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Theatre at Cranbrook Schools
FALL 2008: YOU DID REMEMBER

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Sailors in Cranbrook Performance
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Left to right: Marc Cunningham, Ted Smith, Bill Raisch, all C’55

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Scrubbing of the Friendship Arch
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From Winter 2009:

• In last issue’s article on alumni who have returned to teach at the school, Tradition failed to include Jennifer Heath, CK’00, when listing all alumni who now work at Cranbrook Schools. Jennifer is the Upper School Associate Dean of Admission.

Tradition regrets the error. Please contact cmatthews@cranbrook.edu with any such concerns.
Often I’ve wondered, what is it that makes Cranbrook reunions so different from those of other schools?

In part, I believe it’s a sense of expectation. Cranbrook alumni come back to campus not only enthused about seeing former classmates and teachers but also about seeing the progress and accomplishments that have been achieved in their absence. They expect excellence, something that rests at the heart of everything that our students, teachers, administrators and staff do each day.

Alumni who return to Cranbrook for Reunion in June no doubt will feel the energy and enthusiasm that infuses this campus even in these difficult times. They’ll see the results, both tangible and intangible, of collective efforts and talents. They’ll see classrooms restored and classrooms fitted with SMART Boards and other technologies that have revolutionized the way our students learn. They’ll see the new copper dome resting atop Hoey Hall and smooth new pavers underfoot in the Quad. They’ll see a Boys’ Middle School that has grown to meet the needs of its students, and they’ll see the site where soon a new Kingswood Girls Middle School will rise, underscoring Cranbrook’s dedication to the exceptional results of single-gender education.

Those who walk beyond the Schools’ campuses will find the rest of Cranbrook thriving as well. Hundreds of schoolchildren fill the halls of Cranbrook Institute of Science each day, discovering the joys of the natural world amid a new anthropology hall and renovated planetarium. Just down the road, the Art Museum has begun a renovation that will transform the types of exhibitions and programs it will offer to the people of south-eastern Michigan. Alumni will see an Academy of Art at the top of its game, constantly ranking among the nation’s finest master of fine arts programs. And they’ll see a House and Gardens that opens doors to the past and a window on the unparalleled beauty of the sculpture, blooming flowers and towering trees that make this campus so unforgettable.

Whether you return to campus for Reunion this June or simply take a moment to reflect on your time at Cranbrook from wherever you are this summer, I hope you will feel a sense of pride and accomplishment in the Cranbrook of today. You helped make it happen by setting the standards to which so many members of our community aspire. You’re the reason why Cranbrook can aim so high and achieve so much.

Rick Nahm
President
Dear Fellow Alumni:

On behalf of the Cranbrook and Kingswood Alumni Associations, we would like to thank the School for its support of Tradition magazine. This publication plays an important role in keeping all of us connected with each other and connected with the School. Tradition reminds us of our good fortune to have experienced Cranbrook Schools!

If you are like us, Tradition arrives in the mail, and you immediately turn to the back of the magazine to read your class notes. The class notes connect us with our classmates and their families, their work or studies, and their travel and other adventures. Thank you to the class secretaries who spend many hours collecting, compiling and reporting this information.

As you enjoy Tradition magazine, you will see articles and photos highlighting the work of the Cranbrook Alumni Council (CAC) and Kingswood Alumnae Board (KAB). We would like to take this opportunity to review some of this past year’s activities of the sub-committees of the CAC and KAB:

Locally, the joint Social Committee held monthly events for alumni, including a wine tasting, homecoming activities, family night at the Institute of Science, an outing at the Detroit Institute of Art, and the alumni/varsity soccer and basketball games.

The Service Committees continued their efforts to connect alumni with the students, particularly the boarders. They provided the boarder students with pizza during exam week. In addition, the Kingswood Alumnae Board attended a sit-down dinner with the Kingswood boarders.

The Awards/Communications Committees recommended candidates for the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award. We are proud to announce that this year’s recipients are Bill Prady, C’77, and Lisa Lapides Sawicki, K’74, both of whom will speak at this year’s commencement. Karen Gilray Street, K’59 will receive the Kingswood Gratitude Award. These awards will be presented at the Alumni Assembly during Reunion weekend.

CRAN, the Committee of Regional Alumni Networks, hosted several national alumni events, including events in Boston and Chicago. Amazingly, there are now a total of 10 regional alumni networks! A new network was added in Colorado under the leadership of Jonathan Beninson, CK’97. The regional alumni networks keep alumni beyond our local area connected with each other and connected with the School.

Thank you to all of those who responded to our newsletters and request for payment of Alumni and Alumnae Association membership dues and donations to the Annual Fund. Your important contributions help fund reunion weekend activities, the local and national alumni events and more.

As we step down as presidents of the Cranbrook Alumni Association and Kingwood Alumnae Association, we thank the members of the CAC and KAB for making this experience a true pleasure. Thank you to the co-chairs of CRAN, Kim Stroud, K’76, and Dwijen Misra, C’76, and all of the CK regional alumni network directors who have done an amazing job with growing the regional alumni networks! Lastly, special thanks to the School for allowing us to serve. It has been a joy and a privilege.

We hope to see you at reunion!

Sincerely,

Roger Mali, CK’93
President, Cranbrook Alumni Association

Jamison Williams Faliski, CK’86
President, Kingswood Alumnae Association
Dear Alumni: Most of us have never experienced a time where our region, our country, and the world faced the magnitude of the financial crisis we all face today.

Cranbrook Schools has had to face the effects of this crisis along with other schools in America; public or private, preparatory or secondary. In the face of global economic uncertainty and a declining local population, Cranbrook has worked hard to rise to the occasion of these difficult times. While concerns remain, I am happy to report that we have been able to successfully meet these challenges.

We opened the academic year by achieving the highest enrollment in the school’s history, and Cranbrook remains truly the school of choice in the area as we continue to enjoy strong inquiry levels for next year. While our admission team works diligently each year to bring new families into the school community, it is of the greatest importance to us that we maintain a relationship with current families—and to no small measure, alumni families. It is a great source of pride to know that Cranbrook has not only retained 95 percent of its families each year over the last decade, but that we now have many fourth-generation alumni students in the halls of Cranbrook Schools. More than ever, the legacy of the school is tied to the legacy of our alumni.

Thanks to all of you who have expressed your faith in the school’s mission through your personal generosity, our remarkable campus continues to be re-invigorated through the Campaign for Cranbrook. We celebrated the expansion of a new facility at the Boys’ Middle School. We added more SMART Boards to individual classrooms, and continue the renovation of the Quadrangle on the Cranbrook campus. We are waiting for this spring to enjoy the new Brookside Garden.

Most importantly, students and faculty excel inside and outside of the classroom and earn recognition for their work. Just in recent news, the boy’s Hockey team won their historic 14th State title while swimming finished second in the state; Gallimaufry became the most awarded magazine of its kind over the past ten years; and Cranbrook was one of the top three schools in the state in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition. Despite the changes taking place around us, Cranbrook Schools’ reputation as a world-class college preparatory school continues to grow.

The quest for excellence is at the heart of Cranbrook Schools’ endeavors, from the youngest child in our pre-kindergarten program to members of the senior class as they move forward to commencement. As alumni, you make these endeavors possible through your support of and belief in the school. Our future is, in large part, resting in your hands. Through sheer numbers alone, no other group can do so much for the reputation, the potential enrollment, and the financial health of Cranbrook Schools as can our alumni and alumni families. You have my commitment that we will continue to do all we can to navigate your school through these tumultuous times, with the goal not of just surviving but of coming through stronger than ever.

Best wishes always,

Arlyce M. Seibert
Director of Schools
“Will the school be full this fall?”

I have no doubt that this question is on the minds of nearly everyone in the entire Cranbrook community.

It’s a fair question.

At this point, neither I—nor my counterparts at other independent schools in our region—are able to offer many specifics or provide a truly definitive answer. But even in the trying times we now face our community continues to make Cranbrook strong and to recognize the value of the education the school has provided for generations. The continuing endorsement of current parents, alumni, and prospective families leads me to believe that Cranbrook Schools will certainly weather today’s storm.

As stocks, bonds, real estate, and all other manner of investments continue to lose their value, I have been told repeatedly by our current parents that they believe their tuition dollars are the best investment they are making in both the short and long run.

Indeed, a Cranbrook education is an investment that will never decrease in value over time regardless of the market conditions from moment to moment.

Despite eight years of a down state economy, we are currently at our highest enrollment level ever. Nearly all of our current parents have had to make different financial decisions in order to keep their sons and daughters here at Cranbrook. That they have is incredibly encouraging to me, and a resounding endorsement of the school, its mission, and its talented faculty.

It is true that more current families are in need of financial aid to continue their children’s education at Cranbrook. But in true Cranbrook fashion, several of our alumni and parents have come forward of their own accord and made gifts to contribute to this increasing need. Although most have asked to remain anonymous, they should know that this generosity makes a real difference in the lives of the fine students we are working so hard to keep. It is yet another case of alumni taking the lead in ensuring Cranbrook remains strong and vibrant. All who have given have my personal thanks.

Although we will continue to face enrollment challenges in certain grade levels due to changing demographics, the overall quality of new applicants has never been higher. New families continue to seek us out despite the largely prohibitive economy. This is wonderful news, and a firm endorsement from our market that Cranbrook remains the first choice in education for those families who place a high value on education. As public and private schools in our area continue to face program cuts, we are seeing many top-quality students from local districts seeking all that we have to offer.

These are very encouraging trends in the light of a very discouraging national situation. I assure all of you that the Office of Admission will continue to do all that it can to secure a full school and a talented student body. I am confident that with continued faith and support from our alumni, the Cranbrook Schools tradition will be secured for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Drew Miller
Director of Admission
AS WE CONTINUE TO BRING YOU INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORLD OF CRANBROOK ALUMNI AND CRANBROOK SCHOOLS, ONE IDEA THAT WE ARE FOCUSING ON INCREASINGLY IS TIMELINESS.

Good news from the Schools comes quickly, and is far too plentiful to cover completely in the two issues of Tradition published each year. We therefore have decided to share current Cranbrook news and events coverage on the Cranbrook Schools web site rather than include potentially out-of-date information in the magazine.

While Tradition will remain the place to discover in-depth articles and profiles as well as regular features such as messages from Schools’ leadership and the popular “Do You Remember” page, it is no longer the ideal place to report on the myriad day-to-day happenings around campus.

To get your Schools news fix each and every day, be sure to bookmark the site at schools.cranbrook.edu. or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/CranbrookSchool.

Thank you for your continued readership as we strive to make Tradition the best magazine it can be for our alumni.
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Theatre at Cranbrook Schools
On a cold Saturday night in February, hundreds of spectators filed into Cranbrook Schools’ Performing Arts Center to see dozens of young actors, musicians and stagehands bring to life Gilbert and Sullivan’s 130-year-old operetta, “The Pirates of Penzance.”

The two-and-a-half hours it took to tell the story of Frederic the pirate apprentice, his love Mabel, her father the major-general, the pirate king and all the other characters large and small represented just a tiny fraction of the weeks and months of intense preparation and rehearsal it took to make three nights of performances a reality.

A Schools’ tradition for decades, the annual winter musical brings together every element of the Upper School’s performing arts program, from acting and stage craft to band, orchestra, dance and voice. “It is a very large collaborative piece,” says Robert Murphy, Upper School theatre director. Each year, it’s Murphy’s job to shepherd the musical from the first production meetings with the performing arts department in November until the final curtain falls on the last performance in February. “It’s literally like juggling,” he says. “The last two and a half weeks especially, you have to get so focused on making sure no ball gets dropped.”

The juggling is made easier by the ongoing involvement of Performing Arts Department Head and Orchestra Director Sarkis Halajian, Strings Coach Katie Lorts, Vocal Instructor Anna Speck and Choreographer Kathryn Rediers. Together, they prepare the pit orchestra’s student performers, train vocalists to hit their high notes and transform first-time actors into performers light on their feet. Throughout the process, Murphy and his four counterparts work as a team, supporting each other and making key decisions as a unit along the way.

It all starts in late fall when the team meets to decide what that year’s production will be. Once the title is announced, auditions are held over the course of one very long and very intense day in late November or early December. “We host the auditions and fill every role over the course of that one day,” Murphy says. The process may be an arduous one but condensing the decision making into one key day means more time for rehearsals.

When a student joins the cast of the winter musical, they make an enormous commitment of time and energy, one that pays off in applause months down the road. Actors work with Murphy on blocking, movement, line readings and character direction throughout January and the first week of February. Two and a half weeks before opening night, the actors and pit orchestra members join forces, working together every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The stage crew and tech
team fill the PAC after classes, building sets, setting up lighting and doing all of the other behind-the-scenes magic that allows a play to happen. “It’s six full weeks of solid rehearsal and construction time,” Murphy says.

For student performers, as rigorous as the rehearsal process can be, it also is a time when a sense of teamwork forms and friendships are forged. “Cranbrook theatre has given me a great circle of friends,” says senior Dakota Hadfield who played the Major General in ‘Pirates.’ I just seem to get along with anybody who is in some way involved in performing arts, whether it’s theatre, band, orchestra or dance. Nearly all of my closest friends are involved in theatre.”

Murphy, who graduated from Cranbrook in 1979, recalls that same sense of fellowship from his years on stage. “I played football and lacrosse at Cranbrook and I did the musical every year. The bonds, camaraderie and sportsmanship that I developed on stage were stronger or at least as strong as those I developed with any of my teams. Learning who I was, how my imagination worked – I found that right up on stage.”

Creating an environment where that kind of experience can take place is one of the most important parts of the job, Murphy says. “You cannot direct or teach the experience of what happens when the curtain goes up. It’s so personalized. That’s why it’s different every night. Part of my job is preparing them for that, so that they will have the comfort and confidence that comes from rehearsals.”

Building a community within the walls of the PAC helps create that comfort zone. “Theatre space is a place where you have to be able to trust yourself, your scene partner, your pit orchestra,” Murphy says. “You have to feel comfortable enough to create. If you’re critically judging what you’re doing, it’s very hard to create something truthful.”

That ability to dig deep and find something within a character and within one’s self is part of the appeal of performing, says Hadfield, who has acted in nine productions at Cranbrook as well as in dozens of other shows at Interlochen and the Cranbrook Theatre School. “I enjoyed channeling a character that only existed on the page,” Hadfield says. “In dramatic pieces, it’s that indescribable energy you feel when you are in character and feel to a great extent the emotions of that character. That’s the most exciting and fun part for me.” For comic pieces, Hadfield says, “It’s the back-and-forth between the actors and the audience. When you hear the audience laugh at a joke, you can feed off that energy which helps make the show even better. Comedy is very difficult to perform and, if you can master that highly specific and finite comedic timing that is necessary, the emotional pay-off is great.”

Finding room for expression yielded significant results for class of 2004 graduate Jennifer Bustance, currently earning a master’s degree in playwriting from Columbia University. “Cranbrook was a place that really nurtured creative self-expression,” she says. “I don’t know if I would be here (at Columbia) without the discipline and self-motivation that Cranbrook taught me.”

For students and graduates, the heart of their theatre experience also rests with their teachers. “Mr. Murphy, Mr. Halajian, Ms. Speck and Mr. Linder…those remarkable teachers gave me a foundation in acting, music and textual analysis that has proved to be invaluable to my development as a theatre artist,” says Bustance. “Mr. Murphy was my first mentor, and it was because of him that I continued

“"The aim is to instill in the students a respect for the creative process"
it strengthens that sense of community within the performing arts department and within the Upper School.

The eclectic nature of the cast is part of what makes the theatre experience so dynamic and ever changing, especially with the winter musical which always includes a large cast. A quick perusal of the "Pirates" program book reveals complete theatrical neophytes standing side by side on stage with kids who have been in dozens of productions. "Some of these students already behave as 'professionals,'" Murphy says. "They’re on-time to rehearsals, and fully memorized. They’re creating and showing me something new every time they do a scene. Others are on a different schedule. I try to keep the fire under them to get them up to the level of the person next to them. That’s the nature of why I’m a teacher—getting them to discover their creative process and see it blossom, see them light up on stage and respond to an audience."

And it’s on opening night when every seat in the PAC is filled, when the curtain goes up and the baton in Sarkis Halajian’s hand goes down to cue the first notes of the overture, that every student involved puts themselves to the test. It’s an electric moment for each and every person in the room. "Theatre is a completely collaborative art form," Bustance says. "And that collaboration includes the energy that the audience brings into the room for each performance. No matter what, you will never see the exact same show twice."

This year’s "Pirates" production proved a resounding success garnering standing ovations each night of its run. "We had such a pool of talent," Murphy says. "The kids were perfect. They really stretched themselves and their abilities."

Ultimately, although most of the students who took to the stage this past February will never pursue theatre beyond Cranbrook,
When the Upper School staged “The Pirates of Penzance” this past February, it added another chapter to a long and storied history of Gilbert and Sullivan productions at Cranbrook Schools.

Cranbrook’s first known G&S production, “Pirates,” took place at the boy’s school in 1930, just three years after the school opened, and was followed in 1931 with “The Mikado.” Both productions included girls from Kingswood, which was still part of Brookside at the time. Four years later, the two schools’ glee clubs staged “H.M.S. Pinafore,” helping pave the way for one of the first co-educational groups, the Choral Club, comprised of roughly 60 singers from Cranbrook, Kingswood and Brookside.

The onset of World War II brought about a temporary Gilbert and Sullivan hiatus but productions resumed in the spring of 1946 with a new staging of “Pinafore.” And thus began a “Gilbert and Sullivan tradition that lasted for 12 years,” writes Bruce Coulter in his Cranbrook history, Forty Years On. “The charm of the music and the witty, light-hearted satire strongly appealed to all ages and brought out considerable acting, singing and dancing talent, matched by the artistry and efficiency of the stage designers, electricians and other behind-the-scenes workers.” In 1960, students staged “The Mikado” for the fourth time in the school’s then 33-year-long history. Other productions popped up occasionally throughout the 1970s, ’80s and ’90s.

With this past February’s production whetting the proverbial Gilbert and Sullivan whistle, perhaps audiences will see more of that “witty, light-hearted satire” that has entranced Cranbrook audiences for so very many years now.

they still met their teachers’ goals for them. “The aim is to instill in the students a respect for the creative process.” Murphy says. “Ninety percent will never do another musical or play, but maybe 80 percent will go to New York and see a Broadway show or see a musical. They’ll patronize the arts and be educated as to what it takes to mount something like this.” And perhaps most important of all, “They’ll know what it takes to be a performer.”
“Cranbrook was a place that really nurtured creative self-expression”

TOP TO BOTTOM, Publicity photo for "Mr. & Mrs. North," 1954; Cast picture, "Rhino," 1969
GIFTORAMA 2008
The 38th annual Kingswood Gifftorama was held on November 7-9, 2008. The gala event featured more than 50 shops from around the country. Gifftorama is sponsored by the Kingswood Alumnae Association. Gifftorama has raised close to three million dollars for scholarships, capital projects, restoration, technology and other projects.

WINETASTING
In October alumni gathered at Big Rock Restaurant for a wine tasting. Aimee Mali, wife of Cranbrook Alumni Association president, Roger Mali ’93, brought an outstanding wine collection.
TOUR OF ARCHIVES

The Cranbrook Alumni Council and Kingswood Alumnae Board enjoyed a tour of the Cranbrook Archives with Acting Director Leslie Edwards on November 17. After the tour, they walked over to Thornlea for a reception and a chance to talk about what they saw and learned at Archives.

BASKETBALL

In December, 12 alumni were back on the courts to play the CK varsity team.

BOSTON

On November 20, members of the New England Network gathered in Boston at The Liberty Hotel. Director of Schools Arlyce Seibert, Dean of Boys John Winter, Schools Chief Advancement Officer Matt Wawro and Associate Director of Alumni Relations Kathy Discenna joined more than 60 alumni and guests.
AN EVENING WITH DAN DICKERSON ’76

Alumni gathered at the Birmingham Athletic Club on January 28 to hear Detroit Tigers sports announcer Dan Dickerson, ’76, talk about his career and the Tigers.

ALUMNI FAMILY NIGHT AT CIS

The annual Alumni Family Night was held at the Institute of Science on February 16. Thirty alumni families enjoyed the Dinosaur exhibit, pizza and cookies as well as time spent with their own family and the families of other alumni.
CHICAGO NETWORK EVENT

More than 80 alumni and guests gathered at Bin51 Restaurant in Chicago on February 26. Arlyce Seibert, Charlie Shaw and other administrators were present for this Chicago Network event and were welcomed by directors Geoffrey Schiciano ’89 and Brian Stratton ’93.

DIA

A small group of alumni met at the DIA on Sunday, March 8, 2009 to enjoy the opening of the Norman Rockwell exhibit.
Connecticut to Florida then to Birmingham, her e-mail address. She had moved from years, and she was included on the list – with to locate of classmates still living. I had been trying

ABOVE, Class secretary Edith Sestok, K33, and grandchildren

K1933
2009 marks another year of being the second oldest living Kingswood alumna. The Alumni Office tells me that Betsy O’Dell Woodburne, K’32, is the oldest. Hopefully my daily glass of Merlot will help keep me in good standing for years to come. I am in the photo here with my grandchildren. Upper left, Cary is a Ph.D. from MIT and is working at Texas Instruments in Dallas. Evan attends Oakland University and studies music. Erika, lower right, is graduating from Western Michigan in the spring.

Class Secretary, Edith Hamilton Sestock

K1936
RACHAEL ANDRUS MEIXELL writes:
“The Alumni Relations office sent us a list of classmates still living. I had been trying to locate ANABEL AVERY BAXLEY for years, and she was included on the list – with her e-mail address. She had moved from Connecticut to Florida then to Birmingham, AL. I e-mailed her, talked with her, and it was great! We ended up at my home months later when her daughter drove her here for lunch, where the photo was taken with our 1936 yearbook pictures on our laps, just 70 years after our graduation! Anabel had written the other six members, and she heard from them or their families. MARTHA WERNKE and MILICENT MURDOCK HORGER passed on. We called PEG ANDERSON WORTZ, but she needed help understanding us. ISABEL FRANKLIN DAVIDSON wrote Anabel a note, and she was still driving, though her husband was not. Anabel is living in a senior citizen apartment close to one of her sons, and both she and I are still driving. I am still in my home and have three sons fairly close by to keep track of me. So, that leaves probably just three of the 1936 class still around.”

Class Notes Editor, Kathy Discenna

K1937
HERMAN “Hank” UIHLEIN passed away on Feb. 27, 2008, at the age of 90. Hank was a third generation descendent of the founders of the Jos. Schlitz Brewing Co. He served on the Schlitz board for 40 years. He was president of Ben-Hur Mfg. Company and vice president of Quic Freeze, Inc. in Fond du Lac, WI, from 1940 to 1950. In 1954 he retired from both companies and joined the brokerage firm of Thomson & McKinnon as a partner for 30 years. Hank enjoyed many years of skiing, hunting, fishing, golf and travel. He is survived by his children, Herman, Peter, George and Linda, four grandchildren, his sister, Virginia, and brother, Henry ’40.

Class Notes Editor, Kathy Discenna

C1938
BARBARA CURTIS JONES is having the same problem we all are. Her friends are getting fewer and fewer in number. Let’s not talk about that. She is still enjoying life as a top notch bridge player. BETTY LEVY LANGER has finally retired. This year her husband, Bob, hit the great 80, and Betty planned and executed a wonderful party for him including friends he grew up with in Shanghai. He was still glowing from it when I talked to them. JEANIE L’HOMMEDIEU TAYLOR is unfortunately still in the wheelchair but blessed by a family that takes good care of her. They are living in a retirement community, so there are a lot of things to do, and life is busy. The big excitement is the arrival of a great-grandson in Reno, NV. BETTY RUSSELL STULLKEN is expecting her first great-grandchild this year. That first one is pretty exciting, and she is pleased. They will also be celebrating their 67th anniversary. They do not have big plans but are enjoying visits from family. It took several calls to catch PATTY HAWLEY MCLAUGHLIN on the phone, but I knew from the voice on the answering machine she was fine and she is. They were in Estes Park, CO, visiting their son, Jim, and daughter-in-law, Carol. They do not have a plan for how long they will stay but are having a good time and love the mountains. Patty said that she and Carol have a ball together. I was not so lucky with MARGERY MCCANN CANFIELD. I called and called but could not get her. I hope it is because she is so busy. Life goes on being an exciting adventure for me. My pottery shop is doing well. We will be having an art show this month, and my family is all functioning and happy. I am enjoying making pots, teaching and writing poetry.

Class Secretary, June Daisley Lockhart

C1940
Very sad news for the Cranbrook Class of 1940, as the Alumni Office received notice of the passing of three classmates. Margaret McLane sent the following obituary on her husband, HUGH JAMES MCLANE, MD, who died peacefully in Hudson, OH, on January 11. “Hugh was born in Detroit, MI… He attended Amherst College for undergraduate studies and received a degree in medicine from Yale University. He then served in the Army Medical Corp in Berlin, Germany, from 1947 to 1949. After serving overseas, he completed his residency in internal medicine at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, MI, and became a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. Dr. McLane practiced internal medicine in Fond du Lac, WI, for over 40 years until his retirement in 1992. He served as president of the Fond du Lac Medical Society and president of the Wisconsin Heart Association. He was a strong supporter of music and the arts and an advocate for nature conservation. He played soccer in school and throughout his life loved watching sports. Hiking and canoeing were among his favorite pastimes, and he was also an avid traveler. Hugh married Margaret in 1947, and they have three daughters and three grandchildren. They celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary last summer.”

DON W. ROBINSON passed away on January 24. He was born in Detroit, lived in Ann Arbor, MI, was a winter resident of Vero Beach, FL, for 25 years and a full-time resident since 2006. During WWII, he served as a B-24 bombardier and received two Distinguished Flying Crosses. Don was a graduate of the University of Michigan, where he lettered on the football team and was captain of the baseball team. He served as backfield coach for the U-M football team from 1948-1956. He was a critical force in fund raising for U-M and led numerous capital campaigns for St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, the Ann Arbor Community Center and Dawn Farm. Don sat on the boards of multiple organizations. He was an active member of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor, MI, and received their Distinguished Service...
BILLY SILL died on Oct. 7, 2008, in Haslett, MI.

DICK WESTERMAN attended our 65th reunion and brought along a large banner for the occasion, which is in the picture of those who attended. He worked on the beautiful needlepoint while riding in the back seat of his station wagon while his wife drove! He also brought a bar of soap for all attendees showing the Cranbrook Aim High logo, which we are so proud of. STEVE BOOTH could not attend the reunion but sent a detailed letter to the group which was read by BOB BRODY.

It outlined his many activities as a writer, photographer and many recollections of his happy days at Cranbrook.

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What a thrill to pick up the Winter 2009 Tradition and see Miss Waldo! It brought back many memories that I’m sure we all would love to share.

NANCY NEWCOMB PORTER is attending a lot of meetings these days as chair of the Resident Council representing about 1200 retirees at Henry Ford Village. She still goes out to the senior center and lapidary room in Bloomfield Hills on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Nancy enthusiastically reports that a new Senior Center is going up in Bloomfield Township and will be ready in June of this year. The building and program are supported by a 1⁄4 mill tax, so it sounds like a well-supported venture. Nancy reports that she sees NANCY LOUD KERN three or four times a year. I received a delightful note from MARY LOU CHAPMAN INGWERSEN with a brochure featuring four of her paintings. They are lovely! Mary Lou is off to Tahiti on another adventure. How does she do it?

We had lunch with SALLY ANN FARQUHAR SHUMWAY and Richard recently and had a good visit. Between now and next fall’s publication I am going to learn how to include pictures in my next e-mailed report. Mary Lou’s pictures are too good not to share, with her permission of course. Cecil and I continue to marvel at the good life here at La Posada. New buildings are about to open including a “Java” dispensary, and the volunteers are pretty excited about their delicious concoctions. I have been working with our in-house media services (fewer calories) and did my first interview the other day. Hope you all are well and happy.

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No sooner does Tradition arrive in our mailboxes than my next article is due! This will be short as there is little to report. My address, phone number and e-mail are at the bottom. Please use it! CONNIE BRADY HARVEY says she’s had so much snow already, and it’s only December! She was yearning for the old days when they spent winters in Sarasota soaking up the warmth and sunshine. On the other hand, GAIL ISBEY PHILLIPS made it down to her Vero Beach home in time for the holidays. Being a member of the garden club keeps her busy beautifying the grounds on John’s Island. HAZEL TIBBALS BRACE and Bill, C’44, say they are older and slower but still deeply in love. They found each other in the seventh grade and celebrated their 60th anniversary last July! VIRGINIA BRENKERT TIEFEL and Paul are very happy with their move to Eau Claire, WI, where they live in the woods near their younger son, a minister, and his family. Now they can enjoy watching the grandchildren grow up and mature. LOU STIFFLER CRAIG called to say that writing is difficult for her. She is getting along but has little relief from the arthritis curse which curtails her activities. She is a brave soul who has learned to cope and make the best of it. Keep fighting, Lou! Daughter, Cindy, lives in Portland, OR, and son, Charlie, divides his time between Connecticut and Florida. At the time of writing, MARLINE RIESE BUSHEY and Ralph are being spoiled by daughter, Dr. Laurie Marker, on her ranch in Namibia for a couple months. To break up the long flight, they paused in London for a few days, staying with a friend of Laurie’s in their castle dating back to 1500. Laurie will accompany them back to Santa Cruz, CA, where she has lined up some fund raising functions and lectures on raising and protecting the cheetah. As for ourselves, our lives have quieted down. No fancy trips and home is beginning to look better and better. Bill, at age 85, has been swept up with the art of curing, smoking and cooking meats! Needless to say, we are eating well and so are our neighbors. I’d really appreciate hearing from ALL of you…please! May God bless you and grant you much happiness and most of all, good health.

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TED KARMAZIN reports from Grosse Isle that he stays in shape as he works out regularly. He sees the members of the class at the 220 Merrill Group which meets in Birmingham. They meet twice a week. Regular attendees are messrs Ted plus DAVID BOOTH, TOBY HOLTZMAN, RALPH WAGNER and FRED WYCKOFF. Ted and I traded football stories, and it was revealing to learn that Ted had played 150 pound football at Michigan. No small achievement. He is in reasonably good health for 81 years and is active in a number of Grosse Isle related civic projects. It is again sad to report the death of another of our classmates. JOHN SHUEL died at the hospital in Traverse City in January of this year. He had been in poor health after he suffered the first of two strokes, followed by blood complications. John was single for the last 20 or more years, living in Leland, MI. He was a dedicated hunter and dog owner. You will recall I wrote in 2008 of the death of BOB PATTERSON in the summer, followed by the death of BRUCE MONCRIEFF in November. Thus, life is a challenge for the stalwarts of 1945. JOHN BASSETT spoke with forceful enthusiasm as he described his activities in retirement. He was tiring flies prior to trout fishing in the Huron River. He was also preparing to go the next day to one of Ann Arbor’s Kiwanis Club shops where he volunteers twice weekly. He reports that the thrift business is going strong during these difficult times. John had a diverse and challenging career with the U.S. Forestry Service after graduating from Michigan’s School of Forestry. TOM FREY is coping as well as he can with severe arthritis, which limits his golf and squash. Ugh! He had heart surgery one year ago. Tom lost his wife, Shirley (Haskell, K’45), 10 years ago and is happily remarried. He is certainly a class patriarch, as he shepherds 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. His oldest son is 51. SHERWIN BIRKNRANT winters in Sarasota where he and Sue enjoy retirement. Sherwin practiced law in Pontiac after Michigan graduation. They sent two sons and two grandsons to Cranbrook. I have just learned of the passing of two more classmates, FRED BULL and GEORGE GASTON. Fred died of cancer last June. I wrote about him in the Spring 2008 issue of Tradition. The write-up is as follows: “Fred Bull still lives in South Freeport, ME, where he has been living for the past 40 or more years. He had an interesting career as a freelance photographer following the auto racing circuit. His team won the Vanderbilt Cup for specialty cars in 1958. Fred lost his wife to cancer in 1987. She was the librarian of the South Freeport Library. He has a son in South Freeport and another son in the recording business in NYC. He is relatively healthy but deals with a bad back, some leg problems from polio as a kid and arthritis in the hands.” George died on January 12. We have sadly lost our class poet, who will be remembered for his enthusiasm for Cranbrook and devotion to his classmates. He graduated from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII. George lived in Bloomfield Hills and was the retired owner of George M.
Gaston, Inc. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Joan, children, Lori, David and Mark, and six grandchildren.

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Again, many thanks to all who sent me news and a hint to the rest of you: next time, you too! Bridge and golf are the main activities for ANN WHITFIELD STRAIT. I see Ann once in awhile, and she sees Davey – ANN DAVIS IRWIN – and we will all get together for lunch as soon as this snow goes away. CLAUDIA REID UPPER and her whole family celebrated the “Big 80” last summer at a California state park near Monterey. One granddaughter couldn’t attend because she was at an art camp in Maine as part of her M.A. program in bio-arts at MIT. Claudia says she’s in pretty good condition, though has to depend “on the aid of various pieces of digital hardware, hearing aids and pacemaker.” She and Jack were planning on a trip to Mexico in January, on vacation from her teaching of a Bible study group at St. Alban’s church in D.C. Still practicing psychiatry and psychoanalysis in Manhattan nearly full time is MIRIAM FREDLAND.

She also does some lecturing, writing and baby-sitting for her 11-month-old granddaughter. In addition, Mio attends many operas, travels often to London, Paris and India, and is planning a trip to Africa. This all sounds quite full time to me. Even though much of California was hit by forest fires, BARBARA STAMM MACDONALD and Art still can enjoy camping in Northern California areas. She works in her garden, takes water color classes, hikes and volunteers in her community of Napa. Another Californian, LOIS WEBER MARTINEZ, had a family gathering in Pacific Grove last year for Lois’ “Big 80.” When Lois wrote, she said they were planning their annual Christmas stay on Catalina Island. BETTY GOLDBERG’s husband passed away in June, and she has given up her Michigan condo, moving full time to Boca Raton, FL. Betty’s three daughters, all in the Seattle area, have planned lots of get-togethers and trips for all their families. I spoke with Betty a few times last summer, and we made plans to meet in Florida this spring. One of our main travelers is JO SMITH JOHNSON who had just returned from a tour of South Africa with eight friends, all younger than she. Jo still drives every summer from Florida to North Carolina to Michigan and to Chautauqua, NY, visiting friends. This has become her routine.

Sounds great! DORIS CHAPMAN HINDS thought she had at last sold her Tryon, NC, home, but the deal fell through. Therefore, Doris’s daughter, Sarah, and children, dogs and cat have moved in with her. Her son, Christopher, stayed with them during hurricane season (he usually lives on his boat), and they are all trying to establish some sort of satisfactory routine. She wants to have us wish her luck. Still working 24/7 for her Pet Orphans of Southern California, and now 35 years later as its “chief honcho,” DIANE SCRIPPS is “happy as a clam.” She is not feeling old, even after her “Big 80.” Pet Orphans works with TV’s “Animal Planet” and will be part of a new TV show hosted by Hugh Downs. Felicity Huffman (a Desperate Housewife) adopted one of Pet Orphans’ dogs and was to co-host an IAMPS Holiday Pet Adoption Campaign on TV. Scrippsi says she is very proud to have been behind all these good things for Pet Orphans. MARY SUE EKELUND MAYER is about to move from her Troy, MI, home to Canterbury-On-The-Lake, an independent living facility in Waterford, MI. As Mary Sue says, she’s going to “try it out” for a while and will not yet sell her house, “just in case.” MARY ROGERS THOMS, who lives in Tucson, wrote a note which she wants reprinted verbatim because it is meant as a tribute from her. It follows: “Here I am way off in Tucson feasting on Sanders Bittersweet Fudge, remembering Nancy Sanders Chickering ’45, and channelling all the good times we had so long ago as the class of ’46. Also recalling the excellence of Miss Auger, Miss Bennett, Miss Waldo and Miss Fry. I’m forever grateful for the Kingswood Experience.” One of my most faithful correspondents (for which I am very grateful), NANCY WHITELAW DOWNING, says that all their family gathered for two separate weekends. Both Nancy and Dick hit the “Big 80” last year. They have their grandchildren and a granddaughter-in-law to “keep us in the present.” Always on the go, primarily to be with various family members, is MARILYN SPOEHR LUND, and she and Bob certainly did their share of travel this past year. They drove down the East Coast from Massachusetts to visit Bob’s sister in Suffolk, NY, on to D.C. to visit their Hong Kong granddaughter, then on to southwest Virginia, and into Kentucky, stopping in Berea. On they went to southern Ohio to visit the grandparents of their granddaughter-in-law, then back to Massachusetts. Then off to East Lansing, MI, to visit Bob’s other sister and on to Minnesota to visit son, Eric. Marilyn had lots of houseguests and big gatherings for meals, worked hard on the Obama Campaign and feels fortunate to have most of her family in the Boston area so they can see each other often. Marilyn is definitely not sitting around and wondering how to keep busy. I’m sure that many groups are very happy to have Marilyn as one of their members. Saying she is “doing as well as it is to be expected at my age” is PHYLIS ALDERMAN GAVELEK. Phyllis has a busy life with her family and friends and various clubs. Her doctor says she’s “too skinny,” not the case with some of us. Coming from Florida to Michigan is too far for her to drive now, and she won’t fly, so as a result no more trips north to visit her brother in the Bloomfield area or Cranbrook. As the editor of the preceding, I, ANNE GEHRKE ALIBER, get to have the last word. Many of you have announced that you’ve hit the “Big 80.” I am closing in on it, and I received from a daughter-in-law a little book which helps put the age thing in a certain perspective. The book’s title is “Age Doesn’t Matter Unless You’re A Cheese.” Right? Plugging along on the golf course remains my main physical activity and source both of despair and rarely of elation! I feel fortunate that I can get around, do the things I enjoy and have fun. My terrific children and grandchildren are very good at keeping me happy. I hope that each of you feels most of the time that “life is good.” Please keep on writing your news to me. We all love to hear about you.

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HARRY NICHOLS writes that he has returned to Michigan, after living in Tennessee. He bought a home in Suttons Bay and plans to go south for a month or so in the winter. Unfortunately, the day after he bought the house his wife, Ann, passed away.

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Seeing dear Miss Waldo on the cover of Tradition turned my thoughts to teachers – very many of them. As well as Miss Waldo, we all have fond memories of Miss Bennett, Miss Fry, Miss Myers, Miss Hauser and others at the three schools. The first teacher I remember was my kindergarten teacher in Pleasant Ridge. Every morning we greeted her with “good morning Miss Mary, good morning to you.” Great memories.

During the winter and spring months of grade school, I had the unique experience of a one-room school in Miami Beach, FL, using our text books and outlines from our northern schools. We were all ages, both
sexes and represented many states. The teachers were retired and taught (or tutored) us in more than one subject. It was very special to say the least. A maternal aunt of mine taught high school math for 40 years in Detroit. Eventually my parents were among her students, which leads me to my son, David ’75, who was in both Arlyce Seibert’s and Ben Snyder’s history classes. Now he teaches history classes at Gilmore Academy in Ohio. It won’t be long before his son, Ryan, will be one of Doc Seibert’s students – his nickname because of his Ph.D. Last but not least, my daughter-in-law teaches remedial reading and a community college history class. Long live the teaching profession with better salaries!

GINNY STODDARD PEERY’s daughter, Jennifer, lives in Utah with her husband and their four children ages 8-16. Ginny extended her fall visit through Christmas. Her granddaughter, Genevieve, manages three dogs. Granddaughter, Courtney, is a law student in Houston, and granddaughter, Genevieve, manages a discount book shop in the Ft. Worth area. It was good to see MARCIA WENTZ ROTH on a very cold day in Birmingham, even though it was at a funeral. Birmingham is still her home, and two of her three boys live in the area. CLARA GORDON WHITING and husband, Henry ’45 managed a Santa Fe getaway in March. As far as I know, Marcia, Clara and I are the only classmates continuing to live in the Birmingham area, and we love it! My family and I had a cold and snowy but great Christmas in Toronto. We got smart and took the comfortable train from Windsor to avoid the travel chaos all around due to the weather. Of course, we visited the Hockey Hall of Fame! Lots of fun. About a year ago the alumni office told me BARBARA LEACOCK LEA was ill and in serious financial trouble. Her friends and many musicians in New York organized a benefit to help her. That’s all I know, but I have a name and address for contact if you are interested in assisting Barbara. My wish is for sunny days, good health and good news for all of us in this wonderful country.

ABOVE, DoDo Booth Miller, K’48, and Josiane in Rwanda

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After 60 years of class notes, how can I feel anything for you all but family? Your comings and goings, your highs and lows, your joys and sorrows are part of me, year in and year out. MARY BAKER BERRY will be having her back surgery March 12 in Washington, D.C., where daughter, Trish, lives and can help with rehab. DODO BOOTH MILLER had taken her granddaughter, Gretchen, on a Compassion International Sponsor tour to Rwanda last fall, and it was such a life changing experience for both of them that Gretchen will return in the spring before entering vet school, and Dodo will go next fall. Dodo and Steve had sponsored 12-year-old Josiane since she was 6, and this trip gave Dodo the opportunity to meet and spend time with her. In the meantime, Dodo’s grandsons (father, Jeff ’71) are getting married, Peter in Montana and Zach in Kansas City. Also, Dodo’s first great-grandchild has just arrived, a girl in Vero Beach and will be able to spend six months there instead of just a few weeks as they did last year. Jan and PAT CHASE HARTMANN have chosen to curtail their travels and enjoy their place in Naples, where the family will join them for Jan’s 80th birthday. Before heading to her condo in Naples last Christmas, LIZ LINDS GALBREATH spent five days with son, Squire, and his family in Maryland. While there, Liz was able to see granddaughter, Caroline, in “The Nutcracker” at Kennedy Center and grandson, John, scoring in the “tag football super bowl game.” Timing is everything. Fred and JOYCE HOWARD STACKREME remind themselves that they are blessed with good friends, a growing family and the beauty that nature offers them in Leelanau. However, Fred’s mother died just short of 100 in June, and Fred has been settling her affairs and other cases in his law office so he can retire and be with Joyce full time. Joyce has worked on the Jury Board, volunteered with the Leelanau Civic Club and other groups, only to be interrupted by a severe attack of Poly Myalgia Rheumatica helped with Prednisone, so she has been able to go back to living a normal life. Ed and GINNA KRAABEL LUNDEEN’s very busy comings and goings all have to do with their family.

MARIANNE SWANSON BISHOP’s life also revolves around her grandchildren, five on their own now, two graduated from college in June and three in high school. For Paul and JO ANNE WONNERGER WHEATON, the highlight of 2008 was the summertime celebration in northern Michigan of Paul’s 80th birthday with all the clan except grandson, Chris, who is doing graduate prime research at the University of Kyoto. The difficult part of writing our class news is having to tell you that we have lost another classmate, GINGER RICE JOHNSTON, on November 2 in Indianapolis. Ginger had been in the hospital early in the summer, and the infection they discovered ended up in her heart. Our condolences go not only to her family but to our classmate, PAT WILCOX FANSLER, Ginger’s forever very special friend. If you would like to remember Ginger with a gift to our beloved Kingswood, the family’s choice would be the Kingswood School Restoration and Preservation Fund.

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By the time you read this, you will have received your 2009 Yearbook and the February 2009 Crane and read and enjoyed them. They are the work of two solid months of day and night effort by TOM CLARK and DICK TOWNSEND, so we owe them a great debt of gratitude. The art work by RON BALLANTINE is excellent. Much effort has gone into the planning of the 60th reunion, which we hope will be the biggest and best Cranbrook has had for any 60th class. A great deal of effort went into locating many of you. JOHN RICE got the ball started, and Breck and I, along with the alumni office, got pressed into the location service. We made contact with everyone except ARMAND SMITH, YALE BERNSTEIN, FRED MEAD, VIC CARPIO and BILL MORENO. The last two have been missing for years. If anyone is going to Ft. Lauderdale or Scottsdale in the next year, we have addresses

ABOVE, Tom Tomlinson, C’49
for Mead and Bernstein. On the sad side of the news, Tom Tomlinson died in late October, and, although he was not well, the death was unexpected. I had talked to him just a few days before. After serving his 25 years as a navy pilot in both Korea and Vietnam, he flew for two private companies. His great joy was to climb into his huge travel home each summer and drive around Vietnam, he flew for two private companies. His great joy was to climb into his huge travel home each summer and drive around the U.S. and Canada. Val Rabe died a few days after sharing Thanksgiving dinner with Lucille and Bob Leister. Sue sent me the memorial program, which was beautifully done with pictures of Val and some favorite sayings and a cartoon. Dick Townsend and Bob Leister both spoke at the service. One of the comments struck me as relevant to us as a class: “Never regret growing old – it is a privilege denied to many.” Sue also sent a note thanking the class for the flowers. Bob Hoffman died January 19 after a short illness. His last days were filled with caring friends and a great number of Cranbrook faculty and students calling and visiting with him. I had the privilege of sitting with him for six hours the night he died, and he was receiving wonderful care from the Hospice staff. John Winter, the Dean of Boys, was with Bob almost continuously. Shortly after, there was a memorial gathering at Page Hall, and everyone was invited to speak. I talked about our making him a member of our class and how much we appreciated all that he did for Cranbrook and the friendship he extended to all of us. I have also made a contribution to his Faculty Appreciation Fund in the name of the class. John Winter sent me my original speech I gave when his ‘49 membership was granted, and I wish there was room to print it here. The picture of Bob is with my son, Ken ‘97, and me on the day we presented him with his certificate of membership. He was a true pillar of Cranbrook. One of the good things that happened was that Bill Broder, with help from Dave Osnos, left our deceased file, when we were informed that he was alive and well and famous in California, which he has confirmed. Hopefully we will be seeing him at the 60th. One of the pleasurable things about working to find some of you and to encourage you to get your information was reading the ‘49 Brook and the enclosed Cranes. There are lots of interesting pictures and articles, and if you have yours, after reading the New Brook you might try a review of the old ones. “Everyone who still has their ‘49 Brook, raise your hand.” The first annual fund drive after we graduated raised $116, with 22 participating and tallied as given by 32% of the class. By 1958 we were up to $353.92. I would like whoever gave the 92 cents to contact me. It might be a lead for my next article. Despite the amount of work chasing some of you, it was special to be able to talk to so many of you and in many cases to your charming wives. When I called on Don Jones for help, he got in his car and searched for Art Webb in Naples. I had a nice talk with Art, who is recovering from a stroke but maintaining a sense of humor. Bill McGowan and I had a long talk. He was in excellent spirits despite his blindness. Bill would love a call from all of you at 714-842-2923. Dave Breck has convinced Dave Koch to join us, which is great. At this point of this writing it appears that we will have a good turnout with Matter, Simpson, Breck, Clark, Townsend, Leister, Koch, Spoehr, Shively, Bohn, Rice, Whitfield, Louise Lowell, Sue Rabe, Biggers, Butterfield, Ballantyne, Hatton, Nelson and Denison. Hopefully more of you will find a way to be with us in June. My old files are so full of gems that I think in my old age I will sit down and read them over. As I close this column, I will say that we owe a great deal of thanks to Kathy Discenna and her staff, who have helped to make this all possible. An equal measure of thanks needs to be extended to Pearl Clark and Barbara Townsend for their patience and support to Tom and Dick over the many hours and days they worked on “The Project” to the neglect of their ladies. Thanks are due to Louise Lowell, who, as she and Ben did so often, is hosting our Friday night cocktail party. She is truly the “Mother” of our class. We all owe a debt to our parents, who were wise enough to send us to Cranbrook.

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Mary Sue Cooksey Rohwer, K’49, and husband in Egypt

Our 60th reunion is this year. “It’s amazing,” says Jessie Kindel Palmer. She goes on to say “thank goodness our long term memories are good, and we can reminisce about all the good times we had at K.S.C. We were lucky to be there. Life goes on happily, we have new joints and try to work toward more international and inter-cultural understanding.” She reminds us: Enter to learn, go forth to serve. Paul and Janet Frost Victor came home from their Caribbean cruise, looking forward to entertaining us at their home for a deli lunch on June 5th. Bill and Molly Sylvester Beresford spent a month in the Bahamas playing golf. Dick and Joyce Woolfenden Chesbrough are compiling a history of the old Chesbrough Lumbering Company in the U.P., and Dick became a docent for Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Joyce ushers, teaches, cooks, babysits, transports, creates, commiserates and politicks, all in Ann Arbor, MI. FLASH from The Clarion June 1950 – “Luann Ayers has been elected President of the Judiciary board at Bennett Jr. College. Ann Walrad was elected Head of Court at Centenary Jr. College.” Brad and Mary Sue Cooksey Rohwer took a trip to Egypt that lived up to all their expectations. They are still biking, hiking and snowshoeing in the Rocky Mountain National Park. They have moved to a duplex that is part of the Good Samaritan Retirement Village along with Brad’s sister/ husband. Her State P.E.O. Convention is in Estes Park the same weekend as our reunion. She will miss us but sends lots of love! Jeanne Brown Gifford is busy with real estate, The University Club of F.A.U and Wayside House, where she is on the board. She is also the historian for their homeowners association because she has lived in her Florida sub for the longest and has sold most of the deep water homes multiple times. She is still playing golf and bridge weekly. Her eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild are fine. So much has happened to Jeanne, losing her daughter, her son and her husband, but life goes on and she has grown from her experience. Nancy Shore Gilchrist spent a wonderful summer in Santa Fe, her fourth year in a house, just two blocks from the Plaza and walking distance to most galleries, lectures
and theatre. She returned to Florida just before Thanksgiving. She will continue to spend summers on Anna Marie and winters in New Mexico, a happy combination. Her late June plans are to take two graduating granddaughters to Spain and then her first visit to Barcelona. TALLY CARD WILLIAMS called to say hello to all. Her husband, Vaughn, is very ill. Our thoughts are with you, Tally. (See picture of our class ring ceremony.) The present design was chosen by Miss Margaret Augur in 1945 after several designs had been used in previous years. Miss Augur came to Kingswood in 1934. She believed in athletics, student self-government, extensive art department and languages. The Senior Cabin and soda fountain were her ideas. All these aspects of school life, which we enjoyed so much, can be attributed to her tireless energy and interest. Thank you, Miss Augur, as we celebrate our 60th reunion. COME.

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Class Secretary for the Cranbrook Class of 1950 from 1999 to 2008, MICHAEL "Mike" REDFIELD, passed away on Oct. 6, 2008. Mike’s wife, Pam, sent the following e-mail to Walter Denison ’49: “I am not sure if you have heard the news, but Michael passed away two nights ago. He had been having a harder and harder time this summer. He came down with pneumonia a week ago. We never left his side. I was in bed with him and all the children were surrounding him, the classical music was playing and we had one last prayer. It was pretty wonderful. I loved that man beyond words…I am sorry to be sending you this sad news, but he was really tired and was ready to go home." Mike received his bachelor’s degree in business administration from U-M and worked for several manufacturing enterprises. He purchased Fordsell Machine Products in 1984 and had associates there until its sale in 1997. Besides volunteering here, Mike was very active at Christ Church Cranbrook in numerous ministries including music, vestry, ushers and lay minister. That was very obvious as the church was packed for the celebration of his life on October 11. I think his obituary summed it up so well: "He was a vivacious character and shared numerous hobbies and interests including gardening, Corvettes, traveling, photography, ice cream, model trains and classical music. He was a magnificent man and a tower of strength possessing a wonderful sense of humor. He is loved beyond words and will be missed by countless family and friends. He brought so much joy and laughter to many people in business and the community. He had one heck of a ride." Mike is survived by his wife, Pam, children David, Mary ’76, Michelle, Lisa and Wendy and nine grandchildren. Be sure to read the remembrance of Mike from Kingswood 1950 class secretary, Sally Bohon. I will miss hearing from Mike, and I’m sure he will be missed by Cranbrook’s House and Gardens Auxiliary who gave him their Golden Thistle Award for meritorious service in 2003. Former class secretary, Lou Deming, has graciously offered to again serve as class secretary and has submitted the following class notes.

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SEELY PRATT was found dead in his car while waiting to take his wife home from the beauty parlor. His son was in computers in England, and his daughter was to be appointed chief medical doctor at San Quentin prison. Seely’s comment on his children was “you never know.” CHUCK FEAD entered the Coast Guard Academy after a year at North Carolina University. After some years he returned home to Port Huron. Most recently an aneurysm was discovered in an artery in his leg and was removed, leaving him with a slightly stiff leg. Chuck is doing computer stuff as a consuming past-time. He still loves the water and in good weather takes a couple of friends in his 21-foot cruiser down the river for dinner at the St. Clair Inn. DAVE BALL got fed up with the snow and cold in Syracuse and moved to Florida. He occupies his time golfing, gardening and house remodeling. The house Dave grew up in on Boston Boulevard was removed in the building of the Lodge Freeway. Now he knows, should he vacate his present home, it in turn will be torn down for a new house site. History repeats itself! JOHN ROBERTS spent a year at the University of Michigan and then followed his brother into the Naval Academy. He spent 22 ½ years in the Navy. Part of the time he was navigator on a nuclear submarine carrying 16 missile warheads, each with more atomic capacity than in the bombs dropped on Japan. Subsequently, he had two technical jobs, so now he is triple-dipping pension wise. Recently relocating from Virginia Beach to Chapel Hill, he spends two days a week handing out food packages to the newly impoverished farmers of the area. “When will John’s design for our class pillar be executed?”

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This column is dedicated to Michael Redfield, my counterpart as Cranbrook Class Secretary ’50, who died last fall. I don’t think there is a single member of our class who knew Mike who would not agree that he was one of the sweetest guys in the world. Mike and I e-mailed back and forth almost daily, simply because he had an address book of legendary size. He would “forward” jokes, images and news items to me without any filter whatsoever on the content, and occasionally he would wing me a male-interest-only item, if you catch my drift. Ach! I would return him a “Howler” – like in Harry Potter – which would be followed by a “Sorry, Sal, forgot to take you off that last one.” Thus, over the years we became close friends, and the class of ’50 has lost one of its finest. We all treasure his memory. So, Mike: This one is for you…limited though my ability may be to do you proper service. This being written in February, BARBARA WAGNER COYE is still knee-deep in snow at Frog Hollow, her home in Suttons Bay. Barb had a busy fall housing a couple of “dandy young Obama campaign workers” and enjoyed their infectious energizing spirit. She and her sister were in Washington, D.C. in October to visit a cousin, and Barb strongly encourages all to visit the FDR Monument (I echo that sentiment) if you haven’t already seen it. The Korean War Monument is another that touched her deeply, with its battle-worn warriors on patrol, maybe because they remind her of #1 grandson who has just become a Marine officer following college graduation. He fills her with equal parts of pride for his service and fear for his safety! On a lighter note, PATTY MORGAN SMITH wrote that she has become a fan of “Celtic Thunder,” a new group featuring five Celtic male vocalists, after seeing them on PBS and then live in concert. Pat has been a fan of men’s choruses since she first heard the U-M Men’s Chorus 60 years ago. MARY GRINDLEY SHEPARD was hunkering down for the brutally cold winter after suffering a five-day power outage in December. But she is
Barbara Priest Jeske wrote from their winter get-away in Naples, FL: “All is well! Barb and Stu are still traveling and volunteering at the UNC hospital. Golf is still a major part of their life, but Barb confesses that with her fused back and his two knee replacements, it is a more challenging game now. As if their Jack Nicklaus home course were not punishing enough, right?”

Caroline Robertson Gray writes: "We spent a week touring Bulgaria in September with a French group and our English friends. Interesting country, and as yet tourism hasn’t overrun it. Black Sea beaches are wide and gentle, the central mountains are sparsely populated and the Orthodox churches are elaborate and well-cared for. The people seemed friendly, but the language barrier was immense. Bulgarian has little in common with the Romance languages, so point-and-smile, the universal travel lingo, was the most effective method.”

Joan Isaacson Chandler is still feeling the glow from the past election. She hosted her own little Inaugural Ball at her condo in Chicago with great food and the iconic Obama poster hanging proudly. Her son, William Horberg, was the executive producer of the Oscar-nominated film, “Milk,” so you can just imagine her level of pride there. Joanie’s daily blog is a really good read, so I am going to give you her webpage one more time: http://web.me.com/joanchandler. I am confident you will thoroughly enjoy her musings, and she asked me to relay to all that she would love to hear from you. There is a place to send her your comments at the end of each day’s column.

Sheila Mcmullen Ready was happy to report that Bob had his last chemo in November and was now feeling pretty good. They had all 10 of the family together for Thanksgiving. Sheila volunteers her time doing taxes for the elderly in an AARP program. God bless her.

Joan Paterson Jarratt sends us all a charming poem, unfortunately too long to reproduce here, but with the following sentiment: Another year has passed and we’re all a little older…. There was a time not long ago when life was quite a blast. Now I fully understand about ‘Living in the Past.’ So enjoy life and live it up… I think you get the message. Thanks, Joan. The Bohon Clan is all doing well, no major news, good or bad. I will return with Jack for his 60th class reunion at Cranbrook in June. And then I guess we need to think about the fact that next year it will be our turn. Sixty years? Gosh! I believe we still have 31 living members from the class. Wouldn’t it be just wonderful to get together by the Dancing Ladies by Kingswood Lake and have one great resounding HURRAH!

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Joan Manning, C’51, and wife, Mary Lou

Above, Jack Manning, C’51, and wife, Mary Lou

C1951

Sadly another of our classmates, John (Jack) Manning, recently died. Jack was born in Highland Park, MI, and began his Cranbrook days in the Lower School. Described in the ’51 Brook as that “friendly curly-haired little guy with a wide grin,” Jack was without question the class jock. Voted “Best Athlete,” he starred in football, baseball (outfield) and hockey (goalie) and was Vice-President of the ’51 Club. In “Cranbrook Baseball: As The Coaches Remember It, 1949-1952” authors Fred Campbell and Jack Sanders recall a game in which Jack was hit by a fastball on the forehead but was still up there pounding his bat on the plate and waiting for the next pitch when the umpire broke the news that he had been skullied and was entitled to first base.

Tom Connor, a baseball team pitcher, recalls Jack as “an outstanding athlete, aggressive and speedy, highly competitive, playing his heart out and having a spirit and engaging smile which always lifted his teammates.” Jack was also active in the Glee Club, Christmas Pageant and Camera Club. He followed Cranbrook with Army service (1954-56) in Germany, a geology degree from Kent State (1958), marriage to Mary Lou Lisi (1960) and a master’s in education from Columbia (1964). He was an administrator and math teacher at Eastlake Ohio Junior High and later taught math at Willoughby Ohio South High School. He and Mary Lou have two sons: John is an electrical engineer with Thomson, SA, formerly Thomson Consumer Electronics in Indianapolis and was very involved in the development of Direct TV. Tom, like his dad the “Best Athlete” in his high school class, was an Ohio state wrestling champion and is a computer coordinator for the Kenston, OH, school district. Both boys are married and each has two children. Jack retired in 1984 and for awhile was able to enjoy photography, reading, golf, poker, the Cleveland Indians and Browns, and Notre Dame and Michigan football. He had successful open heart surgery, but in 1995 he suffered a stroke, which left him paralyzed on the right side and confined him to a nursing home for the last 13 years of his life. Although beset by numerous medical problems (prostate cancer, gall bladder surgery, a broken foot and multiple bouts of pneumonia), his attitude remained positive, and he especially enjoyed reminiscing about Cranbrook and classmates, as he did on several occasions with Al Levy. On his 76th birthday in Nov ’08 he had a second stroke and passed away several days later. His sons put together a beautiful memorial service, marked by the attendance of an Army Honor Guard from Ft. Knox (KY) who was there to fold the American flag. Many of you will remember Mary Lou, whose smile and bubbly personality lit up several of our reunions. She was a Home Ec teacher, who retired following the birth of her children. She’s had slowly progressive multiple sclerosis since age 45 and can no longer walk unaided. Somewhat miraculously she’s still able to drive normally (i.e., without hand controls). She carries a rolling “transport chair” in her trunk, with propulsion on shopping trips being supplied by friends or her 93-year-old mother (talk about role reversal). In addition to his school job, Tom owns some rental properties. Mary Lou lives alone in her one story home. Should she decide to become a lessor, she may consider selling to and then renting from Tom, whom she refers to – with her characteristic laugh – as her “potential slumlord.”

John Colwell, a retired general surgeon, and his wife, Betty, live in northern California but return each summer for several weeks to the house his parents built on Higgins Lake (MI). For fun he skis (sometimes using a helicopter, as opposed to a chairlift, to reach the top of his run!), kayaks, plays tennis, recently went fly fishing for peptide bass in the Amazon and is being heavily recruited by “Dancing With The Stars” and “Cirque du Soleil.”

Earl Wiener has late stage Parkinson’s disease and is in an assisted living facility near his son and not far from John, who has visited him several times. He’s struggling with the physical and mental losses associated with his illness and commented that “Cranbrook meant a lot to me.”

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K1952

I am starting my class column with sad news.

Alice Kent Conway lost her husband, Dick, last September. I know you all join me in sending our sympathy to Alice and her family. She wrote this note: “It has been the most joyful and the saddest of years. Three great-grandsons were born in 2008: Luke in March, Andrew in August and Asher in September. Luke will be a big brother next August. Dick died of a heart attack in September. He was buried in Arlington...
Alice Kent Conway, K’52, and grandkids

National Cemetery the 5th of Jan, 2009 with full military honors. A flag-draped caisson pulled by six white horses with riders and one white horse riderless...21 gun salute, a band, the touching ceremony of folding the flag, which was draped on the caisson, and kneeling in front of me and presenting me with the flag. And then the bugler played taps. Many of us walked behind the caisson from the old chapel to the grave site. There were 51 of us, mostly family and a few boating friends, who spent five days together in Washington, DC.

We gathered for dinner and a celebration of Dick’s life the evening of Jan 4 at the Filomena Ristorante in Georgetown. It has been quite an adjustment, helped by a fabulous group in north Dallas made up of 650 widows and widowers. We meet for breakfast and many dinners a week... A great group of friendly people oozing kindness and understanding.** BARB EICHLER CLARK** wrote, “Nothing is new with me this year – no travels, no big events, just time flying by.” She said, “I was very sad to hear about ANNE COULTER. She was so amazing.” This year Barb and Jim have twin grandchildren graduating from high school. “They were just babies a little while ago. Where did the time go? They haven’t settled on colleges yet – just waiting to hear.” They also have a granddaughter who, as a high school freshman in Saline, has been moved to the varsity basketball team, and they are so proud and excited for her. She has mixed emotions about leaving her buddies on the JV team. After 35 years there, BARBARA BLACK DONDERO sold her house in Royal Oak. She said, “My ‘STUFF’ and I moved out to Clarkston with my daughter, Dana. When one is an arts and crafts person (paints, fabrics, tools, sewing machines and hundreds of Sanibel Island sea shells), there is lots of stuff, as my beloved roommates, JULIA KEYDEL and FRITZI FOS JOHN, knew only too well! Letting most of it go into the Universe has been quite liberating! It’s your turn next, Julie!” Barb said it was fun to share again, with daughter, Kim Dondero Pierce ’74, the decorations committee job for the 38th Gifforama. Kim’s daughter, Lara, (Barb’s wonderful granddaughter) passed the Michigan Bar and is now an employed, practicing Immigration law attorney. The past three years, Barb has really enjoyed serving on the Alumnae Board, working and exchanging old experiences and new ideas with alumnae of many different classes. “The familiar faces, the shared

memories, and the beauty of architecture and design are still as powerful and inspirational as when we were those girls that we were, and it’s a hard thing to say, but I even think the Cranbrook boys are better looking than ever!” CONNIE VANDEVEER BERESFORD wrote to me on a nice cold February day in Florida. “Curtains are open for any sun energy, and the heater is on. Jim doesn’t even want to fly his RC plane – too cool and breezy.” They were expecting son, Tom, and wife, Debbie, in for a visit and hoped it would warm up some for them! Connie is still a docent at the Ocean Discovery Center and typing Latin names of an amazing shell collection into an Excel program for printing out labels. With some old friends, they formed a new organization called ORCA (Ocean Research and Conservation Assn.). They are setting up “Kilroy” sensor suites that Edie Widder, the researcher who has done so much bioluminescent research, has helped to design. The Kilroys are for coastal water monitoring of water flow (tides and waves), temperature, salinity levels, clarity, compass orientation and GPS location and pollution, hoping to find the cause of the decrease in live creatures and to improve and advance research and knowledge about what is happening in the ocean. They are making maps that will overlay Google Ocean maps. It’s all on-line at www.oceanrecon.org. Otherwise, their social life is very busy and fun, and there are lots of things to do and places to go. Connie and Jim walk, bike, boat (kayak and motor), swim and EAT! “We keep up with the four grandparents - three at U-M, and the kids - all very busy. Life is good.” I talk to TONIE GOSSETT DENNING often. She travels back and forth to England to see her grandson, Charlie, son of Toni’s daughter, Wendy, and husband, Robert. Charlie will be 2 in March, “is more than adorable” and will welcome a new brother AND sister in May. Wendy is expecting twins and is doing well with her pregnancy. She is still practicing medicine. Tonie also visits son David, Marion and the boys when she is in England. David is still working hard raising money for his research. Their son, Robert, is currently in the U.S., working at a ski area in Utah. Tonie also goes to California often to visit daughter, Jen, and grandchildren, Lucy, 14, Cait, 12, and Dylan, 9. Lucy and Cait are competitive with their Icelandic ponies. SALLY LOWE BECKER writes, “I have joined the Age of Technology – but not without a struggle. I know now that I was Born 30 Years Too Soon.” She and Ed had a reasonably good year in ’08 and good health for the most part. They went to Arizona early in December and missed bad roads and weather that came soon after. Sally’s horse fell on her while she and Ed were enjoying a Sunday ride Dec. 28. She said, “An 1100# horse is heavy when they roll up on you clear to your hip! This was a first for me. Also found out you don’t get over it in two days! Didn’t break anything but what a bruise! My ankle seems to be sprained but slowly getting better. Didn’t bother my latest knee replacement a bit!” She says that their supply of great-grandchildren continues to grow and #8 is due in May. It is probably a girl, so they will then have four of each, and the oldest will be 10 this spring! “All are blessedly healthy and normal. What more can we ask for?” Their rodeo days are over, but Sally took up Cow Cutting a year ago and has had a real learning experience. Her horse had been trained for cutting as a three year old, so it has been a lot of fun to ride him. Ed helps as a turn-back man, and that gets him involved. He finds lately that it hurts his back to rope! That is a real disappointment since roping has been a lifelong thing with him. However, she says that they are so lucky at 75 and 80 to be able to still use their horses! Jack and SALLY WILLIAMS DEPREE manage to keep quite busy, she, with painting on canvas and he, on the phone with his old friends. Sally has been monitoring their small condo association in Lutz, which services 37 homes. They missed the Florida hurricanes while visiting their kids and relatives in the Detroit area. By watching the news in Ohio, they left their daughter, Ginny’s, house and got to their house in Florida just in time to avoid the storms crossing from Jacksonville.

They now have seven grandchildren and saw most of them last summer. In early January, they stayed in two very large condos outside Disney World, where the kids and grownups played tennis, volleyball, swim, sunned, saw videos, made meals and caught up on family albums. Next June, they will go to Rob’s and his new wife, Kimmer’s, home in White Rock, NM, for a get-together to honor their December marriage, performed in the surf in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Her two kids and Rob’s two came along, and there were serenades and much fun to be had! JANE PHILLIP BOUTON wrote, “It’s been quite a wonderful week here in DC with the inauguration of our fabulous new president. Norman and I still manage to do a lot of traveling.” Last year they spent a month in the southwest of France (Aveyron) and then another month in England. Their daughter, Katherine, lives in London in a Mews house very close to Paddington Station. She has a new job at the Natural History Museum, doing some web design. She and her partner, Helen, have a wonderful old farmhouse in Umbria, Italy, so Norman and Jane plan to spend a month there this May and are busy taking Italian lessons to prepare for the trip. Then they will spend another two months in the UK. Norman is still working part time at the State Department, and Jane is volunteering at the National Building Museum. “Of our five grandparents, one has graduated from college, three are in college and one in high school. Norman and I have been married 54 years this June and continue to be in good health and spirits.” 2008 was a rather fabulous year for MARY LOU SIMONS ZIEVE in the travel department. After her trip to Egypt, she went to Greece with U of D’s Classical Theatre Department with classes each morning, working on the script, learning lines, rehearsals each evening and then their performance of “The Trojan ADOBE, Norm and Jane Phillip Bouton, K’S2, with grandsons Sorley, Keiran and Conor
Women.” They stayed on a lovely island called Spetses. Mary Lou travels often to the Boston area to visit the kids. Sara is finishing her junior year and looking at colleges; Julia is soon to be 13. “Both are so bright and talented...of course”! Daughter Missy, ‘78, is working part time in a charming neighborhood library. Her husband, Michael, is creating software in Russian and plays guitar in a wonderful band. Mary Lou’s son, Rob, is driving big time, delivering food in a huge truck to Florida and back each week and loving it. When she’s in Boca at her condo, she meets him on Tuesday nights for dinner at his favorite Italian restaurant. She is currently memorizing her role as narrator in a children’s opera, “Brundibar,” to be presented at the Michigan Opera Theatre in March. “No, I do not sing in public.” This is a piece written in Czechoslovakia and performed by children in the Theresienstadt concentration camp to provide hope during a seemingly hopeless time. A featured part of the program is a visit by a survivor who sang one of the leads in all 55 performances—an amazing lady. “Last in my news department is my plan to celebrate this 3/4 of a century of Mary Lou Simons Zieve, K’52, and her family visits. “I send best wishes to everyone and hope that 2009 is good to all of you.”

JACQUI HARRIS GARD writes now that her son, Richard, and family are living in St. Louis, she has had the pleasure of having lunch with JACKIE ROWE SHILLINGTON twice. She said Jackie is still beautiful with that gorgeous porcelain skin. “It is such fun, and we never stop talking.” She hopes to see her again soon. Jacqui is planning a trip to California and Arizona in March. She will visit daughter, Elizabeth, and her family in Rancho Santa Fe, also her cousins in Scottsdale and is looking forward to getting out of this frigid weather. I also heard from Jackie Rowe Shillington who said that a most happy experience is seeing Jacqui Harris Gard when she’s there, visiting. “It’s such fun getting reacquainted and hearing about other classmates. What a lovely person.” Jackie writes that two years ago, their two daughters and husbands built a winery in Defiance, MO, 20 miles west of St. Louis, on property that Jackie and John own. The winery opened in July. There have been hurdles, and they are still learning, but it’s been worth the time and effort. Their Web site is ChandlerHillVIVineries.com. Since John’s retirement, they have also been traveling, spending time in Alaska, Greece and Turkey, and then last summer, the amazing Galapagos Islands. They feel so fortunate to be healthy enough to do this, along with enjoying their nine grandchildren. Daughters, Cindy and Leslie, live in St. Louis and their son, Steve, lives in Rancho Santa Fe, so they aren’t able to see him as often as they’d like. TRIXIE DARDEN HEITSCH says she and Larry are holding their own, still working, traveling some, avoiding surgeries and in general, doing OK and feel fortunate to be moving about, but perhaps at a slower pace. The grandchildren continue to thrive. Three are in college, two in high school and two are in elementary school. She says it’s such a delight to watch their progress and development. Trixie and Larry spent Christmas with Nancy ‘81 and her family in Colorado Springs. Their three daughters pre-arranged a birthday surprise for Trixie, which was held there on December 21. Bonnie ’75 and Cindy ’78 both flew in to celebrate this special day with her, and she was totally “blown away.” “The presence of our three beautiful daughters was the best present ever. We’re very blessed.” I had a nice talk with JOHANNA LUTHER SNYDER, and it was so wonderful to chat with her after so many years. She is doing well, exercises and swims three times a week. After building a home in a new neighborhood this past year, she’s enjoying having young children around again. She continues her lifelong love of working with clay, which started at Kingswood. She takes classes constantly and makes all of her Christmas gifts. MARY WITHAM WEBB and Cody moved two years ago from their house in Belmont, MA, to an apartment in Lexington, which is only 15 minutes from their former home. It is a community of seniors where they feel comfortable and have enjoyed making new friends. Life stories are endlessly interesting, and they sit long over dinner, sifting war stories, work, school stories and accounts of meeting, marrying and raising families. Mary and Cody’s children are doing well, and the number of their grandchildren have topped off at four, two boys and two girls. Last year we lost ANNE COULTER to cancer shortly after I turned in my column. I was sorry not to have a chance to write about her, as she was an incredibly special person. Anne and I were together at Brookside and Kingswood, and I will always treasure my memories of her. She was like a ray of sunshine. Her smile could light up a room and just being in her presence made you feel good. Anne will be missed but never forgotten. How lucky we were that she touched our lives. Royce and I had an exciting and unusual trip to Europe last fall. With our friend, Franny David, we rented a 43 ft. boat in Alsace Lorraine, France, and drove almost 100 miles on the Canal du Rhone au Rhin, just the three of us with no professional captain or chef. I drove the boat, Royce tended the locks and Franny kept us well fed each day. We went through 43 locks in six days and then went up the Arzviller Lift, which was built in the 1960s to replace 17 locks. I drove into a caisson in which we went up a 450 ft. track, operated by counter weights and a motor, then drove through two long, dark, narrow tunnels. I was pretty proud and excited that I drove the boat so well, but Royce also had a tough job doing the locks alone. After our boat trip, we revisited Ludwigsburg, Germany, where we lived 50 years ago, then drove to Bavaria, continued our trip through the Austrian Alps and on to Lucerne. Our children and six grandchildren are all fine. We will have two graduates this year: Hannah ’05, daughter of Kai Benjamin Robinson ’76, will graduate from Tufts as a civil engineer, and Natalie, daughter of Chris Benjamin ’81, will graduate from Punahou (high school) in Honolulu. Thank you for all the notes and e-mails I received. It’s always wonderful hearing from my classmates.

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Like his father, Coach Campbell was an avid baseball fan and a believer in the teachings learned from the game. He believed that at the heart of winning – and to him there was no substitute for winning – is hard work and maintaining an unbending ethic of “never giving up.” He and his assistant, Jack Sanders, (who after 60 years is still with Cranbrook’s baseball program) were leaders of Cranbrook’s first Interstate League Championship team in 1953. In preparing for the title game, Coach Campbell encouraged his players “to finish the matter; you have had a great year, don’t let it end without a league title – one more game. You will never forget that as a team, you left something behind.” While the extent of his presence may be debated, his leadership, fervor and ability to inspire his team to greater heights will be a legacy that is not soon forgotten by his acolytes. Part of his enduring gift is to leave his championship team positioned to be able to boast that “We’ll always have 1953.” For a man of sharply-held views on winning and losing, he was a skilled motivator and inspirer of those under his tutelage. He emphasized hard work, professionalism and knowing the difference between wanting to win and actually winning. Everyone understood the concept. Thus, Coaches Campbell and Sanders altered an entire mind-set of a group of young men. They instilled a disciplined environment in which trust in collaborative team and specific goals would succeed over individualism. This concept was placed in context of the present (1953) and carried forward to the future (2009). R.I.P., Coach Campbell, I would like to add this: I have been in contact with Fred’s widow and two items in Valya’s letter stand out. One, Fred always got a chuckle out of trying to explain baseball to his Russian wife. I imagine it was like trying to explain a balk to Newey (sorry, Bob), the infield fly rule to Mitchell (sorry, Earp), or how to record an unusual play in the team scorebook to a confused student-manager (me!). Two, Valya stated that she is so lucky Jack Sanders is still at Cranbrook to help keep Fred’s memory alive. To that, I say to her, don’t worry we will always keep the memory of “FWC” in our hearts as we thank him for helping us on the field, in the classroom and in life. Because AL RUBINER saw Bobbi Scher quite often when he had the gallery and she taught music to his children, I asked Al for any details of Larry’s death. No further facts from him, but he did inform me that he has remarried (Al’s wife, Carole, died in 2004). In June 2006, Al married Barbara Hillman “who lived seven blocks from my house in Huntington Woods.” She is a special-ed teacher in Dearborn Heights and has a private psychology practice. Al also writes that he has taken up golf after 35 years and “am better now than I ever was.” Al and Barbara divide their time between Michigan and Tucson. Al’s daughter, Laurie ’80, was honored last June as Distinguished Alumna, and Al stated, “I was very proud of Laurie and attended both the graduation and the award ceremony where she spoke.” My 1953 Cranbrook authors’ shelf is growing as I’ve added my copy of CAM HARLAN’s second book to Soter’s three and WARD JUST’s 12. On the cover of Cam’s latest effort is a painting by his illustrator-wife, Mary, of a “high school classmate” standing next to a 1932 Model A Ford. I’m guessing that it is JIM SAYLOR in the picture, right, Cam? In addition to poetry, our class poet laureate loves quotations which he calls “sageisms.” I sent him one of my favorite quotes, “Seek perfection, settle for excellence,” and he replied that it echoes “Aim High.” Cam also commented that “I keep searching for knowledge;” his Cranbrook teachers would be so proud to hear that. Speaking of Saylor, he’s kept up his classic car interest as one of the photos in his Christmas letter had him seated in his 1911 Packard at last summer’s Brass and Gas Tour through Michigan. Millie and Jim’s five grandchildren love to visit what they call “Camp Michigan.” The Saylor’s were just one of five couples to celebrate their 50th anniversary last year. Also in their golden year of marriage were Sue and JIM TAYLOR, Doris and JIM AUGUST, Kaye and TOM BROWN and Mary Lou and DAVE SLOSS. Joining this distinctive group this year will be Dinny and JOHN STUELPNAGEL and Marnie ’56 and JOHN WERT. The curtain has come down for BOB WHITALATCH, and he’s officially retired after 42 years at Knox College in Galesburg, IL, where he taught, acted and directed as professor of theatre. He writes, “At 73, after two hip replacements, serious lung problems and an aging mind, I decided it was time to step down. They gave me a nice retirement party last May, and I got a Knox College rocking chair – see what longevity gets you!” Bob also received a Distinguished Achievement Award at commencement last June, and he had an open house in his honor at homecoming last November. Bob has four children and three grandchildren. He and his wife, Jo, will continue to live in Galesburg. Also aging, your humble correspondent will hit the three-quarters-of-a-century mark in May (ouch, that sounds worse than writing the actual figure). At times it feels like just yesterday that I was entering the First Form classroom in 1946, where I met my first master, Fred Campbell, who was also in his first year at Cranbrook. But, at other times it all seems like a distant memory. Despite, or perhaps due to, this piling up of years, I’m still treasuring our Cranbrook memories, still enjoying my Florida life with Patti (10 years now) and still urging all of you to Aim High!

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I received a wonderful note from MARILYN SCHIRMER BERLING. Schirm is a therapist for a mental health center in Indianapolis. She goes to the cottage on Higgins Lake every summer to be with her family, who live in Illinois, Iowa, Colorado and California. Marilyn keeps up with MARY BURNS MCKEE. Mary is a court reporter in Deerfield Beach, FL. BEV BROWN WARBURTON-HAYNES had an 80th birthday party for Ed. All of his children and some grandchildren were able to be there. Bev also traveled to Doug’s in Anchorage and to conferences in Salt Lake City and San Francisco with Janet. BETTY HAMADY SAMS has moved to Washington, D.C. Her son, Jim, and family are coming back to Washington in June from London. Victoria is teaching at Dickinson College, and Alicia has sold her film about Obama, three years in the making to HBO. Bob Hoffman, the very special Cranbrook Master, has died. He was part of our family’s education at Cranbrook for three generations. Bob’s first class at Cranbrook was my husband Bill’s first class in September 1945. He was a true gentleman, and his great wit will not be forgotten. He will be missed.

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This winter has found your Class Secretary and his wife, Elizabeth, in Las Cruces, NM, for four months, my first taste of what it might be like to be fully retired. I have been in telephone contact with JACK BAGDADE, who remains in his position as an endocrinology specialist and research director at the VA Medical Center in Phoenix. Jack is planning a visit with us in Las Cruces, and we intend to resurrect our golf game together. JAMIE BARNES is also visiting in April, and this time it will be tennis and Scrabble. Jamie is off to Shanghai later this month (February). We had the good fortune last summer to spend a lively weekend with Jamie and Alice Mohler DeLana, K ’54, in Cambridge,
MA. We shared wine, good food and conversation, most of the time was spent talking politics and debating Jamie, who played his usual role as devil’s advocate.

**DAVE CHITTENDEN** promised a long stay in Portland, ME, this year, but the promise is now old and probably fading. I receive endless liberal political e-mails from him, which, as a fellow liberal, I always enjoy. I received a secondhand e-mail communication from **PHIL DONDERO**, which said he had just returned from five days of downhill skiing at Nubs Nob and was resuming his teaching at Lawrence Tech. This is good. Our old football captain downhill skiing, although I might have expected he was trying snowboard acrobatics, tough guy that he always was. **KURT KEYDEL** and his wife, Carol, have finally made the “big move” as Kurt describes it, moving to a retirement community just outside Annapolis, MD. They still have their place in Melbourne, FL. In June they are planning a trip to “France via Ireland” to hear their granddaughter, Sarah, sing with the All Children’s Chorus of Annapolis. **DOUG RICHMOND** and I suffered through the 2008 season of the New England Patriots, watching all the bone crunching and penalties on my new, obscenely large home theater screen. Love it, warming the cockles of my non-intellectual side. **HAYS ROCKWELL** and his wife, Linda, K’54, spent the Christmas – New Year holiday in London, Geneva and Berlin. They enjoyed celebrating Christmas in Geneva under the shadows of the Alps with their eldest son, Keith ’78, and his family; Keith has lived there for 12 years. Hays ushered in the new year in Berlin and continues to marvel at the greatest benefit of retirement – time. In closing, I recall listening recently to the Gilbert & Sullivan song which started, “A wandering minstrel I a thing of shreds and patches” (or something similar to that), and **CHARLIE LAWSON** came to mind and his beautiful, moving tenor voice, and the energy of Bob Bates in putting on those wonderful productions. They are both gone from this earth now, but not really.

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**K1954**
I am sad to report the death of our classmate **MARY [MIMI] BUCKINGHAM**. Mimi was a boarder and lots of fun. Our sincere sympathies go out to Mimi’s husband and children. **RABBIT TERRY CUMING** has moved to 7707 S. Ballantree Dr., McKinney, TX 75070 and enjoys being closer to one of her four children. She enjoys travel, golf and volunteer work. She and Joe went to Disney World for Christmas with family following Larry’s sudden death. She has been grateful for the support of friends and family. The “oldies” care about time. In closing, I recall listening recently to the Gilbert & Sullivan song which started, “A wandering minstrel I a thing of shreds and patches” (or something similar to that), and **CHARLIE LAWSON** came to mind and his beautiful, moving tenor voice, and the energy of Bob Bates in putting on those wonderful productions. They are both gone from this earth now, but not really.

**WILEY HULLINGER ROCKWELL** and Hays, C’54, spent Christmas with son, Keith, and family in Geneva, Switzerland, followed by a few days in Berlin and London. Their eldest granddaughter enters college next fall. Their son, Stephen, is an actor in California. Sarah and Martha are both not too far away on the East Coast. Linda is a busy volunteer – she is on the parish vestry, the board of an agency caring for homeless mothers and is a consultant to the Children’s Museum in Providence, RI. Linda and Hays celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last fall and their 50th reunions from Smith and Brown. Their travels this year included the sunny southland, Maine, St. Louis and New Mexico. **MARGARET HAMPSHIRE KEEGIN** sent the following note: “Hello to KSC’54. We arrive home from Maine June 6. The chance of 'stopping off' at the reunion are slim. It sounds like fun just seeing everyone and reminiscing about those long ago, fun days.” As for me, Jim and I reunited at our 50th at Cornell and acquired a new grandson (from Jamie in Oregon). That brings our total to five. Our daughter, Hadley, relocated from Santa Fe to Philadelphia, five minutes from us, an unexpected pleasure, with her husband and 2-year-old son, Avery. We had a three week jaunt to China in the fall (most interesting) and side trips to St. John, Ottawa and Siesta Key, FL. We wish you a happy and healthy 2009 with brighter thoughts for this distressed planet. You can send your news to me at any time, by e-mail or snail mail. I seem to get less news every year, so if you want to read it, send it!

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**K1955**
**Terry and BILL ADDISON** decided to embark on their first European trip in 2008, covering Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary. Highlights included terrific musical groups, especially a performance by the Vienna Boys Choir at their school. They visited palaces, churches, monuments,
a winery, an opera house and the “Spanish Riding School” where the Royal Lippizan stallions train and perform. From buses and from their boat, the “MV Mozart,” they saw lovely towns, homes, bridges and other marvelous scenery. Their boat went through locks 22 times (11 upstream and 11 down)! They learned a lot about local history and culture and made new friends to chat and eat with on the boat. Otherwise, “We have been busy finding places to stack the snow without it falling back on us and slowly progressing with fixing up our old home.” From ALAN CARLIN – “We are leaving on a round-the-world trip in late January (2009) with stops in India, Taiwan and San Francisco. We plan to tour the major tourist areas in North India, see our son and his family, including two grandchildren in Taiwan, and our younger daughter and her husband in San Francisco. I continue to work mainly on the science and economics of global warming at EPA.” CLIFF COLWELL has imposed editorial limitations on what I’m allowed to print, with consequences that would require an orthopaedic surgeon to correct if I break the rules. I assume class secretarial rights to reprint the following and hope he will allow me more freedom next go-around. “Carolyn and I recently traveled to Turkey and Israel for academic presentations but had a great chance to travel and study our heritage, which included Istanbul and Ephesus in Turkey and Jerusalem and Bethlehem in Israel. We are scheduled to travel to Abu Dhabi in February to visit our daughter and son-in-law, where he is a water engineer and involved in the self sustaining community under development in that area. We continue to ski with one trip a year into the deep powder and continue to return to Michigan in the summer for the enjoyment of the lake district.” At some risk I add the following: Cliff received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City in November of 2008 and will be a featured speaker for the Japanese Orthopaedic Society in May of 2009. (There’s more, but I won’t chance it.) JIM CURRIE writes, “We are freezing on Hilton Head Island! Unusual cold weather but being a Michigander, no sweat! We’re ‘hunkered down,’ sending you e-mails, trying to stay warm in a home designed for hot, humid weather and little heating capacity! Marianne and I will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary in Michigan on August 29, and we’re still talking to each other! She and I are involved with Audubon in the local group. She gives slide shows to elementary groups, and I make birdhouses. She continues to write notes for the Jackson Chorale, which has been giving choral concerts in the Pontiac, MI, area for over 40 years! We enjoy walking or riding bikes every day to keep the bodies bold! We have done some boating in the area with one memorable moment when we took our friends’ Golden Retriever for a ride. He suddenly went to the front of the boat, looked down in the water, and a dolphin came out of the water and touched noses with him. Mother Nature’s bonding! Last fall, we stayed with RUD BOUCHER for a few days, and we went over to Cranbrook for a little reminiscing. Many years on! Sure lots of rebuilding on the quad!” I paraphrase FRANK DUNCAN, who wrote that he took a break from his usual college teaching of physics or mathematics when he discovered a rise in blood pressure – “no more pizza ‘binging’ at Peter Piper Pizza luncheon buffet and no more big cottage cheese and olive salads for me.” Frank has learned to enjoy no-salt nuts, vegetables, fruits, juices and grains, along with low-salt soups. Well, I guess we can all take a lesson from that. CHUCK DUNKEL and I are interested in hearing about your 50th college class reunions. Drop a line and let us know. Chuck saw JOE BRAFF in January. Joe and Connie are living in Marin County, trying to sell their house in Mexico. Joe loves good, slim and trim. BRUCE HORD writes that their four grandchildren are all well, happy and thriving, as only children 2-6 years old are able. He and Tina are off to Sweden for 10 days in February for a “big” family wedding on the 14th. They return home for about two weeks and then are off to Cape Town, South Africa, for the month of March. They have never visited Africa and wanted a change from “Florida in the winter.” Sadly, DAVE MORRIS takes his place in Tradition for the final time. Farewell old friend. Ann Merseles Reed, K’55, spoke with Dave’s wife, Karen, recently and passed along much of the following information. David was born in Detroit, MI, and was a Cranbrook 1955 graduate. He attained his medical degree from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and pursued a career as an anesthesiologist, specializing in trauma. Dave was in the Army Reserves for 22 years, retiring as a Lt. Col. After many years of living in the Chicago and St. Louis area, Dave and Karen retired to Sarasota, FL, in 2000. He then donated his time to Genesis Free Health Clinic for the next three years. Dave died December 16, after a three-year battle with cancer. Besides Karen, he is survived by four children, David, 40, twins Catherine and Jim, 38, and Sean, 37. After moving to Florida, they acquired an English Golden Retriever named Bailey, whom Dave would introduce as “his fifth child.” To say he and Bailey were buddies is an understatement. There are stories to tell about Dave, the unforgettable type. I’ll share one that typifies him. We were on an annual spring baseball trip to the southern states – junior year I believe. The game was a nail-biter. Bill Soter ’53 was pitching a no-hitter against a pretty good college freshman team. There are certain unwritten rules, superstitions, that the game of baseball has “collected” over many years – no crossed bats (bad luck) and no mention of a no-hitter in progress (very bad luck). And so it was. David became aware of the situation in about the 7th inning and proclaimed to all, “Hey, Bill is pitching a no-hitter!” Bill got knocked out of the game in the next inning, and we lost the game. Oh, one other story. One of our team members, I can’t remember who, was a self-proclaimed hypnotist. Dave and I submitted ourselves to his magic one evening when the entire team was gathered. We were commanded to perform wonderful feats in the next day’s game. I didn’t hit the home run, and Dave didn’t even play. I think all of us can reminisce about Dave in similar ways. He was a gentle, sweet guy and a lot of fun. Please send me news from time to time. I enjoy hearing from all of you, and I’m sure the rest of your classmates enjoy reading about you in Tradition.

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K1955 JUDY EARLE GILLOW purchased a condo in Harbor Springs, MI, and spent last summer up there playing golf and spending time with friends. She made two trips to Florida in March; the first to play in another golf invitational in Naples; the second to attend her 50th reunion at Rollins College. When I spoke to LYnda GENTHE CHAMPION, she and Jim were preparing to leave for a short Florida vacation prior to embarking on a seven-day Caribbean cruise in February. I received a note from MARTHA BUHS HENRY, who still resides in Stratford, Ontario, Canada. She and her daughter live in a “pink house” in town. Martha runs the Conservatory at the Stratford Festival (a training program for 12 young actors who subsequently go into the season). She will also be directing Chekhov’s “3 Sisters,” opening June 3. From California came word from MELINDA BOOTH who wrote about her and Bob’s travels. They spent a week in Puerto Vallarta with friends in January to celebrate Bob’s 80th. They rented the house where John Huston lived while filming “The Night of the Iguana.” Every night someone in the group announced that it was Bob’s 80th birthday,

ABOVE, Stephen, son of Marnie Graf Davidow, K’55, with wife and son, Stephen
TOP, Liz Kirk Cramer, K’55, and husband, Jack
BOTTOM, Marianne Davidson Currie, K’55, and Jim Currie, C’55

and highlight their collections. Joanne’s son, Flip, his wife and the grandchildren, ages 20, 17 and 6, spent two weeks with them at Christmas. She and husband, Graham, lead a busy life of tennis, golf, bridge, parties and eating out. LIZ KIRK CRAMER and Jack celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. She said, “We are both healthy and content to have a great year.”

MARIANNE DAVIDSON CURRIE and Jim keep up with Audubon activities, working at the Newhall Forest Preserve, attending the local board meetings and handling the monthly newsletter mailings. Marianne helped with the annual Christmas Bird Count by boat in 45 degrees and 15 mph winds, which she said was definitely “for the birds.” In addition, the Curries find time for swimming, biking and boating activities. However, the highlight is a newly organized “jazz band,” with Jim playing string bass and Marianne on the piano. Daughter, Colleen ’86, was hired as Magistrate for the 15th Judicial District Court in Ann Arbor, MI. She also did an Ironman Triathlon, finishing in 14 hours, 35 minutes. Son David’s, ’83, building business oversaw “The Barefoot Contessa’s (Food Channel) barn-studio project.” JANE CLARK SWINEHART is working for a family law firm as a job share receptionist three days a week, plus working for a tax accountant one day a week during tax season. A highlight of her year was being present at her son, Scott’s, marriage to Jan. They were married in a gazebo on Canandaigua Lake July 14. Jane also joined son, Clark, and his family for a first time trip to Sea World. On her 70th birthday last year JEAN MORIARTY MOYER wandered into a dealership (just looking) and ended up driving home in a brand new Ford Focus. Jean canceled her hip surgery since new meds took care of the pain. In January she stepped into the two-year position as secretary for AA’s General Service Area 30-Eastern Massachusetts. Congratulations, Jean. According to ANN OLIVER SPEES, she and Gary had the best Christmas ever. They flew to Minneapolis December 24 to be with oldest daughter, Michelle, husband, Skeet, and grandchildren, Kyle and Jeff, at their beautiful home. December 26 the Spees’ other two daughters and their families arrived. Susan, husband, Kevin, with Brian and Megan came from Sheboygan, WI, and Kimberly, husband, Bob, and grandkids, Robert, Ryan, Robin and Rebecca, drove from Green Bay, WI. Sixteen of them gathered to celebrate Anne and Gary’s 50th wedding anniversary. The evening of the 27th everyone piled into a limo/bus for the ride downtown, where they celebrated the big event at their favorite restaurant, “Oceanaire Seafood Room.” Ann said, “Michelle and Skeet organized a grand Christmas and anniversary party. A wonderful, fun family get together was had by all.” Here is the update on your class secretary. My injuries are healed; however, I am left with two torn ligaments in my knee. Since I am not experiencing any pain, and I don’t want any more surgery, I wear a stabilizing knee brace when I walk or do a lot of physical activity. So, life goes on! I am looking forward to a “lovely long spring” after the awful winter we have had. Send news or call any time. I always look forward to hearing from you.

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I beg the forgiveness of my classmates for missing the Winter edition of Tradition and their indulgence over the brevity of this issue’s notes. Let me explain. From September 17 to December 22 I was making daily visits of three to five hours to the hospital or a skilled nursing facility to be with Norma, my wife of 48 years. She had been fighting cancer of the throat with radiation and surgery since November 2005 and had recently begun chemotherapy to retard the growth of cancer that was still in her body. At this point she was battling two or three fistulas (holes) that had broken through her neck because the flesh had been severely compromised by radiation. A very skilled surgeon, who had done her laryngectomy in 2006, did what he could to repair the largest of these, but the healing took forever. Norma’s inner joy was never broken during this long siege, and she always greeted the nurses and other personnel with a smile. She also charmed them all with her sense of humor. She came home for Christmas, but it became evident shortly after the holidays were over that she did not want to continue struggling for the sake of struggling. She decided to enter hospice care, and five days later, January 11, a brittle carotid artery in her lower neck broke open and she bled to death. As her doctor explained, she had no pain and just went to sleep. Having pastored families who have fought long battles with cancer, I came to recognize how blessed Norma was to end her life so quickly, even though I would have preferred more time with her. Meanwhile, Norma’s doctor had diagnosed the same kind of cancer in my throat that Norma had been fighting. Fortunately, it was discovered early, and it was cut out on January 29. A subsequent PET scan has revealed there is no cancer in my body, but since lymph nodes had been involved, I will begin a six-week course of radiation on March 16 to be sure all cells are killed. I am not comfortable using this venue to tell my story, and I have tried to avoid that in the past. However, I have notes only from one other classmate, the always dependable ALAN SHAVER, who reports that Ellen, his wife, hosted a 70th birthday party for him which brought friends and family from near and far to celebrate with him. As Alan says, “It was a grand occasion and was a solace for the advancing age.” Alan continues to be busy in retirement, recently becoming the chair of the Portland Maine Chapter of SCORE,
Counselors to America’s Small Businesses, and he has been nominated to be elected a trustee of the Episcopal Church’s Pension Fund. As one of the beneficiary’s of this fund, I know how prestigious Alan’s nomination is. He will be glad to know that even I would trust him with managing my pension. I hope more of you will take the same initiative as Alan and tell me about your lives in the weeks and months to come. I do not see the same kind of impediments on the horizon that kept me from being a better correspondent, and I promise to do my best in keeping our classmates up to date with what is going on among us.

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Continuing…Spring 2009. The economy, since our Fall 2008 Tradition column, has been in a scary free-fall dive, with no signs of an upswing yet in sight. Although it is encouraging that we have a new administration trying to develop a solution, it certainly appears that there are no quick or easy answers. This dismal economic situation has influenced the decision making of our classmates in various ways, either by their spending more conservatively and/or by their continuing to spend on travel, household projects, etc., thereby actually helping to stimulate the economy. Although we may be cautious and selective about where our “spending” money goes, we are still able to do many of the things we want to do and to continue enjoying life. The months since our last column have been “over-the-top exciting” ones for DEBORAH MOORE GEITNER and her family. Before President Obama was considering her son, Timothy Geithner, to be his Treasury Secretary, Deborah, Peter, her husband, and Lydia Moore DuPertuis ’58, her sister, took a trip to Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Japan in October. They visited her daughter, Sarah, a part-time employee with The World Bank, and family in Bangkok and Chiangmai, and her son, Jonathan, an analyst for the Center for Naval Analyses, and family in Okinawa. Her son, David, who is Jon’s twin brother, joined them in Bangkok after a business trip for Time Warner in India, to enjoy elephants, see old friends and “breathe in” something of several ancient religions, namely Buddhism, Hinduism along with a little Animism and Shintoism. Now that Tim has been confirmed as Treasury Secretary, Deborah gets a kick out of claiming him as her son rather than being referred to as his mother! Happily, music, music, music—solo piano practicing and performing, accompanying singers, playing in concert with a cellist, flutist and clarinetist and teaching—continues to run through her days. She cannot imagine an environment more nourishing than hers on Cape Cod. Her hope for self-improvement is that with President Obama’s leadership she will learn something more about what it means to make sacrifices. Words of support from CATHERINE (Kay) HELLYER SMITH are: “Three cheers for Deborah’s valiant Tim who has stepped into the arena of wild beasts!” ELLEN VAN DUSEN GUTHRIE agrees: “Hurrah for Obama. Now let’s pray for him and his cabinet, including Tim Geithner. They have a full plate!”

To weather this economy, she and her husband, Newman, are cutting back on travel, trying to live with the thermostat lower, drinking Folgers coffee instead of Starbucks and trying to lose weight. Her volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity continues. In January, when in Guatemala, she worked on three houses and got to know the families, played with the children and left feeling like “I can do something worthwhile.” In February, when in the Disney Regionals in Park City, UT. Her son, Jay, is in Marquette, MI, and in the Masters Western Regionals in Park City, UT. Her son, Jay, is in Michigan and racing FIS races. Now winter is flying by as she is training slalom and giant slalom at Boyne Mt., racing in the Midwest Masters Championships in Marquette, MI, and in the Masters Western Regionals in Park City, UT. Her son, Jay, is in Japan with the JET Program, teaching English. Her daughter, Kylene, has a new job as an editor at McGraw Hill in Los Angeles. Another daughter, Bobbie, is working on her sculpture pieces for a show this spring. As a long-time New York City resident, KAY PERRING is very knowledgeable of places where she can spend more conservatively and still have fun. Her “Supper Club” has been choosing creatively more economical restaurants for their monthly get-togethers and has been pleasantly surprised by the ambience and quality of the food. The “Club” is comprised mostly of retired U.N. employees from diverse backgrounds, and the lively conversations compliment the delicious food. Two of their favorite restaurants...
Linda keeps busy with activities connected with the Flint Institute of Arts, where she is a trustee, and the Music Institute, plus bi-monthly teas of The Art Class, a 100-year old organization into which membership is by invitation and whose members each make a commitment to research and present a paper once a year on a subject of personal interest, such as art, travel, music, etc. She has been a member for almost 40 years. She keeps fit by working out three times a week at the fitness center. And another grandson arrived 7 weeks early on January 21, when MARILYN MACKENZIE MONTGOMERY’s daughter, Monica, gave birth to “Jack,” making Marilyn and her husband, Robert, first-time grandparents. Jack is a hydrocephalic baby and after a shunt was placed in his head to drain fluid, he is responsive and alert. Marilyn and Robert are flying to Boise, ID, where Monica and daddy Scott live, on February 24, by which time they are hoping that Jack will be home from the hospital. They spent a week skiing at Sun Valley just before sharing the holidays with Monica and Scott and are looking forward to doing much more skiing there in the future during their frequent trips to Boise to “spoil” baby Jack. Their life in Sag Harbor is as busy as ever. Marilyn reads the weekly Sag Harbor Express from cover to cover, so that they do not miss any of the fun things that happen in the area. To quote Marilyn: “sometimes a real gem pops up in small print,” such as the reading of two one-act plays by Alan Alda (who has a home in Sag Harbor) and Sigourney Weaver at Stony Brook Southampton University for $10 a ticket. To diversify their artistic venues, they also have series tickets to the New York Philharmonic in NYC. When they were in London last May celebrating their 31st wedding anniversary, they took a break from visiting their friends there and managed to spend a long weekend by themselves on the Isle of Wight. As JANE MCKENZIE MULLIN and her husband, Paul, are spending more and more time at their northern Michigan home, she wishes there were a bridge or/and euchre group there. Consequently, she is reading more and more books. She is especially looking forward to an unexpected visit in February when her daughter, Kerry, from Oregon, with granddaughter, Piper Jane, along with Jane’s other daughter, Kristen, from Chicago, with grandsons Parker and Kip, will spend Presidents’ Weekend with Jane and Paul. NANCY WAGNER STEWART’s grandchildren, ages 8, 10 and 12, have started asking her questions about the “early days” and events that took place then. They were amazed that Nancy did not grow up with TV but instead “actually enjoyed LISTENING to the radio” with her family! Her first computer was the size of a stadium! Now her grandkids have these tiny iPods and play Wii games. As the technological world seems to rush exponentially forward, sometimes she finds it hard to keep up but does not give up trying. She also loves reading and keeping up with our class news and reflecting on her years at KSC, which were “wonderful, rewarding, exciting and very enlightening” for her. She cherishes the fond memories of those years and is grateful for the gift of her KSC education that her parents gave her. PEGGY DURHAM also is frequently aware of the role that her KSC years have played in her life. Her taste in home furnishings, art and architecture clearly reflects the surroundings at KSC. She admires the works of those at the Cranbrook Art Academy, e.g. Bertoia, Knoll, “even” Libeskind. Recently, when she was reading a book on design, there was a photo of our “beloved” dining hall, noted by the author as a great design. Her children also have benefited from Peggy’s good grounding in grammar and writing she acquired at KSC. Her son, Rob, recently thanked her for “nagging” him about good writing which reflects good thinking, since his profession is writing consolidated and special appeals for the UN for natural, as well as manmade disasters. She fully enjoys her life in Colorado. Last fall, she spent a glorious weekend working with the Continental Divide Trail maintenance crew.
She continues to be president of her Evergreen Audubon local chapter and to make fused glass, which she showed us at our 50th Reunion. Her upcoming travels include Siesta Key, FL, to visit her brother, Concord, MA, to visit her daughter and granddaughter and Geneva, Switzerland, to see her son, Rob, “actually getting married for the first time.” JOY STAUNTON PULCIPHER was looking forward to meeting a friend from Washington in Las Vegas during February to see at least one show and to enjoy warmer weather in Las Vegas during February to see looking forward to meeting a friend from all genres. I, taking advantage of its amenities, and reading, resort, where Dave and David finally had the Eva, live. In January, the five of them spent a wife, Kim, and their 3-year-old granddaughter, Ally talks with help her brother move to Colorado. She occasionally talks with GAIL GERHARDT EVANS, who lives in Denver. After the tornado that went through Joy’s area outside of Denver last summer, she is getting a new roof and some upgrades to her house. NANCY SWAN WILLIAMS and her husband, Dave, spent the winter months once again in eastern Texas, where their son, David, his wife, Kim, and their 3-year-old granddaughter, Eva, live. In January, the five of them spent a glorious week in Breckenridge, CO, a huge ski resort, where Dave and David finally had the chance to ski together, which they had not done since 1998. Although Nancy no longer can ski because of her knee replacements and her bad back, she had a ball “hanging out” at the spa, taking advantage of its amenities, and reading, reading, reading! She is an avid reader and enjoys all genres. I, COLLEEN MCMAHON ORSATTI, and my husband, Bob, unexpectedly have been spending and thereby stimulating this discouraging economy. First, each of us had to get two dental implants and have other dental work done to the tune of $$, $$$. Second, before the bottom of the market dropped out, we had financially committed to updating our home at the New Jersey shore market dropped out, we had financially committed to updating our home at the New Jersey shore with new carpeting, verticals and tile work. Then to add more sticker shock to our budget, both of our modest homes were just reassessed at huge increases, meaning much higher property taxes. Of course to add insult to injury, if we had to, it would be impossible to sell either of these homes at their new assessed values during this current crisis, or perhaps even in the future. However, I support President Obama and his new administration, including Deborah’s son, Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner, to lead our country through these troubled and challenging times. Let us keep our hopes up that by the Fall 2009 issue of Tradition we begin to see a light at the end of this scary financial tunnel, and we witness the economy starting to turn around and climbing out of this murky abyss. To be continued…

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Clearly oblivious to the national and global meltdowns, C’57s are reporting travels all over the planet. Karen and CARL JOHANSSON escaped winter snows and snow blowing to visit their daughter and youngest grandson in Carlisle, PA, with a trip to Disneyland on the schedule. DAVE LEE gathered kids and grandkids for an early 70th in February, so he could head off to Australia and New Zealand in March. DUNC BLACK turned 70 on Groundhog Day and then left a few days later for where else – Australia and New Zealand – with wife, Necia. FRITZ KERN and Janis headed north for a visit with BILL CORMACK in San Francisco in January, turned around and headed to Cabo San Lucas in February. Bill was expecting a visit from former San Francisco resident - now Sun Valley - DAVE THEOBALD. Both Bill and Dave were planning to drop in on DAVE COOPER in Palm Springs this spring. Bill said ROWDY TALIAFERRRO passed thru San Francisco on his way home to Thailand. MALCOLM (Barry) SMITH and Tricia left the east for a winter trip to Berkeley to visit son, Eric, with a drive down to L.A. to see the Getty and Norton Simon Museums. His “undoubtedly last” scholarly paper is soon to appear in a British journal, the Journal of Moral Philosophy, and is titled “Does Humanity Share a Common Moral Faculty?” If you know the answer, please let him know! He’s back playing tennis after a year off from tendonitis and still practices law full time as a public defender while Tricia maintains a busy psychotherapy practice. Also in perpetual motion is DR. PAUL WOOLLEY. Last summer a week-long Mozart seminar in Ithaca. In November in Belize for some diving (to 150 ft. in the Blue Hole) where he caught up with son, Kevin, up from Chile. Kevin passed part 1 of the CFA exam and is scheduled to get a master’s in finance in April but remained in Chile as of February to set up a new business. Two more weeks of diving in the British Virgin Islands, including a wreck called the Rhone, which went down in a hurricane in 1867, while its captain named Woolley was sipping tea on the deck. Paul has given up full time practice and is now a rent-a-doc (called locum tenens). Staying closer to home, Paul had a little New England skiing on the docket. Daughter, Catie, is doing well in law practice, he reports, and her spare time is spent riding horses in the Middlebury, VA area. Not to be outdone, JIM AKERS and Renee took an extended family group to Florida in April 2008 and followed with a three-week tour of China in September. Confirmed – the major cities in China are quite modern, and yes, China will be the dominant player in the world – soon. The annual forays to Florida and Colorado followed over the winter. Some considerable travel has provided the material for C’57 author, RON SWANSON. His first book, “Grand Cascapedia Giants,” is about the best salmon river in Canada for big salmon and the stories about the 78 fish of 45 lbs. or over taken from it since 1878. Out in September 2007 his second book, “Record Atlantic Salmon,” is about the rod-caught Atlantic salmon (all 561) and the history of salmon fishing. And now number three due out in April 2009, “Fish Models, Plaques & Effigies,” deals with folk art related to fishing all over the world. The books are limited editions at $90 or $125 and are available at Amazon or from Ron himself (PO Box 190, B/Hills MI 48303 or 248-330-4407). TED LUDWIG and wife were vacationing in February in Florida in their motor home, returning to Michigan to his new job as medical affairs director at the War Memorial Hospital, 60% of his working hours and 40% to his surgical practice. When he wrote, he was looking forward to spring and another season of homemade maple syrup (which reunion attendees enjoyed from the ’07 batch.) A separate note from DAVE THEOBALD tells of more travels, as he was taking daughter, Cindy, and granddaughters (5 and 7) to Disneyland at spring break. Was in Hawaii for the first time (even though living in California for all those years) last November and spent New Year’s Day with the Dave Coopers in Palm Desert. But Dave adds he’s getting used to cold, snow and beautiful Sun Valley winters and is still working on transferring ownership of NETSHARE. Only two ’57 respondents failed to mention any travel. PHIL ANGEL announced the birth of a new granddaughter to the Brooklyn based Angels – Zohara Aliya Florette Angel. No doubt some travel in the offing to see the latest of the many Angel grandkids. And JIM VARY reported his wife had total knee replacement last August with a longer than expected recovery. So we can assume that’s why there was no travel news from the Varys. That’s it for this issue. Let’s hear from those we didn’t for next issue.

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My late call for news garnered one of the best responses to date, reflecting our far-flung lives and travel wrapped in the “small world” theme, as well as the milestone, and not millstone, birthday that many of us celebrate this year. Your classmates report about travel to Asia, South America and New Zealand as well as baby-sitting in London. Our class master sleuth delivered the e-mail address and contact information for SHIRLEY BLOCK PEARLMAN, and here is Shirley’s news and an invitation. Shirley lives in Potomac, MD, and invites anyone coming to D.C., to contact her. She writes that her life has changed since her husband passed away three years ago. She had been very active in real estate for over 12 years and traveled all over the world with him. Currently, she enjoys working part time in a silver jewelry store, belongs to a lifecenter health club and has just learned to play canasta. Of greatest importance, she has two children and six grandchildren. She reports that she has “the” Big Birthday coming up and is taking the family (14) on a cruise to Canada. MARTHA VICINUS reported she would be leaving March 19 to teach a course on women’s history and methods at Fudan University, outside Shanghai. Afterwards, Martha and her partner will travel for a couple of weeks in southern China, offering a wonderful opportunity to get to know a few Chinese students and teachers and to explore China’s most sophisticated and cosmopolitan city. Her only worry is that the women of Shanghai are very fashion conscious! We await her next report about her Shanghai experience. JEANNE HARGREAVES GRAHAM and Ralph had a lovely week in the Galapagos Islands in January, seeing animals that are not afraid of people – have never been hurt by
CAROLLEE (Curly) WORTHINGTON

WORTHINGTON METROKA (19 Country Club Drive, White Plains, NY 10607, 914-592-8087, Moonriv@aol.com): "Hello, Fellow Classmates: Six years since my husband passed away, and my daughters and I have been pretty successful in keeping his business in NYC alive. This is a miracle as none of us had any knowledge or previous experience in running it! Brava for us! We are a small concern, but we’re a feisty bunch. I am the proud mother of three daughters and Grammy to six grandchildren — three girls and three boys, oldest is 17, youngest is 2. Two daughters live nearby in New York, and one lives in Connecticut, close enough to visit often. When time permits, I travel back and forth to my condo on Marco Island, FL. Apparently, retirement is not in the picture anytime soon. Best wishes to all my fellow classmates!"

NANCY HARRIS SCULLEN

spent a week in Florida in February with BARB COOKSEY BOWERS. Nancy saw NORMA PETIX SCULLEN while she was there. She planned to go to New Zealand for two weeks in April with her sister. Nancy and I caught up during her baby-sitting stint in Virginia Beach last October. Everyone’s ears should have been burning as we had our own mini-reunion. JUDY SOLOMON had good news and bad, not so bad, news to report. The good news is that she is writing more than ever, (two columns weekly for the Detroit News, one column called “Marketplace” that is distributed to both Detroit News and Detroit Free Press readers on Saturdays.) Despite both papers cutting down in April, she has been assured that her Saturday gig is safe and sound. She also writes feature stories for a glossy local magazine called Ambassador. More news on the good side. Michael and Judy celebrated their 18th anniversary. She loved every minute but was delighted to leave and get back to the peace of coaching her clients. JANE OMAN reports that all is well in Columbus. Last fall Jane was on a search committee for a new president for Otterbein College. It was a wonderful experience — working with trustees, faculty, students and community reps. She reports that there is much talent around the country, and much comes from institutions of which we have never heard. Jane feels very optimistic about the quality of education our young people are acquiring at small liberal arts colleges and even some of our larger state institutions. That is certainly contrary to the media’s take on that subject. Jane’s son, David, and his family will be moving to London, as he becomes global head of risk management at UBS. This is a great opportunity for him, but Jane muses that London seems very far away — away from grandchildren. This provided the perfect segue for CHRISTIE KNUDSEN CHRISTIE to respond while baby-sitting in London. Judy writes, “I’m in London right now for a month with my daughter and granddaughter. This week I have full care of my 5-year-old granddaughter, while MB and her partner, Keith, are on holiday to the Canary Islands. They just left this a.m., and already I’m exhausted, having taken April on the train for her swimming at 9 this morning, returning home here to Mortlake briefly and then walking for half an hour over to Chiswick to deliver her to a gymnastics class. We just got home, and I’m ready for bed, but it’s only 3 p.m., so I’ve got to hold out for a while!” Judy reports that the UK is living through the same misery as the U.S. (and everyone else in the world, it seems). Her granddaughter, MB, is the product manager for all the online services at the Financial Times, so the dismal news is delivered straight to her doorstep every morning. On a brighter note, London is gradually warming up after a dismal winter. In April, Susie planned to go to Hawaii with her daughter, Kathy, her husband, Andy, Ellie and Andy’s mom, Judy, to celebrate their 18th anniversary. AND, to crown it all, Susie celebrated her 70th with a week-long round of parties until she got over her sulking. She wonders, where have all the years gone? All in all, she is blessed with her life! Here in Hampton Roads, we are beginning to see signs of the financial downturn. Certainly, it is not as dramatic as Michigan, but there have been closings of favorite old restaurants, vacant stores and construction stoppages. At this time, we await to see the impact on spring and summer tourism, which is key to this area’s economic health. My work is secure as my NATO contract was re-awarded for one base and four years. I don’t know how long I’ll work because the 80-mile roundtrip commute can be a drag. So far, the feeling of going to Europe every morning offsets it. The French are slated to come in at NATO’s top level with 3 and 4 star Generals and Admirals. It will be interesting to watch the transformation of our work environment. I’ll have to find Mlle Myer’s livres to brush up on communication skills. In October, we are scheduled for a Seine Oise river cruise, which should provide some opportunities for practice. JANICE WAINGER SHULAK had just finished a class on genomes with a U.C.S.D. professor and commented that classes with fellow seniors are wonderful. She has been diligently reading books for her neighborhood book club but would rather settle down with a good mystery. She longs for a book that she can get into so that she loses track of everything else. She remembers cutting classes for two days in college to finish “The Fountainhead.” Classmates, we are looking for reading recommendations. NORMA PETIX SCULLEN was in Detroit for her brother’s wedding and her birthday (the big 70.) Staying at the Kingsley, she had a wonderful weekend with her kids and grandkids coming in from Maryland, Oklahoma, Illinois and California. In addition to the 70th birthday that I share with most of you, we plan to commemorate our golden wedding anniversary by taking an 18-day mystery cruise out of Southampton, England, in May. It seemed appropriate to embark on a trip with many unknowns. At least on this journey we will receive some clues about our destinations. We have enjoyed river cruising with musical themes during the last year and were spared hearing “The Blue Danube” on our voyage to Budapest and Vienna. Family is good, and we look forward to August when our son, Seth, marries, and we acquire two...
grandchildren through the match, bringing the total to eight ranging from 3 to 13.

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As you all know, MISSY KIRK BALD died shortly after our 50th Reunion. She was not able to join us for it but took the time to send in her Reunion Class Profile. Her best school memories were “dorm life and camaraderie, Saturday outings with the day students.” And her most satisfying accomplishments since graduation included raising her three sons with husband, Fritz, volunteer work and family, friends and life.” Our condolences go out to her family. I was both delighted and overwhelmed by the many responses I got from my last e-mail plea to all of you for news. It was great fun to read about each and every one of you. Because of space limitations I have had to shorten some of the responses but hope you all can glean from what’s here how interesting everybody’s lives have been. It was delightful to hear from JULIE GILDERSLYVE HICKS after so many years. I’m copying quotes from an article written about her. It sums up nicely what has been and continues to be a very interesting and exciting life. “Julie moved her way around South America and lived in Brazil for three years in the early stages of raising her family. Her son, Tyler Hicks, is a photojournalist for the New York Times and has and continues to cover conflicts in many countries, including Iraq and Afghanistan. He has also published a book of his photographs taken in these two countries in the difficult time following 9/11. Darcy, her daughter, is also a painter who has taught art in Westport Schools. She currently does seminars on her focus, The Artist Writers Workshop, which is a form of learning different subjects through art expression. She and her husband and three small boys live within a four minute walk down the road from Julie’s house. In the past 20 years Julie has rented out her house and traveled to such places as exotic India, where she spent three years; Indonesia; Laos; Vietnam; four years in Central America and Mexico; and repeated visits to Peru, Equador, Columbia, Bolivia, Argentina, Cuba, Ethiopia, Kenya and the island of Zanzibar. As she has not been married for many years, she has enjoyed a lifestyle that requires her strong sense of independence. She has just returned from several months in Brazil where she was visiting old friends and painting in a small village on the coast south of Rio de Janeiro.” JILL SHALLCROSS writes: “I am living in the beautiful Berkshires of Massachusetts, having moved here when I turned 65, was eligible for Medicare, and could lease the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, where I worked for many years. I’m still working for the Museum but electronically and from a distance, which suits me fine. Beyond the window where I work at my computer, many birds are munching on the porch and beyond are fields, mountains and sky. I am divorced. It was beyond hard, but now I am living happily without a man. My son, Benjamin, is in the Foreign Service, currently posted to Milan. His wife is consul general in Florence. I will certainly visit them in Italy! Before that, Ben was in Tokyo, Rangoon and St. Petersburg. It’s painful having a child so far away, but the up side is that I have traveled to all these places, which I never would have done. My daughter, Kate, is a social worker in New York City and also a professional salsa dancer, who teaches and performs.” PEGGY BRANDT WILKINS wrote saying she was heartbroken to miss the 50th reunion. She was in line for heart valve surgery and was having a difficult time walking, breathing, etc. She had been looking forward to seeing everyone but was in New England for surgery. She is now back in their retirement home in Onancock, VA, which is located on the eastern shore of Virginia, that little appendix of land that extends down from Delaware and Maryland – they live five miles from the Chesapeake Bay on a deep water creek and 8-10 miles from the Atlantic Ocean. In her opinion, considering they are opposite Washington, D.C., and south of Baltimore, they are in the middle of nowhere – Salisbury, MD, is the closest neighbor an hour away. It is a very little town where you know your neighbors. She says, “We make our own fun, somewhat like the 1950s. The fishing is great. Come on down!” Agreement is great. SALLY J. GODDARD flew to California last November for Thanksgiving and a good visit with her brother, his family, and her daughter, Brooke Crowley ‘98, a doctoral student at UC Santa Cruz. Brooke went to Madagascar in January to gather final lemur research data for her thesis. Sally still prefers driving to flying, though, and continues to rack up thousands of miles as she tootles around Canada and our beautiful USA. KATIE WILLIAMS STEWART said they just had another gorgeous snowfall in Connecticut. She and Jimmy were off to New York City, something they do often, as it is only an hour away. KATHY KYES LEAB is awaiting her third grandchild, has just produced a calendar, been on a Stick (the flash drive version of American Book Prices Current, which is what dealers, appraisers and librarians use to tell the value of rare books and manuscripts), and will be a featured speaker at the 50th anniversary meeting of the American Library Association’s Rare Books and Manuscripts section because of her rare talent. Dan is happy that university professors never have to retire, and thus he can keep on teaching, writing and editing a learned journal. The whole family was in Connecticut for Christmas, which was a blast even though it rained in the guestroom. LIBBY WOLFE HUBBELL writes: “In June we will go to John’s 50th reunion at Princeton, then continue north to our family in New England and go to a nephew’s graduation from Dartmouth. The ‘new grandchild’ we were expecting was sadly stillborn in November, and that has been crushing for the whole family. On January 20 we stayed home and watched the Inauguration on TV, grateful not to be out in the cold among two million onlookers. It was incredible to see all those people gathered and waving flags.” She says she hopes she can make “our job a little easier” in the future when the book she has written called “Learning” about education experiences, finally emerges from the publisher. ANNE VANDERZEE CRED writes that she has three daughters: Julie, single in Chicago, vice president of Investor Relations for Heidrick and Struggles (exec. recruitment firm). Sarah, married with three children, lives in Andover, MA, (north of Boston); Katie and her husband and two children live just 5 minutes from her. Tom and Anne moved to Minneapolis in 1971 after J.L Hudson’s merged with Dayton’s. He died of kidney cancer in 1998. “I’ve had a wonderful life, but mostly uneventful — I guess that’s not a complaint. My travels now are to visit grandchildren and be with my daughters, and we will all be together for several weeks in March on Siesta Key, FL.” MOLLY MARSHALL PESSL wrote: “We are well and happy. I am still working full time, although my ‘local’ children are suggesting that I stop, so that I can spend more time helping them in their gardens and (though unstated) helping more with grandchildren, I believe. In the fall of 2003 I finished my previous job of 20 years at a local hospital. I started to do more lecturing and consulting in maternal-child health, and suddenly I became busier than ever and very happy working away from the politics and bureaucracy of a healthcare employer. Many weeks are spent on planes and in hotels, with quick turnarounds to do laundry, repack and re-board the next plane. Travel is certainly not glamorous anymore, but I love what I do and will probably continue as long as people invite me and as long as I can get on a plane and still find my way from the bed to the bathroom in the various hotels. Travel has included many trips to Australia and Europe and most of the US. I have had amazing opportunities, and as one dear Austrian friend always says I am a lucky mushroom! Between travels, I am obsessed with an acre of perennial and vegetable gardens and a 35 foot long greenhouse full of orchids. My sweet husband, Freddie (Skip, depending on where we are and whom we are with) is 76, retired and in great shape and health. This means tennis several times a week, lots of house projects with the local children, escorting me on the exciting travels, watering the greenhouse when I’m gone and trips back and forth to the Gallatin Valley of Montana where we have a house and 200+ acres. We have just placed our land there into a conservation easement which was a major undertaking, but feels very good in these days of land greed and development. In closing, I was trying to think of something terribly insightful to say to everyone. My thoughts and memories of my Michigan life and my years at Kingswood are so frequent and so overwhelming at times. I remember talking to Kathy Van Dusen Sylvester after my father died in 1987 and philosophizing about the vividness with which our past returns as we age. And we were ONLY in our late forties! The intensity, and perhaps the importance of the memories, continues to increase with the passing of time. I would love to sit with you all and relive some of those memories. I also have thoughts of the many women in our class whom I did not know well during my years there. I truly long for a way to go back and apologize for the seeming arrogance and cruelty of the insecurities of youth. I realize how many good people I missed out on. The wisdom of humility, compassion and personal confidence are surely slow to come to most humans.” ANN SCHROEDER ANDERSON wrote that her Grosse Ile class reunion really put KSC to shame.
same size class of 62 – 11 deceased – 43 attended for five days of activities. (We are going to have to do better, ladies!) Her children and grandchildren were with them during the holidays, traveling from California, Michigan and Germany. She and Gene are preparing to travel to Trinidad for Carnival and the great steelpan music. JOBY FREDERICKSON MARGADANT writes: “We have a second grandson as of July 1. The first one came three months early in the middle of the night the day after Thanksgiving in 2005 in a rented house on the north coast of California and was helicoptered by the National Coast Guard down to a ‘preemi’ center in Santa Rosa. This one was an emergency caesarean…very dramatic but it ended happily. ‘A cast of thousands’ assembled in the delivery room (probably more like 20) and broke into applause when little Jay Theodore came out with eyes wide open and protesting loudly. Both boys are doing wonderfully as are their mom and dad, Ashley and Ken. But I think that’s it for reproduction on that side of the family. We spent the rest of the summer in France and much of the fall on tenterhooks waiting for the election results. Kathy and I exchanged news, videos and caricatures throughout the campaign with an occasional something from Molly and Nancy to keep our dreams alive. I was hoping to see Molly in San Francisco in November on one of her speaking jaunts, but we’re still waiting for her to show. In December I went alone to Paris for a week to sit on a jury for a doctoral d’etat at the Sorbonne. The thesis was terrific and the candidate as well, so it all ended triumphantly for her. January 20 brought a sense of the momentous home to us, even watching it on TV, and despite everything the country’s facing now, we still feel the force is with America. I’m now in my last quarter of teaching before heading off into the sunset…not quite hand in hand with Ted who is going to teach out one more year. But we are already trying to figure out how to use the next decade or so productively. Kay’s account to me in a recent e-mail of her own incredible career as a volunteer for the last 25 years is a model anyone might want to emulate who has her stamina and commitment. In addition to finishing my book, which may take years, I still feel the force is with America. I’m now in my last quarter of teaching before heading off into the sunset…not quite hand in hand with Ted who is going to teach out one more year. But we are already trying to figure out how to use the next decade or so productively. Kay’s account to me in a recent e-mail of her own incredible career as a volunteer for the last 25 years is a model anyone might want to emulate who has her stamina and commitment. In addition to finishing my book, which may take years, I still feel the force is with America. I’m now in my last quarter of teaching before heading off into the sunset…not quite hand in hand with Ted who is going to teach out one more year. But we are already trying to figure out how to use the next decade or so productively. Kay’s account to me in a recent e-mail of her own incredible career as a volunteer for the last 25 years is a model anyone might want to emulate who has her stamina and commitment.

Wasn’t she our guardian angel in Senior Cabin?” KAY LEVY MELET writes: “Michael and I have just returned from a week in Tucson with our daughter, Nancy, and her 1 year, 1-week-old daughter, Gillian. Nancy is a jeweler, and we attended the international gem show together. I go each year with Nancy as she does her buying. This year Michael joined us to take care of our granddaughter. It was a great trip! Nancy was set up at Kingswood’s Giftorama last November. It was fantastic to be in our school for a couple of days. Her booth was in Nancy Wolfner Bauer’s classroom…memories! She has a website: nanckymelet.com. Since the first of the year Michael has been working at the Flint Institute of Arts as a consultant for visitor services. He is loving the experience. It is a temporary assignment with a very flexible schedule. I know he will be successful with this opportunity. I am happy to report that our three sons and their families are all well. We are a very fortunate family. It was so wonderful to be with those of you who were able to attend our 50th reunion. It was great of Susan Flint Cooper to open her home so we could have a great visit. Best wishes to all of you!” CAROLINE CROSS CHINLUND wrote: ‘Well, I’m glad I am still liking my work and learning new things about it. I practice psychotherapy in my office here in Manhattan less than 20 hours per week, but that still feels like my professional self is alive. Last year I went to Iran with Steve as part of a civilian diplomacy delegation to work towards peace. If anyone wants to have a wonderful, interesting time and work synergistically with other teammates, I recommend that you join up with the Fellowship of Reconciliation delegation going to Iran in May 2009. FORusa.org has all the info. I love being a grandmother, and in that capacity I love and commute to Los Angeles as often as we can to see Ruby, 4, daughter of James and Clare, and Cassius, 2, son of Nick and Bobbi. We traverse the Hollywood hills and love our time spent with these wondrous characters. Luke Spieldenner, daughter of Steve’s Sarah and Michael, is now a freshman at Columbia College in Chicago. Hello to everyone. Call if you’re in NYC; I’d like to catch up.” LYDIA MOORE DUPERTUIS writes: “In October, I had the privilege of a stunning trip to Asia with my sister, Deborah Moore Geithner ’56, and her husband, Peter. On 14 airplanes in 19 days, we visited Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Okinawa, and Japan! I am particularly drawn to Buddhist countries these days, so it was a splendid experience to view these cultures firsthand. (And I learned a bit about myself as well!) At home here on the Cape, I am trying to embrace New England winters once more – we’ve had more snow than usual – and continuing with hospice work, flute, poetry, prayer shawls, and leading a great weekly study group with folks from my Unitarian church on the contemplative dialogues of Thomas Merton. My son, Nathaniel, is at the University of Edinburgh doing a master’s in translation (Japanese) for the year, and my daughter, Bronwen, still lives in Philadelphia and manages a massage equipment business. My granddaughter, Maeve, now nearing 6, was just as thrilled as I with the choice of Obama, and the day after he was elected was heard to say to her neighbor girlfriend – ‘Let’s pretend we’re African-Americans!’ She is a kindergartner at a Friends school and learning to be a ‘citizen of the world.’ I could hardly want for more — except for peace, justice and sanity in the world at large.” SUSAN FLINT COOPER writes: “I’m enjoying my winter in the desert in California. Total decadence – just play golf and bridge and enjoy the desert. Have friends come and visit, and the kids and grandkids will be here at Easter. I found the inauguration of President Obama inspiring and heartwarming. I only hope the stupid politicians in both parties would for once put the country first instead of special interests and help him to help this country. It won’t be easy. Love to all, hope everyone’s lives are okay given the terrible economic times of ‘09.” VIRGINIA WOOD BROWN writes: “Traveling with Wes, my 5-year-old ‘g’son from Durango to meet his cousins in Disney World for a week of laughter, three D thrills. In the spring, I took my two daughters to Italy. Katie, 45, who lives in Traverse City, MI, and Alison, a family physician living here in Durango, joined me for a whirlwind 10 days (young working moms with families) in Florence, Lucca and Pisa. It was such a joy to be together and to see my daughters as young, accomplished women. There were many trip highlights, but an outstanding one was visiting Lucca, Puccini’s birthplace, and attending a concert in the church where he served as an altar boy. Each day is a highlight at our age. I’m still teaching Tai Chi once a week and have made special friends from this group. We hike, snowshoe, go to the movies and generally support one another on our journeys. I continue to serve as the deacon at our Episcopal Church and was selected by our bishop to represent the Western Slope on the State Council. In addition to it being a great way to network, it gets me to Denver four times a year for a ‘big city’ fix. Don celebrated his 75th birthday this past year with friends and family coming from around the country for an extended weekend of silliness and fun. He continues to ski about 40 days a winter, and we’re so grateful that his cancer is in remission, and we have the chance to continue to enjoy life together. I’ve been working part time in a beautiful contemporary art gallery in Durango for a couple years and hardly a day goes by when I don’t bless the opportunity we had to be saturated by the beauty, creativeness, talent and challenge of attending Kingswood. The entire Cranbrook campus shaped my life in so many ways for which I am grateful.” JULIE ALLEN LARSEN writes: “My life is almost the same as it was the last time I wrote something for Tradition. I am still doing a digital inventory of the Hearst Castle collection, but we (the photographer and I) are nearing the
end of the project. We are at present in the kitchen/pantry photographing marrow spoons, forks, knives, tongs, grippers, glasses and drawers full of highly uninteresting, but never-the-less somewhat historic items! I feel ‘very important’ as I scan my badge at Gate #2 to drive up the hill and have free access to all rooms. Of course, I am assuming that everyone has been on a visit to the castle! Beautiful gardens! My husband, Swede, and I continue to bike four or five times a week (on recumbent bikes…the only way to ride!), and we ski up to eight weeks a year in Telluride, CO. Fabulous snow and no crowds! My son is executive director of graduate admissions at Pacific University of Oregon. He and his wife and two cats live in Portland. My daughter, her husband and two children live in Pasadena. She continues to be a freelance flutist with various Southern California orchestras.

MICHELLE TAIT MARSHALL writes: “Pat and I had a wonderful few days in Montana last summer celebrating Molly Marshall Pessl’s son’s wedding. We also took a lovely cruise down the Rhine with old friends and spent several weeks at a family vacation home in Utah. We both spend lots of time volunteering in our Unitarian church. I still enjoy putting on teas, ethnic dinners, brunches and volunteering in our Unitarian church. I still enjoy friends and spent several weeks at a family

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in Arizona visiting with her brother, Art, and his

wife, Karen. She is also staying with a sorority sister from DePauw, and they are doing all sorts of fun things, such as going to the Grand Canyon, shopping and seeing lots of other DePauw friends in this area (Scottsdale). All in all she’s enjoying friends and getting away from her work schedule. Her next get away will be to a wedding in

Antiqua, Guatemala. And I, NONNIE HAMADY MARKESET, am enjoying the peach blossoms of our early spring here in San Miguel, still golfing and teaching computer skills. We are off to Dallas for a Philatelic Society meeting in February. We are still basking in the euphoria of Obama’s election but daily see the seemingly insurmountable obstacles he faces. So while Ed is off trading stamps, I’ll be doing my part to help the economy by shopping. Again, I want to thank all of you for your wonderful responses to my e-mail plea. Through them I see the incredible roads we have traveled and the lessons life has taught us. How much Kingswood helped us all meet the challenges in our lives.

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Our 50th Reunion will be June 4-7. Be there! Ben and Margot Snyder will join us for dinner on Thursday the 4th at the Franklin Hills Country Club. I had dinner with TOM RUTH in Arizona, and he is ditching his extensive Hill School activities to join us. I just missed JORY SQUIBB here in Florida. He wanted to hike in the Everglades and look for alligators, but I had to keep a doctor’s appointment instead. If it had been a colonoscopy, I would have gone with Jory! I am sure it would have been safer than that solo sail you made from England to New England too. I have heard from about a third of the class that they will attend. I have also had some correspondence from Doctor JEFF FRANK, still in Grand Rapids and president of a 15-doctor corporation. Less medicine, more paperwork is the way he described it. BILL MCGUEN is excited about the reunion and is helping us organize. DALE RANDS is hosting our kick-off dinner on Thursday, and I am going to solidly support his plan to get 100% contribution to the Annual Fund as a 50th reunion donation. I know that in these tough times asking for any amount could be difficult, so let’s all give back at least those pennies Harry Hoey used to give us for our birthdays. PETE SMITH and ALEC PENDLETON will be there in June, as will TOM BRAY, KENT STRICKLAND and RAY SOKOLOV. Ray wrote me from Reykjavik, where he was reviewing the sautéed puffin breast. I hate to admit it, but I think his job is better than mine. To top it off, he’s still working while they told me I’m too old! Hey, I’m not old! But I say anyone who doesn’t get to Cranbrook in June is too old! Ray has been sending me his column from the Wall Street Journal, and I’m salivating like one of Pavlov’s dogs. He also found the original Latin story of Acestes, the archer in the school logo, in case you want to refresh your dead language skills. RICK WILLIAMS, GARY CAMERON and CHIP WOOD are also firm to attend. DALE RANDS announced the grand opening of the his new addition to The Southernmost on the Beach Hotel in Key West which occurred on February 7, attended by all of Key West’s finest dignitaries and myself. Please check out his Web site at Southernmost.com. Remember, if you want to go to Key West, please contact Dale for the Cranbrook class of ’59 special rates, which depending upon the time of year, can be as little as zero. I guarantee this is the best deal ever offered in my column! Dale is at Dgr1942@aol.com. RICK WILLIAMS reports that he just got married to Beth Bowman on August 16, a fantastic, happy day for me. The venue was Cranbrook, with nuptials delivered under the peristyle (the structure that connects the Art Academy Library and the Museum), with the Orpheus Fountain on one side and the reflecting pools on the other. The reception and dinner, with a lot of dancing and gaiety for our 250 guests, was held following the ceremony under a full August moon in a large tent adjacent to the reflecting pools. The wedding party was family only, but many friends from our two generations were there, including Cranbrook and Kingswood classmates Tom Bray and Karen Street. Other Cranbrook alumni included Karen’s mother, Barb Hedrick Bowman ’58, and her fiancé Ham Shimer ’58, my brother, Tod ’61, and two of my children, Blake ‘90 and Carter ’96, among others.” See you in June for the Last Dance! Hank Hoffman, Party Captain

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Your 2010 Reunion Team’s KEITH DAVIDSON, DAVE FREY, TED SEYFARTH, JOHN SPRAGUE, LARRY WEIS and myself) work on next year’s 50th is going well. A block of 50 rooms at the Radisson Kingsley Inn is being held for us until May 3, 2010. Plan on arriving on the afternoon of Thursday June 3 or early on the morning of Friday the 4th, and staying until Sunday, June 6. We are invited to Friday’s commencement with a Cranbrook House lunch to follow. Other class events are planned for each day. The class gift is being discussed. We are working on joint events with our Kingswood counterparts, Michel Howard Williams and Virginia Cross Walden, both K’60. As mentioned below, some of the team members have been contacting individual classmates. To date we have been very positive. Cranbrook ’60 now has an internet site for us to post pictures of ourselves, past and present, our families and our adventures. Go to www.autocom.myphotoalbum.com, and click on “Cranbrook Class Reunion.” You can post your pictures or send them for posting to Larry’s assistant, Ms. Sarah Furtwaengler, at sfurtwaengler@usaautocom.com. By the time of my next report, we may have a Facebook site up and running. Here are a few items from our classmates. From STEVE BROWN: “Not much new to report. Linda and I travel between Fayetteville and Asheville with our dog, Bodie, our year-old version of Marley. I don’t miss work at Fort Bragg but remember with fondness the TDYs to exotic places like Haiti and Chile.” STEVE FAIRBANKS had some interesting reflections: “I have been fortunate in enjoying great health (doesn’t matter that I am disabled), success in my family life, a nice house and the privilege of serving my country my whole adult life.” CHARLY HEAVENRICH has a new project relating to one’s choices leading to a healthy active lifestyle. This is in addition to his continuing work leading raft trips through the Grand Canyon. As a result of his outreach to fellow classmates, TED SEYFARTH forwarded this item from DAN HIGGINS in Winooski, VT. “Ted, such a wonderful surprise to hear from you out of the blue so to speak… I have not made much effort to keep connected with people from high school days. I had hoped to attend the 2000 gathering but scheduling conflicts made it impossible. I enjoy hearing about the lives of other class members…I’ve retired from teaching at the local university and live and work out of my studio in the town that was the subject of the photographs reviewed in the ‘Onion Appeal’ article. (NOTE: the full article is posted on our autocom web site – Mitch). While having given up my full-time ‘day job,’ I continue to run video workshops, training residents to document what they think is important about the communities in which they live. Most interesting are those places where there is a gap between how people in the community see themselves and the ways those communities are represented from without. Next month I’ll be training a group of students in the Dominican Republic to document what they feel works or does not work about the community they live in. I wish I had been a better student of Spanish during my formative years at Cranbrook.” This short item from TOM LEE: “The big news here is that our second grandchild is due in August, this time from our son. Our travel plans have been scaled back dramatically by the economy, but this fall Colleen
and I will join a group of friends in Chicago to drive Route 66, all in old cars (I have a '69 Cougar), back to L.A. That will be a special treat for me as that is how I traveled to California in 1965 after Denison and Navy OCS. I should have some fun stories to tell at the reunion.” ROGER ROTHENBURGER

is working on a project to protect Las Vegas’ water supply from a shrinking Lake Mead. “I am in Las Vegas on a $450M tunnel job out into Lake Mead. It is a 3-mile intake tunnel in the Lake with a 600 foot deep access shaft. I did one of these before here from China after two years in the coal mining district of Shanxi Province. With the economy and some family issues it looks like perhaps I will be working a bit longer than planned. Just seems to be one battle here from China after two years in the coal mining district of Shanxi Province. With the economy and some family issues it looks like perhaps I will be working a bit longer than planned. Just seems to be one battle after the other. I still keep in close touch with BILL MOSHER (the two of us share similar history) but have missed our annual pheasant hunting for the last three years for any number of reasons. But, I plan to go this coming October. In addition to his message from Dan Higgins, Ted Seyfarth spoke with BOB BRAUD. Ted reported that “Bob is enjoying life in the greater Portland, OR, area, where he has a real estate office with 34 sales people, in addition to keeping up with his kids and grandkids.” Ted has also exchanged several e-mails with ROLAND KAPLAN. Concerning our 50th, Ted had this to add: “Anyone who is interested in contacting another classmate should let one of the Reunion Team know, so we can pass on the e-mail and phone info that we have. Use the autocom website, where people can see and post photos. So far the contacts have been uniformly positive, and I expect them to remain that way.” JOHN SPRAGUE

has been very busy: “Upon arriving home from Christmas ’07 in Nicaragua, we immediately drove north to Connecticut where I underwent a hip replacement. Recuperated in our Kent cabin (not so bad save for the ice and snow!). Made a couple more R/T visits to CT for operation follow-ups. It was then time for the 5th annual New Bern Jazz and Blues Fest in April, which sold out to 650 attendees. After five years, I have now removed myself from running the event to merely consulting to the board. Spent most of July, August and September at the cabin in Kent hosting friends and family and just resting. October took us to the Sonoma Valley and the vineyard wedding of our daughter, Talia, (four down, two to go!). A beautiful ceremony and great fun with family and friends. Home to New Bern then back to the cabin for Thanksgiving. Home for two more weeks then back to Nicaragua for Christmas ’08 with our son, Josh, giving us a chance to check on a small beach house we bought with him on the Pacific coast near Leon. After much hassle with stolen bags and passports, we made it home on New Year’s Eve. Otherwise, we had a great trip and a wonderful year. I’ve been in touch with a number of our classmates, and each one seems excited about our 50th reunion in June of 2010. Here’s hoping that we all enjoy a healthy and wonderful (recovering) 2009.” John mentioned that he has contacted many of our classmates, although he has, as of this writing, not been able to find TIM MORGAN. Are you out there, Tim? We’d love to hear from you. I recently spoke with Dr. DIRK SCHOLTEN. He is still part time on staff at the University of Iowa’s hospital in Ames. His daughter and her husband are in Chicago, so Grandpa and Grandma Scholten are not too far from their two grandchildren, ages 5 and 9. His son, with a recent Ph.D. from Stanford, is in Minneapolis. During his visits there, Dirk has also seen Phil Sked. My retirement is going well. This is being sent a week early as I am about to return to New York to see my granddaughter, Elizabeth, now 7 months. Denise and I have been traveling, to Israel last summer, to Colorado last October, then to Hawaii this January. Rail fans take note: I saw the canyon, rivers and mountains seen from Amtrak’s California Zephyr between Denver and Grand Junction, and from the narrow-gauge steam train between Durango and Silverton are not to be missed, especially in the clear cold sunshine of a Rocky Mountain autumn. To conclude, I am attaching a bit of tattered yellow ephemera, Cranbrook form 1-30-59M. Does anyone have any stories to share about one with your name on it? Not just our class, but any alumni from the years it was in use. Send your “additional observations – positive or negative” to your respective class secretaries. Onward to 2010!

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This class newsletter comes as a bonus to the usual once a year letter. I had asked all of you for news and photos in the fall. I had a great response and found that due to space, Tradition can only use four photos per class. So now I am using two photos that were not able to be included in the winter issue. They are of BARB CRIPPS TRACY’s son, Matthew, and fiancée, Terri, and SUZIE HAPKE BOWMAN’s son, Drew, and granddaughter, Abby
of the Michigan Environmental Council from Ann Arbor at a fundraiser in August. Josie said to Lana she reminded her of a classmate at Kingswood, JOAN AHER KINKOW. It turned out that Lana knew Joan Binkow, said she is her best friend and told Josie that Joan is busy working as a mediator, which Josie also does in Petoskey. Josie hosted a Planned Parenthood luncheon and invited Judy and David Frey, C’60, who have a summer home near her. Only after talking did Josie discover they were at KSC and Cranbrook together in the class of 1960. This letter was written before the election, so Josie was working hard for the Emmet Democrats in the Petoskey office to get Obama elected. She continues to work as a Christian Science practitioner and is enjoying her spiritual growth. Her three sons are all well and doing fine. They live near her and boat and swim together when free from work. In March and April Josie plans to go to California to escape the cold, snowy winter in Michigan. **What is so great about where I live is watching bike rides with friends almost every day and then sitting on my deck in the evening and watching the lights come on in the cottages across the Harbor.** I am sure most of our class received an e-mail from Ginny Cross Walden and Miguel Howard Williams about our 50th class reunion in June 2010. The Cranbrook 1960 class has been working on their part of the reunion for quite a while. I am enclosing the e-mail addresses of Ginny (diwalden@charter.net) and Michel (mwillnan@aol.com) because some of you who read this may not have received any info due to no computer or incorrect home addresses. They are interested in your input. Many of you responded. One of the responses about the 50th reunion was from SUSIE ALLAN, who expressed that she will be at the reunion no matter what, and that she would love to help. This is the first time to mention Susie in all these years. Here are some of our classmates who are planning to come to our 50th class reunion: Edith Foley Struki and hubby Henk; Josie Joy MacLean, Susie Hapke Bowman, Hanley Bird Cox, Susan Allan, Julie Kruger Bailey and hubby, Margie McMeen Burch, Barb Beier Reynolds (who has not come since our 20th), Nancy Wagner Mossman, Patty Shire Arons, Nancy Tan Zide and me (Sue Fed Coflin). Raewyn Freat Whatham, who will come the farthest, said she came to the 20th, 30th and 40th and there was not that big a turnout, even though the 25th was bigger. Raewyn hopes we will have a big turnout. There may be some of you who e-mailed or wrote just to Ginny or Michel letting them know you are coming. If you are reading this in the summer, it is still a year away until the reunion. If you have not heard from Ginny, Michel or me, please get in touch as we may not have your correct address or e-mail. Thanks for keeping touch. I know sometimes in our lives, we want to see everyone, and then at other times we may not want to join in. In the end I think it is nice to take the step and get back in touch with each other.

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ABOVE, Kameron and Stephanie, great-grandkids of Sue Fed Coflin, K’60
It’s always a pleasure to receive news from classmatess I haven’t heard from, and responses sent for the spring edition of Tradition were especially exciting. Joan Danto sent an e-mail describing her activities over the past few years. “It seems like such a long time since we have been in touch. Since then we have been married, divorced, lived in Miami for 7 years, where I worked for Telemundo some of that time and traveled a fair amount. I have been back in LA for 5 years. I am General Counsel and Senior VP of Business Affairs of a multi media company (movies, television, publishing and Internet). I am having a ball but wonder where the time has gone. The election of Obama made me conscious of all of the important moments in history that we have all lived through, including the tragedies. I remember when we held the mock Kennedy/Nixon school election, and Nixon won by a landslide, which of course was not the actual outcome. I have been in touch with a few of our classmates through the years. When I was in Miami, I would get together with Joan McDonald Beck who was living in Ft. Lauderdale. It was really wonderful connecting as adults. Joan is still amazing and accomplished. I recently saw George Martin, C’61, when I went back to Detroit for my 8th grade class reunion. George was terrific, and we had great fun.”

Jane’s e-mail address is janerivkin@yahoo.com, for those of you who are planning a trip to the “big apple.” The last time I saw Chris Wallace Lamarche was when she invited our class to her home for a get together during our 40th reunion, so it was really fun to hear from her. “I wish I had some exciting news to report, but life in general is pretty routine. Paul still works part time; I retired about eight years ago as a travel agent; all our kids (3) live in town; and we have seven wonderful grandchildren whose various games and activities keep us busy. We spend some time each winter in Zihuatanejo, Mexico, and in the summer the family has an island in Canada where we love to go…very remote but so beautiful. I play some golf so-so, some bridge so-so, and I do volunteer work. I am currently directoress of Altar Guild at Christ Church Cranbrook. It is a big job, but I am really enjoying it. I see Melinda Mauck at church and Carlyn Vogt Klein occasionally, but I really don’t see any of our other classmates. Because of church work, I had lunch a while back at the Cranbrook dining hall. Oh my, how things have changed since our day….My life in a nutshell…no complaints.” Thank you so much for the update, Chris. I hope we get to see you again at our 50th reunion. One of our classmates is actually living in Mexico. Linda Welt Horowitz has been living in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for four years. When Linda responded to the e-mail I sent in January, she had been entertaining guests for 10 days. “When one lives in a beach resort, this is the time friends and family wish to come to visit. Our son was here from L.A. for a week and my sister and brother-in-law from Boston for a week. It is great this time of year as we listen to the news of the weather in most parts of the states. It is pretty hot and humid in the summer, but we try to plan a trip that will keep us away for six to eight weeks. This summer we spent six weeks in Dallas with our son and daughter-in-law, David and Julie, and our three grandchildren, Morgan, 9, Gregory, 5, and Olivia, 2. Then we drove west to L.A. to see our other son, Michael, and stopped along the way to visit other family and friends. Summer of 2007 aside from our trip to Dallas, we took a 10-day Baltic cruise to celebrate our 40th anniversary. That was a great trip! When at home we do what most retired people do, everything from volunteer work to sitting on the beach reading. We have many friends who also live here full time, as well as friends who come for a few months or a couple of weeks. It is a beautiful, friendly area and very relaxing most of the time, just as long as you are not in a big hurry to get things done. Everything takes longer. If anyone is ever planning a trip to PV, let me know. We are here most of the time.” For those of you planning a trip south of the border, Linda’s e-mail address is lindahorowitz2@yahoo.com. It’s been some time since Pattie Wilson Hridel has written, so it was wonderful to get an update from her and find out that she is taking advantage of her Kingswood weaving experience. Pattie has a new e-mail address and will soon be turning off her old one. If you want to get in touch with her electronically, the address is hrideljerpat@aol.com. She sends many hellos to the class along with her news. “Jerry and I, married for 42+ years, have the joy of living on a rise in the corner of a hay field midst 43 acres of alfalfa and century forest. Our involvement in the Western Reserve Land Conservancy has led us to perpetuate the conservation of our lands. I feed my food interest with a vegetable garden, where I wonder if I get as much produce as the critters do. By late November, I turn the last plot to rest and head indoors for winter challenges that revolve around weaving. After a 30-year absence from weaving, in 2004 I jumped into a weaving workshop feet first and have been learning with every project I do. I have the great fortune to have a Weavers Guild of inspiring people to meet with every month and be led further into the world of weaving. I’m not very good, but my Cranbrook looms haven’t failed me yet. I was thrilled to visit the weaving studio at Kingswood a couple years ago and see they not only continue to have the looms I wove on, they have expanded the department with cool new equipment. Although we live in Ohio, we still have a family cabin in northern Michigan, so we travel through the state quite a lot and keep up with the woes and challenges of the area. We love the AuSable River, spend much time there from May to November, returning to challenge the critters and eat the beans. Family wise, our adult children, Ginny, 41, and Sandy, 40 – I’m not old enough to have two 40 year olds – both live in communities in our Chagrin Valley. Sandy has two children, MacKenzie, 12, and Parker, 9, and we are all here in northern Ohio. I fill a lot of hours helping various non-profits in the Chagrin Falls area. We still own a nice sized building in the Village of Chagrin and lease it to several tenants. About five years ago we began this business of land lording, finding our lifetime experiences rather lacking in this area. It is quite different than the furniture and design business we had prior. I feel we have been fortunate over the years to have traveled many places, so if we go someplace these days, it will most likely include some cousins or friends here in our amazing US. So, that’s some catch up. Donna Vogt Cartwright came to Cleveland a few years ago to participate in ‘OROC,’ Out Run Ovarian Cancer, here at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. It was great to walk with her on her first walk after her ovarian cancer surgery. She was as proud as I when our son won his age group in that run.” Another
classmate who has a new e-mail address is SALLY MIERAS BURNS. It’s sallyburns@comcast.net. Sally said that she didn't have much news but wrote “I’m still busy with volunteerism, political activism and my five grandchildren. My youngest is out of the Navy and trying to find a job (not easy right now) before resuming his education next fall. I’ve had two surgeries in the last few months on my neck and back, but I think things are ok now. In my head I don’t feel old, but my body seems to have some disagreement with that.” I think we can all relate to that statement, Sally. ALICE BUSHONG doesn't have a new e-mail address but has a new home back in her Michigan hometown. “In 2002 I retired from the City of Grand Rapids Planning Department, intending to relocate to Florida where I could bike and bird watch outdoors EVERYDAY! But real estate and home insurance costs in Florida were so volatile (irrational?) that I looked to my hometown of Traverse City, which was overbuilt with condos. Now I’m within a one hour drive of one sister, my brother and numerous cousins. Of course this dreadful winter has stymied my biking and birding, but in late February I’ll zip to Belize, Guatemala, etc. for birds, Maya cities and snorkeling. I send my best to all Kingswood ’61 sisters.” Have a great trip to warmer climates, Alice. For those of you who want to contact Alice, her new address is 866 Floresta St., Traverse City, MI 49686-4775.

JOAN MCDONALD BECK had just returned from three weeks in Philadelphia when she responded to my e-mail. She was there to be with her daughter, Katherine, who had a “third child (6th grandchild), Cole William Guerrette on January 14. Cole joined sister, Brynn, 3, and brother, Graham, 5. Kathy is taking three months off from her sports medicine practice, while her husband Nathan continues his uro-gynecology practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. I have returned to an exciting real estate time in Florida; we have so much inventory that buyers can have their pick of properties with or without ocean! Every Tuesday night I go to jail (ministry), and husband, Larry, goes to church (Delray chorale). Larry is medical director of Cleveland Clinic Florida in West Palm Beach, a new facility in City Place and satellite of Cleveland, OH, and Weston, FL. Sons, Larry and David, are at Boston Medical Center in nephrology and research respectively. ...Are we planning our 50th reunion in 2011 yet? I think a 100% turnout would be about right!” I’m not aware of any plans for our 50th yet, Joan, but agree that a 100% turnout would be great!

CAROLE GLEUCK BROOKINS sent her greetings along with hopes that 2009 is “off to a brilliant start despite this economic/financial travesty. I have decided to put down (hopefully) permanent roots in NYC, so I bought a co-op and moved in September, am still working on getting it in shape. My work life has been most rewarding personally, as I have been privileged to serve on two boards that are at the leading edge in combating global warming through carbon cap and trade (the Chicago Climate Exchange and Climate Exchange plc). I’m also involved chairing the North American Advisory board for an Irish company that has significant investments in the U.S. in renewable energy and sustainable waste management—visited a few recycling plants, wind farms and ethanol plants. I believe that we truly are at the dawn of an amazing new technological age. Given these activities, I am spending reasonable time in London and getting to know it a bit. I serve on the board of trustees of a UK charity that brings power to poor people in rural areas and urban slums; visited Nairobi in December to see some wonderful biolatines in the Kibera slum (1 million people!). Last spring, I was invited to become a member of HRH the Prince of Wales Rainforest Project Advisory Board. I met HRH at Clarence House at our meeting in early July, wore my best skirted suit, practiced a curtsey and remember to say ‘Sir’ when addressing HRH (GREAT KWOOD training from our era... remember learning how to pour tea?). After my bout with cancer in 1986, I have been blessed thus far with good health and feel so fortunate to be learning and working with wonderful people from around the world in these new assignments. I love New York—walking, theater, great films and so many cultural activities. NANCY LINN and I have managed to get together a few times, and she is a walking encyclopedia on the art world (an area where I am sooo ignorant).” Carole’s contact information is: Carole Brookins, 170 East 78th St. Apt. 5F, New York, NY 10075, Tel: 212.988.2683 Cell: 202.226.6555. Another classmate who has settled into a New York City co-op is NATALIE BRADLEY CAMPBELL. “Indeed I am all settled into my NYC co-op. I still have not sold my condo in Connecticut, but it will happen. Meanwhile I’ve signed up for four art courses and one course at Fordham University, psychology and the arts. I have joined a wonderful organization called “the transition network” for women over 50. Our motto is ‘rewire don’t retire.’ I am in two peer groups through this organization and meeting smart fun women. I also hit the theater and movie scene to fill out my time. I think I am a lucky lamb chop. Now that Obama has infused this nation with hope, I think we will come out the other end of this disastrous time.” I am yet to hear from KAEL CAPP also wrote about the hope our new president has brought to the nation. “There’s nothing much doing here but snow, more snow and freezing temperatures. Cranbrook, the entire educational community, has been closed several times, something I can’t recall ever happening during my long checkerboard career. There I am still a Lay Eucharistic Minister at church and serve once or twice a month. I still drive folks to medical appointments and anywhere else they need to go. I have four cats and the crazy cockatoo, who take a lot time and give a lot of joy. Even though I am no longer officially in school, I keep up with one course in Scripture and am currently studying Dietrich Bonhoeffer with another group. I spent yesterday absolutely glued to the TV and Obama’s inauguration. What a lovely, powerful hopeful day.” SARAH MARWIL LAMSTEIN was directly involved in the election of our new president. “The past half-year has been one of travel, visiting my brother, Joel, in Detroit and, of course, having a Sanders hot fudge sundae (or two!). Happily, you can get the stuff online. I’ve been spending time with my 8-year-old granddaughter, Lila, in Brooklyn, as well as with my kids, Josh and Emily. I’ve also traveled to Cleveland to the Association of Jewish Libraries conference to receive a Sydney Taylor honor award for my Chanukah book, 'Letter on the Wind,' illustrated by Neil Waldman. Several months later, I was back in Cleveland on two successive weekends campaigning for Obama. I visited my sister, Annie, in Israel; carted Lila, her mom, Em, and our daughter, Abby, to Disneyworld, a reprise of earlier days. Here and now, I am enjoying the sunshine and snow-free streets of Lake Worth, FL. What a gift! Fingers crossed for the new administration.”

CHARLOTTE COHEN CAGAN sent Happy New Year wishes to all and wrote that she didn't have much to report after the long-overdue mega report last time. My son, Jake, has moved to Cleveland as he's been appointed CEO of a Cleveland Clinic biotech start-up. He and wife, Stacey, are expecting a second child in March, so I'll be a grandma again! In addition to my museum responsibilities, I’m working on planning the Centennial of San Diego's renowned Balboa Park and the Panama-Pacific Exposition, which will take place in 2015. Also, I'd love to hear from any of my classmates, so please share my e-mail address, chcagan@sbcglobal.net.”

ROSE CORBETT GORDON wrote that she “loved the photo of our classmates as 8th graders in the most recent Tradition. My goodness, it was a great photograph. The setting, the clothes, the decorum really conjure up that time and those familiar girls, the seasoned day students. I have been thinking recently about Kingswood. I came across some of my old diaries from just before I went to Kingswood and while there. One thing that comes through from the diaries is the generosity and kindness of my classmates. In particular, I recorded several very nice things that Carole Glueck had done. At one point, Carole, knowing that I had a great crush on John Kerr, had come back from Birmingham with an album of the movie, “South Pacific,” in which he appeared. On other occasions, I would record reassuring words of wisdom, from Carole and from Margi Greaves in particular. I am very impressed by how nice and supportive my friends were.” I was really touched by Rose’s description of the kindness and support Kingswood friends provided while we were students there and must add that I truly appreciate the wonderful support our classmates are still providing to me. Several of you have written asking about my husband, John’s, health, because he had some medical problems last year. He seems to be doing fine as he approaches his 90th birthday in July. We will be in the Midwest to celebrate my mother’s 90th birthday later in February. Unfortunately, our family just found out that our youngest brother has terminal cancer. Knowing that my Kingswood classmates care has been a tremendous source of strength for me in this difficult time. I had a lovely visit in Bandera, TX, with SUSAN GASS just after we got the bad news, and she gave me the same kind of “reassuring words of wisdom” that Rose described in her diary. I hope that I’ll be able to thank my classmates in person at our 50th reunion.

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I have the sad duty to report the death of another of our classmates, DAVE KESSEL, who passed away unexpectedly on February 21. He is the 15th member of our class to regretfully depart us. Dave was born in Saginaw and returned there after Cranbrook. He received his bachelor’s degree from Saginaw Valley State University and attended Detroit College of Law, before serving in the army in Vietnam. Dave began a banking career with Second National Bank (now Citizen’s Bank), where he worked continuously for 41 years. He also contributed widely to his Saginaw community as treasurer of the DSA board, president of the Visiting Nurse Association, president and treasurer of the Cottage Grove Association, sponsor of the Lake Linton Yacht Club hockey team, member of the Downtown Development Authority, Dow Event Center board, Saginaw General Hospital board, Art Museum board, YMCA board, Saginaw Club board and was elected a member of both the Saginaw Hall of Fame and the Saginaw Sports Hall of Fame. BALKY GRANNIS (more below) was very kind to alert me to Dave’s passing in advance of the subsequent obituary notification from Cranbrook, so I was able to solicit some reminiscences of Dave from his classmates just before this issue of Tradition went to press. Thanks, Balky.

LOU BEER was the first to comment: “My memories of Dave during our school days revolve around his music. Memory dims as to the group’s name and with whom he played; I think I remember Barney Crouse and Rick Rattner ’63 playing with him, but I may have conflated several groups. I do remember that he played the music of our day with joy and humor and seemed to love to entertain with it. I saw Dave from time to time when I had business down in Saginaw and on the occasion of some of the memorable crises in city life there, in which he was a strong positive voice. He always seemed to be a friend to everyone. His son and I have played hockey together and became social friends. Dave will be missed. Here’s a salute to his memory from a fellow member of the class of ’42.” Like Lou and DAVE BAUMHART, who also wrote to recall Dave’s music gigs, I most remember Dave’s exuberant musicality, particularly those blaring saxophone solos that anchored our era with such prodigious confidence. Two other class musicians contributed their expert assessment of Dave’s musical talent.

BURT SHURLY filled in the missing history: “This probably won’t pass muster as a fitting eulogy, although in its own way it is meant to be. I was briefly a member of the ‘Houserockers,’ a Cranbrook flegdly rock-and-roll band with members from our class and following classes. Dave was a great person to work with, as he loved the music, had great taste in what he chose to play on sax or drums and had boundless enthusiasm. In my sophomore college year, Ken Roberts ’61 and I had just commuted back to the East Coast one week before the start of the fall semester. We found out that, as former members of the Houserockers, we were invited to a party at Dave’s parents’ house on Higgins Lake. We turned around and drove to the party and then drove back East. It seemed reasonable at the time. At the gathering, Dave was the king of Higgins Lake. Just as he was at Cranbrook, Dave was the center of attention and knew everyone in the area. I happily encountered him once again when a band I was in played a dance for one of our reunions. Dave sat in on drums. His list of accomplishments in his obituary reflects his energy and drive to make a difference and his many interests.”

Warren Kennison recalls: “I sure admired Dave Kessel as a great inspirational musician, superb athlete and wonderful role model. What a great guy! I can still see him in my mind on the playing fields. I’m looking forward to your reminiscences of sports with Dave, because you and Dave were two of the best. In my mind I can see the two of you on the soccer field. I really enjoyed watching you play. Dave’s music was something I greatly admired. He was one of the best.I’d ever heard. Dave was one of the guys in our class that I looked up to. We truly had a class with a great number of outstanding boys. It’s hard to believe we graduated almost 47 years ago, and we’re not boys any more. I still tell myself that I feel like I walked away from the podium with my diploma just a short time ago and I’m still ready to take on the world. I’m not ready to retire. Maybe Dave still felt that way too. I’m very sorry his life, still so full of promise, was tragically cut short.”

Well said, Warren, who as a recent widower knows more than most of us the pain of untimely departures; still, in my estimation, a life well-lived—as Dave’s clearly was—has a timeless quality measured in the currency of our humanity and not just in yearly quanta. MIKE DIBLE also recalled Dave’s considerable sporting prowess: “Very sorry to hear about Dave Kessel. We were friends and co-captains of the basketball team. He had so much energy, seemed like he would go on forever.” For my part, your class secretary greatly admired. He was one of the best I’d ever heard. Dave was one of the guys in our class that I looked up to. We truly had a class with a great number of outstanding boys. It’s hard to believe we graduated almost 47 years ago, and we’re not boys any more. I still tell myself that I feel like I walked away from the podium with my diploma just a short time ago and I’m still ready to take on the world. I’m not ready to retire. Maybe Dave still felt that way too. I’m very sorry his life, still so full of promise, was tragically cut short.” Well said, Warren, who as a recent widower knows more than most of us the pain of untimely departures; still, in my estimation, a life well-lived—as Dave’s clearly was—has a timeless quality measured in the currency of our humanity and not just in yearly quanta. MIKE DIBLE also recalled Dave’s considerable sporting prowess: “Very sorry to hear about Dave Kessel. We were friends and co-captains of the basketball team. He had so much energy, seemed like he would go on forever.” For my part, your class secretary certainly remembers the soccer and track endeavors. Dave brought to his considerable athleticism the sturdy enthusiasm he brought to everything he did. I was impressed with the pizzazz and confidence of someone who truly knew how to celebrate his gifts and share life’s excitement with others. His C’62 classmates extend their deep sympathies to his family. Janet, his five children, five grandchildren and his three siblings. In other more welcome news, BALKY GRANNIS reports he is Senior VP and Investments Wealth Management Specialist at Raymond James in Petoskey. He writes: “We talk and then—boom! 46 years later we do it again. I do not have any idea of the timing of my last contribution, so here is the new short form: After college, I taught for a few years in Maine (high school) and Illinois (middle school-educable mentally handicapped children) and then off to where I had been headed forever: the wonderful world of finance. I got married to wonderful and beautiful Patricia and worked in Chicago for a couple of years. Pat wondered why we should spend all of our lives in the same city, and through some remarkable coincidences, we found ourselves, in the fall of 1974, moving to northern Michigan, where Pat opened her own design firm, and I went to work with Roney & Company, a small regional brokerage firm. Pat got smart and retired a couple of years ago, but I am still at it. We sold Roney in 1999 and eventually morphed into Raymond James & Associates. We have two children, Megan and Skipper (one like yours, Linn, still in college) and 1-1/3 grandchildren. Charlie is two, and the newcomer is due in March.”

PETER THOM also resurfaced. He writes: “Like you, getting older with children off to school. Stepson, Chris Kinney, whom you taught, Linn, at MIT as an undergrad material science student, is doing his research at UC Berkeley and expects to have his Ph.D. in 2009. Son, Peter, 21, is a junior in Tufts engineering program and hopes to attend Canterbury in Christchurch, NZ, next year. This will be a good reason to hunt for Red Stag down under. Son, Matthew, 19, is a sophomore in the Chico engineering school. He follows my automotive love and has his SCCA Regional competition license. Laurelle and I are doing a reasonably good job at aging gracefully, enjoying Northern California with Tait (standard poodle, named after Taittinger Jeffervescent feline?) and three Siamese cats. My spare time is spent restoring cars (currently a 1965 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce), on construction projects at home and spear-fishing, fishing and hunting when we are at our house on Lanai. The boys are accomplished hunters and divers, a heritage I am pleased to have passed on.”

I sold my beloved 1971 E-Type Jag last year, Peter: that’s the down side of car restoration projects.—LH

TOM COOPER updated us on the four kids he and wife, Jane Leader Cooper, K’62, have produced. “Janie and I have been lucky to have our four settle in Chicago. We enjoyed Kate’s (Navigant Consulting) wedding in May. Charlie’s wedding (five years a Navy officer, University of Chicago MBA, now with JP Morgan’s private bank) was a year ago. Vicki spent the summer as a teacher’s assistant at a special-needs camp, and Gretchen is a graduate school admissions director. After retiring from Northern Trust, I’m five years into my encore career as a federal agent (security clearances for the DoD), which is interesting and offers some travel benefits (Korea, Italy, Washington, D.C., and Ft. Leonard Wood, MO).” Next time any of us has to get security clearance, it could be Tom-the-Fed posing those embarrassing questions to the neighbors!

Steve Brown ’60 reported that he’d run into SAM WALKER at a social event in
Biltmore Lake, NC, near Asheville, where they both have homes; Sam’s address is 224 Fennel Dun Circle, Biltmore Lake, NC 28715. **TOM GRAY** also reports he’s been in touch with Sam recently, via Facebook. I haven’t heard from a number of you, recently or at all, so pen a few lines before we lose you. I also have geographical and e-mail addresses for most of the class if there is a classmate you’d like to be in touch with.

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Well, 2008 will certainly be a year for the record books. Hopefully the lovely responses for news from our class will fall into the positive column for you all as they did for me. **ROBERTA REISIG** (Robin) writes: “I am in India, in the city that used to be called Madras (just like those faded plaid we all wore back at Kingswood). This is my fourth year of spending about three months here, teaching a lot and eating a little at the local newspaper (which is excellent). I love it here! Alas, next year Columbia wants me to write in my semester off.”

**KATHY MANSFIELD CHOI** writes from Hawaii: “I am disappointed that I couldn’t join you all in San Francisco this October. I’m battling CFIDS (chronic fatigue and immune dysfunction syndrome) and interstitial cystitis. The former is a familiar adversary; the latter is new. I’m very much a ‘one day at a time’ person at present. My mother-in-law, who lives next door, has also become more frail this year. However, apart from giving up driving, she still lives independently and is still sharp mentally. My daughter and her family will move to Italy for two years in June. Her husband is an orthopedic surgeon in the Navy. She works for the State Department. Her oldest graduates from high school this June. She also has 14-year-old twins. My son is a defense contractor, doing computer work for the Marine Corps (where he served for 20 years before retirement). He has a son, 17, and a daughter, almost 15. My husband, a retired judge, does all the cooking (lucky me) and has a fishing boat that takes up many hours. I still write my newspaper column. I am reeding Jane Austen this winter. I am struck by how Austen’s world resembles retirement. Our days are quiet and much alike. Courtesy and consideration become very important when you spend most of your waking hours with your spouse and a few close friends. If I could talk to Miss Bennett, Miss Waldo, Miss Fry or Miss Goodale, I’ll bet they could make similar comparisons to life as a single woman on the KSC faculty. I wish I could have talked with those ladies as an adult. They made a big impression on me.”

From Michigan **GAIL LAUZZANA PETERTSON** writes: “Rereading recent class notes, I am struck by how important family is for so many of us. I now have three grandchildren, two here in Ann Arbor and one in Portland, OR, all under the age of two. I love having them in my life. At the other end of the continuum there is my 92-year-old father. My brother and I spent two January weeks with him in Mexico, a place he loves. He kept saying he would never go there again, so we decided to prove him wrong. We had a great trip. It was quite amazing to see him stretched out in the sun in nothing but his underpants, exclaiming, ‘I haven’t had sun on my body in ages!’ While in Portland for the birth of a grandchild in November, I had a day-long visit with my KSC roommate (for all four years), Deni (DENISE PAULEY). We figured we hadn’t seen each other in something like 45 years. Of course, the day she arrived from Seattle on the train I had bronchitis and couldn’t speak! I continue to swim twice a week at the Y, make mosaics, chair the Local Food Committee at church, keep myself up to date from a distance on the family spring business, spend time with grandkids, meditate, enjoy my women’s group, the Holy Cows, spend time at our cottage on Lake Michigan in South Haven and keep connected with family and friends. With the election of our new president, I feel a great weight has been lifted off me, off the country, and I have renewed energy and hope. But who knows where the current economic crisis will lead us? Both my sons are out of work; Michigan is seeing very tough times. And the larger question regarding the future of our planet remains: Will we transform ourselves as individuals and as a species in time?”

From **BOBBYE LEVY GOLDBURG** (Bobbie) writes: “Life here in Michigan is pretty quiet with the economy the way it is. I am still working and loving it. It keeps me out of trouble. Hope the economy turns around soon as business here in Michigan is slow. David is terrific. He had a hole in one this summer and is still really excited about that. Lindsey is living in NYC and doing well. Gretchen and family live in L.A. She has a 3 ½ year old boy, Nate, and is expecting # 2 in May. We are going Monday to visit and then will return there for the arrival of our second grandchild. I hate that both our girls live so far away, but we have joined the parents traveling to visit group. Talk to and see Anne Lerchen Hamma and also Rick Rattner. We are having dinner with Rick and Linsena in a few weeks. Also see Susan and Burt Farbman. They are terrific and enjoying the good life in Florida this winter.”

**SALLY LYNCH BINARD** writes from Ohio: “Same old story for me. Good news as of now, all kids employed. Grandsons are healthy and happy. Took a major hit along with everyone else with this economy, was thrilled beyond belief with the election of OBAMA! Still doing fund raising, our big event for mental health awareness was on the 7th. Best crowd ever and amazing support from the local businesses. Am active in our “Buy Local” movement and am trying to be as green as I can. Get my green training from my environmental engineer daughter, Kinsley, and her sons in California. San Francisco recycles over 70% of their waste! We in the Midwest have a lot to learn about the environment and building cars. Every summer Kinsel and her three sons come to Ohio, and we spend most of their visit up at our River House in Grayling, MI. James, Robert and Arthur love the freedom of the woods and the Au Sable River. They put on waders and catch fish, frogs, turtles and bugs to observe and then release. It is great fun to see my city boys become outdoorsmen! My son, Arthur, and his wife, Ryo, flew into Toledo to vote in November. They spent a week with family and friends and working on the election of Obama and Dennis Kucinich. Art broadcast two of his radio shows in Tokyo from my Toledo loft, reporting on the USA election. We got to spend an evening, meeting Dennis and Eddie Izzard. Art’s surviving grandmother, Dorothy, is now 95 and was thrilled to see Artie again. She still lives alone in her own home and just recently gave up her car and driving. She now spends three months of the winter down South with her daughter...smart lady, this winter has been a tough one. Heading off to NYC next week to see Emily. She moved to Brooklyn last fall. She loves New York and is happy designing lampshades for Blanche P. Field, LLC. Was saddened by the death of Janet Polk ‘63. I have had so many friends hit with major health issues and losses this year. Love being a part of our West Coast reunion group and hope that our classmates will show up for our 50th at Kingswood in 2012. I’m slogging through the stacks of Medicare information/misinformation, trying to get set for my year ‘65! How is it possible that we have gotten so old so fast? From **MERRILL MCLoughlin** (Mimi) in Arizona: “I gave the past year decidedly mixed reviews. On the economic front, it was best and succinctly described by Queen Elizabeth: annus horribilis. But I found the politics of 2008 quite thrilling, and pray that the outcome bodes well for 2009 and beyond. For me, the new year started out well. My latest ghostwriting project – the 12th book I’ve ghosted or edited – was published in January and has been very well received (‘Fifty Miles from Tomorrow,’ by William Iggiagruk Hensley). I’m particularly happy about that, since it’s the story of a true American hero who is little known outside Alaska and Native American circles – the Inupiat who helped lead the fight to win land and money for Alaska Natives after Alaska became a state 50 years ago. Willie, as he’s almost universally known, is a truly remarkable fellow, whose early years were spent living in subsistence conditions and who grew up to be a great leader. His story deserves a prominent place in American history, and I hope this book will help establish it. On to other projects! I hope to be able to join our next mini-Kingswood-reunion. It’s quite wonderful to reconnect with so many remarkable women after all these years. Meanwhile, I wish for peace and prosperity for all in the months to come.”

**CAROLE EARLY CUPPS** in Michigan writes: “It seems that life is good. Grandchildren certainly spice it up. I continue to be a teacher consultant in our public school district. I do lots of school and activity pick-up and drop-off for my in-town 5-year-old granddaughter. Summers are filled with school and activities filled with grandchildren, golf, cycling, reading, knitting and needlepoint. During the year we have an occasional few days to a week of Grammie Camp for all five children, 5 years down to 7 months. I still love to ski and make it out west (Aspen this year) at least once each winter. I work out most mornings to stay in shape for all my sports and the kids. Sam’s still trying to sell some real estate, but Kalamazoo is in a pretty depressed state. So, we find joy in the small daily gifts life brings us through friends, family and our jobs.”

In New Jersey **JUDY FINDLING STANGER** writes: “Skip and I have both been retired for a few years. We will be celebrating our 45th anniversary this summer. We spend almost half of our time at our second home
in Cape May Point, NJ, which is about 60 miles from our home in Stow Creek, NJ. Cape May Point is a magical place and a destination for birds and birders from around the world. Monarch butterflies on their way south stop here in the fall by the tens of thousands. We enjoy the many opportunities to be outside, admiring the many gardens, walking the beaches and watching our only grandchild, Lauren, play. She will be 2 in June. We recently rescued a 3-year-old yellow lab from the SPCA, and both Nemo and we are adjusting well. Skip has always wanted to see the Normandy Beaches, so we are planning a D-Day 65th anniversary trip to coincide with June 6 and take us to World War II sites in England and France. Our daughter, Regan, and her husband are still in New York City. Our son, Ross, and his wife live with Lauren about six miles from us near Bridgeton, NJ. We baby-sit a lot, by choice.”

From MELINDA BROWN KLOPFENSTEIN in Michigan: “I don’t really have too much different going in my life. I still have my few bookkeeping clients, my real estate license is still on hold – what a horrible market – and I am still my granddaughter’s chauffeur to school and physical therapy. Have been taking some interesting classes through the church – one in particular was titled, “If you want to walk on water, you have to get out of the boat.” It had to do with taking risks and how to determine if the risk was really genuine. Lots of interesting discussion. Other than that, life is pretty much the same.”

ANNE LERCHEN HANNA also writes from Michigan: “I have enjoyed being in touch with more of our classmates and look forward to our BIG reunion in 2012. Meantime, I am enjoying my involvement in the Schools and getting to know dedicated alumni, parents and faculty. I am spending some time in Vero Beach, FL, and look forward to my sons and their families coming to visit here. John (CK Network representative in the Boston area) and Kim arrive tonight with their 3 boys, 7 1⁄2, almost 6 and 3 1⁄2, for special time with them. Eric and Michelle live close by in Birmingham with their two boys, almost 4 and 1, and we make frequent visits to Kingswood Lake, the Japanese gardens, Jonah and the Whale – great place to explore! At the moment, my mom’s health is declining due to age (901) and a recent hip fracture and surgery. My sister, Terri, our brothers and I are all working together to provide care for her.”

SUZY FUCHS FARBMAN in Michigan writes: “The Farbman family is well, thank God, and growing. Andy and Amy had their third daughter in the past year, increasing our grandchildren count to four. All of them visited us in Sarasota over the Christmas holidays. We loved it! Burton and I continue to spend most of the winter down here, playing a lot of golf, at which Burton excels more than I. Burton was elected to the board of our club, Laurel Oak, and also resumed playing tennis. Off the links, I work on my second memoir, about getting through cancer. Should finish soon. In Detroit we see Bobbye Levy Goldberg and David, who continue to do amazing design work. At the end of summer, we had dinner with BETSY WRIGHT and Jay Johnson. They love being retired in northern Michigan. Betty is as funny as ever and still involved in politics. I recently visited my sister, Anne ’65, in Santa Barbara. She is overjoyed at the prospect of her first grandchild. Despite these challenging times, our sons have done a fine job of keeping the company healthy. They have also grown an exciting internet business for the outdoor enthusiast, outsidehub.com. Wishing good health – personal and financial – to all.”

From Arizona CHRIS MYERS KITTREDGE writes: “Our world is a little upside down right now. Against all odds our house sold… cash deal with a quick close. That is the good news. The bad news is that we weren’t prepared for this to happen so quickly, so we have been scrambling to find a place to rent in Northern California that will take us, and of course, two dogs and two cats. Not many people think that is a good package, so our choices were few. Finally after looking all day every day for a week we have found a place in Healdsburg. Small but fine. We will rent for a year, get to know the area, assess what is happening in the world and then hopefully buy a place… somewhere. The important thing is that we will be closer to our family and especially our son, Brad, who has been sick for now over three years. Move date is March 6. I indeed have an intimate relationship with boxes, tape and paper at this point.”

KATHLEEN WILSON in California writes: “My life continues to be filled with work and family. This past year, I made three more trips to Ireland to complete the professional photography for my next book titled, “Irish People, Irish Linen.” If my publisher isn’t out of business, the manuscript should be ready to go to press in another year. Meanwhile, I am still managing my daughter’s law firm, editing documents for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and writing articles for www.Grandparents.com. David is also working long days, and we are hunkering down, hoping to weather this recession as best we can. We spend time with my two children and four grandchildren who live nearby, and David makes frequent trips to Tennessee to see his son and his two children. I have kept my connections to Appalachia, and I will make two trips in early 2009 to participate in regional causes dear to my heart. I trust you will write about our third wonderful West Coast Reunion.”

AMY FALVEY LAMB in Washington, D.C., writes: “I hope you have had a good year. We have just returned from a visit to Los Angeles to help our son and daughter-in-law, Rob and Blake, set up a nursery for their first child, a little boy due at the end of March. The grandparent experience is incredible. Rob and Blake’s baby will be our third grandchild. Once he is born, we will be spending a lot more time on the West Coast. Grandchildren unite the parents in-law and return us to the world of toys, literature and music for the young at heart. I have to admit that I never really grew out of these interests, and, as a result, I am an indulgent grandparent and loving every moment of it. My daughter and son-in-law, Katherine and Rob, have two children now. Elliott was born on September 23, and his sister, Emily, is now 3 1⁄2. I spend some of each day with them, so we are essentially an extended and expanded family, experiencing all the fun of little children – and the exhaustion too. My photography career is still a great joy to me. I learned digital video editing last year and created a film about the visual patterns in nature. My film ‘patterns in nature’ can be viewed on You Tube at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I6KL23NOQ9k and also on the first page of my Web site at www.amylamb.com. I hope to work in education using art to teach science. Rob, my husband, enjoys his work at the Smithsonian National Zoological Park. He directs Friends of the National Zoo (FONZ), the non-profit organization at the zoo. FONZ is the fundraising, events, retail and education part of the zoo. Since zoos are almost always open, Bob is almost always at the zoo. I love the animals and so does Emily, so we are all happy. Bella, our poodle, is fine. She is like our third child. Dog lovers understand this. Lastly, so as not to get left behind in the technology dust, I have joined the ranks of Facebook members. It is fun and a good way to connect with
friends (current and from long ago) and family. Next will be a blog.” In Wyoming LYNNE CAREY HOLLBACKER writes: “Nothing very new or exciting with me this year. I did start working on my ‘bucket list’: I had always said that I wanted to do one more ‘Jackson Town Downhill’ (ski race) before I died and decided that if it was ever going to happen, last March was it. So, I did it. I survived – stood up (that was important) and finished first in my age group. Of course, I was the only female in my age group. But, my time would have placed me third among the old men, so I thought that wasn’t actually too bad. I’ve sent the picture of me after the race (very relieved that it was over). My little granddaughter recently had surgery stemming from her genetic condition; she came through without problems, and we are so glad and thankful that it was successful and that it’s over and done with! Grandchildren are everything that my friends always told me; utterly precious and fun – the only problem is that they often live way too far away. My two daughters are well and keep me busy visiting; luckily northern Michigan and San Francisco are great places to visit! And they don’t seem to mind coming to Jackson Hole, either. The photo is of ‘Grammama’ and Kael on the shores of Phelps Lake in the Tetons. One of the highlights of my year was our Bay Area reunion. Joanie and Kathleen were the ultimate hostesses. I will always have this vision of Kathleen trying to keep her ‘gaggle of women’ under control in the streets of San Francisco! Looking forward to next year - if my house ever gets finished.” From your class secretary, JUDY BARTHOLOMEW ROYER, here at the ranch in Colorado: The mini-West Coast reunion was hosted in October ’08 by JOANIE GETSINGER and KATHLEEN WILSON. A bunch of us flew or drove to the San Francisco area. I stayed with Kathy, who lives with her husband, David, in Alameda. Some stayed with Joanie, who lives in Orinda, CA. A few booked nearby rooms. Once again it was a stellar event with a Friday evening dinner hosted by Kathy at her home. We took the ferry and trudged around the city of San Francisco with Kathy as our leader on Saturday. That night Joanie prepared a gourmet meal for all of us at her home. Non-stop gabfest with lovely memories recalled. Sunday we went back to Joanie’s for a wrap-up brunch. In attendance were: KATHY, JOANIE, JUDY BARTHOLOMEW ROYER, SALLY GRAY (FEAD), MORLEY (BUFFY HELLER) MOELLENTINE, SUZANNE MAYS RICHARDSON, SALLY LYNCH BINARD, ANGELA DAWSON WOOD, MARY AFFLICK SHURLY, CHRIS MYERS KITTEDGE and LYNNE CAREY HOLLBACKER. I cannot say enough about these get-togethers with old friends. It does take some organizational skills (thank you, Kathy, for being the point person) and effort by the host(s). It is so worth it. My news of the last year is that my finances have been pinched like many others. So I am foregoing the elaborate travel escapades until this crisis is resolved. My son, Chris, and his wife and four children are making plans to move to the ranch from New Jersey. They will live in the big house here, and I will become a very active Nona. I think that will be very good for me. Best to you all for ‘09.

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C1963 JESS BREWER writes: “I’ve been keeping a photo journal of my Florida interlude and the drive down from Vancouver) on http://jick.net/~jesspix/Camera. Note all the fish, birds and parties here in Bokkeila and Matlacha – best place on Earth for a guitar-pickin’ redneck fisherman; now if they just had a track for me to run hurdles on… I did run a 5K here, but that long stuff isn’t my strong suite. I’ve also written a few pages in my spare time; that novel is still in me, but it’s in no hurry to come out.” Note: Jess was the only person to respond to my e-mail in February requesting class notes info. However, DAVE BENHAM had been in contact with a few of you. Below are Dave’s recollections in his words: “Although I’ve been enjoying retirement, a friend of mine asked me to do some quality consulting, so we shall see. I visited KEN HALLER in January at his home up in Greenbush and had some sumptuous repasts at the Old Place Inn in Harrisville, a charming old NE Michigan harbor town restaurant. We trudged through the waist-high snow on the Tawas Point and visited the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center in Alpena with an old friend of mine, John Porter, with whom I worked in Alpena in 1970-72. John went to Albion College and knew Doug Green and Bruce Henderson (both C’64), and he wrote the original proposal for the Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary. DICK MARR e-mailed me out of the blue saying that he retired 4 ½ years ago, not too long after we saw him at our 40th. We had a long phone conversation the next day. PETE CUMMINS seems to be out of the woods with his latest round of surgery. BOB BERRY sent me a short note saying he was writing it from a beach in Hawaii. John Hunting ’50 – some of you will remember him as our Lower School English teacher. He says he’s 77 now and into running and swimming. Warren Kennison ’62 – I’m in contact with him regularly. His latest is pretty much posted under his class. Linn Hobbs ’62 – at MIT; recently got re-involved with amateur radio and has worked over 150 countries. Good to see someone of his stature in academia can still have fun with a hobby like this.

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K1963 Sadly, I have learned of the deaths of three of our classmates: PAT EDWARDS SHERMAN, LYNDA KILMER SCOTT-EVERETT and JILL ELLIOTT. Pat died in August 2007. She was an attorney, working for a Birmingham law firm, and was married to Jeffrey Sherman. Lynnda had been living in Spring, TX, with her husband, Gary, and died after a long illness. Unfortunately, I don’t have any information about Jill. Our condolences to all of their families and friends. I was unable to attend our 45th Reunion last June and don’t know of anyone who did attend. I feel badly that our reunions are so poorly attended, but several of you have indicated that you plan to go to our 50th in June 2013, so let’s all shoot for that. It will be here before we know it! Thank you to those of you who wrote in response to my November letter about a mini reunion. I heard from eight classmates with different thoughts on where we should meet. I haven’t given up on the idea though and will

ABOVE, Kathleen Wilson, K’62

HELEN WILSON writes: “I had a 4.5 year old granddaughter who just had a track for me to run on. I did run a 5K here, but that long stuff isn’t my strong suite. I’ve also written a few pages in my spare time; that novel is still in me, but it’s in no hurry to come out.” Note: Jess was the only person to respond to my e-mail in February requesting class notes info. However, DAVE BENHAM had been in contact with a few of you. Below are Dave’s recollections in his words: “Although I’ve been enjoying retirement, a friend of mine asked me to do some quality consulting, so we shall see. I visited KEN HALLER in January at his home up in Greenbush and had some sumptuous repasts at the Old Place Inn in Harrisville, a charming old NE Michigan harbor town restaurant. We trudged through the waist-high snow on the Tawas Point and visited the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center in Alpena with an old friend of mine, John Porter, with whom I worked in Alpena in 1970-72. John went to Albion College and knew Doug Green and Bruce Henderson (both C’64), and he wrote the original proposal for the Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary. DICK MARR e-mailed me out of the blue saying that he retired 4 ½ years ago, not too long after we saw him at our 40th. We had a long phone conversation the next day. PETE CUMMINS seems to be out of the woods with his latest round of surgery. BOB BERRY sent me a short note saying he was writing it from a beach in Hawaii. John Hunting ’50 – some of you will remember him as our Lower School English teacher. He says he’s 77 now and into running and swimming. Warren Kennison ’62 – I’m in contact with him regularly. His latest is pretty much posted under his class. Linn Hobbs ’62 – at MIT; recently got re-involved with amateur radio and has worked over 150 countries. Good to see someone of his stature in academia can still have fun with a hobby like this.

He is W1LWH. Warren, Linn and I are wondering how Pete Smith ’59 is doing. TERRY LAMM spends free time bicycling in New Mexico while doing civic reconstruction work. BILL BAILEY moved to Hilton Head, SC, from Easton, PA, this past year. He is enjoying tennis and still works. BILL GELBACH is home from Qatar and living in Florida.” Please Note: I did not include an e-mail address for classmates as in the past. Their addresses are available at CranNet. CranNet is one of the tabs on the www.cranbrook.edu site. Then hit the Cranbrook Schools tab. Then hit the CranNet tab. You will need a password. Request your password from Emily Liu at The CranNet Help Desk at crannet@cranbrook.edu or 248-645-3394.

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ABOVE, John and Mary Barker Kohlmeier, K’63, in South Africa
counseling in June from JFK University and is now working as a counselor in life sciences in the career center of the University of California Santa Barbara. He is engaged and will be married in July 2010. Daughter, Kelly, is halfway through her second master’s program in marriage and family therapy at San Diego State University and recently took a 16-day trip to Nepal in support of the Madhav Glimire Foundation (a foundation dedicated to the education of neglected children in Nepal). MARY SPRAGUE AMOE and husband, Hary, took a three and a half week trip to New Zealand last year and loved it. Daughter, Alison, is working at Metro State College in Denver in the tutoring department, and son, Chip, is still working in Washington, DC. MARGIE SILVER BLUESTEIN and her husband, Michael, often spend the winters in Naples, FL. Last year Margie was able to connect with NANCY BLEDSOE-WERTH, and they had lunch together. Nancy is a veterinarian, living in Naples with her husband, Tom. BEV FEAD LEYS enjoyed the holidays with her two children and their families, including her granddaughter, Carson, 2. She has attended mini reunions with college friends, and in the summer she and husband, George, took a long trip to Nova Scotia. She has heard from CAROLE CHARLES TURTLE who has a new address in London, so hopefully we can now keep in touch with her. GINNY DOLL BRECKENFELD and husband, Jim, spent the holidays in Harbor Springs with their family – daughter, Sarah, and her family from Naperville, IL, son, Matt, and his family from Harbor Springs, and newly-married daughter, Beth, and her family from Beverly Hills, CA. Ginny and Jim are the proud grandparents of five grand children with one on the way. We, SANDY ADAMSON CLANAHAN, welcomed our second grandchild, Emma Barkley Walker, in April 2008. Emma is the daughter of our daughter, Ashley, and her husband, Tony, and joins her big brother, Fyn, who will be 3 in July. What joy they are! I savor every minute with them. Denny and I will be celebrating our 40th anniversary in June by taking a two-week trip to England. Once again, I appreciate all of you who wrote and shared your news. My best to all of you and let’s keep in touch!

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Cranbrook’s announcement for Reunion 2009 is already in the mail as I write these notes in early February, and no doubt many of you will have replied by the time you receive the spring issue of Tradition. Please try to return in June if you can for our 45th and let the School know your plans as soon as possible, if you have not done so already. GUY BRAMBLE plans to return with his son, Jamie, who will be a college senior next year and hopes to make a career as a singer and songwriter. Guy continues as the ageless headmaster of Heritage Hall in Oklahoma City. JIM MCQUAID writes that he has left his day job in high tech after 25 years to work full time on film and video projects and to do some related writing. Jim is looking for a gradual ramping up of activity in the coming months. We hope he returns in June, so we can all catch up and maybe have the chance to view one of his films. Congratulations to ALAN STEINBRECHER, who recently announced the formation of the law firm partnership Steinbrecher & Span LLP in Los Angeles, a litigation boutique, specializing in business, aviation, product liability, employment and real estate. Alan is a graduate of Duke University Law School and has represented airlines in post-accident NTSB investigations, including the Air Florida 14th Street Bridge crash in Washington, DC, in January 1982. Alan may be elected president of the Los Angeles County Bar Association in two more years, as he is in the officer chair ladder now. He and his wife of 25 years have three children, all attending the University of Virginia. A son’s graduation from UVA and the challenges of getting a new practice started will probably preclude him from attending our 45th, but we wish him and his new firm great success and hope to see him in five years at our 50th. ED BAILEY, BOB CHAMBERS, DOUG GREEN and BOB TAGGART all sent Christmas holiday greetings with beaming pictures of beautiful families and likenesses of Ranger Doug’s Riders in the Sky. We hope to see all of them in June. Best to everyone. Do try to make it back.

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If you are reading these notes before June 1, you still have time to attend our 45th Reunion! June 5-7 are the dates, and we want to see you. 2008 was a happy year of travel for MARGE Denton Rossetto
and family. In January Andy returned to college at the University of Wisconsin at Madison while Dominic, Margie and Lucy, the bulldog, headed for the West Coast. At a cottage in Santa Barbara, CA, for six weeks, followed by six weeks in La Quinta, they enjoyed the weather as well as the company of longtime friends and family. March found Margie and Dominic traveling up the California coast, returning home to cold and rainy Wisconsin in April. Beautiful summer and early fall days were spent cheering on Road America racing teams in Elkhart Lake. Andy and Dominic attended the US MotoGP Race Weekend in Indianapolis, as well as competing and winning some races at the Skip Barber Dodge Regional Race Weekend at Road America. November found the traveling twosome on the road again in Florida for a wedding, visits with friends and then back home for Christmas. Plans for the months of January through March included stays at Punta Gorda and Key West, FL. Retirement is definitely a fun time for the Rossettos! KATHY SHORE PATRIKIS and Peter planned to escape the winter weather in Connecticut with a trip to Argentina in February. We will miss Kathy at our Kingswood Reunion as it coincides with the 50th Anniversary of the Winston Churchill Foundation and the founding of Churchill College, Cambridge, as well as some Churchill-related events in London and Cambridge that Kathy and Peter will be attending the first week of June. Their son, Alexander, thrives on all of the activities at AIG. Younger son, Stefan, continues doing higher math that is so high no one understands what he does! Winter in Michigan was the usual roller coaster of temperatures for ANNE CLARK CARLIE. She will not be able to attend our reunion but hopes to see us at the 50th. Keeping in touch with family, JULIE WILLIAMS HOWTING and Buzz made cross country trips to see newlyweds, Carrie and Ben, and Julie’s brother, Bob, who all live and work in New York City, as well as Julie’s mother in Vero Beach, FL. In April 2008, GAIL HAMMONDS GALLAUDET, Tom, Julie and Buzz spent a wonderful weekend in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, participating in the wedding festivities of Knute, son of KRIS KNUDSEN GREGG and Steve. Another mini-reunion was planned in California in January for FRAN FREDERICKS FERRIS and Gail. Fran traveled to Palm Desert visiting her sister, Roz ’67, brother, Carl ’62, and his wife, Christina ’71, as well as their brother, Chris ’62, who was flying in for a few days as well. In the spring of 2008 Fran’s son, Tim, published a book “The Four Hour Work Week.” Doing very well, the book was on the New York Times bestseller list for 60+ weeks in the how-to category. Their younger son, Tom, is a first year law student at Harvard University. It’s pretty taxing from what Fran and Don can see, but he’s doing OK. With sadness I report that in January I received word from Brad, a son of JAN NISBET GARDNER, telling me of Jan’s death on Oct. 23, 2006 following a very brief battle with cancer. He said that his mother always remembered her time at Kingswood with fondness. Our sympathy is extended to Jan’s sons and their families. With news of the future, LILLIAN HEWLETT MOATS’ fourth book will come out in August. The title is “The Letter from Death.” It’s a startling take on death, fear, war and love. It’s been especially fun and rewarding for Lillian to work closely with their son, Dave, 26, who lives in London, and illustrated the book. Lillian is truly honored that historian and peace activist, Howard Zinn, author of “A People’s History of the United States,” has written the foreword. www.thereartpress.com will give you a preview. Thanks to all of you for keeping in touch. Hope to see you in June. Class Secretary, Leslie Schimpke Johnston 181 Red Cedar Road • Aiken, South Carolina 29803 803-642-4232 • lсли@johnstonlaw.com

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As I indicated in my e-mail blast, I forgot to send out a reminder until after the Spring Tradition class notes were due. A few of you stalwarts did manage to respond quickly, however, so there is something to report. Perhaps you others have had your Blackberrys repossessed. PETER (“BIRD”) WERBEL had the most to say on short notice. Not remembering when he last wrote, he filled me in on summer 2007 trips to Montana-Tetons National Park, Yellowstone and Big Sky. He added that, “the past two winters we have taken our usual skirace trip to Sun Valley, where we have so much fun we never want to come back home to reality ever. Last winter I (we) also went to McCall, ID, for the World Master’s XC ski championships, and I managed to be first in my age division(60-64) in the Far West and for the first time ever beat John Cobourn ’64 in a goodly number of races including Worlds.” This winter he is returning the favor. “At Worlds, my hope was to be in the top 10 Americans in my age group. In the three races I entered I was 11th, 8th and 10th, if memory serves me correctly.” Pete has been spending a lot of time working on his home and commercial properties in Lake Tahoe. He and his wife, Knute, enjoy hiking, biking, camping, running, sailing, golf, kayaking, music, eating and traveling throughout California. This year’s plans will take the Werbels to Africa (Kenya) for a two week safari, from August 30 to Sept. 13. Pete is looking for company if any of you are interested. He writes: “This is a very active trip, and our guide and good friend, Iain, has the only company that is allowed to have clients walk in the national parks. If anyone is interested go to: www.tropical-ice.com and look at: Summer Migration. It would be a great way to reconnect.” The Bird ends on this philosophical note: “Life is short, and, despite the economic downturn, we still need to try and do life when it is within our means. I’m not sure this trip is within my financial means, but I’m doing it anyway to help the economy. The way I see it, if we run out of money, it will be our daughter’s turn to take care of us. Or the government can bail us out.” (Ditto that, Bird!) As long as his dough holds out, however, Pete wants you all to know that he has “a small guest apartment and one guest room, so there is the invitation if you need an inexpensive place to stay.” From the Bird to the Bees; I also heard from SPENCER (“BUZZ”) MIERAS. Buzz writes: “Not much new from Tennessee. Peggy and I spend lots of time with our grandchildren, and she would say I spend way too much time on the golf course. I figure someone has to play golf, and I am willing to make the sacrifice.” Regarding his status as a retiree in the Volunteer State, Buzz reflects on the past few months, thusly: “For those of us who are retired and wish we were still working (because of the market) let’s hope some of this nonsense in Washington works. I sure wish Mitt was still in the picture or had won the election because maybe we would have a chance. He would have been such a superior candidate to McCain.” Mitt in 2012? Could happen. JOHN GRAHAM, always on the move, reported that he and Joanne “went to Scotland, looked up some old ancestors, saw a number of yours as well from the McDonald Clan and stayed at Robert Louis Stevenson’s former home in Edinburgh.” (Note to John: My dad was a Campbell-McDonald – which, Buzz will tell you, is like being a Hatfield-McCoy in Kentucky. Rumor has it that about 500 years ago, after Clan Campbell and Clan MacDonald had it, the losers got eaten. Campbell won! Might explain my aversion to their soup. You are lucky you’re a Graham.) After Scotland, the Grahams visited Bucharest, Romania. John writes: “Lots of building going on there, as they are constantly improving the town probably from some of the oil sales in the Poestri region. Went up to Sighisoara to see where Herman Oberth lived before he went to Germany to teach Von Braun rocketry. Also saw Vlad the Impaler’s (AKA Dracula) house in the old town square.” (Further Note to John: I don’t know if you were at Cranbrook when Gage Cauchois was there. I think it was 1959-60, Lower School anyway. Well, Gage went to California and started a business (electrical company, I believe) and became one of the original entrants in televised robot competitions called BattleBots. Gage routinely won the heavy-weight competition with a robot named “Vlad the Impaler,” which is now enshrined in the Combat Robots Hall of Fame. A lesser-known Cranbrook success story. Check it out! http://members.toast.net/ joergenhall_of_fame.html). Having tired of the European continent, John and Joanne returned to Harbin, China, for Christmas. (Se, Tradition, Spring 2008.) John continues: “It was a lot colder this year. About ~20 the entire time we were there. We also spent a week at Beijing Institute of Technology and met some great students, who are working and learning various technical aspects of their space program. Saw Chairman Mao this time (he’s still wrapped in a Communist Party flag under glass where he’s been since 1976). All the other former leaders, Chou Enlai and Deng Zhou Pen, were cremated and had their ashes put into the sea.” BROCK LANDRY sent a delightfully informative letter that I’m going to let you read in
its entire, unedited version: “I feel a bit like Rip Van Winkle. There have been many years since I saw classmates at the 35th in 2000, and so much has happened to all of us personally and as a country since then. From a personal standpoint, my family continues to be my greatest joy. I was blessed to find another wonderful woman and remarried in 2003. Diane Casey was a client, president of the American Community Bankers Trade Association. At one point during a dinner, she looked over and asked what we both knew, “So, is this a date?” Diane is now Chief Operating Officer of the American Bankers Association, trying to fend off the barbs of the press and Congress and to help fashion reasonable and practical solutions to the financial services crisis. No small task. My two sons have both become Internet entrepreneurs. (They certainly didn’t get that talent from their father!) Clark, 31, after graduating from Yale, moved to L.A., where he now lives with his wife and young daughter. He has owned and sold several companies involved in e-advertising, social networking, top level domain names, and I am not sure what else. Reed, 28, runs a social networking site in Washington (“Late Night Shots”), which will air as a reality TV show starting in April. I am holding my breath to see what might be coming. I was delighted that they both pursued wrestling careers, Reed lettering at University of Virginia. I’m able to live in the past a bit by watching Reed referee high school matches. It must be something about those smelly gyms that never gets out of your being. I continue to practice law in Washington with Venable LLP. My days are primarily filled with working with trade associations and other non-profits (Venable represents about 600 such groups) in their regulatory and legislative battles and chairing the firm’s Government Division, which numbers about 160 lawyers and lobbyists. It is rewarding in many ways. After 35 years, I feel like I am a member of the industries and groups that I work with rather than just a paid professional. But the problems are also massive. Some of the industries are off as much as 40% with no bottom in sight. The challenge of remaining positive and directed in the face of lost jobs and pervasive pessimism is sometimes daunting, but I am convinced that there will be better days in the near future. I often think back to the times at Cranbrook - playing spud ball with BILL SCHLECTE; antics in the wrestling room with TOM BUFORD, MAC MCCORMICK and JOHN ALLEN; sparring with Bob Hoffman about some grievous ‘C’ offense; watching Ben Snyder pull down a map to underscore a point, only to find the newest playmate taped over North America; joking with Chester after hours; and so many others. Cranbrook was a transformational experience for me, taking me out of a room with Detroit high school and opening vistas and experience for me, taking me out of a

I will happily be in touch with classmates to catch up and also twist some arms to get out your checkbooks.” Thanks for the news and the memories, Brock. On a sad note, I received a letter from Helen Fredrick, mother of classmate DAVID FREDRICK, informing me of his death from brain cancer in May 2004. Mrs. Fredrick said that David was working at the University of Rochester as a Doctor of Pharmacy at the time of his death. I don’t know if any of you were aware of David’s death. I was not, but I wanted to let you all know. Susan and I went to New Zealand and Australia in December. New Zealand was spectacular, especially South Island around Queenstown. We also spent time with friends in Sydney, where my son was in a wedding, and made it to the Barrier Reef for a little snorkeling. Next time we talk, I’ll have a new hip and, hopefully, a better golf swing. Sorry again for the short notice, but my e-mail is never off, you know!

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Above, Irene Rodgers Tyler, K’65, and grandson, Remy Jett Tyler

of an art quilt group (not the kind of quilts my great-grandmother made!). Another quilter, JEAN HORTON SENSINTAFFAR reports that she is still working and teaching at a local quilt store, and her seven grandchildren keep her busy and young! BETSY HARRIS reports that all is much better for her in Weidman, MI, on Coldwater Lake. She had dreaded retirement but is finding it to be a surprisingly refreshing adventure. Betsy welcomes visitors, so give her a call or drop her a line at PO Box 7, Weidman, MI 48893, phone: 989-644-6404. KARIN CHRISTIENSDEN FOWLER is enjoying retirement after her “fabulous and hilarious” going-away party from her full-time Presbyterian ministry in Grand Haven, MI. Her sister, Sally Christiansen Harris ’72, and her husband, Mike, and Karin’s lifelong friend from Birmingham, Kathy Beier Biggs, and her husband, joined in the retirement festivities. Karin and her husband, Scott, visited their boys and their families in Sacramento, where son, Andy, is creative services director for CBS-TV and son, Ryan, works for the state. Karin is grandmother to Emmy, 5, (parents are Andy and Kristi) and is looking forward to another grandchild (parents to be are Ryan and Kelsy) later this spring. Karin keeps busy with her local Habitat for Humanity. CHRYSTINE JONES TAUBER wrote from Palm Desert, CA, where she is judging a horse show. From there she is bound for West Palm Beach for more judging. She and her husband sold their house in New Jersey in October without even listing it but had to vacate shortly thereafter and faced the task of cleaning out and packing up after 27 years. They moved with their two dogs and cat to their small casita at the Palm Beach Polo and Country Club in Wellington, FL, and in the meantime put a bid on a larger town home within the same club. After renovations and an interim stay at a neighbor’s house, they finally moved into their new place in early
January, Chrystine says that workmen on site is a daily happening, but the cat is the one who has remained the most stable! Her new address is: 2531 Windsor Way Ct., Wellington, FL 33414-7036. Chrystine is doing a lot more judging and less riding and is getting back into tennis, barring rotator cuff issues. She hopes to see MARY WEIR McCANN when she judges in Ocala in March. MARCIA MAYHEW ROLLINS writes: “My husband, Fred, and I just returned from a three week trip “down under.” We enjoyed parts of Australia and New Zealand, including a two-week cruise. It was all we had hoped for and more, a trip of a lifetime. New Zealand is a fascinating country, with its own ecosystem and many species not found anywhere else in the world. We loved the people as well. I continue to work 3/4 time and am enjoying my work in public health dentistry, directing a charitable organization providing school-based oral health education and dental sealants to underserved children. It has been a very worthwhile endeavor and my work in public health dentistry, directing a charitable organization providing school-based oral health education and dental sealants to underserved children. It has been a very worthwhile endeavor.” JANE MAYS LYON writes: “It is hard to believe it has been almost seven years since Chuck sold his northern Virginia business, and we moved to Williamsburg. He made a seamless transition to retirement and immediately became involved in tennis, golf, fishing and boating on the James River. Last year I cut back my interior decorating business to occasional consultations and find that my days are busier than ever. We are active with historical foundations, charitable groups, museums, College of William & Mary events, various clubs and our west highland terriers (Baylie & Paisley’s Luv). David, 37, owns a coffee business in California where he is an avid surfer and sailor. He is currently working on his captain’s license and does some freelance writing for sailing magazines.” Now that we live in the same community, Jane and I are enjoying getting to know each other again. My husband, John, and I are settling into life in Williamsburg and retirement. We are closer to our kids and grandkids and enjoy seeing them often. We did a bike trip to Croatia last September with friends from Boulder, CO. Lesson to be learned is “Do not try to keep up with bikers from Colorado who are used to altitude and hills!” We loved Croatia – especially the down hills! I appreciate hearing from all of you! Class Secretary, Barbara Custar Reynolds 2857 Bennett’s Pond Road Williamsburg, VA 23185 757-645-4115 • bjr@cox.net

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The response to my latest plea for news has left me with a narrow range of conclusions. In general, you boys are far too busy to communicate right now! Since late summer of last year, I have deduced that most of you are engaged in various and personal ways of coping with the change of your 401K to a 101K. Those endeavors certainly include the dumping of your current money manager, the plotting of Bernie Madoff’s demise, selling your ranch in Utah and your estate in Boston (Oh sorry, Mitt), the re-examination of your retirement plans and perhaps a return to the American workplace. JOHN FRENCH writes that he has left Michigan for the winter and is at an undisclosed location in California. The foreclosure signs and plant closings just got to be too much for our resident golf guru, plus course play goes way down in January and February in Bloomfield. JEF KURFESS confides that he has now begun to apply for jobs previously below his dignity: Wal-Mart greeter, bagboy at Piggly Wiggly, dog sitter, cologne spritzer at Macy’s, tobblooth attendant, reader to coma victims, and peddling AARP subscriptions door-to-door. How the mighty have fallen! Our favorite Limey, MARK PACKARD, always a consistent contributor, writes “...even Mitt must be feeling the squeeze... The Brit press and lackluster Gordon are blaming the USA – nothing to do with the 110% mortgages our savings institutions were handing out. Life in the west of England continues to be good. I am local chairman of the Liberal Democratic Party, and we have local elections in June this year. So far being a member of the party has cost me nothing but money; however, if I get elected I will be paid for representing 2,300 local householders. It is demeaning to knock on doors, but it’s my tip for beating the crisis. My eldest boy just lost his job, and the youngest is buying a BMW with his savings, so even my parenting skills are undergoing a thorough re-examination! Pip Pip!!” GREG “Buck” BOWER passed on this bit of fascinating news and advice. “I got downsized on Jan. 28. I was a senior engineer in R&D at Yazaki North America, an auto supplier. As of last week, the whole R&D Dept. was axed. I was one of the lucky few to get a buyout, a veritable life raft off the Titanic. I am now retired at the tender age of 61. So now here I am on this little life raft in the middle of the ocean, with a nasty-looking storm on the horizon. On the bright side, my investments have not taken a hit so far, due to some defensive moves I made: (1) Got out of stocks, and into MUNIs and CDs, after getting burned when the Dot.Com bubble burst, and (2) Paid off the mortgage early. My advice (for what it’s worth): Dump your financial advisor and learn Excel. My ‘defensive moves’ were triggered by the personal research I began several years ago after hearing the term ‘credit default swap’ on a financial radio show. I subsequently learned about the ‘shadow banking system’, ‘mortgage backed securities’, ‘collateralized debt obligations’ and other stomach-churning phenomena. At a certain point, a little voice that started as a whisper in the back of my head finally got loud enough to get my attention: THERE IS NO SAFE PLACE FOR YOUR MONEY!” JIM FONDA, another loyal contributor, seems to be weathering the storm in Silicon Valley pretty well. “I have been fortunate to be relatively unaffected by the economic problems. My investments have certainly lost value, but I still work hard at Apple on creating the next version of the Mac OS X operating system. I have never owned a house, which isn’t such a bad thing in the current housing market.” Jim, who was raised in Birmingham, has great sympathy for all of us back here in Michigan. “A couple of months ago, I looked on http://www.zillow.com/, and found five houses without a few blocks of my boyhood home, which could be bought for less than $2,000. These were all houses that were worth more than $200K a couple of years ago. As far as Michigan in the current economy, it certainly looks like a train wreck. It looks like Obama has a situation that is similar to what FDR faced. I am hopeful that the energy, healthcare and education parts of Obama’s program will help lead to much more competitive businesses, both in Michigan and in the rest of the country.” Good pal, RAY BUCH, weighed in from central Michigan. “We’ve been living in East Lansing for the past five or six years. I work for a longitudinal research project, and I’m in local and not too distant family homes all the time. There have been an increasing number of folks who survive off the books or under the table. But, there are many, many more who have recently become clearly about to lose their long-held jobs. It seems archaic, but there are many folks in mid-Michigan for whom a poor hunting season means the family books can’t balance. When we moved to East Lansing, I recalled being flabbergasted that lenders wanted us to ‘buy bigger, you know you can have our 0% down mortgage.’ My dad had many of the same things to say and point out. It’s odd, in a comforting sort of way, that our fathers tried to pass on some of what they learned from the Depression and we actually listened and heard them. And as long as our health insurance is maintained, we may float up and down, but we’ll float.” Ray is currently on his way to Florida for his annual kayak extravaganza on the Gulf side.

BOB “That” GOLDENTHAL, still in West Bloomfield, is a never-ending font of e-mail traffic. He writes, “Having retired from the formerly, frequently, ‘financially beleaguered’ Chrysler LLC at the end of 2007, my ex-employer has now become a ward of the State (and the scourge of the Daimler AG shareholders). I am not pleased about that. You know my economics...I’m a free marketeer. So, in my retirement, I am engaged in a consulting business. I basically use my 41+ years experience in product, power train and long range business planning and vehicle safety and regulatory affairs to help others achieve their goals. In addition, I am doing some property management on a small scale. I have also written my senators asking for action to counterrail the Value Added Tax (which is deducted from exports of most of our trading partners, by as much as 25% , such that a $50,000 German-made BMW has a $9,500 tax credit buried in its price, which makes the American consumer very happy), currency manipulation (particularly the Yen) and below normal interest rates (again, our Japanese trading partners). Of course, to no avail, but I do not believe the demise of American manufacturing is in the best interest of our country.” I can always count on STEVE TROXEL, the very able former class secretary, to send news from Arizona. “While we are not in the same boat as our neighbors to the west (California), we are in a budget deficit here in Arizona to the tune of $1.6 billion this year – and maybe as much as $3 billion next year – and thank you, Governor Napolitano, for accepting the ‘Chosen One’s’ offer to become his new Department of Homeland Security Director, making Jan Brewer our new Governor! Seriously, it looks like I will be forced to hang on here for a couple of more years here while we get out of the economic rut and think we are now on the right path!” Steve’s three granddaughters and his dad, Lynn ’39, keep him on his toes in the desert, and he passes sympathy on to his former pals in the
Midwest. “My best to all classmates, Stu! Stay well – stay healthy – and keep plugging away, as we are not at the bottom of this economic abyss yet! I can’t imagine the economic mess that you people are experiencing in Michigan, as the local – and even cable/satellite news can’t do justice in describing what you are all facing!] At least there are only a few more months out there where everyone can ‘Blame these woes on George Bush’ and eventually President Obama must take ownership!” Once again, the most gentle of all gentlemen, JEFF AVERILL, checked in from suburban Syracuse (my old grad school days make me fond of upstate NY) with “Luckier than most I guess...Got an early retirement package last year that I couldn’t (and didn’t want to) refuse. So it has been catching up on a lot of projects and traveling. Actually, there seems to be consulting work available for some companies around here (Syracuse) that cut too far and need some short-term/temp people to meet requirements that didn’t go away.” The mercurial BOB BELLAIRS posted this message: “I have officially moved to Charlotte, NC, to be with my daughter and two granddaughters. Looking for real estate bargains, but the market here is behind Michigan and has a way to fall (in my opinion). Four inches of snow this a.m., so I am thinking I didn’t move far enough south. Cell phone and e-mail remain the same.”

Another fellow Ann Arbor citizen, BILL PRICE, sent this along: “The best that I could come up with – retire earlier than my planned date of 1/1/2010, so I have targeted 6/1/09. With social security drawing near, I could come up with – retire earlier than my thought that pigs couldn’t fly, JOHN “Stone” LIVINGSTONE, in his first ever appearance in the class news submitted the following. “I continue to labor in the retail car business in Santa Fe since our move out here in 2002. I’m working for the same dealer that I worked for in the ’90s in Lufkin, TX. Pretty nice situation, although business is off 40% like everything else. Had a great visit a couple months ago with Ace and Susan Molina who were in town for an oil and gas convention. Unfortunately Steve’s former houseboy, Fortunato, couldn’t make the trip, but we had a great time catching up. Janie and I celebrate 40 this year, which is a testimonial to those great southern ladies sticking with their man. Our three kids and six grandchildren are all great. They reside in Santa Fe and Dallas, so we’re blessed to see them often. Keep the faith – better times are coming. Remember you can’t appreciate being on top of the mountain if you haven’t spent some time in the valley.” I hope that the image of STEVE “Ace” MOLINA gets included in this edition of the news. Ace accompanied the picture with this effervescent, “Miller Molina, born to Tim and Linda in San Antonio on 2/2/09. 8.7 lbs./21 inches. I call him Max.” The Ace is such a wordsmith. You know when you get a group e-mail from an old friend and there are dozens of other names on the “To” list? Do you ever look at that list and see if you recognize anyone? On Molina’s announcement of his beautiful grandson, here are some of the other recipients: Kinky Friedman, John McCain, Ken Delay, Trent Lott, Hugo Chavez and Bozo Garlick. And just when I was feeling a little upbeat about the future, this message arrived from STEPH LADY, our minister to North Hollywood. “You may have read that Hollywood is booming during the recession but don’t believe it. All the money is being sucked off by the vampire corporations that own the studios. Despite our recent strike – or because of it – half the Writer’s Guild is fighting for three night jobs, penning fortunes at a Chinese bakery near Dodger Stadium. The other half converted to Scientology in late December, and rumor has them holed up in a golden pyramid near Death Valley. We hardly few remain hunched over keyboards drinking Fair Trade coffee and smoking electronic cigarettes. Nobody said this would be easy...” BILL HOWE, our fearless captain of captains, hurled this gem over the cyber-ether; “Holy Crap! Retirement! Not on your life! I retired once from the Battle Creek (MI) Police Department Forensic Lab after putting 160 plus people in body bags...the year (2000) I left, I listened to the sirens at night and went nuts not being ‘in the know’ or part of the job. I went back on the Cold Case Team for the County in 2001 and been sleuthing since. We have 65 open murder cases to work on. It takes us about 6 months to 18 months to work a case up to an arrest. I figure with a one year average work time on each case I can retire in 33 more years if my math serves me right. I’ll only be 94 then. But then more cases pop up each year, so sheesh, I may NEVER be able to retire. At least when I go, they will take me kicking and screaming – if I am yet able. The price you pay for loving your job. Besides, who can afford to NOT work. Pension checks just don’t keep one in the lifestyle one is accustomed to. Hope all are well and living the dream of “40 Years On.” And PAUL SHANK gave this indication that the economy is to be ignored: “Retirement? Are you kidding? I’ve been singing a new song since the dip, and it sounds like this; I’ve got the hungries for your love and I’m a waiting in the welfare line! Life is good, just got back from a ski adventure to Park City with 3’ of powder and 26 degree temp. Great time but they are sure suffering from the depression - empty slopes and restaurants. I’m continuing to operate and work the Urgent Care, for how long I do not know. Fortunately, I still enjoy getting up at 3 a.m. and delivering babies, as well as assisting on a carotid or two. Our kids are grown, and we are just trying to figure out places to go. Last weekend in Napa on a wine trip – next week who knows.” The most eloquent if not brief TOM ELLIOT pontificates, “I’m still on track for retirement. I simply have to die a little sooner to make the numbers work.” Your grateful Class Secretary remains in Ann Arbor (halfway between the Huron River and reality) hoping against all hope that Sarah Palin and the Mittster duke it out in 2012.

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It is with profound sadness that I report that our classmate, WAYNE LEMMON, passed away suddenly on Jan. 4, 2009, after a brief illness from cancer. Wayne was a solid fixture in the class of 1967, fondly remembered for his good humor, serious approach to his studies and a ready smile. More recently, Wayne had attended a number of reunions, including our 40th in 2007. In a note from Wayne’s wife, Beverly, she noted that “Wayne shared many stories of his prep years during their 35 years of marriage and always had a true appreciation for the wonderful education he
They visit hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities. In the schools, the dogs are used to help elementary-aged children who are having difficulty reading, and Janet has had children improve 2-3 grade levels in an 8-week period just by reading to Gulliver or Gus twice a week. **ROZ FREDERICKS RYMAL** proudly announces that she became a grandmother last November, with the arrival of beautiful Madelaine Alexandra Balliet. Roz says that Madelaine seemed to respond well to “this is Nana speaking.” Another grandmother, **LINDA YEE TARTOF**, says that having a grandson who is rather blonde is a bit of a shock. “But then again, Henry is only one-quarter Asian (which my brother has dubbed ‘Qua-Pa,’ since half-Asian, half-Caucasian kids are sometimes called ‘happa.’)” Linda says that the Tartofs remain frighteningly the same, although “we spent three weeks in Brazil last year, visiting our daughter who was doing her field work. That really was something – she worked in the favelas (slums) of Brazil; seeing the levels of poverty there was really quite alarming. She is now back in California, and I must admit her parents are relieved!” **NANCY SCHREIBER** reports that she had a film at the Sundance Festival, a comedy called “Motherhood,” which was shot in New York with Uma Thurman and Minnie Driver. She shot another film in New York last fall with Helen Hunt and Liev Schreiber (no relation), so she was away from home much of last year. “We don’t have tax incentives for producers to shoot in California, so I have to be on the road; it’s a drag but at least I did work.” It was a busy year for Paul and **ANN GUENTHER TAMMINEN**. “As you know, the whole college process takes up a lot of time, physically, mentally and emotionally, but Lia has ended up at Scripps, and I would say that she’s pretty happy overall, although there have been ups and downs.” Their son, Lucas, is in 10th grade and is extremely independent. He can walk and bike practically anywhere, is a totally focused and diligent student, and snowboards, runs track and is on the debate team. Paul continues to practice psychotherapy, play piano and write poetry. Ann still practices acupuncture in Berkeley as well as in Sebastopol, where she has relocated her office to be part of a holistic center and to do some teaching. “The day after Lia’s high school graduation, I went to Florida for two weeks, where my sisters and I performed the Herculean task of packing up my mother’s house and moving her out here to assisted living in Santa Rosa. It was really difficult and so was she! However, it was the right thing to do, because she’s been much happier being here close to Karen and me.” When not guiding in Antarctica, Norway and the Arctic, **LIZ SCHAEFER** is in the Midwest, until Tom retires in 2013, at which time they’ll move back to Ashland, OR. “Now I’ve started an online business,” says Liz, “so check out www.fathomexpeditionsoutdoorstore.com. I turned 60 in December and can’t believe it. But I’m still going strong – will run the Avenue of the Giants Marathon in May in Northern California.” **PETIE KAHN THOMPSON** writes that her daughter, Kira, loves L.A., performing in the USC a cappella group and being a Tri-Delt. Kira’s older brother, Derek, graduated from Northwestern’s Medill School of Journalism last June, magna cum laude, and last fall began his fellowship at The Atlantic, advising the publisher on new Web sites for America’s oldest magazine. Petie and Bob seem to be non-stop travelers, and if their Christmas letter is to be believed, they have only 94 countries to go before they’ve seen everything. At the end of the school year in ’08, **ANN FITZGERALD LACKS** retired from teaching but decided that substitute teaching would be a good thing to do because her schedule could fit into husband, Steve’s, as he continues to teach IB math. Steve also coaches the boys’ and girls’ golf teams, plus he and Ann play together often. Ann’s daughter, Laura, is teaching in New York City and will soon have her master’s degree. Erica has started her fellowship at Portland State U, a two and a half year program which will give her an M.A. in public history. When asked “what’s new?” **KRIS VANDENBERG WHITFIELD** replies, “My right hip and knee.” She was able to garden last summer, and although she hasn’t tried tennis or skiing, she does work out at the gym and can walk for 1-2 hours at a time. Her husband, Bill, plays tennis three times a week. “I’m actively involved in setting up a Cape & Islands Commission on the Status of Women. The legislation just passed and should be signed any minute. A diligent group of politically-minded women has been working on this for a year and a half. I will probably apply for one of the 13 positions, which...”
should keep me busy and out of the house! I am also active with the Business and Professional Women, though no longer on the state executive committee. I moved to a beautiful new office in Chatham last summer, and that has been really good, with more walk-in and summer patients. And I am promoting a wonderful super antioxidant beverage called MonaVie. (See www.TheGreatProduct.com/innerterrainhealing for more info.) Kris and Bill are splurging to take a trip to China to celebrate her 60th birthday. MIRTA DELGADO BEARMAN’s husband took the same trip (sponsored by the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce) last fall and loved it. “So we will be gone nine days, spending seven of them in China doing the typical tourist stuff, but at least I will get there in my lifetime!” Their daughter, Emily, is in NYC in May. Of course Mirta lost last summer, and we talk weekly. LINDA WILSON GAMAGE was here last summer, and we also visited them at their home. I was back in Michigan for a wedding on Lake Angulas, so saw CHARLON MCMATH HIBBARD then. I have written to SUE SMITH KORBEL via Facebook once. Maybe we should try to do a class thing on Facebook?” SARA DRAPER seems to be spending less time in the office and more time outside in the saddle. “Robin is my quarter horse who was born on April 1, and that pretty much explains his zany personality. We do a little hunter circuit showing but mostly hack around the country east of Dallas.” Her dog, Doc, is retired from the show ring and spends his time protecting her from dangerous squirrels. LEA STOODY RIESEN survived two ice storms plus Hurricane Ike, with their accompanying power outages, and they prompted her to order a special wood-burning cookstove from Ireland that has its own hot water tank. In spite of the weather, Lea obviously does a super job caring for her goats because the photos she sent show some very well cared for animals. The art market on Cape Cod is very slow, writes LIZ MUMFORD WILSON, so she has had to look for other kinds of work. “I will be teaching an introduction to art history class at our community college this semester, and I’m really excited about getting back into teaching. I also have a painting class going at a retirement community and hope to pick up some more art history type lecturing. I’m also working on needlepoint designs for a Boston company and still painting in oils as well.” Her big news is that the church choir in which she sings is going to be “choir-in-residence” at Gloucester Cathedral in England for the week after Easter. “That means we are responsible for the music every day for Evensong, plus the Sunday morning service, with no repeats. It’s a huge undertaking, and we have to raise lots of money to cover costs, but it is very exciting. I can’t believe I will be singing in a Gothic cathedral in April.” Tom and LYNN MOON SHIELDS’s big news is that their 10th grandchild was born Jan. 16 to their older daughter, Kira. It will be her third child, “so we will have three [children] with three and one with one. Since this year marks a new decade for both Tom (70, yikes!) and me (60, yikes!) we have celebrated several ways, with some great travel — to Italy, the Galapagos Islands and Machu Picchu — and our children surprised us with a family trip together this June to Lake Walloon in Michigan.” As for me, my husband, David, had a one-man show at the Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville, GA, last October, and they now hang two more of his paintings in the permanent collection. After the show, we drove to Hilton Head to see my parents, who were 91 at the time. They have slowed down but are still kickin’.” The news from our daughter, Lee, was that instead of spending a semester abroad, she decided she wanted to try New York instead, and she was accepted into Columbia. As a visiting student, she is allowed to attend for two semesters but has to return to LMU to graduate. In spite of cold and snow, she absolutely loves the Big Apple. I spent most of last year supervising the remodel of our home, combining contemporary elements with Santa Fe style. It took much more effort than I expected, but the results are worth it. I had hoped to get a letter out to all of you by now proposing that we give a class gift to Kingswood, specifically to the art department, but am still working on it. Please look for it and consider a donation, as we did not give anything when we graduated. Blessings on us all as we enter our sixties.

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PAT CLARK and Dee plan to return to Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, again this winter. If anyone has any questions about vacationing at this Pacific coast, traveler-friendly destination, send Pat a note. They have been going there for about a dozen years and enjoy the diverse restaurants downtown, as well as back into the neighborhoods; outdoor adventures like Zip Lines through the jungle, open wheel dune buggy touring, SCUBA, snorkeling, hikes up into the hills and swimming at the base of waterfalls, golf; sailing; whale watching; bull fights; home tours; botanical gardens; beach walking; and of course, shopping! CHRIS KJOLHEDE: “I really enjoyed reuniting ‘forty years on.’ I don’t feel that old. My eldest daughter, Caitlyn, will graduate from the University of Rochester, School of Nursing in May. Next in line, Annalise, will leave for Senegal next week for her semester abroad; she is also enrolled at the U of R. Hans, 14, is a 3rd Former at Kent School and loving it. That makes an empty nest for me (yikes!). BILL KURFESS is still doing commercial real estate with Grubb and Ellis and says, “We moved offices recently from downtown Palo Alto to Redwood Shores. My wife, Terry, is now home after working for the last five years and enjoying very much the opportunity to organize the home front. Son, Doug, is still at SalesForce.com and liking his sales work and the company very much. He is engaged and plans to marry in May. Daughter, Elizabeth, is in Prague for a couple of weeks of training as she is in the Leadership Program at General Electric Company. She has spent the last six months with GE in Connecticut and now is headed with them for six months to Louisville, KY. Not sure but probably six months in Cleveland after that. I had a hip replacement in September that went very successfully, so I am back fishing and duck hunting in my spare time. Best to all in the Class of ’68 for a healthy and prosperous ’09! If you get to the Bay Area, please give us a call at 650-326-5765.” FRANK MARTIN: “Our granddaughter ABEVE, Pat Clark, C’68, and wife, Dee
turned 2 on New Year's Day, and we love the time we spend with her. I really enjoyed the 40th. It was great to see everyone, and I have to say that it was especially moving when we sang 'Forty Years On.' Even the wives were amazed at how good we sounded. Let everyone know that if they are ever passing through paradise (i.e., San Clemente), there's a cold beer and a place to stay."

MARK MARKIEWICZ: "It was great to see everyone at the 40th. Recently our household shifted to a new rewarding path. Since our kids flew the coop, Christopher doing doctrate in Middle Eastern history at U Chicago, Daniel doing Master of Architecture at Yale and Alexandra a sophomore at U Chicago, we have built an extension to our house for my parents. My design for this, a reconstruction and evolution of a Mid-Century modern house, was awarded by the American Institute of Architects CT. Nevertheless we are now riding out the storm but look forward to new opportunities in the future.

http://snipurl.com/alydx."

GUYY NEFF: "Florida Gators – 2008-2009 National College Football Champions!"

CHRIS RAY: "Can't believe our UK tour is nearly over - if you haven't come to visit, it's your own fault, lots have... and we've sure had fun, you know who you are! There's still a little bit left to come visit; the pound is a lot more attractive than it was this time last year! Here's a site to choose from:
check out www.crayivp.com/Xmas08/index.htm"

PETER ROBINSON: "I was in Sarasota (where I have a second home) last week and heard MIKE KINSLEY on the radio being interviewed about his new book on Creative Capitalism. The host mentioned Mike was to speak the next night in Sarasota, and I attended the event. Mike was his usual insightful self, and we had a chance to talk afterwards. Mike mentioned that he had real regrets that he did not attend the 40th reunion, and he did say he would definitely be there for the 50th. Start to make your plans for the event!

RON FALLON, Secretary, Cranbrook Class of 1968,
JIM NORDLIE and LARRY RAYMOND have taken up the Class Project, Memory/Memorial Alumni Garden.

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For ALEXA KACHINKO HASKARD, the reunion last June erased 40 years in a blink. She enjoyed conversations that revealed how rich, varied and amazing our lives have become and said the more she reflects on her years at Brookside and Kingswood the luckier she feels to have had such an incredible educational experience. Alexa lives in Portland, OR, and is married with two grown children. JANET FISHER BELL and Graham migrated to Florida for the winter and probably visited KATIE LERCHE NELSON, who moved to Vero Beach last fall. Janet's daughter, Kelsie, will have a Rocky Mountain wedding in the fall. MARNIE GREENWOOD's twin daughters are finishing their sophomore year, one at Bard and one at Smith. Marnie continues full-time work as a hospital physician. David retired this year, and they traveled to Hanoi to visit his brother last spring and to South America in fall '08. They hope to eventually move to a more urban environment but for now have prepared the grounds of their Farmington, CT, home to be ready for a local spring garden tour. ANDREA CALLARD's media work can be viewed at andreacallard.com. Among her productions this year were videos for a large western recycler, Greenplanet21. The reunion for her was "on the sweet side," and she'd like to go back next June, especially to the Art Academy.

CHALYCE BROWN SULLIVAN stays busy doing benefit concerts in Sarasota, FL, including a special program of Cole Porter music at the historic Asolo Theatre at the Ringling Museum. She and Jerry are taking a break from traveling and staying-at-home with a toy poodle puppy. Chalycle also plays piano bar at a new restaurant.dee knox DUCKWORTH sent link http://jivc.blogspot.com:80/ for the blog where she and other members post news of Quaker International Village near Valatie, NY. HARRIET WINKELMAN's new e-mail address is hznutz@hotmail.com. BARBARA MILLER will graduate with a bachelor of nursing degree in May and begin work as an RN. She sees Margo Goodale '69 in New York City several times a year, usually for a Broadway show. JAN DECKER BURGRAAF looks forward to the arrival of a granddaughter (grandchild #3) in April. Son, David, was engaged at Christmastime. He and his fiancée are planning a destination wedding in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, and Jan was excited to be invited to go along on a trip to check things out for February '10 wedding plans.

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Chapter 7 – TOM BRENECKE visited Seattle during a rainy day in November, and we had a nice breakfast together. After spending most of his career as a banker, Tom recently started his own company in Boston, providing investment advice. Best of all, his son works with him – amazing how much more appealing that prospect looks from this side of the fence, although perhaps JIM SAFRAN and BOB LEVENTHAL could comment, having been originally in their family's businesses. Tom's other daughter is a doctor-to-be, also near the Boston area. Tom's parents, both in their early 90s, still live in Marshalltown, IA. ED BROWN is no longer among our missing classmates, and it turns out he's been in Poulso, WA, just across Puget Sound from me, since 1976. Ed was a contractor for 30 years until last August when he became a "Sustainable Building Specialist" for Habitat for the Humanity. So yet another member of our class actually doing something worthwhile for civilization. JON FERRIER has also been located, in Grand Rapids, where he continues to work part time as a family law lawyer after retiring as a Family Court referee. Jon and his wife, Kayne, a librarian, have a daughter who is also a lawyer in New York City.

DAN KESSLER has also surfaced; he's a doctor in Cincinnati. He's married to a former nurse who is now director of safety and compliance at the University Hospital. He still stays in regular contact with Mark Mareta and Mike Pavloff. Dan gets back to the Detroit area periodically to visit his sister, Susan '76, and their still-active mother, who continues to live in the longtime Kessler homestead in Huntington Woods. I'll bet MIKE LANGWORTHY and family spent part of January questioning their move from California to Maine. Reported the lowest temperatures in New England history, hitting 50 below in the northern part of the state. According to the records I have seen, at the Langworthy mansion in balmy Portland it would have only been 24 below. After many years in California, it had to remind Mike of his favorite winters in Bloomfield Hills. Our class's other inhabitants of northern New England, MIKE GAWNE and JOHN HATTON, presumably endured similar experiences at their respective homes in Vermont. MIKE PAVLOFF remains a long-time resident of Oxford, OH, where he and his wife moved in 1975. Their two daughters both graduated from the hometown Miami U. Mike spent 28 years in administration at the high school and college level before retiring in 2007. He is currently on the staff at Miami as a researcher/educational consultant in the Poli Sci department. Our 40th Reunion occurs in June, and we have been trying to spread the word to "lost" classmates. If you are a classmate who has not been on my e-mail distribution list, please contact me. As for your Class Secretary and his family, the best things in our house relate to the successes of our son, Kyle, who will be graduating from Harvard in June and then will be going to Oxford in England for the next 2-3 years on a Rhodes Scholarship. Attending Kyle's graduation is the only thing that could possibly keep me from attending our 40th; unfortunately, it looks like it will because the timing overlaps. I'll be there in spirit.

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K 1969

In August I received the same e-mail that many of you received from Rod Fonda C'69 with the urgent plea for one of us from K'69 to take over the task of communicating with our fellow Woodies, especially in light of our upcoming 40th class reunion slated for June 5-7, 2009. I leapt at the bait, anticipating the excitement of renewing old acquaintances and stirring up some enthusiasm for the reunion. This is from one who has never attended a class reunion! I thought, well, we are all approaching our "late 50s" – what better time to go back to the hallowed halls of Kingswood? I was given a somewhat outdated contact list for our class that netted a few e-mail responses, which I am delighted to include, and the 40+ postcards that I laboriously handwrote, while at our weekend church camp, netted one response. Where are you all? It is never too late to get in touch! And we do want current contact information, so that you can receive updates on the
reunion plans. So now for the news… Imagine my delight when the first person to respond was JEANNE HARLAN-MARRIOTT, who I fondly remember for her incredible weavings — and she had a car! She was more than willing to spring us (the boarders) from the confines of the dorms for rides to Birmingham or to the airport. Jeanne lives in the Holly area of Michigan with her husband, Jack, who is in programming, and BJ, their son, who was about to start his senior year. Jeanne is still a working artist, primarily oil painting — see her work at www.intimateforest.com. This last year she also started working in needle felting, which is a relatively new art form and proudly reports that she is very good at it! She is doing small sculptures of “Prittens” — pretty kittens. Jeanne has won numerous awards for her paintings, and one of her Prittens will be in the Interweave Felt 2008 to be published in September. She also won honorable mention for her oil paintings in the Best of Michigan Artists and Artisans competition. Don’t miss her Web site! PATTY FARRELL SPENCE was reported as “lost” on all mailing lists, but I happen to see her on a regular basis, so now she is “found” and has even sent some news. Since graduating from Kingswood, Patty has had the opportunity to live in a number of great cities, spending the last 35 years working in the financial industry in Miami, Nashville, Baltimore and now Lakeland, FL. Patty met her husband, Jeff, in Baltimore. They were introduced by friends who knew of their mutual interest in sailing. They fell in love and have been married for 11 years. Sailing continues to be their favorite pastime, and they keep a sailboat on the Chesapeake Bay. They moved to Lakeland in 2005 to be closer to Jeff’s brother and his family and to escape those cold winters. She “retired” for a short two years and tried the retail business working at Talbots. Then the dream job dropped in her lap — working from her home in Florida for M&I Bank in Wisconsin, traveling around the country (seeing old friends at every stop) and really enjoying what she is doing. In their spare time they are traveling and spending time with family and friends. Patty is looking for her old suit-mates and fellow sports enthusiasts at patty2595@gmail.com. What a thrill to hear from VICTORIA ANDERSON PINDERHUGHES, who reports that “all is well — just the usual life changes that we all must face.” She is still working as a clinical psychologist, primarily doing psycho-educational evaluations for the NYC hospital system and two foster care agencies. She has also taken on administrative responsibilities for her grant-funded program, which has its own set of challenges. Husband, John, is a master photographer with commercial advertising and fine arts photography. He is also a printmaker for Canon Cameras. Their oldest daughter, Sienna, has embarked on a career in documentary film-making and recently worked on the PBS American Masters film on Marvin Gaye: “What’s Going On?” Their younger daughter, Ghenet, just left for a semester in London at Elon University, studying theater. Victoria looks forward to hearing how our classmates are doing at vpkidz@hotmail.com. Another voice from the past, CATHERINE MOORE ANDERSON-WEGERT wrote to say that for 20 years she has been married to William, who has his own business shooting and producing commercials and corporate videos. They have a son, Andrew, 16. Catherine works for National Public Media, which (as of 10/07) is owned by NPR and WGBH in Boston. Her company represents public television and radio stations on a local market basis across the country to help them increase revenue from corporations and ad agencies. They also represent PBS.org, a number of related sites, plus “The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer” nationally — a lot of fun for a worthy cause. Her e-mail is candes@bpvt.org. JAN AUSTIN KEENAN was quick to respond to my plea with news of their daughter, Chelsea, who graduated from Kalamazoo College last year and now has her “dream job” working in outdoor education for a non-profit in New Orleans. Daughter, Jenna, graduated from the University of Michigan this year and then decided she wanted to be an RN, so she is busy getting the pre-requisites and plans to apply to U of M’s accelerated BSN program. Son, Connor, is a sophomore at Michigan State, where he is a human biology major. The whole family just returned from several days in Stratford, Ontario where they attended plays and hung out with Jan’s sister, BETSY, and her family (in from North Carolina), brother, Jack ’75, and his family (in from Bamberg, Germany, brother, Philip, (who attended Brookside until the family moved to Cleveland in 1975) and his new wife, Linn (in from Stockholm, Sweden), Julia, the daughter of brother, Chris ’74, and their mom and dad, Tom ’44. Sister, Betsy, had stopped in Ann Arbor to catch up with VICKY FARAH, so they all had their own mini reunion. Jan can be contacted at mom32051@aol.com.

HANNAH MORRISON FISHER impressed me with her great enthusiasm for another class reunion! Hannah reported that she and her husband went to the 10 year reunion when she was in town that weekend to be the matron of honor in the wedding of my oldest friend. The reunion was held poolside at the Bloomfield Hills home of Beth Quay Andrews’ parents (if her memory is correct). Hmmmm and where is Beth now? Hannah attended Michigan for undergrad, where she majored in sociology before going to Detroit College of Law, which now is Michigan State’s law school. She is still amazed that, technically, she is a Michigan State alum, although the only time she ever visited Lansing was to take the Michigan bar exam. She also is a member of the D.C. Bar and has been a staff trademark attorney at the U.S. Patent Office for more than 30 years and is contemplating the possibility of retirement. On a volunteer basis, she represents fellow employees, pursuing discrimination complaints against the agency. Hannah has been married for 31 years to Alan of Los Angeles, who is a staff economist at the Federal Trade Commission and researches the economic implications of proposed business mergers. They met in D.C., where they were introduced by their rabbi, who they both knew from different places. They enjoy travel, opera and theater. Alan grows dahlias competitively and also is membership chairman of the American Dahlia Society. As a result, Hannah has come to enjoy competing in the “artistic design” arena (i.e., flower arranging). She also dabbles in writing, art work and crafts. They are proud of the achievements of the two sons. David, the older one, recently graduated from George Mason Law School, took the Maryland bar exam and now is clerking for a circuit court judge in southern Maryland. Their younger “child,” Evan, just started his first year of medical school at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. He has an Air Force scholarship and is now a 2nd Lieutenant. Both “boys” attended the University of Maryland for undergraduate studies and parochial schools earlier. Last minute news came in from PATRICIA PEFFER at peppermintpatty77@juno.com, who reported that she has been busy with her patented invention — “an incredible and unique new kind of window.” Having just unveiled and presented it, she is approaching major window companies hoping for a great offer. Through e-mail searches I located my former “suite-mate” JULIE WISSINGER, who I had last contact with about 30 years ago. She lives with husband, Tom, in Marine on St. Croix, MN. VICTORIA PINDERHUGHES recently hooked me up with Facebook, much to the shock of my kids! It has been fun re-connecting with other class-mates.

MARIAN WEBSTER, who is in Arlington State, RUTH ANNE MCSORLEY TAYLOR with pictures of her grandchildren, BETH QUAY ANDREWS with adorable photos and video clips of her family. It has been such fun hearing from you, and I would love to hear from the other 50+ who are on the list. I had to do a little bit of detective work to track you down. On the Santa Barbara newsfront, 2008 was a busy year being evacuated for the huge Gap fire in July and celebrating our daughter, Clare’s, marriage in November. Son, John, has been married for two years. My husband of 35 years, Brian, is an Episcopal priest with a congregation here in Santa Barbara and is an adjunct professor at Pepperdine Law School. One third of his time is spent in overseas ministry in the area of faith-based reconciliation and diplomacy, working with Christians, Muslims and Jews, most recently in the Middle East and Kashmir. Other than enjoying the fruits of Brian’s frequent flyer miles, I have been working with seniors in the retirement industry for the past 15 years, currently as director of assisted living and Alzheimer’s care at a large non-profit retirement community in town. For many years I was a nursing home and health care
AボーVÉ, Natalie Martin Smith, K’70, husband, Greg, at daughter, Caroline’s wedding

administrator for Covenant Retirement Communities. Though I miss it, I am delighted to be back in assisted living working more directly with the residents and their families as they cope with the changes, challenges and losses of aging. We just returned from a rejuvenating two weeks of snorkeling and diving with the kids in Maui. Please pass on the word to those with whom you have regular contact. Let’s go to our reunion June 5-7. Stay in touch!

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K1970

I love hearing from all the fantastic women in our class, and so this time I am actually cutting and pasting exactly what you all have written. From LESLIE ERB LIEDEITKE: “1/1/09 was the deadline for three of Lark’s applications, everything had to be typed in, and the deadline was looming…not only that, but she had read 500 words and made some lovely responses, only to find on the supplements that it was 500 characters! good thing that girl is a writer! funny how much fluff can be cut when it has to! Lark pasting exactly what you all have written. From

profession. Every year or so I go up to northern Michigan in the summer where there are a number of Kingswood graduates, including Eliza Barnard and Betsy Taylor. My daughter, Emily, is now 21. She is back in San Diego and just spent a few days working for TINA RICH BROWNE, helping install the furniture and artwork in one of Tina’s assisted living projects she does the interior design for. Yes, I do get to see Tina when she comes to Southern California. I’m also in almost daily contact with GAIL MCCUE LEAVINES. We have our morning coffee talks long distance.” And this excerpt from MARNE TUTT: “I am still happy to have my job with the trusts and estates attorney and be able to walk my dogs (Stuart & Annie, the Bernese Mtn dogs) every day and enjoyed a long Christmas break seeing my son, John, home from the MBA program at Univ. of North Carolina. I see my daughter and son-in-law (Elisabeth and Joe Anderson) frequently, since they only live seven miles away.” Ok, on to DEBORAH SLABECK BAKER: “I do have new gallery representation in Austin, TX, if anyone lives there: Yard Dog Gallery / yarddog.com.” I got a great New Year’s wish from SUSIE GINSBERG GROSS and this from KIT DENIO JOSEPH: “Alexandra is cross-country ski racing in Alaska, and her racing season will include cross-country ski-orienteering in Sweden (European competition) and Hokkaido, Japan (international) – she designed the uniform for the U.S. team and is their #1 skier. Christophe is in Egypt, teaching English and PE to Egyptian 6th graders in a private school. We had a terrific family reunion with both kids and their ‘others’ in Umbria, Italy, followed by a reunion with Nick’s family in Rome. I am learning how to say ‘no,’ and after a grueling experience taking over two IB French classes in the fall, have decided the artist in me has been too long away from institutions, and I do not want to compromise my idea of excellence. Husband is well — we travel as much as we can to ease the ache of missing our children and the death of our beloved 10-year-old beagle, Rudi.” BATYA WEINBAUM wrote that she is teaching in the Department of English at East Carolina University in Greenville this year. Good news from NATALIE MARTIN SMITH too: “Could it get ANY worse for Chicago? It’s been a year of extremes for us – both Greg and I lost our fathers this past year. On the brighter side, our youngest child started college at DePaul Univ., which cleared the deck for wedding planning. Our middle daughter, Caroline, was married in December to a fellow U-Texas grad. The southern guests, who

managed to navigate O’Hare airport successfully, were greeted by shocking weather. Our business – now 15 years old – is suddenly in vogue. We build mid-sized power plants which burn renewable fuels...not even particularly interesting just a few years ago. Greg is the engineering brains behind the business, and I run the operations side. He has spent time lately in Alaska working to help power the interior communities. It’s great timing for the business, but it doesn’t begin to make up for economic losses elsewhere.” And this from NANCY BRETHEN STRICKLAND, who has had her share of ups and downs like the rest of us: “all is well here. Busy with life. Our son, Stephen ’99, just became engaged, and they live in DC. Our daughter, Susan ’97, has a 16-month-old little girl, and she plays with the Wallace babies in Chicago. Our daughter is moving back to this area because her husband accepted a fellowship with Karmanos Cancer Center in Detroit. He has three more years to specialize. Scotty ’01, our youngest, works for Morgan Stanley in Birmingham. Detroit is a scary place right now. We just hope it pulls out of this economic depression we are in. We had a wonderful family trip to Alaska, with Tom’s mother and his brothers, and all of the kids and their significant others. It was gorgeous -chilly and gray, but beautiful. We were thrilled to get to be there.” MEG GLASER STULL wrote a brief note that her e-mail had changed, and she was still working hard to recover from her life changing illness. If you would like to contact her via e-mail, let me know, and I will forward the word to her. Say prayers for some of our classmates, including Meg. On a lighter note, here is what CATHLEEN COSTELLO has been up to: “I have just returned from spending a week in Washington, DC, for the inauguration and its festivities, as well as a client meeting. What a week it was. I stood there with over a million people and was amazed by the diversity, sense of community, pride and hope for the future in these very trying times. I don’t think I will ever experience something as exhilarating or emotional again. Collin is working hard at school, spending his winter weekends snowboarding and getting ready for high school next year, as they have to take placement tests for our public high school and figure out their schedules now for next fall. It is quite a process. I continue with my consulting practice, which is always challenging and will be particularly so given the economy. We head to Tahoe to visit friends and get in a little snowboarding/skiing over the Presidents Day holiday weekend in February, and that is about as
far as we have gotten in planning for this year.” Barb Fuller Wallace shared the following: “Life bumps along nicely, so no complaints. Grandchildren are good; all three are turning 1 this winter. I see them fairly often, which is always fun. I had dinner with Nancy Brethen Strickland last night as we often see each other, and her granddaughter was 1 last October. All our kids see each other in Chicago as do the grandchildren, so another generation of friends. John is fine and still hard at work. I am finally starting to work a little less and play more, finally! All body parts still work; are we getting old or what!” And notably, perhaps mostly for me since I’ve not heard from her in a long time, I have this from Julie Frank Bostick: “I’ve enjoyed reading about my ‘old’ classmates over the past few years and was very moved by reconnecting with many during the ’05 class reunion. I met my husband, John, while attending U-M, and we married in ’77. He is a pharmacist and took over the family business in the small, up north town of Manton, which is located between Cadillac and Traverse City. I worked as a school social worker in area schools for 30 years and retired about 17 years ago. I currently work and am very involved in the Emerald Vale Golf Club, which is a beautiful and fun course in the Manton area (if anyone wants to play, give a call – it’s a great course to play on your way up north). John and I have two wonderful daughters, Kendra and Andrea, who were anxious to leave the small town life and explore much larger cities. Kendra is getting her MSW at U-M (she loves working with children and helping others), and Andrea is getting her master’s in nursing at DePaul and living in Chicago. In general, life has been very good to me. I spend some time volunteering at my former school, take classes at an art studio where I torch glass beads and enjoy doing many outdoor activities such as cross country skiing, biking, golfing, gardening and hiking. I would love to see anyone who is visiting in the area.” This is a short but fun note from Lisa Newell Kirk, who lives a busy life and who I was glad to hear took a relaxing trip: “Just returned from a week in Mexico with four other couples. What a fabulous trip.” Ok then, that’s about it. My husband and I are getting close to finishing our new home, and it has taken entirely too much of my time and life for the last few months. We’re ready for something larger than 700 square feet. Stay well and weather the economic storm with the class and character that you all embody.

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Hello, fellow members of the Class of 1972. It was nice to catch up with a few classmates this month and hope that more of you will see this and send in information for our next update. Alan Declerck wrote that there was a mini-Cranbrook reunion down in Dallas at the Texas Star Hockey Invitational this past January. Scott McNealy, Dean Sung and he all had their oldest boys competing with each other in the Bantam U14 division, with Dean and Scott doing some coaching as well. Maverick McNealy, Brandon and Curtis Sung and Alan’s son, Andrew, would make an awesome line for the Cranes someday – lots of speed, size and stick-handling wizardry out there. Pretty cool that these boys are on the ice together 36 years after our graduation! John Dorsey wrote to say that he is still working as an attorney at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in Washington, DC. Things were very busy when he arrived at this job in 1990. They enjoyed a few years of calm in the late ’90s and early part of the new century, but now things are heating up again. During the quieter time (specifically in 2002), he got married – finally – (I think that’s old news) and daughters, Betty and Katie, arrived in 2004 and 2006. John goes on to say that this observation may come too late for most of our classmates (many of whom have kids in or approaching college), but starting a family later in life is the best. Highly recommended. He’s too old to want to spend his free time in bars, so evenings and weekends are wide open for family; chasing
around a 4 and 2-year-old is “great” for staying in shape; and his parental peers are all in their mid-30s, making it very easy to forget how old he is, you know, technically (plus he acknowledges that it suits him, seeing as “maturity” was never his long suit anyhow). John remains in close touch with David Lynn and Michael Hodges and gets together with each at least a couple of times a year. Thanks to Facebook he has also re-established contact with a few other Class of ’72 friends, including Kevin McKinney. It was great to hear from JOHN MATURO. Mazel Tov to John on his recent marriage to Heidi Willemain Couto. He sent a photo of his son, Clark, a red-shirt freshman offensive guard at UConn, step-daughter, Alexandra, who is a junior at Mt. Holyoke and following in her mom’s footsteps, John, Heidi and Ted, a senior at UConn. John and Heidi were married in August and celebrated the day in Timothy Dwight College at Yale, where they are both resident fellows. A resident fellow is a bit like being a house parent to 400 undergraduates but with the pomp and perks of an Oxford Don. During the day John works in the administration, managing construction projects, and Heidi is an artist in residence (for those interested, her art can be seen at heidicoutu.com). Heidi has developed a love for the sea, and they spend as much time as possible on their C&C 35, Bantam, sailing the New England coastal waters. They recently completed a trip from St. Lucia to Grenada with a British couple on their classic ketch. He has become a regular on this boat and has sailed it from Newport to Bermuda on its way south a year ago and will join its trans-Atlantic voyage this May. They enjoy having visitors, and any time you see this note in print, the snow will be gone. Amy and I are about to head off in April for a two-month sabbatical trip to the Middle East and southern Europe and are very excited about it. We will be living in Jerusalem for the whole middle part of the trip and hope to get a real feel for what it’s like to live in that community. I’m also getting really excited about seeing Egypt and having been reading up on the Valley of the Kings and other historic sites. Our firm established this program five years ago, and it’s been a tremendous opportunity for all who’ve been able to participate. Our daughter, Gracie, just celebrated her 21st birthday. She’s living in Eugene, OR, going to school part time and living in an eco-village that promotes permaculture and sustainability. Our son, Bennett, is having a blast as a freshman at University of Washington and is a hip-hop DJ at the campus radio station. Thanks also to JEFFREY STEELE and KEVIN MCKINNEY for sending me updates of their Web sites, which have great examples of their ventures in teaching and performing wonderful music. You should all check them out. Hope this finds everyone in good health, weathering the economic storms and celebrating the positive times in your lives.

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**C1973**

BILL GOLDBERG is living in a new house in Seattle with his partner, Virginia, and her 7-year-old daughter. Bill’s daughter, Sophia, is in the 9th grade, and his son, Stephen, attends Emory University. A Chinese and economics major, Stephen is on his fourth trip to China, taking his current semester at Peking University. Bill and Virginia plan to visit him this spring for a few weeks of travel. Bill has gotten together with RICH FELDMAN in Los Angeles and Paul Singerman’74 in Florida. He’s also in touch with Victor Farah ’72. When he’s not gadding about, Bill continues to practice law, work in real estate and is enjoying a recently acquired boat. Condolences are extended on the recent passing of his father, ROBERT GAMBURD and his wife, Betsy, are enjoying the life of empty-nesters in Palo Alto. Together with their daughter, Jocelyn, 22, a senior at Tufts, and son, David, 19, a sopho-

more at the University of Oregon, the family traveled to Patagonia at Christmas. They visited Torres del Paine National Park in Chile, sailed the Beagle Channel on the Solstice and climbed Cape Horn. He reports that the wild scenery was fabulous. They also visited Buenos Aires and Iguassu Falls. Robert is practicing sports medicine and specializing in spinal disorders. For pleasure he pursues drawing, painting and sculpture.

MARK WEBER has worked in the field of cultural heritage the past 10 years with the World Monuments Fund. After receiving his degree from the University of New Hampshire, Mark worked in building and historic preservation, obtaining a master’s degree in historic preservation while in Boston. Mark is a co-author of the book, “Newport Houses.” He came to New York in the 80s, worked at the Landmarks Conservancy initially, and his work has since taken him all over the world. He is currently a project manager in building conservation and has been involved with work on the Taj Mahal, Pompeii, the Palatine Hill and Ankor Wat. He and his wife have a son, 16. Mark’s mother is living in Ann Arbor. He is in touch with Charlie Wilson ’75 and JIM HOLMES and would like to hear from JIM FORD. HUGH KERR, your tireless Class Secretary, continues to seek news from fellow ’73 Cranes. I have recently seen JEFF JOE and KARY BALL at one of the fine alumni social events organized by the Social Committee of the Alumni Council and Alumnae Board. Dan Dickenson ’76, the voice of the Detroit Tigers, was the speaker for a very enjoyable gathering of local alums. Jeff has provided many photographs he took on the 10th grade Outward Bound trip. Frank Norton is collecting stories, pictures, old boots and anything relating to Outward Bound for the 40th Anniversary of the program at reunion this spring. If you have anything to share, please contact Frank Norton or myself, and he can get your memorabilia into the archive. It’s always great to hear from old classmates, so please take the time to write an e-mail or give me a call. Your old chums would like to hear what you’re up to. I’m still practicing radiology, playing a little music, in love with Sally and proudly watching my alumnae daughters, Lauren ‘01 and Avery ‘03, growing up.

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**C1974**

Greetings to all. It has been a very long winter here in Michigan, and I am hoping that by the time you see this note in print, the snow will finally be gone. The arrival of the summer will remind us that it has been 35 years since we gathered in Christ Church wearing our caps and gowns. Personally I try to return to our alma mater a few times every year. The campus always evokes wonderful memories for me. At times I simply go there to relax, walk around the campus and to thank God for the opportunities that such a school gave me. I received sad news a few months ago regarding our beloved Bob Hoffman who passed away this winter. Mr. Hoffman was a teacher and longtime dean of students. He served Cranbrook for 59 years and had retired just five years ago. I received news from ROB
LYNN had already responded to Frank with a wealth of information about his group and some distinct recollections and interesting stories about our adventure.) Call or write to me for details of Frank’s request; or you can contact Frank directly at Cranbrook (fnorton@cranbrook.edu). Now for the news: **CHUCK DALGLEISH** is a Colonel with the Ranger Regiment and sent in his notes while still on active duty in Iraq. Chuck, thank you for your service and for finding the time to write while in the middle of a war! Upon returning from Iraq this winter, he plans to go skiing in Vail with his boys, Charlie and Henry. Chuck is still ski racing and will try to race in the NASTAR National Championships again this winter (as he did last year), although “my ski season will be cut short by this little war here.” For some more good news, Chuck reports that he is engaged to Ann Parker of Boston and will marry in May; an African Safari honeymoon will follow. Congratulations and best wishes, Chuck and Ann! He said that he “went to the Saarinen exhibit with other CK alums last year in Washington, DC. Great show and reminder of the fantastic Cranbrook experience.” Chuck stays in touch with K. B. Reid, K’66, NORM FILL and Cate Strumbos, K’77. “Aim High, Rangers Lead the Way, Semper Fidelis and all that...” **MARK KOGAN** reports that he retired from Goldman Sachs (after a 19-year career there) back in December 2004. He writes that “in hindsight I’m pretty lucky to have put distance between myself and Wall Street.” Mark and his family moved from London to West Los Angeles in 2006. Sons, Benjamin (sophomore), and Eli (8th grade), are both avid wrestlers – just like their father – and Mark’s wife, Betsy, is a road cyclist and competes on a local team. “And despite F. Scott Fitzgerald saying that there are no second acts in America, I’ve tried to reinvent myself. Since January 2008, I’ve been pursuing an acting career (vs. just

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**C1975**

Greetings, Classmates! Before presenting the class notes, I want to first pass along (again, for those of you who received my last e-mail) Frank Norton’s request for information regarding our Wilderness Expedition from our sophomore year. Frank is trying to build records in preparation for a celebration of “40 Years On of Wilderness” this June and has requested any information that any of us may be able to provide – who went, leaders, groups, experiences and more. (As of the time of this writing, I know that **TOM**

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**ABOVE, Children of class secretary, Pasquale Iaderosa, C’74**

**RAYMOND**, who, along with wife, Anne, is adjusting to being an “empty nester.” Rob’s youngest daughter, Meg, is a freshman at the University of Virginia, and his oldest, Kate, is in nursing school at the University of Missouri. Rob is concentrating on residential architecture practice, focusing on “green” house design. He also started a design-build company called GreenPrint Homes to develop affordable low-energy housing in the older neighborhoods of East Dallas, where he lives. In his spare time, Rob has remained active by playing in basketball and tennis leagues and riding many miles on his bike. From Massachusetts I received a note from **KURT SCHWARTZ**. He and wife, Susan, recently moved to Concord, following a fire at his house. Kurt has been working hard at his new position. In fact, after a 20-year career as a state prosecutor, he made a change two years ago and now works for the governor as the state’s undersecretary of public safety. He oversees the state’s law enforcement, fire services and emergency management functions. Kurt and Susan have a daughter, who is a freshman at Columbia, and a son, who is a high school freshman in Concord. During one of our very cold days, I received a note from **CLINT MOORE**, who made sure to mention that he is enjoying the wonderful winters in Houston, TX. Clint stated that when he’s not helping drillers find oil and gas in the Gulf of Mexico at Ion Geophysical, he’s playing right wing in an “over-40” hockey league. He and wife, Diana, often drive to Dallas to take in a Stars game and especially when the Red Wings come to Dallas. It’s always a pleasure to hear from **JOE RUTZ**. He writes: “I have relocated my practice of ob/gyn to Blairsville in the North Georgia mountains, as of the new year. I love it! Mary is still in Vidalia pending Luke’s graduation from high school in May. He is again starting goalie for the varsity soccer team, presently 2-0. He wants to be a screenwriter and make movies, will be visiting L.A. Film School mid-March. He’s in at Savannah College of Art and Design and Auburn. Zak will graduate from Univ. of Georgia in May and has been accepted to Georgia Tech Grad School, working on mechanical engineering.” **JOHN GRABOW** continues to enjoy life in Sun Valley, ID. His son, Charlie, is a freshman at a small private school in the area. He invites classmates to give him a call if ever in the area, and he is hoping to return to Cranbrook for our reunion. For those of you that don’t know, **JIM JOHNSON** and **BARRY MCNEALY** have managed to become brother-in-laws! Yes, Jim and Barry married sisters. As most of you may know, Jim was inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame July 4, 2007, and most recently was selected as Oakland County Athletic Director of the year for 2008. According to Jim’s wife, Celeste, his body recently became even more valuable. Jim had a total hip replacement with a titanium device in the fall of 2007. Speaking of **BARRY MCNEALY**, I just received a short note from him telling me some rather sad news. Apparently Barry was in the Detroit area for the funeral of his daughter. No further details were given, but he did manage to get together with Jim, as well as Bill Fay and Kevin Dolan. Clearly, our thoughts are with Barry during this difficult time. **STEVE STRAIN** wrote: “This may be too late, but I am working outside of Chattanooga, TN, in rural Tennessee as an assistant district attorney. My wife, Karen, teaches high school biology, and we live in the woods with four cats and dogs. I am also racing bicycles and writing a novel. I haven’t been to Cranbrook since the late 80s. Lee Jackson and his family recently moved to Chattanooga, so we have been able to see them on a regular basis.” As for me, I have had an uneventful year. My health has remained stable, but I still return to Mayo Clinic every year. As you may remember, three years ago I underwent an autologous bone marrow transplant. So far, I have been feeling great and enjoying life to its fullest. My wife, Susan, and children, Marisa, Lara, Benjamin and Paolo, continue to be the joy of my life. We will be visiting Italy for Easter, spending time with my family. The children are keeping us very busy with numerous sports and activities. But reading some of your notes, I have come to realize that they will grow up faster than I would want. So, for now I am happy with my busy life, and I hope to find the time to be at our 35th reunion. My best always.

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**ABOVE, Chuck Dagleish, C’75**
acting up previously), which is a passion I had in college. Mark appeared in a short play and had a small on-screen appearance in The Day the Earth Stood Still, which enabled him to get his SAG card. Mark writes that he is “either living my dream or making a fool of myself (perhaps both).” CRAIG DOLBY is retired and spends most of the year at Seabrook Island, SC. He works a couple of days a week in the pro shop at Osprey Point Golf Course at Kiawah Island Golf & Resort, “for a little something to do.” Otherwise, he stays active with “hunting, fishing, golf, biking, bird watching, exercising, etc.” JONATHON KURTZMAN wrote first about his daughters; his oldest, Jordan, graduates college this May and will pursue a career in film, probably as a cinematographer or editor. “Her last short film, made with three other kids, was Hollywood quality, except better.” (Note to Jordan: when casting your next film, look for Mark Kogan!) Daughter, Rachel, is doing well in her junior year at Brookline High School – she dances and sails in her spare time. Jon reports that he saw Cynthia Hansen ’75 at the Boston Cranbrook cocktail party a few months ago. DON RODIE wrote that “things are never dull for me. I have a great real estate team and we’re very busy…dealing with challenges…but keeping my tail wagging.” His two sons are in Sigma Chi at Arizona State University, so Don says that he has been reliving his own fraternity experiences – vicariously. In his spare time, Don is working on “a lot of music that will be a record by the end of the year.” Classmates, put Don’s CD on repeat! His two sons are in Sigma Chi, in October in Denver: “the highlight was the card that I received that said ‘You’ve been selected as a top finalist for SAG-AFTRA’s 2017 National Role Model Awards.” Class Secretary, Jeffrey Berger 2913 W. San Nicholas Street Tampa, FL 33629 813-251-3075 • berger@jablaw.com

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A year ago April four classmates met in Santa Fe, NM, for our first class trip. RUTHE FRUEHAUF, from California, organized a long weekend full of activities. MIMI DORE O’CONNELL SCULLY flew in from New York, DIANA LAWRENCE came from Denver and SUZANNE TAICHERT drove up from Albuquerque. They visited many museums, strolled through the boutiques and shops of Santa Fe and spent a day at a Japanese spa on the outskirts of town. A trip highlight was lunch at the home of Cathy Aten ’73, a successful artist in the Santa Fe area. Since I was not able to attend in April, I took a pre-tour in March to check things out. The spa looked most inviting, the museums are all over Santa Fe and specialty shops are everywhere. Also, I enjoyed the skiing in Taos. It was the last week before they allowed snowboarders on the slopes! Everyone had a good time in New Mexico, despite the trials of travel. Hopefully we can continue promoting more trips in the future. Just let me know if you have any ideas. An e-mail from PATRICE MORRIS PHILLIPS reads that she has spent the last seven years in Florida taking care of her mother, who passed away in July. She writes, “I live in West Bloomfield, MI, and consider myself a ‘professional volunteer.’” Patti and husband, Rick, have two daughters, Jennifer, 26, a teacher, and Rachael, 23, a television production assistant. How about this for news from GAIL CARR WILLIAMS? “I have been meaning to write to you I suppose since 1975 because I don’t think I have ever written.” Gail and her husband, David, work for Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. Their daughter, Samantha, is a freshman at Brown, and son, Nick, is in the 8th grade. Gail has inquired about our classmates who have offspring attending Vanderbilt and would like to get together if anyone is in the area. “My sister, Darnell ’73, and I always have fun thinking about our Kingswood days; your notes certainly help the ole brain cells remember.” Thanks for all of the news. Please keep writing for more “Words from the Swirbs.”

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BILL HEISEL (WAHeisel@aol.com): “I, too, have passed the half century mark, even though it seems like we just graduated! I feel too that youthfulness has generally prevailed for me though it p&*%es me off that I can’t play hockey as well as I used to! I still play adult hockey. I am still practicing medicine (like about half the class) in Indianapolis. It seems impossible that my youngest is graduating from high school this June (seeing that it seems like we just graduated a few years ago ourselves). I have a subscription to mlb.com, so I can enjoy DAN DICKERSON calling the Tiger games while doing computer stuff in the evening. I would like to give a shout out and thanks to JIM CARPENTER, who visited my dad when he was in U-M Hospital. It was great to see BILL JAMES and his sister, Martha ’78, at her cottage last summer after many years.” BART WILLIAMS (mwilliams@finvecs.com): “My family moved down here to Cleveland, OH, when I was a freshman or sophomore, about 1976 or 1977. Sure is nice to get back there when I do. I have four daughters, one living in Manhattan, two in college, (University of Maryland and University of Wisconsin in Madison) and 4th daughter is a junior in high school. My wife is an avid photographer. She’s a huge black and white fan and had remained a film only shutterbug but now wants to buy a digital camera too. She works in the Pediatric Heart Unit at University Hospital here in Cleveland, and the surgeon she works for...
is Egyptian. About every three months they take a trip to Kenya, Egypt, Syria, China, usually for 10 days to two weeks. They do about 15 or 20 heart surgeries for children, but they spend a lot of time trying to improve the capabilities of the local surgeons and the local hospitals in order to ‘leverage’ the capability. I think Martha and I would like to spend time in Africa and Egypt, when (and IF) we ever retire, and help with Global Poverty, the types of initiatives in the Millennium Development Goals framework.

JONATHAN S. WEISS (jsweiss@bellsouth.net): “Maggie and I live in Atlanta and became empty nesters a couple of years ago. Katie, our daughter, is 24, a graduate of UVA and works for GameTap, a division of Turner Broadcasting. Matt, 21, is a junior at U-M in Ann Arbor, majoring in physics. I practice dermatology, and Maggie teaches special education. We travel to Ann Arbor in the fall and spring but try to avoid the winters. Just got back from a short weekend in Vegas where we celebrated my son’s 21st birthday. Empty nesting is great. It is nice to enjoy the one-on-one time with the spouse that I dated so many years ago! It is also fun when the kids come home, or when we catch up on vacation, as we now all relate to each other as adults. Last spring, Maggie and I enjoyed dinner in Birmingham with Mike and Margo Siegel, Buddy and Kathy Isaacson, Bob and Roberta Granadier and Rick and Kay Watnick.”

ALLAN MURPHY (amurphy@newenglandland.com): “No major news from here on the East Coast. My wife, Betsy Greenway (college roommate of Anne Harvey K’76), son CJ, 14, daughter Parker, 10, and our large Newfoundland dog named Bear are living the traditional (and personally pleasing) suburban life in Riverside, CT. I am keeping in touch weekly via e-mail with Dick Taylor, Bart Williams, Dana Barnard, Bill James, and most recently, the previously long-lost Lance Young. I would love to know what Nederlanders, Berger, Romeyn and others are up to!

BILL JAMES (mehrerinvestments1@gmail.com): “My wife, Babette, and I have lived in Denver since 1982. We have two sons, Will, 18, and Harry, 13, both ski racers and fine young men. We enjoy all the mountains and the weather have to offer here. Life is rather simple and fortunately not very complicated. For the last 10 years, I have spent 50% of my time working and the other half as an evangelist for Jesus Christ, specifically bringing the Gospel to the Jews. It is the most enjoyable, fruitful work I have ever done.”

CHARLES EZRA FERRELL (artbycharleszeraferrell@yahoo.com): “Recent highlights: After crossing the half century mark, I committed myself to developing an unfinished passion of my youth. I began drawing and photography again and launched three online galleries, which contain nearly 90 drawings and 400 drawings, all completed last year. I became a photographer for two jazz venues and was contracted by the the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History to

photograph the King Tut exhibit for its upcoming online gallery. Last fall, I designed a new web presence for Cranbrook’s HUB: www.schools.cranbrook.edu/hub and won a 2008 Distinguished Volunteer Award from the Association of Professional Fundraisers for initiating the HUB Alumni Association’s endowment effort to secure this vitally important program. HUB scholarships led to my brother, Arthur ’75, and I attending Cranbrook. I have exhibited my work at Wayne State University, the Players Playhouse, Arturo’s Jazz Theater and the Detroit Public Library. I was happy to reconnect with Ann Dudley, K’76, and Carl Norris ’80. As Class Secretary, I hope to increase our class notes participation 100-fold. In addition, I will continue to fuel my passions for the Arts while I grow my business as an IT consultant. Life gets better after 50. Please write.

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C1977

Greetings, classmates. As I write, it’s Valentine’s Day weekend. However, it’s probably going to be Memorial Day before you read this. Therefore, I hope everyone has a great summer planned. For the first time in the seven years I have been writing our class notes, I didn’t get a single e-mail or picture. Therefore, this is going to be short. Although I didn’t get any specific class notes, I have been exchanging a lot of e-mail with RAY FITZSIMONS. In addition to his duties as an A330 pilot for USAir, Ray has been doing his best to teach me how to fly via e-mail. I’ve always been an aviation enthusiast, and, despite taking some flying lessons in college, I never got my pilot’s license. With a little help from Ray, and if the FAA approves of his internet flight school, I just might get my wings. Now for some sad news. I have always hoped that it would be a long time before I had to make an announcement like this. Last October, TOM BONINO passed away. I don’t have any details on the cause of his death. He is survived by his wife and four children. May he rest in peace. That’s all I have for this edition. Hopefully, for the next edition everyone will have plenty of pictures and class notes to send in. Until then – Carpe Diem!

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All of our classmates began their notes with a heartfelt thank you to JULIE RODECKER HOLLY for her dedication, hard work and remarkable sense of loyalty for the past 33 years! I am not sure that 33 years ago when we asked who would act as our class secretary for the alumni newsletter, that Julie understood this job would be hers for eternity! Thank you, thank you, thank you from all of us. Julie reports that her son, Aaron, had an exciting fall semester in his senior year at West Bloomfield High School, because the marching band took 1st place in their flight in the state competition. They went on to the national competition and placed 17th in the country out of 92 bands participating. Ryan, Charlotte and Cameron and her husband, Joseph are doing great. She is planning a couple of trips to Florida to visit her dad and get away from this ridiculously cold winter! ELI NIKOLAIDOU STANOTA wrote to Julie: “You have done an amazing job in keeping us together and because you do not hear from me often does not mean I do not care.” I can provide an abbreviated update of a very exciting life in Greece! Eli graduated Harvard Business School in 1990. She and her sister returned to the family business and began developing exports, and it is now more than 50% of the business. In 1999 she moved to Athens with new partners to start a new business, which is selling to dollar stores. They became the biggest discount and fixed price stores in the southeastern Mediterranean. She worked 15-18 hours a day. Once she had her son in 2002, she took him to work to nurse him and brought a lady to care for him, but trouble broke out with her partners. After seven months, she sold out. “It was the best decision to make. I did everything backwards from what is usually done for good Greek daughters.” In 2004 she married George, and they bought a home in Athens. She has been back in her family business since 2003. Her priority is her family, and works comes second. Although the day fills very quickly, she never has time for everything. She noted that in Greece, when you marry, by law you keep your maiden name as your last name, so please send all mail with both names on it. One time she received a letter at the post office register with her husband’s last name, and she had to get a marriage license to prove she was his wife. These are the remnants of the socialist government we had. Eli Nikolaidou, Artemidos 28, Paleo Faliero, 17561, Athens, Greece, tel 30 210 9852763. CINDY FRENKEL wrote that her daughter, Hannah, is 18 and a delight. She read her poetry at the Jazz Cafe at the Music Hall in Detroit. Many friends were there to listen, including Julie Rodecker Holly. She is looking forward to seeing everyone at our 35th. POLLY JO WHEATON KEMLER is loving city living in the Back Bay in Boston. She recently attended a Boston alumni event and was thrilled to chat with the grown-up children of her sister’s friends, as well as Arlyce. She’s amazing! JOEY PICKERING BUGYIE wrote that she is in Chicago and came to Detroit for KATE STUMBOS’ wedding in October and stayed with LISA LEVINE. “We had a BLAST! Lisa kept stepping all over Kate’s dress when we did the girls’
dence. Saw Hannah and Barbie May '76 after 30 years – it’s so amazing – the sisterhood. Still teaching adjunct English at a community college, but with the hard times I’ve gone back to additional subbing – preschool! I had worked for a local head start program, teaching ESL for the mothers, but that grant was cut. I’ve stayed as the sub because they’re all such a great group of people.”

EMILY MOORE had dinner with Jill Young Siarto, Claudia Lynn Haluska and Julie Rodecker Holly. Her son, Alex, is a sophomore at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena (a really nice place to visit in the middle of our long, cold winter!), and her other son, Ben, is a junior in high school and on the varsity basketball team. JULIE KNITTEL PIERI wrote that she is secretary for her Harvard Business School section. How many in our class attended Harvard Business School? She is in Boston, running a new online business, which should be of high appeal to our classmates. Please take a look. It’s called DailyGrommet. It’s a unique e-commerce experience. Every day they find one new undiscovered product geared at women and tell its story through video and news-story type write up. Julie said, “Watch the videos: (check out our past Grommets catalog to see all of them) to see exactly how much I have aged since 1977 – count the wrinkles!” The rest of her life is pretty much the same: three teenage sons, two rescue greyhound dogs, one husband and countless friends, whom she neglects because of her crazy entrepreneur hours. JENNIFER NOLTE STEVENS is keeping busy taking care of her two teenage daughters, volunteering at school, taking Spanish classes and acting as family travel planner for last year’s trips to Costa Rica and Machu Picchu and this year’s 50th birthdays celebration (Jennifer and her husband, Mark) by taking the family to Europe for three weeks. She asks anyone venturing to San Francisco Bay (Larkspur) area to look her up. As for me, DONNA KATZMAN-GREENWALL, I decided to jump on the treadmill more often and finally wear makeup instead of having plastic surgery for my 50th birthday. My face really does look better with some makeup on it! I hold proud to hailing from Michigan, though I have been in California/ Nevada for 28 years. My political signs are generally not popular in our neighborhood. Ephram and I are associated with the Hoover Institute at Stanford University. We think and work on hot topics, which I do not think are meant for this publication. Our children, Sammy, 13, Channi, 11, and Dora Bracha, 9, are our blessings. It was so fun to hear from everyone. Thank you for sharing some info. I am working on entering your pictures. You will be hearing from me sooner than you think. Time flies – happy 50th to all of us!

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Hello, Class of 1978. By the time you are reading my words I hope the state of the economy has improved, and that people are beginning to see a bright, smiling future. I bring to you words that are happy and sad and choose to start with the happy news. Classmates of Jake Jacobusse’s 1978 Winterim Trip to Mexico reunited in Mexico this past December. LAURA SEGAL writes, “After reading a note in Tradition, late 2007, that some of the participants of the Mexico trip were planning to go back with their families, other members of the original group got in touch about joining the pack. After contacting all members of the original trip, six of us (KEITH TAYLOR, MATT RHEID, RICHARD GAGE, ANDY ROSS, CERES ARTICO and me) and our spouses/families agreed to meet in Akumal, Mexico, over the holidays of 2008/2009. After 31 years it was an amazing reunion. Eighteen of us spent a glorious week on the beach, visiting the Tulum and Cobah ruin sites, snorkeling and sharing memorable dinners. Andy Ross, the trip photographer, brought his slides for the group to see…Those 70s styles were so awful. The group is already deciding where to go next December and would love it if some of the other past members would join us (Darryl Hunt, Elizabeth (Sam) Sampson, Stan Slavsky, Nancy Siegel Heinrich, Shelly Ziegelman and Maury Wood). Great, great fun was had by all!”

RAY SANTERINI sent some pictures from his road trip to Pittsburgh this past February. Ray, Cliff Ewald, Norm Jacobs and Greg Gallaway ’79 went to the Penguin vs Red Wings game and stayed with Greg and his wife, Kathy, “who were very gracious hosts”!

JOSH BROWN met up with Brooks Wallace ’79 and KEITH BUTUS last spring for some good time skiing. He shares that the time together was a BLAST, and they still have the ‘need for speed, and that the guys are ‘still pretty fast boys’!

PATTY SMITH MOSS and I snuck out to the movies over the weekend and then stopped by Andy ’77 and LAURA WILNER CRAIG’s lovely home (great kitchen!) for a glass of wine, lots of laughter and to hear about their recent trip to Arizona, where they spent some time with Jay (Jay Bird) Hall ’77. Jay is doing great in Arizona. He has three beautiful children, and life is good. I look forward to catching up with him this July when he comes to Michigan. Walker Bagby ’77 sent me a picture of his darling children…yes, there is a Walk Jr! He hasn’t changed a bit. That’s great. Speaking of July, Julie, the wife of our dear friend, Scott King (miss ya Kingers) and Scott’s brother Keith ’83, along with Monte Wickham, other alums, family, friends and the U-M Sarcoma Research Foundation/Doctors are organizing a fund-raiser/tennis tournament in honor and memory of our classmate, Scott, and Sarcoma Research. Here is the information: Please join in the Scott L. King Serving Aces for Sarcoma Fund in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan to support the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center – Sarcoma Program Research Fund in memory of Scott L. King, C’78. A tennis exhibition and dinner will be held on Friday night, July 17. Also, a novice tennis tournament for children ages 7 to 14 will be held the same weekend on July 18 and 19. If you are interested in making a donation or would like to participate in the event, please contact Laura Craig at (248) 540-5947 or aljc@aol.com. On a sad note (I hate these sad notes AND I want them to stop!)

ARTHUR D. LEVIN passed away on Super Bowl Sunday. Nancy Siegel Heinrich, Patty Smith Moss, Laura Wilner Craig, Andy Craig ’77, Walker Bagby ’77, David Gans ’76, Howard Wolpin ’79, Jimmy Narens ’79 and our beloved English/ Language Arts teacher, Mrs. Betsy Clark, were among the attendees at Arthur’s funeral. ANDREW ZWEIG and Arthur had been friends for a lifetime! Andrew delivered a wonderful eulogy. On behalf of our class, I spoke in Arthur’s memory. Among other thoughts and memories, I read what I sent out to you all via e-mail and closed with the following: “Sorry to be the bearer of sad news. Arthur Levin passed away. Arthur, you were a character. I have to say, I have a warm feeling for Arthur as he reached out to me twice after reunion, saying that being at our reunion, the 30th, was one of the happiest and most important days of his life. He was so appreciative of seeing everyone. God bless you, Arthur. May heaven bring you peace and happiness. I will never forget being at the LPGA when I was probably 19. My mom and I were at the 18th putting green. Across the green someone yelled, in the middle of a woman’s putt… ‘Sue Ann Harrison! Far Out!’ Oh, Arthur, I didn’t even need to look. I knew it was you. You
will be missed.” I will share the quotes that Arthur wrote in our senior yearbook. Given the chance, I believe he would write the same ones over again, 30 years later. “If a man does not keep pace with his companions, it may be because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music, which he hears, however measured and far away.” – Thoreau – and, “Life never was a series of easy victories. We cannot win every round or arrive at a neat solution to every problem. But driving, creative effort to solve problems is the breath of life, for civilization or an individual.” – John W. Gardner – and his next line read “Party at My House!”

Tom, Arthur and all others who are in our hearts and memories. It is also my hope that we now can go several years with only good news here among the pages of Tradition! Let’s make that a tradition! Contact me should you want more information on the upcoming event in Scott King’s name. It sounds like it will be a wonderful event, for a very important cause, Sarcoma and Cancer Research. One last request – please e-mail me with your current e-mail address information. I believe quite a few e-mail addresses are no longer valid. I need an update. God bless. Be well. I leave you with this quote! Let this be our mantra as we forge ahead through these difficult times: “Whoever I am, or whatever I am doing, some kind of excellence is within my reach.” – John W. Gardner

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C1979

Well, classmates, after many years without any input you have responded to a request for information with a thundering voice. Our class has scattered far and wide, but through the wonders of e-mail and social networking websites you are reporting in from the four corners of the country. I apologize for the use of threats and blackmail in asking people to respond, but I have to say that it was an effective measure. Universally our classmates are anxious to hear what others are up to and many are planning to attend our upcoming 30th reunion. Here are my stats: I live in my hometown of Portland, OR. I married my wife, Carol, in 2003, and we have a son, Chase Buck (“Bucky”), who was born in 2006. I work for Norris & Stevens, a commercial real estate company, and Carol is a flight attendant with United Airlines. Consequently, we like to travel and manage to get back to Michigan for vacations with my extended family on Higgins Lake and occasionally drop in to visit Cranbrook. Our favorite city in the world is Sydney, and Bucky and I like to tag along for the weekend when Carol has a trip there. It turns out there are other Cranes and Aardvarks living in the Portland area. Lisa Michaels, K’79, lives in Beaverton, and we talk a couple of times a year. I also discovered that Adam Bacher is here in Portland and is a free-lance commercial photographer. He has just returned from his second month-long trip to Rwanda. Adam is working on a book on Rwanda’s recovery from the 1994 genocide. Photographs and stories can be seen on his travel blog site www.bachersblog.com. Also in the area is Marshall Eisenberg, who writes, “I’ve been living in southern Washington State since 2002...moved up here from the Bay Area in California. My wife, Shelley, is from the Longview, WA, area and she wanted to be closer to her family. I work for Quest, in downtown Portland as a sales engineer, helping sell networking and telephone equipment/connection to state and local government agencies, as well as K-12 and higher education customers. I miss the old comfort of boarding life at Cranbrook – looking back I regret not having the foresight then to appreciate it more...that’s the advantage (disadvantage) of getting older...not really appreciating things until you get the chance to look backwards over time to truly recognize those simpler, more carefree moments.”

Marshall is still in touch with Luke Thirkhill, who writes from Arizona that he was a zookeeper specializing in reptiles and birds until 1996. “In 1997 I left the zoo business and made use of the zoo I had at home. I started a nature education business called Sonoran Naturalist LLC. I bring animals to schools and do educational programs for kids, as well as animal wrangling for feature films, TV and commercials that are filmed in Arizona. I have met a few movie stars. Since 2003, I have been employed as a teacher at a school for special needs kids. I bring my educational animals into the classroom and teach natural history. They learn about a new species every week all year. I also involve the kids in the care of the 200 or so animals that live at the school in our own petting zoo. We have quite an animal therapy program for the kids. I married my wife, Deborah, in 1988; we have two kids, Matthew, 18, and Kelly, who just turned 20.” Apparently feeling threatened by my request for an update, Luke also informed me that “I have a friend in Portland that could have a rattlesnake on your doorstep a day after I call him, so please do not disappoint me with your version of my class notes.” I hope this works for you, Luke, and maybe we could do something with that snake around Valentine’s Day. I know Carol would really be surprised. In an effort to find more classmates, I have been on the internet cruising chat rooms and social networking sites where I have come across many of our brethren. Jim Mittenhal is a member of our class page on Facebook called “Cranbrook Class of ’79” but opted not to send in an update. Others were more amenable including John Studebaker, who is in Texas contemplating his next move since his position was eliminated. There is a nice picture of John on his horse somewhere around Austin, so I don’t think he is suffering. Michael Schwartz is living in Chicago with his family and doing financial and lease due diligence on commercial property. Lee Winkelman checked in from L.A., where he consults with national foundations to help them give away their money, more impact on reducing poverty. I asked Lee if he was aware that Chuck Alejos is in the area to which he responded, “That name doesn’t ring a bell, but I have to admit I am a little fuzzy on those years.” You are not alone, my friend, you are not alone. A very cogent Chuck sent this in, “I graduated from University of Michigan Medical School and came right out to L.A. I had every intention of returning, but the first Christmas it was 85 and I was sold. I have worked at UCLA ever since. I am currently professor in pediatric cardiology. I am the director of the pediatric heart transplant program among various other duties. I have been married for 20 years and have two daughters. My oldest is 18 and a freshman at Tufts. My younger daughter is 16 and a pleasant handful. My current passion is a non-profit foundation, which I founded four years ago to provide medical and humanitarian assistance to children with congenital heart disease in Latin America. We have been on four missions and cared for hundreds of children. More information can be found at www.heartswithhope.org. I still keep touch with Rahul Sanghvi and Manu Mukasa (Marc Jenkins). Glad to see that Cranbrook Youth for Revolution is still intact. Manu adds, “I’m going to be leaving my position as a professor of theater (directing and dramurgy) at Amherst College at the end of June and probably won’t be returning to a full-time position in academics for a while. I’m interested in going in some different directions but have no real specifics to provide. If I get a chance to come by for the reunion this year, I can fill people in more.”

John Mccimpsey checks in from Idaho where he has a consulting business. He writes, “Come here with the Navy, originally. Fell in love with the land (though not the politics).” Leaves me wondering what part of the Navy operates in Idaho. Any help there, John? Also in that part of the country is Angus “Gus” Goetz, who sent this update: “I moved from northern Michigan to Jackson Hole, WY, last year and am currently a partner in an orthopedic group here. I have been an orthopedic surgeon for 15 years and specialize in adult reconstruction. We live in Grand Teton National Park and are having a blast. Martha Mason, my long time companion, and I just had our first child, a boy, Gunner, born 12/5/08. We are all healthy, happy and life is good.” Also living in the middle of nowhere is Dave Stewart, who writes, “I live...
just north of Traverse City about 20 miles toward Torch Lake. Nice place to live though; but at the moment we are buried in snow, but I love the snow. My mailing address is Alden, but I actually live in the woods out in the middle of nowhere. I have three kids (son 17, two daughters, 16 and 12), wife, the Newfoundland (Mylo), and many other animals (too many). Dave is a pilot with American Eagle out of Chicago, which may explain a couple of rough landings I’ve had.

ALAN BINKOW reports in from Cincinnati, OH, “My life is really in a state of flux right now. I’ve moved four times in the last nine months, and there is one more (and hopefully last!) on the horizon. So, there’s nothing to say, other than I have been married twice (including one divorce pending), and I have two wonderful kids, Emily, 19, and a freshman at DePaul, and Sarah, 15, and a freshman at Berkley High.” RICHARD WOLK gives this update: “I am selling sports memorabilia at Dixieland Antique Market in Waterford, MI, switching to guitars and amplifiers by autumn; working as process server.” For those who don’t know what it is, Richard adds, “Being a process server is fun like a 21st century bounty hunter.” For those of you in legal trouble you might want to think twice about answering the door if it is Richard standing there. From the other side of the country in Massachusetts STEVE DONALDSON sends this in: “I am working as a freelance travel photographer and have been since 1995. I have just completed my third book of photography and am exploring a few concepts for my next one. I’ll also be out on the road a little bit more this year gathering some new stock for my business. Earlier this year I was one of the panel speakers at the Cranbrook Kingswood World Affairs Seminar (WAS), speaking about Democracy and my experiences in different democratic countries around the world. As you know, people can go to my website to find out more about my work- www.sgdphoto.com.” JIM ISAACS has been living in Salt Lake City for the last 16 years, and he says, “I took the wife, Robyn, and the kids, Aaron, 15, and Abby, 12, to see the campus when we were back in town over Thanksgiving, and the kids thought it looked like where Harry Potter went to school! I’m a mechanical engineer and have been in the medical device industry for about 21 years and am currently working for GE Healthcare after many years at much smaller companies. I have over 20 patents if someone’s interested in bragging rights for Cranbrook alums, but that’s not a high priority of mine.” He follows Michigan football and is still in touch with RICHARD TORGERSON. Rich sent this in: “I am divorced, but I still get along with the ex-wife. I have two children. A daughter, Jackie, who is almost 16 (driving soon… yikes). She is in tenth grade at Kingswood (I don’t use the new name) and loves it. She just got all A’s. My son, Ryan, is in eighth grade at Abbott Middle School in W. Bloomfield. He just accepted to Cranbrook and will be enrolling into the ninth grade in the fall. I still love Michigan football and attend all home games. I also still love to play golf, although my putting isn’t what it used to be, so the scores aren’t as good.” Rich is still in touch with MARK EFINOFF and DAVE SMITH. Dave notes that there hasn’t been a lot of communication among the class of 1979 and “that I will be calling everyone I can to encourage them to come to the 30th. “Surprisingly, he adds, “I have some extra time right now because I recently had a heart attack and am recovering (all that clean living I guess from the old days) at home and looking for a new career choice that may be less stressful. So far I have called six people. My daughter didn’t like the idea of being on Facebook when I asked her to help me last night. She said that I am too old for that, and it is only for kids. She is 17 and a pain at times, if you know what I mean.” We’re all hoping for your speedy and complete recovery and best of luck with that 17-year-old daughter. MIKE McCAFFREY writes in, “After majoring in English at the University of Michigan, I accepted a copywriting position at Lintas: Campbell-Ewald in Warren. My advertising career took me through Buffalo, NY, (where I met my wife, Tricia – a Spartan no less) then to Tampa, FL, and Greenville, SC. After 12 years in Greenville, the birth of three children and lots of golf, I completed the circuit by moving back to Michigan this past August. I now work in public affairs for The Dow Chemical Company and live in Midland, claiming to be the last family to actually move into the state.” DEAN DARIN is hoping to be at the 30th. It seems like he is too tough since he runs this family business, called English Gardens, in Royal Oak. Dean writes, “I have a lovely wife, Judy, daughter, Chelsea, and son, John. Chelsea is a sophomore at Central Michigan, and my son is a junior at Allen Park High School. I reside in Allen Park where I grew up, and my wife is also from there.” He would love to see any classmates who want to come by the store. Also close by is DAVID SHERMAN, who would have us believing the following, “In 2000 went on a trek to the far end of the North Pole searching for a second wife. Found her in an igloo, but she was from Birmingham, MI, got remarried and incubated two additional children for a total of five. Two children (three from first wife) graduated Cranbrook, both living and working in Chicago and a third playing three varsity sports at Cranbrook. The two youngest Cranbrook future students are in a monastery developing to be young Jedi knights. I own a business in Royal Oak called Audio-Video Alternatives, which specializes in custom installation of low voltage (audio, video, telecom, security, lighting and control systems – automation) for the home. My wife, Ellen Jaffe ‘82, helps in developing our children to be properly assimilated in society. We reside in Bloomfield Hills on Indian Mound. Health wise we are working very hard to stay clean using detoxification, far infrared sauna therapy and my third business promoting health and wellness via whole food supplementation called Juice Plus+. The second business I don’t promote these days (real estate investor in Michigan and Arizona)” A little less complicated is BILLY HOLMES, who sent this in: “I still live in the area and work in the family real estate business. I have three boys - one graduated from CK last year and is now a freshman at Duke. The second is a junior at Cranbrook and was named captain of the soccer team for next year; my third is in 6th grade at the boys’ middle school. Last June, we took a trip of a lifetime to Greece.” Speaking of Dayboys, ROB MACGREGOR sends this, “I am living in Birmingham with Lauri, Brooke, 17, Blake, 15, and Robbie, 13. Brooke will be starting college next year and at this time is leaning toward Clemson in South Carolina. I have recently made a career change from investment advising to director of planned giving at the Detroit Institute of Arts. I am back using my law degree and really enjoying being among a staff with such passion for their work. Lauri had been working and modeling for a fitness clothing store in town that recently closed due to the slow economy.” STEVE GASSER reports: “We moved back to Chicago in 2004 after being in Michigan for about nine years. I got an opportunity to ‘return’ and was happy to do so. Proximity to a great city is fantastic for us to take advantage of whenever we can. I am working for a software company, out of the house – or – the ‘200’ suite on the 1360 building as its better known. Working from home is great. I get far more work done, and it allows me to be home when the kids get back from school. Charlotte is working at Calico Corners part time, utilizing her interior design knowledge to help people beautify their homes. Chloe is in 8th grade at Washington, is a phenomenal artist and has spent the winter on the cheerleading team and in dance classes at school. She also rock climbs and is hoping for a job (well, volunteer work) at a local stable this summer. Cam is in 6th grade with his sister at Washington, loves school and is very busy playing travel soccer for the Chicago Jr. Fire – pretty much all an year job. He also likes playing with his pals, snowboarding, sledding and skating when available. He is planning on playing football this fall too, so I’m not sure when he’ll be home or get his homework done.” BOB CANVASSER adds, “I’m living about five minutes from Cranbrook in West Bloomfield with my wife, Robyn, (18-years, a Buckeye but otherwise an excellent person) and boys, Jack, 15, and Ben, 12. Jack is a 10th grader at Cranbrook and started there last year in 9th. He’s leaving March 7 for the wilderness trip (the 40th year for that program, which is still led by Frank Norton). He’s not at all excited, but since I did it he’s going. My son, Ben is in 6th grade (not at Cranbrook, but otherwise a good boy). For the past seven years I’ve worked at a single-family office managing the trusts and investments for a family in Chicago. Two years ago I enrolled in the executive MBA program at Michigan’s Ross School of Business, and I’ll graduate May 1. I’ve met some really bright people from all over the country and learned a ton about the current macroeconomic environment and global economy. My boys are both die-hard Michigan fans and remain so in spite of the disaster we called last season. We sit in the front row on the tunnel where the players run out at Michigan Stadium – look for us to the player’s right if you ever see them on national TV again.” Both Steve and Bob have gotten together with BOB WOODRUFF in the last year, but unfortunately we haven’t had any further news of what Woody is up to. Closest to Cranbrook is ROBERT MURPHY, who sent this in: “After 20 years away from Michigan, only coming back for a wedding, a funeral and our 10-year reunion, I interviewed and was hired as Dr. Geroux’s replacement, 20 years to the day of our graduation. So, doing the math, I have just finished my tenth year as director of theatre in the Upper School. I continue to perform in the
summers, and whenever I can squeeze in a directing or acting opportunity, or I like to disappear up north to the family cottage on Black Lake. I have been married to my wife, Kate, since 1997. I have two amazing boys, 5 and 8 years old. How I got here is a mystery, but I feel very lucky and blessed to have a job, a beautiful family and remarkable place to live and raise my boys.” From where I sit you are living the dream, Robert. Nearby is STEVE WOODFIN, who, after many years working for GE as a power train engineer, program manager and engineering executive, has felt the call of ministry in the Lutheran Church. He writes, “I heard God’s voice, clear and strong, and as I began to tentatively walk along the path that He was placing before me, it quickly became an ever-widening superhighway. Doors flew open, the hoops were few and easy to jump through, and soon I realized that I didn’t really have a choice.” Steve is now the executive pastor at Our Shepherd in Birmingham but is still two years from being fully ordained. “The strangest – and best part – of this whole process has been how natural it feels to serve as a vicar (pastor-in-training). I realize now that my education and experience have all served to train me for this moment in time.” Steve has been married to his wife, Kimberly, for 18 years, and they have four children: Christian, 15, Emily, 13, Mathew, 10, and Daniel, 7. “I draw deeply upon the education I received at Cranbrook, and I am continually thankful that I was able to spend my high school years there.” Amen, Steve. Also out there helping people is STEVE SCHWARTZ. He writes, “My wife, Lisa, and I live in Ann Arbor, MI, where we have raised our family over the last 14 years. My son, Aaron, is a junior at Cranbrook (a boarder of course). Kathryn is 11 and goes to school in Ann Arbor. I continue my duties as an oncologist/hematologist. Lisa works as a consultant. We enjoy summers and weekends at our farm in Leelanau County and our travels to the Chautauqua institution yearly. I serve as a flight instructor locally and enjoy flying my Beechcraft Bonanza. We are tormented on a daily basis by our much beloved Bernese mountain dogs, Ziggy and Zephyr. Steve has been threatening to fly down and visit JERRY SCHMITT, who reports, “My family and I presently live in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. I am the founder and president of NanoEngineering Corporation. We develop and commercialize new instruments for detecting and measuring nanoparticles including molecules and viruses. Applications of this device, the patents for which we licensed from my alma mater, Yale U., are to detect explosives (as in transportation security), chemical weapons, biological weapons, cancer-research (onco-viruses), and advanced materials research (nanomaterials). This is my third start-up business, so I am a serial entrepreneur. My wife and I enjoy life in Florida. She is a realtor, real-estate developer and interior decorator. My beautiful 9-year-old daughter is an excellent student and dedicated tennis player. I have two wonderful stepsons, one a precocious, athletic 12-year-old, and the other, who just turned 20, is successfully pursuing his college-education in Atlanta.” Jerry is still in touch with KARL KLINGBIEL, who is a successful artist in New York City, PETER ROSIELLO, and HAROLD HANCOCK. Harold is living in Ft. Lauderdale with his wife, Camille, and two kids, Skyler and Alex. He laments that he has had to give up his volunteer work that included chairing the Broward County Sierra Club for three years from 2002-2005, during which he worked on promoting the Everglades Restoration Plan. He also took some inner city kids from Seattle on a five-day backpack trip in Estes Park, CO, through one of the Sierra Club programs. I received a great Christmas card from Harold this year with lots of smiles from his whole family. Also down south is ASA ADLER, who lives near Atlanta. Asa says, “I am currently the SVP Global Sales and Services for Match.com (#1 on-line dating site in the world). After graduating from Brandeis University, I spent 20 years in banking (Florida, NY, NC...) and then jumped into the Internet with E*TRADE and now Match.com. My wife, Renee, and I have two boys, Brice, 18, and Cole, 15, both of whom are better looking but get into a little less trouble than me.” Asa told me over the phone that Brice is getting ready to start college next year somewhere close by, and that Cole is a certified tennis prodigy. GORDON ST. JOHN sent this: “I am living outside of Philadelphia in Wayne, PA. Coming up on my 25th wedding anniversary to Nancy (met at Trinity College). Fell in love sophomore year in college, and that was it. Three kids, Ashley, sophomore at Bucknell University, playing a lot of lacrosse; Christopher, junior at Blair Academy – big theatre guy; and Alex, freshman in high school, playing hockey, having fun – would have been a good fit at Cranbrook circa 1979. Nancy, my wife, is an associate with Princetongreen.org. She works with businesses and individuals to save natural and economic resources (energy and money). I run the Eastern U.S. for a human resource consulting firm, still play hockey – such that it is, and what can I say, I’ve lost just about all of my hair – oh well, it was fun while it lasted.” SCOTT RICHARDSON has been working in the Silicon Valley for several years and getting his Ph.D. from Stanford in the process. He recently changed jobs and writes, “Between wanting to actually see my family and wanting to be an engineer again, I then started at Lockheed Martin in Palo Alto, where I’ve been doing visualization research and managing flight software development teams on both classified and unclassified projects ever since. My wife works at HP (literally across the street!), and we have three kids – a 9-year-old boy and 7-year-old identical twin girls. Every one of them is into multiple sports, so we spend most of our time playing taxi service. I spend most of my free time –... what little there is – tinkering in the garage or climbing the steepest hills I can find on my bike.” He would like to reconnect with CURT CUTLER, who he thinks is working at NASA. JIM NARENS checks in with: “I own Granite Transformations of SE Michigan, and I am living in West Bloomfield with my wife of 23 years, Margot, and our three kids. Abby, 19, is in her 2nd year at Oakland U, Dana, 17, is accepted to Michigan in the fall and Johnny, 13, had his bar mitzvah on February 27. Bill Hill, Mark Rubenfire and Scott Weinberg (all C’80), BRIAN SCHURGIN, RICHARD WOLK, Rick Loewenstein, Matt Riley and Ray Santerini (all C’78) were there. Finally DAVE ROLLO reports, “I live in Bloomington, IN, with my wife, Heather. She is an ecologist on the faculty, and I work as a research associate in microbiology (currently working on an energy fuel cell project). I also serve on the Bloomington City Council, and Heather and I are co-owners in an organic farm (Stranger’s Hill Organics) here just outside of town.” Dave, like all of us, hopes to reconnect with lots of you at the reunion!

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HAPPY 30TH REUNION class of ’79! I was happy to hear from MARY ROSSANO, who updated me on her life as of 2003, when she finished her Ph.D. Three weeks after she finished her doctorate, her son, James Wood, was born. Mary’s research was in equine parasitology and epidemiology. She is now on the faculty at the University of Kentucky, where she does parasitological research and teaches undergraduate students in equine science and management. Teaching equine science in “the horse capital of the world” is Mary’s ideal job after the long years of grad school. The move to Kentucky was a little bumpy, but she and the family are adjusting to the beautiful climate and the Bluegrass Region. EDIE INGOLD LOVE is happily living on the North Shore of Chicago. She and her husband, Keith, have two girls in high school, who keep them busy. In Edie’s free time, she has a successful real estate
With a saxophone in one hand, an accordion in the other, feet that wander and a mind on the move, Amy Denio, K’79, is as close to a modern day troubadour as any musician today. Over the last 25 years, Denio has built a career defined by its lack of narrow definition. She performs jazz and improvisation. She writes music for dance and for film. She has performed under a big-top circus tent and on the streets of an Italian carnavale. For Denio and her musical career, the only constant, as the saying goes, is change.

With two musically inclined parents, Denio can trace the origins of her melodic career choice back to her days at Brookside where her father, Jock Denio, was headmaster for 21 years. Besides the inspiration provided by her parents, Denio says it was now-retired Brookside music teachers Carolyn Tower and Connie Heidt who first opened her eyes to music’s ineffable possibilities. "Music quickly became my second language," she says. "My experience at Brookside paved the way for me as an artist and a musician."

It was at Brookside, too, that Denio’s passion for travel and cultural anthropology – both things she weaves into her music – was first born specifically in fifth grade when her homeroom teacher introduced Denio to ancient Greek culture. "I was very lucky to go with some classmates to Greece and Turkey for three weeks during spring break," Denio says. "It was my first time abroad and really one of my most cherished experiences as a youngster. As ten year olds, we were old enough to understand new things with open minds. My thirst to learn more about the great wide world was born."

At a young age, Denio decided to forego standard musical training and instead began teaching herself how to play various instruments including the guitar. She began writing her own songs at the age of 12 and since then, has never looked back. In 1990, she founded her own publishing company and record label called Spoot Music and has been working both as a solo artist and as a collaborator on projects with other bands, choreographers, artists and film makers throughout Eastern and Western Europe, North and South America and Asia.

Denio sometimes feels like an "ersatz cultural ambassador," she says, and her travels bear that out. In 2006, she was commissioned by a Taiwanese cultural group to arrange, record and produce a CD of Taiwanese traditional and popular music merged with Brazilian samba, performed by 25 junior high school students from the Amis Tribe. Denio spent three months in Taiwan working with the children and exploring the country. Recent fellowships have taken her to Italy and Ireland. She’s performed in Argentina, India and dozens of other countries both large and small. This past February, she played in carnavale parade with Roman brass band Titubanda in the Italian town of Scampia, "one of the poorest most violent neighborhoods of Naples," Denio says. "We entered housing tracts where even the police don’t go – but as musicians, we were treated like royalty."

The opportunity to perform for so many people in so many different places has been extraordinary, Denio says. "I love the fact that strangers come together at concerts and that communities are instantly born – I find blue-haired grandmothers next to blue-haired teenagers at my concerts, appreciating something in common."

After years of touring, Denio hopes to lead more music workshops in the U.S. and abroad and develop her own skills ever further. "As I get older, I look forward to spending more time teaching and less time traveling," she says.

To return to teaching would be a fascinating full circle for someone who first found her passion for music as a young girl living and learning in a place like Cranbrook. It was at Cranbrook, Denio says, that she found not only her gift for shaping sounds, voices and instruments but also where she got her "cultural curiosity, a sense of social responsibility and self-reliance. I received the best education possible, and it has served me well."
career. She sells along the North Shore, so if anyone plans on moving to Chicago, look her up. Edie spoke with CAROLINE DICKERSON PARRY recently, and they are both planning on coming to the reunion. KATHI HARBKE BELL wrote that she is happily immersed in family life and is living in Troy, MI. She spends a lot of time volunteering at the grade school where her son, Michael, 10, and in 4th grade, and daughter, Stepahni, 9, and in 3rd grade, attend. She also keeps busy shuttling the kids around between skiing, martial arts, basketball, horseback riding, Girl Scouts and other miscellaneous events. In her spare time, Kathi has earned her Blue Belt in Tae Kwon Do and continues to be active in her church and in the garden (weather permitting). She attended Gifftorama this past fall with LESLIE ADISKA (aka Gail Muscrott), who is doing well with her photography business and with her daughter, Clara. CAROLYN PETERSON RICHER lives in Atlanta, GA, with her husband, Werner, and their two sons, Patrick and Daniel. She is a commercial finance lawyer with Troutman Sanders LLP and is a partner with the firm. So, she is one of those super moms who experience the daily juggle of balancing family life and a demanding job. Their big adventure each year is taking a long summer vacation in a picturesque part of southern Germany, along Lake Bodensee, where her husband is from and his entire family lives. Carolyn is doing her best to learn some German, and their older son is at the International School in Atlanta, where every other day all of his classes are in German. They enjoy learning the language and having the opportunities to use it. JENNY JELLIFFE responded that she is still in Boston, constantly managing and improving their houses, raising two wonderful boys, Simon, 9, and Eli, 6, and working full-time as a homecare nurse. She is planning to bring at least one of their boys to the reunion. It will turn into a family affair, as her parents will be there for the Wilderness reunion.

MARIE BILJEY GUELL, husband, Dan ’78, and daughter, Caroline, 9, relocated to Grand Rapids in 2006. She is a full-time tax professor at Cooley Law School’s Grand Rapids campus and loves the professor lifestyle. She is also “Of Counsel” at Varnum Riddering, a large law firm in Grand Rapids. Marjie enjoys staying connected to tax law and private practice. To add to her schedule, this super mom is in the midst of co-authoring a tax book on Michigan Business Tax to be published next summer, serves on the State Bar of Michigan’s Tax Council, as well as the board of the Arts Council of Grand Rapids. In her three minutes of free time, Marjie is able to keep in touch with ANNE NICKELSON HINTCH, K’79, sister, Suzanne Bilyeu Beery ’82, and sisters-in-law, Mary Gell ’80, and Nancy Gell ‘84. LISA MICHAELS wrote that in this past year, with the help of Ancestry.com, fellow classmate, SUZANNE MICHAELS BARBERO, discovered that they are indeed cousins. They hope to get together some time when Lisa visits her father in Basking Ridge, NJ. For those of us that did not know, Lisa ran for state legislature last year (campaign website www.lisamichaels.org) against ex TV journalist, Mark Hass. She has run against him twice for state representative in 2000 and state senate in 2008. Lisa was fortunate to have met Pat Buchanan’s wife, Shelley Scarnell ‘54, when she accidentally crashed the Fox News set at the GOP Convention while serving as a Republican Alternate Delegate. Also, while Lisa was at the convention, Bob Woodruff ’79 gave her a tour of the ABC News studio. Lisa will not be able to attend our 30th due to her son’s high school graduation the very same day in Beaverton, OR. And, speaking of SUZANNE MICHAELS BARBERO, she did a better job of class secretary than I did for this issue. She gave me updates on several people that I hadn’t received myself. First of all, Suzanne and her husband, Manuel, live in a loft in New York City in Tribeca. They have two daughters, Laura, 8, and Jane, 4. Suzanne left work at J. Crew (when EMILY CIADER SCOTT was still there) in 1999 to go back to school. She went to Parsons School of Design and studied fashion design, which had always been her dream. Since then, she has freelanced here and there in the fashion industry and most recently in film. This past fall Suzanne worked with a production designer for a future Disney movie. Suzanne’s husband, Manuel, is French (half Spanish – hence the Manuel), so their kids are speaking French in the home. Suzanne reported that JULIE PINCUS moved to NYC about a year ago with her husband, Hugh Broder. She’s always been a New Yorker at heart, so she really loves it. Julie continues to be a graphic designer. Suzanne also reported that MARY JO BURKE works as an architect and lives on the Lower East Side. Another Suzanne report placed ANNABEL COHEN in Michigan and doing well as a food, travel and lifestyle writer. She is writing her second cookbook. Annabel’s daughter, Raquel, is in college in Chicago studying theater. Suzanne’s final submission was a report that ADINA LERNER is doing well and lives in Los Angeles. She enjoys her work as a librarian. However, Adina succumbed to peer pressure and wrote to me herself. She wrote that she moved to New York City after college and worked in publishing for a while, thanks to CINDY ADELMAN FRANK, who helped her get the interview at Random House. Adina stayed in the City for about eight years, but after finishing two masters, library science (Columbia University) and history of art (U of Michigan), she headed west to Southern California. She currently lives in Los Angeles (Silver Lake) in a small house on a hill with a great view. She has worked a bunch of places, including UC Riverside, Walt Disney Company and the LA County Superior Court. Her library degree is very flexible. She even managed a little time at a dotcom. While at Disney, Adina worked in both feature animation and as one of the corporate archivists. She headed back to a public library three years ago and now works as a reference librarian at Santa Monica Public Library. Adina also teaches and does reference library work at local community colleges. She has kept in touch with ANNABEL COHEN. Annabel has been a great travel buddy and inspiration. They traveled to Morocco for their 40th birthdays. They also head up to Stratford whenever Adina is back in Michigan. Annabel comes to Los Angeles every few years. Adina also sees MARY JO BURKE whenever she can and has stayed with her a few times in NYC. Mary Jo came over New Year’s to visit, staying at Kate Forsythe Heys’ house in Newbury Park. SUZANNE MICHAELS BARBERO has made the trek out to Los Angeles many times, one time to join Adina in attending the Academy Awards. Adina used to get tickets, as she works for the Academy as a freelancer. She has also been a “seat filler” twice. Another year, Annabel joined Adina on the Red Carpet. Annabel was standing behind Charlize Theron the year she won for best actress. So her photo, Annabel in the background, made it around the world. All you can see of Adina is her elbow. JULIE PINCUS and Adina will get together if Julie is out in L.A., or the other way around Adina has also seen Sherri Ruza quite a bit over the years, always funny. On the personal side, Adina has had the same boyfriend for a long time. She manages to take a good adventure every few years,
therefore she has traveled far and wide. Last summer she spent nearly a month in Southern Africa. Adina stated that her time at Kingswood was short, but it made a lasting impact that has helped guide her in life. That is very true for a lot of us. JULIE MACCALLUM wrote that she has been living in Durham, NC, since she graduated from UNC, Chapel Hill, with a brief one and a half year stay in Dallas working for Nortel. Julie was with Nortel for 18.5 years until she volunteered for a package in October ‘02 and then took a job with Tekelec in January ‘03. Tekelec is a small, global, signaling company, and she is a technical proposal manager. Her group supports sales by project managing the end to end development of proposal responses to customers, including responding to questions related to the technical solution, corporate and financial information, warranty/technical support, quality processes, training and the minutia in between. Julie has two babies, of the furry persuasion: Haley, a 3-year-old Airedale, and Bart, a 6-year-old German Shepherd/Border Collie mix.

MORGAN [Mimi] MATTHAEI CROW ROTHER touched base and filled me in on parts of her life that I did not remember from previous issues of Tradition. Mimi lived in Northern California for five years at Stanford and three years in San Francisco (after graduate school in Boston). She was able to attend her 25th reunion at Stanford this past fall. In the current world, Mimi and her husband, Bill, live in central Massachusetts outside of Worcester in the country, a little over an hour west of Boston. They have a small farm with chickens, horses and dogs…oh yes, and kids. Their three children ages 13, 16 and 18 are keeping Mimi and Bill pretty busy. Mimi had previously been an occupational therapist in pediatrics, and she had also received her personal coaching degree, but she chooses to stay home for the schooling of her children. Mimi and Bill have a small farm with chickens, horses and dogs…oh yes, and kids. Their three children ages 13, 16 and 18 are keeping Mimi and Bill pretty busy. 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Scott Weinberg wrote to update that his daughter, Danielle, is graduating from North Farmington High and will be attending MSU in the fall. “She wants to be a lawyer like dear old dad.” Scott’s son, Nic, is an 8th grader at Rooper and loves it. “He is an actor and sings in every musical he can.” While many are contracting in these tough economic times, Scott’s criminal law practice is going better than ever. (If the crew’s golf outing in Labre Croche last summer is any indicator, one might wonder whether Scott’s increased client load includes Bink, Ach, and/or Barker?) Scott and his wife, Rhonda, recently celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary. Congratulations. After suffering a fire at his Franklin Hills office just a few years ago, CARL NORRIS’ staffing and executive placement business is also doing well. His daughter, Tiffany, is now in her senior year at Harrison High in Farmington Hills, where she is captain of the cheer team. She is also an accomplished dancer and is weighing many scholarship opportunities (currently leaning towards Duke). Carl also notes that he recently caught up with JEROME WALLER, who was in the process of moving back to Cincinnati. He says that Jerome is doing very well and has a son who is a freshman in college. This update would not be complete without hearing from STEPHEN PARK, who continues to travel quite a bit for his work in academic medicine and facial plastic surgery, including a recent visit to Macau. Likewise, Stephen’s sons are still excelling in sports. Dylan, 14, is thriving in lacrosse and hopes to make varsity as a freshman, and Austin, 12, is playing on two baseball teams and has his sights set on the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA. Stephen says, “I’m getting old, back is going out, knee hurts and am targeting the mid- singles for my golf handicap—not even on the radar.” But that didn’t stop him from the annual, raucous reunion with ADAM PERRIN in May for the Springsteen concert. According to Adam, “New album means new tour, and new tour means regular rendezvous with fellow Bruce fanatics.” His family medicine practice is also busy. “I have intensified my teaching role and now regularly host medical students from Yale and UConn.” Adam hit the lecture circuit last March, including Grand Rounds presentation on concussion management at Children’s Hospital in Miami. His daughter, Rebecca, 16, just ended her junior year at Chase Collegiate School and is weighing her options for college. Son, Ben, 18, graduated from the Hopkins School in June and, as of the time of this writing, was leaning toward attending Amherst, Adam’s alma mater. His wife, Alison, is working to build her financial planning practice and now, after passing her certification exam, is officially a CFP. In June 2008 TIM DAVENPORT became a managing director and head of Foreign Exchange Structuring for the Americas at Barclays Capital, where he helps companies manage their foreign exchange exposures and creates investment products based on foreign exchange trends. “I’m enjoying the job, although overall market conditions are obviously painful.” Tim’s children are doing well. His 10-year-old triplets and 7-year-old are enrolled at the Greens Farms Academy in Westport, CT. Following in Tim’s footsteps, the kids are taking ski racing lessons at a local Pine-Knob-equivalent named Mohawk Mountain. “Thank goodness they love skiing, as does my wife. My daughter, Eliza, is a fanatic about ballet, and will attend the Kirov Ballet School in Washington, D.C., this summer.” RUSS BAUER moved from Chicago last year to pursue interests beyond banking. He now lives in D.C. where he took a position as an economic growth officer with the U.S. Agency for International Development. Russ recently departed for his first two-year assignment in Cairo, Egypt. “Quite a change from banking and the private sector, but it was time. I am really looking forward to the challenge and the opportunity to make a difference. It certainly is an exciting time to be working for the federal government!” In addition to meeting several other Cranbrook grads who also work with US AID, Russ has been able to catch up with JEFF WELLS, who is with the EPA here in D.C. Russ will continue to post updates from his world tour on Facebook. Finally, I also heard from ANDY HEGEDUS, who, like many of us, seem to be getting back in touch with each other. He and his wife, Katie, are still in Newark, DE, with their two boys, who attend the local high school and just learned how to drive. Andy writes, “I left nuclear power and engineering behind almost five years ago to move into public education. It is a thrilling, wild ride trying to tame one of these urban districts – getting public education working well for all seems to me to be the civil rights priority of our time. It seems like a strange transition to most. I feel like my 20 years in industry really prepared me well for the daunting challenge ahead.” Best of luck, Andy. The children will surely benefit from your talent and motivation. All the best.

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Hello, classmates. Thanks so much for coming through with news for our notes. Now I hear from classmates via e-mail and Facebook. Who would have thought we would be poking each other and writing on each other’s walls. Technology has made it easier to connect, and that is a good thing. BETSY NEWMAN TULL dropped a quick note to get back in the loop. She is hoping to see a lot of folks in 2010 at our 30th reunion. Betsy’s husband, Gary, was able to take early retirement in 2006, and they moved out of suburban Atlanta to the North Georgia mountains, right on the North Carolina border. Betsy reports that, “It is very beautiful and peaceful here; a tough adjustment for a city girl, originally from Chicago.” Betsy keeps herself busy with her animals and various crafts. Her two favorites are beadmaking/beadweaving and cross stitch. Betsy is hoping to get a Web site to sell her jewelry. She discovered the beadmaking in the mountains and has become addicted! Betsy goes back to the Atlanta area frequently to visit her family and take bead classes. She enjoys the classes and meeting women with similar interests. She would love to hear from anyone wanting to get back in touch. You can e-mail her at BeadingBee62@yahoo.com.

Jennifer Burns Romeiser reports that she finished her master’s in information systems last spring and is back to full-time work as a development engineer. She was very fortunate to get the position, as the company placed a hiring freeze her second day on the job. Jen still plays golf and tennis but...
notes, “I am finding that playing tennis at 7:30 p.m. is much different that playing at 9 a.m.!” Jen's daughter, Anna, 18, will be graduating this year from high school and plans to play soccer for Virginia Tech. She will be one of their goalkeepers. The Romeisers are excited about being part of the VT family. They are getting season tickets for all of the football and basketball games there as well. Jen's son, Dan, 15, is preparing for his Boy Scout adventure this summer at Philmont. “One of the highest peaks that they will hike up is over 12,000 ft. We are planning on flying out there at the end of his trip and meeting him in New Mexico, where we will then continue out west.” The family plans on doing some white water rafting and going on a hot air balloon ride. They will end up in the Breckenridge area and then will be flying back from Denver. Jennifer would love any information about the Breckenridge area from classmates. Her e-mail is jromeiser@cox.net. I am sad to report that Lisa Welsh Ritter and her husband, Bill, are grieving the passing of their son, Nick, who died this past July at the young age of 19. Nick survived his first heart surgery as an infant but needed another surgery. He passed away after suffering seizures post-operatively. Nick will be remembered as a loving son, grandson, brother of Danni, cousin and friend, as well as a comedian and lover of life. Lisa Ferris keeps in touch. Her daughter, Sarah, is one of my students. Sarah loves Brookside. (Secretary's note – especially physical education!) Lisa is the junior kindergarten room rep and is having a blast being with the kids. Like many of us, Lisa is trying to keep on top of all the disastrous news in the financial sector in her work as equity analyst on the Loomis Sayles Small Cap Value Fund. She writes, “It's been a wild two years watching the financial crisis from a front row seat, but luckily our fund is doing pretty well.” Polly Smith Tita is in Chicago, in charge of financial/economic news coverage for the Chicago Sun Times. She just returned from maternity leave and writes, “We were blessed with our second child, Anthony Joseph, on Dec. 1. He joins Julia, 4.” Rebecca Green Sher caught up with me on Facebook on a snow day in March. After working as a photographer for over 20 years, Becca earned her elementary education certification and is teaching second grade in the metro-west area of Boston. This is her first year teaching full time, which works nicely since her youngest, Hanna, started college in Vermont last September. Becca was worried about having an empty nest, but with a class of 7 and 8-year-olds, her life is filled with children. She and her husband, Bruce, are now “free to take last-minute trips, eat what we want when we want and stay at work late without worrying about having to pick someone up from school or an activity. Never thought I’d see the day.” Becca’s career has taken a new path toward education, but she still loves the art of photography and is planning to offer beach portraits for her clients on Cape Cod, where the Shers bought a summer home last August. Her nephew, Sach Nusbaum, is a 10th grader at Cranbrook and loves it. Becca reports that he has Mr. Tufts for science, so she could tell her nephew stories about science class, and the time Mr. Tufts showed us a tapeworm preserved in a glass jar filled with formaldehyde. She remembers vividly “the image of the white, segmented worm suspended in liquid, looking so menacing with its proboscis extended.” Becca would love to hear from other classmates and welcomes visits from those coming to the Boston area for college visits or any other reason. Until next time, Classmates, keep sending the news and photos, and I hope to see you at our 30th reunion in June 2010! Class Secretary, Sarah Alkens Post 1727 Cedar Hill Drive Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301 248-645-6349 • sarahpost@comcast.net

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The women of K’82 are keeping very busy. I know this because we were too busy to send in any news! That said, I did hear from Marney Dean Brown who wrote that she is still in Tennessee, where she’s been for about a year. She works in child welfare law for the state and describes it as “helping out the little people.” She also reminds us that she became a permanent resident of Canada and has a home on Prince Edward Island…to which she has graciously invited us all to visit! Lissa Marrella Martines wrote: “We are busy but good. My poor husband (Jeff, C’82) seems to be swimming in a sea of hormones, as he is surrounded by three teenage girls (13, 15 and 17) and me! Everyone is either driving, learning to drive, running around with school activities, hanging out with friends or ‘needing’ to go to the mall. He conveniently spends lots of time in the garage or away at work. Jeff and I took the kids to Ireland last fall – beautiful country and lovely people – looked up family names and showed our oldest where her red locks came from! Christmastime brought a trip to London as our middle daughter’s band (Seaholm) was invited to march in the New Year’s Parade. Such a great experience for the kids! I oversaw five teenage girls and packed as much as we could into the week while we were there. I am printing my ‘I survived’ T-shirt.” Suzanne Bilyeu Beery and I still keep in contact. We are both on Facebook, much to the chagrin of my older two girls. Imagine their mother actually having a life. I see Sarah Levine Jacobs at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center every once in a while as well. In 2009 we plan to slow down as much as we can. We have property out in Metamora (we actually cut down our Christmas tree there and brought it home!) and a family cottage we never seem to make it to, so we’re planning on getting out there whenever we can.”

Venu Dhupa wrote in right around the time of President Obama’s inauguration and said, “We Brits have been very inspired by Obama,” and noted that she was excited to watch the inauguration ceremony live on TV. And Linda Noehles Adams also wrote in to say hello and asked if I had contact information for Sophie Fitzgerald. I don’t have any, so if anyone does, please let me know. And in other news, I continue to be amazed at the proliferation of social media sites like Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter. Such an amazing way to communicate, reconnect and stay in touch. For example, I decided to personally stimulate the economy by redecorating my apartment (I’ve always had an issue with timing). Anyway, after everything arrived and was looking pretty spiffy, I put a note on my Facebook page that I finally looked like a grown-up and Jocelyn Cohen commented that, indeed, I was a grown up even if I didn’t look like one before. Who knew?! Speaking of Facebook, at the very moment I was writing this column, an instant message from Diane Soubly popped up, so I took the opportunity to wrangle an update out of her. She said, “I am completing a set design for a Chicago cable show on the music industry, and I always seem to be involved with music and comedy these days. I also continue to do photo styling in advertising and I am working with pharmaceutical clients at present.”

And finally, I recently had the pleasure of being found on LinkedIn by Gerard Rabinowitz, C’82, who, though a resident of suburban Detroit, was also living part-time in Manhattan while completing a long-term technology consulting project for the United Nations. We met for drinks, over which Gerard blew me away with his encyclopedic memory of people and events long forgotten (at least by me). I was sworn to secrecy on some of the racier stories, but I do have it on good authority that the next time we get together he plans to share the particulars on a certain Big D he got in 11th grade. If I can get him talk on the record, I’ll be sure to bring it to you, faithful readers! That’s it for now. Stay in touch.

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Congratulations to Allan Daniels and his wife, Kelly, whose son, Michael, 13, recently celebrated his bar mitzvah. Daughter, Leah, is 8 and a 4th grader who enjoys dance, gymnastics, theater and catching frogs. Further congratulations to Allan and Kelly who recently celebrated 14 years of marriage, although they've been together for 22 years. The Michigan Office of Financial and Insurance Regulation Commissioner recently named Allan an advisory board member for the mortgage industry. Allan continues to work at Dr. Daniels and Son, a full-service licensed mortgage broker, lender and servicer, specializing in routine, complicated and complex real estate loans. Dr. Daniels and Son works with all types of property: single-family homes, multi-family homes,
farmland, commercial, recreational, vacant land and mobile homes with land attached.

**DANNY PLOTNICK**, wife, Alison, and son, Henry, reside in beautiful San Francisco, where Danny continues his self-described career as “Filmmaker, Podcaster and Gaddly.” He has a very interesting website, www.dannyplotnick.com, where you can check out his new films and podcasts. Danny has been creating movies since the 1980s. Fueled by his love of punk and alternative culture, his films have been described as bawdy, bad-mouthed and beautiful, straddling the line between high-brow and low-brow art. His work has screened from the MOMA in NYC to mortuaries in Baltimore to the Independent Film Channel. His films have also screened at international film festivals. In addition to working on a feature-length script about a corrupt advertising agency preying on the ideas of artists, he is working on a series of music videos, hosting the Nest of VIPers Podcast and doing design work. Another creative soul, **TAE SUN HONG**, is busy traveling on behalf of Yamasaki Korea, where Tae is the CEO/Design Director. Yamasaki Korea is one of six firms competing in the international design competition for the Seoul Performing Arts Center. Tae graduated from Yale in 1992 with a master’s in architecture. He is pictured here with his beautiful daughters, Jhuree, 11, and Ahree, 8. Tae’s wife and proud mother is Yoonhee.

**TINSLEY GALYEAN** reports all is well in Cambridge, MA. Tinsley, his wife, Sheri, and two daughters, Tinsley Jane and Piper, are happily surrounded by the universities that brought them to Cambridge. Tinsley Jane is in her first year of high school. Her younger sister, Piper, is in the 6th grade. Tinsley received his Ph.D. from the Interactive Cinema group at the MIT Media Lab, where he worked to bring cinematic storytelling techniques to virtual environments. This included creating animated 3D characters, building computational plot structures and looking at the issues behind introducing cinematic “cuts” to virtual reality. In addition to his B.S. in computer science from the University of Colorado, Boulder, and Sc.M. in computer graphics from Brown University, his education includes extensive work in the visual arts. Tinsley has produced a short animated piece that was theatrically released, directed a virtual reality exhibit for the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry and published in the fields of computer graphics, human computer interfaces and artificial intelligence. He more recently has worked on Location Based Entertainment (LBE) concepts, museum exhibits and interactive 3-D Internet products. Tinsley founded Nearlife (www.nearlife.com) whose focus is to take these New Media experiences and related development tools to the market place. He also is getting a new company, TacTable, off the ground. TacTable develops new ways for people to interact with media and with other people by creating state of the art experiences using patented technology to make large display surfaces come alive through Multi-Touch sensing. TacTable’s interactive tables and walls recognize and track dozens of simultaneous finger and object interactions, enabling people to touch and interact naturally with retail content, ancient antiquities, art or media like film and music – making memorable experiences out of interactive digital content. Please check out this interesting technology at www.tactable.com. In their spare time, Tinsley and Sheri have begun helping a friend start a new center at MIT that they are very excited about – The Dali Lama Center for Ethics and Transformative Values. With the support and encouragement of MIT’s president, Susan Hockfield, and The XIVth Dali Lama, the Center will have a public launch in April, when there will be a series of talks by people from around the world and culminating in a visit from The XIVth Dali Lama and a benefit concert by Philip Glass. The Center has received an initial grant and a number of donations from individuals to get it started. Tinsley welcomes any e-mails regarding suggestions for programs, foundations or individuals who could benefit The Center. Additional information can be found at http://thecenter.mit.edu. **CHRIS COOPER**, his wife, Laurie, and daughter, Caitlin, 7, reside in Davison, MI. He is CEO of the family business, Fernco. Chris and his brother have successfully expanded their operations into the UK, Germany, Canada, Australia and Brazil. Against all economic indicators, they started three new companies January 1, which to date have met budget. By year end, Chris states they’ll either be geniuses or fools. He and Laurie celebrated their 10th anniversary this year and are about to host Caitlin’s 7th birthday. Caitlin has shown great promise in ballet; she declared at age 2 that she would grow up to be a ballerina. Chris and Laurie are very proud of Caitlin’s accomplishments. Chris and his family live a rather secluded country life. They grow their own organic vegetables, eat organic meat and wild game (he confesses to being a modern-day hippie). He hopes to convert the house to solar and geothermal, though currently Michigan is one of the few states that offers little financial incentive to do so. Nevertheless, Chris intends to go geothermal in order to boast his own energy independence. In the summer, he and his family go to their island cottage on Higgins Lake to escape the heat and mosquitoes. It is a great community of 20 families and no cars. Everyone pitches in and helps each other. He has no problem walking next door to borrow a cup of sugar. Chris enjoys the fall most, because he gets to hunt as often as work allows. He and friends established a hunting lodge in Arkansas several years ago, which is situated in the middle of one of the most famous waterfowl migration routes in the world. It is common to see over 1 million ducks and geese a day. The hunting lodge has hosted guests from Maine to California and as far away as England. It is one of the few activities where Chris has seen successful businessmen and multimillionaires mingle with poor dirt farmers. All notions of class are nonexistent. Conversations are geared to the weather, the migration, farming practices and the art of the hunt. So while Chris cannot boast the ability to sing or play an instrument, he reports a talent for serenading ducks and geese into the decoys. The Cooper clan currently has a fantastic yellow lab named Gordie (the great one). Gordie gets many more compliments on his hunting prowess than Chris. As most dog lovers will say, “you are lucky to have one great dog in your life.” Gordie is living proof. Chris says that next
time any of us pass a farmer, a hunter wearing camouflage or a business man in a suit at the airport checking in for an international flight, take a closer look, because it might just be an old classmate. I had a wonderful visit with Kirk Anderson several months back. He is living happily in Surfside, FL, with his wife, Virginia, and daughter, Danielle. Kirk and Virginia run a Miami-based foreign language translation firm, Passwords Communications, Inc., serving clients in the private sector, government and international organizations. He, like me, is enjoying the opportunity to reconnect with classmates through Facebook. Those of you reading this should know that we currently have about 50 classmates who have joined our Facebook group “Cranbrook Kingswood Class of 1983.” Join up and say hello. Loads of great photos (old and new) and a sense of immediate community. Until the next submission, all my best.

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Hi, all! I’m hoping that when this hits your mailboxes, spring will have sprung, or however that goes. As I type this, it is again deep-freeze cold here. I am SO “over” winter and am ecstatically happy to have just booked our spring break flights to Florida. As you read this, note the underlying message that screams, “get a Facebook page!” I, too, used to ignore FB, scoff, ridicule, laugh and had refused to ever surface in the virtual world of faces and pages. But then Seth appealed to my weakness – my inability as class secretary to track down the infamous “missing!” Per my counterpart, this FB thing would be “an excellent way to find more classmates.” I love a challenge, so I caved and recently emerged slightly above the radar line of anonymity. Now, I have to admit, I am amazed and impressed at how many C&K’83 “faces” are in this virtual book! The experience is oddly addictive, but you can certainly fight that part by maintaining a hectic schedule. And if you do decide to take the plunge, please accept my “friend” invitation so we can keep track of the class – even if you don’t remember who I am (or really want to!). And join our FB group, “Cranbrook Kingswood Class of 1983,” where several people have been posting photos that bring back all the fun, embarrassing moments, bad ‘80s fashion and frighteningly big hair. And yes, I did humiliate myself before including others. There are several CK alum groups too, but I have to say, the CK’83 participation level is high. So spread the word…you’ll be amused and have fun re-connecting! (I should get paid for this promotion.) Word of advice for new users: Never ask someone to “be your FB” friend after a night out of drinks with friends. …sigh. I mean, that’s just what I’ve “heard” from the seasoned FB crowd. So, how successful has this virtual adventure been for me? Well, I now present you with the following fascinating reports from classmates you thought had disappeared forever and are checking in with us, live from planet Facebook. My first great find was former golf team member, Julie Canner, who writes that life in Michigan has been really crazy lately. “Fortunately, I’m busy helping my bank clients with a lot of troubled loans. I’m extremely grateful to be working! I have a place out in Colorado, so I try to get out there as much as possible and went skiing in Portillo, Chile, in September 2008. Still play golf…my clients love it. It’s great that so many people are on Facebook. I’m fairly new to the whole thing, but it’s nice to see everyone!” Golf fanatics – Don’t forget Helena’s cool line of golf accessories, www.rockettour.com! After seeing her pop up on Facebook, I also coerced Joanna Donnelly Dales into making an appearance in this marvelous report. She’s currently living in Kalamazoo with her husband, Scott, and three boys, Charlie, 12, Jack, 11, and Will, 8. She works in donor relations at the Kalamazoo Community Foundation and loves it. “I have a great schedule and get to work with some very fun people. Scott is incredibly busy these days – he is a bankruptcy judge, and the filings just keep coming. I mark time these days by the passing of sports seasons. We’re winding down baseball and starting up baseball, which makes me think spring must be around the corner. We’re navigating the tween years and bracing ourselves for the teens. We definitely should have had children earlier – I may be too old for what’s in store! I ran into Melinda North Saylor and Caroline Sobota Schwartzman last summer in Harbor Springs. They were up north vacationing with their families. I was sorry to have missed our reunion last year; unfortunately, it was a weekend of too many family commitments! I have enjoyed getting to “see” people on Facebook and look forward to learning what people are up to in Tradition!” With news from across the pond, Sherry Brochu Richardson e-mailed from the outskirts of London. She writes, “I lived in Michigan after college, then NYC for about 10 years, then Houston for five, and back to Michigan, where I met my husband, Paul, while he was there visiting relatives. He was a British, divorced, single dad and from that point on, we’ve wholly enjoyed pushing each other’s buttons in playful ‘battles of the empires’! We’ve been married six years now and have our little half-breed (American/British), Halley, who is 4, and Hannah, who is nearly 14. We live in a small market town on the edge of the Chilterns, called Princes Risborough. It’s a 40 min. train ride from London and a 30 min. drive from Oxford – perfect for when we want to seek out the ‘madding crowd’ or a bit of culture! Paul is a project manager for Barclay’s Bank in Canary Wharf/London and I’m a science technician at Hannah’s high school. Halley is at nursery on the school site. I love being near the girls and having all the school holidays and summers off work! The English countryside is beautiful, and we take it in at every given chance. My short commute to work passes by rolling hills, hedge-lined fields, sheep, cows, horses and even a pig farm! There are no drive-thru banks and everybody walks everywhere! I’m the only American around and always conscious of leaving a favorable impression. I’ve been a Brownie Guider for the past six years and am now a Guide Guider, which is similar to Girl Scouts. I’m also on Facebook with a link to our class group site. I would love to hear what everyone else has been up to all these years! Toodles!” Yes, toodles and cheers right back, Sherry. Another new face to surface was Ann Dolven-Vance, responding to my plea from “down south” in Roswell, GA. She writes, “I have three boys: Carter, 12, Jackson, 11, and Cooper, 7. I’m a stay-at-home mom and run a small business. My passion is health and wellness, so I spend a lot of time at our schools, teaching nutrition and heading up the Wellness initiatives there as a full-time unpaid volunteer! I also took up recreational tennis (it’s HUGE down here). My husband, Jeff, and I have been married for almost 16 years, and we have a lot of fun together!” Karen Denn Stearns (yep, on FB) sent another quick update from Texas about her latest big accomplishment. “This past weekend my son had his bat mitzvah. It was a big day and afterwards we had a pool party and rented a rock climbing wall. Even though it kept me busy for months, it was a blast!” I had fun catching up with Julie Stulberg Rothstein (ahem…“not” on FB) and her beautiful girls over Thanksgiving and was happy to run into Jan Mittenthal Rosen at her house too! Julie is now a Kingswood mom and says, “Things here are really busy. Katie loves sixth grade at Kingswood, and I am still trying to

ABOVE, Sherry Brochu Richardson, K’83, daughters, Halley, 4, and Hannah, 14, and husband, Paul

ABOVE, Paulie and Lulu, children of Pam Riggs Maturo, K’83
adjust to the fact that I am now the one driving to pick her up in the circle at the end of the day. It just doesn't seem that long ago that WE were waiting for the ride! Not a lot of new or exciting news, but I do still see lots of K'wood friends who live here. Jan's daughter, Allie, will start at Kingswood next year, and her son, Matthew, will be in high school at Cranbrook! PAM APPLEBAUM WYETT's daughters are going too, so there will be a group of us hanging out at the girls' middle school next year! I also regularly see Stacey May Klein and Andrea Paris Vespa at school, as they have Kingswood sixth graders, too. Miss Mell is still the gym teacher - how great is that? She is really terrific and no big surprise, the kids absolutely adore her!" (Wonder if when you read this, Julie will be on FB?) It was great to finally get a long overdue report from PAM RIGGS MATURO, who, (that's right... also on FB), e-mailed from Ann Arbor, "I am parenting two beautiful children, Lulu, 8, and Paulie, 6. They are in 2nd grade and kindergarten at the Rudolph Steiner School of Ann Arbor. After two amazing trips to Peru this past year, they will be joining me in June to visit. We will spend some time in a little town called Pisaq, where the kids will attend a Waldorf school, the one mentioned on my Facebook page. After that, we'll be staying with some friends up in the Andes who live in a subsistence agriculture-based community to work in the fields, tend the animals, eat guinea pig, etc. (Editor's note: Eat guinea pigs Please don't put that video on FB.) I'm not doing much with my degrees right now. Midwifery is a little hard as a single mom. I may go back to work in the fall, when Paulie is in 1st grade. Right now I'm just managing the farms I inherited from my dad -- Riggs Homestead, Inc. They are centennial farms, some of which have been in my family since my great-, great-grandfather's day. We take two or three trips down to Indiana a year to check on the kids. The kids especially like harvest time, riding on combines and harvesting corn and soybeans. Mostly, we just like to be at home or at our friends' farm here in A2. We have a huge veggie garden, a pond with frogs and fish and will have chickens this year. If the city would allow goats, I'd have those too, but I don't think that will ever happen! We may need to move out of the city onto a farm, as Lulu wants a horse, and Paulie dreams of playing in mud and streams. " OK, I dare anyone to take on double private school tuition! It's all good. Tough times everywhere, I know. But remember this isn't the end of the world, and things could always be worse. Brighter days are ahead. Stay positive, healthy, happy, be grateful for the wonderful people and things in your lives and reach out to help others who need it (and I'm not talking bailout!). Keep your sense of humor intact and have FUN! I'm off to stimulate my economy...someone has to do it!"

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Dear Classmates, I have spoken to many of you either by phone, e-mail or Facebook and am excited for what seems will be an excellent turnout for our upcoming 25th reunion. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there, classmates and faculty, catching up in person and then writing about it. Get in touch when you have a minute. Would love to hear from you, as always.

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Okay, Ladies. Please tell me there is a dearth of news from all of you because you are all very busy picking outfits to wear to our 25-YEAR REUNION in June. Yeah, that's right, 25 years! Hey, and if you think you can hide from me, you cannot. I see you all on Facebook. Some of you have kids in college. Some of you have newborns. Some of you work in fashion. Some have been in the fashion world of banking for about 20 years now. Although she's changed jobs a few times with mergers, etc., she is currently a VP in the private banking division for a local Chicago bank. She writes, "I've worked in the wealth mgmt. or private banking field for about 12 years and was in small biz lending for a brief stint and consumer lending prior to that. As far as Chicago goes, I was in the city for 14.5 years, and three years ago I bought a little house in the burbs (yikes) and fixed it up (i.e. no more harvest gold and cork covered walls). I used to travel quite a bit, but since the house, my travel fund has gone to $@ in a bucket so to speak! I'm not married, but I've been with someone over three years now, and he's absolutely great. He has a daughter who's 10, so that's been fun most of the time. I have two dogs (my kids, and frankly it's a good thing I didn't procreate because if my dogs' behavior is any indication of my parenting skills, my kids would be stealing cars! Family is still in the Detroit area and just got back from a visit. The best thing on my horizon is a girls' spa weekend with my best friend from Boston... other than that, hubba!" Thanks so much to everyone who wrote, especially the first-timers! As for me, all is well up here in Connecticut, despite the fact that after nine months, we STILL own one of the millions of unsold houses out there, are renting another and decided this would be a good year to take on double private school tuition! It's all good though. Tough times everywhere, I know. But remember this isn't the end of the world, and things could always be worse. Brighter days are ahead. Stay positive, healthy, happy, be grateful for the wonderful people and things in your lives and reach out to help others who need it (and I'm not talking bailout!). Keep your sense of humor intact and have FUN! I'm off to stimulate the economy... someone has to do it!

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Dear Classmates, I have spoken to many of you

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research colleges. It sure seems more complicated now. My daughter, Valerie, is 13 years old and will be starting high school next year. She is really looking forward to it. Kyle, my 11-year-old, is in 6th grade and loves just hanging out with his friends and keeps us laughing. Mike and I keep busy just trying to keep the kids schedules straight and getting everyone where they need to go.”

JENNIFER SCHATTEN SWIRNOW wrote: “After graduating from UC, San Diego, I moved to Boston for a year before heading back west to go to UC, Berkeley School of Law. I followed that up with five years of practice in San Francisco, leaving in 1998 to join LexisNexis where I’ve been ever since. I’m currently the director of content development for tax and accounting. That basically means I head up the tax editorial team, managing a group of 20-35 attorneys (depending on the latest reorg) who develop content and products for tax practitioners. It’s not as boring as it sounds. In fact, I really like it, especially because, although I work crazy hours, I’m home-based and can be there for my kids. Speaking of kids, I’ve got two amazing boys, Nate, 7, and Joel, 5, who keep me and my husband laughing (when we’re not crying), and we live in Harrison, NY, at least until this summer. We’re looking to move now to Chappaqua at that point.”

NEENA BOHRA writes: “I currently live in Chappaqua, NY, and have a 4-year-old son named Sarik. I have been practicing immigration law for 15 years and have had my own practice since 1996. I recently went from part-time practice (after my son was born) to closing it down. I now spend more time on a charity I started and am involved in some projects. My son is extremely active with a group of unique (and peculiar) individuals I was privileged to be around. I don’t remember the specifics, but without the rosy compliments. "Eric, I haven’t kept up with anyone from Cranbrook, which I now realize was a mistake. I was so intent on getting into the ‘real world’ that I missed the fact that the “real world” was around me all the time. Thanks for taking on the job of keeping class notes going because it helps me keep track of what’s going on with a group of unique (and peculiar) individuals I was privileged to be around. I don’t remember the last blurb that was place in the class notes on my behalf, so I’m going to back a few years. I came back from a U.S. Air Force Germany assignment in 2000 with my wife, Angela, and new daughter, Christina to Colorado Springs. My second daughter, Kate, was born in 2001. I then became a talk show producer, and she got her dream job at a talk show producer, and she got her dream job...”

Hello, fellow Cranes. Long time, no chat. Sorry about that, but I have been a little busy as I will explain later. I went through my old e-mails and realized I have some outstanding updates to publish, so here it goes. CHRISTOPHER SHILTS wrote: “Carson Merle Shilts was born Aug. 13, her Aunt Amanda’s birthday. 9 lbs., 7 ozs., 21 1/2 inches.” GARY SHORT corresponded as well. “Roots of all Evil, it has been a long time. When I think of Eric Rutin, I think of two things. First, The Kinks. Second, you were one of the best agitators of my childhood. You didn’t give a (censored), and there were too many people at Cranbrook that did. I will always admire your way. You do a great job with our class entry in Tradition….I still live up north (Freetland), married and have two kids. I have a great life. Hope all is well in your world.” I must say, it was an awfully nice e-mail of Gary’s. I think everyone in our class should write nice things about me. I write shortly after but without the rosy compliments. “Eric, I haven’t kept up with anyone from Cranbrook, which I now realize is 2, and Avery is turning 1 in May) and relocated to Grosse Pointe with our two kids, Coalt, 8, and Alston, 6. We recently added to our family by adopting Bear, a 14-month-old chocolate lab. Now we are complete with an A, B and a C. I think I am going to see Dr. Harb before I need to start considering a D. I am working at RBC Wealth Management and looking forward to a better market. Spring break skiing in Vermont can’t come fast enough.”

ARTHUR BORMAN sent the following: “My wife, Mandy, (we’ve been married for almost five years) is a talk show producer, and she got her dream job when she was appointed by Oprah herself to run a new talk show for Dr. Oz. It shoots at 30 Rock in New York, and it was an offer she just couldn’t refuse. So we moved the kids (two of them; Jack is 2, and Avery is turning 1 in May) and relocated to the Upper West Side of Manhattan. It’ll be for at least three years, but could be for good. I know almost no one in New York (secretary’s note: well, he only thinks he knows almost no one, since half our class lives there) and have only visited a handful of times, usually for work, so the whole thing is new for me and also very exciting. I have enjoyed the winter. I was growing very tired of the monotonously temperate winters in the City of Angels. I would love to hear from any classmates in the area and can be reached at ABorman@aol.com.” BLAKE ROCKWELL also moved back to NYC from Chicago in August ‘08 with his wife, Karyn, and their 6-year-old daughter, Lauren, and here is what he had to say: “I was hired as V.P. of Finance by an Internet start-up called WebVet. The Web site (www.webvet.com) is a great resource for pet owners and brings together, in a...”
trusted place, everything from medical information and advancements, to original information and advancements, to original information. I am also deeply involved with the reoccurring role as the primary procurer of exotic pets. The economy has impacted the exotic pet market just as it has Wall Street, automotive and most other industries. However, I have made a few good contacts, and that has been helpful. One of my first sales was to Spencer Pratt. Turns out it was a wedding gift for his secret elopement. He bought a Philippine Tarsier that they call King Tut. My contact with Spencer has been great. He put me in contact with the Kardashians, and I got Kim a chimpanzee, a 3-year-old named Suzy. While Spencer and Heidi are planning to keep King Tut low key, I think Kim is planning on showing off Suzy on her show. And speaking of reality TV, Spencer is quite the entrepreneur and always looking for ways to maximize his "celebrity." He is currently pitching a reality show concept called Monkey Business that will feature a group of "celebrities" and their exotic pets. And I will be included as a recurring role as the primary procurer of the pets. It is amazing how much scripting there is for reality programs. I am just glad I am contributing to the betterment of our society. I am going to be running the Pittsburgh Marathon this May, so if any of our classmates are in the western part of the Keystone State, send me a note. Lynn Madorsky sent me the following updates at Keystone State, send me a note. Lynn Madorsky sent me the following updates at Keystone State, send me a note. Lynn Madorsky sent me the following updates. MADORSKY

"I am in London, finishing my MBA at London Business School. I have been over here since 2007 and have really enjoyed the studies and the travel. One of these days I plan to move back to the U.S., but for now it is on to Derbyshire in two months. If anyone is on the way to the Midlands, let me know." And now on to some more personal updates: FARLEY YANG is still living next door to me in Arizona with his wife, Luci, and two kids, Andrea and Brandon. Luci and Farley work in the same oncology practice and are very busy. It is brutal playing Scrabble with them. I still have to figure out if they are just making up words, or if they are medical terms. Scattered is the great equalizer, since they are horrible at that. He does make an excellent mimosa. His kids are growing fast, as everyone knows. Otherwise he says life is pretty boring, and time moves way too fast. His daughter, Andrea, plays the violin and is quite good at it. Brandon plays Nintendo Wii and is quite good at that, too. Farley wonders which is better for the kids, although the Nintendo is cheaper than the violin lessons. TUCKER WILDMUTH talked to me as well. I actually maintain communication with him, so it wasn’t as formal as the others. Here is what he said: "I have found a new place to get my haircut. It only costs $3. I am working with Joe Morrow ‘84, and that is going well. It allowed me a trip to Brazil where I had a bizarre encounter with piranhas, but that is not to be shared in this forum. I am now a suit and tie fellow and a productive member of society. I have been trying to plan a trip to see Katie Beiter, K’85. As a hobby I have taken up sculpting, and it has grown to more than a hobby. Last October I had my first showing at one of Cora Bettcher’s, K’85, galleries and actually sold several pieces. I also am playing percussion in an ’80s tribute band, Folk of Seagulls, with Joe (lead guitar), Mark Kring ‘84 and Mitzi Houghton, K’85. We play mostly bar mitzvahs and weddings, but it is a lot of fun.” Now on to me. As I said, I have been rather occupied and was not able to submit for the last Tradition. As I had previously reported, I have been working on a new venture of importing and distributing monkeys and other primates. The economy has impacted the exotic pet market just as it has Wall Street, automotive and most other industries. However, I have made a few good contacts, and that has been helpful. One of my first sales was to Spencer Pratt. Turns out it was a wedding gift for his secret elopement. He bought a Philippine Tarsier that they call King Tut. My contact with Spencer has been great. He put me in contact with the Kardashians, and I got Kim a chimpanzee, a 3-year-old named Suzy. While Spencer and Heidi are planning to keep King Tut low key, I think Kim is planning on showing off Suzy on her show. And speaking of reality TV, Spencer is quite the entrepreneur and always looking for ways to maximize his “celebrity.” He is currently pitching a reality show concept called Monkey Business that will feature a group of “celebrities” and their exotic pets. And I will be included as a recurring role as the primary procurer of the pets. It is amazing how much scripting there is for reality programs. I am just glad I am contributing to the betterment of our society. I am going to be running the Pittsburgh Marathon this May, so if any of our classmates are in the western part of the Keystone State, send me a note. Lynn Madorsky sent me the following updates at the eleventh hour, well actually after the eleventh hour: “We reconnected with DAVID ROSS, who is living in Los Angeles, where he owns a set company. David and his wife, Amy, have three children, Jack, 7 months, Caroline, 5, and Andrew, 9. TOM CAPP is living outside of San Francisco and working as a vice president for Esurance. He and his wife, Dawn, just had a baby girl, who is now 6 months old. Class Secretary, Eric Rutin 602-294-6890 • e_rutin@hotmail.com

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One year to go to our 25th year reunion. It’s time to start planning for drinks and chit chat in the quad now. We want to ensure a great 25th year reunion! Many are planning to attend, so keep spreading the word. Here is an update from classmates around the globe. On the Michigan front, ANDREA DINU GUTTILLA is busy being a mom to her two boys, Alessandro, a 6th grader at the Cranbrook Boys Middle School, and Giorgio, a 4th grader at Brookside. She volunteers her time at school at every opportunity and enjoys doing so. She has the pleasure of seeing ROBYN ELSON JACOBSON, CAROLE ILITCH TREPECK, STACY MAY KLEIN and many more Kingswood girls during school pick up, along with Roger Ajluni, C’85, (their 4th graders are best buddies). Jamison Williams Faliski ’86 and Andrea are great friends and neighbors as well. Their children are in the same classes at Cranbrook. She also runs into MOLLY VARBEDIAN about town. Andrea’s husband, Michael, and she plan on going to the quad cocktail party, as they always do and hope to see many of the Class of ’85 there, and we can already imagine Andrea’s infectious laugh and big smile! WENDY KNIGHT IVES will be celebrating 18 years of marriage to her husband, Tim, in July. They have been living in Bloomington, IL, since 1991. They have two sons, Parker, 15, and Steven, 12. Her paint-your-own pottery studio, Artful Designs, is turning 10 in October: www.artfuldesignsonline.com. Wendy also customizes a lot of the pottery herself. They continue to spend most of their summers in Charlevoix, and it still is her most favorite place in the world. The boys and her business keep her very busy. LISA TANN is living in Oak Park, MI. She spends a lot of time volunteering for the Michigan Humane Society and fosters cats and kittens for them. She’s recovering from major back surgery. You can find her on Facebook! ROBYN ELSON JACOBSON’s twins are in 3rd grade; 2 inches and they will be caught up to her height! Her daughter, Bella, is an artist, swimmer and hip hop dancer, and she is looking forward to spending their second summer at sleep over camp in northern Michigan. Her son, Benji, is an athlete, does not take after his mom. He loves tennis, football, soccer and baseball. He’ll be going to a different camp this summer and hitting the tennis tournament circuit. Robyn spends her time running and doing Pilates and is working on a project (she can’t tell us b/c she’d have to kill us, but...
Gradually the past seems further and further away. It’s always fun to get “friend” requests from former Cranbrook or Kingswood graduates.

Marjie Goldman Yaker is still living in Huntington Woods, MI, and has a part-time psychotherapy practice in Troy. Her boys are 7, 9 and 11, and she has been to more baseball, hockey, basketball and soccer games than she thought was humanly possible. Her husband, Josh, and she love to take the kids from time to time to Cranbrook grounds to picnic, walk the dog and throw the football (of course). She hopes to see everyone at our 25th–yikes! From others in the Midwest, Stes Riley is still running her men’s and women’s clothing store in Chicago, which is quite a departure from its previous incarnation as the girly pink Daffodil Hill. Last year she re-named it Riley after her dad and wallpapered one wall with his old scripts. One of them mentions Cranbrook and Bloomfield Hills. All the people that come in from Detroit inquire about it. It’s been a whirlwind, and at the same time a business she loves! Rosalyn Elkins Morton lives in Yorkville, IL, about 40 miles outside of Chicago. She has been working at PricewaterhouseCoopers as an instructional design technologies manager for almost four years now. Rosalyn works out of her house, which is a double-bonus because she has four kids. Not having to put any of them in daycare and travel 1-1/2 hours to and from work every day is quite nice. Her husband, Mikell, works at BP in Naperville, and they’ll be celebrating their 15th wedding anniversary in June. It’s amazing how quickly the time goes by. Her oldest daughter, Mikaela, will be 12 in May, her son, Sanjay, will be 8 in August, her daughter, Zyara, will be 7 in July and her youngest, Reyna, is 4. Although her youngest hasn’t had a chance to visit the campus, she did bring her other three (along with two of her three nieces) a few years back. They had a picnic lunch on the Kingswood campus, walked around the grounds, and she took a moment to shed a few tears for classmates who are no longer with us (Regenea Myrick and Pamela Herbert ’86). Rosalyn’s kids loved the campus and couldn’t believe that she actually went to school AND lived there! They truly enjoy the stories about living in the dorm, primal screams during exam time and jello fights. Her kids especially love the story about the time Rosalyn watched “American Werewolf in London” on the Cranbrook campus, only to then walk back to Kingswood in the dark. Needless to say, the picture of her running through the woods and screaming all the way down the hill because she was afraid that there was a werewolf was totally hilarious to her son. Although she doesn’t get to see too many of our old classmates, she does keep in touch with Paige Malcom ’86 and Sonia Zacharias John. Sonia, her husband, and three beautiful sons were all at Rosalyn’s house in December for a holiday celebration. Sonia makes a fabulous chocolate tiramisu! Since Rosalyn missed the 20-year reunion, she is thinking ahead to 2010 and hoping that she’ll get a chance to see many of our old classmates there. Kip Wayburn Vota is living in Cincinnati (though she still loves Utah) with her husband and three kids, Avery, 7, Nate, 5, and Sam, 4. She owns a jewelry business (you can visit the website: www.cocodesignstudio.com). Kip keeps in touch with Michael Rakotz, C’85, and David Goldman ’88. Kip’s sister, Corie Wayburn ’84, is getting married this March to a great guy, so they are all excited for her. From the East Coast, we received word from several people. Kathy Rewey-Sexton is still VP Creative for Saks.com. Her son, William, is 2 1/2 and big, and between her brother Chip Rewey ’86 and sister Barbara Rewey Newman ’83, she has seven nieces and nephews! It is pretty insane when they all get together but also the best of times. Chrisy Hunt Sui and her husband, Bob, are still in New York. They recently welcomed a new baby boy January 9 – 7 lbs, 6 ounces – Chance Sui. He joins his big sister, Grace, to round out the family. Katie Beitner is New York City as a publicist for Harper Collins. She frequently sees Helaine Scholnick Pruzan and Sharon Stulberg. Sharon is living with her fiancée in New Rochelle, NY, and continues working at Sesame Workshop. Her big news is that she is now blessed with two girls: baby, Sarah, who is nine months, and Caroline, who is two. Jill Foronda Shea is living in New Hampshire in a farm house built in 1852 with her husband, Fred, and their son Connor, 8. They spend their free time renovating their house, riding their three horses and sailing on Lake Winnipesaukee in the summer. Jill works as a systems engineer at BAE Systems. Jenny Taub is living in Northampton, MA, and comes “home” to Michigan often. Each time she returns, she makes a visit to Cranbrook Kingswood. She walks the school grounds from Cranbrook house, down past the hills we sl owed on at Brookside, through the Japanese gardens over to Kingswood, which brings back so many memories. Last summer, her 8–year-old marveled at how much the Cranbrook dining hall resembled a place where Harry Potter might be found. Jenny remains close with Jennie Breitmeyer and Michele Ura, and now with Facebook, she has “friended” many she has not seen in nearly 25 years. Rose Domas is living in Bronxville, NY, with her husband and son. She is working for Avon in New York City and is also planning on heading to the Quad next summer. On the West Coast, Linda Rosenberg reports that she still lives in Los Angeles with her daughter, Carly, 32, and her son, Jared, 30, and is still working as a parent liaison in NICU at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Alyssa Worsley and her husband are still hanging out in Evergreen, CO. Her oldest son just turned 14, is 6 feet tall, and he’s making her feel very OLD! (I think being out almost 25 years is enough to make all of us feel older - or at least wiser!) Her other son is 11, and her daughter is 7 and she’s just wondering where all these kids came from and why they are eating all the food and messing up the house! (It is pretty unbelievable, isn’t it?) And one of these days she and her husband will have time to remember why they got married, but probably not until their daughter is in college – even though she swears she’s never leaving home! HELP! She looks forward to seeing everyone at next summer’s reunion. From across the pond, LUCY Tardew is still living in England and recently passed all her tests to become a Captain with Virgin Atlantic! She’s really enjoying her new job and is going to some new and exciting destinations. Other than that, her family is well. They had just come back from a skiing holiday in France (best snow ever!) and her 10-year-old son is now officially faster and more stylish than she is. He can also trounce her at table tennis, but she is still holding her own on the tennis court! She is hoping we are all going to get together for our 25th next year! Is it really that time already?! If Lucy can travel all the way from the UK to our 25th, the rest of us ought to be there too! Here is what’s up with us…LYNNE Madorsky and her husband, Michael Kraut, are enjoying their girls, Julia, 9, and Caroline, 6. Julia is an artistic fashionista who has tons of friends. Caroline is a competitive soccer player who loves to learn. They are great. Lynne is still working for American Express, designing their web-based reporting solutions for clients. Definitely challenging and interesting! Lynne spent a weekend this winter with Helaine Scholnick Pruzan and her family in the city. They had so much fun and loved having the kids play together. Lynne and Michael ran into David Kall, C’85, and his wife, Susan, at a restaurant in Highland Park this winter – always fun to connect with them. Helaine Scholnick Pruzan still lives in New York and has been working at AIG for seven years – ever heard of it? It’s hard to pick up the paper and not see some news about it! Her daughter Samantha, 3 1/2, started nursery school this year, and her son, Matthew, just turned 2. Helaine and her husband, Michael, are settling into their new apartment that they recently renovated. They were also very happy when both Lynne Madorsky and Carole Ilitch came with their families for a visit. Kirste Knudsen Gaudet lives in Chicago with her family and is busy taking her three wonderful children from one event to another and helping Dave with his production business. Her two boys, Grant and William, play hockey, and her daughter, Morgan, plays basketball. She lives and breathes hockey and basketball! Morgan (her 7th grader) is in ballroom dancing and lately discovered that boys are more interesting! Watch out, Dad! Life is crazy, and they’re making it through these crazy times! It is great to receive e-mails and updates from all of you, so please keep sending them. We want to be sure that the Class of ’85 is well-represented in Tradition at least once a year. We should all reminisce about days past, fill each other in on the present and laugh a lot in the Quad in 2010! We will be sure to communicate details on reunion related events for 2010 as they become available!

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We’ll have to title this edition My class notes deadlines are packed in a moving box, and I’ve been saved by my Facebook friends. We (Alan, Elizabeth and 5 1/2-year-old Clara) have recently returned to Fenton, MI, from nearly two years in Seoul; there are still many boxes to unpack. Andrea Madorsky Greenburg is still alive and well in Stamford, CT, with husband, Rick, and children, Josh, 8, and Sydney, 5. A funny thing happened last spring at her MOMS club banquet. She started talking with the woman sitting next to her, who said that she too had grown up in Michigan. It turned out to be Hallie Levine Sklar ’91, Shira Levine Enstrom’s sister. Andrea has been teaching her in Music Together now for two semesters, and they’re in a book club together! Laura Trevarrow Leland is finding life good but busy in Colorado. Children, Kyra and Ethan, have just finished their hockey seasons and now are focused on skiing as much as possible before the end of that season. Younger, Calder, has started preschool and can’t wait until next year when he can ski and play hockey with his brother and sister. When not doing laundry or chauffeuring, Laura is busy at the kids’ school and enjoying reconnecting with old friends on Facebook. Brett Berk continues his quest to dominate all media with a weekly online car column for Vanity Fair (“Stick Shift”), new weekly online parenting columns for Momlogic (“Guest Blogger: Gay Uncle”) and COOKIE (“Ask the Gay Uncle”) and a new book project about weird automotive communities, tentatively titled “Autopias.” He looks forward to seeing classmate, Leah Umlah Magid, in May when he gives a reading from his critically acclaimed book, “The Gay Uncle’s Guide to Parenting” at the JCC preschool she runs in Anchorage, AK (!), as well as classmates, Jason Reyes and John Przybyski this spring when they teach him how to drive on a track. (Anyone want to join?) Please visit him at www.brettberk.com. Beth Ann Locke is still adjusting to the incongruity of being a part of the military-industrial complex (at BRTRC in Warren). But since it is one of the few sectors of the Michigan economy that’s thriving, she has decided to quit being so existential about it and just be grateful. In a shameless plug on behalf of the Alumnae Association, Beth suggests local alumnae watch their inboxes for information on upcoming social events. Due to the ever-present and previously mentioned Facebook, Beth is enjoying reconnecting with people she hasn’t heard from in ages, including Brett Berk. She is still trying “to wrangle (him) into a fighting vehicle of some sort, because I think it would make for an excellent installment of “Stick Shift.”” She can also be found on Twitter, having succumbed to, I believe, the coolness factor of NPR’s Daniel Schorr. Finally, special thanks to Rupa Patel Nunamaker, who sent news of her own accord, under no duress at all! She and her family are doing well in Redington Beach, FL. Her son, Justin, is in 4th grade now. They recently started running, and since October 2008, Rupa has run 4 halves. Her husband ran his first full marathon in October as well and has now run a total of 3 fulls and one half. Justin also runs, and at only nine years old has run in almost 25 -5K races already. Thanks to everyone – next time we’ll be out of the box, as it were… and feel free to give us a call on the phone, Vonage or Skype; send a note or sms; friend us or tweet at us. Rewards will be given to the best 40th birthday stories in the next installment.

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It’s hard to believe it’s been almost 20 years since we graduated from Cranbrook. As you should all know, our 20th reunion is scheduled for June 5-7. This should be a great chance to reconnect with some old friends. The weekend will be filled with some great activities starting on Friday with a cocktail party for the reunion classes at Williams Nataatorium from 6-8 p.m., followed by more cocktails at Chen Chow restaurant in Birmingham. On Saturday, Cranbrook will host a number of events including a fun run, campus tours, alumni sporting events and a family BBQ at Kingswood Lake. These should be great opportunities to see old friends and meet their families. More details on those events will follow. Of course, the cocktail party in the Quad will be held Saturday afternoon from 5-8 p.m. and our class picture will be taken that evening. When your invitation comes, we encourage everyone to sign up for dinner in the Quad so we can all catch up and enjoy the meal together. Following the reunion in the Quad, Nick Coburn has graciously offered to host a reunion party for the class of ’89 at his house in Bloomfield Hills. It is within walking distance of the Quad, and I’m sure it will be a fun and memorable event. A number of you already have volunteered to assist with the reunion planning, but we would love to have more volunteers. We’ll need help tracking down lost alumni and encouraging classmates to attend the festivities. We’ll also likely need help with logistical items as the events get closer. If anyone is interested, please contact Liz or me at the numbers and e-mails below. Also, if anyone has any pictures from our days at Cranbrook that they would like to share, please send them to us as well. I’m not sure what we’ll do with them yet, but we’ll think of something fun and not too embarrassing.

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This is it everyone – our 20th reunion! Where did the time go? First off, I’ve got baby news from Melissa Chang Thompson. She and husband, Kevin, welcomed daughter, Isabelle Mae, on Feb. 11. Isabelle weighed in at 8 pounds 8 ounces and is very, very adorable. Sarah Schultz is nearly done with graduate school, where she’s studying to be a deaconess and is anxiously awaiting word on where she’ll be placed. She’ll find out at the end of May and is hoping to stay in the Midwest or go to the East Coast. She’ll also be attending a conference during reunion weekend. “I’ll miss seeing everyone,” she says. Lisa Rubino Stief checked in to say that she, her husband, Eric, and three kids, Rosalie, 7, Alex, 5, and Gretchen, 2, are doing well. She’s a stay-at-home mom but teaches aerobics and a kids’ exercise class on the side. And for those who love good music, Carrie Nosanchuk Shepard continues to grace the stages of Royal Oak with her performances. She played a show at Oak City Grille in March. As for reunion weekend, you hopefully received a letter from me and Erik Stamell outlining plans for a festive Friday night gathering in downtown Birmingham and a post-Quad Party gathering on Saturday night, in addition to all of the regularly-scheduled Cranbrook events. If you haven’t already, please let either me or Erik know if you’ll be attending. Also, please, please, if you’re on Facebook, be sure to join the CK Class of 1989 group. It will make it a lot easier to get the word out to everyone on any last-minute reunion updates. Looking forward to seeing you this June!

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When considering all of the news related to the auto industry in recent months, I am sure each of your minds has wandered back to Detroit and our days at Cranbrook. The auto industry and Detroit are synonymous for most, just as Cranbrook and Detroit are for all of us. Please mark your calendars, as soon it will be June 2010, and we will all join together in the Cranbrook Quad to celebrate our 20th reunion. I received a nice note from David Grand, who is a partner...
in the Ann Arbor office of Miller Canfield. David has a litigation practice focused on representing the NCAA in its antitrust matters of which there have been many in the seven years that David has been involved. David writes, "One of the highlights of my career so far was deposing Bobby Knight in connection with the NIT’s lawsuit against the NCAA a few years ago. I was also on the team of lawyers who obtained a successful jury verdict in last summer’s ‘J.T. LeRoy’ hoax-of-the-century trial in the Manhattan Federal District Court. If you are like me and not familiar with the case, Google “J.T. LeRoy’ and ‘trial.’" David and his wife, Julie, met at the University of Michigan while David was in law school and Julie was earning her master’s from the School of Public Health. After living away from Ann Arbor for two years, David and Julie moved back in 2001 and have been loving it ever since. Their daughter, Madeline, is 3½, and Julie was to have delivered a baby boy by the time of this writing. The Grands live just south of campus, which makes for a really fun environment, particularly on football Saturdays. SUE GUNDERSON MCCREADIE lives one block away, and the Grand family sees Sue and her two little girls frequently. Grand, I remember fondly your lifeguarding days at Jonah. Those were good times. DAVID COHEN, as an assistant coach, was part of Cranbrook soccer’s milestone win over Detroit Country Day last fall. Coho said it was the first time in his 13 years of having been associated with Cranbrook soccer that he had defeated Country Day. KEVIN CLOUTIER continues with Winston & Strawn in Chicago in their Labor and Employment group. He and his wife, Christina, are raising two beautiful kids, Declan and Madeline. I had the good fortune of being able to stop by Kevin and Christina’s house last summer while in Chicago and spend some time with all of the Cloutiers. GREG LALAS is in Brooklyn and still freestyles as both a print and electronic journalist with outlets such as SI.com, MLSNet.com, Penthouse Magazine and the New England Revolution TV broadcasts as color commentator. Greg sees TODD KESSELLER frequently around NYC and has also crossed paths with ART TAVEE, COREY PODOLSKY and JAKE RADCLIFF in recent months. MATT PROWSE is still in Vail, CO, and is raising twin 2-year-old boys, Hank and Will, with his wife, Bean. Matt is the owner of a fish flying shop in Denver by the name of Charlie’s Fly Box, but he is not guiding trips anymore due to a serious motorcycle accident three years ago. Matt has turned to golf and is spending the winter in Naples, FL. He mentioned that he was shocked to hear recently that Kevin Cloutier has changed his NHL loyalties from the Red Wings to the Blackhawks. Craig and KELLY SPENCE WANDOFF are carrying on in Palm Beach, FL, and had a baby girl, Sadie, in mid-February. Sadie joins big brothers, Charlie and George. CHRIS KEOGH and family have been in Beijing for two years, where he works for Goldman Sachs’ Chinese joint venture, Gao Hua. Chris said his kids have become Mandarin speakers, and that his youngest, Tatum, speaks better Mandarin than English. The Keghjs enjoyed the Olympics in China last summer, and even from Beijing Keogh keeps tabs on his beloved Blackhawsks and has been pleased the way Toewes, Kane and Versteeg have the Hawks looking toward the playoffs this year. I am very proud to report that my wife, Jan-Marie, delivered our second little girl in early January. Claire McClelland Kroh checked into the world at 6:30 a.m. on January 6, weighing 8 lbs, 9 ounces and measuring 20 inches. Big sister, Caroline, is thrilled to have Claire around and is already showing her the ropes. Please let me know what is happening in your lives and what classmates you come in contact with. I would love to pass your news along to the rest of the class. Aim High!

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Now that my little one has started sleeping through the night, I’m a little more coherent as I write this. But I’m still grateful for Facebook as a means to connect with friends. So let’s start this out with an update that’s maybe more from the Brookside class of 1985. TINO BEHR has lived outside of Boulder, CO, for over 10 years now, for the last seven years doing artistic and sculptural metalwork of all types. Now he works with a small company called Equinox, designing and building robotic telescopes for universities. GAYLE FREIDMAN is married and still in the Detroit area, in Huntington Woods. She has a 2-year-old daughter, Madeline Belle. When not busy being a mom, she runs a video production company that specializes in documentary, non-profit and corporate programming. KATE FITZPATRICK is out in Bend, OR, working for the Deschutes River Conservancy, a river conservation group that is like a land trust, similar to a land trust but for water. She’s married to Steve Arnold, and they have a 1½-year-old son, Kellen. We play in the snow a lot, and life is generally great. After Brookside, ROBERT KLOW moved to Vero Beach, FL, until he graduated from the University of Florida. In 1998 he moved back to Michigan to work on another degree at Hope College and figured out that he was called to seminary. So in 1999, he started grad school at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. During grad school he married Katherine Randall (from Midland, MI). They have three kids, Gerrit, 5, Zoe, 3, and Blake, who was born in March. He and his wife are both pastors and have just left Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church in Louisville after being in ministry there for 11 years. They are now in West Simpsonville, a suburb of Greenville, SC, where they are starting a new church and expect to have their first worship service in the fall. It’s been great to reconnect with some folks I haven’t heard from in as much as 20 years. I’ve also heard from some with whom it hasn’t been quite that long. URSULA KIENBAUM lives in Portland, OR, with her husband, Jason Reynolds. They met in Montana after college and moved to Portland in 2001 after Jason graduated with his master’s in chemistry. Ursula started law school at Lewis & Clark College at that time and now practices labor and employment law at Littler Mendelson. She’s taking the year off to spend time with her twins, Ila and Oskar, who were born this past September. She had tea and pie with JANE VAN DAM, who lives in her neighborhood, and also exchanged e-mails with Angie Goss. I ran into RICHARD UTARNACHIT at ROCHELLE CORTEZ’s wedding last year but didn’t report a full update for him. He moved to Seattle in June 2008 and is currently on the faculty at Harborview Medical Center/University of Washington School of Medicine, working as an emergency medicine physician. TIA SIMONI has been living and teaching in Milwaukee since 2004. Right now she teaches the core academics (and some art history!) to 8th graders at a small charter school in the city, and she is working toward her M.A. in special education. LESLIE PAPPAS UNGAR got married about a year ago to Nathaniel Ungar. She was living in New Jersey at the time but moved to Cincinnati where he was completing a Ph.D. in human factors engineering, which is the study of how technology and human psychology interface with one another. Currently they are living in Jerusalem, Israel, for an extended one-year honeymoon. Before moving to Cincinnati, she worked at a non-profit organization in NYC and ran their youth philanthropy program, which teaches children about the value of charity and giving back to their communities both from a hands-on and philanthropic perspective. Prior to that, she practiced law at a mid-sized Manhattan law firm but realized that if she was spending so much time at her job, she needed to find something that was more meaningful and where she could make a difference! ANNE SWAN has been living in New York since she switched coasts in 2004. Last year she worked at NBC producing the series Eco Trip, an environmental documentary show for the Sundance Channel. This spring she graduated from Columbia with an MFA in fiction, and she’s excited to see where work and writing take her next. ELIZABETH BELLALOUNA THOMPSON lives in South Lyon with her three kids: Peter, 6, is in 1st grade, Helena is almost 4, and Julia is almost 2. She is in the second year of a doctoral program in social work and developmental psychology at the University of Michigan and hopes that she finally knows what she wants to do when she grows up. She writes, “If anyone is ever in Ann Arbor, they should look me up! I’ll be there until at least 2012. Dear god.” JASON CANNER and his wife, Janie, are back in Chicago. He is finally done with training and is a pediatric hematologist/ oncologist. In December, they welcomed their son, Max Andrew, to Chicago as well and are very busy feeding him, changing diapers and watching him change day by day. PHOEBE FREER joined the faculty at Harvard Medical School and works at Massachusetts General Hospital as a radiologist, specializing in breast cancer. ANNE MARIE GALACZ HALL is staying busy with her 18-month-old daughter, Grace Anne, and husband, Jerry. She manages the salon and spa at Saks, where she’s worked for the past eight years. They live in downtown Birmingham and love being able to walk into town. She is taking ballet classes with ERIC SCHWAB’s wife, Michelle, and is enjoying getting back into dancing. They see JEN COBB MIDDLETON and her children, Hadley and Chase, when they come in town. Grace always enjoys her play time with them. They also had a great visit with MICHELLE TISEO REICH and...
At age 26, Jonny Imerman was diagnosed with an aggressive form of testicular cancer. His treatment included a chemotherapy regimen that decimated his immune system and lasted nearly five months. A year after treatment ended, the cancer returned in the form of four tumors along Imerman’s spine. A complex but successful surgery helped him beat the disease and today he is cancer-free.

“Imerman began introducing himself and spending time with those patients. “People wanted to talk,” he says. Even after his treatment ended and his health returned, Imerman continued the visits, trying to build a one-man support system for patients on their own.

Despite his best efforts, Imerman realized something more was needed. What if, he thought, a 60-year-old woman fighting breast cancer could talk to another 60-year-old woman who had survived it? In 2004, Imerman founded Imerman’s Angels, a name his mother coined, to do exactly that: match cancer survivors one-on-one with those fighting the disease.

“We’re building a system to match every single type of cancer, every stage, every kind of treatment, every age,” he says. “And our goal is to turn attitudes 180 degrees. You’ve got to believe you’re going to walk out of that clinic one day, and know that it’s more than possible, it’s probable.”

In its first year, 17 survivors participated. Today, there are more than 1,500, making it the largest one-on-one support network in existence. Each day, Imerman and his two co-workers, both cancer survivors themselves, field calls from people in need. “We’ll spend 20 to 30 minutes talking and getting to know them,” Imerman says. That person is then matched with a compatible survivor. When it comes to the relationship between survivor and fighter, “the system is flexible. It’s completely driven by the needs of the fighter. One person may have questions and just want to talk for a couple of hours, then that’s the end. What’s more common, though, is an ongoing relationship.

Some people talk every day.”

Imerman ultimately hopes to provide every cancer fighter in the United States with free access to a survivor within 24 hours of diagnosis. Those early moments are key, he says. “If someone’s diagnosed with advanced lung cancer, the first thing they do is go online and read very devastating statistics. We want them to talk to someone right away who has survived.”

In the future, Imerman would like to see the network grow and plans to expand efforts to spread the word. “We have 300 amazing volunteers helping to get the word out,” Imerman says. “And we have 1,500 survivors around the world who are a strong voice for us.”

Imerman counts two Cranbrook alumni among those helping get the word out: Jason Canner, CK’92, and Brad Keywell, CK’87, are both board members.

Imerman’s own personal connection with Cranbrook remains strong. Most recently, he spent an afternoon on campus talking to Upper School boys about testicular cancer and his work with Imerman’s Angels. A Cranbrook lifer, he also volunteers as 1994 boys’ class secretary, attends Cranbrook Network gatherings in Chicago and remains close to a tight-knit circle of Cranbrook friends, all of whom, he says, “were always there for me.” He adds, “I have nothing but positive memories of Cranbrook. From junior kindergarten all the way through, I always loved it.”

Having survived a devastating illness, Imerman says, “I feel lucky to be alive and also lucky to do what I want to do. Imerman’s Angels would not be possible if I or the other two people in the office with me hadn’t gone through what we went through. We love what we do.”
and son, Curtis

AFTER, Sikia Stevens, CK’95, her husband and son, Curtis

her daughter over the holidays! Speaking of Michelle, she lives in Colorado Springs with her husband, Dan and their 3rd grader, Hannah. When she’s not busy running her shuttle service for active 3rd graders, she’s working in her community. She sits on the corporate board for Newborn Hope Inc., a Colorado 501(c) 3 non-profit, dedicated to aiding pre-maturity prevention through research, training and education. Once the snow melts, she plans on spending as much time as she can with her family at their cabin outside of South Park (yes, the real South Park!), hiking, fishing and making s’mores. She says that if anyone ever finds themselves along the Front Range, they should give her a call to catch up! BECKY BROOKS HACKETT has returned to L.A. after a year in New York and continues to work for ET and The Insider, but she was back in New York in April for the MS Walk, almost a year to the day after her own MS diagnosis. ERIC KUSHNER has gone free agent. After 8+ years at Airfoil PR, he set off on his own and is now offering marketing consulting, strategic communications, vendor selection and project management under the Project Two Paths, Ltd. moniker. He's already launching a tech start-up, re-branding an anesthesiology group and representing one side of a proxy battle. TIM CHOW writes to say that, in complete defiance to the recession, he has decided to take a sabbatical this year for five months. He recently returned from a week’s meditation retreat in Rishikesh, India, and hopes to take some similar travels while he is off – sort of a modified “Eat, Pray, Love” type adventure. THERESA RONQUILLO is teaching at the University of Washington. By the time you read this, HOLLY OMANSIEK will have visited her in Seattle, and together they are going to head to the Bay Area to visit ANABEL KIM. Her daughter, Gabi, is going to be 2 in May, and her modest mother writes, “She’s so freaking smart and funny it’s amazing.” CANDICE TOLL AARON and her husband, Brent, have been keeping busy rehabbing the 170-year-old cow barn that they live in. They were visited by Meg Ferron in the new house. Candice was made a partner at her firm (Saul Ewing) last year. She reconnected with ERICKA KEMP-PAINEN through Facebook. They had dinner in New York, where Ericka, the newly-minted yoga teacher, recently moved. Congrats to NATALIE HARRIS SENNE and MEG RICHARD FERDON, who are expecting their first and second offspring in late summer. Also, congrats to: ELISHEVA (Betsy White) BLUM on the birth of Itai Yochai Blum in October; KATE ZLYA on the birth of Jacob, the inaugural-going infant in January; EVAN SHAPIRO on his new son, and JASON FORSBERG on the birth of Derek in January. And thanks to SETH WENIG, JASON GUMENICK, EVAN MOEN and KATIE MCCANN for checking in and saying hi as well. Finally, I’m enjoying the still-new-ish fatherhood with my nearby-mobile daughter, Meredith. Check out the Facebook group for our class, which is getting updated a lot more frequently than the class web site at the moment.

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Hello, Ladies! It was great to hear from some of you this time that we haven’t heard from in a long time! We have some news and some photos, so here goes. REBECCA PADNOS ALTIMIRANO and her husband, Antonio, welcomed twin boys in May 2008. Although they were born two months early, both Isaac and Ethan are doing great. They live in Menlo Park, CA, near San Francisco and love it there. Rebecca is taking some time off from her job as an administrator of a small charter high school in East Palo Alto, where she was a founding teacher. In the fall of 2008 she collaborated with a few other teachers and Stanford folks on writing a book about the school. They expect that it will be published in 2010. Besides tying up loose ends with the book project, she says she keeps busy with being a mom and practicing yoga. Congratulations, Rebecca! MARCY ROSEN also has exciting news to report. She was married in October 2008 and honeymooned in Costa Rica. SIKIA STEVENS sent us a photo of her family. She, her husband, and her 5-year-old son, Curtis, live in Cincinnati, OH, where she is a senior business analyst with an insurance company. She is still playing basketball on occasion – if there is any energy left after chasing her son around. She is still in close contact with DAYNOR BUTLER CARMAN, who is her son’s
Congratulations are in order for KATE BAINBRIDGE too, who sent news that she and her soul mate will be getting married on Aug. 14, 2010. She is living and teaching in the Seattle area. Congratulations, Kate!

HILLARY STEPHENSON is living in Los Angeles, and she was awarded the Frederick P. Lenz Fellowship in Buddhism and American Culture and Values and will be a scholar-in-residence at Naropa University in Boulder, CO, next fall. She says this fellowship will be used for her dissertation research in Zen Buddhism and diversity. That’s all the news we gathered at this time around, so please feel free to drop us a line anytime and let us know where you are living and what you are up to. Although I am somewhat horrified that it has almost been 15 years since we all graduated, I too am looking forward to seeing everyone next summer at the reunion!

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CK1996

Greetings, Class of 1996! I hope that you are all doing well! I have recently become addicted to Facebook! Thankfully, it has helped me keep in touch with our classmates, and I think I have more updates now than we have had in a long time! Please keep them coming.

ASHANI COLLINS O’MARD mentioned that she and her family relocated to Cincinnati two years ago. She is working in real estate development for a firm called “The Model Group” that focuses on urban development in Cincinnati and northern Kentucky. Ashani has a 15-month-old, Christopher Malik, and is expecting another addition this summer! KYLE MARSHALL wrote to say that he and his wife, Kerry, are coming up on their 6th anniversary in July. He is also graduating from Xavier with his MBA in May. BRIANNA WILLIAMS WILLS reports that she and her husband, BRIAN WILLS, have added another baby to their family. Charlotte Victoria Wills was born on Nov. 22. They are still in Madison, WI, where Brian is currently interviewing for hand/shoulder/elbow orthopedic surgery fellowships all over the eastern U.S. Their twins, Calder and Grayson, are almost 4. Brianna says “they keep us on our toes” and that having twin boys and a newborn is an “interesting” experience! EMILY KAPPEN LIKENS has started her B.S. in midwifery at the Midwives College of Utah. She is helping deliver babies at home and loving it! Emily reports that her husband and four boys are doing great, and life is good! JACKIE BETHEA CUYERS says her baby boy, Felix, just turned 1, and Jasper just turned 3. She is busy helping women entrepreneurs launch and grow their businesses in Chicago and western Michigan and helping small businesses market and promote themselves through her marketing company, Little Black Dress Media LLC. Jackie reports that she saw JENNIFER CHEUNG when she came to visit recently and BRAD HIBBARD when he came to the kid’s birthday party! She also reports having a “great time” at BRIAN RAZZAQUE’s wedding this past summer along with the Hibbards and JOHN COOKE. She also visited with SARAH HYDUKE when she swung through Chicago. ERIK CARLSON is graduating in May from the Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago as one of the last steps towards a career in the Unitarian Universalist ministry. Erik spent all of last year working for three recovering churches in New Orleans and is interested in pursuing hospital chaplaincy as well as parish ministry. In August, Erik will wed Kimberlee Anne Tomczak, an elementary school art teacher and ceramic artist in Madison, WI. Erik continues to write and perform music and maintains an online portfolio available at http://www.facebook.com/l.php?u=http://erikdavid.com. STEPHEN THURMON reports that “things are good here. We close on our house in West Bloomfield and will be glad when the boxes are gone and everything is organized.” His son, Aubrey, will be 4 in July and begins basketball at the YMCA. His daughter, Roslyn, will be 2 in June. MELISSA BURSTEIN says that ADRIANNE LAULE was married last summer in the Turks, and that STEPHANIE PORTER is now living in Chicago. HEATHER KAMINS was married last summer in the Turks, and that STEPHANIE PORTER is now living in Chicago. HEATHER KAMINS was married last summer in the Turks, and that STEPHANIE PORTER is now living in Chicago.

Congratulations are in order for HEATHER FRABOTTA CORS who is expecting her second child (a girl) in June! I recently caught up with her for her son, Griffin’s, 2-year birthday when she was in Michigan. They are still living in Chicago, and Bianca is enjoying being a mom to such a cutie! KRISTIN BECKER MUSHOVIC and her husband, Nick, had another baby on Dec. 8. Her name is Sofia Faith Mushovic. Congratulations, Kristin.

JAIME NEWMAN wrote in to tell us that she “spent much of 2008 on the road working.” She was in Bogota, Colombia, shooting a FOX series for six weeks, then onto Vancouver for four months acting in the series, “Eureka,” which will begin airing in August 2009. She also did two episodes of “3rd Rock,” causing much stir in her family. Jaime is currently shooting the ABC pilot, “Eastwick,” based on “The Witches of Eastwick.” Sounds like you have been very busy, Jaime!

CHRIS WOLFRAM TAYLOR gave birth to her second child, Christopher, in November 2008. Isabella is a very proud big sister. Chrissy is still working as the editor of Metromix Connecticut and praying that she survives this awful economy. Her husband, Jamie, still works at ESPN. Chrissy says that “they really want to move back to the Midwest to be closer to family!” As for me, Andy and I are having a fantastic time with our 7-month-old, Roger! He is so much fun, and every day is a new experience. I am still working in a private pediatric practice and loving it. Other than the cold Michigan weather, things are really great! Please send updates! You can contact me on Facebook or my e-mail!

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CK1998

Class, a quick note of congratulations to MANCI LASSER-FEARN on the birth of her son, Joseph Walter, in December, and to ZACH and ILANA KOHEN LISS on the birth of their daughter, Lily, in February. Also, MEGAN MURPHY married Christopher Gandolfi on Jan. 17 and will reside in Warren, MI. As always, you can
It is hard to believe that this summer we will be gathering for our 10 year reunion! I am looking forward to seeing many of you there. Ethan Orley will not be able to make the reunion as he will be on his honeymoon, although he wishes he could have seen everyone. He and fiancée, Laurel, are planning a May wedding. They reside in New York City. Speaking of weddings, Steve Strickland is engaged to Julie Martin from Cincinnati, OH. Steve and Julie are getting married in October. Steve is living in Washington, D.C., and working for Clark Construction. He is currently on assignment in Alexandria, VA, at the Department of Defense. Elise Halajian is engaged to Stockton Mayer, and the couple is planning an August 2010 wedding. Elise will be graduating this spring from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine and starting her residency at UIC/Illinois Masonic Family Medicine Residency Program this summer. Megan Cobb gave birth to her daughter, Amara Nyomi, 6 lbs and 8 oz, 19 inches, on December 28. Mother and daughter are moving to East Lansing in July where Megan will begin medical school. Brad Crotty was recently selected as chief medical resident at a hospital in Boston, where is doing a research fellowship studying web-based technology on patient care. Michael Siegel and his fiancée, Bianca Gruber, became engaged last October. Michael matched for his ophthalmology residency at Kresge Eye Institute at Wayne State/DMC. The couple will be spending the spring traveling to Turkey, Austria, Paris, Berlin and Dresden before they both begin their residencies. Adam Miller is in his second year of school for his doctorate at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, IA, where he teaches gross anatomy to incoming students and sits on the academic standing committee as a student representative. He is also part of the worldwide congress of chiropractic students, which will involve a trip to New Zealand later this year. He looks forward to seeing many of you at reunion, as do I. Until then, best regards.

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The start of another year finds the Class of 2001 involved in numerous activities extending from the classroom to the workplace. Aarti Reddy is in the midst of her second year at Harvard Law School and loves living in Boston. She will be doing an internship with a law firm in Washington, DC, this summer. Aarti frequently sees Steven Gee and Jen Schanes ‘02. Natalie Baum is living in Arlington, VA, and working on her dual masters in conflict analysis and resolution and social work at George Mason University. She is interested in working in public policy reform in Washington, DC, with a focus on decreasing institutional racism, revolutionizing foster care, advocating for GLBTQ equal rights and assisting people caught in structural violence. Sherri Berger finished her master’s in library science from the University of Illinois and has moved to the Bay Area where she is working for the California Digital Library. Lindsay Tiemeyer is currently living in Georgetown while working for a commercial real estate firm in downtown Washington, DC, and has passed the Maryland State Bar. Congratulations, Lindsay! Courtney Ciuollo passed the Michigan State Bar and is working as an associate lawyer at The Miller Law Firm. She ran in the New York Marathon in November and placed in the top third of the competition. Congratulations, Courtney! She had the opportunity to spend time with Lauren Wynns, Shreya Desai and Errin Simpkins on various occasions. Errin is enjoying her job as a first year associate at Reed Smith in Washington, DC. She has been spending time with Chandler Swope and was fortunate to be able to attend the inauguration festivities. Congratulations are in order as many of our classmates will be tying the knot! Maya Lang will be getting married to Johnathan Goree in Nassau, Bahamas, on June 13. They will be celebrating with family and friends on a cruise. Maya will be starting law school this fall. Nina Nikpour was recently engaged and has begun a career in finance. She frequently spends time with Brooke Allman in New York City. Najat Hamid is engaged to her longtime friend, Jamie, with a wedding planned for June 2010. She has been extremely busy but is really enjoying her clinical rotations at the Cleveland Clinic, particularly working in obstetrics/gynecology and psychiatry. She will finish this summer with her master’s and physician assistant certificate to practice medicine. Najat hopes to move to the Washington, DC, area to be closer to her sister, Noura Hamid ‘03, who currently lives in New York City with her husband and is attending graduate school at Columbia University. Tabatha Pasley moved to Houston and will be getting married October 10. Libby Flores, Martina Sanders-Spight, Kimberly Dowdell, and Andrea Pope are all bridesmaids! Ada Boettcher was selected for the rank of Captain and will pin on her new rank in June. She is also eagerly awaiting orders to the United Kingdom where she will be an exchange officer with the Royal Air Force. Until the move, Ada is taking classes towards a master of science in management through Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Amy Meisner has been extremely busy working overtime on a new hit show, “Fringe,” scheduled to air this fall. She is looking forward to reconnecting with classmates in June at the reunion. Gabriela Zapata continues her work as a social worker in Chicago in the HIV field. Her band will also be touring the Midwest and filming their second music video, which contains choreographed hip hop mixed with jazz dance and poi (fire spinning). The video will air on LOGO. Kirsten Johnson is working as a producer and camerawoman for Associated Press Television in their Mexico City bureau. She covered her first hurricane last year in Baja California Sur. Her most recent project involved a trip to the Galapagos Islands to do a series of feature reports on ecotourism topics. Katie Mecsey continues to teach in Alaska on an island in the Bering Strait. Two of her students have been recognized in a state-wide essay competition. She has had the pleasure to see many polar bears and whales and is eager to go crabbing in the spring. I will be graduating from Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine in May and have accepted a year internship in equine medicine and surgery at a private practice outside of San Diego. I frequently spend time with Jennifer Beninson who began her veterinary clinical rotations in January. Best of luck and continued success. Please remember to send me your updated contact information.

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From across the country and around the world
company in Orange County and living in Newport Beach, CA. He runs into AARON ROSENAUS and LEXI WARD every now and then. WILLIAM WALLACE sends a hello from sunny San Diego. HOLLY ZAFIAN is enjoying Austin, TX; even more so now that she has LAUREL WAMSLEY’s company. Laurel has started some freelance writing and radio producing in Austin, following up her stint at National Public Radio as producer for NPR’s Elections Unit.

Midwest classmates: LINDSAY ULREY has ventured back to Michigan from Los Angeles, where she is attending the Ross School of Business at U-M. She is very excited to be a part of the first class to make use of the new LEED certified building on campus while pursuing her MBA. Lindsay is enjoying the Midwest charm again and has loved catching up with OLIVIA SPIRO, ANNE LITTMAN and LAUREN KESHIISHIAN. Congratulations to KRISTEN BAIARDI for passing the Michigan bar in November! She is now working at Abbott Nicholson, PC in Detroit, quite an accomplishment. AQUAN GRANT and her high school sweetheart have tied the knot! Congratulations, Aquan and Jason! She has moved into their home in Eastpointe and is working at Winans Academy as a science and Spanish teacher while she finishes up her educational leadership degree at Wayne State. Wedding bells also rang for ADRIENNE BECKER SEVILLA in December! Congratulations, Adrienne and Arthur. They live in Chicago where Arthur works for Kraft as a brand manager, and Adrienne is finishing up her second year of law school at Loyola. East Coast classmates: AARON MELAAS has been enjoying his work at a consulting firm in DC but does enjoy travel whenever he can escape. Thanksgiving was met with a trip to South Africa where he visited Cape Town and Addo Elephant National Park in the Eastern Cape. Shortly after his return he joined 1-2 million of his closest friends on the National Mall for the Inauguration of President Barack Obama. He looks forward to visiting his brother, Eli ’04, at Boston University, where he is working towards his graduate degree in geography and environmental science. ARTURO OSORIO has been maintaining his career as a business consultant in Philadelphia and loving every moment of it. As for me, I have been taking advantage of some travel opportunities and ventured to Asia with my sister, Jennifer Heath ‘00. I met up with her in Hong Kong, and we traveled on to Bangkok, Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh. While in Bangkok I stayed with PARKER LYNCH, who is teaching at an elementary school in the city. I am looking forward to being a part of the 40th Wilderness expedition this year. I’m anxious to see all the alums who seem to be coming back for the experience. Thank you for all of you who wrote in. It’s always exciting to hear your stories and news, so please keep us posted!

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Five years have already passed since we left Cranbrook grounds as seniors, and now we are already approaching our official five-year reunion. Wherever we are it often feels as though we are somewhat still connected, whether it is through best friends or by random encounters with classmates and often times even other alumni. I hope that everyone has been doing well these past few years and have been reaching all of their respective goals. Just recently, I ran into NICK BUDZYN, who is currently finishing his degree from Wayne State University and also training for the Boston Marathon. In Boston, ELI MELAAS is attending graduate school at Boston University for geography and environmental science. He enjoys the East Coast and also had the chance to see fellow graduates, DANIEL VANDERKOLK and DANE ROOK, on a recent trip to New York City. On the other side of the states, MICHAEL CUTRIGHT graduated from Princeton this past June (B.A. Summa Cum Laude in French and Italian) and was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Society. He moved to Los Angeles and did an internship in production at Warner Bros. Studios and then at Focus Features, acting as an executive assistant. After eight
months, he has decided to pursue other options and is looking for interesting international travel opportunities. If you have any ideas, feel free to give him a shout. I also had the chance to speak with CHRISTIAN OHANIAN, who graduated from University of Chicago and is not finishing up his first year of law school at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In Illinois, JOSH CLAUSE attended Illinois Wesleyan University where he chaired a committee that opened a campus thrift store, and he has since graduated from IWU. He will continue to serve as a member of the board of directors while he remains in Bloomington. Currently, he works as an assistant residence hall coordinator and is pursuing a master’s degree in college student personnel administration at Illinois State University. In Virginia, JASON ROPELLE is finishing up his bachelor’s degree in aerospace engineering and will continue to work on a master’s degree the following fall. Over the past year he has been doing a lot of research in computational fluid dynamics. During the coming summer he will return to Gulfstream Aerospace in Savannah, GA, where he will also try to get a bit of flying in as he continues to work towards his instrument pilot rating. During the summer of 2008, HENRY JULICHER was accepted to work in Germany as an intern at www.geruxx.de, an online seller of airline tickets to, from and within Russia. He worked in marketing, business development and sales. He really enjoyed his time in Berlin and hopes to call it home once again. To further Henry’s German speaking abilities, he was one of 75 individuals selected nation-wide to participate in the Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals Fellowship in 2009. He will once again spend a full year in Germany, studying, working and improving his German language abilities. Back in Michigan, TOM LAGRASSO currently lives in Royal Oak and is a graduate of Babson College with a bachelor’s degree with a emphasis on family business. He works for the family business, and this past summer Tom and his fraternity brother, Will, traveled to Singapore to visit another fraternity brother who lives there and traveled to Thailand and Bali. His three-week trip was his last fling before starting a lifetime of travel. Other Cranbrook athletes who have moved through the year if you have any updates!

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Greetings to my fellow classmates of 2008. It’s hard to believe that almost an entire year has now passed since we left Cranbrook, but the time has come for our first class notes. I would first like to introduce myself and MICHAEL KUNDAK-COWALL as new and returning members. It is our duty to stay in contact with all of you and to write about the members of our class in these notes. Many things have happened since we graduated, not just in our lives but in the world at large. However, I thought that it would be good to simply reflect upon the accomplishments of our classmates whom we have heard from. Former Cranbrook basketball standout XANDER STREK has taken his game to the college level at Grinnell. This year his team had the honor of being named the Midwest Conference Champions of the regular season. Other Cranbrook athletes who have moved on to college sports include JUSTIN CAMERON and ANDREW ROCHE, who are playing football at Kalamazoo College and Hillsdale College, respectively. JAKE FRIEDMAN is currently playing Junior A hockey with the NAHL’s Motor City Machine. This past October, NICHOLAS GERSCH (Kalamazoo College) ran in the Detroit Marathon, and he is currently training to run in another marathon and possibly two triathlons in the spring. NICK ANDERSEN (UNC) accomplished the Outbound backpacking course in the Sierra Nevada Mountains and has kept up with his journalism as the assistant features desk editor of the Daily Tar Heel. He is also active
in community outreach programs. I would also like to mention that after a very rigorous and demanding year, BEN MISRA has completed the Air Force Academy’s recognition ceremony, conferring upon him rights not granted to cadets until its completion. These privileges include wearing a backpack instead of carrying it, possessing civilian clothing, etc. As for me, things have been busy at Johns Hopkins. I’m pleased to say that I was accepted as a member of the all-male a cappella group here, the AllNighters. Other than that, it’s been business as usual. In spite of only being one year away from high school, our classmates have clearly been very active in their accomplishments. I would like to conclude with a request for all of the members of the class of ‘08 to please e-mail me your e-mail addresses (mine is pbaumhart@jhu.edu), along with anything you would like printed in our next class notes. I urge you all to stay in touch with each other and not let old friendships die, but rather grow with time and, in many cases, distance.

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As the co-secretaries for the Kingswood Class of 2008, we are very proud to be gathering our class’ news and to be sharing it with the community. This year away from Cranbrook Kingswood has really made us appreciate the education that was given to us. It seems that the feeling of homesickness for the carpeted hallways of Kingswood and the ornate fountains of Cranbrook is a shared sentiment for the class of ‘08. This first year away from our magical school has been a year of discovery and growth for all of us. We are proud to now be alumnae and a part of the prestigious Cranbrook Educational Community. ELYSE CANTOR is at the University of Michigan and will possibly be majoring in English. ELIZABETH COIR is attending the Residential College at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She is also volunteering in a student theater company in her spare time. ELLEN MOELLER is studying psychology and neuroscience with a focus in pre-med at Duke University and is also participating in a young girls mentoring program in Durham. MEG MOELLER is studying biology with a focus in neuroscience at Reed College in Portland, OR. ELIZABETH RATTNER is majoring in anthropology at Michigan State and loves being a member of the MSU salsa-dancing club. KAT ROOSEN is studying architecture at Miami University in Oxford, OH. SAMANTHA SCOTT is at the school of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University and loving it. She is a leader in the Jamaica Difference service organization and is planning a trip to Rwanda this summer to help with teacher training. BRITTANY SMITH is attending the University of Michigan, majoring in political science and Spanish with urban and community studies as a minor. She also sings in the Michigan Gospel Choir. LATRESHA STATEN is studying psychology, is participating in indoor track and field and is a member of the dance team at Boston University. ALEXANDRA STYKE is currently studying psychology and Spanish at the University of Michigan, where she is a member of the women’s rowing team. IMAN TAYLOR is planning on studying sociology with a secondary in economics. She was elected the freshman representative for the Association of Black Harvard Women and mentors 5th grade girls in Boston with Strong Women Strong Girls. DIANNE THOMASMA is a double major in French and international studies at Pepperdine University in California, where she plays tennis on the women’s tennis team and is a member of a sorority. ARIANA TYLER is currently attending Miami University with a double major in athletic training and exercise science. LEAH YARGA is a double major in biology and dance at Connecticut College, where she is a member of the dance team and part of the Student Advisory Board. GEMNY WRONET is majoring in history at Loyola University in Chicago, IL.

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Honorary Alumni
I thought it might be fun to hear about our honorary alumni, so I contacted them for some news. SUZAN BAMFORD lives in Bristol, RI. She is still working as a realtor but because of the poor market conditions has also gone back to nursing. She hopes to combine them both. Her granddaughter is 3-½ and the joy of her life. She misses Michigan and all her friends but thinks Rhode Island is also a beautiful state and that she will make new friends there. Director of Schools ARLYCE SEIBERT, who became an honorary alumna at the celebration of Kingswood’s 75th anniversary in 2006, was admitted and inducted into the Headmasters Association. This organization is one of the oldest and most prestigious organizations for educational leaders- 117 years old. DEL WALDEN wrote: “Virginia and I feel so fortunate to have escaped Michigan’s gray and frigid winter. We spent several months here on Florida’s west coast where we meet up with other Michigan friends, enjoy the sun, water, golf, reading and true leisure. It’s interesting that our home in Harbor Springs is very near the high school where I attend many sporting events, help with football coaching and do some counseling. One of our children, Gabrielle, has two boys and lives near us. We also spend time traveling to Massachusetts, Vermont and California to see our four other children. I enjoy frequent reports of life at Cranbrook. In retrospect it seems that it was easier to be so busy teaching students there than I rarely had time for the news. It is frustrating to be available and able to check in on the reports of our world frequently during the day. I remain hopeful that there are better times ahead.”

Honorary Alumni Class Secretary, Kathy Discenna
We report with sorrow the deaths of the following alumni and staff.*
Our sympathy is extended to their families and friends.

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*See class notes for further information and comments on deceased alumni.

These alumni will be remembered at the Alumni Memorial Service on Saturday, June 6, 2009 during the Alumni Reunion.

Note: We apologize for indicating the wrong class year for Patricia McKenna in the winter issue. It should have been Patricia McKenna ’55.
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