



***New Face on an Old Bridge ...
Do You Know Where It Is?
(Tip: turn to back cover)***

From the WCAA Board President

Dear fellow Westerners,

Each of us has our Western narrative. When I arrived in Oxford from South Carolina, I joined an intentionally diverse group of schoolmates from nearly every State and numerous international destinations. I was not exotic; there were so many students who had traveled greater distances than I! I was a scholarship recipient — I also worked in the dining hall, the post office, and the International (Foreign) Students Office. In addition to majoring in English, I participated in the Seminar to the Middle East in 1964, was a student-teacher in Hamilton, and, in my senior year, was head of Peabody Hall.



Janet

My Western education was illuminating, inspirational, and in many ways transformative. Western's intimate spaces, magical landscapes, progressive intercultural curriculum and co-curricular offerings, rigorous but nurturing professors, student-centered governance, and altruistic values helped shape my adult perspective and prepared me for a career in higher education administration. Along the way, I made a few friends for life. I am grateful for the experience. Serving on the Board has been, for me, a way of 'giving forward.' I am honored and privileged to serve as your president for the coming term.

As we look forward to the winter holidays and the year 2019, we have a special reason to celebrate: The WCAA, Inc. will celebrate its 45th Year as an independent alumnae association. We are singular in this achievement, made more notable by the success of our scholarship programs and other legacy initiatives. Guided by our strategic plan, we are taking steps to secure our remarkable legacy and terminate our operations in 2024, on the 50th anniversary of the closing of our College.

In the coming days and years, I invite you to recall, and share, your Western story. Our families deserve to know this chapter in our collective history, the impact a distinctive college had on its students. I also invite you to return to Oxford to see for yourself how Western's influence is manifested at Miami University. Our Western spirit is indomitable, we carry on!

Happy holidays,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janet Smith Dickerson Stephens". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional but personal style.

Janet Smith Dickerson Stephens '65
President, WCAA Board of Trustees

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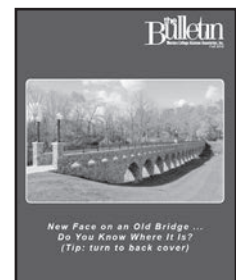
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- to preserve and encourage communication among and with alumnae,
- to support education and human values that continue the heritage and tradition of The Western College.

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What's on Your Mind

Fiftieth-anniversary chapel speaker Susan Hackley shared her very personal story at Alumnae Weekend 2018's Closing Ceremony: "Today Was Perfect, and It Was an Ordinary Day." Space permits only brief excerpts here, but readers can go to our website [www.miamioh.edu/wcaa] or request printed copies from the office to read the speech in its entirety.

This morning I want to share my thoughts on how being at Western College changed my life, about how the Sixties were for me the best of times and the worst of times, and about how committed I am now to illuminating the effects of war on American children and families.

My parents drove me from Boston to Oxford, Ohio, freshman year. It was our first time in the Midwest. My father worried that I would fall in love with a boy from Ohio and never return home.... His worries were not ill-founded.



Susan Hackley '68

It was both fun and disorienting to be on my own at college. We had the freedom to go late at night to the dorm smoker and mingle with upperclassmen, smoke cigarettes, play bridge for hours, order out pizza, and pack on a few pounds. We could dress slovenly during the week, a great benefit of a women's college, then get dolled up for forays into our cute little college town on the weekend.

On one of those forays, I was drinking beer at the Purity with friends when a handsome boy walked by. It was Bill Foster, a Miami junior from Elyria, Ohio. We had a mutual friend who introduced us. Our first date was a study date in his apartment — I was reading *Anna Karenina*. Our second date was a Bob Dylan concert in Cincinnati. Bill was funny and smart and interesting. We became pretty inseparable. ...

For many of us, the Vietnam War became an overwhelming concern. Why should our boys have to go kill people in a place most of us couldn't find on a map? Brothers, friends, and boyfriends all had to wrestle with what to do about the draft. Get a deferment for graduate school or marriage? Look for a medical excuse? Go to war? Go to Canada?

Bill felt that if he got a deferment, someone else would have to go in his place, and that wouldn't be right. He seriously considered going to Canada, though he hated the thought of possibly never being able to return to our country. In the end, he allowed himself to be drafted. I learned that he would be joining the Army while I was spending the spring semester studying in Vienna, Austria.

For me, coming back to Western for senior year was dismal. After being in Europe, college life felt smaller. In December, I saw Bill off at the Cleveland airport as he headed to Vietnam. I wept. Why was this fine young man who believed in nonviolence going to war?

... I was an English major, and reading had always been a solace. Now it was challenging me. The novel *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller in particular changed my view of the world.

Harper Lee wrote that "*Catch-22* is the only war novel I've ever read that makes any sense." That's how I felt. Too many books

about war, and I had read many, extolled the bravery of the soldiers without questioning those who started the war. The more I learned, the more I could see no reason for continuing the Vietnam war.

In April, unbelievably, Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated. What deep sadness we all felt. We'd lost President Kennedy to violence our senior year of high school. Now this horror.

Across America, students demonstrated against the war and for civil rights. With Jessica Lee, Pam Knowles, and other Western friends, I worked for anti-war presidential candidate Eugene McCarthy, a senator from Minnesota. We joined a "Get Clean for Gene" rally in Indianapolis and felt hopeful. ...

Just days after graduation, Senator Bobby Kennedy, also an anti-war presidential candidate, was gunned down in Los Angeles. Another brave man fighting for a better America was gone. What a mournful time.

Back home in Boston, I got a job in publishing. Remember those days, when college graduates knew they could get some kind of good job? In August, I flew to Hawaii to see Bill, who had five days of R&R leave from Vietnam. A few weeks later, I got word that Bill had died in a plane crash over the South China Sea.

I felt terrible grief and remorse and anger. After the funeral, I shut down, barely talking. I vowed to never believe other people without making up my own mind. I would no longer accept at face value what my parents or teachers or government said. I wouldn't even laugh at jokes that weren't funny. I became a fundamentally different person.

Months went by. I saved money, and the following spring I quit my job, bought a plane ticket to Vienna, and embarked with my friend Carol on a 14-month trip, hitchhiking across Europe, then working on an Israeli kibbutz, and finally coming home to the U.S. I worked at various jobs, eventually becoming a ski bum in Aspen, Colorado, where I met a new fellow, John. He and I drove a Jeep up the Al Can Highway to Alaska. I thought we'd stay a few weeks. We stayed 15 years, nine of them in a log cabin on the side of a mountain. No running water or electricity. John and I married. I worked as a magazine editor and had my own photography and writing business. We had two children, Zachary and Daphne. I loved Alaska, but John and I were in many ways ill-suited. We got divorced, and at age 40, I moved back to Boston with my two children.

The time when we went to college was life-altering for many of us. It certainly was for me. There were the assassinations, the political upheavals, the unnecessary war and the thousands of deaths of young American soldiers and Vietnamese. People started to question America's institutions, and many lost faith in our government. The Sixties turned that new lens of skepticism or disbelief on, well, everything. How women were treated by men and how women thought about themselves. How a country makes a decision to go to war.

We who graduated 50 years ago were the leading edge of the Baby Boomers, and with the Baby Boomers many things started to change. Remember when there was a women's jobs section and a separate men's job section in the newspaper? Remember when no one said anything personal at a wedding or a funeral?

My little boy, Zac, grew up, and a week before he was set to go to college, he told me he had decided to join the U.S. Marine Corps. I was horrified. Why didn't he join the military after college? Or not at all!

It never occurred to me, back then in the year 2000, that our country would soon go to war. But 9/11 happened, and in 2002 Zac was among the first Marines fighting their way from Kuwait to Baghdad. Once again, someone I dearly loved was in a foreign war that in my view shouldn't have been started in the first place. As the mother of an active duty service member, I felt I could not comment publicly against the war, but I vowed that after the war, no matter what happened to my son, I would figure out how I could personally do something so that our country did not get into any more misguided wars.

I am profoundly grateful that Zac came home safely from Iraq. I started thinking about what I might do to encourage better, deeper discussions about war. ... I decided to make a documentary film about the impact of our wars in Iraq and Afghanistan on the children and families of America. Everyone can imagine the impact of war on Iraqi and Afghan children. What about our own children and grandchildren? Turns out that there are two million American children whose mom or dad has served in one of those wars. Those children go to bed at night wondering if their parent will come home safely. Is someone trying to kill Dad? Is Dad trying to kill someone? Many children have shared their thoughts with me.

I feel that the most profound questions about war are not being asked. Is it a just war? What are the costs of war and are they worth it? Is it all right to kill civilians as well as soldiers? What does it do to our soldiers to fight a war? Moral injury occurs when one acts in a way that goes against one's values and conscience. Soldiers are trained to kill. My son was trained to kill. We raise our children to not harm others, and then our country sends them out to kill. ...

Focusing on children here at home is my way to get people to pay attention to some of the invisible costs of war. Most Americans are far from the front lines. Our country's all-volunteer military represents less than one percent of the population. While many civilians want to know more, they lack ways to connect. We hope that viewers of our film will have a greater appreciation for the families who have a parent off at war, and we want viewers to think about the impact of war on their own families. For a child who is 17, we have been at war their whole life. What are their questions?

We did filming in Indiana and North Carolina and are now in the editing stage. We made a short film that was shown in five film festivals. You can see it on our website, www.veteranchildren.com.

I'm committed to finishing the film and will work on this cause for the rest of my life, but it has been hard. I started this project in my late 60s. I didn't know much about filmmaking and have had a steep learning curve.

Moreover, as we all know, sometimes life is what happens when you are making other plans.

About a year and a-half ago, I learned that I have three serious diseases — ovarian cancer, a kind of leukemia, and a mysterious weakness in my right hand. To treat the cancer, I had several operations and months of chemotherapy. By last spring, I was getting stronger, and the cancer felt managed, though I was warned that there was a high likelihood of recurrence.

The leukemia, I was told, could be watched and might not need to be treated, but I still didn't know what was causing the weakness in my hand. One neurologist said I might need spinal surgery. Another thought it might get better in time. I liked that. However, a year ago, my husband Paul and I sat in shock as yet another neurologist said, "I think you have ALS, Lou Gehrig's Disease."

It felt like I was in a medical chamber of horrors. I was told that we would have to monitor how my neurological symptoms progressed. In the meantime, one neurologist said that I should act as though I have two years to live.

I was terrified. What should I do at this crossroads? Should I quit my fulltime job as managing director of the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School, a job I loved? Should I travel more? Write a book? Should I get organized so that all would be in order when I die?

My therapist gave me good advice. She said, don't mourn prematurely. Live your life. Keep your job but work as little as possible. And finally, ask for what you want.

So I carried on and had a wonderful time last summer. My husband, Paul, and I made our yearly trip to Alaska, where my son now lives, working as a wilderness pilot for the Alaska State Troopers. We joined my daughter, her husband, and two little boys at the mountain cabin I lived in so many years ago. To my amazement, they love staying there, despite the bears, the outhouse, and the lack of amenities.

We went to Paul's family camp in the Adirondacks and to a wedding in the San Juan Islands. We went on a fall trip to London for my work.

So life goes on, beautifully. I feel happy most of the time. And I've learned a few things. ...

Many people with serious illness say that in an unexpected way becoming ill was the best thing that ever happened to them. Their strength is forged. They discard what isn't meaningful in their lives. They do what they want, as much as they are able.

I learned that I can adapt, and I must. I don't pretend any more to be a healthy person with an open-ended future.

To be in the moment and not worry about the future, there is nothing better than being with children — my grown children and their little ones. ...

I know how lucky I was to have reached 70 years of age in robust health and in a joyful marriage. Looking back over my life, I am grateful for the adventures I had, many of them in my beloved Alaska. I helped pioneer a log cabin community. I have gone dog

marshing in deep winter snow in Denali National Park and white-water rafting on the Kobuk River. I camped with my son a few years ago on the tundra in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, 15 miles from the Arctic Ocean.

I think about Bill Foster, who died 50 years ago at the age of 25. The anguish I felt at his death separated me from others the way that my illness does now. A few years ago Bill's brother and sister sent me the folded flag from his funeral and other items relating to his military service. I've visited his grave in Elyria and the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC, where I can run my hand over his carved name. I was 22 when he died. His death was the worst thing to happen to me — and it made me a better person.

There's a saying at Memorial Church at Harvard, dedicated to those students who died at war: "While a bright future beckoned, they freely gave their lives and fondest hopes for us and our allies,

that we might learn from them courage in peace to spend our lives making a better world for others."

... I ask myself, what role do we all play? Are we silent? Are we indifferent? Women in the 20th century found their voices, and Western College helped us find ours. I want to suggest that we find ways to speak out now more than ever, no matter what our age.

... All those boys died young, because we or others like us sent them off to war. I am sure that they would agree with the sentiment I tell myself: *Today was perfect, and it was an ordinary day.*

We should treasure our ordinary days. That's our duty to those who died young for our country. And we should speak out when we see injustice or a rush to violence. That's our duty, too.

— Susan Hackley '68

A Special Tribute

*We lost a current trustee suddenly and shockingly during the June Alumnae Weekend. **Suzanne Detlefsen Meyers** became ill Friday even as she was attempting to carry on with her reunion duties. Saturday she was transported to the hospital where she died a few days later. Her dear friend, former roommate, and fellow trustee shares this remembrance:*

It was in the fall of 1962 I arrived as a foreign student from Guyana at Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio, a town and state I couldn't even find on a map. But in Peabody Hall, just two rooms from mine, this petite cute student befriended me and showed me how things worked. Her name was **Suzanne Detlefsen** and she had a unique accent. So began a friendship journey that lasted 56 years.

Sue invited me to her home for Thanksgiving that year and I was happy to accept. The Detlefsen and Pickett family welcomed me with open arms. They were the first white American family I interacted with and they made me feel right at home. I remember watching Jeanie playing in the marching band and writing about me in her "Jeanie's corner" in the newspaper. Dinner at the Pickett farm was wonderful and I watched them take the traditional pictures of the cousins lined up in height order. Later I met Sue's high school sweetheart, a thin young man named John Meyers.

My second year at Western College, Sue roomed with myself and another student and we became "roomies." Sue left to follow her heart and be near John, but we kept in touch. Over the years communication was limited to Christmas cards and pictures of special occasions, like her marriage to John and the birth of her children. I was delighted that Sue made all her children write about their year in her Christmas newsletter. I don't know anyone who could make their children contribute written accounts to any newsletter ...

Sue and I attended College reunions when our children were off to college and when we were invited to join the board of Trustees, I told them I would serve only if Sue was also on the Board. We saw this as an opportunity to visit each other and I would get to see her mom, who also kept in touch with me. So, for the past six years, three times a year, Sue would pick me up at the airport, and the next day we would drive the four hours to Oxford. In all those years, we never once turned on the radio in the car, as we had so much to talk about. On what turned out to be our last trip, we affirmed our belief in God our Father and Jesus His Son who died for us and resurrected to give us eternal life. We were discussing what it meant to be an Evangelical Christian. I extended my stay in Bellevue so I could spend time visiting the wonderful people of Bellevue. I enjoyed going to her church, Lyme Congregational Church, and meeting the small group of worshippers who welcomed me. ..

Sue was such a friendly person, a week before she died, Sue and John attended the wedding of my daughter in New Jersey and Sue introduced herself to quite a few of my friends. Imagine their shock when I returned home and they asked about my roomie that they met at the wedding, to hear that she was no longer with us. They asked me to convey their sympathy to Sue's family and community. Condolences also from classmates I am in touch with ...

I miss Sue but take comfort that we will meet again. God be with you.

— Hazel Williams Drew '66



Hazel and Sue, the day they left for the reunion

Introducing Our New Trustees: 2019-2022

Lynne Drucker Albukerk '64 graduated from Western in 1964 with a psychology major; simultaneously she was a graduate student in psychology at Miami University. Having begun dating Jak (deceased 2016) midway through senior year, she immediately added an "MRS" to her B.A. (as was the fashion of the time), settling in Cincinnati as a social worker. Fast forward: she earned a Ph.D. in psychology, raised three children, and currently lives on Long Island, where she has a limited practice in geriatric psychology. Lynne claims to have learned the two most important lessons in college from Dr. Auble: always seek the opposing viewpoint to examine your own idea and understand the meaning of the statistics presented. During her previous term on the WCAA Board of Trustees (1990-96), Lynne championed transferring WCAA funds to Miami management (owing to minimal gain on investments to date) and worked to use scholarship funds to maximize life impact for recipients. For years she served on/was president of community boards, including two years as president of her homeowners' association with a \$1,000,000+ budget. Lynne looks forward to again serving on the WCAA board.



Upon graduation, **Suzanne Lutz May '66** joined the Western College staff as Assistant Director of Admissions. She was elected Class President both junior and senior years. In 1966 the class elected her once more and she willingly took on the duties of Bulletin Class Representative, serving many years. She joined the WCAA Board of Trustees in 1990 and served for six years, including as Chair of the Scholarship Committee. Her 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. A member of All Souls Unitarian Church in New York City, she joined the staff as Development Director, retiring in 2006. She recently served two years as President of the Board of Deacons. In addition she sits on the Board of Managers of the Annie Easton Society (a non-profit group providing grants to underprivileged women and children) and on the Development Committee for Star Island (a family conference/retreat site in New Hampshire). Sue met her husband-to-be, Bernie May, MU '65 (deceased 2012), at a Western mixer the first weekend of freshman year. They married in 1968 and raised one son.



Christine Moranda '74 graduated in the last graduating class. As her dad said, "there was not a dry eye in the house" during the ceremony. After a variety of experiences — acting in the New Shakespeare Company in San Francisco to an M.A. in Dance Movement Therapy — Chris found herself in the field of disability in a variety of roles. She is the Systems Manager, Disability Services, for OhioHealth, a non-profit, faith-based health system of hospitals and health care services in Central Ohio. In her 14th year with OhioHealth, she has over 25 years of experience in the field of vocational rehabilitation. Chris was one of the founders of the Ohio Business Leadership Network (OHBLN), a nonprofit providing employers



with disability inclusion resources and support for hiring job seekers with disabilities. As she closes in on retirement from OhioHealth in early 2019 she will continue in her new role as the Administrator to the OHBLN. Chris holds the national credential and served as chair of the Certified Disability Management Specialist Commission. She is also a Licensed Social Worker in the State of Ohio. Chris remains committed to developing vocational programs and services to assist OhioHealth associates with disabilities as well as create pathways for employment for people with disabilities from the community, through internship opportunities. Having served previously (1997-03), she rejoins the WCAA board as we continue to create our legacy.

Anne Adkins Weissenborn '61 graduated with a major in history and a minor in intercultural studies. She earned an M.A. from the School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, an M.Ed. from the Graduate School of Education, Harvard University, and a J.D. from Catholic University of America in 1977. Her early international/Africa-related employment included two years as a program officer with the Teacher Exchange Program, U.S. Office of Education, Washington, DC, a year as a volunteer teacher at a USAID-funded school for refugee students from Southern Africa in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and positions as an instructor, intercultural studies coordinator, and dorm head resident at Western (1969-71), where she met her husband, who was teaching German. In 1972 they moved to Silver Spring, MD, so that Ernie (deceased 2017) could switch to a career in piano technology, while Anne worked as a consultant with an NGO, participated in the U.S.-based anti-apartheid movement, and completed law school. Beginning in 1977, Anne served for 26 years as an attorney/senior attorney in the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission. During those years they raised their daughter, Elizabeth, now a documentary film editor in Portland, OR. Anne has pursued her interests in social action/racial justice in the U.S., in southern Africa, and in the Middle East through pre- and post-retirement involvement with the United Church of Christ, especially with her own congregation in Silver Spring. Anne has served three terms on the Board, including as President, 2000-02.



Pheetta G. Wilkinson '76 attended Western College for the college's final two years — a loyal member of one of the three so-called "Unforgotten Classes." After leaving Western, she continued her studies in St. Louis at Fontbonne College, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Pheetta then returned to Cincinnati to complete her Master's Degree in Education at UC with an emphasis in Administration and Supervision. She worked with the Head Start program for 13 years in Cincinnati as Education Director and Head Start Director, followed by 11 years as Supervisor of the Early Intervention program and Preschool program at Warren County Board of MRDD in Lebanon, Ohio. Pheetta is currently Assistant Director, Early Childhood, Integrated Services at Hamilton County Board of Developmental Disabilities Services, where she has been for the past 15 years. Pheetta returns to the Board, having served two terms, 2009-12, and 2012-15 as Secretary.



What's New? The Western Center for Social Impact and Innovation, That's What!

At their April 2018 meeting, the WCAA Board of Trustees learned more about the ambitious new venture proposed by Miami — specifically by Chris Makaroff, Dean of the College of Arts and Science — ostensibly “to ensure the legacy of Western College and the Western College Program at Miami University”: the creation of the Western Center for Social Impact and Innovation. Dean Makaroff outlined the mission articulated below in his letter and gave examples of potential social impact themes (such as local and global responses to food insecurity, prisons and punishment, environmental rights and responsibilities, and progress and failure in racial justice in America) changing every two years. The inaugural theme envisioned for fall 2019 to spring 2021 is Water and Social Justice. He discussed recruitment of faculty and students (noting the Center would be particularly attractive to Individualized Studies students in the Western Program), and laid out a timeline beginning this fall through the fall 2019 launch of the program. True to form many questions from the trustees were asked and answered, with a promise to seek guidance and support going forward.

Dear Western community,

As Dean of the College of Arts and Science, I have the honor of overseeing today's Western Program. Western has a rich heritage, which started and flourished with the Western College for Women and continued strongly with the Western College Program. We have been working hard to build on this heritage with today's Western Program. I would like to share with you my vision for the future.



Dean Makaroff

I am pleased to announce the formation of the Western Center for Social Impact and Innovation in the College of Arts and Science. This Center will create more opportunities for collaborative teaching and scholarship by faculty assigned to the Center while providing students throughout the University an expanded horizon of learning, problem solving, and engagement. The Center, combined with the existing Individualized Studies Major, will strengthen Western's legacy of interdisciplinary study and global social impact for the students of today and tomorrow. I believe this will create a dynamic teaching and scholarly environment that will attract the best and brightest students and faculty.

The new Western Center will act as a focal point to help coordinate and integrate the many activities centered on social action at Miami University. Many of the key features that drew students to the Western College for Women and the Western College Program have now

been fully integrated into Miami's life: the emphasis on social justice and engagement, international study, and interdisciplinary work now permeate the University. The new Western Center will leverage and coordinate those efforts. It will create new scholarship opportunities, present an annual program of seminars, project-based classes and discussions around a pressing current issue, and engage diverse groups of students and faculty from across the campus.

I was very pleased when the WCAA Board endorsed this plan last April, as did the alumnae who were present at the Annual Meeting at Alumnae Weekend in June. It was presented for discussion at the Western College Program Reunion in October, and I hope to have further conversations with alumni around the country over the next year.

My goal is to earn your confidence and support as we build out this program. I'm eager to hear your insights and advice. Ultimately, we hope to bring the Western spirit of independence and change to the university and the world. We will keep you updated as we further develop and build the Western Center for Social Impact and Innovation.

I know Oxford memories live strong in you, so here's a memory I hope will live on in our current students. In August, almost four thousand first-year Miami students gathered around the Freedom Summer Memorial on the Western campus, for Convocation. The speaker was stirring in his discussion of civil rights, and the peaceful, hilly setting sparkled in the sun. Those

students may well forget the details of the speech. But I am confident they will remember the event. They will remember the Memorial, the crowds streaming past Peabody and Kumler, and the setting. It was a reminder of how much Western has brought to Miami, and how the

institutions' histories have joined together. I am excited by what the future holds.

— Chris Makaroff
Dean, College of Arts and Science



We asked Hayat Imam — just one of many who reacted to Dean Makaroff's presentation at the June 9 Annual Meeting — to recap her comments for the Bulletin:

As members of the Class of 1968, we are here to mark the 50th anniversary of our graduation from Western College. I came here this weekend with a sense of things waning and ending. But the presentation by Dr. Chris Makaroff, Dean of Arts and Sciences at Miami University, has completely changed my outlook from one of dimming embers to a blaze of hope! It is truly heartening that the qualities that made Western most special, its dedication to Service and Social Responsibility, will be a continuing legacy at Miami University. I commend the Western College Alumnae Trustees and the Miami University Administration for their forward thinking in planning the Western College Center for Social Impact and Innovation.



Hayat Imam '68

A center like this would honor Western College's longstanding tradition of interdisciplinary learning dedicated to social impact. It would also recognize how innovative the Western College educational approach was, especially its international perspective. It is wonderful for us to see that it is an idea whose time has come! I am very hopeful about the exciting prospect of bringing this idea to fruition at a wider level at Miami University because I think this project will have the support of the president of Miami. From the remarks by Dr. Greg Crawford at Friday night's dinner, it is clear to me that he wishes to break down silos at Miami University and is interested in a more coordinated, interdisciplinary approach.

Developing the Western College Center for Social Impact and Innovation as a hub within the College of Arts and Science, to serve as a moral compass for teachings in all other departments, is a true commitment to social responsibility. I have no doubt that it will be something that students at Miami, and future applicants to the University, will regard in a highly favorable light.

I would like to make a suggestion that you invite back Western College alumnae to share their knowledge and lived experiences of the Western education, and how their subsequent careers and lives have been impacted by it. Perhaps an annual seminar series might be a fun idea!

August 24, 2018: Miami Holds a Convocation . . .

Miami came to the Western campus this summer for one of its biggest events: Convocation. The ceremony was held August 24 at the Freedom Summer Memorial. In fact, the announcement that the highlight of the ceremony would be the debut of award-winning author and 1976 Miami alumnus Wil Haygood's book, *Tigerland*, occurred at a special event August 9 in Kumler Chapel.

Haygood, the keynote speaker, had arranged for an early release of his book from the publisher so that some 5,000 copies of *Tigerland* could be signed and distributed to the incoming class of 2022 ahead of its actual sale. A former writer for both *The Boston Globe* and *The Washington Post*, Haygood is, perhaps, best known for his New York Times best-seller, *The Butler*, which was also a highly acclaimed film. He is currently the Broadway Distinguished Scholar in Residence in Miami's department of media, journalism, and film.

On a glorious Friday morning, thousands of students and their families gathered on the hillsides adjacent to the Freedom Summer amphitheater to be welcomed into the Miami community and hear Professor Haygood's inspiring message of hope, respect, and civility. Among the distinguished guests on the speakers' platform was retiring WCAA President **Sharry Patterson Addison '61**. In a note to Sharry several days later, Miami Provost Phyllis Callahan called the occasion, "one of the most memorable and moving Convocations we have ever had at Miami. I believe you are correct about the WCAA and the legacy of Western College. As you see, that legacy is now part of all of Miami — the expectation that we are global, diverse, inclusive and that we celebrate those qualities about ourselves as we continue to learn and evolve."

Western was invited to attend and, as our representative, Sharry had a very special responsibility. In honor of his contributions to Miami and to society, President Gregory Crawford presented Haygood with the Miami University President's Medal, the city of Oxford proclaimed August 24 "Wil Haygood Day," and the short drive at the north end of Peabody connecting to Western Drive was named "Wil Haygood Lane." Sharry had the honor of presenting the brand-new, gleaming, green-and-white street sign!

She described the experience to her fellow trustees: "Yesterday I had the honor of representing the WCAA at the convocation for incoming students — 4,000+! It was a gorgeous day (sunny and cool) and a real honor to be seated with Greg [President Crawford], Phyllis Callahan, Wil Haygood, and five others on the platform. The Freedom Summer Memorial was the center with thousands of students seated

on the hillsides all around. Peabody stood proudly behind it all and the chapel alongside. Even the MU male glee club sang moving songs from the movie *Selma*.

"Wil Haygood signed 5,000 [copies] of his new book for new students — *Tigerland* (released yesterday). It is a story that takes place in the '60s in Columbus [Ohio]. His speech to the students was powerful, to say the least. He is a MU grad class of '76 and very connected to MU currently. [He also wrote *The Butler*.]

"Our campus looked gorgeous, green and well taken care of. Never would I have dreamed, as I stood on the porch of Peabody in 1958, that I would be looking at 4,000 students sitting on our lawn in 2018! It was awesome and very moving!

"Wil was awarded the President's medal as well as the street sign ... He was literally in tears — totally awe struck!

"It was a great day and you all should be so proud of our beautiful school."

About the book ...



Tigerland: 1968-1969: A City Divided, a Nation Torn Apart, and a Magical Season of Healing is available on Amazon. The setting is Columbus, Ohio, where the author grew up. Many Western alums did also and/or live there today and are most familiar with East High School.

The Amazon review reads in part: "1968 and 1969: Martin Luther King Jr. and Bobby Kennedy are assassinated. Race relations are frayed like never before. ... But in Columbus, Ohio, the Tigers of segregated East High School win the baseball and basketball championships, defeating bigger, richer, whiter teams across the state. Now, Wil Haygood gives us a spirited and stirring account of this improbable triumph and takes us deep into the personal lives of these local heroes: Robert Wright, power forward, whose father was a murderer; Kenny Mizelle, the Tigers' second baseman, who grew up under the false impression that his father had died; Eddie 'Rat' Ratleff, the star of both teams, who would play for the 1972 U.S. Olympic basketball team. We meet Jack Gibbs, the first black principal at East High; Bob Hart, the white basketball coach, determined to fight against the injustices he saw inflicting his team; the hometown fans who followed the Tigers to stadiums across the state. ... The result is both an inspiring sports story and a singularly illuminating social history."

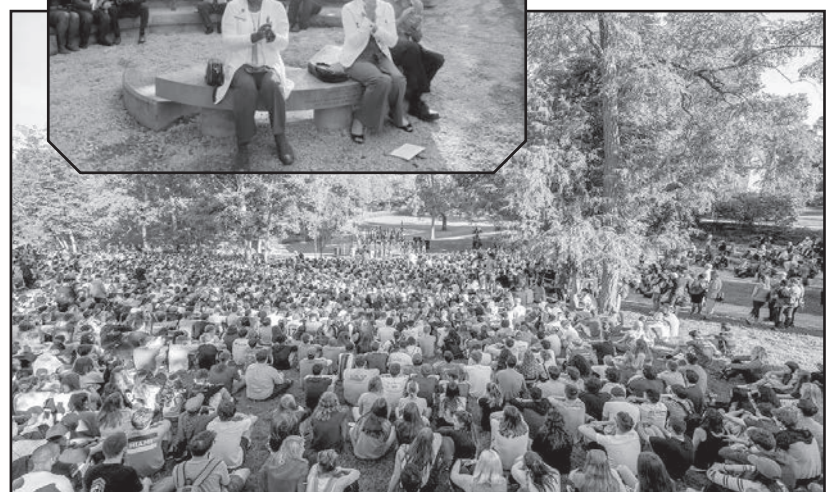
... and Western Is There!



On the sunny morning of Friday, August 24, some 4,000 incoming students and guests gathered on the hillside adjacent to the Freedom Summer Memorial for the 2018 Convocation Ceremony. The Memorial can be seen far right in the bottom picture, Peabody Hall and the Molyneux-Western Bell Tower in the background, middle picture.

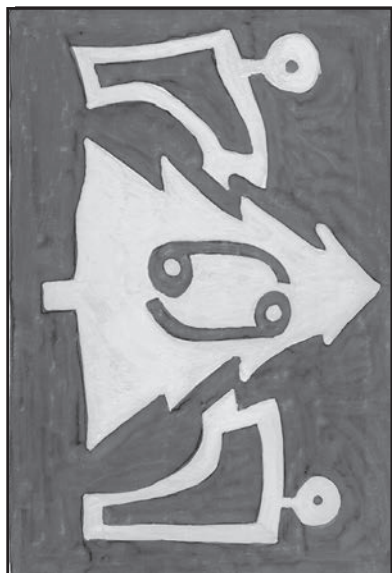


Above, Sharry Addison is poised to present the street sign to a surprised Wil Haygood as President Crawford reads the announcement and Renate Crawford approves.



For more of the story, dozens of **color** pictures, videos, and background articles, Internet users can Google "wil haygood convocation." Also of note: Editor Donna Boen's profile of Haygood is the cover story of the summer 2018 issue of the Miamian.

“Getting to Know Where People Went with Their Lives”



Greetings Classmates! This edition of our class notes feels very special as we approach the celebration of the passing of 50 years since we graduated from Western College. Reunion Weekend 2019 will be June 7–9. Early response indicates a lot of interest, with many saving the date.

Janet Hunkel sent a photo of herself and **Suzi De Peyster** celebrating their 70th birthdays. Since then they've turned over another year and consumed more cake.



Dippy (left) and Janet at 70!

Suzi continues to farm vast fields in Vermont while Janet manages, barely, to till and harvest a community garden in Boston.



Liz

faces on our beloved campus.

Liz Pippitt Shapiro and Janet speak often. On a bright note, she writes, “Lizzie and I have finally resolved our differences over being fresh(wo)man roommates just in time to room together for our 50th.” Now Janet is looking forward to seeing friendly



Suzy with some of her artwork

Suzy James Duvillard wrote, “Nothing new and everything new.” Every day there is a challenge in her art, and she’s enjoying it! She had three art shows last fall (2017): London, Montreux, and Amsterdam, and two in fall 2018. Her family are all well. Summer in France was hot and beautiful, but as she wrote she was turning her thoughts toward the winter ski season. Before the winter sets in, though, she and her husband, Georges, will vacation in Italy. Suzy hopes to be with as many of us as possible at next year’s reunion.

This was a great year for **Louise Wiedmann Koch** to do things with two of her wonderful Western pals. They hadn’t seen a lot of each other over the years, but time just falls away when they do get together. Louise and **Louise Adkins-Ellis** took a great trip to Florida, where they enjoyed a hotel on the water, went swimming, went on a little cruise to the Bahamas where they spent a few days and then went to Orlando to see the sights and amusement parks. Such a delightful time! They both hope they can do more trips together in the future. Louise K. learned a lot about Louise A-E.’s expertise on bees and how she is promoting and helping new beekeepers.



Louise W.K.

Louise and **Trudy Muller Moore** went to their 50th year reunion with IES (Institute for European Studies) in Vienna. They spent an entire week having a fabulous time reliving their Junior Year in Vienna. They renewed old friendships, had a wonderful time with the group at exhibits, old haunts, restaurants and museums. It was one of Louise’s best trips ever. She totally



Trudy

indulged in memories, coffee and desserts with whipped cream, sightseeing and just sharing memories with friends from 50 years ago. There is nothing like shared memories and getting to know where people went with their lives. She shared her love of horses and dressage with the group that visited the Spanish Riding School, explaining the various dressage movements as the Lipiz-zaners performed in the Baroque stadium. That’s where Louise’s love of dressage began, though she didn’t know it at the time.

She has been very busy this summer judging across the USA and teaching dressage and loving it. In addition, she’s training a new tall and sweet chestnut horse. Louise has decided to move back to her old town, Rancho Palos Verdes, where she grew up, went to school, and later taught. She and her husband lived there until he passed away. She then moved to Westlake Village in Thousand Oaks but missed her old hometown, where she continued to teach dressage every week. As she was writing, Louise was in the throes of cleaning out 12 years of accumulation.

Karen Kling Plumb is looking forward to our 50th Reunion next June. Her year has been good with travel and keeping busy with friends playing mahjong and bridge. She still substitutes in the local schools. That gets her out of the house, and she can earn some money for travel especially to see three of her grandchildren who are in Colorado. Her best trip this past year was to visit **Betsy Philipson Kensinger** in Texas. They had a wonderful five days catching up and sightseeing around the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Karen is hoping to see many of her classmates in June.



Karen

Britt Henne writes, “I am so looking forward to the 50th reunion.” She remembers when other classes had their 50th that they were a very happy, joyful group, very ready to party. Britt has been to almost all of the five-year reunions, missing only two. The last missed one was the 45th, when she was in the U.S., but at the wedding of Thor’s college roommate’s daughter in Pennsylvania.



Britt

Britt is now retired after 40 years as a boss in the Norwegian labor organization. Her husband is also retired as a psychologist working with families, Norwegian and foreign, in a department of family and child services. They have two daughters, Siri and Marthe. Siri is a nurse

and has specialized in geriatrics and is the head of a big nursing home. Marthe is a psychiatrist at a big Norwegian hospital. Marthe has five boys, ranging in age from age 9 to 4-year-old twins. Siri has no children but with five nephews, she is a good aunt. Britt and Thor live in Oslo, but spend a lot of time and many weekends with their grandchildren and other family at their farm one hour away. When Britt comes for reunion she will visit her college roommate, **Susan Oblinger Williams '68**, in Germantown, OH. Britt hopes that many will be at reunion, and hopes to visit Peabody, where she lived all her years at Western.

Photography, travel and family continue to dominate the lives of **Penny Earle Cook** and her husband, Rod. They had a hair-raising trip to the Antarctic in December 2017. In July they went back to Africa, and then off to the Fogo Islands, Newfoundland, in October. Their African photography was on display at the NY Hall of Science and various other locations in Connecticut during the year, and they will show their new work in February 2019 at the Kehler Liddell Gallery in New Haven. Penny had a chance to catch up with **Cynthia Van Allen Schaffner** and **Toni Vaughn Heineman** sharing Western memories.



Penny

Judy Van Ingen was in Amsterdam when she wrote, but not too long ago, she spent a wonderful time with **Kathy Hayes Ransier** in New York, celebrating the end of their 70th year and 50th reunion. They did lots of laughing, some Aretha remembering from



Judy



Kathy

Clawson Hall and fun in Chelsea, Broadway, and Harlem. If you look at Judy's Facebook page you can see a photo of them at the Guggenheim and one of Kathy and Venus Williams. The full story is not known, but Kathy and her husband, Fred, went to the U.S. Open tennis tournament and somehow she met Venus. Judy sends her best to everyone. She may not make it to Ohio next June, but will be there in spirit!



Carolann

wrote from their lake house in Pennsylvania where the hot, sticky weather had finally given away to more seasonal temperatures, but not before she had enjoyed late-season swimming. Carolann and husband, Norm, are loving their new roles as grandparents to Jackson

Frederick Sharp, son of Michael and Christine (MU 2003), who will turn 2 the end of October 2018. He loves to read books with his grandfather. Carolann is very much looking forward to seeing everyone at our 50th.

Annette Bevan Gallagher wrote from her home in Sandusky, OH, where the city is celebrating its bicentennial throughout 2018 in many ways. The Gallaghers' Sandusky Children's Museum continues to offer the programs people have relied on for many years, and also responds to new requests. While taking a break from their work schedule to join some cousins at an international family reunion in Lewisburg, PA, Annette and husband, Dick, enjoyed visiting the brand new Lewisburg Children's Museum. Annette's challenge for 2019 is to find a way to be at our 50th Western Reunion since it usually occurs when they are in the middle of their Gadget Workshop, an eight-day camp for first- to sixth-graders.



Annette

DAR, AAUW, volunteering at the local Palace, and other events kept **Betsy Summers Solis** busy during the winter in Kona, HI. She and husband Tom both participated in the Lavaman Triathlon in March at Waikoloa Beach Resort, Hawaii. Perfect overcast weather with little wind made it quite enjoyable, she says. Betsy continues doing 5K races in California, her other home, where the weather near the coast is quite cool. She feels very lucky to be able to continue to race when so many of her friends have serious issues (knees, hips, etc.) that have made them reluctantly give up what they enjoy.



Betsy

Betsy's biggest achievement this year was making a ukulele. Learning from a world master proved a lot harder than expected with hours and hours of sanding and using precision tools, but it was worth the effort. Now she just needs to learn how to play it.

She and Tom drove across country to eastern Ohio again in the summer. They enjoyed Fourth of July week visiting with family and friends including **Stevie Snook**. She also visited several high school friends along the way and managed to make it back to California just before all of the fires started.

Betsy was away from The Big Island of Hawaii during the volcano eruption and Hurricane Lane, and was happy to discover there was no damage to their house in Kona. Some of her DAR sisters were not so lucky with the volcano and lost homes and farms. The mentality there is one you don't find many places as all respect the goddess, Pele, and felt it was her right to take back

her property and build new. No lives were lost and most, if not all, of the animals were rescued. Betsy is looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion next June.

It has been an eventful year for **Stephanie "Stevie" Bentzen Snook**. Of special note is that she and husband Fred will welcome a new grandchild at the end of December 2018. Her son, Devon, and Kendra are expecting a girl to join her sister Mary (6) and brother Lucas (3½). Both Mary and Lucas are looking forward to helping take care of their sister, except for changing diapers.



Stevie

Stevie and Fred had a very busy summer of travel and visits with friends. They continue to attend the annual national high school speech and debate tournament, held this year in Fort Lauderdale. Both their home team and their son's team did quite well, and it was lots of fun. On the way home they stopped to visit friends who had relocated to The Villages in Florida. In July, she and **Betsy Summers Solis** got together for breakfast. It was great catching up on the news in person even for a short time.

The end of July and first half of August saw Stevie and Fred in Alaska, a trip that Stevie highly recommends. They started in Vancouver and enjoyed a cruise, stopping in Ketchikan, Juneau, and Skagway, before disembarking in Seward and taking a land trip up to Fairbanks with longtime friends, Donna and John, who graduated from Miami and wound up teaching at the high school where both she and Fred teach. Stevie still plays poker with a ladies' group and couples euchre, works for her favorite candidates, and tries new recipes. She has a great kimchi recipe inspired by the owner of a Hawaiian BBQ place up in Fairbanks; one meets the most interesting people when traveling. Stevie, too, is looking forward to seeing many classmates again in June.

Betsy Philipson Kensinger wrote, "First of all, I am planning to be at our 50th reunion in June! I'm excited that so many of our class plan to be there!"



Betsy

Sadly, Betsy's husband, John, passed away very unexpectedly in July 2017. Betsy wrote that it has been a rough year, but she feels she is doing fine now. **Karen Kling Plumb** visited in the spring and they had a wonderful time. Betsy's son and his wife welcomed baby Clara, grandchild number eight, in June. She feels fortunate to have all her children and grandchildren living close to Denton, TX, where she lives.



Karen Weber Carlisle is in her first full year of retirement as hospice social worker although she is supervising her two replacements. Still, she has been able to branch out to do many things that she couldn't do when

Karen. working. She is taking history classes at Bowdoin College, tutoring an ELL (English Language Learner) student, taking voice lessons for four years now and singing in several choirs, on boards of the local Audubon chapter, church and road association, and she just lost 25 pounds with a year-long nutrition and exercise program. Now she understands why people kept telling her that you're busier after retirement than ever before. Karen is hoping to be at our 50th reunion, and wonders how so many years could have passed?

Over the last couple of years **Toni Vaughn Heineman** slowly turned over the reins of A Home Within, the nonprofit she founded about 20 years ago. On



Toni.

the advice of a good friend, after a gradual exit, she completely stepped away, which she believes was the healthiest exit for both her and the organization. Toni continues in private practice, working almost exclusively with parents in high conflict divorce, trying to help them navigate the complexity of raising children in two homes. When it works, she says, it's very rewarding. It also allows for a very flexible schedule and allows her plenty of time for two much-loved activities, gardening and cooking. Her husband, Alan,

retired a couple of years ago after 44 years of teaching English to undergrads. His days are lazier, though, taken up largely with reading and listening to music.

They are fortunate that both of their children, Jonas and Parker, are in the Bay Area and both are in relationships with young women whom Toni and Alan like very much. It's rather amazing to them how quickly they are moving toward middle age! Jonas, the older, was recently engaged with a 2019 fall wedding expected. So, in general, life is slow and easy and they are enjoying themselves.



Lynnette.

Lynnette Jones Turner and Francine Toss '68 finally reconnected in August after no communication for almost 40 years and they only live 3½ hours apart. Francine went down to Cincinnati and then Lynnette went to Oberlin in September to visit her and her sister. They had a great time, both having spent their lives as educators. Both psychology majors, they were roommates for two years. Francine began as a member of our class, graduated in 1968 with summer school credits, but considers herself one of us! (Her e-mail has been added to the '69 class list.) Both plan to be at reunion.

Lynnette has been contacting her closest Western friends to encourage them to attend and learned along the way that, sadly, **Barjette Showers Browne** passed away three years ago from colon cancer.



Barjette

As for me, **Nancy Wilson Kobayashi**, I have been up to my usual sorts of things this year. Kazu and I made two trips to our condo on Maui, HI. The most recent one in September was especially to collect clothes we keep there that will be suitable for our October



Nancy

2018 trip to Tahiti. Our two grandsons came to visit us in Kamakura on their own this summer for the first time. We hope for more similar visits in the future. I still work on the *Shonan Post* English language newsletter, do volunteer crisis counseling, attend a monthly sewing/social group, and take weekly hula lessons. Since our last notes, I met several times with **Hisako "Chako" Matsumoto Era '68** to see **Suzuko "Suzie" Kitagawa '59**, who was in hospital here in Kamakura. Suzie moved to a hospice near family in Kochi on Shikoku Island. In January 2018 Chako and I were able to fly down for a visit before her death in April.

I have been so happy reading everyone's notes and knowing that reunion is on everyone's mind. Let's follow Lynnette's example and start contacting friends to let them know we want to be with them at Western for this special time.

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Remember this?



“... Hold the Door for Those Coming Behind You”



Marilyn Inskeep Fischer wrote some news. After trying out several other facilities she has settled in at the Forum at the Crossing inter-skilled nursing wing in Indianapolis. Inky lives close to her three daughters. They come to visit quite often. They and their husbands are all busy, busy with their jobs. Her grandchildren have all graduated from high school and some from college. Several are living on their own, but their girls are becoming empty nesters. Yard work still has to be done because they've had a rainy year, and things keep growing.

[Sadly, Ardis learned from one of Inky's daughters that her mother passed away the day after Thanksgiving.]

I had a long talk with **Kit Jarvis Fischer** the other day. She lives in a large apartment retirement community and is close to many of her kids and grandkids. Again, they visit often. She is still driving but only short distances. On her 95th birthday, the family got together at her place, and there were about 75 present. She was planning to have just her kids who live close by, but they surprised her by all who were family and friends coming.

I have lived at Westminster Place in Evanston since 2001. The year after I moved in, they remodeled the public area and made a big library space. Having been a librarian all of my life, I volunteered to be in charge of getting it started, finding volunteers who would be at the desk two hours a week, and cataloging all of the books stored in a room in the basement. It was lots of fun — especially ordering new books. This spring, after 17 years, they decided that I was too old and told me that I was no longer needed. So they got a whole group to replace me — five people I think. I have been pretty sad since that time, as I was doing all of my work for 17 years. I have found other things to do, so I have recovered pretty well, but it's not the same.

Four of my grandchildren married. Three live away from Illinois, so I don't see them often. I was thinking that this June would be our 75th reunion, but it will be only our 74th. If I manage to live another year, I will hope to return for our 75th. We'll see ...

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Alumnae Weekend 2019: Celebrating 70 years!

My roommate, **Anne Schiffmayer Bugbee**, sends me news of her two grandchildren. Ashlyn is a certified yoga teacher who travels all over the world training and teaching yoga. Grandson Weston, who is an architect, designs and builds animal hospitals and cages for animals that move. He has his own business and travels widely, often taking his pet dog with him.

Anne's husband, Elliot, died last summer after 65 years of marriage. They shared a home in Longmont, CO. Their son, Jeff, is helping her tremendously in relocating to a residential community. Our sympathy goes out to Anne and her family.

I and my husband, Bruce, have had a difficult year. He was hospitalized with pneumonia in March and a hernia in August, but now is feeling fine again. I've had a lot of trouble with my eyesight, but laser treatment removed the film in my right eye, and a new eyeglass prescription has helped a great deal. We have had recent health exams and are now judged good for six months or 3,000 miles, whichever comes first!

It was a disappointment not to receive any blue cards. Please try to stay in touch!

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The Class of '51 may be one of our “orphans” currently, but **Nancy Hon Krauth** and **Josselyn Bennett Winslow** show the way to classmates by taking pen in hand and writing directly to us with these messages:

From Nancy: “I send this with very few words. Norm and I are still living on our acreage in Toddville, IA. We have one black Lab, two sons, and one daughter-in-law. We are all getting older, but still able to put one foot in front of the other! Norm has some mobility problems and some dementia, but I continue my good health. Praise the Lord!”

And Josselyn writes: “Although I learned many things at Western, I think the most important thing was to hold the door for those coming behind you. We did it as freshmen because — as the sophomores pointed out — everyone was more important than we were. That habit has stayed with me. When I hold the door, people say, ‘Thank you.’ I get an extra smile. It seems to make the day go better. And, when someone holds the door for me I appreciate the gesture — and think back to Western.”

“My husband, Frank, and I were some of the founding members of our Bellingham, WA, Alzheimer Society. We knew a great deal about dementia because my mom had died with Alzheimer's in 1985. It was ironic when we discovered that Frank had vascular dementia. The family gathered to celebrate his 90th birthday in 2016. He died in 2017. I have remained active with the Alzheimer Society. Our family gathered again for a reunion and memorial service this summer. As hard as it is to lose a life partner after 63 years together, life's cycle makes sense when you see your kids, grandkids, and their little kids — our great-grandkids — all assembled to say goodbye to the family patriarch.”

And **Barbara McGill Benson** clipped and mailed her blue card, albeit with the sad news of her husband's death May 12, just days short of his 89th birthday. But she is thankful for the past five years living in a lovely retirement community, where they made many friends who have been a great support. “Other than dealing with this new phase of my life,” she writes, “I am in good health and still active.”

We're sure all your classmates would like to hear from you. We would too.

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Jane Hazelton Gauss writes that she is many years retired and living with her son in suburban Chicago. She retired from a very satisfying career as a computer programmer/analyst. (My hat is off to you Jane!) Now she does a lot of reading and crossword puzzles. As with many of us, she is on meds for high blood pressure and walks poorly, so must be very careful NOT TO FALL. She still drives and goes out, but only locally. She ended her letter saying, “I am pleased with

the Western College Program as it is being carried out within Miami University."

Sara Babcock Burneson is still living in the Wesleyan Meadows retirement community near Cleveland. She is active in her book group and her church. She takes advantage of the nearby community college with classes, theater, walking trails, and more. Hiking prepares her for interesting trips and the ability to participate with her family in walking to raise funds for leukemia and Lymphoma research. Visits to and from family and friends, such as her annual visit with **Kay Williams** in New York City, "are super favorite activities."

Madelon Operer Hall has a very special small person in her life, Zoe, her granddaughter. They spent Christmas 2017 together, and Zoe was old enough to enjoy all the excitement without being overwhelmed by it.

Joanne Wesner Robertson began her note with a proud accomplishment: "In a few days, Jerry and I are celebrating our 63rd anniversary! We recall many fond memories of times at the Lodge and with classmates. Jer and I were high school sweethearts, and I chased him down to Oxford after he started at Miami. I'd say it worked out well!" (I'd say so, too. Congratulations!) Jo and Jer live seven months on a beautiful beach in Florida, and five months in the north woods of Minnesota and Wisconsin. In between, are trips to visit family in Oregon, Colorado, Arizona, Florida, and Minnesota. She claims they are slowing down; however they still play golf and bocce, fish, go to a reading group, and read aloud plays with a thespian group. She volunteers at the Audubon Rookery to help folks learn more about bird life. They still travel but take shorter and less strenuous trips. However, they are planning a trip to Churchill, Manitoba, to see polar bears.

Liz Dunham Gibbons has now moved to Denver to be close to her son and his family. She has a condo in Windsor Gardens, an independent community for age 55 plus. She also has enjoyed going to the art exhibits at the Denver Museums, particularly the ones on Degas, Women Artists in the Age of Impressionism, and the Dead Sea Scrolls. She also joined the Windsor Gardens Writers' Club and had one of her submissions published in their monthly newsletter. She has sent me copies of three of her contributions, which I thoroughly enjoyed; they were reminiscences of her family and friends whom I knew as we were in school together from the fourth grade through our freshman year at Western. Liz sets a good example for all of us. She took three exercise classes this summer, each meeting twice a week. (And I think I'm doing well to go to two two-hour classes a week.) Keep us the good work, Liz!

Anne Peterson Caviness wrote a lovely

letter catching us up on her life since Western. First, she moved to Florida where she taught fourth grade in Ocala and started the string music program for Marion County and taught music in Gainesville. She married Rupert in 1957 and was married for 58 years before he passed away in 2016. He was a United Methodist Minister within the Florida Conference for 30 years, serving in nine different churches. "In some of the towns we lived in, I was a school teacher, others the church choir director, but always a full-time minister's wife and mother. I continued to play the cello until just a few years ago." They have two married daughters, both of whom live close to her, and five grandchildren. She and Rupert retired to Ocala in 1992, and Anne still lives in there. "I have not been back to Western for many years, but do fondly remember its lovely location with bridges from hill to hill."

I am fortunate to be able to meet with **Charlene Ashing Barry** several times a year. When I take my sister to the Mayo Clinic for treatments, Charlene and Jim come and join us for lunch in the Mayo cafeteria. Charlene remains her cheerful, humorous self, making light of any ailments she may have by turning them into funny stories. I had suggested that classmates could send a memory of Western if they could not think of anything else to say. Charlene, not wanting to talk about herself, shared the following: "All of us remember the beautiful campus, the romantic bridges, the charming Kumler Chapel, the vigorous discussion among the students, the challenging ideas between students and faculty, the subliminal exposure to influence independent, thinking females, the bridge games in the basement of Edith Clawson Hall, the late Sunday night tuna fish sandwiches we sold therein. (My to-be husband thought they were great sandwiches and even though he didn't play bridge, he looked forward to his Sunday night visit to the Rec Hall and those sandwiches!) AND except for Sunday evenings, Western cafeteria staff provided great food." She continued her memories for two more pages. Perhaps I will include some of them next year.

I, **Mary Sicer Moore**, fortunately remain in remarkably good health, considering that my sister, three years older than I am, has fallen five times in the last year and a-half and broken her arm in three places, needed surgery to put her wrist back together, broke her clavicle, and finally fractured her pelvis. This latter took place during my third trip to see plays at the Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City, Utah, with her and her daughter. *An Iliad*, a one-man retelling of the epic brought up to date with the inclusion of a list of wars from then till now, I had looked forward to seeing a second time with Betty and Deb. However, we were involved in getting Betty into the hospital and settled down with doctors, nurses, and could not go. Niece Deb and I were able to leave Betty safely in the

Cedar City Hospital in the evenings and were able to see *The Merchant of Venice* and *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. Together Deb and I drove Betty on the seven-hour trip back to Prescott to a rehab center where she is doing well. My time is taken up with caring for sister Betty, church, archaeology meetings, theater trips, book club, and reading. I have begun re-reading my old favorites, most recently the Barchester series by Anthony Trollope. Of more recent books, one of the most thought-provoking was *Still Life* by Jean Hegland. It concerns a noted professor of Shakespeare who has Alzheimer's. While much of his memory is vague — if not gone — he still remembers Shakespeare and often speaks in quotations from his plays. It is a poignant and different look at the disease from several points of view. Until next year, as was said in *Hill Street Blues*, "Let's be careful out there!"

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Our classmates are still crisscrossing the country and sending pictures, so, for the first time, I hope I can include them in this report.

First, on a sad note, I was informed of **Mary Ann Fichtner Mountain's** death on January 6, 2017. We send condolences to her family.

Loia and **Joan Mueller McNally's** (Loia is the author) Christmas letter is always newsy and this year included a picture of 14 Rock Hill Road. Their recent focus had been home improvements inside but, seeing



the photo, they must have needed a lot of snow removal outside. The picture evokes a warm and cozy winter refuge. Joan traveled to Seattle with three of her children for her sister and brother-in-law's 50th Anniversary.

Joan kindly passed on the sad news of the passing of **Charlotte Knox Eberhard's** husband, Dr. Wallace B. Eberhard, on October



The McLaughlins (Alicia Melendez) at the November 2017 Chicago wedding of their son Chris. Their daughter, Joyce, and her husband are next to the bride, with grandchildren behind.

7, 2018. We extend our deepest sympathy to Charlotte and the entire Eberhard family.

My three months in Irvine, CA, provided the excellent opportunity to see **Alicia Melendez McLaughlin** and meet her husband, Dennis. I was sorry we hadn't gotten together before on my many visits to Irvine. Alicia and Dennis traveled to Chicago for the November wedding of their son, Chris, and Shannon, his lovely bride. I will be back to visit Roxanne, Kasra and 9-year-old Rumi and can see Alicia and Dennis again.

I kept busy in Irvine, walking Roxanne's dog, Harriett, getting together with my "foreign wife" friends and taking Amtrak to Glendale once to visit a friend and to San Diego another time to visit Massoud's cousin. However, I must have done the stairs too



Charlotte with "kids" Jehan and Kimyia

often, which led to severe inflammation in both knees. I also had a kidney infection. Hoag hospital beats Detroit's Henry Ford (no hospital is terrific), and it took over a month of physical therapy back in Detroit to recover. In April I was able to go to Las Vegas for the Foreign Wives 25th Annual Reunion. Kimyia and 5-year-old Dominic met in Jehan's home

"at the shore" in Longport, NJ (joined later by Kim's husband, Massama), in August. Now I'm not leaving Michigan (except for a day trip to the Stratford Festival in Canada), so I can enjoy our beautiful fall colors.

I had a call from **Loretta Weygandt Robinson** with an explanation for not returning my call sooner. Last week (Sept. 2nd) she fell in her home and cracked three ribs. Any position is very painful, and she has been told not to drive, play the organ, has difficulty breathing, and must sleep elevated for several weeks. She also shared the good news that her teenage granddaughter had received a bone marrow transplant at the City of Hope hospital near L.A. and her body had accepted it. In December

she will return to the hospital for her first annual check-up. She is a three times cancer survivor.

I'm sure Loretta would welcome a card at: 3101 Paradise Ct. SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124.

Ellyn Talbott Bogan sends funny and interesting e-mails and had an idea about making my job much easier when she wrote last year: "Use my news from the last Bulletin. I do pretty much the same thing all the time." I thought, nevertheless, I should verify that, and she did have some news.

She carried the flag for the Class of 1957 at the reunion and enjoyed Stonebridge Hall and all the activities. Her grandson, Eric, is a freshman at Ohio State U. but Marissa, her granddaughter, seems to be tending toward Miami. Over Christmas, she had a fall which resulted in a severe knee infection.

Frederica "Fred-dy" Barber Miller has mobility issues and uses a walker or wheelchair. Her family lives close to West Chester, and all gathered at Freddy's retirement home for a large gathering.

It seems the lesson of this letter is that knees get in the way of a lot of furniture and don't tolerate steps very well.

Hope all others are in good health and good spirits!

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Alumnae Weekend 2019: Celebrating 60 years!

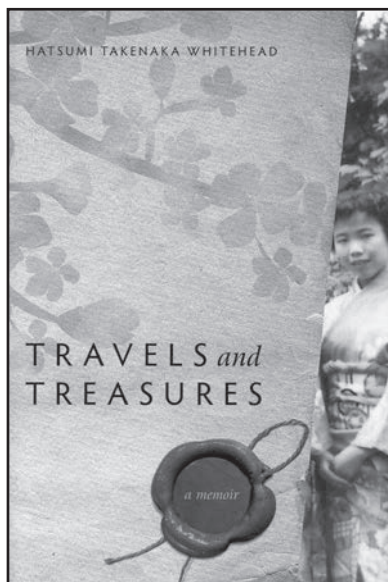
Jane Toy Thomason and **Carole Crowe Frank** meet for lunch frequently in Manhattan to chat about old times and to discuss current "stuff." Between their get-togethers Jane keeps busy reading, playing bridge, and enjoying concerts and the Broadway theater. Also keeping up with their daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughter. She and husband Bob recently took a short trip to Jackson Hole to see mountains and open space and breathe fresh air, but they remain contented big city Brooklyn dwellers.

Betty Thebaud Sharr and Joe sent a family photo Christmas card with Betty in the center (looking exactly the same as she did at Western) surrounded by her great-looking family. Betty and Joe still play golf and travel to visit their children and grandchildren at their California, Arizona, and Nevada homes or at reunions at their Big Bear, CA, cabin or at the Tubac Golf Resort (south of Tucson).

Ellie Spittler Buford writes from her Venice home that she continues to lead a group of



Four of 44 in the Reunion anniversary class of '58: Cay Kawallek Manildi, Polly Smith Venable, Jane Smucker Fryman, Juli Beasley Kinchla. They participated in five international seminars by graduation!



Sumi Takenaka Whitehead has published a delightful memoir, documenting her childhood in Japan, her decision to come to the United States, and her life after Western, living, traveling, and serving — along with her diplomat husband — in embassies around the world.

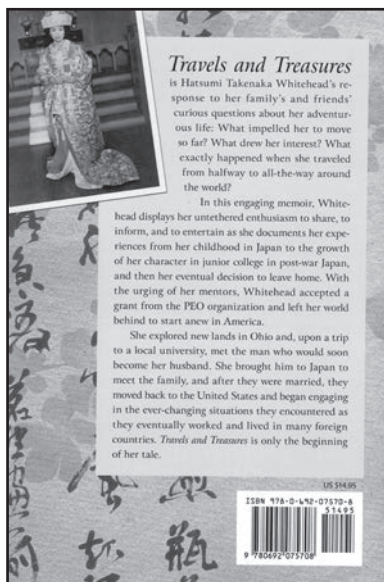
her American friends annually to a different site in Europe, arranging concerts along the route, and the Air Mobility Command in Italy hiking in the Dolomites. She enclosed a photo of herself hiking in her beloved Dolomiti "right in my own backyard and so quick and easy to get to." She also visits America once a year (but never to the West Coast where we await her visit).

Peggy Mayer Hill is volunteering again as president of their Symphony Guild, along with two other past-presidents (since no one wanted the whole job again). It keeps her involved and busy while husband Billy is regaining his strength after cancer treatments. They visit with son Andy and wife Lynn, who live in Japan again with their three children, at a meeting spot halfway between, usually Hawaii. Peg said they weren't affected by the hurricanes except for lots of rain.

Gail Budelman Nutty writes that since her retirement from teaching 20 years ago in Greensboro, NC, she remains an Emeritus Member of the Guilford County Master Gardeners Club. She doesn't spend as much time gardening anymore, but does enjoy playing cards and seeing nearby close friends.

Pat Cook Richardson still loves living in Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island, FL, and says every day is like being on vacation. She attended her high school reunion in Hamilton last year, followed by a trip to Canada, New York, and Virginia to visit husband Bob's relatives. She's thrilled that her daughter, Jennifer, now lives in Fernandina Beach too.

"Konnie" Konheim Kolb has moved to Rockville Center, NY, into a comfortable apartment and writes that all is well.



Nancy Wilson Kobayashi '69 wrote that our classmate, **Susie Kitagawa**, passed away in Kamakura in April. While sorting Susie's things Nancy found a photo album of her Western years and offered it to us. I suggested she send it to the Alumnae office.

The **Mascalis** are well but have postponed international travels this year. Domestically we're still going strong, having visited our granddaughter Madison in April at Ole Miss for Parents' weekend; my brother and family in Eugene, OR, in July; Annapolis in September to visit our daughter, Dana, who was there for two weeks from her home in Germany; and are packing to leave tomorrow for John's 59th reunion (Class of '59) at the Naval Academy. At home we stay busy with volunteer activities and friends.

Please write, e-mail, send a blue card or Christmas card to let us know what you're doing ... and be well, dear classmates.

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Our year began sadly with the deaths of two classmates, both of whom remained active in the WCAA to the end. **Judith Ulmer Brockschmidt**, a loyal and active member

of the WCAA, Inc., succumbed to cancer on March 8. **Cynthia Ackerman Horne** lost her lengthy battles with Parkinson's disease and lung cancer at home in Canton, OH, on March 14. Cindy, a member of the WCAA, Inc. Board of Trustees, remained positive and cheery even in her last communications. Adam Negron called to say that his mother, **Suzanne West Negron**, died on August 22; she is survived by daughter Amy Negron and son Todd Negron.

Cindy's roommate **Cecelia Ann Kendrick McCrillis** was shocked by the news of Cindy's death, remembering that Cindy's last letter was "typical Cindy, upbeat, positive, and humorous. I was fooled by her bravado. ... She was really a force of nature." In addition, Ann lost her husband, Paul, in the last year, and her children are out of state, but she still feels fortunate in spite of macular degeneration in one eye. Her sense of humor remains. "But my kids can honestly say, 'You are pushing eighty!' Hard to believe."

On April 21, **Anne Adkins Weissenborn** and daughter Elizabeth "hosted what seems to have been a successful Celebration of Ernie evening." Mourning her loss of Ernie in October, she plunged into her many compassionate activities until she found herself ill from grief and overwork. Now better, Anne is hoping to engage with immigrants ("although not speaking Spanish is a problem"), saying, "Hopefully I'll find an organization fairly close by that is working with those seeking asylum for whom I can maybe do behind the scenes legal research or some such." She is still deeply concerned with "the whole Israel/Palestine situation," and, of course, remains on the WCAA, Inc. Board of Trustees and hopes to "stay involved with it" to the end.

She mentioned that when she was returning a piano that Ernie had won from the Piano Technicians Guild in 1974, she met Fred Sturm, Jr., who "is a multi-interest, multi-disciplinary person who actually started out as a piano major and eventually studied with **Eleanor Vail FF** at Earlham where he finished his B.A." [See sidebar next page.]

Anne forwarded a note from **Jeanette Kirkpatrick Duvall**, who announced that she and Harry will move to a retirement community, Ocean View ("check out on web"!), in Falmouth, ME, near daughter Michele. We hope that Johnnie will send her new address, because she sends love and invites us to visit!

Sharry Patterson Addison shares the fact that she "just completed [her] two-year term as the WCAA President," saying that "Western and Oxford are definitely my 'happy place!'" and we thank her for her energetic and productive leadership. She hints that a new Center for Social Impact and Innovation will be developed on the Western Campus. In the meantime, she has retired from some

Anne Adkins Weissenborn '61 tells about returning her husband Ernie's piano to the "final day of the annual convention of the national Piano Technician's Guild" some months after his death. She writes, "[It] was the final step of our having returned to the Guild an upright piano that sat in our living room for over 40 years, and that had been won by Ernie at a similar Guild event in NYC back in 1974. It is an instrument hand-crafted by three or more well-known master craftsmen especially for that convention and in memory of one of the craftsmen who had recently died. Ernie had said from the beginning that the piano belonged back with the Guild, and it will now reside in the Guild's small museum in Kansas City."

At the convention, there occurred one of those "small (Western) world" happenings that we so love to hear about: Anne ran into "none other than Fred Sturm, Jr., son of you know who! [**Fred G. "Ted" Sturm**, professor of philosophy and college chaplain, 1954-74]. I remember him as a 6- or 7-year-old running around campus back when we were students. By 1969, when I returned to teach and met Ernie, Freddie had just graduated from high school and eventually studied with **Eleanor Vail FF** [professor of music, 1947-74] at Earlham where he finished his BA." They briefly traveled memory lane together, Fred recalling that "he and his family lived in the Home Economics cottage on campus his dad's first year teaching there," Anne sharing that she "dog-sat for Ted's Afghan hound one weekend. The dog and Ted shared the same bushy eyebrows." Finally, apropos of the event, Fred remembered "his dad telling him about a German teacher at Western who became a piano technician ..."

of her Cincinnati activities but keeps on with the Cincinnati Children's Hospital and also is spending time with nearby son, daughter, and grandchildren.

Ann Bronaugh Kyle writes from North Carolina, near one of her daughters, that this summer she took a dance workshop from her son Peter at a camp in Maine, and she hopes "to pass on some of the Slow Tempo ideas to others." She recommends a book, *Reformations*, by Carolos Eire, because it explains the effects of the changes in Europe during the 1400s and 1500s.

From Texas, **Flora Zimmerman Cohen** lists the volunteering activities that she and husband Richard continue to pursue: at the zoo and Perot Museum of Science, and Flora at a "local resale shop run by Jewish Family Service." In March, they spent time in Hawaii on Oahu, Hawaii, and Maui so they could see the whales (on each of three expeditions) and observed the "lava glowing at night."

Both Tom and **Gail Howell Litwiler** faced significant health problems this year. On their 57th wedding anniversary, "Tom's knee blew out," and he was to face surgery in Au-

gust. Gail has had two stents and is dealing with macular degeneration. However, they continue their community service. Gail is in her 29th year on the local School Board and is involved with high school athletics, "drawing on my 'fabled' experiences on the W.C. field-hockey team!" She also remains active in church and Sunday school activities, singing in the choir "with enlarged music!" They visit son, daughter, and grandchildren often. She has "wonderful, lifetime memories" of Cindy and Judy.

"This year has not been nearly as newsy for us as the last one," writes **Marcia Jones Friddle**. Andy is recovering from a bad fall in July. Their grandchildren, Sean (10) and Zella (about 1), via Facetime) keep them entertained.

The holiday mail brought news from some classmates. Slowing down only slightly from three surgeries for colon cancer, the last in 2015, **Yoriko Konishi Meguro** continues with NPO and other humanitarian activities. She had just completed a "project commissioned by APEC and the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs." In a more recent message she said that instead of slowing down, she became involved with Women 20 (W20),

and became co-chair of W20 in Japan. W20 will be the chair of the 2019 Summit, as it will take place in Japan, and she will be extremely involved in that. Yoriko feels deeply honored by her Alumnae Service Award: we feel honored by her!

Sharon Botsford Moyer underwent replacement of both knees and then visited New York and saw **Judith Buck**. Judy is well and busy. She also visited son Sean and family there. Her whole family went to the Bahamas in July, and because daughter Jackie plans to retire from Homeland Security at the end of September, the family will gather again to celebrate on St. Simons Island. She looks forward to traveling with **Jane Miller Brooks** in 2019.

Jane asserts, "This year definitely will be my last year" of teaching! She plans to see "as much of the world as possible" after that. She hiked in Scotland for two weeks this summer and will "spend time researching and dreaming about the next trip" and trying to decide whether to stay in Toronto, where she has a son and a daughter, or to move to Vancouver, where she has still more family.

Happily, I am in touch with some alumnae from other classes. **Patricia Pinkowski '70** announced her retirement in May 2017. Pat has delighted in filling it with taking classes and travel in the U.S. and abroad, plus cleaning up and refurbishing her condo, gardening, and genealogy. **Pei Liu Hsiang '60** wrote that in 2017 she took her "family to the Galapagos." That September, she "went to Italy with a mycology group," where they "hunted and ate some delicious mushrooms," among other adventures. Now she is recovering from back surgery, trying to downsize, and planning to hunt more mushrooms. She is as positive and cheerful as she was in college. She has a new e-mail address: peihsiang@gmail.com.

We senior **Obuchowskis** continue our gradual slowing down. I am tapering off major activities, such as the boards of the local Friends of the Library and Society for the Study of Midwestern Literature, but maintain other volunteer activities. We still revel in the grandchildren, Tim's Evan (5) and Lauren (3), and John's Miranda (2). Doing the Class Notes is an increasing pleasure because it means hearing from both my wonderful classmates and friends and from the top-notch staff on the Western campus. So please stay in touch!

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Random updates from a few responders to a late SOS:

From **Marj Keppel Gross**: "This may be too late but ... here are a few highlights of the past year, which seems like a blur to me right now

"After six years of not having a dog, I adopted a rescue pup from the streets of Kuwait just after Christmas. My sweet pup Roxi traveled with one of her best friends and fellow rescue, Charlie, who was adopted by my daughter Andrea. Talk about changing routines!



Marj and Kuwaiti pup, Roxi

"I now have not just one, but two great-grandchildren! Easton will be 4 this month, and Reece Annabelle will be 1 a week before Christmas.

"In July, my sister **Polly [Keppel Cushman '67]**, who is a fellow Westernite (two years in class of '67), was honored by our high school

alumni association as *Alumnus* (I know, should have been *Alumna*) of the Year. All five of us siblings were together with several of our family members for that weekend. What a great time we had together! Sadly, we are all getting ready to attend the memorial service in November for Polly's husband, Jim Cushman, who passed away recently. This makes our July weekend together even more special.

"We were hit last month by Hurricane Florence. I stayed home [Newport, NC] for the duration. We had several trees down on the property but no damage to our house, which is a blessing. There was a tremendous amount of damage throughout eastern North Carolina. Then I was in south Florida visiting my son Kurtis when Hurricane Michael devastated the Florida panhandle. Since my granddaughter Roxana and her family (including those two great-grandchildren) live in Tallahassee, we followed that storm very closely. Thankfully, they are all well. I also had a quick visit with my central Florida daughter, Beth, while there.

"I am still teaching an occasional online math course and tutoring at our learning center a couple days a week at the community college, just to keep me busy and out of trouble."

Libbe Dennard (formerly Marion Roberts) and her spouse, Lee Harris, continue to travel between San Miguel de Allende, MX, and Austin, TX, in addition to spending time on the road visiting family and friends. On October 28th Libbe and Lee celebrated 22 years of marriage. 2019 is a big travel year since Lee turns 70 and Libbe celebrates her 60th high school reunion at Stephen F. Austin. Next May will also mark Libbe's completion of her MFA degree from the University of Arkansas. Poet and memoirist, Libbe will complete her work of creative non-fiction and poetry (her thesis) before April 2019.



Nia Jones Terry and Loretta Ryder toast their Class of '63 at Reunion.

Nancy Carter Lindfors: "Last October, I went to China with Matthew (#2 son), my daughter, Natalie, and her husband, Todd. It was wonderful even if it did rain most of the time. We were supposed to go to the panda nursery, but saw the adult pandas instead. They were lots of fun to watch. Had a private concert at the Shanghai Conservatory of Music as the founder had graduated from the U. of Minnesota where some of the tour people were from. Loved the 10-year-old girls with piano pieces that I could never play, much less memorize. One girl was dressed in the standard long gown. The one I was taken with wore jeans, white shirt, red neckerchief, and gray blazer — alternate acceptable attire. Until you looked at her shoes. She wore pink sparkly ones with pink tulle bows! They looked like tap shoes. I happened to be walking next to her as we left the building. I leaned over and told her that her playing was fabulous but that I really loved her shoes. A big smile appeared and some giggles as we left. So the 10-year-olds were super serious inside when it counted, but she was a typical 10-year-old with her reaction to my comment outside.



Combined families of Marj Keppel Gross '63, Polly Keppel Cushman '67, and three siblings at their July reunion

"I am getting ready to leave in two days for two weeks in Peru. Figured I had better go while I can still climb up and down and hike the four miles to Machu Picchu. Hope you are doing well and keeping busy. Take care."

Judy Scovel Robinson writes, "So here's something off the top of my head." After 43 "blissful years" living in a village in Bedfordshire, she and her husband

—“after months of de-cluttering and multitudinous trips to the dump” — have moved to a small village on the border of England and Wales. The number of cardboard packing boxes is slowly diminishing and the number of new friends is slowly increasing, and the joy of being two doors away from her daughter is bliss. “Who wouldn’t want to be greeted at the door on a rainy Saturday morning by two grandsons holding a basket of warm raspberry and almond muffins?”

Judy writes a monthly blog: www.foodthat-buildscommunity.com if you want to keep in touch, and she certainly hopes that you will!

Loretta Ryder writes: “Spent the months of February and March 2017 as a member of the ‘Lefties’ of the world. Slipped on black ice just after my string class, with cello in tow, and broke my right wrist! Then had to drive my stick shift car home and phone my niece to take me to emergency. Fortunately, home is only ten minutes away via expressway. Unfortunately, I had to do a couple of “rolling stops” on the surface streets so I wouldn’t have to shift gears with my right elbow and left hand too many times as I was also steering with my left hand! Cello and clarinet playing were suspended for the remainder of the term along with piano but I’m back to normal now. It was actually an interesting experience having to figure out how to take care of regular activities with a different mindset but I don’t recommend it. (Watch your bones!)

“Great-niece, Jacqueline Diggs, graduated from Barnard this year and works in a law office in NYC. Her sister, Alexandra, is a freshman at Harvard. Shauna and Douglass (their parents) timed things well — only four more years of college tuition. My other niece’s children are still in grade school.

“My most astonishing news, though, is that one of my former third grade students, Dominique Morisseau, was recently named a MacArthur Fellow. She’s an actor and playwright and wrote a trilogy of plays about Detroit, one of which was set during the rebellion of 1967, entitled *Detroit 67*. I’m sure anyone who taught her at any point of her formative years is quite proud.

“Didn’t manage to visit **Marj Keppel Gross** while in North Carolina this year, but she survived Hurricane Florence in Newport, as did my family home in New Bern. All good wishes to everyone!”

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Sadly, the office learned belatedly of the death on May 16 of your class representative, **Pamela Eggers Gill**. We did our best to notify members of the class and encourage you to send updates directly to the WCAA. Understandably, that was not what you were expecting, but thanks to a few of you who gathered your thoughts and got in touch with us. We hope that you will reach out to each other and find one among you who will carry on Pam’s long and devoted service.

Shirin Velji wrote, “I am saddened to hear the news of Pam Eggers Gill. I pray that God rest her soul in eternal peace, give her an abode in heaven and give strength to the family to bear this dear loss. With sympathy ...”

Meg Warnock Carlough expressed her sadness at learning of Pam’s death and wrote something of her own activities:

“On the other topic: When I moved to Pennswood (Newtown, PA) three years ago, I took a drawing course. I loved it and have been drawing and learning watercolor. I have sold five drawings (three of sheep from Hancock Shaker Village museum where I worked as docent for a few years, and a cat and a goose) and two paintings (my first abstract and an autumn scene). This summer my husband, my son, and I met with some of my cousins and families in Plymouth, MA, for a week. Besides visiting relatives, I was able to walk on the beach every morning. Good to be away and good to get back home. I am so much more active here and socialization with smart people is so easy. My husband turned 90 in August this year. I would love to have people visit. Love ...”

Unaware of Pam’s death, **Marie Iandoli** sent this brief message early on: “I will be underwriting the children’s opera “Die Fledermaus” this year. I was so fortunate that through all the hurricanes we had last year nothing in my home was broken. I only had to repair my fence and screening around the pool.”

From **Janet Smith Dickerson-Stephens**: “I was very sorry to learn of Pam Eggers’ passing. She has recorded our Class Notes faithfully for more than 50 years.

“I have been retired from University work since 2010, when I left Princeton, so imagine my surprise when I was nominated to return to a campus to serve as interim Vice President and Dean of Students! The timing, location and circumstances were perfect, and in January 2018, I took on a temporary assignment at Pomona College in Claremont,



Fran Hoffman, Jill Hartley Fulton ’63, and Brooksie Jacobs Harrison, lunching with Janet Smith Dickerson (far right)

CA — just an hour away from my daughter Jill and our only granddaughter, Lucca, who is heading to sixth grade this year!

“That assignment, which was both very challenging and highly rewarding, has ended, but I have transitioned to another interim position as Vice President for Student Affairs for the Claremont Consortium (now called The Claremont Colleges Services). Paul and I are really enjoying Southern California and have begun to contemplate moving to be closer to our family. Our daughter Dawn, who got married to Gregg Bowman in a beautiful Napa Valley wedding last September, has settled in the Bay Area, just an hour’s flight to our nearest airport.

“In a most unlikely Western story, Paul met a woman in his water aerobics class in Claremont who had heard that he was from Princeton and wondered by chance if he knew ‘Janet Smith.’ Well, she turned out to be **Jill Hartley Fulton ’63**, my Big Sister at Western, for whom my daughter is named! She has lived in Claremont since she graduated from Western. We had a great reunion. I was honored to host her, **Fran Hoffman**, and **Liz “Brooksie” Jacobs Harrison** for lunch in Claremont last May. I am looking forward to connecting with other Western alumnae during our stay in Southern California. Best regards ...”

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For some of us 2018 has been a year of drought, fires, and flooding. For some it has been a year of travel, of 50-year wedding anniversaries, family get-togethers and classmate mini-reunions. Golf has claimed the attention of players such as Mary, Barb,

Elaine, Gloria, Jo Ann, and Hex to name but a few. Lola, Elisa, and Penny are among our busy artists, crafting paintings, baskets and floral designs. Elisa, Penny, Hex, and **Mary Newbold** are among the many gardeners producing photos of their flowers and vegetables. Befriend your classmates on Facebook and view the fascinating photography of trips, art and architecture, and nature by Rauni, Sue, Ruth, Ann, Susie and Jo Ann. The '67's members may be mostly retired, but we still are going strong!

Who better to begin our yearly conversation than **Diane Eby Ozbal**, whose strength has been sorely tested these last couple of years! She writes that it has been a long and difficult 18 months since Hadi's massive hemorrhagic stroke and craniotomy, but things are finally back on track to the surprise of his doctors and therapists. He had to learn to stand and walk, dress and feed himself, use the bathroom and find his way around the house. Though Diane says he can handle a Power Point lecture, he can't concentrate long enough to return to teaching classes. Additionally, since the stroke was on the right side of the brain, the neuron pathways to the left side are damaged, so Hadi basically is unaware of people and things to his left. Though frustrating for both of them, accidents are common. Daughter Rana's boys are 10 and 6 and always seem to be going to lessons in different parts of town. In the past Hadi was able to drive them, but with not noticing a car on his left, it is now too dangerous.

In addition to being caregiver and driver, Diane still works part-time arranging standardized tests like the SAT, ACT, and AP exams at her old school. In May, the AP exams had a surge in popularity. All Turkish students seem to want their exams in place when they apply to universities abroad in case things in this country deteriorate. Thus she found herself administering over 900 four-hour exams in 45 different sessions all during the school day, plus she had to find enough proctors, quiet testing rooms for the various subject exams and then manage the answer sheets that needed to be scored. After a month of 10-hour work weeks she needed a vacation. Diane will retire from this job when she no longer can climb the 95 stairs to the school's attic testing area while carrying up the boxes of test materials, pencils, instruction manuals and answer sheets. In June, Diane and Hadi went to Boston to visit son Jon and family. It was great to do things with Jon's two children, who are 8 and 13. So much better than Skype!

While there they managed to spend time with John and **Elisa Kessler Caporale**, who were visiting. She realizes that tourists haven't been encouraged to visit Turkey but wants classmates to know that they would be welcome. She sends best wishes!



Elisa Caporale with grandkids

Toward the end of January, I stumbled upon a PBS program celebrating Chinese New Year in Hong Kong that brought back memories of the many times Ted and I were either in Hong Kong or Macau during these celebrations. During our first visit there in the 1970s we began collecting some of the paper goods associated with the celebration.

It also was the time **Blanche Kung** invited us to her home for our first home-style Chinese holiday dinner. Soon after she would move to Canada and later settle in California. I sent her a Kung Hei Fat Choy (Happy New Year) e-mail message recalling these memories and reminding her to be kind to her Kitchen God (aka Stove God), Zao jun/ Zao shen, so that he would give the ancestors a good report of her. I also told her I needed to replace my paper picture of the Kitchen God and asked where I might find one easily. She must have had a good laugh when she replied that there was a good one on Amazon!!

Blanche's roommate, Kitty, had a knee replacement in June 2017. Even though it still bothers her when doing stairs, Kitty went ahead and had the other knee replaced this January. Blanche returned home from Reunion prepared to become a caregiver, only to begin a series of fainting spells and falls which left her with scrapes and cuts on elbows and knees. Her doctor referred Blanche to a neurologist, who reported her to the DMV as being unsafe to drive. Several doctor/specialists later, it was determined that her problem was occasional low blood pressure. Once that was under control and with no further spells, she was cleared for driving, but at the end of March, would have to take a new eye and written test.

In May, **Lola Schmidt Stanton** posted a photo of a portrait that would appear in a new group show, *A Cultural Kaleidoscope Exhibit* to be held at the Hudson Guild Gallery at 441 W. 26th St. in New York City. The exhibit was scheduled to hang from May 31 to July 25, 2018. Lola's husband, Bill Stanton, also would have work in this

show. From July 11 to August 8, 2018, Lola was taking part in the National Association of Women Artists' show, a 2018 Summer Small Works Exhibit held in New York City. Her very striking painting titled *Casablanca Dance* consisted of three white lilies with red stamens and green leaves.

Elisa Kessler Caporale was invited to submit an entry for a show being held in Seoul, Korea. The Korea Bojagi Forum would be showing works from May 31 to June 13, 2018. Intrigued, Elisa designed a beautiful red quilt for this show. Elisa continues to work on basket designs producing items for local shows. Photos of her art work, of items from her garden, of family events and trips often are posted on Facebook. On August 23rd she announced that daughter Clemencia had just completed a walk from New Mexico to Idaho following the Continental Divide Trail.

Penny Corcoran Decker is a master gardener, floral designer, instructor, and a flower show judge. On September 26, 2018, she spoke at the National Flower Arrangers dinner held in Orlando, FL, her topic, The Magical Visions of India. A lovely photo of Penny with the poster announcing the dinner and several photos used in her talk appeared on Facebook.

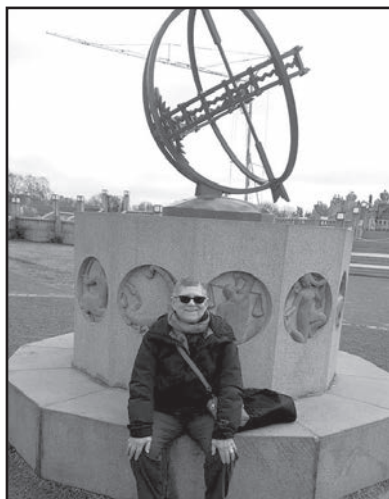
Over the past few years **Mary Newbold Brammall** and husband have been remodeling their home in Boonville, IN. Mary has a bountiful garden and has posted on Facebook photo examples of her harvests.

Carol Hoexter Mandel also posted photos of her tomatoes and sent an e-mail of recent doings. June 2017 was spent celebrating her



Steve and Carol Mandel, dining in NYC with Gloria and Chick Molella

50th wedding anniversary. This celebration included a trip back to Bermuda where they had spent their honeymoon. In December, she and Steve took two grandchildren (the last two for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah trips) to Tanzania. It was quite a trip, fun and fascinating with interesting and eager grandchildren but sad too when Hex and Steve realized that these special trips with their grandchildren were now at an end. In May 2018, the Mandels found themselves in Hawaii for a wedding and used their free time to see the sights. On June 22nd Hex received a birthday phone call from her "Western twin," me (**Kathy Sturm**), who also was celebrat-



*Sue Maderer, in Oslo's
Vigeland Sculpture Park*

ing a birthday that day. We only found out about this connection a couple of years ago through e-mail exchanges. What a wonderful way to celebrate and to reconnect!

In August Hex and Steve connected with Chick and **Gloria Tumino Molella** enjoying dinner at a New York City restaurant. They all had such a wonderful time that they planned to meet in Hilton Head in October for several rounds of golf. Hex additionally reported that **Carolyn Sparks Kokalis** has plans to move to the Maryland area when her apartment is finished. Hex hopes that her classmates have had a good year and are in reasonably good health!

An e-mail from **Jo Ann Brombaugh Wittman** indicates that she and Jack celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in November 2017 with a dinner attended by friends and neighbors. A dear friend just retired from a Federal career and an ordained minister helped them renew their vows. Over Thanksgiving and their anniversary they sailed in the Caribbean on the luxurious *Crystal Serenity*. In February 2018, they joined Jo Ann's retirement group. Sailing out of Baltimore, MD, for another trip through the Caribbean. In May, they joined the *SS United States Conservancy* for a trip to Bermuda. Jo Ann says she is finally getting close to having her number of cruises exceed her age, a top item on her bucket list! Photos from her trips and from golf games often appear on Facebook!

She also wrote that her goddaughter, Sarah Betz Bucciero, Judy and Gary's daughter, has written a book called *St. Jude Momma* available on Amazon to help with fundraising for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Sarah's little boy Carter, who died of brain cancer six years ago had been a patient there. Five dollars of every sale will be donated in Carter's memory.

During the past several months. **Rauni Pellikka** could be found traveling about

Europe. Toward the end of May she had dinner with friends at Cala Ma in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. By mid-June, she was cavorting about Rome, Italy. Part of August was spent in Finland, mainly in Helsinki, but with a side trip to Oulu to view a stone sculpture of a short, squat traffic cop wearing a stone uniform popular in the 1950s. Rauni called him her new boyfriend, referring to other sculptures of interesting men she has found on her travels. She also made a visit to Talin, Estonia. By the end of August, Rauni was on a cruise ship sailing on the Loire River in France. She reported that the river was very low due to a lack of rain which made stopping at some ports difficult. Nevertheless, she managed to tour most places including Bretagne, Nantes and Angers. In mid-September she posted photos from Vilnius, Lithuania, of the city and a 14th-century castle on the lake and of herself in the castle stocks. Rauni has now visited all 28 EU countries.

Sue Maderer's photos also transport us to the scene. Sue began her Norwegian adventure in mid-April in Oslo, which included a tour through the city and a trip through the Vigeland Sculpture Park. Then on the 20th, she boarded a train for a trip to Bergen. Photos were taken from the train of the snow scape showing the breadth of the snow from mountains to a stand of trees. The next day it was on to Allesend to look at its architecture, a sidewalk troll sculpture, and hear an organ concert in the cathedral. Sue crossed the Article Circle at 7 a.m. the next morning, to discover it was a tradition to taste cod liver oil and have water dropped down her back (not a very nice rite of passage). Trondheim and Kirkenes, 10 miles from the Russian border, were the last stops along the Norway coast before returning to Bergen.

August found Sue on a trip through Ireland. Her first walk took her to Glenveagh National Park and Gardens; later she walked through the mud bogs to get to Horn Head and back to Donegal. Another day she walked about the Donegal city taking photos and stopping for some Guinness and Irish music. The Killarney harbor had a 10½-mile walk out to the end of a fjord, but after going half way, Sue and her fellow travelers decided to leave this area and to go visit a sheep farm. She also visited the grave of William Butler Yeats in Knock. Sue reported that the group boarded a boat for a trip to a small Aran

island, crossing rough seas. She walked around the island in the rain and wind. She could barely see the Cliffs of Mohr in the distance. On September 1, Sue was visiting Sheep's Head peninsula photographing floral and other vegetation, waterfalls, a stone hut with thatched roof, and views of the land jutting out to sea. She also took photos on Garnish Island and of the Standing Stones. All photos were posted on Facebook.

Ruth Kline Keppler also uses Facebook to keep family and friends apprised of some of her activities. In February, she and Paul were in Hawaii and posted photos from Kauai. Later she posted photos from a stay in Arizona, and from her participation in a women's march. In mid-August, her children and grandchildren joined Ruth and Paul in the Berkshires to help celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Good weather enabled them to enjoy tennis, kayaking and swimming. Paul also had the opportunity to cross something off his bucket list. He appeared and sang with four other men in the Broadway musical *Smokey Joe's Cafe*.



Ann Leisenring, stopping by Crater Lake

Jeffery and **Ann Verdon Leisenring** live in Millsboro, DE, near woods and near a pond. Early morning coffee on her porch or a walk through nature often provides flora and fauna for her camera. She captures flowers in bloom, trees and paths through



*Ruth Keppler and family, in the Berkshires
for their Golden Anniversary*

Traditions! Alumnae/i Weekend June 8-10, 2018



Sign in, please!

Meeting and greeting is traditional! So say Miho and Susan, Pam and Nel, Mame and Brenda, Rosemary and Carol ...



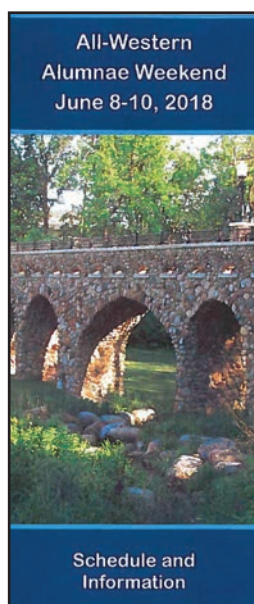
All smiles and ready to hostess! Trustees Anne, Pam, Sharry and Fran ...



Your wish is their command!



Spouses welcome! Susan Blake's Joel Kaufmann (left) with both Susan and Hayat, Tom Metz (below) with Betsy and Bob Bowles with Margie ...

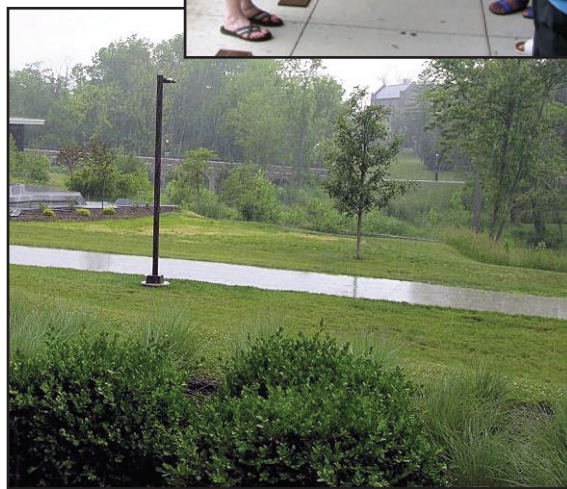
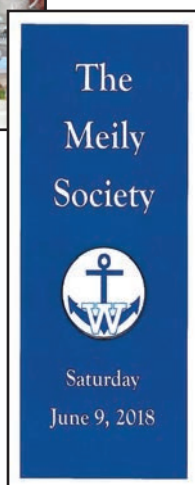


Elders — 60th Anniversary Class — and youngsters — '76, '75, and '74 — bearing flags! It's tradition!



Ola! Friday night and it's a Mexican dinner. Pinatas on the tables were for decoration only but conversation was lively up to and including Weekend Chair Hazel Drew's closing remarks. Time out for the keynote address by Carl Moreland, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, and well wishes by the Crawfords, who slipped away from presidential duties across the street long enough to greet Westerners and accept small gifts of appreciation — Western thermos bottles for their bikes. More memories and laughs after dinner posing at Picture This and browsing the Silent Auction table.





Who doesn't love a parade? Ours evolved from the early Tree Day processions beginning in the 1890s. And Susan Blake's re-dedication of the '68 class tree harks back to the first Tree Day in 1890. (Note Susan's beanie, another tradition.) Saturday afternoon Daryl Baldwin, director of Miami's Myaamia Center, gave a presentation on the Miami tribe heritage and its traditional relationship with the university.



Class of '68 toast — a full-sale production!



Oops! Juli Kinchla '58 and Patricia Snowden '64



ASA honorees Fran Hoffman '65 and Judy Henderson '62 ...



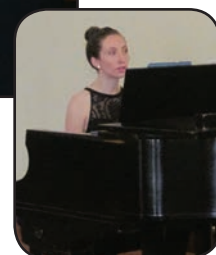
Billie Jones and Loretta Ryder offer the Class of '63 toast.



New president Janet Dickerson '65 and director Mackenzie Becker Rice HA look on as outgoing president Sharry Addison '61 opens a farewell gift.



Loretta Ryder '63 leads the Alumnae Choir, accompanied by Miami music major Cloie Dobias. Also participating, presider Judy Dudman Henderson '62 and Keynote speaker Susan Hackley '68...



Farewell Brunch and a "mother and son reunion": Cece Peabody and Patrick Yannarelli. Plus Elyn Bogan '57 and grandchildren...



WCP Mega Reunion October 26-28, 2018

Western College Program had a wonderful 45th Mega Reunion, October 26-28, 2018, in Oxford on the Western Campus. Almost 100 participants joined us for an enjoyable weekend of catching up with classmates, and we learned more about The Western Center. We heard from current faculty and students, as well as the Dean of the College of Arts and Science, Dr. Chris Makaroff. Saturday was filled with great updates and fun activities for everyone, including a Marketplace showcasing alumni work. Sharry Addison, former WCAA President, was our guest speaker at dinner and shared great wisdom about caring on the Western Legacy. Sunday we had a wonderful tour of the Western Campus — stops included the Western Dining Hall, Western Compass, newly renovated Clawson Hall, restored Western Bridges, and the Freedom Summer Memorial with new statuary. It was a wonderful weekend. We look forward to seeing alums in June 2019 at the annual Western College Alumnae/i Weekend, and in five years at our 50th Mega Reunion!

— Audree Riddle Boggs '10



Audree (right), with John Howard '83, Irene Bell '82, and Van Viney '81 at the Sunday morning Farewell



President Crawford, speaking about the value of interdisciplinary problem solving as part of the new vision for Western



Dedicating the Bust: University archivists Justin Bridges (left) and Jacky Johnson (center) with Mike Loeffelman (WAAMU Board President), Dante, Nik Money (IS Program Director), Zack Hill (IS Program Coordinator)



Student panel sharing their experiences as seniors in Individualized Studies with Western Center Interim Director and faculty member, Jacqueline Daugherty





From left: Andrew Schulman, Lori Taylor, Michelle Harrison Sears, and Jeff Patton — they're all '88!



Mark Juergens '81 with Jean Fudge '81, with Margaret McLaren '82, and Margaret with Mark's daughter, Charlotte



They're all '90! From left: Brian and Amy (Reynolds) Johnson (WCP), John Seibert (Architecture), and Mike Conaway (WCP)



An anonymous tree hugger who really misses the trees ...



Robin Hart Ruthenbeck '91 (center) with Michelle and Lori



Val Kirby (left) and Karen Dollinger — they're both '90!



**ALUMNAE SERVICE AWARDS were presented at the 2018 Celebratory Banquet
on behalf of the Western College Alumnae Association, Inc. to the following:**

Western College Alumnae Association
2018 Service Award

Donavon Auble, Professor of Psychology Emeritus

in recognition of Community Service,
Career Accomplishments, and Service to Western College and
the Western College Alumnae Association, Inc.



Dr. Donavon Auble came to Western College as Associate Professor of Psychology in 1954 at the time the college was restructuring the curriculum to develop a “broad program of international education.” Twenty years later, he was here as Vice President for Administration when — after another restructuring, “Freedom with Responsibility” — the college closed.

Dr. Auble (B.A. in mathematics, Yale University ’49), and his wife, Carolyn, arrived in Oxford from Indiana University, where Don was Instructor and Research Associate in the School of Education and both obtained master’s degrees (Don, a Ph.D) and co-authored publications for professional journals. During that time, he wrote and presented countless articles and papers for dozens of popular and professional journals and organizations. Later in the ’50s and ’60s, he returned to Indiana to teach summer school, also teaching summer school and extension classes for Miami University.

At Western Dr. Auble quickly became a full Professor of Psychology, Chair of the Department of Psychology, then Acting Dean of the College, and, ultimately, Vice President for Administration. In 1967 he was granted a Science Faculty Fellowship by the National Science Foundation for the improvement of college science teaching; in 1971 he was named in the national awards volume, “Outstanding Educators of America.” As one of the four principal officers of the college overseeing Western’s difficult final days, Dr. Auble supervised the offices of admissions, alumnae affairs, development and public relations, and publications. But his career in academia did not end in 1974. After the affiliation and merger with Miami, he crossed the street to become Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and Professor of Educational Psychology at Miami, positions he held until his retirement in 1988.

Donavon Auble’s professional expertise and dedication were not lost on the town of Oxford, which, in 1999, recognized him as “Citizen of the Years,” honoring his decades of service to the community, including: providing finance and project analysis for Habitat for Humanity and Oxford/Talawanda Community Services; preparing buildings for the O/TCS move to the Family Resource Center; volunteering at Lane Public Library; serving six years on the village council; serving as co-president of PTA, treasurer of the Oxford Methodist Church, and scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 933; coordinating Oxford’s United Way campaign; and serving on the Butler County Mental Hygiene Association board. (It should be noted that Carolyn Auble, retired Talawanda district guidance counselor, was a previous Citizen of the Year recipient for her own community involvement.)

The Aubles have continued to live in Oxford, where they worked, raised a family, and contributed so much. (Daughter Stacy and family are local; sons Greg and Phil and families are out of town.) Revered by five generations of Western College students, Dr. Auble was paid tribute in these words excerpted from the 1971 *Multifaria* dedication: “He possesses what the world is sadly lacking: a deep sense of the worth of others; acceptance of people for what they are and not what he would imagine them to be ...”

Now let us add our one small gesture of highest praise and deepest affection and hereby honor **Dr. Donavon Auble** with this 2018 Alumnae Service Award.

Esin Aka Atil, Class of 1958
in recognition of her Career Accomplishments



Esin Aka Atil '58 was born in Istanbul, Turkey, and came to the United States in 1956, having received her first B.A. from the American College for Girls in Istanbul that year. Her second B.A. was her art major from Western College for Women in Oxford in 1958. Esin went on to the University of Michigan, where she earned a M.A. (1960) and Ph.D. (1969).

Dr. Esin Atil then joined the Smithsonian Institution as a Curator of Islamic Art at the Freer Gallery of Art, a post she held for fifteen years. She later served as an Islamic art historian at the Freer and Sackler Galleries, two Smithsonian museums devoted to Asian art. An eminent authority on Turkish and Islamic art, as well as a prolific writer and editor, she has organized numerous exhibitions and published more than twenty books on the artistic tradition of the Islamic world. One in particular, *Levni and the Surname: The Story of an Eighteenth-Century Ottoman Festival*, was featured in the December 2006 "Western e-Round the World" web profile of Esin.

Dr. Atil has traveled extensively, conducting research, participating in conferences, and presenting lectures in the United States, Europe, and the Islamic world. She has visited and researched in northern and eastern Africa (Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Kenya, Tanzania), western and southeastern Asia (Syria, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Israel, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, and Malaysia), and throughout Turkey.

Between 1985 and 1987, Dr. Atil was a guest curator at the National Gallery of Art and organized a traveling exhibit for which she received the grand award for Culture and Art from the President of Turkey and the Medal of Honor from the Assembly of Turkish American Associations.

Since her retirement in Arlington, VA, she has undertaken consulting work in museum management, educational curricula, and exhibition planning in Islamic countries and elsewhere. She continues to lecture, to serve on advisory boards of museum programs as well as on editorial boards for several periodicals, and — of course — to write.

And so we are honored to recognize extraordinary Western achiever, **Esin Aka Atil, Class of '58**, with this 2018 Alumnae Service Award in recognition of Community and Humanitarian Service



Judith Dudman Henderson, Class of 1962
in recognition of Community and Humanitarian Service
through her Career Accomplishments,
and Service to the Western College Alumnae Association, Inc.



All her life **Judith Dudman Henderson '62** sensed her calling. Or callings, for they were multiple. She traces them all back to Western, where she majored in history and went on the 1961 Far East Seminar, which affected her deeply.

Settled in Tulsa, OK, and active in the Presbyterian Church, Judy and her family sponsored a Vietnamese family at the closing of the Viet Nam war. Also in the '70s she did graduate study at Tulsa Junior College and became active in the American Association of University Women, working on both state and local levels, helping to develop programs

that encourage children to understand and respect cultures different from their own. While president of the Tulsa branch of the AAUW — which that year sponsored a community seminar called “Stop the World I Want to Get On” — she decided to go back to school for a degree in computer science. She not only sold then-new personal computers, but taught courses at the community college and held various jobs for Tulsa Public Schools and Public Service Company of Oklahoma. During this period, she served on the Board of Directors of the Tulsa Global Alliance, a nonprofit that does program planning for USAID. In 1995, having recently completed a college course in Chinese, she was asked to join the Presbyterian Church’s delegation to the Fourth Global Conference on Women, held in Beijing.

That same year, a new calling: Judy enrolled in Austin (TX) Presbyterian Theological Seminary, earned a M.Div., and in 1998 was ordained a Presbyterian pastor. Connections there led her to what has become perhaps her overriding passion: service to the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) Synod of Livingstonia, Malawi — and more specifically, the University of Livingstonia (UNILIA). At first planning programs for delegations coming to Tulsa from Livingstonia, she ultimately went to Malawi in 2008 and for the next decade traveled back and forth, teaching, administrating, facilitating, fundraising, and — of course — preaching. She continues to serve in an active ministry in Northern Malawi, Africa, and is dedicated to helping establish a partnership between Miami University and the University of Livingstonia.

Judy has just been elected to her third term on the Board of Trustees, having served as Second Vice President/Alumnae Weekend Chair, First Vice President/Treasurer, and, most recently, as co-chair of the incredibly successful Western College Legacy Circle campaign. In 1998, six months after she became the Rev. Judith Henderson, she was honored to be Alumnae Weekend Chapel Speaker and for the past several years has graciously assumed the duties of Chapel Service Presider.

Now with great pride in her career achievements and heartfelt thanks for her service, we present **Judith Dudman Henderson, Class of 1962**, with this 2018 Alumnae Service Award

Frances E. Hoffman, Class of 1965

in recognition of Community and Humanitarian Service
through her Career Accomplishments,
and Service to the Western College Alumnae Association, Inc.



Frances Hoffman '65 graduated with a degree in chemistry and a minor in mathematics. During March of her senior year, civil rights activists led the legendary Selma to Montgomery (AL) marches, calling for voting rights. Having grown up in Atlanta in a family of local civil rights leaders, Fran recognized the significance of the demonstration and drove to Selma to be part of it. On August 6, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was signed into law.

After several years in biophysics and biochemistry research, she obtained a Master’s Degree in Social Planning in a joint program at Boston College Graduate School of Social Work/Planning and Community Organization and the MIT Graduate Department of Urban Planning. She served as the social services planner for the Boston Model Cities Program and the South Shore Mental Health/Mental Retardation Center, leading collaborative programs in housing, education, day care, health and social

services. She earned her Doctorate in Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University and went on to her major professional field of brownfields redevelopment, working at national, state, and local levels to facilitate EPA grantee projects and advising EPA on national brownfields policy. As Brownfields Program Director at New Jersey's Office of Smart Growth, she revamped the state's approach to brownfields redevelopment. As Director of Redevelopment at Somerset Development LLC, she managed environmental assessment, cleanup, permits, and grants for mixed-use projects; led negotiations with state and federal agencies; and participated in the first group of LEED ND projects. She has authored numerous papers and articles and co-authored a book about brownfields redevelopment.

Allegedly "retired," Fran resides in Mystic, CT, where she serves on the Planning and Zoning Commission, heads the Conservation Committee of the Mystic Garden Club, is former president and current board member of CUSH, Inc. (Clean Up Sound and Harbor), and a founding director of Mystic Geriatrics Institute (MGI). Fran is certified as an Organic Land Management Professional — her new retirement career. Her two children and their families live in the San Francisco Bay area.

Always willing to serve her alma mater when called upon, she was a panelist in a program on the impact of international education co-sponsored by Miami's Global Initiatives, delivered the 2015 Alumnae Weekend Chapel address, and this spring traveled — on the spur of the moment! — to the National Civil Rights Conference in Philadelphia, MS, to accept a Social Justice Award on Western's behalf. She has just completed the first year of a three-year term on the Board of Trustees.

And so, awed by the accomplishments of this endlessly multi-talented, multi-tasking alumna, we are proud to honor **Frances E. Hoffman, Class of 1965**, with this 2018 Alumnae Service Award.

Mary Kaye Wolke, Honorary Life Member
for Dedicated Service to the Association



*Never in her twenty-four-plus years with Western was it a "just" a job for **Mary Kaye Wolke**.* Hired in 1994 as an account clerk, promoted to senior account clerk, ultimately retiring as accounting associate, she excelled at the obvious skills required in her job. She had to: An organization operating on a small budget needs a diligent, precise, responsible, and resourceful bookkeeper. And when the job expanded and she was asked to manage scholarships and awards, she rose to meet the growing demands of each new challenge, presiding over multiple major fund-raising drives from the Campaign for Endowment (1991-98) to dozens of individually named scholarships to the recent Western College Endowed Professorship and Western College Legacy Circle campaigns. But working quietly behind the scenes, Kaye has always gone above and beyond the duties of the job — whether it was shopping for Alumnae Weekend decorations in her free time, answering e-mail requests at 1:00 a.m., missing dinner to sit with an ailing alum at reunion, or donating and assembling a bed for a scholarship recipient. The list goes on. Caring for others is second nature for Kaye and factors into her commitment to excellence.

Never in those twenty-four-plus years was Kaye "just" staff to us. She adopted Western with a passion that we reciprocated. She immediately identified with our mission, understood our long-term legacy goals, and championed our causes as they developed — notably the concerted effort to save the Western College Program from dissolution in 2006 and Patterson Place from demolition in 2015.

At the center of the small but mighty office staff/family, Kaye has been “Mama Bear” ... lending unwavering personal support when sorely needed and leading the charge in brainstorming sessions with ideas for a *Bulletin* cover, a new Gift Shop acquisition, a theme for Alumnae Weekend. Indispensable to the rotating Boards she has worked with over the years, she is the “Answer Lady” ... no Finance question too complex to stump her or too naïve to be addressed seriously and graciously. For scores of alumnae returning for 24 reunions, she is their “Caretaker” ... attending to minutest details in order to make sure they would have the best possible experience. Finally, as “Expediter” she has made a difference in the lives of hundreds of our scholarship students at Miami ... in keeping with her conviction that every qualified student, regardless of socioeconomic status, deserves the opportunity to attend college.

Kaye’s dedication to her own large and wonderful *first* family is no secret. They are, after all, the reason why she “settled” for a so-called *part-time* job at Western. But she is no less dedicated to us and we flatter ourselves in believing we have become her *second* family.

So we thank her for having enough time and energy and love to go around and do hereby present **Mary Kaye Wolke, Honorary Alumna**, this WCAA 2018 Alumnae Service Award.



At twilight on a beautiful Saturday evening, guests look on in anticipation of the many awards to be made as Alumnae Weekend Chair **Hazel Williams Drew '66** welcomes them and opens the elegant Celebratory Dinner. Lights are reflected in the window wall of Western Dining Commons with a view of our newly renovated bridge just beyond.

*Join us **June 7-9** next year when the scene is repeated and we honor the **2019 Alumnae Award recipients: Peggy Davis Cooper '65, Jane Smucker Fryman '58, Patricia Jayson '68, and Sue Off Schrope '52.** (Jane's and Sue's awards will be posthumous.)*

the woods, birds in flight or perched on bushes and trees, snowy owls, and animals and birds on the pond. Many of these photos were shared via Facebook this year. So too was their road trip across Canada. They left Kingston, near Toronto, at the end of May stopping periodically to do some hiking, view a waterfall and to photograph wildlife and wildflowers. They even found some ancient pictographs on Lake Superior.

Ann and Jeffery loved the Canadian Rockies especially the Icefields Parkway Drive, where they saw and photographed elk, mountain goats, and bears. After visiting Banff and Jasper, they headed west for Vancouver and Victoria. Leaving Canada and back in the USA, they stopped at Crater Lake National Park, then drove to San Jose, CA, to visit their daughter and grandchildren. Would that we could show photos in color!

Susie Jennings

Wilson lives in Santa Maria, CA, and has been doing most of her photography in that area, unless she is in Colorado visiting her son, his wife, and grandchild Millie. She has posted photos of her beautiful dog, of



flowers, a market and interesting scenery. Susie also includes photos from restaurants where/when she dines out with friends.

Also posting is **Elaine Harris Gomperts**, who in September was traveling in Europe with husband Bob. She noted that Amsterdam was rainy but skies cleared by the time they got to the village of Kolhorn, in Western Freisland, northern Holland. The land appears flat in her photo, which shows them holding bicycles, stopped by a canal with houses and tied up boats across the water. After their bike ride they stopped in Hoon for a local drink. By the 16th, the Gomperts were in Bergen, Norway, from where Elaine posted a photo taken at a fish market stand which was featuring whale steaks.

She also posted on the Western website that her son-in-law had advised them that Hurricane Florence had flooded their home in Wilmington, NC, that the lawn and pool were completely submerged. Elaine and Bob, while it may be a while before people are allowed back into the town, and rebuilding starts, please know that you both will be in our thoughts and prayers during this recovery process.

Mary Brubaker Garman-Miller sent the photo of her with her four grandchildren who live near her in Lancaster, PA. They and their parents joined Mary and Chip at the shore this summer as did many of Chip's grandchildren. The Millers returned to their Lancaster home in mid-August to host a visit from Chip's daughter and granddaughter, who were visiting from California.

I spoke with Mary several times while I summered in Lancaster, but her schedule was such that she couldn't make our semi-annual



Mary Garman-Miller, at the shore with grandkids

lunch with **Barbara Zarfes Landis**. Barb reported that the medical issues she and Bob had when I saw her at Christmas have slowly healed. They both had received permission from their doctors to gradually begin to play golf again. Mary hoped that she and Barb could get together soon for a round.

Just as I was about to close down the computer on September 19th, a Facebook page appeared from **Heather Antell Abed**, showing her cookbook, *Five Mamas "Bringing It Home,"* a collection of her favorite family recipes from Italy, Ireland, Scotland, and Syria. This 46-page book is available at



Here's to the golden anniversary Class of '68! They are (left to right): Susie Williams Oblinger, Karen Prah Voris, Pat Jayson, Miho Matsuda Abedini, Cece Peabody, Hayat Imam, Barbara Williamson Wentz, Brenda Lee Bell, Betsy Campbell Metz, Jeanne Flowers Foster, Margie Custer Bowles, Anne Galbraith Rothrock, Susan Blake, Ella Weingarten Iams, Mary Russell, Nel Ware, and Susan Hackley.

Blurb.com and from Heather. What a lovely way to save family treasures for the grandchildren. Congratulations!

The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta was held here October 5-14. Thousands of visitors from around the world showed up for this event. Many years there are over 500 balloons also from around the world dotting our skies and competing in various challenging events. Two of the people attending were Fred and **Carol Stone Lehman**. They were members of the Road Scholars tour group. An e-mail from Carol said she hoped to interview Native American scholars and asked for suggestions of names of persons to speak with and places to go to find these people.

As for me, I spent 2½ months this summer in the Lancaster, PA, area and was computer-free since my 98-year-old mother decided to give up using hers. We spent our mornings shopping for groceries or clothes, keeping various appointments be they with her doctors or the spa, and lunching out at some of her favorite restaurants. Her afternoons were spent playing Rummy Q, bridge, Scrabble, and attending lectures. I used the time to catch up on my reading, which ranged from adventure and mysteries to biographies of Queen Isabella and Katharine Graham.

Part of each weekend was spent in Lebanon at my lawyer brother's farm playing, with his then 12-month-old granddaughter, my great-niece. Also started to identify old photos for Mother. I found that breathing is much easier on me when out of a mile-high dry environment, so I made the decision that I must move from this land of enchantment. Hence I have been spending much of my time back here cleaning out bookshelves, closets and drawers among other things in preparation for a probable move.

Will keep you all informed should my move actually take place. Meanwhile, stay healthy, remain active and do those things on your bucket list before you suddenly can't! Best wishes to you all. . .

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Fear not, honored 50-year class! You have not been omitted — see page 12 for Nancy's complete letter and your Multi pictures!



Greetings fellow Western alumnae/i. I have spoken with best buddy **Valerie Dickson-Horton** and reconnected with **Kathy Hayes Ransier '69**. I have not heard from any class of '71 alumni this time around, but hopefully I've come up with a solution that will work. I have opened a "Western College for Women Class of '71" page on Facebook. I will attempt to tag as many classmates as I can find. While this page welcomes posts from all Western alums, the emphasis is on the class of '71. If you were in this class, or are in contact with someone who was, please either tag them on the page or let them know it exists. I'm hoping it will help me keep better in touch with our fellow classmates.



In NYC, Maria Maldonada (left) with Pamela Knowles '70 and visitor Pamela Waldron-Moore '70

Last spring, the office heard from **Pamela Waldron-Moore**, who wrote: "I recently had a lovely visit with **Maria Maldonado '70** and her husband. They were visiting New Orleans where I currently reside. We



Hail to the 45-year Class of '73! From left: Jennifer Wilson Shumaker, Peggy Littel Strang, Janie Rossitto, Helene Pasquale Cella, Kristin Kirkhoff Campbell, and Gita Wijesinghe Pitter. Also present, but not pictured: Rita Greene and spouses Jeff Shumaker (a Miami man who resided in New Dorm in the early '70s) and Jan Cella (also a Miami man).

reminisced a lot and had three-way conversations with some of our other international friends. We were all heartbroken to hear of the passing of our sister, **Nana Ruth Mbelle '70**. All the best to you!"

On behalf of the class of '71, I wish each and every one of you a safe, blessed, and uplifting holiday season. Hope to hear from many of you soon!

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Greetings fellow classmates! I imagine all the natural, political, and astrological upsets this year — as last year — have kept most of you from communicating! This time around, I didn't hear from anyone, except for **Joan Campbell's** Christmas letter. So, this will be a very lean column this time.

Joan Campbell reports that she and her husband, Ben, spent much of 2017 having nature-oriented adventures. Last April they participated in the Wildflower Pilgrimage at the Arc of Appalachia Preserve System in southern Ohio. Then in June they made a short trip to the most mountainous part of West Virginia, taking numerous field trips with naturalists and botanists through the Dolly Sods Wilderness, and Cranberry Glade Botanical Area. But their big trips of 2017 were more than two weeks in the Canadian Rockies — their annual tradition — and even though it was September, at one point they hiked in three inches of snow! They also did an international trip to

Iceland and Greenland with a small group from Natural Habitat Adventures.

This year (2018), they are going again — as we speak — to the Canadian Rockies, and probably a few other trips besides. But we'll have to wait for next year for the details! Good for you, Joan and Ben! As she says, "We're gently reminded from time to time of the importance of staying as active as we can for as long as we can. Use it or lose it, indeed!" Happy trails, Joan!

As for me, I continue to love my career as Holistic Health Practitioner (with a side gig of officiating at weddings, funerals, and other ceremonies); although I have started to work less often in preparation of possibly retiring at age 70, or thereabouts. I also have spent the past two years renting my spare bedroom to visitors through Airbnb, which has enabled me to save enough for my long-planned trip to visit my son, Gino, in Somerset, England.

I leave from Los Angeles on Aer Lingus September 20th, arriving in Dublin the following afternoon where Gino, and his delightful girlfriend, Vivian, will meet me. We'll spend a long weekend exploring Dublin, maybe a day trip to the countryside, and then fly to Bristol Monday afternoon the 24th. From that point on, I'll be stationed at Gino's flat in Glastonbury and doing little day trips around Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, and Dorset. Gino plans to go in very early and stay very late at work on Tues/Wed/Thurs so he can take off Mon/Fri — so we have several more lovely long weekends together for trips to Wales, Scotland, the Lake District, and Midlands (where Vivi's parents live). Then the last weekend I'll do the "obligatory" quick look at London, returning from Gatwick on Norwegian Air Monday the 22nd of October. .

I visited my other two kids and their families in Naples, FL, for nearly a month this past

March/April, and we had a great time. We first did a quick "spring break" road trip — all of us in a large van — to Tampa, then over to St. Augustine, and back to Naples. I got to see several friends in both stops, as well as visit two cities I hadn't been to before. The rest of my vacation was spent with the kids, their kids, their friends, eating from my son Hugo's bounteous garden, having several "paint nights" with my artistic daughter-in-law who bought canvases, paints, etc., for us to express our creative side!

Well, that's enough for now. Wish I had heard from more of you, but you can always send me an e-mail and I'll include you next time!

Blessings to one and all!

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Many thanks to those who responded to my more general e-mail note this year asking for updates for our class! I heard from several people for the first time and marvel at the full and rich lives our classmates are living. I am also aware that most of us turned 65 this year!

From Facebook posts most recently, I have enjoyed pictures from **Janice Condouris Forsyth** who, with husband Bill, are on a trip to Tanzania. This comes after joining the march over the summer for Families Marching Together Because Families Be-

long Together, and celebrating the addition of a new grandson to their own family.

Facebook also reveals that **Susie Johnson Cummings** and husband Mike celebrated 43 years of marriage this summer! Congratulations to them! After many, many years in Western New York, Susie and Mike are now retired to South Carolina and spent the summer enjoying grandkids, dogs, as well as a few summer days and lobster in Point O' Woods, NY. She also posted a reminder that, in these chaotic days in our country's life, to remember that journalists are an essential part of democracy, not enemies of the people....

Yungven Vivien Lee sent a lovely note about her life since Western College days. She wrote that she spent a number of years serving in the medical and information technology fields, mostly in Boston, before pursuing a call to the more contemplative life. "The tranquil ashram of Self-Realization Fellowship in Los Angeles beckoned and I have been a nun here for the last 24 years. I am most grateful that Western College gave me the education and diverse cultural exposure that enabled me to pursue the contemplative and serviceful life that is meant for me. Because of my cloistered lifestyle, I am not able to be in constant contact with my classmates but my love and prayers are with them all the same."

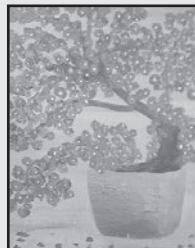
One response from another classmate served as a reminder that, while Western was a rich and growing experience for many of us, there were those who did not have a good experience. I think it is important for all of us to hear her voice so we can learn from her experience. She came as an *International student* and did not receive any information about the major changes taking place at Western. Her understanding came from an acquaintance who attended when Western was still Western College for Women and was ordered by traditional rules and regulations. When she arrived she was confronted with a new program, Freedom With Responsibility, and with men on campus. Her experience was a very uncomfortable one and, for me, serves as a reminder of how important it is to be good communicators and respectful of the truth that not everyone experiences the world in the same way. We all have truths to share and we learn from dialogue — which did not always happen...

Another classmate who caught up with us after 40+ years was **Barbara G. Hoffman**. Since Western she lived in Paris for a time, worked at the USPO, and finished her degree at Mundelein College (Chicago) with a degree in French. After working for an attorney, she received a master's in international management from the Thunderbird School of Global Management (Phoenix) and moved to California. She worked in a bank before serving in the Peace Corps (Costa

These are the paintings I did while there (Naples, FL). Amateurish, I know, but I had fun, and now I do it here at home in San Diego, too! (All paintings very stylized and not "realistic" — Hugo's backyard is a typical south Florida jungle, and I chose to eliminate lots of "stuff" from the paintings. And I changed a few details for artistic sensibilities! Haha!)

Bougainvillea in my son's garden. Gumball machine (l), next to the model (r) that I "helped" my 6-year old grandson with. Ivy covered pine in my son's backyard. My son's "Gratitude Garden" with the Moringa tree.

— Christy Wines



Rica) as a business advisor to women's groups and, later, as co-administrator for the Special Community Development Fund of AID. After returning to the U.S., Barbara worked as a Vocational Rehab Counselor, then as Marketing Manager in Paris for the French affiliate of Encyclopedia Britannica. Leaving that job, she returned to the U.S. and, at 36, became a single mom to daughter Katie. Following teaching kindergarten for three years, she married a former co-worker, Tom, and moved back to Costa Rica. She and Katie returned to the U.S. several years later and she worked as an editor of teacher resource materials, eventually moving to the Central Gulf Coast to be closer to her mother. Currently, Barbara, Katie, and Barbara's two grandchildren, Oliver (8) and Nora (4) live with her mother, for whom they give daily care. Barbara is teaching part-time at the local jail, helping students with getting HS diplomas or GEDs, a job that she feels matters. She writes that she's not sure what happens next, but it sounds to me as if she has always managed to find important and exciting work!

In January, **Mollie Logan Foard** retired from almost 40 years of full-time work in the field of special education as a school psychologist. She set up an LLC and performs private and contracted school psychology evaluations. Her husband, Chris, has not yet retired and works with telecommunications as a project manager. Having celebrated their 40th anniversary in May, their three children are grown and pursuing careers and family life. In her retirement, Molly also hoped to spend some time traveling to Rochester, NY, to attend to aging parents, but her mom died in February at age 93 and her dad followed in March at age 98. The duties of trustee and executive have also kept her busy. Molly shared that, while her parents lived long and fulfilling lives, it was hard to lose them close together. On the other hand, her happiness comes from spending time with her two granddaughters in Chicago, and she and Chris still serve as volunteers, focusing on what they can do "to help build a more loving world, despite the negativity being tweeted daily". She encourages all to continue to work for justice and peace.

Susan Kay Preslar reports that she is happily married and still working as a female sexual health specialist with a nurse practitioner practice in Women's Hormones and Sexual Health. She published a book last year: *Fanning the Female Flame: How to Increase Your Desire for Sex without Changing Partners*. She has lived in Ashland, OR, for the past 30 years and worked as associate professor at the university there. Fifteen years ago she began her own practice. She and her husband Noel like to sail, play ping pong, and plan travel. They especially like New Zealand. Their family includes two sons and a step-daughter, and two grandchildren, ages 5 and 2, who currently live nearby. In the last several years, Susan has seen her

quad-mates **Jackie Daw Mullen, Anne Curley Bowen, and Mary Ann Hoopes** (DC).

Sarah Miller Bomholt reports that she is one who never left town! She was married in Oxford 43 yrs. ago and raised three "wonderful" children. She also was able to help deliver two grandchildren in the same hospital where she had her own children. She sees her sister, **Mary Miller Croxton '74**, often and travels somewhere each year with **Connie Wong**. This year they went out West. Sarah and her husband, Frank, are both elated and are grateful that their family is in town. Son Andy teaches high school, son Mike teaches computers at Miami U library, and daughter Beth is an early childhood educator.

Egle Maria Janavicius Vasys writes: "This past year has been a normal series of ups and downs. Last November, I was able to visit Darmstadt, Germany, for ten days while helping to conduct a meeting of weather satellite scientists. Then in February, I had my second knee replacement surgery, which did not go as smoothly as the first! I was able to visit my son and his family (two of the sweetest, cutest granddaughters!) in Columbus, OH, and my three other children flew in to join us for a wonderful Mother's Day celebration. Love my job at UW-Madison in the Space Science and Engineering Center too much to retire yet. I've visited with **Janis Condouris Forsyth** and her husband, Bill, as well as seeing **Faith Perrizo** several times. So much fun to catch up on each other's lives."

As for me, **Faith Crook Perrizo**, my two youngest sons, Aidan and Alex, still live in Wrigleyville, and I have enjoyed being able to visit several times this year. In August, my oldest son, his wife and my two grandchildren (Ashlyn, 12 and Evan, 8) visited me and then we drove to Chi-town together. It was great to be with all three of my sons for a few days. Also traveled to Ft. Collins, CO, with my brother Jesse to visit our brother Peter. Took two hikes together in the Rockies near his home. Unfortunately, it's too long a trip for our sister, Nancy, who continues to live in a group home near me and has a great day program. This summer, in addition to weekly dinners, I have been able to take Nancy on a few day trips — Como Park Zoo, the Science Museum, and Oliver Kelley 1860s Working Farm (MN Historical Society). I ended the summer with a five-day camping and canoe trip with a friend along the North Shore (Lake Superior) and into the Boundary Waters. We had 2½ rainy days and 2½ sunny days. Our tent stayed dry and, yes, the kind on the ground, no RV. My routine of serving several small Episcopal congregations in Minnesota continues for now.

My consulting in Northern Michigan ended in June — I miss those great folks and trips to Marquette! But this fall I look forward to the

Guthrie Theatre and the richness the Twin Cities have to offer.

Thanks again for all the news and blessings in this coming year.

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Nothing pleases us more than hearing from our beloved former faculty. We only wish more of you would take the hint ...



From the '69 Multifaria: Professor Jacqueline Wallace, with a student 50 years ago!

This from **Jacqui Wallace** (Professor of French, 1966-74; Director of the Western College Alumnae Association, Inc., 1982-2000), sending best wishes to the office staff: "All is well for me. Living in Miami is just fine. I can hardly believe that it has been 16 years since I left Oxford. Of course I miss Oxford, but ...

"I have done a few interesting things: published Jacks book, *Croghan's War*, recently finished my memoir, entitled *The Door Is Open*, attended the weddings of three grandchildren and welcomed one great-grandson, born in September 2016. How time does fly.

"My best to everyone. You are all doing such good work."

Editor's note: Apologies to Jacqui for not including this in the spring issue of the Bulletin. Her note wished the WCAA staff a Happy New Year (2018, that is) — making this "mustard after dinner" (to quote one of her favorite phrases). To which we say, "better late than never" (an oft-used favorite excuse of ours).

In Memoriam

Ethel Burnham Meece '42 July 2018	Barbara Butcher Cotter '52 May 2018	Suzanne West Negron '61 August 2018
Margaret Null Bell '43 October 2018	Betty Groth Diebold '52 April 19 2018	Mary Jane Dillon Bohl '62 December 2017
Frances Sutherland Larsen '44 April 2018	Julia Abel Eichhorn '52 May 2018	Pam Eggers Gill '65 Class Representative 1981-2017 May 2018
Marilyn Inskeep Fischer '45 November 2019	Susan Hartdegen Merrill '52 August 2018	Suzanne Detlefsen Meyers '66 Trustee 2012-18 June 2018
Mary Feller Epremian '47 November 2018	Barbara Wing Buikema '54 January 2017	Myrna "Mimi" Hanson Logan '67 June 2018
Barbara Bell Hunter '47 August 2015	Mary Anne Fichtner Mountain '57 January 2017	Barbara "Barjette" Showers Browne '69 Date unknown
Nancy McKinney Fleetwood '48 April 2018	Jane Smucker Fryman '58 Trustee 1976-79, 2012-15, 2015-18 October 2018	Holly Grochau Debon '70 March 2018
Katherine Dicks Hodge '48 December 2017	Kay Newlin Phillips '58 October 2016	Sandra Oxley Fehrman '70 June 2018
Barbara Loper Syme '49 July 2017	Suzuko Kitagawa '59 April 2018	Naono Iwasaki '70 November 2013
Marilyn Hyde Matheus '50 October 2017	Jeanne West Schieneman '59 Date unknown	
Mary Ann Geringer Proctor '50 November 2017	Connie Everett Cunningham '60 May 2018	
Carolyn Allen Arnholter '52 December 2016		

*Trustee **Jane Fryman**'s sudden death just weeks after the October Board of Trustees meeting and shortly before the Bulletin was scheduled to go to press left us little time to notify classmates and pay a proper tribute. We expect to do so in the Class of '58 notes in the spring issue. Jane had been nominated and will now receive a posthumous Alumnae Service Award at the 2019 Reunion.*

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

The Western College Program

Western Alumni, We Represent and We have Work to Do!

Halloween has come and gone and we are on the verge of getting ready for Thanksgiving. The leaves are changing around campus and the warm weather has definitely left us. I write to you with the excitement of having just experienced the 45th Mega Reunion and with exciting news that will propel the current program to new heights.



Mike Loeffelman

Before telling you about the 45th Mega Reunion, I would be remiss if I did not recognize the hard work of the committee members who planned it: **Audree Boggs '10**; **Alan Kalish '81**, **Irene Bell '82**, **Ben Gibbons '94**, and **Lorna Jordan '81**. I am so thankful for their hard work and dedication making the reunion so successful. I also want to recognize the staff at the Miami Alumni Association as well as the staff at the Western College Alumnae Association for their support.

The 45th Mega Reunion began on Friday night with the dedication of the Dante bust. In 2006, the Dante bust was discovered by a Miami custodian in the basement of McKee Hall. It was cleaned and was displayed in Peabody Hall; however, it was not formally recognized. **Jacqueline Johnson**, University Archivist and long-time partner of Western, was committed to officially recognizing the bust and supporting the history of the Western College for Women.

Friday night concluded with a community dinner in the Marcum Conference Center. There were roughly 70 in attendance — enjoying good food and reconnecting. Western Program/Individualized Studies director **Nik Money** welcomed everyone, and long-time Western professor **Hays Cummins** provided a few remarks. Also, a very diverse group of current Individualized Studies students attended and interacted with alumni. I want to congratulate the 1980s alumni, who were well represented at the dinner and throughout the reunion!

Saturday started off mid-morning so that everyone could sleep in and enjoy a relaxing breakfast. The Individualized Studies program hosted us in Leonard Theatre as we gathered for program updates. Nik Money informed us that there are roughly 60 students in the program — both minors and majors; about 20 scheduled to graduate in May 2019 are working on senior projects with extremely diverse and interdisciplinary interests. A very engaging student panel provided insights into their experiences as current Individualized Studies majors.

Chris Makaroff, College of Arts and Science dean, then spoke about a plan to propel Western into an innovative program with the formation of the Western Center for Social

Impact and Innovation. This Center planned to launch in fall 2019, will explore both public and private sector solutions for societal problems using an interdisciplinary and alumni engagement framework. As its first social impact theme, the Center will take up the topic of “water,” approaching it from multiple perspectives and engaging both experts and current practitioners. The alumni present were very excited by this and asked very good questions. Interim director of the Center and current Western professor, **Jaqueline Daugherty**, provided specific details about what the Center had already been able to accomplish and plans moving forward. [See article p. 8 and contact Dean Makaroff for more information.] The Center’s focus on social justice, experiential learning, and interdisciplinary problem solving — all tenets of the Western Experience — represents the values of both the WCAA and WAAMU.

Lastly, the alumni were very pleased to hear from Miami University’s **President Greg Crawford**. President Crawford was very excited to assure us that he shares our values of interdisciplinary thinking, study abroad, and experiential learning.

Throughout the rest of Saturday afternoon, there were various options and activities for alumni. Classes got together for lunches, there was a marketplace for alumni to showcase our products, a yoga class, scavenger hunt, and open time for seeing campus.

On Saturday, the board also met to discuss several items: supporting the Western Center for Social Impact and Innovation, recognizing the reunion committee for their hard work, considering a new structure that would more effectively support the current program and the interests of the alumni, continuing to support the WCAA via the Alumnae Service Award, and general logistics moving forward.

Saturday evening concluded with a dinner reconnecting alums and providing additional interaction with several faculty members and Dean Makaroff. The faculty members included **Hays Cummins**, **Muriel Blaisdell**, **Chris Wolfe**, **Chris Myers**, and **Lynn Myers**. Additionally, alumni were very excited to hear from WCAA past president **Sharry Patterson Addison '61**. Sharry shared the amazing work that the WCAA has been able to accomplish as well as her personal journey. She encouraged us to step up and continue the impactful work of the WCAA, including both donations and alumnae engagement. Sharry’s passion for Western was contagious and many alumni spoke afterwards about her dedication.

Sunday the reunion ended with a breakfast in the Western Dining Commons, an architecture tour led by **John**

Seibert (Director of Planning and Architecture at Miami), and a farewell outside Kumler Chapel. The group of alumni gathered and sang “The Circle Game” and “Will the Circle be Unbroken.” Everyone departed after hugs and final words of happiness from a weekend well spent.

As I reflect on the reunion, I am struck by several items. First, I was so excited by the diversity of alumni and the overall number who attended. In total there were over 100 alumni and guests! I was also able to meet several members of the



Engaged '78ers (from left) Joseph Whinery, Elizabeth Bendure, and Kent Ernsting

class of '78. These alumni were so engaged that it inspired me to continue to strive as president of WAAMU. They urged me to clarify that, while the reunion celebrated the 45th Anniversary of the Western College Program, they represented the first graduating class of the new program.

It was truly a great reunion as it gave the opportunity for alumni to reconnect with each other as well as see the new vision for the future. This vision provides us the structure for harnessing our experience, passion, and commitment as one voice. The Western experience is treasured by all of us and the Western Center for Social Impact and Innovation will provide the opportunity to embody many of our values. The Western Center also represents a chance for a diverse spectrum of engagement — allowing each of us to choose a level of engagement to move Western forward. The next five years are going to be extremely important for us as we look to support both the Western Center/Individualized Studies program and the transition of the WCAA/Western College for Women. *With these new initiatives, I invite alumni interested in becoming more involved to contact me at mloeffelman@gmail.com.*

We have the opportunity to do some meaningful projects and make a significant impact if we are committed and col-



John Seibert (third from left) leads the campus architecture tour.

laborative. This is how we can preserve our Western legacy as well as provide current students an impactful experience similar to ours when we were at Western.

— *Mike Loeffelman '03*
Board President, WAAMU



'81 WESTERN

Leslie Bolton Mathis moved to Colorado right after graduating in 1981. She lives in the City of Louisville near Boulder and is employed by the City of Lafayette. Her first major task with the city was to design and implement software for the Recreation Department. Presently, Leslie's duties are primarily financial, and involve establishment and oversight of the department's budgets — she's the money lady. She's easing into retirement (working part-time now), and seriously working on her bucket list. Leslie lives with her daughter, Dani, with Leslie's self-imposed limit of three cats. According to Leslie, ownership of four or more cats would expose her to the dreaded description of "Cat Lady." She and Dani traveled to Europe this summer, a whirlwind trip visiting five countries in nine days. Leslie's primary interests are gardening (plant it one year, and spend the next 25 years pulling the darn stuff out) and reading. Leslie has encountered a couple of "new normal" life experiences. Her faith and sense of humor have helped to adapt to these life changes. Leslie did encounter a most disturbing situation while visiting with family this year. She was the only non-Trump supporter and found she had to leave the room a couple of times to keep her head from popping off. If only she had her new Nike flip flops at the time...

Greg Russi gratefully announces his semi-retirement and the opening of the Bed and Breakfast "Villas Colorado" at Dominical,



Bienvenido! Villas Colorado, Greg Russi's Costa Rican B&B

Costa Rica, in the southern Pacific zone. For Western types (grads, students, "friends," hangers-on, you know who you are) who can recite a verse of at least one Grateful Dead tune, Greg will comp your stay for a couple of days in the winter-spring 2019 season. Call for reservations at 970-618-8019. Pura Vida!!

News from **John Rego**: "In May of this year I lost my wife of 36 years, Diane, to brain cancer. She was an amazing woman in so

many ways and we had the love and support of great friends and strong family throughout her three-year illness. During that same time we were given the gifts of our grandson Dean, by our daughter Lindsay and her husband, Heath, as well as our grandson Marshall, by our daughter Robyn and her husband, Andrew. This July, Lindsay and Heath brought our granddaughter, Mae, into the world, what a joy. Although it has been a wild ride of emotions, we continue to live, love, and laugh moving forward as a family. This fall we will spread Diane's ashes on the waters of Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire, her favorite place in the world."

Classmates: It has been my honor to be your representative these past few years. My ability to communicate shall dwindle with my assistant's imminent retirement. **Jean Fudge** (jaf529@earthlink.net) is now the representative for the Class of '81, or to be more inclusive, the representative for Those Who Started in 1977. Cordially,

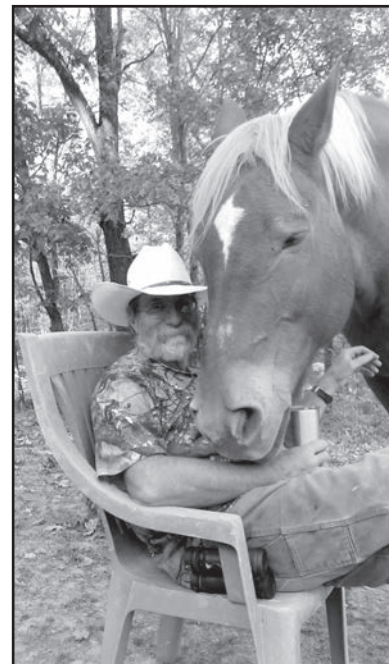
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'83 WESTERN

Wendy Zagray Warren requested that we include this remembrance in the *Bulletin*, along with her own update.

"Hey, my Western family, I have heartbreaking news some of you may not have heard. In mid-December 2016, Bob Warren was diagnosed with colon cancer. He must have had it for quite a while without ever knowing it, because it was already all through his liver. He had been living life to the fullest until a mini-stroke came out of the blue in September of that year. After a few days in the hospital and no lasting effects, he jetted off to the Black Forest to join fellow Berea College faculty and staff. After a great trip, he opted for endoscopic surgery to repair a heart valve they'd discovered wasn't working properly, and he just never regained his energy. No one knew why until a repeated blood test showed elevated liver enzymes, and the shock of a cancer diagnosis. After less than two weeks in hospice, Bob died on Feb. 6th, 2017.

"We were married 31 years, and I miss him every day. He lived life fully all the way to the end. He was working at Berea College as a forester, and had just discovered a new found passion for Suffolk Punch Draft Horses, used in horse logging. He was so looking forward to this next adventure that would keep him learning and problem-solving. I've attached a photo of Bob and Hannah, one of his horses.



Bob Warren, with Hannah

"I'm still living in Berea, on a piece of the 9,000 acres of forest owned by the College. I work as director of the brand new Forestry Outreach Center, where Bob's office would have been. My other job is with a nonprofit organization out of New York City: The Olga Lengyel Institute for Holocaust Education and Indian Education for All. I work with teacher leaders of 12 satellite seminars across the country, and I continue to co-facilitate a seminar for Montana teachers each summer. As if that's not enough to keep me busy, I am an active member of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, an amazing organization focused on social, economic and environmental justice, and I'm hard at work on a book titled: *Shattering a House of Mirrors: Education Reform and the Illusion of Equity*. Warmly, Wendy"

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'97 WESTERN

Thanks to the following for great updates! In their own words ...

Isaac Watkins: "18 years in Alaska, 13 years married, three kids ... Looking forward to seeing a LOT more [Western Classmates] move to AK in another 18 years after the environment collapses."

Hannah (Ehrlich) Hardy: "About five years ago I switched to working in public health

and I now work for the Allegheny County Health Department as the manager for the Chronic Disease Prevention Program. I love my newer found career so I decided to head back to school! I just started a Ph.D. program at Point Park University in Community Engagement. Like Western, this is an interdisciplinary program which suits me very well. I am planning to focus on public health to extend my expertise in the area. Dissertation topic is still TBD. I live in Pittsburgh with my husband and two boys (10 and 12). **Brie Turner** and I met recently for a long overdue reunion in Colorado, where she was vacationing and I was visiting family. If it weren't for social media we might have totally missed each other."

Stephanie L. Marhefka: "Hi everyone, I'm in Tampa, where I've been since 2007. Although my Ph.D. is in clinical and health psychology, my position is in the College of Public Health at the University of South Florida. I do teach, but my research is my passion. I conduct research related to improving care and treatment of people living with HIV — especially through eHealth technologies and implementation science. I also conduct research related to breastfeeding; while I do more general breastfeeding-related research, I am most excited about my work related to the role breastfeeding friendly childcare programs can play in supporting or deterring breastfeeding families." *Stephanie L. Marhefka, PhD, CLC/Chair, Research Committee/Director, Translational Behavioral Science Lab/Fellow, The Chiles Center/Associate Professor, College of Public Health, University of South Florida*

Sarah Bernhardt: "Here's some information about what I'm currently up to...www.chron.com/neighborhood/bellaire/news/article/Bernhardt-named-president-and-CEO-of-Bayou-13186108.php. 'The Bayou Preservation Association has named Sarah P. Bernhardt, Ph.D., as its new president and CEO. She will lead the organization in realizing its vision of a network of healthy bayous, streams and watersheds through conservation, preservation, restoration and responsible watershed management. The Bayou Preservation Association concentrates its efforts on the 22 bayou systems and waterways in the greater Houston region.'"

Joshua Ross: "Hey all, we've been in Madison, WI, for the past nine years, via Chicago, where I did my residency and fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine. I'm now the Clinical Vice Chair for the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Wisconsin. My job is essentially to help others do their job in running a few emergency departments, critical care helicopter program, EMS, and providing education for paramedics, med students and residents. Over the past few years I've been working on a grant in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, developing an emergency medicine

and pediatric emergency medicine training program. I'm also involved with simulation education where we use manikins/robots to help train medical teams. I'm married with two boys, 10 and 12, who keep us running between karate, baseball, and chess club. In my free time, I still love to see live music, road trip to national parks, volunteer as a camp doc in northern Wisconsin, and run.

"Hope you all are well. I think fondly back on our Western days and our shared experience in such an amazing time of discovery and personal growth. Remember during our first year when we each had our tree that we then did some type of performance art sharing our tree with the rest of the group? At least I remember that ... but I guess my memories are getting a bit vague and open to varying interpretation over the years. I hope you all are doing well, always welcome to visit, and know that you've got a special place in my heart. Josh."

Dave (Chuck) Essinger (www.dave-essinger.com): "Well, I'm still in Bluffton, OH, still married to **Alice (Nelson '99)**, still teaching creative writing at the U of Findlay. My first novel, *Running Out*, came out last summer, and I spent much of the past winter DIYing the audiobook. Kids (Levin and June) are 8 and 11, and the bulk of my time goes to soccer coaching and swim-team work and scout-den things, but sometimes I also go for a run and teach and write things.

"Oh, and I get back to Oxford now occasionally, now that the kids have their bigger swim meets there, and wow, that town has changed some, you know? Also was honored to be invited back — **Brendan Kiely '98** tagged me in — to do a reading on campus last fall. Fun time, told all the English/MFA kids there how lucky they were, yeah. Hey, that was us! We were lucky to be there for that time together too. Cheers."

Chris Bridges: "Hi All. We recently returned to Wellsboro, a small town of 3,000 people in the PA Wilds in the Endless Mountains in Pennsylvania, from a three-year stint in Singapore (a small island of 5 million). I served as dean of students for Yale-NUS College, a new liberal arts school (two graduated classes thus far) built by the National University of Singapore and Yale University. Students have a shared common curriculum for the first two years, live together on campus, and complete a senior thesis — sound familiar? The chance to build a new program, live on campus, and work with amazing people was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, though also very challenging.

"We had a wonderful adventure and we were able to travel the world and visit Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand, China, India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Austria, New Zealand, and Europe and England. The kids preferred LEGO Land."

"We have three kids with us here, 11, 7, and 6 (Christopher Kelly, Edward, and Virginia). My partner Corinne teaches in a counselor educator doctoral program and is also busy publishing and presenting in her field. My oldest, Gabe, is currently a junior at Miami if you can believe it. He is majoring in Interactive Digital Media, not a choice we had in '97 I believe. We just bought a beautiful home and are in the midst of rehabbing the whole darn thing, but everyone is welcome to visit this beautiful part of the world. I saw the reference to picking out trees our first year in another update; the kids have each claimed their own in our yard, but there are plenty left! Hope everyone is doing well."

Kim Frye: "Here's my update, thanks for sounding the horn! After teaching for 11 years in the Environmental Science department at DePaul University in Chicago, I moved back home to Knox County, OH, to be closer to family and rehab my hometown's former greenhouse nursery. To do this I built a nonprofit called Community Roots (communityrootsohio.org) and, through our local municipal court, run several therapeutic gardening programs for special needs high school students and probationers. During summers I also work as a private gardener for a few clients in town as part of a budding mission to help keep seniors in their homes for longer. I still teach part-time at Central Ohio Technical College on the branch campus here in Mount Vernon, mostly microbiology courses, and I manage the natural science teaching lab for this campus."

Elizabeth A. Warren: "I love seeing these updates.☺ It is really great to see how everyone is doing. My daughter is about to turn 13. I can't believe it! And I am a divorce attorney, so my days are challenging and fun. I actually love what I do, even though I never imagined it (especially in the '90s!). I hope that someday we all can get together (or at least a lot of us) ... even though literally decades have passed I still consider my four years at Miami some of the most meaningful and transitional in my young adult life. Hugs and love all!" *Elizabeth A. Warren, Esq. LLC, 1677 Old Henderson Road, Columbus, OH 43220; Phone: 614.838.1122, Fax: 614.838.1123, www.warrenesq.com.*

Last but not least, my quick update from Boulder, CO: The highlight of my year, my team of engineers and software developers completed the deployment of a nationwide emergency 9-1-1 call routing system for AT&T. We had been developing and testing the system for more than two years when it went live in March! Kind Regards ...

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'99 WESTERN

New babies, new books, new jobs....oh my! The WCP Class of 1999 has been busy this year.



Michaela Meyer '99 — her baby, her book

Michaela Meyer welcomed both a new baby — the adorable Beckett Morgan — on March 1st and celebrated the publication of her first book, *Adventures in Shondaland: Identity Politics and the Power of Representation*, published by Rutgers University Press. Congratulate Michaela at michaelademeyer@gmail.com.



The Delaware County District Library is the place to be if you live in the Columbus, OH, area, especially now that **Molly Meyers Labadie** is the new Deputy Director. Connect with Molly at librarianmissmolly@gmail.com or visit her for one of her signature programs ... Argh! Pirates!

Having never really left college, **Marni Shindelman** is chair of the photography program at the University of Georgia, though she has a fellowship this year to explore locative media, site and memorials as a student with the geography department. She has traveled the world with her camera, recently to Qatar and Northern Ireland and last summer in St. Petersburg, Russia on a residency to follow #ThankstoPutinforthis. Check out her work from that trip at larson-shindelman.com/thanks-putin#1 This summer she created work for the Eastman Museum in Rochester, NY, and taught a three-week workshop for LGBTQ teens. Marni misses her WCP friends! Ask her about her guest room at mshindelman@gmail.com.

From Marni: "On a sad note, two years ago,

Dana Epple Huntly, not a Western student, but a beloved friend of many, took his own life. In his honor reconnect more, donate time or money to help others remember it can get better. And something bigger to remember in these times."

[Look for pictures and comments on the October Mega Reunion pp. 28-29, 49-41 in this issue.]

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'05 WESTERN

Just 17 years ago we were writing our own fairy tales, making friends that would outlast the next decade, and adjusting to life at Western. Soon, many of us will have known each other for more than half our lives, as we carry our college experience with us through who we became and Western and the relationships that have lasted. So much happens in between these letters, and social media helps us know. But it is still fun to hear updates — ask each other for updates directly too!

Kristen DeLap (MU '05) and **Todd Nadenichek '02** just celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary. Still in the same house in Chicago, their backyard chickens are getting a lot of attention these days. They (and Kristen) were featured in a local documentary on urban agriculture, and their coop has earned a spot on an annual Windy City Coop Tour. And Kristen and Todd's human kiddos (age 6 and 3) aren't doing too badly either.

This spring, **Kelly (Markle) Blewett** finished her dissertation on the Role of Feedback in Student/Teacher Relationships. She began a new position as visiting professor at Indiana University East this fall.

Fall always feels like time for new. **Amanda (Swisher) Krisby** also started a new role for Orange City Schools in Cleveland as an intervention specialist.

Bethany Weber's life feels very new as she welcomed her first child, Wesley Martin at the end of September. Bethany celebrated her fifth anniversary with her wife, Liz, and they are delighted to be in this new phase of their life together.

This spring, *Keep Going: 10 Ways To Stay Creative in Good Times and Bad Times*, the third in **Austin Kleon's** trilogy of books about creativity, is coming out (April 2019), followed by a 25-city tour. He still lives in Austin, TX, with his wife, Meghan (Architecture '04), and sons, Owen and Jules. So,

look for a classmate next summer when you find yourself in your favorite independent bookstore.

I am starting year seven at Xavier's Center for Faith & Justice — longer than I even thought I would stay in one job. I find each year to be different, full of challenges, seeking balance, and with new things to pique my curiosity. Working on a college campus, I am constantly aware of the way that my Western education taught me to draw connections, synthesize information, and make the invisible visible. I hope that you all continue to find ways to put your interdisciplinary education to use, as it feels like a unique gift to me. I also hope you continue to find meaningful work that engages your passion and deepens your curiosity about the world.

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'07 WESTERN

A big thank you to my fellow Western College Program classmates of 2007 for yet again sending in an outpouring of updates. This year's notes are particularly upbeat and optimistic. They gave my heart and mind an uplifted break from, well, you fill-in-the-blank. There has been some groundswell behind a reunion for '07 alums in the coming year(s) so watch your inbox for more, and/or directly e-mail me for inquiries!

Michelle Brasseur: "Remember when you were researching for your Senior Project and Bill the Librarian saved your life and found you the perfect books and articles for your topic? Now I get to do that for hundreds of students every semester at Wright State University in Dayton. I love my role as Humanities and Social Sciences Librarian. I get to teach information literacy, answer questions at the Information Desk, and help shape the future of my library's collections. Interdisciplinary Studies is the perfect background for a librarian who wants to learn about everything. I live in Fairborn, OH, with my fiancé, Phil, and our dog, Ralph."

Nicholas Delphia: "It's been a good year. Over the summer, my older son, Noah, got to experience six fabulous weeks of playing in the creek, the sand pile, and other fun outdoor activities at a local day camp. The whole family took a trip to our favorite place on earth, Maine. We were happy to host '07 WCP alum **Willi Lempert** for a couple nights. This fall has brought the start of kindergarten, a return to homemade fermented foods, farmers markets, trips to parks, apple picking, and lots of fun family time."



*"Uncle Willi" Lempert '07,
reading bedtime stories*

Rachel (Stern) Goldsmith: "After graduating from Miami in 2007, I actually went on to pursue a master's degree in clinical psychology. I also met and married my husband, Jacob, while in graduate school at Miami, and he and our sweet chocolate lab, Penny, moved to Chicago for me to start a master's program in marriage and family therapy at Northwestern University. I completed my master's at Northwestern in 2013 and immediately went into a group practice in downtown Chicago working with individuals, couples, and families struggling with a range of psychological and relational issues. Jacob and I welcomed our beautiful son, Benjamin, in November 2015. I recently opened my own private psychotherapy practice just a few blocks from the house we own right near Lake Michigan. The Goldsmiths now call Evanston, IL, home."

Thad Kerosky: "I'm just finishing my two-year interdisciplinary international public policy master's degree at Tufts University The Fletcher School and plan to continue residing in Cambridge, MA, in 2019."

From across the Pacific, **Chris Kwarciany**, pithy as usual, shares, "I am teaching English in China."

Willi Lempert: "Over the past year I finished my Ph.D. at the University of Colorado, Boulder and started as Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, ME. Along my long drive east, I was able to see lots of 2007 Western College Program alums including **Andy Bennett**, **Gaya Guhanarayan**, **Craig West**, **Nicholas Delphia**, and **Kara Love**. Let me know if you make it to Maine."

William "BJ" Lohr tells us, "Things are well here: In June I received my master's in education policy and management. I've been living in North Carolina for the past three months, supporting my dad as he recovers from a medical emergency (luckily the long-term prognosis is optimistic). At the end of October, I'll return to my home and partner in Boston."

Kara Love: "This has been an exciting year! Joe and I became foster parents!! We are only doing short-term respite placements



*Nick Delphia with houseguest and
classmate Willi Lempert*

until I get settled in my new job ... working for Miami University! I am the new coordinator of service-learning and volunteerism for Miami University Regional's Center for Civic Engagement. I am thrilled to be working for Miami and hopefully inspiring the next generation of engaged citizens."

Carl Marsh says he is happily still in Ohio: "I now work for an insurance company as a claims attorney. Started a family."



*Carl's starter
family*

Anne McLean: "A year later, and still maintaining the upward life trajectory; this time, adding a husband (#notaspinster) AND a mini human arriving April 24 (#adulthood). Emerson and I are super stoked! And, yes, we're still planning that move to Cincy. Baby needs a bigger yard! WCP class of 2007 alums **Seth Gresham**, **Jon Pliske**, **BJ Lohr**, and the late **Brett Heneghan's** Mom, Kathleen, and sister, Katy, all bore witness to our wedding."



*Anne McLean and Emerson, wedded
and expecting, are "super stoked."*

Anne Smart: "This year I moved from Silicon Valley to Portland, OR, where I work remotely as the head of public policy for ChargePoint, a company that makes electric vehicle charging stations."

In a follow-up from last year's update, Belize's scuba diving was incredible as predicted, and also unpredictable — ask me **[Emily]** sometime about the "nosy" green moray eel (thank goodness for my rescue certification). I also scuba dived in Santos, Brazil, and Cozumel, Mexico, where I found and saw my first seahorse! Work in 2017-2018 sent me to Nigeria twice, Brazil, and Ethiopia. I saw two job transitions, which led me to self-employment as a gender and international development consultant. I was also honored with visits from WCP alums **Kristen (Phelps) Winkler** and **Sarah Arnason '05** this year in Washington, DC.

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The current WAAMU board comprised of (left to right): Tim Matune '81, Karla (Schneider) Guinigundo '99, Kara Love '07, Laura Dobbins '86, Katie Gibson '05, Mike Loeffelman '03, Audree (Riddle) Boggs '10, Mike Conaway '90, and (not pictured) Ben Gibbons '94 and John Rego '81, convened on the Western Campus in June 2018.



Message from the Director

As plans for the new Western Center unfold, we have 20 seniors completing their Individualized Studies research projects this year, and the breadth of interests is as impressive as ever. Topics include the science and economics of microbrewing (**Olive Overmoyer**), the effects of violence within communities on educational outcomes (**Jamaira Helm**), and the potential for creative nonfiction to stimulate social change (**Phoebe Myers**). Another very timely project concerns the impact of sports fishing on stocks of bluefish around Nantucket Island. **Liam Mercer** is the student working on this project and he has experience as first mate on a vessel that fishes Nantucket Sound. Listening to Liam makes me recall one of my favorite descriptions from Melville: *[At] nightfall, the Nantucketer, out of sight of land, furls his sails, and lays him to rest, while under his very pillow rush herds of walruses and whales ...*

Those walruses and whales are imperiled today, as well as the bluefish closer to the shores of Cape Cod. We live in an era of mounting ecological damage, due at root, to population growth and modern commerce. Individual contributions vary, but every human is a participant in this biological crisis. Our students feel the menace more keenly than previous generations and many are passionate about finding ways to curb our destructiveness. In this vein, a campus organization, called the “Zero Waste Club,” has been established by Western students and is engaged in local actions germane to sustainability. The new Western Center will furnish an organizational hub for initiatives of this kind and provide many ways for the Miami community to explore the relationships between the environment and society. I hope that all of you will join us on this voyage.

— Nicholas P. Money

Western Program Director/Professor of Botany



Nik Money

Update from the 39°84° West Student Center



Enjoying Senior Dinner among friends at Hays Cummins's home, Edge of the Farm, (above, seated left to right): Anita Randrianantoanina, Western Program Administrative Assistant; Xiuwu Liu, Western Faculty; Alex Hahn, Western senior; Donna McCollum, friend of the Program; Brooke Schmidt, Western senior; Arcadia Davies, Western senior; Kristie Cordeiro, Western senior; (standing) Zack Hill, Western Program Coordinator/Advisor. And (below): Jacque Daugherty, (second from left), Western Faculty and Interim Director of the new Western Center, which will officially commence in fall 2019; Jamaira Helm (on her right), Western senior; and other Western seniors ...



This semester, the Western Program and Student Center have been bustling with activities. From senior dinners and a fire at **Hays Cummins's** Edge of the Farm Conservation Area, to weekly Tea and Conversation events and monthly potlucks, the community has been coming together frequently.

We have quite a range of senior capstone projects this year as well, including **Phoebe Myers's** project on the use and effectiveness of creative writing within social justice movements, **Audrey Lipps's** project on agriculture and food security in Hawaii and Tahiti, and **Arcadia Davies's** project on the construction of an image of paradise in the Caribbean. Seniors are working hard on their proposals this semester while still finding time to pursue unique opportunities. For example, **Jamaira Helm** volunteered with the Peace and Justice Studies Association Conference in Philadelphia this October, and **Alex Hahn** attended an eSports Event to create videography for his eSports documentary capstone project this past summer.

The Western community is looking forward to upcoming events, such as the Wicked Western Wednesday pumpkin carving event, the October Potluck, and a Nightmare Before Christmas Costume Watch Party, as well as capstone presentations next semester!

— *Meryl Haque*
Western Center Student Coordinator



What, no marshmallows? Enjoying the bonfire in Hays Cummins's back yard (from left): Xiuwu Liu, Western Faculty; Zack Hill, Western Program Coordinator & Advisor; Elizabeth Grace Huddleston, Western senior (minor); Marissa Dimond, Western junior; Sarah Mariette, Western junior; Meryl Haque, Western Center Student Coordinator; Arcadia Davies, Western senior; Nik Money, Program Director; Hays Cummins, Western Faculty; Katja Diekgers, Western senior (minor); Deanna Manolio, Western Program Class of 2018; Alex Hahn, Western senior. "Spidey" or Spiderman (back to camera) looks on.

Project Dragonfly Wants You

Miami University's Project Dragonfly is accepting applications for 2019 Earth Expeditions graduate courses that offer extraordinary experiences in 16 countries throughout the world. EarthExpeditions.MiamiOH.edu/17-18_news.

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/17-18_news. Deadline for both: January 28, 2019.

Project Dragonfly also offers the **Advanced Inquiry Program (AIP)** master's degree that combines web instruction from Miami University with experiential learning and field study through several AIP Master Institutions in the U.S. Applications for Miami's 2019 cohorts are being accepted now with place-based experiences provided at zoos in Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, New York, San Diego, and Seattle. AIP.MiamiOH.edu/17-18_news. Deadline: February 28, 2019.

Graduate tuition for all programs is greatly reduced because of support from Miami University.

Nota Bene

Kumler Chapel Comes Alive with the Sound of Music (and Dance, Mime, and Acrobatics)

The National Taiwan College of Performing Arts came to town Thursday, October 9, and so did the WCAA Board of Trustees — to their great good fortune! The NCTPA, composed of outstanding graduates of the college as well as outside professionals, has as its mission the “passing on and expanding the appreciation of traditional Chinese performing arts.” To that end, the troupe travels around the world, “combining tradition and innovation to keep up with the times.”



Nobody says the life of a WCAA trustee is all work and no play — even during a busy three-day schedule of meetings! After enjoying the performance at Kumler, the Board hosted dinner for the troupe at Patterson Place. Gifts were exchanged, toasts offered, and a good time had by all!



“Jing-Ju Opera,” performed free of charge in Kumler Chapel, draws upon excerpts from classical works of Peking Opera and interprets them through instrumental music, song, dance — even acrobatics and mime. Just as remarkable are the elaborate, colorful, beautifully embroidered costumes. Need we mention incredible face painting?



NCTPA director, Yu-Min Wan (left), presenting a decorative bowl to incoming president of the WCAA Board of Trustees, Janet Smith Dickerson Stephens '65

And on a Quieter Note, an Organ Recital



Heather MacPhail

Miami University staff accompanist Heather MacPhail graced Kumler Chapel with a concert October 23, playing the restored Kumler Organ. Also on the program were Miami students Linda McAllister, soprano; Andrea Ridilla, oboe and oboe d'amore; and Harvey Thurmer, violin. .



It all began with the Class of '55. When they returned for their 50th anniversary in 2005, they so missed hearing the Kumler Chapel organ, which was in need of major repairs, that they kicked off a fund-raising project with close to \$30,000! The organ, made by Austin Organ Company in Connecticut, had been installed in 1918, soon after the chapel was constructed. The case and pipes were in good condition, but most of the working pipes and the console needed to be replaced. Alumnae heeded the call, and at Reunion 2009 — our 35th anniversary — the Sunday morning Closing Gathering featured a concert performed on the handsomely restored Kumler Chapel pipe organ.

VIP's — at Patterson Place ...



On Tuesday, August 14, the Rev. Dr. Timothy Nyasulu, Vice Chancellor, University of Livingstonia (UNILIA), Malawi, was our guest for dinner at Patterson Place. **Sharry (Patterson)** and **Harry Addison** (to Dr. Nyasulu's left) and **Jack and Jane (Smucker) Fryman** happily attended. Jane was able to share some wonderful Africa stories from her experience on the 1958 African seminar. Dr. Nyasula was here as Miami's guest to further the relationship with the MU exchange program strongly advocated by **Judy Dudman Henderson '62**, due to her long and close association with UNILIA.

... and Elsewhere



Our very own Energizer Bunny, **Donna Shalala '62**, makes headlines again. As if it were not enough to head two major universities (University of Wisconsin-Madison 1988-93; University of Miami 2001-15) and serve on President Clinton's cabinet (Secretary of Health and Human Services 1993-2001), Donna was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in November 2018, representing Florida's 27th Congressional District.

For Old (and Older) Times' Sake — the '70s, the '30s, the '20s, the (Other) '90s ...

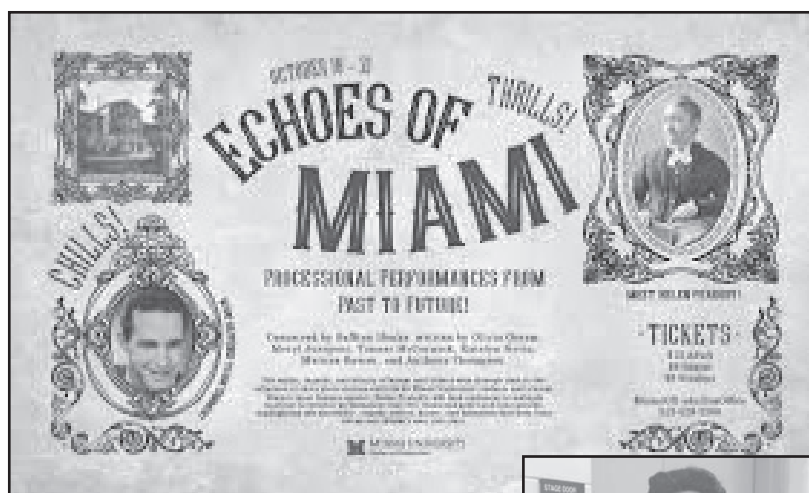


Jan Cella, spouse of **Helene Pasquale Cella '73**, came to the June reunion with Helene and took a lot of pictures. The pictures of Alumnae Hall (above) and detail (inset) were taken a little earlier.

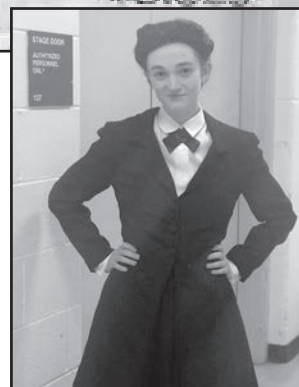


He was kind enough to share this recollection with us: "I shot this for a photography class I had taken in 1970 or '71 during my junior year at Miami. I thought the Bulletin would like to have a copy. As I recall, there was a small cafe in the basement of Alumnae Hall back then. I was dating my future wife, Helene Pasquale, who was in the class of '73. ...This photo reminds me of the days I would come to campus to work part time in the old dining hall and see Helene — we met in that dining hall!"

In her Archives Month (October) lecture, presented by the Walter Havighurst Special Collections/University Archives and Miami University Libraries, assistant professor Callie Batts Maddox referenced women's baseball at Western. The picture used on the poster (at right), from the Western College Memorial Archives, appeared in **Jacky Johnson's** history, *Western College for Women*. Jacky's caption read in part: "The Baseball Nine from about 1895 was one of many such teams at Western, including the Tall Nine, Brownie, and Big Nine. Beginning in 1894, baseball was the most popular spring sport, and in 1895, a new diamond was built."



An innovative student-produced play, *Echoes of Miami*, was presented in the Center for Performing Arts this fall and starred none other than our **Helen Peabody**. In fact, there were three Helens: Defender, Historian, Man-hater. (We might take issue with the latter, but she did consider the proximity of Miami University a liability.) Sophomore Maddy Shilts (above) played the Man-hating Helen and said she "had a lot of fun" with the role. The play, written by students and alumni, is a series of short scenes dramatizing Miami's well known (and lesser known) mysteries and ghost stories. Helen just happens to be the "longest-lived" of the ghosts. Everyone knows she continues to haunt Peabody Hall — just ask any contractor who's worked there recently. Late at night ...



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