



Langstroth Cottage

From the WCAA Director & WCAA President

Hello Westerners!

We hope this finds you all doing well. What a winter we had in the Midwest! We could not be more ready for warm weather. Campus is finally green again! Of course, the green is somewhat hidden by all of the construction going on around our campus. Three new residence halls are being built in which 700 students will reside beginning in the fall (all in Western stone — not Miami red brick!) and a dining hall has already been completed. We assure you that through all of this Miami is taking great efforts to make certain the campus still has a Western look and feel to it.

We have so many updates to give you that we are not even sure where to begin! The WCAA Board of Trustees recently met, and we are thrilled to be able to announce that we finally have an approved rendering for our Legacy Project entitled the “Western College Legacy Circle.” The project will display the Western College seal in a very busy part of Western campus and will detail important parts of Western history. We could not be more excited about how it has turned out and the role this will play in ensuring the Western College story lives on in perpetuity. Turn to the back cover now for a sneak peek! We will reveal the final rendering during Alumnae/i Weekend! If you are unable to attend the reunion, we promise you will still have the opportunity to hear more about this project in the coming months, including at regional club events hosted by your WCAA Board members.

Speaking of Alumnae/i Weekend, we are so looking forward to it and hope that you will join us. This year’s theme is especially fun ... the Soul of Western! We will dine in the new air-conditioned Western Dining Commons and enjoy beautiful views of the Western campus. We are also pleased to commemorate Freedom Summer alongside Miami University president and alumni in an event on June 20, anniversary of the day Freedom Summer volunteers Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner went missing in 1964. Following that, you will not want to miss a panel of alumnae discussing their personal experiences.

Thank you for all you are doing to help us keep Western’s spirit thriving. It is a pleasure and joy to serve such an incredible alumnae base. Your passion and loyalty inspire us to make sure that the Western College Legacy Circle becomes a reality — your story is worth telling.

Yours in the spirit of Western,



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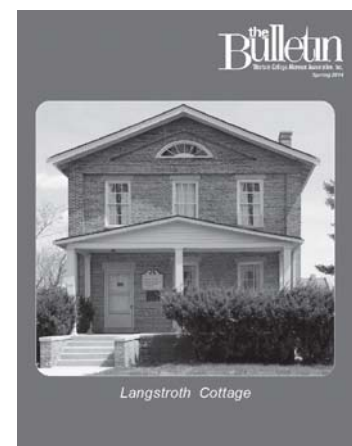
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Mission of the Association:

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

On the cover: Langstroth Cottage (aka Langstroth House) was named for Lorenzo Langstroth, known as the "Father of American Beekeeping," who lived in it from 1859 until 1887. Adjacent to the Western campus, the property was eventually acquired by Susan Peabody, who sold it to Western in 1903. A National Historic Landmark, it was added to the Western College Historic District in 2012. Photo by Michael Derian.

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What's on ~~Your~~ Our Mind

*At the Alumnae Weekend Celebratory Banquet,
Saturday, June 21, 2014,
WCAA 2014 Service Awards
will be presented to:*



Katharine Piper '58
(deceased)



Doris Ning Wong '62



Yvette Small Hohler '64

Speaking of Awards ...

In November, **Nazanin Tork**, Miami's director of international admissions for the office of development of research and scholarship, received the **Dorothy Brickman Award for Outstanding New Professional** from NAFSA (National Association of Foreign Student Advisors), the world's largest nonprofit association dedicated to international education and exchange.



Nazanin Tork

The annual regional award recognizes exceptional work in international education by a NAFSA member who has been in the profession relatively few years. Previously employed at the University of Cincinnati, where she created the Iraqi Scholarship Initiative, Nazanin started at Miami in December 2012 and continues to recruit Iraqi graduate students. In addition to recruiting new and supporting current international students, she acts as liaison with other groups serving international students. She is the second award winner from Miami: In 2012, **Jennifer Ward**, international program coordinator and advisor in the Office of International Education (OIE) was recognized.

Created in 2003, the award honors "the pioneering spirit, energy, compassion, and selfless dedication to interna-

tional education that is the hallmark and legacy of Dorothy Brickman." Westerners who knew Dorothy as our Foreign Student Advisor from 1966 until 1974, certainly recognize those traits! When she died in 2006, the *Bulletin* noted, "Dorothy Brickman was one of only three women to hold the full-time position of foreign student advisor. She not only guided dozens of students who came to our campus from outside the U.S., but influenced many U.S. students to follow career paths in international affairs."



Dorothy Brickman

New to Miami and working in the graduate school, Nazanin admits her knowledge of Western College is limited, but she was pleased to learn about the woman for whom her award was named: "To know that Brickman was an international advisor at Western College and that Miami has had two staff members win this award speaks to the commitment and passion for international education that exists at Miami University. It is a privilege to know that I am able to continue Dorothy Brickman's work at the same institution [sic] she served over four decades ago."

A Beekeeping Legacy

At an Ohio Beekeepers conference held at Miami just two years ago, **Louise Adkins-Ellis '69** had a very pleasant surprise when the group visited the Langstroth Cottage to pay honor to Lorenzo Langstroth, the Father of American Beekeeping. She discovered that “he resided for some 30 years on the pre-Western College campus! Indeed it is the very cottage where Dean Hoyt lived, very near the old entrance ... whose history I had been totally unaware of while attending Western.” We asked Louise to give readers a picture of “the day in the life of a modern (Western) beekeeper,” but as you will see, her passion for saving the bees carried her far beyond that ...

Lorenzo Langstroth’s “Eureka!” moment — the greatest in the history of beekeeping — happened in 1851, when he connected the realization that bees build a consistent distance between natural combs with his concept of a movable frame hive. He revolutionized the beekeeping industry by discovering *bee space* (a 3/8" space between each naturally built comb) and creating a hive with removable parts called *frames*. (Bees will fill in any greater space with comb, making it impossible to access without destruction.) Langstroth’s hive design has not been improved upon for 150 years and has made hive inspection and management practices possible, thus turning beekeeping into a full-scale industry. Langstroth Cottage is now a National Historic Landmark and on display near this plaque is a model of his hive design. [See sidebar.]

“Autumn Bramble” is the name of our honey — a unique and true distillation of a dream southern Ohio — Circleville — farm landscape. Orchard, berries, vegetable and flower gardens, shrubs, woods, wildflowers, uncultivated fields, with a final touch of fall-blooming goldenrod to give a slight hint of butterscotch! Hailey Hinson, my fellow beekeeper, and I — along with all the female “worker” bees call ourselves the “Ladies of the Skep” (*skeps* being the old cone-shaped hives made of twisted/woven straw) because other than the Queen’s one time *mating flight*, this is an entirely female operation! The male *drones* are extraneous after mating. We continually learn from the ladies. First and always foremost is the need to be centered, calm, and mindful in their presence. I once heard it said that the dance between the bee and beekeeper is an art which cannot be learned as much as experienced. There are no standard procedures for beekeeping, making it an ever-challenging enterprise. Looking into a working hive is mesmerizing — an ancient intelligent world from which we must observe and deduce its functioning — somewhat like gazing into the intricate workings of a watch or clock to determine how it works without stopping the workings themselves.

Although Hailey and I have been beekeepers for only a few years, we would be considered seasoned by some, as we have already experienced — though far from mastered — the basic challenges of learning about bee behavior and life in the hive, hive construction, choosing a good location, preparing ourselves with appropriate clothing and tools, and then

receiving a 3-lb. package with a Queen and 10,000+ worker bees to install and maintain. Inspection includes finding the Queen, who is often elusive, and making sure she is still laying eggs — up to 2,000/day! No, we don’t count the eggs, but check the brood patterns. A well-organized brood nest develops a rainbow arc with brood inside, then pollen, then honey on the outside. We have been challenged to catch swarms from high and low and even from buildings. Hopefully, our work results in a honey harvest, but most important of all is assuring the bees’ winter survival. Hardest to deal with is the loss of dead or abandoned hives. Although we left all the honey our bees produced in their hive to feed them through this winter, at the first winter temperature break we discovered the loss of three of our six hives. We still consider ourselves lucky as several local experienced and much larger beekeepers reported losses of 60 to 70 percent by the end of February.

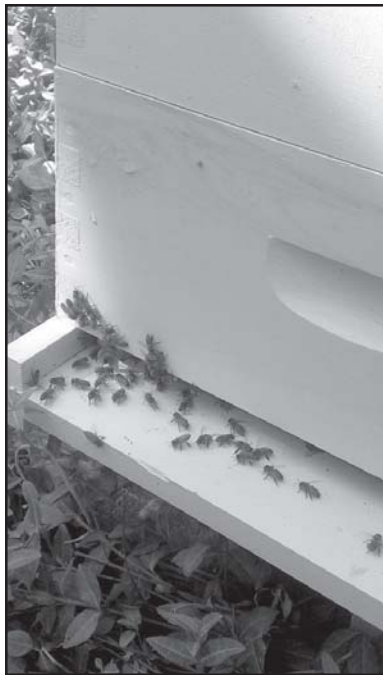
When asked to write an article for the WCAA *Bulletin* about beekeeping, my avocation in “animal husbandry,” I was at first excited to share my positive experiences which have been full of adventure, wonder, and intrigue. I feel I must also share the increasing frustrations of all beekeepers far beyond a few stings — the worldwide disappearance of the bees themselves. Albert Einstein once said “If bees disappeared off the face of the earth, man would only have four years left to live.” I don’t know about Einstein’s four-year calculation, but there is ultimate truth in his statement. Since



Louise (left) and fellow beekeeper Hailey Hinson, remaining “centered, calm, and mindful” in the presence of their bees

2006, one-third of the U.S. honeybee population has been dying annually. One third. Every year. And last year was reported to be the worst year since 2006. That's a terrible rate of species destruction on its own, but it's also a critical threat to our very human food supply! The strange disappearance of the bee population referred to by scientists as "Colony Collapse Disorder" (CCD), has wiped out over ten million beehives over the past six years, not just in the U.S., but all over the world. In Europe the bee population has greatly declined, and in China farmers have been forced to hand-pollinate their apple trees! Scientists are struggling to find answers to the massive decline of the honeybee population. While the causes of CCD are complex, studies are increasingly pointing to the role played by the use of pesticides and genetically modified crops (GMOs) in weakening the honeybees' immune systems, leaving them more vulnerable to disease and small predators.

Honeybees are the alchemists of the insect world; indeed they are the only insect that produces food for humans. There is/was a peaceful alliance between bees, plants, and humans. Bees collect nectar and pollen from plants, thus ensuring pollination and yield, and humans collect the bounty. But far beyond just the production of honey, honeybees play a crucial role by pollinating 80 percent of all the plants on the planet, 90 different food crops that we depend on, 71 of the 100 most common crops, which account for 90 percent of the country's food supply. Honeybees are the most unrecognized workers and producers in the agricultural industry. They produce \$15 billion in annual agricultural revenue for the U.S. economy alone, and pollinate over \$30 billion worth of crops annually including over 90 percent of the fruit, vegetables, oilseed, and legume seed crops that make up the world's food supply. Honeybees are the only source of insect pollination humans can control — tamable to the extent they will live amongst humans — causing one-third of the American food supply to be dependent upon the honeybee to pollinate our crops. That's every third bite of food you eat, all coming from and dependent upon the pollinating ser-



Hive entrance (left): The bees are returning from foraging with golden pollen on their legs. Notice beautiful capped honey on "drawn out" frames (at right). Frame down in hive is still not drawn out; brood is in lower box.

vices of bees. Even meat and dairy producers depend on the seed crops of alfalfa and clover, which are pollinated by bees, to feed their stock.

Eighty percent of the world's almond crop comes from an 800,000-acre area in California's renowned Central Valley. This is the only state in the U.S. to grow and produce almonds commercially, and almonds have become not only California's top agricultural product, but also the country's most valuable horticultural export. The almond orchards are 100 percent dependent on bee pollination, mostly from California beekeepers.

Last year a nightmare became real for many of the six thousand orchard owners who simply couldn't find enough bees to pollinate all their trees, at any price! Many California beekeepers lost 70-100 percent of their bee populations. Thanks to the migratory beekeepers from the East and South, their crops were saved. However, with the increased migratory beekeepers transporting bees to many different locations, there has also been an increase in the stress, diseases and parasites in bees, affecting the bee industry all over the country.

According to research, wildflower meadows are essential to bee health, providing bees with a continuous supply of pollen, from early spring to late fall. Bees rely exclusively on pollen and nectar for their nutrition. The pollen- and nectar-gathering activity of bees ensures pollination and the production of seeds and fruits in a wide variety of plants. A large number of shrubs and herbaceous plants, including many of our wildflowers are also bee pollinated. With increased urbanization and "monoculture farming" (one crop over vast acres), natural meadow areas are disappearing in both Canada and the U.S. With monoculture the weeds and wildflowers that all pollinators need to survive are removed, and pesticides then kill off the remaining food sources resulting in a single blooming cycle. Feeding sugar-water solutions to bees can help a colony over winter, but lacks the finely balanced nutritional qualities found in natural pollens that bees get from wildflowers. Bees need these missing elements to make honey because honey is what they live on. Without enough honey, the bees starve and die.

In *Henry V*, Shakespeare says, “For so work the honey-bees, creatures that by a rule in nature teach, the act of order to a peopled kingdom.” Each bee plays an evolutionary role within the colony, an example of a well-ordered society. The new bees are first nursery keepers who clean their own cells, prepare other cells, tend and care for developing larvae, feed the Queen, and even instruct the foragers where to bring water, nectar, and/or pollen. In a few days these nurse

bees will grow into other stages of their lives and become supporters of the brood nest workers. They learn to guard the entrance from predators and robbers and lastly, the most dangerous task of foraging for nectar and pollen and returning to the hive — all within a 42-day lifespan. The very life of the hive is based on cooperation, democracy, and the relentless unconditional pursuit of their tasks. Their mandate is to preserve their world such that each member is immediately prepared to die, if necessary, to defend their hive. They communicate through a *waggle dance* that alerts other bees to direction and distance of nectar and pollen. Each year when they are faced with the life-or-death problem of choosing and traveling to a new home, honeybees stake everything on a process that includes collective fact-finding, vigorous debate and consensus building — who gets the most to join her dance. Honeybees make decisions collectively and democratically. They have much to teach us when it comes to collective wisdom and effective decision-making.

Perhaps as result of being a religion major at Western, I find bee lore fascinating. Bees are indeed a blessing from nature as they provide nutrition, medicine, wax for candlelight, natural preservatives, cosmetics, and pollination. Nature is heavily dependent on the hard-working bee. Their industrious, organized behavior has been a symbol of perseverance, unity, and teamwork. The bee is also an ancient symbol of sacredness, associated with the Mother Goddess or Divine Feminine because bees are ruled by queens and the hive was likened to the womb of the Great Mother. Goddesses associated with nature and fertility are often symbolized with the honeybee. The hexagonal shape of the honeycomb was the holy geometric shape of cosmic harmony. The honeycomb represented the perfect union of the macrocosm



Two Nuc boxes: small hives for catching swarms, only five frames; full-size hives have 10 frames per box. Aren't they pretty in winter! They survive not by keeping the entire box warm, but by shivering/quivering to maintain a warm cluster. As with the old schoolhouse stoves, the colder ones on the outside rotate to the center as needed. Hard to believe these two swarms actually survived this last cold winter! Soon they will get their own full-size hives.



with the microcosm. In many ancient cultures bees represented and became symbols of the divine spirit or soul, of the goddess of regeneration, of immortality and rebirth, or as beings of great wisdom (therefore poetic inspirers) and spirit messengers between worlds. Honey was treated as a magical substance and used in many ancient magical rituals. Honey was called nectar of the gods, and honey made into *mead* was endowed with prophetic powers. The term “blessed be”

can also be written as “blessed bee,” having strong connections to the ancient craft of the wise and the divine blessing of life, protection, and abundance. The use of honey, royal jelly, bee pollen, and beeswax is a truly ancient, sacred, and magical act symbolically connected to love, nurturance, and divine blessings.

— Louise Adkins-Ellis '69

What can each of us do?

COEXIST: Be tolerant of bees.

CREATE HABITAT: Plant native flowers and plants in your garden. (Clover and dandelions were once the main summer diet of honeybees.)

SPREAD THE WORD: Act locally to stop the use of pesticides and encourage more bee-friendly plants in public spaces. Buy local honey not only to support your local beekeeper, but to help your own allergies.

BECOME A BEEKEEPER: Find your local group and get to know that beekeepers are very special folks!

2014 will be the eighth year for the Lithopolis (Ohio) Honeyfest, to be held on September 5-6. We hope you will visit the website [<http://www.lithopolishoneyfest.com/>] and come prepared to be smitten, not stung, by BEES! The Scioto Valley Beekeepers will be demonstrating extraction of honey and doing live bee beards! As wise Pooh bear says, “Little friends are very grand things.”

LANGSTROTH COTTAGE

The brick house named for the Rev. Lorenzo Lorraine Langstroth was built in 1856 by the minister of the Second Presbyterian Church, Oxford, the Rev. Edward W. Root and his wife, Ellen, and served as the family home until 1859.



The two-story brick house in which the Root family lived had six rooms with a kitchen and dining room in the basement, a common arrangement in

that period, and was heated with fireplaces. The house was built in a "framed bays" style, in which projecting rows of bricks form a frame creating bays on the exterior walls. The style was also used on the Old Manse at 410 High Street, built in 1852. The wooden front porch and rear entrance and utility area were added later, the front porch in the latter part of the century when porches became fashionable. After the Civil War, the lovely curving front stair that leads from the entrance to the second floor was added and the front windows were lengthened in the fashion of the 1870s.

When Mr. Root left Oxford in 1859, Aurelius B. Hull of Morristown, New Jersey, brother-in-law of Lorenzo Langstroth, bought the house for Langstroth and his wife, Anne, who came with their children to live in Oxford. The Rev. Mr. Langstroth, a Congregational minister, lectured and preached at the Seminary as well as occasionally preaching at the Presbyterian Church in Oxford during the time he lived in the town, although the minister of the Presbyterian Church continued to be the minister for the Seminary. Lorenzo Langstroth practiced beekeeping while he lived in the house and interested others in Oxford to take up the activity. There were bee hives on High Street behind the house that Caroline Scott Harrison was born in on the corner of High and Campus. Joseph McCord, Western trustee, who lived in the house built by William Holmes McGuffey on Oak and Spring streets, mentions that he used to bring his hives into the cellar every winter to keep them warm. Both of his brothers, David and William, whose homes were just north of Langstroth's house, kept bees. Langstroth's son James, a Civil War veteran, who lived in the home with his parents, became one of the leading beekeepers in the United States before his death in 1870. The Western Female Seminary stu-

dents were used to seeing the lawns around the house covered with bee hives when they walked down from the Seminary Building. After Langstroth's wife, Anne, died in 1872, his daughter Anne and her husband H. C. Cowan remained in Oxford, living in the house with her father, but by 1887 Mr. Cowan's business took them all to Dayton.

In 1891, Hull, who had been renting the house, sold it to Dr. Alexander Guy, a Cincinnati physician who had retired to Oxford in the middle 1850s. Dr. Guy, who continued to rent the house, died shortly after adding the house to the various properties he owned in Oxford. He left a will stating that his property was not to be distributed to his heirs until his 100th birthday in 1900.

One of Dr. Guy's children, Sarah, had become the third wife of widower the Rev. Charles Peabody, Western trustee and older brother of Helen Peabody. Their child, Susan Wade Peabody, named for her maternal grandmother, came to Oxford when her mother died to live with her Guy relatives and her Aunt Helen. Susan, Class of 1882, acquired the house as a result of her grandfather's will.

In 1903, Western College leased the house with privilege of purchase from Susan Peabody, who shortly thereafter sold the house to Western. Thus, Langstroth House became one of Western's many cottages. It housed employees, faculty, and students, finally in 1967, becoming the home of the Dean of Students of Western College. Phyllis Hoyt, the new dean, moved in that year after some renovation and lived there until the college closed in 1974.



Langstroth House, so-called in Oxford since Lorenzo Langstroth lived in it, has been renovated and repaired many times. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in honor of the man called the "Father of American Beekeeping," who invented the moveable frame beehive, in 1976. In 1982, the house became a National Historic Landmark and in 2002, received an Ohio Bicentennial Marker. It was added to the Western College Historic District, established 1995, in 2012.

— Elizabeth Johnson
Historian

"A strange thing happened on my journey to 2014 ..."



This year marks the 50th anniversary of our graduation from Western. Can you believe that so many years have passed already?! (My how time flies...!) Although my body more frequently tells me it's true, I like to think that at least my mind is still much, much younger, and many fond Western memories remain pretty vivid. Looking forward to sharing those memories with you when we return to campus in June for a celebration of our special year. Whether you are able to attend Reunion Weekend in Oxford or not, we'll continue to hope to hear from each and every one of you, and will enjoy sharing your news with Western classmates and friends via the *Bulletin* for years to come.

Marcia Randlett

Oder's past year has been relatively quiet for her family. Husband Robin spent a total of four months in rehab following two unsuccessful surgeries to repair a ruptured quad tendon. The result: he has difficulty getting around on his own and is still having physical therapy. Much of Marcia's time has gone into caregiving. She noted that she did take a short trip back to New Hampshire for a family gathering and stopped in for a quick but delightful visit with **Vivien Despotopulos Forbes** on the way back to the Boston airport. Marcia is also active in her local



Marcia

AAUW branch, where she is a member of the board. "Our grandchildren are doing well — the boys are both through school and are working for their father. Granddaughter Shannon, a senior at the University of California San Diego, spent the month of December back in Malawi, Central Africa, this time doing research for her senior honors thesis. Daughter Karin lives in Lexington, KY, with her husband, Steve. Son Richard was married to his longtime partner Keith last summer. They have just bought a house in St. Petersburg, FL, where they will move from Washington, DC, and are urging us to move south, too." This is Marcia's last year on the WCAA Board of Trustees — a job she has thoroughly enjoyed and at which she was most effective. She hopes to see a large contingent from our class in June for our 50th and has been helping with plans to make our Reunion a success.

Daphne Ostle Allen has had a busy traveling year. She and Jay spent two weeks in Canada, visiting the environs of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. "We attended the Celtic music festival and had a terrific albeit chilly time in October." In early November, the Allens went to London for eight days and watched the men's tennis tournament at the O2. They much enjoyed the two plays they saw, *Once* and *Book of Mormon*, as well as several museums and other sites of interest. Over the Thanksgiving holiday, they spent two weeks in the DC area with Daphne's family, which all lives and works there now. While there, Daphne had a nice visit and lunch with **Arlene Branca**. "Not sure I'll get to the Reunion, but will definitely not rule it out!" Hoping you'll join us, Daphne!

Patricia Spokes Snowden began her note, "...The big news is that I'm literally back from one foot in the grave, which is where I was

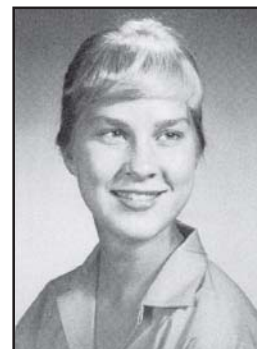


Vivien

at Christmas-New Year's last year. It turns out I had an unprecedented reaction to Forteo, which I was taking to strengthen my incredibly fragile bones. The medication worked (I now have osteopenia instead of osteoporosis), but ... made me violently ill. ... Once I stopped taking Forteo, I very gradually improved and now am about 80 percent of normal." Pat then

noted details about the fun part of the past year, a trip to Croatia and Venice with her neighbor, Joan. "Croatia is exquisite and has more UNESCO World Heritage sites than any other country. I've never seen such clean streets or water. And talk about a complex history! Joan and I read extensively to prepare ... so we really got a lot out of the experience. We ended the trip with four days in Venice (where we experienced an 8-10 inch flood in St. Mark's Piazza). In addition to the cathedral and innumerable museums, Bellinis and a light lunch on the patio at the Pitti Palace Hotel were among the highlights." Despite a long delay in the return of Pat's luggage, she much enjoyed her travels. Pat looks forward to our Reunion and hopes for "a hefty turn-out."

Lois Johnson Wilson viewed the PBS American Experience documentary *1964* and found it fascinating. "My husband and I tried to remember how we felt at the time and finally decided that as newlyweds very much in love, we were almost apolitical. It's a good thing we get smarter as we age." [I have a copy of this documentary and will bring it to Reunion if anyone wants to invest two hours viewing it.]



Lois

Judy White Fogt retired from the Montgomery County Public Schools (MD) last July 1st. "Since then, I have been sleeping late and messing up my house more than I used to when I was working. Wish I could report that I am doing lots of exciting things, and

hope that is in the future, but not yet. I am spending more time with my grand-boys (3 and 5), which I love, while my teacher daughter, Lis, tutors high school students. Am still speaking French weekly, designing flowers at my church, and doing yoga. Am looking forward to our 50th Reunion in June — hope I will see lots of classmates.”



Judy

in 2000. Their family includes their son, daughter, son-in-law, twin 14-year-old granddaughters, and many grand-dogs. Nancy and Jerry still spend summers in Muskoka, Ontario. They spent two years in the Peace Corps in Kingston, Jamaica, and now volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, the Dayton Art Institute, and other organizations.



Martha

Laura, now lives in Portland, OR. We visit each Christmas and it has been fun to explore that area. This summer I took the train to Chicago to meet Laura for three days of catch-up and exploring. The train trip itself was an adventure that I may try again. We continue to spend fall and summer in Sandusky, OH, where we still have our house of 37 years. It may be time to consider a condo since I am finding the stairs a bit of a problem. In general, I am thankful for good health, a wonderful family, and many memories. Hoping to see all of you at the Reunion this summer.”

Nancy Van Vleck Von Allmen is planning to come to Reunion and urges classmates to join us for a huge 50th. “If you feel as fortunate as I do, that I am lucky enough to still be alive and able to come, then please do come ... Reunions are always such fun, especially this one. Am hoping we have the biggest turnout this year.” Nancy continues, “Life is good. Am thrilled to still have my health, able to play with two grandchildren (2 and 4) in San Francisco and a 2-month-old in Maui. Am giddy about being able to teach them the love of snow and skiing in Utah.” Nancy keeps busy making travel plans for clients.

The family’s newly constructed Chalet Alta and Chalet Snowbird in Murren, Switzerland, “are superb. We have six fabulous apartments in these two chalets which overlook the Eiger North Wall. We are busy booking these through Airbnb.”



Nancy V.



Faith

Faith Evans sent both greeting card and e-mail updates. She retired in April 2012 and found that the transition was not easy. She was “used to loads of structure and involvement with my clients and staff, and it all stopped. So it’s been an adjustment. Have

tackled the house, and clutter, hiked a lot, and joined three hiking/walking groups. I have become a co-chair of a hiking group and it’s taking much time and energy.” With all the hiking, she’s now doing physical therapy for her knee — “the joys of aging.” Faith spent six weeks in Maine this summer. She sees her nieces and nephews and their little kids occasionally and would love to do a major trip and major repairs on her house in the near future. Faith saw **Vivien Forbes** in September with **Arlene Branca** visiting, and she talks to Vivien by phone regularly. Faith says she’ll probably attend our Reunion.

Jan Wood Beaven wrote the first of two e-mails while in Miami awaiting a plane to Cuba. Her second e-mail arrived upon her return from a very interesting trip to that country. “Cuba is in the midst of change and taking small steps toward being a market economy. I was glad to add Cuba to a long list of countries I have visited when they were in the midst of similar change: Russia, China, Vietnam, and Cambodia. A much more interesting time to visit than later when the skyscrapers have been built and the cultural flavor of a country has been modified.” Back in Boston, Jan is busy with adult education, book groups, board meetings (a college, an organization focused on at-risk students in the Boston public schools), and waiting for spring. Jan is looking forward to our Reunion and, before that, to visiting grandkids in NYC and Chapel Hill.



Jan

Nancy McGregor Nowak plans to come to the reunion and will probably be bringing **Martha Cowden**. Nancy and Jerry celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 25, remembering their wedding during semester break of our senior year. As an update since graduating: Nancy spent many years teaching art, mostly at the high school level in the Dayton area, and retired



Nancy Mc.

Dee Weaver Kleckner feels fortunate to be able to spend this winter again in Green Valley, AZ. “It is hard to believe that we have been doing this for 13 years ... so long that we still remember snow fondly and had forgotten its power until watching all the news this season. It has been a good year. We are happily retired but enjoy volunteer activities and hobbies. Our daughter,



Dee

Nancy Bergmann Killough reports that she and Mike are doing well and are still in good health. Scott and Susan and their five children are fine. Susan lives “just the other side of Ft. Worth, so get to see them more often than the Maryland group! Our Christmas was extra special this year since Susan’s husband returned from a reserve deployment to Iraq (A.F.) at 11 a.m. Christmas Eve! Scott and family will visit here for the Fourth of July and our 40th annual neighborhood parade. Then, we’ll all convene on Cape Cod in July. Mike and I started doing this event in 1974,



Nancy B.

shortly before Scott turned 2. Will have to get going on the preparations early this year, since I'll be spending a weekend in Oxford in June!! I'm so looking forward to seeing a bunch of us at this memorable Reunion."

Gay Nellis Walker moved into her condo in February and loves it. "I still have more finishing touches to add, but the extensive remodel was worth every penny of it. In September, I decided that I'm finally ready to have a man in my life again. I joined the online dating community, and have had a few interesting experiences. Nothing serious, yet. In January, I had surgery on BOTH feet for hammer toes. They fused the joints and put in pins that stick out both ends. They had to stay in for a month, and I'm eagerly awaiting their removal. It's no fun waddling like a penguin in surgical boots for four weeks! I swear every vertebra is out of joint. My chiropractor is getting rich! I hope to make it to the Reunion in June, and hope to see many old friends there."



Gay

Pat Scott wrote, "A strange thing happened on my journey to 2014. I remember being on campus and seeing the members of the 50-year class. They looked really old. Then someone put the time machine on fast forward. And there I was at Rutgers University watching my older granddaughter, Brittany, graduate ... with a degree in psychology, having been captain of the Scarlet Knights Women's Golf Team, and golfing her way through four years on a full athletic scholarship. (Say thank you, Title 9.) And I do not think I look old! Then we attended Bourne High School graduation as my grandson Andrew graduated with the Class of 2013. And I did not look old. But the little boy that I had once gone on a first grade field trip with had grown tall ... very tall ... much taller than me. So I felt short, but not old! He is attending Cape Cod Community College, studying for an associate degree in criminal justice. When he graduates, he is eligible to attend the Massachusetts State Police Academy. He was award-



Pat

ed a scholarship from the Massachusetts State Police. Meanwhile, my younger granddaughter is a high school sophomore in all honors classes and on the lacrosse team — a force to be contended with both on and off the field. At the half, members of the team who know me came off the field running and yelling: 'There's Holly's grandmother! We just love Holly's grandmother!' Even that did not make me feel old. Holly also rides in horse shows as a member of the Cranberry Equestrian Team. She has a piece on YouTube showing her cat jumping hurdles like her horse does. Later this year, we will celebrate my daughter's 50th birthday ... Now I feel old! James Taylor sings: 'The secret of life is enjoying the passing of time.' OK, now if only I could figure out how to put this time machine on fast forward and make an early spring!"

Corlin Hollister Carpenter and Joe will celebrate their 49th anniversary in April. "Joe's parents made their 76th anniversary in September 2013. His mom passed just before Christmas at the age of 96. She went quickly and did not suffer. Last month, his dad was 99, and is living alone with help with his meals from Joe's sister and our daughter. Our



Corlin

four grandchildren are as special as always (of course). My sister, **Theda Hollister Wolfe '66**, moved back to our area in the Hudson Valley." Cory and Joe are "snow birds," who winter in Florida for about three months. They are especially glad about this, since hearing their Bloomingburg, NY, hometown made the NYC news because of the cold weather and its 15" of snow at about 2" per hour on February 5th. Cory isn't sure if she can make Reunion, as Joe's 50th from Siena College is also this June.

Last year, **Linda Baker Beavers** experienced "one of the best times of my life! I turned 70 in April, and to celebrate, one of my best friends and I went to my favorite spot on earth ... London! We had a week of driving around in the countryside, rented a flat in Kensington for three weeks, then spent a week each in



Linda

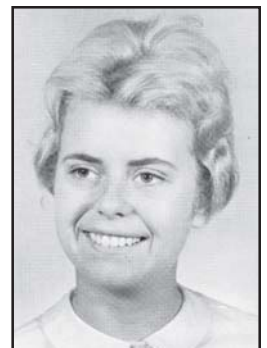
Scotland and Ireland ... the last five days we stayed at a lodge in Killarney and had a driver who took us out exploring the wonderland of the magical kingdom of County Kerry! I hated to leave." Linda and **Joyce Shaw Benbow** are talking about coming to the Reunion this year and hope to see us.

From **Lynn Drucker Albuquerk** came the following message: "Floating in the Caribbean! Decided to escape BRRR & snow for two weeks. Don't care where. All five grandkids growing well and more adorable as they start school (three of them). Jak still able to travel with lots of help. Expect whole family in June for a family event. Last July we hosted first ever reunion of all our children and the children and grandchildren of Jak's brother. Twelve at home, remainder in local hotel. Lots of fun amongst all the young cousins. The adults got along, too! See you at Reunion."



Lynn

Carolyn Moss Ford has had a great year. She and David are enjoying good health and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their first grandchild in April. David is beginning to cut back on his work, so they'll be able to spend more time visiting their children, who have all settled in the West. Melissa is in Tacoma, WA, Chris is in Revelstoke, BC, and Andrew is traveling the world volunteering in various veterinary clinics along the way. "He intends to settle in Edmonton, AB, with his soul mate, who shares his passion for hiking, the mountains, and the wilderness. I continue to do volunteer work for our lake newsletter, the American Ivy Society, and The Garden Club of Toronto, where I volunteer in a garden Apr.-Oct. for people who are deaf and blind. We love weekend-ing at our cottage 2½ hours northeast of Toronto. We love x-country skiing and snowshoeing ... we've had an amazing amount of snow this year." Mossy regrets that she will not be able to make our 50th Reunion, as that's the time she and David have planned to be in Tacoma with their new grandchild.



Carolyn

The past year has had both good and bad moments for **the Hohlers**. Among the good: continued "Service Above Self" through Rotary; volunteering with Habitat, where Larry is still on the Suffolk affiliate's board; attending OLLI classes at SUNY Stony Brook; participating in Port Jeff Village events as well as activities with the local historical society; and visits from a pair of old friends from Switzerland and from Joe Kirima, the Kenyan



Evie

director of our Hope Children's Home in Meru, Kenya, which continues to thrive. We now have four youngsters attending Kenyan universities, and nearly 40 are in local secondary schools. The rest of "our" children appear to appreciate learning in their primary school classes. So we are kept busy raising funds in as many ways as we can in order to assist them as they move forward. You can follow their/our progress at www.hopechildrensfund.org. The less happy moments began in August, when Larry had a colonoscopy that showed he had cancer, followed by the surgical removal of more than a foot of lower intestine, and then chemotherapy. Larry had his 10th chemo infusion this week, with two more infusions to come. He'll finish his course of treatment in mid-March. His doctor is enthusiastically positive about the outcome, so we remain positive as well. While Larry has maintained

his mustache and most of his hair throughout (one of his worries going into his treatment), we look forward to the loss of the other obnoxious effects of the chemicals. The lesson here: Don't put off colonoscopies! Family and friends have been most supportive. Our annual trip to Kenya will hopefully take place in a few months. Meanwhile, we enjoy occasional visits from Nikki and Jose, who love to share news of life in DC.

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*"Freshmen, front and center!"
 — from the 1964 Multifaria*

Not To Be Outdone, Those "Other" Classes Sign In

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With deep sadness, we must report the death on March 1 of your extremely loyal, longtime Class Rep, **Jane Noble Miller**. Jane's daughter, Laura Thomas, had let us know earlier that her mother had become ill with a severe infection last fall and had to give up her independent living apartment at Cape May, in Wilmington, OH. She moved in with Laura, in Circleville, OH, then for a time to Brown Memorial Home, where she gradually improved. "She loved it," wrote Laura. "With only 42 residents, she got great care and a lot of attention." Laura accompanied her mother to several past Meily Society luncheons and says, "I feel as if I know many of you." She emphasizes over and over how important Western was to her mother. Jane will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

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Another loyal, longtime Class Rep, **Bea Low Notley**, has — regrettably! — submitted her resignation, saying, "... old age wins the battle." As "no word has come from classmates except for three Christmas cards" and

she has "been so unwell since Christmas," she did not attempt to "prepare the '42 news for the *Bulletin*." Being Bea, she did, however, summon the energy to write long notes of explanation and apology — not without a touch of humor — to the office and editor. She and daughter Marianne are enrolled in a professional assisted-living program that they hope will let her continue to stay in her house with daily care. We all wish her good luck!

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Frances Sutherland Larsen writes to let us know that she and Bob have finally finished downsizing (in spite of Fran's breaking her hip in the middle of the process), left ongoing property litigation behind them in South Carolina, and become Floridians: 115 Lake of the Woods Ln. #M101, Jacksonville, FL 32259. They are delighted to be only 20 minutes from daughter Ellen and enjoying much activity in "the greatest place possible!" Fran is hoping to connect with other Westerners in the area and arrange a get-together sometime in the future.

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The May 3, 2013, *New York Times* listed the death of **Suzanne Goldberg Gruber Raffel**. Our condolences go to her daughters: Ellen Miller, Genny Karabell, Joan Koven, and seven grandchildren. Word from Ft. Myers, FL, that **Martha Wishard Kurland** passed away October 2013. We send our sympathy to her husband, Norman, and family.

Dorcas Robson enjoyed reading Elderhostel catalogs and wished she could get to Chicago Art Institute for a course or two. Getting there would be a real problem as it would be for many of us. At the end of August, she visited Seattle to enjoy family and friends on Whitby Island with young people cooking for the group. Her sister-in-law who had recently passed away was remembered in a small service, led by her daughter. Dorcas had spent many visits and traveled with Aliene. She sees the beautiful campus of her retirement home losing much green space to construction of more units.

Peggy Kaufman Stricker is able to stay in her longtime home but is limited in getting out. Her twin grandsons began college this year, one at NYU in the city and one at Skidmore, upstate.

Clid Hunter writes of the excitement in September when Latrobe, PA, was officially named the birthplace of the Banana Split! Silly but fun, she says. Her sister-in-law and niece came to visit for her birthday, first one without her brothers. She is comfortable in her home, keeping busy with church work and doing beautiful needlework. As she was addressing Christmas cards, she experienced dizziness and low pulse. After three days in the hospital and insertion of a pacemaker, she was home and hopes she is set for another 100 years. That's the spirit!

Ann Winger Tuttle is looking for a better year in 2014. She was in a hospital bed recovering from a smashed ball in a hip joint. A few weeks after she was sent home to recuperate, a cut on the other leg took her for 10 weeks to a wound care clinic. Mail brought an engraved invitation to the opening of the American Scandinavian Institute Art Exhibit on NYC and a separate invitation to meet Her Royal Highness Sonja Queen of Norway followed by a gala dinner. What an event to have to miss! When the Institute was being built, Ann donated a chair in honor of her Norwegian grandfather. Before coming to America, Anders

Vinger was a Shakespearian/Ibsonian actor. Next bumper was the ending of a 16-year series of lectures as the well-loved lecturer was stricken with cancer. Children Cynthia and Winston are flourishing, traveling, and working. Greetings to all.

Dorothy Warren Rinaldo writes: "Life is treating me well! I live in a Quaker independent living cottage with two cats who allow me to live with them. After three years as co-president of the Residents' Council, and one year as past-president, I thought I would have time for new projects. Not so! I'm always busy in what I call 'old lady busy'; it takes me longer to accomplish tasks, I do some committee work, don't hurry, read, take brief naps, and try to walk at least a mile every day or go to exercise class. This year I plan to be more productive! Daughter Marjory lives here in Ithaca, and David and John (California and Albany) call frequently. This past year Marjory and I went to the theater in New York and later to Northern Ireland where a great-grandfather, as a boy, played on the Giant's Causeway. Also flew at different times to Chicago and Minnesota and spent Thanksgiving in California with David. This month Marjory and I are going again to theater in New York. If one has to be an old widow, this has to be the best of it. I hope the rest of you are as fortunate!"

Nancy Myers wonders how many of the '46ers are still with us. She wrote this column for 10 years with a couple of others following after her. She now has a friend who writes for her and enjoys corresponding by mail. Nancy remembers that the main hall at school was Peabody Hall. She can't seem to get rid of the name Peabody, as she now lives in an assisted living community in North Manchester, IN, named "Peabody Home." She enjoys listening to talking books and growing various plants on her window sill. After reading the class notes in the last *Bulletin*, Nancy wonders how **Marty Hall** ended up in Indiana after living many years abroad. [*Marty lives in Falls Church, VA.*] Anyone wanting to write to Nancy with class notes of their own can send their updates to: 407 West 7th St.; North Manchester, IN 46962.

Over the years I have collected memorabilia from visits to Western. My daughter, a world traveler when she is not working to make possible the next trip, found time to take me to Oxford. Our beautiful Patterson Place is filled with portraits, furniture and lovely art work; it's a trip into the past. The three women [Mackenzie Becker Rice, director; Debbie Baker, senior program assistant; Kaye Wolke, accounting associate] who work there are very knowledgeable of our history. Just don't look outside. The beautiful green space behind Mary Lyon, the hockey field and more are filling with dorms and a large dining hall to replace Alexander dining hall behind Clawson. There will also

be two ponds. Seems that the ever-increasing number of Miami students need additional housing, so new residence halls are being built alongside the old dormitories we loved. Little Oxford has filled in with new Miami buildings, shops and an abundance of cars.

In November, Chas and I moved to an "independent living" apartment in a comfortable retirement home in our old home town. An elegantly served dinner is ready for us each evening. (Yippee — no more cooking.) Lots of activities offered. I am finishing up research and publishing local history articles and was pleased to have all my research notes accepted by the archives of the local university.

May you all be comfortable and appreciate all our many blessings each day.

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I am sitting in a warm house with the outside one of the coldest winters we have had in years. In fact, it is a record year for us — temp way below zero and record inches of snow. But today the sun is out and the trees and grounds are sparkly and just beautiful. I am a true Northerner.

Sad news in the Christmas letter from **Jerry Smith Rector** is that her twin sister, **Jackie Smith Greenhoe** passed away. Jerry misses her Sunday calls.

But there have been many Rector family visits, good dinners and concerts in their Wisconsin community, and the whole family was looking forward to a Caribbean cruise at Christmas.

Helen Grinnell sent a nice card from her home in Broomfield, CO. She has lived there many years

and enjoys the life there. She is fine and keeps reading in the newspaper about the mess of affairs here in Detroit. Perhaps some art from the DIA will have to be sold to pay the bills — but I doubt it, as wealthy groups are putting up millions to save the art.

A nice letter from **Jane Clapp Towne** says that not too much was different from 2012. It sounds as if she is very busy with her family and church work. In September, she went with her daughter Alice to New York for a visit. Had some good times with her two New York grandsons and enjoyed seeing the local sights. Many stairs up and down are a problem for *old* knees and I have the same thing. (I live in a ranch house — all on one floor, which is super!) Jane's daughter Anne lives near her and often has her for dinner and drives her when needed. She serves as deacon to a loving church family and is thankful for all her many blessings.

Ellen Siddall Zimmermann and I get together sometimes for garden walk, lectures, etc. She is fine and has just sold her home in Canada on Lake Erie. One less thing to think about. Her children (adults) are just fine and have various jobs that keep them busy. Three of her children live here and Charles and his wife are in California.

Ellen had a call from **Cynthia Adams Leslie**, from her home in Oxford. Life is good for her.

We have lost some of our classmates this 2013 and that is always sad. Our love and prayers go out to all the families.

As for me, I'm still busy with activities, etc. (I should dust a little more.) Church, volunteer work, swimming, etc., and life goes on. My youngest moved to Florida in January 2013, so I have been down to see her. The last, a trip to Epcot in October. Very nice. Next, a trip March 1 to celebrate (?) her 50th. Time goes by! The planes are so crowded now and you have to pay extra for a bag



Jerry Smith Rector '48 and family

and no nuts, etc. — flying is not fun anymore! Otherwise, I have no plans to travel anyplace. Besides, so many countries are protesting something, it's not too safe.

Best wishes to all for 2014 ...

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*We are so very sorry to have to announce the death of '50 Class Representative **Diane Heckert Staub** on February 25. Classmates were notified earlier this year of the death of their faithful "scribe." But we know other readers of the Bulletin who doubtless enjoyed her columns will also miss her.*

Donna Hall Mader took advantage of the blue card form in her *Bulletin* to send in this update: "Am still volunteering like a crazy old lady. Nothing much seems to change. I am still acquiring new aches and pains. When I was young I never realized how many body parts can get worn out! And I am still grateful to have lasted this long so that I can still get out to conquer the world. Peace, joy and love in 2014."

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They say that no news is good news. Since response from all of you was less than usual this year, I'm hoping that this means that you are doing well and are just too busy to send me your news items. This is such a fun job when you write. I really do enjoy hearing about all your travels and family updates.

Jo Ann Fley spent a month in "the West" last April. She visited **Jean Fuller Lester** in her beautiful home in San Marino, CA. Jo Ann and Jean have been friends since they entered first grade in Milford, OH. Also a member of that group is **Joyce Rinkhoff Snell** (my Western roommate). Jo Ann, Jean and I were bridesmaids in Joyce's wedding. Jo Ann has moved to a retirement community. She has a space for gardening and raised three tomato plants, herbs, and some flowers. That is a lot better than my garden last year. I blamed my lack of success on the weather, but then I tend to blame a lot of things on the weather, especially this winter.

Tudy Allen Gatzert sold the Walloon Lake, MI, vacation property where they had been going for 50 years. It consisted of two log cabins. The buyers included in their offer that Tudy and family could continue to use the cabins for two weeks for the next three years. Sounds great! Tudy still enjoys living in Chicago, but the weather this year hasn't been to her liking. There are many of us who agree.

Nancy Ryan Rietz and Bob took a four-week cross-country tour in their 1948 Ford sedan. They joined other members of the Early Ford V-8 Club of America in a celebration of its 50th anniversary and the centennial of the Lincoln Highway. The tour started in Gettysburg, PA, and ended at Lake Tahoe. The Rietzes estimate that they traveled nearly 6,500 miles, and their only mechanical problem was a need to tighten engine mounts on their return trip. They also own a 1950 Ford pickup and a 1937 Packard four-door sedan which they plan to drive to California in the summer of 2015. Nancy and Bob have lived in Delaware, OH, for 45 years. They enjoy their retirement home and their family and long-time friends.

Catherine Ross Loveland and Dick had a year filled with trips, including a cruise, a trip to Connecticut for Catherine's 65th high school reunion, a trip to Maya country for Dick, and the wedding of a granddaughter. Catherine continues to be actively involved in her church and was nominated to be honored with a Living Faith Award. She is also a hospice volunteer, goes to Aquasize three

times a week, and attends Yoga class when she can.

The **Schropes** continue to stay busy, although electronic and health issues have slowed us down to some extent. I love modern conveniences but it is a real pain when they aren't working. My computer and the big TV both crashed in October. The TV was repaired quickly, but the computer took a while before Bambi's husband, Matt, got it working properly. I had no idea just how much I use this thing until I didn't have it. The really big crash came the first week of December when Dan fell and suffered a broken hip. Christmas was a nightmare filled with hospital, rehab, hospital visits, and then getting him home and adjusting to a different way of life. He is doing well now and beginning to realize just what he can and cannot do. We are nearly back to normal and hope that this trend continues. I'm still singing and ringing and trusting Dan to behave when I go to practice.

I have left the sad news for last. We have lost two class members this year. **Polly Jackson Curtis**, and **Joann Bolster Snyder**. Polly (Mary) only attended Western two years. Jo graduated with us. She had lived in Washington state for many years.

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Editor's note: Shortly before going to press, we learned that Sue and Dan's son Tom had passed away on April 18. We know thoughts and prayers from all Westerners go out to Sue and her family.

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Alumnae Weekend '14: Celebrate 60 years!

FIRST...don't forget that this year, 2014, is our 60th anniversary.

Sandra Franz Barnes and her husband Phil have moved into a senior community, Birch Hill Terrace in Manchester, NH. They had to be in a separate cottage there, because their dog barks a lot. (I loved adding that.) They



Sandra Barnes, reading her plaque

are both comfortable and happy in their new home. The library, where she ran "Book Talks" once a month and organized other Book Discussion events about seven times a year, gave a surprise Farewell Party for her. The members gave her a delightful plaque showing the pleasure they had had with her.

Priscilla Strand Berry sent a beautiful Christmas card with her note. During the year she spent her last Christmas present from son Roger and Liz on a trip to New York, and she visited Sleepy Hollow and the house she grew up in, and also visited the Rockefeller Estate. In the fall, grandson Patrick came back to Miami — a sophomore doing very well. She says that the Knolls, where she lives, keeps her very busy with Miami's games, concerts, plays, etc.

Virginia "Jeanie" Meierjohan Fossier has daughter Donna with her. Her son David and wife are nearby. Her son Ross and wife just had Paige, their third baby. They all get together on weekends. Virginia doesn't drive anymore, but she says her kids will take her anywhere. Donna does the cooking and gardening. So Jeanie has a lot of family assistance.

Mildred Carolyn Master's son, John, came from Mexico City, where he lived and taught for about 15 years. He loves it there, and did some U.S. traveling before returning. She has continued to be a member of Children's Book Writers and Authors Guild, but no longer attends the meetings. She beat me by reminding me that Chaucer was the one whose work we memorized when working with Miss Knapp.

Elizabeth Renton Hale (Betty to us, but Liz now) had three of her daughters with her in Florida for New Year's. One was there for a while longer because of the freezing Arctic boom which struck even in Florida, and planes were all held back. The highlight of Liz's year was her cruise to Alaska in September. She is a Master Gardener, and they were holding their international annual conference in a marvelous way by holding it aboard a ship. She experienced gardens in Seattle, Victoria, and also in Alaska which had gardens and plants everywhere.

Delores "Dee" Randles Hutchinson also went on a ship with one of her daughters, and she and Melissa had a delightful 12-day cruise in the Mediterranean last June. They sailed from and then back to Barcelona. At home Dee keeps busy with activities in her "village" and church. She has joined a few bridge groups. She and her three daughters had a nostalgic trip back to Ohio in August. They went to Lebanon, where husband Jack used to live, and Cincinnati, where the girls were born and where they lived before they moved to Atlanta in 1971.

Mieke Van Waveren Smit and Hendrik were busy as usual and she said, "We look back on the year as one well spent and full of interesting and happy events." Dasha, the young piano player they have helped along, graduated from Peabody Institute and they drove her to Florida to the University of Miami Frost School of Music for graduate school. They went to Paris and also Holland and saw the house where Mieke grew up. In November, granddaughter Joy gave them their first great-grandson. That added a generation; Kristin is now a grandmother. The Canadian contingent is doing well — Nick travels to China and Germany, and Antoinette will open a specialty store in the spring. So it looks like it is a happy report of a busy family.

Cornelia Roettcher Levine has finished editing the oral history her husband had been working on, but it has not appeared yet. She still misses him terribly, and I certainly know what she means by that. Her sister Johanna visited her in Berkeley, and they had a good and easy time together. Both are in good health, which is good news. The rest of her family is well — her two older sons and their spouses have work for which they are grateful. There are three grandchildren, one is 13 and still in school; the oldest is a social worker at a hospice clinic, and her brother is a gardener. Corni says she is lucky to have the families all within an hour from where she lives.

Jean Grabill retired about 10 years ago from the Tulsa, OK, City/County Library, where she served as head reference librarian. That was her second career, because before that she spent 25 years as a teacher in the Tulsa Public Schools. She is now living quietly in a house in Tulsa. She remembers friends she had at Western, and that continues to bring her joy. She wishes them all the best. Her house is just two houses away from her son. He and his wife keep in close touch with her.

Dorothy Hayes Hoffman and her husband Pete both say that living on a retirement campus has many advantages. There is no storm insurance and no house painting. If there's a problem, they just call someone to come fix it. Their children are all doing well, and Dottie is happy working at VNA Thrift Shop and playing mah jong two times



Pete and Dottie Hoffman, playing Santa

a week. She added that they are now great-grandparents and enjoying life.

Nancy Lee Blake Harvey's husband, Bill, sent a lovely note saying that he and Nancy are now settled in Ohio in Copeland Oaks, a retirement community for adults over 55. They are in the main building. Nancy has been ill for a while, and she is not able to write notes. Her husband says that Copeland Oaks was founded by the Methodist Church, and he thanks God for the many blessings that he and Nancy have had through the years.

I don't have much to say, except that this year at Christmas our families went to Michigan to daughter Ann's house. Never mind that Michigan snow. In the past, Frank and I at Christmas had always kept all the kids with us; and then we got hotel rooms for the six parents. This year, though, all of the grandchildren were the ones who stayed together in the house, and so I also got a hotel room along with the six parents! For the first time! And for a change, I was not the chef! Now that is worth writing about.

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Ladies, I sincerely hope that by the time you read these notes memories of this winter

will be fading and you will be basking in warmth and sunshine. Unfortunately, as I write this I can look outside and see my poor little car up to its hubcaps in snow and ice with a layer of snow at least four inches thick weighing down its entire frame. The car is an '89 Toyota that has given me years of faithful service, but it's been shivering there like that for a month, and I don't think it's going to forgive me.

I wish I didn't suspect that from now on I will have sad news to tell you each time I write, but I'm afraid that's likely to be the case, considering our age (which doesn't seem to correlate to how old I feel inside. My mind is getting very impatient with my body these days.) I don't mean to treat lightly the losses and stresses we have to deal with. So, let us begin.

Two of our classmates saw a long, happy marriage come to an end this year. In July, **Joanne Vyse Jung** lost Dick, her husband of 58 ½ years. Together, the Junges had traveled to every state in the Union, visiting over 145 national parks. Joanne plans to keep traveling as much as "time and health allow." On September 14, death came to Robb Montgomery, **Catherine Suzanne McLaughlin Montgomery's** husband of 57 years. Their large family, who were a great support all through Robb's illness, are helping Suzie adjust to her new role. Joanne and Suzie, I know the rest of the class join me in sending sympathy to you. Both of you mentioned how many good memories you have — we hope the memory of all those happy times begins to ease your grief.

Joyce Mitchel Appel's e-mail inspired me. Although she had "horrible" back surgery ("I'm afraid my golfing days are over," she says), she is still planning on a family trip to Jamaica in May. The price we humans pay for walking upright! My back sends sympathy to hers. Joyce never fails to mention her roommate, **Frances (?),** which touches me because Frankie and I were the only two members of Dr. Nelson's freshman Latin composition class.

I appreciated **Dianne Busenburg Bradford's** taking the time to answer the e-mailed plea I sent out when I saw how few "blue card" responses I was receiving. Diane still has her travel business, and she and her husband are still traveling, although not quite as much these days since, in her words (which I echo) they "have been blessed" with four great-grandchildren.

If we were offering a prize for the alumna with the most "outside interests" or the most cultural engagements, **Anne Welch Burnett** would surely run away with it. Just listen: "I am still a docent at the Birmingham Museum of Art two days a week, I do the bulk mailing for my church, two book clubs, and a study group, a bridge group, a movie group, a symphony group, an opera group,

and a Red Hat Group." (And with all those activities, she still apologized for not returning a blue card. Amazing.) Anne, you must have been distracted by the thought of the oldest grandchild's wedding, scheduled for June on Long Island. I think I see a lot of red hats tipped to you.

Ingrid Roberta Hoover Chaffee's blue card e-mail brought news of another classmate. Roberta writes, "I stay in touch with **Laura Johnson McFarland**, and hope that maybe someday soon we can visit her and her husband in Arizona, where they go in winter. Maybe some of us will see each other at the 60th reunion, coming up in only two years." (Laura, how about sending us an update on your news in time for our next *Bulletin*?)

In regard to the winter storms in 2013 and 2014, particularly as Atlanta was affected, the best news coverage I saw was that I found on Roberta's Facebook page. I so enjoy being your Facebook "friend," Roberta. And if any of the rest of you are on Facebook and would like to connect with me there, I'd love that. (I am not on FB's payroll, or anything like that, but it's a great way to keep in touch.)

Helen Potts Felsenthal and husband Norman say they are enjoying retirement and "occasional" travel. From their holiday letter I gather that last year's "occasional" travel included at least a two-week stay in Hawaii, two trips to Los Angeles with a side trip to Palm Springs, and a trip to Pittsburg. Sadly, only a few weeks after their stay in Hawaii, the Felsenthals had to travel to Columbus for the funeral of Norm's younger brother and only sibling. You have our sympathy, Norm. On a happier note, The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences honored Norm for his 17 years of heading their scholarship program by presenting him with a crystal pillar bearing the Emmy emblem and awarding a special scholarship in his honor.

After 38 years of life in California, **Carol Morton Friedman** and Mike felt home calling and decided to move back to Ohio. They are glad to be nearer to their oldest daughter and their grandchildren, but Carol is not overjoyed to have picked one of the coldest and snowiest winters in 20 years. She states that she's always maintained, "Ohio has good people and lousy weather." We're glad to have you back, Carol. Does this mean we will see you on campus Reunion weekend?

Back in 1957, when I was still a newcomer to Cincinnati and thought I knew no one in town, **Darlys Tracy Graham** called to tell me that she and her husband, Jesse, were living here. Darlys and I had never been particularly close at Western — I don't think we ever lived in the same dorm — but she invited me to their apartment, and thus be-

gan one of the longest and best friendships of my life. Karl and Jesse hit it off right away, and when her Jeffery and my Michael were born not too far apart, we began to share family experiences. All this is just to say that although the Grahams are now happily settled in West Virginia, while we are still in Cincinnati, Darlys's first hello over the phone erases the time between calls. So if you are thinking of giving someone a call, ladies, go ahead and do it — we're not too old for happy things to happen! Just sayin'.

Mihrican Ozdemir Havens, who lives in Sanford, NC, where snow is a rarity, was delighted to have some arrive one day in early February. She writes, "Perry and I were elated to wake up and find our nine million trees (I exaggerate) covered in snow and looking like my idea of a winter wonderland." Mihrican, in spite of my complaints, I agree — sometimes snow is so beautiful it takes your breath away. And since she and Perry are happy with their new pastime of assembling 1000+ jigsaw puzzles, their unusual snow day was a happy one. It does sound cozy, doesn't it?

Barbara Williams Kearns sent me busily Googling SCAC on my computer to find out what that intrepid classmate of ours had been up to this time. (If you want to laugh a lot, scroll down Google's SCAC entries and enjoy ruling out some you think she couldn't possibly be referring to.) I never did find the exact acronym, but since I knew it had something to do with medieval times and a war and Pennsylvania, I added those words and found the annual Pennsic War event in PA. It is run by the Society for Creative Reenactment. I am guessing that the final C is for Camp, since she mentioned that her need for her oxygen supply necessitated staying in a trailer rather than camping. Barbara said it would probably be her last War (which I doubt) but that she had a great time (which I don't doubt at all). You just can't keep that woman down!

It is hard for me to know how to begin telling you about how **Joyce Roark Philips'** "bucket list kicked in" and started her on an adventurous 2013, so I'll just quote from one of her notes: "After my bout with cancer last year, I decided to quench my adventurous spirit with a once-in-a-lifetime African Safari....The month-long trip was like a *National Geographic* TV special with incredibly beautiful vistas and twice-daily game drives." Joyce visited five different countries on that trip. After the journey, she rested up at a familiar winter retreat in the Sierra Madrid mountains in Mexico. Late spring found her on the go again, for a week-long docent's trip to Washington, DC. "I do believe we hit every art museum and gallery in the area, at least two to three exhibitions a day!" Of course in August she couldn't miss the Dutch Masters Exhibition in Atlanta which included Vermeer's *Girl with a Pearl Earring*. Her last trip was to the Biltmore in

North Carolina. She concludes, "So now the snow has arrived, and I look forward to rest."

I'm worn out after writing about all Joyce's travels, so I'm pretty sure **Patricia Van Auken Robinson** will forgive me if I don't go into detail about her extensive journeys last year. She and Ed are such world travelers. Her most recent trip was to visit her sister Sharon, who lives in Albuquerque. The two of them drove down to El Paso, Texas, where, typically, it was children whom Patty most noticed and commented on, saying, "It was interesting to see the children in Mexico playing soccer on the other side of the fence. I wish the immigration mess could be fixed by our Congress." It's not as if traveling were Patty's only interest. A recent photo on Facebook shows her sitting at the piano, with Betsy, her beautiful orange cat on the bench beside her. Patty is beginning her second year of piano lessons, and I can't decide which I admire most, the piano playing or her Yoga-maintained beautiful posture!

Charlotte Leary Ross and husband Joe could be poster seniors for the AARP magazine. With cancer (Joe) and a heart attack (Char) behind them they manage to mall walk one to three hours a day. Pretty impressive, especially since Joe has had to cope with a late 2013 stress fracture of his left leg. Char says she had phone calls last year from **Jane Peterson Gonzalez** and from **Carol Silvernail Swager**. I was so pleased to receive those calls ... and we had a good chat about them and their families." (As I said before, ladies, if you are considering a phone call to a friend, go ahead and make it! You'll make someone else's day, and your own as well.)

How could I not know this? "**Shanta Serbjeet Singh**, for 25 years, columnist, critic and media analyst for *The Hindustan Times*, *The Economic Times* and *The Times of India*, India's most important mainstream English dailies, is the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Sangeet Natak Akademi, the premier Government cultural institution of India in 2000 and the same from Delhi Govt.'s Sahitya Kala Parishad in 2003 for her contribution to the field of culture." (www.narthaki.com/info/intervw/interv115o.html) If you, like me, have been unaware of Shanta's many accomplishments, I urge you to Google her name. It was such a sweet surprise to receive a blue card e-mail from Shanta, where she speaks of "...that one and a half years at Western, its impact on my mind, in my heart, in my memories..." She concludes, "A big salute then, to that gush of warmth, that fragrance of chestnut trees in fall and the lifelong relationships that I made at Western." Do Google Shanta's name — you will be amazed by all she has done. And, Shanta, thanks so much for getting back in touch.

Suzanne Schmidt Smith reports cheerfully that she's sold her house and moved into

a one-room apartment with a view of the Golden Gate bridge: "Sorting into give to Deborah, to David, to the cabin, books for everyone, especially the children at church and still too much for me." We all know how that is, don't we? But before the move she had a fabulous trip with friends from church: "I got my feet wet in the Jordan, the Dead Sea and Lake Galilee; witnessed baptisms in the Jordan, a renewal of marriage vows in Cana, and Palm Sunday in Nazareth and prayed for peace at the Wailing Wall." What a wonderful trip that must have been, Suzie!

Ann Hopper Sneden had time for only a sentence or two, but this one, I think, is very meaningful. She says, "My trips have all been to see family this past year — and nothing beats that." I couldn't agree more, Ann.

When **Nancy Britton Soth** mentioned that she has been busy editing books this year, and is thinking about another book on Northfield life, I decided it would be easier to consult Amazon than search around the house for the title of her first book about Northfield. (Turns out, the title is *Fantasy Northfield*.) When I entered her name, I found a 1997 "narrative bibliography, titled *Informed Treatment* by her. This academic text has received all sorts of professional praise, and that must be why it is still in print and available through Amazon. It sounds very impressive. But to get back to the Northfield book, I remember how Nancy's sense of humor pervades the book — I'd love to read another. And I can't resist relaying her closing remark, "Have been hoping for a good photo for my obituary, and Who Knew? My passport photo just taken at Walgreen's will be perfect." True "gallows humor," Nancy.

I could tell you all about **Carol Silvernail Swager's** many activities on Sheridan Wyoming's library board, about the doings of the large family she and Warren raised, including grandson Joel who lived with her and Warren from his junior year in high school until the worrisome time he was in Afghanistan, and who has now bought Carol's mother's house right next door. But instead, I want to quote what she had to say in regard to Sheridan's plan for a new hospital: "When we moved here the hospital was a converted house and Warren was truly a country doctor practicing there, delivering babies, and doing various surgeries. The town x-ray was in his office two doors down the street, so they just wheeled the patient down there. They never lost a patient." What a great anecdote, Carol. (I assume that Sheridan's need for a new hospital is not because the one you just described is the current one.) Just teasing, of course.

The end of the alphabet, and it was so good to receive news from **Barbara Ballinger Sweet** to conclude with. Barb and George moved from Arizona back to Pennsylvania, so they can be near family. Their 10-acre

farm adjoins daughter Becky's larger one. In spite of waiting for a hip replacement, Barb helps with the care of animals and grandchildren. The two families have a goat herd (as well as horses and chickens) and Barb says she can make "a good goat cheese and roast a mean goat leg." On another note, Barb and George are very proud to say that their granddaughter, Whitney, whom they reared from the time she was a 15-month old baby, is a communications major in Bethany College and doing very well there.

As for the **Millers**, life is good, everyone happy and healthy. Candlewick is making progress on my upcoming biography of Paul Laurence Dunbar, titled *Jump Back, Paul*, and illustrated by the talented Sean Qualls. I am hoping it won't be too long before *Sunday Shopping*, a picture book illustrated by Shadra Strickland, comes out from Lee & Low. While I await the arrival of those, I am enjoying researching and writing the life of a remarkable woman of the 19th and early 20th centuries, Gene Stratton-Porter, who was so much more than her reputation as an outdated Indiana novelist indicates. She was not, in actuality, a Western woman, but in spirit she was. And it was fellow Westerner, **Mary DeJong Obuchowski, '61**, who brought her back to my attention. Mary and I were taking part in a panel presentation at Reunion last spring, and when Mary spoke of *Field o' My Dreams*, her anthology of Stratton-Porter's poetry, she sparked my interest and started me on this latest absorbing project.

See what coming to Reunion can do, Ladies? If I manage to keep myself upright between now and then, I hope to see you there! Till then, take care of yourselves.

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June Regan Young and her husband enjoy the warmth and sunshine of Florida, every year, escaping the wrath of the northern winter. On the home front, June continues with her crafting and participates in craft

shows. She exercises with perseverance and determination, thus setting an excellent example for the rest of us.

After a lifetime of playing the piano, **Janet McKee Banks** is having the time of her life studying organ, and recently was asked to play for the Sunday morning service in her Church. She was so thrilled because of the magnificence of the organ. Jan has found such joy in her continuing education.

Polly Martin Hawver writes, "Derek retired from his practice of psychiatry, so he and I are both taking courses at Hopkins' program for seniors three days a week. We keep in close touch with our two sons and their families, who live within a 40-minute drive. Our daughter and her family come to Rehoboth Beach, where we rent houses near each other. We highly recommend the Grand Circle river cruises, having been on the France, Germany, and Eastern Europe ones. For May of 2014, we have planned a trip to Sicily and Southern Italy with Derek's brother and his wife. We have been in Kensington, MD, for over 30 years and are still waiting for you to stop by! Wish you all a healthy year!"

Jane Austin Harris finds it a balancing act being the age she is and still finding more joys than negatives: "My daughter, Cindy, attended her year at Miami in Peabody Hall where her grandmother and I had spent our freshman year. It was a beautiful campus and lovely experience, and with a few of the professors I valued. She was in the Western interdisciplinary program. Although she graduated from the University of Michigan, she still references that year with appreciation. She is a dedicated teacher, and as many who have high ideals for the education of young children, she finds it more and more difficult in the system as it is today — more tests, more young inexperienced administrators domineering. Wish there was a gray panthers organization to fight for the return of high ideals in education.

"I am honored to have a woman as a life partner. We met at San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1986. In Colorado, the state house made it sound like going to the court house to register a car when they said 'we will not ratify marriages, but you can register as domestic partners,' so we did that, then went for a burrito at the local roadside stand and on out 129 to have strawberry ice cream on the deck at the Clark Store. It's old wild west out there. Cindy planned a beautiful trip for us in the Dolomites of Italy last month. We went to watch my grandson compete in Nordic Combined in Junior World Championships. I am grateful that he has been able to practice the sport for which he has such a passion. To see the venues that the European athletes have to train on is amazing.

"Well, that few lines became a stream of consciousness, maybe we should each write our memories. How many of you still sing 'Water the tree, happy are we, this is the joy of life, our tree must thrive, we keep it alive, with watering can in hand'?"

Jocelyn Wilkins Wilks says it was "over the river and through the woods to grandma's house, and a fun year for all, culminating with 18 here for Thanksgiving and all returning for Christmas Day and a sleep-over."

One summer event was a week at OBX (the outer banks at Nags Head), where they had a house large house to accommodate all, complete with elevator, which the dogs thought was fun. "Every time they heard it approaching, they would run to get on for a ride. I had as much or more fun just floating on a raft in the pool, usually accompanied by a dog, than I did in the ocean."

Another family event was a three-day camping trip in the foothills of Virginia. Wilkses were joined by their two college freshmen at James Madison University and three granddogs. "The hardcore campers slept in tents while some of us were 'glamping' (glamorously camping) in cabins with all the amenities — including five heating zones, comfortable mattresses, and a well-furnished kitchen with everything but a stove. We had fun cooking all our meals over campfires. The 'we' was the Royal We as I did none of the cooking. The men did all the camp cooking. After three days of camping, hiking, fishing, panning for gem stones (a simulation of the gold rush days of panning for gold) we were ready to break camp. But before leaving we decided our next outing would be a ski/snowboarding weekend sometime between Christmas and the end of February. Those who do neither (that would be me for one) will be in the lodge by a fire drinking a cup of something warm. They say we are in for a colder and snowier winter here in Virginia.

"I continue for over a year now to be a raw vegan and have accumulated some great recipes if anyone is interested. All organic, no GMOs, and nothing dehydrated (heated) above 105 degrees. Peace, love and good health, to all."

Phyllis Yeamans Bailey has some news: "My grandson, Spence Bailey, is amazing and I guess I need to tell you he is at Loyola and majoring in Music Industry. He is a guitarist, singer, and composer, and has two recordings he's completed — his own band, his own music — and he is so happy. I tried to convince him NOT to major in music, but it is in his soul. He had to do that, but so differently than I did! His sister, Claire Bailey, graduated from the University of Miami in Florida, where **Donna Shalala '62** is president. Amazing how we all connect isn't it? We are doing OK — a different life for sure,

but having wonderful friends and family visiting all the time is truly a blessing."

"Wish I could help you out with some really salacious news," writes **Marty Koehler Nichols**, "but I've been Nurse Nelly, or is it Nurse Ratchet, for about a year. Jack had hip and knee replacement, three days apart, in June and recuperation has been slow with many complications. We are in Florida now so at least we are avoiding the miserable weather in the Mid-Atlantic. We walk a little because it is flat, but so far he hasn't been able to play golf and do any touring. So it goes, as you well know. I still miss Gretchen so much, but I am so glad I can keep in touch with **Sally Raub** and **Joan Avakian**."

Sally Raub Alkire enjoys playing bridge pretty often and has read a few good books, but "life is happily pretty quiet and sedate." She and Jim are in relatively good shape for which they are grateful. Jim is still in stage four kidney failure, but watches his number closely and has it under control. They volunteer packing and delivering backpacks of food for an elementary school in Lafayette. Sally is amazed at the numbers of children that receive free lunches and thus qualify for the backpack weekend food donations. Their church is one of several in the area that are participating, and all the area schools are involved.

Sally attended the Western meeting in Indianapolis November and had a nice visit with **Jane Smucker Fryman**. (**Liz Vance Frydell** and a couple of others from '58 were unable to come.) WCAA director Mackenzie Becker Rice "filled us in on all the building being done on campus ... quite a change. Miami seems to be growing like our Purdue University."

There's not much going on in **Carol Towne Schaub's** life, but their daughter, Melissa, had some good news. "She teaches in a university and you know the old saying, 'Publish or perish.' She started out to write a paper and ended up with so much material that she ended up with a book. It was published by Palgrave Macmillan. It's an analysis of a certain character trait in classic British detective fiction using five authors' works. She told us, very casually, that she has been nominated for an Edgar award (in the critical/biographical category), given by the Mystery Writers of America. The winners are announced at a banquet May 1st in New York City and she wants me to attend with her! Our son, Buddy, continues to play in the SKA band Less Than Jake. His most recent tours have been to England and Australia."

Juli Beasley Kinchla had a wonderful conversation with **Cay Kawallek Manildi** over the holidays and they were able to catch up on "children, grandchildren, health, future plans, and life in general. Interestingly, we found out we are both residing in a Sun City.

Hers is outside of Palm Springs, CA, and will be their permanent home in a year or so, and mine is outside of Austin, TX. There's a lot to be said for warm winters! I'm happy to report we both appear to be in pretty good health and share a love of spending time with our grandchildren. My son had twins last February, and I'm living close enough to help babysit when he is out of town — but I freely admit it was a lot easier to do 40 years ago.

Over the past months living here in Texas, I have been struck by how much many of the issues that come up in this state today resemble those battles of the '60s, especially when it comes to women's lives, access to health care, voting rights and educational opportunities. It makes me all the more appreciative of the stand that was taken by the Western faculty so many years ago."

Jane Smucker Fryman and husband Jack enjoyed a Road Scholar trip to Costa Rico; visits to and from children and grandchildren, and some of Jack's veteran buddies from Army days. She further writes, "2014 is the 50th anniversary of Freedom Summer. I was talking to President Hodge about all the events being held. It is the year of 'Freedom' on the Miami campus. He shared with me how much he admired Western College for Women and how much it was ahead in civil rights, international education, and women's rights. *Finding Freedom*, edited by Jacky Johnson, WCMA archivist, is very good. President Young, Phyllis Hoyt and other members of the administration took action that supported their convictions in having the Western Campus used for the training of the students going to Mississippi."

Cay Kawallek Manildi and Bruce have had a very busy year. They sold their ranch home in the Santa Cruz area of California and will be moving south to a new home in Palm Desert the beginning of 2015. "Much family history involved in the sale, so quite an emotional decision. However, as Bruce says, time to start a new episode in our lives. We are blessed with an older set of eight grandchildren and a younger set of seven grandchildren. It makes it nice to see them grow up, but keeps us going chasing around the little ones. Memories of Western are strong and hoping that many of us will try to be together for the big 60th."

From **Karla Noelle Galantay**: "We went to an Asian restaurant last night, but the duck was too dry and the Chinese salad had too much sugar. We won't go back there. Otherwise, it's rain, rain, rain."

Following a bad fall, hip surgery, and long months of rehab last year, **Betty Strong Miller** is comfortable in a lovely personal care center in Kennett Square, PA. She sends good wishes to all.

Marie Uvegas Holt is surely the class poet, and writes of her many activities, including doctors' visits, computer prowess, bridge cleverness, traveling, family and friends in poetic style.

I can always count on **Joan Avakian Poritsky** to respond to any of my messages with words of comfort and cheer. Thanks, Joan.

Rosalind Chu lives with her brother and his wife in Concord, NJ. In a recent phone conversation, she had the same joy in her voice as I remembered from years long ago.

I wish I had heard more from of our classmates, but I can only hope that the year has not been too harsh, weatherwise or otherwise. Here in Florida, I do love to smell the roses and gardenias, but don't take enough time to do so. I have just completed another book, *A Guide to Teaching Violin*, am playing my violin less, but continue to love teaching with a reduced student load. I have joined the world of smart phones and have almost mastered some of the apps.

My nine grandchildren bring me great joy as I watch them reach for great heights from second grade through graduate levels. My oldest grandson will soon have completed his first year at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, and loves being in the Men's Glee Club. He is studying Chinese, like his Grandpa Harris who may be watching from on high.

My husband just celebrated his 90th birthday, and sets a good example for me to continue exercising and reading. We rejoice in our many blessings, and try to ignore the knees, back, shoulders, and obstinate fingers.

Perhaps, we can meet together at Western in 2018, compare notes, and provide a strong shoulder for each other. I send my love, good wishes, words of good comfort and cheer, to each of you.

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Are we 75? REALLY?

I think we're all in disbelief on this subject. **Claudia White Gilmartin** mentioned it along with her news from New Hampshire. She continues to enjoy her digs but did mention the unusual amount of snow they were experiencing. And winter had only just begun! Son Rich has popped the question and will marry this year. Claudia continues her involvement with Friendship Force Club that hosts and travels on exchanges. She and **Betty Milligan Kipp** had a fun phone conversation making plans for a reunion when Betty visits her two college-age granddaughters at the U. of New Hampshire.

Betty continues to love Savannah. A new bathroom took the place of a major trip this year. She was about to have anterior double hip surgery and hoping that the immediate "up, walking and home in two days" prediction was correct. Hers was the best observation this year: "I get snappier as I get older!" Let's all try for that.

Last year was full of mixed emotions for **Izzy Oteo-DeMartinez**. On the plus side she and husband Rafael celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and both experienced milestone birthdays; he, his 80th. Sadly he died last fall from various complications from Parkinson's which he had endured quite well until the last few years. Izzy was well cared for by her children and many friends.

Sara White Arn reports from St. Louis that they got a lot of use out of Medicare last year with husband Dale's shoulder replacement and her new knee. They spent time driving to Florida, visiting friends along the way, and traveling to a family wedding in Colorado. The following has got to be a record: five of their grandchildren earned degrees last year from high school up through graduate school. The high-schoolers are in college and the rest are gainfully employed. Their first grandchild will be married this summer.

For the fourth winter, Coop and **Cathy Bauer Cooper** rode out the worst of the northern weather on St. Simons Island. Coop has officially retired while Cathy continues her excellent editorial work on our semi-annual Western Bulletin with a few extra assignments on the side. The whole family was together for Christmas which includes Matt from Oregon and Katy and family from New York.

Connie Everett Cunningham reports a "wonderful" year. She continues to bike around West Cliff, CA, and does water aer-

obics twice a week. She boasts no complaints of aches and pains! She flew to Honolulu to stay with **Barbara Kong Vlachos** for 10 days and attend a women's conference. Later this year she will take a cruise from Quebec, visiting several ports, and ending in NYC.

It seems Connie has visited roomie Barb many times, but on this trip Connie wanted to see Shangri-La, the residence of Doris Duke. A highlight of a trip to Honolulu, it holds an unequalled collection of Middle-Eastern art and artifacts. Barb boasted of the lovely Hawaiian weather while most of us were enduring a miserably cold, snowy winter. As always, she sends us all a "fond aloha!"

In Atlanta, **Alice Anderson Stallings** gave up her membership in the Episcopal Church last year and became a Catholic. Fifty-two percent of her parish is Hispanic so she has renewed her interest in the language. Along with their children, Alice's daughter and son-in-law have now lived in Greece for 14 years. He is a free-lance writer for PBS and Al-jazeera. Daughter Alicia E. Stallings, a poet, recently won the MacArthur Genius grant for her considerable body of work.

Jackie Powers Sheldrick in Battle Creek, MI, reports that since her children and grandchildren are all grown up, she keeps happily busy with such activities as AAUW, bridge, golf, and the theater. She also travels as much as possible: Last year she went to England, Scotland and Wales; took a bus trip around Michigan; and spent Christmas in Dallas. Next year she plans a visit to Ireland.

Kathie Howard Sutherland and husband John once again win the world traveler award. In addition to trips around the country to visit children and grandchildren, Kathy led a Senior College trip to Turkey including visits to Troy, Istanbul, and Ephesus. Later in the year they spent a week on a Norwegian fjord cruise. Back home in Portland, ME, they both taught courses — separately and together — at the Senior College. And both continued to volunteer with Hospice. Kathy also remains active with the World Affairs Council of Maine.

Ann Hammond was on her way out the door for a trip up and down the coast of Norway, hoping to see the northern lights.

I was so pleased to hear from **Susan Wylie Moran**. She and **Karen Mylting Dougald** left us after our sophomore year to attend Penn State. She and husband Peter live in Wilmington, DE. Susan had a career in advertising for over 20 years retiring in 2003 as a Sr. VP and has done consulting work since. Daughter Wylie is in advertising in Richmond, VA, and son Peter lives nearby in Wilmington. His family includes two children, and three stepchildren. Susan keeps

fit playing a number of sports and observes that we all must stay active and interested in life and what it brings us.

Susie Williams Keefer sends greetings from Wheeling, WV, where she reports on three family graduations: their daughter with a doctorate in pharmacy, her son from high school, and grandson Calvin from preschool. This summer the entire clan will gather for a beach vacation. Nineteen under one roof!

Avid Boston Red Sox fan **Carol Cooper Henry** reports that she has retired from U. S. Zone (swimming) judging. Husband Bill is still doing surgery three days a week in his large veterinary practice where their son, Charlie, is business manager. Other son, Bill, was the head editor of the NBC series *Smash*. Daughter Annie has three daughters and lives in California. She qualified for the Half Ironman Worlds last year in Las Vegas where the Henrys traveled to cheer her on. Proud mother Carol reports that Annie does equally well in triathlons.

Pete and **Syd Stout Benson** became proud great-grandparents of two babies last year, while their grand-twins turned five! The Bensons enjoyed a Road Scholar program in Chautauqua, New York. They continue to be very involved in their church. Last fall Syd campaigned for the passing of a school levy in Medina, OH, which turned out to be the first one passed since 2005.

In Atlanta, **Val Cook Clark** is hoping family history will repeat itself. When Val's grandmother was 100, Val's grandson Tyler was born. Fingers crossed that the five-generation thing will happen again this spring when Tyler's wife is due. Yike!

Husband Dennis and **Patty Rees Dewey** had a year of celebrations including major events for their "Diamond Jubilee" birthdays when son Joe surprised them from Germany. The three also celebrated Thanksgiving together with a trip down the Rhine and Main Rivers to Nuremburg. Then it was on to Brussels to visit Patty's brother and back to Stuttgart for Christmas.

Just before my deadline I received a sad note from **Nancy Johnson Marshall** in Eagle, ID. She reports that husband Ron went into the hospital for a somewhat routine pacemaker adjustment, but the procedure went very wrong and he died. Her three children have rallied around her and she is slowly coming to terms with her new reality. She was about to leave for a vacation in Palm Desert with longtime friends.

Ed and I keep plugging along. We do keep very busy — sometimes too busy — with extracurricular projects. We often remind ourselves that we are so lucky to be in a position to be doing things that we enjoy. And it keeps us off the streets!

Thanks to all of you who wrote me. I wish you guys who are reading this and have not communicated in a while would do so. Everyone would love to hear from you. Write me now. I'll save it until next year ...

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Nancy Smith Carlson and her husband have spent the winter in warmer climates. They took a nice cruise. Late in the winter, they followed the UConn huskies in the basketball tournament action. Nancy's husband had been dealing with health issues. As Nancy writes, "most everything but time seems to have slowed down!" Amen!

News from **Judy Dudman Henderson**: "After five trips to Malawi in 5½ years doing ministry with the University of Livingstonia, last September we celebrated their 10th anniversary! Upon returning, David and I regrouped making two bucket list trips: to Zion National Park and North Rim of Grand Canyon and to the Rose Bowl Parade. In June, the entire family is joining us at Balboa Park in California to celebrate our 50th Anniversary ... not bad for a three-week courtship! Together we'll revisit our one-day honeymoon spot at Disneyland. Love serving on WCAA Board of Trustees at this time. The Legacy Project is truly exciting!"

My news is pretty much as usual. The farm is still in operation, oldest grandchild (Linda) is a freshman at UVA in Charlottesville, VA; two cousins are college shopping for 2015 fall entrance; and #4 daughter, Lucy, is back at YWAM and headed on a missions trip to Kenya in June. The two cataract surgeries last year did wonders.

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Suzanne Lutz May said the wedding of Christopher and Jessa was "certainly my biggest event of the year. This was a lovely weekend with family and friends in a new part of the country (Arkansas) for a lot of us. I was particularly glad that **Ann Walton** was able to attend. After the wedding the newlyweds returned to Denver where Christopher is in school at the University of Colorado and Jessa is teaching high school math. Jessa and Christopher joined me in New York for Thanksgiving, which also gave me the opportunity to throw them a party so they could meet some of my NY/NJ friends. Christmas was celebrated back in Fayetteville with Jessa's family. I'm really lucky there is a direct flight from NYC to Fayetteville."

July took Sue for her regular week on Star Island, NH. Christopher joined her there for a few days before the conference began, to select a location for Bernie's stone in the Island's Memorial Garden. During the week several families gathered and placed the stones in the chosen location during a brief ceremony.

In August, she traveled to Michigan for a mini family reunion with her sister and her family. Then it was on to Bob and **Edie**

Molumby's cottage on Crystal Lake, along with **Ann Walton**. "It was wonderful for us to be together," says Sue.

Edie Taylor Molumby tells us more about the visit with Sue and Ann. This trio had not been together since their joint 65th birthday celebration a couple of years ago. Their visit was unexpectedly cut short by Edie having severe back pain. In the short time they had together, Edie said they laughed, reminisced and remembered the fun times we had had with Bernie and each other. Sue and Ann helped Edie and Bob pack up so they could head back to Illinois. Edie relates that she has had a left hip replacement and is awaiting her right hip replacement surgery this spring. She also says she looks forward to hearing from her Western classmates at Christmas. Edie, we wish you the very best and a quick rehab this spring.

Ann Walton has been a vagabond, house-sitting for friends in 2013 after selling her house and storing her belongings. It has given her a great sense of freedom. She had family reunions in Chicago and Ohio this past year. In August, she had a brief visit with **Sue Lutz May** and **Edie Taylor Molumby**. In October, she went on a Mediterranean Cruise and then traveled to Arkansas for Christopher May's wedding. November found her in Florida. Since then it has been a very COLD and SNOWY winter in Michigan. She wishes everyone a great 2014.

Sally Sweitzer Skewis had a year of transition. Sally's mother, age 98, passed away on Memorial Day (2013). They had lived together since 1989 and Sally had been caring for her since 2002. Her mother donated herself to the UNR Med School so that she continues to teach the med students. In January, she had to deal with the passing of her faithful dog (13 years). Sally says she misses them both so very much. Sally plans to work full-time for two to three more years and continue volunteering as a psych consultant for the sheriff's hostage negotiation team, which she has done for 15 years. Her plans are to rent a condo and give up the "joys" of home ownership to provide some freedom. I hope she will take the time to figure out what will make her happy so she can enjoy the retirement she has earned. She hopes all our classmates and their families are enjoying good health and looking forward to many activities in their lives.

Carol Maturo Ward has also lost her mother, who died at the end of 2013. Her husband had a professional commitment in



Happy mother-of-the-groom Sue Lutz May '66

Chicago in early January, so they were there during the storm Hercules and the attached polar vortex. Carol mentions that she had some of her own health issues to deal with, as well as assisting her father-in-law (98), who lives alone. Based on the current weather reports, Carol is still dealing with the endless series of winter storms. We hope the spring comes soon and she has time to recover from these challenging situations.

Cynthia Crossan continues as pastor of the First Congregational Church in Whately, MA. Miss Micks would be proud. Cynthia has also continued her writing in two very different ways. She has written/published this February a text on child sexual abuse (*Confronting Child and Adolescent Sexual Abuse*). She also wrote a children's book (her first) called *Only Daddy's Dog*. It was designed to help children of veterans understand the purpose of a service dog. This complements her work in placing specially trained service dogs with veterans with combat-related PTSD. The book has generated quite a bit of interest and even spawned a website: www.onlydaddysdog.com. In addition, Cynthia has signed a contract to write a college text to help train those interested in working with veterans and their families, together with a colleague, Dr. Anthony Rizzuto. She closes with these words: "Life is busy but I enjoy every minute of it."

Nancy James-Frese continues as owner of her insurance agency in Concord, MA. In her free time, she enjoys tennis, swimming and sings in her 70-voice church choir at First Parish in Concord. She also serves on a number of community and charitable boards and committees. Her husband, Rick Frese, semi-retired from Bentley University, has published his first book, *Concord and*

the Civil War, an untreated chapter of Concord's history (as we dwell so largely on Concord's part in the Revolution and the Transcendentalist movement). The book was published in February and Rick has many speaking engagements scheduled.

Hazel Drew is enjoying her tenure on the Western College Alumnae Association's Board of Trustees and would like to encourage all her classmates to support our upcoming Legacy Project. She continues to travel with her daughter. In 2013, they visited Dubai to see what unlimited money could buy. It was an amazing place and they had a great time. She recently won a raffle prize for a weekend trip to an all-inclusive resort in Ocho Rios in Jamaica West Indies. She is looking forward to that trip. "Life is good."

Sue Ray Woodworth was forced to cancel a trip to the English Lake District last summer due to illness. She is really looking forward to a trip down the Danube River this summer. This trip will let her cross Prague and Budapest off her bucket list and she will be celebrating her 70th birthday in Vienna! Her note made me wonder whether any of our classmates have a bucket list and what is on it? I may have to add that to my list of to do's.

Kay Levy Harris wrote that after 30 years in commercial real estate, her company is now mostly working on referrals and repeat business. She has focused on precision manufacturing companies, which has led her to a new passion: matchmaking between client companies and schools to fill their worker pipelines which have been drying up. Also, she works with technical and public schools to match their students with her client companies. Her goal is to level the playing field in terms of a diverse workforce, including women who are starting or returning to work. Pay equity for women is a particular interest for her. Kay is blessed with four beautiful grandchildren. One of her two daughters has moved close, which allows her to be part of their lives. She added that her best achievement has been working the 12 steps of AA to recover from compulsive eating and other addictions. She is thinking clearly now and enjoying a rich and productive life in the Twin Cities. Thanks for sharing your success.

Just before mailing our class news in, I received an e-mail from Western that they had received **Jennifer Ellen Daily's** death notice. She died in July 2011 in Friendship, OH. Ellen was a former copy editor for *Time* magazine. She is survived by her brother, nieces, and nephews.

In 2013, Rich and I planned this major shift from Silicon Valley to a rural environment. First, we bought a 9-acre ranch in Prineville, OR. I know you have never heard of it — neither had we. It is east of Redmond and northeast of Bend. In the fall we sold

our house in California and headed north. Why a ranch? So we can have horses and be able to raise enough hay for the horses. Rich and I are enjoying the slower pace here. Though we miss our many friends in California, we are closer to our oldest son and daughter-in-law and two of our three grown grandchildren. I have started volunteering at a local horse rescue and re-training center. My natural horsemanship training is really beneficial in helping these neglected or abused horses trust a human for the first time or again. This fall we attended my 50th high school reunion in Joliet, IL. In just two years, we will be celebrating our 50th Western Reunion. Let's start reaching out to our classmates and let them know we would like to have them join us. Thank you to all who sent their news and to all who are reading this news ...

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I hope you have all had a happy, healthy 2013. The year brought many changes in my life. I am now happily living with my partner, Joel, in Berkeley in a 100-year-old house within walking distance of shops, restaurants, hiking trails, a movie theater and good local transportation. And all the excitement of living in a university town, especially Berkeley! My sister, **Gretchen Blake Roy '71**, and I had several visits both at her home in Maine and at our dad's in North Carolina. In the fall **Jacqui Wallace FF/Alumnae Director** and **Diana Koch Mascali '59** came for lunch — and to check out my new digs! Joel and I are just back from NYC (mid-February 2014), where we experienced the storm Geri mentions below, and had dinner with **Pamela Knowles '70**, **Maria Maldonado '70**, Maria's husband and the daughter of **Sappho Haralambous '70**. In April of 2014 Joel and I will visit Greece for a month, spending about 10 days with Sappho.

Betsy Bacon Morgan wonders how many of us are working on our 50th high school reunions this year. Their class has the time (last weekend in June) and place. One of their classmates recently retired as editor



Margie Bowles '68 (right), catching up with Nancy Kobayashi '69

of the *Miami Herald* and will edit their reunion yearbook. "We're the best there are no more like the class of '64." Their school was 7-12 for 10 years, then dissolved into a 5th year center, then 7th and 8th grades, and finally shut down. It was resurrected into a charter school, and now a fine arts charter school shares the building: Harding High School, Oklahoma City, OK. (I'm sure many of us have similar stories about our schools.)

Sandra Chanis spent the New Year in Iceland, where her animator daughter (Jeanette Bonds) got married to a wonderful Icelandic man. Unbelievably, while the Eastern U.S. was freezing, she was walking in downtown Reykjavik with a sweater, scarf and a hat!! She recommends everyone to visit Iceland. While there, she had the great honor of spending time with the First Woman President, Vigdis Finnbogadóttir who facilitated the meeting between Reagan and Khrushchev. What an amazing woman! Meeting her closed Sandy's trip with a "Golden Broach." Last year Sandra curated an art auction for the Oceanside Museum of Art; it was so successful and she had so much fun that they asked her to do it again in 2014 and ... she agreed.

Margie Custer Bowles is employed again! She is working three hours a week tutoring at the neighborhood library. The commute is one block! What a change from the hour each way from the full-time teaching job which she retired from in 2008. Counting sea otters in Elkhorn Slough is another activity which she does weekly. Margie does this as a volunteer at the Elkhorn Slough Reserve, helping out in research, working with school children in the lab where they investigate microscopic animals that live in the slough, and guiding visitors to the Reserve. She and her husband, Bob, toured the Black Sea last summer and spent August in Greece.

Nancy Wilson Kobayashi '69 contacted Margie while she was visiting family in

Monterey. The two of them spent a couple of hours talking about their memories of Western, former classmates, and what they have been doing in the years since graduation. They plan to meet again when Nancy is back in the area.

Kitsy Dunlop is still dancing (horseback riding) with her handsome husband Greg in Cedar Key, FL, and enjoying retirement in the small, rural, fishing/art community. She set off on an adventure with Greg to meet Brian and **Brenda Lee Bell** at their new home in the famous, exotic community of The Villages, FL, where seniors never sleep (ha, ha). What fun to have a Western/Ohio connection so close. The midwestern connection runs deep and is an anchor that still holds fast! Kitsy wishes a new year of health and aspirations realized to all.

Kathy Evans Findley and Jim had a very busy year with the painful completion of their master bath — it took professionals four months! Jim sold his financial advisor and tax prep businesses, and labored to consolidate three professional offices into one home site. They went down memory lane with Jim's 50th high school reunion in New York and a 60th grade school evening. While it was fun to see old (!) friends, a highlight was to visit the 9/11 Memorial. Son James is still hopeful of getting his Ph.D. in 2014, and continues to enjoy teaching at UNC Greensboro. Kate's daughter Sophie is in England with her father for a year, so Kathy, Jim, and James flew to very frigid South Dakota for Christmas with Kate. Thank goodness for Skype! The Findleys look forward to flying to Lisbon for a 70th anniversary D-Day and Normandy cruise, ending in Hamburg, Germany. They welcome any visitors to eastern NC when it's not paralyzed from an ice/snow storm!

Susan Fackler Sykes continues her work as an Independent Educational Consultant and rather than cutting back, seems to be more active than ever since taking a position on the board of directors of the Independent Educational Consultants' Association. She says she'll stay with it as long as she enjoys the work. She and Bob (who renewed their wedding vows in August to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary) continue to scuba dive and are making their fourth trip to Indonesia in March. They're considering doing more land-based travel, but Susan's having trouble letting go of her love of underwater photography.

Jennifer French Sponsler spent a lot of time in 2013 recovering from hip revision surgery. I know we all wish you well, Jennifer, and hope that you are now doing fine!

Anne Galbraith Rothrock has worked at the Y in Belfast, ME, for about a year now doing the orientations for new members. She teaches them to use the weight-training equipment safely. January is the busi-

est time of the year because of New Year's resolutions, so she has worked four days a week instead of two or three. She and Brit are going to Holland with the Y in the spring to see the tulips. Anne has never been to Europe and is looking forward to it. Anne and Brit went to Western's class reunion in May and had a great time. Brit was even made an honorary member of our class. We will attend again!

Susan Hackley has, in addition to her day job, an engrossing personal project, making a documentary film about the impact of war on America's children. Nearly two million American children have a parent who has been to war, and most Americans don't think about the effects of war on our children. She hopes to film across the country, so hopes you will contact her if you know families they can interview. Or if you know how to make a documentary film! Susanhackley@gmail.com

Faith Heller Willinger had an article on chocolate published in *La Cucina Italiana*. "A new wave of enterprising chocolatiers has transformed Italy's confectionary landscape. Faith Willinger travels to Piedmont, Tuscany, and Sicily to bite into these sweet discoveries." Here's the link: <http://lacucinaitalianamagazine.com/article/chocolatour#sthash.gkarEhy0.dpuf>

Hayat Imam would like to take this opportunity to wish all her Western College sisters peace and health in the upcoming year. She is looking forward to her daughter Maya's graduation from medical school this June and to a trip to Iceland with her husband, Joseph, in March of this year. Her grandchildren, Isabel and Hassan (11 and 5, respectively), keep her busy and delighted! She sends her thanks to Susy for keeping us connected!

Pat Jayson had a visit with **Barbara Williamson Wentz** and Erv in the fall.

Martha Kitchen Casazza founded a national and international consulting business with a longtime colleague two years ago to work with colleges and universities to build student support systems with the focus on not only providing access to college for traditionally underserved students but facilitating their success. They will be presenting a paper in Stockholm this June based on student interviews they have done in the U.S., Canada, and South Africa. She and her partner traveled to Kazakhstan where she taught a class in pedagogy for two weeks. The students were wonderful, and the country was awesome in many ways. She and Larry visited Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, a trip they had wanted to take since their protest days in the '60s. It was fascinating to hear from different perspectives about the "American War" and Uncle Ho. They also went to Croatia in the fall, a country they found to be among the most beautiful they



Barbara Wentz (left), visiting Pat Jayson

have discovered. Travel is definitely one of their favorite activities. She and Larry found out they would be grandparents again, for the fourth time, when their youngest son announced the expected birth of another boy in March 2014. That will make two boys and two girls.

Geri Kuscher Pizzi is working on Family Audio Memoirs and happily living in the Fairfax, VA, area. She has downsized into a small apartment, but still finds time to garden and go for long walks with her little 8-lb. chocolate French Poodle that she rescued from the Amish in Lancaster. They are known for their puppy mills. Daughter Julia, 31, is still living in New York, and working for a large law firm in litigation. Robert, 25, lives nearby in Alexandria, and works for the Human Rights Commission in DC on Dupont Circle. At the time of this writing, Geri is preparing for the "biggest storm ever" — as it's being hyped. And she would love to see or hear from **Vicky Choy**, who lives in the DC area.

Brenda Lee Bell is enjoying Florida and her new life. Although snow is wonderful, not shoveling is delightful. So is retirement, which gives her time at last for new pursuits: exercise and painting (with little talent but much enthusiasm). Lunch with **Kitsy Dunlop** and her husband, Greg McCandless, fellow Floridians, was a definite highlight of the fall.

Chako Matsumoto Era's highlight for 2013 was a group tour to Southern Italy, Sicily, and Malta. This year she will go to Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan. They had a good conversation with their son and his family in New Jersey on January 2nd, and Chako said it is a thrill to feel them so close. Chako walks 3.4 km to Curves to exercise almost every week day. She is trying to reduce her Body Mass Index, a laudable goal!

Cece Peabody still resides in Wayne, NJ, and is busy with her association management company. She produces over 50 meetings and events yearly. She continues to



*Beautiful wedding party, featuring parents-of-the groom
Dick and Karen (Sainsbury) King '68*

teach a course she designed entitled, "Meeting and Event Planning and Management." Her son, Patrick, moved to Sylvania, OH, last February to become the head lacrosse coach of Lourdes University. Ed still enjoys his retirement and golfs or fishes as often as possible. Cece LOVED attending the 45th class Reunion with **Barb Williamson**

Wentz, Pat Jayson, and Anne Galbraith Rothrock and giving the welcome invocation. Hope all Westerners are healthy and happy and that more will come to our 50th!

Karen Prah Voris has enjoyed her year as the out-of-town grandmother to 5-year-old Lily and 1-year-old twins, Rose and Louisa.



Barbara Williamson Wentz '68 et al.

Frequent trips were made to the Seattle area where they live. Karen and John still live in Scottsdale, AZ, and have enjoyed a warm and sunny winter while the rest of the country freezes and digs out. They continue to have an active lifestyle with golf, tennis, volunteer activities and many walks with their new rescued Border Collie mutt, Arrow. They consider themselves blessed with friends, family, and good health.

Patty Robins Lacey keeps busy with the community band, church choir, Spanish lessons, yoga, and archaeology society. She was editor for the annual report of the Vanishing Treasures Program of the National Park Service. She also helped the interpretive staff at the Mesa Verde National Park and Anasazi Heritage Center, mostly as a volunteer. There were trips to the Grand Canyon and Lake Havasu Arizona in the spring. A visit to Ellensburg, WA, in October to view the great geological evidence there of the Ice Age Flood of Glacial Lake Missoula that rekindled interest in Pleistocene research. She gave a lecture on archaeological work in the Spring House Cliff Dwelling at Mesa Verde National Park for the Four Corners Lecture Series.

Karen Sainsbury King's youngest son, Bradley, was married in July 2013 to beautiful Rosie Alvarado. Karen and her husband, Dick, continue to be blessed with a great life. Their plans for 2014 are a trip to Brazil for World Cup Soccer. Dick is a soccer fanatic and wants to go to every World Cup (every four years) until he dies! Karen is game for any kind of travel. They are taking their family, as their kids are fanatics too! Dick is still working and loving it and Karen is now retired and spends two days a week taking care of her grandkids. What a bonus for getting old!

Big news from **Nel Ware** this year: After 16 years of "self-imposed exile" in Indiana, she and her husband are returning to Colorado! Nel was lucky enough to land a job in broadcasting in Denver right after graduation from OSU (fresh, sophomore years at Western) and fell in love with the state's pristine beauty and lifestyle. Nel raised her family there while managing to have a challenging 30-year career as a reporter and news anchor. In 1997, she re-married and resigned to follow her husband to Indiana for a faculty appointment at Indiana University NW. The proximity to Chicago was great and Nel took full advantage, but she says it is time to go home. Nel's three children have since returned to Denver too. They will be there along with her grandchildren, old friends, and those mountains and sunshine to welcome them back.

Susie Williams Oblinger teaches 4th grade reading. She still loves teaching. Her granddaughters are 8 and 3. They are into dolls and Grammy loves playing dolls too. They have lots of tea parties together. Her son



Visiting NYC during the ferocious mid-February storm, '68 class rep Susan Blake and partner Joel Kaufmann managed to have dinner with a few friends. Pictured are (from left) Chloe's boyfriend and Chloe Haralambous (daughter of Sappho Haralambous '70); a high school friend of Susan and her sister's (Gretchen Blake Roy '71); Pamela Knowles '70; Joel and Susan; and Maria Maldonado '70. Susan confessed to having made a snow angel in Central Park.

Christian and family live close by. Her other son, Brent, lives in Bend, OR. He still works for the U.S. Forest service. Susie loves to visit Brent on vacations. Hoping everyone has a healthy happy new year.

Barbara Williamson Wentz had a busy year with seven trips to visit friends and family from Texas to New England. She did go back to work for seven months part-time to close the adoption program at Catholic Charities, which was a sad process, but she was able to re-retire in October. She had a

great time at Reunion with the three classmates who attended, but was sorry not to have time with more OLD friends. On their trip to New England she and Erv spent time with Hâdi and **Diane Eby Özbal '67** in Boston and they also spent time with **Pat Jayson**. Barbara had all of her family together for Christmas, which was wonderful. The year ended on a sad note with the very quick and unexpected death of her younger brother Richard Williamson.



"Oldie but goodie": Tug of war between the classes of 1967 and 1968 in the fall of 1964. From left: Faith Heller, Barbara Williamson, Susan Blake, Nel Ware and Kitsy Dunlop

Mary Ellen Wynn was pleased to reconnect with **Hayat Imam** last year. Hayat lives in Boston and made her a lovely lunch. Having been mostly retired from her law practice for the past 10 years and gone the volunteer route on Cape Cod, she and Len are moving to Cambridge where they can live with just one car, they hope, and take advantage of all the cultural advantages of Cambridge and Boston. Their daughter Emily has a toddler and is married to a scientist who teaches at Notre Dame in South Bend.

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What a pleasure to write a column which actually has news — there were lots of responses this time!

Received our first notes from **Lindel Waugh McCarty** in 44 years! She has been married to John (Architecture, Miami, '71) since 1985 and they live in Columbus, OH, close to their son, Gabriel, and three grandchildren. Lindel worked in multiple industries: food services, life insurance, human resources and in a nonprofit serving children with disabilities. Most utilized her Spanish fluency. She retired after a cancer diagnosis and successful treatment in 2003. John works in construction management with projects all over the country, and enjoys the piano and crafts. They love to travel and have been on numerous cruises including down the Nile and riverboats in Europe, as well as travels to Barcelona, Italy and Lindel's high school reunion in Bogota, Colombia. Lindel, it was great to catch up with you.

Also traveling are **Mary Melison McDonald** and her husband, John. Their son Nick and his family of two daughters (3 and 1) live in Cincinnati, and son Bill was married last year and now lives in Columbus.

Catherine Smith Strate has been in Atlanta since 2002 and continues as the director of enrollment and financial aid services for the School of Public Health at Emory University. She and her husband, Harry, celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary this year and hope to have a special family trip with their children. Son Chris is an intellectual property attorney in New York with wife Chuiyin and son Ethan (2). Their daughter, Courtney, and her husband, Steve, live near San Jose, CA, where she is a rep for Warner Brothers Music Group in charge of iTunes and Google. Cathy used to see **Alice Swilley Smith** fairly regularly; she was working at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

Jane Koenig loves living in the mountains of North Carolina, and loves having visitors. Jane says she's seen more old friends than she has in years since they love the beauty of the area and always want to come back. She sees **Sandy Oxley Fehrman** regularly, and **Lyn Trautmann Plfug** enjoys visiting when she needs a respite from New York. Jane also hopes to see **Mary Melison McDonald** this year. Jane stays active with duplicate bridge and some county politics.

Lucy Boyle had numerous positions in financial administration, most recently with a 150-bed nursing facility, but has seriously retired. She continues to provide financial help as a volunteer to nonprofits and plays doubles tennis at least twice per week. She lives in central Massachusetts.

I was glad to hear from **Louise Hamilton Short** this time, who is living in Tulsa and

And from **Betsy Morris** — a picture including **Alison McDonald**! Betsy and Karen and their two labs, Tui and Roxy, have left New York for a log cabin in Bridgton, ME. Karen has Maine roots, but Betsy says it was really the local blueberry muffins that brought them to Bridgton, where she is slowly adjusting to retirement.



Alison McDonald and Betsy Morris, plotting Alison's travels from Bridgton to Boothbay

Alison was visiting from Florida, where she is still an active ER physician and loving what she does. They both send good wishes to all their Western friends.

I uttered the word "retirement" for the first time about six months ago, to my own amazement. I'm still finding the university life challenging, but keep thinking of other things I'd rather be doing. We have a love/hate relationship with Denver; love our old house that costs the moon to maintain, and

hate the weather, the increasing traffic in town, and the ever growing population (hey, we've got weed!). My husband, a community activist and labor leader, is just happy to poke sticks at City Hall. I say maybe two more years,

but then who knows?

But in less than two years we have a Reunion — **a 45th Reunion**, in June 2015. I have absolutely no idea how we have gotten to this point, but it would be a good time to return if you haven't thus far. If you're coming back one last time, perhaps this is your year. Thanks for writing!

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Mary McDonald '70 shared her happy family photo from Thanksgiving.

working as an independent financial advisor. Her firm manages \$250 million in assets with clients in 25 states. She loves what she does and has no plans to retire. Son Ryan, 38, works in her business and received his master's in finance from the London Business School. Daughter Katie, 34, is a graduate of the University of Denver and still lives there. Louise and her husband, Jerry, who is a cancer survivor, have traveled to 25 of the U.S. national parks, including Denali in Alaska and Volcano on the Big Island of Hawaii. This year they've set their sights on Utah.



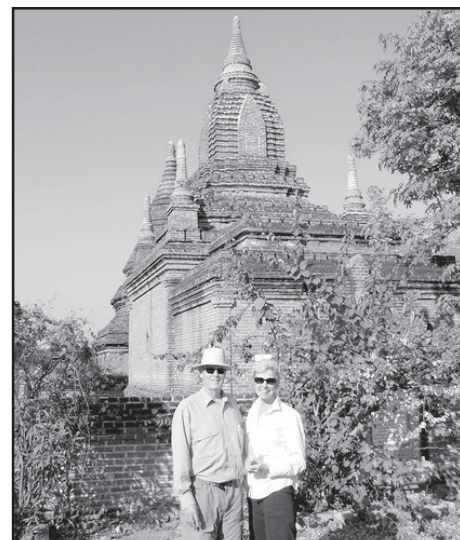
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Rosalie Morss Litt wrote that she is living in Shaker Heights, OH, after spending years in Washington D.C. and Durham, NC. She is a retired nurse with a master's in public health. She has raised children late in life and is still watching them blossom. She would love to reconnect with roommates Gail W., Susan S., Polly P., and Deb C.

Bonnie Dougherty Lochry wrote that Tom and she have celebrated their 40th anniversary. A well-grounded Western/Miami relationship! They currently live in Dallas, TX, with two daughters and four grandchildren. They look to retirement in the next five to 10 years. She would love to hear from **Laura Duncan** and **Katie Kozack**.

Ellie Kilham was enrolled at Western for freshman year and went on to graduate from the University of New Hampshire. She has a master's in social work from Boston College. She and her husband moved to Lexington, KY, where she began her career in preschool/kindergarten education. Job moves took them back to the Northeast. She continued her career while raising a daughter and two sons in the Boston, MA, area. Now in retirement she enjoys returning to day care centers as "Mother Moon" to do a



Cynthia Clark '72 and husband, on their two-month trip through southeast Asia

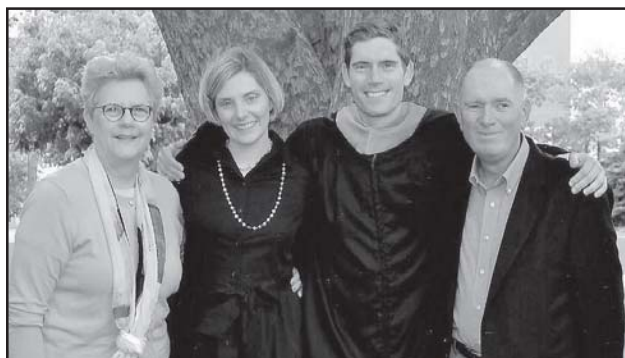
literature-based program for young children. Recently, Ellie returned to Western with her husband to see all the changes while visiting special sites like Kumler Chapel and her old room in McKee Hall. She writes, "My time at Western was a happy one with fond memories of my roommate, **Taposhi Lee**, and all the other girls in McKee Hall.

Cynthia Clark writes of ongoing travels through the world with her husband. Her message was sent from Vietnam during their two-month trip through Myanmar and Laos. She has had great success garnering support with her website for the Cape Town area AIDS orphanage. The Siyaphambili AIDS Orphan Village still holds her heart after volunteering there last year.

Peter and I continued our exploration of our great nation by bike and car. We traveled the West Coast from Anacortes, WA, to Monterrey, CA. The amazing sites and road along Highway One were a challenge to Peter on the bike and Beth in the car!

We proudly applauded son Jamison as he received his Master of Public Policy from the University of Georgia in May. We visited him in NYC this fall, where he is working for a think tank. Daughter Demaris has settled into her newly renovated home in Granville, OH, with husband Joseph.

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Beth Dague and family at son Jamison's graduation from the University of Georgia in May 2013.



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Alumnae Weekend '14: Celebrate 70 years!

Can you believe that it has been 40 years since we graduated from Western? I hope many of you will be able to attend the 2014 Western Reunion in June to celebrate our 40th.

Amy Robinson Collins and her husband, Jim, took a trip in February 2013 to Savannah and Georgia's Golden Isles and then took a trip to North Carolina's Outer Banks in May 2013. They stopped to visit their daughter, Becca, in North Carolina on the way there. They also visited Becca's family again in June for the first birthday of their grandson, Grant. Amy's son, Jeff, and his family have moved from Ohio to Colorado. Amy's 91-year-old father broke his pelvis last July and was just recovering from that when he was diagnosed with an aggressive form of lymphoma in August and passed away shortly thereafter. We send our condolences to Amy.

Suzanne Kelley Doswell continues to serve as the western regional manager of the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts. She comments: "I am delighted that public understanding of concussion and brain injury is finally increasing. In the past year, Bill and I have traveled to see our children and grandchildren in Sedona, AZ, and Palm Beach, FL, and plans to move south are now underway!"

Jack Fagan and his wife, Julie, moved from Connecticut to Utah in July 2013, partly in order to be closer to seven of their 11 grandchildren. Jack says, "We love and enjoy the plentiful recreational venues in Utah and take advantage of hiking, skiing, and golfing as the seasons allow. I still work but am giving serious consideration to retiring, probably within

the next couple of years. As always, I enjoy life no matter what I am doing! My best to all!"

Holly Wright Johnson's son, Bryn, was married in May 2013 on a beach in Delray Beach, FL. Holly says, "It was a lovely event, even though the rain clouds that had held off all day decided to open up just as the ceremony began. Afterwards, Shannon and Bryn honeymooned on Grand Cayman Island." At the same time, Holly, Cristyn, and Bruce took a few days to scuba dive and

sightsee in the Florida Keys. The newlyweds now live in Catonsville, MD.

Cristyn finished her bachelor of music (performance) degree at Towson University and has enrolled in a master of arts administration program at Drexel University in Philadelphia, taking her courses mostly online. Cristyn is working as an office manager for Maryland Citizens for the Arts and also performs in three community orchestras. In January, Holly celebrated her 30th year of working for the Howard County (Maryland) Library System. Holly is the director of it, cataloging, and processing and she supervises a staff of 15 people. The library system was named the "Library of the Year" by the American Library Association, and Holly was one of the staff members who traveled to Chicago to receive the award at a special event at Shedd Aquarium. Holly's husband Bruce's work at the Library of Congress continues to focus on implementing new technology to his online product, Cataloger's Desktop. Besides Bryn's wedding the other highlight of the year for Holly and Bruce was their week-long cruise on their sailboat on Chesapeake Bay last September.

Janet Lucas is preparing for the arrival of her third grandchild, the first child for her daughter Karen and husband Nathaniel, in May. Janet's daughter Linda and her husband Brad are now working at White Mountain School in northern New Hampshire, where he is the director of admissions and she is his assistant. Linda also is building her business as a professional artist. Their children, Mia and Landon, are 6 and 3, respectively. Janet continues to practice medicine and teach in Columbus, OH. She and Sherrill enjoy taking trips to New England to visit family but also like to go to other places as well, having visited Florida and Yosemite National Park in California during 2013.

Sheila Colligan Sobel says she "can't believe it is 2014 and time for our 40th reunion! Where did the time go? Michael and I are approaching our 26th wedding anniversary. We hope to be in attendance for the Reunion this June. We lead a pretty quiet life in Beverly Hills with our two dogs and two cats. I look forward to seeing everyone this summer!" Since 2012, Sheila has been working as manager for the Production Incentive Administration. She works with film and television producers to help them get their tax credits in the states where a tax credit is available. She meets with various film commissioners, bankers, and production companies and is finding the work interesting.

Kathy Albright Willowood is still working at the Sunspot Natural Food Market in Lafayette, IN. In January, Kathy also opened an office to do herbal and nutritional consulting and shamanic healing.

Here's a summary of my news for the past year. In April 2013, I had a nice visit with **Dilu Walji Valliani** in Fremont, CA, after a national library conference that I attended in San Francisco. My father and I took a short trip to Gettysburg, PA, over Memorial Day weekend in 2013, enjoying the visitor center exhibits, the cyclorama, and the battlefield auto tour. Just a few weeks later we attended the 2013 Western College Reunion. My father seemed fine then, but a week later he developed a bad case of pneumonia and was hospitalized for three weeks after which he was transferred to the nursing care section of the retirement community where he lived. He gradually improved but then passed away suddenly of a presumed heart attack on October 1, 2013. He was always very interested in Western College alumnae activities since both my mother and I had attended Western. On November 1, 2013, I celebrated 30 years of working as a librarian at Otterbein University. It is amazing how much library technology has changed since I entered the library profession.

Please plan to attend the June 2014 Western Reunion on our beautiful campus in Oxford to celebrate our 40th reunion!

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In Memoriam

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Suzanne Dupuy Abbott '37
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Dorothy Denler Hanna '38
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Martha Wishard Kurland '46
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Suzanne Hamilton Stewart '49
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Shirley Nelson Emerson '50
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Diane Heckert Staub '50
WCAA Trustee, 1996-2002
Class Representative, 1985-2012
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Ann Niehaus Tobias '50
WCAA Trustee, 1982-1992
President, 1986-1989
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Sarah McCormick Traum '50
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Patricia Halfacre Bischoff '52
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Carolyn Dunkin Schulte '55
WCAA Trustee, 1975-1978
March 2014

Bee Ransom Warren '55
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Elizabeth Beatty (Forg) Lee '57
WCAA Trustee, 1984-1990
March 2013

Jennifer Daily '66
July 2011

Meme Babcock Smith '77
October 2013

Shirlee Wilson '81
January 2013

Lennie Kestl FF
Ass't. Professor of Art, 1958-1965
November 2012

Diane Kaufman HA
WCMA Manager, 1999-2004
February 2014

John Dolibois HA
MU Vice President Emeritus,
University Relations
May 2014

Former U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg, **John Dolibois** graduated from Miami with honors in 1942 and became its first full-time alumni secretary in 1947. Later as First Vice President of Alumni Affairs and Development, he encouraged formation of the WCAA, Inc. and aided in the transition. He was made an Honorary Alumnus of Western College in 1980.

Betty Maddox Daniels '46, WCAA President 1977-80, writing to Cincinnati.com, commented, "His concerns for keeping the Western College Alumnae Association active and in making the Western Program of Interdisciplinary Studies one of Miami's offerings are being carried out today. Dolibois attended our activities on the Western campus until retiring to Cincinnati. He was always a welcomed guest at our annual alumnae banquet, often accompanied by his wife, Winnie. I appreciated his time to explain and help us through a difficult period. We have lost a true friend to our college and to our Alumnae Association."

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.)

Greetings to the WCP family!

Last October's 40th Anniversary Reunion was the first such event organized by the WCP Alumni Association, but it couldn't have happened without a lot (a lot) of help from both the WCAA and the new Western Program — many thanks to both organizations and the individuals therein who went above and beyond the call for us! It was an exciting and stimulating weekend. We hardly knew what to do with ourselves when it was over; it felt a bit like the day after the last performance of a play. The WCPAA resumed its usual, rather quieter level of activity. But we're still here, still doing what we can to ensure that WCP alumni remain an active force in the larger Western community. And there are two things that we're particularly focused on right now: keeping us all connected, and helping out the new Western Program and its students however we can.

To help with the first of these goals, there are a number of things you can do. Most importantly, make sure that your contact information with the WCAA is up to date. Make sure your classmates' information is up to date, too. Also, sign up for Miami's WESTERNA listserv at <http://listserv.muohio.edu/scripts/wa.exe?A0=westerna>; look for WCP groups on LinkedIn (search for "Western College Program"), Facebook (there are a number of groups; search for "WCPAA" or "Western

College Program" or "WCP"), and other social media. Keep a Western list in your e-mail contacts. There are hundreds of us connected in these ways, but there are still many alums who've fallen out of touch. Reach out and bring them back into the fold if you can.

As for our second goal — that of helping to support the new program and its students — there are several possibilities. Visit their website, www.cas.miamioh.edu/western/, or follow them on social media, and get to know the new Western. Contact them at western@miamioh.edu and offer internships or shadowing days where you work. Volunteer to visit the campus and speak on your career or experiences. Provide contacts, set up interviews. [See photo and caption, page 39.] If you know any high school students who might be looking at Ohio colleges, recommend that they look into the WP. It's a new program, but it's very similar in spirit to the WCP, and the interests and goals of Western Program students are just as diverse as were those of WCP students — you never know; you might be able to offer just the boost someone needs.

All for now, and all the best to everyone!

— Mike Conaway '90, for the WCPAA



One more look back at the October Mega-Reunion!

We are happy to include all responses from WCP even-year classes in the spring issue, whether they come through Class Reps or directly to WCAA. 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. 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. Meanwhile, attention, odd-year classes: For your Class Rep and class news deadline, see page 43. In this issue, please welcome two new Class Reps: **Larry Blankemeyer '78** and **Michael Conaway '90**!



I, **Larry Blankemeyer**, am reaching 31 years with McMaster-Carr this spring. Hard to believe in a couple of years I'll be able to travel with Mary when we begin retirement. Doubtless REUNIONS will be on our list of destinations. Until then, enjoying the view as our kids pursue their own dreams; our older boys in college and the youngsters in high school. Very proud of all the current students blazing their own trails in the "new" Western! Hoping to expand on our Philly area Western reunion next year. Peace to all.

P.S. Save a life. Give blood!

P.P.S. I'm taking over for **Rhian Miller** as our '78 class rep. PLEASE send updates!!

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Amy Mohr reports that she has spent most of her time with her family's crane and rig-



Here is one of Amy's cranes at work.

ging company. She operates equipment, has a class A commercial driver's license, and keeps the office in order. She is also a licensed clinical social worker with a psychiatric hospital in a nearby town on a PRN basis. In true Western style, Amy also owns a beauty salon! She says she's just doing whatever it takes to make a buck in small town USA these days. Amy was married for a decade but is now divorced. She had no children, but is treated like a mom by a 20-year-old young woman who claims Amy because Amy looked after her when her mother passed. She boards three horses and a pony. She has two cats, one Lab/border collie mix dog named Hush Puppy, and eight chickens. Amy has lots of family in her area, and attends a great little country church.

Ginnie Beatty Claphan reports, "Life is good." Ginnie is still in Columbus, OH, working for Hewlett-Packard downtown as a project analyst. She's done a lot of traveling, including a fantastic trip to Ireland with 50 of her closest friends. Ginnie is still active in the Society for Creative Anachronism and she received corporation-level recognition for Service to the Organization and Creativity in the Arts with her cooking skills. She fosters and men-



Amy Mohr lives in this log cabin on a creek.

tors a lot of up-and-coming members and provides them with service and artistic opportunities. Ginnie reports that she saw **John Laprise '91** over Christmas in Chicago. She also reports that he's been teaching overseas at Northwestern University Qatar and that anyone looking for a public policy, cybersecurity academic type should look him up!

Missy Moon reports that it has been wonderful to visit with so many of her Peabody Hall friends online. She's going on five years living in the Southwest and is trying to take advantage of city living. Missy says that she is fortunate to live close to the University and that she enjoys finding pockets of cultural surprises. Missy has been spending some imagination lately about her ongoing travel bug. Her son has reached high school and she understands that means big changes are ahead.

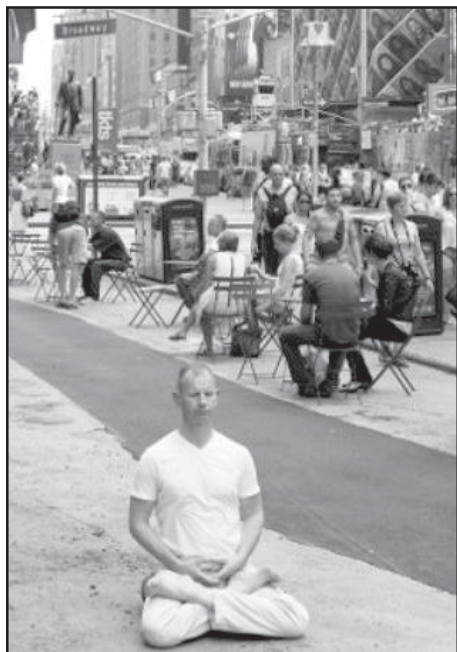
Marcy Mulford Shultz reports that she has three teenagers that keep life interesting for her and her husband. Marcy started her own graphic design studio a number of years ago and she enjoys the companies with which she works. She's helped to design corporate publications and communications for Honda, AMP, Ameriprise Financial and the Ohio Department of Tourism.

Liz Gwynne reports that after Western, she worked, traveled, lived overseas, got a Master's of Education in counseling from UT-Austin. Liz got married and moved back east where she has lived for 14 years. Liz has girl/boy twins, who were born three months after 9/11, and says she has gotten a thick skin and soft heart through motherhood. Her comment, "Best job so far." Liz also reports that she is a soon-to-be single person with a master's degree and an ancient certification/licensure in a horrible job market.



Amy on one of the three horses she boards on her 50 acres

Jim Lopata is turning 50 this year! He also launched his new company, innerOvation, this past year. In his new company, Jim helps entrepreneurial minds thrive in a big company world through coaching, consulting, and energy leadership. He is very proud of the several clients who are already making some beautiful innovative changes in the universe. Jim works out of the Cambridge Innovation Center, managed by MIT, and which bills itself as having more startups

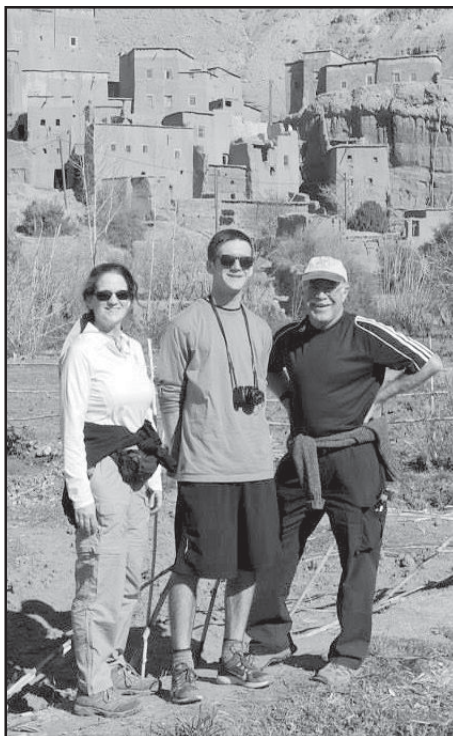


Jim, meditating in Time Square

than anywhere else on the planet! Jim is still active in the LGBT community as editor-in-chief of New England's largest queer publication, *Boston Spirit* magazine. And, Jim has been having a ball emceeing Boston's Pride parade for local television every year for the past three years. Jim sends his love to all his 50-year-old classmates and assures us all, "Life is fantastic! It just keeps getting better!"

Diane Wright is in year 20 of her work as an administrator at a big mental health agency in Cincinnati. In the last few years, she has also started teaching as an adjunct instructor in the social work departments at NKU and UC, and is working with the International Charter for Compassion to increase compassionate action in Cincinnati and beyond. Diane's older son is in graduate school now, and her "little guy" is in seventh grade! Diane asks that you please get in touch if you are coming through Cincinnati!

Tina Cochran Lightcap is nearing her 19th Anniversary with Area Agency on Aging, District 7. Tina continues to be a Care Manager for the Consumer-Directed option and Assisted Living Waiver programs. She is also an agency representative for the Adams County Chamber of Commerce, and



Beth, Benjamin, and Jon in Morocco

was just elected as president of that group. Tina is also part of the agency's Speakers' Bureau. Last year was her first time to attend the OAGE (Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education) conference and she will have returned to the 2014 conference later in March. Tina reports that her AAA7 paths have crossed several times with Dr. Robert Applebaum of the Scripps Gerontology Center, and that it's always good to see a familiar Miami face.

Tina has been married, happily, to Floyd for 26 years. She says he's her best friend and she looks forward to growing old with him. Their daughter, Abbey, works at the Murphin Ridge Inn B&B (a Select Registry Inn) as its breakfast cook and baker. Tina notes that Abbey works with two Western '06 alums — **Levi Grooms** and **Josh Catone**. Tina's son, Ethan, had been working in Flemingsburg, KY, and recently has returned to work at Murphin Ridge Inn to be a little closer to home. He is looking forward to getting into auto mechanics at some point.

Finally, Tina reports that instead of dairy goats, she now has one dairy cow to accompany the horses and laying hens. She says a hobby farm takes a lot of energy and her crew has been very busy keeping everyone well fed and watered during this very cold winter. Tina's comment on turning 50 was that it was quite painless and actually pretty wonderful, and that it provides a reason for her gray and white hair.

I, **Beth**, have also successfully leaped the "50" hurdle. Husband Jon (who is actively planning his retirement at the end of the

year!), work, travel, and 16-year-old son Benjamin (who is actively looking at colleges) occupy all of my time. I absolutely love watching my son run cross country (his team came in 11th at the State Meet) and track. Travel since the last report included Easter Island (which is as cool as it looks), Germany, and Morocco. Here we are in Morocco over Christmas — great people, great food, and warm weather in December!

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In March, **Karen Dollinger '90** and I both attended the International Conference of the Fantastic in the Arts, held annually in Orlando, FL. The ICFA is a self-described



Karen and Andy in Orlando

"scholarly conference devoted to all aspects of the fantastic (broadly defined) as it appears in literature, film, and the other arts." Karen presented a paper titled "Re-writing the Mexican Conquest: An Exploration of the Clash of Empires in Two Novels by Mexican Author Laura Esquivel." I was an attending author and presented on a panel on empires in comic books and read poetry including some superhero poems recently published in the anthology *Drawn to Marvel*. It was Karen's first time at the conference and my 23rd.

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Hello, Class of '90!

Firstly, for anybody who might not already know, **Alicia Broderick** and I have been liv-

ing near Newark, NJ, since leaving Los Angeles in 2004. Alicia is a professor of education, with a special interest in disability studies, at Montclair State University, and I left the filmmaking world in order to stay home with our son and daughter. We can be reached at 1496 Julian Terrace, Union, NJ, 07083, or at msconaway@hotmail.com and broderickalicia@gmail.com.

And I cajoled a few of our classmates into sending updates. **Dana Bango** writes: "I'm living with my 8-year-old daughter and parents in my grandma's farmhouse near Boone, NC. I work at the local college, ASU, as a cook and have been in restaurant biz for seven years since I moved here. I know **Jim Peacock '88** is a Prof here but I haven't looked him up yet! This is a very Western-y place and you would all like it in the mountains. Summers here are wonderful..."

From **Valerie Kirby**: "I've been living in Fort Wayne, IN, for over a decade now with my husband, Mark, and our two daughters. No big news with us. Life is good. val_kirby@yahoo.com"

Aariann Vaughn-Sheppard is at vaughnsha@verizon.net; mailing address 640 Cowpath Road; #241; Lansdale, PA 19446. She writes: "I have returned to campus a few times since graduation — as a speaker for Student Affairs — to attend a meeting with my sorority and to give the driving tour of the campus. I left WCP and graduated from the Ohio State University College of Law. Subsequently, I moved to the Philadelphia area and worked in a corporate in-house counsel position. This position led me to a newly discovered interest in human resources and I have spent the better part of my career in various HR position with corporate, nonprofit and educational organizations. As a result of frequent consulting requests, I also partnered with another training expert and founded KMT Enterprises, LLC, a full service organizational strategy consulting practice where we focus on people, process and productivity. We are currently involved in project management for a national nonprofit organization with a focus of helping others to help themselves. I have a son, who is in 9th grade and loves soccer, wrestling and chess. I love to read, travel, play piano, sing and run 5Ks in my free time. Life has been a grand adventure since leaving WCP. Glad to stay connected."

From **Catherine Eucker Reble** (c_reble@att.net): "I continue to work at The Culinary Institute of America at Greystone, where I've been for the past 11 years. As the student affairs manager, I am the resident "den mother" to 400 students who are studying culinary arts, baking and pastry, and/or wine. I handle everything from student discipline and housing, to international students, clubs and activities, and special guest lectures. My winemaking hus-

band, Alex, and I live in Saint Helena, CA, with our two daughters, Madeleine and Olivia."

From **Christina Malecka**: "I have been living in Seattle for almost 20 years now and am happily married with an adopted son who came to us from the foster care system when he was 13. I am thrilled to be my own boss as a therapist in private practice where I work with adoptees, LGBTQ folks, artists, musicians and activists (www.christinamalecka.com). Life is really good. Feel free to drop me a line at christina@christinamalecka.com."

From **Karen Dollinger** (728 Daniel Dr., Oxford, OH 45056; (513) 523-6280; karen.dollinger@gmail.com): "I am currently a visiting assistant professor of Spanish at Miami University. It's fun being back in Oxford. In March, I'll be presenting a paper on Mexican science fiction at the International Conference of the Fantastic in the Arts. [See *Andy Miller's '88 notes*.] I had a great time this year at the Western reunion. Getting to speak with members of my class, alumni from previous and subsequent classes, graduates from the Western College for Women and current Western students reminded me that I'm part of a very special community, which has shaped my entire outlook on life. (Although I am disappointed that the 4th floor of Peabody is no longer haunted.)"

Joan Wright, at 1032 Elsinore Ave., Oakland, CA 94602, said: "We finally managed to buy a house in Oakland, CA, this year. The past six months we have been renovating it, which reminds me to keep my day job. I'm a veterinarian here in Oakland, a city that I love for all its multicultural awesomeness. I did also finally agree to marry Jason after 17 years, since marriage is finally beginning to feel like a democratic institution! We originally met in Oregon, played in a Misfits cover band, sailed to Mexico for a year, and now are living in domestic bliss with our perfect pug, Cricket."

And **Stuart Quirk** wrote: "Sadly, I haven't done much noteworthy. Hmmm. Must be a message to self there. Just a sabbatical and few published manuscripts. Same house same job ... might get a new dog!" In addition, **John Lohmann** assures us that "I am," which is a relief to those of us who wondered whether he might not be, and **Emil Churchin** wrote, "Tell them I invented Post-Its" — but I think that's a typo for "Tell them I use Post-Its."

Thanks to all who wrote in! And I'd like to take this chance (as I do whenever I'm addressing a Western crowd) to plug the WCP Alumni Association's Facebook page, cunningly named "WCPAA — the Western College Program Alumni Association" (you should go right to it if you just type in "WC-

PAA"). It's open to anyone with an interest in the WCP or the new Western Program.

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Twenty years. It's been 20 years. Let's all sit with that a moment. Twenty years since we all sang the alma mater at our graduation in Kumler Chapel and then later sat in a big hippie circle singing "Close to You" by the Carpenters. At least I think that's what I did. I've been trying to think of something profound to say about it but I really can't — I'm just too focused on how lucky I feel to have been part of the Western thing and to have made it to my 40s relatively intact. We've all managed to become pretty cool people doing good things and raising cool kids. Take that, Universe — we win. And now the good stuff:

Pam Nicodemus is "living the dream in Yellow Springs, OH. Here is a picture of my perfect child (with his cousin, did you hear



Cousins Loren and Dawson

my brother [Scotty A. Szanto-Nicodemus '02] has a baby now too?). Note: Loren is the big one (Pam's) and Dawson is the little one (Scott's). Adorable Next Gen Nicodemi." chykweed@gmail.com

Lucy Wesson "just moved to Houston. About to get started on a master's in museum studies. I'll have gone from -40 this winter to 120 this summer. Gonna be a crazy swing! Cheers, Loosey." ducatigirl1971@gmail.com

Matt Lerner writes, "Hi Johanna. Thank you for doing this. I will read and enjoy the updates. Can you believe it's been 20 years?!?! Moved the family from San Francisco to London in 2012. Still working for



Carina and Anika Lerner

PayPal, and I enjoy cycling to work when it's not raining. Mentoring start-ups and lecturing at business schools on the side. Learned to speak German. Enjoying spending time with my wife and watching my two beautiful little girls grow up, and exploring Europe. Did you know there is a kind of pizza that has a giant circular hot dog baked into the crust?"



Santa Matt

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David Simutis asks, "Do they still print these things on paper? Let's see ... Michelle and I moved to Denver in August. Not coincidentally, I started grad school at UC Denver that same month. I will get my master's in marketing research and finally be able to use data to manipulate people into purchasing products. Or I will use it for evil. Non-Western grad Jerry Bellian of Newspaper Taxis fame lives here and we've threatened to play music some time, but mostly we've just gotten together and drunk beer. Most of you are free to come visit any time." cowbells@gmail.com

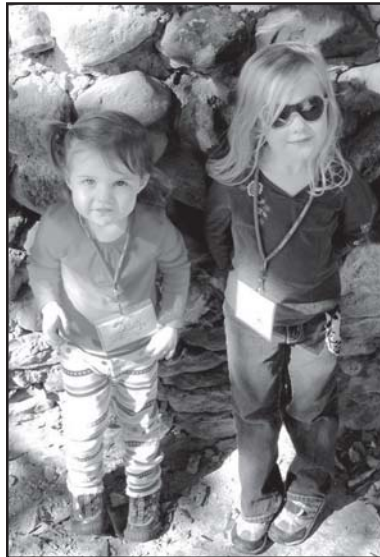
Sarah Lahti is still "living and working as an artist and professor in Dubai, enjoying life. People can contact me via www.sarahlahti.com or check out www.projectanda.com."

Ben Gibbons' past year has been filled with opportunities to catch up with friends from Western: "In August, one leg of our summer vacation took us to Washington DC, where we visited with **Jeremy Holmes '93**, **Ryan Donmoyer '93**, and their families. In September, a business trip took me to Indiana and time spent with **Marta Lawrence '02** and **Sean Duncan '93** and his wife, Liz. Finally via Instagram, **Dave Simutis** and I have been photo-bombing each other over our shared infatuation with #beerporn.

"The whole family also visited Oxford twice in the past year, for the Western Program Reunion in October and a mid-winter getaway in February. From the attached pic-

tures you may have guessed that Grace and Hope enjoyed visiting Western and meeting Swoop! (Michelle and I had fun too.)

"We hope your travels will bring you and yours to Oxford in June for Alumnae Week-end. The WCAA Reunion will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Freedom Summer and, oh yeah, the Class of 1994 needs to celebrate our 20th Reunion. As a member of the Miami Alumni Weekend 20th Reunion Committee, I'm obliged to plug the event and invite you. Plus, if you do make it to Alumni Weekend, Hope will do her PJ O'Rourke impression for you!



Hope and Grace Gibbons

"Be well, and give me a shout @bendgibbons if you're in the Columbus area or headed to Alumni Weekend. Slainte, Ben."

And me? As I write this I'm on sabbatical from my job professor-ing puppetry and theatre education at Cal State, San Bernardino. I'm studying an obscure form of mime/theatre movement with a master teacher at Pomona College and challenging my brain and body entirely too much, but that's what we do, right? But now I don't really have to write papers about it, and due to this little thing called "wisdom" that started to creep up on me in middle age, I don't take myself so seriously. I just appreciate the hell out of getting to do such things. When I hear from you guys it makes me happy — join us on Facebook if you haven't already.

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Kara Blake is living in Seattle and already ran her first race of 2014, a 4-mile trail run.

Brendan Bogosian plays guitar in "The Sweep" in Cincinnati.

Jamie Fleischel is raising a beautiful family in Chicago

Eve Gilmore lives in Colorado and is "so stoked" to see NIN and Soundgarden this summer

Meredith Glueck is raising two beautiful kids in Madison, WI.

Ben Gunsberg is an assistant professor at Utah State University.

We're happy to report **Stacey Hall** is a cancer survivor and thanks everyone who helped her through.

Beth Lorz Long lives in Columbus and loves to go with her husband Patrick to see the Blue Jackets play.



Beth and Patrick Long on the Jumbotron at a Blue Jackets game at Nationwide Arena

Hope McGonigle and **Megan Stocker McGonigle** are raising their kids, Quinn and Jude, together in Columbus (and they threw an awesome Harry Potter themed birthday party for Quinn).

David Paransky's son, Beck, is 2 years old!

Greg McGill "never thought giving up cable and pop would be so easy."

Carey Smith Obye is happy to report her son, Eric, is healthy and happy after a terrible scare (and stay in the hospital) from pneumonia early in 2014.

Oliver Baty is raising a family in Oak Park, IL.

Jeffrey Kean actually watched The Oscars this year and was "amazed to see so many stars copying my look."

Representing for the architects, **Hilary Meehan** reports she is an accomplished architect, designer and artist living in an idyllic seaside town and running an art gallery.

Your Class of 1996 correspondent still lives in Oakland, CA, is 4½ years into a 6-month remodel with his wife, Sussu Laaksonen (Miami class of 1995), and has been overtaken in height by his teenage son Ethan.

As usual, the class of 1996 report was organized on Facebook. If you're not listed above, find John Blair so I can include you in the next *Bulletin*!

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Good job class of 2000-ers, for colonizing the United States from Hawaii to Maine.

After finishing medical school, **Steve Beckley** accepted a position in anesthesiology in Minnesota, where he lives with his wife, four kids, dog, cat, chameleon, and goldfish.

Stacey Thomas says, "Well, this past year I moved to NYC and created a tiny person ... run for your lives!"

Teagan (Heather) Blackburn, her husband and two daughters (Teah, 4½ and Tria 2½) moved from NYC two years ago to Rockland County, 40 minutes away. She reported that her husband's company, which collects waste cooking oil from restaurants and turns it into biodiesel fuel, is doing well and about to open a new production facility in Bridgeport, CT. Her new project is helping to organize an ecovillage in Warwick, NY. She hopes you will check their group Facebook page and vision statement at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/catalystcommunity/>

A word from **Joseph Shacat**: "I have found myself at 35 to be single again, after what can be described as a very amicable and friendly divorce. In 2013, I finished master's degree number two — this time it was an

M.B.A. from the University of Hawaii. I always look forward to running into other Western alums/friends ... most recently I saw **Katie Green '02** and **Ali Mramor** (200?) during a layover in LA in February. We had a mini-reunion in SF in January with **Sarah Reilly**, **Hannah Strange '99**, and **Kendra Klein**, and a visit from the elusive **Brad Waite** is expected shortly." 275 Auwailimu St. Apt. 214, Honolulu, HI 96813

Tom Reeve, **Cassie Banning**, and their 3-year old Zach have moved to Mount Desert Island, ME. Cassie got a job as the garden manager at the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller



Tom Reeve and family

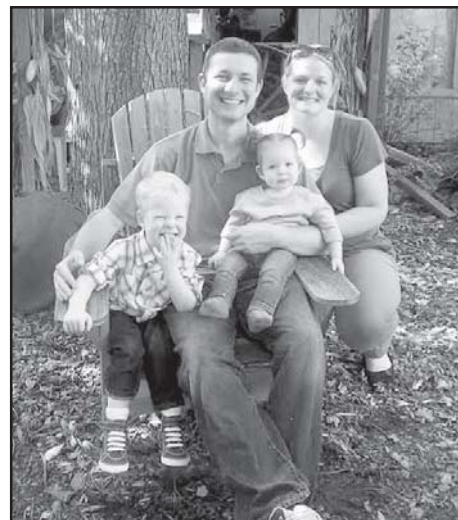
Garden and Tom accepted a position as the development director at the local YMCA. "We are having a great time hiking, running, and biking in Acadia National Park and playing in the cold North Atlantic. It's a big and welcome change from the cornfields of Indiana. There's even a small college on the island whose sole degree is an interdisciplinary degree in human ecology." PO Box 335, Seal Harbor, ME 04675

Many thanks to all for the amazing updates! John and I continue to enjoy Chicago with an open sofa bed and breakfast invite to anyone traveling this way. (2932 N. Damen Ave #2, Chicago, IL 60618) This year I completed a degree in occupational therapy and began practicing with the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County. Congratulations to all for the changes, additions, and transformations in everyone's lives and best wishes for an adventure-full year.

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Dustin Leimgruber and his wife, **Sarah (MU '07)**, are in Pierpont, OH, where Dustin is the pastor of the Pierpont Presbyterian Church and Sarah recently started a Christian preschool on top of caring for their children, Jack and Ellen.



Dustin Leimgruber and family

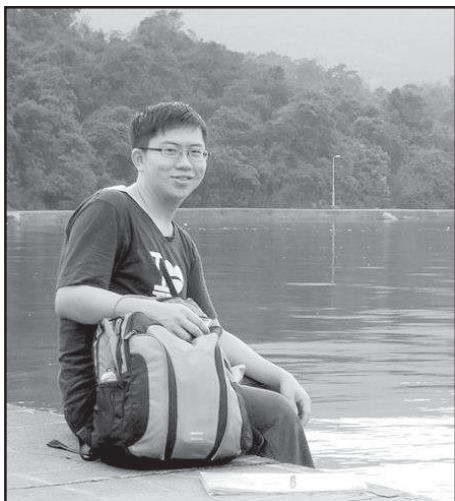
Graham Filler is an assistant attorney general in Lansing, MI. He's a mentor in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and a member of the SafeCenter board of directors, an organization that provides shelter, legal advocacy, and support for victims of domestic violence and sexual violence. Graham enjoys playing tennis and running.

Alex Allegree is still living the American dream and doing what he can to progress social justice and pragmatism in a crazy world. Having now performed three weddings and grown an epic beard, he is considering moonlighting as Friar Tuck. Alex is wealthier than ever and is rich with great friendships and family bonds.

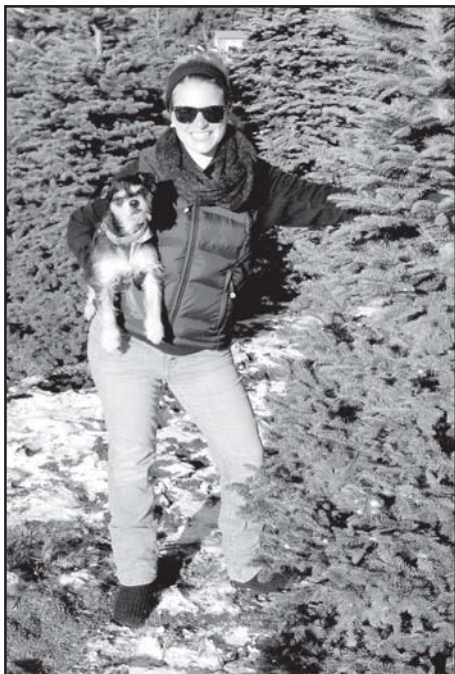
I am now living in Quito, Ecuador. Having recently moved I am learning the local languages and enjoying my legally mandated unemployment. Once I am legally allowed to work, I hope to jump back into the field of social work, but until then am volunteering for the Fundación Galo Plaza Lasso in Zuleta, Ecuador. If you are interested in volunteering/interning in environmental conservation, a condor rehabilitation program, investigating the Andean Pramo and Forest, or running an after-school program for a group of indigenous children striving against a poorly funded education system, feel free to contact me.

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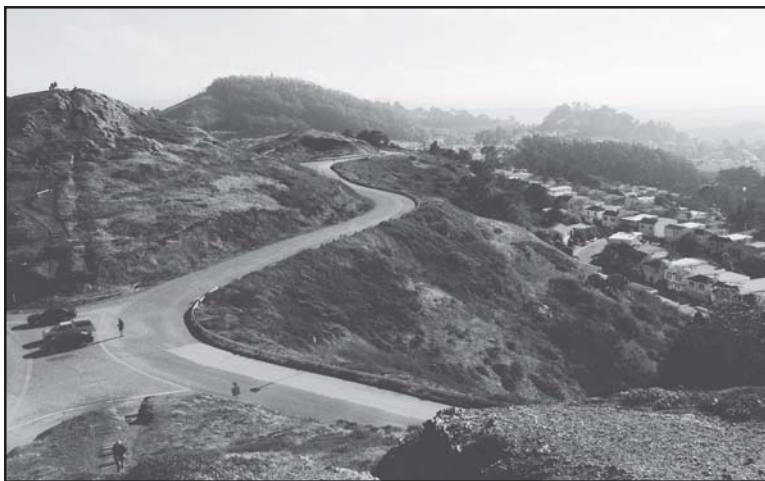
I gave my class a new challenge this year: Embracing the age of smartphones, I asked them to send me one picture that shows a highlight of their lives this past year, or they could use that one picture to express something. This collection of photographed memories is diverse and fun, to say the least. I'm in there somewhere too.



Martin Yip: Finding peace in the Far East.



Jocelyn Haugen: I'm a Sr. Marketing Manager at Holiday Retirement. Recently named 2013's Corporate Associate of the Year, I am working hard to make the emotional decision of choosing a retirement home more accessible to seniors across the U.S. I live in Vancouver, WA, with my boyfriend Nic and our dog Moose.

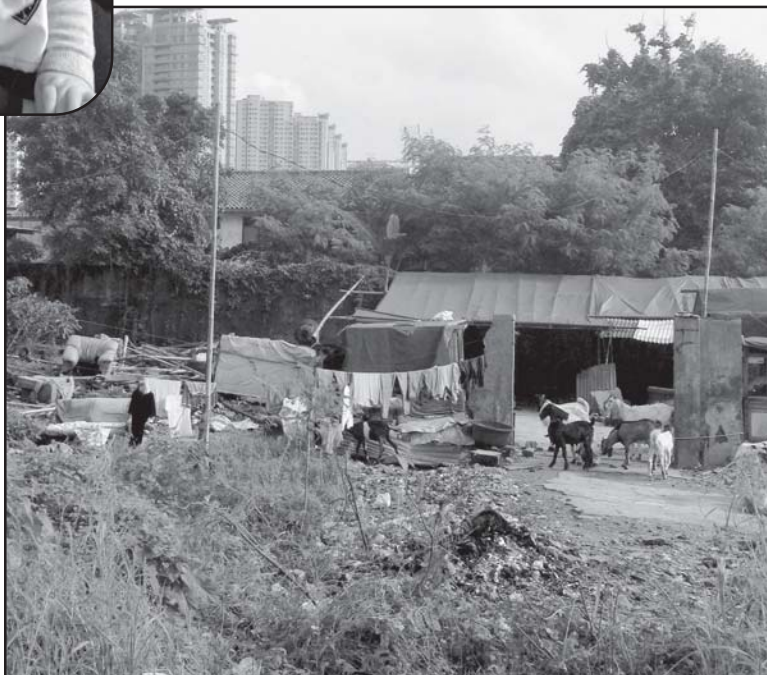


Michael Litchfield: I traveled a ton in 2013. The year of travel took me to California, Kansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Florida, Ohio, Iowa, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and Nebraska. This is a picture from the Twin Peaks in San Francisco.

Louisa Versaw: I met John Stamos when he was in the crowd at one of my shows and he asked to get a photo with me!



Sudie Niesen Thompson: I became an aunt to this little one. #redhead-comeback



Elliot Rossbach: A family of goats enjoying breakfast in central Jakarta. With Indonesia's most famous high rise in the background. People ask me why I can't stay away from this place and the answer is in the contrast. It's just so constant and unbelievably fascinating to me.

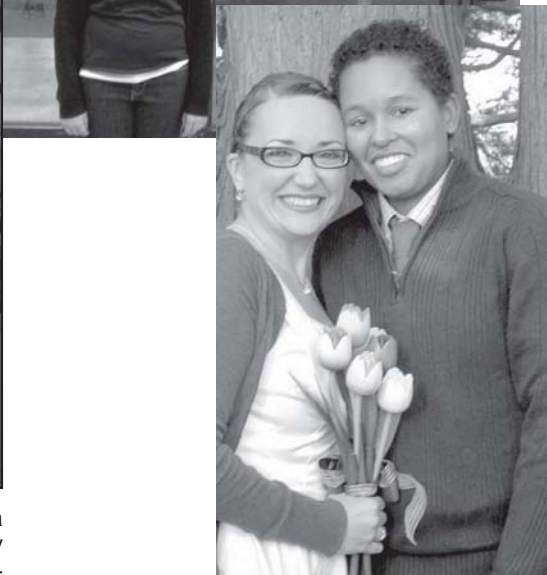


John Obrycki: This is me collecting soil samples, and I promise I'm smiling under my hat.

Nurit (Yastrow) Friedberg: Traveled to Israel again after three years away...fit in just fine. (Picture was taken at the mall in Jerusalem, each entrance is named after a different flower.)



Jessica (Slack) Yagi: This year brought the loss of a baby, new work responsibility and an overall body transformation. Head up and pushing forward. Updates at jessicafaiza.blogspot.com



Karmen Page: My beautiful wife and I at our wedding.



Nicole Brasseur: Really rainy trip we took to St. Augustine, FL, in May 2013. Yep...don't really miss Florida.



Sydney Willcox: I spent a few weeks in Barcelona, wandering the streets and making friends with old sailors.



Pulkit Datta: It's been a very productive and creatively fulfilling year for me, working on an exciting variety of film projects and getting my own passion project off the ground. This is me at the Bushwick Film Festival, where I was a panelist speaking about New Media.

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Thanks to **Kat Hayes**, who is standing in this issue for Class Rep **Cayla Adams**, who is currently in Ukraine, dealing with power outages and problems with Internet access. Kat is a graduate assistant in the psychology department at Miami, still working on her Ph.D. in clinical psychology — one more year and then an internship after this. Right now she's working on her comprehensive exams/dissertation proposal.

Bridget Clegg: "I'm still happily living in Brooklyn. I started a new job last spring at *The Knot* (a wedding magazine and website) on the editorial team. I'm keeping the blogging tradition alive with posts on all things wedding (I sneak in DIY when I can) and I bring in new 'real wedding' photo albums for the site. Holler at me for help with the big questions in life: White or off-white? Buttercream or fondant? Peonies or roses? I got you."

Laura Jayne Flamm: "I landed and stuck in Baltimore. This fall, I started working for the city health department running an innovative food access project called the Virtual Supermarket Program. I get to dabble in policy, evaluation, grant writing, and the joys of bureaucracy (those scenes on *The Wire* dedicated to COMPSTAT... real life, baby), all while carving out time to hang out with long-time Baltimore residents and talk food. It's pretty dreamy. The rest of the time, I keep myself occupied with bike adventures large and small, pal around with my live-in BF Brian, accidentally cut off Dan Deacon at warehouse concerts (also real life, baby), and eat way too much kale."

Amy Biolchini: "I'm covering the K-12 education crisis in Michigan for reincarnated *The Ann Arbor News* (it was a temporary zombie existing as AnnArbor.com) — which in Ann Arbor is a different kind of crisis altogether. I love living in Michigan — though more in the summer and fall than the winter. We're at the snowiest January of all time here and there's still a couple days to go. Journalism has been good to me so far. My current areas of expertise include exciting adult topics like roads, weather and local taxes."

Jani Sparks: "Hi Western! Still working on my Ph.D. at UC in geology, and will hopefully be finished in a couple years if everything goes as planned. I've been spending most of my time recently preparing for my upcoming candidacy exam in March so I haven't had too much free time lately. Glad to hear that everyone is doing well!"

Dan James: "I'm still in Brooklyn, NY, teaching earth science. I'm working with a challenging bunch of students this year, but with every emotional setback comes a hilarious or inspirational educator moment. Today I got to teach a 17-year-old what gravity is (seriously). I also wrote a cool rap about erosion. Wanna hear it?"

*If that valley's shaped like a U,
then a glacier came on through.
If it's shaped like a V,
then a river formed the valley."*

Ali Tanker: "After finishing my work in Jamaica, I took the jump to establish my own social enterprise. It is a young female empowerment program that uses entrepreneurship and the creative arts to spark more transformative female change makers. I am launching my workshops locally next month and plan to take the program to Brazil by the end of 2014. Until then, living in Cleveland and exploring local communities that keep my spirit full."

Chelsea Mitchell: "Things in California are great! Mike and I moved out to an area called Silver Lakes, and we have a house right on the lake. It's wonderful, especially during the incredibly hot summers here. We just recently got two new cats, Riff and Magenta, who are just fabulous. I'm currently unemployed, but making use of my time by learning to live a healthier lifestyle. Working out, learning to cook healthy meals, and working my way up to quitting cigarettes for good. It's been quite a year for me life lesson-wise, so I'm doing my best to apply those lessons to myself, my marriage, and my whole way of life. Miss you guys so much!!!! Great to hear from everyone!!"

Audree Ann: "After seven fabulous years in Oxford, I have relocated to Columbus, OH. I work for The Ohio State University in the University Center for the Advancement of Teaching. I enjoy it very much! Best part, my boss is Western alum, **Alan Kalish '81**. I never stray too far from the W. I have found some work/life balance, especially because Thaddeus and I have taken up residency together, and he helps keep me away from working around the clock. Other than that, I fill my time organizing the new house and volunteering with the Junior League of Columbus."

Lauren Renée: "I am still living in NC with Ryan and our super cute puppy, Ramona. I graduated with my Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology from the School of Medicine at UNC last summer. I am now in my first year of the School Psychology Ph.D. program at UNC and loving it. I'm taking classes and doing an externship at a middle school and elementary school. I'm doing a lot of psychological assessments to help determine special education eligibility and doing some individual counseling with students with disabilities. I'm also part of a Signs of Suicide

Middle School program, helping raise awareness of suicide risk to students and school staff. I'm also working with the student-athletes at UNC as an academic learning specialist, which has been awesome. This semester I'll be working with the football players, which is pretty cool. So, all of that keeps me pretty busy, but in my free time I like enjoying the NC weather and visiting all the awesome craft breweries in town with the hubs and our friends."

Renee Plourde: "Still living on the Oregon coast with my husband, Adam, and two cats (seems to be a pattern so far). I'm working seasonally with the Siuslaw National Forest as an interpretive ranger, leading eager kids and adults through the temperate rainforests and coastal dunes. This winter I've been subbing in the local schools which has actually made me think of going back for my teaching license! We'll see where life takes me this year. Hope you are all doing well! If you're ever in Oregon, let me know."

Susan Dirr: "Still living in Chicago with my partner, Jill, and two cats Just started an M.A. in high school science education at DePaul University, with the goal of teaching in Chicago Public Schools within the next few years."

Abigail Lynne: "I just finished my first month at my new and fantastic job in Galveston, TX. I work for Sea Scout Base Galveston, which is a branch of the Boy Scouts, as their Maritime Education Coordinator. SSBG is a brand-new business that does Boy Scouts, marine education, and motor boating and sailing education. This year, I am creating all the education curriculum and teaching three different educational programs! The first program is for the Boy Scouts' NOVA program which is based on the Boy Scout badge and pin requirements. I just did my first program this last weekend! The second program is U.S. Sailing REACH, which is the same concept as NOVA just a different age group and we learn how to sail. Finally, the coolest program is the BaySmart STEM to Stern program, where I am the captain of a newly built 100-ft. vessel, and then I will teach 50-100 kids per trip on a floating classroom!! I am loving my life and it is island life again! I miss you all!"

William Gertz Runyan: "I'm just starting my second week of a 12-month research grant from the Social Science Research Council, plumbing the archival depths of Yiddish literary and intellectual history in the Americas. I'll be in Mexico City through March, then on to Buenos Aires and New York."

Teresa Zaffiro: "I am still at the same job as last year, working in refugee resettlement in Kansas City. I love it as much as ever, and am more and more involved in the refugee community as time goes on. I get so much delicious food cooked for me, it's almost ridiculous. This past year I was a big

part of creating an ESL program at Catholic Charities, specifically for refugees, and now coordinate that. I am also working with a dear friend and co-worker to establish a learning center, where we offer job readiness and cultural orientation classes three to four times a week and have a computer lab for refugees to practice life skills. It's a lot of work, but I couldn't be happier. I finally left Lawrence (and Kansas, technically) and made the move to Kansas City (Missouri). I live downtown near the river in a fantastic, socioeconomically and culturally diverse neighborhood called Columbus Park. I have two cats and live alone in a loft, and it's su-

per great. I spend a lot of time with the wonderful friends I have grown close to the past year in Kansas City, and am so happy now I am living closer to them. We have a lot of adventures and laughs; it's a great community of social justice-conscious people; much like Western. That's pretty much the update — life is wonderful, and I hope the same for all of you. Much love."

My update: I'm finishing up my last four months in Peace Corps ... it has been an enlightening experience in good and bad ways, but I think it's finally pointed me in the direction that I'd like to pursue. My last

year in Peace Corps was enormously better than my first and I've been able to work with the Future Leaders Exchange and work with the embassy on the access program. I also had the privilege of helping found a girls empowerment camp in the Carpathian Mountains. It was a lot of work but in the end a lot of fun. Right now, I'm trying to look for jobs so I can hit the ground running when I return to the States.

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*In January, **Laura Dobbins '86** invited people to her fourth-floor apartment ("lots of stairs!") in the East Village to meet WP senior **Jacie Nowland**, whom she was advising on her senior project, *Cultivating Authentic Happiness*. She arranged for Jacie to attend some classes at the School for Practical Philosophy while in NYC and meet with some therapist friends as part of her research. In addition, she invited local fellow Westerners to dinner in honor of the visit of (her words) "the carrying-on-the-Western-tradition-of-being-extraordinary **Jacie Nowland '14**." Those who could make it were (from left) **Janey Drexler Sharp '80**, **Melissa Milgrom '87**, Jacie, Laura, and **Pulkit Datta '08**.*

The Western Program

Message from the Director

The 35th Annual Association for Interdisciplinary Studies Conference, hosted by the Western Program and the Department of Integrative Studies at Miami University in November, was a great success. Miami's Marcum Conference Center was chosen as the hub for the meeting, with social events at the University Art Museum and Peabody Hall. The conference theme, Integrating Arts and Sciences, attracted more than 120 delegates from the United States, Canada, Europe, and the Middle East. We were particularly pleased to welcome many younger scholars to the conference as evidence of growing interest in interdisciplinary teaching and research. The pair of plenary speakers showed the breadth of the conference theme. Carl Zimmer, award-winning author and columnist at *The New York Times*, discussed the relationship between his undergraduate experience as an English major and his career as a science writer. His evocation of links between the deep questions posed by Herman Melville in *Moby Dick* and recent discoveries about the evolution of whales offered a beautiful illustration of the synergies between literature, philosophy, and science. The second speaker was Carolyn Haynes, Interim Associate Provost at Miami. Like Carl, Carolyn included personal narrative and explained the importance of interdisciplinary thinking in her work. Her openness about her experiences as a beginning faculty member and growth as a teacher was inspiring



Nik Money

and she stimulated audience participation by soliciting feedback on model writing assignments by students.

In other news, the hard-working seniors that I introduced in the previous newsletter are completing their capstone projects at the time of writing, and we are teaching our full suite of 200- and 300-level courses for the Individualized Studies major. **Dr. Sally Harrison-Pepper** is working with a particularly interesting topic for her 300-level course this semester: Bertholt Brecht's play *Life of Galileo*. Analysis of the play draws on the history of the Renaissance, the scientific revolution, science and religion, and Marxism (which was a defining worldview for Brecht). Students in the class are performing a variety of scenes from this complex play at the end of the semester.

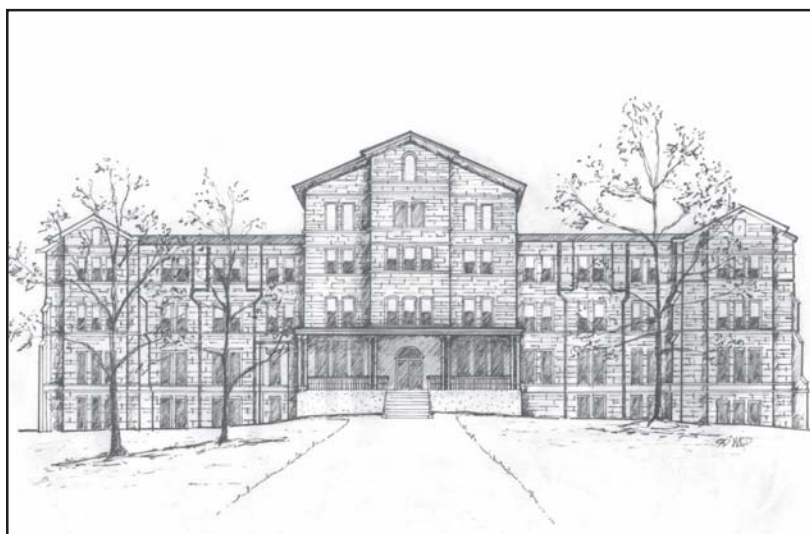
Finally, it is my pleasure to introduce **Lisa Iams**, the first full-time Program Associate working for Western since 2010. I hope that some of you will have an opportunity to meet Lisa during Reunion, or on another occasion when you are visiting Peabody Hall.



Lisa Iams

My best wishes,

— Nik Money
Western Program Director, Professor of Biology



Drawing of Peabody Hall by Miami seniors Madelyn and Sophia Delgado will be used in a set of notecards that will be available in the summer.

Report from the Western Program Student Activities Coordinator

As I write, our students are studying for their final exams and preparing to leave us for the next few months. It has been a whirlwind semester and we could not be more proud of all their accomplishments. A few students landed amazing summer internships.



Hannah Mills

Carly Hamilton, Western sophomore, will be interning at the Toledo (Ohio) Zoo. A few students are studying abroad. **Erika Strong**, Western junior, will be conducting research on a topic of her choice while living and learning in Luxemburg. Then there are those students who want to stay in cozy Oxford. **Keelan Jamison**, Western junior, will be working in Oxford and is looking forward to meeting Western College alumnae/i at reunion weekend. No matter how they spend these next few months we will miss them.

This semester was full of events, but there is one that we have to mention. In true Western fashion, we held the annual Shore to Slimy Shore boat race. For this tradition the students construct boats from cardboard and duct tape. Then they bravely row their creations across Western Pond. In a surprising turn of events, one of the boats made it across the pond and back without taking on water! The other boat did not fare as well.

As the Western Program continues to grow, we are always working to empower students towards professional development. At times it can be overwhelming for students to contemplate all of the possibilities that their unique degree holds for them. We happen to think that alumni are the best ones to offer advice at this stage in their academic and professional lives. For this reason we have created an online networking group on LinkedIn called “Western Connections.” This Western community group provides a space for current Western Program students to connect with Western alumni. This space is designed for alumni who wish to interact with current students by providing guidance, suggestions and opportunities related to career path options and senior projects. [See photo and caption, page 39.] The Western Program is filled with vibrant students with multi-faceted interests. Our hope is to develop a strong sense of connection and community with Western alumni who can help students understand the applicability and value of their interdisciplinary education. If you would like to join or explore the group, go to www.tinyurl.com/westernconnections.

Spring 2014 was a time of growth and reflection for our program. I cannot wait to see what the students have in store for us next semester.

— *Hannah Mills '13*
Student Activities Coordinator

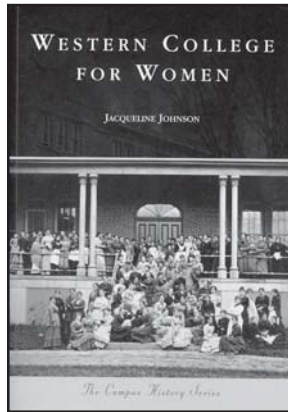


“In a surprising turn of events, one of the boats made it across the pond and back without taking on water!”

From the Archives

Hot off the presses! WCMA archivist **Jacky Johnson's** pictorial social history of Western has been printed and is already a WCAA best seller!

Trustees were presented with complementary copies of *Western College for Women* at their April 25 board meeting, and the Miami University Bookstore held a book signing and sale on April 29. Part of Arcadia Publishing's Campus History Series, the book contains more than 200 historic images — the great majority of them from Western's own Archives. In addition to combing the shelves for pictures and documents to tell the story of Western's evolution from seminary to college, Jacky interviewed alumnae, former faculty, and Oxford residents to provide a "live" perspective.



Available at the MU Bookstore and in selected stores in uptown Oxford, *Western College for Women* can be obtained from the WCAA online (www.miamioh.edu/wcaa) or by calling the office (513-529-4400). To pick up your copy in person, come to Alumnae Weekend, June 20-22, and buy it at the Gift Shop!



Jacky Johnson

Working with the Office of Undergraduate Research each semester, Jacky teaches independent studies classes. On April 26, two of her students, **Rhonda Baldwin** and **Kai Parker**, presented on the topic of Freedom Summer at the National Council of Undergraduate Research in Lexington, Kentucky.

Look for information in the fall *Bulletin* on a national webinar attached to the Freedom Summer Conference on Thursday, October 9, 2014, co-sponsored by the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

From the Clubs



Above: Alumnae from the DC area gathered for lunch at Lia's restaurant in the Bethesda neighborhood of Chevy Chase, MD, on March 23. Leah Kritzer '03 (far left) spoke to the group that included (from her left) Celia Dalton Clark '70 and Vicky Choy, Geri Pizzi* and Donna Wilson Johnson, all Class of '68.

*Geri Kuscher Pizzi '68

Below: The Columbus area group met April 12 and enjoyed a fascinating presentation by Joan Campbell '73 on Bhutan. Joan and her husband, Ben Branch, have been to the Himalayas twice and were headed back to Bhutan for a third time. WCAA senior program assistant Debbie Baker was on hand to give the office report and serve as official photographer. In attendance (front row left to right): Susan Riley Scherer '55, Catherine Ross Loveland '52, Ella Brown McMahon '63, Jan Chadwick '67, and Audree Riddle '10. Back row: Annalisa Townsend (Ella's guest), Dick Loveland, Alan Kalish '81, Nancy Ryan Rietz '52, Ben, Joan, Betsy Salt '74, Jane Russell, and Chris Moranda '74.



Send your news — *and pictures!* — for the Fall '14 Bulletin NOW.
E-mail, or clip and mail the form below to your Class Rep. If your class does not have a Rep, send your update directly to the WCAA. Beat the deadline: Labor Day, September 1!

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Alumnae Weekend Gifts

Anniversary year classes contributed **\$10,985.**
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 Western Program contributed **\$275.**

TOTAL ALUMNAE WEEKEND GIFTS \$24,957

Club Gifts

Columbus Area Undesignated
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TOTAL CLUB GIFTS \$485

WESTERN COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, INC.

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE MODIFIED CASH BASIS December 31, 2013 and 2012

ASSETS	2013	2012
Cash	\$124,376 (b)	\$93,881 (b)
Investments (Market Value)	\$223,715 (c)	\$206,434 (c)
Other Assets		
Antiques and Art	\$39,875	\$39,875
Gift Shop Inventory	\$9,706	\$10,133
Total Other Assets	\$49,581	\$50,008
TOTAL ASSETS	\$397,672	\$350,323
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Sales Tax Payable	\$11	\$27
Fund Balance	\$397,661	\$350,296
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$397,672	\$350,323

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND FUND BALANCE MODIFIED CASH BASIS Years Ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

REVENUES	2013	2012
Alumnae Giving:		
Annual Fund Gifts	\$99,416	\$65,292
Reunion Gifts	\$19,372	\$20,227
Endowment Gifts	\$82,593 (c)	\$123,899 (c)
Total Giving	\$201,381	\$209,418
Other Revenues and Additions:		
Reunion Weekend Revenue	\$13,388	\$12,464
Gift Shop, Patterson Place, Misc. Revenue	\$5,000	\$2,094
Interest and Dividend Income	\$2,323	\$2,224
Gain on Investment	\$24,679	\$15,922
Total Other Revenues and Additions	\$45,390	\$32,704
TOTAL REVENUES AND ADDITIONS	\$246,771	\$242,122

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

EXPENSES	2013	2012
Alumnae Relations (including <i>The Bulletin</i> , Clubs, and Annual Reunion)	\$40,499	\$37,720
Fundraising and Stewardship Operations	\$6,157	\$7,360
Patterson Place Expenses	\$11,448	\$11,994
Peabody Hall Porch Furniture	\$6,102 (e)	\$4,959 (e)
	\$9,848 (f)	\$0
Education: (d)		
Archives	\$352	\$1,166
International Scholarships	\$4,795	\$2,500
Peabody Scholarships	\$2,200	\$5,024
Other Scholarships	\$9,742	\$1,234
Total Education	\$17,089 (d)	\$9,924 (d)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$91,143	\$71,957
TRANSFERS		
Annual/Reunion Gifts to MU Foundation and Miami University Fund	\$25,670	\$26,025
Endowment Gifts to MU Foundation	\$82,593 (c)	\$123,873 (c)
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$108,263	\$149,898
TOTAL EXPENSES/TRANSFERS	\$199,406	\$221,855
Increase in Fund Balance	\$47,365	\$20,267
Fund Balance Beginning of the Year	\$350,296	\$330,029
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$397,661	\$350,296

(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 \$124,224 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.

(f) Project funded by individual donor.

In addition to the above figures, for fiscal year 2012-2013, Miami University provided allotments of \$178,406 for salaries and benefits. Miami University also maintains the interior and exterior of Patterson Place and grounds.



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Polly Hasty
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Jiawei Li
Molly Little
Denise Moore
Sarah Mullins
Stephanie Posillico
Joslynn Pretty
Maura Prince

MULTI-CULTURAL INTERNATIONAL

Grace Chu Scholarship

No award for 2013-14

Mboya Family Scholarship

Nancy Odero (Nairobi, Kenya)

Herrick Black Young Scholarship

Ayush Damani (India)

International Student Scholarship

Nancy Odero (Nairobi, Kenya)

Multicultural Scholarship: International

Hanna Furmanava (Belarus)
Nhung Nguyen (Vietnam)
Ayush Damani (India)

MULTICULTURAL U.S. RESIDENT

R/L/V Scholarship
Michael Donnelly

General Study Abroad Scholarships

Alexis Doolittle
Amaji Finnell
Evan Fradkin
Brianna Freeman
Rebekah Harper
Katherine Hockman
Jenna Presar
Sara Wood
Gracie Rapnicki
Jessica Yeung

Elizabeth Turner Fund

Matthew Armelli
Emma Barnes
Stephan Barr
Alyssa Bove
Ariana Bruggen
Eric Cioffi
Catherine Conner
Hannah Cox
Julia Creswell
Bonnie Dutton
Jordan Eickholt
Alyssa Friedman
Georgia Fuerst
Sara Giska
Melissa Goldberg
Julianne Greco
Lance Greenburg
Jordyn Grzelewski
Ellen Haenszel
Bryan Heinz
Mariah James
Nicholas Jenkins-Neary
Jennifer Karbula
Nicole Kules
Anne Kuruc
Rebecca Lehmann
Travis Lesch
Michael Lowery
Thomas Makridis
Kelly McCaffrey
Lauren Meister
Bryan Morrison

Multicultural Scholarship: U.S. Resident

Adam Joesten
Garrett Stevenson

STUDY ABROAD

Jean Boyd Cable Scholarship

Kimberly Johnson

Florence Prendergast Cockerell Scholarship

Andrea Christman

Koons Family Scholarship

Kendall Dienno

Lois Wiggins Newman Scholarship

Kayla Orta
Alyssa Pollack

Grace Osgood Scholarship

Amaji Finnell

Joseph Thoms and Sarah Darnall Resor Scholarship

Sean Thomas
Sarah Charlton

Alice Schacht Salt Scholarship

Matthew Armelli

Mercedes Long

Rowena Snyder Scholarship

Brianna Freeman

Amelia Wester

Edith H. von Tacky Scholarship

Jordan Eickholt

Rebekah Harper

Thomas Hart

Judy Kalbfus Waldron Scholarship

Erika Strong

Susan Ray Woodworth Scholarship

Beverly Withrow

Lydia Zimmermann Scholarship

Melissa Goldberg
Jordyn Grzelewski
Sierra Hollopeter

Breanne Natale Emily Neely Nicholas Perry Amelia Peterson Madison Sabatelli Rachael Silver Hannah Smith Emily Terzic Nicholas Zahra Leena Zahra Anne Alexander Diana Alvarado Alexandra Annicella Allison Arnold Hayley Berg Zachary Butler Gabriella Camacho Melissa Carroll Kayla Chapa Allison Dimick Stephanie Evans Karissa Fenton Samantha Gehret Elizabeth George Courtney Grogan Christopher Herrera Dan Hu Ashley Huber Rebecca Junod Allison Krieger Kasey Meckert Sarah Mickelson Adam Miller Lauren Mitro Alexandra Munroe Erin Norwig	Shannon O'Connor Emily Paxson Carsyn Rodriguez Paige Viti	OTHER DONOR-DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS Margaret Wilmer Bartlett Scholarship (International Studies Major) Erin O'Neal Nicole Nieto Clara Appel Scholarship Samantha Anderson Mary Bender Danielle Dailey Chelsea Hauser Stephanie Leclerc Mary Lee Katelin Morgan Ashley Overby Jessica Sherlock Claire Stemen Ashley Zani Alma Bremer Scholarship Shannon Bradfield Jennifer Fink Carissa Frye Caroline Hill Sierra Hollopeter Aaron Keck Andrew Koopman Shelley McKinley Sydney Norman Kathleen O'Reilly Avicia Rodgers Robert Rogers	Alexander Staron Hannah Zimmerman Evelyn May Davis Scholarship Allison Brounger Lauren Cain Krista House Atticus Jordan Kayla Miller Genevieve Nenninger Jillian Runser Bridget Simpson Kelsey Venis Chelsey Voorhis Jacquelyn Weber Kaitlin Wensinger Katharine Zaback Catharine A. Gerber Technology Award Tyler Arnett Hollie Schaffer Kayla Orta Leanna McConnell Patrick Greitzer Derek Biggers Hieronymus Family Scholarship John Coleman Harriet Gebhart Hieronymus Scholarship Quentin Mullen John Coleman Meed-Zearley-Clingman Scholarship Angela Anderson Kayla Cooley Lydia May Olinger Loan Fund No Award 2013-14 Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Poplis Scholarship Jared Abromowitz Leah Kessler	Nathan Turner Lois McCullough Whitter Scholarship Michael Taggart WCAA FINE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP No Award 2013-14 WCAA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Alissa Pollack WCAA TRUSTEE SCHOLARSHIP Jeffrey Folz WESTERN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP Daniel James Bartlett Rebecca Braun Melissa Danubio Matthew Horton Brandon Johnson Natalie Kellamis Matthew Lionetti Joseph Neidhard Maxwell Pauly Robert Riggs Olivia Rizzo Elijah Sciford Madeline Scott John Spear Cody Statum Amanda Stevens Shannon Wilkes Paul Wilson
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International Exchange Scholarships Awarded to undergraduate students in international exchange/study programs. One-time partial scholarships, based on merit and financial need.

Peabody Scholarships Awarded to non-traditional undergraduate students (over 25) who have had their college education interrupted. One-time partial scholarships, based on merit and financial need.

Multicultural Scholarships: International Awarded to incoming undergraduate international students. Full and partial scholarships based on merit, then financial need, renewable up to three years.

Multicultural Scholarships: U.S. Resident Awarded to incoming undergraduate - African-, Asian-, Hispanic- or Native-American U.S. residents. Partial scholarships based on merit and financial need, renewable up to three years.

Study Abroad Scholarships Awarded to undergraduate students enrolled in either a semester or full year study abroad program. One-time partial award.

Trustee Scholarships Awarded to upperclass Western Program students who exhibit exemplary leadership. One-time partial scholarships.

Memorial Scholarships Awarded to upper-class Western Program students with need. (Funds made available through annual gifts to the WCAA in memory of classmates.)

Donor-designated Awards/Scholarships Criteria vary, established by creator of scholarship/award in conjunction with the university.

Two hundred forty-five scholarships and awards totaling \$564,870 were distributed for 2013-14, thanks to YOUR support!
To learn more about creating a named scholarship, please call WCAA Director Mackenzie Becker Rice at 513-529-4400.

THE NARKA NELSON CIRCLE

WESTERN'S PLANNED GIVING SOCIETY

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

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

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