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From the WCAA Director

Hello Westerners! The campus is quiet now as the students have packed up and left for summer internships or study abroad in wonderful places. Some will embark on new adventures after graduation. This quiet gives us time to take a deep breath and think back about how it all began. For so many Western alumnae, life did begin here. Whether it was being led to a loved career through a course with a particular professor, meeting friends to call our very best for the rest of our lives, or meeting a Miami man whom we would one day call husband. Possibly it was exposure to exotic places and cultures that sparked a passion for international travel and aid to foreign countries.



*Mackenzie Becker Rice
Director, WCAA*

Whatever it was for you, I'm willing to bet that something happened at Western College that changed your life! I've been in this position as the WCAA Director (I am pleased to report the title "Interim" can be dropped) for only a little over a year, and what I have quickly gleaned from your stories is that this is a magical place. For so many of you, your story began here. As a result, you have worked tirelessly and given generously to make sure that Western lives on. You have done that by establishing scholarships, awarding almost 1,000 since 1974, totaling almost \$2.5 million! And then you did it again, meeting our goal of \$400,000 to establish the Western College Endowed Professorship.

And now, it is time for us to figure out what is next. We will not be satisfied until we are sure that this magical place lives on in the hearts and minds of generations to come. Western College Alumnae Association Board of Trustees is working hard to determine the best way to do this. You'll hear more about that soon; meanwhile, we encourage you to reach out to the Board or any member of our staff with your ideas. As the Native American saying goes, "It takes a thousand voices to tell a single story." Thank you for being one of those voices. Thank you for being part of the story.

See you at Alumnae Weekend!

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

From the WCAA President

What are your favorite memories?

For me it is the beauty of the Western campus. This was a topic often discussed during Executive Committee meetings, as we finalized plans for Reunion Weekend. Your Board of Trustees cares deeply about the Spirit of Western and carrying on its legacy. Because of your support the Western College Alumnae Association has funded all scholarships into perpetuity, and we can now celebrate a Western College Endowed Professorship. Our goal remains to ensure that the Western College legacy is honored and preserved. Future plans are yet to be determined, but your board is working diligently to keep the story of Western College alive.



*Jocelyn Woodson-Reed '74
President, WCAA*

I hope to see many of you at Alumnae Weekend. Honoring our former Western College Choir Members and meeting the modern-day Peabody family will be highlights of the weekend. There will be time to reconnect with classmates and remember your college days.

Of course, if you are like me, just returning to the beauty of the Western College campus will be one of the best parts of Alumnae Weekend. The Duck Pond, Peabody Hall, Kumler Chapel remind me that Western thrives and the Spirit of Western lives in all of us.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jocelyn Woodson-Reed".

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On the covers:

The images merged to form the reproduction of Helen Peabody Hall (extended on the back cover) are from a watercolor by Betty Ritchie Howard '38. Betty's many paintings, drawings and prints of local landmarks are well known to the Western, Miami and Oxford communities. On the Western campus, in addition to Peabody, she also painted Kumler Chapel and Alumnae Hall. A longtime resident of Oxford — she was married to Robert Howard, director of the Miami University Office of Public Information — Betty died in 1976.



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What's on Your Mind?

The office always welcomes your news of serendipitous connections between Western and the Real World. Patricia Scott '64, who graduated from Western with a major in political science and a minor in history, kindly allowed us to share her letter with Bulletin readers.

Dear WCAA Director,

This past Christmas one of my favorite gifts was the book *Jacqueline Kennedy: Historic Conversations on Life with John F. Kennedy*. Having been



Patricia Scott, Multi 1964

a student at Western College during the Kennedy years, it seems that the events of that time are forever part of my college experience. I remember going on a bus trip to Cincinnati to hear Kennedy speak during his campaign. I still have the "Kennedy for President" banner. I recall standing in line to go into dinner while the TV broadcast concerned the Cuban missile crisis, wondering what would happen if there was a war when I was so far from home. And then there was November 22, 1963, my senior year, the last day of my student teaching. I walked across campus carrying a bouquet of red roses presented to me by my students at Garfield Senior High. Jackie Kennedy had red roses too that day, stained with the President's blood.

And now, another "Western" connection ... one of our international students was Pamela Odede from Kenya (p. 122, *Multi-faria* 1961). She was studying at Western, preparing to return to Africa and become the



Pamela Odede, Multi 1961

bride of Tom Mboya, a young Kenyan nationalist leader. According to the book *Historic Conversations* it was during a meeting on July 26, 1960, with Kennedy, then chairman of the Senate subcommittee on Africa, that Mboya convinced Kennedy to have the Kennedy Family Foundation support Mboya's "Airlift Africa" to place Kenyan students in American universities. One young Kenyan studying in America in 1959 was Barack Obama Sr. And the rest, as they say, is history.

This information aroused my curiosity as to whatever happened to Pamela Odede, especially since her intended husband died at a young age (1930-1969). I would appreciate any information the Western archives may have on record.

Sincerely,

Patricia Scott, Class of 1964

Pamela Odede attended Western College for one year and graduated in 1961, a sociology major. She returned to Kenya and married rising political star Thomas Joseph Odahiambo Mboya in January 1962. Tragically, Tom Mboya was assassinated only seven years later. They had five children, including Maureen Odero, a supreme court judge in Mombasa, and Dr. Susan Mboya-Kidero, a top executive with Coca-Cola/South Africa.

After her husband's death, Pamela remained quietly committed to helping the urban poor, serving as Kenya's permanent representative to UN-HABITAT in the early '80s, and later working with the elderly through the NGO HelpAge Kenya. She died while undergoing treatment for an illness in February 2009, having just completed a memoir of her brief marriage.

In 2002, Pamela and her daughters visited the Western campus, prior to establishing the Mboya Family Scholarship "to provide a college education for meritorious students from East Africa who demonstrate financial need and potential for academic success at Miami University."

Peabody...Where It All Began (and Begins)



The Western Female Seminary, 1855-1860

After the fire of 1860 destroyed the first Seminary building, the senior class alone remained in Oxford, gathering in the home of James Fisher — “Little Western” — to complete their studies and graduate. Years later, they reminisced through their class letter:

☞ *I was in the first fire, I remember well being awakened by the girls talking in the hall, and thinking they were going down to iron as they did every Saturday morning; then we were called and told that the house was on fire. My roommate, Ellen Allen, and I dressed and I started out with one bucket to help put out the fire. We were met by Miss McCabe, who said we could do nothing but get ourselves out. We were on the first floor and the fire started on the fifth so we had time to pitch some things in our trunks and tie up some sheets and get out. Then we stood in the cold and dark January night and saw the house burn down. ...*

☞ *I can never forget the morning of January 14, 1860, when we were all assembled in the chapel of Dr. Scott's College [Oxford Female College] for morning devotions, our Seminary home lying a pile of smoking ruins, the girls mostly with bare heads and disheveled toilets with somber faces and tearful eyes, were awaiting Miss Peabody! She came in, took up the Book and read in clear voice. “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble.” Then asked us to sing “How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,” etc. Her face seemed glorified, transfigured by the “Light of Heaven.” ...*

☞ *I remember it was one cold January night when a teacher, Miss Walker, I think, came to our room at midnight, said the building was on fire and wanted us to dress quickly and run to town and rouse the people. Telephones had not been dreamed of then. We only had one man in the building, Mr. Elliott, the janitor. My calico dress lay on the chair ready for early domestic work. We did not lose much time dressing, and as I went out the door I put my gold watch in my pocket and that was all I saved of my belongings, for when we returned the fifth story was gone. The next day my two silver spoons were found, being rescued from the dining room, and I have them yet as souvenirs. Next morning we all went to meet Miss Peabody ... First was devotions and I see her now as she gave thanks that no lives were lost. ...*

☞ *It is almost half a century since that startling dreadful summons came to us girls at midnight, “the Seminary is on fire, hurry and bring your pitchers full of water to the fifth floor,” and yet the picture is still as vivid as if it were an occurrence of last night or a week ago, of how Miss Peabody, after all hope was past of quenching the fire by those fruitless water pitchers, stood calmly on the lawn before the building she had filled with so much of hope and earnest effort, and undismayed by the wreck the fire was making, with her hands, those beautiful hands, quietly clasped together waiting reverently for her Master's next direction. ...*

Peabody Hall — officially *Helen* Peabody Hall — is where it all began. Fire having destroyed the Western Female Seminary building twice — first in 1860, the second time in 1871 — *our* Peabody Hall is the third building on the site, built in 1871 but not so named until the Golden Jubilee celebration in 1905.

The reminiscences quoted on the previous page are found in an incredible history of Western's first half-century, written by Sarah Isabella Howe, Class of 1865, intended for publication on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee. That never happened, but perhaps there's a chance that it will in the foreseeable future.

History of The Western College for Women: First Half Century (1855-1905), written and compiled by Sarah Howe, has always been part of Westerniana. Narka Nelson doubtless read it when she was writing the definitive *Western College for Women* (published 1954, 1967), and it is referenced in various undergraduate and post-graduate student papers. A bound copy exists in the Western Archives.

But there also exists a more complete manuscript — some typed, some beautifully handwritten — recently re-discovered in Patterson Place.

Enter Smith Library volunteer and art historian Elizabeth Johnson. Charged with providing background for the guidebook to a new walking tour of the Western Historic District, Dr. Johnson found herself thrust into the role of latterday Western historian.

The soon-to-be-published guidebook, "Western College for Women Historic District," is the third in a series produced jointly by the Smith Library of Regional History and the Oxford Visitors & Convention Bureau. The first two cover the Uptown Oxford and Oxford's University historic districts. Dr. Johnson was responsible for the research of all three.

Obviously, the walking tour — as the Western story — will begin (and end) at Peabody Hall. So that is where she began. Thorough investigator that she is, she wanted to look at the original architects' drawings. Her search led her to Patterson Place.

Enter WCAA staff member Debbie Baker. While looking for the blueprints, Debbie discovered an old manuscript in the dusty attic and thought it might be helpful. Dr. Johnson was interested, but since there was a bound copy of the book in the Western Archives, she



Researcher extraordinaire, "nosy" Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, at work in the Narka Nelson Archives, Patterson Place

went there first. One problem: The "official" copy was woefully incomplete! She quickly realized whole chapters as well as Mrs. Howe's later corrections and additions were missing, and in the fall of 2011 she began a painstaking line-by-line, word-by-word comparison. When her work is finished — perhaps by fall 2012 — the result should be a full and accurate document deserving of publication.

Dr. Elizabeth Johnson was named Butler County Historical Society's "Distinguished Historian" for 2011. In 2009, Dr. Johnson published *To Dwell with Fond Reflection: Families Who Lived in the McGuffey House, 1833-1958* — widely praised as one of the most outstanding local history books written in Butler County in recent years. A longtime docent at the McGuffey Museum, she is famous for her intense search for facts. So thorough is she that one observer remarked that he would not have been surprised "if Elizabeth discovered that McGuffey himself never lived in the house!" She insists she's just "nosy" [her word]. In addition to the book, she has written articles for the *Oxford Press*, supplied massive amounts of background for the Smith Library's series of historic walking tour guidebooks, curated several history exhibits locally, spent hours cataloging and photographing artifacts for the Oxford Museum Association, delivered lectures and led public tours. Originally from Long Island, Elizabeth Johnson earned a Ph.D. in the history of art at UCLA and has taught in California and Wisconsin. It is our good fortune that she decided to retire to Oxford 12 years ago.

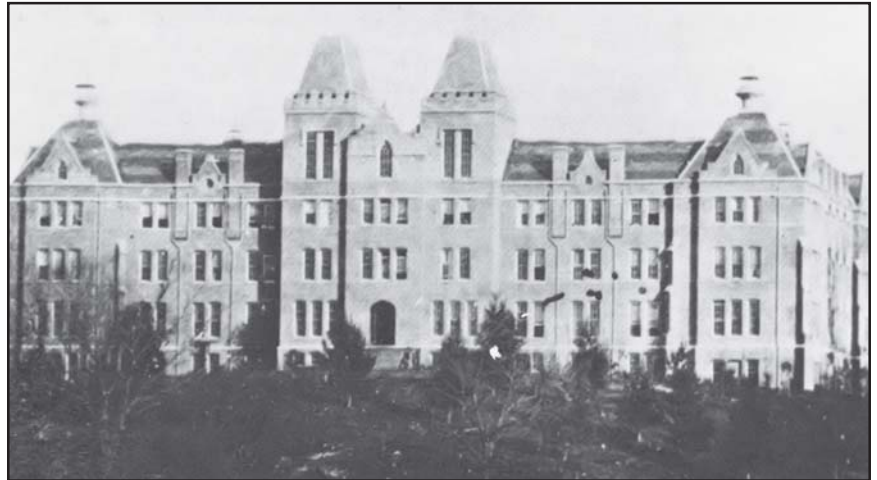
The Civil War years — the same four years Sarah Howe was at the Seminary — were especially traumatic for Western’s young students, many far away from home. In this excerpt, Mrs. Howe recounts a rare breach between Miss Peabody and her girls:

The journal records the glad news of the prospect of peace and adds, “Let the bells ring, flags wave, let the thundering of cannon wake the slumbering ashes, let everybody clap hands for joy, shout aloud and sing ‘Brother come home from the war, the dreadful carnage almost over.’ Peace just ready to shine upon us with the olive branch extended, let us rejoice indeed! The young ladies wish to celebrate the whole day, but that was not thought best.” The 14th had been set apart as a day of national rejoicing.

The young ladies were however desperately in earnest ... and when their petition, presented to Miss Peabody the day before, met with no recognition in the morning, they knew it meant the same dull routine at least until noon. Dinner, and still no reference to any request having been made, no allusion to the day as differing from any other one, the flare which sought outward expression, burns inward and for the first and only time in the history of the school there was a divergence between Miss Peabody’s wishes and the deep-wrought emotions of her charge. The Senior Class suffers most deeply, as through all their course the din of battle had mingled continually with the progress of their academic work, as was said by one of them, “We studied evidences of Christianity one hour and the carnage of the battle field the next. We looked into the Analogy of Religion Natural and Revealed, to the Constitution and Course of Nature, because it was required, and then hurried to the reading room to learn how many of our brothers and dearest friends were numbered with the dead.”

And so it came about that when Miss Peabody met the Senior Class that afternoon of April 14, 1865, to hear the recitation in Butler [Butler’s Analogy] she found a class unprepared on the lesson for the day. To study Butler that day was not within the power of the most obedient. There was no violation of the rules, no disposition to defy authority, although it seemed all this and more to Miss Peabody at the time. She saw her mistake when it was too late. The day following, the flag at half mast, the terrible news from Washington [the assassination of President Lincoln], a Senior Class sick with the sense of the loss of fellowship with Miss Peabody whom they revered, and then the awful tragedy. One of them said afterward in a reminiscence of that seven fold heated furnace, “It seemed to me if I could not see my father I should die.”

The Wednesday following, the funeral sermon or address for Oxford, was delivered by Professor Swing, the idol of the class and again they were restrained. There was no revolt, the fires burned inward and the closing days for that class almost burned out the very memory of



The Western Female Seminary, 1861-1871

their school life with a sense of irreparable lost opportunity, an occasion smothered which could never occur again and which was theirs by every right. Miss Peabody was heavily overshadowed by the sorrowful events of the previous year [deaths of four students and one teacher due to typhus epidemic], and did not realize soon enough the force of the reaction from the long strain of those terrible years. ... Dr. Barker, referring to the peculiar circumstances attending the close of '65 says, “One item of interest, and which was a profound secret known only to the Senior Class and a limited number of the faculty was the giving up of the conventional white muslin gown and blue sash, always worn by the Seniors on Commencement day, for the brown and white checked gingham gowns that the money saved might go for comforts to the sick and wounded soldiers.”

Sarah Isabella Howe — “Belle” to her classmates — from Pine Grove, OH, when she attended the Western Female Seminary, was born in 1843 and graduated from Western in the Class of '65, at age 22. She married Charles Frederick Howe in 1869, and they had two children. Their daughter, Carlotta Frederica, graduated from Western in the Class of '92, but sadly predeceased her parents, both of whom died in 1928. Prior to her marriage, Sarah taught school in Knoxville, TN, Homer, IL, and Williamsport, IN. The Howes eventually settled in Lafayette, IN, but lived near Chicago for a time, where Sarah edited “Jewish Era,” a newly launched organ publication of the Chicago Hebrew Mission, 1892-93. Before undertaking the Herculean task of compiling/writing the “History of Western College,” Sarah also served her alma mater as president of the Alumnae Association, 1884-86.

Student journalist Miss Sophie M. Cunningham, Class of 1871, described the new building, completed just six months after the second fire:



Helen Peabody Hall, 1871-


new dining room. And as that is the supper bell we must now see the dining room. ... the triple rows of gas burners look like so many stars shining above our heads, now taken up and reflected again and again until all the tables glance and sparkle. That is the effect of our new silver. We are not extravagant. This is the Lord's house and the silver and gold are all His own so it is meet there should be glorious and beautiful things within these walls. The cunning little castors on each end of the table are always reminders of the class of '67. Returning up the stairs the great regulator clock

...when the eighteenth of October 1871 arrived our house was waiting to receive us. ... Miss Peabody stood upon the veranda to welcome us; perhaps it was imagination but it seemed as if her countenance was changed, it shone and was so exceedingly bright; it told all the story ... Many were the sweet words of welcome as we stood upon the new porch which we were anticipating with so much pleasure just before the fire. Once within doors all is beautifully new and fresh, wall of snowy whiteness glisten in spotless radiance before us. Our rooms are furnished beautifully in black walnut of late design. In those first days we found some inconvenience from the workmen being still important members of the household, and also from the delay of certain necessary things which had been ordered in time but failed to come. No doubt it was our Father's plan to have it so, to draw us nearer to Himself for strength and patience.

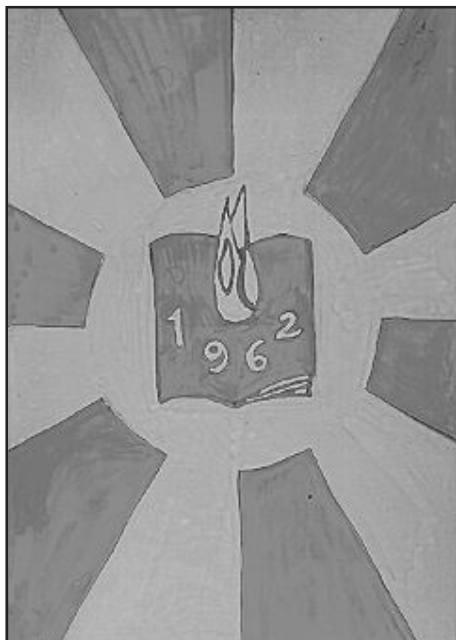
How gladly would we show you all the glories of the new temple and compare it with the old. ... We would take you through the new suite of rooms extending from Miss Peabody's sitting-room to the new Chapel, carpeted in soft brown-and-green mingled with crimson and golden flecks, lighted by gas which shines with a soft mellow light through glass globes. The cozy little parlor comes first since the Reception room is its same old self, or rather the hall comes first, for it belongs to the suite, carpeted and lighted to harmonize, and the dear girls have made it beautiful by presenting a hat-rack and two large chairs. Nor must the cunning little brackets in the corners be omitted, each of which holds a bronze statue. The parlor is beautifully furnished in black and green walnut be a kind friend in Cincinnati. ... Last and best of all the beautiful new Seminary Hall, in a wing all to itself over the

in the hall ticking away the hours is a memorial of the class of '60, the oaken furniture on the platform of the Seminary Hall comes from the class of '70, and so we are reminded at every hand of the love of older sisters who have rejoiced to have a share in making the old home beautiful once more. Indeed every brick and timber, every pane of glass and every article of furniture seems a monument of love. The little grandchildren of the Seminary, the far-away missionary, hard-working teachers, lonely widows, rich and poor, white and black, all had sent their offerings for the rebuilding and furnishing.

Sarah Howe's history of Western's first half-century is both an entertaining read and a valuable resource for its insights into the early education of women. Mrs. Howe clearly spent years compiling entries from the early Seminary Journals, faculty and student letters and diaries, articles and addresses by distinguished public figures who visited seminary and college, alumnae reminiscences, and more. Elizabeth Johnson believes she probably began around the turn of the century and, when the trustees' interest in publishing waned, continued to add notes to her drafts for several years after 1905.

Researchers know one discovery begs another, so although Dr. Johnson's study of Western began with Peabody, it doubtless won't end there. With so much lost when the college closed in 1974, is it not likely that much remains to be found? At the very least, we know that Elizabeth Johnson is determined to set the record straight. Stay tuned ... 

"After all, we are Western women!"



First things first: A long newsy note from **Helgard Jungeblodt Deuel**, who reported that, after being very ill, she has been declared cancer free. She was in Germany this year, visiting old friends and her sister in law. Staying healthy and caring for some friends who are not healthy take up much of her time.



Judi

Judi Amos Hubbell and **Nancy Smith Carlson** sent remarkably similar notes. Both women began by telling of maintenance and restoration. I assumed they were talking about the problems of aging that affect all of us, but not so.

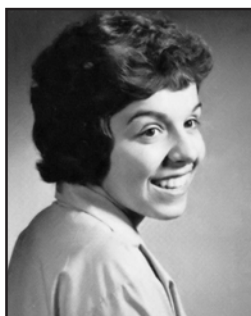
Judi has had to do lots of work on the farm, which is well over 100 years old. Nancy's property suffered some weather related damage that required a major clean-up.

Judi and Nancy indicated they are going to try to make it to Oxford for our 50th Reunion in June. Nancy's sister, **Linda Smith Roy '64** is also planning to attend.



Nancy

Apparently, our college president is able to juggle her duties at the University of Miami in order to attend: **Donna Shalala** has sent in her early bird registration.



Donna

Zohreh Tawakuli Sullivan contacted the WCAA office with the news that she officially retired from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2007, but still occasionally teaches her favorite class, The Literatures of Global Cultures.



Zohreh

In January, she volunteered with an NGO Yinthway.org in Yangon, Myanmar — where she is still enjoying her stay and work. If friends want to check on her last book, it's *Exiled Memories: Stories of Iranian Diaspora* — a combo memoir, history, ethnography. She remembers fondly many of her classmates, but specially her roommate, **Loretta Ryder '63**.

By now most of you have received e-mails from **Judy Dudman Henderson** or **Doris Ning Wong** urging you to attend the Reunion. Doris is "always invigorated" when she returns to campus for board meetings and will speak at Reunion chapel. (Congratulations to Judy, Austin Seminary Association 2011 Distinguished Service recipient. She received her M.Div. from Austin in 1998.)



Judy



Doris

I will not be able to be there, but I know those of you who are able to attend will share that same sense of pleasure.



Joanne

The campus is even more beautiful and the company should be delightful. After all, we are Western women!

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"... Relish the memories of alma mater ..."

'32



Reunion '12: Celebrate 80 years!

Mary "Duffy" Duffield Boehme celebrated her 100th birthday on October 28, 2011! Family and friends threw her a party at the



Duffy at 100!

Canton (OH) Regency, where she lives, and the local *Canton Repository* plus *The Today Show's* Willard Scott congratulated her on this very special occasion. Duffy disclosed to the *Repository* that she enjoys collecting turtles, playing bridge, exercise and singing. Also,

that her favorite birthday treat is carrot cake and champagne! When asked what she'd learned over the years, she replied, "Always look forward not back" and quoted her father, who taught her "Everything is always over."

The Western family lost a devoted member of the Class of '32 with the death on February 18, 2011, of **Elizabeth Ann Koons Miller**, age 100. Fellow alumnae will recall that Betty Ann had donated her academic regalia to be awarded each year to the outstanding member of the Western Program senior class who "best represents the spirit of Western."

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Reunion '12: Celebrate 75 years!

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Theresa Patz Gray '34, with her Western College scrapbook and college desk

'38 WESTERN

Dear Gals, Veterans seem to be in the news these days so I guess we could qualify. I find only 10 of us remaining but we still stand tall, or try to, and relish memories of our alma mater.

Barbara B. Johnson is living in an apartment in Sanibel, FL. She still helps at a library — was trained in that work. She never married and has no family remaining but has several friends. Like several of us, she uses a walker.

Anna Shrock Waite of Glendale, CA, lives in a house next to her daughter. She lost her husband in 2009. She has had a "big year," made a "gorgeous" trip across Canada from Vancouver to Halifax, loved the nature scenes and a helicopter ride over a glacier, returned in June 2010. Then despite emergency abdominal surgery in June 2011, Anna was able to recover and has had good health. She is completing a series of books her husband had been writing about his "Waite" family. Waites, she explained, were English Christmas carolers. Anna writes that she would love to hear from members of the Class of '38. The class ribbons of turquoise and brown hang from her dresser and she sees them every morning.

I talked to **Dorothy McKorkle Moran**, who said she was busy but would write me — no word yet.

I am doing quite well with the help of a walker. Had a big "blowout," as my granddaughter called it, on July 3, 2011, when I became 95. Am still at Cape May Retirement Center in Wilmington, OH. Enjoy having to prepare only my breakfast.

God bless you all ...

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'40 WESTERN

We are sad to announce the death of long-time Class Rep **Ruth Bertsch Stilwell** on February 2 of this year in Indianapolis.

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'42 WESTERN

Reunion '12: Celebrate 70 years!

Let's start with numbers. 2012 minus 1942 = 70. '42 reunion weekend #70 is coming up June 15-17 (remarkable). 25 names and addresses are on the current '42 class roster. 9 of these names have no phone or e-mail info given. There is 1 class rep. 7 stalwart and friendly souls have submitted personal news to be used in the spring WCAA *Bulletin*. Umpteen is the number of times I have wondered if the 17 non-correspondents are deceased, seriously incapacitated, or just uninterested in the '42 column in the *Bulletin*. 1 postcard or 1 phone call (913-248-0678) from each would cure my curiosity. And now on to classmates' news ...

Kathryn Severin Behm's note was about recent health problems for herself and several Dayton friends. Kay and I had a lengthy phone conversation regarding the recent death of Robert Himes, widower of **Jeanne Shadrach Himes**. Bob was a true gentleman and enjoyed being part of Western events and friendships.

Barbara Burke Chesman is still traveling. In May (2011), she was in a group which rode west on Route 66 and returned back to Missouri via Utah and Nebraska. In June, Barb attended an Elderhostel at Lake Geneva, WI. October found her at Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard with a two-coach tour group. She plans more travel in 2012!

Marion Constable's card proved again that she is enjoying life to the full. She and a friend were booked on a four-day mystery tour that included a New Year's Eve celebration.

Ethel Burnham Meece and Ely have been stay-at-homes for a change, but enjoyed many visits from out-of-state and even out-of-country visitors to Palo Alto. Eth sent a lovely photo — must say she is a very young and beautiful 90- year-old!



Eth Meece '42

Mildred Orr Palmer and Dick both turned 90 in August. Their daughter and son with sponsors put on a beautiful party for 35 lake neighbors at the Palmer cottage in Michigan. Midge wrote from Orange Beach, AL, where they escape winter weather often.

Bernarda Danford Rice moved from Ohio to Tempe, AZ, last May. The move was complicated by the van's breaking down in Kansas and her staying with a son in Phoenix for a month before going on to her new home. Bernarda wrote that she is thankful to be near family and "to look out my sliding door to see flowers blooming and no snow falling. Although the move was difficult, I'm glad I did."

Ora Jane Craig Tipton has never missed writing a note for the *Bulletin*. She has family in Michigan and in California so being with them does not happen often.

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'44 WESTERN

Fran Sutherland Larsen writes: "How quickly the years go by. After our trip to Egypt, Jordan, Sinai Peninsula, Red Sea and thru the Suez Canal with our daughter Susan in 2010, and hearing rumbles then

of what came later, Bob and I started down-loading to go to a retirement village in Jacksonville, FL, near our daughter Ellen. What a challenge! It takes a lot of time, so start now and don't leave it to your family — too time-consuming.

"**Ellen Westerman Brashares** and I keep in touch — so grateful to have her. I did manage to read again the delightful book by **Ann (Dottie Goldstone) Marcus '43**, *Whistling Girl*, and enjoyed it so much, bringing back so many memories. How proud we are to have known her as Dottie!

"Our granddaughter, Diana, came back from Melbourne, Australia, where she had been living with her aunt and uncle, working in a bank for three years. She is happy to be back in the U.S.A. We all are happy to have her back with us again.

"Once settled, Bob and I have two trips planned for this year. We so enjoy seeing the world, the people, the customs, the scenery.

The big plus is that we are in great health, no canes yet, still curious and active. He celebrated his 90th Jan. 1, 2012, as a participant in a sail race — they won! How we love sailing.

"May you all have a healthy 2012!"

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As you may have seen in the fall *Bulletin*, I stood in alone for all of you at our 65th Reunion last June. Looking around campus and into some buildings, I was reminded of so many activities of our class and individual members. We were treated royally, with cars or buses to drive us from Peabody to other buildings and wonderful meals. There were a number of familiar faces from other Reunions and good conversations.

All good memories. Now today, I'm grateful for others who have e-mail to bring news of you. Have to admit I love to have a letter,

written or typed, but just as "Liquor is quicker," so is e-mail.

Betty Buell Baldwin is researching Buell family history in towns in Connecticut. No scandals except for Hepzibah — who was fined for wearing silk, trying to be above her station in life. Her father was founder of Windsor, a carpenter by trade. Betty also works for League of Women Voters, involved with children's projects. She is pulling for Obama to win. She promised to finish sorting out many pictures and information about trips taken and enjoying them all over again. Then we'll hear from her again.

Betty learned that **Bessie Zimmerly Terrell's** husband died last summer. She now lives in Frederick, MD. We send our condolences to Bessie.

A letter from Jim, son of **Adda Jean "A. J." Winterfeldt**, tells us that his mother had experienced a long battle with dementia and, after a fall and fractured femur, had gone to live in a healthcare center in Carmel, IN, in 2007. Confined to bed or a wheelchair, she could not return home. Jim visited her often and was with her when she passed away in December 2011. "She never forgot Western and was grateful for the friends she made and to be an alum." Remember the wonderful work she did in searching out the old class banners and beautifully reproducing them in a book? It was a labor of love that will live on in the Archives. Our sympathy is with Jim.

From **Betty Jane Smith Carlson** comes news that she joins the crowd with arthritic knees. That didn't keep her from attending graduation of Alicia from Longwood U. She now has a teaching job in Virginia Beach. Alexandra is freshman at same U., majoring in medical field. B. J. traveled to California to visit nieces, nephews and friends. She has been busy making greeting cards and has been successful in selling them.

Betty Ann Martin Gardner has had two surgeries and then a total hip replacement. "Can't keep an old dog down," she says and to prove it, Betty Ann and daughter Colleen took a trip to Hawaii in late September. She plays lots of cards and works on knitting projects. Atta girl! Never give up!

Our world traveler, **Martha Hall Wedeman**, and husband were in North Africa last summer. They did no mountain climbing nor rock scaling. The CNN reporter for that troubled part of the world is son, Ben Wedeman. He was invited to speak at MU this March as part of the Grayson Kirk Distinguished Lecture Series, sponsored by the international studies program. Marty feels that he should demand to appear in Ernst Nature Theatre to carry on the fine acting career of his mother. I'm sure we all remember those beautiful performances she made with one-liners. Back home the Wedemans have given up

a car in favor of public transportation and keep in touch with e-mail and phone. Misses seeing Buell in her lovely home across the river. The two keep the lines busy with their activities as liberal Democrats.

Clara "Clid" Hunter's always handwritten letter arrived in late November, telling of the wild and frightening wind and thunderstorms. Roofs had to be replaced in her condo area. Memories of our freshman year came back as she related that her nephew, "Tap," had died of Alzheimer's. He was born soon after we met Clid in fall of '42 and we felt part of the family, watching him grow and later become a handsome Army officer. We send our sympathy. Hope the new year brings better news.

Dorcas Robson has taken the plunge! After leaving her two-bedroom condo and patio, she is living in an apartment in Valle Verde Retirement home in Santa Barbara with her cat, Patches. Has her usual oatmeal for breakfast and can take other meals in dining room. Lots of easy walking and all kinds of activities: exercise, lectures, music, volunteering and bridge skills to get her back to the game. Enjoyed reading *Deborah Mitford, Duchess of Devonshire*.

From Irving, TX, comes a Christmas letter and addendum from **Ann Winger Tuttle**. She and Max are living independently in their home with help, feeling better off there and more comfortable with space and in familiar surroundings than in any other place. Had a lucky break when the librarian from the U. of Dallas came to survey Tuttle's library and said he could take all of the books. This solved the question of how to pack and dispose of over 1,000 books. Ann had kept texts from Dr. Esterquest's history classes so we know it was hard to let go. Her three-page letter had to be cut back to just one as her daughter, the scribe, had to tell her, "Mom, I cannot read your writing." (Ann joins others of us who have vision and writing problems.) She has devices to magnify her reading and writing and audios. She keeps up with a fascinating array of literature: Writings of de Tocqueville, *Parrot and Olivier* (not too high on her list), a fun read of *Cleopatra*, a *Life* and Plutarch's *Lives*. She visited a traveling Smithsonian exhibit in the Irving Arts Center with a realistic trebuchet — a medieval war machine and a chain mail shirt. Hopes to attend a spring series to study *Anna Karenina*. She thought the book and tape and exhibit on Genghis Kahn were great. They enjoy watching various birds around their home including two roadrunners pacing around the pool. Not too fond of a squirrel that lives in a shrub and enjoys chewing on a piece of the awning canvas. Ann wishes everyone a good Year of the Dragon.

Closer to home and just a phone call away is **Peggy Kaufman Stricker**. In past years we have met for lunch and chit-chat. Now

we find driving and searching for a close parking spot a bit of a problem. Peggy is still in her one-floor home in suburban Wyoming and has wonderful help. Her younger twin sisters, Mary and Jean, are gone. One son lives in Cincinnati so she sees him frequently. Now retired, he has time to participate in community and nonprofit groups as his father, George, had done. Her other son lives in Newton, MA. His twin sons, who have been receiving an excellent education, are at the time when big decisions have to be made for higher ed. Peggy expected a visit from them in late winter.



Annette Kile Owens '48 sent no news, but did share this picture of her 88th birthday celebration.

Charles and I have been blessed in the past year. We quietly observed our 65th anniversary with family; celebrated the birth of Sadie Isobel, the first girl in the Daniels family in 62 years; rejoiced in the recovery of middle grandson's vision in one eye after a tumor was removed from his brain and his good humor about his situation; and we can still move about slowly and drive. Our venture to Charles' 65th class reunion at Centre College in October was lovely with a few old friends and very friendly, helpful students. Sightseeing on campus was done from a golf cart. You may have glimpses of that beautiful site when the Vice-Presidential Debates are held there soon. Makes me think of Western campus.

We enjoy the Health Center at NKU, where Charles serves on a committee, and get to eight to 10 theater productions a year. Church and various Mission projects keep us busy and in touch with longtime friends. With the prospect of another spring of golf for Charles (nine holes from a cart with good friends) and the vision of spring bulbs I planted last fall, we look forward to a short enough winter to get caught up on all those little jobs I always have left over.

With wishes for health and happiness to you and yours ...

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Reunion '12: Celebrate 65 years!

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Our numbers seem to be getting smaller — perhaps some are not wanting to write their news. This is what I prefer to believe!

Of course the news that affects us all is the death of Dean Phyllis Hoyt. She was just starting her life at Western when we came into town. She led a long and wonderful life. And we all have good memories of her.

After 40 years, **Ann Creswell Sandin** wrote news of her life now. Ann and her husband live with her daughter and her husband in a suite designed for them. She loves Glastonbury and life with three "grands." Her piano came along also, so now there are two pianos in the house and lots of music. New Year's will find them in the Cape. Ann says that she has ARMD [Age-related Macular Degeneration] and hearing aids and walks with a walker.

Jerry Smith Rector always has a long letter in her Christmas card and she and Tom are very happy in their new home. Many people to meet and always an activity or lecture, etc.; their children and grandchildren enjoy a busy life. Wedding in Las Vegas of grandson, college, scuba diving, golfing, engagements, etc. are some of the events Jerry writes about. She doesn't have to worry about what to make for lunch or dinner ... just enjoying life.

Here in Detroit, **Ellen Siddall Zimmermann** and I get together. Last spring, I went with her for a garden walk in her neighborhood. Older homes have been redone inside and beautiful gardens outside. I came home

deciding to spruce up my yard. Now Ellen is painting the inside of her house — just in case she might want to sell some day!

After over 50 years, our college potluck group is gone and I do miss it. We had good food and lots of fun. Time moves on.

A nice letter brought news of **Ruth Henley Adams** after many years of reading the *Bulletin*. She went to Western her freshman and sophomore years and lived in Mary Lyon. Then she transferred to DePauw University and graduated in 1948. She has good memories of Western.

Ruth's roommates were **Betty Ashman** her first year and **Roseanne Swanger Cummings** sophomore year. Ruth now lives in Dublin, OH, at the Friendship Village, near her son and his family and many Columbus-area friends.

We learned recently the class has lost **Mae Mathews Biscotti**, **Mary Dye Shambaugh**, and **Mary Dodge Heyden** (January 2012). Our prayers go out to their families.

A card from **Helen Grinnell** that she is well and enjoying life but "doesn't get around much anymore." She is busy taking care of her business that began over 58 years ago. Her card always has a nice photo of the mountains and lakes in Colorado.

Janet Wilkinson Johnston keeps busy and happy with her three daughters and two sons; they often get together with eight grandchildren in for excitement. Janet wrote that two great-aunts, her mother and grandmother preceded her at Western. That is something that speaks well of Western College! Janet says that at 86 she is still hanging in there!

Greetings from cold North Dakota, writes **Jane Clapp Towne**. She walks two miles a day at least five days a week and goes to several study clubs. She just celebrated the 10th anniversary of her ordination as a deacon of the Episcopal church. Her children are just fine. Two live in Bismarck and her one daughter lives in San Diego. Now Jane is trying to cook for one and eating alone after 55 years of marriage. She is thankful for a home, security, good friends, and the love of her church.

Joyce Eddy Plummer writes of the two years that have flown by since she last wrote of her activities. She is in good health and her family are all just fine and keep busy. Daughter Marde lives in Arizona and has a little "business" dog sitting, house sitting, repairs, etc. Marde's older daughter, recently married, has an interesting job at the German Embassy; Nicole, her second daughter, works at home and will be married to a state policeman in May. Joyce says both young men are "favorites of their grandmother-in-law." Son Rusty is trying a new mar-

ket, making and selling goat cheese, and is doing very well. Keith has a new job in an ER. Work is ongoing on her cottage — she can now live on the first floor and hopes, with the help of family members, the four bedrooms upstairs will be finished this summer.

Margaret McKee Seder is happily ensconced in StoneRidge Residential Community, in Mystic, CT, and writes: "Ed and I moved here in 2005 and it seems to have been a good decision. Only problem is I haven't seen any of my classmates for too long a time. I don't travel very far from home but would love to have any of you drop in for a daytime visit or overnight. I am the leader of an aquasize class that meets three mornings a week for 45 minutes of water aerobics in our pool here. The class varies from four to 12 and we have a good time ... end up the class by tossing a beach ball around to each other. I am also liaison between our Mystic Congregational Church and the 27 members who live here at StoneRidge. My husband, Ed, after 60 wonderful years together, passed away peacefully on August 5th, 2011."

Marilyn Pauch Shaver writes that her husband, Bill, had his 90th birthday and that they have been married 65 years. Bill came many times to Western from Chicago to visit Marilyn. They both remember dorm curfews! At the end of her junior year, Marilyn left Western to marry him and finished at North Central College. The celebration included their eight great-grandchildren and many friends.

As for me, all is well here. I did rupture a disc last summer — it was resting on a nerve in my leg that was pain beyond pain. A shot of cortisone took away the pain in an instant.

I did not take a trip this year, but had my yard landscaped and I really enjoy it. After 50 years the yard was rather tacky and now has blooming trees, roses, grasses, hedges, and a beautiful new walkway of tumbled stone up to the front door. I still swim, go to movies, dinner, potluck groups, etc., besides being in charge of the altar guild for my Episcopal church. Also, I have a 6-month-old great-grandchild.

A happy 2012 to all of the '48 class ...

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Dear Classmates, News of our group's activities is scarce as the Fiftians start another year — the year that leads to June 2012, when it will be 62 years since, clutching our diplomas in the sunshine outside Presser Hall, we said goodbye to each other and to Western College.

In this year's news, one message stands out. News has come from the Netherlands of the death August 16 of **Asra Haman-Stork** in Enschede, where she lived before and after her Western years. She and her late husband, H.C. (Ted) Stork, have three children in three continents: Helena in Amsterdam, Karen in South Africa, and Nutti in Houston, TX, USA. When she arrived at serene and sheltered Western in 1946, Asra and her family had just survived the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, with all that implies of danger and privation. The clothes she brought with her showed its effects. Four years at Western brought out her cheerful, outgoing personality. We all learned a lot from her. On one of the Fiftians' major Reunion years, Asra traveled back all the way from the Netherlands to join in our celebration. May she rest in peace.

It gives me a real lift to open the mail and find a message from a classmate not heard from for years. This one is a coincidence. It's from **Carol Hayward Vanderpol** in Plaistow, NH. "Class of '50," she muses. "How long ago that was. We edge nearer to the beginning of the list, don't we? My two years at Western were full of memories and nostalgia. As years have passed, I realize how valuable they were. I really feel they prepared me wisely for the rest of the days that have followed.

"The calendar says I'm 83, but I don't pay any attention to the number! My children and Jim's children are scattered about, and we try to visit them as often as we can. But Jim has published a book about his days of hiding in Holland during the Nazi occupation and his story of how his life has been fulfilled here in the U.S.: *And the Money Went Over the Railing*. This has been an experience and keeps him busy." It looks as if we and the Dutch have a real affinity.

It still cheers me to hear from those Fiftians who often share their news and views with us. One of those loyal scribes is **Donna Hall Mader** of Alexandria, KY, in Greater Cincinnati. "Same old, same old," she quips. "I'm still volunteering at the usual places. A new one was added in 2011: Someone fenced in two acres for a vegetable garden, called it the 'Giving Fields.' We started out with 100 volunteers who planted, weeded and har-

vested. By October we had given 61,200 pounds of veggies to five Northern Kentucky food pantries. Probably only 25 of us lasted the whole season. What fun and what a good feeling. I am getting older with the creaks and groans that go with it!"

As for your scribe, I echo those creaks and groans, Donna. Blame mine on Parkinson's, which does funny things to my voice, etc. But I still manage to cover a lot of ground with my walker, helping to put out a newsletter, taking part in a book club, etc., in our retirement community, and, with Bert, my husband, dining out and going to concerts.

Much of the news comes from the Midwesterners, some of whom become Floridians yearly, as soon as the frost shows up on the pumpkins: When **Louise Wilson Bralley** in Dayton, sees that sign, she sends for her sons, based in the Great Northwest. They engineer the annual trek that settles Lou in Seminole, FL, one of the St. Petersburg suburbs, not far from where she grew up. A stream of Ohioans visit in the course of the winter.

Helen Anne Noftsger Welsh, my freshman roommate, still migrates in the fall to Bradenton, FL, with help from her sons, one of whom lives nearby.

Louise Moore Murray writes from Portsmouth, RI, that winter had not yet struck and "life is good." May it also be good for the rest of you Fiftians out there ...

*Editor's note: As we went to press, we received sad news of the deaths of Fiftians **Barbara Wicking Knight, Lucinda Magruder, and Jane Nelson Scarff.***

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Reunion '12: Celebrate 60 years!

I am usually writing this while looking at a snowstorm or dreading the next trip outdoors in near-zero weather. Not so this time! The sun is shining brightly and the temperature

is near 50. This serves as a reminder that spring will soon be here, closely followed by summer and our 60th Reunion. How is that for a lead-in? It is certainly time to be thinking about and making plans to be together again. Several of our classmates are already doing that.

Tudy Allen Gatzert writes that she and **Glo Wilson Sylvester** will be coming from Chicago. She hopes that many others will be there.

Catherine Ross Loveland wrote a wonderful long letter, bringing me up-to-date on all of their family activities. Catherine continues with her church activities, but has turned over some leadership roles to others. She serves as a hospice volunteer and has attended several retreats. Dick is a student of the Civil War and of Lincoln. This interest led to a Road Scholar trip to Springfield, IL. He plays quite a bit of golf and won the 80 and over club trophy this year. Cathie says that we should not ask how many entrants there were in that class. She expects to see us in Oxford in June.

Betty Groth Diebold has moved back to Ohio. I hope to see you in June, Betty, now that you do not have to travel cross-country to get to Oxford.

Nancy Ryan Rietz and Bob had a year of ups and downs. Their daughter Gail passed away unexpectedly in January. We all extend our thoughts and prayers, Nancy. On a happier note, Nancy and Bob attended several family graduation ceremonies and car meets. They are looking forward to moving into their newly completed apartment in a retirement community in March. Nancy may not be at Reunion due to a schedule conflict, but she keeps in touch with classmates. She lunched with **Gay Belcher Hadley** and **Catherine Ross Loveland** last summer.

Laverne Leech Phillips continues to enjoy painting and her family. She is undergoing chemo again. This will be over in February and Scotty hopes to have hair again by summer. She meets occasionally for lunch with **Lou Wilson Braley '50** and **Sue Harman Ficken '38**. Scotty says that they have been known to sing Western's Alma Mater aloud — in public.

Barbara Peterson Block and Roger spent Christmas in New York with daughter Sharon and family. They had an eventful summer. Roger fell while painting son Glenn's house and broke an arm. He has been undergoing therapy and hoping to get back to his golf game. Golf, of course needs two arms. Barb volunteers at the bookstore connected with their library.

Edith Shattuck Johnson sends greetings to all. Her card contained a lovely picture of Petoskey, MI. Edie's cottage is nearby.

On April 5, **Jo (DuBois)** and **Dick Shafer** celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They had such a wonderful time commemorating their 50th in Rome 10 years ago with the whole family, they decided to try for a similar event. Since their oldest grandson is stationed on a ship in Hawaii and Dick was stationed on a ship in Hawaii following their wedding, this seemed like a good place to look into. They felt a military recreation base would have the ambiance and facilities they could enjoy and went to work coordinating schedules of four children and spouses and nine grandchildren.

A "special extra" will be the inclusion of the son of their former German exchange student. The families had remained close — to the point that this year he himself is an exchange student in the Shafers' daughter's home in Santa Cruz. Unfortunately for the Class of '52, they will all be ensconced in three beach cottages on the western shore of Oahu June 17-27. But Jo asks that they be included in the class toast!

Doris May Gilmore has not sent class news before, so we are catching up on a few years. She and Bob lived in Maine for many years, enjoying skiing and snowshoeing. Two years ago, they moved to a retirement community in Tennessee. They are near family and now do not have to shovel snow! Doris sends the sad news that her twin sister **Elinor May Magowan** lost her husband in September. Ellie still lives in Wisconsin.

Now for more sad news. Our classmate **Mary Maw Walsh** passed away in October. Most of us will remember her for her musical talent, as she often played the organ and rang the chimes for Chapel and other occasions. While raising her family, Mary continued her musical interests and was very involved in peace and social justice causes. I really got to know Mary during some late-night sessions in the *Round-Up* office. Mary would come there to type papers and I was working on the *Round-Up*. We had some great (and sometimes heated) discussions on many subjects.

The Schropes continue on as usual. I'm still singing, ringing, and working, though that could change. There are circumstances at work which might cause me to "really" retire. I'm considering it. Stay tuned. Dan does well, though his poor vision limits some things. He takes care of the two dogs and enjoys sports on the big TV. Bambi and family are doing well. Charlotte is now 2 and delightful. Summer will be here before we know it! Remember how beautiful the Western campus was when we were there? That hasn't changed. I hope that many of you will plan to join us there in June.

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Let's start with **Maria Van Waveren Smit** this year, since her memoir to Phyllis Hoyt in the fall *Bulletin* was so beautifully done. Phyllis was indeed amazing, and we all admired and loved her. What is too bad is that she isn't here to read tributes as lovely as Mieke's.

Mieke has done a lot of traveling this year, but no "exotic trips." Part of the family visited them at Hilton Head in May, and then she and Henk headed to Canada to see their offspring north of the border. In October, they went to a musical program at Peabody Institute in Baltimore to visit and hear Dasha, the young pianist from Odessa they have supported. Dasha was going to spend part of her vacation with them in January, and Mieke was planning concerts for her at that time. And also, a big excitement was a Caribbean Cruise with the entire family. And what a wonderful time together that was!

Charlotte Bergman Russell is another of our travelers. She sent pictures of herself and husband Lew, watching a Bohemian Sunset, visiting Maine Botanical Garden, and overlooking Mt. Katahdin in Maine. The pictures also showed a 200-year-old tree lost in Hurricane Irene. They even had a granddaughter high school graduate in the pictures. We can't share all of these delightful pictures with you, but they certainly show that Char is still busy and on the move.



Proud grandparents Lew and Char Russell, with their high school grad

I know you all have read the book or seen the film *To Kill A Mockingbird*. Remember the nasty old woman on the porch? Well, classmate **Sandra Franz Barnes** will be playing that "crotchety old woman," as she put it, in a community theater production. That is wonderful. I wish we could all be there to see it. Sandy has recovered well from a fractured hip now, and she had a birthday treat in July when all three sons and their wives and one granddaughter were there at the same time.

And to make it even more fun, **Elizabeth Renton Hale** was also there to enjoy it. She commented on how delightful it was to meet all of the Barneses. Meanwhile Betty has been busy keeping track of the Friends of Rainbow Springs State Park, writing a monthly garden column for the neighborhood newsletter and spending time with her sister in Ocala. All four of her daughters were with her the first weekend in November to celebrate her 80th birthday.

Another 80th birthday in November was celebrated for **Priscilla Strand Berry** and a friend, **Mary Ann Lynch '53**, in Chicago. Not only that, but back in Oxford, there was another 80th party for her as well as a combined 88th birthday party for her husband. That was attended by their son, Roger, his wife and their daughter. Betsey, Arlie, and the boys were there in August. Pris enjoys many activities at the Knolls, such as putting together a display there of WWII veterans' memorabilia. She also is busy with the church and knitting stockings for missions, and of course attends all of Miami's sporting events!

Willa Ward is also full of activities. She has a part-time job with The Community Club. She is still volunteering for the Friends of the Library and the Altar Guild at her church. Also she belongs to two reading groups. And besides being busy at home, she has made a few trips this year to Chicago and New Hampshire.

Mitzi Masters said that it was a good idea for me to move to North Carolina. She has known a lot of people who have gone south. The weather in Minneapolis continues to be awful with challenging events ... but she adds that it seems that the entire country is also enduring challenging weather. (Include NC in that.)

Lucy Ann Liggett has finished a long rehab from hip surgery. She has done a lot of reading with two book groups, and has been exercising diligently. One trip was to the Circleville Pumpkin Show in October. All siblings were there except one. Her brother Bob grows giant pumpkins; and this year he won again — for the fifth straight year! (I had to discuss this with Google. That Pumpkin Show has run every year since 1903! And what fun for them to be winners. I'd love to see the pumpkin contest, and I bet that is



Pris Berry '54 (center) with The Knolls' Valentine's Day King and Queen: Hubby Bob Berry and former WCAA Bulletin Editor Jean Perry

the first time it has gotten into any of our *Bulletins*. Next year, send us a picture, Lucy.)

Virginia Meierjohan Fossier has not moved, and has added to her house her daughter Donna, who now lives with her. Her son David and wife are close by. Also nearby are her son Russ, his wife and their two little girls, Brooke and Julia. She feels as if the year has gone quickly, and I can see why. She is so lucky to have her family near her.

Dottie Hayes Hoffman said that she and Pete have sold the trawler which replaced their sailboat. They are headed for a retirement village in Florida. Their children are pleased; daughter Jenny is in Jupiter, FL, and son Bill hopes to retire somewhere in the Orlando area. This summer Bill's daughter was married; Jenny's daughter is a senior at UVA and is co-captain of the lacrosse team; and Doug, the oldest grandson, is in Brooklyn and is an artist. Dot herself works at the VNA thrift show, plays Mah Jong two days a week, and gets exercise by walking with friends. She spends a lot of time with her 99-year-old mother, who is in an active retirement home. (And, Dot, we will look forward to hearing about her birthday party next year.)

Speaking of address changes, **Dee Randles Hutchinson** has also moved. Husband Jack's daily health care was more than she could handle along with house chores, so they packed up and in October moved with the help of their family. They are now in a two-bedroom apartment in a very nice senior retirement facility. Their house sold in less than 24 hours! They still can get out and about to visit family and get to church, and life is much easier for Dee now. They are meeting some new interesting people and she is also able to continue her watercolor painting. (And I am lucky to have one of her lovely pictures hanging in my bedroom.) Her new address is: 100 Somerby Dr. #3169; Alpharetta, GA 30009.

In November, I received a frantic e-mail from **Mimi Chesslin** in Scotland, saying that her bag had been stolen, and she needed money and needed it now! So of course I con-

tacted Mimi right away, and although she had been to Scotland a few years ago, she is now right here in good ole USA. She was in the process of trying to retrieve her contact list and answer about 30 other friends who had also received the scam. She has finished moving, and commented that moving and shutting off part of her life has been very hard.

My turn. Since my early 20s, I have had otosclerosis, (Beethoven's deaf ear disease, except that I wasn't making music). Through the years the ever-improving hearing aids kept up with my loss, but as I climbed the aging tree, the ears gave in. Since cochlear implants have also improved, I recently got an implant on one ear, and it is unbelievable! That ear has returned! The scores on the chart are high, and I am hearing again. I have to juggle a few gizmos behind the ear each morning, but it is well worth it. What is interesting is that as I was heading towards deafness, I kept thinking how amazing it is that our dear, deaf classmate, **Violet Zirovich**, managed to get a degree in the same time that we did!

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"In sickness and in health." I am beginning this year's class notes with those words in tribute to some of our classmates who are currently fulfilling a promise made years ago and doing it with loving grace.

Sarah Rutherford Behrendt's husband has developed a form of dementia requiring constant care and supervision from her. That has to be both tiring and confining. Sarah, I was so sorry to hear about this.

Susie McLaughlin Montgomery's husband, Robb, as we learned last year, is very ill, preventing trips to see the children and grandchildren, but the Montgomerys' family, including their great-grandchildren, have visited often in the last 12 months. Susie says she travels "vicariously" through the trips of family and friends.

"Till death do us part." Sadly, parting time came to **Joyce Roark Philips**, whose husband, John, died in September, of pancreatic cancer. John had been in poor health for some time, but his death was sudden and unexpected. Joyce writes that family and friends helped her get through the holidays. She planned a trip to California to see the Rose Bowl Parade (and for an up-close look at the flowers the next day) followed by a short stay in southern California. Upon her return to Cincinnati she'll again be immersed in her many volunteer activities. If I'm lucky, I'll get a visit with her at the Taft Museum of Art where she is a docent, and where they are having a Monet exhibit I'm looking forward to attending early this year. Sarah, Susie, Joyce — on behalf of our classmates, I send you love and prayers.

I love reading of the many different ways we alums choose to spend our time during our "Golden Years." (I have a few reservations about that term, don't you?) **Anne Welch Burnette** seems to have survived 34 years in education as "teacher, counselor and administration" with energy left over. She is a docent at the Birmingham Museum of Art on Mondays and Fridays. Tuesday and Thursdays, she works at a free clinic for the indigent, and on Wednesdays she does the mailing for her church newsletter. I'm not sure how, but she also manages to do quite a bit of overseas travel, because her "global" daughter moves every three years or so. Now, she did mention that she moved from Huntsville to Birmingham, Alabama, so that she could be with her son and his family, so my question is, when do you manage to work them in, Anne? Nights? Weekends? I'm just teasing, of course, I imagine they are very proud of all your interests and activities.

Ladies, how many of you are on Facebook? It's really quite fun. **Ingrid Roberta Hoover Chafee**, who is one of my Facebook friends, posted this earlier this year, and — with her permission — I am copying it here. How easy she's making it for me this way!

"We are grateful for a year that ended well after everything seemed to go wrong at times. My oldest son, who was disabled, was kidnapped in late January together with his car, and forced to hand over his bank card and phone to his kidnappers, who took out money for crack. They let him go with the car, unharmed, in the middle of the night. The ringleader was later caught and convicted with a 20-year sentence. My husband, Nat, was hospitalized twice in the early fall with two serious and unrelated emergencies, but he is fine now. We are just grateful to be together and in one piece. The kidnapping was quite dramatic for my son, who gets around on a walker or in a wheelchair and has numerous medical problems; but he kept his cool and I think that helped him survive. He was pretty traumatized for a while and moved to another (undisclosed)

location far from where he'd lived. It's a much safer place." There now, wasn't it interesting to read that? If you don't want to have your own Facebook page, you could just post on the WCAA page and perhaps end up happily connecting with another alumna you've lost touch with. And, Ingrid, I am so happy that your son's story had a happy ending.

According to the Christmas letter I received from peripatetic **Helen Potts Felsenthal**, she and husband Norm, who are "both in good health" and love to travel, are taking advantage of that happy state to attend various special events involving family and/or television. Think Bat and Bar Mitzvahs, graduations, and Emmy awards. I admire Helen's equanimity. No matter what is going on she seems to stay calm and unflustered. I love to read "in good health" in letters these days; enjoy, Helen.

In **Jo Haines Huntsinger's** New Year's Day e-mail she wrote of her plan to put away the Christmas things and then get "ORGANIZED" and of her long list of things to be done. Just as I was beginning to commiserate (thinking of my own long list), she added, "Wouldn't it be sad not to have any goals?" and I realized that I feel the same way. Do you think it's the Western spirit still kicking in? I am constantly reminded when I read your letters of how strongly Western friendships endure.

Joanne Vyse Jung and husband Dick seldom miss a chance on their frequent trips around the country (19 states last summer) to stop in Benton, AR, to see **Gilberta Rickel** who lives in a nursing home there. Joanne reports that Gilberta's mind and spirit are both fine, although her body is not strong. This year's stop was on the way to Texas to meet their first great-grandchild, Jaxon Allen. Later in the year Joanne and Dick celebrated their 56th anniversary "dining in the Chattanooga Choo Choo dining car." *Editor's note: Sadly, news reached us that Gilberta passed away February 23, 2012.*

Barbara Williams Kearns is as irrepressible as ever. She mentions that she does have emphysema, but she just treats it "as a nuisance" and goes about her gardening and other activities as usual. She stays in touch with Jim Helm, widower of **Sheila Thompson Helm**, who has become involved with local theater, taking classes, building sets, and acting to help fill the void left after his years of care-giving for Sheila.

Nancy Haas Osborn writes that she was very proud of her city, Indianapolis, IN, which received compliments for being clean and friendly from all the visitors who flooded in for the Super Bowl. As a change from cheering for the Giants, last November Nancy directed her attention to her grandson's wedding, and this spring she began looking forward to her granddaughter's college graduation.

(How can our granddaughters be graduating from college? Wasn't it just a very few years ago that we were all at Western?)

"I'm off to Kenya and Tanzania tomorrow with a girlfriend on a safari. Jeff didn't want to go but is fine with me going—lucky me!" So wrote my indefatigable roommate, **Patty Van Auken Robinson**, adding that when she got home she would keep busy with "senior exercise classes, Yoga and two book clubs." Since the Robinsons had traveled earlier in the year — snapshots of them in Florence and at the Hermitage were on their Christmas card — I think I'd be like Jeff and skip the safari in favor of more reading on the recliner, as in another snapshot on the card. But if you ever want proof of the beneficial effects of regular Yoga practice, you just have to look at Patty.

From **Charlotte Leary Ross** comes the welcome news that husband Joe's cancer is still in remission, so that the Rosses can continue to take their daily walks and to keep up with the younger members of the family, including grandson Ben, who is training to become a member of a "Para Rescue" team, and first great-grandchild, Joseph. Since Joseph will be over a year old by the time you read this, I imagine (remembering my own sons as little boys) that keeping up with him will be as challenging as it will be fun.

Suzanne Schmidt Smith and daughter-in-law Janice traveled together to southern England to learn about and see the Hampton Court Flower Show. Although Suzanne thought the gardens lovely, it sounds as though the highlight of the trip for her was a long weekend in London "with a day at Court 2 at Wimbledon. That sounds like my kind of trip—I mean, the gardens and the weekend in London, although (heresy!) I'd skip the tennis.

Carol Lee Silvernail Swager, like many of us, is grateful for the blessings of the past year — in Carol Lee's case, especially for September's safe return from Afghanistan (after a year there) of grandson, Joel; husband Warren's news that he needn't have chemo after the successful removal of an "ugly" tumor and a section of the large colon; and the most recent blessing, the birth on December 20 of the Swagers' first great-grandchild, a boy. (2011 was a big year for great-grandsons: Swagers, Rosses, and Jungs. If we had any great-granddaughters, no one told me, but I'd love to hear.)

As for Karl and me — well, we've had better years. After a trip to the dentist, Karl's trigeminal neuralgia, nicknamed by some the "suicide disease," flared up and lasted an unprecedented (for him) three months of intense pain. Then our financial situation bumped up against the national economy with unfortunate results. As a result, we gave up our condo, which was getting too big for us anyway, and are now happily settled in a

smaller but perfectly adequate house in a nearby neighborhood. I wouldn't want to go through the experience again, but it was heart-warming and humbling to see the way our eight kids came together to help us figure out what to do. Each had his own expertise to offer, and we couldn't be more grateful.

In retrospect, I have to dub 2011 "the year of no writing," but 2012 has begun well. I turned in the revision of my Paul Laurence Dunbar biography/anthology to my editor at Candlewick, and I am waiting to hear the pub date for *Sunday Shopping*, my next picture book, from Lee & Low. Till next year then, friends. Stay in touch!

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Reunion '12: Celebrate 55 years!

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We, the members of the class of '58 continue to face each day, with a positive attitude, as we bravely attack numerous challenges, while enjoying the fruits of our labors, which often include children and grandchildren if you take it literally. Otherwise, we reach out to others within the community, church, and/or family (with enthusiasm), tackle mind-boggling crossword puzzles or Sudoku (occasionally), grow our own vegetable gardens (if the soil and weather permit), eat healthy foods (most of the time), and travel to exotic places of the world (some of us). We remember each other in our thoughts and prayers, send silent messages of healing and loving vibes to one another, and cherish and feel the power of friendship.

Our loving thoughts go out to **Karla Noell Galantay**, in her time of grief. "My husband had been talking about suicide for a long time. I didn't believe him, and when I started to, it was too late. On October 30, the day before our 52nd wedding anniversary, he went up to the Gornegrat, (opposite the Mount Blanc) found a chapel which was open and empty, lay down on his jacket and shot himself in the head with an army pistol. I try to keep busy and do a lot of dog-

walking, but the emptiness of the house sometimes gets to me." She sent love to everyone. You can lean on us, Karla, anytime. We send our deepest sympathies.

Polly Smith Venable sent news of an eventful year: "In March, daughter Cricket was notified she would be promoted to Colonel, the end of October. She then received orders be Deputy Commander of the Medical Group at Misawa AFB, Japan leaving in late August. I spent a week with her in mid-July as she planned for the move, relaxing over the weekend, at a Rolling Thunder picnic (Rolling Thunder is the motorcycle group that rides through the Washington mall on Memorial Day). I spent a wonderful weekend riding 300 miles on the back of a Harley. September brought a visit to Ohio to visit with my son's family, enjoyed my 9-year-old grandson playing in a fourth-grade football game. Over Halloween I visited DC for my daughter's promotion ceremony, she returned from Japan so all of us could be there — her father, me, our son and grandson, along with colleagues and friends from the DC area. Happy New Year to all! Peace and Happiness to all!"

Polly Martin Hawver writes: "Derek and I keep busy with family get-togethers. We just returned from Rome where we spent Christmas with our daughter's family. It was amazing to be at St. Peter's Basilica for the Christmas Mass! In February, I'll start back to classes at Hopkins' program for seniors. Miss Bliss would NOT approve of my newfound interest in opera; however, the professor is fantastic. I promise not to sing!! Can't believe I was allowed to be an alternate in Western's choir. Hope you all have a healthy and rewarding year ahead. I'm always glad to have visitors if you want to come to the DC area. Beautiful museums and monuments await you."

June Regan Young sends her best wishes. She sings and paints regardless of joint pains. Keep smiling, June.

Juli Beasley Kinchla's words describing the past year may certainly apply to all of us: "There was a balance — some hard things to deal with, some new goals realized, some wonderful family times, and of course, every week a new ache or pain somewhere. But no serious problems and that, as we know by now, is a gift." Juli plans on retirement in mid-2012.

Betty Strong Miller plans a special week of traveling with each of her grandchildren when they turn 12. This has included treks with llamas in New Mexico and cow poking in Wyoming. Betty hosted me in her home. She drove me to northern New Jersey to retrieve my violin after having the necessary work done on it to put it in top condition. Now, Betty's house is up for sale, and she faces some new experiences often known as the unknown.

Marie Uveges Holt enjoys retirement by staying busy with many activities designed to keep both mind and body in good shape, as she interacts with grandchildren who live nearby. She has battled a few of those ailments that seem to hit us as we get older, but she has come through victorious.

Phyllis Yeamans Bailey and husband have decided that the time has come to close their prosperous orchid business, in favor of concentrating on their time together, and with children and grandchildren.

Jocelyn Wilkins Wilks is working on a biography of her mother, who died this year at almost 100 years old. Also, Jos has been involved in civic organizations, which included hosting a community Christmas open house for 100 families; completing a semester in American Sign Language, deaf culture, and deaf history; and taking art and pottery classes.

Carol Towne Schaub writes: "One outstanding event was that when daughter Melissa and family came for their visit in June, Melissa and I took the two boys (5 and 7) to Sea World for the day and had a wonderful time. They had more endurance than we had expected, so we stayed later than we thought that we would. They wanted to sit in the "splash zone" at the Shamu show, and happily they did get a little wet on Shamu's final splashing pass. They also talked Melissa into going on the Return to Atlantis roller coaster with them, they wanted to get wet on the descent into the pool on that one. Other than that it was a quiet year for us, a little quilting, a lot of singing and visits from family."

Singing was such a special part of our Western days, and now I find that the words in the song made famous by Josh Groban may apply to each of us.

*When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary
When trouble come and my heart burdened be
Then I am still and wait here in the silence
Until you come and sit awhile with me.*

*You raise me up so I can stand on mountains
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas
I am strong when I am on your shoulders
You raise me up to more than I can be.*

Here in Melbourne, FL, the welcome mat is out for any of you who may want to bask in the sun, enjoy my gourmet cooking (otherwise known as simple, homestyle), and close the gap of the years since we last saw each other. I am grateful for my children and nine grandchildren who are my reason to be. My passion and my preoccupation remains my violin studio, with now over 30 students from the ages of 3 to adult. I use my own method books which haven't been published yet, for various reasons, but I am learning to accept this. I also enjoy reading with no more cataracts, and usually choose nonfiction. I pray each day for peace, both

within and without, and I send you all my love and wishes for a truly great new year.

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The WCAA office passed along the sad news from her husband, Bill, of the unexpected and peaceful death of **Emmy-Lou Lehman Hammer-Greschel** over a year ago. She was interred by her loving family at Arlington National Cemetery.

In the spirit of Western's international emphasis, **Claudia "Whit" White Gilmartin** has joined Friendship Force in Maine. Their emphasis is international travel and hosting. The former took her on a three-week visit to New Zealand in March. This summer the group will host a group of Kiwis. A contingent from Belgium will join them in the fall. Whit and family, including all the grands, are doing well. Claudia temporarily dropped off the class of 1960 list; she is in Maine: 14 Bobcat Ln., Berwick ME 03901; e-mail, jogilm@comcast.net.

Jay and **Susie Williams Keefer** spend much of their time traveling between their nine grandchildren which span in age from brand new to the first high school graduate. The offspring live in Washington, Utah and Florida. Two high school reunions and a medical school 50th also kept them on the road.

The theme of **Sara White Arn's** year has also been traveling: from a river cruise up the Rhine to Antwerp, to a family wedding in Minneapolis, to a niece's graduation from the Air Force Academy, to a grandson's Marine Corps Phase I graduation in Quantico, VA. The enormous spring melt made the Mississippi flood its banks last summer thereby compromising nearby homes including the Arns' summer house.

The weather also caused problems for the Bensons in Medina, OH. Otherwise Pete and **Sydney Stout Benson's** year was a

good one, including lots of travel to visit family and friends, three trips to the Finger Lakes and two to California to spend time with their 3-year-old twin grandsons. Cluster home living has allowed them more free time to hike, dance, volunteer at church and join a book club.

Roomie **Sally Hoover Harris** and husband Tom in Tennessee have just added a sixth grandchild to their family. This is the first one to live close to the Harrises so needless to say the grandparents are spending lots of time on the road between home and baby. Tom lost his brother and Sally, her best friend this year, so it has been a year of extreme contrasts.

Kathie Howard Sutherland continues her varied interests and specialties with great energy. For the first time in 18 years she taught an undergraduate course, this time at the University of Southern Maine. With an experienced eye on the events in Egypt and the Arab Spring last year, she participated in several local presentations. Both Kathie and husband John also taught courses at USM's Senior College. Their major trip was to Tuscany where the food was superb and supreme! She continues to paint and they participate in readers' theater groups.

Valerie Clark Cook enjoys visits with her three grown-up grandchildren — all taller than she — and her 96-year-old mother still thriving on the Cape. Her best trip this year was to the Panama Canal. She also volunteers at the Assistance League of Atlanta.

Welcoming home to Indiana son Joe from Qatar was probably the highlight of Dennis and **Patty Rees Dewey's** year. But they were also in on many grandchildren's birthdays and enjoyed a trip with friends to England. The cruise happened to land them at Southampton on the day of THE royal wedding which Patty promises was unplanned. So they were able to watch all the festivities at a coastal pub with the locals. On the difficult side, Joe seriously broke his leg in a training course and Dennis had surgery to correct an ascending aortic aneurysm. Both reportedly have recovered well.

Christine Dempf Saari has completed two projects that have been years in the making. The first, the final installation of her art work — called *Family Album* — at their Austrian farm's Gallery in the Hayloft. The work depicts three generations of a 20th-century European family (hers) but also speaks of such universal themes as love and death, war and displacement, immigration, loss and survival. Her second project is a self-published book called *Love and War at Stag Farm, The Story of Hirschengut, an Austrian Mountain Farm, 1938-1948*. The well-researched work is based on her parents' correspondence and farm journals during the strife-ridden war years of her early childhood. It will be available on Amazon.

A delightful e-mail from **Ann Gingrich Kuehn** in Cincinnati reports that she and husband Ed welcomed grandbaby number 12; their oldest is 22. The Kuehns enjoyed a river boat trip from Amsterdam to Istanbul. There were bicycles on board which allowed them close-up sightseeing at various stops. Then on to Venice followed by Paris. Their tour of the Normandy beaches was the highlight of the trip for Ann. She observes that many classmates are celebrating 50 years of marriage about now. She is too, she says, but with two different husbands, each for 25!

Don and **Betty Milligan Kipp** have traveled north and west from Savannah to spend time with family. Two of their grandkids are 16 and both are driving. The Kipps motored up the entire West Coast of the country, ending in Seattle this spring. She reminisces about the fun we all had at our 50th.

Continuing the travel theme that permeates these notes, **Sally "Doodie" Allen Masters** writes from Naples, FL., that she spends time in Boston and Atlanta visiting kids and grandkids. She also took a cruise from Montreal to Boston and went with Road Scholars to the Utah and Arizona canyons. While back in her hometown of Cincinnati she visited Coop and **Cathy Bauer Cooper** in their "house in the woods," which she loved.

Coopers became confirmed snowbirds, returning to St. Simons Island, GA, for two months — January and February — this year. While there, they took full advantage of the hospitality of Jim and **Suzanne Rhodes Crankshaw '59**, permanent residents of the island.

Although it has not slowed her down, our California girl, **Connie Everett Cunningham**, is now on oxygen 24/7 — too much time in the dorm "smokers" even though she quit the habit 21 years ago. She vacationed in the southeast for a week with her cousin. She does water aerobics and rides her bike along the coast for 5-6 miles several times a week. She and partner Antonia spent time this spring in a Mexican resort where everything was taken care of! "Life is good with an attitude of gratitude," comments philosopher Cunningham.

From Mexico **Isabel Oteo Martinez** reports that this past year held no special trips, happenings or activities. Her husband's Parkinson's gets worse each day so he needs a lot of care. She does take time out for herself, however, to swim, bicycle and dance. Last year's training course for caregivers has helped her learn to meditate. Her new MagicJack phone # is 646-312-74-86; reachable from the states at the local calling rate. She would love to hear from you.

Annette "Toni" Power Johnson writes from Somerset, NJ, of her visits to San Francisco to see son and grandchildren and to

Michigan to see sister Jackie. She enjoyed a trip with Road Scholars to explore the Utah canyons. In February the family gathered in New Jersey to celebrate Toni's husband's 90th birthday.

A walking culinary tour of the Amalfi Coast was the highlight of sister **Jackie Power Sheldrick's** year. Time in Rome and Naples preceded the tour which included visiting private homes where they helped prepare awesome dinners. Jackie also plays golf, bridge and generally enjoys her free unstructured time in Battle Creek. E-mail for Jackie: sheljack@comcast.net

All is well for her family in Idaho, reports **Nancy Johnson Marshall**. 2011 was just the usual — travel, family and friends. However, she says, "Idaho is such a conservative state that I don't know how I'm going to survive this election year. I'm definitely a blue girl in a red state!"

Great to hear from **Carol Cooper Henry** in Cohasset, MA. Husband Bill is about to semi-retire his surgery duties at his veterinary practice. Exciting news about son Bill, who had lunch last fall with Mike Nichols and Diane Sawyer in preparation for editing Steven Spielberg's new TV series, *Smash*, for NBC. Daughter Annie has qualified for the Half Ironman Worlds in Las Vegas this fall. Younger son Charlie and family live nearby.

From Norwalk, CT, **Nancy Kohlman Freeman** writes of a mixed bag year for the family. Mostly for health reasons. But all are now on the mend. Two occasions highlighted the year: their third son was married and a Russian riverboat cruise took Nancy and husband Peter to beautiful St. Petersburg and Moscow. Nancy reports that standing in the middle of Red Square was awesome.

Mary Flagler Rachau has had a difficult year. Husband Ernie passed away in April of 2011. And to top things off, everything that could go wrong with her house did so during the rest of the year! Friends and her children have helped Mary keep her sanity. Please note that future e-mails should be sent to her in care of her daughter: erachau@hotmail.com.

Ann Hammond wrote in mid-March to report that she is finally out of the hospital after three months following an automobile accident in Ohio. She is now happily at home in California but continues to have difficulty walking.

The theme of our year was called "weather." A torrential rain in June built up water in our drains which eventually emptied into the house causing damage on all four floors. Hurricane Irene in August tore off the roof of our condo building in southern New Jersey and the premature snow storm Alfred in October caused Halloween to be officially



Christine Saari '60, holding long-awaited opus

canceled. The latter two storms also knocked out our electricity for a total of 13 days. But no one was hurt and we are now enjoying all the forced improvements. Thanks, everyone, for writing!

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For those of you who heeded the call, we thank you and are most grateful that you took some time to share your news with us. We look forward to even more classmate and Western friend updates next year.

Faith Evans sent both a card and an e-mail. She is still working four days a week as a therapist in a behavioral health clinic and would like to cut back her hours a bit more. Faith mourns the loss of her pet house rabbit, Bunnie, who died at age 6. She enjoyed spending time this past summer at her camp in Maine, where she welcomed the visits of many friends. "The fall was busy, as I had a knee injury (from the canoe) and also needed to locate a new insurance co. to insure our Maine island. Then, unexpectedly, in December, I ended up in the hospital with a rare tick bite, called Ehrlichiosis, and also anemia. Be careful ... there are more ticks out there than the Lyme disease tick. No fun and am still recovering." Faith is involved with local Democrats and plans to work with them throughout this year, especially for the election of Elizabeth Warren for the U.S. Senate. Faith was looking forward to attending her nephew's wedding in North Carolina in February and hopes to see you all in 2014 at our 50th Reunion.

On Dec.31, Faith visited **Vivien Despotopoulos Forbes**, who is in a long-term care facility, and they had a great lunch. She says hi to you all, and is doing well. It's a small facility, with lots of activities; and one of her daughters lives only 10 minutes away.

Jan Wood Beaven wrote that she's had a good year. She continues her involvement with community work on the boards of Trinity Church, Beacon Hill Seminars, and First Night Boston, as well as on the advisory board of Environment Northeast. Jan traveled to Vietnam, Cambodia, and France; did strategic planning work with a historic museum; and had — "best of all — good times with and much joy from children and grandchildren. Still value my Western education. Best to all for 2012."

Dee Weaver Kleckner remembers "the Western days with such fondness" and hopes to get to a Reunion soon. The past year has been "uneventful but lovely. We continue to divide our year between Sandusky, OH, and Green Valley, AZ. We feel that we really have the best of both worlds. Our daughter, Laura, has moved to Portland, OR, so we had a lot of fun investigating that state as well. I continue to enjoy learning Spanish, volunteering at the food banks in both communities, singing in the church choir, and being a member of a lively book group. I am also trying pilates. Both Roger and I are enjoying good health, a great gift at our age! It is always fun to catch up on our class, and I will look forward to reading everyone's news!"

Nancy Bergmann Killough began her e-mail: "Not much new to report from us this year, and that's not a bad thing. It's a bit of a trick to think of anything significant after last year's busyness with reunions, anniversaries, and an overseas wedding." Nancy's family remains healthy, including Mike's

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From Hanna Furmanava, MU '14, recipient of International Student Scholarship:

I am from Belarus ... pursuing major degrees in Finance, Accounting and minor in Decision Sciences. Currently I have a 3.71 cumulative GPA that I am proud of. I am on the tennis team at Miami. My schedule is very busy with a lot of practices, travelling, games ... during my free time, I work at the Chemistry Department and have an internship at the Athletic Department. I like Miami University and Oxford a lot ... a town with a great school, nature, history and beauty ...



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From Ryan Kincaid, MU '12, recipient of Alumnae

Scholarship: *I very much appreciate your support through this generous program. Especially in these difficult times, it takes a considerable amount of pressure off my family and me ... I am continuing my studies in Diplomacy and Global Politics with a minor in German and European Area Studies. I had the fantastic opportunity to study abroad at the MUDEC in Luxembourg ... [but] it is good to be back on the campus that means so much to me. I have applied for a summer internship with the Department of State and am waiting anxiously to hear back ...*



From Nancy Odero, MU '15, recipient of Herrick Black Young & Mboya Family International Scholarships:



I am a first year student at Miami University ... writing to express my heartfelt gratitude. I have been able to attend a university I never believed was within my reach and have been able to learn so many new things from a lot of very wonderful people, because of the wonderful opportunity you have afforded me. I pray for everlasting blessings in your lives and hope to represent my country [Kenya] and your scholarship to the best of my ability. ... I hope to make you all proud while at Miami.

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Anniversary year classes contributed **\$5,840.**
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TOTAL REUNION/CLASS GIFTS \$12,203
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Total for Western College Professorship \$12,203

Gifts for Reunion 2011 supported the Western College Endowed Professorship.

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TOTAL CLUB GIFTS \$665

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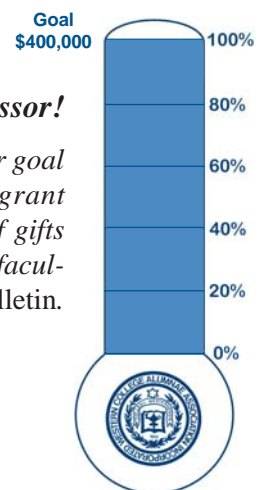
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WESTERN COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, INC.

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

MODIFIED CASH BASIS

December 31, 2011 and 2010

ASSETS	2011	2010
Cash	\$81,340 (b)	\$68,825 (b)
Investments (Market Value)	\$195,604 (c)	\$210,415 (c)
Other Assets		
Antiques and Art	\$39,875	\$39,875
Gift Shop Inventory	\$13,228	\$15,110
Total Other Assets	\$53,103	\$54,985
TOTAL ASSETS	\$330,047	\$334,225
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Sales Tax Payable	\$18	\$20
Fund Balance	\$330,029	\$334,205
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$330,047	\$334,225

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND FUND BALANCE

MODIFIED CASH BASIS

Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

REVENUES	2011	2010
Alumnae Giving:		
Annual Fund Gifts	\$72,904	\$66,077
Reunion Gifts	\$12,365	\$20,638
Endowment Gifts	\$120,032 (c)	\$130,967 (c)
Total Giving	\$205,301	\$217,682
Other Revenues and Additions:		
Alumnae Weekend Revenue	\$10,977	\$15,588
Auction Proceeds, Alumnae Weekend	\$2,398	\$0
Gift Shop, Patterson Place, Misc. Revenue	\$1,373	\$2,675
Interest and Dividend Income	\$1,843	\$2,472
Gain (Loss) on Investment	(\$7,165)	\$23,584
Total Other Revenues and Additions	\$9,426	\$44,319
TOTAL REVENUES AND ADDITIONS	\$214,727	\$262,001

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

(b) Cash of \$81,190 is held by Miami University for the benefit of the WCAA.

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

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

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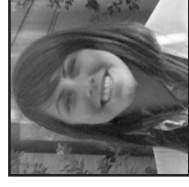
In addition to the above figures, for fiscal year 2010-2011, Miami University provided allotments of \$176,200 for salaries and benefits.

Miami University also maintains the interior and exterior of Patterson Place and grounds.

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND FUND BALANCE

MODIFIED CASH BASIS, continued

EXPENSES	2011	2010
Alumnae Relations (including <i>The Bulletin</i> , Clubs, and Annual Reunion)	\$36,418	\$32,818
Fundraising and Stewardship Operations	\$6,982	\$8,079
Patterson Place Expenses	\$12,650	\$11,829
	\$1,046 (e)	\$1,093 (e)
Education: (d)		
Archives	\$291	\$560
International Scholarships	\$3,500	\$750
Peabody Scholarships	\$4,224	\$7,020
Special Educational Programs	\$0	\$306
Total Education	\$8,015 (d)	\$8,636 (d)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$65,111	\$62,455
TRANSFERS		
Annual/Reunion Gifts to MU Foundation	\$31,362	\$35,292
Auction Proceeds to MU Foundation	\$2,398	\$0
Endowment Gifts to MU Foundation	\$120,032 (c)	\$130,967 (c)
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$153,792	\$166,259
TOTAL EXPENSES/TRANSFERS	\$218,903	\$228,714
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(\$4,176)	\$33,287
Fund Balance Beginning of the Year	\$334,205	\$300,918
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$330,029	\$334,205



Alumnae Scholarships

Richard Yeager
Ryan Kincaid
Chelsea Jones
Julie Mullen

Donor-Designated Awards/Scholarships

Catharine A. Gerber Technology Award
No award
Meed-Zearley-Clingman Scholarship
New Scholarship
Hieronymus Family Scholarship
Brittney Brigner
Amie Butcher
Ellen Grunewald
Kristen Hanson
Alicia Norrod
Carisa Servis
Harriet Gebhart Hieronymus Scholarship
Ellen Grunewald
Lois McCullough Whitter WCAA Scholarship
Hannah Mills

Grace Perkins (Australia)
Ellen Spence (France)
Benjamin Swofford (Finland)
Joseph Thoms & Sarah Darnall Resor Schp.
Geoffrey Blackwell (Mexico)
Katherine Burns (Costa Rica)
Kayla Easterling (Costa Rica)
Angel Evans (Chile)
Cori Hedrick (Costa Rica)
William Langley (Costa Rica)
Stacey Mighton (France)
Melody Montano (Germany)
Grace Perkins (Australia)
Ellen Spence (France)
Benjamin Swofford (Finland)
Alice Schacht Salt International Study Schp.
Garrett Smith (Spain)
Rowena Snyder Scholarship
Lindsey Ruff (Italy)
Amy Scherpenberg (Nicaragua)
Nicole Sheldon (France)
Keiana Smith-McDowell (Finland)
Ellen Spence (France)
Edith H. von Tacky Scholarship
Melissa Ford (South Africa)
Andrew Gantt (Brazil)
Erica Norman (Belize)
Manal Osman (South Korea)
Susan Ray Woodworth Luxembourg Schp.
Tara Cartwright (Luxembourg)
Lydia Zimmerman Scholarship
Allison Polgar (Italy)
General International Exchange/
Study Abroad Scholarships
Jennifer Brunner (Vienna)
Sarah Ball (Japan)
Elizabeth Baran (Japan)
Geoffrey Blackwell (Mexico)
James Leow (Mexico)
Stacey Mighton (France)
Melody Montano (Germany)
Ellen Spence (France)
Benjamin Swofford (Finland)
Fernanda Victoria-Bojali (Mexico)

2011-2012 Scholarship Recipients

Fine Arts Scholarship

No Award

Memorial Scholarship

No Award

Multicultural Scholarships: International

Grace Chu Scholarship
Pema Sadutshang (India)
Herrick Black Young Scholarship
Nancy Otero (Kenya)
Mboya Family Scholarship
Nancy Otero (Kenya)
General Multicultural Scholarship: Intl.
Nhung Nguyen (Vietnam)
Kunduz Rysbek (Kyrgyzstan)
International Student Scholarship
Hanna Furmanava (Belarus)
Pema Sadutshang (India)

Multicultural Scholarships: U.S. Resident

R/L/V Scholarship
Alexander Lewis
Brandon Sonoda
Meredith Cole
Nicole McKee
Saurabh Mehta
Sruthi Ramakrishnan
General Multicultural Schp: U.S. Resident
Daniela Santisteban
Jessica Vasquez

Peabody Scholarships

Faith Wilcox Barrington Scholarship
New scholarship
Margaret Wilmer Bartlet Intl. Studies Schp.
New scholarship
Fritzi Mueller Beckett Scholarship
Renae Ayres
Susan Cavalaris
Marian F. Hawk Scholarship
Ashley Manson
Kathy Cook
Renae Ayres
Malcolm D. Hill Scholarship
Angela Andrews

Dawn Hounshell
Dean Chance
Phyllis Hoyt Scholarship
Amber Rea
Andrea Lewis
Ashley Manson
Dominique Smith
Barbara Frazey Kenney Scholarship
Angelica Gladish
Ashley Sanders
Cynthia Johnson
Keri Bowman
Mary West Liggett Scholarship
Chrystal Butler
Richard Mathes
E. Ramona Newton Manners Scholarship
Chauntia Caudill
Tricia Neu
Helen Kaslo Osgood Scholarship
Michael Schmidt
Scott Chapel
Rowena Snyder Scholarship
Beverly Robertson
Heidi Fella-siens
Susan Parker
Mary Wylie Wilson Scholarship
Angelica Gladish
General Peabody Scholarship
Andrea Lewis
Kelly Spurlock
Michele Teegarden
Scott Chapel
Angela Andrews
Heather Walker
Jennifer Pugh
Jessica Haines
Renae Ayres
Tricia Neu

Trustee Scholarships

Colin Matsumoto
Megan Rigano
Taylor Seitz
Rikki Teeters
Rita Skiba

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THE NARKA NELSON CIRCLE

WESTERN'S PLANNED GIVING SOCIETY

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

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

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



Ruth Repass Wheeler '35
Jeanne Ott Saunders '40
Ruth Harry Hathaway '41
Beth Shirk Bevan '45
Nancy Ann Myers '46
Martha Hall Wedeman '46
Jane Alexander Durrell '47
Emily W. Greenland '47
Mary-Garnett Tillinghast '47
Dorothy Mershon Armistead '48
Julia Ashcraft Armstrong '48
Margaret McKee Seder '48
Ann Niehaus Tobias '50
Marjorie Grahn Winter '50
Grete Stern Wrede '51
Jo Ann Fley '52
Elizabeth Sipe Gerber '52
Catherine Ross Loveland '52
Sue Off Schroepe '52
Gloria Wilson Sylvester '52
Betty Jean Wright '52
Mary Culver Daniels '53
Sandra Franz Barnes '54
Miriam Chesslin '54
Lucy Liggett '54
Maria Van Waveren Smit '54
Sandra Grimes Abouzeid-Surico '57

Lois Rehm Koch '57
Mary Ann Fichtner Mountain '57
Rosa Ewing Goldman '58
Caroline Kawallek Manildi '58
Ann Ferguson Zeigler '59
Anne Adkins Weissenborn '61
Susan Berryhill Hill '63
Joan Kowalski Jordan '63
Lynne Drucker Albukerk '64
Faith A. Evans '64
Yvette Small Hohler '64
Patricia Spokes Snowden '64
Faith W. Barrington '65
Charlotte A. Dickerson '66
Ann E. Walton '66
Patricia A. Jayson '68
Barbara Williamson Wentz '68
Mary Kelly Felice '70
Ann M. Powell '73
Christine Moranda '74
Elizabeth Salt '74
Lorna Jordan '81
Ann Rosenfield '83
Curtis W. Ellison HA
Burton and Diane Kaufman FF, HA
Judy Kalbfus Waldron HA
David A. Rook and Svetlana Beros Rook FR

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mother, who was looking forward to a December celebration of her 96th birthday. "We had our annual trip to Cape Cod in July. All immediate family was present except for Charlie, who was again serving as a camp counselor in Colorado with the Knights of Heroes (for boys whose fathers have died during their service to our country). In September, Mike enjoyed his third annual trip to Maryland for a long golf weekend with Scott, and, of course, entertaining the three grandchildren!" Nancy did a lot of volunteering at church and supervised some "long overdue" interior painting in their home of 41 years. She was looking forward to welcoming Scott's family to their Christmas celebration, as well as frequent visits from Susan's family (from west of Ft. Worth), especially as the cousins have such a great time together.

Nancy McGregor Nowak reported: "Being retired, things don't seem to change much from day to day, but we do try to stay busy. I still volunteer at the Dayton Art Institute, Catch the Building Spirit (associated with Habitat for Humanity), Christ Child Society, and help wash dogs at our son's businesses (Wash your Dog). We spend our summers in Muskoka, Ontario, at our cottage there, and travel as much as we can. This year we are going to South Africa as well as on a family cruise to Aruba. Our twin granddaughters are tweens now and live in Taos, NM."

Betsy Haakinson Breziner still lives in Dover "in the metrowest Boston area" and is a full broker selling real estate at Coldwell Banker in Wellesley. "My daughter Allison lives close by and runs her own dog (and all other animals) walking and house sitting business. My daughter Amanda and her husband Brian live in Arlington, VA, and she works for a large commercial real estate company. They are expecting my first grandchild in May, so we are having a very exciting year."

The highlight of **Carolyn Moss Ford's** year was the wedding of daughter Melissa and Dan on Fox Island, Puget Sound, near Seattle, in August. It was a spectacular day. "Frederick's Manor on the water overlooking Mt. Rainier was an amazing venue, and while all details evolved beautifully, I was unprepared for the emotional side. The ceremony was unique and their vows so loving and meaningful! Melissa and Dan orchestrated all in their own style." Mossy's son Chris still lives in Revelstoke, BC, and works as a forest firefighter in the summer and is a lumberjack in the winter, fighting the pine beetle boreer that is devastating so many of the trees in the west. Son Andrew loves his first year of veterinary work at Erin Mills Pet Hospital. He and Lindsay live in Acton and have an equal commute to both jobs. Husband David "is working as hard as ever but promises to cut back when we downsize our home. Plans are underway. I con-

tinue with the Garden Club, Ivy Society, golf, and advertising and marketing for our lake newsletter. Unfortunately, a fall in November resulted in a fractured sternum and progressively my wrists have been affected so no skiing this season. I'm trying a combo of doctors and the naturopathic route ... Find it very frustrating! As Jane Fonda says, this age period is Prime Time ... I totally agree!"

Patricia Spokes Snowden wrote that the only new thing in her life is that she spent five months re-doing her 3½ baths. "Nuf said!" Patricia's choir sang both the 11 a.m. Eucharist and 4 p.m. Vespers at St. John the Divine in May (2011), for the second time (having also done it in 2010). "Juliane left her position as senior vice president at an investor relations firm in November and has started her own firm, also doing investor relations, still principally for biotechs, but at a much higher level than before. Things are going well."

Cory Hollister Carpenter and Joe are still enjoying retirement. "We help our son, Joseph, by babysitting whenever he has to work 24 hours or more (as a paid fireman). This Christmas was especially nice, since we had all four grandchildren at our house. Also, my sister, **Theda Hollister Wolfe '66**, has recently moved back to southern New York from the Buffalo area. We still try to spend about three months near Tampa, FL, to get away from the ice and snow. Joe's parents are still alive and living in their own home (97 and 94). This keeps everyone busy, but we try to work with Joe's sister who lives closer."

Mary Prentiss Ryder and her husband have lived in the Missouri Ozarks for 21 years, "and we continue to love the lifestyle of this lakeside living. Our twin daughters live in the area as well, so we continue to enjoy the proximity of being with our two local grandchildren who are now in high school. Our son lives in the St. Louis area, so we're fortunate to see their 6-year-old son often. Diane and her family live in Birmingham, AL, where she is a neurologist. Bob and I have our hobbies — woodcarving for Bob and quilting for me. Also, we head up our local food pantry. Travels remain domestic — Texas, North Carolina, Gulf shores. Several years ago we hosted two foreign exchange students, and the German girl returns every summer, so we're looking forward to Franzi's return this summer, once again."

Marcia Randlett Oder e-mailed: "Not much news from the Oders for the past year. Robin is still consulting — he will never fully retire and therefore neither will I. Had several wonderful visits from our granddaughter, who is now a sophomore at UC San Diego. We keep talking about downsizing but also keep postponing any move. Fortunately, both of us have been relatively healthy. Am enjoying my time on the WCAA Board and

thank all of you who made the Western College Professorship possible."

Betty Treiber Ahrens wrote "from the Northwest Hills of Connecticut. We spent two weeks in Germany for the Oktoberfest and to celebrate the first birthday and christening of Bill's great-niece. Went back for one week for Christmas. The day before our big New Year's Eve party in NYC, I learned that I had a stress fracture of my foot. No dancing. I'm now wearing a 'boot' for the next month. Not much fun. I can still go to the gym, but no cardio. I volunteer as an usher, ticket taker, or concessionaire at the local historic theater and have seen some great shows. Both Bill and I are truly enjoying our two Chesapeake Bay retrievers. They are so funny playing together. Nothing really exciting going on, but we're having fun and enjoying retirement."

Gay Nellis Walker reported: "Life goes on, and I am totally amazed that age 70 is looming. I sure don't feel like 70! I'm still working part-time, swimming and walking and playing Mah Jong. Oh, and I got out the novel I wrote about seven years ago, and am finally trying to do the rewrite. I have a really good teacher and an online class for support and feedback. Life is good."

On behalf of our class, may I express our heartfelt condolences to **Gypsy Kimball Richardson** on the passing of her husband, Randall, on Sept. 24, 2011, after a long battle with congestive heart failure. Gypsy wrote that during the first part of 2011, they got to travel quite a bit and really enjoy each other's company. "We spent our anniversary in January on a wonderful cruise. We were aboard the *Allure of the Seas*, the Royal Caribbean's largest and newest ship. It was quite an adventure. We decided to splurge and took a two-deck suite. We sampled all the wonderful restaurants on board and not once went to a regular dining room. We got to swim with the dolphins, which is something I had always wanted to do. Also, I tried the zip line experience, would you believe, on the ship, for the first time. In April 2011, we went to Disney World with Randall's business partner and his wife and kids. They have become like children and grandchildren to us. We had a wonderful time." In June, Gypsy and Randall enjoyed visiting Williamsburg and Jamestown. In August, they returned to Gatlinburg, an annual trip with Randall's partner and his family, and also visited Ober Gatlinburg on their own. Randall entered the hospital soon after.

Gypsy is now back to traveling: to Cincinnati for the christening of her niece's twin girls; to Connecticut for Thanksgiving with her sister's family; in mid-December for a week with her sister, Sherry, and brother-in-law in Pisgah Forest, NC, where she heard a performance of Handel's Messiah, saw an enjoyable play, and dined "at a number of wonderful restaurants. I spent Christ-

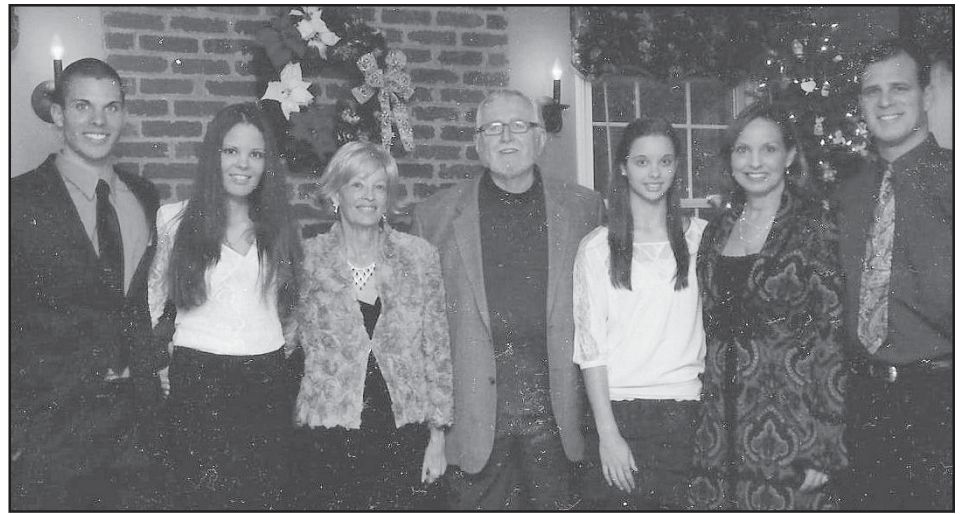
mas between Randall's partner's family and Randall's brother and sister-in-law who live in Richmond, VA, about an hour away. 2012 also promises to be a year of travel."

Daphne Ostle Allen and Jay are well. She wrote: "I am enjoying living near my two granddaughters and babysitting from time to time. I'll visit D.C. in March to see my two grandsons and brother's family. My husband's oldest grandson is getting married in April in Atlanta, so that is a first! Love to see any of you either in Vermont — pretty cold right now, or in the spring in D.C. **Pat Spokes** is trying to get a small group together when I fly down. **Arlene (Branca Fenwick)**, **Judy (White Fogt)**, **Carol (Shuler Butcher)**, and **Alice Baker** still live there. Looking forward to that."

This from **Cathie Koutsogiane Cipolla**: "I'm taking a break from putting away more Christmas stuff. We had a lovely Christmas with both kids home, daughter who lives in Brooklyn and works in the city and son who is in LA. I went to my Yale Divinity School reunion in October, and that was fun. It is a bit easier to go there since New Haven is so close to Fairfield, and Oxford, OH, is far away. I am still teaching one class (English) of seventh- and eighth-graders (combined) which gives some structure for me but not an overwhelming amount of papers to grade. I still love teaching."

Gail Lewis Tobin reported that she is now able to thoroughly enjoy Sunday nights and no commutes. "Jerry fully retired three years ago after we sold our agency to our daughter and son-in-law and I had left the insurance game several years prior. We were fortunate to take a great Historic Baltic Expedition with Lindblad and our history lessons came alive. What a great experience. Now we are back in South Carolina enjoying the winter and will head to Connecticut sometime in May to do the winter clean-up and, of course, golf and spend time with the many grandchildren."

Patricia Scott sent a letter in which she called 2011 "a year of journeys for our family." She wrote expansively of a February blizzard and how it affected an important trip. Her daughter Shay was scheduled for surgery in Boston; her son-in-law, Alan, whose job requires frequent travel, was to meet Pat at the Philadelphia Airport; the storm was bearing down from the west; and she and Alan managed to make one of the last flights to Providence, RI. "The drive out to the Cape through the darkness punctuated with swirling snow was an ordinary drive until just before the exit to the Buzzard's Bay rotary. Without warning, cars around us were literally flying up into the snow banks and down into the ditches. Alan's car took on a life of its own like a psychotic carnival ride. I am a very nervous car passenger at best, but in those awful moments of loss of control, I was not afraid. I felt a sense of calm and



Patricia Scott and "another family Christmas" on Cape Cod

peace. The car stopped just a few feet short of a white truck sitting askew across the lanes and so close I could read the license plate. I told Alan that was the nicest piece of driving I had ever seen. His reply was: 'I wasn't driving.'"

In June, Pat and family gathered at Willowbend on Cape Cod for a niece's wedding. To celebrate her birthday in August, they drove to Tybee Island off the coast of Savannah, GA, where she got to visit the famous Pirate House of Treasure Island fame and enjoy a wonderful dinner that included a toast with a glass of rum. Unfortunately, the island stay was cut short due to the impending arrival of Hurricane Irene. Though Irene eventually bypassed the Georgia coast, she did follow them towards their home on the Elk Neck Peninsula at the top of Chesapeake Bay. There was no property damage, but they experienced a five-day loss of electric power.

In October, Pat joined her daughter's family in a visit to Rutgers University, where her oldest granddaughter, Brittany, a junior and member of the golf team, played in the Rutgers Invitational. In December, Pat stopped at Rutgers to pick up Brittany ("the special package") and headed to Cape Cod for another family Christmas.

From **Nancy Van Vleck Von Allmen**: "Life is good! Have had hectic year protecting a Nature Park here and building a two-apartment chalet in Murren (Switzerland), with incredible views over to Eiger North Wall and the Jungfrau. Sad to watch glaciers receding as global warming reveals itself. Building second chalet this next summer, as a way to give value to cow pasture inherited by husband Beat. The cedar homes are shipped from Seattle, which is puzzling to the Swiss. Acquired second grandchild last October. Yippee. Trying to catch up to the rest of you. His 2½-year-old sister is skiing now without a rope and she loves it!

"Saw **Marion Ginman Classen** this week. She's as perky as ever. Grateful to be staying active and healthy with lots of skiing and hiking."

Lynne Drucker Albuquerk wrote this 2011 update: "Grandchild #5, Grandson #1, was born in April in San Francisco. This BIG boy is named for two great-grandfathers, one being my father Nathan Drucker. The four girls, aged 5 to 3, continue to love their semi-annual get-together." Lynne and Jak's travels centered on visiting grandchildren and children as well as a 2+ week cruise from Rome to Ft. Lauderdale on Holland America's *Noordam*. "Call me 'Road Construction Superintendent.' This year I learned more about road engineering, proposal requests and evaluation, construction methods and materials, properties of asphalt, and road crew coordination than any 68-year-old should ever again need to utilize. We successfully rebuilt and paved two miles equivalent on steep hillside, re-built drainage, reset cobblestone ... In addition to continuing to work part-time as psychologist in a facility and very small practice, I am president [now for second-and final-year] of our homeowners' association ... This would be a full-time job, if paid. Lisa continues to teach math in Sleepy Hollow ... Dov and his wife, Tania, do something with stock of emerging companies, and Nico and Tali practice law in Chicagoland. Jak's functioning has seriously deteriorated. ... Yet, he remains in good humor, co-operative, and enjoys grandchildren, movies, theater and dining." Lynne's 2012 schedule will include trips to Chicago and San Francisco as well as to South America.

The **Hohlers** have just ordered their flight tickets to Nairobi and look forward to again accompanying a group, this time 24 travelers — more than half of whom are currently students at Shoreham Wading River High School — on another 2½ week mission trip to Meru. There, we will visit with the 76 children at our orphanage, go to their schools,

evaluate ongoing programs connected with the Jerusha Mwiraria Hope Children's Home, work on a few projects, take a day trip to nearby Meru Game Park, and perhaps stop in at the Elephant Orphanage in Nairobi on our final day in Kenya. Our Hope Children's Fund, Ltd., which helps finance the orphanage, has experienced another successful year and is most grateful to our many generous supporters. Please check out our website: www.hopechildrensfund.org to follow our progress.

Our regular activities still include Rotary, Habitat for Humanity, OLLI, the Port Jefferson Historical Society and several local cultural organizations. In addition, as Democratic Committeemen, Larry and I intend to work extra hard for the re-election of our favorite local and national candidates in November. To his surprise and delight, Larry was recently named "Man of The Year" by *The Port Times Record* for the work he does both locally and globally. Nicole and Jose still love living and working in DC, but they prefer traveling to LI for most holidays. We're glad about that. Larry and I had a delightful visit with classmates **Arlene Branca Fenwick** and **Judy White Fogt** at Arlene's vacation home in Hampton Bays, LI, this past August. There was much enjoyable reminiscing and catching up on Western news that day.

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News for fall Bulletin due Labor Day!
See Class Rep & Blue Card, page 38!



Last June we gathered at Western to celebrate our 45th Reunion. Representing our class were **Ann Walton**, **Charla Coatoam**, **Charlotte Dickerson**, **Edie Taylor Molumby**, **Hazel Williams Drew**, **Jane Graham Murphy**, **Suzanne Lutz May**, **Sue Detlefsen Meyer** and yours truly. Hopefully you all saw our picture in the Fall 2011 *Bulletin*.

Ann Walton said, "Our 45th Reunion was so much fun. The nine of us present had plenty of time to catch up and talk about all of you who weren't there! The campus looks great (I think better than it did in 1966) and the memorial service for Dean Hoyt was very

moving. She had such an influence on so many of us." **Jane Graham Murphy** hopes that all of you sincerely consider returning to Western College for the rewarding experience of a Reunion. Staying in Peabody Hall brought back great memories. We hope that more of you will plan to join us in 2016 when we will gather to celebrate our 50th Reunion.

It is with much sadness that I report the death of our classmate, **Marcia Poletak Drongowski** in July 2011. Her husband, Daniel, reported that her death was unexpected. I would ask that each of us stop and make sure we have prepared ourselves and our loved ones for our inevitable deaths. Then keep living each day to its fullest.

Sylvia Swartz wrote me for the first time. I'm so glad that she shared some of her fond memories of her two years at Western. She remembers her bridge partner **Deborah Skinner** and her pals **Jiggs Grow**, **Anne Frank**, and her roommate **Cathy Conrad**. She has attended a few of the local reunions. She has been married to **Richie** for 45 years. She retired from Ma Bell in 1986 and then began her career of choice — becoming a tennis pro. She has been at the Longfellow Club in Wayland, MA, for the past 25 years. She remembers how care-free and naïve most of us were — living, loving and having a great time!!!

Ann Walton's real estate business in Ann Arbor was 100 percent better in 2011. We wish her continued success in 2012. She also heard from **Gerry Davies DeGeorge** at Christmas. Gerry lives in New Hampshire and is enjoying country living.

While **Jane Graham Murphy** was watching her grandchildren in New Jersey, she had a visit with **Peggy Budington** and her friend, John. **Patricia Spokes Snowden '64**, her big sister, continues a loyal e-mail friendship sharing interesting info and hilarious jokes. I wonder how many of our big and little sisters are still in touch. Jane had three exciting trips — skiing in St. Moritz with daughter Becca in February, hiking solo along the summit of Mt. Pilatus ("It just took an afternoon but it was a huge challenge for me to be alone and 7,000 feet high in the Alps"), and exploring the sights along the Rhine River in May; learning about ancient and 20th-century history of Cambodia by traveling to Siem Reap and Phnom Penh in November. She ended the year by snorkeling off the Florida Keys with her daughters, son-in-law, and her grandchildren. She concluded her message with prayers for the safety, healing and caring for her loving son, Chris, wherever he is. I hope all who are reading this will pray for him too.

Cynthia Crosson-Harrington continues as the pastor of the First Congregational Church of Whately, MA, while she still writes books on child abuse and child welfare. She loves the ministry but also enjoys keeping

her hand in social work. The textbooks she has written are widely used and require revisions every two years. Her latest text, *Confronting the Sexual Abuse of Children and Adolescents*, will be published this fall. Another incredibly rewarding part of Cynthia's life involves her continuing work with NEADS/Dogs for the Deaf and Disabled Americans, an agency that trains and places dogs with people with disabilities; and the Trauma Assistance Dog program (TAD), which places dogs with veterans returning from combat with PTSD — a program which she helped develop. They have now graduated 16 veteran-dog teams and with incredible success — "It is amazing the healing that these dogs can facilitate in these veterans," she writes. Personally, Cynthia continues to enjoy life with her husband, Jim, and finds great joy in watching her granddaughter, Ruby Louise (4).

Clara Keyes Hardin reports that this is her 40th year in real estate. She and her son and his wife specialize in the UNESCO Heritage area of Casco Antiguo and live in the old city as well. Living abroad has been amazing, challenging and gratifying. She's happily single, still not a grandmother and OK with it all. If anyone is passing through Panama City, please stop by and say hi.

Sue Woodworth with her husband Jay had a wonderful two-week vacation in New Zealand. She has one granddaughter (6) and another who just turned 1, living in Seattle courtesy of the U.S. Navy — so they will be doing a lot of cross-country flying this year.

Nancy James crafted the first Internet liability policy and speaks before national and international industry groups on cyberliability and global technology risks. This year marks her 30th year as the owner of her insurance agency. Nancy has been married for 35 years to Rick Friese, a government and U.S. history professor at Bentley University.

Sally Sweitzer Skewis is still working and taking care of her 96-year-old mother as well as volunteering with the County Sheriff's Office Hostage Negotiation Team. She is looking forward to her 50th high school reunion this fall in New Jersey. When she thinks back to her 20s she "never imagined this phase of my life would be so different. I always knew that I would work but now it looks like I might be 82 before I can retire due to the cost of caring for my mother who has been predicted to live to 112." Sally is facing the economic crunch of salary reductions and healthcare increases that many of us are. (I can sympathize after spending many hours trying to compare drug insurance plans for Rich and myself. It was worthwhile as we ended up with different plans but saved over \$2,000 from our previous AARP Drug plan.) So she sends this message to all of you that are not as financially

secure as you had planned, which I am sure are many of us: We have to be optimistic and persevere ... and be thankful we have friends and family who reciprocate our love, caring and support.

Penny Colman has been happily giving book talks for her latest book, *Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony: A Friendship that Changed the World* at a variety of venues, including the Smithsonian Institution's National Portrait Gallery and the Women's Rights National Historical Park. In January 2012, she spoke at the All Souls Unitarian Church in New York City arranged by her longtime friend, **Sue Lutz May**. She loves posting photographs, quotes and insights about ECS and SBA on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/flGdOa>.

Charla Coatoam reports that she had a family reunion last spring in London for a week and then went on to Paris for another week. Museums, restaurants, theater were all a treat. London was abuzz with all the royal wedding preparations, so it was an exciting time to be there. Also, spring had arrived in London and Paris parks. It was definitely a vacation to remember! She is still president of the Cleveland Dickens Fellowship, also on the Board of the Cleveland Museum's Textile Art Alliance, so keeps busy with volunteer work. She plans to return to her horseback riding class this spring after a nasty fall. She and **Jane Murphy** stay in touch and visit occasionally.

Carol Maturo Ward replied to a "last call" from the office with this brief note: "My husband and I are well and very *happy* in Connecticut."

Lusandre Chaudruc is back in touch with the office. Still a very busy artist, she has three one-woman art shows at various locations in eastern Pennsylvania and NYC all the time. www.lusandreleechaudruc.com/

Rich and I are both doing fine. We stayed close to home this year with several trips to Tahoe and to Bend to visit son, his wife and our three grandchildren. I began my natural horsemanship journey last year and have really enjoyed learning to communicate with a horse rather than just training/subduing them. I have just started leasing a new horse, a Missouri Fox trotter mare who is a left brain introvert so wish me luck. In 2012, we have plans to be in Kentucky in May for my annual Ramsey vacation and in September for Rich's Army reunion. We also have plans for an RV trip to Salmon, ID, and a visit to Glacier National Park in July. I hope that our class takes care of their health and reaches out to one another. Lots of love and blessings in 2012 ...

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*Cynthia Crosson-Harrington '66,
with her own NEADS dog, Dandi*



Reunion '12: Celebrate 45 years!

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Next year, 2013, will be our 45th Reunion, so mark your calendars now! This has been a gradually improving year for me. In April, my sister, **Gretchen Blake Roy '71**, and I went to Italy to stay and travel with **Sappho Haralambous '70**. We visited Venice, stayed in Rome with Sappho, and we three stayed for a week in an old farmhouse in Tuscany. A marvelous trip! In August, I went to the Indian Himalayas on a Stanford trip, a very moving trip. We visited Dharamsala, the home of the Tibetan government in exile, and even saw the Dalai Lama. We visited Ladakh, Shimla and Darjeeling, among other places. I'm thinking of selling my house and moving to a smaller one, so come visit while I have more than one guest room! Please remember that we have a Class of 1968 group on Facebook. If you're on Facebook, ask to join the page; it's private, just for us. WCAA is also on Facebook.

News was rather sparse this year. I should have sent you a personal reminder ...

Margie Custer Bowles' husband, Bob, completed his service as interim pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos in March, and they took off for a 35-day cruise starting in Hong Kong and ending in Athens. They planned to stay in Greece for another couple of months. As Margie is currently vice president of their library branch, president of an educational philanthropic organization, and volunteering in her grandchildren's classrooms, she, too, is looking forward to a break. In July, they will return to their home on the Monterey Bay where they are 30 minutes from both children's families.

Kitsy Dunlop and Greg are enjoying the adventures of living on their new property in Florida. She discovered a 4-foot rattlesnake, which Greg shot and which is now in the freezer awaiting its future: a hat band for Dylan or burial by Greg. They hope that their horses don't encounter rattlesnakes on the trails. Pickers on their property pick palmetto berries to send to Japan to be made into a prostate cancer preventative (seeds) and shampoo (skin of the berry).

Kathy Evans Findley and husband Jim cruised from Stockholm, visiting Helsinki, St. Petersburg, and Tallin. On the domestic travel scene, they visited New Orleans and Charleston, SC. Hurricane Irene paid them a long visit in New Bern, NC, necessitating many repairs. Kathy continues to volunteer at their local hospital. Jim may really retire this year, which would be just in time to celebrate their 45th anniversary, and maybe to take another cruise. Daughter Kate and Sophia spent early Christmas, along with son James. Kathy, Jim and James celebrated actual Christmas with a colonial dinner with recipes from a 1772 cookbook. If we visit eastern North Carolina, they promise us a boat ride, room w/bath, and some yummy non-colonial eats!

Jeanne Flowers Foster has a new grandchild. Her oldest grandchild is 10; they are scattered from Texas to Ohio and Illinois. The federal funding for the research grants Jeanne was managing dried up, so she landed a position as National Tutoring Manager for the OASIS Institute, an intergenerational program that pairs adult volunteers with kids who need help getting up to grade level in reading. You can check it out at www.oasisnet.org. Jeanne started a graduate program in nonprofit management and has already received job offers! She encourages all of us to visit her in St. Louis.

Jennifer French Sponsler had a lovely, colorful Indian summer in northern Ohio. She spent a few days early in October in New Orleans on a jazz tour and had a wonderful time. She hopes all is well with us.

Hayat Imam is spending a lot of time in Bangladesh these days with her mother, who is recovering from a stroke.

Pat Jayson suffered a stroke last winter (2011), and is still partly disabled, her right hand and right side, of course. She is improving monthly and is managing pretty well. "All we can do is pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and keep going." She is now doing GREAT and is looking forward to our 2013 Reunion.

Brenda Lee Bell and Brian had a lovely week last summer in Lakeside, OH, a Chautauqua community on Lake Erie, with Miami classmates of Brian's.

Karen Prah Voris and Brenda met at an unusual B&B in Greenville, OH. Since they had the place to themselves, there was lots of time to catch up while also shopping! Brenda continues at Wellington with planned retirement a couple of years away. Kristen finished her student teaching and is patiently awaiting her teaching license. Brian continues to maintain his client base while exploring places to play golf during winter months.

Recently, Brenda and **Susan Fackler Sykes** reconnected. Susan and her husband, Bob, live in Minnesota and pursue a number of adventurous hobbies while Susan advises high school students as an independent college counselor.

Chako Matsumoto Era joined a tour to Israel where they had a very good Japanese woman guide who is married to a Jewish scholar and lives in Jerusalem. The highlight of the tour was Jerusalem. The tunnel tour along the Wailing Wall showed them the hard work of the Romans. Megido, Qumran, and Masada are also very interesting. She was planning to go on a tour to Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Armenia. Chako's son, Kohtar, ran in the NYC Marathon in November, and we were able to track his progress on the Internet.

Karen Prah Voris had an eventful year. She lost her mom in March at age 94. She had a long and good life. The rest of the year included lots of traveling — England to see daughter Amy and Olympia, WA, to visit younger daughter Molly and her family. In January 2012, Karen and husband John spent three weeks traveling around Australia. Karen and John feel blessed to get to spend time with friends and family. Happy 2012, Everyone!

Carol Raimondi Myers had a new addition to their family, a beautiful little girl, Lyla Grace. Becky and Dan are expecting another little girl in April. Jeff and Carol are down to one laundry. Last September, they joined a new golf club (Willowbrook C.C.) and really have been enjoying it. Jeff gets to go golfing four to five times a week and is loving it. Carol is still tutoring and got her Silver Sneakers card for the gym.



Sandy Chanis, with her newest grandson, Jason Hickey

Francine Toss, having retired as a school administrator almost 10 years ago, has found that life as a co-owner of a gift and flower shop was not enough. So she returned to the world of education as a school librarian in Oberlin. She sends regards to classmates of '68 and '69.

Barbara Williamson Wentz had an inauspicious beginning to 2011 when Erv fell and broke the top of his tibia. In spite of Erv's accident, they have traveled twice to Minneapolis to visit Michael and Sonya and their family, to Erv's 50th high school reunion, and to New York. Barbara continues her work as adoption and pregnancy counseling supervisor at Catholic Charities, while looking forward to retirement in 2012. Barbara and Erv spend considerable time with their local grandchildren as well as other activities.

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It's been three years since there was a real Class Notes column for 1970, and I'm glad **Nancy Tuan Yang Hsiung** has rescued us from oblivion. She writes from Glendale, IL, that she is the first person in the class to

turn 70, and is feeling well, although it varies with the day and it has severely curtailed her shoe shopping. For those who have followed the notes, Nancy is a committed feeder of squirrels, and she's still at it, feeding a dozen or more regularly. Nancy was sorry to hear of Phyllis Hoyt's death, and remembers the years at the Lodge where she helped prepare the Chinese New Year's dinner for her, Gail James and Dorothy Brickman.

Jane Koenig replied to a "last call" post from the office with these words: "I was just thinking about this last night and realizing that I was way too late ... but maybe not! About six months ago I moved from Marietta, GA, to Tuckasegee in the mountains of Western North Carolina. The year of 2011 was spent building a house here in the mountains and, by some just-in-time miracle, selling the one in Georgia. I have fulfilled a dream and now have a house that was built to suit me and a long-range mountain view that never gets old. I wish everyone could be so happy!"

Likewise, from **Dee Banks-Bright (Newell)**: "I am presently working as head of infectious disease at UPMC-Horizon in Greenville, PA. I am also director of the Wound Center and Hyperbaric oxygen center. I still live in Youngstown. Al Bright, my husband, is retired but still painting abstract expressionist art to jazz music. My oldest, Todd, is living in Akron, OH, and working on some music endeavors; Matt is a captain in the marine corps and a JAG officer in Cherry Point, NC; Mary is a third-year med student at Case Western Reserve school of medicine; and Mark is a senior at the College of Wooster, hoping to pursue a career in theater and dance. Hello to class of 1970!"

I'm sorry not to hear from more of you. I turn to the Notes first in every *Bulletin*, and I'm sure many of you do, too. Many of us are still not on Facebook, and perhaps not able to find you. Although the information for you to reply is in the back of the Fall *Bulletin*, I may experiment with a gently prodding e-mail blast next fall. You can send Notes anytime! Wishing you a healthy 2012,

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Reunion '12: Celebrate 40 years!

Cynthia Clark writes: "Willard and I have been to Japan for the wedding of an exchange student who stayed with us 16 years ago and, after touring Japan with his parents for a month, seeing Shinto brides and kimonoed brides everywhere, we ended up in Tokyo for the main event only to witness the most western style affair ever, including a trompe l'oeil of a window looking out onto the grand canal of Venice! Then onto China to volunteer in Xian after doing the grand tour ... by bus.

"Back to Italy for the fall harvest of olives and life with our cat, Massimo, on the farm — our 12th consecutive year and the cat's, and next year brings four months in Africa, volunteering at a school started by a neighbor's granddaughter in the slums of Nairobi. See: shininghopeforcommunities.org — it is an amazing story. And of course more time in Italy with our beloved old Massimo and the grapes and olives on the farm.

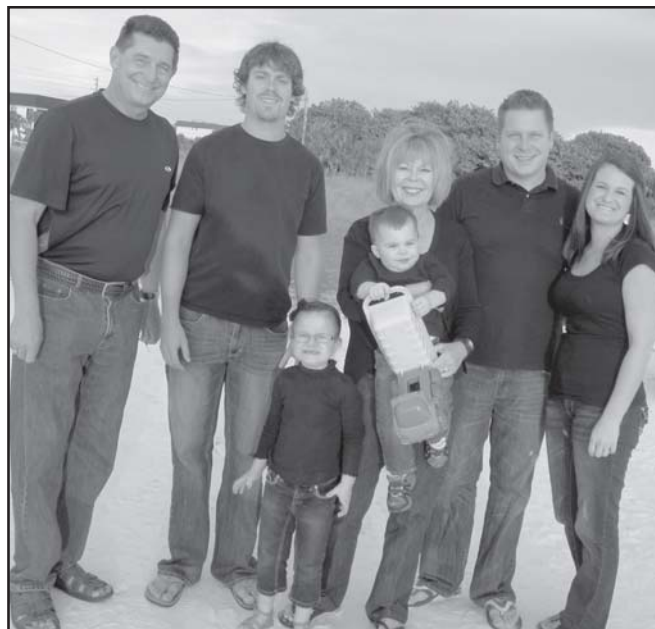


Cynthia Clark's images of sister cities Alberobello, Italy, and Shirakawago, Japan

"I have had three more photographic exhibitions in Boston galleries, including one pairing the sister cities of Alberobello in Puglia, Italy, with Shirakawago in Japan, as both share similar problems of how to attract tourists to the extremely unique architecture of each place [UNESCO sites] and yet keep locals living and working the traditional lives in the same places. Willard is working on that!"

As the class rep who has gone, I (**Debbie Caprini Ott**), will add my notes. I am in my 18th year as a tax preparer with H&R Block, am an Enrolled Agent with IRS. Spent several months in Houston with my daughter, son-in-law and grandson, Jack. Then they moved back to Lexington, so our family was all in Kentucky. Then son Dan and wife Emily moved to Seattle in September. Next up, daughter Kelly and family go to San Francisco for three months while my opera singer son-in-law performs in two operas before they all move to Germany where they will be for at least two years. So, much travel ahead this year. **Hope someone will step up to be Class Rep!**

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Joan Stoutenborough '74 et al.: "Does it get any better?"

holidays and visited Quito, Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands, and Panama. Two of their children now live in Chicago and Columbus, but Jennifer and Tim and two grandchildren live just blocks from Mary and Jack in the same town.

Nevine Gulamhusein was married in May 2011 to Shiraz Rahemtulla. They are living in the London, England, area. Nevine is hoping to find a job in London before too long. She finished her Ph.D. in human development from Global University of Action Learning in Buckinghamshire, England, in January 2009. She has written a book entitled *Acuity of Poverty: Looking Into the Inequality of Access*, published in April 2011, available on Amazon.com. Nevine's daughters, Noor and Nasreen, are both practicing family physicians in Toronto, Canada.

Betsey Kiel was married to Michael Ready in August 2011. Formerly **Betsey Kiel Murray**, she reports that she has a new name but is still at the same address in Ann Arbor, MI. Betsey's three children are living in Denver, Boston, and Louisville, KY. A few weeks after her August wedding, Betsey became a grandmother when Paige Christine was born to Betsey's daughter, Skye, and her husband, Ben Albers.

Janet Lucas wrote that she has completed 31 years of medical practice and clinical instruction in obstetrics and gynecology. She says that she doesn't feel ready to retire yet. She and Sherrill Howard have a cabin in the White Mountains of New Hampshire where they vacationed last summer and also during Christmas week, when they had their family there with them. Janet and Sherrill also took a trip to New Mexico during 2011. Janet's daughter, Linda, and her husband, Brad, continue to teach, coach sports, and

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It's hard to believe that another year has passed, and it's time to gather our class news again.

Naphalai Chantarasak Areesorn is the editor-in-chief of the *Thailand Tatler*, a lifestyle magazine published in Bangkok, Thailand.

Amy Robinson Collins and her husband, Jim, took three trips to the southeastern United States during 2011, going to Savannah, GA, the Outer Banks of North Carolina, and also to Wilmington, NC. Their children and grandchildren are all doing well, and Amy's father, who turned 90 in March, is still doing well, too.

Mary Miller Croxton and her husband, Jack, decided to travel over the December

work in admissions at Berkshire School in western Massachusetts. They have two children. Mia is 4 and her brother, Landon, is 1. Janet's daughter, Karen, and her husband, Nathaniel, live in Montpelier, VT, where Karen teaches fifth grade.

Sheila Colligan Sobel was laid off from her job in 2011 and is still looking for work. Despite the difficulty of hunting a new job, Sheila said that other aspects of her life are good. Her husband, his children, and their two grandchildren are doing well. The grandchildren, a boy (11) and a girl (7), live close by, so Sheila is able to see them often. Sheila and her husband recently adopted a new dog, a Maltese/Yorkie mix. They also have a 17-year-old dog and three cats.

Dilu Walji Valliani and her husband, Aziz, enjoyed a trip to Kenya during December 2011. It was a nice winter break from the rain in the San Francisco Bay area. Dilu's son, Jamil, is still working for Microsoft in Seattle. Her daughter, Amira, graduated from Yale University during the spring of 2011 and is working for Hillary Clinton's office in Washington, DC.

Kathy Albright Willowode has been busy with her holistic healing work and has taken classes recently near Madison, WI, on shamanic healing. She now has six grandchildren — three girls who are the grandchildren of her partner, Bill, and two boys and a girl who are the children of her daughter Elaine's fiancé. She enjoyed the holidays and said, "It really makes Christmas a lot more fun when there are kids involved."

Mulu Girma Worku sends greetings from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. She keeps busy with her family's business, M & M Trans Africa Trading P.L.C.

Joan Hagan Stoutenborough reports: "Summers on Lake Williamstown, KY, including lots of time with our older son and family; winters in Sarasota, FL, including lots of time with our younger son and enjoying his acoustic guitar/vocal act. (patrickstoutenborough.com) Good health, great family and friends — does it get any better? Would LOVE to see Class of 1974 classmates at a Reunion soon!"

Sue Anderson says nothing has changed in her life, but sent this recap to the office: "I am still employed by Verizon Communications in New Jersey as a CWA Retiree Health Care Benefit Coordinator. I have been with the telephone company for over 39 years and in this position for over 12 years. I still live in the house I grew up in, in Succasunna, NJ, and am still single. I keep very busy with work and my involvements with my local historical societies, the DAR, church, United Way and union. I've been to a few Reunions at Western, which have been great. I hope to get back in 2014, which would have been my 40th. (I left after soph-

omore year at Western, but thank Western for instilling in me so many traits, that have helped me in life!)"

I've been keeping busy with my job as cataloger/metadata librarian at Otterbein University, but I've also done quite a bit of travel this year. During part of June and July 2011, I participated in a librarian exchange program at Shanghai Jiao Tong University. It was very interesting to see how academic libraries work in China and to explore the similarities and differences in academic library practices in China and the United States. Shanghai is a huge and vibrant city of 23 million, and I found it a fascinating city to explore. Before returning home, I visited Beijing, the Great Wall, Xi'an (where the terra cotta warrior statues are located), Chengdu (home of the Panda Breeding Research Centre), Dazu (famous for its 12th-century Buddhist cliff carvings), Chongqing, the Three Gorges Dam, and Wuhan. During September and October 2011, Youhua Chen, a librarian from the university came to Otterbein. So, we truly did exchange both personnel and ideas.

In October 2011, my father and I took Youhua Chen, our visiting exchange librarian, on a trip to Williamsburg, VA, and Washington, DC. During our stay in Washington, we were able to get together for dinner at a Mexican restaurant on Capitol Hill with **Holly Wright Johnson** and her husband, Bruce, both of whom are also librarians. Holly and I had not seen each other since we graduated from Western in 1974.



Class Rep Betsy (right) with Holly

During part of December 2011 and into early January 2012, I took a trip to Southeast Asia, visiting six countries (Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, and Indonesia) on two back-to-back small ship cruises. While in Bangkok, Thailand, I spent a pleasant afternoon reminiscing about Western College with **Naphalai Chantarasak Areesorn**. We found it hard to believe that it had been nearly 40 years since we last saw each other during our sophomore year at Western. Naphalai spent her junior year in Europe and then graduated in 1974 from Colorado Women's College.



Betsy (left) with Naphalai

Even though it's not our Reunion year, think about attending the Western Alumnae Reunion in Oxford scheduled for June 15-17 this summer. It is always a lot of fun. I know it's a little early, but start planning now to join us at our 40th Reunion in June 2014.

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I have not received anything from any of my classmates. As for me, I am currently unemployed. This gives me much more free time to work on my pottery skills. My youngest daughter started at Case Western Reserve last fall in the humanities. (At least it has the word "Western" in its name.)

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Reunion '12: Celebrate 35 years!

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The Western Program

Message from the Director

As winter turns to summer in the hothouse that southwestern Ohio has become (the temperature is 85 degrees Fahrenheit this afternoon, 32 degrees above the average high for Oxford in March), we are six weeks from the end of the second year for the Individualized Studies: Western Program. A half-dozen seniors are working on their capstone projects this semester, and I thought that you might be interested to learn more about some of these students.

Su Dong is committed to the study of clean energy technologies and his project concerns solar panels. His approach has been interdisciplinary, combining studies in environmental sciences with business and social sciences. Su conducted a survey of student understanding of energy issues and gauged their attitudes toward the future installation of solar panel technology in Miami dorm rooms. He is planning to organize a demonstration of solar panel efficiency in a mock dorm room, showing how lighting and computers could be powered by a single panel.

Megan Rigano has very different interests and is exploring perspectives among college-age women who attend a community church. She says that she would like to “cultivate a passion among women [at the church] for critical thinking [about] their faith and its implications.” This semester I am co-teaching a Western class with **Dr. Xiuwu Liu**, titled, *Science and Faith: Making Sense of Life*, so I’ll be interested to see what Megan has learned.

A third project, by **Rikki Teeters**, is the last example I’m going to share with you in this message. Rikki is creating a smart phone application that will be used to facilitate social net-



Nik Money

working. I’m not qualified to explain what this means, but, thankfully, other faculty have the necessary knowledge and are helping Rikki with her research. I’m told that this is a very interdisciplinary project, calling upon skills in visual design and interactive media and requiring familiarity with the expectations of young consumers. The Western Program helped Rikki’s project work this semester by providing her with a grant to enable her participation in a conference in Ireland organized by the Interaction Design Association.

We are very proud of the accomplishments of all of our students in these early days of the new program and I will have much more to report going forward.

— *Nicholas P. Money*

Western Program Director, Professor of Botany

WCAA Congratulations to:

WP Director **Nicholas Money**, named Miami’s 2012 Sigma Xi Researcher of the Year. Nik is known internationally for his research in the field of fungal biology and his four books popularizing fungi, including the most recent *Mushroom* (2011). To read more about his many activities and accomplishments, refer to the news release at: <http://www.miami.muohio.edu/news/article/view/16965>. Be sure to follow the link to his fascinating interview on NPR’s “Fresh Air” and watch the video featuring, among other amazing highlights, the “fungus cannon.”



Meg Rigano '12, wearing Western stole and displaying her senior certificate of completion signed by her project advisor



More Innovation from Western Program Folks

It's called Mi CUP of TEA, which stands for Miami's Creative Undergraduate Publication of Thoughtful Engagement in Action, and it's a brand-new publication intended to showcase the original work of undergraduates of all majors. The brainstorm of WP **Professor Hays Cummins**, who also directs the Inquiry Center in Peabody Hall, it was launched last year and is published each semester. **Audree Riddle '10**, WP student activities coordinator, co-advises the journal with Hays.

The staff looks for submissions that show "students have taken an initiative to investigate something that interests them and they are passionate about. These range from hard science research with professors, to social science papers and projects that began in class and were taken to the next level, to works of art that inquire into the range of human emotions."

The Inquiry Center, located in "cozy" Peabody 022, offers tutoring in all subjects, Sunday through Thursday, 7 p.m. to midnight. Computers, desks and "comfier" [than those in your dorm room, presumably] chairs are available, as are peer tutors to help with inquiry in all disciplines, "from class projects to investigating whatever piques your curiosity." Programs and activities are offered throughout the year. For more, visit: <http://inquirycenter.muohio.edu/tea/>

The New Gerber Inquiry Award

The Gerber Technology Award, so named in honor of Catharine Gerber, daughter of Don and **Betty Sipe Gerber '52**, has been redesigned to focus on the inquiry process and will be administered by the Western Program and the Inquiry Center. The description on the application reads as follows:

The Gerber Inquiry Award is named in honor of Catharine A. "Cate" Gerber, who believed in the importance of electronic media as a tool to connect people and ideas. The purpose of the award is to facilitate students to pursue their own inquiries. Typical awards will range from \$200 to \$500; however, for proposals with exceptional merit, a project may be funded up to \$1,000.

The projects should meet the goals and values of Western Program's Inquiry Center, which promotes student based inquiry. The Inquiry Center, directed by Professor Hays Cummins, fosters a community of learners who are enthusiastic about exploring new questions and ideas.

The selection committee has awarded funds to five students for the 2012-13 academic year, for varying

And then there's the radio station that began broadcasting from a shipping container in downtown Brooklyn. That's the creation of **Donna Zimmerman '04** and cohorts. Motivated by their belief that live local radio makes for a strong sense of community, they pitched their idea and won a Not Just a Container competition (sponsored by Dekalb Market and Urban Space NY) in spring 2011.



Donna, on campus in 2001

Now based in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, BBOX is on the air, live online and on-site, offering interviews, call-in programs, street journalism, documentaries, DJs, and music performance. To read all about it and listen in, go to: <http://www.bboxradio.com/>

From Cincinnati, Donna majored in Interdisciplinary Studies: Cultural Anthropology, Visual Anthropology; and graduated from the Western College Program in 2004. She worked part-time in the WCAA office, 2001-02. P.S. Donna and two brothers are triplets!

amounts totaling \$2,350. There will be a formal award presentation of their findings and a reception in early April 2013.

WCPAA Update from the President:

Dear WCP Alumnoids:

Just a quick note: Westernpalooza 2012 (predominantly late 1970s and early 1980s grads, but all who carry Western in their hearts are welcome) will be held in Boulder, Colorado, on the Chautauqua Campus, September 20th to the 23rd, 2012; contact **Caroline Quine** at caroline@cq-graphics.com or **Janet Jordan** at janet.jordan@acumentom.com for details

Our Monster BFP/Once every 5 year/ALL WCP ALL THE TIME REUNION will be held during the **Summer or Fall of 2013**, details will be shared as soon as we have a clue as to what they are. Please start digging out your Photos, your Films, your LPs and your Mix Tapes on Cassette, 8 Track and Reel to Reel. Stay Cool,

J. Rego '81

We regret that not all WCP even-year classes are represented in this issue. In some instances, your Class Rep did not hear from anyone, so did not submit a letter; in other instances, we did not hear from the Class Rep. While well aware of the many alternative ways of keeping in touch with each other, we continue to believe the WCAA Bulletin is the best way of keeping in touch with Western. Here's hoping for a fuller response next year! Meanwhile, attention, odd-year classes: For your Class Rep and class news deadline, turn to page 38.



I have been in the SF Bay Area since we all graduated from Western College, but I do get back to Ohio to visit my parents. This year, I also had to be in Cleveland for work, so I tracked down **Matt McClelland**. He and his wife Kelly, have two children — Emma, who is in her junior year of college in Pennsylvania, and Jake who is a junior at Kirtland High School. This year his football team just took the state championship.

Years ago, while in New York, I had great fun visiting **Tim Race** at his job with the *New York Times*, where he started in 1989. After two years at his most recent assignment as the international business editor, Tim is moving to Paris to become an assistant managing editor, overseeing business coverage for the *International Herald Tribune*, where he will help direct coverage of the European debt crisis and what it means more broadly for Europe's economy and the world.

The NYT announcement of this change refers back to his time as a reporter at the Oxford radio station, "For Tim, it's a posting that fulfills a long-deferred goal of working overseas as a journalist. He first caught the

journalism bug in college, doing news and features for his university's NPR affiliate. 'The international part came after getting a master's degree in popular culture, when I spent three years teaching ethnomusicology, along with trumpet, at the University of Nigeria and traveling around francophone West Africa,' he says." I only hope that I can visit Tim again — at his new digs in Paris.

Sheila Curran is hard at work on her third novel, (working title, *Our Lady of the Snows*), based on a fictional Catholic chapel in Atlanta that was part of the underground railroad, that was mysteriously saved from General Sherman's fiery attack of that city, by a freak snowstorm. While you are waiting for this one to hit the market, check out her first two novels (*Diana Lively Is Falling Down* and *Everyone She Loved*).

Steve Shmuel Klein, proudly reports, "We've had our 11th grandchild from our daughter, Mushka, who was married about a year ago. His name is Yosef Yitzchak. Our son, Pesach, is in his second year of law school." And we alums can all be proud of Steve who is clearly realizing his Western College Creative Self: "I continue to play Robin Hood suing banks and debt collectors as a consumer advocate attorney in New Jersey. The website is www.debtfreeline.com. Let's try to take him up on his invitation: "If anyone is ever in the New York area, you are welcome to come spend the Sabbath." And that goes for me

too. If anyone wanders into the 415, SF Bay Area, please get in touch.

This year, I joined fellow Red Vic Movie House collective members to say goodbye, after 30 years, operating as the Haight's neighborhood cinema. All the Best for 2012 ...

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Greetings from **Sue Huston Fitzgibbons**: "I was saddened to see the news about **Tom Toffoli's** passing last August. Tom and I had just resumed some e-mail communication after 30-plus years of no contact, and I had no idea he was ill. That and the recent deaths of both my parents makes me re-evaluate life. So it was off to the Western Palooza for me this fall. It was worth the trip.

"The weekend of February 4th will bring another Western reunion to life. **Lynne Walker Toth '88, Lauren Lubow Riley** (yes still married to Rich), **Ellen Lieb Berman** and I will be getting together for three nights in a condo on the beach in Clearwater, FL. Time to catch up on many years of living, kids, and careers, among other stuff. Can't wait!

"I work for the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs overseeing the federal vocational rehabilitation program in central and western New York. Our website is www.vetsuccess.gov. It's a sad yet rewarding experience serving our country's disabled veterans. It's also extremely frustrating seeing 'business' decisions often based on politics and not common business sense. I wish there really was transparency and accountability in the federal government.

"I'm hoping you're living well and remember that the only Zen you can find on the tops of mountains is the Zen you bring up there (Robert M. Pirsig). I hope to see many of you in Cleveland next year."

Paul Beno writes: "Best wishes to all. Still working as a planner for the City of Euclid, inner ring suburb of Cleveland. Enjoying life on the lakefront and generally not having much to complain about. My latest mania is volunteer vacations. I'm enjoying going off to see new parts of the country, well new to



Class Rep Rhian Miller, front and center, with friends of the Red Vic Movie House

me, and working with other volunteers maintaining hiking trails in our parks. Two to three projects a year help break up the routine and energize the spirit. The family is doing well. Margaret (wife) is finishing up a master's degree in nursing this summer and Emma (daughter) has started a business. She is running a stand at our historic municipal market in Cleveland. All is well. If any of you are in the neighborhood, we have a spare room — feel free to look in on us. Reservations preferred at paulmbeno@sbcglobal.net.

As to me, my position with the NJ Dept. of Human Services was eliminated in 2009 and I have put my Western skills to use as a consultant doing research and evaluation. I'll be publishing a few reports this year on inclusion of children with special needs and outreach to under-served populations birth to 5 — let me know if you're interested in seeing them. And you can always find me on Facebook or check out my website www.sharp-ideas.org.

Unfortunately, this winter I've been dealing with a difficult family situation. Western friends and lawyers in Ohio have been providing guidance and support. **Sue Huston Fitzgibbons** in particular provided connections to her own elder law attorney and connected me with **Lauren Lubow**, who is an assistant attorney general. In a sad twist, Sue's own mother passed away the weekend that I was looking for help. **Tim Matune '81**, **Mary Scrocco Shelley**, **Brynna Fish '79**, and **Susan Lambert Kuertz '82** have also helped keep me afloat emotionally. It's amazing how comforting old friends can be in times of trouble. Hoping to reconnect with more of you in 2012!

All the best ...

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P.S. *Westernpalooza* will be held Sept. 20-23 in Boulder, CO, this year. Contact **Caroline Quine '79** if you're interested. I hear Mike and Kay Lunine are attending to celebrate their 50-year wedding anniversary!



Reunion '12: Celebrate 30 years!

Dan Adamson reports that things are good in his world. He is no longer with a law firm, and instead is working for the Solar Energy Industries Association. Dan says he is "old enough now not to take my good health for granted. Family is fine too. If you are in D.C. look me up."

On the other coast ... things are good in my world, too. I'm still at UC-Riverside, now doing research on campus life during the Great Depression of the 1930s. This will be my last time doing the *Bulletin* update as Class Rep, after seven years. Who's next? If interested, contact Cathy Cooper, coopercb@muohio.edu.

Best wishes to all for a great year!

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Gail Deibler Finke can't believe she has a high school senior — and a freshman, too, so elementary school days are over. She will graduate this fall with a master's degree from The Athenaeum of Ohio, and as of January 1st became an official media mogul, after launching a news and features website, TheCatholicBeat.com, for the Greater Cincinnati area. (See The Catholic Beat on Facebook! Commercial over.)

Diane Wright is still (after 17 years) working at a big mental health agency in Cincinnati and loving it. She started doing a regular podcast ("Preachergirl" — look for it on i-Tunes! It's free and while Diane thinks it's not as good as **Bill Thompson's** bird podcast, she claims that it will at least help falling asleep. Commercial over). This semester she is teaching her first course at NKU as an adjunct: Compassion, Empathy, Forgiveness and

Social Justice. Diane's sons are now 21 and 10 ... life is good!

Laura Dobbins was accepted into Project Dragonfly's Global Field Program (GFP), which she describes as heir to the Western way of education, especially under the leadership of Western alum **Chris Myers '83**. Laura reports that the GFP program marries two of her big loves — travel and environmentalism — and that she was hoping it would provide a stepping-off point to the next phase of "what to do with my life." Evidently, it worked. Laura has thrown herself into the anti-fracking movement in New York state and is using it as the basis for GFP projects. Laura states that she has managed to help stave off, for now, the mass environmental and health devastation that the gas industry would have you believe is nominal. (Message Laura if you want more info. Last commercial over.) Laura also has great plans on the horizon, hoping to go to Namibia as her last GFP excursion (other two trips were Baja and Australia) this summer, and she is continuing that juggling act of freelance writing and editing assignments, grad school deadlines, family, friends, and regular, everyday life stuff. She is very grateful to be in touch with Western people via Facebook and (gasp!) in real life!

Beth McNellie would like to hear from more of our classmates about what's up with their lives ... In any event, her high school freshman is now the tallest person in her house, and she went skiing (because of him) for the first time last winter! Beth is keeping busy with work, the kitchen remodel, and cross country meets. Beth and her family



A few of the gang from Westernpalooza 2011: Steve Younger '79, Janet Jordan '80, Ken Brower '88, Robbie Burns '81, Brynna Fish '79, Grant Thompson '80, Janey Drexler Sharp '80, Stu Bassin '78, Carolyn Johns McConnell '80

traveled to Rome, Paris and Hong Kong this past year. She reports that all were wonderful. She is very happy that she went to Syria when she did; and sad that it will be a long time before it will be again safe enough to visit.

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Commander **Andrew Schulman '88**, USN is deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as Chief,



Andrew Schulman

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Reunion '12: Celebrate 20 years!

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Hello, fellow travelers and miscreants! I should mention that we're all turning 40 about now ... but I won't. You're welcome. On to the updates:

Nikki Stanley Carleton and Andrew Carleton: "Here we are with our 6-year-old son, Logan. Logan is overflowing with energy and

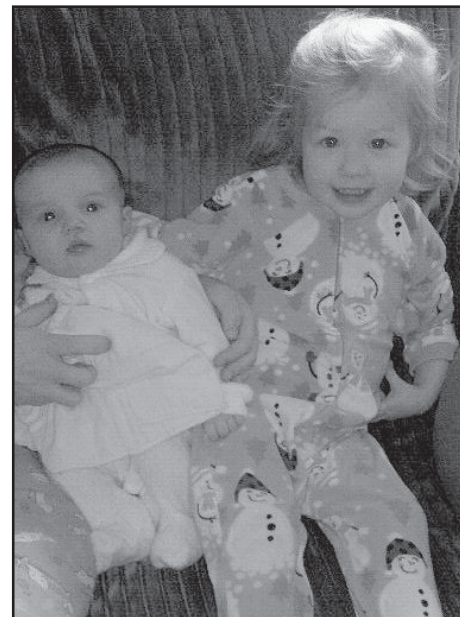


The Carletons

keeps us busy and laughing. I continue to work as a special education teacher and have found a great deal of peace through the practice of yoga. In the past year, Andrew and I have both participated in fire walking workshops and are now part of the "crew." Still living in Chagrin Falls, OH."

Ben Gibbons: "Grace is now a big sister! Hope Brenda was born on October 31st at 10:36 pm, clocking in at 8 lbs, 5 oz., 21 inches. We had a smooth delivery and further staked the Gibbons Family claim to Halloween. To think the Halloween festivities started back in 1993 in that crooked little house on Withrow that Heather, Lisa and I shared!

Michelle, Grace and Hope are all doing well. You can follow the girls' allegorical adventures on Twitter: @bendgibbons



Big sister Grace and Hope Gibbons

"By the time this goes to print, a small group of Western alums, will have completed their annual sojourn to Studio 35's Dude-a-thon, here in Columbus. Let's hope this is all you hear about it. Abide."

Joseph Isaacs: "Hi everybody. I am living in Maryland still with my wife, Carolyn, and my 12-year-old daughter, Yael, and my 10-year-old son, Yoni. I am teaching ESL at three elementary schools in Baltimore County. I sing and play guitar in a four-piece band called the Flying Dogs — we perform original music and covers. I am working on a fantasy novel with my son that's going to be awesome. And I am stopping to smell the flowers. Sometimes."

Kathy Wise: "Now the executive editor of *Cowboys & Indians* magazine (snicker if you must, but proudest moments include work-



Kathy (right) and partner Melissa

ing with Native American photographers Zig Jackson and Lee Marmon). Still domestically partnered to Melissa Romig, an attorney with American Airlines (we're celebrating our 17th anniversary this month). Living in and loving Dallas. As of my birthday, now the proud aunts of three nephews. Always looking for good travel and art writers, so all you freelancers drop me a line!"

And me, I'm **Johanna Smith**. My now 7-year-old daughter and I are doing very well. We're raising chickens in the back yard with our mildly brain-damaged dog, and in our spare time we're studying karate and working on puppet shows. Now that I'm a full Professor I have time to do such things. Please join us on Facebook for more frivolity, and join in the wisecracks as we refuse to accept aging.

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There's a whole lotta babies in the class of 1996.

In August, **Jocelyn Brumbaugh** welcomed Parker Benjamin into the family. He joins big brother Hunter, who is already 4. Later in the fall, **Chhevi Sharma** and Jocelyn went back to visit Miami just in time for Ernst Fall Fest!

Meredith Glueck finished grad school in Austin, TX, last August and took a job as the program manager at the recently established Center for Latin American and Latino Studies in Washington, DC. Her daughter, Ilana, was born in June 2010 and she is expecting her second child at the end of the summer.

Lastly, Beck Maitri Paransky was born on December 23rd to **David Paransky** and his partner.



Baby Beck

John Blair still lives in Oakland, CA, and writes software for managing solar power systems. He and his wife Sussu Laaksonen are now 15 months into a four-month remodel of their fixer-upper in Oakland, CA. His son, Ethan, starts high school next fall.

You can connect with more of us the rest of the year by joining the Western College of Class of 1996 Facebook group.

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Ryan Salcido '04 shows his Miami pride in Afghanistan



Rodney C. Hancock recently finished his M.S. in Human Resources Management and Development in January 2012 "magna cum laude and with distinction" from New York University and looks forward to starting his doctoral studies in the fall. The next leg of his academic adventure will consist of pursuing even more debt and an Ed.D. in Adult Learning and Leadership at Columbia University's Teachers College-Graduate School of Education. He looks forward to hearing from anyone in the New York City area, so feel free to e-mail him at adroitly@yahoo.com anytime!

News from **Molly Erin Hicks '97** "Hi! I am back in Ohio helping my mom right now. In August, I will be moving to Urbana, IL (home of University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign), to live with my partner, Leslie. I am back in my Ph.D. program (Antioch University in New England) after 1½ years away, and I hope to begin dissertation work next year. My interests are in resilient, sustainable food systems, community development, and social justice (forever thinking like a Western kid). My biggest accomplishment recently was my brown belt in taekwondo! I hope all is well with everyone."

And news from **Shannon Plummer Twilling**: "I'm still in Tucson and still working as the assistant manager of the AZSITE GIS database and Archaeological Records Office at the Arizona State Museum (which I

love). I ran my fifth marathon in January. PJ and I will be celebrating 10 years of marriage in May, and we're happily raising Anna (now 5) and Sadie (now 3) ... along with a dog, a few fish, and some chickens."

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Congratulations! **Ryan Wise** married Layah Barry on September 26th, 2010. They are living in Tujunga, CA (6906 Valmont St., 91042), where Ryan is doing web development.

Hello all! I am now living in Chicago. If you are ever in the city, let me know if you need anything.

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Reunion '12: Celebrate 10 years!

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'04 WESTERN

Greetings Westerners!

Not too many updates this year from the class of 2004, but we're still going strong! Read on for the updates...

Maryjane Bellock: Maryjane and Matt Hall made their Miami and Western/Architecture merger official and were married on May 5, 2010. Currently, Maryjane and Matt reside in London, England, where Matt practices Architecture and Maryjane does Business Development and Project Management for a healthcare IT firm.

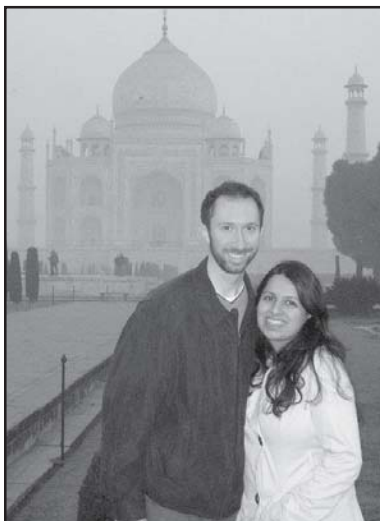
Greg Dutton: "After three years of law school in New York, I moved here to Washington, DC, and took a job at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) working on water issues. This fall I got engaged to an amazing woman, and we are getting married here in DC, August 2012. She and I have a great time together despite being total opposites. She is even the Chief of Staff for a Congressman who keeps voting to defund my Division of the EPA! Oh well. Also, I managed to get together with **Elliot Smith, Matt Hall, Wendi Wallace** and **Josh Nelson '05** this fall to watch football. Super fun. Life is good!"

Paula Moran: "2011 was a year of change and good fortune. I retired from Rollerderby and began enjoying more evenings with friends and a better life balance. June brought freedom. I officially resigned from teaching Montgomery County Public Schools and did one last office move out. In July, my husband Ryan and I escaped for a weekend to go horseback riding and hiking in Shenandoah. We got back to town in time for the second annual roof deck 4th of July party. Another wonderful evening with friends. In early September, we journeyed to Pennsylvania for a relaxing weekend. The trip was cut short to get back to DC for a job interview. A fruitful move, I was hired as a Training Developer for InfoComm International three days later. InfoComm International is the trade and professional organization for the audiovisual communications industry. Hope your 2012 brings you great memories."

Ryan Salcido: "After spending the majority of the year flying over the skies of Afghanistan and Iraq in support of keeping coalition forces safe from IEDs (still the biggest threat), I returned to the Seattle area to see my wife, Fouzia, and 2-year-old son, Gabriel. As any good sea-worthy ship, we hit some great ports in Spain, Italy, France, Dubai and Bahrain. Flying for the navy is a

great adventure, but is also difficult, and challenging to be away from family. My next update should come from the Far East as my family and I are getting stationed in Japan in March. I extend an invitation to anyone who wants to look me up out there. Sayonara."

As for me, I have some very happy news! But first, some backstory. In March of 2008, I met up with **Leah Farzin** and was introduced to her friend Naina. Naina and I hit it off almost immediately (we estimate that we started falling for each other about 15 min-



'04 Class Rep and fiancée Naina, at the incomparable Taj Mahal

utes after meeting), and while we remained in touch over Skype — Naina is from India and was living there at the time — we officially began dating in 2010. I made my first trip to India in December of 2011, visiting the Taj Mahal among many other places. In March of 2012, on the four-year anniversary of the day we met, I asked Naina to marry me, and she said yes! We are now engaged, and looking to get married in India in January 2013. Naina makes me so happy, we are very much in love, and we're looking forward to spending the rest of our lives together!

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'06 WESTERN

Dustin Leimgruber and his wife, Sarah, are living outside of Boston finishing up their master's degrees and raising their son, Jack. Dustin is working on an M.Div. and Th.M. at Gordon-Conwell and working as a therapeutic mentor.



Dustin Leimgruber '06 with Jack

Sydney Davis is currently living and working in Chicago. She graduated last year with her master's degree in the Art of Teaching with a special education and bilingual endorsement. She is working as a bilingual special education teacher at a high needs Hispanic school on the south side of Chicago. Also, she is currently working towards being nationally certified in reading.



Erin Woedl '06 and friend

Erin Woedl has been living in Colorado Springs, CO, for the past two years. She is a preschool teacher at Saint Luke's Children's Center. She plans on going back to school this summer to get certified to become a director of a child development center.

Jonathan Franz is practicing environmental/public law with a large Los Angeles law firm. He is also working on the first draft of a novel. He lives in the Pasadena area with his wife, Mary, and golden retriever, Rigsby.

Kyle Gibson is still living in Los Angeles and working as an accountant for a fictional paper company. This past summer he got to attend the Western Reunion and represented the Class of '06 (along with Westerners from '04, '05, and '07). Good times had by all.



Jonathan Franz '06 and family

Alex Dodwell continues working as a web developer and designer. Right now he's trying to sate his explorer's spirit as much as possible by skiing, hiking, and traveling to



Alex, exploring

new places, learning to cook and create new things, and enjoying the company of his friends, family, and his girlfriend in Austin, TX.

Kimberly Baillieul (Carvey) is happily married, making maps, and living in the heart of Saint Louis with her husband and awesome dog.

Shirley Lanta Wang recently graduated from Duke University School of Law, and has been admitted as a new member of the Oregon State Bar. Currently, Shirley is work-

ing at the Duke University Office of Counsel in Durham, North Carolina.

Levi Grooms is living a low-key life in the wooded hills of Southern Ohio and running a bed & breakfast with his partner, **Joshua Catone**. They recently celebrated their 9-year anniversary. They have a pug named RooRoo.



Roo Roo

Robyn MacConnell '06
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Abandoning my habit of turning life updates from my classmates into one continuous prose of *War and Peace* proportions, I decided to let the updates remain as they were sent to me. Of course, when I got half the updates written in third person, I had to change the pronouns, which made for some interesting changes in tone and modesty. Editing, manipulative? Never!

Matthew Anderson: "Since 2009 I've been working as the lead designer for 350.org, a climate change nonprofit started by Bill McKibben. I'm living in San Francisco, which is amazing and overpriced and beautiful, but will be moving all the way east to New York soon. In whatever free time I have, I'm playing soccer (they call me the Iker Casillas of my rec league) and exploring my newfound love for Settlers of Catan."

Nicole Brasseur: "In the fall of 2011, I recommenced the student lifestyle (which proved harder to adjust to than I thought after being in the work force). I am at the University of South Florida working toward my master's of Public Health in Health Education and Maternal Child Health. In spite of everyone in Ohio being jealous about the warm weather, I actually prefer the four-season climate more. I chose USF because there is some really awesome faculty research in reproductive health going on here. Essentially, school is my life again."

Brandon Cirillo: "This is my first appearance in the *Bulletin* so I'll catch everyone up. I took the scenic route by adding an additional 2½ years to finishing my senior project. Along the way, I moved back to Michigan and paid my rent by taking a very arduous job that consisted of playing with kittens and puppies. I then spent this time volunteering at the Detroit Zoo and as social media coordinator for the annual Detroit Wig Out (an event that features local music and fashion to benefit community

nonprofit organizations). Currently, I am in the midst of a year of service with AmeriCorps serving as a Development and Communications Specialist with the Connecticut Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs. Come July, I'm hoping to be Seattle-bound, but without a plan I would be very happy to entertain any suggestions. I live happily in New Haven with my geriatric rodents, Pele, a chin-chilla, and Moxie, a dwarf hamster."

Raymond Devine: "I currently live and work to pay my bills in Oxford, still haven't finished my thesis and am now scrambling to make ends meet ... anywhere but here."

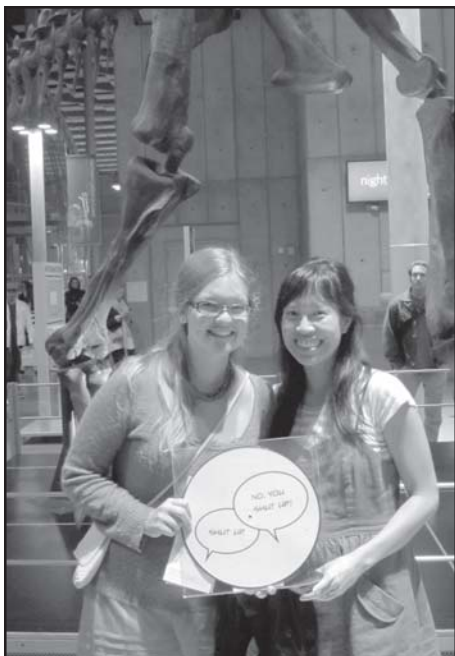
Nurit Yastrow Friedberg: "I'm still living in Cincinnati and working as a social worker. As part of my job, I'm serving on the planning committee for the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Take Back the Night, which is super exciting. I also started teaching Zumba® Fitness classes in August and I'm loving it! Aaron (Miami '08) and I got married in June at a beautiful ceremony surrounded by friends and family — including my Western family. We are now waiting to find out where Aaron will match for his internal medicine residency and then we'll see where life takes us."

Hailee Gibbons: "Well, everyone, shocking news. I am STILL at Miami University in Oxford! Yes, it's true. That angst-y emo girl who always wore black and a lot of eyeliner has been there since 2004. Miami ended my program of study and refused to let me keep my job of three years in the Office of Community Engagement and Service due to not having a master's degree. But I just won't take the hint to leave! So what am I doing now? Working on my master's in Student Affairs in Higher Education. In my classes, I spend most of my time making sarcastic comments, drinking disturbing amounts of coffee, and trying to find new ways to bring up how Miami got rid of Western and why it was the worst idea ever (other than their idea to get rid of me). My animal hoarding has also increased — I live with a beagle called Maggie, a golden retriever called Josie, and Ollie and Tommie, the formerly stray cats of unknown ages."



Jocelyn, enjoying the sun of So Cal

Jocelyn Hauge: "I'm still living in sunny So Cal in the surf capital of the U.S. Huntington Beach has provided me with a ton of fun outdoorsy activities as well as sunshine 365 days a



Stephanie Lee (right) with Karen Gotter '09 and a dinosaur skeleton, holding Jens Lekman's new record

year! I am about to hit my two-year mark as a Regional Marketing Specialist for Archstone Apartments and am actively managing all marketing and advertising needs for 21 apartment communities in San Diego, Dallas, and Phoenix. I am also working hard towards completing my master's in Integrated Marketing Communications through West Virginia University and will proudly walk at my graduation in May 2012 (so excited to be done with homework!!!). I live with (and talk to) my beta fish, Ragin' Cajun — or Rage for short — and am three weeks into p90X. Life is good!"

Stephanie Lee: "I've been working at a tech company in Silicon Valley for the last 10 months, and I hate it. But, I've been able to make a tiny difference while at the company, including starting a company-wide recycling program and waste reduction management program. I am also currently applying to graduate programs in public and international policy, and hope to work in the area of corporate responsibility. In other news, I have become quite the yoga master and might start teaching classes soon. I can be found at parties busting out crazy arm balances and dancing to hip hop. I also had the immense pleasure of meeting up with **Karen Gotter '09** in San Francisco and saw Jens Lekman at the California Academy of Science! Finally, I'm quitting Facebook in an effort to take back my life! So you'd all better stay in touch. stephanie.jing.lee@gmail.com"

Sudie Niesen: "I'm finishing up my master's in Divinity at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary this spring. After graduation, I will move to Philadelphia to be with my fiance, while looking for jobs."

John Obrycki: "I am finishing up my degree at Ball State University. Writing a master's thesis is like writing the senior project, without the fun of having a large class of Western students go through the process together. I think that counts as a high-impact learning experience. Everyone should move to Muncie, IN, because **Tom Reeve '00** is the executive director of a neat non-profit, Muncie-Delaware Clean and Beautiful. This coming fall I'll be back in Ohio, starting the Environment and Natural Resources Ph.D. program at The Ohio State University. I'm excited about the upcoming research projects and classes!"

Emilie Orians: "I'm still in Cincinnati working for MarketVision — I've changed roles a bit and am helping to develop the social media and community panel side of our research! After a summer full of fun (including my first NASCAR race!), I was lucky enough to make it to Scotland and Italy in the fall. Now Pinterest is helping me enjoy home ownership to its fullest during the weird winter months."

Tom Schleiter: "After my band toured with Smashing Pumpkins and KISS, I abandoned my rockstar dreams, sold out, and am now working as a professional songwriter/producer for the stars."



Jessica Slack, husband Moctar and daughter Henna at Myrtle Beach

Jessica Slack: "All is good in Columbus, OH. Moctar, Henna, and I have settled into our first home. After closing in October, doing tons of repairs, we are finally moved in as of January. Henna is just now 7 months old and she is growing like a weed. She even has two teeth! I am still working at Riverview Dental but I have been promoted to insurance/collections secretary. I went back to Miami recently and missed every single one of my fellow Westerners!"

Sydney Willcox: "After a couple of years as the assistant manager at Murray's



Martin Yip, picking up trash from a beach in Hong Kong

Cheese (the biggest and oldest cheese store in America) and discovering almost everything there is to know about cheese, I started culinary school at the end of January. It's a classic culinary arts program at the French Culinary Institute, the best school in Manhattan. I will still be working full time so I will be one of the most tired people I know (for three days a week it will be 16 hours of work and school each day). On another note, one of my roommates and I finally found freedom from our psycho third roommate (thank you, Manhattan real estate!), and have moved to better pastures. It's on the outskirts of Manhattan but it's a full service building!!! I love having a gym I will never use and packages that can be delivered to my apartment. Feel free to send me things :)"

Martin Yip: "I am thoroughly enjoying my job as an International Graduate at Standard Chartered Bank in Hong Kong. I love learning and traveling. Apart from learning a lot about banking, I also worked briefly in Shanghai this past year. In February, I moved to Mumbai, India, for my job. I chose that department because it finances infrastructures in emerging countries so I feel that I can contribute my tiny part into making the world a better place. As the two-year trainee program is coming to an end, I have



Mini Western reunion at Nurit Yastrow Friedberg's wedding (from left): Sudie Niesen, Nurit, Nicole Brasseur, Pulkit Datta

to pick a permanent position soon. Please keep your fingers crossed for me!"

Your Class of 2008 rep: On my end, I've been blissfully consumed by the filmmaking bug. I'm still living in New York and loving it. I've been working at an international film production company since summer last year, working on a range of feature films, documentaries and commercials, and have learned tons about the industry from every little detail. I am now writing a couple of scripts that I hope will turn out good enough to be financed and produced into films. Inspiration and creative vibes are welcome.

Have a great year!

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Editor's note: In fact, Pulkit was invited to campus in early April to screen his current film, The Forgetting Game, at Leonard Theatre. The presentation, open to the public,

was sponsored by the Western Program, Center of American and World Cultures, Honors Program, Department of Communication, and Journalism Program.

The film, the second Pulkit has produced, is the story of a 5-year-old East German girl, who was the first person to be legally transferred across the Berlin Wall in March 1963. After intense negotiations between the Red Cross and East German government, the event was accomplished peacefully and successfully — and immediately erased from the historical record. Thus, the title.



Renee Hemmelgarn: "I signed up for a second year as an AmeriCorps VISTA with Friends of the Lower Greenbrier River based

in Alderson, WV, that will end in May. I'm not sure where life will take me after that, but I will start a new adventure when I marry Adam Plourde in August."

Kat Hayes, graduation assistant in MU's psychology department, recently called our attention to the several current Western Program majors who are studying "abroad at sea, or across the country this semester" and provided this link to their blog: <http://westerngoesabroad.blogspot.com/>

Earlier this year, I (Cayla) worked for a community building agency and got invaluable experience in NGO and community development. Now I embark on a new adventure to the Ukraine. I am in training to be an English teacher and hopefully also dipping my hands into NGO development.

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In Memoriam

Elizabeth Ann Koons Miller '32
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Elizabeth Mary Sprague Grissom '34
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Dorothy Kercher Knoop '38
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Elizabeth Patz Paynton '39
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Send your news — *and pictures!* — for the Fall '12 Bulletin NOW.

E-mail, or clip and mail the form below to your Class Rep. If your class does not have a Rep, send your update directly to the WCAA. Beat the deadline: Labor Day, September 3!

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South and Central Ohio Clubs “Do Lunch”!



March Northern Kentucky/South-west Ohio luncheon at The Knolls of Oxford, below (l-r): Pris Strand Berry '54, Marita Lakonen Judge '53, Joyce Roark Phillips '56



NKY/SWO at The Knolls, top (l-r): WCAA Sr. Program Asst. Debbie Baker, Barbara Williamson Wendt '68, WCAA Director Mackenzie Becker Rice, Jane Smucker Fryman '58, scholarship recipient Nancy Otero. Above: Jane Fryman with Carolyn Auble and Donavon Auble FF

April luncheon in Columbus, right (l-r): Joan Campbell '73, Chris Moranda '74, Nancy Otero, Jan Chadwick '67, Hannah Mills, Betsy Salt '74, WCAA Director Mackenzie Becker Rice, Leslie Cohen '79. Nancy and Hannah are WCAA scholarship recipients and provided the program.



NKY/SWO at The Knolls, above: Debra Hefty Sayers '73 and Barbara Johnson Mecklenborg '53 (standing) with former Bulletin editor Jean Perry



December 2011 Luncheon in Dayton: (l-r) Mary Melison McDonald '70, Nancy McGregor Nowak '64, Mary Barber McKechnie '60, Ursula Seeler Parobek '60, Kathy Fansher Parnell '65, WCAA Accounting Assoc. Kaye Wolke, Martha Cowden '64, WCAA Director Mackenzie Becker Rice, Sue Mayer Falter '57, Nancy Johannes Campbell '64, Cathy Bauer Cooper '60, WCAA Sr. Program Asst. Debbie Baker. Not pictured: Kathleen Turner '64

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