jane Underwood wrote that after teaching high school social studies for 32 years at her alma mater in Chicago, she retired in



Jane

2000. Now she spends most of the year at her cottage in Saugatuck, MI. She has volunteered at the local historical society, League of Women Voters and her church vestry. Summer is her favorite season with swimming and sailing during the day and concerts and plays in the evening. Life is Good!

Lynn Strothman Pilgrim has been trying to downsize the home she has lived in since 1977. One of her projects in de-cluttering has been to scan old photos into the computer. She has found gems from her freshman year at Western with a few showing the insides of Mary Lyon Hall. She treasures her memories of Western and the very special friends she made there. In April, she and husband Ron returned to Minnesota from their Florida home. Their son, his wife, and three children live a half hour away so now

the grandparents can attend hockey games, Tae Kwon Do, and other activities as well as share more family time. Face time is a weekly event with the 2-year-old. Otherwise



Lynn

Lynn is playing in two golf leagues and goes for long walks with Ron.

Many thanks to those of you who helped write this column. I appreciate your quick response to our short time frame! Thanks too for your prayers and words of encouragement during this pneumonia bout. After six months, I am no longer needing to use the oxygen during the day but do sleep with it. In mid-November I will undergo some testing



Kathy E.

to determine if my lungs are sufficiently clear to end both the oxygen and medication. This can't come soon enough! Regardless, I plan to be in Pennsylvania for Christmas with the family and in Oxford in June. See you there!

Also both **Cheryl Christian Kugler** and **Mary Brubaker Garman Miller** have said they will try to be at Reunion. Sounds like we will need a big dorm since many say husbands want to come.

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Elisa Kessler Caporale and Leslie Lavigne Rothschild meet in Nice, France, for lunch.



Gloria Tumino Molella and husband Chick celebrate their 45th anniversary.



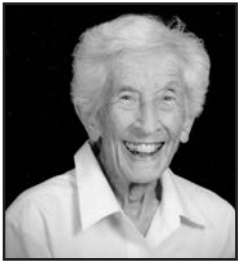
Visiting in Boston, Diane Eby Ozbal and husband Hadi (center) lunch with John Caporale. (Missing from picture: Elisa Caporale.)

"We have survived and can share many memories"

'41



"Each year to ancient friendships adds a ring as to an oak." I do not know about the



Suzy, Sept./2016

oak but this year we are seven. All things considered, I think we have survived and can share many memories. I continue to drive, shelve books as a volunteer at my branch library, do my own shopping and try to keep up with our

crazy world. I hope you all can say the same or similar and that we'll meet again.

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'45



I don't have much news to report this time, but we have only 18 women still listed for the class of 1945. Only 40 of us graduated that June, and we have addresses for about 10 of those. We are all over 90 by this time, and I think we have done well to have so many of us reach this age.

One of our class members, **Beth Shirk Bevan**, made it to 92. For the last few years I have been corresponding with her daughter, **Annette Bevan Gallagher '69**, who gave me up-to-date information about Beth. At the end of May this year, I received her letter saying that Beth had died in April. She sent a card from the funeral showing a picture of Beth as she looked at Western and then a recent picture, and she looked only a few years older than she did at 16. Her son had written a lovely poem at her death:

The woodland edges slumber
Softly peepers sing
Where talismans of Summer
Are the simple flowers of Spring
Trillium and Iris
Below where Cardinals nest
Into the forest dreaming
Mary Bevan goes to rest.

Jane Harris Bugnand wrote that she is living in an independent apartment in Buch-

ner Villas in Austin. She exercises, swims, walks, and goes on trips with friends. She has recovered beautifully from her broken back of two years ago, but she is using a walker.

Marilyn Inskeep Fischer writes often and calls me occasionally. Her daughter, Mary, was invited to run in the NYC Marathon this year. Her grandson, Eric, will get his Ph.D. later this year. Her granddaughter, Megan, received her master's in May in French Instruction. A year ago, Inky attended the Indiana Alumnae luncheon. Attendance was low, but **Pam Watts Coates '70** and **Sue Off Shrope '52** were there. Both are on the Board. [Editor's note: Sadly, Sue passed away October 6 after a short illness.] I (Dickie) have a new phone service that allows me to call long distance "for free," so I talked to Inky last week.

I also talked to **Kit (Ethel) Jarvis Fischer** this past week. She attended a granddaughter's wedding on the weekend that Margie and I were at our 70th Reunion in 2014. She was sorry to have missed it. Her big endeavor is writing her memoirs. She has finished — and published — volume 1 on her childhood and is planning eight more segments. She has belonged to a writing group for 15 years.

As I was typing the news, the phone rang, and it was **Margie Gasche Ewing**. She had just returned from a six-day trip to see the Statue of Liberty and her daughter in Philadelphia. Margie has a wonderful caregiver, who drives her wherever she wants to go. She also went to California to take care of her friend Hal while his family was away. At the moment she is studying about Australia. She says she is in fairly good health.

Mildred Walker Elberfeld, who lives in a retirement home in Hamilton, says "it's fine, but it's not home." She got over to see the campus and said she doesn't like the new memorial [Freedom Summer Memorial] because it ruins the beautiful grass and hillside by the chapel. The large new buildings on the campus change the whole place.

And now for a little news of me. Most important — I am still driving. In Illinois we have to take a driving test every year. My examiner said I was a good driver. While I still run the library here at Westminster Place, I have given up most of my church work. I still get back to my high school to work on our data base of alums and take minutes at our Alumni Board meeting. I acquired hearing aids this past spring which makes it easier to hear what goes on at meetings. My third grandson got married last September in Houston.

I hope you'll send me information about yourself. Don't wait until next year. Send me a note anytime.

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'46



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See Blue Card, page 43!

Also see Post Script, page 34, for late news.

'47



Alumnae Weekend '17: Celebrating 70 years!

A long letter from Kate Chapman the daughter of **Barbara Bell Hunter** "who left this world to sing with the angels in August 2015" told how she and her sister learned about their mother's unique experience at Western when they accompanied her to our 50th Reunion in 1997. They learned about faculty at dinner tables, daily Chapel and the importance of high standards for academic classes. After Western, Barbara got an advanced degree in biology from Ohio State. A tradition of higher education for their family.

I talked to Delores Farney, a good friend of **Emily Greenland**. She said Emmy was in good health and happy in her home in a care community in Indianapolis. She sees Emmy almost daily and says she still has her sense of humor and keeps those around her smiling — just as she did at Western!

Mary Lou Feller Epremian is very happy in her new home in a retirement community in New London, NH. She likes it so much her best friend bought a condo across the street, and her son Jeff and his wife, who now live in Virginia just outside Washington, DC, also bought a retirement condo very near her! Mary stays active with book club and local politics.

I called **Maxine Murray Long** in Colorado — she couldn't talk! Her kitchen had been invaded by a swarm of bees!! and the exterminator had just arrived. To be continued ...

Jane Alexander Durrell wrote, "I just had my 90th birthday and the family rallied



Anne Mack Dean (seated) with Dickie McKasson Pletcher (left) and Ellen Pletcher Marsden, spring 2016

round. My family as well as **Sue Durrell Hunt's**. Sue is no longer with us but Sue's husband, her kids and grandkids were there." Jane says she is not fully comfortable moving into the 90s. She has had two hip replacements and is now moving with more ease and speed.

Susan Sargent Hunt sent a Blue Card! She wrote that at 91 she has led a full life. She has had successful cancer surgery, her family lives close by. They had a lovely family reunion with people coming from Florida, California, and New York state. She corresponds with **Jane Osgood Tatge '49** and ends with "God Bless You All!"

I keep in touch with **Ellen Pletcher Marsden** and **Dickie Lou McKasson Pletcher**. We meet at Dickie's house in Baltimore once a year when Ellen comes to Maryland from Duluth, MN, to visit her daughter and they come down to Baltimore to visit Dickie. Ellen loves Duluth in spite of the cold winters and is active in book groups and attending music and theater. Dickie lives a quiet life with two sons and a friend who help with the house, the cooking and shopping. She and I continue to read a lot with the help of Large Print books.

I wish I could call all of you but I am running out of time. I am scheduled for hip replacement surgery on Sept. 27. I'll join the group and hope to be able to walk without a walker. Please write any time and I will see it gets in the next fall edition of the *Bulletin*. Thank you.

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P.S. **Barbara House Crenshaw** is looking forward to moving to Stone Mountain, GA. She will be in a retirement community very

close to her daughter, the doctor. Later her son will be over to help with the sorting and packing. She'll let us know her new address.

The end of the wasp saga: **Maxine** reports "Wasps are nasty. They are not your friend!" While fending them off with a fly swatter she was bitten and still has a sore, swollen bump on her arm. The wasps had nested on the outside of her chimney and the exterminator exterminated them with a spray.



We '49ers are happy these days if we can walk, stand or sit without help, as many of us cannot, but we are still thriving under what may be difficult circumstances!

Jane Carpenter Jones and Bill still live in Nantucket, MA, which they believe is a good place for a long life. In June, they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Two sons and one daughter-in-law graduated from Lehigh University. David is in the Florida Keys and Stephen is in Houston, TX. Each winter Jane and Bill spend two weeks in the Keys near David.

Judy Winger Snook says that not too much has changed for her, except for a very slow macular degeneration which impacts her reading a bit. She has given up the editorship of the resident photo directory (about 1,540 pictures). She is still the circulation manager and liaison with their printer, and treasurer of the Green Spring Episcopal/Anglican Fellowship. She still drives, but not at night. Her older sister, Betty, died last October in Florida. Her family had a very satisfying party after the service, some of whom she had not seen for a long time.

Bunny Bartizol Proctor, at the last minute, missed driving to the Reunion with **Betty Huttenbauer Heldman**, but they do get together occasionally for lunch. [Our condolences to Betty, whose husband, John, died October 17.]

Bunny is looking forward to visiting the finished Legacy Circle with Betty and **Joyce Rinckhoff Snell '52**. Things that keep her happy and involved are volunteering at a retirement home nearby (taking them to chapel, and playing bridge with three of

them weekly), opera, symphony, quiet times, and staying in touch with friends. She has had several health glitches, but presses on, enjoying the moment.

Margot Freudenthal Kaufman volunteers with an assistance league, as well as different scholarship committees. For relaxation she makes ceramic animals and figures. Her granddaughter just got engaged, and will be married next July. Her daughter, Lynn, has been a planner at Lake Tahoe, but plans to retire. After perfect health, Margot had a surprise mastectomy last summer. We wish our classmate a speedy recovery.

"I'm in pretty good health," says **Guileen Lindsey Manuel**, who was pleased to get her driver's license renewed for another year. "Vertically I am shorter, and horizontally I'm wider." She writes herself sticky notes (like many of us) to remind her of things to do. She has been alone for 14 years and has adjusted to a quieter life. In April, she went to a family reunion in Utica, NY. In July, son Pete and wife Jan took her to Vero Beach, FL, to see her 94-year-old sister, Joyce. After a separation of 10 years, they picked up right where they left off. After that visit, Pete and Jan took her to Anna Maria Island to a house they had rented. Jan's son, Chris, and family joined them for lots of fun, with 6- and 8-year-old great-grandchildren. Her granddaughter Bailey is a freshman at Illinois State, majoring in business. She is a professional figure skating coach and a member of the U.S. Figure Skating Association, and also a National Scholar.

Sally Proper Lutz moved to a retirement center last year and says that it is great. She still plays bridge twice a week and works at St. Michael's Woman's Exchange three afternoons a week. She went to Nantucket for a few weeks last summer, and took her bridge group for a week after Labor Day. Her two grandchildren are married, and she is waiting impatiently for great-grandchildren.

In June, **Mary Jane Liggett Madson** spent a week in Ohio for family reunion time. She does aquafit at the Y for exercise, and keeps involved with DAR and church. She looks forward to visits with children and grandchildren.

It has been a hard year for **Ruth Ault Hadley**, who has been in and out of the hospital and rehab since the end of June with pneumonia. She is on oxygen most of the time since the pneumonia has damaged her right lower lung. She has lost her brother Wilbur, youngest and last of her siblings, who passed away last July. She continues to get physical and occupational therapy in the rehab unit of her residential community. Daughter Mary Jane and John live 25 minutes away, so she sees them fairly often.

As for me, I had hip replacement surgery last July, and undergo therapy twice a week here

at our retirement facility, Coburg Village. I can now drive again, hurrah! I enjoy family visits, but they are difficult because our children are dispersed in Virginia, Connecticut, and Maine. We have lived at Coburg for six years, and enjoy many of the planned activities, but also do things on our own. We flew to Virginia in May for our granddaughter's master's degree graduation, and drove to Cumberland, ME, in June for a family gathering to help our twins, Bob and Dave, celebrate their 60th birthday. I enjoy being a member of the Coburg Writer's Group, and we both continue to sing in the choir at our Episcopal church, which is only 15 minutes away, and where we have been members for 61 years. Note: the remarkable story of *Western College for Women*, by Jacqueline Johnson (WCMA archivist), is part of the Arcadia Campus History Series, published in 2014. I recommend it highly; it is available from the Western College gift shop. My best wishes to each of you, and please keep sending me your news.

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From **Nancy Hon Krauth**: "Sixty-five years have passed since we graduated from Western College and some of us are still among the living. Norm and I continue to live at our rural acreage in Iowa with our retriever, Tripp. I am blessed to be able to tend my flower and vegetable garden, work out at the YMCA, swim, and otherwise enjoy life. No, I am not on Facebook, but I would love to hear from classmates by e-mail at doublenbark1@aol.com."

A short report from **Josselyn Bennett Winslow**, in Bellingham, WA. "Frank and I are appreciating how fortunate we are to be in reasonably good health and to have family and friends close by. We are planning for his 90th birthday celebration in November. About 20 family members will attend. Meanwhile, we spent a few days in New York this past summer because one of our grandsons attended a three-week dance session at Juliard. We were there with our son (his dad) to see Henry's end-of-the-session dance



*Norm and Nancy Hon Krauth '51
 with Tripp, August 2016*

performance, to take in the sights and to visit with our granddaughter and her family, including one great-grandchild (now 2). We are still involved with the Alzheimer Society of Washington, an organization we helped to found over 30 years ago — before anyone had heard of the word 'Alzheimer's.' I'm also involved in Palliative Care issues in our community. I continue to value the education I received at Western. It has given me a solid base for my community involvement and advocacy efforts over the years."

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*Alumnae Weekend '17: Celebrating 65 years!
 See "In Memoriam" for remembrance
 of Sue Off Schrope.*



Martha Wilson Rowan reports last year's highlights: two whole-family get-together's including a Caribbean cruise at Thanksgiving and a granddaughter's high school graduation celebration in July. Note: Granddaughter Elizabeth is now at Miami, studying afternoons with a friend in Peabody Hall! And her at-home routines: a book club ("during which we eat a lot"), a study club ("for which we present programs"), PEO gatherings, church committees and activities ("frequently involving parties offered at our

fund-raising auctions"). She concludes her Blue Card with, "Sadie (my Basset hound) and I enjoy a quiet life here in our woods [Chesterland, OH]."

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Only the old faithful (with emphasis on the faithful) sent in notes this year. And even most of those came at Christmas time, 2015! I know we move more slowly as we age, but this is ridiculous!

Some letters contained more news of children and grandchildren than of themselves. **Lucile Robinson Allen** reports that children and grandchildren are well, happy, busy, and successful. Husband Bob hasn't returned to tennis yet, but walks and rides his stationary bike. Lucile enjoys walking and bowling.

Madelon Operer Hall and David are now grandparents! Their daughter Meredith adopted Zoe, a 4-year-old girl from China who had a heart condition known as Tetra of Fallot. She had open heart surgery four days after arriving in the United States and is now happy and healthy and delighting her grandparents!

Sara Babcock Burneson had a harder year as her grandson Henry had acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Family and friends gathered together in support for the nine months before his death. "Even as we grieve I am filled with an overwhelming sense of gratitude for [the family and friends] and most of all to Henry's courage and grace," wrote Sara. "We all feel enriched by Henry's 17 years with us." Although belatedly, we all grieve with you, Sara. May your next note bring happier news.

Liz Dunham Gibbons considers herself a "perpetual student." She recently began a 14-month commitment to study "ancient civilizations and old eternal teachings and unlearning a lot of what we thought was true and beginning to better understand what has created the situation the world is in today."

In addition, she tends to the landscaping she had put in and to growing a vegetable garden. "I have dealt with some fatigue issues this year, but I found that being outside playing in the dirt was energizing."

A late note from **Dot Runyon Medlin**, forwarded from the WCAA office: "Sorry I am late. I meet with **Bar Drake McConnell '54**." The two are neighbors in Raleigh, NC.

As for me, **Mary Sicer Moore**, I had no big trips this year. I did go to Cedar City, UT, twice to see eight different plays including three by Shakespeare. I made five trips to visit my youngest son and his wife in Page, AZ, just four hours from my home; they come to me at least once a month, usually oftener. My daughter came for two weeks. And my oldest son and his family will be here over Christmas, after they finish a four-week run down the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon. Consequently, I am reading many books about the canyon and river running, even though I won't go on the trip with them. For instance: *Exploration of the Colorado River and its Canyons* by J.W.Powell; *The Enchanted Canyon*, by Honore Willsie; *Sunk Without a Sound*, by Brad Dimock; *The Emerald Mile* by Kevin Fedarko; *The Hidden Canyon: A River Journey*, Edward Abbey's journal; and *Grand Canyon: Time Below the Rim*, by Craig Childs. At least I will be acquainted with the names of the rapids and side canyons they will explore and experience on their trip.

A friend sent me the following. It came from the Internet, but I do not know to whom to attribute it: "Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His Wisdom, God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys, and other things thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good. Then God saw there was another need. In His Wisdom, He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach, and stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good. Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good. So if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath."

So — keep up with your walking, reaching, bending, and stretching in the next year. And add writing a note to your classmates to that list, too!

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'56



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'57



Alumnae Weekend '17: Celebrating 60 years!

Mail from the Class of 1957 was a bit sparse and consisted only of **Joan Mueller McNally's** always welcome annual Christmas letter and the Christmas letter from Pete and **Mary DeJong Obuchowski '61**. [See '61 Class Notes.]

Joan and Loia did a lot of entertaining last year — her sister, Margaret, and his sister, Cheryl, and her granddaughter at their home. Later Joan's niece, her husband, Mark, and children returning from Ethiopia visited. They took a trip to Hartford, CT, for their grandson's graduation from UConn was followed by two trips Joan took, the first was a PEO convention in mid-Pennsylvania, and later she flew to Seattle for her sister's 75th birthday. Card games, Sudoku, and crossword puzzles occupy the days they are not traveling.

Dru Zearley Clingman updated me on the professional achievements of her children, scattered throughout the country: One is an orthopedic surgeon specializing in hand surgery, one an emergency room physician, one a registered nurse and an Ed.D. educator. They can be very proud.

Their travels are winding down and Dru highlighted two unusual trips: to Longyear-bien, Svalbard, the world's northernmost community located on an archipelago halfway between Norway and the North Pole. They spent 10 days cruising on a Russian ice-breaker looking for and photographing polar bears, walrus, seals and other Arctic wildlife. They also visited the world's southernmost community, Ushuaia, Argentina, a gateway to Antarctica, the Falklands, and South Georgia Island. I'm sure they have wonderful photos and wonderful memories of their travels. Three years ago, Dru fell down her stairs and broke a femur and fractured an ankle. We both admitted we now do Silver Sneakers instead of Zumba classes for exercise.

The highlight of **Ellyn Talbott Bogan's** summer was going west in July. Linda, Eric, Marissa and she were on a bus trip for 10 days. They flew into Las Vegas and started from there. They went to Salt Lake City,



The illustrious 60-year class, represented by (from left): Barbara Ballinger Sweet, Joyce Roark Phillips, and Sally Derby Miller

Zion and Bryce Canyon national parks, the Teton Mountains, Yellowstone Park, Crazy Horse, Mount Rushmore and lots of side trips in between. Says Ellyn, "It was great."

The 2016 question for my classmates was: Do you realize that next June 3rd is the 60th anniversary of our graduation. I remember the procession to Presser Hall in caps and gowns receive diplomas and switch the tassel on our caps from ... was it left to right or right to left?? So I asked: are you coming to our Reunion? Dru hopes to see everyone at our 60th Reunion, as do I.

Diana Haynes O'Keefe provided the details of her "magical" 80th birthday celebration (last year's question) which occurred too late to include in last year's *Bulletin*. It took place in New York City in the Rainbow Room where she had had her wedding reception. There were many guests: her five children and their spouses, six grandchildren and many friends. She will soon be a great-grandmother. When Diana mentioned that a granddaughter was dating a Miami grad, we thought it might be a good idea for all three of them to go to the June 2017 Reunion together. Diana visited **Lynn Kreutzer Johnson**, who is in poor health and whose husband had died recently. Lynn is living with her daughter.

I called **Loretta Weygandt Robinson**, one classmate still working ... as a church organist. She had recently taken a Norwegian cruise with the Broadway producers of the opera workshop where she is musical director. The Opera Unlimited Summer Youth Day Camp runs most of the summer, but she said she would try to find time to come to our Reunion next June. Her family was grateful for the good news about her 15-year-old granddaughter. She had fought advanced leukemia for 2½ years but now is officially on maintenance and will soon go to Kauai, HI, with the Make A Wish Foundation. She and her mother, Brenna, live in Lakeway, TX. Loretta visits her son, Bryce, in Las Vegas every year, and has for the past 11 years, to see opening Lakers pre-season games. I hope she can come and again direct our class "vocal group."

Freddie Barber Miller and I had a long conversation about books. She is reading *What The Woman Lived: Selected Letters of Louise Bogan 1922-1970*, edited by **Ruth Limmer FF**. After I spoke with Freddie, I ordered the book from Thrift Books and I'm looking forward to reading it. Freddie and I always reminisce about running into each other in New York City YWCA during Christmas of 1958. We remembered that the YWCA was the approved lodging for Western women.

Alicia Melendez McLaughlin hadn't thought about the Reunion and planned to go to Chile to visit her sister around that time. She is a coordinator for a domestic violence program. Her travels take her to Chicago to visit her son. Her daughter lives in Santa Ana, CA, near Tustin. We planned to meet for lunch the next time I visit my daughter, Roxanne, in Irvine. She, as do I, enjoys the practice of Tai Chi.

When asked about a trip to Oxford, **Charlotte Knox Eberhard**'s thoughts raced ahead to all their connections in that area and how she could see them while attending the Reunion. She was so enthused I could imagine her suggesting the plan to Wally as soon as we hung up.

I had a lovely long chat with **Marcia Randlett Oder '64**, who is happily settled in Florida and mostly recovered from her horrible accident a couple of years ago.

Sylvia Stanfield '65, who came to dinner at my daughter's home in Washington and didn't mind the noise of my 3-year-old grandson and two of his little friends, filled me in on the latest changes at Western.

Finally, I began the year with an injured knee, thankfully not broken, having tripped over the shoulder strap of a briefcase (warning about clearing the floor!) but this did not impair my travels. Twice I visited Atlantic City, where my son now works and has purchased a home near "the Shore," and twice to Washington, DC, to visit my daughter, Kim, and 3-year-old Dominic. I'm thinking about a trip to Irvine, CA, but would prefer going when I can avoid some bad Michigan winter weather. My Foreign Wife Friends met this year in Quebec City, Canada, and we loved this charming city — just like being in Europe without the long trip.

I hope to see many people at our 60th Reunion next June. In the meantime, I wish all Good Health and Good Cheer

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Sis Moeller Horst '59, surrounded by three generations of offspring



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Sis Moeller Horst announced her fourth great-grandchild in August, a boy. "The tally now: three boys, one girl." Realizing that "we will be turning 80 this year," she wonders "how we are going to celebrate — sky diving or rockin'?" Making the most of continuing good health, she and Eric are traveling as much as they can: a June trip to Holland, Norway, and Germany — including two weeks aboard ship cruising Norway's beautiful fjords; upcoming in November, a circle Hawaii cruise.

Susie Kitagawa is "still fine and dandy alright" but suffering from very unstable climate changes with very high humidity since August. "Not finished yet! Do something about La Nina. Keep me in touch." She sends love to all.

Thank you Ladies for allowing me to share your yearly updates and news with classmates all these years. However the time has come for me to "retire" this responsibility. My arthritis has become quite advanced as well as several essential tremors that have gotten worse the last few years. I have recently joined the "reverse shoulder replacement" crowd — have a new right shoulder and now am dealing with a difficult recovery. We can all be grateful to the Western College

Alumnae office and especially **Cathy Bauer Cooper '60** who has done such a fantastic job putting together the spring and fall *Bulletins* for so many years. I will forward to her any information that I receive but urge you to send your future items to the Alumnae Office to be included in the '59 Class Notes. I know that we all look forward to hearing from each other as often as possible. Now that so many of us are facing the beginning of our 80th decade, we still have much to share and celebrate in the 57 years since leaving Oxford. In my case, I certainly will welcome a full shoulder recovery when it arrives shortly, but just so you know — I do not plan to take up trapeze skills any time soon.

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Eight members of the class of 1961 celebrated their 55th, mainly on the new part of the Western campus, staying in Stonebridge Hall and eating breakfast there, with the rest of the meals in the nearby Western Dining Commons. We had tours, meetings, a visit to the new Archives now housed at Miami,



Hail to the hardy Class of '61, eight members strong (left to right): Sharry Patterson Addison, Ann Kendrick McCrillis, Sharon Botsford Moyer, Mary DeJong Obuchowski, Cynthia Ackerman Horne, Flora Zimmerman Cohen, Anne Adkins Weissenborn, and Jane Miller Brooks

and paraded, ate, exercised, and talked and talked and talked.

It is a privilege to announce that three of our classmates are members of the WCAA, Inc. Board of Trustees: **Sharry Patterson Addison**, **Cynthia Ackerman Horne**, and **Anne Adkins Weissenborn**. We thank them for their hard work, travel, and all they have done to maintain the Western heritage.

Sharry arrived late to the Reunion because of a toxic reaction to medication, but she has recovered and she is back to her usual busy schedule of employment and community service. Though she attended Western for only one year, she is a loyal alumna and feels "so comfortable when we are together." Looking forward to the debut of the Legacy Circle [in progress] on Oct. 8, she hopes to see many alumnae present.

Cindy is a model for all of us: in spite of frequently debilitating Parkinson's, she manages the drive to Oxford as well as work at her local "Woman's Club getting ready for our annual Boutique and chairing our 95th anniversary. I chaired the 90th and the same committee signed on for the 95th. I can hardly wait to see if we are going to do the 100th. Some of my committee will be close to 100."

"It was exciting to see the changes in Oxford and on the Western Campus, new but still having the essence of Western," is the analysis of **Cecelia Ann Kendrick McCrillis**. She says that she and her husband live quietly but she is able to spend time with the

grandchildren, observing, "It's amazing how much energy 11- and 12-year olds have!"

Anne and Ernie have made the big move to a nearby senior complex that reminds her in many ways of Western. Their address is 1328 Gracefield Rd., Apt. HS 423, Silver Spring, MD 20904, and telephone number is (301) 273-2446. They welcome visitors and have already entertained **Jeannette "Johnnie" Kirkpatrick Duvall** and husband Harry. Anne has undergone a successful hip replacement with excellent rehab. Daughter Elizabeth was assistant editor of *Seed: The Untold Story*, a documentary that you can find on Netflix. Anne continues her church-related work on "racial justice in this country and the Middle East," with gratitude to Western and "the knowledge and insights made available to all of us back then."

All's well with Johnnie. She "enjoyed wonderful springtime visit with roomies **Anne Adkins** and **Sandra Metildi**, along with hubbies, at Anne and Ernie's new residence in Silver Spring, MD (perfect spot)." Her special family news: "Harold C. 'Duvie' Duvall III (The Belmont Hill School '83) was the 2016 MAP Award Recipient at his secondary school's dinner and program this fall. MAP (Multicultural Alumni Partnership), in its eighth year, continues to strengthen relations among all BH alumni to enhance the diversity, openness, and climate of the greater school community through targeted programs, networking, and community outreach here in the Boston area, as well as trips/studies abroad. I feel a big part of our Western College in him — such fond memo-

ries and friendships! Duvie continues in the job he loves, Executive Director of Boys & Girls Club South Boston." And, of Reunion, "Missed you all!"

Among our travelers, **Flora Zimmerman Cohen** writes that she and Richard have recently spent time in England, Scotland, and Wales. Their grandchildren are in middle and high school, and their oldest will attend Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC, a school she happily compares to Western, to play baseball. They continue their volunteering and "remain thankful that we're still active and pretty much able to do what we want."

Family and travel dominated **Jane Miller Brooks's** year. She hosted family gatherings in Vancouver and Toronto, and traveled in the early summer to Croatia, Slovenia, and northern Italy, and later to Bosnia/Herzegovina and Montenegro. She also visited **Sharon Botsford Moyer** in Brunswick and Jekyll Island, GA. She promises to retire from teaching after this school year, but does not expect anyone to believe her!

In February, Sharon and Jane also visited **Judy Buck** on Roosevelt Island. Sharon has family in New York, so she stayed on for her grandson's birthday and visited family there again in July, en route to Georgia, where she picked up her daughter and granddaughter for a trip to the Bahamas. Finally, she says, "I return to Georgia the end of September for Jackie's birthday and then on to New York, where I hope to connect with Judy. My next adventures will be northern India, Bhutan, and Nepal in February. I need to go while I can still climb!"

Along with other classmates, **Marcia Jones Friddle** and her husband have moved to retirement dwellings. Marcia and Andy seem surprised that they are so pleased with them. Marcia is taking a Spanish class, writing for the newspaper, and, of course, involving herself in library activities.

Sorry to miss the Reunion, **Gail Howell Litwiler** would have liked to see both classmates and the changes on campus. Slowed down by macular degeneration, she still, in her 27th year, remains on the Hampton Township School Board, sings in her church choir, teaches Sunday school, and remains on the Board of Christian Education. "2016 travels took us to Chicago to visit son TJ, an attorney with his own firm doing railroad law," and to Greenville, NC, to help daughter Trish, her husband, and daughters move to Seattle where Dave is "head research oceanographer for the Alaska Fisheries Division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Trish hopes to return to work as a marine biologist or biology professor at the college level, as she did this past year in NC. We're looking forward to our first journey west in the near future." She sends her very best to classmates.



Enjoying their periodic '63 roommates reunion — this year in Philadelphia (left to right): Liz Andrus Schoeberlein, Jill Hartley Fulton, Brenda Litchfield Benson, and Bonnie McGowan Sammet

Pete and I are slower but no less busy. We have both lost younger brothers this year, but our two sons and three grandchildren (3, 1, and several months) keep up our spirits. Vol. II of the *Dictionary of Midwestern Literature* finally appeared this summer. After 25 years of that, I'm letting younger people take on Vol. III. Now my energy goes into babysitting and various kinds of volunteer activities. I remain grateful for all that Western contributed to my mind and my attitudes, and for the wonderful people who have been friends for all of these years.

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Marj Keppel Gross remains busy in retirement with online teaching and face-to-face tutoring, both for Carteret Community College, from which she "retired" six years ago. She also still works behind the scenes for her daughter, Andrea, in the Productive Environment Institute, which provides certification training for professional organizers as well as services to businesses needing help in managing paper and electronic files. During the Christmas season last year, Marj joined **Loretta Ryder** and others who came together from many churches to sing Handel's entire Messiah. Marj writes that she always enjoys seeing Loretta when Loretta is in North Carolina.

In May, Marj got to spend an afternoon with Linc and **Flo Firjanian McGurk**, who moved to Florida just 45 minutes from Marj's son Kurtis. They Skyped **Judy Scovel Robinson** in England and had a great conversation. Flo writes that it's been a year of much joy and a little sadness since she and Linc decided to sell their home in Sturgeon Bay, WI, to live year round in Florida. In May and June, they traveled to the UK, chartering a canal boat in Wales for a beautiful two-week trip before visiting John and **Judy Scovel Robinson** and her husband, John. "The Robinsons were spectacular hosts: great

food, more laughter, more memories. Flo's new address: 1583 SW Shady Lane Terrace, Palm City, FL 34990.

Nancy Carter Lindfors spent March in Japan with her oldest son, Eric, and his family, walking 9 to 19 miles per day to visit shrines and temples. Back at home, she works with her twin granddaughters on their homeschooling math; Nancy's daughter, Natalie, chose homeschooling since the twins were missing three days a week with modeling jobs up and down the East Coast. They appeared on the cover of *Vogue* online and now have started working with Coco Rocha, a top model in New York.

Judith Raices reports that one afternoon a week she teaches collage at the Fortune Society in New York to people who have been offered by the courts to alter their lives rather than serve prison sentences. This new assignment follows two years of conducting mock job interviews with people recently released from prison. She also just became a volunteer for the Ethical Culture Society photographing their meetings and other events. "All this is great fun," she writes.



Judith, in NY's Frick Museum

Dottie Adler Bennett writes from Falls Church, VA, that "Life is wonderful as I am healthy (breast cancer 2003) and doing lots of important and fun things. I co-chair a bakery and café which trains disabled young people 18-27 for the bakery trades. It is a thrill to see self-esteem blossom as their talents are maximized. I spend a lot of time mentoring young people for future leadership. Golf is a big part of my life as is



Flo McGurk and Marj Gross, both '63, in Flo's new Florida home

travel. My grandchildren are developing into amazing people. Zach, at 24, sells and researches books in DC; his sister, Arielle, a 2016 graduate of the U of Rochester has just started studying to become a cantor at the Jewish Theological Seminary in NY, and younger brother Jared, a budding potter (jaredgreenceramics.com) is a senior at the Field School. Ecuador, England, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos were points of recent travel.

In October, I will fly to Philadelphia for a three-day reunion with my senior year suitmates — **Liz Andrus Schoeberlein**, **Brenda Litchfield Benson**, and **Bonnie McGowan Sammet**. Geographically, we're spread throughout the country (IL, MA, FL, and CA), but we have gathered several times in recent years to reconnect. Even the spouses got to attend the Florida reunion at Bonnie and John's several years ago.

Keep the updates coming. It's always fun to hear from you.

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From **Miriam Daftary**: "Hope you are doing well. Here's a summary of my news: I divide my time (November through to June) between Carlsbad, CA, where my son, Ali, and family live, and Fairfield, IA (June through October) which is my own home. I published my first book of poetry entitled *Like Magic but Real* last year, and am working on my second book. I continue to play the piano, walk in nature and do a lot of nature photography. I have been in touch with **Anne Adkins Weissenborn '61**, **Ann Walton '66**, **Donna Bennert Conklin**, and several more of my Western friends. Unfortunately, due to back problems, I was unable to attend recent Western reunions. I would love to hear from

my Western friends (classmates and former students of mine). My email is: mdaftari@hotmail.com."

Greetings from **Shirin Kassam Velji**: "It has been 11 years since we moved to Seattle area but have returned to Washington, DC, 10 times. We love visiting DC where my sister, **Shamim Kassam '73**, lives. Her warm welcome with stay at her home is a great bonus. It gives us an opportunity to spend time with Shamim but also visit our friends. **Patricia Spokes Snowden '64** usually arranges a get-together with Western alumnae and we have a pleasant lunch meeting recalling our wonderful and positive experience at Western College and making new friends.

"This past May, Patricia and I met for lunch and she apprised me of other alumnae in DC area and of her move from Bethesda to DC. She is happy in her new environment and having her daughter in DC. This time while in DC, we saw some new places of interest and a play but otherwise most of the time was spent meeting all our friends over parties, dinners, or lunches. We really saw lots more than we usually do and had a great time.

"I am getting better and have restarted physical therapy and yoga from August this year. I am feeling good and in August started physical therapy and yoga classes again. I continue my membership with some organizations and enjoy the voluntary work with the Kirkland City and other institutions. Our daughter, Zahraa, and her family spent three weeks in Tanzania on Safari and visited Dar es Salaam and Zanzibar. She was born in DC but had been to Tanzania only during our home leave trips when I worked at the World Bank. They all had a great time and the grandkids were really excited to see the wild life and beautiful beaches of Zanzibar."

From **Meg Warnock Carlough**: "I'm at the old house trying to get it cleaned out ready to show. Know anyone who wants a fixer-upper near Albany, NY? We moved to Pennsylvania and love it, a continuing care retirement community. Would love to tell folks about it: 518-653-3263. We changed apartments in April, otherwise would have been at Reunion again, it was so much fun. I was just thinking of classmates last night. Thanks for keeping us up to date with each other. What do we do when the Association is laid down?"

From **Janet Smith Dickerson-Stephens**: "Hello Pam, it's great to hear from you — I hope you and your family are well. I have no special news for this cycle. Retirement is great for the most part! My family is well. I enjoyed seeing Western classmates this summer and look forward to seeing a few more at a weekend gathering hosted by **Sylvia Stanfield** in DC in mid-November. She's coordinating with WCAA Director **Mackenzie Becker Rice HA**. I will head to



Congratulations to the Golden Anniversary Class of '66! Going strong and getting better (left to right) are: Suzanne Detlefsen Meyers, Ann Walton, Charla Coatoam, Jane Graham Murphy, Leanna Jones Houston, Suzanne Lutz May, Kathleen Ramsey Goldsmith, Theda Hollister Wolfe, Edith Taylor Molumby, Margaret Wilmer Bartlett, and Hazel Williams Drew.

Oxford in October for the WCAA fall Board meeting and the dedication of the Western College Legacy Circle."

From **Brooksie Jacobs-Harrison**: "It is the best time of year in Vermont, *fall*! Cooler temperatures, sunshine, perfect golf season right through October. It is also the season of *color*. The leaves turn and all the maples are absolutely gorgeous. Harvest festivals abound. We have lots of company coming. I still work as a Health Coach three days a week. Just perfect. My stepson is finishing his MA in optical physics in Germany. My son is enjoying living in Brattleboro and we hope by spring to be moved to Brattleboro from our mountain home (27 miles away). Will be glad to get rid of the 500- foot drive — moving snow and de-icing in the winter and a 1.7 mile white-knuckle drive down the mountain in snow. We are healthy and blessed." Elizabeth R. Harrison, CCN Nutrition Education Services. Liz@NutriEd.com. Mobile: 802-289-2326. www.NutriEd.com

Donna Bennert Conklin: "I still support five young ladies and two young men at the Afghan Child Education and Care Organization (AFCECO) in Kabul. Several of them are playing in the Afghan National Symphony and I hope they will make a U.S. tour again soon. They have been growing up over the past eight years and several are now seniors in high school and will be going on to universities in a year. It is very rewarding to see them having almost normal lives in the midst of all the chaos. One of my Cambodian sponsored girls got married in Germany in September. This was the best trip! The wedding was great and I got to spend a wonderful day with classmate **Rita Gehlhoff** while I was there. Rita took a train to meet me in Dusseldorf where we enjoyed sightseeing and a short boat trip on the Rhine River. Western College friends are always willing to meet you. Thanks, Rita."

Donna continues: "I've made several trips to New York to see my mom and sister. Mom had cancer and died at age 94 this summer. I still have my Arabian mare, Fanci Free. Since we are both getting old, she is mostly just a lawn ornament. I'm off to Tulsa in mid-October for the Arabian Horse Nationals, then the holidays are upon us again. Life is good."

Kathy O'Brian Lillich: "Well, I know it was an off-year for the Class of '65, but I was on campus for reunion in June! Couldn't attend our 50th due to our granddaughter's graduation so decided to come back this year! Very glad **Sylvia Stanfield** was also there, as well as a few others from classes I remembered (e.g., **Patricia Spokes Snowden '64**, another Lexington, KY, Lafayette HS alum!)! I liked what I saw of the campus — except the wrecking ball that was about to take a swipe at Mary Lyon, where **Alice Wilson Pilafidis** and I enjoyed living senior year :(Have had a hectic fall, mostly revolving around my 96- year-old father's unexpected death on Aug 2. Getting a home ready to sell (my parents' for the past 55 years) and settling the estate are not exactly fun or easy things to do!! But alas! C'est la vie just now ... Will take time off to do a previously planned trip to Cape Cod and the Massachusetts coast in mid-Oct (have never been there) — a break from the usual trip to North Carolina and/or Florida to see our five grands! Also still enjoying singing with The Lexington Singers and working on the Lex-Deauville (FR) Sister City exchange program! My best to the rest of you in the Class of '65!"

My report will be short for too many reasons. I have been having health problems that are more annoying than limiting. My daughter, Laura, and her family moved from cold Colorado to warmer Virginia. They are settling in as well as they can on very little

Legacies Living On at Alumnae/i Weekend 2016

Friday night high-lights!: 50-year class gathers around ASA winner Sue May, Patricia patronizes the Gift Shop, Judy and Ann greet Welcome Dinner diners, and Mackenzie gets a hug!

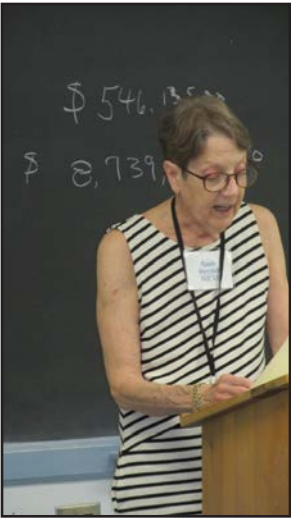




At Welcome Dinner: Ray Mock says hello to WC alums from MU alums.



Earlier Friday afternoon, over in our new Archives home ... Jacky receives historic documents from Pat and Mary signs a copy of her book.





Saturday a.m.: All hands on deck at the Annual Meeting to hear a report from Trustee Susan, remarks from WC Endowed Professor Jana, and introduction to WCP Alumni Association President Tom Loeffelman. Saturday p.m.: Meily Society does lunch!





Saturday night live! Elegant tables transform the Western Dining Commons for the Celebratory Banquet. Steel drums ring out, Miami University President David and Ambassador Valerie Hodge become Honorary Western alums. Four worthy WC and WCP grads receive Alumnae Service Awards: Rhian Miller '78, Suzanne Lutz May '66, John Rego '81, and Jennie Lou Fredley Klim '58.

Saturday late night! Photo fun and snacks cap off the festivities with "Picture This" back at Stonebridge Hall .





Sunday morning winds down in Kumler Chapel with beautiful music from the Alumnae Choir, accompanied by pianist Jon Sanford. Taking much deserved bows in the chancel after the service: Judy Dudman Henderson '62, president; Margaret Wilmer Bartlett '66, who delivered an inspiring keynote address; and Loretta Ryder '63, choir director. Lots of blue and white and lots of smiles prevail at the Farewell Brunch as plans are made to return next year!

Let's all meet again June 9-11, 2017!



2016 Alumnae Service Award Recipients

Jennie Lou Fredley Klim, Class of 1958, is a Western woman who developed her commitment to serving others into a successful business of her own. Her passion has always been music — playing the violin and teaching others to play. She has spent more than 20 years writing methods books for studio and classroom use, which evolved into her business: Beachside Publications, marketing her acclaimed *One Step at a Time*, a series for beginning students of violin, viola, cello, and bass.



Jennie Lou grew up in Waynesburg, PA, where she began her first violin lessons at age 6, and graduated from Western as a violin performance major. While still in school, she performed with the Dayton (OH) Philharmonic and subsequently as concertmaster and soloist with such renowned orchestras as Tampa (FL) Philharmonic; Johnstown (PA) Symphony; Orchestra Nova, Pittsburgh, PA; Westmoreland Symphony, Greensburg, PA; Brevard Symphony Orchestra, Melbourne, FL; and Orlando (FL) Philharmonic. She also performed as concertmaster and soloist with the International Cathedral Music Festival in Salisbury, Coventry, and London, England.

Through the years, her passion continued to grow. A true innovator, Jennie Lou began string programs in public school systems, started summer string camps, and conducted workshops with beginning as well as established strings teachers in both Pennsylvania and in Florida. In 1985, she co-founded the Somerset Music Festival and Summer School, serving as its Executive Director and teacher for five years. This initiative received national recognition because of its excellent program and faculty of internationally known master teachers and soloists.

With 50 years of teaching experience, it is not surprising that in 2015 the Florida Youth Symphony Orchestra (FYSO) recognized Jennie Lou with an Outstanding Music Educator of the Year award. The FYSO music director commented, “Jennie Lou [Klim] is one of those wonderful teachers we think of when we see or hear the phrase ‘Thank a Teacher if ...’” Her former students play professionally as members of symphony orchestras, teaching privately and in the public school systems.

Jennie Lou and her second husband, Paul, now live in Florida, where she continues an active schedule of teaching, playing, and serving as a consultant or clinician. Her daughter, Amy, herself an accomplished violinist and teacher lives nearby. Her identical twin sons appreciate music but pursued separate careers: one an engineer, one a high school history teacher. The Klims are blessed with nine grandchildren, who, we are sure, already love music!

Ever dedicated and enthusiastic in her support of Western, Jennie Lou consistently reaches out to classmates through personal phone calls, correspondence, and invitations to visit her home. Rallying them to annual reunions and never missing a deadline, she has served as the *Bulletin* Class Representative for close to 20 years.

We are pleased to pay tribute to **Jennie Lou Fredley Klim ’58** — a true example of an amazing Western woman.



Suzanne Lutz May is no stranger to the Western College Alumnae Association. Upon graduation in 1966, Sue joined the Western College staff as Assistant Director of Admissions. In this role, she traveled throughout New England, convincing young women that Western College was the ideal fit for them.

While a student, Sue was a Campus Guide — a job that served her well in her staff position, as it involved interacting with prospective students and writing up reports on their qualifications for admission. She was elected Class President both junior and senior years. Upon graduation, the class elected her once more and she willingly took on the duties of *Bulletin* Class Representative. She served for several years, then went on hiatus but returned to serve again for many more. She joined the Board of Trustees of the Western College Alumnae Association in 1990 and served faithfully for six years, including as Chair of the Scholarship Committee. Just last year, Sue was actively involved in our successful effort to save Patterson Place.

Sue’s professional career in the insurance and banking industry spanned 24 years, at which point she entered the non-profit world and got involved in fundraising. Already a member of All Souls Unitarian Church in New York City, she joined the staff as Development Director, retiring in 2006. She is currently serving a term as President of the Board of Deacons and still fundraising. In addition to membership on the All Souls Fund Development Committee and Capital Campaign Committee, she holds a position on the Board of Managers of the Annie Easton Society — a non-profit group providing grants to underprivileged women and children.

That’s not all. She is also on the Development Committee for Star Island (New Hampshire), operated as a family conference/retreat site by the Star Island Corporation, having spent nine years on the board.

Sue met her husband-to-be, Bernard J. May, Miami Class of 1965, at a Western mixer the first weekend of freshman year. Two years after her graduation, she and Bernie, as we all knew him, were married in Warren, PA, and became one of our true Miami-Western mergers. They honeymooned in Trinidad and Brazil, then settled for a time in Worcester, MA, until Bernie’s job took them elsewhere. Their son, Christopher Lutz May, was born in New York City in 1976. Bernie accompanied Sue to every Western Reunion that she attended, and we all welcomed him as an honorary alumnus in our midst; sadly, Bernie was diagnosed with cancer in 2011 and passed away in 2012. In 2014, Sue happily assumed a new role: proud mother-of-the-groom, at the Arkansas wedding of son Christopher and his bride, Jessa.

In recognition of her devotion to Western College and outstanding contribution to the Western College Alumnae Association and her continued involvement in humanitarian and community service, it is with great pride and pleasure that we present this Western College Alumnae Service Award to **Suzanne Lutz May ’66**.

When **Rhian Miller** left Miami University and Oxford, OH, in the summer of 1978, she carried with her a Bachelor of Philosophy degree with a major in Interdisciplinary Studies and many fond memories of the Western College Program and the friends she made on the Western Campus. She embarked on a cross-country trip to California and landed in San Francisco, where she and her husband, Thomas Graven, raised their son, Atticus, and where they still reside.



Favored with creative imagination, vision, passion, and a deep sense of social responsibility, Rhian set out to influence her community and our world. She held various jobs in the Bay Area — union organizer, ESL teacher, and movie house owner-operator — before directing the award-winning film *Strikestory* about the 1934 San Francisco Fire General Strike, and editing acclaimed independent feature *Shuttlecock*. Documentary filmmaking became her vocation.

In partnership with a colleague, Rhian established an Oakland-based non-profit media production company, The Working Group, in 1988. According to its website, The Working Group (TWG) “combines television, Internet and web resources with outreach and organizing the efforts in the areas of workplace issues; race, diversity and the battle against intolerance; and encouraging democracy and citizen participation. In addition to producing the *Not in Our Town* PBS Series and national anti-hate campaign, TWG is the largest distributor of workplace media in the country, producing *We Do the Work* and *Livelihood*.” TWG has earned awards from the Chicago International Television Festival, the National Educational Film Festival, and CINE’s Golden Eagles, as well as the National Education Association’s Learning Through Broadcast Award and the Sidney Hillman Award.

As Senior Producer, Rhian Miller has led the company’s Not in Our Town (NiOT) campaigns and civic conversations, including “Not in Our Town Northern California: When Hate Happens Here.” She helped lead a delegation to the Czech Republic for screenings of the NiOT series where public forums to promote tolerance were held. As observed in one ASA nomination, “Rhian’s documentary films have grown a movement of proactive tolerance and non-violent affirmation across the United States. She and her co-producer have taken enormous financial risks to keep telling incredible stories about ordinary working people.”

Rhian has demonstrated her loyalty to the WCP and the WCAA, Inc. through her service as *Bulletin* Class Representative, attendance at WCP Reunions, and willingness to speak about her work on campus and at a WCAA Bay Area Club meeting.

We honor you, **Rhian Miller ’78**, for your path-breaking work in media and commitment to civic engagement and humanitarian service. As you continue to promote respect, tolerance, compassion, justice, and generosity through your professional narratives as well as your personal actions, you embody the Spirit of Western!



“After graduating from the Western College Program in 1981, John tried and failed to become a Circus Clown, an Astronaut, a Gourmet Chef and a Professional Cartoonist.” Thus begins **John Rego’s** biographical “selfie” written for his Alumnae Weekend Chapel address in 2006.

Instead of continuing his losing streak, John became a winner — marrying his high school sweetheart, moving to New England, working for a time as a self-employed manufacturer’s rep, then spending the next 18 years with a “real company” as VP of Sales and Market Development, and ultimately creating a company of his own. Rego & Roy, LLC, which he currently runs with his business partner, is a product design and development firm “dedicated to working with small domestic manufacturing companies and pooling their resources to work with large U.S.-based companies.”

Meanwhile, John and his wife, Diane, raised their two daughters, moved back to Mason, Ohio (just north of Cincinnati), and now live on a former (1886) tobacco farm up the river in Ripley, Ohio, home of noted abolitionist John Rankin and an early stop on the Underground Railroad. It’s rumored that they are converting the farm into a vineyard and eventually a winery and B&B.

John served as a dedicated WCAA *Bulletin* Class Representative from 2005 (the first year of WCP class representation) until 2011, when he took office as President of the newly formed Western College Program Alumni Association (WCPAA), serving for two years. In both roles, he ceaselessly rallied his classmates and embraced all fellow Westerners with his signature wry sense of humor and deep sense of affinity. He attended annual reunions of the WCAA (speaking at one, as mentioned above) and the five-year mega reunions of the WCP. In 2012, he spoke to current students of The Western Program (Western 3.0), on the value of interdisciplinary education in building a successful company and urged his fellow WCP alumni to do likewise.

A classmate close to John then and now offered this comment on his qualifications for the Award: “John has always been community minded on the most personal of levels. As with many others in the early years of the WCP, John quickly perceived the sense of community and recognized his duty to foster same. John honored the past by extolling the virtues of oral story telling. John’s creativity manifested itself in his animated filmmaking work and myriad other types of creative expression. John’s career, owning his own product development and marketing firm, is a continuation of his creative interaction with people. John honors the Western College for Women with his work with the WCPAA and is ever appreciative of the blessings of his Western education.”

We are exceedingly gratified to honor **John J. Rego ’81** not only for his considerable professional achievement, but for his personal demonstration of what the Western College experience is all about.

money. Karen and her family have had many problems too. I am hoping things will get better for them. I did take one trip in 2016, to Chattanooga, TN, for a Hudson Car Meet. It was lots of fun. I wish each of you a great holiday time and a healthy 2017.

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Sometimes, but not always, I am very thankful for e-mail. Once again this past year I was grateful for it as we as a class worked together to create the inscription for our tile on the Legacy Circle. I know that we did not reach everyone who might have wanted to participate, so to be sure you are included in future news, developments and doings, please see that the alumnae office and I have your e-mail address. I want to know that I am in touch with everyone especially as our 50th Reunion approaches in 2019. Now your news.

From **Audrey Hinton**: "I transferred after my freshman year and graduated from Northwestern University. Earlier this year, I was elected President of the Board of Directors of the African American Civil War Museum in Washington, DC. If you find yourself in DC, please contact me. I would love to give you a tour of the museum. My e-mail address is Audrey@afroamcivilwar.org. The museum's website is www.afroamcivilwar.org."

Stephanie Bentsen Snook wrote: "Fred is still "semi-retired." He is the assistant debate team coach at our high school, thereby avoiding all the headaches of a head coach. He works the tab room on Saturdays and I judge every week as well. Our son, Devon, is the coach for his school and had students

qualify for nationals in Salt Lake City this past June. Fred and I went out and helped to ferry students and other judges to the various venues in and around the city. We had good time, and made memorable trip of it visiting family in Nebraska and Utah and adding in Bryce Canyon, Zion and Arches national parks. We have had a couple of health issues (like many of us), but fortunately, nothing serious. Thankfully so, since we were planning an October trip to Australia and New Zealand. I enjoy Facebook for keeping up with far away family and friends. Grandkids, Mary (4½) and Lucas (1½), are a hoot! I don't have a chance to visit as often as I would like, but have a blast whenever we get together. Mary started pre-school this fall. I am looking forward to an exciting autumn working for my favorite candidates. I'm proud of how Cleveland handled the Republican convention. It truly is a terrific city!"

From **Betsy Philipson Kensinger**: "John and I took a trip in July that I had been wanting to do for quite a few years, a river cruise on the Danube River from Bucharest to Budapest. We visited the Romanian countryside (Dracula's castle and Peles castle included) as well as the city of Bucharest, with stops along the way in Bulgaria, Serbia, Croatia, and Hungary. After disembarking in Budapest, we took a train through the Austrian countryside to Munich. Then traveled on to visit my uncle, my mother's only brother, who is retired Army and lives in a small town near Oberammergau. It was a fantastic three weeks!"

Susan Hodge wrote: "I spent my summer researching the first woman architect in Indiana, Juliet Peddle. What a wonderful surprise that was. Not only was she a gifted artist, she could draw just about anything, she created buildings that are so fine you want to live there. Thank goodness Hoosier hospitality is alive and well, and owners were kind enough to share their homes. That made hours spent digging through archives worth all the effort."

Greetings from **Britt Henne**: "I hope all is well with the class of 1969. At the time of our inscription discussion, my husband Thor and I were travelling, so you did not hear from me. I had just retired from working in the Norwegian employment service, which is now a merged organization of employment offices, social welfare offices and social security rights offices. I needed something to do



Britt



Britt Henne's daughter, Marthe, and grandkids

while retired and I am now the leader of the Norwegian Diabetic Society, which takes a lot of my spare time. Thor is still working as a clinical psychologist in an office that deals with families and all their related problems. We have two daughters, one a nurse and one a doctor, specializing in psychiatry. We have five grandchildren ages 7 to 2-year-old twins, our daughter Marthe's children. We live in Oslo in a large apartment and still have a small farm an hour outside Oslo, our weekend retreat. We travel a lot in Europe and have this year been to Amsterdam, different parts of Germany, to Denmark and Sweden many times. We spent two weeks in California and visited San Francisco and Los Angeles. As I write, we have plans to travel in the fall to Spain and then to meet friends from the U.S. in London. I have been to most of our 5th-year Reunions but missed the last one. I hope to make the trip to our 50th and hope many others will too."

Betsy Summers Solis wrote: "After two years of driving across the USA, we spent this year going back and forth between Kona, Hawaii, and California. My husband was diagnosed with prostate cancer in fall 2015. He elected to have his treatment in Hawaii through Kaiser and the Cancer Center of Hawaii. Most of the treatments were done in Kona, 10 minutes from our house, and the rest, in Honolulu. We found everyone to be extremely caring and on top of everything. It was a 6-month process and delayed our return to San Rafael until late June. During this time I continued with my volunteer work and participated in a relay for the Lavaman triathlon in April."

From **Carolann Herrold Sharp**: "The last 16 months have been very busy and exciting for, my husband Norm and me and the family. Both of our sons were married within five months of each other. Christopher and Courtney Lix, in May 2015 at River Farm in Alexandria, VA, along the banks of the Potomac River. Then Michael and Christine Allgood (MU 2003), in October along the shores of Lake Cayuga in upstate New York. Both weddings were joyous gatherings of family and friends! We are so grateful that both couples live in the Washington, DC,



Cynthia Harrington Hochberg '69 (upper left, nearly hidden), with many family members, enjoying life at their lake house

area, near our Alexandria home. Three weeks after Michael and Christine's wedding we left for Rome with Chris and Courtney and Courtney's parents. Chris was our tour guide and translator, having studied in Rome his junior year at Princeton. The ancient architecture, famous centuries-old art, delicious food and fine wines made for an unforgettable experience. We now await the arrival of Michael and Christine's baby, our first grandchild in mid-November 2016. "In between weddings, Rome and baby, we have found time to keep up with our Alexandria activities and to spend precious time in the mountains of Pennsylvania. I loved the flurry of activity surrounding the Class of 1969 Tile, and look forward to our gathering at the 50th!"

News from **Annette Bevan Gallagher**: "This year has been memorable. The Sandusky Children's Museum, our business, had an unusual request. A teacher in a summer enrichment program asked us to assist the students to make 'plastic' from whole milk. Who knew? Our family has had many opportunities to celebrate. We gathered in Cuyahoga Falls, OH, and then in Greensburg, IN, to honor my mother's long life (**Mary E. "Beth" Shirk Bevan '45**). My husband, Dick, and I and daughter **Megan Gallagher Fogt '02** traveled to the Boston area for our son Glen's defense of his dissertation (Ph.D. Virology). Family members also got together for two weddings — Glen's in the Boston area in June and a nephew's in Montana in August.

Gretchen Schmidt Grzelak was glad of the reminder to send her news: "I totally lost track of time as my husband, Tom, and I attempted to integrate a new puppy into our routine. After losing our beloved Whisper last December, it took a while to find Molly, a blue merle Australian Shepherd. Doing the puppy thing is different at this stage of life;

everything is cute and adorable. She is the happiest, most loving puppy and her tail goes a million ways a minute all the time. We continue to spend extra time with family and friends, especially my great-nieces Breann and Hadley. I am looking forward already to the next milestone Reunion."

Cynthia Harrington Hochberg wrote: "I retired after my first grandchild was born to be a full-time grandma. That granddaughter will

be 8 in November 2016. There are now four grandchildren, two boys and two girls. I feel lucky that everyone lives in the area. We have lots of fun play dates, and I get to share all the things I love. A few years ago, husband Josh and I bought a lake house nearby where everyone loves swimming, kayaking, paddle boarding, hiking and fishing. They all love the water be it pool, lake or ocean. Life is good, and I hope the same for everyone else."

Janet Hunkel shared her news: "This summer I had a fantastic opportunity to spend time in China. A Peace Corps friend, who lives there, and I hired a driver to travel the Silk Road; it is now a very unromantic concrete highway. Nonetheless the spice markets are still fragrant, the locals fascinating, and right there before our eyes was proof of the Chinese government's transformation of an agricultural/rural society to a manufacturing/urban society. So exciting to experience what I had read about. I then took off on my own to explore other cities, including some very exhilarating (but frightening) bike riding in Beijing and climbing up the wild side of a section of the Great Wall. I am glad the visa is multiple entry as I am anxious to return.

"I recently wound down my tenure as president of the citizen's advisory committee for one of Boston's major parks. Much to my pleasant surprise a tree will be planted in my honor! I will continue with policy work as a member of a citywide steering committee for parks and urban space. There will be more on that project with the next alum news. This spring I had the pleasure of seeing **Susan Vitucci** perform her operetta, 'Small Fish,' in NYC. It is simply delightfully silly. Who should be there but **Honey Greene '70**!! I have kept in touch with **Liz Pippitt Shapiro**, who is unfortunately, for me, leaving New England for Atlanta, where her daughter

lives. I also discuss all things boats with the master of the topic, **Patti Jayson**, and I have been to Vermont to visit with **Suzi/Dippy De Peyster** and find her, as always, involved with all things farming and small village governing."

Suzi James Duvillard says: "Hello everyone. Time flies by and it has been years since the last time I made this deadline (which I realize is probably over again). Just wanted you to know that it was nice e-mailing you this year on the various issues and I am looking forward to our 2019 Reunion. Georges and I still have our lovely hotel and home in the Alps. Winters I still cook for our restaurant and my husband is still teaching skiing. Our children and grandchildren live in towns nearby, so we see them all the time. I am now passionately devoting most of my time (eight months of the year) to my painting and sculpting. My exhibitions are taking me around Europe, discovering places I have longed to see and meeting artists from around the world. This year I was in Oxford and London, Berlin, and Rome. I've shown in Brighton and Geneva and several times in Paris, and for my fifth year in Montreux, Switzerland. In 2013, I showed in Beijing. An amazing experience. This summer my paintings were also shown in Saint Petersburg. (Unfortunately I could not go with them this time.) Georges and I are Healthy and Happy and have just celebrated our 46th wedding anniversary. Life is Good! I wish you all the same; see you in 2019."

From **Ann Noble**: "Still living in a five-bedroom house in Denver but definitely thinking about downsizing. Would really miss the neighborhood I've lived in for 35 years. Three grandkids. All my children (four) have moved back to Denver; all of them are doing fine. I still drive to NW Connecticut every summer (and most falls) to our cottage. Mostly healthy, with some arthritis. Swim, ride my bike, garden, knit, read, and babysit regularly."

Penny Earle Cook and her husband, Ron, are both excellent photographers. She wrote at Christmastime about their year, 2015: "Trips to Mexico, Alaska, New Hampshire and the outer banks of North Carolina and Savannah helped fill Rod's and my photographic coffers in anticipation of three shows next year (2016). Rod never stops stretching the boundaries of his creativity, pulling me along in his wake."

As for me, this year has had its highlights. In February my husband, Kazu, and I showed our best man around Maui, our second home. Then in March, I travelled to Colorado for the final event of an online course I had been taking and graduation as a certified eating psychology coach. In September I made my first public presentation at the YMCA here in Kamakura, Japan, where I live. In June, Kazu and I took a coach tour

in Spain from Madrid to Barcelona. We loved the trip, and I got to visit more of the places I'd studied about in Major Monuments at Western. At home I remain involved in the volunteer-run newspaper, *The Shonan Post*, dance hula for fun, and enjoy my grandsons when I can. Occasionally I meet up with **Suzuko Kitagawa '59** and **Hisako Matsumoto Era '68** for lunch and a lot of talking!

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Valerie Dickson-Horton (23853 Amalfi Coast Rd., Estero (Bonita Springs), FL 34135; 1strealty@msn.com) replied to the WCAA office post-deadline "gentle reminder": It is good hearing from you!

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Alumnae Weekend '17: Celebrating 45 years!

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Greetings all! I heard from, or about, several classmates this year, but would love to hear from MORE of you!

Susan Adland says, "Well — we are hitting 65 or thereabouts this year. I wonder if there had been e-mail or Facebook back in our days we would have been more connected. Would so love to hear how people

have spent their time post-Western. As I look at my friends, there is a high percentage of graduates from women's colleges. There remains a place for single sex education, even in our current world. What am I up to? I work one day a week at American University as a general reference librarian, lots of various volunteer things ... a little Chinese mahjong and tennis. Travel — as we all do. Went back to Israel this year, first time since 1975! What changes, what an amazing country. I know some people feel they are occupying land, but look what has been accomplished there. My daughter is with Planned Parenthood of America, doing wonderful hard work on behalf of women's health. I am involved in the Hillary campaign. By the time you read this it will all be over. Debate was last night. Well we all have thoughts: for me — no contest.

"**Marcy Jackoway Cornfeld** comes to DC often, but there are few others I see. And **Jefferson James FF** came for a visit in January. Still very much involved in the dance scene in DC. Where are you all?" sfadland@hotmail.com

A late submission from **Alison (Nancy) Owens** didn't make the last newsletter. So I'll share what she wrote now. "I've completely



Alison (middle), with classmate Ada Harrigan (right) and Cris Arguedas '75

lost track of when our class will publish updates, but I'll send you this one just in case. I finally took a long-overdue trip to the Bay Area in March 2015, and got to have dinner with **Cris Arguedas '75** and **Ada Harrigan '73**. Considering how much fun we had together while at Western, we were all amazed that we hadn't seen each other in 42 years! We had a wonderful reunion and I'm sure we won't wait so long to do it again!

"Despite losing one of my beloved dogs, I've had a good summer with lots of time for gardening and tending to all the box turtles in my back yard. I'm self-employed now and got an opportunity to do some consulting work for the Santa Fe School of Massage, which has been a pleasant change of pace, reminiscent of my 21 years at the New Mexico School of Natural Therapeutics. Still hoping to do some traveling to Southeast

Asia, but those plans are on hold for a while. I guess that's all for now, **Alison Owens** (aka **Nancy**)."
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Lesley Wischmann actually sent me her news about five months early, which is wonderful! She writes, "Wanted to write now in case I forgot to send along this photo of me with **Tina Shattuck Stenhuis**, taken at her



Lesley (left), with Tina and respective spouses: Larry Jansen (behind Tina) and Richard Stenhuis (behind Lesley). Go figure.

winter home in Stuart, FL, this past January. As usual, we had a great time with them. I guess I've probably seen Tina as much or more than any other Western alum, with the possible exception of **Lee Esterly Richter '74**. Tina and Richard will be back here in October to celebrate my 64th birthday and sing famous Beatles songs, as I did for her on her 64th a few years back. The two of them just headed off to Holland to celebrate Richard's mother's 95th birthday. Otherwise, they split their time between their homes on the LI Sound in Connecticut, the family home in Vermont, and their new winter getaway in Florida. Tina is still lovely and crazy fun, all rolled together.

"As for Larry and me, we're settling into our new home in coastal NC. Quite a change after almost 40 years in Wyoming, but we love the proximity to the ocean. My sister retired and joined us about a year ago, so we have a nice little cozy family here. Learning about the area with our Exploration Tuesdays, where we pick a destination and go explore. Lots of fun! Did have a jolt a couple weeks ago when Larry came back from a bike ride complaining of chest pain. A trip to the ER bought him an overnight hospital stay. He was never in really deep distress and was back to normal within hours. So it's a little hard to really process, but then it just hits you: Larry had a heart attack! But I think our experience shows that acting fast and responsibly is the right way to go with these things. However, as a friend of ours said, 'getting old sucks!'

"Anyway, hope you and yours are all well. Thanks for keeping everyone in touch. I really love to read the updates — and with your help, I recently reconnected with **Ada Harrington** so that was nice. If anyone wants my contact info: lesleywisch@gmail.com, 102 Mardella Way, Holly Ridge, NC 28445, 307-399-8805."

Margaret "Millie" Odede Adongo continues to work on a beautiful book (*Proudly Kenyan*) about the wonderful artisan work of her native land and lobbying to have Kenya adopt a national dress. She is hoping to find a publisher to print and market it, perhaps by having someone sponsor the printing of 10, 20, 50 books, or whatever. If you, or anyone of your acquaintances, know of someone who might like to sponsor this project, please contact me, or Millie

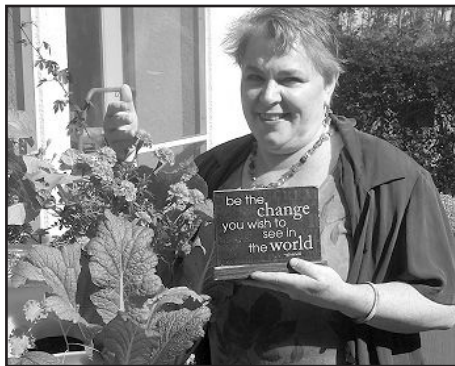


Millie and granddaughter

directly at nyodesh@yahoo.com. She also is working on a t-shirt venture that, though not fully fledged yet, occasionally earns her a few shillings to support the larger project of getting *Proudly Kenyan* published. Again, if anyone feels inspired to help Millie — please contact her. You can check out her flyer for the t-shirts by writing to me, and I'll send you the document link.

Aside from working on her clothing projects, Millie and her family have been traveling a good deal this year. In March, she and her twin, Janet, went to Pangoni Beach Resort on the coast near Mombasa. In May, her son Mitchell gave her and her four sisters a 10-day trip to Dubai. Then in July, she and family members went to visit her brother, Dr. Odede, in Eldoret, a town to the northwest of Kenya. And, she now has a beautiful little granddaughter.

Now for *my* news: I continue to love my career as Holistic Health Practitioner, with a side gig of officiating at weddings and other ceremonies. I am now a proud (or maybe reluctant) card-carrying member of Medicare! Fortunately, my health is pretty great overall, so I hope to not have to use it much! I took a trip last November to visit



Christy, in son Hugo's "Gratitude Garden"

my two Florida kids and my three grandkids in Naples, and am planning another trip this coming November.

My youngest child, Gino, left in February for a two-year social worker job in Somerset, England. He's living in the wacky and wonderful town of Glastonbury, in his own little flat. He drives to and from work each day in a Citroen — on the left side of the road, and driving stick shift, no less! He's having a blast, although his job with Child Protective Services is a bit stressful. I'm planning to visit there for the month of May (2017). While there, I hope to hook up with my freshman year roommate, **Agnes Lafitte**, who lives outside Paris.



Christy and daughter Allegra

Please consider making long-term plans for our 45th in two years, and if possible, attend the yearly reunions. It really is a wonderful way to honor our friendships, our education, and our lives! Many blessings to you all! I'm still waiting for some of you to visit me in San Diego!!!

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In lieu of any direct news from the Class of '75, here is a bit of indirect news, courtesy of **Alison Owens '73**: "I finally took a long-overdue trip to the Bay Area in March 2015, and got to have dinner with **Cris Arguedas '75** and **Ada Harrigan '73**. Considering how much fun we had together while at Western, we were all amazed that we hadn't seen each other in 42 years! We had a wonderful reunion and I'm sure we won't wait so long to do it again!" [See photo of Cris, preceding page.] How 'bout a Class Rep '75ers? We want to remember the Unforgotten Classes, but we need help from you!

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Kudos to Pheetta G. Wilkinson, the lone representative of the 40-year class at Reunion '16! And didn't she do it in grand style!

Greetings from Northeast Ohio: the home of the Cleveland Browns, the Cleveland Indians — and yes — the Cleveland Cavaliers. I hope this update finds everyone well and looking forward to a joyful 2017.

I heard from three of our classmates this fall, but please remember that you can drop me a line any time it is convenient for you. My contact information is listed below.

I heard from **Lesley Arena Crocker** in January of 2016. She was still working for the State of Wisconsin but was hoping to retire either this year or in 2017. She enjoys spending time with friends and family and loves to create elaborate doll displays for Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day. Her favorite holiday (for decorating at last) is Halloween and last year she was on the prize-winning team in her office. Lesley also does animal protection work, is in a book club, and really loves going to the movies.

Daniel Becker writes that "no news is good news" and I have found out that as we enter our 60s this is indeed true! Dan stays incredibly busy. He is still in the Chicago area where he plays in five different bands, teaches guitar and paints

houses. His "spare" time is spent gardening and spending time with his four grandchildren and just enjoying life in general.

Sarah Terry (my Western roommate) retired from ConocoPhillips after 35 years of corporate life, at which point she completed the requirements for her Doctor of Philosophy in Geography at The University of Oxford, School of Geography and the Environment. Since then she has been dividing her time while in the United States between Houston, TX, and Wellfleet, MA. She does quite a bit of consulting on biodiversity conservation but tries to protect her personal time. A lot of this time is spent taking photographs of and from every corner of the world; her work is breathtaking.

Karen Harper writes: "I grew up hearing about Western from my mother (**Ruth Rutledge Harper '43**) so losing that wonderful legacy and unique educational experience for myself after only a year is a sad memory for me. I eventually received a master's degree in public health/education and had a career in health administration." Karen has also worked as a teacher, a lifeguard, a professional ski instructor and patroller, and was an alpine ski racer with a top 10 national rating. During the Cold War she served as an executive committee officer with International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, the recipients of the 1985 Nobel Prize for peace. She has lived in the mountains of Colorado, New York City and spent two years in College Corner. She

is currently living in a suburb of Cincinnati working as a nanny (which she loves) in spite of having to contend with a serious chronic illness she has had to deal with for the past 20 years. She sends her fondest regards and peace to all who love Western.

I've had an interesting year. Nothing earth-shattering, but as Dan said "no news is good news." I had a bit of a health scare in the spring and, as a result, quit smoking. Oddly enough I had no problem quitting cold turkey, but oh how I miss them after 40-plus years of smoking enjoyment! I once knew a woman who had two cigarettes every evening and I have decided that she had to have been the strongest willed person I have ever met. For me two cigarettes a day would quickly and inevitably turn into two packs! My husband quit when I did, appropriately on April Fool's Day. The money we have saved will more than pay for our annual month on Cape Cod, which proves cigarettes are not only unhealthy, but expensive to boot.

May 2017 be happy healthy and loads of fun for all of us!

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Class Notes . . . Post Script

Clara "Clid" Hunter '46 celebrated her 92nd birthday by returning home after three months in hospital rehab following extensive abdominal surgery. "Needless to say, it was not what I expected and I lost 20 pounds." She's back to her normal routine now, but moving at a much slower pace. One big change: She has had to give up driving. She misses the independence, but manages with the help of friends and community services. Clid keeps in touch with classmates **Dorcas Robson** and **Betty Lee Maddox Daniels**. She is looking forward to the *Bulletin*.

In August, Sara Wedeman, daughter of **Martha Hall Wedeman '46**, visited Patterson Place. She brought along documents and artifacts dating back to Marty's early days in journalism, including the picture below of Marty surrounded by men, in the newsroom of the *Washington Post*, where she went to work as a reporter in 1947. Reportedly, it was taken Nov. 2, 1948 — the night of the "Dewey Defeats Truman" election! Marty served as a WCAA trustee 2003-2008 and passed away in January 2015. Sara has promised to write a book about her mother. We are reserving a copy.



Sara Wedeman and husband Michael Feagans, on the Peabody steps



In Memoriam

Eleanor Van Dervort Talbot '34

October 2016

Joyce Eddy Plummer '48

March 2016

Edith Shattuck Johnson '52

October 2015

Alice Applegate Cunningham '40

December 2015

Dr. Bjorg Skoklefeld Thayer '48

November 2015

Sara Suzanne Off Schrope '52

Trustee 1997-2004, 2013-
October 2016

Elinor Griffith Green '41

May 2016

Grace Sherman Streb '49

February 2016

Joan Willitts Glatte '53

Trustee 1976-1982
May 2016

Marion E. Constable '42

Date unknown

Betty Ward Clark '50

March 2016

Doris Jean McIntosh Webb '53

May 2016

Beth Shirk Bevan '45

Trustee 1978-1984
April 2016

Lucile A. Friedli '50

March 2015

Barbara Bailey Tousey '55

July 2016

Myrtle Rider Mateer '46

April 2014

Patricia Hock Graue '50

2013

Barbara A. Crotts '59

May 2016

Shirley Rehm Witten '46

June 2016

Barbara Geyer Wentz '50

June 2016

Cynthia Abney Tiedemann '76

December 2015

Eleanor Jones '48

February 2016

Rosemarie Reuter Bowman '51

Date unknown

Erich R. Lauffer '80

May 2016

Carol Battjes Erhart '51

July 2015

Sara Suzanne Schrope (Suzy or Sue), our 1952 classmate, class representative for many years, and frequent WCAA Board member, died October 6th. She was a Western College enthusiast her whole life. Her high school good friend, **Josselyn Bennett Winslow '51**, led Sue to Western. I first met her our freshman year when she lived next door on Peabody second floor. She took me home with her that first Thanksgiving, where I was introduced to Indiana basketball fanaticism at a Broad Ripple High School game. A chemistry major, she had broad interests, and was the editor of *Round-Up* the last half of our senior year. Her lifelong love was music, especially choral music, and she was a fixture in reunion choir performances. She had a strong alto voice, and sang in her church choirs as well as in smaller groups all her life. She met her husband-to-be at a church social. Dan was ten years older. Sue's working life was in hospital labs, which she preferred, as she wanted to be where the action was, not in an isolated research facility. Her special gift to Western was an interest in all things old, and she liked nothing better than rummaging through the attic at Patterson Place, suggesting the things that should be kept there or in the archives. About a month before she died, a group from Oxford and others who had worked with her at Western brought her a formal certificate of appreciation for all she had done through the years. That greatly pleased Sue though she was a "worker bee" who did not crave recognition. Sue did most of the bringing up of her granddaughter Bambi, and found special joy in Bambi's two children, as well as her little dog, Muffin, now cared for by family members.

— Catherine "Cathy" Ross Loveland '52

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.*

** An exception has been made for serving trustee Sue Schrope, whose class — for whom she was the Bulletin Class Rep — does not report till spring.*

The Western College Program

Greetings from Oxford! I am very excited to be serving as the president of the alumni board, as I started my term this past July. During the summer meeting we made progress on a few important tasks: the development of a set of strategic initiatives to work on for the coming year, the amendment of by-laws to better reflect our current practices, and we shared in the celebration with the WCAA as they recognized two of our outstanding alumni.



Mike

The initiatives and goals that we discussed during the summer board meeting are based on three main issues: alumni engagement, current student development, and open communication. Alumni engagement is a commitment to effective communication with alumni, hosting the upcoming Mega Reunion, and creating local networking events. Current student development involves the continuation of the senior project mentor program, providing meaningful opportunities for alumni/student interaction, and developing students as engaged alumni. As president of the board it is my goal to make sure communication is a priority this year. This involves continual communication with the current program, the alumni, the WCAA, and all other important stakeholders.

The by-laws changes that were made were predominantly logistical in nature as our by-laws had not been updated for quite some time. However, one change that I do want to make you aware of is our name change. The board discussed that our name did not accurately represent the individuals who are members of our group. For example, the Western College Program Alumni Association did not support Western 1.0 (Western College for Women) or Western 3.0 (Individualized Studies). We believe that these groups are critical to our success and we wanted our name to reflect this commitment. Thus, we changed our name to the Western Alumni Association at Miami University (WAAMU).

Last, during the weekend, we supported the WCAA recognizing two of our outstanding alumni. At an amazing banquet, **John Rego '81** and **Rhian Miller '78** accepted awards from the WCAA. These awards recognized their commitment to the Western Legacy as well as the significant achievements that they made since graduating. We were very excited for both John and Rhian for this recognition as well as thankful for the WCAA on this initiative.

In the coming months, I am looking forward to several Western initiatives: the continuation of the senior project alumni mentor program, the planning of Mega Reunion, the completion of the Western Legacy Circle, supporting Patterson Place, and much more. If you would like to be more involved as an alumnus, please don't hesitate in reaching out!

Again, I am excited and honored to work with both the board and alumni from across the country in continuing the strong Western legacy and tradition. Please be on the lookout for future communications.

— *Mike Loeffelman '03*
President, WAAMU

Two distinguished WCP alums would like you to know about an exciting project they are currently involved in. **Chris Kerosky '81** and **Rhian Miller '78** have both been featured in *Bulletin* pages recently — Chris's 2003 Alumnae Weekend chapel speech was reprised in the spring 2016 issue, and Rhian's 2016 ASA citation is printed here on page 29.

An immigration lawyer and documentary filmmaker respectively, they have been working together to produce films and videos about the DREAMers — the colloquial name given to young people in California's North Bay area who have obtained legal status through the Deferred Action for Childhood Applicants law (DACA).

In conjunction with the Sonoma County Human Rights Commission, local PBS station KRCB, and many other schools and community groups, their non-profit, all-volunteer project is telling the stories on television, in film, in the media and on line. To date, they have made six short films about DREAMers. These have been aired continuously on KRCB and are currently being shown on various PBS stations and at community events nationwide.

You can learn more about the project, the DACA law, and — most important — view the profiles on either of their two websites (www.MyAmericanDream.org or www.NorthBayDreamers.org), Facebook page, and YouTube.

Their hope is, in Chris's words, "... to help put a human face on the millions of undocumented young and old people living in the United States."



It was said that the late great James Brown was "the hardest working man in show business." Our classmate, **Cary Mathias**, is keeping an equally frenetic pace.

New job: After 30 years of service at Environmental Laboratories, Cary accepted the job of Environmental Manager for Arcelor-Mittal, the world's largest steel and mining corporation. ArcelorMittal has plants in 19 countries with Cary being responsible for environmental compliance for ArcelorMittal's facilities located throughout the United States.

New grandchild: Cary became a grandfather on April 28, 2016, with the birth of his granddaughter, Aimsley. Aimsley was born to Cary's daughter, Lily Brown and her husband, Brian Brown. Lily is a program manager for Arabella Advisors located in the Chicago area. Arabella advises philanthropists so that their charitable giving makes the most public impact. Lily is a graduate of Ohio University with degrees in world politics and Spanish. Cary's son, Kelson, and his wife, Ali, live in Columbus. Kelson is a graduate of The Ohio State University from their welding engineering program. Cary's youngest daughter, Christina, is a fifth-grader. Christina enjoys horseback riding and her improvisation and film class.

New (old) relationship: Cary has renewed his relationship with our classmate, **Anne**



Cary Mathias & Anne Babcock

Babcock. Anne is a special needs teacher in Bowling Green, OH.

New residence: Cary is now living in North Royalton, OH. Cary recently hosted a party for local Western friends. (Please enjoy the pictures of this event.) Cary's hobbies remain backpacking, camping and biking.

With his business travel to Chicago, Cary has visited with **Kim Weaver**. Cary hopes to visit Kim again, as well as her fellow Chicagoland classmate, **Dave Rankin**.

Reflecting on Western, Cary said "My Western education has allowed me to achieve my personal goals but most importantly, it allows me to constantly learn and grow in the real world."

Tim Matune '81
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A few smiling faces from Cary's Cleveland area party:



Laura & Dean Payne



Tom Prorok, Alan Kalish & Terry Segal



Kirk Davis, Lisa Ott Valentine
& Nancy Slocum Callahan



Class Rep **Jim Boyer** reports from 1190 Cahoon Road, Westlake, OH 44145; phone 440-360-0352: Life is good. I was teaching IB Physics last year at the Montessori High School, but my job got outsourced to CWRU

this year. As a result, my function this year is child transport — Red Chief goes to a Farm School on the far side of town, so my days are occupied by a 42-mile commute to Concord Township, followed by a descent into the basement workshop to make stuff. Current projects involve Mercedes restoration and designing a curriculum for middle- and high-school students to learn physics, history, environmental science (you name it) by researching and building cedar strip canoes which can then be auctioned to continue the program. My daughter's school may pilot the construction phase of the project in the spring, at least as an extracurricular for the boarding students. Otherwise, I started building xylophones and other wooden stuff a couple years ago, which keeps me busy and out of trouble, and I continue to play trombone with the Cleveland Donauschwäbische Blaskapelle (DSB), the oldest German band in Cleveland. If it takes 10,000 hours to become adept at something, I'm probably at about 500 hours, but it is fun. One band leads to another — I find myself in five different community bands at the moment. We're heading to Germany with the DSB next year — looking forward to finding Herr Doctor **Tim Ferdelman** if he's not out to sea.

Since I have been such a poor class representative and contact person the past year or so, in that I did not get notice out to all of you in '83 to be included in this newsletter, if you send me an e-mail, postcard, stone tablet, pony-express, or sky-written update in the next month or so, I will put together a 1983 update to send via email, semaphore, or even U.S. Mail. My newest lesson: Never trust your computer, especially when it comes to spam filters. And thank you to **Wendy** and **Bob Warren** for sending me the following e-mail that made me realize that there was an update to the WCAA on the horizon!!

Wendy Zagray Warren and Bob Warren "are living at the end of a road up a holler in Kentucky, just outside of Berea. Two mules, three horses, one very old Samoyed and one cat live here, too, and the occasional deer, coyote, turkey, eagle, heron, owl, or osprey wanders (or flies) through. Bob works as a forester at Berea College. Wendy works from home as a consultant for a NYC-based Holocaust Education and Human Rights nonprofit and as a writer. Lots of irons in the fire and, as usual, not sure where life will lead us next, but we're up for the adventure. **Andrew Ritan** visited last fall and we hope to see him again soon. We loved having **Karen** and **Keara Kilbane** stop by for a visit as well. Karen and I talked as fast as we could in the short time we had, and somehow things picked up where they left off many years ago. We have a front porch with a view and lots of rocking chairs ... if you need an escape to the woods, come find us!" E-mail Wendy at wendyzwarren@yahoo.com or Bob at fuzzy.buttz@gmail.com.



Sylva Miller's "bunch of friends" from '95 (left to right): Sylva, Jane Short, Heather Sage, Truda Holland Shinker, and Heather Kaye Zettelman

And, from **Tim Ferdelman**: "It has been some time now that I have written. As I write this, I realize that I have been living now in the same red brick townhouse in Lilienthal, Germany, on the outskirts of Bremen. Seems that I have a penchant for red brick, whether the red brick of my parents' ranch house near Dayton, the red brick of Miami (and of course Peabody and McKee Halls), the same Georgian architecture at the University of Delaware, or the red brick hansa-style typical for Bremen and the north of Germany.

"I've been here now for more than 20 years, and would have to say that I have put down roots here with my wife, Claudia, our two kids, Marie Helen and Kai, the dog (Jeska) and cat (Theo). Both Marie Helen and Kai are college age and either out of the house or on their way. As for me, I am still working as a research scientist in the Biogeochemistry Department at the Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology in Bremen. After finishing my degree in Chemical Oceanography at the University of Delaware, I joined the then brand-new MPI in Bremen on a two-year post-doc stipend. Two years stretched into four and eventually I was offered a permanent position here. I really never looked back. It's a great place to work; the MPI is one of the leading institutes in biogeochemistry and environmental microbiology. It also has meant that I have spent nearly two years of my life on research vessels. I just finished an expedition across the South Pacific Subtropical Gyre as chief scientist, sailing from Antofagasta, Chile, to Wellington, New Zealand, on board the German research vessel *Sonne*. It's kind of strange to think that I would be spending so much time at sea considering that I first saw the ocean when I was 22 years old. But I guess that I have **Bill Green FF** to thank for that; Bill, who gently nudged me into the sciences and chemistry and who is one of the persons I most admire. It has truly been an interesting journey from his lab in Boyd Hall and out on Acton Lake collecting samples.

"I like it here. I ride my bike into work. It's about nine kilometers over meadows and dikes. It's also pretty flat, but the wind and rain make a difference some days. I also get by with my German. I have been active in our very small Catholic parish here in Lilienthal (the north of Germany is very strongly protestant), and have even become a Lektor, doing some of the readings in my very heavy American accent. Neither having German ancestry nor getting through German 202 level at Miami really helped. Raising kids who answered my English strictly in German, on the other hand, probably did the trick. Meeting with friends over a fresh Haake-Beck Pils (yes, Bremen is home to Becks Bier) probably didn't hurt either.

"So if you find yourself traveling through northern Germany in or around Bremen, feel free to stop by. You can reach us at: ferdelman.de@gmail.com or by post at: Tim and Claudia Ferdelman, Auf dem Kamp 23c, D-28865 Lilienthal, Germany. We have plenty of room upstairs for guests and, like I said, the beer and biking is excellent. Bring a rain coat though."

Jim Boyer '83
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In his own (few) words: "Hello Western: Please keep up the good work. **Thomas Rodgers '85**, still outside of Seattle, WA. Contact is thomaswash2@frontier.com. Thank you."



Mike Menner celebrated over 26 years of employment at St. Stephen's Human Services in Minneapolis this year. He sends this update: "With the exception of a few months wandering in the 1990 desert of temporary jobs after my year at St. Stephen's with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, I've been here [Minneapolis] since leaving Western. (**Mike Neff** and **Kurt Kishler** also have similar longevity at their places of employment, I believe!)

"Over the years my work has included publishing the Minneapolis and St. Paul *Handbooks of the Streets*, 80- 100-page resource guides listing services available for people who are experiencing homelessness. In addition to development and fundraising work, I've also mastered the art of obtaining birth certificates for folks from all 50 states, a few territories, provinces and the U.S. State Department. It's amazing how vital that vital record is!

"My idea of a career change led me 16 years ago to culinary school. I had visions of a cafe to provide a community gathering space and training in kitchen skills. While there are many great models for that, recessions and the like shelved it from becoming a reality for me. So I put those knife skills to use for fundraisers, staff events, all-day Thanksgiving and Christmas Day drop-in centers, as well as at home! A big pot of gumbo, biscuits, home-baked bread, and homemade bratwursts are among my faves. Hospitality inspired by Dorothy Day continues to be key for me. Tell me what you're cooking these days!" fiesta@bitstream.net.



Sylva Miller sent a wonderful picture of "a bunch of friends who had not been together for over a decade. In August 2016, roommates from Peabody Hall, Mary Lyon Hall, and the Happy Trails house in the student ghetto during the early '90s met for a college reunion in South Haven, MI. They live in four different states now from Colorado to Pennsylvania." [See photo this page.]



Dave Essinger writes: "Lots going on here, as always, but my biggest news is the publication of my first novel, titled *Running Out!* Forthcoming from Main Street Rag Press in spring 2017. It's about two elite endurance athletes and their child, stranded after a light plane crash in remote northern Quebec." Dave is an associate professor in the English department at the University of Findlay.

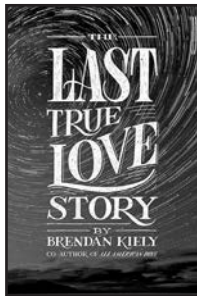
And from **Melissa Prendergast**: "On November 14, 2015, on our 9-year anniversary, my wife Abby Salak and I got married in Columbus, OH. On May 27, 2016, our daughter Ruth Eloise was born — she decided to meet the world much earlier than planned, but after a 110-day stay in the Nationwide Children's NICU at Riverside Methodist Hospital, she came home to us on September

14, 2016, just two days after her original due date. At birth, she weighed 1 lb. 6 oz. and was 12.8 inches long. Despite her tiny size, she was mighty and extraordinarily healthy even then — Ruth was breathing on her own within hours of her birth. Now, Ruth is nearing 9 lbs. and keeping her mamas very busy! We live in Clintonville with Ruth, and her dog brother and cat sister. I am currently a Master Commissioner for the Supreme Court of Ohio, after spending nine years as an assistant public defender for the State Public Defender's Office in Columbus, OH."



Good things are happening with the WCP class of 1999!

Brendan Kiely recently embarked on his second national tour with his coauthor, Jason Reynolds, for their book, *All American Boys*, speaking with students in hundreds of schools, libraries, jails, nonprofits, and universities about systemic racism and violence. He has also published a new novel, *The Last True Love Story*.



Michaela D.E. Meyer recently earned promotion to Professor of Communication at Christopher Newport University. Her scholarship on identity and sexuality has earned numerous national awards. Most recently, her research on pregnancy loss was recognized by the National Communication Association's Best Book Chapter in Ethnography Award.



*Future Olympian
Zora Guinigundo*

And as for me, **Karla (Schneider) Guinigundo**, my title at Miami has recently changed to Director of Global Partnerships. I will be traveling to China in January with two faculty members in the College of Education, Health and Society, to lay the groundwork for the Miami University-Sanya

University American Cultural Center which will open in May 2017, thanks to a grant we received from the U.S. Department of State. Outside of work, I'm busy trying to keep up with now 2-year-old Zora, who recently started toddler gymnastics through Miami Recreation.

I'd love to hear from you!

Karla (Schneider) Guinigundo '99
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It was a year for babies for the class of 2003! Congratulations to all the new parents! I have to say, my faith is renewed in humanity when I see you all raising your children. The care and thought you give to their young lives is amazing. And I wonder how much you think about that toys class when making purchases for the kiddos?

Jeneá Patrice Scott: "2016 has been a great year for me and my family. I got married to a wonderful man and our beautiful daughter, Analise, was born in August. Since April of this year I've been working as a Business Analyst/Project Manager for AT&T's Entertainment Group."



Beautiful Analise

Erica N. Bland-Durosini: "I was promoted to Illinois Political Director for SEIU Healthcare Illinois-Indiana. We ran and won 15 races



First son Miles

across the state in March. On September 30, 2016, my husband and I welcomed our first son to the world — Miles Nasir Durosini, 5 lbs, 6 oz and 19 inches."

Rob Oldenburg: "I'm the proud father of a 3-month-old (Nolan). He has been awarded "World's Cutest Child" by several award authorities. He also promised to never vote for Trump."



The Bishop family

Caroline Bishop: Sent in a photo of her family on a recent hike. Caroline Bishop, her husband, Jeremy Bishop, and their kids, Eden Bishop (7) and Hannah Bishop (7).

Jordan Tate: Received tenure at the University of Cincinnati.

Joy Usner '03
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The new class notes rep for 2007, **Emily Brown**, in typical Western fashion, procrastinated until the 11th hour to write her own note: I had my ninth anniversary living in Washington, DC, this year, along with my fifth anniversary of working at the international development non-profit FHI 360. No surprise, I support FHI 360's gender integration efforts and am a vocal gender advocate and feminist on social media (@emilybatesbrown). I've been an avid long-distance runner since 2010, though a back injury sidetracked me for most of 2016. Last year, I reunited with **Ryan Pearl** ('06) as partners in crime at **Allison Plavecski's** wedding.

Speaking of whom, **Allison Plavecski** says: "I am enjoying my first year of married life with husband Christian. We live in our house we bought two years ago in Seattle. We are amazed at how much the city changes daily. Earlier this year, we took a three-week trip around France and came back wine snobs."

Anne Smart also writes from the West Coast (or an airport): "I spend most of my time on airplanes and in hotels, traveling around the country advocating for electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Occasionally I make it home to San Jose, CA, where I live with my sister and our four dogs. Look me up if you're ever in Silicon Valley!"

Rachel Stern Goldsmith is living and working in Chicago, elaborating: "I balance



Family members of Rachel Goldsmith

my time between my job as a marriage and family therapist and being a mom to our beautiful son, Benjamin. My husband, Jacob, and I just celebrated our seventh wedding anniversary, and little baby Ben is about to turn one! Penny Lane, our trusty chocolate lab and first baby, as always, is by our side and sweet as ever."

Kevin Krease shares: "Four years ago, I started a business with fellow Western grad,



Kevin Krease and family

Garret Koehler '09 to bring the X Games to Detroit. (I actually applied my senior project's focus on corporate social responsibility and business impact. I'm lucky!) When Austin won the bid instead, we started our own brand, ASSEMBLE, an event and media platform that convenes people around the question of Detroit's rebuilding. Now, I'm working with GM and diving deep into the autonomous car space. I am married to Kasey Miller, whom I met at a Kentucky Derby party, and we have a 1-year-old son, Maxwell Miller Krease."

Maureen Mowl is taking time to be with her daughters (19 months and 3 months). She writes: "In May 2016, I stopped working at Miami University as an adjunct for Career Services and the Education Leadership Department for the birth of my second daughter. I am enjoying the chaos of motherhood, but miss adult conversations at times."



Maureen

Christopher Kwarciany has yo-yo'd the Pacific Ocean, writing: "After three years of teaching English in South Korea, I decided to return to the U.S. in February 2016. However, I realized I wanted to teach abroad more — in part because of the nauseating elections! So somewhat begrudgingly, I returned to teach in Korea in August 2016 and now live in a suburb of Busan, Korea's second largest city."

Thad Kerosky is a world traveler, too, but settling back in the U.S.: "I am finally starting graduate school at the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy at Tufts University in Boston. It's more interdisciplinarity, can you believe it? I've continued weaving the tech and international development fields since serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in East and West Africa, working in various NGOs, governments, startups, and taking occasional international missions."

Jenn Swing surfaced to let us know that: "Since I graduated, I bought a house in Lebanon, OH, and work in Middletown as a therapist, mostly with struggling teens. I had a baby, Calliope Jack, who is now eight months old and adorable! Also — I'm not too normal — I sing and perform with a Pirate Glee Club for fun!"

Carl Marsh is sounding sunny from Columbus: "I live with my fiancée, Marcie, in an old brick townhouse in German Village. We are planning on getting married at the conservatory in spring 2016. I found my dream job working for the Ohio Bar Liability Insurance Company as claims counsel (I'm an attorney). Life is full of work and fun and I hope it continues into the next decade!"

Kara Love: "My husband and I both finished our Master's at the University of Chicago and moved back to the Cincinnati area. We bought our first home in Finneytown, OH, at the end of 2015. I switched jobs three times in 2016, but in the best move I have made in a long time, I returned to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butler County where I worked right after graduating from Western. It feels surreal to be back on Miami's campus recruiting volunteers and eating Cookie Monster sandwiches at Bagel & Deli! Some things never change."

Willi Lempert has been winning accolades for his film work on remote indigenous groups: "I just returned from two years of anthropological Fulbright fieldwork in Northwestern Australia working with indigenous media organizations on a variety of films. I'm now editing films and writing my dissertation in Colorado." Check out some of his work: sapiens.org/language/talking-with-hand-signs/



Willi

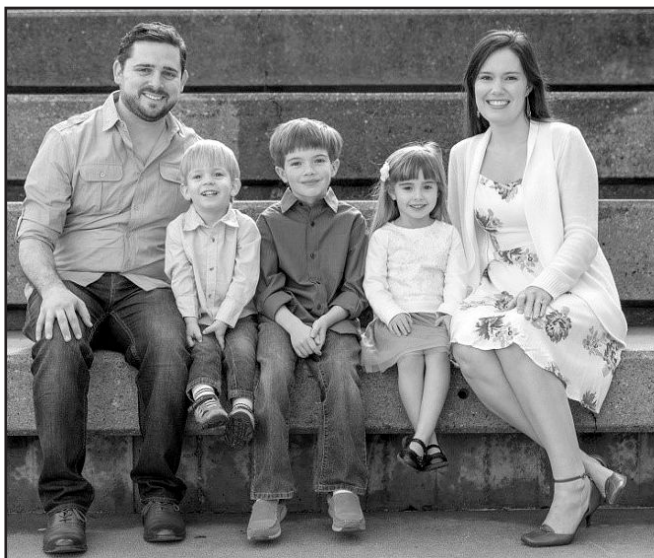
Nicholas Delphia is enjoying life in Pittsburgh: "I work as a food safety inspector and love it. December 2015 brought the birth of my second son, Ethan. In July, my wife and I celebrated our fifth wedding anniversary. I am blown away by how curious and astute my four-year-old son, Noah, is. He can tell



Nick Delphia and family

when adults are rattled, so he always asks before we go anywhere, 'Will McDonald Trump be there?' I spend my evenings and weekends with my family, cooking, eating, exploring parks and neighborhoods, and having a good time. We were visited in summer 2016 by **Willi Lempert**, who shared his stories of Australia and made many comparisons between my children and apes (which I appreciated)."

The musically inclined **Craig West** sent this update: "In 2015, I married Jessica, who I met while taking doctoral classes at University of Cincinnati. Now we are a family of five, with kids aged 4, 6, and 9. We just bought a new house on the east side of Cincinnati and went full-on suburb.



The suburban Craig West family of five

"I teach at the Good Samaritan College of Nursing where I work specifically with at-risk students. I'm writing my dissertation — a Critical Discourse Analysis of Adolescent Power Acquisition in Young Adult Literature — and hope to be finished in spring 2017.

It would be easier if I had **Bill Newell FF** yelling at me to finish my project. I'm in two different bands around Cincinnati and still make lots of my own music. If you want to hear my songs, you can at soundcloud.com/craig-k-west/sets/craig-k-west. There you'll

find a song about **Willi Lempert's** travels, amongst other things."

Closer to Miami, **Michelle Brasseur** sends this update: "I've been with the Wright State University Libraries for almost three years. I love helping students, faculty, and staff learn



Michelle, with Jamie Lee Curtis

about the value of quality information. I was awarded a grant to attend the American Library Association Annual Conference in Orlando this summer, where I had a blast, meeting thousands of fellow librarians from all over the country. Here's a photo of me with keynote speaker, Jamie Lee Curtis. I also recently joined the Academic Library Association of Ohio Board as Public Relations Coordinator. This summer, I visited Oxford for the first time in several years to wish a teary goodbye to Mary Lyon Hall. While Mary Lyon may be gone, the friendships I made there will last a lifetime."

Emily Brown '07
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Past and Future Westerners: WCP at Alumnae/i Weekend '16



Gathered in the Western Dining Commons (left to right) Alicia Broderick '90 and spouse Mike Conaway '90, with kids Nicholas and Lauren in between; Karen Gotter '09; John Rego '81, Muriel Blaisdell FF; Mike Loeffelman '03; Rhian Miller '78; and Dean Emeritus Bill Gracie. Missing from picture: Tim Matune '81

The Western Program

Message from the Director, October 2016

Fellow Westerners, I offer two thoughts, connected tenuously, before making way for greetings my colleague, **Garrett Gust**, our new Student Activities Coordinator. Garrett graduated as a major in Individualized Studies in May and is using this academic year to further the development of The Western Center, and to prepare himself for graduate studies in anthropology. The Western Center, on the ground floor of Peabody Hall, is our hub for independent study and community activities. The students have named the room “39° 84° West,” which refers to the GPS Coordinates of Peabody Hall. We sit at latitude 39 degrees (north of the equator) and longitude minus 84 degrees (west of the Greenwich Meridian in London). The location of Peabody Hall has provoked mild confusion for non-Westerners since the establishment of the Western Female Seminary in 1853. As the farthest easterly site on the Miami University campus today, the name “Western” retains the vital link with the history of this place as a daughter school of Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts.



Nik Money

Helen Peabody became the President of the Seminary at a time of significant religious discord in America. There was a riot in Cincinnati in 1853 when Archbishop Gaetano Bedini, an emissary from Pope Pius IX, preached at Saint Peter in Chains Cathedral. One protester was killed and more than 60 were arrested. The cathedral, which is next to City Hall, is an astonishing building. It is constructed from pure white limestone and has a beautiful single spire. The interior is breathtaking. Saint Peter in Chains is one of the architectural treasures of the Queen City. The dispute arose, in part, from issue of the ownership of property in the United States by the Church of Rome. This was a time of strong anti-Catholic feelings in Cincinnati, which seems surprising today for such a stronghold of Catholicism. In our time of significant political rancor, it can be helpful to reflect on the truth that we have endured a history of disagreement about most things in America. The beauty of the Constitution is that it provides us with a path for moving forward in periods of relative calm as well as times of fierce internecine dispute.

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

Update from the 39° 84° West Student Center

Western Alums! The communal spirit of the program is thriving this fall semester. We began the year by newly redesigning the student center, overhauling the space

with new furniture and allowing the students to put their own artwork up on the walls. The space of the Western Student Center is truly a place to call home, a space that fosters the unique aspects of our program. In a push to make the Center more colorful, Western has been mobilizing our painting supplies. Students, artistically inclined or not, have taken up the brushes to create great artwork to liven up our walls. Currently, there is a bit of a bird theme, resulting in the aptly named “Bird Wall,” which is dedicated to birds of all shapes, sizes and styles.



Bird Wall

As a call back to a program tradition, our students have been hosting one another for community dinners. In the Western Lodge, we try to meet every other Sunday; some of the favorites have been a veggie feast and a sweet potato chili.

Hays Cummins, one of our Western professors, has had a multitude of Western students out for hikes at the Edge of the Farm Conservation Area that he curates, but most recently he hosted the entire senior class out for an old-fashioned Louisiana cookout.

To usher in the changing leaves and fall, we had the annual Spiders & Ciders event, but added in some pumpkin carving. One of our seniors made homemade cider as we carved pumpkins and passed around our resident tarantula, Aurora.

Every Wednesday night, the Western community heads uptown to Skippers and enjoys some fellowship, relaxation, and discussion! But during the day in Western, 39° 84° West has become quite the hub of the program. The supportive atmosphere is used to generate research questions, continue classroom discussion or simply enjoy great company.

I am fortunate to start my employment with Western with the largest senior class thus far in Western 3.0! Peabody Hall is alive with brilliant and intriguing research ideas as the seniors begin to do their background reading and compose their research proposals. Exciting times in the program and much to look forward to! Please reach out and connect with the Western Program on Facebook for more updates about the happenings of the Center and our wonderful students!

— *Garrett Gust '16*
Student Activities Coordinator

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

E-mail, or clip and mail the form below to your Class Rep. If your class does not have a Rep, send your update directly to the WCAA. Beat the deadline: MLK, Jr. Day, January 16!

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Western Goes to the Inauguration

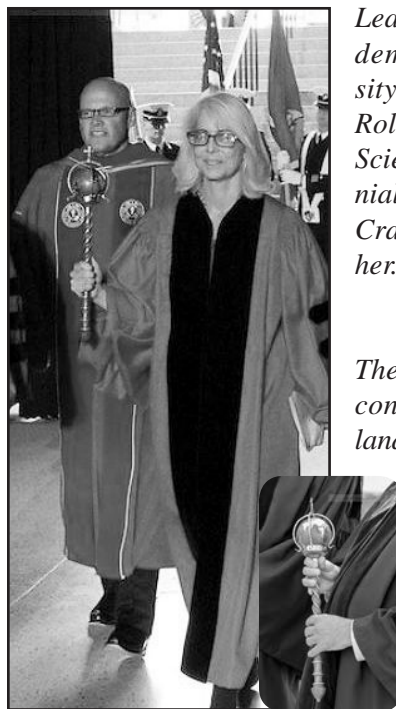
Dr. Gregory P. Crawford was inaugurated as Miami University's 22nd president October 10, and *we were there!* Not only were Western's **Mackenzie Becker Rice HA** (WCAA Director) and **Debbie Baker HA** (WCAA Senior Program Assistant) in attendance, the Western Mace and Western College Alumnae Association banner were carried in the march preceding the ceremony, and **Greta Pope '74** sang "The Prayer" to a standing ovation during the program in Millett Hall.

Mackenzie commented on the many ways Western was included throughout the inauguration: Greta was announced as a Western College grad; the Mace was written up in the program as on loan from the WCAA; the MU Choraliers sang "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around" in honor of Freedom Summer — complete credit given to Western; and President Crawford actually mentioned Western College in his inaugural address, alluding to our "storied connections to Freedom Summer." (She highly recommends reading the entire address: miamioh.edu/about-miami/leadership/president/remarks-addresses/inauguration/index.html)

Trustees are looking forward to visiting with President Crawford and his wife, Renate Crawford, at the spring Board of Trustees meeting.



Follow the arrow to our banner, carried by Greta and Debbie.



Leading the traditional academic procession, University Marshal Cameron Hay-Rollins, College of Arts and Science, carries the ceremonial Western Mace. President Crawford follows just behind her.

The Mace was designed and constructed by William Ireland Duncan, Western College Professor of Theatre, from wood found on the Western camp

Greta Pope Wimp '74 is well known at Miami, having performed at several other events, including the Freedom Summer commemoration in 2014. She holds a Master of Music degree in vocal performance from Miami.



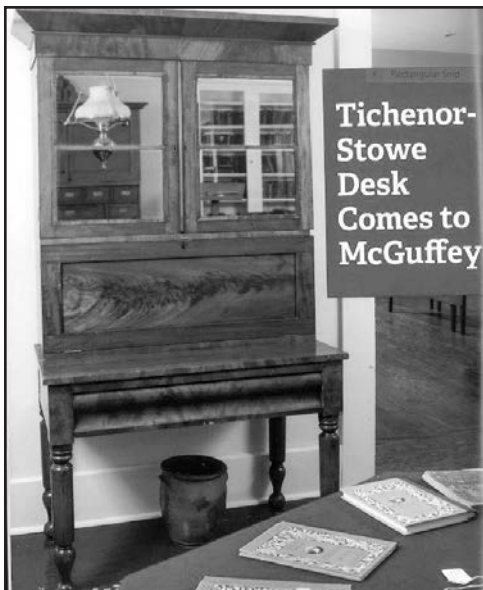
Western Alumnae Hear Madam Secretary

Madeleine Albright, America's first female secretary of state (1997-2001), was the speaker for the 2016 Anderson Distinguished Lecture Series presented by Miami University's Farmer School of Business, Oct. 17, at Millett Hall. Western alumnae **Jane Graham Murphy '66** (pictured here with Sec'y. Albright) and **Barbara Williamson Wentz '68** attended the lecture.



The Rest of the (Desk) Story

After a rousing send-off April 7, 2016, when it was presented to Miami University's retiring President David Hodge and Ambassador Valerie Hodge, the Harriet Beecher Stowe desk



has found its final resting place. It is now located in the McGuffey library room, happily ensconced next to the famous octagonal McGuffey table. It is pictured here as it is featured in the fall issue of "Visual Arts of Miami," the Miami Art Museum's bi-annual publication.

Steve Gordon, McGuffey Administrator, recaps the storied history of the desk, details its architectural significance, and concludes: "The Tichenor desk serves as a tangible reminder of Western College's long history and its early association with an important transplanted southerner [Tichenor]. The desk also embodies the story of Tichenor's influence on one of the 19th century's most famous authors, Harriet Beecher Stowe. Its new home, McGuffey Museum, welcomes the opportunity to interpret the desk while carefully conserving it, along with the famous McGuffey table, for future generations."

Freedom Summer ... To Be Continued

Miami is presenting a number of Freedom Summer Dialogues in its Let's Talk Series — all to be held in Kumler Chapel. Topics will focus on civil rights, immigration, voting rights, women's rights, gay rights, freedom of speech, human rights, and others. In keeping with the theme of the 50th Anniversary of Freedom Summer held on campus in 2014, Dr. Keith Parker, founder and chair of the Annual Civil Rights Conference, spoke in September.

Our Man in the Regionals

WCAA Peabody Scholarship recipient **David Glock** is making a name for himself in the Miami Regionals. He is graduating this fall with a Bachelor of Integrative Studies, but has already put it to work.

Under the auspices of Butler County's Board of Developmental Disabilities, he has created a full-fledged outreach program: Caring Craftsmen. With an army of volunteers experienced in construction (David's own work background) and donations from local businesses, Caring Craftsmen is helping the Board's clients with home repairs.



David Glock

Since suffering a debilitating work-related injury in 2003, David has always wanted a career in which he could help people with injuries or disabilities. In the BIS program, he designed his own degree, calling it "Worker Communication and Relations" — the service component of which led him to the county BDD. He plans to begin working toward a master's in social work next fall.

The WCAA is proud to have helped one more Peabody Scholar along his way!

Project Dragonfly Offers Combos

Miami University's Project Dragonfly is accepting applications for 2017 Earth Expeditions graduate courses that offer extraordinary experiences in 15 countries throughout the world. New in 2017 are courses in Brazil. EarthExpeditions. MiamiOH.edu/16-17_news. **Deadline: January 28, 2017.**

Earth Expeditions can build toward the Global Field Program (GFP), a master's degree that combines summer field courses worldwide with web learning communities so that students can complete the GFP master's part-time from anywhere in the United States or abroad. GFP.MiamiOH.edu/16-17_news

Project Dragonfly also offers graduate courses and the Advanced Inquiry Program (AIP), a master's degree that combines web-based graduate courses through Miami University with face-to-face experiential and field study at one of eight AIP Master institutions in Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, New York, Phoenix, San Diego, and Seattle. AIP.MiamiOH.edu/16-17_news

Western College Legacy Circle Debut ...

*Only a handful of Liggett family members were present for the Legacy Circle groundbreaking on a sweltering evening June 21, 2014. But **Marjorie Lloyd Liggett '39** was there, cheering the proceedings from her golf cart vantage point as work began on the monument her gift had made possible. She also happened to be celebrating the 75th anniversary of her class! Two and a-half years later on a glorious October afternoon, more than 30 family members — plus many guests from Miami and Oxford — attended the debut of the nearly completed Circle. But sadly, without Marge, who passed away in January of 2015. Welcoming remarks and descriptions of the various stages of the Circle's development preceded the final placement of the granite compass point inscribed with six names from the Drew, Lloyd, and Liggett families so inextricably part of Western's legacy. Marjorie and Bill Liggett's son Reese read from notes he'd prepared, as he said, "to try to give you a feeling for my family and Western College over the past 163 years." Excerpts from his notes appear below, with comments from the other participants on the facing page.*



Reese Liggett, at the debut

Ella and Irving Drew: Ella was a Western student in 1873-74, only 20 years after Western's birth in 1853 ... Education opportunities were very limited for young women like Ella, a descendant of a passenger on the Mayflower in 1622. She was lucky to have Western College, the daughter school of Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. ... Ella Gates married Irving Drew in 1879,

just two years after the budding shoe manufacturer Irving and his father, Frederick, started up Irving Drew & Company in Portsmouth, Ohio. And he and Ella would have great success in the shoe business and raising seven children. Irving Drew served Western as a trustee from 1902 to 1929.

Marjorie Gates Drew Lloyd: She was Grandmother Lloyd to me and several others here today. One of the seven children of Ella and Irving Drew. She entered Western in 1904 — and Thomas Chester Lloyd traveled to see her from Portsmouth that year and they became engaged. Imagine — soon Western was behind her, she was married, and still she couldn't vote. Well that changed in 1920 and Marjorie Lloyd became famous in Portsmouth for never missing an opportunity at the ballot box and for being the first woman licensed to drive a car there. She weathered the Depression and the '37 flood when rowboats pulled up to her second floor window. She was a powerful and loving presence, us grandkids knew her well until she passed in 1980 at 97 years old.

Jane Lloyd Cantoni: My Aunt Jane. Jane is my mother's kid sister, 11 years apart. Jane graduated from Western in 1950. She and her husband, Bob Cantoni, a Miami grad, have raised three daughters — Jenny and Cyndy are here today. Jane has been a Western Alumnae Association Trustee and is today a season ticket holder for the RedHawks hockey team and huge supporter of Miami and Western.

William Newton Liggett: Bill Liggett, my father. He and my mother, Marjorie, had a terrific run — he passed at age 75 in early 1993. He met my mother when she summered in Ripley, Ohio, working in her family's shoe factory, the Lloyd Shoe company. And then they were a couple in Oxford, she at Western and he at Miami. And they graduated in 1939. ... They both loved their alma maters. My father served as a trustee, first at Western, 1967-1974, and later at Miami, where he was also chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Marjorie Lloyd Liggett: I saved my mother til last — it is her gift that initiated this lovely monument and memorial. Mother to me and Janie and Ann, who are here today, and my brother Lloyd, who is on duty in South Florida for Hurricane Matthew. Marge Liggett was raised in the Roaring '20s followed by the Great Depression. She enrolled at Western in 1935 and graduated in 1939. A year later she married Bill Liggett and they had a wonderful life, raising four children, experiencing World War II — when my father served as a Naval Officer in the Pacific Theater — then building and enjoying a successful career in banking in Cincinnati and always supporting Western and Miami.



Marjorie, ca. 2000

What a grand time we had with my mother. Always there for us, cheering us on. Her birthdays piled up, each one a family gathering of 40 or more family ... And just short of age 97, she passed in early 2015, but not before she made the gift to get this beautiful legacy memorial to Western started. ...

She told me of the legacy monument announced — showed me a picture of it in the *Bulletin* — and of the ride in a golf cart to see the site where we are today and how it would honor her family for its long run in support of Western.

Would...that she were here today, but that is not to be...but we are here for her...and for her Western...our Western. And our memories and appreciation for Western College are huge.

October 8, 2016, Honoring the Liggett Family

Sharry Patterson Addison '61, WCAA president: "We know that we would not be here today without the donation of **Marjorie Lloyd Liggett '39**. Not only was it the single largest gift we received for the Circle, but it was also what ensured that we reached our goal within just 11 months! This truly exceeded our expectations."



Anne Adkins Weissenborn '61, WCAA past president: "The story on the panels is told both chronologically and by theme. We hope that this story will pique the interest of present and future Miami students, leading them to look further into the history of Western College and to understand why so many of us as alumnae have remained so loyal to and grateful for our college experiences."



Judy Dudman Henderson '62, WCAA past president: "We started ... on this in 2012 ... working with at the time Miami University architect Bob Keller. Bob had designed the Freedom Summer Memorial on Western campus ... and so we knew we were in good hands ... Bob met with us and said 'tell me the Western story in your words.' ... The two-dimensional Western seal is the center ... to display a Western message in the book of the seal's design ... shape replicates a compass ... to reflect that the Western women came from and went to the four corners of the world. ... put important parts of the history on the backs of the benches in the seal. The Western College Legacy Circle was designed to be, as Western College was, a gathering place, providing for personal friendships and social activities, and place to learn. The heart of Western College was bringing together students in community, and thus will be the heart of the Western College Legacy Circle."



Ray Mock, MU Asst. VP Alumni Relations: "It is an honor to be here today, representing Miami University, as we dedicate this Western College Legacy Circle. While it serves to remind us of the history and the important contributions of Western College, it stands also as a tribute to the extensive relationship between not only Western College and Miami University, but the decades long relationship that the Liggett family has had with both institutions. The contributions of the Liggett family and so many other Western alumnae reflect the spirit of Western College, and the Legacy Circle will serve as an enduring reminder of that spirit."



Front and center: Donavon Auble FF, Carolyn Auble, Marge's daughter Ann Liggett Erwin, sister Jane Lloyd Cantoni '50, and granddaughter Megan Liggett Weber.

Caden Miller, Miami student, Class of '18: "As stunning as this campus is, there are not very many outdoor spaces to sit and enjoy it. We need spots to study outside, or gather with friends. So, I know I speak on behalf of Miami students when I say thank you for recognizing this need. So many students didn't know Western College existed here, and they certainly didn't know all of unique traits that made Western College such an amazing place. ... Now students will learn more about the history, because in the hub of the Western campus is a place that invites us to partake in the world of Western College."



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