



***Mary Lyon: "In Memory's Eye"***

# From the WCAA Director & WCAA President

Hello Westerners!

**H**appy Spring! We hope this finds you all happy and healthy! Campus is thriving with students bustling about and getting ready for exams and then on to internships and summer travel. It is hard to believe that we are sending the Class of 2013 out into the world!

This is a particularly exciting time for the WCAA. The Board of Trustees recently met and spent three long days working hard to figure out the perfect way to tell the story of Western as we anticipate the winding down of the WCAA in the year 2024. While there are still decisions to be made, we are getting closer and closer every day to developing a plan which will ensure that the story of Western will be told and the spirit of Western will live on. You can expect more information this summer on plans for an outdoor project on the Western campus. It is our hope that each of you will play a role in upholding the Western College Legacy ... and what an important legacy it is! This is your chance to say “WE WERE HERE!!!”



*Mackenzie Becker Rice  
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Of course, this is not the only way we promote Western’s legacy. The WCAA Board allocated funding for 48 Peabody Scholarship recipients for a total of \$60,300! These scholarships, as well as all WCAA scholarships, are changing lives in the name of Western. We also eagerly await the first Western College Professor in the near future. And, we continue to tell the story the most important way ... with you and through you.

We look forward to Alumnae Weekend and hope that you will join us. As your WCAA staff and the Board frequently comment, watching Westerners reconnect, remember and recapture the beauty of life on Western Campus reminds us why we all love Western so much.

Thank you for all you are doing to help us tell the story and keep Western alive.

Yours in the Spirit of Western,

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is "Mackenzie" and the second is "Jocelyn Woodson-Reed".

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**On the cover:**

*Artist Unknown (American)*

*Mary Lyon (?)*

*Oil on canvas, 19th century*

*Mount Holyoke College Art Museum, South Hadley, MA*

*Gift of Mrs. Laurence L. Cross (Erma B. Gilbert, 1913)*

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**Anchor alert!** 

*Since there will be no "Anchor" published this year, we call your attention to items of special interest to the over-50 classes in this issue of the Bulletin. Look for the anchor!*

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# Introducing Miami's Vice President for University Advancement — Our New Leader

**T**om Herbert was appointed Miami University's Vice President of University Advancement effective October 1, 2012. In this position, Tom leads advancement staff in all areas of alumni relations and development. He is also the executive director of the Miami University Foundation.

Before coming to Miami, Tom was at Dartmouth College, where he first held the position of Associate Vice President, Individual Giving and was most recently the Vice President of Development. Prior to his work at Dartmouth, Tom served in various roles at Indiana University from 2002 to 2009, including Executive Director of Development and Alumni Programs for the College of Arts and Sciences, and Vice President for University Wide Programs for the Indiana University Foundation. He also served as the Assistant Vice President for Development at the University of Michigan.



*Tom Herbert, VP,  
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Tom began his development career as a gift planning officer at Drake University in Iowa. He holds a Bachelor's degree in history from Northwestern University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence with honors from Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago-Kent College of Law. He has co-authored a textbook on major and planned giving programs and is a frequent presenter at fundraising conferences around the country. He and his wife, Kirsten, have two sons, Zachary and Ethan.

*WCAA President Jocelyn Woodson-Reed introduced Tom to the Board of Trustees during the April 11-13 board meetings. He was welcomed at an informal luncheon, where he shared his background, expressed his admiration for all Western College stands for, and was happy to answer questions about the university's current relationship with the Western College Alumnae Association.*

# What's on Your Mind

We love to hear your “small (Western) world” stories and know for a certainty that all our readers do too. Here are two we received recently, both inspired by obituary references to Western faculty members in the Fall 2012 Bulletin. While Mary Ellen’s and Grete’s experiences are quite different, their memories are equally vivid. Mary Ellen Caskey McKey ’63 was a sociology major at Western and is a retired dental office manager. In addition to returning for class reunions, Grete Stern Wrede ’51 served on the WCAA board of trustees from 1997 to 2000, so it is all the more surprising that she did not know the Western connection of her childhood friend.

I was moved by Hayat Imam’s tribute to her classmate, Chris Kelley Gilmartin ’68, and especially by her remembrance of T.A. Bisson, Western’s longtime Inter-cultural Studies professor. As a member of the class of ’63 I also took his introductory class, but for some reason I went no further in that department. I loved the class and found him the quintessential professor, inspiring and so knowledgeable. Many years later I had an experience which brought back good memories of Dr. Bisson, and which I’ll describe.



Mary Ellen McKey

My father’s older sister was Canadian and in the 1980s was living in a retirement facility in Toronto. She wrote me one day to say that a fellow resident would soon be visiting her son in Berkeley and would get in touch with me. Not long afterwards I had a call from her friend, whose name was Faith Bisson. Since her son lived just a short walk from us, my husband and I went there one afternoon for tea. After the introductory pleasantries, I of course said that I had had a professor named Bisson, and she asked where. When I said, “Western College for Women,” the tears sprang to her eyes, and she said, “That’s my Tom.” The rest of the visit was spent talking of the old days at Western, and she caught me up on the activities of many of the professors and staff whom I remembered. It was a lovely afternoon which I’ve never forgotten.

I was surprised to read in Hayat’s piece that T.A. Bisson had been a “highly regarded professor at Berkeley,” the city where I’ve now lived most of my life. I never knew that about him, and I wonder if Mrs. Bisson told me and I’ve forgotten. Another coincidence that day was the fact that her son, a professor at Cal, had been in my brother’s class of 1953 at Haverford. Not

surprisingly, he remembered my brother as one of their small class.

Thank you so much for publishing the piece by Hayat Imam. I’ve been thinking about it for many days.

— Mary Ellen Caskey McKey ’63

After reading (belatedly) the obituary of Dr. Georgiana Reynolds, I had to drop a line to tell you of my complete surprise at her connection to Western College. It turns out that I went to P.S. #15 with this woman in Crestwood/Tuckahoe, NY (NE Yonkers) and at about 10 years of age, she, our doctor’s daughter ..., another student ... and I formed a bridge game together, which we played after school at Georgiana’s home (she lived two doors up from school) on a regular basis. We originally learned bridge from our mothers and probably were the original “nerds” of our time. Once we got to high school and beyond, we lost touch with each other. Ursula (the doctor’s daughter) and I still remain “best” friends (she in Connecticut, me in Florida) and have seen each other regularly through the years. ... I called Ursula the same night I read the article and she also marveled at our finding our lost friend through a Western connection! I sent her the article, as well. It truly is a small world.



Grete Wrede

I am a little surprised that I never heard Georgiana’s name when I returned for various reunion years, but what a wonderful surprise to find her and learn of her accomplishments! I only wish it could have been a little sooner, so that we would have had our own reunion and reconnected before she passed away.

— Grete Stern Wrede ’51

# In Search of Miss Peabody's Mary Lyon Portrait

*Intrepid researcher, Dr. Elizabeth Johnson is at it again. While editing Sarah Howe's History of the Western College for Women: First Half Century (see "Peabody ... Where It All Began," Spring 2012 Bulletin), she found a reference to this portrait and wanted to know if it still existed and where it was. Not surprisingly, Mount Holyoke has most of the portraits. Early on it seemed clear one of them must be Miss Peabody's, so it became a matter of gathering enough data to eliminate the rest. In tandem with "deputy researcher" Debbie Baker, who sent endless e-mails to elicit information from various institutions, she began to piece together the trail and work out its provenance. For the full story, be sure to read "Source Notes," following the article.*

## IN MEMORY'S EYE

*A Portrait of Mary Lyon, founder of Mount Holyoke College; gift of the Western Female Seminary Class of 1859 to Helen Peabody, Principal, Christmas 1858*

On January 26, Phebe McKeen began the Seminary Journal for the year 1859. This journal was a diary of events at the Seminary kept by faculty members. Copies were sent periodically to Mount Holyoke Female Seminary and to missionaries and friends of Western Female Seminary, the first daughter institution of Mount Holyoke, to keep them in touch with the Seminary.

Miss McKeen begins: "We like 1859. The sun shone upon us, ever since it came in. Poor old '58 grew very melancholy toward the last and used to weep a great part of the time. It did brighten up a little about Christmas. We have not told you anything about Christmas, have we?" She then mentions family members and Oxford friends who visited the Seminary for the holiday and describes the parlor and chapel decorations: "...we converted them into as pleasant a drawing room as we could, by aid of all the pretty things in the house we could lay hold upon. We cannot get forest-wreaths in winter as you, New Englanders, can but our own pet cedars and those of our neighbors yielded so liberally as to give the room quite a bowery appearance." She then describes the small "mimic" landscapes created by the students, the mottoes and wreaths on the walls, and the dinner for guests.

Among the gala decorations Miss McKeen notes a special one. "But had you been here, the first object of interest in the room to you, would have been Miss Peabody's Christmas present from the Senior Class, for it was a portrait of Miss Lyon. It was painted by George W. White, an artist who is remarkably successful not only in copying faces but in embodying description. This picture was painted from the engraving in the last edition of Miss Lyon's memoirs and from such description as could be given. Miss Peabody was entirely ignorant of the affair until she came into the parlor on Christmas morning and met the beloved



Helen Peabody, ca. 1855

face awaiting her. It is the handsomest picture of Miss Lyon in existence certainly and Miss Peabody thinks the best. You old friends of Miss Lyon will tell us when you come, what you think of it. It is a noble picture very beautifully painted and Mr. White is not only willing to modify it in any way to complete the truth of the likeness but has unusual aptitude in availing himself of suggestions. This picture graces the wall, overarched by the motto, 'Nobly planned, to warn, to comfort, to command.'"

The painting of Mary Lyon gracing the parlor wall and the cover of this *Bulletin* is in the collection of Mount Holyoke College. It was given to the college in 1964 by Erma Gilbert Cross, an alumna, who purchased it from Celia Bissell in Berkeley, California. It is unsigned, as are many of George White's paintings, and came to the college with the story that Celia Bissell's grandmother, Lydia Partridge Thayer, who had attended Mount Holyoke in 1848-1849 and had left to teach, had been given the painting by Mary Lyon. Based on the clothing Mary Lyon is shown wearing, the painting was executed in the late 1850s nearly ten years after Lydia Partridge left Mount Holyoke and Mary Lyon's death in 1849. The mistake may lie, perhaps, in misunderstanding comments on prior ownership by a Mount Holyoke graduate, and the assumption that the prior owner had been given the painting by Mary Lyon. Whatever was said at the time, the information about the provenance of the painting was incorrect. How and when Celia Bissell acquired the painting is unknown.



Mary Lyon painting

The donor, Mrs. Cross, graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1913 and pursued a career in church related work in California before her marriage to Laurance Cross, a Presbyterian minister, who from 1947 to 1955 was also mayor of Berkeley, California. In 1924 he became minister of the Northbrae Community Church, a Presbyterian church in Berkeley. In 1943, the Northbrae Community Church the

Crosses served became a community church in fact because the congregation felt they could better serve the multi-denominational community around the University of California. Mrs. Cross lived in Berkeley from the 1920s until her death in 1990.

Mrs. Celia Bissell, from whom the painting was purchased, was married to Clifford H. Bissell, who was professor of French at the University of California, 1925-1954. Celia Bissell was active in various community organizations including the St. Moritz Ice Skating Club of Berkeley at whose competitions her children won several prizes. The Bissells were known for the parties and departmental receptions they gave. Like Erma Cross, she lived in Berkeley from the 1920s until her death in 1982.

The artist mentioned by Miss McKeen, George W. White, was born in 1826 in Oxford, Ohio, the son of George G. and Jane White. White's father was a businessman and the postmaster of Oxford from December 1833 to 1857. Little is known about George W. White's early life. He grew up in Oxford and in 1840 may have studied painting with Samuel Swan Walker, an artist then living in Hamilton, Ohio — the Butler County seat — about a dozen miles from Oxford. A few years later White went to Cincinnati to pursue a career as an artist. He was not successful at first and is said to have turned his hand to any commission he could find — including painting carriages and railroad cars. By 1848, he had a studio in the Apollo Building at Fifth and Walnut Streets where another artist, William Sonntag, also was located. White began to enjoy some success painting portraits of local citizens and performers such as popular actress Julia Dean Haynes, the actor Edwin Forrest and other notables. In 1848, he painted two views of the Greek Slave, a famous work of the time by well-known sculptor Hiram Powers. The paintings were widely displayed in the Midwest and East, and are said to have sold in New York for \$1,000 each, a considerable sum in those days. By 1857-1858, he was residing in Hamilton, Ohio, where he became a successful and fashionable painter of the well-to-do pioneer families, prominent business men and civic leaders of that city as well as of those of Oxford, his home town. His 1857 painting in the collection of Miami University of the Rev. John Witherspoon Scott, the first principal of Oxford Female Institute (1849-1855) and first president of Oxford Female College (1855-1859), exemplifies the skill he had developed in portraiture. He also painted landscapes as well as historical and imagined scenes, but made his living painting portraits. Except for a brief stay in Cincinnati (1865-1867), White continued to live in Hamilton until his death in 1891. He is buried in Hamilton's Greenwood Cemetery.

While many of White's paintings are privately owned, the largest number of publicly owned paintings are in the

collection of the Butler County Historical Society in Hamilton, the Miami University Art Museum, and the William Holmes McGuffey Museum in Oxford.

When Helen Peabody, first owner of the painting, began her retirement in 1888 after 33 years as the first principal of the Western Female Seminary, she moved to Cincinnati where she had many friends. Shortly thereafter she embarked on trips to visit friends, family and former students in the East and Midwest, and then on a trip to visit missionary friends in Japan. At the 1892 dedication of the second building constructed on Western's campus, Alumnae Hall, she gave her farewell speech, explaining that she was retiring to her "sunset home" in Pasadena, California. Later that year she moved with her brother, the Rev. Charles Peabody, to 212 South Euclid Street — a house overlooking the area of the Arroyo Seco that became the Rose Bowl — taking her household furnishings and possessions with her. When she died in 1905, she left her home and other property to the Woman's Occidental Board of Missions, San Francisco, and the trusteeship and management of the home to the Executive Committee of the Woman's Presbyterial Society of the Los Angeles Presbytery. The house was to be used as a "temporary resting place" for church workers, missionaries and teachers, particularly those associated with Western. It was to be called the House of Rest. By 1907, a Southern California Branch of the Alumnae Association of Western College had formed, and the members assisted the church in caring for the house. The furnishings were left in the house for use by those living there. The Branch held its annual meeting and picnic at the house, often on or near May 6, Helen Peabody's birthday, and regularly raised money for redecorations and repairs.

Helen Peabody was active in church organizations in California and kept up not only with Western alumnae but also with her sister alumnae from Mount Holyoke. She was president for a time of the Mount Holyoke Alumnae Association of Southern California formed in 1893. It is likely that the picture of Mary Lyon was removed during one of the many redecorations mentioned by the Branch in its yearly reports to the Alumnae Association of Western College from 1909 to 1935, when the House of Rest was closed. At that time the contents of the house were dispersed, and several pieces of furniture from the house were sent to Western College. Mrs. Bissell may have heard of the painting, if not directly from a sale notice, through one of the many Mount Holyoke or Western alumnae in California.

This painting is one of two paintings of Mary Lyon found in California, the other being the portrait by Alice Jones Peck at Mills College, Oakland, California, executed about 1907 for Susan Tolman Mills.



Figure 1

The earliest portrait of Mary Lyon is a painting on ivory dated 1832, from which Figure 1, one of the two possible models for the White painting, was engraved. This engraving is the frontispiece of *The Power of Christian Benevolence, Illustrations in the Life and Labors of Mary Lyon*, published by the American Tract Society in 1858. The book appeared in twelve editions from 1851 to 1860. The first editions of this memoir by Edward Hitchcock, published by Hopkins, Bridgman & Co., Northampton, Massachusetts, had as a frontispiece an engraving of a late 1830s painting by Joseph Chandler of a three-quarter length view of Mary Lyon, seated and holding a book tilted toward the viewer. The engraving is a reversed version of the painting. In later editions published by Bridgman, this engraving is reduced to the bust of Miss Lyon illustrated by Figure 2, the other possible model. The faculty and students at Western Female Seminary would have been familiar with the latter as the Seminary owned a copy of the Bridgman edition. If the journalist meant the 1858 edition, also owned by Western, when she said “latest edition,” they used the engraving of her depicted in Figure 1. Helen Peabody’s brother, the Rev. Charles Peabody, worked for the American Tract Society for 42 years, so the Seminary may have acquired the new edition shortly after publication in 1858, when he visited the Seminary on his way to Europe.

The only faculty members at Western in the fall of 1858 who knew what Mary Lyon looked like are Adelia C. Walker, who was a student at Mt. Holyoke from 1848 to 1851, and Eliza McCabe who attended Mt. Holyoke in 1847-1848, just before Mary Lyon’s death in 1849. Helen Peabody knew Mary Lyon well, having graduated from Mt. Holyoke in 1848 and taught there from graduation until 1853, but she was not providing information to the artist.

In the White painting the face of Mary Lyon is oval like her face in the frontispieces but fuller than depicted in the frontispieces. The features are similar to the frontispieces, but the high forehead and long nose are particularly charac-



Figure 2

teristic of all the images of her. In the painting Mary Lyon is not dressed like either of the figures in the two engravings. Information about her clothing would have been supplied to the artist. From descriptions, and particularly from an 1845 daguerreotype of her, we know what Mary Lyon wore in the 1840s. In the daguerreotype she is wearing a gown with long, narrow but loose, sleeves and a V-neck. The neckline is filled in with a scarf. On her head is the large white cap with ties that covers much of her head like the one she wears in Figure 2. This cap replaced the early 19<sup>th</sup> century turban or hat (Figure 1) she wore after a bout with typhoid. In the White painting this costume has been brought up-to-date to the style of the late 1850s. The cap in the White portrait has become a mere wisp of the voluminous cap covering her head shown in Figure 2. In the 1850s the cap was becoming less fashionable, and when worn, was placed near the back of the head as shown in the painting, covering much less of the head than Mary Lyon’s cap did in the 1840s.

In the painting Mary Lyon’s dress has the deep, wide V-neck of the late 1850s rather than the shorter V-neck of the 1840s. A narrow waist and part of a billowing skirt can just be seen in the lower part of the painting. The hoop of Civil War fashion was beginning to be worn in the late 1850s and skirts were becoming large to accommodate it. In particular the sleeves of the gown are different from the loose narrow sleeves of 1840s fashion. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century sleeves on women’s garments grew larger then smaller and then larger again throughout the century, culminating in the huge leg-of-mutton sleeve. The area of fullness moved up and down the arm. Mary Lyon’s gown in the White painting has the slightly dropped shoulder opening out into fullness beginning on the upper arm that became fashionable in the late 1850s. Her clothing and, in particular the sleeves of the dress, indicate that this painting was created at the time the journalist says Mr. White was asked to create a picture of Mary Lyon using one or both of the frontispieces and “such description as could be given” by women who had seen her near the end of her life.

Although this portrait of Mary Lyon is not a close likeness of her — or perhaps one might say of other portraits of her — it is difficult to say which of the few portraits of her is the closest to her physical appearance, since they were made at different times in her life or after her death. The 1845 daguerreotype certainly records her somewhat haggard appearance at that time, a few years before her death, when she was no longer the young woman of the 1832 painting on ivory or of the Joseph Chandler painting of the late 1830s for which it is presumed she sat. The White portrait does, however, depict characteristics of her face in common with these and other portraits, and the clothing is based on what a student at Mount Holyoke in the years before her death would remember her wearing, although it is revised to the fashion of the late 1850s.

When Miss McKeen says the portrait is “the handsomest picture of Miss Lyon...and Miss Peabody thinks the best” she is speaking of their memory of the character and person-

ality of a much admired woman, rather than her physical appearance which is likely influenced by familiar depictions of her, such as these frontispieces, in books and publications of the time. She was to them a distinguished woman whose character and admirable accomplishments in women’s education were the most important memories. The “noble picture” presents a dignified, confident person, and is a suitable representation of a woman of such accomplishment. They saw in the portrait the woman they so highly esteemed and over whose portrait on the parlor wall that Christmas day they placed the motto taken from the last lines of William Wordsworth’s poem, “She was a phantom of delight”:

*A perfect woman nobly planned  
To warn, to comfort, and command;  
And yet a Spirit still, and bright  
With something of angelic light.*

— Elizabeth Johnson, Ph.D.

### Source Notes

#### *The painting of Mary Lyon...*

*given by Cross:* Mt. Holyoke Collection Database MH 1964.243.l(b)Pl.

*unsigned:* Many of George W. White’s paintings are unsigned and undated. Some, such as the painting of John Witherspoon Scott in collection of MU Art Museum, are both signed and dated. For some paintings he used a stencil with his name on the back of the canvas; for example, six of the paintings in collection of the Butler County Historical Society.

*Lydia Partridge Thayer:* *Memorandum Society of Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary 1837-1867* p. 70, Census 1850-1880. Lydia Thayer was at the seminary only two years and had no special relationship to Mary Lyon.

#### *The donor, Mrs. Cross...*

*Erma Gilbert and Laurance Cross:* Polk’s Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda City Directory 1926-1928; Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda City Directory 1960; Higley, Mary C. J. editor, *One hundred Year Biographical Directory of Mt. Holyoke College 1837-1937*; Census 1930-1940; California and Social Security Death Index.

*Northbrae Community Church:* History on church web page.

#### *Mrs. Celia Bissell...*

*Celia and Clifford Bissell:* Census 1920-1940; Berkeley City Directories listed above; University of California: *In Memoriam*; brochure 1943 *Pacific Coast Regional Championships*, St. Moritz Ice Skating Club.

#### *The artist mentioned...*

*George W. White:* Much of the information on George White’s early life cannot be corroborated. He may have studied with Samuel Swan Walker in Hamilton as the latter is listed there in the Census of 1840. Exactly when White arrived in Cincinnati is unknown, but he is first listed there in 1848 by Charles Cist, *Sketches and Statistics of Cincinnati 1851* p. 127 and in Cincinnati City Directories 1848-50. By 1857 he had moved to Hamilton (Hamilton City Directory 1858-1859), and his paintings of Scott and other Oxford people indicate he was probably working in the Hamilton-Oxford area by the late 1850s if not earlier. An article about him in the *Weekly Hamilton Telegraph* Feb. 4, 1858 p. 3 says: “He has been busily engaged for several months painting the portraits of a great many of our citizens...among which are those of several who have been dead for months and years.... We hope Mr. White will be induced to remain in Hamilton....” It would seem he had practice at satisfactorily portraying those no longer available to sit in person. Except for the years 1865-1867 spent in Cincinnati, (Cincinnati City Directory), White remained in Hamilton until his death (Hamilton Census 1870, 1880; Hamilton City Directory 1890-1891; *Hamilton Daily Democrat* 9/11/1891 p. 3 obit.)

*When Helen Peabody...*

*Cincinnati, travel, farewell speech:* Cincinnati City Directories 1888-1891; *Annual Circular* 12<sup>th</sup> 1892 p. 29-31 and 34, 14<sup>th</sup> 1894 p. 28-29; *The Record* 1889-1890 p. 5, Jan. 1, 1892 p. 4; Census 1900.

*Household furnishings, death:* *Western Oxford* Dec. 1893 p. 36 Letter Nov. 13, 1893; Will dated May 23, 1904; *Western Oxford* June 1909 p. 47. The Woman's Occidental Board became part of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

*Southern California Branch: Annual Circulars* 27<sup>th</sup> 1907-*Bulletin* May 1934

*Helen Peabody was active...*

*Western alumnae...sister alumnae, Mt. Holyoke Alumnae Association:* Letters: Oct. 11, 1894 *Annual Circular* 14<sup>th</sup>, May 28, 1900 *Annual Circular* 20<sup>th</sup>; Report of Southern California Branch in *Annual Circular* 29<sup>th</sup> 1909-*Bulletin* May 1934; Mills, Mary H., *The First Hundred Years 1872-1972* p. 140; Mt. Holyoke Archives, Notes Anna C. Edwards Class of 1859.

*Items sent to Western College: Bulletin* July 1932 p. 20.

*This painting is one...*

*Mills College painting:* A photograph of the painting was sent to Mt. Holyoke College 1907: *The Mount Holyoke* V. 16 June 1906-May 1907 p. 358-359: "...one for each hall and one for the library...a portrait of 'Mary Lyon at 45' made in California under Mrs. Mills' direction."

*The earliest portrait...*

*Paintings/images in Mt. Holyoke collection:* The major ones are: 1. 1832 painting on ivory (Archives); 2. Late 1830s painting by Joseph Chandler (MH 2004.1); 3. Daguerreotype dated 1845 (donated 1913); 4. Posthumous painting by Joseph Chandler (MH 1885.22.1(b).P1). Other images of her are derived from or influenced by these four images. Mt. Holyoke displayed one of the portraits by 1860-1862. A portrait is mentioned at a tour of the school in 1860 by David Choate and at the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1862, *Memorial of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary*, South Hadley, MA 1862 p. 67, 79, 81. The four portraits may be viewed online at <http://asteria.fivecolleges.edu/findaids/mountholyoke/list> and at <http://museums.fivecolleges.edu/>.

*The Power of Christian Benevolence, Illustrated in the Life and Labors of Mary Lyon* by Edward Hitchcock: Editions owned by Western College: a Bridgman edition mentioned in *Seminary Journal* May 27, 1856 and the 1858 Revised Edition American Tract Society copy now in MU King Library. This book is known as the Hitchcock Memoir of Mary Lyon.

*Charles Peabody:* Short biographical sketch written by Charles Peabody, in WCAA Narka Nelson Archive; *Seminary Journal* May 1, 1858.

*The only faculty...*

*Adelia C. Walker and Eliza McCabe: Memorandum Society of Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary 1837-1867* p. 59, 62.

*In the White painting...*

*Turban...typhoid:* Green, Elizabeth Alden, *Mary Lyon and Mount Holyoke, Opening the Gates*, Hanover NH 1979 p. 55; Hitchcock, Edward, *The Power of Christian Benevolence, Illustrated in the Life and Labors of Mary Lyon*, Hopkins, Bridgman, and Company, Northampton 7<sup>th</sup> Edition (1852) p. 69; 1858 Revised Edition has a reference to illness on p. 73-74. Mary Lyon said her head was cold even after her hair grew back so she always wore a head covering.

*When Miss McKeen says...*

*Familiar depictions:* Engravings of Mary Lyon portraits, such as the late 1830s portrait by Chandler, also appeared in magazines in the 1850s, see *The Home: A Monthly for the Wife, the Mother, the Sister, and the Daughter* February 1856.

*"Daugh-ters Dear of Old Mount Ho-ly-oke ..."* \*

*Founded by Mount Holyoke alumnae, principals, administrators and teachers, the seven so-called "daughter colleges" in order of founding are: Rockford (1847), in Rockford, Illinois; Mills College (1852), in Oakland, California; Western (1853); Lake Erie (1856), in Painesville, Ohio; Huguenot College and Seminary (1874), Wellington, South Africa; International Institute for Girls in Spain (1877), San Sebastian, Spain; Albert Lea College for Women (1884), in Albert Lea, Minnesota.*

*\* with apologies to J. F. Hamilton, who adapted "Miss Peabody" from the Amherst College fight song, "Lord Jeffery Amherst"*

# "I remember the friendships I still cherish from Western days and the wonderful events we shared ..."



To our delight, we received this e-mail from Jeffrey McCall, MU '80, on April 19: "While searching the Internet I came across a listing of 'missing persons' from Western College. The oldest on the list, **Edna Wilburn Cornett '34**, is my grandmother. I can report that my grandmother is an active 100-year-old living in Surprise, AZ. After receiving her degree from West Virginia University she married Glenn Phipps Cornett and had four children. She has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to write back." Stay tuned!

**Susan Talbot Birkett '69** reported on her mother, **Eleanor Van Dervort Talbot '34**, who turned 100 last April (2012). "As a past trustee and supporter of the College, she heard from many graduates, and it thrilled her. She also had a letter of congratulations from President Obama. Now a few months off 101, Eleanor has two children, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. She sees and hears perfectly, is an avid reader, paints still life and landscape, and is computer literate. Mother loved Western College ... the College was and remains a significant and joyful part of Mother's life."

but moved east after college and did not stay in touch with Western friends. Eleanor, on the other hand, moved to Dayton after she married, regularly attending reunions and lending her time and energy to Western in many roles — including as a charter member of the first WCAA, Inc. board of trustees. Her husband was a friend of President Herrick Young's and supporter of his international programs.

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## *Alumnae Weekend '13: Celebrate 75 years!*

**Barbara Johnson** wrote Jane by way of the WCAA office that she is still living in Sanibel, FL, and volunteers one afternoon a week at their public library. She sends best wishes to all.

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*Following the success of their phone calls to the Class of '43 last fall, the Publications Committee decided to reach out again. Very few from the Class of '40 had been heard from since the death of class rep **Ruth Bertsch Stilwell** in February 2012, so notes were written or phone calls made to the 19 class members on our current masterlist.*

**Evelyn Watkins Bauman** still "just loves Western" and keeps in touch with her roommate **Kaleen Kocikowski Abel**. She said her aunt, **Ellen Skuni** (class of 1910 or 1911) was responsible for her attending Western. The aunt had loved Western and wanted her niece to go there too. Evelyn did and also loved it, though she spent only a year before having to return to Denver owing to a death in the family. She graduated

from the University of Denver with a major in sociology, thanks in part to her strong foundation at Western. She recalled that all Western students were required to take a year of Latin. Although she'd already had four years of Latin in high school, she had to take it again for Western College was very strict. This was one of the things, she added, that made it a good school. Western had high standards and everyone who graduated had to have the same high standards.

She loved going to chapel — although it was required — and the organ, which is probably what drew her to chapel. She also enjoyed attending the music department concerts. Western was a real "ladies" campus; Miami fraternity boys came over seeking dates. Knowing that she had a date for a big Miami University spring fraternity dance, while home she purchased an elegant lavender dress from a Denver department store. At that time, a department store sold only one copy of a particular style of a dress or gown. Consequently, on the night of the dance, she was surprised when a schoolmate arrived wearing the identical dress. The schoolmate had purchased her dress in Cincinnati. The two of them had a good laugh and both felt very elegant.

Evelyn married a doctor who had graduated from school in Temple, TX, and they settled in that state. She now lives in Odessa. With relatives in Ohio, Evelyn has been back to the Western campus and still finds it beautiful. She'd want to return if her roommate Kaleen planned to do so.

**Kaleen Kocikowski Abel** is an "active 95 and can still drive a car, although drivers may wish I wouldn't." She enjoys traveling, usually with a group, and has been on lots of trips — two to Israel and one to Turkey, Germany, Poland, as well as Russia about a year and a-half ago. She rode a camel in Lebanon and a donkey in Greece, and is considering a trip to Ireland in 2014. She generally doesn't attend Reunions because she likes to do something different.

After visiting Western on the recommendation of a sister's friend, Kaleen didn't want to go anywhere else. Western, she added, was "a very fine college" and she has lots of good memories of her time there. She remembers "the Woods," following the chair around on the ice (since she was never an ice skater), and that her roommate, **Evelyn Watkins**, liked to sing and play organ and piano.

Having been raised on Lake Michigan (Michigan City, IN), she loved to swim, danced a lot (tap, toe, acrobatic and ballet) and could



*Souvenir booklet from Eleanor's 100th.*

Eleanor herself wrote the office, sending "many thanks to all and all the best to Westerners" and mentioning that her sister Anne lived to be 95,



have gone on the stage. She majored in art and German, receiving help from her father, who had been born in occupied Germany. She was the first woman to be employed as a technical development artist/illustrator with the USG and for 14 years was a technical illustrator with TDC in Washington, DC, and Indianapolis.

Kaleen is still a member of the Palo Alto Art League. (When asked whether she might have photos of her artwork that she could e-mail for the *Bulletin*, she replied that she doesn't use the computer and added that fellow alums would have to come to Palo Alto to see her work.) Married for 47 years, Kaleen's husband for 47 years was also with the government. Her siblings are deceased but she has a beautiful 6-year-old great-grandchild.

**Joan Darby Kuntz** lives with her older son in her home in McLean, VA. She recalled the round robin letter which her class circulated for a number of years and how she very much enjoyed it.

**Margaret Gravett Giusti** thanked us for "trying to keep in touch" and thought that she and **Peggy Robinson Kirk** were the only ones still around from the class of 1940. **Peg Wood Singley** and **Allene Kelly Williams**, with whom she had stayed in touch, have been gone over a year.

She is in "pretty good health for 94" but no longer drives. She and her husband live in a "retirement" apartment building and Peg sent wonderful pictures "of me 'then' and of both me and my husband now."



*Peg Giusti '40, then and now*

*Thanks to committee members Sylvia Stanfield, Jane Fryman, Sharry Addison and Anne Weissenborn, whose letters and telephone conversations with Class of '40 members were thoroughly enjoyed on both ends!*

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Hello again! I am writing on a cold but sunny morning in January. Amazing how fast a year has passed since I last penned the '42 message for the *Bulletin*.

Good news is that the goal of establishing a Western College Endowed Professorship at Miami was met. Five '42 alums – Peg, Fran, Bea, Bernarda and Ora Jane – are listed among those who participated in this endeavor.

We have a holdover '42 communique from 2012. **Bernarda Danford Rice's** did not reach me until after last year's deadline. She was enjoying very much her new home in Tempe, AZ. Moderate temperatures, activities and new friends in Friendship Village and being close to family members make for happy days. An update this year adds some details: Of an afternoon, she likes to "take a book out to my patio to sit by my lemon tree, surrounded by bright red geraniums." In relatively good health, Bernarda uses a walker but is with the "in crowd," or in other words, she says, "The old gray mare ain't what she used to be."

Two Christmas letter writers are the only current classmate correspondents.

**Barbara Burke Chesman** is still a traveler. Barb wrote of visits to St. Augustine, Lancaster (PA), Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Cape May, Ottawa, and the Notre Dame campus. How about that! She survived for the flight home four broken ribs from a fall in the hotel bathtub on her final morning in Canada. Egad!

**Ethel Burnham Meece** and Ely are living quietly in Palo Alto. No travels as of yore, but pleased to have visitors. Son Ted's son represented the U.S.A. in snowboarding competition at the Special Olympics held in Korea.

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**Fran Sutherland Larsen** is "still alive and clicking at turtles' pace." She and Bob are in the process of downsizing to move from South Carolina to Jacksonville, FL, to be near daughter Ellen and family. They missed traveling this year, owing to the pending move and some lake property ownership problems. But they will sail for two weeks in March. The news of "very special roomie" **Ellen Westerman Brashares'** death last September was terribly sad for her. They had been in touch all these years. Fran felt "very blessed to have had her in my life."

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A Christmas letter from **Ann Winger Tuttle** brought information about her loss of Max last June. We remember the interesting letters she sent us as they traveled in many parts of the world. She continues to live in

her home in Irving, TX, and is finding out how many things can go wrong when she has to look after them by herself: roofing, wall and pool repair, rose pruning. Just after the holiday Ann fell and broke her leg. We send our sympathy for her loss of Max and welcome her to the circle of those of us whose bones have been repaired. Ann also experienced an earthquake and wonders if underground drilling or fracking is the cause. If you care to send a note to our old class rep: 3717 Santiago Ct., Irving, TX 75062.

In August, **Rachel Hoskins Saunders'** obituary arrived. She was with us only freshman year; went on to graduate from U. Tenn. I remember frequently chatting with her as she was from Kentucky. When she came to campus for our 50th, it was for the first time since '43. She told me how much she enjoyed reading about our class and our activities in the *Bulletin* over all the years. Her lifelong friend was Katy Pope White, a classmate of Charles at Centre and we had been with Katy recently. Unfortunately I did not know the connection: What a small world.

**Clid Hunter**, once the youngest of five, is now the sole survivor of her generation. Her 94-year-old brother passed away in August. She is blessed with close nieces and still lives alone. Word to all of us: She's glad to get up each morning, to take care of her own house, do church work where she can sit down and do a little driving.

**Betty Buell Baldwin** (Garrett Park, MD) reported that she tried to contact **Sophie Nelson Salley** recently, only to learn that she had died suddenly of a brain aneurism a year and a-half ago. We send condolences to Sophie's family. She certainly kept busy in the political scene in Virginia and made herself known for her knowledge of history and current events. Those of us in Mary Lyon who knew her dorm room habits recall how fastidious she was, keeping her boxes of chocolates (sent to help her put on weight) wrapped in tissue among her clothing. She must have been a perfect housekeeper. Betty's daughter Susan and her daughter Lizzie came from San Diego to spend the holidays. It was a good family visit with lots of talk and eating. Betty added that **Bessie Zimmerly Terrell's** husband, Ed, died recently.

**Marty Hall Wedeman** lives in Goodwin House in Virginia. To visit her, Betty would have to tackle the Beltway, not to her liking so she phones her. Both she and Marty have joined the walking cane brigade as have Dorcas and I. Is there anyone in our class who still walks alone? Haven't caught Marty's son Ben Wedeman lately on CNN.

**Mel Leckie McCoy** called from California with concern for Betty and her home after hurricanes in the area. Betty happily reported that nothing was damaged, particularly the large trees around her home.

**Nelle Sicher Frisch's** daughter is a rabbi in Elgin, IL. She brought Nelle to Reunion not too many years ago.

From **Dorcas Robson** comes word of her big New Year's Eve party at her new home in Valle Verde, Santa Barbara: Party began at 4:00 with champagne, wine and hors d'oeuvres until 5:30! Not only a swinger, she's now a bridge player and gets in a lot of walking. The campus, where she enjoys walking, is being enlarged with lots of construction noise to accommodate more homes. She hopes it won't be spoiled. Dorcas made her annual holiday trip to Seattle and visited her sister-in-law, now in a rest home after a stroke, and nieces. She's thinking now that her own bed is the best.

Recently talked with **Peggy Kaufman Stricker**. She lives alone in her long-time Cincinnati home with daily help. No longer drives so she had to give up Meals on Wheels delivery. One son is married, living in Cincinnati. Other son and family live in New York. Her twin grandsons are making plans for colleges next year. Peggy had twin sisters who did everything together – dress, schools, activities. In contrast her grandsons have been in different classes and, with different interests, are going to different colleges. **Betty Huttenbauer Heldman '49** and others take Peggy out for dinner.

**Betty Smith Carlson** suffered a broken hand last year, but continues making greeting cards to sell at craft shows. Daughter Alicia is engaged and making plans for a 2014 wedding.

Charles and I still shuffle along and do a little driving, never far from home. He has breakfast out every morning, visits the health center and library and brings me the newspaper and mail at noon. I am like Ann, helping to keep the medical profession in business with arthritis, pinched vertebrae and incontinence. We go to church at 8:30 in order to have lots of time in the afternoon (for what I haven't figured out yet). Our theater dates are now for Sunday matinees and we don't like driving at night.

In early December, I ventured across the river to Montgomery Inn to meet WC alums from the area for lunch and to gab a bit. We were shown plans for new structures on OUR campus. We were from many classes and each one gave a quick bio. I was not the oldest one there. About once a month we visit with the newest member of the family – 2 years old and all the energy we would love to share.

Do keep in touch ...

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Alumnae Weekend '13: Celebrate 65 years!

Sixty-five years! Would you believe that we have been out of college that long? We are antiques! But the time has really flown by and life has been good.

I hope you all noticed that one of the first bands to play in the Presidential Parade was the Miami University Marching Band. Now that we are part of Miami, we are on TV.

**Ann Creswell Sandin** is now living with her daughter in Glastonbury. Her husband died on his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday after a long and wonderful marriage of 59 years. It is always hard to lose a lifelong companion. Ann has nine grandchildren (15-27 years old) and all are either musical or artistic or both. For exercise, Ann does "heavy calisthenics," which means that she has to lift her feet up with heavy orthopedic shoes. Life for Ann is busy and entertaining.

The year 2012 has not been the best for **Marjorie Hoerres Kalkoske**. She had a flu bug that lasted several weeks just before Christmas, then an accident sent her to the hospital. Nothing was broken, however, and now she feels just fine. She sends her love to all.

A nice Christmas card and letter brought news of the **Geraldine Smith Rector** family. Tom and Gerry enjoy the benefits of where they are living. There seems to be always something to do — a lecture, musical, etc. Their children are doing well with their families and work. Gerry is now a great-grandmother. What fun!

A nice letter from **Dorothy Mershon Armistead** brought news that she had lost her wonderful Gray at the age of 91 years. Our love and best wishes go out to you, Dorothy. Dorothy is now happily settled into a full-service retirement community just outside of Pittsburgh, and is enjoying family plus old and new friends there. She's so busy she wishes she had more hours in the day.

**Helen Grinnell** is still living in Colorado and keeps busy with friends and financial affairs. She has lived in Colorado for many years and seems to enjoy it.

**Ellen Siddell Zimmermann** and I keep in touch. Ellen has a nice home on Lake Erie that the family used in summer and now she has just sold it — so that is a big load off her mind. It is getting harder to drive over to Canada, what with passports and car searches, etc. Ellen is fine, although she did have a little stomach surgery last fall. She and I often go to a garden tour near her and it is always nice to see the lovely landscaping and flowers.

A nice letter from **Jane Clapp Towne** says that life is still good for her. North Dakota is lucky to have a balanced budget and good economy. How nice for the state! Michigan can't say that. She keeps busy with study clubs, bridge, symphony and is a deacon in the Episcopal Church, so calls on shut-ins and does other church-related service. And she walks two miles five days a week for exercise. Whew!

**Judith Vincze Quinn** wrote to WCAA Director Mackenzie Becker Rice, thanking her for her letter of concern following Hurricane Sandy, which struck the East Coast in late October: "We did not experience major damage to our property. The loss of power and utilities, and water contamination, were our concerns. Recently I fractured my wrist and suffered a bout of shingles, making things even more difficult. Work was closed for my son (an attorney) and my daughter (a teacher) for almost two weeks. My family and I eventually evacuated to a hotel, where we found heat and creature comforts for several days. There was much damage in Woodbridge Township.



Judith Quinn '48

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"Again, I am very thrilled at age 86 to feel the joy of the spirit of Western College. Best regards to my Class of 1948 classmates and to my friends in the Class of 1949."

As for me, I keep busy with some volunteer work, Altar Guild director, swimming, pot-lucks, a few club tours around town — to see Faberge at the DIA, opera, for instance. No trips out of the country this year — too

much fighting going on. I did visit my daughter in Newport, RI, to see the America's Cup sailing races, and to Stratford, CT, to see some plays. My family is just fine. I now have a new great-grandchild (18 months) — lots of fun to watch!

My best to each of you ...

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*Editor's note: Class members were informed that their longtime scribe, Diane Heckert Staub, was unable to compile this spring's notes and were requested to send their news instead to the office.*

**Donna Hall Mader** wrote she is "still plodding along trying to enhance my so-called career as a 'professional volunteer.'" Although the job is becoming more difficult "as growing older brings more challenges," Donna is grateful for all the good things in her life — "including the lasting friendships from the Western years." She wishes everyone reading this "a delicious 2013!"

**Carol Hayward Vanderpol** was sorry to hear that Diane wasn't well and recalled attending required noon chapel at Western — seated alphabetically by class. "So for me it was Hayden, Hayward, Heckert! I saw Diane every day and that was great." Carol and Jim have recently moved to a smaller home only a few minutes away. "Downsizing is *not* fun," she writes, and further philosophizes, "Keeping busy is key and good health is a miracle." She has been lucky "so far" with only minor vision problems. Her latest way to "keep busy"? She is skiing again! Jim is involved with another book — to be published first in Dutch. Carol will have to wait for the translation.

**Susan Ott Faulkner** is in her second year at a "superb" retirement home in Wallingford, CT, "gradually becoming a 'member of the mass-es.'" She still loves gardening and tended a wonderful one — 50 x 35 — with a "superb selection of plants."

**Jane Bridgman Voigt** is in her third year at Amber Lights, an Arizona retirement home, where she is enjoying two classes from the U. of Arizona: one in politics and religion, the other on the Middle East. The latter is of particular interest, as Jane lived in Yemen 1977-79. The highlight of her year was a family reunion in early July that included her son, who flew in from Seattle to celebrate with his three sisters and families. This happy occasion preceded one not so happy: Jane's July 19th knee replacement. She concluded her note with "treasure my two years at Western" and recalling for us that she is the daughter of Western alumna **Laura Matson, Class of '20 or '21.**

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Queen Elizabeth wasn't the only one to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Our class had a 60th reunion and several of us also had 60th wedding anniversaries. Hawaii seems to have been a favorite destination.

Dick and **Joanne Dubois Shafer** hated to miss Reunion, but their trip with all 19 family members sounds wonderful. Jo says, "I was very sorry to miss the 60th reunion. That week we just happened to be in Hawaii celebrating our wedding anniversary. We had such a wonderful time on our 50th with the family in Rome that we decided to do a family affair again. Our anniversary is in April but June turned out to be the only time we could get reservations when everyone could attend. We went to Hawaii because our oldest grandson is stationed on a ship there and this was the only place he could join us. We also had lived there twice while Dick was in the Navy. We had three cottages on the beach and did a lot of sightseeing around Oahu. We haven't figured out what we will do for our 70th."

**Donna Schulz Bloom** and Art were Hawaii visitors at Christmas. All three sons and six of the seven grandchildren were at son Jay's Honolulu home for the holiday. Donna and

Art still live in their own home and enjoy the cultural activities of Cornell and Ithaca College. Donna occasionally joins Cornell's performances of major works.

Dick and **Catherine Ross Loveland** celebrated their 60th in the North Carolina Outer Banks with most family members. Dick enjoyed a golfing trip to Scotland, playing the historic courses, and plays duplicate bridge regularly. He still goes to the office about two days a week. Catherine continues with her strong interest in St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. She also volunteers at hospice and Women to Women. It was great to visit with Cathie at Western in June.

**Nancy Ryan Rietz** and Bob have been busy sorting, packing, auctioning, and giving away things prior to moving into their new retirement apartment. Nancy says that they love their new place and their family approved too when they were all there to celebrate Nancy and Bob's 60th anniversary. They visited Florida in November and a highlight was parasailing. They enjoyed it so much that they plan to do it again while in Orange Beach, AL, in February and March. Way to go, Nancy!

**Edith Shattuck Johnson** sent a Christmas card with a picture of her dock at Petoskey, MI. It is a beautiful scene. I know that Edie enjoys her time there.

**Joan Landenberger Trefts** sent a wonderful Christmas letter with pictures of 60 years of holiday cards she has sent. I received many of these cards when her family was young and always enjoyed them.

Joanie and I roomed together at Reunion last June. We had so much fun catching up on 60 years. She has had such an interesting life, advancing her education, teaching,

and raising her family. We talked for hours. I loved it. Let's do it again, Joanie!

**Betty Groth Diebold** has moved back to Ohio. She joined us at Reunion. Come again soon, Betty!

Our class group at Reunion was small, but busy. I think that everyone knew we were there. **Jo Ann Fley** gave our class toast and **Betty Sipe Gerber** did a fine job directing the singing at the Meily luncheon and the Sunday closing gathering.

**Tudy Allen Gatzert** writes that she still enjoys living in Chicago. **Anne Cowan Leverich** visited Tudy last fall while in Chicago on business. Anne is designing and selling bathing suits for women over 50. Gee, Anne, can you come up with something great for our 80-year-old bodies? Any help you can give would be more than welcome.

Dan and I continue as usual. He does a great job of taking care of our dogs, and enjoys football and NASCAR. Thank goodness for the big screen. He can still see well enough to keep up with his favorite sports. I finally retired for good last

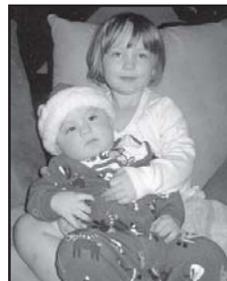


*Nancy Rietz '52, front and center, and the whole family*

May. I miss it, but a change in ownership of our lab made it an easy decision. I still keep up with my musical activities. Handbells, church choir, and Melody Makers chorus are fun and worthwhile. Our local Melody Makers chorus gave nine programs in one week just before Christmas, so we stay busy. Our newest great-grandchild, Benjamin, arrived in July. Ben is a delightful baby, but doesn't seem to want to stay a baby for long. He acts as if he can't wait to get on his own and see what big sister Charlotte is up to.

Don't forget to keep sending your news. You don't need to wait until the holidays. Just send me news anytime and I'll be sure to submit it for the Bulletin.

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*The littlest Schropes*



*Three guesses where Jo Shafer '52 and Dick (seated front and center) celebrated their 60th anniversary!*



*Alumnae Weekend '13: Celebrate 60 years!*

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FIRST ... don't forget that next year, 2014, is our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Dorothy Hayes Hoffman** and Pete have moved into a gated retirement community; Lakes at Pointe West .... in Florida. Their children are thrilled, because Jenny is part time in Jupiter, FL, and Bob hopes to retire in the Orlando area. They sold their trawler

so their sailing days are probably over. Dot works at a VNA thrift shop and plays mah jong on Tuesday and Thursday with friends. She had been frequently visiting her mother who, sadly, died 60 days before her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. (Wow! She deserves the 1954 Mom Award.)

**Elizabeth Renton Hale**, living in Dunnellon, FL, says she is lucky to have a “family” of good friends. She also lives near her sister, and often manages to see her far-flung daughters and their families frequently during the year. Ask her to tell you about her new electronics toy ... to replace her laptop. Her grandson, Tom, helped her with it. (Of course. Kids always know more about handling them than we do.)

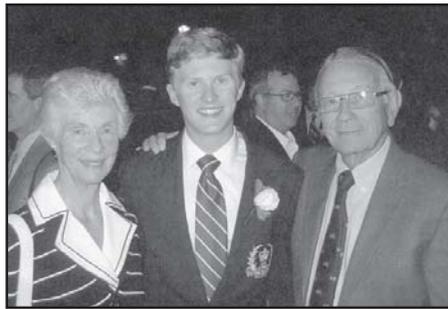
**Sandra Franz Barnes** says there really is no news from her and Phil this year. The good news is that they are staying healthy. The library continues to be her major volunteer activity.

**Charlotte Bergmann Russell** has been having a rough time. Both she and her husband had congestive heart failure; she had an eye operation to correct blindness caused by a cataract op ... which should improve. Then to top it off she had an accident and tore her rotator cuff in three places. Then she said, “Other than that we are just fine!” The good news is that they are taking their first Caribbean trip to the Turks and Caicos for two weeks this year.

**Delores Randles Hutchinson’s** husband died in July. I am sure that many of you remember the delightful night when Jack, with the aid of his Theta Chi Fraternity, sang “I Love You Truly” to Dee outside of our dormitory. They had moved into a retirement home, but after his passing, Dee bought and moved into a gated condo in a community of 135 houses. Her address now is 4000 Village Lane; Roswell, GA, 30073. She is pleased to be able to see her three girls frequently.



*Lucy Liggett’s brother Bob, sister-in-law Jo, and Bob’s giant pumpkin. He wins the Circleville, OH, show every year! (N.B.: the crown.)*



*The Smits at grandson’s graduation*

**Mieke Van Waveren Smit** and Henk have done their usual amount of travel this year ... in fact, it seems like more than usual. In May they flew to Toronto to see their grandson Patrick graduate from high school. And on WHHI-TVs “Talk of the Town,” she and Dasha appeared for a performance which is delightful. [Google: *WHHI-TVs “Talk of the Town”*: Mieke Smit and Dasha Bukhartseva to view it on YouTube.] Fun to hear and see.

**Virginia Meierjohan Fossier** wrote a happy note saying that her family is healthy and happy ... keeping busy always. She is now 81 and she is amazed that time has gone so quickly.

**Miriam Chesslin** has retired and is in an independent living community. She has improved medically and is able to access more of DC’s cultural experiences, with an occasional trip to NY to see sons and grandchildren. One granddaughter will graduate this year from Bard College (with a degree in theater) and another is a junior political science major at Oberlin. Mimi sends cheers to us all.

**Cornelia Roettcher Levine** has spent the past year editing a transcription of her husband’s oral history book. He didn’t get a chance to check it out properly before his death. She is now awaiting the posting by the Oral History Office. She has served on the Board of the Institute of Historical Study, a local association of independent scholars. She can enjoy the give-and-take of fellow historians. Other than working on that, family matters keep her occupied. A son has MS and had to be retreated this fall. Since he is a single parent to his son, she is the one on stand-by.

**Lucy Ann Liggett** is finishing up her year as President of the Friends of the Ypsilanti District Library ... although she will continue as a board member to work on fund-raising projects. She feels fortunate to have access to many interesting and challenging Elderwise and OLLI courses. (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute — I had to look that one up.) She

welcomes the chance to discuss ideas with people curious about everything. And, yes, her brother, Bob, did have another huge pumpkin win this year.

**Nancy Blake Harvey** and Bill have moved to Copeland Oaks, a retirement community in Sebring, OH. They knew their lives would be different, but in good ways, because their health is good, and they will be able to keep active and able to help and serve. Their children are scattered all over the country, but they all show up at Christmastime. Nancy said, “I remember the friendships I still cherish from Western days and the wonderful events we shared. I can still be so very proud for what is still happening on campus as well as a good spirit.” (What a wonderful sentence!)

As for me, last summer Blake, my eighth-grade grandson went to Miami’s Hockey Camp. So my daughter, son-in-law and I met the family there. Cathy Cooper took me, my



*Class Rep Bar McConnell (right) and Dottie Runyon Medlin ’55 discovered recently that they are neighbors in Raleigh, NC, and got together for lunch.*

granddaughter, and daughter on a tour of Western, and I was able to show them our lovely chapel and the room that Dee, Joanna and I shared in Peabody. Then we all went to Lebanon where the early Drakes settled, and on the weekend up to Ft. Thomas, KY, and Cincinnati, where I was born. Much fun. Now I hope both my grandson and granddaughter go to Miami, and that Blake goes back to hockey this summer.

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The following Alumni Profile was written by Emily Stewart '08, Assistant Director, University Advancement Communications, and appeared in January 2013 on the Miami University Alumni Association web page. As it happens, Ryan Martini is the 2012-13 recipient of the WCAA's Alma Bremer Scholarship.



## Bridging the gap: Knolls technology program brings together two generations of Miamians

“Hit the button, we’ll see what happens.”

Miami University student **Ryan Martini '13** joked that was how he hooked up a DVD player for **Pris Berry '54**, a resident at The Knolls of Oxford continuing care retirement community.

Though a humorous moment, that phrase is actually quite fitting when considering how the “Oxford grandma” came to meet her “local grandson.”

Martini, who hails from Cincinnati, chose Miami four years ago based on the reputation of its School of Education, Health and Society. He aspires to teach math and English to high school students, but through a unique partnership between Miami and The Knolls of Oxford, he’s spent the last four years refining his skills outside the classroom—and at a much more senior level.

The Knolls technology program was designed to involve current Miami students in teaching technology basics to community residents. Initially, students and residents were to meet for five one-hour sessions to become familiar with devices such as phones and computers.

“I wasn’t any kind of electronics expert,” Martini, an adolescent math education major, said. “But it was kind of like teaching, so I decided to do it.”

The program paired him with Berry, a native New Yorker turned Oxford lifer after she graduated with a degree in psychology from Western College for Women in 1954.

“My father was delighted to move my stuff across the street instead of hauling it back to New York after I graduated,” she said with a smile.

As a student Pris met future husband Robert Berry, an economics professor whom she says was “on loan” to Western College from Miami at the time. The Berrys made a life in Oxford, raising their son and daughter, and found their way to The Knolls in 2006. Robert fell ill with Alzheimer’s disease and passed away in August 2012. Pris fondly recalled her 80th birthday celebration, the last of her birthdays with Robert—and how special it was that Martini also could be there.

What began as a tutorial service became a special friendship spanning two generations of Miamians. In between hooking up DVD players and conquering the iPad the

Berrys’ son gave her as a gift, Pris and Martini have learned a great deal about each other as well as some valuable life lessons.

“Teaching-wise, I’ve learned that it’s not my job to ‘do something,’ but to get someone to do something on their own,” Martini said. “From Pris, I’ve learned a lot about life. I thought being a college student would be the busiest time of my life, but Pris keeps a pretty full calendar between The Knolls, working at the art museum, writing to people...I’ve learned that life gets a lot busier.”



Pris Strand Berry, WC '54, and Ryan Martini, MU '13

Pris was quick to note that Martini himself is in “high demand. He’s wonderful, just a really fine young man,” she said. “Back when I was a student, we didn’t have opportunities to do the work Ryan is doing.”

That unique facet of the technology program is not lost on Stacey Brekke, who handles communications for The Knolls of Oxford. She’s watched Martini and Pris forge a special friendship over the last four years and believes it’s symbolic of Miami’s relationship with the Knolls—located just outside of campus.

“Their relationship is an example of how important the affiliation between Miami University and The Knolls of Oxford really is,” Brekke said. “The Knolls of Oxford is very fortunate to have such a wonderful relationship with Miami.”

With the holidays fast-approaching, it means the end of fall semester for Martini. Spring semester will take him to Australia for a semester abroad to student-teach, but that doesn’t mean the visits with Pris will discontinue.

“We’ll Skype,” he tells her.

“Yes, you showed me that once,” she replies.

Why does it always seem to be snowing the day I write the alumnae notes? It's hard for me to remember that by the time you read these, Western's peonies will probably be in bloom. It's only January, but I am so ready for spring. It's always been my contention that winter should end the day after Christmas, but so far I haven't been able to make the world follow my agenda.

Sadly, I have to report that we have lost another classmate. **Sandra Wittenberg Carl's** daughter, Diane Carl, wrote to tell of her mother's death on November 20 of 2012. In her e-mail, Diane wrote, "Yes, my mother was beautiful and had a radiant smile. I miss her terribly." I think many of us remember that smile, and I am sure Diane is not the only person who will miss Sandy.

It wouldn't seem right to me not to have **Sandra Peters Andreucci's** news to begin with, but that's how I feared it would be when I began these notes yesterday morning. However, in the afternoon the mailman averted the calamity by delivering a sweet note from Sandy. (Her handwriting is so beautiful I'm tempted to post the card above my desk as a combination inspiration and reminder.) She writes that she is still enjoying her wonderful family, and since that includes nine children and 17 grandchildren spread over the country who all keep in touch, I am really touched that she takes time to send us all good wishes for a healthy and prosperous year. We wish the same to you, Sandy.

**Sarah Rutherford Behrendt** and I have been promising each other we would get together some time, now that she and her husband are living here in Cincinnati. (And not too, too far from us, either.) Unfortunately, Dr. Behrendt is suffering from some sort of age-related dementia, so he has had to be moved to a nursing home facility close by. Sarah's son and wife and three boys live near to her, though, and she is finding pleasure in that. This summer she had her second hip operation, but she is well-enough recovered that she doesn't even need a walker anymore. She credits swimming at the local Y with helping her swift recovery, and we are both hoping that when the weather improves we can perhaps meet for lunch and a swim someday.

I find myself smiling every time I reread **Anne Welch Burnette's** e-mail note. Anne begins by saying she is slowing down a bit. I started to nod in agreement, until she added, "I'm still a docent at the Birmingham Museum of Art, which takes my Mondays

and Fridays. Wednesdays are at church, preparing the mailing of the newsletter, 'The Parishioner.' I try to get to the gym every day, and it seems that a lot of my time is taken up with doctor appointments." She continues, "I belong to two book clubs, a study group, and a Red Hat group, and I play bridge once a month." In addition, Anne has family there in Birmingham, in Cincinnati, Singapore, New York, London, and California, so travel is definitely a part of her life. This is slowing down, Anne?

**Ingrid Roberta Hoover Chafee** has two excellent reasons for rejoicing this year. First, after she and husband Nat attended his 50th reunion at Harvard in May, Nat developed some serious health problems. Fortunately, after some difficult months, physicians were able to pinpoint the cause of his difficulties and prescribed medicines "which have not only slowed or stopped the damage, but actually reversed it." Roberta says gratefully, "I feel that I've got him back." That's wonderful news, Roberta. As for her second reason for happiness, Roberta's new article on Ionesco, "Home Is Elsewhere: Exile in the Theatre of Ionesco," has been included in an anthology of 10 articles on Romanian writers who wrote and lived in France, *Paris-Bucharest, Bucharest-Paris: Francophone Writers from Romania*, published by Rodopi, a European publisher. That is so impressive, Roberta.

Ladies, take note. If you just haven't the time or energy or wherewithal to send in your news, perhaps your husband (or a "significant other") will help you out! **Greta Richardson Ettinger's** husband, Ed, did just that and very kindly e-mailed to fill me in on their news. Their home is in Hudson, OH, a little south of Cleveland, but they spend half the year in Naples, FL. (Sounds lovely to me!) Ed is proud to state that they have "three great kids, all college grads, and gainfully employed." Ed is still working (some men just like to keep busy, don't they?), but he and Greta play golf year-round. Ed says they often see **Helen Hinkle Bradfish '57**, who also lives in Naples. Thank you so much for bringing us up to date, Ed.

Sometimes just a short note says a lot. From **Jo Haines Huntsinger**: "Just a quick note to let you know things are pretty much the same with me. Bill and I are enjoying our quiet life. I'm learning how to become the caretaker — he has been mine for over 57 years, and now it's my turn. I do stay busy and that's good — I have never been a good 'sitter.' I'll bet Jo could sit down long enough to read a few cards or letters from classmates, though. Lots of good wishes speeding your way, Jo.

From Berea, OH, **Joan Anderson Kafer** and her husband Jack are preparing to relocate sometime this summer — to a retirement community seven miles from their home. I'm sure that what is often a hard

decision was made easier by the fact that they have many friends living there, so they know it's a "wonderful facility." And the nice thing about moving, Joan, is that for at least six months after the move you know where everything is. (Except for stuff you haven't unpacked yet.) At least, that's about how long I was able to enjoy orderly drawers and closets before chaos began creeping in.

I love it when one of your e-mails can just be quoted for the news. This is what **Barbara Williams Kearns** (whose e-mail name is evil-alice, doesn't that sound like her humor?) writes: "I sent you not one but two holiday cards (talk about forgetful) and they were returned with your new address on them. Apparently they don't forward now. So I planned to write as soon as I finish moving ... Am in the middle of moving now and all is hectic." You and Joan need to send each other moving tips, Barbara.

In Muncie, IN, **Nancy Haas Osborn** was experiencing the same winter cold as we were in January. I think they had a high of 17 degrees that day. (Many of you who live farther north probably think that's nothing, but for us it's COLD.) Nancy says her "kids" are fine — Andy is her handyman, Dave, who has been a widower for a year now, lives there in Indianapolis, and Leah is Director of Religious Education at Universalist Unitarian Albany. Joan went to two college graduations for grandchildren last May, one in Florida, one in New York. Busy month, but "Such Fun," she said.

**Charlotte Leary Ross** and husband Joe have discovered that grandchildren provide you with an excellent way to stay active and happily occupied. With the young ones living nearby and involved in lots of different activities, Char and Joe are much in demand, and from the notes on their Christmas card, I don't think the two grandparents mind a bit! (I wish my grandchildren were local, Charlotte.)

Last November the Lowell (Michigan) *Ledger* featured a beautiful photograph and a very complimentary article honoring **Joy Loudon Smith** when the Kent District Library presented her with its 2012 Volunteer of the Year award. This district is composed of 18 libraries in 18 different communities! The article mentioned that Joy is humble about her accomplishments. I'd say that is an entirely accurate judgment, since I don't remember that Joy ever told us about her 2009 selection as Woman of the Year by Lowell's Women's Club, or her 2011 designation as the Lowell Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year. Although the list of Joy's volunteer activities is impressively long and varied, she still has time to babysit her three great-grandchildren. The manager of the Englehardt branch of the Kent Library Association, Kristin Meyer, probably put it best when she said, "It is truly a joy to have a volunteer like Joy."

Judging from her “blue card” e-mail, the first I received this year, **Ann Hopper Sneden’s** life is busy and happy. She now has two new great-grandsons, Max and Noah, her 10 grandkids are doing well, with most of them either in college or finished with college — only two still in public school. Last summer Ann and a friend went on a Road Scholar cruise from New York City to Bermuda, and if you are planning some traveling, she says she recommends that organization. Talking about the new library, a free-standing “green” building they built there in Loudon, she writes, “It’s a long way from the stacks at Western!!! Dr. Esterquest instilled the love of libraries in me years ago.”

Ann’s love of libraries is obviously shared by **Carol Lee Silvernail Swager**, who writes that she is busy on Sheridan’s Library Board and also heads their Friends of the Library. She says she manages to “dig up” interesting programs at least once a month. The library has an active Book Club Group, and twice a month they show movies based on books. In addition, they are launching a building expansion to double the size of the library — an ambitious program, since Sheridan itself numbers only about 700. (The valley and the area towards the mountains add another 1500.) If you remember, the Swagers’ large family have spread out geographically (think Boston, Kansas City, Phoenix, Washington as well as Sheridan), but they all made it home last summer. And a final, happy note. Since husband Warren received a clean bill of health from his colon cancer, last June he and Carol were able to attend Warren’s 60th class reunion at Wooster College, in Wooster, OH, where their granddaughter is a fourth-generation student.

That’s the extent of my “blue card” news, ladies. I can report, in addition (as the result of telephone calls, etc) that **Darlys Tracy Graham** and husband Jesse love life in West Virginia, where they have a home near Morgantown as well as the family farm; that **Patty Van Auken Robinson** finally stayed put long enough for the two of us to have a good telephone conversation in which I heard about her fabulous recent trip to Bhutan and India, and that **Joyce Roark Phillips** and I keep planning to get together so that she can give me a tour of the Taft Museum where she is a popular and informative docent.

I do hope I haven’t left anyone out. When I was younger I never questioned my memory, but boy, do I these days. Life in the **Miller** household is slower than it used to be, but our kids and grandkids see that we don’t stagnate. I am waiting for the publication of my next two books and trying to settle on a choice for the next. I hate being between books, but I can’t seem to hurry up the decision-making process. I have found one thing that helps, though. I’ve started posting stories on a sort of blog — stories I’m

pretty sure no one is ever going to publish, but stories I hope may find a reader or two this way. If you’d like to check it out, go to <http://sallyderby.blogspot.com>. I’d love to get a comment or two — writing can be a lonely business.

One final plea: do find a way to keep in touch if you can. I am an inveterate worrier still, and when I don’t hear anything from you I begin to reflect that we are not getting any younger, and then I really get depressed. You don’t want to do that to me, do you?

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**Alumnae Weekend '13: Celebrate 55 years!**

To the Class of '58 — you are amazing. You write me, humbly but with enthusiasm, of varied interests and activities, contributions made by you or members of your family, to the world around you, and continued strength when facing adversities. I’m proud of you — you inspire me.

**Polly Smith Venable** recently attended the change of command at which time her daughter, Col. Kathryn F. Tate, became the new Commander of the 579th Medical Group, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C. She directs health services supporting HQ, United States Air Force, Defense Intelligence Agency, Air Force District of Washington, Joint Area Defense Operations Command, White House Communications Agency, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling and 233 geographically separated units worldwide.

Her Medical Group delivers preventive, acute and chronic medical and dental care to 20,000 Tri-Service beneficiaries assigned to the National Capital Region. She oversees the Advanced Education In Dentistry Residency and ensures members plan, train and deploy to support worldwide contingencies.

During the holidays, **Jocelyn Wilkins Wilks** was the hostess for her family Christmas house party totaling 19 for a sleep-over for all “to be here for my 76th birthday on the 26th. I have been very involved with my county’s project of Aging in Place, which affords the opportunity for seniors to remain in their homes and not have to move to what I fastidiously refer to as ‘Shady Pines’ (Golden Girls term). And taking this movement a step farther establishing a ‘Village,’ which is a neighbor help group started in Boston and catching on throughout the country.”

It was great to hear from my roommate, **Sandy Meredith McNulty**, who asked if anyone remembered John Darlin. He was a Miami student who drove a truck and would offer rides into town. Although Sandy said she never rode, because she really enjoyed the walk, that ride was available for others. Now, John and his wife, Val, live in a cottage across the small fishing lake from the McNultys’ house, in Northern KY, and they have become very good friends. Husband Ed has just finished book #13 — *Blessed Are the Filmmakers* — coming out this spring at [ReadtheSpirit.com](http://ReadtheSpirit.com). Sandy sends love to all.

**Marty Koehler Nichols** wishes she could report “something exciting, interesting, etc. about our lives, but perhaps at this time, no news is good news. We are currently in Florida and plan to return home in mid-March. We now have two grandchildren in college, three in high school, and one in middle school. This makes life interesting with lots of drama and issues. I talk with **Karen Bakken** a couple times a year, but I haven’t seen her in ages. She is in good health and stays busy with grandchildren and bridge.”

**Karen Bakken Shaffer** writes that Pittsburgh is still home. Since her husband, Don, is still working full-time and retirement is not in sight yet, world travel is on hold. In the meantime they enjoy books, cards, and family. They are fortunate to have their children and grandchildren nearby so they can see them almost every day.

**Jane Austin Harris** remembers Phyllis Hoyt’s directing us “to not be one of those little old ladies who came up once a year from Cincinnati for tea.” She says, “I have done my share, but am retiring to prayer, meditation and writing my congresspersons and family.” She sent a lovely photo of the area in Colorado where she goes for meditation retreats, as she searches for peace within and an understanding of many faiths. Jane moved from her home on Fish Creek to a duplex closer to the mountains, but not in the main mountain traffic. She writes of her children and grandchildren from California to Florida to the Czech Republic, and sends blessings, peace, and love to all.

It was wonderful to hear from **Linda Rennie Forcey**, who writes: “It has been a long

time since I have been in touch with Western College. Really too long. In my old age (76), I want to share with all my Western College friends the belated revelation I have had for the past 10 or so years about my experience with the college. Although I left Western after two years to go to Columbia University, I realize that Western was my awakening. I am forever grateful and now think often about my experiences there. Thank you all. Western College gave me the confidence and strength to lead an intellectual and spiritual life for which I have no regrets. What more can anyone wish for?

“A brief catch-up: I raised six children (including two stepchildren), was a professor at Binghamton University for 30 years, lost my beloved husband of 40 years five years ago, and am now at Shell Point Retirement Community in Ft. Myers, FL. I continue to be active politically and personally. I have been able to travel a great deal, spending many visits in India, Africa, and Europe. My friend John and I are off to Cuba (on February 7), travel to the wonderful homes of my children and 10 grandchildren frequently, and am grateful for relatively good health, a home I love, and a family I adore. I would love to hear from my classmates and *mi casa es tu casa* if you find yourself in Ft. Myers. Thank you, Western College.”

After enjoying many successful years with ORCHIDbabies, **Phyllis Yeamans Bailey** and husband Earl, are in the process of closing their business, due to Earl's illness. Sometimes, the time comes to close one door as we await the opening of another. Trips to visit her children and grandchildren are special events of joy, and great therapy. We wish you peace in this time of transition, Phyllis.

**Esin Aka Atil** says she has nothing outstanding or even mundane to report, but you only have to Google her name to read of her many accomplishments. In her words: “Life is easy with lots of free time to read, watch movies and documentaries, and play house with husband. We are lucky to have great friends and meet with them often.”

**Carol Towne Schaub**: “Nothing has changed in my life, except that everyone is a year older. I still sing in the Sweet Adelines (for those who don't know — that's part a capella harmony, barbershop style), and we are now preparing for our annual show (March) and our regional competition (April). I also find time for an occasional quilting project. I still like to do crossword puzzles and I've recently discovered the joy of Sudoku. And th-th-th-that's all folks.”

From **Juli Beasley Kinchla**, a new location. “This has been a year when almost everything changed. In May, after 30 years, I closed my therapy practice in Princeton. A few months later, I moved to Texas, where I've settled in a large over-55 community

40 miles north of Austin. This active adult community offers an amazing array of activities. My son and his wife live in Austin and are expecting twins in Feb.” Juli's new address is: 716 Independence Creek Lane, Georgetown, TX 78633.

Clever, poetic **Marie Uveges Holt** condensed her year into a long and most interesting poem of “My body had shrunk and was going bent, on lotions, lost wrinkle concoction, and much money spent. Mentally, I'm alert most of the time feeding my head with love movies and crime.” She writes of her joy with grandchildren and all their activities, and has a special friend, across the miles. Recently, they enjoyed a visit to Bran-son that was memorable.

For **June Regan Young**, the year of 2012 was a year of many sad losses within her extended family. And, then, June had successful spinal surgery in November, in which a bone spur and synovial cyst were removed from her lumbar vertebra, and she is now out of the pain that had plagued her. We send our healing thoughts and prayers to you, June.

**Jan McKee Banks** sends her comments for the *Bulletin*. “Still very active in the non-profit group, The Friends of the Farm at Suffield, of which I was a founder. We're just about getting all the infrastructure work completed and celebrating 10 years of work and programming. Read about us on [www.hilltopfarmsuffield.com](http://www.hilltopfarmsuffield.com). In addition to enjoying the continued evolution of my granddaughter, Sarah, I'm looking forward to a 30th anniversary concert for my hand bell choirs at First Congregational Church in June. The youth choir started in 1982 and the adult choir in 1990. My daughter Anne has been ringing in the choirs at college since we started and is my able assistant since 1990. We're inviting back over 95 “alums” to join us in celebration. It has been a joy doing this and difficult to believe it has been going on so long.”

**Sally Raub Alkire** had cataract surgery in December and is thrilled with the results ... no more glasses or cataracts. Remember, Sally, if you don't send me longer notes, I'll make some up. This is my fair warning. (jlk)

Our Oxford resident, **Jane Smucker Fryman**, writes that she and Jack are in good health and enjoy traveling to visit friends and family. Her travels in 2012 took them to Nantucket Island, Kokomo, IN, Morehead, KY, Niagara Falls, Cincinnati, before returning home to their large garden, dog, and 13 goats. Most recently, they were headed to Costa Rica Feb. 20 - March 2. In preparation, she is reading a variety of books and wants to get some Spanish phrases down pat. “Most of our grandchildren have Spanish as an extra language in elementary school. They can help me. The trip is with Road Scholars so we will be learning about

another culture, country and people. Curves and the League of Women Voters round out my activities.”

I was delighted to read that **Cay Kawallek Manildi** has returned to playing the piano, and may even find a teacher for further studies. Great news, Cay. You'll find all those high or low notes with lots of practice, practice, practice. Just ask Jan or Phyllis. Cay and her husband, Bruce, enjoy time with their two golden retriever dogs which they acquired as puppies. In spite of their many genetic issues, the lucky dogs (Thunder and Lightning) have received much loving care and all the necessary surgeries.

Following a nasty fall which resulted in a broken hip, and a bump on the head, **Betty Strong Miller** writes that a chariot (in the form of the local EMT) swept her away to the hospital where she had a partial hip replacement. She received excellent care, attention, flowers, visitors, and Thanksgiving dinner prepared by her three daughters. She now is the youngest “resident” at an assisted-care facility. We send our healing vibes to you, Betty, and hope you will soon be able to return home.

When I heard of the tragic and untimely death of **Karla Noel Galantay's** husband, I wrote to her and invited her to take refuge with me, here in Melbourne, FL. I promised her that we could walk along the ocean and look for some peace. About six months later, she took me up on the invitation and I met her plane in Orlando. We had a week together and we enjoyed catching up on our lives since '58. I believe this sharing helped us both.

In **Polly Martin Hawver's** own words: “Derek and I are enjoying good health and can recommend taking Grand Circle's river cruises. Lots of good food, wine, walking and experiencing other cultures with friends and relatives. I keep busy with six classes a week at a Johns Hopkins program which is designed for seniors. I especially like the classical music, art history and literature classes with some current events and international relations mixed in. I also like volunteer work on the Community Services Committee of the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase to which my mom belonged in the 1940's. It was there that I found a kindred spirit, **Anne Mack Dean**, who is a Western graduate ('47). She served on our Western board a few years back. We have regular nostalgia talks which are fun. Have vague plans to get together with **Jocelyn Wilkins Wilks** and **Donna Carpenter Cornman** this year. We always laugh a lot when we do have lunch together. If I get started telling you about kids and grandkids, I'll never shut up. Maybe next time. Hope you all stay mobile and find life interesting.”

And from Melbourne, FL — the land of sunshine, roses, and senior citizens, I join the

news reporting with the following. I have completed a new set of books to be used in a new program for Atlanta, GA, inner-city youth: TORCH ([www.torchacademy.org](http://www.torchacademy.org)). The executor and director of TORCH and I both hope that this program will spread across the county, providing many children the opportunity of learning about music. We firmly believe that music will enrich their lives. Now, that these method books are done, I spend much time writing down my thoughts on this computer in an effort to understand my place in this universe. When I discover the answer, I'll be sure and share the information with all of you.

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**Betty Milligan Kipp** reports on a happily quiet year. Most of her and husband Don's trips took them around the country visiting children and grandchildren — two of whom will be going to college in the fall. A month driving up the California coast was last year's highlight. She would love to show off her adopted hometown of Savannah.

John and **Kathleen Howard Sutherland** have moved to Portland, ME. It has them nearer John's stepmother and the University of Southern Maine, where they are both involved in teaching at the Senior College. Last June Kathleen was honored by the World Affairs Council of Maine Board of Directors for her public service. Kathleen continues to enjoy singing, painting, and visits to and from her and John's children and grandchildren.

**Christine "Singi" Dempf Saari** and husband Jon have spent a great deal of the year traveling — from their home in Michigan to their farm in Austria; from Boston to New Mexico; Italy to Bavaria. She had a one-woman show in Calumet, MI, and two gallery openings in Austria. Favorable responses are still coming in for her book about her family entitled *Love and War at Stag Farm*.

A short note from roomy **Sally Hoover Harris** in Tennessee relates her painful ordeal of having both knees replaced at the same time this past year. Recovery, however, sounds like it has progressed well. You know ... considering our age!

**Claudia "Whit" Whitman Gilmartin** continues as a member of Friendship Force, a group that hosts and experiences international exchanges. Her New Hampshire club went to New Zealand last year where they were home-hosted for a week on each island, seeing local sights that would probably be missed by most tourists. At different times during the year their NH club hosted a group from Brazil and another club from New Zealand.

Fellow Nutmegger **Nancy Kohlman Freeman** and husband Peter had a visit from **Barbara Kong Vlachos** this year. Barbara is "terrific" says Nancy. They discussed lots of politics and plans for getting together at our 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2015! The Freemans spent some time with family in Florida, welcomed a new grandchild, and all in all are feeling well.

**Barbara Kong Vlachos** writes from Hawaii that she has happily acted as a surrogate mother/grandmother to **Corinne Tietjens Sommer's** ('61) family since their arrival in Honolulu in 2010. Corinne's kids have had careers with the U.S. Navy and their children have distinguished themselves at Punahoa School. Corinne traveled to Honolulu for the first time to visit her family during their school spring break and also had a long overdue reunion with Barb. She hopes Hawaii is still on lots of people's bucket list of destinations.

Good news and scary news comes from Medina, OH, from **Syd Stout Benson**. The good news includes a trip with the Road Scholars on a clipper ship to Costa Rica, visits to and from California kids and grandtwins, and journeys to the Finger Lakes and New Jersey to reunite with family. Syd still enjoys her book clubs, volunteering in the local elementary school and heading up the Circle of Caring at her church. The scary news was the mild heart attack followed a few days later by a mild stroke experienced by husband Pete. He is doing well now but has learned the hard way not to play golf in a heat wave!

A newsy e-mail came from **Connie Everett Cunningham** in California, who took a dream trip last fall with two cousins to Tahiti and Bora Bora via Hawaii and Samoa. Her 28 days in a private state room on the cruise ship *Princess Sapphire* sounds about as good as it gets! Connie's son is living in her house while she, recently single, has rented "sweet space" below a large home facing the ocean in Santa Cruz. Life is good, says Connie, and she is thankful for happiness and relatively good health.

**Annette "Toni" Power Johnson** continues as a board member of her home association and is also active at church. She reports on working at getting up to speed in our ever-changing digital age. Toni's husband, 91, is at home with her as well as her 12-year-old golden retriever, Sandy.

Reporting on a comparatively uneventful year, **Susie Williams Keefer** writes of several trips to Salt Lake City to celebrate graduations: of their daughter with a Pharm. D. degree and grandson from high school. Susie and husband Jay continue to enjoy good health, more than likely encouraged by their dogs who take them walking every day.

**Sara White Arn** and husband Dale rode out a few weeks of the winter in Weston, FL, this year. She reports that they are in good shape considering their ages (where have I heard that before?) with nothing especially new going on. All is well.

Coop and **Cathy Bauer Cooper** returned to St. Simons Island, GA, for another Jan-Feb stint, but it didn't go as well as 2012. They fell victim to a bronchitis epidemic the first month and Coop ended up spending four days in the hospital with (the doctor said) "a spot of pneumonia." They recovered in time to have dinner with permanent SSI residents **Sue Rhodes Crankshaw '59** and husband Jim.

**Nancy Johnson Marshall** writes from Idaho that all is well except for the weather! They just lived through one of the coldest winters on record. She and husband Ron spent most of it with minor medical "stuff" that kept them from traveling. They eventually did get to warmer climes to visit children and grandchildren. She too wonders how it happened so quickly that all of us will be three-quarters-of-a-century-old by the end of this year.

**Doodie Allen Masters** loved her trip with the Road Scholars. Last year she visited three western canyons led by a geologist and she plans to visit other national parks with them this summer. She, **Jo Masson Manougian** and **Sherry Lewis Newkirk '59** had a mini-reunion in Tampa this winter.

The biggest news of 2012, as far as I am concerned, is that the election is over! What a year it was. Closer to home Ed and I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a fun NYC Broadway Blitz with family. Our second annual fall hurricane (Sandy) passed through our area tearing down hundreds of pine trees and wires and causing extensive power outages — and once again canceling Halloween. But this time we had a generator. And Ed, daughter Bonnie and granddaughter Jesse (15) staged an art exhibition at our library for a month called Generations: water colors, acrylics, and photography respectively.

This is the year we turn 75. God bless us everyone!

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The Reunion group was very nice ... hard to believe 50 years have gone by.

Heard from **Mary Jane Dillon Bohl** that there has been a wedding in the family since last summer. **Nancy Smith Carlson**, too. She and her sister, **Linda Smith Roy '64**, were at the Reunion last summer. **Donna Shalala** was dealing with a shoulder injury last summer.

**Nancy Smith Carlson** (in Westbrook, CT) was going to complain about their winter weather until she saw what we were enduring in Wisconsin: "So no complaints from me about winter, my least favorite season even though we owned a ski house for nearly 30 years — give me a fire, warm jammies, quiet music in lieu of the thrill of getting frostbite coming down the slopes. Last night we had our fourth snow of the season and I was out this morning shoveling everything — don't know why the town snowplow always dumps at the end of my drive — a 4-foot wall of ice needed my attention. Being on the shore we usually have less accumulation than folks inland thanks to the water temperature — warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer.

"Thanks to Hurricane Sandy we again had to replace furnace, water heater, freezer, refrigerator etc — twice in two years is two times too many! We will need to replace the landscaping that remains following Irene and Sandy, redo the gardens if we so choose, and add two more rows of cement block in the basement covering all the windows (so dark), and finally waterproof doors to try and hold back the force of the onrushing waters. Our beach has 17 homes — eight need major restoration. Nothing has really begun as everyone waits for FEMA money to appear and to sue their insurance companies as to wind versus water damage. I feel blessed that only five feet of wa-

ter got to us, and our first floor was spared. My immediate next-door neighbors have had their homes condemned. Mother Nature had better start being kinder.

"We look forward to our next week's departure for winter vacation in southern climes: Williamsburg, three Florida stops and a cruise will put us back home after Easter. My grandsons are not happy about a lack of an egg hunt this year, so I made sure that their parents are in possession of Valentine gifts, St. Patrick's Day goodies, and Easter baskets from Grandparents Carlson. We have had our flu shots and so far have remained healthy while so many around us have been so ill.

"Yes, the Reunion was great fun. The *Bulletin* really captured the excitement we all felt when returning to that gorgeous place. As a matter of fact, I think I will end this missive and go downstairs to enjoy a Hawaiian chocolate-covered macadamia nut that (**Rowena**) **Toomey** sent. Thank you, Judi, for picking up this job, and hopefully it will be enjoyable and not a chore for you."

The **Hubbells** are doing pretty much the same things. I am scheduled for cataract surgery in March. Been a snowy winter in Wisconsin. Two grandchildren are traveling to the Netherlands and Germany with their other grandparents in August.

Hoping all are well. Keep in touch ...

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Alumnae Weekend '13: Celebrate 50 years!

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We thank our classmates for sharing their news of the past year and now look forward to having as many of you as possible doing the same as we draw nearer to our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion celebration in 2014.

**Jan Wood Beaven** enjoys her involvement in many interesting projects in Boston. She's new to the Board of Mount Ida College and its strategic planning committee, is a mem-

ber of many committees at Trinity Church Boston and its related foundation, and is active with Beacon Hill Seminars, an adult ed program. "For fun, I play bridge, golf, and tennis and also traveled to the Galapagos. Had a great week with **Mimi Birjandi Head** and **Barbara Griswold Marrs** last spring! For the most fun of all, I see my daughters and their families at their homes in NYC and NC and at my summer place in Kennebunk, ME. Looking forward to seeing you all in 2014."

**Nancy McGregor Nowak** will be in Oxford this June as it is her husband's 50<sup>th</sup> reunion from Miami's architecture department and he is co-chairing the event. "I don't know how much time I will be able to spend at Western, but I am looking forward to seeing other classmates. Our twin granddaughters are 13 now and are busy with school, skiing, soccer, Girl Scouts, etc. Jerry and I are both involved in the Dayton Art Institute, Habitat, traveling, and summering in Muskoka, Ontario."

**Nancy Bergmann Killough's** family remains healthy, including Mike's mother, who was about to celebrate her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday at the end of December. The family made its annual trip to Cape Cod in July, with everyone 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 volunteered a lot at church and also "supervised some interior painting, which was long overdue. Hard to believe we've been at the same address for 41 years!" She was looking forward to a Christmas visit from Scott and his family as well as from Susan's, who would be coming from west of Ft. Worth. "The cousins have a great time together!"

**Peggy Cooper Davis** is still teaching at NYU Law (as the John S.R. Shad Professor of Lawyering and Ethics) and enjoying her students. Also: "Starting a new book. Loving my new (and first) grandchild, Johari Cooper Davis Moses." Peggy sent warm wishes to all.

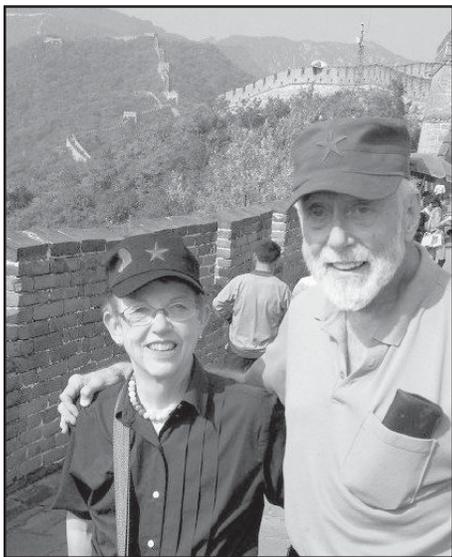
**Linda Baker Beavers** shared the following news from Indiana: "2012 was a great year around here ... lots of birds and flowers to watch. My friend Judy and I spent two weeks in Alaska and are planning a trip to London this spring for my 70<sup>th</sup>. Had another nice trip in the fall to Frankenmuth, MI. I kept busy, as usual, by chairing our local Glass Festival Quilt Show and helping organize our food pantry Walk-A-Thon in the fall. Attended several quilt shows in the area with my quilt group and a friend from high school, and I spent a fun four days at a quilt retreat."



Linda Beavers '64 (right) with classmate Joyce Shaw Benbow: Pals since ninth grade in Indiana

**Betty Treiber Ahrens** and her husband spent a very enjoyable Christmas at home. Betty still volunteers at the local historical theater, and she and Bill are both very active in the historical association, which takes up a lot of their time, especially in the warmer months. She is also on the Board of Directors of their local Health Foundation. "Bill and I have rented a condo for a few weeks in March in Naples, and it seems we have a lot of friends who go there in the winter. We're going to drive and take our time sight-seeing, both going and returning. Should be a lot of fun."

**Marcia Randlett Oder** is looking forward to planning for our 50<sup>th</sup>. "Robin is still consulting so I spend about half time working with him. However, we did find some time last winter to go to Sanibel Island in Florida. In July, stepdaughter Karin married her long-time companion Steve (both widowed; this fall, step-son Richard spent a few days in London, then joined his partner, who had



Marcia and Robin Oder, celebrating 41st anniversary on the Great Wall of China

been leading a tasting tour of Tuscany, for a short vacation on the island of Elba. Granddaughter Shannon, a junior at the

University of California, San Diego, spent the month of July in Malawi, Central Africa, studying political corruption. Before her trip, she received much good advice from **Judy Dudman Henderson '62**, who has made many trips to Malawi as a Presbyterian minister. Grandson Sean completed his course work at San Francisco State in December and will join his father's business.

"The highlight of our year was a trip to China in the fall, where we spent 2½ weeks on a business/pleasure trip in Shanghai, Jiaozuo City in Henan Province, Taiyuan in Shanxi Province, Xian to see the terra cotta warriors, and finally, Beijing, where we joined crowds in Tiananmen Square on China's National Day and celebrated our 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary on the Great Wall. Thanks to **Doris Ning Wong '62** for her input and advice.

"The WCAA Board of Trustees, of which I am a member, is working hard to develop our lasting legacy. We welcome your ideas. And, as Evie mentioned, it's not too early to mark your calendars for our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2014. Reunions are fun, and you will be pleased to see the effort Miami is making to maintain and improve the Western campus."

**Daphne Ostle Allen** also had a busy year. Her "Vermont son" and family, including two granddaughters, moved to Washington, DC, "to try out a new experience from farming and raising chickens and home schooling. Well, they are liking it too much! Hope they come back. Now my whole family is in D.C.!"

Last summer they had a wonderful time with family and friends in their new "camp" on Caspian Lake in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, but in October, Daphne fell and broke her foot. Recovery was a long and painful experience, but a trip to Puerto Vallarta in January was still on — possibly sans the tennis Daphne hoped to play.

**Faith Evans** is still working but hopes to retire in April. "Am exploring what I will do when retired but have lots of interests. Last October I went to northern Italy and Cinque Terre with AMC and we did some hiking and lots of sightseeing and eating. A good trip, and in spite of the pasta and ice cream, came home more fit." In mid-January, she was looking forward to a brief vacation in Florida. Faith talks to **Vivien Despotopulos Forbes** by phone, but visits are less frequent. **Marcia Oder** also spoke with Vivien in late February and says she sounded fine and is keeping busy at the rehab home where she lives.

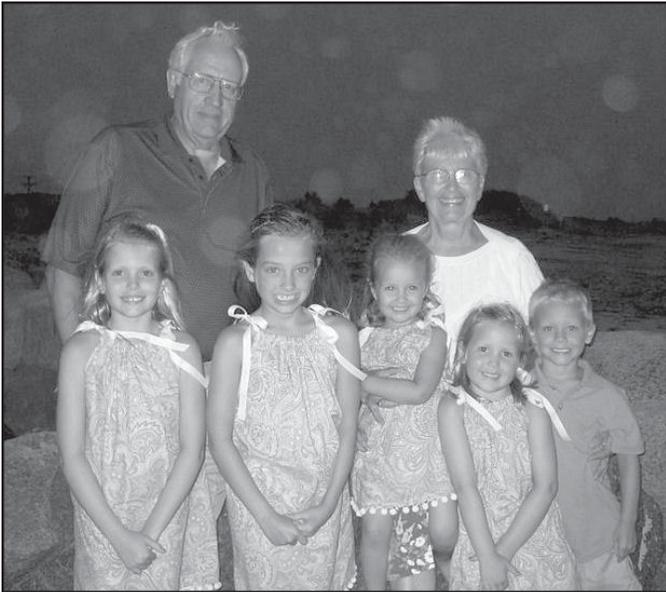
**Pat Scott** marked a number of milestones in her family. In January, son-in-law Alan celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Granddaughter Brittany, a senior at Rutgers and member of the Women's Golf Team, turned 21. All attended the annual Family Weekend, including the Rutgers Invitational Tournament, and celebrated Pat's daughter's and

her grandson Andrew's birthdays. Pat's youngest granddaughter, Holly (14), is a high school freshman and member of the Equestrian Team. During the summer, Andrew was selected to attend the Massachusetts State Police Junior Trooper camp, a "rigorous, military-style 'boot camp,'" earned the rank of Platoon Leader and was awarded the Best in Camp scholarship. Pat turned 70 in August and in October, she and Norman celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary. "It was quite a year!"

**Nancy VanVleck von Allmen** enjoyed "a most exciting year": She and husband Beat built their second chalet in his home town of Murren in the Bernese Alps near Interlaken, Switzerland, giving them a total of six apartments available for rent in winter or summer in "this superb, car-free, charming village ... known for topnotch scenic hiking, with wildflowers galore, and incredible skiing." Nancy says, "Put it on your bucket list and e-mail us: [nvonallmen42@gmail.com](mailto:nvonallmen42@gmail.com)." Otherwise, von Allmens celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and Beat was inducted into the Ski Hall of Fame for his ski racing/coaching/research/ski area planning successes. Daughter Erica was to marry in Maui in February; they have two "superb" grandchildren (3 and 1) in San Francisco. Nancy is busy with her travel business ("so well-trained from Western College Seminars!"), skiing and swimming — "pursuing the losing battle toward fitness." She loved seeing **Marion Ginman Classen** and Charlie last summer and expects to get to Oxford June 2014 — "and see you all!"

**Nancy Johannes Campbell's** son, Scott, is now running the family company, H. Gerstner & Sons, while daughter Kim is still doing company sales. Grandchildren Ian (14) and Brenna (11) are "the light of our lives." Ian is heavily into scouting, wrestles and runs cross country. Brenna is pursuing guitar, voice, and crafts, with some cross country thrown in. Nancy plays mah jongg, bowls, and plays a little bridge; still gets a little golf in, but not like she used to. She got to see some classmates at the December WCAA club meeting — "The group is getting smaller, but we have fun." At Christmas, Nancy wrote about the family's purchase of another "Campbell's Sloop," a motor yacht, found, after much searching, in Knoxville, TN. After a week of island cruising with five other boats from the Dayton Sail and Power Squadron, "Capt. Jack and First Mate Nancy" boated to Lake St. Clair, and then across Lake Erie to their new homeport of Port Clinton, OH. In all, they cruised over 2,400 miles in almost three months.

From **Gay Nellis Walker**: "About the only thing new in my life this year is that I bought a 1960-vintage condo and have been having it remodeled for the last two months. Doing as much as I can in 'sweat equity,' but it remains perennially about two or three weeks from completion. MAYBE I will be in



Nancy Killough '64, husband Mike, and their grandchildren

by the end of January! Family is all well, and I now have a teenage grandchild. I think she's going to get through her teens in great style. All four girls are just as smart as they can be. I feel lucky to have such great kids and grandkids."

**Gypsy Kimball Richardson** traveled a lot! In February, a week in Alexandria, VA, enjoying visits to the Smithsonian Museums and fine dining. In March, Myrtle Beach; in April, a visit to an elderly cousin in Florida; her sister's home in Pisgah Forest, NC, and finally Cincinnati, where she helped twin great-nieces celebrate their 1<sup>st</sup> birthday. In May, Gypsy welcomed an expat friend from Thailand and in July, the friend from California who introduced her to Randall. In August, Gypsy traveled to Connecticut to see nephews and an old friend, and then continued on to Vermont to spend time at a cousin's. She ended her trip in Mt. Kisco, NY, with another cousin, who took her into NYC for sightseeing and museum-going, and a picnic on the grounds of a theater by the Hudson, where they watched *Romeo and Juliet*. The next two months were spent at home, overseeing reparations of structural damage to her house, "which looks like new now." She spent Thanksgiving with friends in Puyallup, WA, visiting the King Tut Exhibit in Seattle, and Christmas in San Diego with the Road Scholar program. Gypsy invites classmates — especially those in the DC area — to get in touch: gypkim60@yahoo.com.

**Carolyn Moss Ford** wrote: "For the first time in many years, all three kids spent Christmas with us at the cottage. It was magical...just enough snow to make a white Christmas and interesting to see that sibling rivalries still exist, but as adults!!!" Then she goes on to recount a traumatic and "horrendous" experience: "End of May, David and I visited Melissa and Dan in Tacoma,

WA...There for just an hour, and after a glass of wine on their patio, Melissa asked me to join her in going to the organic food store. We were checking out, when a 24-year-old medical student driving by had a seizure and crashed into the store, hitting Melissa and me. ... Fortunately, Melissa was thrown on top of the car, and I was thrown into the counter and flew in the air long enough to land on a foot of broken glass. All those years of fitness classes paid off along with strong bones which I inherited from both parents ... no broken bones, but, understandably we were se-

verely traumatized. We are both having multiple physio sessions weekly and I'm beginning to feel more like myself. Have missed golf and skiing this year, but am ever so thankful each day to be alive!" Mossy ended her message with best wishes to all for a healthy, fulfilling 2013.

**Corlin Hollister Carpenter** is pleased to be a Snow Bird, wintering for three months in Florida. They have four "lovely" grandchildren — two girls and two boys (12 to 5). Cory had some health issues: "shoulder surgery that did not go well, damaged nerve to my diaphragm. Had to come home from the hospital with 4 liters of dioxygen. Then got positional vertigo and had an abscess behind my tooth. I am getting better now and Joe took very good care of me. In April, we will be married 48 years — Joe's parents celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last September. Last November, my sister, **The-da Hollister Wolfe '66**, moved back from the Buffalo area to Orange County, NY — about 20 miles from our house."

**Betsy Haakinson Breziner** became a new grandmother to Maya Elizabeth O'Neill in May. "I just wish that she and Amanda and Brian lived closer than Arlington, VA. But we did have a family reunion in Tuscany in October. I still sell and list real estate in Metrowest Boston and enjoy the company of my daughter, Allison, who lives nearby."

The **Hohlers** continue to enjoy a busy retirement. Our activities still include Rotary, Habitat, OLLI classes at SUNY StonyBrook, and events sponsored by the Historical Society and the Greater Port Jefferson Arts Council. Nikki and Jose still live and work in DC but occasionally vacation with us in New York and Ohio.

Most of our time and energy is spent, though, on publicity and fundraising for our

Hope Children's Fund, Ltd., which now supports 79 HIV/AIDS-affected orphans, ages 5-21, at the Jerusha Mwiraria Hope Children's Home in Meru, Kenya. In early February, Larry and I will accompany another group of supporters on a 2 ½-week visit to the Home. Of the 23 travelers, 11 are high school students, most of whom are joining us for the second or third time. We are all looking forward to seeing "our" kids in Meru and to visiting their schools. We now have two girls attending university, one studying medical technology and the other preparing to become a teacher. Of course, many of our children wish to emulate these two — hence, the emphasis on our need to raise funds to pay their fees beyond primary school. We also anticipate celebrating the opening of our Technical Training Centre — not far from the Home, which will begin to offer courses in tailoring, cosmetology, carpentry, and computer studies. In addition, we'll be checking out our farm fields that should be producing enough maize, beans, bananas, and the like to feed the Home's residents and sell at market. Please follow our progress at [www.hopechildrensfund.org](http://www.hopechildrensfund.org).

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**Suzy Lutz May** wishes to thank all of you for your support during this past year, your cards and phone calls, and especially those of you who made it to Bernie's service this fall. She is learning to do many things that Bernie had always done for them both, like making flight reservations, writing the Christmas letter, some big and some small. She tells us to realize that no one is prepared to be the surviving spouse. She has spent the past year remembering day by day what was happening a year ago: "It was in early December 2011 that Bernie was diagnosed with tonsil cancer by a team of doctors by New York Presbyterian Hospital. Bernie had 35 days of radiation with weekly low dose chemo. The tumor began to close his airway so he had a tracheotomy and a stomach tube. The cancer spread to his lungs and then his brain. Bernie declined further treatment and moved to the Calvary Hospi-

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Charlotte M. Kraebel +  
Susan Riley Scherer +

**Clawson Club**

Phyllis Banta Sandmann ^

**Century Club**

Charlene Ashing Barry \*  
Ruth Beltran DesLauriers \*  
Barbara Giles Grant ^\*  
Dorothy Runyon Medlin ^  
Mary Sicer Moore \*  
Judith Schulthess Ruoff \*

**1956 (22%)**

**Clawson Club**

Helen Potts Felsenthal \*  
Carol Silvernail Swager ^\*

**Century Club**

Julia Adams Antoine \*  
Darlys Tracy Graham ^\*  
Mihrican Ozdemir Havens \*  
Josephine Haines Huntsinger \*  
Nancy Haas Osborn \*  
Joyce Roark Phillips \*  
Charlotte Leary Ross \*

**Donor**

Anne Welch Burnette \*  
Mary Gibbons Cullom \*  
Marlena Majzels Gelboin ^  
Carol Tincher Keith +\*  
Janice Shenk Pabodie +\*  
Barbara Ballinger Sweet \*

**1957 (39%)**

**Peabody Society**

Sandra Grimes Surico ^\*

**McKee Circle**

Elizabeth Beatty Lee ^

**Clawson Club**

Ellyn Talbott Bogan ^  
Susan Mayer Falter ^+\*  
Charlotte Klein Varzi ^\*

**Century Club**

Paula Zearley Armstrong \*  
Nancy Lakamp Broad \*  
Charlotte Knox Eberhard \*  
Ann Ellison +  
Theresa Hill Herrnstein ^\*  
Joan Mueller McInally \*  
Diana Haynes O'Keefe ^\*  
Mary Staley Rader \*  
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**Donor**

Judith Chumlea-Cohan \*  
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Phyllis Kopp Marangelo +  
Phyllis Plattenburg Reid \*  
Sandra Still Sakurai \*

**1958 (20%)**

**Peabody Society**

Jane Smucker Fryman +^\*

**Century Club**

Rosalind Chu \*  
Donna Carpenter Cornman \*  
Rosa Ewing Goldman ^\*  
Margaret Holliday J.D. \*  
Marie Uveges Holt ^\*  
Polly Smith Venable +  
June Regan Young \*

**Donor**

Phyllis Yeamans Bailey \*  
Jennie Fredley Klim \*  
Carol Towne Schaub ^

**1959 (15%)**

**Peabody Society**

Ann Ferguson Zeigler ^+\*

**McKee Circle**

Mary Ellen Thomas Forte +\*

**Century Club**

Sis Moeller Horst ^  
Diana Koch Mascali \*  
Hatsumi Takenaka Whitehead \*

**Donor**

Suzanne Rhodes Crankshaw \*  
Peggy Mayer Hill \*  
Sue Forester Kincade \*  
Helen Jemison Springob \*  
Jane Toy Thomason ^\*

**1960 (20%)**

**Clawson Club**

Catherine Bauer Cooper \*  
Barbara Kong Vlachos \*

**Century Club**

Sara White Arn +  
Rosalind Wood Dyer +  
Patricia Alman Halbig \*  
Betty Milligan Kipp \*  
Janet Sandrock MacEwen \*  
Ursula Seeler Parobek \*

**Donor**

Sally Allen Masters \*  
Susan Getz Morris ^\*

(dcd) deceased

\* Annual Fund

^ Reunion/Class Fund

+ Endowment Fund

Joan Harrison Sievers \*  
Kathleen H. Sutherland \*  
**1961 (20%)**

**Peabody Society**

Gail Howell Litwiler +\*  
Anne Adkins Weissenborn +^\*

**Clawson Club**

Cynthia Ackerman Horne +\*

**Century Club**

Katherine McKee Chretien ^\*  
Sharon Botsford Moyer \*  
Mary De Jong Obuchowski \*  
Marian J. Robinson \*

**Donor**

Marcia Jones Friddle \*  
Lynn Bernheim Reese ^  
Sally Vinnedge Smith \*

**1962 (27%)**

**Peabody Society**

Donna E. Shalala ^\*  
Doris Ning Wong ^+\*

**McKee Circle**

Judith Dudman Henderson ^+\*

**Clawson Club**

Mary Jane Dillon Bohl ^

**Century Club**

Jo-Anslyn Woodruff Groll \*  
Judith Amos Hubbell ^  
Ghada Hashem Talhami +

**Donor**

Judith Bauer ^\*  
Nancy Smith Carlson ^  
Miriam Bower Larmore ^  
Rowena Y. Toomey ^  
Elizabeth Flender Webber \*

**1963 (27%)**

**Peabody Society**

Susan Berryhill Hill \*+\*

**Clawson Club**

Eva Nortvedt Humbach ^\*  
Loretta W. Ryder ^+\*

**Century Club**

Betty Taylor Allen ^\*  
Jill Hartley Fulton ^\*  
Susan Zeller Maxfield \*  
Florence Firjanian McGurk \*  
Ella Brown McMahan \*  
Carolyn M. Myers \*  
Deborah Hunt Perrin \*  
Sarah Schuster Ronne \*  
Nia Jones Terry ^\*

**Donor**

Sandra Alexander Akers \*  
Ellen Brower Brightly \*  
Libbe Dennard \*  
Marjorie Keppel Gross \*  
Sharon Williams Hansen \*  
Margaret Bradley Sanford \*  
Jo Ann Katzman Smith \*  
Emma Sue Nave Wilson \*

**1964 (24%)**

**Peabody Society**

Linda Roscoe Felicetti \*

**McKee Circle**

Betty Treiber Ahrens \*

**Clawson Club**

Grace Good Bailey \*  
Alice I. Baker ^\*

Nancy Fierbaugh Collier \*  
Yvette Small Hohler ^+\*  
Marcia Randlett Oder ^+\*

**Century Club**

Lynne Drucker Albukerk \*  
Carol Shuler Butcher \*  
Martha B. Cowden \*  
Nancy Bergmann Killough \*  
Carol Thomas Ruikka +  
Patricia Scott \*  
Patricia Spokes Snowden ^\*

**Donor**

Janet Wood Beaven \*  
Muriel Rappeport Burstein \*  
Cathie Koutsogiane Cipolla \*  
Faith A. Evans \*  
Carolyn Moss Ford ^\*  
Barbara Griswold Marrs \*  
Isabel Kimball Richardson \*  
Kathleen J. Turner \*  
Nancy VanVleck von Allmen \*  
Gwendolyn Dixon West \*

**1965 (14%)**

**McKee Circle**

Sylvia G. Stanfield ^\*

**Clawson Club**

Katherine Egolf \*

**Century Club**

Betsy Smith Ames \*  
Janet Dickerson-Stephens ^\*  
Rita Gehlhoff ^  
Barbara Wood Johnson \*  
Roberta T. Melnick +  
Margaret Gaebler Morscheck +  
Sue Brewer Thompson \*

**Donor**

Mina Lund Davis \*  
Pam Eggers Gill +  
Sandra Severson Harwood \*  
Kathy Fansher Parnell ^+\*

**1966 (12%)**

**Peabody Society**

Margaret Wilmer Bartlett +

**Clawson Club**

Kathi Ramsey Goldsmith \*  
Suzanne Lutz May \*  
Edith Taylor Molumby +\*

**Century Club**

Hazel Williams Drew \*  
Judith Slagle Stabelli \*  
Susan Ray Woodward \*

**Donor**

Nancy Boynton Bogan \*  
Sylvia Hoffman Swartz \*

**1967 (17%)**

**McKee Circle**

Joan A. Barenholtz \*

**Clawson Club**

Jane Gayley DuBois +\*  
Carolyn Sparks Kokalis \*  
**Century Club**

Muriel Gillette Alexander ^  
Janina Chadwick ^\*  
Cheryl Christian Kugler \*  
Blanche S. Kung ^  
Annie Wu Lee \*  
Diane Eby Ozbal ^  
Stephanie Smith Siegfried \*

Katharine Ehrgood Sturm ^\*  
Marlene Benjamin Tuttle \*  
Jean Simpson Winters ^\*

**Donor**

Martha Daily Alexander \*  
Lois Dickey Coyle \*  
Frances Powell Harris ^  
Carol Stone Lehman ^\*  
Jane F. Underwood \*

**1968 (14%)**

**Peabody Society**

Susan Blake \*

**McKee Circle**

Patricia A. Jayson +\*  
Karen Prah Voris \*

**Century Club**

Kathryn Evans Findley \*  
Jeanne Flowers Foster +  
Ella Weingarten Iams \*  
Nancy Niver \*  
Cecelia Peabody \*  
Leslie Weirman Riley \*  
Jennifer French Sponsler \*  
Reynelda Ware \*

**Donor**

Susannah Davids ^  
Susan Hackley \*  
Hayat Imam \*  
Susan Williams Oblinger \*  
Barbara Williamson Wentz \*

**1969 (14%)**

**Clawson Club**

Nancy Wilson Kobayashi ^\*  
Ann Noble ^\*  
Carolann Herrold Sharp \*  
Jane Walker +\*

**Century Club**

Robin L. Bartlett \*  
Donna L. Blodgett \*  
B. J. Gibbons Bramlett \*  
Gretchen Schmidt Grzelak \*  
Cecelia Henig \*  
Susan Bradbard Patrick \*  
Karla W. Simon \*

**Donor**

Annette Bevan Gallagher \*  
Cynthia Harrington Hochberg \*  
Betsy Philipson Kensinger \*

**1970 (14%)**

**Clawson Club**

Pamela Watts Coates +^

**Century Club**

Lucy R. Boyle \*  
Mary Gibson Smith \*

**Donor**

Candice McDaniel Dalbey \*  
Mary Hoge Miller \*  
Ruth Senft Noyes \*  
Ellynn Trautmann Pflug \*  
Patricia E. Pinkowski ^  
Denee Dusenberry Stevenson \*  
Nancy Stevenson Townsend \*

**1971 (7%)**

**McKee Circle**

Christine Jordan Blanchette \*

**Century Club**

Susan Wolfe Caceci \*  
Susan Kudner Starr \*  
Pamela Waldron-Moore \*

**Donor**

Linda Brooks Larsen \*  
Deborah Ricketts Tolley \*

**1972 (9%)**

**Century Club**

Pamela J. Aduskevicz \*  
Laurie W. Hildebrandt ^  
Constance L. Wong ^

**Donor**

Jennifer Free \*  
Polly Parke ^\*  
Sarah Smith \*

**1973 (13%)**

**Clawson Club**

V. Joan Campbell \*

**Century Club**

Carol A. Cornett \*  
Rita E. Greene ^\*  
Ann M. Powell \*

**Donor**

Susan F. Adland \*  
Elisabeth Cook Coady \*  
Gita Wijesinghe Pitter \*  
Debra Hefty Sayers \*  
Lynne Mueller Sweeney \*  
Linda J. Watts \*

**1974 (10%)**

**Clawson Club**

Christine Moranda ^+\*  
Elizabeth A. Salt ^\*  
Jocelyn F. Woodson-Reed +\*

**Century Club**

**From Angela Downard, recipient of Peabody Scholarship:**

*Nursing is more than a job to me, it is a passion. It is something that has been naturally instilled in me from the generations of women before me and I intend to carry the title with honor and pride. I look forward to graduation and finally doing what I have felt destined to do for many years. ... Your generosity came as a blessing in my life and just at the right time. I cannot find all the words to describe my gratitude.*



Nancy Anderson \*  
 Lucinda Walser McLean +  
 Joan Hagan Stoutenborough \*  
**Donor**  
 Sue Anderson ^\*  
 Cheryl P. Bonnell \*  
 Ann Crowley Pagano \*

**1975 (2%)**

**Century Club**  
 Mary Logan Foard \*

**1976 (2%)**

**Donor**  
 Elizabeth Rugg Grybko \*

**1977 (3%)**

**Century Club**  
 Eve Schwartz Schniebolk ^

**Western Program Alumni**

**Century Club**  
 Benjamin D. Gibbons '94 \*

**Donor**  
 Kristen F. Vongruben '94 \*

**Western Former Faculty/Staff**

**Peabody Society**  
 Jacqueline S. Wallace \*

**Century Club**  
 Donavon Auble \*  
 Dorothy Merrill \* (dcd)  
 Josephine Schaefer +\*

**Donor**  
 Donald C. Behrens \*  
 Richard Sakurai \*

**Western Friends**  
**Peabody Society**

Jack Fryman \*  
 Lee Hieronymus ^  
 Edward J. Kenney \*  
 Donna and William Matson \*  
 Susan A. Mboya +  
 Charles Salt +\*  
 Judy Kalbfus Waldron ^+

**McKee Circle**  
 Suzanne Braley \*  
 Richard Epling \*

**Clawson Club**  
 Roderick W. Link \*  
 William T. Trainer \*

**Century Club**  
 Anne R. Van de Water-Naulls \*

**Donor**  
 Deborah S. Baker \*+  
 Claudia White Gilmartin \*  
 Sten Wiedling ^\*  
 Kaye Wolke \*

**Organizations**

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 Chevron Corporation \*  
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## Memorial Gifts

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

**Mary Delp Haynes '32**  
 Diana Haynes O'Keefe '57

**Harriet Doll Van de Water '37**  
 Anne Van de Water-Naulls

**Ellen Westerman Brashares '44**  
 Francese Sutherland Larsen '44

**Joan Herbert Behrens '50**  
 Donald Behrens

**Louise Wilson Braley '50**  
 Debbie Baker  
 Suzanne Braley and Richard  
 Epling  
 Susan Mayer Falter '57  
 Kaye Wolke

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

**Gretchen Wampler Mousetis '58**  
 Polly Smith Venable

**Dixie Harris Trainer '58**  
 William Trainer

**Lorna Robinson Depoortere '69**  
 Donna Blodgett '69

**Margaret Barrier**  
 Lynne Albuquerk '64  
 Debbie Baker  
 Marie landoli '65  
 Patricia Jayson '68  
 Ann Noble '69  
 Betsy Salt '74  
 Josephine Schaefer FF  
 Jennifer French Sponsler '68

**Robert Berry FF**  
 Debbie Baker

**Ruth Bracher FF**  
 Phyllis Yeamans Bailey '58

**Gail James FF**  
 Jo Ann Fley '52  
 Nancy Vanvleck von Allmen '64

**Dean Phyllis Hoyt FF**  
 Nancy Vanvleck von Allmen '64  
 Josephine Schaefer FF

**Georgiana Reynolds FF**  
 Elizabeth Salt '74

**Gifts In Honor Of Living  
 Alumnae And Friends:**

**Norman B. Saunders**  
 Jeanne Ott Saunders '40

**Alumnae Weekend Gifts**

Anniversary year classes contributed **\$12,947.**  
 Non-anniversary year classes contributed **\$7,505.**

**TOTAL ALUMNAE WEEKEND GIFTS \$20,452**

**Club Gifts**

**Dayton/Miami Valley Area** Legacy Projects  
**Indianapolis Area** International Student Scholarships  
**San Francisco Bay Area** Archives & Heritage  
**SWO/NKY Area** Undesignated

**TOTAL CLUB GIFTS \$656**

(dcd) deceased

\* Annual Fund

^ Reunion/Class Fund

+ Endowment Fund

# WESTERN COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, INC.

## STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE MODIFIED CASH BASIS

December 31, 2012 and 2011

| ASSETS                                    | <u>2012</u>      | <u>2011</u>      |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Cash                                      | \$93,881 (b)     | \$81,340 (b)     |
| Investments (Market Value)                | \$206,434 (c)    | \$195,604 (c)    |
| Other Assets                              |                  |                  |
| Antiques and Art                          | \$39,875         | \$39,875         |
| Gift Shop Inventory                       | \$10,133         | \$13,228         |
| Total Other Assets                        | <u>\$50,008</u>  | <u>\$53,103</u>  |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                       | <u>\$350,323</u> | <u>\$330,047</u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>       |                  |                  |
| Sales Tax Payable                         | \$27             | \$18             |
| Fund Balance                              | \$350,296        | \$330,029        |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b> | <u>\$350,323</u> | <u>\$330,047</u> |

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

Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

| REVENUES                                  | <u>2012</u>      | <u>2011</u>      |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Alumnae Giving:</b>                    |                  |                  |
| Annual Fund Gifts                         | \$65,292         | \$72,904         |
| Reunion Gifts                             | \$20,227         | \$12,365         |
| Endowment Gifts                           | \$123,899 (c)    | \$120,032 (c)    |
| Total Giving                              | <u>\$209,418</u> | <u>\$205,301</u> |
| <b>Other Revenues and Additions:</b>      |                  |                  |
| Reunion Weekend Revenue                   | \$12,464         | \$10,977         |
| Auction Proceeds, Alumnae Weekend         | \$0              | 2,398            |
| Gift Shop, Patterson Place, Misc. Revenue | \$2,094          | \$1,373          |
| Interest and Dividend Income              | \$2,224          | \$1,843          |
| Gain (Loss) on Investment                 | \$15,922         | (\$7,165)        |
| Total Other Revenues and Additions        | <u>\$32,704</u>  | <u>\$9,426</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES and ADDITIONS</b>       | <u>\$242,122</u> | <u>\$214,727</u> |

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

| EXPENSES   | <u>2012</u>        | <u>2011</u>        |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Alumnae Relations</b> (including <i>The Bulletin</i> , Clubs, and Annual Reunion) | \$37,720           | \$36,418           |
| <b>Fundraising and Stewardship Operations</b>  | \$7,360            | \$6,982            |
| <b>Patterson Place Expenses</b>  | \$11,994           | \$12,650           |
|  | \$4,959 (e)        | \$1,046 (e)        |
| <b>Education:</b> (d)  |                    |                    |
| Archives   | \$1,166            | \$291              |
| International Scholarships   | \$2,500            | \$3,500            |
| Peabody Scholarships   | \$5,024            | \$4,224            |
| Other Scholarships   | \$1,234            | \$0                |
| Total Education  | <u>\$9,924 (d)</u> | <u>\$8,015 (d)</u> |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>  | <u>\$71,957</u>    | <u>\$65,111</u>    |
| <b>TRANSFERS</b>   |                    |                    |
| Annual/Reunion Gifts to MU Foundation  | \$26,025           | \$31,362           |
| Auction Proceeds to MU Foundation  | \$0                | \$2,398            |
| Endowment Gifts to MU Foundation   | \$123,873 (c)      | \$120,032 (c)      |
| <b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>   | <u>\$149,898</u>   | <u>\$153,792</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES/TRANSFERS</b>  | <u>\$221,855</u>   | <u>\$218,903</u>   |
| <b>Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance</b>   | <u>\$20,267</u>    | <u>(\$4,176)</u>   |
| <b>Fund Balance Beginning of the Year</b>  | <u>\$330,029</u>   | <u>\$334,205</u>   |
| <b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>   | <u>\$350,296</u>   | <u>\$330,029</u>   |

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

(b) Cash of \$93,752 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.

(e) Funded by revenues from the use of Patterson Place.

**In addition to the above figures, for fiscal year 2011-2012, Miami University provided allotments of \$176,071 for salaries and benefits. Miami University also maintains the interior and exterior of Patterson Place and grounds.**



### WCAA Alumnae Scholarships

Ryan Kincaid  
Chelsea Jones  
Julie Mullen  
Kevin Schrock



### Peabody Scholarships

Faith Wilcox Barrington Scholarship  
New Scholarship  
Fritzi Mueller Beckett Scholarship  
Cindy Jimenez DeCabrera  
Marian F. Hawk Scholarship  
Abby Artemisia



Ansaah Ntow  
Ashleigh Jo Schlessinger  
Brandy Jones  
David Schultz  
Jacqueline Lutes



Malcolim D. Hill Scholarship  
Ashleigh Jo Schlessinger  
Michael Schmidt  
Dennis Sorrell  
Phyllis Hoyt Scholarship  
Angelica Gladish



Barbara Frazey Kenney Scholarship  
Ashleigh Jo Schlessinger  
Melissa Thompson



Mary West Liggitt Scholarship  
Christina Harrison  
Chrystal Butler  
Heidi Fella-siens  
Nikki Robinson  
Richard Mathes  
Teresa Detherage



E. Ramona Newton Manners Scholarship  
Abby Artemisia  
Ashleigh Jo Schlessinger  
Dawn Hounshell



Susanna Rieley McIntyre Scholarship  
Tonya Fangman  
Sandra Pollitt  
Helen Kaslo Osgood Scholarship  
Susan Cavalaris



### Rowena Snyder Scholarship

Rowena Snyder Scholarship  
Amber Rea  
Andrea Lewis  
Dominique Smith  
Heather Walker  
Tricia Neu



Mary Wylie Wilson Scholarship  
Ashleigh Jo Schlessinger  
Brandy Jones  
General Peabody Scholarship  
Gillian Bauer  
James Brown  
Angela Downard  
Tonya Fangman  
Brandy Jones  
Samantha Key  
Anita Lee  
Jacqueline Lutes  
Beverly Robertson  
Michael Schmidt  
Sarah Senff  
Jared Tidd  
Johnna Williams

## 2012- 2013 Scholarship Recipients

Rachel Kaczka  
Alexander Lewis  
Nicole McKee  
Saurabh Mehta  
Sruthi Ramakrishnan  
Brandon Sonoda  
General Multicultural Schp.: U.S. Resident  
Daniela Santisteban  
Jessica Vasquez

### Study Abroad

Faith Wilcox Barrington Scholarship  
No Award for 2012-13  
Margaret Wilmer Bartlett Scholarship  
Erin O'Neal  
Jean Boyd Cable Scholarship  
Fernanda Victoria-Bojaili  
Megan Hoelle  
Florence Prendegast Cockerell Scholarship  
Jacie Nowland  
Koons Family Scholarship  
No Award 2012-13  
Lois Wiggins Newman Scholarship  
No Award for 2012-13  
Grace Osgood Scholarship  
Colin McKinstry  
Marshall Miller  
Joseph Thoms and Sarah Darnall Resor Schp.  
Alice Vincent  
Danielle Wardreiner  
Alice Schacht Salt International Study Schp.  
Laura Weinel  
Rowena Snyder Scholarship  
Rafaela Coelho  
Marshall Miller  
Elizabeth S. Turner Fund  
Erika Andler  
Lauren Arnett  
Rachel Aron  
Ryan Art  
Ramune Bartuskaite  
Amanda Beckman  
Michael Bednar  
Olivia Beebe  
Caroline Bennett  
Michael Berg

John Bickers  
Hannah Biggs  
Ahkila Binford  
Melanie Bosse  
James Boyd  
John Burjek  
Claire Bushemi  
Rebecca Cassidy  
Anthony Castorano  
Emily Champion  
Leah Coleman  
Shauna Combs  
Bryan Comer  
Makayla Conley  
Trevor Cook  
Emily Crane  
Austin Davis  
Megan Delaney  
Kyle Dickey  
Aaron Diehl  
Charlotte Dietz  
Hayley Drumm  
Lydia Dysart  
Karen Faller  
Kathryn Fidelholtz  
Adam Fine  
Melody Finley  
Carolyn Finocchi  
Jenna Freedman  
Elizabeth Fricke  
Jennifer Fukui  
Nicole Gardner  
Paige Garrison  
Haile Gerboe  
Tangelica Glover  
Erica Griffith  
Neil Gvozdanovic  
Madeline Haigh  
Ryan Harkey  
Alyssa Hopun  
Ewa Huang  
Marcus Huntz  
Keary Iarussi  
Leah Jaslow  
Caitlin Jaynes  
Justin Johnson

### Multicultural Scholarships: International

Grace Chu Scholarship  
Pema Sadutshang (Nepal, India)  
Mboya Family Scholarship (Nairobi, Kenya)  
Nancy Odero (India)  
Herrick Black Young Scholarship (Nairobi, Kenya)  
Ayush Damani (China)  
Wentianfu Zhang (Belarus)  
International Student Scholarship (Nepal, India)  
Hanna Furmanava (India)  
Pema Sadutshang (China)  
Ayush Damani (China)  
Wentianfu Zhang (India)  
General Multicultural Schp.: International (India)  
Ayush Damani (Vietnam)  
Nhung Nguyen (Nepal, India)  
Pema Sadutshang (Nepal, India)  
Michael Donnelly

### Multicultural: U.S. Resident

R/L/V Scholarship  
Michael Donnelly

Elizabeth S. Turner Fund, cont.

Logan Kahle  
Caroline Kibane  
Samantha Kent  
Lauren Kocher  
Rachel Kosarko  
Thomas LaFever  
Jordan Lafferty  
Thomas Lane  
Alexandra Larsen  
Alexis Lees  
Matthew Lekh  
Anna Leone  
Nathan Lotze  
Sarah Ludwig  
Alexandra Marable  
Benjamin Mates  
Hannah Matgouranis  
Kelly McGarry  
Ryan McHenry  
Sarah McKinsey  
Rachel McNealis  
Nora McVey  
Timothy Mersch  
Christine Metcalf  
Alison Meyers  
Emily Meyers  
Melissa Milberger  
Stephanie Milos  
Andrew Mocek  
William Moloney  
Micah Moore  
Taylor Morgan  
Joshua Motts  
Christopher Muller  
Julia Munro  
Fatimata Ndiaye  
Monica Neff  
Sydney Norman  
Michael Odulana  
Megan Olier  
Deborah O'Neal  
Christina Penza  
Anna Planic  
Jackson Pogue  
Piritta Porter  
Winston Reid

Nathan Kelley  
General Luxembourg Scholarship  
Charlie Wagers  
General Study Abroad Scholarship  
Anna Borchers  
Mallory Chen  
Raeann Harry  
Emma Margerum-Leys  
Alice Vincent

**Other Donor-Designated Scholarships/  
Awards**

Clara Appel Scholarship  
Katherine Chapel  
Danielle Dailey  
Chelsea Hauser  
Stephanie Leclerc  
Rachel Perna  
Carrie Salmon  
Alma Bremer Scholarship  
Shannon Bradfield  
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Aaron Keck  
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Shelley McKinley  
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Kathleen O'Reilly  
Avicia Rodgers  
Robert Rogers  
Hannah Zimmerman  
Evelyn May Davis Scholarship  
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Lauren Cain  
Krista House  
Atticus Jordan  
Kayla Miller  
Genevieve Nenninger  
Jillian Runser  
Bridget Simpson  
Kelsey Venis  
Chelsey Voorhis  
Jacquelyn Weber  
Kaitlin Wensinger  
Katharine Zaback

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

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

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



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*Marja-Leena Siitonen Gottmann '66 (left) and Veronica King '69 had kept in touch for over 46 years. They were finally able to enjoy a holiday reunion together, visiting Salzburg, Austria, last August.*

tal in the Bronx, a highly regarded hospice provider. Bernie died peacefully on July 6.

"The memorial service was held at All Souls on September 29th. Over 300 friends were in attendance representing many groups, All Souls Church, Peace Corps Thai XI group, Western College, Manufacturers Hanover Bank, Merrill Lynch, Star Island, our apartment building, and my sister for the family. I asked **Ann Walton** to be the opening speaker since she, **Sue Ray Woodworth** and I met Bernie the first weekend of our freshman year at a mixer. The reason he was there was to see Sue Ray whom he knew from summers on Long Island. As I remember it Sue greeted Bernie, and then she met someone else and left Bernie with me (it was a mixer). So the world goes. In September 2012 we would have been together for 50 years." Let us hold Suzy and her son Christopher and fiancée Jessa in our prayers.

**Ann Walton's** real estate business in Ann Arbor was improving in 2012. After 25 years she decided to sell her house. So for the past year, she has been sorting, organizing, and throwing out. Every time she took a box out she felt she grew 1/8 of an inch. She is not sure where she will land but is house sitting for the next year.

She provided this message for all of us. "The sad news for this year was that Bernie May died. So many of us will miss him. He truly was an "honorary member" of the Class of 1966 and was always at our reunions — taking pictures, adding his unique humor to our gatherings, mixing our drinks and always

there for support. His memorial service in NYC was just lovely and Western alums attending in addition to myself were **Theda Hollister Wolfe, Sue Ray Woodworth, Hazel Williams Drew, Lynne Drucker Albuquerk '64 and Elisa Kessler Caporale '67.**"

**Sue Ray Woodworth** with her husband, Jay, had a wonderful week vacation in Napa Valley this fall. They had been visiting their son and his family in Seattle and then took a train to San Francisco. They got home just in time to be visited by Hurricane Sandy. She said if you thought the photos of the Jersey Shore were awful, you should have been in some of the shore towns. Sue is still very busy with her rug hooking projects. She completed four in 2012 and has two already underway. Sue and **Ann Walton** went to the moving memorial service for Bernie May.

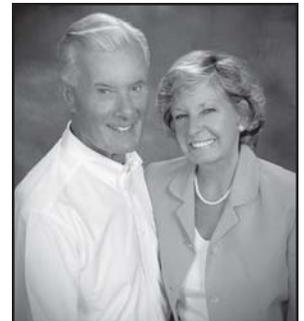
**Hazel Williams Drew** had a wonderful year. She is now a member of the Board of Trustees of the Alumnae Association. Her first meeting was exciting and a wow moment: "I met **Sue Detlefsen Meyers**, who was my Western roommate." She is looking forward to the other meetings and the Reunion this year and hopes that some of you will be able to make the Reunion this year. Hazel went to Thailand with her daughter and really enjoyed it. She said you have to be able to tolerate the long hours on the plane and the layovers. She also reconnected with board members with **Janet Smith Dickerson '65** and **Sylvia Stanfield '65**.

**Jane Graham Murphy** wishes health and peace to all. Jane talks with **Peggy Budington** weekly and stays in touch with **Charla Coatom** frequently as well. Jane talked with both of them when she learned of Bernie May's death. Jane wrote "our Reunions will not be the same without Bernie's warm and friendly presence." Jane has had a very busy year. In January, she was in Florida to visit with family and celebrate her birthday. Sadly, her former mother-in-law (93) died that same month. In February, Jane and her daughter Katherine had a lively time in Paris, Zurich and Lucerne. Katherine started working in Pittsburgh in August and lives in the city with friends. Jane visited in July, August and October. In July, she shared a house on Monhegan Island with Becca ( her older daughter), Wes and their two children.

In September, Jane and her dog drove to Maine for two weeks, looking for a small cottage. Becca and her family visited Jane in Cincinnati for Thanksgiving. Then Katherine and Jane joined Becca in New York for Christmas. Jane thinks of her son, Chris, daily and keeps him in her prayers.

**Charla Coatom** reports that she was in Portsmouth, England, for a Dickens Fellowship conference to celebrate his 200th birthday. Portsmouth was Dickens' birthplace. She also got to tour the Portsmouth Dockyards where there were several historic ships on display. While there she saw the D-Day Museum and the fabulous Overlord embroidery. Charla had one day at the London Olympics and saw an Equestrian event — dressage team finals. Great Britain won the gold, so it was an especially exciting time. Everything was well organized and London was bustling with Olympic and the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. Charla continues to be involved with book clubs, gardening and horseback riding.

**Nancy James** celebrated her 30th year as the owner of N.P. James Insurance Agency. Among the celebrations was the sponsorship of a "distracted Driving" course at her local high school in Concord, MA. A specially equipped van offered a simulated driving tour with numerous hazards, including the instructor texting each student during the simulation. Nancy continues to serve on local and professional boards, including the Concord-Carlisle Human Rights Council, Massachusetts Society of Licensed Insurance Advisors, CCTV Cable, and Concord-Carlisle League of Women Voters. Leisure activities include spending time with husband, family and friends, singing, swimming, tennis and watercolor painting.



*Nancy James and husband*

**Sally Sweitzer Skewis** is still working full-time and living with/taking care of her 97-year-old mother as well as volunteering as a mental health consultant/profiler with the County Sheriff's hostage negotiation team and trying to keep up with the mail and daily hassles. Sally's biggest challenge is trying to find good care providers for her mother while she works. She continues to take education courses to keep up her psych license. Sally made her annual pilgrimage to Baltimore to visit her cousins and watch the Steelers/Ravens football game. (Ravens won the Super Bowl as I am finishing these notes.)

**Carol Maturo Ward** sends this message: "Our lives are full of blessings." Her mother will turn 100 on March 17, 2013, with the grace of God. She lives in her own home, although she now has care providers that come each day. Her father-in-law also lives in his own home, with a care provider coming once a week. He is 97 and doing well. Her niece started her first year at Smith College last fall and she seems to be enjoying herself. Carol and Allen are well and happy. Marriage suits them. They took a trip up to Lake George, NY, last summer and will be traveling again this coming May.

Rich and I are planning our next adventure. We stay busy keeping our church property up and running as we are both on the Property Management Board — our sixth year and we have had to tent the entire complex for termites and remove five very large Redwood trees whose roots were lifting the church's foundation. Our church building will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2014. In May 2012, my Ramsey clan held our annual family vacation in Lexington, KY. In June, we went on our church's adult and youth Mission trip to Sanctuary One in Jacksonville, OR. Sanctuary One is a nonprofit care farm where people, animals, and the earth work together for mutual healing. It is the only Care Farm in the U.S. We cleaned, painted, planted and cleared trails. We walked dogs, played with the cats and made friends with many farm animals. In July, we visited my aunt and cousins in Salmon, ID. We fell in love with Salmon (quiet, small town, friendly people and beautiful scenery) and it got us thinking about moving out of Silicon Valley, but after more time to think, we decided that Bend, OR, is better for us. Our oldest son and his family live there and there are better medical services. In September, we went back to Kentucky for Rich's 623rd Army biannual reunion. For Thanksgiving dinner, we were in Bend with family and sandwiched in some farmette hunting.

Rich wants to fulfill my dream of having my own horse. So I have continued my natural horsemanship journey this year by volunteering as an assistant for a Parelli Natural Horsemanship instructor. I worked three days a week this fall but now am doing five. Also, I have continued leasing Trixie, and I am now the membership director for my local horse club. As I read **Ann Walton's** note on sorting and boxing her things, I realized I could use her help. This year we are sorting through everything to decide what to move and what to give away. I hope each of you takes care of your health and reaches out to one other classmate. In three years it will be our 50th reunion and it would be wonderful to see many of you there. Lots of love and blessings in 2013 ...

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**Alumnae Weekend '13: Celebrate 45 years!**

Forty-five years! Our next big one will be here before we know it ... I hope your 2012 was happily eventful, as was mine. My big overseas trip was a return to Bhutan, this time with my new "friend," who also loves the country where Gross National Happiness is government policy, the people are kind, and the landscape and temples are breathtaking. We are looking for a house in Berkeley, as I'm ready to move out of my big house in the suburbs to a place with a little more going on. For those of you who remember my dad, he turned 98 in October and is still going strong. My sister, **Gretchen Blake Roy '71**, and I had several visits this year, a couple of them with her girls. I hope to see you the weekend of June 21st for our Reunion!

**Barb Brannen Patrick** semi-retired in September and is now keeping busy with exercise classes, cleaning out closets and drawers. Her daughter and husband are still in the Air Force. Colonel Jennifer is at the Army War College in Carlisle, PA, and Lt. Colonel CJ is at the Pentagon. Nanny Juanita holds down the weekday fort with Landon and Teagon. Landon is in first grade and loves Special Olympics football and soccer, swimming lessons and cooking. Teagon is 3½ and goes to preschool. She enjoys gymnastics, swimming, cooking and doing pretend homework with mom on Saturday. Barb and her son, Jon, who lives on the East Side of Milwaukee in Riverwest, get together at least once a month.

**Marjie Custer Bowles** and Bob are training to be trail leaders in Elk Horn Slough and learning all about the flora and fauna of the Monterey (CA) Bay region. Marjie is doing more art work than she's done in years. Marjie and Bob went around the world the spring/summer of 2012. Beginning in San Francisco, they flew to Hong Kong to board the *Nautica*. They made port in Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore, India, Oman, Jordan, Egypt and Israel. After all their travels they settled in their little village of Lafkos, Greece, for 2½ months. Now they are taking it easy.

**Kitsy Dunlop** writes that she and husband Greg continue to enjoy retirement life in Cedar Key, FL, located in rural Levy County west of Gainesville on the Gulf of Mexico. Many consider it the "real Florida" or the last of Old Florida. The abundance of wildlife, the quality of life of a small town of under 1,000 population, and the opportunity to develop a small 40-acre ranch are what attracted them to the area. With a herd of four horses (three theirs and one a boarded horse), Kitsy's activities center on developing her horsemanship through the Parelli Natural Horsemanship Program, trail riding with friends, supporting community activities, and welcoming friends. Their website is [www.cedarkeycedarridge ranch.com](http://www.cedarkeycedarridge ranch.com).

**Kathy Evans Findley** reported that Hurricane Sandy visited the Findleys and left a mountain of debris in the yard, threatened ductwork/insulation under the house again, but receded before destroying them as Irene did last year. Their main occupation has been remodeling the master bathroom. They spent the summer trying to replicate the price-is-no-object look of original choices, sans the price. They have a nearly complete elder friendly, calming, and up-to-date bathroom. It's been painful with re-do's at every step. Jim will retire in June after 18 years as a Certified Financial Planner, selling his practice after evaluating prospective brokers and how they match up with his investment and tax clients. James Jr. is currently in London researching at the archives, reading diaries, letters, ships' logs, and wills. He returns to UNC to teach the spring semester. Mom and Dad hope to announce that he is Dr. Findley in 2013. Kate (40!) and Sophie (8) spent two weeks in North Carolina at Christmas before returning to snowy South Dakota.

**Jennifer French Sponsler** reported that 2012 was an exciting year for her. In September she met friends in Malta and then boarded a 3-masted schooner for 10 days of sailing to Rome. The weather was gorgeous and the Med was calm. However, the most memorable part of the trip was visiting the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel while it was closed to the public and being able to enjoy the beautiful art. Then in October, Jennifer met her family in Atlanta for the wedding of a grand-niece. She is looking forward to seeing other members of the class of '68 at the Reunion in June.

**Anne Galbraith Rothrock** decided that since she is going to attend Reunion this year, she needs to catch everyone up on the last 45 years. She married Brit whom she dated at Western. While he was stationed in the Azores with the Air Force, she continued to live with her parents on the family farm in Ohio. There, she worked at a plastics manufacturing plant doing sterility control on medical equipment. When Brit came home, they moved to his hometown, Marshfield, MA, where Anne worked at Plymouth

County Hospital in the tuberculosis laboratory. Not long after, they moved to Plymouth, MA, and Anne changed position to the State Tuberculosis Laboratory. She was supervisor there before AIDS hit the country. At that time, tuberculosis was nearing eradication. Anne returned to education at Northeastern University taking the required courses to become a registered laboratory technologist. She then went to work in the clinical microbiology laboratory at New England Medical Center (Tufts) in Boston. In 2002, she and Brit moved to a farm in Thorndike, ME. She worked for Maine General Medical Center in the microbiology laboratory until retiring in 2008. She stays quite busy now still working per diem at MGMC, personal training at the Waldo County Y in Belfast, volunteering as a ham radio operator with the Waldo County Emergency Management Agency, attending meetings at two granges, gardening, and caring for her cat. She and Brit did not have children. They both intend to attend Reunion this year.

**Susan Hackley** continues to live in Boston and work at the Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School. She is also president of the Saturday Morning Club, founded by Julia Ward Howe in 1871. As a personal project, she is making a short film about American children and war. Her own children live in New Orleans, Anchorage, AK, and Brooklyn, and Susan and husband Paul love visiting each of those great cities.

**Hayat Imam** writes that these past few years she has been splitting her time between Dhaka, Bangladesh, and Boston to spend as much time as possible with her mother, who has been ailing. December was fun and important with all her family, (daughter, son, grandchildren) traveling to Bangladesh to see her mother. Full house and full hearts! She sends warm wishes to all her Western sisters.

**Pat Jayson** writes that in lieu of sending news, she is planning to come for Reunion and adds that "the rest of you had darn well better be there!"

In July, **Brenda Lee Bell** and Brian met Caroline Shriver, daughter of past Miami president, Phillip Shriver, who reminisced about growing up with **Susan Fackler Sykes**. In September, Brenda and Brian decided to wrap things up in Ohio and relocated to a dream community with year-round golf for Brian and lots of classes and volunteer activities for Brenda. They moved in mid-December. After a quick trip north post-Christmas to see relatives, wear sweaters and see snow, they are happily at home in central Florida. As of January 1, Brenda is a sort-of retired person working about one day a week from home, too busy to discov-



*With former WCAA Director Jacqui Wallace (right) visiting, Bay Area residents Susan Blake '68 (left) and Di Koch Mascali '58 "do lunch."*

er whether any Westerners live in The Villages, FL, but hoping to cross paths at some point with **Kitsy Dunlop**, who is relatively close.

**Miho Matsuda Abedini** and Mansour were in Vancouver for three months and in Toronto for five months for his cancer treatment. He seems to be OK so far. They returned to Tehran before the New Year. But they will be back in Canada in the spring for his checkup. Her mother is 94 and very fine in Japan. Miho has to move from one place to another but is happy to be with her family. Their daughter, Mina, and her husband, Steven, are now at the University of Toronto with their daughter. Miho and Mansour live with them when they are in Toronto, all very happily in a new house.

**Cece Peabody** has been working with the same associations for the last six years. She'll also be starting her seventh year teaching a professional education course she designed, Meeting and Event Planning and Management. Her son, Patrick, just completed walking the Appalachian Trail from New York State to Georgia in about three months ... all by himself. Of course Mom was worried, but a terrific GPS device called The Spot sent frequent e-mails on his safety. He's now returned to Charlotte, NC, to work in retail and coach lacrosse. Ed continues to enjoy retirement, which includes fishing, hunting, and golfing. Cece still loves working and hopes to for a few more years.

**Karen Prah Voris** had a wonderful year filled with volunteering, travel, family and fun. She and John went to Australia for three weeks at the beginning of 2012. It's a marvelous country. The other big news is that daughter **Amy Voris** (Western Program '94 grad) is working on her Ph.D. in Dance in England, and younger daughter Molly had twin girls (Rose and Louisa) to add to 4-year-old Lily. Life is good.

**Karen Rengier Farmer** is anticipating retirement from her psychotherapy practice of almost 40 years. She finds it helpful and fun to read what everyone else has been doing

during this newest phase of life. She has been very lucky with a good man for a husband, two happy adult daughters and four grandchildren, and good health as well. Karen is looking forward to traveling, volunteering and expanding her world. She believes Western was a good place to be in the late 1960s. **Heather Smith Lange-foss**, Karen's roommate for four years, lives a mile away!

**Judy Richard Jellison** sends her greetings from Kansas City, MO. She's still working at the UMKC School of Nursing as Director of Student Services. Her and Rick's four children and eight grandchildren now live within an hour so life is always busy and eventful. Judy and Rick actually live in rural America on 80 acres with standard-bred horses and many projects.

**Patty Robins Lacey** has finished her project with Mesa Verde National Park and is back to volunteering at the Anasazi Heritage Center in Dolores, CO. She still lives in Cortez and is active in her Methodist Church, Four Corners Community Band, and Colorado Archaeological Society. If you happen to visit the new Visitor and Research Center at Mesa Verde National Park, you will see a display with a statue that is clothed in Patty's Park Service uniform.

**Ella Weingarten Iams** and Howard had a busy, exciting 2012. Joel was promoted to Major in the United States Marine Corps Reserves Jan 1, 2012. In March, he was married in a beautiful ceremony to a wonderful woman, Elena Zaitsov. In September, Sarah, who is completing her dissertation in applied math, began teaching at Bowdoin College for the academic year 2012-2013. Howard and Ella spent a wonderful week in Key West, FL, last February to escape the cold and spent a wonderful long weekend visiting Brunswick, ME, and all the beauty in that area.

**Susie Williams Oblinger** is still teaching and has fourth-graders in reading this year. She loves this age. Her school year started late this year because she had an unplanned adventure this summer. She ruptured her Achilles tendon, had surgery, several casts, crutches, walkers, and a cane. She returned to school around Halloween (She is on second floor!) Anyway, she really appreciates the small things in life! Her granddaughters (7 and 2) light up her life and luckily live nearby (with son Christian and his wife). Her other son, Brent, now lives in Bend, OR, and works with the U.S. Forest Service. She is anxious to go visit. She sends her Western friends her wish for a happy, healthy new year!!!

**Barbara Williamson Wentz** completed her Bucket List of going to all 50 states with a

trip to Hawaii in February. She is now working on a new Bucket List!!!! In April, she made the transition from working to retirement. She was involved in the placement of over 260 children in her years as an adoption worker. On the way home from her retirement party, Jennifer, her daughter, commented that it was really nice to hear all of those wonderful things about her mother and Barbara was not even dead! Barbara is now spending her time reading on her Kindle, running errands on her impulse buy of a motor scooter, doing water aerobics, singing in a community chorus, volunteering in the church food pantry, playing bridge, and of course spending time with grandchildren both in Cincinnati and Minneapolis. Barbara and Erv's adventure of the year was to rescue an adult dog which ended up being two golden retrievers. Barbara is looking forward to having her classmates in Oxford for the 45th reunion.

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Nice to hear from more people this time — and three e-mails — we're making progress!

First congratulations and thanks to **Pamela Watts Coates** for her willingness to serve on the Board of Trustees for the third time. There's a lot of work involved as well as travel to Oxford several times a year. But also an exciting place to be as WCAA's future becomes more defined. Pam had the opportunity to sing with her church choir for a week of services at the National Cathedral in Washington DC and in the fall a wonderful trip to Turkey with husband Ted and friends.

I always hear from **Nancy Tuan Yang Hsiang** with a cheerful note. Her older son, Kurt, and his wife, Chris, are leading a happy life with two ferrets, and she and husband Tom and younger son Burt are settled back into an apartment in Glendale Heights, IL. Nancy sends a hello to **Connie Wong '72**.

In an e-mail **Lyn Trautmann Pflug** shares the good news of her son's return from his deployment in Afghanistan and a hopeful transition back to life as a physics engineer. Unfortunately, her husband has been put on the list for heart transplants at Columbia Presbyterian — we will think good thoughts for him. Lyn was able to spend time with **Jane Koenig** at her mountain house in North Carolina and together they visited **Sandy Oxley Ferhman** nearby. Like many of us, Lyn is debating when to retire.

**Denee Dusenberry Stevenson** has sent along news of several others as well. Her roommate for three years, **Judith Greenwald**, retired several years ago after a rich and rewarding career in education, most recently serving as assistant superintendent. Judy now travels extensively and lives in Bali, Indonesia.

Denee visits **Barbara Butler Glessner** regularly. Barb is also retired but often travels and works with her husband, Jim, promoting his company's specialized software products. Much of Barb's time is spent with grandchildren. Denee reports staying in touch with **Shelley McShane** for a while with yearly letters. Denee is retired from teaching high school English and now teaching part time at Geneva College. Married for 40 years with two daughters, they have a grandson on the way.

Dave and I have no real plan to retire (is this what they mean by aging in place?) and are still enjoying both our work and our travels. I was glad for the opportunity to visit Western last November and to spend time with Mackenzie [Becker Rice] and Debbie [Baker]. In many ways the campus feels so much larger — three new dorms going up as I write this — but it is still the same Western. I hope you will begin to think about a return in 2015 for our 45th Reunion.

And keep the e-mail coming!

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"The Team" — new '72 Class Rep Beth Dague and husband Peter — at the Falls (as in Niagara) viewing area, July 2012



**Karen Rice King** is launching a medical study of Adult with Sleep Challenges and Earth Acupuncture designed by doctors from the University of Colorado. She offers classes and sees individual clients throughout the West. Check out her activities at [KarenRiceKing.com](http://KarenRiceKing.com)

**Cynthia Clark** and husband spent five months in Africa in 2012. They started in Egypt and the riots, through Ethiopia and Kenya. There they volunteered at a girls' school which they have supported. They went on safari in Tanzania. Cape Town was their final destination. The remaining time was spent volunteering at Scalabrini Center and an AIDS orphanage. Cynthia describes her time as humbling and stunning!

**Wendy Arnold Seely** is still enjoying her job as principal of her Connecticut grade school. Her son Bryan is working with the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee. She writes how difficult it's been for the people of Connecticut as they deal with another school shooting. Sandy Hook is just 10 miles from Wendy's school.

**Beth Cramp Dague** loves retirement after 32 years of teaching! Peter and I have just finished our four-year, three-weeks-at-a-time bicycle trip across America! Peter bikes, I drive! You can read all about it on [Crazyguyonabike.com/PeterDague](http://Crazyguyonabike.com/PeterDague).

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Alumnae Weekend '13: Celebrate 40 years!

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Greetings Western classmates! I think most of us hit a pretty significant milestone this year when we turned 60. Like many of you, I keep wondering where the years have gone.

**Sue Anderson** celebrated her 60<sup>th</sup> with her family and friends at her annual Memorial Day picnic. She says, "I hold my own birthday party every year!" Sue reached another milestone in 2012 as well: 40 years of working for the telephone company, which is now Verizon Communications. She hopes to retire in about two years. Sue continues to be very busy with local historical societies, the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution), the Caregiver's Coalition of her local United Way, her church, and her community in Succasunna, NJ. She now has nine great-nieces and -nephews, and she tries to attend many of their sporting events, dance recitals, and school programs. Sue was able to have a visit with **Heidi Hilfinger Wilson '72** at Heidi's grandson's first birthday party in July 2012.

**Amy Robinson Collins** reports that she had hoped to make her goal of 3,000 miles of biking before her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday last September, and, with a couple of marathon rides during the last two weeks before her birthday, she made it. She and Jim became grandparents for the fourth time on June 11, 2012, when their daughter had a son named Grant Andrew Nixon. Amy and Jim spent a week in North Carolina after the birth helping out. Amy also organized a weekend celebration in March 2012 for her father's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and, a few weeks later, helped him move into a retirement community.

**Mary Miller Croxton** reports that she is going to retire this year. She plans to work part-time until age 65 because Jack is not yet ready to retire. She and Jack went to Alaska with some friends during the summer of 2012. When Mary heard that I had visited Bulgaria during July 2012, she told me that she and Jack had lived in Bulgaria for eight months on a Fulbright grant 11

years ago. She really got an insider's view of the culture and lifestyle while she was there.

**Suzanne Kelley Doswell** continues to serve as the Western Massachusetts Regional Manager of the Brain Injury Association. In 2012, she was selected as the governor's appointee to the Massachusetts Brain Injury Commission. In October 2012, Suzanne and her husband Bill celebrated the marriage of their younger daughter, Louisa. The wedding was held at the Flagler Museum near Louisa's home in Florida. Older daughter Kelley and her family now live in Sedona, AZ.

**Nevine Gulamhusein** has retired and is living with her husband in England. Nevine's twin daughters, Noor and Nasreen, are both medical doctors in Toronto, Canada. They work in separate clinics, but both practice obstetrics. Nasreen recently purchased a condo in downtown Toronto, which they both use when on call at the hospital where they work. Noor lives with Nevine's mother in the Toronto suburb of Don Mills. Nevine says, "As for retirement, it is great because it allows you to do consulting work ... but you pick the contracts, timings, rate, etc."

**Moira Jackson Hasbrouck** spent two years at Western College and graduated from Florida State University in 1974 with a communications degree. She then worked in radio and television in Florida for 10 years. In 1981, she was honored to be the first woman to win the Radio Personality of the Year award from the Country Music Association. After her son, Matthew, was born, she moved into the health care industry. She says, "Show biz is fun but it's a here today, gone tomorrow career." She has worked with hospitals and now hospice in the Tampa, FL, area for many years. Moira says that she is now reliving her childhood with a home in the country where she has chickens, horses, and a garden. Her son and his family live in Tallahassee, where Matthew is working on a Ph.D. at Florida State University.

Moira's mother, **Lucy Hittle Jackson Tee-ter '45**, recently moved into an assisted-living facility in Winter Haven, FL. The window of her apartment has a view of the church she attended for many decades, and she is enjoying visits from her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends. Moira says that her mother "... spent many years nurturing the 'Jackson Six' plus many schoolchildren (as a teacher) ..., so it's her turn to be taken care of while she enjoys reading books and writing letters."

**Holly Wright Johnson** is now in her 29th year as Director of IT, Cataloging, and Processing at the Howard County Library System in Columbia, MD. Technology changes continue to keep her job fresh. She supervises a staff of 15 at the library. In her spare

time Holly is also the HR staff officer for the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Husband Bruce continues to work at the Library of Congress, implementing new technology to his online product, *Cataloger's Desktop*, editing the American Library Association – Library of Congress *Romanization Tables*, and representing the Library of Congress on the U.S. Board of Geographic Names. In his spare time he continues his service with the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Sea Scouts. Son Bryn became engaged in 2012; a Florida beach wedding is planned for May 2013. Daughter Cristyn graduated from Towson University in January 2013; she performs with several local orchestras and has recently applied for master's degree programs in music.

The highlight of the year for Holly and Bruce was attending a European Sea Scout conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, and visiting Holly's Danish friend Vibeke, who lived with Holly's family in western New York as an AFS exchange student during Holly's senior year of high school.

**Chris Moranda** commented, "Where does the time go? Hard to believe that we are headed to our 40th reunion in 2014! ... So, OK I just turned 60 as many of you have or will soon. Seems the pieces and parts are a bit more creaky, or slower to move in the morning, but I keep on truckin'. Just started taking a class called Ageless Grace, core strength in a chair ... it really is a workout!" Chris continues to work at OhioHealth in Columbus, OH, as manager of Disability Services. Her job involves helping to keep disabled workers working and supporting the hiring of job seekers with disabilities. Her work has led her to become involved with the Ohio Business Leadership Network of which she is now president.

This is the second year that Chris has been listed in the Who's Who GLBT Columbus. In her own words, "This is an honor, but more importantly, they provide these books to high schools throughout the area, so these young kids have the opportunity to know they too can be successful in any profession. I just completed the final touches on my Narka Nelson gift and know many of you have begun to think about your retirement and legacy. I chose to have my gift go towards the Miami University student GLBTQ programming as I hope it will help to fund projects for these young students as they explore their identity. Sending you a Western Hug and hope to see you at reunion 2014!"

Chris and partner Jane Russell celebrated 25 years together in February 2013. They are planning a trip to Alaska this summer. Jane has changed her career and is now a Certified Transformative Coach. She helps women learn new skills to make positive changes in their lives.



In November 2012, Dilu Valliani '74 visited her daughter, Amira, who was working in DC, and had a chance to meet Amira's famous boss.

**Betsey Kiel Ready** says, "It has been a fabulous year being a newlywed." Betsey and her husband are avid cyclists and have ridden their bikes 1,600 miles in three seasons of cycling in Michigan. A highlight of Betsey's year was watching her youngest son, Brett, receive his DPT (Doctor of Physical Therapy) hood in May 2012. He works in a hospital north of Boston, MA. Betsey also is enjoying her granddaughter, Paige, who is 16 months old.

**Sheila Colligan Sobel** started a new job in 2012. She is again working in the entertainment industry, administering film tax credits for films and television shows that shoot in states where a tax incentive is offered. Sheila and her husband will be celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year. Reminiscing, Sheila says, "The time since leaving Western has simply flown. It's passed in the blink of an eye. I miss the simpler days of our youth spent on the beautiful campus of Western: the nature and the spirit, Sunday mornings in Kumler Chapel, evenings at the Lodge, the shuttle into town, and the 3.2 beer."

**Joan Hagan Stoutenborough** reports, "Same old wonderful life here ... Being a Grammie is one of the major joys of life." Joan and her husband live for six months of the year in Sarasota, FL, and for the other six months of the year in Williamstown Lake, KY. Their older son and his family live near them in Kentucky, and Joan gets to be near her grandchildren (3 and 5) during the summer months spent in Kentucky. Their younger son is a performing musician in Sarasota, and they enjoy going to many of his gigs while they are living in Florida during the winter. Joan sings in a church in Florida and also in a summer chorale in Cincinnati. Stoutenboroughs take several cruises each winter: "Being near the port of Tampa makes

it tempting and convenient, and we love the cruising lifestyle."

**Dilu Walji Valliani** spent her 60th birthday in November 2012 vacationing at Cabo San Lucas in Baja California, Mexico. Shortly after that, Dilu and her husband, Aziz, went to Washington, DC, to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter, Amira. Amira, who was working in her office at the time, arranged for Dilu to have her picture taken with Hillary Clinton. Dilu says that it was quite a thrill to meet her. Amira has recently changed jobs in Washington and is now working at the White House for the National Security Council. Dilu's and Aziz's, son Jamil, is now a principal at Microsoft in Seattle and is working on Bing products.

**Kathy Albright Willowoode** is still working at the Sunspot natural food store in Lafayette, IN. She has traveled to Wisconsin several times this past year to take a series of workshops on shamanic healing. She says, "I've been busy but very happy enjoying the new learning and challenges."

**Greta Pope Wimp** writes of many changes for her family, beginning with the death of her mother-in-law, Kay Davis — "a dynamic woman" who sang with the Duke Ellington Orchestra, 1942-49. There is much information about her online, as well as in Greta's book *Music, Money & You; Managing the Business*, available at major booksellers. Since receiving her Ph.D. in 2010, Greta has been performing one-woman educational concerts chronicling the history of African American jazz artists in early-mid 20<sup>th</sup> century Paris — in addition to her usual performing engagements.

Of special note, Greta was pleased and honored to have **Jocelyn Woodson-Reed '74**, **Rita Greene '73** and **Evie Small Hohler '64** and her husband, Larry, in her audience at a 2010 Cole Porter Concert at the Metropolitan Room in New York City. In honor of her mother-in-law, she has recently mounted a new show, *Duke Ellington: the Man, the Music, the Legend!* She is also speaking to groups on the topic of Navigating the Music Business, as well as consulting privately via teleconference and Skype.

Finally, Greta and husband Ed are very proud of their son, Edward, who graduated from Monmouth College in May 2012 with a business major/political science minor. He spent last summer traveling with renowned R&B band Earth, Wind and Fire as assistant road manager, and is now a first-year law student at Florida A&M, interested in practicing — what else? — entertainment law.

I am now in my 29th year at the Otterbein University library. I was honored in August 2012 to receive the OPAL (Ohio Private Academic Libraries) Service Award presented by the OPAL library consortium. I took two overseas trips during 2012. In July 2012



Betsy Salt (left), '74 Class Rep, visited with Jeannette Jones Fukuzawa, from her little sister class of '76, Reunion 2012.

my father and I went on a two-week Eastern Europe trip that included a cruise on the Danube River visiting Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, and Romania. In December 2012, I took a two-week Asian cruise which began in Chennai, India, and went to the Andaman Islands, Myanmar (Burma), western Thailand, and Singapore. The highlight was visiting the beautiful 11<sup>th</sup> century Buddhist temples at the Bagan archaeological site in central Myanmar. When I was at Western, I wrote a paper about Bagan for Dr. Royster's Buddhism class, and I had always wanted to see this unique place. It proved to be amazing with many, many architecturally stunning and quite well preserved temples scattered across a wide plain on the east side of the Irrawaddy River. Other places of special interest for me included India's seldom visited Andaman Islands and the two outstanding botanical gardens which I saw in Singapore.

Our 40<sup>th</sup> Western Reunion will be coming up in June 2014. Even though it is over a year off yet, please start thinking about planning to come back to Oxford for the 2014 Reunion. It would be great if we had a large turnout from the class of 1974, and I can assure you that everyone who comes will have a wonderful time reminiscing with fellow classmates.

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Sometimes our alums stray across the street to Miami's reunion activities. **Dr. Mohammed Al Barwani '75**, founder, owner and chairman of the MB Holding Company in the Sultanate of Oman, was the guest of President Hodge for dinner, but found his way to Peabody Hall and spent time with former Western classmates and friends.



*Friends from two of the Unforgotten Classes: Mohammed Al Barwani '75 with WCAA trustee Pheetta Wilkinson '76, in the Western Archives*

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## In Memoriam

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| <b>Carolyn Ferguson Woolard '32</b><br>December 2008     | <b>Camilla Behr Chaffee '48</b><br>February 2012                                    |
| <b>Theresa Patz Gray '34</b><br>July 2012                | <b>Kay Brumbaum Fisher '49</b><br>March 2013  |
| <b>Sarah Jewett Cook '36</b><br>December 2012            | <b>Maralyce Williams Newberry '49</b><br>January 2011                               |
| <b>Karla Collins Habbe '36</b><br>September 2011         | <b>Anne Darrough Travis '49</b><br>February 2013                                    |
| <b>Harriet Doll Van de Water '37</b><br>August 2013      | <b>Beverly Baisch Kenworthy '51</b><br>December 2012                                |
| <b>Marian Fath Yearnd '38</b><br>December 2012           | <b>Dorothy Gennert Franklin '52</b><br>February 2013                                |
| <b>Margaret MacGregor Nichols '39</b><br>August 2012     | <b>Dolores Revelos '53</b><br>March 2013  |
| <b>Dorothy Jennings Tait '39</b><br>May 2011             | <b>Mari Hagensgard '55</b><br>May 2012  |
| <b>Winifred Smith Klein '42</b><br>December 2012         | <b>Sandra Wittenberg Carl '56</b><br>November 2012                                  |
| <b>Margaret Woodman Loeb '42</b><br>June 2012            | <b>Gretchen Wampler Mousetis '58*</b><br>WCAA President, 1994-97<br>July 2011       |
| <b>Mildred Orr Palmer '42</b><br>March 2013              | <b>Daphne Shepard Chun '63</b><br>July 2011   |
| <b>Sarabel Williams Goulet '43</b><br>December 2012      | <b>Dorothy Mae Myers Stepteau '63</b><br>January 2013                               |
| <b>Betty Pugh Carns '45</b><br>December 2012             | <b>Ann Domine Swain '65</b><br>January 2013   |
| <b>Janet Heinz Philips '45</b><br>March 2013             | <b>Karen L. De Montmorency '66</b><br>March 2013                                    |
| <b>Bette Hougland Underwood '45</b><br>January 2012      | <b>Margaret Grant Soderberg '70</b><br>September 2011                               |
| <b>Sophie Ann Relson Salley '46</b><br>December 2011     | <b>Shirlee Wilson '81</b><br>April 2013   |
| <b>(Mary) Rachel Hoskins Saunders '46</b><br>August 2012 | <b>Dorothy Merrill FF</b><br>Assoc. Professor of Biology, 1970-74<br>November 2012  |
| <b>Martine Horne Justak '47</b><br>December 2012         | <b>Willis Wilton Stoesz FF</b><br>Assoc. Professor of Religion, 1965-70<br>May 2012 |
| <b>Helen Negley Lawhead '47</b><br>January 2013          |   |
| <b>Elaine Kramer Millman '47</b><br>March 2013           |   |

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

*\* We regret that the policy of listing trustees' terms of service was not adopted until after the original listing of Gretchen's death in the Fall 2011 "In Memoriam."*

# Alumnae Service Awards

## *A word about our recent Alumnae Service Awards ...*

*We regret that space considerations prevented us from giving our last two Alumnae Service Award recipients their proper due by printing their formal citations in the fall Bulletin reviews of Reunions 2011 and 2012. Be assured they were not shortchanged during their respective weekends. Judy received a double: Honorary Alumna status and ASA in one fell swoop; Anne was surprised not only with her award, but by the unexpected attendance of family members at the banquet. Both recipients were recognized for their professional accomplishments as well as extraordinary dedication to the WCAA. Here are the texts of their citations for you to read now — with a bonus! We are announcing this year's winners in the hope of inducing classmates and friends to be on hand to celebrate with them.*

## **Judy K. Waldron, Honorary Life Member**

**J**udy will tell you that when she arrived in Oxford in 1967, she fell in love at first sight ... with the Western College campus!

Graduated from Ohio State University in 1961, Judy taught elementary school for several years in Columbus, then moved to Oxford, where she has lived ever since. She began her studies for a Master of Science in School Psychology and, upon completion of her degree, served as Executive Director for the campus YWCA at Miami. All that while, she and her family attended church in Kumler Chapel and plays in Leonard Theatre. (She even had a role in one!) And they all skated on the Duck Pond.

In 1991, Judy came to us directly from the development office of Miami's University Relations Division. She had worked there since joining their Goals for Enrichment Campaign in 1977, later supervising research on corporations, foundations and individuals. Thus, she took up residence in Patterson Place eminently experienced and qualified for her new position as Associate Director.

But it was not just the duties of that office that engaged her. She also began to specialize in research and maintenance of the Archives, which at that time were still housed in Patterson Place, pending the establishment of the Western College Memorial Archives in lower Peabody Hall. And so the love affair continued ... as she immersed herself in Western College history.

In 2000, Judy succeeded Jacqui Wallace as Director. It was a time of difficult major decisions related to



planning our future even as we recognized our eventual demise, scrutinizing our budget to trim expendable activities, and evaluating our relationship with the Western College Program. Working closely with the six Boards of Trustees over the next ten years, she not only ensured the continued strength of the Association, but extended and embellished our vitality.

She saw ground broken for the Alumnae Hall Memorial; encouraged the development of our website and electronic communications; established the Meily Society, honoring and involving 50-year and older anniversary classes; founded the Narka Nelson Circle to acknowledge donors of planned gifts; formed the Trustees Emeritae Society to recognize and engage former trustees; inaugurated the first annual All-Western Reunion, further strengthening the already close ties to Western Program alumni; and undertook the creation of an international directory, locating and profiling our more than 400 alumnae abroad in order to form a permanent record and publish their achievements. Obviously, many scholarships were created and endowed as a result of her fund-raising efforts. Many more enduring friendships were created as a result of her warmth, her caring, her unwavering dedication.

And so we thank Judy Waldron, Honorary Alumna, for applying her considerable professional skills above and beyond the call of duty in loyal service to the Western College Alumnae Association and hereby present her the Association's 2011 Alumnae Service Award.

## Anne Adkins Weissenborn, Class of 1961

**A**nne knows Western very well indeed. She rose to become President of the Government Association through her involvement in college activities and academic excellence, participating in travel seminars to Africa, the Middle East and the Soviet Union, and graduating magna cum laude in 1961 with honors in history. She directed and taught Intercultural Studies, 1969-1971. She was married to fellow faculty member Ernest Weissenborn in Kumler Chapel in 1970.



Her post-graduate education included a M.A. from Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, with concentration in Africa and French language in 1964; a M.Ed. from Harvard University, Graduate School of Education, with courses related to international educational development in 1968; and a J.D. from Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, in 1977. Putting each of her degrees to work in turn, she administered teaching and summer seminar programs in Africa, Iran and Pakistan as a program specialist with the U.S. Office of Education; taught as a volunteer at the Kurasini International Education Centre, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; consulted at Trans-Century Corporation, Washington, DC, for recruitment of professionals for USAID-related positions in Africa; and ultimately pursued a long career as an attorney with the Federal Election Commission, Office of the General Counsel, 1977-2003. Upon retirement, she took on the challenge of substitute teaching in secondary schools for six years and today continues her longtime service to church and various community ministries. It goes without saying, that she also continues her service to Western.

Anne became a member of the WCAA Board of Trustees in 1996, determined to show that a “projected decline in support for the Association by its members and by Miami University was premature.” She served two terms, the latter two years (2000-2002) as President. And, indeed, she saw us through a difficult time when the future of the Alumnae Association seemed to be in some doubt. As you can see, we are still here and

going strong! Among the many ways she helped us flourish was, in partnership with Miami University, initiating ARISE (Reaching out In Support of Education), a program to expand and facilitate multicultural recruitment at Miami. She also led the way in strengthening our relationship with the Western College Program/School of Interdisciplinary Studies. Subsequently, Western Program alumni are participating enthusiastically in our communications and all-Western reunions.

Following her terms on the WCAA Board, Anne was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Miami University Foundation, which receives and manages endowments. She served there from 2001 to 2007, the last two years as chair of the Stewardship Committee, in addition to acting as liaison with the WCAA, Inc. throughout her tenure. In 2008, at the request of the WCAA President and Director, she graciously returned to the Board, filling in for trustees who found it necessary to resign prematurely. Although no one is actually indispensable, in these next years as we structure articulation agreements with Miami and plot our Western legacy, Anne is surely as close as one can come.

And so it is with enormous pride and extreme gratitude that we present the 2012 Alumnae Service Award to Anne Adkins Weissenborn, Class of 1961.

At the Alumnae Weekend Celebratory Banquet,  
Saturday, June 22, 2013,  
WCAA 2013 Service Awards  
will be presented to:



**Cary Kimbark Revere '53**



**Yoriko Kenushi Meguro '61**



**Lolita McDavid '69**

# The Western Program

## Message from the Director

In my last message I admitted to feeling out of touch with our students relative to their embrace of a variety of social media that I find mystifying. This feeling of generational mismatch has stayed with me during the spring semester. At 50, I am more than twice their age and distanced further by my life experiences than I think they realize. What should I do? Is my wisdom, tattered as it is, of no value in the classroom? Should the professoriate be put out to grass when the blush of youth has left our cheeks?



Nik Money

In the last 12 months, Western Program faculty and staff have been reviewing the curriculum that supports the major in Individualized Studies. We offer six core courses at the 200 and 300 levels plus a trio of 400-level offerings associated with the senior research project. In recent years, educational theorists have convinced the American academy that it is essential to specify learning outcomes for every college class. I am not a true believer in this philosophy, tending, instead, toward the belief that a vibrant course can be gutted by too much introspection. In my own undergraduate career, I learned an enormous amount from professors of uncertain skills in communication who had never heard of curricular objectives and learning outcomes. They had no idea what pedagogy meant, either, and I have inherited their distaste for this gobbledygook. Despite these tremendous shortcomings, my teachers introduced me to fascinating subjects and set my imagination ablaze.

Having diagnosed the practical limitations of contemporary educational theory, I admit that there is a good deal of merit in considering the skills we would like our students to obtain from our courses. In any case, one of the learning outcomes that we discussed in Western was the development of a passion for lifelong learning. Everyone in the group agreed on the significance of this ideal, but, unlike other pedagogical aspirations (ha!), we found that this one didn't lend itself to easy quantification. As a habit of post-graduation, lifelong learning isn't a skill that can be taught. If a student wants to learn more about a topic, during college, or years later, they will find a way. At its best, learning can be an undeniable urge.

The idea that education doesn't cease at Commencement makes me feel more secure about my role in the classroom. I hope that I'm one of many professors who may be setting students on a path to future enlightenment. If they

don't understand the beauty of membrane physiology at 20, they may recall my observation that "every cell is powered like a battery" when they see a poster of cell structure on the wall of their daughter's schoolroom in 2023. Students in their teens and 20s are occupied by very different concerns from those of a middle-aged professor. This is a good thing, part of the natural life cycle of the African ape, *Homo sapiens*. If we succeed in igniting the spark of curiosity in our students, they may enjoy decades of personal inquiry when they leave Oxford behind. And I hope that they will not look back on their youth and regret the hours consumed texting when they might have been reading. There are no shortcuts to understanding complicated things and I am certain that there is no substitute for quiet study, relaxed contemplation, and non-electronic conversation.

— Nicholas P. Money

*Western Program Director, Professor of Botany*

## Western College Program Mega-Reunion!

Dear WCP Classmates:

We have recently received confirmation that the weekend of Oct 11, 12 and 13, 2013, is clear and confirmed for our "Once-Every-Five-Year-WCP-Mega-Reunion." This Fall's event is just shaping up and details will follow in the weeks and months to come. We will be coordinating our efforts with the folks at the New Western Program as well as the WCAA that preceded us. You will be very encouraged to know how well things are coming together and how the program is developing. We will have several opportunities before, during and after the Reunion for you to learn about their progress, ask questions and get involved in a collaboration between our alumni and the current students of the New Western Program as well as working with the WCAA to help keep the identity of the Western College Campus alive. The efforts at building an Individualized Studies major is helping to support an amazing group of young people and enabling them to build their own version of what it means to be "Western" in a new millennium.

Please mark your calendar for this fall's festivities. We want to see how many Western Alumnoids we can possibly fit in the duck pond ... OK, maybe around the duck pond.

We will be reaching out with a survey, some mailings and I am sure several e-mails to get you all the information as it becomes available. Please, for now, save those dates! This Oct 11, 12 & 13, 2013. Tell your friends!

— John Rego '81

*WCP Alumni Board President*

## Western Program Update

Class of '88 — 25 years and holding!



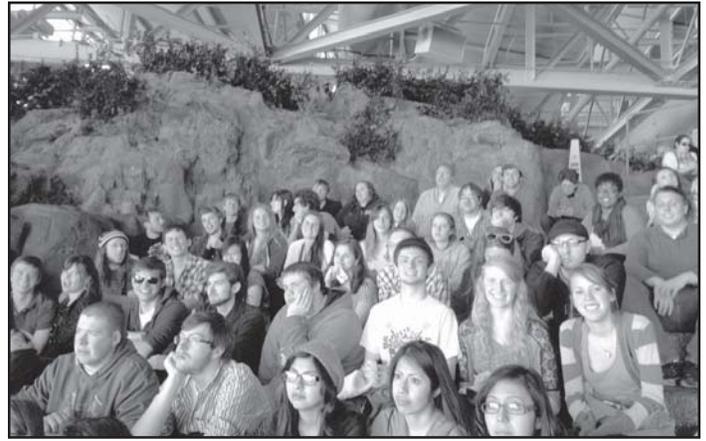
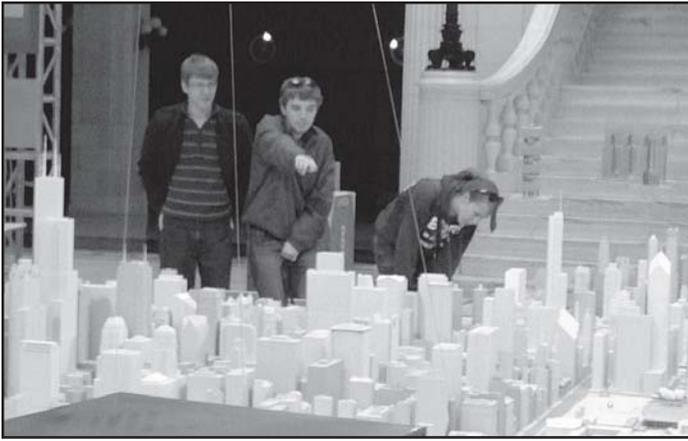
We are hoping to welcome more Western College Program Alumni to campus in collaboration with the Western College Program Alumni Association for the Western Alumni Speaker Series. The students love to hear from their WCP counterparts and learn about all the different experiences an interdisciplinary degree can offer.



The residents of Peabody Hall let their imaginations soar as they built a high tech fort in the Inquiry Center space as a late night program. In order to get into the fort, through a masterfully designed pulley-rigged entrance, students had to answer simple trivia questions.

The members of the Class of 2013 have been working hard on a variety of senior projects. They recently had a retreat at the Western Lodge to decorate Western stoles for graduation and work on their senior projects. Senior Presentations are scheduled for April 22 and April 23 in Leonard Theatre.

— Audree Riddle '10  
WP Student Activities Coordinator



In partnership with the Office of Residence Life, we took a trip to Chicago in early April to visit the Shedd Aquarium and learn about the history of the skyscraper. We had a great group of Peabody Hall Residents, International Students, Individualized Studies Majors and Western Community members. We had a community dinner on the road and enjoyed some Giordano's Pizza with alumna, **Alison Stanton '05**. The trip was fantastic with great weather, great friends and memories to last a lifetime.

*Photo at right: Betty Sipe Gerber '52 and husband Don Gerber, who endowed the Catharine A. Gerber Technology Award in the name of their daughter, were guests at the April 8 event in Peabody Hall. They pronounced Kevin's presentation most impressive!*



**Kevin Phaup '13**, the 2012 Catharine A. Gerber Technology Award recipient, shares with a crowd what he learned about 3D printing and jewelry making. Kevin traveled to New York to learn about new and innovative methods in jewelry design and wax modeling. He was excited to bring his knowledge back to Miami where he is a double major in Architecture and Metals Making.

Mi CUP of TEA, Undergraduate Journal for Creative Endeavors, had a proud showing at the Undergraduate Research Forum, recruiting individuals for their fall 2013 issue. They also actively recruit students to apply for the Gerber Award.

— A. R.

We regret that many WCP even-year classes are not 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 receive a reply from the Class Rep. If your class year is not included, there is no Class Rep — in which case, you can send your update directly to [wcaa@miamioh.edu](mailto:wcaa@miamioh.edu). 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 47.



Rhian replied that she did not hear from anyone this time around.

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Greetings All! This year I'm sending pictures and notes from WCP mini-reunions held across the country. It doesn't seem to matter the year that we graduated or the path our lives have taken, it's always enjoyable and uplifting to gather with kindred spirits who have shared our amazing experience at Western. I hope to see you all at the WCP Reunion in October in Oxford!

**Rubber Rose Ranch Reunion, July 2012:** The women of the Rubber Rose Ranch (RRR) reunited in July 2012 in Seattle, WA, and trekked together to Mt. Rainier National Park after several days wining, dining, and touring in Seattle. **Phoebe Brockman Kashkoush** hosted the group at her palatial and comfortable home overlooking Puget Sound. All Ranchers were able to attend — **Beth Melcher** via Skype, and the rest in person, **Sue Ahlrichs**, **Phoebe Brockman Kashkoush**, **Barbara Knuth**, **Lori Maundrell Eberle**, **Marla Murphy Craft**, **Jacqueline Patterson**, **Cynthia Payne-Meyer**, and **Cindy Rathje Orth**. This marked another in the ongoing series of RRR reunions occurring every several years, typically in the mountains or along a coast (or both this year). The Ranchers feasted on seafood, indulged in Washington State (and other) wines, kayaked, hiked in woods and snow, toured, boated on Puget Sound, talked, and celebrated. After several days in Seattle, the Ranchers headed south to Mt. Rainier National Park, to stay in slightly more rustic surroundings and commune with nature.



**Sue Ahlrichs** is a successful family practice lawyer in Cincinnati.

**Phoebe Brockman Kashkoush** retired after a hugely successful career as a corporate and environmental lawyer, to settle in Seattle and do art and philanthropy.

**Barbara Knuth** is at Cornell University in New York, as Vice Provost, Dean of the Graduate School, and a Professor of Natural Resource Policy.

**Lori Maundrell Eberle** is a Coloradoan, teaching middle school youth to be more critical thinkers.

**Beth Melcher** is in North Carolina, leading government and non-profit efforts to improve our mental health care systems.

**Marla Murphy Craft** advances our health care system to higher quality through her nursing work in Oregon.

**Jacqueline Patterson** advocates for environmental quality through her work with TERA (Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment) in Cincinnati.

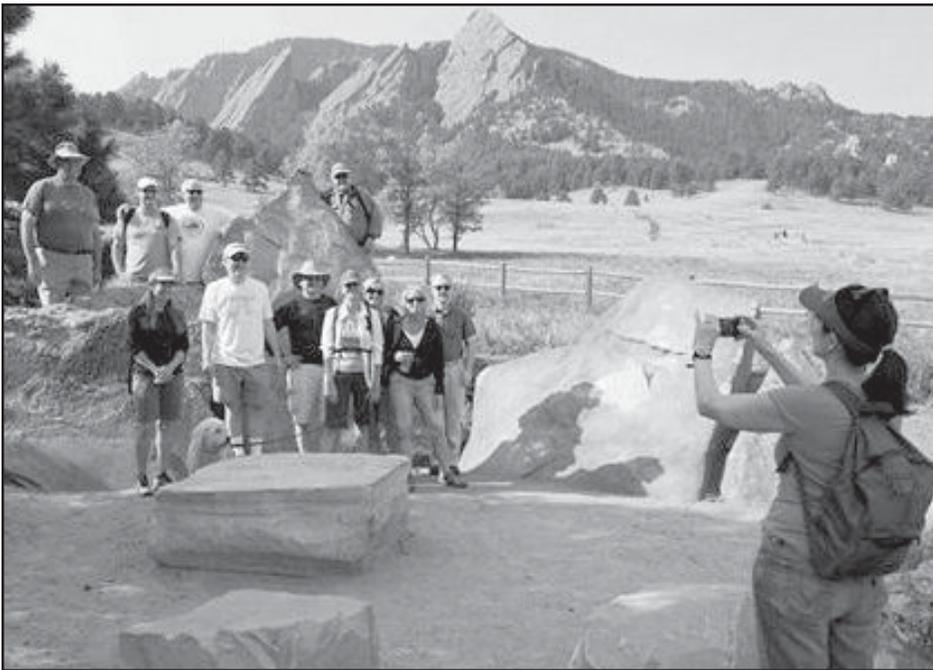
*Rubber Rose Ranchers '80 at Mt. Rainier National Park, July 2012 (bottom photo): Cindy Rathje Orth, Cynthia Payne-Meyer, Phoebe Brockman Kashkoush, Barbara Knuth, Jacqueline Patterson, Marla Murphy Craft, Lori Maundrell Eberle. Top photo: U-match-'em!*

**Cynthia Payne-Meyer** teaches Vermont middle schoolers about science and life goals.

**Cindy Rathje Orth** works to support north-east Ohio students in their quest to learn, and state park visitors as they experience the outdoors.

**Community Dinner in NYC, July 2012:** WCP Alumni from 1980 to 2013 gathered in New York City in July 2012 for Community Dinner. (See picture, page 43. )

**WesternPalooza, September 2012:** WesternPalooza (the informal gathering of WCP alums from '79+/-) was held again last fall, this time in beautiful Boulder, CO. Thirty-three alumni gathered to eat, drink, hike and be merry. A special feature this year was the celebration of Mike and Kay Lunine's 50th wedding anniversary. (And yes, they are as witty and charming as always). An "official" (i.e. Coble and Weil) proclamation



*Janet Jordan '80 captures the happy hikers as they head out on the Mesa Trail, Westernpalooza 2012*

was presented to the Lunines and a book of photos from alumni is being coordinated. Photos from the event can be found on the Western College Program 79+/- Facebook Page. Westernpalooza will take a hiatus in 2013 so alumni can attend the WCP Reunion in Oxford in October.

Those in attendance: **Amy Isler Gibson, Bill McMahon, Bill and Betsy Owens, Caroline Quine, Carolyn Johns McConnell, Cynthia Renz First, Cynthia Rundquist, Dave Wilson, Fred Mingo, Grant Thompson, Greg Russi, Janey Drexler Sharp, Janet Jordan, Janet Meyer, Jeff Horst, Joan Brook, Joe Conway, Ken Weil, Kent and Kim Ernsting, Laurie Maundrell Eberle, Mark Braun, Mike and Kay Lunine, Rob Burns, Ross Campbell, Sandi Shapiro, Susan Jasbeck Steinberg, Steve and MJ Madewell, Stu Bassin, Terri Corso, Terri Lingsch, Walter Gardner.**

Best ...

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Your Class of '84 Rep may not be hearing from anyone, but he is still making music — with two choruses: the Sing to Live Community Chorus (singtolive.org) and the Lutheran Choir of Chicago (lutheranchoirofchicago.org).

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**Jim Lopata** received his Master of Theological Studies from Harvard University this year. Jim has begun leading meditation sessions four times a week at a yoga center in

Boston. This February 28th, he was scheduled to give a talk at Miami University entitled, "Queer Spawn of Mother Miami: Why the world needs more of us," sponsored by the LGBTQ Services/Office of Diversity Affairs. Jim continues as editor-in-chief of *Boston Spirit* magazine, New England's premier LGBT feature and lifestyle magazine. As we would all expect, Jim reports, "Life is rich."



**Dave Roe** reports that he still tries to stay in touch with some of his Peabody Hall colleagues — **Jeff Lefkowitz, Tom Fryman, Gail Gay, Steve Kelly and Buck Welling.**



*Dave Roe '86, wife Beverly, and daughters Brielle and Emily with unidentified friend*

He's still in Bethesda, MD, where he runs an online marketing communications firm. Dave, his wife Beverley and two daughters, Emily (13) and Brielle (10) enjoy biking on the C&O Canal and trips to the Eastern Shore (Bethany Beach, DE).



*Caroline and Steve serenade (background) while others chat at Missions House on the Chautauqua campus, during Westernpalooza.*

**Diane Wright** continues her work (19 years!) at a community mental health agency in Cincinnati, where she lives with her two amazing sons. This year, she is spearheading a campaign to have Cincinnati recognized as part of the International Campaign for Compassionate Cities. Check out "Compassionate Cincinnati" on Facebook or at [compassionatecincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:compassionatecincinnati@gmail.com). Diane notes, "Visitors to Cincinnati are always welcome!"

Your class rep reports that her son is now driving a car — permanent license expected in May. I am still practicing law and mentoring young lawyers. This past year, our family visited Australia and Austria; my husband and I will be on Easter Island in April. I am enjoying the many Western connections on Facebook and continue to serve on two alumni advisory boards for Miami.

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**John Hendrickson** has signed in with this update: "It has been I-don't-know-how-long since I submitted a Western alumni update. We — Karen, Emmett (15), Eli (11) and I — remain on our farm near Reeseville, WI. Karen teaches high school Japanese near Madison and Eli is now attending the innovative private school where she works. Emmett remains in our local public school as a freshman. The boys and I are heavily involved in soccer. Eli and Emmett play for club teams and I both coach youth soccer and play in an over-40 league. I continue to balance an appointment at the University of Wisconsin, where I conduct research and training programs dealing with organic farming, and running the farm. The farm supplies organic vegetables to restaurants and hospitals in addition to a new enterprise that has our farm name (and my face) on the label of jars of heirloom pickled peppers marketed by The Scrumptious Pantry out of Chicago. Our second home-based business is importing and distributing small scale farming equipment from Japan under the name Small Farm Works. Life is very full ... too full to find time to make much headway renovating our old farmhouse or do much in the way of travel. We have managed a few fun trips with the boys to NYC, Maine, and the Caribbean in recent years. We are currently anxiously awaiting Emmett's return from Cambodia, where he has been for the past couple weeks on a service-learning trip with his globetrotting grandfather. If any class of '88ers find themselves in Wisconsin, we welcome visitors!"



Andy Miller '88 (far left) with most, but not all, of his German host family

2012 was the Year of my German Weddings. I went to Germany twice to attend weddings of two of my former exchange students. I had a great time, traveled around Germany and took a trip to Salzburg, Austria. It was also a good year for publishing. I had seven poems and a short story published. Three are in the online journals *Eye to the Telescope* and *Dissections*. Two poems and the story appear in the anthology *A Few Good Words*, available in both paper and Kindle formats. This year I will also be leading a class in London right after Christmas on *British Fantasy*. You don't have to be a current student to go, so let me know if you are interested!

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Although no one wrote directly to your *Bulletin* Class Rep, we hear that **Mike Conway** is a veritable font of information. How 'bout sharing your news here, Mike?

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Hi everybody! **Johanna Smith** here again from 94 Logistics Headquarters, where I'm watching my daughter draw a complex Seussian system to make swords. I think this is because I let her watch *The Lorax*

followed shortly by *The Return of the King*. Interdisciplinary thought lives. Life is good for me out in CA where I still Profess Puppetry and have now begun a fascination with corporeal mime and Muay Thai (thai boxing). Mixing the two is dangerous but aesthetically quite satisfying. As usual, here is where I ask you nicely to get in touch because we all miss hearing from you — and of course you can find tons of us on Facebook so you're always welcome to join the party (search for Johanna Smith and I'll

hook you up with everyone I can). On to the updates ...

**Teri Mae Rutledge** and Katie Hern welcomed their first child, Georgia Hern, on August 2, 2012. Teri Mae, a late convert to the idea of having a kid, is pretty thoroughly won over. She continues to practice insurance coverage law in San Francisco, which is going just fine.



Georgia Hern's foot

**Mike Mulford ('94 Summer!)** wrote in to the alumnae office and it's a great letter so I'll transcribe it here as best I can:

"Dearest Western/Miami Program? Hello! This is MISTER Michael F. Mulford/Fisher of "The Class of 1994 = Summer." I hope this letter finds all of you in great spirits, = building relations with The Mother Earth, Father Sky, The Sun, The Moon, The Stars and families, friends, past lovers, Future Wife or Husband, Children, Associates and others ... Well, after twenty (20) years of travel throughout The United States of America I am home. Of course I am designing the most Excellent Home for my future, but it takes lots and lots of LOVE, TIME& MONEY to do it. But God & Goddess are on my side, I just know it! I would absolutely love to hear from all of you that I spent my Miami University, Western days with — please write. Lots of love, Mike. 713 Deerfield Rd Apt 10, Lebanon, OH 45036-2348."

Short this time, but satisfying. Be well, comrades.

**Johanna Smith '94**  
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Several months ago, **Megan Stocker McGonigle** and **Hope McGonigle** celebrated 18 years together. They're in Columbus, they've been to grad school (public health for Hope and women's/gender studies for Megan). Hope has worked, in various capacities, for the state, for about a decade, and currently is at the department of developmental disabilities. Megan worked for 10 years in our public library system, and was a grad student for almost as long. Right now she's doing the stay-at-home mom thing, raising their 6-year-old daughter, Quinn, and 3-year-old son, Jude.

**Rachel Blair Perrone** appears to be finally putting down roots, coming up on 10 years in DC, where she lives in Adams Morgan with Joe (5) and Angie (3). Rachel is media director at the National Women's Law Center and spends most weekends at the playground, museum or farmers market.

After 20 years, **Eve Gilmore** has given up on vegetarianism, begun removing her leg hair and got a job working for the government. She feels liberated to no longer be an entrepreneur with unpredictable seasonal income as a botanist/gardener. She has also been introducing herself as Eva because she likes how it sounds and it feels better. She's been loving the same man for 17 years, she's still an environmentalist, feminist and optimist. She still loves life in SW Colorado.

**Brendan Bogosian** is still living the rock 'n' roll dream, and by day he maintains an alter-ego as a social worker. He also survived the 3/11/10 earthquake in Japan.

Lately, **Oliver Baty** has been building all of the LEGO sets from his childhood with the thousands of bricks that his knowing mother has kept all these years. His not-entirely-convinced wife has been told that this is "just to be sure we have all the pieces so the kids can build them later." He has also been cobbling together, again for those two lucky kids, a Nintendo and Sega Master System emulator out of one of his Raspberry Pi's. There is no disguising that the miniature Nintendo console built from 30-year-old LEGO bricks, in which the Raspberry Pi is nestled, is entirely for himself.

**Beth Lorz Long** is struggling with conflicting emotions about the Columbus Blue Jackets. She wants to support her team, but they are just so frustrating. She begrudgingly attended the home opener, but did not wear her jersey. Her husband, Patrick, did wear his, and was shown briefly on the Jum-

botron. Lauren (8) and Trevor (5) stayed home ... Hockey aside, Beth has worked for the Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, underwriting affordable housing transactions, for almost 12 years. She lives in north Columbus with the aforementioned husband, two awesome children, and a stray Chihuahua mixed mutt named Pepper. Looking forward to summer travels that include a visit to the seaside town where one Ms. Hilary Meehan lives.

**Carey Smith Obye** reports: "Hi there! I'm still living in Indy. I teach preschool special education at a diverse urban school district. My stepdaughter, Kale, is 15 and son Eric is 5. Life chugs along, but I think of all of you often. In WCP encounters, I recently met up with Pam Nicodemus '94 with her mom and son Loren at the Children's Museum. I also enjoyed my shopping experience at a new retail store owned by Gregory Gilmore '97 — Toolbox Men's Supply company. Xoxoxoxoxoxo, carey."

Your class rep lives in a 117-year-old fixer upper in West Oakland with lovely wife Susu Laaksonen, teenage son Ethan, two cats and a dog named Trotsky. Trotsky long ago gave up trying to organize the cats and Ethan thinks we eat too much kale. For money I write software for managing solar power systems.

As usual, this year's report was organized on Facebook. If you're a member, look up Western College Class of 1996.

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*No news from classmates this year, but your Class Rep is hanging in there, hopeful for next year.*

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*What could be a more significant graduation year than 2000? The last of the Millennials — let's hear from you!*

**Katie Johnson '00**  
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Congratulations to Marta and Greg on the recent birth of their second child. And thanks to Marta for her service as Class Rep, as she doesn't feel able to continue. The job is open, Class of '02!

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Hello! The class of 2004 has a few updates:

**Leah Farzin** recently re-located to London and is pursuing a Master of Law at University College London. She is writing her dissertation on sports law and antitrust law in the EU and US, and is on the lookout for an attorney position! Leah adds, "shout out to anyone who's hiring!" She has also hung out with fellow Western alums (and Miami Merger) **Maryjane Bellock** and **Matt Hall**. Best of luck to you!

**Matt Lincoln** and his longtime girlfriend, Melissa, are engaged! They are having a wedding in the fall — congratulations to them! Additionally, Matt and Mel became home owners, buying a condo in the North End part of Boston. On the side, Matt is in a new band called Bookkeeper — they're online at bookkeeperrocks.bandcamp.com. True to their website, they do indeed rock!

**Paula Moran** and her husband, Ryan, recently moved to San Francisco! Ryan "started a new job as a Senior Software Developer at Practive Fusion in downtown San Francisco." Their new apartment has a "new roof deck on which you can sip a drink, see the Golden Gate Bridge, and watch the sun set over the Pacific all at the same time." Sounds like a great view!

As for myself, as you know I got engaged in March of last year. In January 2013, Naina Sood and I held our wedding right outside of Bombay in a beautiful Indian ceremony. It was a week of parties, dancing, tradition, and love, and was the most exhilarating experience of my life. There were 250+ attendees, and 40 from abroad (including Westerner **Leah Farzin**, who introduced us!). We spent our honeymoon in warm and peaceful Koh Samui, Thailand, and this year plan further vacations to California; Vermont; Portland, Oregon; New Orleans and back



*Class Rep Eric and his bride, Naina*

to India in December. The biggest adventure of our lives has just begun, and I couldn't have asked for a better partner and wife!

Until next year ...

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**Alex Allegree** is still "rocking out" and at the helm. Even though Life has been a strange and unforgiving storm, he has battered down the hatches and sailed through. All is well with the Captain. "Hold fast, stay the course and don't forget to laugh along the way!"

**Kyle Gibson** is still living and working in Los Angeles. Nothing has changed.

**Elizabeth Nellums** is living in Washington, DC, and working as Chesapeake Bay Program Coordinator at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

**Robyn MacConnell** is enjoying the not-so-sunny northernish coast of California.



*Pastor Dustin Leimgruber '06 and family*

**Jonathan Franz** is Associate General Counsel for a production company in Burbank, CA. He lives in Hollywood with his wife, Mary, and his two dogs Rigsby and Barington. He writes fiction in his spare time.

**Dustin Leimgruber** is living in Pierpont, OH, with his wife, Sarah (MU '07), and their two children, Jack and Ellen. Both he and Sarah recently completed work on their master's degrees and are now enjoying their life in small-town Ohio. Dustin is the new solo pastor of Pierpont Presbyterian Church.

**Sydney Davis** is still residing in Chicago, IL. She has achieved her National Board Certification in reading, an award achieved by about 20 percent of all teachers in the U.S. She is currently teaching Special Education, but has begun instructing Chicago Public School teachers in the evenings as a part of a citywide push for improvement of instruction.

**Mark Chapman** is married to Jessica Illingworth from Miami University and lives in Chagrin Falls, OH. He works in sales for Euler Hermes and enjoys spending time outdoors with his Portuguese water dog, Stella.

**Robyn MacConnell '06**  
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I may have cracked the secret to getting Western alums to respond quickly to a call for updates. The answer lies in, wait for it, Twitter! I challenged my classmates to send in updates at 140 characters or less, and the snappy responses poured in ...

**Nicole Brasseur:** Same old — love my MPH program, but hate Florida (I go to USF). Almost done though :) We'll see what happens from there.

**Brandon Cirillo:** Surprisingly find myself still in Connecticut, serving my second year with AmeriCorps as a VISTA Leader. Clueless to my future prospects, but looking forward to what the next step might be (and open to suggestions).

**Nurit (Yastrow) Friedberg:** I started a new job as an early childhood mental health therapist and my husband started his medical residency. We also adopted an adorable puppy we named Zevie.

**Emily Garritson:** I am finally done with school! I am doing my internship in Chica-



*Mark Chapman '06, wife Jessica, and Stella, enjoying the outdoors*

go and will be starting my residency in dermatology at Rush next year.

**Jocelyn Haugen:** In 2012, I moved to Portland, OR, started as a Mktg. Mgr. for Holiday Retirement, graduated w/ M.S. Mktg.



*Jocelyn, having a tub of a time in Portland*

Comm., ran ½ marathon, and began a new relationship. Loving life & the PNW!

**Stephanie Lee:** I'm back at school, this time surprising even myself by learning that I'm an economics wunderkind! Joking aside, I'm hoping to use my talent for economic analysis for good, and applying it to environmental policy and healthcare reform.

**Michael Litchfield:** I traveled to Paris, brewed beer, took photos and made films. My company Potluck Creative has been taking off; winning the 2012 Chicago Food Film Festival "Filmmaker of the Year" award, branding the Chicago restaurant Nellcôte and having one of our commercials displayed on the Jumbotron at all home St. Louis Blues games. Onward and upward!

**John Obrycki:** OSU Ph.D. program, studying soils, risk assessment, people, having a great time. Future Miami faculty? One can dream. Miss you all.

**Elliot Rossbach:** Startup in Indo last summer. Graduated from #T-Bird Dec. Indo predicted to erupt in nationalist frenzy next 2 yrs, job hunt NYC here I come.

**Sudie Niesen Thompson:** I graduated in May with a Master of Divinity from Austin Seminary. Last fall I was ordained to a pastoral position at Arch Street Presbyterian Church in center city Philadelphia. In November I married Brenton Thompson, and was excited to celebrate with fellow Western grads **Pulkit Datta**, **Nurit Friedberg**, and **Cameron Berner '09**, as well as professors Alysia Fischer and Jason Rech!

**Louisa Versaw:** I began performing burlesque as Dolly Debutante in June 2012 and



Louisa Versaw '08 a.k.a Dolly Debutante.

am now performing all over New York City and some of New Jersey.

**Sydney Willcox:** I'm still cheese-ing it up at Murray's Cheese, running the store and teaching cheese and pairing classes. I also teach people how to make Mozzarella! I've



Jessica Yagi '08 "getting healthy"

been doing freelance recreational cooking classes since I'm now a culinary school graduate! Will be looking to intern at a restaurant soon, but first I am off to a vacation by the ocean to lay [sic] around and read as many 19th century romance novels as possible.

**Jessica (Slack) Yagi:** Family = same, work = same 2012/2013 = workin' on my fitness! #gettinghealthy

**Martin Yip:** I'm working very hard at my job in a bank. Many of my friends got fired so I'm keeping my figures crossed. In my free time, I enjoy hiking and biking.

...and finally, yours truly, **Pulkit Datta:** #Film-Production #Screenwriting #Instagramming-NewYork #CoffeeAddict #StillLovingTheCityLife

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Last spring, **Jani Sparks** got her master's focusing in archaeology. Now she's getting her Ph.D. at the University of Cincinnati in the geology department. She's still doing archaeology, but with a geology twist. She's excited to be going down to Trinidad this spring to conduct fieldwork that will help her with her research.

**Audree Riddle** will be graduating with a master's in Student Affairs in Higher Education come May. She's with the new Western Program for her third year and loves every day of her work. She is currently doing some job searching/soul searching and plans to relocate to Columbus, OH, in the summer. Western is not the same without the people that made it what it is; however, she says that we have a fabulous community still, and it will be very sad for her to leave.

**Manuela Valencia** is back home now in Medellin, Colombia, and got back from



WCP and Miami grads unite for Sudie's wedding: Cameron Berner '09, Pulkit Datta '08, Sudie Niesen Thompson '08, Kate Stark, Nurit Yastrow Friedberg '08 and Aaron Friedberg

Geneva in December where she finished her master's in International Relations, and she's been working for a month now with the bid team to host the youth olympic games in Medellin in 2018. After graduating in 2010, She went back home and worked at a foundation that took her to the heart of Colombia — evaluating support programs for people affected by violence, which included a hip hop movement in Medellin to take kids away from violence.

**Lauren Bangert** is currently living in Chapel Hill, NC, with Ryan and their puppy, Ramona. They have been married for about a year and a-half now. She is about to graduate from UNC Chapel Hill in May with a M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology. Right now, she is doing internships providing therapy at a private practice and at a residential substance abuse program for women who are pregnant or have young children. Both have been challenging but great experiences for her. After graduating, Lauren is going to be moving on to a Ph.D. program in either clinical or school psychology.

**Megan Sabal** is working on getting her master's in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UC Santa Cruz and really loving it. Her project is looking at the role of habitat alterations and non-native, alternative prey species on striped bass predation and on juvenile salmon. She's enjoying California and doing lots of hiking, kayaking and scuba diving!

**Laura Flamm** is happy to be calling Baltimore home, even after graduating with an M.S.P.H. last May. She is nearing year two of work for a nonprofit called Maryland Hunger Solutions, where she coordinates state SNAP policy as well as a way cool project called Baltimore Bucks that provides an incentive "match" to shoppers spending WIC or SNAP at Baltimore-area farmers markets.

**Renee Hemmelgarn** lives in Winchester Bay, OR, with her fiancé, who is in the Coast Guard there. She'll be headed back to the

hills of West Virginia in June for the wedding. She is working for a watershed non-profit to improve salmon habitat, still looking to follow her passion of environmental education, and excited to see where life takes her.

**Susan Durr** lives in Chicago with her partner, Jill, and two cats. Mostly she works as an activist, organizing work supporting the Chicago teachers union and the grassroots education movement. She is also working on a project to address sexual violence in social movement organizations. Her day job is department assistant at DePaul University in the department of International Studies, which has much in common with Western. Currently taking Spanish classes and thinking about getting her master's in education, though she can't decide on a subject concentration.

**Ali Tanker** is in Jamaica, working with the Branson Centre of Entrepreneurship to support local entrepreneurs. Her goal is to expand the model over to Barbados, Trinidad and St. Lucia later this year and continue providing resources for entrepreneurs Caribbean-wide. The beaches are beautiful, food is yummy and the sunsets keep everything in perspective.

**Chelsea Mitchell**, in Barstow, CA, is not doing much of anything. Technically, she works for Old Navy, but hours are limited and she guesses that people who live in the desert don't really like to shop. She is definitely enjoying married life!

In his first year of Ph.D. studies at UGA in the human development and family studies department, **James Muruthi** is focusing on gerontology within the family context.

**Dan James** lives Brooklyn, NY, and teaches earth science at the High School for Arts, Imagination, and Inquiry. He finds his work there to be crazy, challenging, rewarding, and fun (sometimes).

**Katherine Hayes** is (still) in the clinical psychology graduate program at Miami. She finished her master's degree in December and is currently working at the Student Counseling Center as she gets ready to propose her comps project. She is looking forward to two more years in Oxford before heading out someplace new for internship.

Still in Brooklyn, **Bridget Clegg** works on the photo production team of an ecommerce site called OpenSky that does all the product photography, retouching and uploading to the site. She continues to pursue crafty freelance ventures, but mostly just makes garlands for her apartment.

**Teresa Zaffiro** is in a job that she loves and also in the right master's program. She is living with her great and loving boyfriend Kris and Murphy (their dog). She is still residing



*WCP Alumni from 1980 to 2013 gathered in New York City in July 2012 for Community Dinner. Front: Laura Dobbins '86, Michael Conaway '90, Sudie Nieson '08, Middle: Jane Drexler Sharp '80, Amy Pomante '07, Hannah Mills '13, Denise Cheng '07, Back: Pulkit Datta '08, Matthew Anderson '08. (The "Thanks Mike" sign was for the Lunine Recognition Dinner at WesternPalooza. See page 37.)*

in Lawrence, KS, a place she has come to love dearly and call home. She is working in refugee resettlement at Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas. She is the education (ESL) and cultural orientation coordinator. Her work welcomes the refugees and then helps them become self-sufficient in the U.S. and supports them for up to five years.

**Abby Hills** resides in Albany, GA, with her parents because it is free AND She does have her master's degree in Environmental Science! Now she is traveling all over Georgia and Florida, interviewing loads of professors to learn her next step in Ph.D. school, exploring GIS tools for educational uses and for a publication and working at the Chehaw Zoo. Last semester she was abroad on the island of Bonaire where she taught 14 study abroad students from all over the U.S. about tropical marine ecology, conservation biology, advanced scuba, and cultural history about the island. Next step is getting a summer job in the Florida Keys as a science instructor and getting her scuba divemaster certification!

**Will Runyan** is plodding away at a Ph.D. in comparative literature at the University of Michigan. He may be nearly halfway through, with three to four years to go. Each summer, he gets a chance to get out of the country (so far Tel Aviv, Odessa, Paris), and starting next January will spend a year between Mexico City and Buenos Aires. In short, his inclinations toward academia and travel are keeping him busy and amused.

**Amy Biolchini** is now a reporter with AnnArbor.com. It's the new online-first company that arose out of the close of the Ann

Arbor News in 2009. They print two days a week, and are owned by Mlive Media group and its parent company, Advance publications. AnnArbor.com was the first of Advance's publications to go digital-first, and that's garnered a lot of media attention on how the model has worked there. It's a fun place to work for her. She covers health and environmental issues, as well as county government, services and roads.

**Andy Stiebler** is currently residing in Columbus, OH. This will be an exciting year for him as he has recently gotten engaged! This August, Andy will be marrying Ellen Honaker. Professionally, he has spent the last year building a digital studio called Nack Creative. They specialize in creating digital experiences for not-for-profits and start-ups. Basically, he gets to work with really good people and organizations to deliver beautiful and functional websites.

My update is that I am currently a Peace Corps Volunteer in Yampil, Ukraine, which is on the Moldovan border. I teach English and do projects with my students. It's interesting work but ultimately I find that I am not the best teacher and prefer older students to the teenagers I currently teach ... I have a summer full of traveling which I am very excited about. Budapest and Prague in June, Croatia in July and the Carpathians in August. Then I have one more year in Ukraine and I'll be back in the States.

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# Nota Bene

Getting together for lunch — whether it be at a popular restaurant (such as Cincinnati's Montgomery Inn) or a posh country club (as Dayton's and Columbus's) — is still a favorite way for Western's area alumnae clubs to catch up with each other and hear the latest campus news. Office staff Debbie Baker, Kaye Wolke and Director Mackenzie Becker Rice made the rounds.

## December 5: Southwestern Ohio/Northern Kentucky



Listening to Director Mackenzie Rice's office update are (top photo, clockwise from bottom left): Judy Waldron HA, Elizabeth Johnson, Jane Graham Murphy '66, Joyce Roark Phillips '56, Barbara Johnson Mecklenborg '53, Priss Strand Berry '54, Marita Lakonen Judge '53, Joan Willitts Glatte '53, Barbara Williamson Wentz '68 and Jane Smucker Fryman '58.

Inset photo, left to right: Jane Lloyd Cantoni '50, Marj Lloyd Liggett '39, Nia Jones Terry '63, Marni Foote Warren '67

## December 12: Dayton



Enjoying the Dayton club's traditional holiday lunch are (left to right): Mary Kay Droste Feller '57, Kathy Fansher Parnell '65, Nancy Johannes Campbell '64, Sue Mayer Falter '57, Kathleen J. Turner '64, Ronnie Adamovich Sullivan '60, Nancy McGregor Nowak '64 and Mary Barber McKechnie '60.

## April 20: Columbus



Front row (left to right): Nancy Ryan Rietz '52, Jan Chadwick '67, Betsy Salt '74, Susan Riley Scherer '55. Back row (left to right): Gretchen Zimmerman Crawford '61, Joan Campbell '73, WCAA Director Mackenzie Becker Rice, Chris Moranda '74, WCAA Senior Program Assistant Debbie Baker, WCAA Archivist Jacky Johnson

Jacky spoke to the group, giving them an account of recent Charter Day festivities, her book-signing tour for recently published *Finding Freedom*, and the status of her work in progress, a pictorial history of Western College for Women. (See page 46.)

## WCAA-Sponsored Events

As part of the WCAA's ongoing commitment to support arts and education programs at Miami University, two events were sponsored this semester. The African Children's Choir was presented in the Performing Arts Series; Stanlee Stahl's lecture was one of several programs in the Center for American and World Cultures' Genocide and Holocaust Education series.

PLEASE JOIN WESTERN ALUMNAE & FRIENDS ...

**AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Date: Thursday, February 7, 2013  
 Time: 7:00 p.m. reception  
 7:30 p.m. concert

Miami University  
 Hall Auditorium  
 Campus Avenue, Oxford

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

**Stanlee Stahl**, Executive Vice President,  
 The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous

*"Rescue from Poland:  
 Stories of Moral Courage"*

**5:30 p.m.**  
**212 MacMillan Hall**



## Western's Charter Day — 160th Anniversary

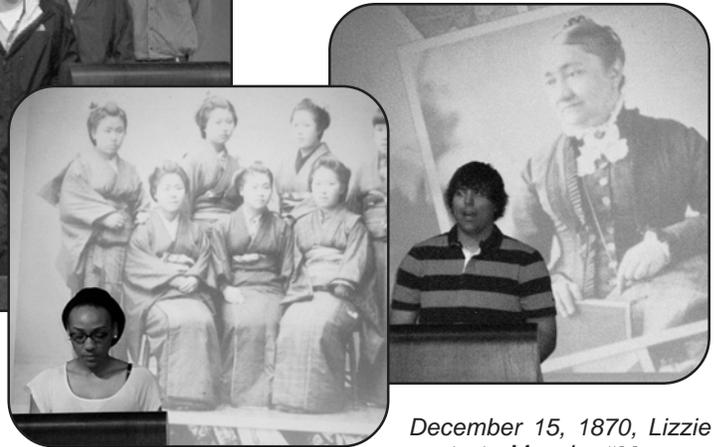
Sponsored by the WCAA, Western College Memorial Archives, and Western Program, the April 11, 2013, daylong observance began with readings from Western Female Seminary journals and correspondence. Students from Dr. Helen Sheumaker's MU AMS/HST 216 class did their research in Archives, then developed and read their selections in Leonard Theatre. The celebration concluded that evening with — what else! — a tree planting ceremony. Despite the rain, a yellow magnolia and two Japanese cherry trees were planted behind Clawson Hall, representing Western's past, present and future. A reception and dinner followed, during which we were entertained by the music of Judy and Warren Waldron; were honored to hear from Valerie Hodge, University Ambassador; and welcomed Valerie Elliott, Smith Library Manager, who presented the newly printed Western Walking Tour Guide.



Professor Sheumaker's history class (above) with selected readers (photos at right) and two brief excerpts (below and right):

Nannie Mills, Class of 1862, listed 24 "Wishes of Miss Peabody":

1. That we bathe in cold water every morning.
2. Never leave domestic aprons in the china closet.
13. Never write in chrich or laugh or exchange looks.
21. Never put your head out of the window to talk to your "roomey".
23. Never use slang phrases.
24. Never go out on the street without your bonnet. Et cetera ...



December 15, 1870, Lizzie wrote to Maggie: "Mag, you know there is a saying that when women hate they are the bitterest enemies in the world, and I believe you and Ella Hix are examples of this kind. No doubt you would be very obliged to some train to run her off the railroad and not quite kill her, but do some damage to her. I do wish I could sit down to write without having a dozen or two old pianos thumping the sense and patience out of me."



**Pheetta Wilkinson '76 spoke for the Western College for Women:** "Today as we plant this tree we commemorate the founding of the Western Female Seminary and remember Western and all that the institution has done to promote the educational achievements of women. We celebrate women who served as Christian missionaries, our international diversity and the graduates who are known as independent forerunners. This tree is a symbol of celebration: representing life, hope, growth and continuity."



**Emmalee Decker '13 represented the current Western Program:** "This tree is planted with confidence that the spirit of Western will continue. Helen Peabody, Leila McKee, Lilian Wyckoff Johnson and Mary Moore Dabney Thomson are the names of the women who led Western as principals and presidents. I am honored to follow in the tradition of women who were leaders in the field of education. It is my hope that the former, current and future students will learn about the college and embrace its history and sense of community. I plant this tree in the spirit of Western."



University Ambassador Valerie Hodge (right) looked on as **Karla Schneider Guinigundo '99** dedicated the **Western College Program tree**: “This tree is planted today to honor Western’s existence. Through several transitions, from a seminary, to a college, to a co-ed institution, to a division under Miami University, and now a department; faculty and student experiences have varied, but common threads have been woven through the decades. The beauty of this campus — once a potato patch owned by James Fisher — has provided a tranquil setting for discovery and development of life-long relationships. The traditions — like tree day, class colors, sister classes, cotillion, and shore-to-slimy shore — have evolved throughout the years, but created special memories and enhanced the student experience of all Westerners.”

As part of the installation, the WCAA has placed a wooden bench in front of the three trees, with a bronze plaque reading:

To Commemorate the 160th Anniversary of  
Western Female Seminary’s Charter Day, July 14, 1853  
Given by the Western College Alumnae Association, Inc., April 2013

## From the Archives

Congratulations to Archivist **Jacky Johnson**, who was recently approved by Miami for promotion to associate librarian and a continuing contract, effective July 1, 2013. It has been a busy year for Jacky. *Finding Freedom: Memorializing the Voices of Freedom Summer*, which she edited, was released in January, and she is hard at work on a second book — a pictorial history of Western College — to be published by Arcadia Press later this year. In addition, she got the ball rolling for the April 11 festivities commemorating the founding of Western Female Seminary 160 years ago.

Articles promoting *Finding Freedom* have appeared in the *Oxford Press* and *Hamilton Journal News*, and there is an interview pending with local WXXU radio’s Mark Perzel — during which Jacky invites us to “listen as I promote Western College.” Read more about the book at [http://www.orgs.muohio.edu/mupress/details/jjohnson\\_freedomsummer.html](http://www.orgs.muohio.edu/mupress/details/jjohnson_freedomsummer.html).

In April, Jacky attended the Columbus Area alumnae club meeting to speak about the book (see picture, page 44) and was scheduled to speak at the Oxford Branch NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet.

As part of her “book tour,” the Western Program held a reading and book signing on February 25 in Leonard Theatre. At the reception, **Tyler Elliott '13** and **Hannah Mills '13** compared Western apparel with a few of the Western Ladies, sharing the Western College for Women seal.



In the picture above, Jacky signs a copy of her book at the Miami Co-op Bookstore, April 19. Inset: Rita Dove, who graduated from Miami in 1973, served as poet laureate 1993-1995, and was awarded a 2011 National Medal of the Arts by President Barack Obama, holds a copy of *Finding Freedom* — to which she contributed a poem. She is pictured with Keith Tuma, Professor of English and Editor, Miami University Press, publisher.



At the reception (left to right): Pris Strand Berry '54, Tyler Elliott and Hannah Mills, both WP '13, and Barbara Johnson Mecklenborg '53. N.B.: copy of the book in the foreground.

**Send your news — and pictures! — for the Fall '13 Bulletin NOW.**

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# Two Great Weekends ... One Special Campus!

June 21-23, 2013

## All-Western Alumnae/i Weekend sponsored by the Western College Alumnae Association

- Celebrate 5-year Anniversary Classes ('3s and '8s)
  - Honor Western Authors
  - Commemorate Western's 1853 Charter Day
    - Room in (air-conditioned!) Peabody Hall
  - Congratulate Alumnae Service Award Winners



October 11-13, 2013

## Once-Every-Five-Year-Western College Program-Mega-Reunion sponsored by the Western College Program Alumni Association

- Join returning WCP Alumni on glorious fall Western Campus
- Greet old WCAA Alums and meet new WP Students and Faculty
- Watch for details of exciting festivities... think *Duck Pond!*