# class notes

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Class Notes is the most popular and widely read section of *The Term*. It provides a forum for alumni to share their news, from professional accomplishments and accolades to marriages, births, and anything else that fellow alums might find interesting. Thank you for sharing your updates!

This section would not be possible without the leadership of our class correspondents, who play a vital role in helping their classmates maintain a lifelong connection with Potomac. Throughout the year, they gather news and photos for the fall and spring issues of *The Term*. So when you get an email calling for news, please make it a priority! You can send your notes directly to your class correspondent, whose contact information is listed at the top of your class year. If no class correspondent is listed, please send your information to *term@potomacschool.org*.

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#### REUNION 2021 CELEBRATING CLASSES ENDING IN '1 AND '6

We look forward to celebrating milestone reunions for classes ending in '1 and '6 – and connecting all of our Potomac alumni to one another during Reunion 2021, which will take place from April 30 to May 1. Planning is underway, and we will be offering the Potomac community opportunities to virtually (and safely) participate in lectures, workshops, cocktail hours, and more. If you are interested in getting involved, please email Laura Miller, director of alumni relations, at *lmiller@potomacschool.org*.

Class Notes come from many sources. We do our best to edit for accuracy and clarity.

### 1942

Katharine Stanley-Brown Abbott recently released A Zoo Full of Rhymes, which brings 38 engaging creatures alive in a witty collection of illustrated verses. Katharine is a newspaper and newsletter editor as well as the writer of two memoirs, three cookbooks, a commemorative book for a women's social club, and a recent book of rhymes about Nantucket Island, where she is a third-generation summer resident. She considers herself a generalist. Her eclectic interests include needlepoint, knitting, cooking, travel, reading, tennis, and life-long volunteerism. She is also an accomplished collage artist whose work has been exhibited and sold in juried shows, art festivals, and open studios. Katharine is a graduate of Vassar College, mother of four adult children, and grandmother of five grandchildren. She is a resident of Manchester, MA. Find out more at her website, glassheadbooks.com.

### 1944

Gerry Wellborn Orem writes, "At the age of 90, I am doing very well, although my dear husband of 67 years died two years ago. I live in Maine in a retirement community

in an independent-living cottage. I am still able to drive and enjoy going for hour-long walks in the nearby woods. I busy myself with making masks for schoolchildren, since the coronavirus has prevented the volunteering I used to do at the Red Cross and the hospital. Greetings to my classmates who are still here!"

1946 Reunion 75th

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From one of your Class Correspondents, *Nancy Hamilton Shepherd*: "Dear Potomac classmates... As you know, *Jerrie Kohlmeier Bartlett* and I take turns writing you a couple of times a year and then sending your memories on to Potomac. That process brings up our own memories of those days in the California Street School. Remember going up and down all those stairs as we went from one building to another? Remember the contrast of being fairies in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on the one

hand, and on the other hand, knowing that there was a war going on? Somehow, the fact that our nation is in the dramatic time of COVID-19 reminds me of the 40s, when our nation was in the dramatic time of World War II. In each case, we were and are experiencing a part of history. I still remember being in our seventh grade classroom, hearing the air raid signal go off, and climbing under my desk for shelter. These days, in the same way, I am aware of all that we must do to keep safe from the unseen virus that is floating around, waiting to make an attack. In both cases, there is a certain hope that things will turn out okay.

"Like a number of you, I imagine, I live mostly by myself. I do have a new companion – a Springer spaniel named Bo! He is very loving. I am doing a bit of dog training, though I seem to have lost the battle of where he sleeps (which is on my bed). May you all be well and enjoy this life as much as you can."

Betsy Silver Alexander shares, "I attended Potomac from kindergarten through ninth grade, when the school was located on California Street. Unfortunately for me, I skipped seventh grade and spent the next two years in some sort of purgatory where none of my former classmates and only one of my new classmates

(*Maria Somary Twaalfhoven*) would speak to me. However, Maria and I sat together in the back of the classroom and became fast lifetime friends, which only ended with her death at the end of last year.

"I remember one year, before fifth grade, we little ones played the forest animals in an Upper School production of Siegfried (this MUST have been before World War II broke out). Another year, our principal, Miss Preston, had us put on a May Day celebration with Morris dancing and hobbyhorse antics instead of a play. Another year, we did a short version of A Midsummer Night's Dream - just the fairies and rude mechanicals. Finally, as ninth graders, our class presented Iphigenia in Tauris. Nancy Hamilton Shepherd, I think I remember that you played Iphigenia, and Maria was Athena. I had no part, not even in the chorus, but I was everyone's understudy and had to memorize most of the play, which came in handy a couple of years ago when a young Englishman at a party stated that U.S. schools were sadly deficient because no classics were taught. As an example, he bragged that he had performed Iphigenia in Tauris at his public school, and no one he had met in America had ever heard of it. I immediately started quoting the lines of Athena's opening speech, which stunned him into silence for the rest of the evening. It's not often you get a payoff like that for something you had to memorize as a kid!

"I've often been back to DC and still visit my old neighborhood. We used to live at The Dresden on the corner of Connecticut Avenue and Kalorama Road, so I walked the few blocks to Potomac every day. On my visits, I usually walk up California Street, past the building that replaced the old thrown-together houses that formed our school. Two years ago, I noticed that the first replacement apartment house was being gutted - it was just a shell - and I couldn't find out what was going on, though I asked at the little market and cafe on the corner of California and Phelps Place. That cafe used to be a drug store, and we often went there after school for an ice cream soda or a milkshake. Otherwise, the neighborhood really looks the same!"

Jerrie Kohlmeier Bartlett writes, "Allen and I are filled with gratitude for being able to live in our wonderful retirement community, Cathedral Village, during the pandemic lockdown and society's moral and economic chaos. We've had few COVID-19 cases here. Through Zoom and other technologies, we've been able to continue to hear resident lectures and concerts, as well as those we used to attend in Philadelphia.

Even our meals are delivered to the door! Of course, we've ached to be with family and friends. Thankfully, our oldest son recently drove down from Rhinecliff, NY, for a nowallowed visit. The only downside for me has been my health - two falls and a diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease - but Allen is a superb caregiver, so I plod along with my rollator and scooter. Apropos of World War II, which raged when we were at Potomac, I remember rationing with coupon books for scarce commodities and saving tinfoil from chewing gum to make airplanes. Mostly I remember Miss Seth-Smith, the English associate headmistress, who communicated the plight of English children, their fears during air raids, and the destruction from constant bombing. What really brought the tragedy of war to me was when our beloved English teacher, Mrs. Malcolmson, received word that her husband had been killed in action. That had an enormous effect on all of us."

Judy Blair Green tells us, "Perhaps I can just share fond memories of Potomac as it used to be. I know that my love of reading was nurtured and encouraged by the rigor of the teaching we received; we were blessed with teachers who were dedicated, and I sincerely hope adequately paid for their competence. I can be quite OCD about crossword puzzles and am so pleased when I can remember the name of an obscure Greek god – fifth grade studies! – and Latin words I started to learn in ninth grade. Our studies of Native Americans in third grade are still with me and have grounded my interest in books about those cultures as well."

Katie Alexander Grimes reports that life goes on in Jamestown, RI, much as it has in recent years. Her husband, Paul, lives nearby in a place where they are able to see each other and where he receives good care. Katie reports that, over the years, her outdoor interests have gone from riding horses to the joy of sailing. These present COVID-19 times remind her of the challenges of being in Washington, DC, during World War II. She and Nancy Hamilton Shepherd discovered in a phone conversation that they have family members who live near one another in Vermont. They agreed that they were really fortunate to have grown up at The Potomac School on California Street.

From *Rose Kean Lansbury*: "I remember that I was listening to the radio, sitting in a large chair and doing my homework, when the announcement came of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. I'm not sure what that meant to me, but it was enough to make me get out of my chair to tell my

parents. The war had officially begun in 1939 in Poland. I remember graphic pictures from the newspapers and *Life* magazine, but I couldn't tell you when my brothers became soldiers or my brother-in-law joined the Navy. So I may be excused from not remembering too many specifics of what was going on at Potomac.

"I do know that we were convinced that our efforts, be it knitting, collecting tinfoil, or packing Goodwill packages (was that later?), were all vital to the war effort. We were as proud of our Girl Scout uniforms as any member of the armed forces. *Miss Seth-Smith* and *Miss Preston* marshaled the forces and kept us up to snuff. There is something hovering at the edge of my memory about patriotism and loyalty and love of country and waving flags, but I can't seem to bring it into focus.

"We had new friends from overseas in our classes. I remember *Audrey Hadow Michie* with her long red braids, *Venetia Murray*, and *Maria Somary Twaalfhoven*. I'm not sure we knew much about their family situations or thought about them. We also had students from other parts of the US, like *Anne Legare* and *Nancy Neff* from New Jersey, *Ellie Ames Powell* from Long Island, and others whose names I have forgotten.

"There were tasty hot lunches of casseroles put together with a minimum of rationed items. Later, we might have referred to them as 'mystery meat,' but at the time, they seemed wonderful; much better than efforts at home. We had more freedom than we would have had a few years earlier. The people who might have been supervising us were doing war work or taking care of their own families. On Fridays, after lunch at the corner drugstore, we took the trolley downtown to the movies. The streets were packed with servicemen. I don't remember anyone ever asking what film we'd seen.

"There is an expression used today – it is not 'safe haven,' but it is something like that. Maybe 'safe place' in quotes. It was, I suspect, what the school was intended to be for us during the war years.

"WWII officially ended in September of 1945, having raged for almost all of our time at Potomac."

Audrey Hadow Michie shares an update and writes of Washington 100 years ago, "When I was at Potomac School in the ninth grade, I rather liked the older relatives in my family, who were quite numerous. I imagined myself as an old lady sitting in a rocking chair by the fire or on a porch, with few

cares and plenty of reading time. So far, I haven't reached that time. It's more like 'there aren't enough hours in the day,' as I often hear. After my husband died, I moved to a nearby apartment for a few years. I got out just in time, before the building boom of tall condos - you can no longer see the mountains from there. To have a little more space for family visits, I bought a house closer to central Crozet. It has served me well for three years, even when I stopped driving. Now comes another change. The house is being sold to my son, Ian, and his fiancée, Nancy, and I will move to Lynchburg and live with my second daughter, Lindsay.

"Among the blessings of being with Lindsay and free of household cares, I will have a better chance to organize my accumulation of family papers. Quite recently, I found a group of letters written by my mother to my British father from Washington and Warrenton from 1920 to 1923. Dad had come to Washington as the first secretary at the British Embassy, and Mum was a debutante. When he left, he wanted her to marry him; she was not so sure. They finally did marry in Warrenton in 1925, at St. James Church. What interests me, besides the personal parts, are the descriptions of Washington and Warrenton: social life, frequent travel, and names I recognize. I do hope I get it all sorted out. This may all sound a bit personal, but delving into family history is a great antidote for this terrible pandemic – I recommend it."



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1954 Class Correspondent Tina Knox Radigan eradigan@va.metrocast.net

Didette Van Slyck Hammond and Sandy **Robinson Righter** sent a picture of the two of them in New York City having lunch with their husbands, who were also classmates in the '50s.

Emily McLean writes, "No news! Thank God I love to needlepoint! Have been working on a canvas since this whole virus thing happened. Do see lots of NY License plates! DeBlasio seems to be driving people out of there! Can't wait to see you!'

Elaine Reeves Padovani wrote this letter to all her classmates: "Tina's reminder to contribute to these notes led me to think about aspects of my time at the school that strongly influenced my life and career. Science, music and math were my passions, with natural history classes above all. So many happy hours were spent exploring trails and ponds on the property, and who could ever forget John Langstaff conducting the angel chorus and bell ringers at Christmas! Girl Scouting under the strong leadership of Miss Helen Seth-Smith taught invaluable lessons of honor, resourcefulness and resilience.

"After finishing high school at Madeira, my majors at Vassar College were geology and zoology. Advanced degrees in various earth science fields were achieved through studies at Stanford, at the Faculté des Sciences in Paris, and at the University of Texas at Dallas, where juggling research with two small children made for interesting times.

"Following several years of post-doctoral research at MIT, the remainder of my career was spent in civil service, first at the National Science Foundation and then at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). After retiring in Tucson in 2004, I have kept happily engaged with golf, hiking, art and music.

"My husband, John Sutter, retired from the United States Geological Survey in 2006, and we spend about seven months during the summer and fall at our home on the coast of Oregon. It has been difficult not being able to go there this year as we remain hunkered down in our house in Tucson, waiting until reliable mitigation measures against the pandemic become effective so that travel becomes safe for us. It is also hard not knowing when we will see family members again, especially grandchildren, all of whom live in distant states.

"I hope all of you are well, staying safe, and being careful."

Eda Darneille Doyle says, "Sad to report that my wonderful husband of 50 years died on July 17, 2020, after a brief illness. Dave and I had moved from our farm to Shenandoah Valley Westminster Canterbury back in 2012. SVWC is a lifecare facility in Winchester, VA, and we were truly blessed to have found it. I am still living in our duplex cottage, which I love, and plan to stay put as long as I am physically able to take care of it and myself."

Edie Murphy Holbrook writes, "Sitting out the pandemic in New York City, awaiting the election, and working the virtual option

on foreign policy issues. The city was a ghost town during the summer, with seemingly endless closures of mom-and-pop shops and restaurants, taxis with no fares, and a massive evacuation to summer homes or the suburbs. Many New Yorkers decided to move out of the city and commute in on a daily basis or relocate entirely. Now, with many of the schools reopening in the Upper East Side, some have moved back in. In our neighborhood, we had a nasty bout at the inception with demonstrations and looting (including on the ground floor of our building), but that modus operandi is past-tense. And I tip my hat to Cuomo for pulling us through a good part of it. The city has also come in behind outdoor dining, expanding it into a slice of the streets, inspiring creative displays of parasols, flowers, and table settings, and generating a festive mood in our neighborhood. The wearing of masks is a major issue. The city is now threatening to fine people hefty sums if caught without them, and it's about time. I will believe it when I see it!"

Sally Hand Herren shares, "I'm wondering how everyone is faring with this crazy pandemic. John and I are hanging in there, and we can report one good thing that has come out of it. Our daughter, Allison Herren '97, who lives in Oakland, came home for a long birthday weekend in early March. Just before she was to return, California was put on lock-down, so she decided to stay here and work from home at our house. She is still here as of October and doesn't expect to return until her office opens up, perhaps in spring or summer. We feel so lucky to have her here.

"Another positive outcome of the pandemic is that I am playing bridge online with Polly Graham Coreth. She is doing very well, is involved in many worthwhile activities, and lets no grass grow under her feet! One more lucky thing is that we decided not to move into a nearby retirement community in January 2020. We love staying in our house, and we have room for Allison! Good luck to everyone in our class."

Tina Knox Radigan writes, "Sadly, Suzanne Legg Read passed away peacefully on November 23, 2019. Her daughter, Brooke Spicer, called me when I was in Florida to let me know. She found my name and number while cleaning out her mother's house. Suzanne and I were best friends for many Potomac years, and I will miss our fun times together at each other's houses in Georgetown.

"After reading Edie's notes about people fleeing New York because of the pandemic, I realized that they are all coming here! Here in the Northern Neck of Virginia, where the road dead-ends at the Chesapeake Bay, we had very few cases in the beginning, and we all felt lucky to live here. Now our real estate sales are booming, and people are even buying lots to build on. People are coming here from all over the States to get away from the pandemic and the riots. Now we're seeing a rise in infections.

"My granddaughter, Laura, is now a nurse at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. Her first job was in the middle of all this, and she is treating some patients who are infected. So far, so good, but it really worries me. Needless to say, my life is very isolated with no social life anymore. It is lucky that I don't mind living alone and am trying to keep busy and read a lot. Having my 3-year-old Goldie is wonderful, and I don't know what I would do without her. I will drive down to Florida with her in January, and I look forward to seeing Emily McLean again."

1956 Reunion 65th

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1960 Class Correspondent Stephanie deSibour sdesibour@ivymount.org

Constance Casey reports, "After years as a newspaper person in California and Washington, DC, I moved my work life outdoors. When we came to New York for Harold's job at Memorial Sloan-Kettering, I got a horticulture certificate at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and then worked as a gardener for the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation for six years. It was hard and also very fun; I really got to know my fellow New Yorkers. The October after September 11, 2001, I was one of the hundreds of gardeners and volunteers planting a million daffodil bulbs given to the city in sympathy by Dutch bulb growers. Daffodils come back and multiply. When you drive up the West Side Highway in the spring, you can see some of them - a ribbon of yellow in Riverside Park.

"Retired from full-time city work, I spend a lot of time in our house in Old Chatham, NY, where the garden is influenced by the long-ago but indelible teaching of Duryea *Morton*. The place is essentially a bird preserve, with plenty to eat, plenty of shelter,



Deborah Shapley Cortesi '60

and a pond. I'm very lucky to have this place, but my cause is supporting and creating green oases in the city."

Debby Shapley Cortesi shares, "After Potomac, my life involved no horses and few dogs. Never again was I kicked out of a school. I went on to Madeira, which shaped me. I was on the Crimson at Harvard, which propelled me to a well-suited career. I became a beat reporter for a local daily, then a reporter and editor for the MIT Technology Review magazine. For nine years, I wrote weekly news for Science. I also did a stint as Washington Bureau chief for Nature. Like many reporters, I fell for the temptation of writing books - four as of now. When I married Roger Cortesi in 1974, I never thought of detouring to parttime. Thus, our children were raised by the proverbial 'village.'

"Roger brought scads of friends and extended family into my life, so my last 45 years have been well populated. He died at age 85 on July 7, of dementia. One challenge of my new life is keeping up with these friends and relations!

"In recent years, my main activity has been founding and leading Restore Mass Ave. (restoremassave.org). RMA plants trees and arranges stewardship for the urban forest in the Embassy Row part of Washington, DC, where I live. I have started another project that may get more people excited about science. I am preparing materials - mainly a website - to raise awareness of my grandfather Harlow Shapley. His contributions to astronomy and public life seem relevant today (harlowshapley.com). Between these, the four children, and seven grandchildren, I have plenty to do. Still, it would be great to hear from Potomac classmates."

Steph deSibour shares, "All things considered, I feel very, very lucky - to be in good health, gainfully employed, and in the company (albeit mostly virtual) of family and friends. It has been interesting and challenging to navigate this new world and to find things to do that are both distractions and of some value. Not that I have it down perfectly, but at least I am becoming a better cook, a dedicated walker (sans dog so far), a better correspondent to family and friends, and an eager volunteer for a few community projects that have expanded my perceptions and experiences. We are mostly in DC, but have had more and more time to be in Vermont, since we can 'work' from anywhere at present. My sons, Josh Stinchcomb '91 and Matt Stinchcomb '93, both Potomac graduates who often speak of those memories, live not too far from Vermont, so we have seen them (following all the protocols) and our five grandchildren, ages 2 to 9. So far, everyone is well and getting educated in various ways. I hope we can all stay in touch in one way or another. It has become increasingly important and comforting. Stay well."

Eve Lilley reports, "All is just fine - if not unusual - here in DC. Bill and I have been appropriately distancing, masking, gloving, etc. and, thankfully, we are both in good health, as are the kids and 10 grandkids. Much to be grateful for. Although my work testing kids for learning disabilities and ADHD was on a bit of hiatus, we are now back in gear. I've managed to continue my ballet classes via Zoom with my other wonderful adult ballet students. I am still vice-chair of the Board of The Washington Ballet and loving that duty - especially now, as we consider what these times mean for a performing arts organization. Happily, there is much creativity and ingenuity at play, and I think that we will survive. But oh, how I miss a live performance. Hope everyone else is well and safe!"

Adelaide (Lolly) MacMurray-Cooper writes, "There's not much to tell, as we are sheltered in New Hampshire for the foreseeable future. We had not even unpacked last March in our new apartment at Brookhaven, a continued-care retirement community in Lexington, MA, when David's son, who is a doctor, told us to head for the hills, as we are both vulnerable to COVID-19. So we became immersed in the coming of spring. We had two birdhouses of nesting bluebirds and a visit from a huge bear, who scarfed down all the birdseed and then was very sad to be shooed off our deck!

"We are busy taking courses on Zoom. I'm writing memoirs for one, which is



Jay Whitehead '60 and Jean Cook in Croatia 2019

a lot of fun (in the Potomac chapter, I appreciatively highlighted all we had there); taking singing lessons; talking to our sons and their families in London and New Jersey; playing games; and reading online with the six little ones. We meet friends for virtual cocktails a couple of times a week, we read, and we keep up with two book groups. We shop infrequently, all masked and gloved, and do some calling and writing for the Democrats. By the time these Class Notes come out, we'll know the results of the election, and I pray that the last four years will be succeeded by serious reorientation and repair work for our damaged country. It's an odd, distanced kind of life, but it has its rewards. Thank heaven for the Internet, which gives me the fun of Scrabble with Annie Rickert Shields and Steph deSibour!"

Jay Whitehead reports, "My 60-year odyssey since Potomac includes St. Albans, Yale, George Washington University, and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where I received a Ph.D. in biology after completing research on monkeys in Central and South America. Thank you, Jane Goodall. A severe auto accident brought the fieldwork to an early halt, and I began my second marriage while doing research at University of Florida. My wife is a physician working in a hospital environment, one I felt very comfortable in after stints in Washington Hospital Center and George Washington University Hospital. At home, I became a chef and helped raise our children, Ben and Emily, who have gone on to New College (Florida and Oxford, UK) and Columbia; and Wellesley, National Institutes of Health, and medical school (stay tuned!), respectively. While they grew up, I became involved in our Unitarian Universalist fellowship and in founding the Florida Free Speech Forum. Finally, choral singing has become a focal point of my life and health, and doing choral classics with the university chorus, church choir, and a smaller group have been rewarding, especially on trips to Colombia and Peru. Singing "Make Them Hear You" (from *Ragtime*) with my son has produced permanent goosebumps. And of course, there are the golden retrievers we have raised and bred..."

Louisa Parker Young shares, "While it's been a tough year for all of us, I had a special moment of joy in the midst of it at my daughter's wedding. Nine of us attended the ceremony on the bow of a former small aircraft carrier now docked in the Hudson River and open for events. It was truly a bright spot in such fraught times.

"New York has managed the pandemic well, so we have been able to emerge from sheltering with a hint of normalcy in outdoor dining and careful shopping for needs. The parks are wonderful oases, and impromptu musicians have appreciative audiences on the surrounding benches. We feel we are a community and are truly all in this together.

"I stay busy with cooking, Zoom (both socializing and informal studies – the Bible and also the Torah, at present) – and keeping in touch with friends and family. I look forward to the time when I can more easily be with my son and seven-year-old granddaughter and my daughter and her new family. I am praying for the quickest possible end to this pandemic and for those who are experiencing very hard times.

"I hope all our Potomac friends are well and safe. Thanks, Steph, for helping us stay connected."

Eldie Acheson '62 and her spouse, Emily Hewitt, with Deb Johansen Harris '62 and her spouse, Ted Harris, in October 2020

## 1961 Reunion 60th

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Alexandra Villard de Borchgrave writes, "I hope everyone is doing well. In marking the 10th anniversary of my Light of Healing Hope Foundation, we are celebrating the delivery of over 56,000 books of hope to over 100 hospitals and hospices nationwide, which will bring comfort to patients and their families during times of adversity. We encourage hope, peace, and healing through messages of love and courage with beautiful images. I am so grateful to my board, advisory board, and dear friends for their support in this mission of comfort!"

1962
Class Correspondent
Deborah Johansen Harris
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Eldie Acheson says, "A wholly unexpected silver lining of COVID-19 has been remote work from our new house in Cape Cod, MA. Just before COVID-19 struck, my spouse, Emily Hewitt, and I had finished building a fully accessible house on Cape Cod, and it has become our remote work location. WiFi is a bit sketchy, but whether it's working or not, what's not to like? And it got us to Massachusetts last October, which allowed us to get to Holden for a very welcome and lovely visit and lunch with **Deb Johansen** Harris and Ted Harris. I am sure the ability to be here for weeks at a time has helped immensely with the scariness and isolation of COVID-19. We're grateful to be safe and well so far, and the same for our wider family. I hope the same for all of you, and I very much look forward to the day we'll be able to be together. Stay safe and well."









Wendy Neel Ellsworth '63 with her newest grandbaby, Bridger Patrick Kennedy

Deb Johansen Harris reports, "Highlights this past fall included a solo week of 'getting out of Dodge' R&R in early September in Truro on Cape Cod – glorious weather, walks on the beach and visits (masked and distanced) with friends and cousins – lunch with Eldie Acheson and her spouse, Emily Hewitt, in October, and celebrating my mother's 96th birthday. Downside was my suffering a stroke last summer. We are, otherwise, okay."

Bobbie Lanahan writes, "I don't have anything that would pass for real news. I haven't been anywhere, haven't published anything, and my grandchildren are mostly attending school remotely. At first the social distancing didn't make any difference. I continued to work on a book of paper dolls that my grandmother made, completed a long-delayed portrait, and devoted months to an elaborate painting of foxes for a flower-arranging and brunch event that happens here at Ardelia Farm in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom - my idea of paradise and/or escapism. I also submitted my recently finished documentary about a photographer to various festivals, many of which are now virtual. I am looking around and recalibrating as the landscape of exhibitions and movie venues shifts - and am wondering where we are headed...I hope some good springs out of it all."

Katherine Marshall admits, "My least good news: COVID-19 keeps me separated from my daughter Laura's family, who live in Seattle. Better news: I see my son and his wife who live nearby. My COVID-19 puppy, Kairos (or KaiKai), is irrepressible and a positive influence on me day and night. I continue to fail retirement badly, teaching a freshman seminar at Georgetown University on pandemics. I have also been intensely involved with a USAID Evidence

Summit on strategic religious engagement and with the G20 Interfaith Forum. May this uncertain and painful period come to a close, with lessons to make a fairer and happier world."

Louise McVickar Marx says her only news is that she and her husband bought a house in Boca Grande, FL, and have become Florida residents. "I loved our reunion on Zoom last spring. Hope we can do it again! Stay well, everyone. Hopefully, life will go back to some sense of calm and decency and a cure for COVID-19 will appear soon."

Carol Mattusch writes, "The pandemic has allowed me to increase the size of my personal research library to the point where the second floor of the house seems as if it might be in danger of falling through to the first floor. I have also learned to ride my husband Richard's stationary bike – bicycling being a skill that I never learned because, as a child, I lived alongside a gravel road."

Rosemary Merriam shares, "My news is all political, and not much will change until after the election is decided. I hope to still be standing when it's over and am dreaming of future travels with my husband, George, when COVID-19 is under control."

Mimi Merrill Russell says, "I have nothing new to report since we had our lovely Zoom reunion in the spring. I am just very grateful to have a garden where I can work out my frustrations by yanking out weeds!"

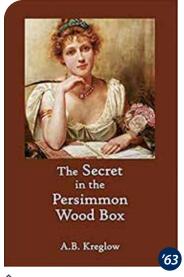
Anne Darneille Snodgrass reports, "All continues well. We just returned from four-and-a-half months in Maine. It was a good place to be during COVID-19. One daughter was there with her family for five months; another daughter for six weeks. The other two children came for lesser amounts

of time. We had to upgrade our Internet service and had people working all around the property all day. We certainly weren't lonely. We returned to Washington, DC, for the rest of the fall and then will have to see where we go. I haven't gotten into playing bridge online, but maybe soon. I am still playing tennis, and I gardened all summer."

Rhea Topping writes, "I am still in Patagonia since our fab Zoom call. Spring is now around the corner, so I've planted lots of annuals. Now I don't want to return to the Northern Hemisphere. I'm not allowed to vote from here as I am not a 'registered expat,' so what's the point? It's safer here because of COVID-19, no matter what the stats say. Am glad to avoid the racial tensions, elections, and Trump. I have been a registered Republican since pre-birth, but no way with this situation! Hope all of you gals are safe and secure. The fact that some of you even remembered me was a highlight for me, and seeing and hearing some of you at our Zoom reunion last spring was as if we were together yesterday. Magical. I hope we do it again!"

1963 Class Correspondents Marisa Knowlton Domeyko mdomeyko@comcast.net Anne Williams annegw200@yahoo.com

Wendy Neel Ellsworth shares, "We had a wonderful visit from my son Adrian Kennedy with his family over Labor Day, and I got to play with my newest grandbaby, Bridger Patrick Kennedy. After being in isolation since March, it was a welcome visit indeed!"







Elizabeth Dickerson Sinclair '64's 1959 Easter egg hunt down the road on Savile Lane in McLean, VA, with her sisters, Ann Dickerson Pillion '66 and Jane Dickerson '68, and fifth grade classmates

Amanda Kreglow '63's second novel, The Secret in the Persimmon Wood Box Chris Ripman '63 after losing almost 100 pounds. "A truly transformational experience," he says.

Amanda Kreglow writes, "I finished my second novel, *The Secret in the Persimmon Wood Box*, which is now available on Amazon. We are all fine here; no COVID-19, no fires, just smoke. It's a few days 'til the election, and I am holding my breath for a better outcome. Be well and happy, everyone!"

Chris Ripman says, "Elizabeth and I are surviving the pandemic so far. Kids are fine. The demand for architectural lighting services has slumped, and I moved the office into my house. If anyone has any construction projects - residential, academic, commercial, institutional, historic - please consider adding our firm, Ripman Lighting Consultants, to your team. Over the last 40 years, we have executed over 4,000 successful projects of all scales and won more than 150 awards for excellence in lighting design. I have thrown out or recycled hundreds of boxes of accumulated paper and obsolete lighting equipment. In the same spirit of lightening up, last December, I had bariatric surgery ("the sleeve") and have lost almost 100 pounds. A truly transformational experience!"

1965
Class Correspondent
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Sallie Ayers Barker shares, "Birthday wishes go out to everyone in the class of '65 as we enter a new decade! Emily Train Rowan, Gail Kefauver, and I are benefitting from a silver lining during this

stressful COVID-19 era: the gift of tending to grandchildren while our daughters and sons-in-law maintain their demanding jobs as frontline doctors and educators. Emily is in Washington, DC, Gail is in the San Francisco Bay Area, and I'm in New Hampshire. Chasing after little toddlers and watching them develop and change every day has been a true delight."

In July, in the midst of the pandemic, *Emily Train Rowan* and her husband Jim's younger daughter gave birth to a beautiful baby boy in DC. Emily says, "I'm recently retired, and my husband and I are thankful for our many rewarding years as educators, but also relieved to be spared the difficulties of so many school decisions today." She and her husband are still working, albeit at home and part-time. Full retirement looms in their future. She adds, "We send our best to our classmates, with the hope that each of you and your families are staying well!"

Betty Clare Lindsten Mulrey shares, "Greetings, everyone! Best wishes to all of you from me and my family. I am currently teaching remotely at Merrimack College in North Andover, MA. I teach a diversity, social justice, and ethics course there, and I work with student teachers. I also work at a farm school in New Hampshire. My eldest, Katie, is doing research gathering data on cosmic rays at a university in Belgium; my daughter Clare is teaching eighth grade science in New Hampshire; and my son, Jack, is a software engineer for the Navy. I value our wonderful days at Potomac so much, and our great teachers, staff, fellow students, and families!"



Whit Knight '66 enjoys collecting, painting, and researching toy soldiers for fun. This is "Sir Galahad," produced in 1958 by Ideal Toy Corporation. Whit repainted the armor, but not the helmet and did some retouching on the face.

1966 Reunion 55th

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Whit Knight writes, "Not too much to report, although it has been quite some time since I last communicated with The Potomac School...I moved to Arlington, VA, in May of 2019 from Prescott, AZ, where I had lived since 2010. Since then, I have been attending Virginia fellowships affiliated with The Way International of New Knoxville, OH, a nondenominational, nonsectarian, biblical-research teaching and fellowship ministry founded in 1942. I am still retired, although I became an investor four years ago. I am not, however, an investment advisor.

"I continue to collect, paint, and research toy figures (generally referred to as 'toy soldiers') for fun. Since May of 2014, I have been admin and founder of a toy soldier hobby group on Facebook, Little Wars Toy Soldier and Civilian Figurine Association. The group began when a few friends and I started what we called 'Little Wars' in 1996, in Ridgefield, CT. The last meeting was held in 2004, and 'Little Wars' was revived six years ago. Currently, there are over 790 members, many of them in foreign countries.

"I also read for fun and personal learning. My favored genres include history, biographies, and mysteries, with science fiction periodically thrown in. My most recent read is Edmund Morris's third volume of his biography of Theodore Roosevelt, *Theodore Rex.* Riveting. I think that covers it."

1968
Class Correspondent
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Ceci Addison Clark and her husband wrapped up their last year of many as school directors/principals and have settled this summer in Utah - a long-time plan. Pleasures there include "outdoor pursuits... fewer people, and we've had our kids with us on and off, a joy for us. Regarding COVID-19, I feel like Michelle O. – low levels of depression that take fighting - as well as having retirement adjustments to make. With so many avenues closed down, in-person volunteers are not needed and inperson learning is delayed - but I will be fitter, at least, and can do most anything intelligent online." She's also been actively working to strengthen 2020 election outcomes.

Ice-climber, rock-climber, and finance advisor John Davidge has been working from his farm in Lancaster, VT, since early March, running his New York City-based portfolio management business as his wife, Deb, remotely manages 30 million square feet of City University of New York real estate. He says, "Came to the farm for some early March ice-climbing (this is in the heart of the White Mountains) and have not returned to the NYC apartment. Of course, there is never-ending work on the farm, and I hike with friends, swim, and play tennis several times a week. No more rock climbing except maybe in San Miguel de Allende, if it is ever safe to return..."

*Chip Hitchcock* is reading even more than previously (a recent choice is a graphic novel based on an incomplete script by Salvador Dalí for a film featuring Harpo Marx) and participating in Zoom sessions

that range from sing-alongs to deep detail on Mozart's Requiem to a short 'recordyourself-singing-to-this-click-track-andwe'll-merge-the-results' project. He helped make a video of the northeastern SCA's thrown-weapons community members and 'has done enough theater to be fascinated by the British National Theatre's innovative tech use and skill in their YouTube videos.' He's photographing his plantings' bloom cycles around his house, and adds, "I've been walking a lot to make up for the gym being closed, discovering little side streets (and occasionally footpaths). My neighborhood isn't old by New England standards, but it clearly grew organically instead of being planned. On my evening walks, I watch the slowly evolving paths of Jupiter, Saturn, and Mars."

Simone Jorissen feels lucky to have left London last year for the Netherlands, where the rules combating COVID-19 are strong and followed, as she says, "largely with good humor. The limited public transport and traffic means more cycling for all of us (including people older than 80!) I've been enjoying the resultant cleaner air, amplified sound of birdsong, and time to reflect and acclimatize to my new home."

While maintaining her work improving healthcare environments, she's seen friends and family often, in reopened restaurants and museums with distancing rules in place. She continues, "For now, travel's restricted to nearby cities, where I am armed with a face mask. Going further afield will happen, but for now, we have the sea, the woods, and the cycle paths...and the craziness will pass, hopefully with positive changes! Wishing you all the very best."

After years of traveling worldwide (as a travel/skiing writer), Peter Oliver has been enjoying staying home the last few years. "As one of the states least affected by COVID-19, Vermont is a nice place to shelter in place under current circumstances." Last year, after reading Hampton Sides' In the Kingdom of Ice, a book about polar exploration, he has been working on "a book about my grandfather's 1919 summer journey as a Columbia University medical school student to the remote coast of Labrador, where he provided medical services to tiny fishing communities. There, he encountered devastation wreaked by the 1918 Spanish flu, with some Labrador communities losing 60% of their population. How did the disease migrate to such a remote environment? And why was it so much deadlier there than elsewhere in the world? Given what's been happening now, my grandfather's story seems apropos."

Nick Stein is living his goal: an interesting and helpful retirement...He was actively supporting his choice for the election outcome, and now that he's finished his 40-years in the non-fiction TV biz, he's practicing and teaching mindfulness to cops, inmates, college kids, startups, and companies of all sizes. He shares, "I always love it - never a dull moment - and I also have a weekly Zoom group. My wife, Susan, is currently the main breadwinner, as her now-remote therapy practice has never been better...it's working out just as I planned it! I'm beyond grateful that I am not in the middle of my career." He and Susan spend half their time away from the city in a beautiful 'casita' guesthouse on a gorgeous property in Santa Barbara, affordably splitting it with a friend.

1970
Class Correspondent
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Kristin "Krikky" Rose Jaffe writes, "My news from the front lines: I am back to teaching high school students – both those who choose to appear in person and those who prefer to learn remotely. This means I wear a mask for eight hours straight to teach face-to-face and have to muck around with a camera and mic to get Microsoft Teams going for the students at home.

"My appraisal is this: students who come in person are so happy to be back, but the teachers are exhausted – because we are responsible for making it all work and for supervising the students every minute of every day, in addition to enforcing social distancing and spraying down everything they touch. I suspect there will be much teacher burn-out...From Beaten Up and Worn Out in Bryn Mawr, PA."

Garrett Jewett shares, "Freeborn Garrettson Jewett V was born in DC on September 15, 2020! Seen with me (Freeborn Garrettson

Garrett Jewett '70 welcomes his grandson!







Dana Strong '70 (center) at her daughter Nina's June wedding. John Henry Strong '10 is at the far right.

Dana Strong '70, daughter Margot, and nephew John Henry Strong '10 atop Mount Bierstadt



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A *Term* article from May 1967 about the *Alice in Wonderland* tapestry that Miss Posey Barlow's fifth-grade class worked on in 1965-66

An article from February 8, 1968, about the Alice in Wonderland tapestry

Jewett III, standing) are my father, Freeborn Garrettson Jewett II; my son, Freeborn Garrettson Jewett IV; my son's wife, Bridey; and my mom, Joan. In the background and obscured in this photo is a portrait of Freeborn Garrettson Jewett I (1791-1858)!"

Jane McAllister tells us, "Steve and I are packing for a move to Arlington, VA, just outside my current neighborhood in McLean, where we've lived for 17 years. We are having renovations done on the new place and will move at the end of December. At the time of our (postponed) 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in spring 2020, about a dozen members of the Class of 1970 joined in a wonderful Zoom call instead, and we have another planned for November. I couldn't figure out who those old people were! Some of my classmates were reminiscing about the Alice in Wonderland tapestry that Miss Posey Barlow's fifth-grade class worked on

Bride Ashley Rossi and groom Alex Treco (son of Sarah Bucknell Treco '70) with his brother, John Treco, as best man. Note Lucy Bucknell '76 and Kate Bucknell Maguire '72 in the Zoom photo. in 1965-66. I found photocopies of a *Term* article from May 1967 and another (source unknown) dated February 8, 1968, which I shared with my classmates."

Dana Strong reports, "In September, I climbed my first ever fourteener, Mount Bierstadt (CO), with my eldest daughter, Margot Van Loon, and my nephew, John Henry Strong '10. I was on an endorphin high for two days after. It was exhilarating. In June, my younger daughter, Nina Van Loon, got married with just 10 people in attendance – all in masks, of course!"

Sarah Bucknell Treco writes, "Our youngest son, Alex, and his fiancée, Ashley Rossi, had planned to be married in Newport, RI, over Memorial Day weekend. Cue COVID-19 -Rhode Island gatherings were not allowed. They were determined to get married as close to their original date as possible (they had done 18 months of planning, after all). They got married in Ashley's parents' front yard, Ashley in a dress from off the Internet, since her wedding gown was locked up at the bridal salon. Twelve immediate family members attended outdoors, and 88 families attended via Zoom. We have reserved the dates in Newport over Memorial Day 2021 for Alex and Ashley to reconsecrate their vows in front of friends and family, if people are able and willing to gather again by then.

In Nantucket, left to right: Sarah Bucknell Treco '70, her sons John and Alex Treco, and Alex's bride, Ashley Rossi Treco







John Chester '73 with his grandchild Theo earlier this summer

"We managed a family vacation in Nantucket in August by locking ourselves down for two weeks before the vacation, so that we could safely combine three family bubbles. It worked. A summer life, lived almost entirely outdoors, seemed almost normal. We plan to do it again in December, with a two-week self-quarantine so that we can be together over Christmas week in a rented house in New Hampshire. Rethinking what the holidays really mean."

1971 Reunion 50th

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1973
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John Chester reports, "COVID-19 canceled a lot of travel plans this year, so Laurie and I have been exploring our home state of Vermont by kayak, bike, and hiking. We did get to spend a month with our grandchildren earlier this summer. Wishing the best to all classmates – stay positive and test negative!"

*Liza Gookin Hodskins* writes, "Besides the other dramas of 2020, my boss, Erik Gutshall, died of brain cancer less than two months after taking a week off because of tiredness. We were not even told of his diagnosis until he resigned six weeks later. It is still a terrible shock, as he was also a



The ancient odeon at Troy, where Ellen McLaughlin '73 performed right before having to leave Turkey due to COVID-19.

good friend. He literally made me laugh every day. As a result, my tenure as the aide to an Arlington County Board Member ended after 11 years with that office – two months before my full retirement benefits kicked in and during a hiring freeze, among other issues. Not surprisingly, the county's Office of Elections needed people, so I have landed here as senior assistant registrar during one of the most – interesting – elections our country has seen, and not lost any benefits. I'm nonpartisan in the office and writing this before the election, but I'm fervently hoping that this country gets back on track after this four-year nightmare.

"Other than that, Steve and I have been doing well, even though we both tested positive for COVID-19 – totally asymptomatically, luckily. Family and friends are also fine and wearing masks, of course. I sang at Erik's outside memorial service and have eaten out a few times with friends, but other than that, we're being as safe as possible. I'm looking forward to traveling beyond our Rehoboth house and socializing again, but for now am following the science (thanks to Potomac for giving us a good basis in logical thinking)."

Ellen McLaughlin shares, "My husband, Rinde Eckert, and I are both theater people, and like everybody we know, we have been out of work since March, when our profession was swept off the face of the earth. And 2020 was starting out so well. When the pandemic hit, I was in Turkey, teaching a graduate course in classics for the University of Pennsylvania in Troy (I know!) with a great classicist, Bridget Murnaghan, and Brian Rose, the archeologist who ran the site for 25 years. The class culminated with a reading of my version of Euripides' *Trojan Women* in the ancient odeon on the site. It was amazing at the end to hear all the women bid farewell to the city they were standing in. Unforgettable. I had been intending to head from Turkey to Greece,

where I was to be working on a film, but it occurred to me (when the entire country of Italy, well, *closed*) that maybe I should get home. Thank God I did. It turned out I got on one of the last flights out of Istanbul for New York. I'm grateful to be back to teaching (online) at Barnard for my 26<sup>th</sup> year, but, oh, how I miss theaters."

Adam Platt has written a memoir about his life as a globe-trotting gastronome called The Book of Eating. He encourages all of his long-lost classmates from the rolling suburbs of Northern Virginia to order it, preferably from your struggling local neighborhood bookstore. He says, "I'm still a restaurant critic and writer for New York magazine, although this is not a great time for restaurants or for magazines. I still live with my wife, Kate, and our two Zoom-addled daughters in Greenwich Village, New York City. We are hanging in there like everyone else, and we count our blessings daily."

1974
Class Correspondent
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Ann Brown reports, "I have had a surprisingly good year. I am, after all, a hermit at heart. Last winter, we moved from a rental house in Cambridge to another in Concord, MA. It is close enough for Anna to walk to school, where she's now a junior. She loves it, but misses time spent with friends and athletics practices. Selfishly, I'm delighted to have her home more and beyond jealous of her class options. When did high schools start offering the courses that I qualified for only as a senior in college? Concord's been teaching virtually until this week, before Halloween. Now they've gone hybrid, so all fingers crossed.

"Last winter, we had to do renovations on our Nonquitt beach-house following a visit from 'the four horsemen': *Carroll Carter, Garrett Randolph,* Malcolm Whitman, and *Tim Higginson.* The place was once again deemed structurally sound in late May. Anna and I loved living down there for five months.

Best wishes to all and happy Thanksgiving. Stay healthy. xo."

Sarah Holmes writes, "I retired from the government in November 2020 and am happily figuring out my next adventures. Had a nice catch-up and outdoor drink with Barbara Parrot Katz, where we talked about children, COVID-19, politics, and life.





Earlier in the week, I'd been talking to *Grace Guggenheim* while driving. We realized I was driving past the place where she was test-riding a new bike, so I pulled over. We had a great catch-up. I love living in my hometown because of these sometimesrandom meetings. I share everyone's dismay about the pandemic. I have also been moved by some organizations I support, which are using this unexpected upheaval to reimagine themselves stronger and better."

Sarah Lejeune says, "As I was adjusting to post-divorce solitude, the pandemic sent my college student Zoe and ex-husband home for six months while we all caught and recovered from COVID-19 and learned to be an unconventional but supportive family. I continue to do land-use consulting for Netflix and Amazon. Inspired by several wonderful Zoom discussions with Potomac classmates about No Man Is an Island, I am working on a COVID-19-related art piece, uploaded at sdlstilllives.blogspot.com.

"Fire season has spared Malibu and Topanga so far this year. But Zoe went back to online college in Portland, OR, where she dodged record fires on the drive up and met the worst air quality ever measured in the world *and* civil unrest. An invaluable higher education indeed. Now we await the election and blessed rain. Peace to all."

Jennifer Moses reports, "I had a new book come out just in time for shut-down in March, a novel: *The Art of Dumpster Diving*. A collection of short stories, *The Man Who Loved His Wife*, is being published in February of 2021. And the last of my brown hairs have been overtaken by silver."



Speke Wilson '79's game, "That's Just Wrong!"

Ralph Savarese '79's book of poetry was released this fall.



1976 Reunion 45th

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Alaine Peaslee-Hinshaw shares, "During my eighth grade summer, Mads Carter, Sue Rockwell, and I visited Anne Coleman in Maine. In 2019, I learned that Sue is Rosalind Cross's cousin. A cousin-to-cousin shout-out led to a 'let's get together.' Forty-three years after visiting Anne for the first time, we visited again in October of 2019. It was a very special, fun reconnection. We hiked the same mountain. Our order number at the lobster pound was 43! Sue Rockwell couldn't be there, but Sue McAllister could."

1979 Class Correspondent Anita Winsor-Edwards anwinsor@gmail.com

Congrats to *Ralph Savarese!* He shares news: "I hope this email finds you safe and well. And I hope it's okay to be commandeering the email list that *Speke Wilson* used to tell us about his new board game. I have two books out this fall – both collections of poetry. (Accessible poetry, I might add, for anyone who finds the word 'poetry' triggering!)

"The first, out now, is called *Republican Fathers*. It's a kind of memoir in verse about growing up in a Republican family in the Washington, DC, area. My neighbor immediately to the left on the Potomac River was Frank Carlucci, Reagan's national security advisor and secretary of defense; my neighbor immediately to the right was

Elliot Richardson, Nixon's attorney general. The spot we lived on was called Little Falls, and 15 people drowned there in as many years. Some nights, while having dinner, we watched the park police helicopters attempt a rescue."

Speke Wilson writes, "Hi, everyone. Again, I hope everyone is safe and well. At last, my law-themed board game called 'That's Just Wrong' is ready! I have launched a Kickstarter page and I hope you all can support it. Right now, I'm getting close to reaching my initial funding goal.

"Just so you know where it stands, there are 5,000 games on 11 pallets coming to the U.S. Right now, I need 118 backers to reach my funding goal, so that I can at least unload some of that shipment on Kickstarter before I move on to the next goal. We'll see how the campaign goes before I know if I overbought. Right now, there's a lotta room to grow! Garage madness in my future?

"A few of you have already become backers – you know who you are – thank you so much! I will say this to everyone: the game really works. The conversations it inspires are awesome. The non-lawyers are like, 'I never knew that, but it makes sense!' and 'It was totally foreseeable!' And the lawyers are like, 'Of course it works like that!' or 'Those judges have no idea what they are doing! If you review A v. B, you'll see that they got it all wrong!' Of course, getting it right is only half the fun; the rest is seeing how others think and learning to think in different ways yourself. I am really happy with how it turned out.

"I want to impress upon you that my real goal is to save lives. I've thought a lot about this. Though I downplay it in the descriptions, the fact is that a number of the cases in the game exist because someone got injured very badly. I'm desperate for folks to understand their responsibilities and to recognize danger so that these types of accidents happen less often. I'll never know, but there's nothing I wouldn't give to learn that one person decided to make a better decision that resulted in one fewer life-destroying injury. How many times in retrospect have we said to ourselves, 'I would have given anything to stop that from happening'? In that sense, we're all in this together. These accidents could happen to any one of us or our friends. Having fun conversations with your family and friends is great and super valuable at building respect and trust, but I see the opportunity to stop some injuries from happening as a key contribution that the game can make."

Anita Winsor-Edwards says, "I am enjoying working at the U.S. Agency for International Development. I also cared for my son Will, who came home from college after catching COVID-19, yet he was able return to school after two long weeks. I adopted a sweet German Shepherd and discovered the wonders of gin at the end of the day."

1981 Reunion 40th

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1983
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After recently returning from a three-week cross-country road trip, David Bryant shares,"My wife and I passed through 14 states, sleeping in the back of our car with minimal possessions, only stopping and resting overnight at truck stops for safety reasons. We've traveled cross-country four times in five years and could tell Borat a thing or two, but that's another movie. We've witnessed a country divided and subdivided to the point where the U.S. is completely fenced in! There's no such thing as public space or land of the free, sadly. The burning forests in CA, dying spruce in CO, endless oil rigs in KS, MT, ID, WY, NV, CA; it's shameful how many poor and wealthy exist while technologically influenced ethnocentrism consumes our planet. Life is about the journey, not the destination. Yesterday's history is tomorrow's past, but today's present is a gift we should all appreciate."



David Bryant '83 recently visited the Corica Park Golf Complex in Alameda, CA, the city where he raised his two daughters.

Eric McGuire '83's first day riding in the tracker seat at safari school



83

Eric McGuire '83 in Johannesburg, South Africa, last year with two children he tutored, Mike and Bruce

Eric McGuire tells us, "Two years down and one to go in my wife's South African assignment. When I last wrote (before arriving here), the plan was for me to continue on to Antarctica for six months. But I am enjoying Africa far too much to leave. I spent my first year as an English tutor, working with third graders in Johannesburg. At the start of year two, I enrolled myself in safari guide school and am now officially a South African apprentice field guide. I spent November in a different school, camping in Kruger National Park and getting qualified as a trails guide, which allowed me to take people on walks in dangerous game territory. Being a guide doesn't actually interest me that much, so I am looking to apply my education to conservation work or assisting with scientific research. Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy and that life gets back to some kind of normal soon."

Tom Newbold writes, "Greetings from Prague! While the COVID-19 situation here is spiraling out of control, we have managed to stay healthy so far. It has been strange to walk the streets of Prague (with face masks) with not a tourist in sight. Our older son, Nicholas (16), started St. George's School in Newport, RI, in August and is thrilled to be playing football and attending in-person classes. Robert (9) has recently transitioned to distance learning (again), but is managing much better this time around, albeit really missing basketball practices. Thank goodness for the hoop above the garage! With two investment partners, I continue making early-stage investments, including recent ones in alternative protein/ food companies, a leading 360-degree camera company, a privacy-aware presence detection company with a product for monitoring occupancy of spaces to comply with COVID-19 limitations, and an electric vehicle fleet charging software company."



Ali Shapiro
Cudby '84 is
thrilled to launch
her book Keep
Your Customers:
How to Stop
Customer Turnover,
Improve Retention
and Get Lucrative,
Long-Term Loyalty.



Jamie Mayberry '86's "NINJA"

1984
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Ali Shapiro Cudby writes, "After working on my newest book for almost two years, COVID-19 completely upended my plans for launch. All the speaking and launch events...POOF! Gone. Nonetheless, the launch was an amazing success, and I'm thrilled to share that Keep Your Customers: How to Stop Customer Turnover, Improve Retention and Get Lucrative, Long-Term Loyalty hit #1 on the Amazon Bestseller list in April. It was named one of the Top 50 Sales Books of 2020 by Top Sales World, which was a delightful and unexpected surprise. Otherwise, life in Indianapolis is also a delightful and unexpected surprise."

1986 Reunion 35th

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Class Correspondent Robert Cheek rmbcheek@gmail.com

Holly Green Gordon shares, "I still live in LA with my two kids and husband and, like the rest of us, I'm looking forward to turning 50 this year. I'm making a list of fun adventures I want to go on in the next 10 years, so if anyone has suggestions, please send them my way!

"I continue to really love my job as chief impact officer at Participant Media, where my team works to connect our (often) award-winning films with activists and leaders leading change on the world's most pressing problems. This year's release slate included *Slay the Dragon, John Lewis: Good Trouble, American Utopia*, and *Totally Under Control*. All have links to democracy and I highly recommend them (I guess I'm biased!) Next year, I am looking forward to the release of *Judas and the Black Messiah*, which is the story of Black Panther Fred Hampton.

"I had a fun Zoom call with *Bern Hoffmann*, *Tim Greensfelder*, *Charlotte Gaither*, and *Freddy Greenewalt* right when the pandemic started. I guess we all wanted to remind ourselves about the friends we really love!"

Jessica McGrew Lang says, "My fiancé and I postponed our wedding until 2021, but we did manage to buy a house together during lockdown, where we quarantined with our combined six kids all summer (cue the Brady Bunch jokes) before some went back to college. I started a new position last fall with Public Consulting Group, and I'm working from home on Medicaid policy evaluation."

Jamie Mayberry shares that he is still in contact with a number of classmates via social media and also in person, including Paul DeGeorges, Bob Der, and James Kehler, although this year, unfortunately, their shenanigans have been confined to FaceTime and Zoom calls.

The pandemic has caused Jamie to work even more hours than usual. His company has pivoted to offer hand sanitizers, bulk isopropyl alcohol, and EPA-registered disinfectants. Jamie named one of these products "NINJA" and personally designed the label, which includes throwing stars. "At heart," Jamie writes, "I will always be a

kid doodling on notepaper!" The formula was tested by the EPA and confirmed to kill COVID-19 on hard, non-porous surfaces within 60 seconds (along with MRSA and some other nasty bugs). If anyone is involved with a business or organization that needs this type of product, feel free to contact Jamie. His company is also donating supplies to those in need.

Caroline Sanderson Morris reports, "The year 2020 was poised to be quite a celebratory year for the Morris family. Our oldest daughter, Lindsay, graduated high school, turned 18, voted in her first election, and is a freshman at the University of Georgia. Our youngest daughter, Claire,

Left to right: husband Andrew, daughter Lindsay, Caroline Sanderson Morris '86, and daughter Claire





Julie Fanburg '86's dog, Rosie the shih-poo, and her devoted raccoon, Raccoon

made the varsity tennis team, lettered, and got her learner's permit. My husband, Andrew, and I celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I also have a significant birthday coming up. This year may have put a damper on our party and travel plans, but it did not take away from us celebrating all the wonderful milestones our family has achieved. And since we postponed the 2020 parties, we are looking forward to a fun 2021."

Julie Fanburg says, "My kids are 14 and 12. One is at Georgetown Day in ninth grade and the other is at North Bethesda Middle School in sixth grade. Neither was keen on having their picture taken, so here's our Rosie; she is 4 ½ and is as active as she looks! (I'm trying to stay slightly more active than Rosie with my Peloton app, but I have to admit that once I hit 40, the warranty was definitely over, and I would have to pedal a good 15 hours a day to get back to the good ole days!) :)

"Thanks to the super Laura Miller, I had the thrill of returning to Potomac before the pandemic hit. I was on an alumni career panel on entrepreneurship, as I've had my company, Nerd Up, for 20 years. My company specializes in headhunting for IT and start-ups. At Potomac, it was a blast to meet and encourage fabulous high school Panthers, several of whom had great questions. I shared how it's always the right time to focus on taking control of your career path and not settling, no matter the economy or your stage in life.

"I also founded Career Me Up years ago, because so many folks would turn to me for advice and résumé revamping; I help established professionals figure out the right pivot; mid-level folks make sure their path keeps tracking the way they want; and junior folks, new grads, and kids still in school figure out how to decide on a valuable career or internship. I create professional branding (and much-improved résumés) for elevator pitches, cultivate interview successes, and build people's confidence in all aspects of networking and career growth. Thus far, my work has come

in through referrals from professional to professional, CTO to CXO, and coaching client to trusted friends and family. Big thanks to those of you who have referred me in the past!

"I love staying connected to Panther friends. We have our class of '86 at Old Fogey Alumni Class Lounge on Facebook, so if you haven't signed up there yet, please do, so that we can share photos and stories about whatever is going on in our lives. Wishing health and as easy of a time as possible to all Panthers and their loved ones right now."

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Carlos Cecchi shares, "We adopted a puppy recently, and it's definitely helped take our minds off the pandemic! Besides making us sleep-deprived for the first few weeks and busy with house training, it's been the perfect excuse for long walks around the city. We've connected with new people (and their dogs) at the park and reconnected with old dog-owning friends that we haven't seen in a while. It's nothing new to dog owners the world over, but we've been reminded that puppies are 'social media' that are actually good for you! Hang in there everyone and stay safe."

Annie Martin Simonds writes, "Hello, classmates! Happy 30<sup>th</sup> reunion! I hope that you are safe and as well as possible. Our silver lining during the pandemic was having all three of our kids home and finally having a family evening routine without the competing interest of sports that often overlapped the dinner hour. We were to have been empty nesters this fall, but all came home for a unique six-month isolation period. We managed to find lots of

Carlos Cecchi '90's recently adopted puppy



green space in Maine and Montana, with rural routers in hand to keep up with day jobs. This is one for the history books on so many levels. I hope we'll be able to find another way to reunite again soon!"

1991 🧗

Reunion 30th

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Jamie Stump writes, "I had the pleasure of gathering for a socially distanced happy hour with Sunil Budhrani, Michael Semchyshyn, Ebbie Wisecarver '97, and Tim Wisecarver back in September. So nice to catch up and find each other so happy and healthy. The Potomac bond is strong and seems to strengthen with time!"

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Sandy Gentles shares, "Laura and I decided to take a COVID-19 adventure by moving the family to Baltimore for the year. With both of us working from home, we wanted the kids to be able to go to school in person. It has been so much fun."

Sandy Gentles '94 with his family on their Baltimore adventure





Taggart Howard, George Wisecarver '95, Elyse Sudow Howard '95, Max Howard, and Eli Howard (he is not this large in person!) in Beaver Creek last winter

Bryan Bennett '01 and Skip Calvert '01 at one of Vanderbilt's iconic outdoor lunch spots, San Antonio Taco Company



Kayeen Thomas '02 signing his novel Antebellum, which was published by Simon and Schuster

Kayeen Thomas '02 with his family after graduating from American University with a Master of Fine Arts degree in film and electronic media

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George Wisecarver writes about his family trip last winter: "Katie and I made a trip to Beaver Creek with our kids over Christmas and New Year's. While we were there, we met up with Elyse Sudow Howard, her husband, Taggart, and their sons, Max and Eli. We had a great time catching up and enjoying the great snow in zero-degree temperatures."

1996 Reunion 25th

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Kristin Carlucci Weed shares, "This summer, my family moved from Houston, TX, to

Washington, DC. We were excited to enroll our three kids at Potomac for fifth grade, second grade, and kindergarten. I regularly see Susan Reynolds Spies and Joanna Steckler Goldman and hope to reconnect with a few other Potomac alumni now that we are permanently back in the area."

1999

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Jonathan Miri founded an HR startup called Rapid Accelerator to turn around underperforming small businesses.

2001 Reunion 20th

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Skip Calvert recently met up with fellow '01 classmate and new Nashville resident Bryan Bennett at one of Vanderbilt's iconic outdoor lunch spots, San Antonio Taco Company, lovingly referred to as "SATCO."



*2002* 

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Rostam Batmanglij self-released his new single Unfold You in October. Go to officialrostam.com to check it out.

After leaving Potomac, Kayeen Thomas attended Banneker Academic High School in Washington, DC, and Carleton College in Northfield, MN, where he earned a bachelor's degree in African American Studies. He has also obtained a Master of Arts degree in theology (Wesley Seminary) and a Master of Fine Arts degree in film and electronic media (American University). Kayeen has two fiction novels, Antebellum and The Seven Days, that were both published by Simon and Schuster.

Antebellum won the Phyllis Wheatley Book Award and was nominated for an NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Debut Author. Since working in film, his work has been featured at events such as the DC Black Film Festival, the Richmond International Film Festival, and the March on Washington Film Festival. Kayeen currently works as a public affairs specialist and multimedia producer for the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. He lives in Washington, DC, with his wife and two children.

2003

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At the beginning of this year, *Claire Simeone* left The Marine Mammal Center, and started Sea Change Health with her husband. This organization focuses on revolutionizing the way we define and cultivate health for creatures who rely on the sea. Claire writes, "We just performed the first interneuron transplant in a California sea lion. Cronutt has suffered from epilepsy since being intoxicated by domoic acid in the wild. This was the first-ever attempt to treat naturally occurring epilepsy in any animal using transplanted cells." This was one of Sea Change Health's first big projects. Congratulations, Claire!

Brent Locey '04 with his son JR Locey, born October 21



2004

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Lots of new babies to celebrate this year! *Mike Diamond* and his wife Emily welcomed their adorable son, Rafael Jay Diamond, to the world on September 27! "While certainly exhausting, we are loving the first month with our little bundle and hope to introduce Rafa to the extended Potomac family when it's safe to hang out again. His birth has been such a bright spot during these challenging times," Mike says.

In 2014, Drew Durbin got fed up with the hassles, high fees, and low guarantees that came with sending money to his NGO in Tanzania. So he co-founded Sendwave, an app that safely and instantly sends money from North America and Europe to numerous countries across Africa and Asia. Maggie Beddow has been a part of the Sendwave team for several years as head of operations, and Emily Rowan Austin recently joined as head of talent. In August 2020, as the global pandemic intensified demand for digital banking, Sendwave was acquired by U.K. online money transfer company WorldRemit Ltd. Sendwave will continue to operate as an independent business and retain its management, employees, and key partners.

Michael Murphy '04, Casey Murphy, Dylan Murphy, and Gunner Murphy in Golden, CO



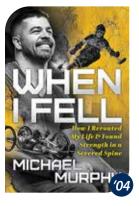
Brent Locey and his wife Aubrey welcomed their first child, Brent Taylor Locey Jr., who they will affectionately call JR, to the world on October 21. They are already so in love with him and look forward to coming back to Virginia so he can meet all the other wonderful '04 alumni children.

Michael Murphy writes, "This year has brought us some serious silver-linings: a baby and a book! Our son, Dylan John Murphy, was born healthy and strong on March 10, just before the world shut down, and after years of work, I learned I'll soon be an author. My coming-of-age memoir, When I Fell: How I Rerouted My Life and Found Strength in a Severed Spine, will be released in stores on April 13, 2021, with plenty of Panther pride featured!"

Steve Shashy and his wife Monica welcomed their son Aaron on June 20 – just in time for Father's Day! Steve reports: "His favorite activities currently include smiling and giggling, trying to roll over, and babbling to a plastic rattle shaped like a tiger – all of which are very exciting for his parents!"



Steve Shashy '04 and his wife, Monica, welcomed their son, Aaron, on June 20



Michael
Murphy '04's
coming-of-age
memoir, When
I Fell: How I
Rerouted My
Life and Found
Strength In A
Severed Spine



Rob Yip '04 with his family

Rob Yip and his wife Sam have two kids with one more on the way, due May 2021! Rob says, "We still live in Maryland working as Department of Defense contractors. Pretty boring, but fortunately unaffected by the pandemic. We're very thankful for our family, friends, and opportunities."

"Team Yonkman" welcomed *Ryan Yonkman* home from his recent U.S. Indeo-Pacific Command deployment aboard the U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt flying MH-60S helicopters.

2006 Reunion 15th

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Jamie Beddow '07, who goes by the artist name "Hello Beddo," teamed up with Willie Morrison to release a remix of Willie's most recent single, "One More Time." You can find "One More Time – Hello Beddo Remix" streaming on all music platforms.

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*Katy Warren Oliver* had another boy, Cooper James Oliver, born July 27, 2020!



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Isabel Dann moved from Austin to Los Angeles with her partner, Joey, and dog, Leo. She has started a new role as SoCal Community Manager at Justice HQ, which is a new tech platform for solo attorneys.

Mackenzie Foster is in her third year of teaching philosophy at Duquesne University and recently got a puppy named Duke!

Stephanie Khan started her first year of pediatric residency at the Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, DE, and the Jefferson program in Philadelphia, PA. She says, "I also got married during the



Ryan Yonkman '04 and son Will Yonkman (future class of '34?) in Coronado, CA, with Will's godfather, David Calvert '05

Team Yonkman" welcomes home Ryan Yonkman '04 from his recent INDOPACOM deployment aboard the U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt flying MH-60S helicopters.

pandemic, and my husband and I live in South Philly with our new dog, Tully!"

*Tori McCaffrey* recently moved from New York City back to Charleston, SC, and started a new role within IBM's healthcare unit as a Technical Program Manager, supporting the CTO of IBM Watson Health.

Hanna Rocks is still living in Montana, recently completed her Master of Information and Data Science degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and just celebrated one year with commonFont, a Bozeman-based CX tech company.

**Anneka Wilson** set down permanent roots in New York City by purchasing an apartment on the Upper East Side this past spring.

2011 Reunion 10th

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*Clay Buxton* is a consultant at Deloitte and is currently pursuing his M.B.A. at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business. He is living in Rosslyn, VA.





Carter Clarke recently moved back to McLean, VA, where he started a new role as senior associate at Stout & Teague, a commercial real-estate company in Washington, DC, and Baltimore, MD. He still frequently visits New York and is the proud uncle of three nephews.

at a local park

**Rodd Derakhshani** is in the DC area and is pursuing his M.B.A. at the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business.

**Cole Falconer** moved back to the DC area full-time last spring.

Lucy Gibson lives in DC, where she is a program associate at the Aspen Institute. Her team works to end intergenerational poverty through a "2Gen" lens, focusing on families living within 200% of the federal poverty line. She is delighted to be a first-time aunt and godmother to her niece, Isabel Lucia. Lucy is very grateful for all Potomac continues to give her – most of all, the people.

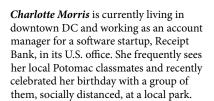
Jorman Heflin recently moved back to the DC area with his college sweetheart and fiancée, Stephanie. He recently graduated with his Ph.D. in plant biology from the University of South Carolina and is currently pursuing research in flower development.

*Elliott Knopes* just bought an apartment in Washington, DC, and is a senior consultant at Ernst & Young. In his free time, you can find him on the greens playing golf with fellow classmate *Clay Buxton*.



Grace Dewey Hegedus '12 at her wedding with Savannah Peery '12; Erin Cummings '12; her husband, Cliff; and Katie Tata '12

Anna Laws '14 in front of a food bank in Raleigh, NC, as she observes a shipment of purple potatoes being delivered



Aarti Rishi is currently living in New York City and is working for the Estée Lauder companies managing communications and social strategy. She still loves seeing her Potomac friends both at home and in the city!

Claire Paganussi is living in New York City and still loving it despite COVID-19 restrictions. She recently started a new job at West Elm as an associate buyer for the garden and functional departments. She still frequently sees Potomac classmates around the city whenever she can.

Alex Wagner is back in the DC area after two years in Colombia as a small business advisor with the Peace Corps. Since returning, he has worked virtually for an NGO on poverty-reduction initiatives in Colombia, Mexico, and the Philippines. Next fall, he'll be starting the master's program in global human development at Georgetown's School of Foreign Service. He's enjoyed reconnecting with Potomac friends over the past few months and looks forward to seeing more of them in the years to come.



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Grace Dewey Hegedus celebrated her wedding on August 22, 2020, and is now Grace Hegedus! She and her husband, Cliff, were thrilled to have Grace's long-time Potomac besties Katie Tata, Erin Cummings, and Savannah Peery by their sides on their special day.

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Anna Laws shares, "Since being evacuated from Peace Corps service in Peru, I have been working for The Farmlink Project. The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted supply chains, forcing many farmers across the

country to plow under fields and send harvests to landfills. At the same time, food banks have seen large increases in demand for food assistance. To help combat both issues, we purchase surplus produce from farmers and transport it to food banks. It has been an incredible journey since we started it in April, and I cannot wait to see all that we can accomplish!"

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Connor Atkinson was admitted to Duke's M.B.A. program and granted one extra year of track and field eligibility from the NCAA. Connor will have 20 hours per week of track practice in addition to his M.B.A. work.

Taaj Davis writes, "In the most recent months of the pandemic, I have been teaching through a hybrid model at Woodberry Forest School. Most students are on campus, but a handful of students have stayed home to learn virtually. Additionally, sports have almost been in full swing with respect to testing, masking, and distancing."



Taaj Davis '15 coaching at a football scrimmage between the Woodberry Forest School and Blue Ridge School



Nick Berray '16 recently released his first EP, Outervisions.

2016 Reunion 5th

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Nick Berray has released his first EP, Outervisions, which he wrote and produced in his home studio. The EP can be found on all streaming platforms. Some musical influences include Pharrell, Frank Ocean, the Beach Boys, Jelani Aryeh, Childish Gambino, and Prince. Learn more on Instagram or Facebook at @nickfromonline, Twitter at @nick\_fromonline, or his website, nickfromonline.com.

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Samantha Stacey writes, "During quarantine, I spent a lot of time with my family, which was really nice, since I do not normally get to see them a lot during the school year! This summer, thankfully, my construction internship with Clark Construction was not canceled, so I was working in Nashville, TN. It was a ton of fun to explore a new city, despite COVID-19 times. After completing my internship, I accepted a full-time position with Clark Construction next fall. I am excited to move back to the DC area and start working after graduation!"

# in memoriam

#### Matthew Bixler '82

brother of Joshua Bixler '78; son of Jill Bixler, former faculty member

Ruth Hale Buchanan '31

Joya Cox

former faculty member

Peter Makepeace '79

brother of Timothy Makepeace '77

Diana Hopkins Halsted '47

mother of Audrey Baxter Young '77 and David Baxter '81

**Robert Shorb** 

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Mary Snider

former faculty member; mother of Sara Snider Papademetriou '95 and Benton Snider '01; wife of Richard Snider

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