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50th Reunion · June 7-8-9

Dear Classmates,

In anticipation of our 50 year reunion, preparations for such an event have begun. Our expanding planning committee has grown out of a monthly Zoom call among a few KSC classmates, and now includes 16 members from both KSC and CS: **ANNE BAGAMERY, DESIREE CALDWELL ARMITAGE, SALLY CARPENTER KERR, CHERYL DANLEY, LORIE FIESELMANN DIETZ, BARB CONNOR JONES, MADDY MARASCIULO, HOLLY MCCOLLUM PAIGE, JOYCE WHEATON LANDER, CHRIS AUSTIN, BILL CUTLER, VINCE GUINN, MIKE MANHART, ROB RAYMOND, KURT SCHWARTZ** and yours truly. Our activities so far include forming subcommittees covering attendance and participation; events beyond the full weekend planned by the alumni office; fundraising; and marketing and communication. I wanted to update you on some of our classmates with the hope that it will give you an incentive to be present at such an event. Hopefully such a reunion will awaken memories and rekindle friendships. In these last few weeks, I was able to contact several classmates.

I was able to connect with **RICHARD MARDEUSZ** who is married. Richard has one daughter Kaitlyn who is a local attorney. He still works at GM where he reached 49 years of service and is not planning to retire any time soon. Richard has coached basketball and golf at Farmington Hills Mercy for 21 years. He is proud to report that the golf team won the State Championship this past fall. It seems that his golfing abilities have been passed on to his daughter, who played for Boston University and has played in 3 USGA national championships.

JEFFREY DIXON moved to Nebraska once he retired from his position as manufacturer representative. He has three children and 6 grandchildren; he followed the youngest grandchildren and now lives in a seven-acre farm and has begun his new life by remodeling a century old farm house and raising chickens. He likes the clean air and open space that Nebraska offers.

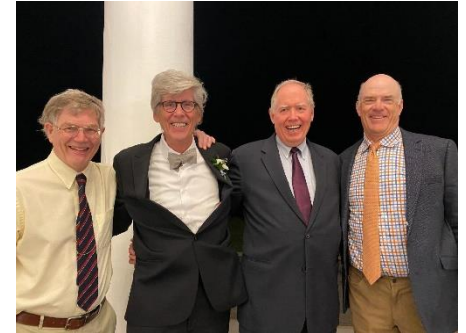
JAMIE ROTH plans on coming back to the reunion and meet up with his classmates with whom he has kept in touch mostly by Facebook. Jamie lives in Highland Park, a suburb of Chicago, where he sells real estate. His wife of 42 years, Julie, is an executive recruiter for Baxter Corporation. His daughter, Risa, is a mental health therapist for at risk youth in Minneapolis.

HERBERT WHITE is excited to attend our next reunion. Herbie still lives in Detroit, has kept in contact with Phil Brown '73 and tells me that he feels "blessed to have been embolden from the good Lord to commence a solo music project in the studio".

WENDELL BRISTOL is in a good place! He moved to Davidson, North Carolina where he is working remotely as a banker and hoping to retire in the next few years. He has spent the balance of the past two years with his wife, Christina, at her family's cottage on a lake in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Nature seems to come alive in such a setting. Wendell enjoys dining on lobster especially on the grill, followed by smooth whisky and a good Cuban cigar on the deck as the sun sets. A trip to Cranbrook for the reunion is clearly in his plans.

CHRIS AUSTIN, a member of the reunion committee, will be attending our 50th reunion along with his wife Justine and daughter Julia. His father, Tom Austin, will also attend to represent the class of '44 ...celebrating his 80th year reunion! At

the June event, there will also be Chris' sisters Jan and Betsy, who graduated from Kingswood. Chris moved to Arizona 3 years ago, near Scottsdale. He recently attended his daughter's (Julia) wedding in Denver, CO and celebrated with **GARY WYCKOFF** and **ROB RAYMOND**. Chris is still keeping busy; living in Arizona seems to agree with him.



Gary Wyckoff, Chris Austin, Jack Austin '75, Rob Raymond

A member of the committee, Rob Raymond, has attended all the 10 year (and some of the 5 years) reunions. He gave a perfect reason to attend 50th gathering when he wrote the following: "I love people and I love stories...and there are hundreds of stories at a reunion cocktail party or dinner. And just as sociologists love longitudinal studies, reunions are a microcosm of those studies. How many folks have you known for 50+ years? Hearing about the life trajectories of your classmates can be fairly interesting and in a weird way ...educational." Rob is still playing tennis and golf, and participates actively in skiing, cycling, and hiking. He does lots of small creative projects like furniture design and photography and is involved in Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Teach for America.

MIKE MANHART lives in Cincinnati and has been working on making our reunion a major success. He has not returned to Cranbrook since 1980, when his father retired from the school. After a PhD in microbiology, he had a 25 year career in Health care Research & Development with Procter & Gamble (living in Cincinnati &

London briefly), retiring (for the first time) in 2008. Then from 2008-2016 he served as Executive Director for Couple to Couple League International, a non-profit dedicated to teaching fertility awareness to couples. He retired again in 2016 but is still active in Research related to fertility awareness. He has been married for 42 years, with 4 grown children, 8 grandchildren (#9 arrives in September).

BILL CUTLER, who is also working on the committee for our reunion, is still living in Colorado. He is working part-time as geologist in environmental remediation, groundwater “stuff”, and lithium --in Argentina. He spends a month each summer at the family cottage on Glen Lake. He doesn't get downstate much, but our reunion will be a good reason to do so.

VINCE GUINN continues to practice cardiology in Columbus, OH. He is a proud father of five children. His oldest, Quanita, runs her own consulting company in Cincinnati. Preston lives in Columbus and works at a local Apple store. Jonathan has a master's in illustration and currently working on a graphic novel. Jeremy is in California finishing his neurosurgery residency and “baby” Victoria is in California for her PhD in Psychology.

KURT SCHWARTZ has also been a valued member of the reunion committee. He is enjoying retirement after almost 40 years of government service in Massachusetts (law enforcement, prosecution, homeland security and emergency management.) Kurt and his wife, Susan, split their time between Massachusetts (Concord and Martha's Vineyard) and Israel, and would love to see classmates who may be passing through. They are fortunate that both of their children (33 and 29) also live in the Boston area and get to see them frequently. He has spent some time consulting in the areas of homeland security, emergency

management, and crisis management, and is on the boards of a bio-tech company headquartered in Massachusetts and two Israel-based non-profits that work in the areas of disaster and humanitarian assistance.

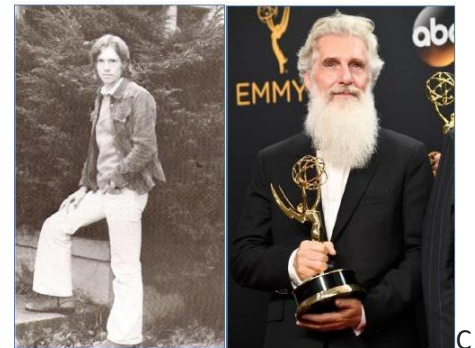
RAY MATURO writes from Ann Arbor where he continues to work as a pediatric dentist three days a week. He gave up his teaching at the UM School of Dentistry to have more free time, but also because his “old time” philosophy doesn't mesh with the contemporary philosophy in dentistry. He is still renovating his 1911 house in downtown AA, a project that has taken seven years. One of Ray's daughters got married last year; another will be married after the New Year. Two grandsons live in Ann Arbor making his life fun and entertaining.

JOE RUTZ is still delivering babies in Texas, although the idea of retirement has entered his mind. He and his wife Mary are proud grandparents of two children. Joe has fond memories of our Alma Mater and values the friendships formed that have lasted a lifetime, the great teachers, coaches and mentors that gave all of us a head start in life.

REED MIHALOEW is still working for the MITRE Corporation as an IT consultant to the Government. He is currently slowing down, in preparation for an eventual retirement in a couple of years. Reed is still keeping up with martial arts activities and has taken up historical swordsmanship after retiring from the armored combat scene 6 years ago. He celebrated 41 years of married life and enjoys being a grandfather to a six-year-old boy and a 4-year-old girl. Reed still remembers the beauty of the architecture, artworks, and natural landscape of the CK campus. He wonders if constantly being around such fine architectural and sculptural examples gave us all an

almost subconscious appreciation for such things.

MAXIME RINCOURT write from Paris where he continues to practice law with his brother. He is very active, using his electric bike as his main form of transportation while in the city. Maxime came back in 2019 and hopes to return for our half century reunion. He remembers fondly the people he met, the teachers and the time he spent in Glee Club.



Chris Newman, then and now

Our other exchange student, **CHRIS NEWMAN** has made quite a name for himself in the film industry. He writes from England and hopes to return to Cranbrook--if his schedule allows it. He writes the following-- in order to update his classmates: "I look back to 1974 and the few pictures I have of that time. I remember you all, but I no longer recognize the young man I was back then. I had no plans for the future, just a wide-eyed panic about the present. The course in Film I took under John Geoghegan led to the career I now look back on. I have not changed the world; entertainment is after all a shallow business. But after 5 children and 6 grandchildren my gene pool is pretty deep. Spending more time with my wife and family is the best goal to achieve for the coming years."

LAWRENCE (RICO) RICHARDSON writes from Chicago where is currently at Huntington Bank, working with State and Local Governments, as Head National Infrastructure Group. He has been at Huntington for almost

three years. As a Public Finance Investment Banker, he has been fortunate to work with issuers like the City of Detroit, Wayne County Airport Authority, Wayne County, and the State of Michigan, as well as with their peers in Chicago and other major cities. He still enjoys working. Rico just celebrated his 42nd wedding anniversary and spends quality time with his two daughters and 2 year old granddaughter. (Another grandchild is expected this November). Rico will be honored to serve as a Co-Chair of the 60th Anniversary Gala Benefit Dinner for A Better Chance, Inc. in October. He adds : "This is the organization that found me in the projects of Chicago and provided me a scholarship to Cranbrook. That one event changed the trajectory of my life and that of my entire family forever. So, I am eternally grateful for my experiences at Cranbrook which set me on a path for success. One thing I will never forget (and I have used as a guiding principle throughout my life) was to "Aim High" . I am grateful to have Cranbrook as a part of my legacy and look forward to celebrating our 50th year Reunion."

I received a very interesting email from **JIM KOPKA**, who wanted to have his note included exactly the way he wrote it, because those involved would decipher the meaning without difficulty. First and foremost he wanted to thank Mr. Del Walden for his mentorship, grace and friendship over the last 50 years. To his classmates: "Strolls on the grounds//Kingswood - (Girls school, right?)//Christ Church//Playhouse – Kaduville//Frisbee and sledding in the Valley//Night piano in the commons room//May Project (pretty sure I got a C- in Algebra II)//Jalapeño peppers before our game? Ok, I'll try one//Spring baseball trip - I gotta take a (break)//22-5 //Deresz//Suitcase full of ice//Peter Puck//It'sss Natures

Wayyyyy, Clown Juice and "You really want him here another year?" Hellacious ride to the fair//The Skull//Nice toes David//Learning guitar playing Hendrix//Daffodil Hill ;)//Futbol in Europe - "Let's go babies"//Thanks Mr. Farmcrest //Rubooooone!//Hip is, if is, but not if bogue is too. Jinger Jang, hoppity hip, I'm a Kabu".

I was able to track down **HENRY LEE**, who lives in Milwaukee and is still practicing radiation oncology in a small practice. He has developed a keen interest in the world of investing. Henry has remained single, travels between Colorado (where he has a house) and Grand Rapids, MI, where his brother also practices as a radiation oncologist.

Unfortunately, I received a very sad note from **JIM JOHNSON** who informed me that his wife had recently passed away. Jim is retired and living in nearby Bloomfield Hills. He has found joy in keeping up with his two granddaughters who live in Metamora. He will take the short drive to Cranbrook for the upcoming reunion.

As for me, **PASQUALE IADEROSA**, I am honored to be part of the committee for our reunion. We all realize the importance of this landmark; hence it's time to celebrate. I am still working as a physician while recognizing that retirement is not such a bad option. I continue to enjoy my profession and that makes it difficult to move on. My children have all moved out making my house seem a lot bigger. I look forward to seeing many of you in June. There will be much to talk about! Sending my best!

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Our activities so far include forming sub committees covering attendance and participation; events beyond the full weekend planned by the alumni office; fundraising; and marketing and communication. Our first task is to find electronic contact information for as many classmates as possible. You already may have received a call from one of these volunteers about reunion, if not please send me an email or text message so we can keep you up to date on planning and timing.

We plan to keep everyone up to date; watch your inbox for more details. In the meantime, visit schools.cranbrook.edu, click on Alumni in the top gray bar, and choose Reunion from the drop-down menu. The schedule for the 2023 reunion weekend will show the activities planned annually by the alumni office. Please note that there will be a celebration dinner happening in the Cranbrook Dining Hall to celebrate our 50th Reunion milestone, hosted by the Alumni Office. Feel free to join our planning committee - more members mean more ideas and more fun! We hope to see you all there!

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