1954
Carol Young: A big hello to my friends. I am living in Rydal Park, a retirement community in Jenkintown where my husband and I moved 14 years ago. He was there with me for three years before he moved to the Medical Center and he is now gone. My three children, my five grandchildren, and my one great-granddaughter are living nearby. Well, sort of. One son lives in Zion Grove, which is in black bear and bald eagle country. I participate in all sorts of activities both at Rydal Park and in Philadelphia, but I no longer sing since my voice is not what it used to be. I started when I was five, so 83 years is a pretty good run! I now write regularly for the newsletter at Rydal.

1957
Cassandra Helder Hollifield and her husband and friends are planning to cruise down the Danube river in November and are looking forward to traveling.

Lois Wrigley Caldwell retired from her 35 years of counseling psychology private practice this year and is now completing the writing of her second book, a biblical fiction novel about James, the brother of Jesus. Her first book, Journey to God's Heart, the true story of how God amazingly led and provided for Lois and her family (husband and five children), was published in 2012. This year, Lois and Rev. Jim Caldwell celebrated 63 years of marriage. First as Army wife and then as co-leader with Jim of church mission trips, Lois has been in all 50 states and 35 countries!

1958
Barbara Dilling Kaplan is observing COVID rules and spending time at home, doing a lot of reading. Her family lives nearby and still comes to Sunday dinner.

1960
Brenda Seery Fazekas: it just can’t be possible that 60 years have gone by. I haven’t been very good about keeping in touch with anyone but think about those wonderful days at Beaver College often. I’m widowed and currently living at my vacation home in Vermont, but will go back to my main residence in Chestertown, Md in November. I am the grandmother of nine children ranging in age from 7 to 19. Doing some clean out, I found a newspaper article from many years ago about a former Mayor of NY, Bill O’Dwyer, Eileen’s uncle and would love to send it to her if I had an address. I’d love to hear from anyone in my class. Take care, all, and be safe.

Judith Berson Goldberg: Like all of us, I am trying to get through this difficult COVID time. I have been able to see good friends and classmates Ilene Gartenberg Blitzer and Gail Lubets Schwartz since we all live fairly close to one another. Major vacations have been put on hold (along with hefty deposits) and I wonder if they will ever happen. I'm still riding my bike but conditions in the city have become more dangerous and the body is becoming more fragile. I feel lucky to live in NYC where I can enjoy the many cultural activities that are available and safe to attend.

I continue to work as a volunteer tutor with ESL students and am hoping to teach some citizenship classes and also work with new refugees from Afghanistan if any of them eventually land in New York. Looking forward to sharing more interesting news next time!

Betty Holton Weiss: After 55 years as your Class Editor, the process of submitting Class Notes has changed. Going forward all Class Notes are to be submitted at alumni.arcadia.edu/ClassNotes. As for me, I have three grandchildren. All are off at college, a Senior at Penn State and two freshman at Pace and Muhlenberg. I still play tournament tennis and pickleball. For our 60-61 reunion we had a virtual Zoom meeting. It was good to chat with fellow classmates. Molly Fretz Stevens served as the reunion chair and I was Class Agent. 1961
Rosemari Sheer Roth: shares, I was so pleased to find that my dear friend and classmate, Anna Liu Hom, is living in Wisconsin near her family. Her children and grandchildren are all over the country, even in Hawaii. She was to be in our reunion but something prevented the Zoom meeting from working for her. I am doing well and still working! The Rockingham Meeting House, built in 1787, provides a wonderful depiction of life during that time period. It afforded me the opportunity to meet people from all over the world who come and visit. A National Historic Site, I am always researching donations and grants available for its restoration and maintenance. It is a magnificent edifice and representation of a time gone by so important in our history. We love living in Vermont and are so fortunate to have been here during COVID. Now comes the best time of year, foliage colors. My husband Hans, 86, and I, 82, are well and busy. No retirement for us. Thanks to Eva Frank and Karen Alterman for a wonderful Reunion. Wish it had been longer. Best regards to all.

1964
Isabelle Selikoff: So, I took a chance and headed to Provence, France the last two weeks of August. I had my official French Passe Sanitaire (vaccination pass) in hand. It was a last-minute decision, but both David, my partner, and I desperately need a change.

Nancy Roberts Reid: Since George and I live at Seabrook Village CCRC, we feel very fortunate for the safety and care we received during COVID-19. We have curtailed most off-campus trips. Our hand chime choir began in September after two years of silence. I will, once again, be the director of this group. I also play for half of our Wednesday evening worship services which resumed in June. We were able to attend one granddaughter’s high school graduation in June and are looking forward to another graduation next June and a 2022 September wedding for two other grands. We wish all of you a safe and healthy 2021/2022 and continue to pray for an end to this pandemic.

1966
Virginia Clapper Brown: Our daughter Tammie’s daughter, Emily, graduated from Duquesne Law School on May 16, 2021, and is to be married to Stephen Worrall next year, on April 16, 2022.

1967
Carla Chepigan Branyan: I have retired as an ESL teacher, and I am continuing my singing in Moorествown Singers and at church, but my big news is that I just had a hip replacement, so not going anywhere for a while, but hopefully it will all be for the best.

1968
Holly Anglin Robinson: My beloved husband George passed away suddenly in March. We were married for almost 54 years. My heart is broken. We had a wonderful marriage, so much happiness, love, and FUN. We had traveled extensively the past 10 years since retirement. I am grateful our son and family live close.

1969
Barbara Woodruff Chase: (above) In college as a fine arts major, I spent many happy hours painting and printmaking in the studio. I never felt confident enough when I graduated to do much with it. However, about 10 years ago, I started painting again and have not stopped. I love creating, the marketing aspect, and exhibiting both at outdoor shows as well as at indoor venues in Maine. My husband helps with shows and framing, and I feel that I have a purpose, which is a real gift at this age. Life is good.
close friends ever since. At some point over the last two years, we started monthly Zoom meetings on Sunday afternoons. Updates on each other, politics, health issues, husbands, children, and grandchildren! Sharing books we’ve read and movies from the couch that we have seen.

Prior to the pandemic, we returned for Reunion every five years, with or without spouses, and always enjoyed the weekend together. Periodically when traveling near where a Kistler ’39er lived, we would stop to share a meal or visit for a few days. Now we are in routine contact.

Zoom keeps us connected and we will continue our monthly chats. Try it with your classmates!

What I shared over the recent months over ZOOM… I volunteer at Household Goods, a local non-profit that receives donated furniture and household items. Recently homeless referred families and individuals in need select everything they want free of charge. My two girls are fine and their families and the three grandchildren (girls, 7 & 4 and a boy, 2) are a bundle of energy and fun!

Charlene Pulis McClain: Dave and I attended my 50th reunion in May 2019. While I was at the college during the day on Saturday, he drove around the area, reminiscing about growing up there. He also reconnected with a couple of friends that day. After the reunion, we flew to Rome for a 10-day independent tour of the city. We especially liked our day at Ostia, Rome’s first port and a huge, well-maintained archeological site. In August 2019 we gathered our entire family for a week on Long Island, NY to celebrate our 50th anniversary. It was a wonderful week.

In October and December 2019 Dave experienced some medical difficulties. He was recovering well and was cleared to drive by the doctor on Jan. 30, 2020. But on the 31st he was placed on life support and passed on Feb. 4. His death was a total shock to family, friends, and his doctors. Thankfully, we were able to have a memorial service and burial on March 7, before covid shut everything down.

After his death, I became very anxious about maintaining the house, so I moved to Village on the Isle, the continuing care community where my mother lived for her last eight years. I am still dealing with some boxes of memorabilia that I didn’t have time to sort before moving. But, I am happy here. A wonderful dinner is prepared for the residents each day and we can now eat together in the dining room since almost all of us were vaccinated in January. VOTI even arranged for CVS to come here to give us our shots so I didn’t have to get on the computer to make those arrangements. I also don’t have to worry about the maintenance of the apartment or long-term medical care. If I should ever need assisted living or skilled nursing, I will be moved to the appropriate building here.

Although my family has not been able to come to Florida since the services for Dave, I did fly North for Christmas last year and have my tickets to fly again for Thanksgiving this year. I sold our RV and pickup truck last year because there were many reasons why I could not drive it alone. But I did drive north this summer in my minivan so that I could visit family and friends along the way, just as Dave and I did in the past with our RV. Although I still miss Dave terribly, I feel so blessed to have been married to a wonderful man for 50 years. I look forward to my pre-COVID activities which hopefully will resume in the fall. I also hope to see my Beaver friends at our 55th reunion in 2024.

Emily Solomon Farrell: I was very lucky during the Covid year, in that I was able to attend two classes on Zoom but was not chained to my computer. I have a dog who knew nothing about epidemics but required a daily walk, which got me out. I also visited friends outdoors. While I could not guide at the Brandywine River Museum, I was able to pursue my new avocation as a mosaic artist. My friends are the beneficiaries of my work with the occasional sale. Who knew I would actually enjoy geometry? Finally, my husband, the dog, and I spent the winter in Florida. How lucky were we?

Judy Allen Smith: Happy to report that I and immediate family and friends are well. At this time (August), I remain deeply concerned for the effects of COVID in this country. Tom and I have experienced a few changes. We have sold the old Smith family property in Central Georgia - emotional, but all OK. Our son, Kevin (with Ana and Lucas) have moved near to us with hopes of work nearby for Kevin. Lucas has entered kindergarten here. Grandma loves having them close by. A trip to daughter Lisa’s, last month was good - nice to have cooler weather in MA. Home remains a comfortable, safe haven. Blessings to all who read this!

Sheila Finkelman DeAnunitis: I retired from the School District of Philadelphia in 2012 where I taught kindergarten and Pre-K for 25 years. I fill my days playing Bridge, volunteering in theaters and concerts, and am an active adult education participant at synagogue. I knit, crochet, and entertain friends frequently in our Roxborough home. Happily married to a musician. I have two adult children out of town.

Susan Francis Dodson: Still in Fort Worth and granddaughters (10 and 12) in Dallas. We have been going to Colorado since retirement for much of the summer and this September we’ll also go to Rockland, Maine for a week (while there, I plan to see Penelope Ray!) I have really enjoyed catching up with Kistler Hall pals on monthly Zoom calls.

Susan Rodgers Fleming ’69, ’77MEd: Our Class Agent, Chris Connell kept our connections alive for over twenty years, and we are grateful for all the time and energy she expended on our behalf. Understandably, she is cutting back on some of her volunteer activities. Chris was a delight to work with, mainly because she is reliable, forthright, and a lot of fun. Thank you, Chris.

I will be taking on the Class Agent responsibilities and hope you’ll write and let Arcadia know your latest news. As for me, eight grandchildren (ages 2-17), who live near us in Philadelphia, and trips to Rob’s family farm in Iowa are keeping me energized.

Susan Schwartz Liberman: My law practice has kept me very busy during the pandemic. I specialize in estate and probate work in Washington, DC. My husband also is a busy attorney. We raised two daughters who live in NYC and enjoy visiting with our four grandchildren.

1971
Barbara Ulrichsen continues to practice family law in Pennington, NJ. Blessed with a granddaughter and grandson in October and November 2020. I continue to enjoy skiing and showing my horse. Have also taken up dog agility. My husband and I are fortunate to be very active.

1973
Pamela Martin Molina ’73, ’03M, Pat Brubaker, Mary Alderfer, Marie Duke ’73, ’08MEd, Melissa Hough, and Monique Miller met to kick off their 50th reunion year planning (2023). Anyone interested in contributing or submitting ideas please contact one of the above.

1976
Zita Adler Starka-Pongonis: Retired in 2018 after working in the Petroleum and Chemical industry for 40 years.

1977
Ellen Maser Cassidy: I have been a Realtor since 1983 and a Real Estate Instructor for 20 years. Married for 43 years to Joe Cassidy, who I started dating while at Beaver. We have one son who graduated with 2 degrees in Culinary Arts from Johnson & Wales and is a Chef at Parx. He is married with a beautiful 2 year old daughter. We all live in the same subdivision in Bensalem.
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Janet Tittelmayer Barber:

1990

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fellowship with Lindblad

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explore the natural world in a

place like the Galapagos, Alaska,

or the Arctic. This opportunity

will allow me to bring

geographic awareness to my high

school students as well as the

Springfield/Morton communities.

1992

Denise Bird McFadden is an

HR Analytics and Technology

Manager at Blue Cross

Blue Shield of Alabama.

Sally Patterson Le Cras ’92M

(above) is the Pediatric PT

Residency Director at Cincinnati

Children’s and is the PT Core

Faculty member at Cincinnati

Children’s and the University

of Cincinnati LEND program

(Leadership Education in

Neurodevelopmental and

related Disabilities). She is a

co-author on a current article

in Pediatric Physical Therapy:

Parent Perspectives Regarding

Care Delivery for Children

With Idiopathic Toe Walking

to Inform an American Physical

Therapy Association Clinical

Practice Guideline. Sally is the

leader of the APTA Clinical

Practice Guideline on the PT

Management of Idiopathic Toe

Walking, which is currently

in the critical appraisal phase.

She is a proud 1992 graduate

of the Beaver College MSPT

program and 2013 graduate of

the transitional DPT program.

1994

Ana Sofie Santo Carr: Some

of my favorite memories are

from Beaver College and time

spent in the DSC lounge. I

still remember a dance we

had called the ultimate jam

and a masquerade ball.

After 26 years of teaching,

Rosanne Bonaventura moved

back to Bucks County and

is taking classes in Historic

Preservation from Bucks

County Community College.

1999

Amanda Kutz continues to work

at Children’s Specialized Hospital

in New Jersey as the Director

of Outpatient Operations. She

welcomed a healthy baby boy

given in August 2021.

Hope Fox Guyer, Corporate

Communications major, is

delighted to marry Paul Hatcher

of Morris, IL on Oct. 23, 2021

in a small outdoor ceremony.

2004

Erica Fajge Gofdon: (above) On

August 11, 2018, I married

my then-boyfriend of three

years, Jared Gordon, at the

topnotch Topnotch Resort in

Stowe, VT, with a small group

of family and friends. We recently

celebrated our three-year wedding

anniversary. In October 2019,

we moved into our new home

in Chalfont, PA. I’m a freelance

writer and editor, currently

working as a Feature Editor for

The List, a news and lifestyle

website for women. In 2020, I

launched a wellness and lifestyle

d blog called Hot Mess on a Health

(Quest (hotmessonhealthquest.

com) to share my journey

through infertility, anxiety, and

a healthy lifestyle shift, and to

share the stories of, and connect

with, other women with similar

struggles. If you can connect

with this in any way, I’d love to

hear from you! Drop me a line at

hotmesshealthquest@gmail.com.

2005

Francis Zaccaro (above) has

been coaching Olympic hopefuls

in male and female freestyle

wrestling, and started the Lehigh

Valley’s first all female wrestling

club and regional training facility

called Valley Girls WC and

helped form Lehigh University’s

first ever Female Wrestling team.

2006

Christina Bonaccorsi graduated

from Montgomery County

Community College in

December 2019 with a Specialty

Certificate in Web Development-

Design Concentration.

2007

Kevin Hughes has left American

Airlines after 10 years to

join Amazon Air as the new

leader overseeing Aviation

Security, Government, and

Regulatory Affairs based out

of the Fort Worth Air Hub.

He has been coordinating

COVID Vaccination events

for the Amazon Team and Air

Carrier Partners with their

household partners as well

for the last several months.

Sarah Katz co-authored a paper

in the Journal of Nutrition

Education and Behavior titled,

More Frequent Food Shopping

Intake: A Systematic Review.

Erica Blum Shmilovich is

currently working as a licensed

psychotherapist at a group

practice. This past year and

continuing on have really brought

light to the importance of mental

health. I am proud to be part of

this movement. I am still married

to my high school sweetheart

and we have 2 wonderful

children ages 11 and 7.
2008
Brittany Cerota Palman ’08, ’12M and Scott Palman ’07 (above) welcomed their second son, Jack Evan Palman, on June 25, 2021. Proud Big Brother, Ryan, is excited to have a new buddy!

Emily Finch Polk: My husband, Terence, and I have had two children: daughter Isabelle in 2018 and daughter Alexandria in May 2021.

Jacqueline Anderson completed a teacher certification course through Moreland University this past June. She is currently teaching World Languages at Roman Catholic High School in Philadelphia.

2010
Shirley Pegues: As of March 10, 2020 I taught my first class as a substitute teacher employed by the Kelly Education Staffing, A brand new career for me. I am now as of January 2021 the building substitute teacher of an entire elementary school grades K-5.

Claudia Tang is currently working as a nurse and living in England with her spouse and two large dogs.

2012

2013
Gabrielle Bruno (above) recently married fellow Arcadia alumnus Christopher Baines on April 17, 2021. The two are expecting their first child in late January 2022.

Alyssa Reynoso-Morris (above) was honored as an Al Dia 40 Under 40 candidate for her work as an author and Chief of Staff. She has three picture books coming out in 2023 with Simon and Schuster and Little Brown Books that showcase an Afro-Latinx family and their community. As a Chief of Staff in the PA 202nd Legislative District, she organized COVID-19 clinics, career fairs, immigration information sessions, neighborhood clean-ups, and more to serve their constituents and address their needs.

Kasey Lynch Thomas lives in Kunkletown, Pa with her husband and their two year old son, Llewyn. Although Covid has changed her job duties, she is still working as a Case Manager for Lehigh County Jail. Recently Kasey has returned for school to study Paralegal work and hopes to advance her career in that field. She is also ordained and performs Marriage Ceremonies for her friends.

Michaela Walsh has just submitted her master’s thesis at Dublin City University, and will graduate in February with a MA in Political Communication. Turns out it’s actually pretty hard to do an entire degree over Zoom when all your professors and classmates are on a different continent!

2017
Samantha Wright moved to Albany, NY, and is working for her grandfather’s business, Nathan Office Interiors.

2018
Akosua Ako-Addo (above) graduated from Teachers College, Columbia University in the Spring of 2021 with a master’s in International Educational Development with a focus on Higher Education, and recently began a position as an undergraduate admissions counselor at the University of Pennsylvania.

Cassi Parnell ’18, ’19M is proud to announce the publication of two new books. The Pronoun Book: She, He, They, and Me (above) is a picture book that explains pronouns and how they relate to gender identity and expression recommended for children ages 5-9 years old. Spin the Ladders is a poetry chapbook exploring mental health, relapse, and recovery. You can find these titles wherever books are sold, just search for the titles or for Cassi’s pen name, Cassandra Jules Corrigan.

Samantha Hipe earned a MSc with Merit in Psychological and Psychiatric Anthropology in Dec. 2019 from Brunel University London. I moved to Las Cruces, NM where they are now the Studio Programs Coordinator at the Las Cruces Museum of Art and is going back to school at New Mexico State University for their Museum Studies Certificate.

2019
Klissi Hudson (above) graduated from Temple University in May 2021 with a Master’s Degree in Counseling Psychology, and is now working as a 4th-8th grade School Counselor at Edward T. Steel Elementary School in Philadelphia.

2020
Erin Donoho ’20M is currently working in a contract role as an assistant nonfiction and fiction editor for Emerging Ink Solutions, which provides editing services for authors.

Mary Murray was named Assistant Softball Coach at Rowan University; graduates in December 2021 with a Masters of Arts in Communication from Johns Hopkins University.

William Raab 2020MED is working as an Art Teacher at North Penn High School, teaching Digital Photography, Graphic Design, and Animation. They are excited to be part of the team and believe they would not be there if it weren’t for their time at Arcadia.
REMEMBERING LYANNE LINDO WASSERMANN ’61

Lyanne Lindo Wassermann ’61, a dear friend to Beaver College and Arcadia University for more than 50 years, passed away on Oct. 9, 2021.

Lyanne loved her alma mater and her classmates and had said that, “as a loyal alumna, and later as a Trustee, I have always been interested in the wellbeing and the potential of our students. If I found an area where I could make a difference with my support, I wasted no time becoming involved.”

Lyanne, who celebrated her 50-year class reunion this year, supported Hillel at Arcadia, The Fund for Arcadia, the Career Mentoring Program, and the Day of Gratitude with the College of Global Studies, among many others. She was instrumental in the establishment of the Knights for Nutrition Food Pantry.

In 2015, Lyanne received the Golden Disc Award for Meritorious Service. As a Trustee Emerita, Lyanne served on several leadership committees, including the Executive, Enrollment Management, College of Global Studies, Student Life, University Advancement, and Arcadia 360 committees.

Lyanne married Dr. Barton (Barry) Wassermann, with whom she had two sons, Marc David and Richard John. She had a deep affinity for art and beauty, and her mellifluous soprano singing voice brought beauty to several synagogue choirs.

Born and raised in the Republic of Panama, Lyanne earned a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish at Beaver College and a master’s degree in public relations from American University. She worked for three decades for B’nai B’rith Women, American Cancer Society, Cuban American Nation Foundation, Epilepsy Foundation of the National Capital area, and the United Way Retirees Association.

A young Lyanne in her pollera, the national dress of Panama, with tembleques in her hair.

In Memoriam

1940
Kathryn McCutcheon Wilson

1945
Helen Liacouras Lambros

1947
Marilyn Yost Burhoe

1951
Mary Ann Raulerson Smith

1953
Marilyn Neuburger Blocklinger

1954
Virginia Hopkins Hillegass

1955
Phyllis Smerke Croke

1956
Sarah Smith Heylman

1957
Helen Bock Cuddeback
Carol Grandy Kunzmann
Bernadine Spangenberg Loeser

1960
Elaine Brogowski Rapacki

1963
Pamela Winters Dorrance
Anne Cramer Hoover
Maryellen Finneran Morris

1966
Nancy Harris Rose

1968
Nancy Young Humick

1971
Lois Padmore Robinson

1975
Jessie Coleman ’75M
Sharlene Fein Goldfischer
Susan LaBeur

1978
Sarah White Cooper ’78M

1982
Roberta ‘Bobbie’ Lewis

1983
George Duvak

2009
Faith Avidon Wohl ’09M

2014
Donna Smith ’14M

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