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# 1936

# Marjorie Minner Klotz

celebrated her 100th birthday last May. She writes, "I am still living in Sarasota, Fla. on Siesta Key and enjoying an active life. I was back for my 70th reunion. Because of other plans, I was unable to return last year. All the best to the Class of 1936."

# 1940

# Kathryn McCutcheon Wilson

writes, "I'm happy and trying to do God's work. 1940 is a long time ago, but I am still active with the church and bridge.'

# 1942

# Dorothy Calcagno Caten

writes, "The past five years, I have been living in an independent living community and enjoying the lack of responsibility of a home. I do play bridge with Barbara Bates Seiler '65, as we belong to the same club...small world.

#### Josephine Schmidt Walton

keeps busy with church activities, theater, luncheons, and dinners with family and friends. She also teaches a weekly two-hour Bible class for women. "Never thought I'd still be teaching at age 96! Guess the Lord's not done with me yet!"

# **Bernadine Finnerty Warner**

writes, "I made it to 96 years on Jan. 2, 2017. Still living independently with six children nearby. To my classmates, take care and be well!"

# 1943

# Mary Berlin Benjamin writes,

"I am still active and enjoying life at Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill in Lafayette Hill, Pa.'

# 1945

# Helen Liacouras Lambros writes,

"My Beaver College years were the four most wonderful and productive years. All talents were developed with the format provided, including Song Contest, theater performances, and sports. I have nothing but wonderful memories."

Mary Bonin Evans writes, "I still live in my home in Columbia, Conn. with my younger son, John. I am active in my church where my husband was minister for 30 years. I'm also active in our senior center and still driving!"

# 1946

#### Barbara Deverell Powell is

still living in Medford, N.J. "I have eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren that are the loves of my life!"

# Ruth Groves Chaney enjoys

spending time with her family and friends in Martinsville, Va. Ruth reports keeping busy with her gardening club and various book clubs. She keeps in touch with her friends and family via email and can be reached at rgchaney23@aol.com.

# 1947

Marilyn Yost Burhoe is doing well in Florida and still hears from classmates Shirley Blodgett Kodet and Carolyn Carlin Paige.

# Gertrude Silberman Bernstein

writes, "I'm going to be a great-grandma in March 2017! I'm still teaching a class in continuing education at the nursing home."

## Carolyn Carlin Paige writes, "My husband, Ralph, and I

are still enjoying life and are fortunate to have our daughter and son and his wife living close by to look in on us. A few times a month someone in the family takes us to beautiful Balboa Park in San Diego to one of our wonderful museums. Ralph and I have been married for 69 years."

Jean Stahl Noble writes, "I still hear from Carolyn Paige and Shirley Rodney. We are all over 90 but doing okay! I live by myself and my children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren visit me."

# 1948

# **Emily Johnson McLaughlin**

writes, "My granddaughter, Alexandra Small '16, graduated from Arcadia. While there she studied in Scotland and Australia. She received her degree in Sports Management."

#### Margaret Crossfield Kolmar

writes, "During my husband's long illness, I had almost stopped painting. Now I'm trying to return to it, doing prints using computers and printers. I'm also trying to refresh my Sumi-e techniques to be able to show again."

# 1949

# Elizabeth Hunter Briner writes.

"My oldest granddaughter, Casey, got married last March at the Grand Hotel in Alabama on Mobile Bay to her Kansas University sweetheart. Leslie, my youngest granddaughter, graduated from LSU and works for ADP in Baton Rouge, La. My son, Nick, is the general manager of the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Ky."

# 1950

We are saddened to report that Anna Laura Niedert Thompson passed away this past January. We send condolences to her family.

Bobbie Klein Fraser writes, "Many, many thanks to Barb Bronson Danziger for all her many years of loyalty and work. I try to keep busy with various jobs doing hospital recording, assisting in the emergency room doing gofer work. I'm on the Board as secretary of Granite State Adaptive which offers skiing, hypnotherapy, and riding plus cycling to the disabled. I play in a fantastic Djembe drumming group, work out three times a week, and play cards once a week in the winter. I take courses with the Medical Reserve Corps preparing for emergencies and assisting with inoculations. But come 4 p.m., I miss the guy I spent 62 years with. Does that ever get easier?"

#### Sheryl Toth Noorland writes, "My husband, Frans, and I remain active in our family home. We travel to Europe three-to-four

times a year on tours and cruises." Irene Strong Kuhn writes, "My husband, Larry, and I continue to direct a food pantry every Tuesday in Hudson, Fla. Forty to fifty families pick up boxes of food every

week for their families. It is a great opportunity to help struggling families in our county and is sponsored by Feeding America."

#### Jane Robinson Carpenter is still living alone in her home and expecting her third grandchild.

#### 1952

We are saddened to report that Class Editor Joan Heil Prall passed away in May 2016. We offer condolences to her family.

#### Nancy Brown DuVall writes, "I'm still playing bridge and

also golf. Anyone remember playing bridge as a team against a Penn fraternity? I think we beat them. Joyce Waldman Perry was my partner. It all seems so long ago. (I guess it was!) Hope I make it to the reunion."

#### Cynthia McKelvy Mattson

writes, "Everything's status quo. Still happily running our church thrift shop and enjoying family and great-grandchildren. Expecting seventh great-grand in August. Had a fabulous vacation in Yosemite and Monterey this past year thanks to my daughter. Shortened my name to Cyn in my old age!"

#### Lucille LaMorgese Downs

writes, "My husband, Harry, passed away in January. He lost his battle with Parkinson's disease. Our family has been torn apart by the untimely death of our two-year-old granddaughter, Aleksandra, of unknown causes."

# 1953

#### **Emilie Grootendorst Barry**

writes, "There's seldom news appearing in the magazine from Beaver '53s. My news—I left home in Evanston, Ill. to spend two months with my two daughters in Santa Rosa, Calif. (60 miles north of the Golden Gate in Sonoma County's vineyard country) —celebrating Thanksgiving, December birthdays, holidays, my 85th in January, and escaping dead of winter in Chicago."

#### Suzanne Burnison Burrows

writes, "In July, I moved into a two-bedroom, two-bath suite in the middle of the campus of Springhill Retirement Center from my garden home. I have been here for 10 years — for five months a year (summer) and Naples resident for seven months. I miss Naples and my garden home, but find it handier for participating and attending programs.

## 1954

# Diane Waxler Millen writes,

"After living in Virginia since 1956, Bill (husband of 60 years) and I moved to Santa Rosa, Calif. (to be near grandchildren.

of course). Loving our new life. We celebrated 60 years of marriage with family in Maui. Fantastic memories. Regards to all 1954 grads."

#### Florence Shafer Soars writes, "Lew and I live in a cottage at a retirement community in Viera/Melbourne, Fla. It's called the Brennity and they keep us busy with exercise classes, bridge, serving on committees, poker, knitting, and field trips. Come and visit with us. Our greatest joy is being with our

# 1955

# Joan Peppelman Clougherty

three kids and their families.'

writes, "I'm fortunate enough to be enjoying good health. I am active with swimming, walking, and parish events. Children and grandchildren close by fill my days with happy events."

#### Rita Pawlikowski Harvey

writes, "Surviving at 83, and helping out at a support group for mental illness NAMI and Iris Place Living (HUD)."

# 1956

# Harriet Swoyer Baisch writes, "We are facing the years of

goodbyes to dear friends and trying to keep ourselves 'put together', hopefully accomplishing something worthwhile each day. Memories of Beaver days are always welcome."

## Barbara Zoubek Surmonte

and husband, Chuck, went to Cuba in February, 60th Arcadia reunion in June 2016, and a family vacation in California with relatives from Australia, plus a five-day trip to Yosemite. Their family is expanding as they now have nine great-grandchildren.

# 1957

Gail Leonard Williams writes that she has sold her farm and has truly downsized to a one-level condo! Lee Olsen Karwoski and husband, Bob, generously gave her a tour of their beautiful house in Providence, R.I., plus a cruise around New England ports and islands. Time to chat about old Beaver days was also included. Gail has chatted with Edie Hall Neal and Ellie Perrine **Cox** just to keep in touch. So nice!

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Eleanore Perrine Cox has spent an entire year re-learning, doing P.T. sessions—all to be getting better every day. She is looking forward to reunion. At Thanksgiving, 17 family members all gathered to celebrate. WOW! She is glad she is not paying the tuition fees for all the grandkids at varying places—Rider, UPI, UVA, Coastal, to name a few. I (Freda Friz Schopfer) can't wait

to see her smiling face again.

Julia Sturgeon Martin first told us about her shoulder operation that was to take place before Christmas. That meant no driving, no dancing, no singing in the choir, and wearing a sling! That is why the Christmas card came early. But after all was done, she has very little pain, arm still in a sling, dislikes being "grounded," but is learning to have more patience. She still has a few weeks of healing, hoping to get back to the computer and email again soon.

Pene Zack Riggs and husband, Lou, have been traveling to Florida and Virginia, taking it slow and using about two months of getaway time. They even took time to visit with folks in the retirement village across from my friend (Freda Friz Schopfer) condo in Naples. All is good.

I (Freda Friz Schopfer) have met with Jean Stout Fletcher, husband Alan, and Betty Siebener Kleman upon my many quick trips to Naples, Fla. They are quick because I still need to help my ladies exercise at Curves of Dublin, Pa.

Barbara Gordon Cooke is still living in Williamsburg, Va. and keeping busy doing volunteer work and socializing in Ford's Colony. She and her husband are both doing well except for normal aches and pains!

Patricia Dart Milford writes, "We are still at work restoring our old cemetery, the oldest in New York state. It is very interesting, there's a lot to learn. We also keep busy on our farm and gardens."

Marti Berglund Curtiss has moved to a smaller home, having

her two daughters still live with her. She is still working at an assisted living community three days a week as a receptionist and activities aide. She hopes to attend her 60th reunion in May 2017.

Paula Dinkelacker Wojciechowski writes, "I've decided the golden years aren't so golden, but all is good with me. Enjoying life with family and friends at my church. Still have my place at shore in Seaville (outside of Sea Isle). Would love to have you visit."

# 1958

Happy 2017, my friends. May this year be good to you, even though much time will have passed when this reaches you. Good wishes never get stale.

Our condolences to Ellen La Rowe Mintz on the passing of her husband, Leon, in October. We also offer thoughts and prayers to Joann "Pepper" Mintz Faust, Ellen's and our classmate and Ellen's sister-in-law.

We can always depend on Pat Fletcher Lyford to keep us up to date. She writes, "We are doing as well as we can as we deal with life with a stroke victim. Larry finished his therapy in June, as controlled by Medicare (ugh!). We continue doing the exercises at home in order to maintain his strength."

In spite of his handicaps we are living a full life. In July Larry received a red scooter from the V.A. and an itch to travel with the scooter (no complaints from us re: the V.A. They have been very helpful to us!). With the scooter, we got to Atlantic City boardwalk, The Grounds for Sculpture, participated in the July 4th parade, to the mall, and runs around the neighborhood. We get out to dinner frequently, to Rotary functions monthly, symphony concerts, and movies, and during this holiday season, numerous social gatherings. I manage a social life thanks mainly to our son whose job with TD Bank allows him to work from 'home.' He comes midday, plugs in his computer and 'goes to work'— staying with his Dad

so I can get out to play Mah Jongg, go to the Walnut Street Theater, luncheons, etc. Outside of his work and helping us, Stephen maintains a busy life in the Philly craft beer scene and with his hobby of photography.

My brother, who lives in N.C., recently moved into an assisted living facility. Larry's sister also made the move to a continuing care community. This has been difficult for us to have them in these situations and not be able to get to them as we have in the past.

Our Alaskan family still live in Wasilla, Alaska. Peter and Rose both are on disability due to back injuries. Rose has had her back operated on twice and is only now coming around. Best news is that Peter and granddaughter Laura are coming for a visit after the first of the New Year.

Rose's back will prevent her traveling at this time. It has been almost three years since we last saw them but thank heavens for FaceTime.

Thanks to those who made it to the Class of '58's 58th reunion to celebrate our 80th birthdays. It was a wonderful event and the University did a wonderful job helping us to make it a success. This fall I raked thousands of leaves and put the travel wheelchair in and out of the carmy way of keeping in shape.

I recently saw Alma Alabalikian and Judy Kneidesen Keenan as we had a little get together at the Philly Art Museum. I see Barbara Mick Steiger regularly; hear from Pepper Mintz Faust (recently moved into a continuing care facility in the Doylestown area), Norma Kovacs Thornton, and Barbara (Bobby) Jacobson Thayer. Had a recent surprise call from Ellen LaRowe Mintz who was sweet to call asking about Larry. She informed me that her husband (Leon Mintz) passed in October. My deepest sympathies to her and Pepper for their loss."

Kay Lanning Winters reports an interesting coincidence. "Would you believe we were thinking of moving to Pine Run retirement

community last year, and whose cottage did they show us?? Joanne and Ellsworth Faust. Joanne was known as **Pepper** Mintz AND a member of the Class of '58. When we moved here in July, I discovered that in our cluster of cottages is Susan Davis '89M, who received an MS in Education from Beaver as well. We get together frequently and often have fun remembering Beaver days. I am still writing, doing school visits, speaking at conferences, and learning how to live in a village with 325 people after 49 years of living in an old stone farmhouse on the back of 10 acres where you couldn't see a house on either side! My next two books will be out in 2018.'

# Carol Schoch Vorosmarti has

a busy life! "When you wrote that it was only 18 months until our 60th reunion I realized that May/June of 2018 will be a very busy one for us: three graduations for grandchildren, one from Worcester Polytech in Massachusetts, one from high school in Georgia, and a one from eighth grade in Norfolk, Va. I hope that our reunion will be able to fit in between those travels. We're planning to go to Lafavette for Jim's 60th reunion this June so surely we can fit in an Arcadia one for the next year. I'll keep my fingers crossed that the timing will work out. The Art League at the Torpedo Factory (Alexandria, Va.) is having an exhibit of artists who have been members for over 25 years, so one of my watercolors will be in that show. Sometimes it pays to be an old timer!"

If you remember, I (**Dwaine Fry Sutherland**) suggested that we begin including fond memories of our four years at Beaver. I hope that you enjoy those submitted and that reading these will spark incidents of your own that you will share. Thanks to those of you who sent the following:

From Barbara Dilling Kaplan: "New Mexico is quiet this time of the year, except for the feast day celebrations at the pueblos. I remember when Joan Ottaway Gurniak and I, along with a few other lucky students, lived at Grey Towers. Joan needed to

go to the old building that used to be a stable, but now housed a wonderful organ, to practice her musical skills. I would accompany her there in the evening and work on my science lessons while she made the walls vibrate with great music. After we locked the doors and walked up to GT, I do believe the stable let out a sigh and settled down for the night. Best wishes to all for a year filled with happiness and good health."

Barbara Jones Sibley remembers flying down the hill in front of Beaver Hall during snowfalls on trays "borrowed" from the dining hall. Her accomplices were Grace Warrington Lowe, Louise Kilpatrick Martin, and Elaine Kauffman Wynosky. What great fun!

As for me (Dwaine), I remember a rainv afternoon when **Jackie** Sapelli and I just had to walk into Jenkintown. The wind was pretty strong, but we didn't mind. We stopped to eat at Horn & Hardharts (remember them?) in town. After getting our food from the little glass holders on the wall and settling ourselves for a tasty meal, the lights went out, plunging all of the diners into darkness! The staff quickly rectified this by putting lighted candles on each table. Jackie and I finished our meals and started back to Beaver. The wind and the rain had both picked up, but we were undeterred (what choice did we have?). We put our heads down, clutching the necks of our trench coats tightly around our throats as we walked down the hill to the school. We made good time as there were no cars on the streets (note to self: sometimes adults are smarter than college students). We finally got to darkened Beaver (which also had no electricity) and learned that we were in the middle of a hurricane! Ah, youth!

I spoke to one of our fellow graduates today after a break of 59 years. I tracked down **Sandra Dart Kaser**. She's back in Long Island, N.Y. after a multi-decade's stint in Nova Scotia where she and her husband raised three children! I hope we can lure her to our 60th reunion in 2018.

That goes for the rest of you, too. The 60th may be our last big HOORAH! So gather ye rosebuds while you may, and all those other old clichés which may bring you to Glenside! Let's make it a weekend (yes, weekend, not an afternoon) to remember. If you're up for it, call me and maybe we can get the school to do some special things for us. Nancy Woehrle in the Alumni Relations Office is tremendously accommodating.

I've been having technical difficulties with my computer (what else is new?), so if your submission has been omitted, I promise it will be in the next issue.

When you next hear from me, it will be "the dawn of a new day!" Dr. Kistler and I wish all good things.

## 1959

The Beaver Lunch Bunch" Class of 1959 meets every few months at a restaurant either in New Jersey or Pennsylvania. This was taken at Morgan's near Allentown. We would welcome anyone from the area who would like to join us. Please contact me, **Doris Bock Worts**, at wortsdh@ptd.net.

Joanne Formica Isacson is living in Daytona Beach, Fla. and enjoying her life there. She is traveling as much as possible, and recently met up with two of her college roommates, Marcia Bihari Weston (with her husband, Bill) and Faye Senneca.

#### Renee Isaacs Glickman

writes, "My grandson, Myles Silverman, represented the U.S. recently in Kazakhstan in the University Games. He competed in the parallel slalom and giant slalom, and made the finals in both events. He also represented the U.S. at the Jr. World Snowboarding Championships in the Czech Republic. He is currently ranked #20 in the world! His sister Maisie plays #1 singles and #1 doubles for Bates College."

Julie Craig Baldwin writes, "Sue Douglas Mitchell and husband Dave spent several days at my cabin in Connecticut. I spoke with **Kathy Ostermann** via phone and hope Kathy will join us in July 2017 along with **Betty Holton Weiss '60** and husband Morris. Much fun in the sun and water and with my black mouth cur named Koby, an adopted 'gentle giant.'"

#### 1960

It's with great sadness I (Betty Holton Weiss) report the passing of our fund agent, Nory Berman Block, this autumn. She courageously battled ovarian cancer for several years, continuing to serve our class despite her health problems. Probably one of the best ways to remember Nory is by making a donation to *The Fund for Arcadia* in her memory.

Also our sympathy is extended to **Jean Stoll Stewart** whose husband died last spring.

On a happier note, Janis Hawes and husband, Pat Cunningham, wrote that life is okay in Collingswood, N.J. 2016 was their last year of cruising on their sailboat as it was getting to be too much to handle. Janis belongs to three fiber-art groups and does yoga and dancing. She and Pat subscribe to two theaters in Philadelphia. They travel to Florida each year, and took a three-week cruise from Chile up the coast to San Francisco. Also, they took a bus and train tour in the Pacific Northwest and Canadian Rockies-the advantages of retired living.

Carol Elkins writes, "After 44 rounds of chemotherapy in 44 months, I have achieved REMISSION from my Stage 3B multiple myeloma."

Anne Carpenter Stanhope writes, "In July of 2015, John and I moved to sleepy little Orwell, Vt. We are enjoying our new life here after 56 years of visits. We have become active with Middlebury College Community Chorus. We have always sung in choirs together, so we were elated to find this 80-100 person chorus. Moving here to our old family farm house (1800's) has

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been a lifelong dream for us after John's retirement. He is 81 now and finally retired. We enjoy hiking locally, going to concerts and art exhibits, and being with our daughter who has an art studio just minutes from us."

I (Betty Holton Weiss) had the pleasure of spending the day with Karen "Punky" Horlacher Ohlman when she left Alabama to visit her two sisters in south Jersey. I also played in a 75-and-over team tennis tournament in San Antonio in November. Yep, still at it with a four-year-old knee and one-year-old hip.

Please email me at weissguys1@ verizon.net in reference to how you feel about getting together at Arcadia in May 2018 for our 80th birthdays instead of waiting for our 60th reunion in 2020. The Class of '58 did this and had a better turnout than we did for our 55th reunion. Also, please email me with news of family, travels, new abodes, etc.

# 1961

Eva Oehrle Fronk was recently awarded the Lutheran Education Association's 2016 Distinguished Retired Lutheran Educator Award. Eva has been serving as an interim principal at Lutheran Schools in Bucks County, Pa., Las Vegas, and San Francisco for the past four years.

Suzanne Decker Fenimore writes, "Eva Oehrle Fronk, Ann Simonin Grebe, and I had a mini (on the phone) reunion recently. Eva was visiting Ann and they called me. It was great to talk with both of them. Frank and I had a wonderful trip to Australia in December. for a week then a twoweek cruise around New Zealand."

# 1962

Can you believe it has been 55 years since we graduated? I do hope that we will have a good representation at our reunion on May 5th and 6th.

The Arcadia Florida Winter Reunions were March 3 and 4 here in South Florida. Most of our classmates who are in the area could not attend that weekend, so we had our own little reunion on Friday, Jan. 13. Attending were: Janet Copeland Zinman, Gail Spevack Wohl, Connie Gerber Levin, Linda May Sklar, Carol Plesser Miller, Gail Weiner Biben '64 (our roommate and suitemate), and me (Lvnn Kronenberg Berman). Lyanne Lindo Wassermann '61, Pam Shain '70, and Ilene Rubin Silver Berman '74 were unable to attend. We had a delightful lunch and caught up on each other's lives since we met last summer in New York City. We are going to meet again in late March.

Are you receiving emails from me for the *Arcadia* magazine articles and our reunion? If not, please email or phone me with your up-to-date information. Of the approximately 80 emails I sent out, I received 10 replies. I will send any new information on to Arcadia.

Wilma Maxwell Gray writes, "Five years ago, just before our last reunion, Ed and I left Atlanta after 42 years and moved to Fayetteville, Ark., a beautiful, vibrant college town with much to offer, often on a list of one of the most desirable small towns in which to live. We enjoyed living in the same neighborhood as our older son, Eddie, and four grandchildren who then ranged in age from 19 down to 3, so there were lots of good family times, sporting events and time with our youngest grandson. Then, Eddie was transferred to the Embassy in Trinidad-Tobago. As of last month they are back on U.S. soil and we are thankful. While they were there we made three trips to Trinidad but are glad to be able to visit them in Virginia for now."

Our younger son, David, and his family still live on Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands. David has been there for 20 years and we have visited many times. Our daughter, Ellen, and her husband still live in Atlanta. Her boys are grown, one lives in Atlanta and one in California. With family all over the county and the world, getting together is a challenge but we do manage when possible. All of our children and eight grandchildren were with us for the Fourth of July.

Ed and I like to travel in and out of the country and made several long road trips this year to visit family and friends all over the USA. In December, our oldest granddaughter, Emilie, was married to Nathanael in a beautiful wedding in Fayetteville. We are still glad to be living in N.W. Arkansas and enjoy all that our area has to offer. Also, we have been taking advantage of the many opportunities for volunteeringwith children, veterans and the arts. Ed and I are still enjoying good health and life with each other. This year we celebrated our 55th anniversary. We are ever thankful!!! The only classmate I have seen since our last reunion is Gerry Murray Dunbar. She and her husband, Walt, spent the night with us in Arkansas on the way home from a trip to Arizona—a very good time! If possible, I would like to attend our 55th reunion in May and hope to see

Ginny Dunstan Bruno has said she would not be attending any more reunions, preferring to remember our successful 50th as her last!

many of our classmates there.'

**Gerry Murray Dunbar** sends, "As of this moment I'm planning on attending the reunion."

Sherry Kugler Weidner shares, "In 2015, Chuck was in a rehab center for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's with a bone infection requiring severe treatment. This year, 2016, he was at home and doing reasonably well, so it was a much better fall. I will not be attending our class reunion in 2017. All my contact information remains the same except for the addition of new cell phone number: 910-524-0897."

We hear from **Cynthia Mindel Auerbach**, "All is good here. We took a France river trip in October and are going to Palm Springs and Longboat Key for 11 days each this winter. Phil is still working, and I'm busy with yoga, tennis, bridge, book groups, volunteering, and visits to our Berkshires place. Our first grandchild is in college and two more are graduating high school this June. We have made lots of Boston trips where all three

families are now living...so lucky to have them in the same area code! We had great times visiting for Thanksgiving and Christmas/ Hanukkah weekend. I spent a wonderful day in NYC with **Gail Weiner Biben '64** in November."

We hear from **Gail Williams Tattersfield**, "I am uncertain about attending our 55th. There was a time when we would make the trip from Chicago and see my sister and a couple of friends from when we lived in Bucks County. Now my sister and one of the best friends have passed away. There is no longer that extra reason to travel."

I have not attended any local Arcadia reunions as I have never heard that there were any in the Chicago area and we are not in Florida for winters. It is difficult to keep that enthusiasm about your college years when you live so far and have new interests. (I am grateful to report that George and I have lots of activities and interests right here in our community.) I hear from a few friends and I treasure those connections but know most of my closest Beaver buddies are those who live far away from me and from Arcadia....and several never finished with our class and instead transferred.

Gilda Batagglia Rorro-Baldassari writes, "I am housebound with a spinal compression fracture and do not know if I can attend the reunion. The Mayor of Hamilton Township, in Mercer County, New Jersey, officially announced that I am the 2016 recipient of the 'Lifetime Achievement' award of the Hamilton Twp. Business and Economic Development Commission. I have the distinction of being the first female to receive the award in 41 years. Hailing from Beaver College, that gives me much satisfaction.'

Joan Dretler Rubinstein shares, "We are back in Vero, Fla., for five months and happy to be here in the sun. The kids and their families are fine. We are looking forward to their visits. I won't be going to the reunion."

Helen Krebs Bruant sends, "At this time I do not plan to attend our 55th due to health reasons. I am disappointed; however, 'older age' has presented challenges."

Joyce Orenstein Sobelman says, "I won't be attending the reunion because I'll be in Australia visiting my daughter."

Betty White Jameson tells, "I am not a group person and so never attend reunions, but I certainly look forward to reading about everyone."

Elizabeth (Jean) Walker writes, "I just received the Volunteer of the Year Award 2016 and recognition for 20 years of service from the Penn Museum of the University of Pennsylvania working on the Egyptian Section."

Barbara Davidson Johnson writes, "Alan and I are enjoying our home in the country outside of the small town of Georgetown, Ind. We have taken several trips this past year. Our regular family vacation of a week at a Marriott Beach Resort on Singer Island, West Palm Beach, involved 20 children, spouses, and grandchildren. In September, we took a 12-day vacation to England where we visited Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament, and took a daylong bus trip to the Cotswolds and Blenheim Palace. We also had an opportunity to visit with friends and family members. We are thankful for good health and the ability to continue our volunteer work at a day shelter for homeless men in Louisville and our involvement in our church."

Eugenia Mihalakis Kaludis writes, "Recently, my husband and I moved back to Nashville, Tenn. to be closer to our children. I regret that we are unable to make our 55th reunion. We look forward to reading about it in *Arcadia* magazine."

Margaret McCormick Morales is finally retired again, this time from substituting in Monterey's elementary school. She writes, "I'm really missing the children. I would love to be at reunion and tell my classmates how

many times I've thought of all of you. My health doesn't allow for much traveling right now. Love to you all."

Do try to keep in touch. We all miss each other and love hearing about each of your lives.

# 1963

Judy Bechtold Whyte writes, "I have lived in Ottawa, Canada for many years where two of three of my children live. My techie son and his family are moving to San Jose, Calif. and I hope to visit often. My husband and I escape from winter here and stay in Sarasota, Fla. where we have many friends. We travel with Friendship Force (founded by former President Jimmy Carter) and have had home stays in many countries of the world. For my 75th birthday, I stayed in Barcelona, Spain and Flanders, Belgium for week-long stays. We also had a 30day cruise to all Baltic Sea countries and circumnavigated Iceland."

After contemplating for several years, Jean Cassel Campbell and husband Bruce sold their house in Painted Post, N.Y. in May, and moved into an independent living apartment at Willow Valley Communities, Lancaster, Pa. Her parents had lived there for many years, so they had 31 years of experience visiting this life-care community. She reports that the amenities are superb with an excellent fitness center, musical events (mostly free), classes of all kinds, and nearby walking and bike trails. They are well-pleased with their decision, but making such a move wasn't easy, and she reports they are still unpacking boxes and hunting for things! Jean writes, "Downsizing is not for wimps! We believe we made the right decision in getting re-settled while we could still handle all the changes and hard work. Are there any other Beaverites here?"

reports that all is good on the Chwatsky homefront, except for a few minor glitches related to the aging process. They are leaving on a family trip to Israel where two of the grandchildren (cousins) will have their bar/bat mitzvahs. She reports that there will be 15 family members going on this

Harriet Eltman Chwatsky

trip, including five grandchildren ranging in age from 10-20. Soon after returning from that trip, they will be leaving for Longboat Key, Fla. for part of the winter. Harriett still plays a lot of bridge and now sings in a temple choir (reminding her of singing with the Castleaires!). She is in touch with roommate **Kathy Orsenigo Waterman** via social media.

Merle Arbogast Chorba reports that this time of life seems joyous when making new or renewing old friends, yet devastatingly difficult when losing loved ones. She laments the passing of our dear classmate, Barbara Quillen **Dougherty**, who was loved by all and dearly missed. Merle and George enjoy the role of teachers to their children and grandchildren. Consequently, they are taking their kids and grandkids on a cruise to the ancient and modern worlds of Italy and Greece! Last stop is Naples where they will meet with Naomi Hutchison, Dietz Black's son, Peter, and Mary Dell Dietz! All have agreed to do PowerPoints on their destinations. More after they return! A last reminder from Merle-"Our next reunion is coming up! Don't miss it!"

Phyllis Brody Taylor and her husband of 54 years have downsized to an apartment in Germantown. In spite of health issues, which include a battle with lupus, she also continues to lead a full life dedicated to serving others. Phyllis has focused on the criminal justice system to alleviate the suffering there. She serves as a correctional chaplain and lay chaplain for women with addiction and trauma, and also as a Victim Advocate. She serves on the Board of the EMIR Healing Center (Every Murder Is Real), working with families impacted by murder. She also coordinates an inmate pen pal program and is a resource person within the corrections community, addressing the needs of the elderly and dying in a prison setting.

As a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she has turned to address the needs of children as co-chair of a Board that works in Senegal, called Kids of Kadgiogne.

**2014** John Doherty johnarthur.doherty@gmail.com

**2015** Chelsea Reedman chelsea.reedman@gmail.com

In January, she will also be a "cuddler" for children who need special attention and love at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, which is in one of the poorest sections of Philadelphia.

2 Gail Nazzaro Biggs and husband Clarence "Butch" Biggs have just celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary. They enjoyed a great year of travel to Arizona, Greece, and Colorado last year. Gail continues to be an avid hiker and serves as president of a 600-member hiking club. She celebrated her 75th birthday not only with a family party, but also with a big 75th birthday hike in the woods.

## Donna Wojec Danielewski

writes, "My book Journey: A Memoir has been published and is available on amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com. All of my life and as long as my parents were alive, I heard stories of our journey through war-torn Europe and across the Atlantic Ocean to our final destination of the United States of America. Some moments of the journey were exciting and exhilarating, while others were horrific and beyond human comprehension. Our journey ended on Nov. 11, 1947 when we arrived in New York City and our future was open to us. That future brought with it three wonderful children for whom I wrote this memoir."

# 1964

Our condolences go out to **Joanne Murway Millis**, whose husband Al died while they were on a trip to India. And our prayers go out to **Isabelle "Issy" Mohl Selikoff** and her son, Jon, who has ALS his wife and son.

Bonnie McDowell Lasky and her husband, Elliot, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Alaska last summer with their daughter, Charis, and Bonnie's two sisters. "The trip exceeded our high anticipations. The ship left from Vancouver and we spent an afternoon at their wonderful aquarium which includes displays of the regional marine life and was very informative. We saw a Tlingkit village, workshop and chapter

house, visited a garden of local flora run independently by a couple who settled there 30 or so years ago, a July 4th parade which included high school reunion floats, a funicular ride which gave us a bird's eye view of the harbor and tidal rivers, glaciers which melted into fresh water lakes, many bald eagles who took advantage of the fish which did not leave with the outgoing tide, and two glacier calvings. We also enjoyed four very informative lectures on Alaska by the naturalist on the ship. In Denali, we had an airplane tour of the peaks of Mt. Denali (a.k.a. Mt. McKinley) with lots of glaciers flowing into larger glaciers and polychrome hills. When people ask us what was the most memorable thing we saw/did, our answer is that each day had many of these memorable experiences and even now it is hard to pick just one. The five of us did not do all the same excursions, and would tell the others where we were, what we did, etc. As expected, even when we did the same excursions, each of us took away something different. Among four of us with cameras, we also have approximately 4,000 photos to prove it! In summary, the memory of the view, interesting facts we learned, people we met, all added up to a spectacular vacation and we are especially glad we were able to spend it with family."

This year the couple is going on a Caribbean cruise. One of their stops is Aruba, the "one happy island" that Betsy Rose Carey and I (Linda Mann) enjoy. I think I can safely say Mimi Hirsch Brauch does, too, as she's been there several times with my sister, Barbara, and me, including last April. We were joined by three other friends from Maine and Massachusetts. The group met in Maine in September for a reunion weekend, where we enjoyed a lobster feast, trips to Belfast, and the botanical gardens in Boothbay. Later that week Mimi, my sister, and I met again in Ipswich for our annual clam box feast as Mimi worked her way down the coast birding. Barbara and I returned to Aruba in November for two weeks with a friend from Tacoma, Wash.

Congratulations to another 50th anniversary couple: Bob and Sue Mason Bothwell. Sue reports that Bob had a successful surgery for a melanoma on his back last summer and that, sadly, her 98-year-old mother died in July. I remember how welcoming she was when I visited Sue in Garden City, N.Y. Our sympathies, Sue. She writes, "I am reminded of Beaver whenever I hear the mention of Sidwell Friends, Susan McGregor's alma mater." She is now living in Sarasota, Fla. out of the D.C. whirlwind.

Linda Johnston Austin is a proud grandmother again. Her son, Scott Cairo, and his wife Kelly welcomed their sixth child, Mark, in October Daughter Janine and Jeff moved to St. Clair Shores, closer to Linda and Larry. Linda and Janine went on the Arcadia trip to Sicily. and she writes, "If you are a history buff, this is the place to visit. So many cultures invaded this island over the centuries." Closer to home, she and Larry enjoyed spending time in their trailer at Waldenwoods in Hartland, Mich. and visiting Drummond Island. Much farther away, in March, they will be vacationing in Hawaii, their first cold-weather getaway!

Karen Holmes MacIntyre made four trips to Wisconsin during the year to visit daughter Jen, son-in-law Allen, and her rapidly growing-up granddaughters. She also did a Road Scholar trip to Chicago. Still adjusting to retirement, she is taking Spanish lessons, duplicate bridge lessons, and goes to the gym two-to-three times a week. She's also a member of several church groups, goes to lectures on various subjects, and has taken local recreational field trips.

Jonni Franckling Sage and Paul enjoyed a visit to daughter Amy's family in Utah with a side trip to Jackson Hole. "We continue to enjoy our local grandchild, Celia, and go to all of her concerts and plays."

Janice Comstock Murray writes that she visited her Beaver big sister, Pat Allen '62, in Galloway Township, N.J. just after Thanksgiving. She writes, "We were lucky to have been in the era of big sisters and college parents; those programs really helped in the transition from home to college."

Sandra Krebs Hirsh writes that she is enjoying Minnesota winters; maybe because she is so busy and has so many friends in book groups, Kaballah and Centering Prayer gatherings, and exercise groups at the Y. She is also on the boards of OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) at the University of Minnesota and the YMCA. Professionally, she occasionally does some coaching, team building, and workshops, but daughters Katherine and Elizabeth lead the business. Last spring, Sandy and son Drew went to Hamburg, Germany, to visit Katherine and Bob; all four went to Berlin and Lubec. She also took a trip to Glacier National Park. Sandy was looking forward to Christmas as all of the family would be in Minneapolis, where Elizabeth and Chad have rehabbed their new home. Now they are only seven miles away from Sandy!

I (Linda Mann) wonder how long it takes for Phyllis St. John **Skok** to fill up the pages in her passport. She and a friend, Sue, toured England, Scotland, and Wales, starting with a week in London where they stayed in a flat through Vacation Rental by Owner (VRBO). She and another friend did a VRBO week in Florence, Italy, where they had a view of the Duomo. In August, she and her aunt, Laura, spent three days in Vancouver prior to an Alaskan cruise. August is Alaska's rainiest month and it did live up to that, but it "did not detract from seeing bears, otters, salmon and other wildlife, and spectacular glaciers. We ended our trip with a three-day stay in San Francisco. Sue drove up from San Jose and took us on a lovely tour of Tiburon and the area.'

At home, Phyllis is involved with the Foreign Policy Assn., Great Decisions, Friendship Force, AAUW, the garden club, and the library's book club. "The Friendship Force International World Conference was held in Marrakech, Morocco, this year and friend Beth and I attended. There were 180 delegates from 17 countries at the conference. Afterward we went on a 10-day tour of the country, staying at a Berber guest house, walking in medinas, visiting Roman ruins and (one of the most exciting) riding camels into the dunes of the Sahara to watch the sunset. On the way home, we staved five days in Madrid including a day trip to Toledo.

During the summer, daughter Deb, a friend, and Phyllis drove up to Vermont and stopped along the way in the Hudson Valley to visit FDR's home and Eleanor's house at Val-kill. Earlier in the year, I joined Deb at her AHA conference in Providence and had a chance to visit Wayne and Susan Patt Mountz at their home in Old Saybrooke, Conn. Susan has come back to Pa. for a couple of visits since they moved. It is always a treat to get together for lunch and catch up."

Phyllis, friends, and people from the AAUW planned to join the Women's March on Washington the day after the inauguration.

I (Linda Mann) plan to do the same in Boston, with family and friends. My sister and I are going to St. Augustine for a week in April. Unfortunately, we'll be missing Scott and Wendy Glass Severance '65 by one day! They left New York on New Year's weekend for their threemonth stay in St. Augustine. She and Scott thoroughly enjoyed their 50th anniversary cruise aboard the Queen Mary II: "We were pampered to the hilt. No meal planning, no grocery shopping, no cooking and cleaning, etc. It sure was difficult to get back to reality." Wendy celebrated her birthday at Lake George "with friends from our Army days in Bad Kissingen, Germany, back in the '60s."

**Diana Peck Watters** writes she and Tony have been enjoying the warm weather in Venice, Fla. this winter and they had

several visits with **Sue Patt Mountz** and husband Wayne in January and March while they were in Siesta Key.

In the small world department: While I (Linda Mann) was visiting a friend at her Lathrop retirement community in Northampton, Mass. we attended a wine and cheese get-together in its community center where I met Bob and Judy Jones Buhner '58, and Sidney and Miriam Moss, who had done social studies research at Arcadia. They had not realized the connection until we all started talking; amazingly small world.

Nancy Roberts Reid writes, "It has been a very busy year. George and I put our house on the market in January 2016 with no action. At the beginning of August, we not only had an acceptable offer, but it came with a four-week timeline to closing. Needless to say, we scurried to get packed. We moved to a Continuing Care Retirement Community called Seabrook Village in Tinton Falls, N.J. on Aug. 25, 2016. Our address is 707 Flagship Terrace, Tinton Falls, NJ 07753."

## 1966

I (Judith "Judy" Simon King) trust that you had a terrific holiday season and have jumped happily onto 2017. Happy 2017 and CHEERS to the Class of '66!

Sue Thomas, Judy MacCrate Stephens, Miki Waldman DeBaise, Diane Duffy Hoch, Sheila Murphy, and Betsy Mackerell Ruch '67 got together in December to go to the Christmas show at the American Music Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. It is a yearly event for them.

Miki Waldman DeBaise is a tennis coach at The Academy of the New Church. She gives private lessons, loves woodworking, gardening, and traveling in and out of the USA. Miki was able to help me get the proper tennis racquet for my granddaughter Brooke. Thanks Miki! In October, Miki had a knee replacement.

Speaking of knee replacements, **Kathy Greacen Gipe** had her operation in October. How are you doing, Kathy?

Diane Duffy Hoch and her husband Dave, both retired teachers, became grandparents in July when their daughter Jen gave birth to Blake Elise. Needless to say, they are both totally smitten with this little angel. Diane and Dave love to attend auctions and then sell their wares at the family's 50-table garage sales.

Judith Radogna Turchi says traveling and participating in new hobbies, plus spending time with her special rescue lab take up most of her time. Judith asks, "Where are former dormmates from Kistler and Thomas?"

I (Judith "Judy" Simon King) spent January and February traveling. In January, my East Coast family traveled to the West Coast to help Finley, my grandson, celebrate his first birthday. Brook (12) and Paige (9) hadn't seen Finley since August and were anxious to see how he has changed and all of his new skills. In February, I went south to Florida to help Margaret "Margie" Wolpert Rutkowski celebrate her birthday. Margie had a rough year. Her husband John passed away in August from a form of Parkinson's, PSP (Progressive Supernuclear Palsy). For the last four years, Margie was John's full-time caregiver, caring for John with love and total devotion.

Also in February, I was at the Disney ESPN World Sports Center when my granddaughter Paige's soccer team had a tournament. Go, Philly Fever!

In the small world category, **Judy Applegate Jervis** and I (**Judith** "**Judy**" **Simon King**) realized at our reunion that we belong to some of the same organizations. Judy Jervis's husband, AJ, and my friend, Bob Duffy, are both Shriners and Legion of Honor members. A few times a year, these organizations have events when spouses/significant others are welcome. Judy and I represent Arcadia well at these gatherings!

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Once again, let us hear from you...we want to hear all of your news!

#### 1967

Pamela Arnold Dawson writes, "On Nov. 15, 2016, Art and I were honored at a gala to receive the Pacesetter Award from New York Presbyterian Hospital/Queens. This is the highest award given to non-staff for leadership, service and philanthropy in support of their Medical Center. On June 25, 2016, Art and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary—time flies!"

Adrienne Leviton Hendler has been married for 49 years with three children and seven grandchildren (ages 3-16). She enjoys golf, gardening, reading in her book club of 25 years, and traveling, most recently to Morocco this past October She still keeps in touch with classmate Barbara Weinstein.

Barbara Popick Rosing writes, "I retired in July 2015 after a 45-year career with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a congressional/legislative analyst. Apparently, my timing could not have been better in light of the future outlook for the agency post Jan. 20, 2017."

Zandra Maffett celebrated her 70th birthday year by following her passion: being of service, traveling the world, and lifelong learning.

Susan Caruso has been retired since 2012. She plays golf twoto-three times a week and works part-time at a local garden center. Clearly, she loves being outside as much as possible. She is still close with her college roommate, Lynn Darling Hendershot '66, after all these years. She visits with her twin sister, Annette Caruso, as often as possible (she's the better golfer).

#### 1968

**Judith McColl Barrow** writes, "The nonprofit 501(c)3 of which I am a director won HUD grants totaling \$315,000 for renovations. I am the director of Aurora Interfaith Community Services, the largest food and clothing bank in Aurora, the third largest city in Colorado."

1969

3 Calla Pappas Merkle writes that she has been retired from teaching and the I.T. field for seven years now and is enjoying every moment with her husband, Rick, who is also retired. "We have three of our four children living with their families here in the Baltimore area. The out-of-towner is in Seattle and we love visiting there. We have three granddaughters, Molly Davis (7), Dahlia Merkle (7), and Violet Merkle (2). They are such a joy!" Calla's mother is 93 and lives in a retirement home near her. And Calla is busy with helping to care for her, and with ministries at her church. Calla sings in the choir, helps in the kitchen, and is in a leadership role at "Celebrate Recovery," a Christ-centered, 12-step program. This coming summer, Rick and Calla will travel to Italy on tour and sightseeing with the choir.

Susan Smyth Shenker is still teaching full-time at LIU Post. She teaches genetic counselors, mental health counselors, and school counselors. Her daughter, Sarah, left her job as a major gifts development officer at American Red Cross to begin her MBA in Social Enterprise (a.k.a. nonprofit management) at Columbia. Her son, Jordan, graduated from Colgate in May and hopes to get a job in finance.

4 Linda Cowgill Emerick's granddaughter, Faith, who was born with Down syndrome, was selected as the actual poster child for Coppin State University's Ability Awareness Month in Baltimore. She loved all the attention and, since a family member needed to speak about her, Linda was delighted to do so. "Can you imagine? A grandparent being asked to speak about a grandchild before a captive audience?"

Emily Solomon Farrell is still taking mosaic classes in case anyone needs a mosaic flower pot, stick, gazing ball, or painting. In fact, anything that stands still in her house gets tiled. Her husband keeps moving for some reason. She is also guiding at the Brandywine River Museum of Art. The Museum has art from the Phillips Collection coming soon, and an Andrew Wyeth Anniversary show after that. Anyone who is coming to this area is cordially invited to contact Emily for a tour. Barbara Woodruff Chase did so, which was fun for both of them.

**Barbara Woodruff Chase** continues to live and paint in Maine. She does lovely paintings of local scenery, and her apples look good enough to eat!

1 Helen Ham and her family had quite a good year and are in reasonable health so they are grateful in every way. The year was capped off with a trip to Beijing and Hong Kong with her husband's daughter, Nettie, her husband Gary, and their granddaughters, Sophie and Alexx. The year began with three months in Tarpon Springs, Fla. which included a lovely breakfast with Barbara Kelly Breeden. In August, Ron and Helen celebrated their 25th anniversary with most of their family in Westerly, R.I. Also in August, Helen took Sophie and her grandson, Owen Sullivan-Dale, for 10 days in Iceland – glorious! And now Helen and her husband are back in Tarpon Springs for the winter and plan on seeing Barbara and her husband soon. She is still working a little. She has a market research project underway that she can do from home. She sends her love to all.

# 1971

Anna Deavere Smith, actor and playwright, received the Phyllis Franklin Award for Public Advocacy of the Humanities and the 35th George Polk Career Award, one of the top awards in journalism.

Elsa Larsen Vernon says her phone number is listed as "not in service" at this time because she has had back surgery and has been with her daughter in New Orleans for the past two months recuperating. She will be returning to Ohio in January to live with a friend for about a month until she is able to function independently. Her landline should be back up and running sometime in February. In the meantime we can reach her on her cell phone: 216-903-3320.

# 1972

Michelle Erlich Cohen was appointed dean of Samson College of Health Sciences at University of the Sciences on July 1, 2016.

Janet Stillman Martin is sorry she won't be able to attend the reunion. She writes, "Last month, my husband, Roy, and I were in Florida and visited with Sandy Haswell Martin and Joyce Grote Carta. Last summer, Roy and I got to see Sandy, Karen Stauffer Dorward, and Anne Bolas Groth and spouses on a bus trip north. Roy and I are enjoying the freedom retirement gives us and doing lots of traveling. We leave for Japan in a week.

## 1973

Barbara Joralemon writes, "I graduated from Boston University, then Pacific School of Religion (Berkeley, Calif.). I have been an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ for nearly 39 years. My ministry has been in teaching health care and bioethics. I have lived in New Mexico for 36 years. My son, Win Hansen, is finishing his two master's degrees (education and educational philosophy) at the University of New Mexico. I have neither a spouse nor grandchildren; currently just a very large dog and a fat cat."

Mary Hobler Hyson says the family is getting bigger. She writes, "We have four grandsons with one on the way. I've been studying watercolors and other art forms. It's very satisfying."

# 1974

Linda Schmoock Brayshaw has retired from teaching special education at Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22. Her daughter, Medlina, has four children: Syndey (8), identical twins Charlotte and Taylor (5), and Ben (3). She has been very busy being a grandmother. Lots of fun!

## 1979

Janice Cohen Pujgo has retired from the School District of Philadelphia after 34 years in the classroom.

# 1980

Sue Morey '80M has been elected to serve as chair of the 30-member Board of Directors for the Pennsylvania Health Care Association (PHCA), a statewide advocacy organization for Pennsylvania's most vulnerable older residents and their providers of care. Sue is the vice president and general manager for HCR-ManorCare's eastern Pennsylvania division.

#### 1983

Mary Stillman Sundra writes, "My daughter, Katherine "Katie" Sundra '12, received her graduate degree in museum studies from the University of San Francisco in December 2016. Also, I have been selected as our elementary school's 2017 Teacher of the Year. I have been teaching art at the Northfield Community School for 16 years. My total number of years in education is 28 years."

Mary Ellen Shilling Congleton writes, "My daughter, Kelly, was married on May 13, 2017; a very exciting time in the Congleton residence. The wedding was held at the Camden County Boathouse on the Cooper River. In December, I saw fellow Beaver classmate, Linda Scarfi. It was wonderful to catch up with her after way too many years!"

#### 1988

Deborah Shipman Ruffin writes, "Our oldest child, Ebony, will be a senior at George Madison University this fall, and our second child, Eleah, will be a freshman at William and Mary."

#### 1999

**Derrick Douglass** is pleased to announce a new art series "Sakini Mwali," Swahili for "Strong Quiet Lady." The series is inspired by women he saw meditating—they appeared serene, yet strong. African-American and ethnic figures play a major role in the series because there is dearth of these images. He says, "If artists like me don't create art that places black figures on display for everyone to see, then who will?"

Stephen Clark's debut novel, Citizen Kill, is coming out this summer and is available for preorder at tinyurl.com/CitizenKill.

## 2001

Laren McClung '01, '03M was named the 2016 Bucks County Poet Laureate. Laren, who holds two master's degrees and teaches at New York University, rose to the top of 88 entries in the 40th annual contest, which is sponsored by the Bucks County Commissioners. She was honored with a poetry reading and reception at **Bucks County Community** College's Newtown campus.

Phoebe Murer was the recipient

# 2006

of the 2016 INAP (International Naturally Autistic People) third place award for the ANCA World Autism Festival in the category of Community Achievement, the 2015 recipient of City of Vancouver Mayor's Award and ANCA Network for Community Achievement, and the 2012 recipient of the INAP award for ANCA World Autism Festival in the category of Visual Arts. She writes, "This was my fourth time at the ANCA World Autism Festival. I am recognized as an ANCA World Ambassador to represent ANCA and all the great things this organization stands for. ANCA made an eveopening documentary of their organization called Connected: A Film about Autistic People, which received the Making a Difference Honorable Mention Award and I'm in the film!"

I self-published four books, one being under my own name entitled Lab Animal Plays.

I participate in several art co-ops and show my artwork regularly. I also provide art lessons to various people.

#### 2008

Jaymie Bowles recently launched her own Internet radio station committed to youth empowerment, positive community affairs and civic engagement! She writes, "Thus far, we have reached over 34,000 unique listeners in over 150 different countries. A launch party was held last October at the Let Out in Philly. A portion of the proceeds benefited The Mothers Den Scholarship

Fund, which was established to help offset the costs for single mothers returning to school to complete their degrees. The Mothers Den was founded by Shardae Pennick, another Class of 2008 Arcadia graduate!"

Brittany McCall got married on November 6, 2016 to Alex Echt.

## 2009

Alessandro Russo and Christine Klepper have gotten engaged. They currently reside in Washington, D.C. Alessandro has been promoted to a senior librarian/ assistant manager position in Montgomery County, Md.

Steve Vassalotti has joined the John DeBella Morning Show on 102.9 WMGK as the executive producer and a member of the on-air team.

Rev. Becca Crate has become a minister at Springfield Presbyterian Church in Sykesville, Md. as of May 2016. She is enjoying her work with the congregation and aims to implement the design knowledge she learned at Arcadia into her work at SPC.

Eva Powel is the marketing manager for Heineken, USA as well as a sculptor with work at The Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, N.J.

Mandee Metzger started her business, Be Simple Be Healthy LLC, in October 2016 to follow her passion of helping others be healthy through holistic health, wellness, and yoga. She offers services including one-on-one, in-home yoga sessions, health coaching, speaking about wellness topics at corporate events, hosting community events, and more! Be Simple Be Healthy also makes and sells handcrafted, small-batch Scentea Organic Skincare. Body scrubs and bath salts with tea-inspired scents are made locally in Horsham, Pa. using essential oils, organic herbs, and ingredients. For more details, check out her website at besimplebehealthy.com or contact besimplebehealthy@gmail.com.

Randi Hendler Snock resides in Northeast Philadelphia with her husband of three years, her threemonth-old son, Jonathan, and their three dogs. She is in her seventh year of teaching in Philadelphia.

Barbara Huggins was recently chosen as an Angel in Adoption Honoree for the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute. She received this national award last fall in Washington, D.C.

# 2010

**Tamar Paltin** is the director of training for New Leash on Life USA, a nonprofit helping inmates and dogs in need.

Stephen Neafsey is teaching advanced placement studio arts in Ningbo, China. He moved to China to continue his goal of teaching internationally.

Ian Magill is the student success coordinator at the University of Maine at Augusta. Rachael Dauscher and he were married in July 2015.

**Shawn Cammy** has been working for Bloomberg L.P. with their Bloomberg Law product for the past three years. He was engaged in October and will marry the love of his life, Sage Heyman, in January 2018.

Alyssa McDermott is working in international development. She is engaged and planning a Feb. 25, 2017 wedding.

**Heather Wade Howard** is married with one child and one on the way. She teaches in a private school in Philadelphia.

**Andrew Kempe** is a high school teacher in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Kim Jacoby completed her postdoctoral fellow at the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIH/NIBIB). She received the Intramural Research Training Award this past January.

**Ashley Phelps** is a clinician at KidsPeace Hospital. She received her license in clinical social work last summer.

Joshua Lee '10MBA is a field energy consultant with SolarCity/Tesla. He was married in November 2016.

**Ryan Smith** is a digital product manager with Comcast.

Christina Rynearson Lopez is an accountant at the F.D.A. in Maryland. "My husband and I are expecting our first child, a baby girl this June 2017!"

Nicole Harhart is working with the managing partner at a real estate law firm in Honolulu. She is living in Kalama Valley on Oahu.

Angela Vito is a territory account leader with Ethicon Inc., a division of Johnson & Johnson. She married Ian Conahan last September.

Julie Leva Schoettle is a court reporter for the Montgomery County Courthouse. She writes, "My husband, Marc Schoettle, and I had our first baby, Marc Vincent Schoettle, last October!"

Jennifer Pacheco lives in London and works for Carlton Books as a sales manager for North America. She writes, "I was married on Feb.17, 2017 to Sheahan Arnott. He's from Perth, Australia, the farthest city on the world from New York, where I was born, and we met in the middle."

Erin Smith attends Capella University, working on an M.S. in Industrial-Organizational Psychology. He was married to Phyroun Ung last July and bought a house in Drexel Hill, Pa.

Jennifer Kurowski taught a global field studies course on Jane Austen at Arcadia in the spring of 2016. She is a vice president/creative director for an advertising agency in Philadelphia. She said, "I volunteer (far too infrequently) at PAWS, the city's largest no-kill animal shelter."

**Tom Cox '10MBA** changed careers in 2014. He is vice president of customer operations at Aqua America. "I celebrated the birth of our first grandchild in 2016."

**Brittany Mitchell** will complete her M.B.A. with a Global

Perspective and concentration in Finance at Arcadia in May 2017. She is employed at Entercom as a payroll specialist.

Dana Dilliplane Perich is the secondary principal of a charter school in Las Vegas, Nev. She completed her Master of Arts in Administration in December 2016 and is on target to complete a TESL endorsement by the end of the summer of 2017.

JoLynne Holloman recently accepted a position as social media manager with Major League Soccer in New York City. She recently departed the Seattle Sounders, where she served as digital media manager for three seasons. She shares, "The club won its first-ever MLS championship in December 2016 and I was there to capture it across our social channels in Toronto, Ontario,"

**Tatiana Scott '10M** works as a scientist, budding herbalist, and entrepreneur. She is planning a wedding in May 2017.

Christa Greagori '10, '11M is celebrating her third year teaching K-4 autistic support at Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center. She writes, "I've recently moved to Pennsburg, Pa. with my boyfriend. We adopted Finn, a 4-month-old beagle-cur mix puppy, in October and his

brother, Harrison, in February."

**Brian Beutel '10DPT** is a physical therapist in private practice in Bethlehem, Pa. with Robbins Rehabilitation. He celebrated the birth of his first son, Brandon.

**Rebecca Yanke Ciske** works at the Wisconsin State Crime Lab. She is married and has a three-year-old boy.

**Robert White** is an engineer for Verizon Wireless. He was married in October 2015 and is in the process of buying a home.

Melissa Wainwright and Kyle Milanowicz were married on Aug. 20, 2016.

# 2012

**Alyssa Ramos-Reynoso** writes, "The nonprofit organization I founded, Schools for Sustainability,

Inc., built a water purification system with two other Arcadia alumni, Binita Mandalia and Stanley Dorsainville in the Dominican Republic. The water purification system was built with the help of another nonprofit, 33 Buckets, and will ultimately service 5,000 Dominicans and Haitians. Learn more at schoolsforsustainability.org.

# 2013

**Billy Peitz** is employed at Bryn Mawr College as an institutional research analyst.

Katelin McNally writes, "I am engaged to a man I met in FYSAE in the fall of 2010. I graduated in 2016 from Chestnut Hill with a dual Master's in Couple's and Family Therapy as well as Co-

occurring Disorders, and was able to start working as a therapist at Eagleville Hospital. This past fall, I started working on my Ph.D. in Clinical Human Sexuality.

Michael Ziegler '13MAH writes, "The 'Poet' of the Haber Green (the graduate student, whose name and poem is on that bronze dedication plaque in the tree lined path to the right of the student center) has been working as a philosophy and criminal justice instructor at Manor College in Jenkintown since the fall of 2015. He is currently working on a new set of verse, 'Poems by Gaslight.'"

# 2014

**Kasey Plantholt** graduated from the GBMC School of

Radiography in July 2016 and is employed as a radiographer at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center in Baltimore, Md.

Leanda Helms, graduated as the class valedictorian from Full Sail University last March with a M.F.A. in Media Design. Receiving Course Director Awards in Design Integration and Measuring Design Effectiveness, she was also awarded the Advanced Achievement Award recognizing outstanding achievement in a student most likely to succeed in their profession. Leanda currently lives in Massachusetts and is employed as a sales design coordinator for a major fitness company in the Boston area. :

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1940

Virginia Berger Raymond

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1942

Marietta Sander Bosler Dorothy Kulp Edwards

Katherine Schmutzler Tucker

1945

Mary Louise Welchons Elliott Phyllis Maisel McCoy Claire Hawk Miers

1946

Shirley Umansky Ehrlich E. Bernice Tiger Eppler

Nancy Reynolds Griffiths Jane Skinner Haines Patricia Curran Monahan June DeFrank-Reilly

1950

Rita Rosenfeld Stein Anna Laura Neidert Thompson Mary Lou Morris Zeffert

1951

Frimi Alamar Apt Audrie Max Rothschild

Joan Heil Prall

1953

Betty Rizzotte Megan Helffrich Steinmetz

Joyce Hoffman Freuden

1955

Dianne Howard Vaughan

1956

Ann Riker Baum

1960

Lenore (Nory) Berman Block

Barbara Schmalberg Goldsmith Ellen Gardner Kirch

1973

Agnes Slevin Mauro Julia Bronstein Miles

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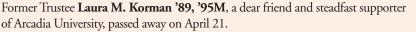
1989 Laura Fisher Korman '95M

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After earning a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1989 and a Master of Education in 1995, Laura served as an Alumna Trustee at Arcadia. She began her tenure as a Term Trustee in 2008, advising the Finance, Governance, and Student Affairs committees, and leading the Trustees and Honors Committee as vice chair.

A dedicated member of the University community, Laura served on the Alumni Board of Directors, co-chaired the Class President's Committee, engaged with prospective students as an alumni admissions representative, and organized Alumni Reunion events as co-president of her graduating class. She received both the Golden Disc for Meritorious Service (2005) and the Mary Louise Armstrong Wolf Award (2007) for her efforts.

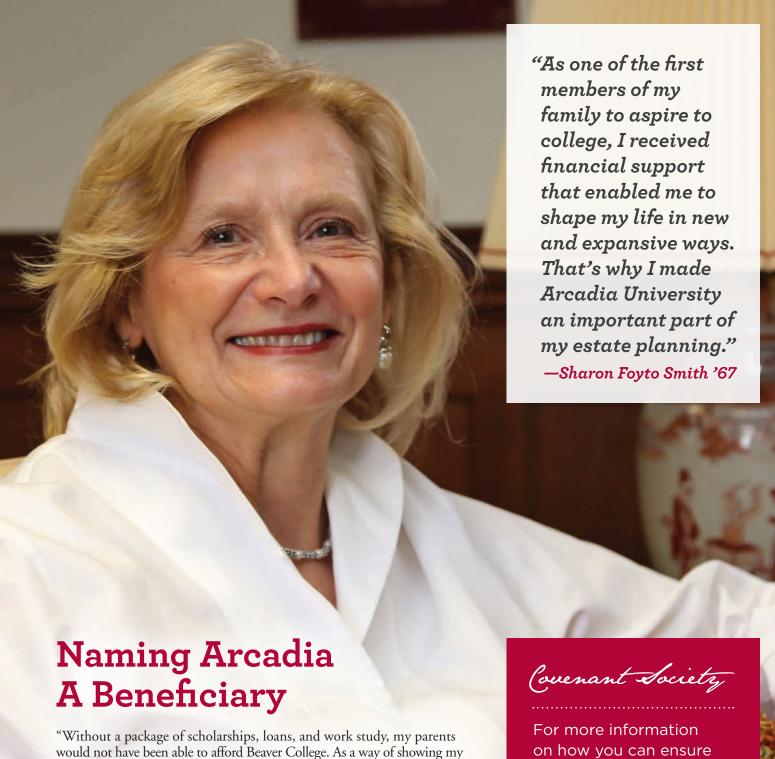
Together with her husband, James, Laura was a devoted benefactor to the University and a member of the President's Circle. Through her passion for higher education, Laura expanded scholarship opportunities, enhanced campus facilities, and strengthened the Preview program for Arcadia students.

In addition to her service at Arcadia, Laura was a kindergarten teacher and program director at Plymouth Elementary School and accounting manager of eLocal and Rockland Capital. She lent her fundraising and event-planning expertise to the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Institute of Contemporary Art, YMCA of Ambler, Pa., and Germantown Academy. Laura had asked that donations in lieu of flowers be made to Arcadia for student scholarships. .





Laura (M. (Korman '89,'95M



gratitude for the support I received, I chose to include Beaver College/Arcadia University as a beneficiary in an insurance policy as part of my estate planning.

This was an easy way for me to give back and ensure that students continue to benefit from transformative learning experiences like the First-Year Reading lecture with Alan Cumming in 2015. I was impressed by the students' energy and enthusiasm and was reminded then of Arcadia's commitment to active learning.

I have always contributed to *The Fund for Arcadia*, even as a young graduate paying off loans, but naming Beaver as a beneficiary affords me the opportunity to make a significant gift to the University down the road."

Sharon Foyto Smith '67, principal of The Smith Group Consultants, has served in numerous leadership positions in the nonprofit sector.

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