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1953

Eleanor Spano Martin and Beverly Rappaport Goldberg represented the Class of 1953 at their 65-year reunion in May (*above*).

Marilyn Blocklinger writes, “To all classmates, a big hello! Still in Florida in an independent retirement facility. I’m sorry I missed our big 65th; I had a family wedding with the last of the single grandchildren. Would love to hear from everyone. The last person I talked to was **Betty Rizotte**, who is now gone. I keep in touch with family in Pa., especially since the family tragedy.”

1954

Loretta Parker Liljestrand writes, “Dear Octogenarians/Class of 1954, you have received the comprehensive letter about our 65th reunion, the appropriate gifts to Arcadia, and our class fund/scholarship. We thank Marilyn, Ruth, Nancy, Peg, and Murph for their precise accounting and their notification of the 65th reunion [on May 3 and 4, 2019]. I regret a family graduation will prevent my attendance.

As we grow older, there are numerous ways we can maintain our mental acuity. Some are challenged by crossword puzzles, some by Mah Jongg, and some with technological devices, but I have a challenge. Try to understand a different sonnet by Shakespeare each day (there are 154—enough for five months or more), and

write its meaning in one sentence. Another challenge is to define the Swedish word *dastadning*; it translates as a gruesome ‘death cleaning,’ which should remind us that it is time to organize our final years so that our lifetime collection of ‘stuff’ does not overwhelm our loved ones.

As college-educated women, we can appreciate the limitations of time and calibrate these years to be productive, generous, and worthwhile. How blessed were we to have the years at Beaver and to have had the best education possible in the 1950s with the best teachers and peers?”

1956

Harriet Swoyer Horner Baisch writes: “In a way, the complete absence of news about the Class of ’56 in the latest *Arcadia* magazine is a tribute to our friend and classmate, **Patty Darling Kile**. Patty reported all the available news about us. She was the most organized and dedicated friend of us all, and we happily took her for granted. She was supposed to outlive us all and write about our final escapades.

Some alumnae from ’56 are still traveling, playing with grand- and great-grandkids, voting in elections (but let’s not get too political), and enjoying life between doctor’s visits. Life is not perfect, or easy, at our age. Friendships and caring for others is vital in the scheme of life.

Patty caught the gold ring and got off the merry-go-round when God told her to. Thanks to her for keeping track of us for so many years.

Now, let’s all remember to send in some notes about ourselves whenever we receive another envelope from Arcadia. Instead of always sending back money, send a note and the funniest thing you’ve done or seen in the past year...just a paragraph to let your Beaver friends know you’re still ‘with it.’ Patty will know.

Hugs to all (all names apply!).”

1957

In our quest for information from or about our classmates, we received the following; most of these replies came in October.

Joanne Stoneback Graves wrote that it has been a long time since we have heard from her, but her husband, Ted, died on May 9 after 11 years on dialysis, in and out of hospitals and nursing homes. She received a lot of support from her church, her condo neighbors, and Home, Health and Hospice groups in Nashua, N.H. None of her children are local, so 24/7 responsibility was on her shoulders. Now she can get back to volunteer work, her church, and maybe a new dog! She commented that time has gone so quickly, and she has realized that all of us are in our 80s.

Joy Gill Allen shared that her husband, Bob, passed away four years ago, and she has sold her condo in Naples, Fla. A few of us would meet her for breakfast whenever we were together. Have to do it in Lititz, Pa. now, I guess.

“Slowing down a bit, but still taking walks,” writes **Barbara Gordon Cooke**. She does get to the gym! (Wonderful!) Recent vacations have been more local and to see the kids. Ned had his tendon repaired on his hip and is finally getting back to normal.

Pene Zack Riggs and Lou celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary by going to Disney World. They then continued on to Naples, Fla. to visit her brother. She and Lou played golf on my favorite course, Bonita Fairways. Lincoln, Neb. may be the next place to visit and to see her oldest grandson and his wife, as they are taking classes and receiving advanced degrees. Her daughters arranged for a “shower” of cards from those of us who go a long way back, all wishing them continued happiness. (I hope it was a surprise.)

Betty Siebener Kleman and I (**Freda Friz Schopfer**) were able to have a delicious breakfast in Naples, Fla. in mid-October. She was busy arranging a family

reunion at Hilton Head at the end of the month. Everyone in the family is busy. But her son, Tom, is off the boat for a while, and so a visit with everyone is unusual. All is well with her and she is still very active at the church and playing “games.”

Bernadine Spangenberg

Loeser just wanted to say “hi” to everyone from Ormond Beach, Fla.

Emma Jane Murphy Burns

reported that her son retired from the Navy as a captain after 30 years of service. What an accomplishment; we are so proud! Also, another 60th wedding anniversary was celebrated.

Martha Berglund Curtiss (bless her heart) left me a voicemail saying that she had finally retired for real. She is busy volunteering with her church and the Village for Families and Children and going to the symphony and playhouse. She and the entire family are excited that a great-grandchild is due to arrive on the scene.

Deborah Fisher Stern still conducts Sabbath services at assisted living facilities in the Ventnor, N.J. area and is a spiritual care coordinator (chaplain) for Heartland Hospice. She also chants at her synagogue and is a member of the South Jersey Board of Rabbis and Cantors. She writes that her daughter, Amy, lives in New York and her granddaughter, Gracie, is studying for her master's degree in social work.

Gail Leonard Williams said what we all feel when she stated that she thought about the good old “Beaver” days often and about the great times with good friends. She still keeps in touch with **Lee Olsen Karwoski**, **Edie Hall Neal**, and **Ellie Perrine Cox**. Water aerobics and the pool keep her active in the summer, along with senior yoga each week.

Julia Sturgeon Martin wrote that she is still living in Grass Valley outside of Sacramento. At the time of her note, she was practicing for her 15th *Messiah*, finding it difficult to reach all of

those high notes. However, she still sings in her church choir, is active in other church activities, and volunteers at Friends of the Library (and has since 1994), besides playing tennis. She said she opted not to attend our 60th because she wanted to remember Beaver as it was in 1957, reminding us that she “grew up” at Beaver since her father had been head of the Chemistry Department until 1959, and her mom taught English.

Anne Godsey Stinnett writes that she has lived in the same house in Sarasota, Fla. longer than anywhere else in her entire life—25 years! For the past 15 years, she maintained her law practice out of the second bedroom, but has now let her license lapse and is wondering what to do with the rest of her life. Her three children, three grandchildren, and one great-grand all live within an hour's drive, so she feels very lucky. She invites anyone passing through Sarasota to give her a call.

All is “good” with **Paula Dinkelacker Wojciechowski**. She's enjoying life as it's being dealt to her and is still busy with choir, prayer shawl committee, and Bible study. She enjoyed the summer at the shore and was busy with family projects.

Janice Williams O'Connell enjoyed her five months on Long Beach Island last summer playing bridge and golf and seeing her six grandchildren often. She wrote that “sometime in the next several months” she would be moving to a 55 and older community in Allentown, N.J., but in the meantime, would be busy getting her home ready to sell. Then it is off to Siesta Key, Fla. on March 1 for six weeks. Busy!

Sad news: **Verna Banks Johnson** passed away on March 29, 2018, after suffering several infections and a mini-stroke. Thanks to her son, Dave, for sharing this information.

Freda Friz Schopfer writes, “I am still busy running my CURVES exercise place in the small town of Dublin, Pa. All is well. Grandsons are completing college and

finding employment—hurrah! Little aches and pains in the knee, hip, feet—you name it, I've had it! But I feel blessed that I have made it so far. Many thanks to all of you who sent news in various ways. It makes my job so much easier to do.”

1958

It's April 2019 as you read this, but October 2018 as I, **Dwaine Fry Sutherland**, write. As if approaching my 83rd birthday isn't confusing enough! Anyway, I'll do the best I can.

I begin with offering condolences to **Gwen Reich Rosvold** on the passing of her husband, Donald. Gwen was unable to attend our reunion in May because of Don's illness. She is in our thoughts and prayers.

Pat Fletcher Lyford is a marvel and defies explanation. What follows is a direct quote: “We live with our altered life since my husband, Larry, had a stroke four years ago. In spite of this change of life, we get out for a variety of appointments and activities. The end of July we were blessed with a visit of a daughter of my Italian friend and her husband. Their visit brought so much joy! I have known Isabella since she was three. This was followed by an amazing visit from the Alaskan family; a glorious time followed. The house buzzed with people, lots of cooking, and a shopping spree with my granddaughter at the mall. Laura is soon to be 13 (going on 15). Rose's (my daughter-in-law and Laura's mom) sister came from N.C. for a long weekend. My son Peter's friends popped in, and my other son, Stephen, took Peter to various breweries. The ladies went to the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The day before their departure, they bought a 12-week-old Gold Rush Golden Retriever and flew home to Alaska with her. A busy, joyful visit!”

Our reunion committee finalized our endowed scholarship and had a wonderful visit with **Grace Warrington Lowe** when she came to the campus to meet with the committee. A great THANK YOU to Grace and her very generous contribution!



President Ajay Nair with **Marjorie Klotz '36** at the Florida reunion in February. At 102, Klotz is believed to be the University's oldest living alumna.

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This summer we lost our classmate, my dear friend **Kathie Kavanagh Evans**. I will never forget this story that Kathie loved to tell: As a freshman, I came to Beaver for hockey camp two weeks earlier than the incoming class. I was settled into our room in Ivy Hall. I was an art major who loved sports. Kathie was shocked when she arrived and found high-top Converse sneakers in our room. "My God, who am I rooming with?!" Fond memories of my loving friend.

Sandy Dart Kaser and I had a long overdue telephone chat this past summer that was delightful! Sandy followed with a contribution to this newsletter: "This past June, Dennis and I spent a month at our cabin in Cape Breton. We had some improvements made to make it easier to spend time there. It was kind of like camping with having to haul in water. Unfortunately, it was HOT! Whew! The swimming was good and was helped by the floating dock that our son, Owen, had jury-rigged for us. I used a bathing cap to keep the horseflies from attacking me on the head. Oh yes, our son and daughter-in-law spent their whole summer up the road about a mile away. Good company!"

And now from me, Dwaine. Where'd you go?! Only two contributions to the newsletter. If you have nothing new to report, dig into your memories of our four magical years. The previous responses have been very positive and much enjoyed. A request: please send me your most current email address and include your maiden name. I will send you updated information after I have compiled it. No need to add a note, though I cherish anything you send. My best to you.

1960

It is with great sadness that I, **Betty Holton Weiss**, report the passing of my brother Alan Holton in July, nine days short of his 86th birthday. My husband, Morrie, and I will miss our annual trip to his home in Delray Beach, Fla. His wife, Bobbie, has moved to their oldest daughter's home outside of Atlanta, Ga.

In chatting with **Jane Annan Allen** of Mill Valley, Calif., near San Francisco, she mentioned she travels a lot since being widowed seven years ago. Most recently, Jane has been to the Arctic and Chile. Closer to home, she is going to Ashland, Ore. with a group of friends. They plan on attending several theater productions. Jane's hobby is photography, and she uses her talent on her various tours of foreign countries and the U.S.

Joan Eddleman Finerty of Annapolis, Md. was fighting pneumonia when I contacted her. Hopefully, as you read this, she is back on the golf course and is able to join the Naval Academy alumni trips. Joan thoroughly enjoyed a cruise along the Snake River following the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The Naval Academy also has a book club that she enjoys. Her husband Marty, a graduate of the Naval Academy, passed on two years ago. One of Joan's daughters lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia. with her husband, who is an FBI agent. Another daughter lives in Charlotte, N.C. Joan has two grandsons. One is studying to be a flight surgeon. Her second grandson is a musician and an acoustical engineer in Nashville, Tenn. Joan hopes to attend our 60th reunion in May 2020.

Gloria Vogel Hering is taking a trip to China and Tibet with Grand Circle Tours. Her daughter lives in Florida and her son lives in Virginia. Gloria, Morrie, and I attended the alumni trip to Bucks County Playhouse this past summer, preceded by a delightful luncheon at the Dubliner on the Delaware.

Maryann Shear Miko sees **Phyllis Merhige Macksoud** once a month for lunch. After 51 years of living in Franklin Lakes, N.J., Maryann will be moving to a townhouse in the next town. Both her daughter and son live close to her. Her granddaughter graduated from MIT and is working in Washington, D.C. Her grandson attends UVA Law. Maryann has been widowed for nine years.

1962

As you will read, the tone of our "Class Notes" is changing due

to downsizing, illnesses, and deaths. Since we are all around 78 years old, I guess it is to be expected. When you finish reading our entries, please write some updates, especially GOOD news, and send them off to me (**Lynn Kronenberg Berman**) for the next article due this spring.

If you are not receiving emails from me, please send your email address to me now! We really need to stay connected! Also, if you are coming to Florida, especially from the East Coast, let me know. The members of the Class of 1962 and a few other years try to get together several times during the snowbird season! Also, we have the Florida Reunions, run by Arcadia, usually in February, held in several locations in Florida, which are fun to attend.

Carol Purdy Fugate (missing the deadline for the previous issue) sends: "Hope I'm not too late with my reply! Bill and I have been spending time on Cape Cod for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. We were able to visit with family, friends, catch up on various appointments, and then head back to Prince Edward Island for the spring and summer. We are lucky enough to have family in both places. Here in Canada we especially look forward to the beautiful natural scenery: beaches, forests, fields. Gardening (both flower and veggie) is definitely a relaxing, worthwhile hobby. I'm especially looking forward to my watercolors and oil paints with so many subjects to choose from!"

Gail Williams Tattersfield shares: "A bittersweet message this time. My husband, George Tattersfield, passed away on Aug. 13, 2018, after a stroke and then a heart attack. It was a terrible surprise as he had been in what seemed like excellent health up until he had his stroke, walking our therapy dog, Dickens, twice daily, and being active physically every day. The celebration of his life was Oct. 6, and **Susan Davison Lundborg** and **Judy Boetticher Leve** made the effort to come from Florida and Tennessee. to attend. It was wonderful to see them. **Susan Mandelbaum**

Axelrod kept in touch with me regularly during the weeks of George's illness until his passing."

Ronnie Kaye Herman tells: "All is fine in Naples, Fla. As I write this, Hurricane Michael is hitting the Panhandle. Last September it was Naples, so I feel for the residents. We were lucky that we personally had no damage—just a power outage for nine days. Jim and I traveled some this past year and even made a New Jersey beach tour. We will be going on a cruise for Thanksgiving and then enjoying Naples weather for the winter. I am in contact with **Mary Jane Murray Poole** and **Natalie Zegans Kessler** '60.

Sherry Kugler Weidner tells us: "**Barbara Starks Favazza** in Missouri, **Keiko Tani Fujimoto** in Japan, and I in North Carolina continue to stay in touch via email. Our hope is to be able to get together again. Keiko takes care of her husband Ted, who has dementia; I take care of my husband Chuck, who is at home under hospice care; and Barbara keeps us all uplifted with mentions of her three-year-old grandson, Miles. It is a different time of life. I am grateful that Chuck is not in pain, and his mind is good. We appreciate this time together and a long history of shared memories. Here in Wilmington, many are still suffering the effects of Hurricane Florence, especially those who were flooded. Personally, we came through the storm well. Son Chuck from Roanoke, Va., and son Jim from Singapore were here in the following week and were major helpers in changing the yard from debris-filled to normal status. Mostly Chuck and I take joy in our eight grandchildren, seven of whom are in various stages of their college careers and one who is still in high school in Singapore."

Elizabeth (Jean) Walker writes: "Times are changing as we get older. Right now I am on leave from the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, as the Egyptian section galleries and storage area have been partially closed and are getting a major reinstallation. They probably will

reopen sometime in two or three years. I am planning on moving in about two years when my retirement home is completed in the retirement community. I am busy with caring for **Pat Squire**, a lot of house repairs, and some church volunteer work."

Pat Squire has had some major health setbacks, mostly due to her dementia. She is now living in a residence for memory care in Philadelphia. She enjoys her friends, who visit frequently. Pat was a terrific elementary teacher for 33 years. When she took early retirement, she needed an activity and became a book reviewer. She did book reviews from 1996 until 2014. She spoke to 60 organizations both in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. In that time, she did 216 talks. She read all the books that she reviewed and usually spoke about 25 books per talk. She sang in a local chorale for many, many years. She followed in her father's footsteps and periodically gave sermons in her church. She loved to travel and visited many countries over the years. Pat was very pleased with the preparation for elementary teaching that she received at Beaver.

Lynn Auerbach Kaplan and husband Steve moved to an independent living community. They are happy to be in a one-floor cottage. They had lived in their home for 39 years! It's a good way to declutter! She keeps in touch with **Linda May Sklar**. They enjoy their late-night chats!

Andrea Fedowitz Johnsen says: "Hello. God is good. I took a grand trip throughout Greece, four Greek islands, and one place in Turkey. It was called 'In the Footsteps of Paul.' What made it very special was that I had my daughter, Madeline, and her daughter, Christine (my grand), with me last year in beautiful April."

Wilma Maxwell Gray updates: "All's well with us. Ed and I are still enjoying life in northwest Arkansas. We just returned from another long, 4,000-mile road trip to attend two special reunions: our 60th high school

reunion in Collingswood, N.J., and our Atlanta neighbors' of almost 50 years reunion on Jekyll Island, Ga. We visited some family and longtime friends along the way. Our three children, eight grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews now live in nine different states plus the Marshall Islands, so Ed and I do a lot of traveling. We both enjoy exploring our beautiful country, especially the National Parks, along the way. Since I last sent in news, two of our grandchildren have married, two beautiful weddings in Fayetteville, Ark. I do hope that more of our class will be able to return for our 60th Beaver/Arcadia reunion. I know the change in Reunion Weekend makes it difficult for all those in Florida. Sounds like you all have well-attended reunions there. We missed you all at our 55th! The only classmate I have seen since reunion is **Mary Ellen Dougherty Hanling**. We went to the same high school, and she was at our 60th, where we had 100 attend. It was wonderful to reconnect with so many long-time friends!"

Gail Spevack Wohl writes: "This year has been one of making a new life for myself since my husband, Alan, passed away a year ago. I am lucky to live in a community in New Jersey as well as in Florida, so there are many community activities and events. Between those, golf, card games, old friends who have been wonderful, and new friends, I keep very busy. In August, I took a CIE trip with a friend to Scotland. We had a fabulous time and are already planning another trip for next summer. I just spent a weekend at Woodloch Spa in the Poconos with my three daughters, and we had a blast. I'm looking forward to seeing all the family for Thanksgiving and Hanukkah, and then I will be in Florida at the end of November. Hopefully, many of us Arcadia alumnae will get together in Florida. I'm looking forward to seeing old friends."

Here is an update from **Gilda Battaglia Rorro Baldassari**: The American Foundation of Savoy Orders conducted a successful 16th

Annual Savoy History Lecture at the Knickerbocker Club in New York City. This year's theme was "The Chapel of the Holy Shroud of Turin, Guarini and the Royal House of Savoy." A reception and dinner followed the lecture. Cav. Dr. Gilda Battaglia Rorro Baldassari was invited to sit at the table of the president of the organization, Gr. Cr. Avv. Carlo J. Morelli, and the Prince of Yugoslavia, Dimitrije "Dimitri" Karadordevic. At the dinner, Prince Dimitri was pleased to receive a copy of Dr. Rorro's book, *Gilda, Promise Me (below)*.



As for me, **Lynn Kronenberg Berman**, Stanley and I continue to enjoy our retirement lives in New Jersey and Florida. We have had one granddaughter graduate from Temple Medical School and start her residency at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital. Three granddaughters are living the life in Manhattan and one in D.C. Our Orthodox family has given us 24 great-grandchildren with at least one more on the way. It is a joy when our granddaughters and their children come down to our house on Long Beach Island for the day—they bring all of the food; we get the leftovers!

I look forward to seeing my Beaver friends when they all return to Palm Beach County, Fla.: **Janet Copeland Zinman**, **Linda May Sklar**, **Connie Gerber Levin**, **Gail Spevack Wohl**, and maybe **Joan Dretler Rubinstein**, who sends a "hello!"

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officer, for an update on our endowed scholarship.

Our Class of 1962 Endowed Scholarship was established by members of our class at our 50th reunion and has received contributions throughout the years. The current information will be reported in December, and I will send out a copy of the report when I receive it.

The scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate meritorious scholastic ability and financial need. It is based on an individual's intellectual promise, personal character, and leadership potential. The financial need is determined by the Financial Aid/Scholarship policies of Arcadia University and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The first scholarship was awarded in the 2013-2014 academic year and continued until 2016, to a Political Science student in the Honors Program. The next recipient was a Sociology major in the Honors Program. The recipient for 2018-2019 academic year is a Chemistry major from Lansdale, Pa., who plans to graduate in 2020.

The best way for us to help our scholarship recipients is by growing the principal through donations. Please continue to contribute to our Class of 1962 Endowed Scholarship, and request that your Arcadia contributions be earmarked for this fund.

I have greetings from **Lyanne Lindo Wassermann '61**, an Arcadia Trustee living in Hollywood, Fla. She was so excited about Arcadia's new president, **Dr. Ajay Nair**. She reports: "His inauguration was moving and the memos with the new ideas he has for the university are inspiring!"

Keep sending your news, and happy new year!

1964

Linda Mann writes, "Our condolences to the family and friends of **Francine M. 'Wicky' Woerthein**, who died in

October. She is survived by her husband Kenneth, son Joshua, and two daughters, Charity Hyde and Amanda Pressel; three grandchildren, Erica McQuartin, Mikayla Pressel, Nicole Pressel; and a sister, Paula Willmore. Two of Wicky's remarkable qualities were her ease of forming sincere, long-lasting friendships with people of all ethnic groups and classes, and for standing up against discrimination in all of its forms. A wonderful legacy."

Mimi Hirsch Brauch just returned from the Arcadia alumni trip to the Southwest and is preparing for the alumni trip in December to the Christmas markets in Germany.

An item in the last "Class Notes" reminded **Elsie McDonald Smoluk** that a few years back, while she was on a business trip to Dallas, **Sue Mason Bothwell** had met up with her at the airport for a brief, but good time before Elsie's plane took off. Elsie is still traveling for business to Nashville in September. She is an independent LegalShield associate.

A big reminder: Our 55-year reunion will be held on campus on May 3 and 4, 2019. **Elsie, Phyllis St. John Skok, Catherine Kissner Schultheis** (our Fund Agent), **Janet Smith Corson, Mary Ann Marshall Speakman, Peggy Lees**, and I (Linda Mann) are on the Reunion Committee; we hope to see many of you there! Donations to our reunion gift will support the *Student Research and Conference Travel Fund* (75%) and *The Fund for Arcadia* (25%). Gifts of any size are welcome. We're hoping for a huge percentage of participation and, of course, we'd like to present a large monetary gift as a result (\$15,000 is our goal). Many thanks to the Office of Alumni Relations for all of their help!

1966

Mikki Waldman DeBaise hosted a group of Beaver classmates this summer. Actually, this is an annual event for this group: **Mikki, Diane Duffy Hoch, Mary Jane Miller Bainbridge** and her husband

Chuck, Judy MacCrate Stephens, Sue Thomas, Betsy Mackerell Ruch, Sheila Murphy Kerr '68, Mary Roberts Marino '64, and Marcia Krysa Hamilton '64. They enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner along with lots of reminiscing, laughing, and catching up with all of their news. They came from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, and Florida for this happy Beaver gathering. A special addition to the group was Mikki's brand new granddaughter, Maeve!

They talked about the future of Phys. Ed., various hurricane experiences, and what is keeping them busy. Mikki is adjusting to grandparenthood. Mary is writing her fifth book. Marsha loves her garden and the whole gardening process. Betsy has 11 grandchildren and takes two at a time on a trip. Diane continues to be delighted with her granddaughter, Blake, and enjoys auctions. Mary Jane and her husband drove through Florida, South Carolina, Virginia, and Pennsylvania to get to the gathering, while staying with friends along the way. They live in Naples, Fla., enjoy tennis and golf, and, of course, traveling. After the gathering, they flew to visit Badlands National Park, Wind Cave National Park, Lead, S.D., Mount Rushmore, and the surrounding area. Needless to say, a good time was had by all.

Judy Applegate Jervis and her husband, AJ, take a trip each year. In 2017, they went to the Grand Canyon, Zion, and Bryce National Parks. This year, they flew to San Francisco and then drove north to Seattle. We want to know what you have planned for 2019, Judy!

I (**Judy Simon King**) spent a terrific summer in Avalon, N.J. Once again, B.A. Yerkes and I did not get together! But, I did have a wonderful couple of hours with **Dorothy Button Mohr '65**. Between the hoagies and raindrops, we were able to catch up, reminisce, and laugh. Patti's husband, Ken, and her sister, Linda, added to the fun. Thanks

so much for calling me, Patti!

Keep the news coming—we are interested in your happenings!

1969

Christina Hill Connell writes: “I was privileged to attend the celebration of **June Mamana Guertin’s** life in Boston on Sept. 30. It was a lovely event at the St. Botolph Club, organized by June’s sister and **Julianne Mamana Boyd ’66, ’17H**. There were several speakers, including Julie; June’s brother John; and her nieces and nephews: Ned, Emily, and Sarah Boyd. Everyone commented on June’s humor, her irreverence, her sense of fun, her many achievements, and her distaste of authority! Also in attendance was **Janet Parker DeLaney** and her husband, Bob, who have retired to Maine.

Jan was June’s roommate at college. She was an interior designer in Richmond, Va., and Bob was working in Human Resources prior to retiring to the country. Jan and I hadn’t seen each other since graduation, but we recognized each other!

I am putting in a plug for our 50-year reunion [May 3 and 4, 2019] at Arcadia University! You should have received communication about this event from the University, and there will be more to come. You may hear from some of us by phone in the new year to encourage you to come. Even if you have never attended the reunion, please consider it. We really, really want you to be there! Here’s hoping to see you in May!”

1978

Mary J. Meo Davis says: “I graduated from Beaver/Arcadia in December 1977. I think that makes me Class of ’78. In the years since, I’ve graduated from Temple Law, practiced law for many years, and received a master’s in Liberal Studies from Villanova. Now I am living in New York where I am a producer, on- and off-Broadway. On Broadway, I’ve been a producer on Tina Fey’s *Mean Girls*; *Angels in America*; *M Butterfly* starring Clive Owen; *Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812*; and *Disaster!* by Seth Rudetsky and Jack

Plotnick (on- and off-Broadway). Off-Broadway, I produced *Pressing Matters* by Jennifer Jasper; Jackob Hoffman’s *A Persistent Memory*; *C.O.A.L.* by David Brian Colbert; James Wesley’s *Unbroken Circle*; Susan Charlotte’s *When Truth is Not Enough* (also in Philadelphia); *She’s of a Certain Age* by Susan Charlotte; the New York premiere of Tennessee Williams’s *The Pretty Trap*, *The Shoemaker* starring Danny Aiello; James Wesley’s *Art and Science* (Uptown Theater, Dallas); and *Doubt* by John Patrick Shanley (London’s Southwark Playhouse).

I have three [new] shows: *Unraveled* by Jennifer Blackmer (Theatre Row, September 2018); *The Cher Show* (Broadway, Fall 2018); Willy Holtzman’s *Smart Blonde* (59E59, February 2019). I’m still a pro bono lawyer for the ACLU. I even have a website: mblproductions.net!”

1983

Mary Stillman Sundra’s son, James, has joined a new company called CreateAR as a senior experience engineer working on an augmented reality app.

Cheri Lockett Zubak (B.A. in English, 1983; M.A., 1990) is a principal experience designer at Vertex Inc., a company in King of Prussia that develops technology solutions for tax professionals. Cheri works in the Vertex Innovation Labs, where she leads research and design related to early market, incubation projects. Cheri is also an adjunct graduate faculty member in the Organizational Performance and Workplace Learning program at Boise State University, where she teaches Advanced Design. Cheri’s husband, Walt, is an electrician with IBEW Local Union 269. Her son, Andy, owns a valet company that provides services to high-end restaurants and event facilities throughout the Delaware Valley.

1988

My, how time flies! We are curious (and by we, I mean me, **Stacey Downey**, and **Elizabeth “Scottie” Hall**, and the entire Class of 1988) about what you’ve been up to since the days of scrunchies, Madonna,

and acid-washed jeans. Wait, 1988 was SO long ago that one of those things has made a comeback, one never went away, and one deserved the fate it got.

We’d love to hear from you. Please send us your email address so that we can reach out and include your update in the next issue of “Class Notes.”

Art Himmelstein of Bucks County, Pa. works for the State of New Jersey as a computer programmer; actually, to be more precise, as computer programmer extraordinaire. He has been married to his wife for 909 weeks and 1 day, as of this submission. Art wrote to us about a college memory, saying: “After completing my final exam on May 18, 1988 (3 hours and 7 minutes), I opened my umbrella, walked out in the rain to my car, and said to myself, ‘I’ll never have to use my brain again.’ And I was right; I’ve been working 28 years in my current job.” Art explained that it took him 15 years after high school to get his degree but it was well worth it to get his current job. Art enjoys bowling and as of this date, Art has bowled 1,683 consecutive league games, and said that a few of them were fun.

Rebecca Eizman Prigal, a divorced mother of three and an empty nester, has been residing in Baltimore, Md. for 25 years. Working the afternoon and evening shift six days a week as a licensed massage therapist at Lifebridge Health and Fitness in Pikesville and Elements Massage in Timonium leaves little free time. Her time off is spent taking Continuing Education Units (CEUs), attending/ assisting at Landmark Worldwide and Your Infinite Life/HMS workshops, programs sponsored by CHANA for abuse/trauma survivors, miscellaneous lectures by other various organizations, and catching up with friends. Otherwise, she can be found reading, writing, cooking, or watching movies. What she misses most about Beaver College is the campus, professors, and proximity of friends.

Stacey Downey of Washington, D.C. is a program analyst for the government working on adult education policy and programming. She, her husband, and their two teenage daughters enjoy cooking, traveling, hiking, and camping. Stacey also enjoys gardening and taking advantage of the museums, festivals, and films that the District has to offer. Stacey loved living in the Castle senior year with her roommates and has become nostalgic of late for those salad years in college.

Suasion Communications Group President **Susan Adelizzi-Schmidt** was recently named one of Folio’s 2018 Top Women in Media, which honors females who have stood out, taken risks, and pushed their teams to new heights, exemplifying successful leadership at its finest (*below*).



1989

Charleen Leonetti-Johnson writes: “Having stepped away from the classroom, I am now working in Early Intervention with Elwyn SEEDS as a lead service coordinator. It’s extremely rewarding to help families of children with special needs. For any Special Education or Early Childhood (Pre-K–4) majors who would like to be in more of a leadership role, feel free to reach out to me at charleen_leonetti-johnson@elwyn.org.”



1998

Members of the **Physician Assistant Class of 1998** gathered for their 20-year reunion in the Poconos on Oct. 20, 2018 (*above*).

Front row (left to right): **Shannon Gierczak Marriott; Donna Berner; Sheila Cook.**

Back row (left to right): **Matthew Marriott; Barbara Black Leauber; Shannon Deitz Vinson; Karen Beales Finke; Thomas Giovinazzo; Renee Langstaff.**

Holding banner, left: **Dena Breslin**; right: **Philip Krajewski.**

1999

Stephen Clark will publish his second novel, tentatively titled *Hands Up*, with WiDo Publishing™ in the next few months. Based in Philadelphia, this “socially conscious thriller” follows three protagonists from different worlds who are on a collision course after a deadly police shooting spins their lives into chaos. More information about the author and his work can be found at stephenclarkbooks.com (*left*).



2004

Storyteller **Joann Frasier Dasent**, compassionately known as

mission is to use the art of storytelling to promote literacy to reach various types of learners in a multicultural society.

Auntie Jo Jo conducted a six-week Introduction To Storytelling Program this summer at Arcadia in partnership with the Urban Affairs Coalition (UAC) Summer Youth Work Study Program (*below*). Participants gained valuable work and technical experience as they updated R.O.O.T.S’ social media presence. They learned the art of storytelling from professional storytellers, created personal adaptations of Aesop’s Fables, and learned the fundamentals of writing poetry from workshop leader **Shani Carrington ’18.**

With financial support from PCA, participants procured an illustrator from Fiverr to draw pictures for the fables they created. Illustrations were also created for Auntie Jo Jo’s new children’s book, *One Cool And Windy Day On Table Mountain*, scheduled to be released soon. The participants created their own adaptation from the book *The Frog Who Wanted to Be A Singer* by Linda Goss. Their adaptations received high praise from the author. As with most successful endeavors, there was a team of individuals who made this six-week summer program a success. Auntie Jo Jo stated, “As an Arcadia alumna, I could not have thought of a better place for imaginations to take flight, and they did.”



Valley Forge Military College (VFMC) announced **Dawn Wilson Dreese** will serve as the new senior director of College Admissions. Dreese started her new position earlier this year following a promotion from associate director of Admissions. In her new role, Dreese will oversee the entire College admissions process and ensure prospective students have a positive experience from their first moment of interest to enrollment. Dreese will also manage financial aid and help cadets with their documentation and applications.

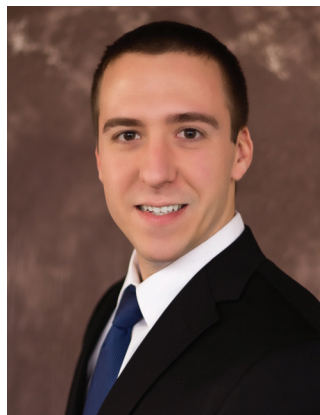
2007

I, **Lauren Trager**, celebrated 10 years at the National MS Society and was recently promoted to senior manager, Event Logistics. I will continue to have responsibility for our local Bike MS Rides as well as all Walk MS and Bike MS in the state of Florida.

2009

A message from Class Editor **Barry Hendler**: "Can you believe our 10-year reunion is closely approaching? The Reunion Planning Committee and I are excited to see you during Alumni Weekend on Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4! Keep an eye out for more information."

Hilda T. Rivera, MPH, CHES moved back to her hometown of Allentown, Pa. and is recently engaged! She is working at Lehigh Valley Health Network Department of Community Health as a program coordinator overseeing the implementation of community health programs and mentoring college interns (*below, left*).



Kevin Janus (*above*) has a new position as regional vice president with Ameritas. He lives in the Lehigh Valley with his wife, Shannon, and their daughters, Natalie (age 6) and Daphne (age 2).

Nicole Foreman will celebrate her 10-year anniversary at the Vanguard Group next year and has recently accepted a promotion to the role of solutions consultant, with an industry certification in Business Relationship Management.

Cait Bjellquist Belney wed Stacy Belney, FSU '04, in June 2017. This fall, Cait became a program director with the nonprofit College Tracks, a college access program that supports low-income and first-generation high school students in Maryland.

Lisa Robinson continues to toil away on her dissertation about ecosexuality and productive queer spaces in Shakespeare's tragedies for her Ph.D. in English at St. John's University in Queens, N.Y. She will present papers about "Shax" and his plays at the American Society for Theatre Research and Shakespeare Association of America conferences this academic year.

Tara Cote married Paul Jacob on August 18. She is working as an outdoor environmental and farm educator and field trip coordinator with Common Ground in New Haven, Conn. (*below, right*).





Gina Ferrara is the owner of Social Skills for Life, an organization in northern Virginia, which supports children on the autism spectrum as well as those with other social needs in order to promote confidence, self-advocacy, and foundational skills for social success.

Justin P. Calhoun achieved his Technology Specialist certification in December 2017.

Mandee Metzger launched the Inner Light Botanicals skincare + lifestyle brand, which seeks to help people create a positive life and spread happiness to

others while using Inner Light Botanicals natural skincare products and Lifestyle Ritual Journals during skincare routines.

More information at innerlightbotanicals.com or info@innerlightbotanicals.com.

Steven Carpenter recently returned to West Philadelphia after an almost two-year hiatus in St. Petersburg, Fla. At the 2017 Barrymore Awards in Philadelphia, Steven and his colleagues accepted the 2017 Victory Foundation Award for Outstanding Theatre Education on behalf of Curio Theatre Company and the CuriosiTeens!, an

advanced young theatre company he co-founded in November 2014. Steven is continuing in Theater Arts education and standardized patient work as a trainer/program assistant with the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Jannalyn Bailey and her family welcomed their first baby, a daughter named Marlow Oona, in February 2018. She also successfully funded a Kickstarter in August for the expansion of Curious Clay, a small ceramic business based in the Fishtown neighborhood of Philadelphia. The art objects produced by the studio can be found at boutiques in both Philadelphia and New York City, as well as online with Anthropologie and Etsy (*top, left*).



Angelo Breaux has been working in his family's jewelry business, Family & Co. Jewelers, in Marlton, N.J. He has designed custom jewelry for years and is releasing his own line of jewelry, Angelo Paul Jewelry (*bottom, left*).

2010

Patricia Sullivan (*bottom, middle*) has been named business relationships manager for Interior Solutions at Advanced Office Environments (AOE). Based in the Philadelphia office, she has been with AOE since 2016. Formerly a senior sales consultant, Patricia is responsible for AOE's contracts with Wish.com, RS Energy Group, and the Philadelphia Management Office of MRP Realty. She serves on the regional Boards of CoreNet and the Network of Executive Women in Hospitality and is the AOE contact for philanthropic involvement with Cradles to Crayons and Habitat for Humanity.

2012

Anne Wildermuth '12M (*top, right*) recently earned a Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) in Emergency Medicine from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA). She works at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha and Freemont Health in Freemont, Neb.



2016

Christina Hanscom Rosso and her husband, Alex (*bottom, right*), are opening an independent bookstore called "A Novel Idea" in South Philadelphia, with a focus on local writers, including other Arcadia University MFA alumni. A grand opening is planned during the first weekend in January. For more information, follow "A Novel Idea" on Instagram (@anovelaideaphilly), Twitter (@anovelaideaphl), and Facebook (@anovelaideaphilly).

Riki Gifford-Ferguson '16M, PA recently earned a Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) in Psychiatry from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA). She works at Connections Community Support Programs in Wilmington, Del.



Gerri Aaron '14H

Geraldine "Gerri" Aaron '14H (right), longtime supporter of Arcadia University and mother of Board Chair Alison (Aaron) Madsen, Esq. '85 (left), passed away on Feb. 14.

Aaron was renowned in the Philadelphia area and in Sarasota, Fla., for her extraordinary generosity. Among the causes Gerri was passionate about were education, the arts, the environment, Jewish organizations, and health—particularly Parkinson's disease, which her husband, Dan, one of the founders of Comcast, lived with for nearly 25 years before his death in 2003.

In 2000, Gerri and Dan Aaron helped found the Dan Aaron Parkinson's Rehabilitation Center at Pennsylvania Hospital to provide education, counseling, and physical therapy for Parkinson's patients with limited resources. Four years later, the family established the Dan Aaron Stay Fit Exercise Program at Arcadia in his honor. Aaron was a major benefactor of Arcadia, including as a platinum sponsor of President Nair's Inauguration, a lead donor of the 2013 *Changing Lives, Teaching Students* campaign for the Department of Physical Therapy, and a member of the Kistler Society of donors.

Aaron received numerous awards and honors throughout her life for her philanthropy. These include the Legacy of Leadership Award from the American Jewish Committee in 2014, the Nancy Roucher Annual Arts Education Award from the Sarasota County Arts Council in 2010, and the Women in Power Award from the National Council of Jewish Women in 2009. In addition, she was inducted into the Sarasota Community Video Archives' Hall of Fame in 2014.

In 2014, for her remarkable philanthropic efforts, Arcadia awarded Aaron an Honorary Doctor of Humanities. In her address to graduates, Aaron urged them to "Learn to give back. Try to help the world. Embark on humanitarian giving *now*. Always have compassion in your heart."

At the 2019 Doctor of Physical Therapy Commencement on Jan. 20, Aaron was the recipient of the Carol Leiper Physical Therapy Outstanding Commitment Award, which recognized her distinguished and lasting contributions to the department and to the student experience. Her son, Jud Aaron, accepted the award on her behalf.

**Lloyd Abernethy**

Professor Emeritus Lloyd Mermon Abernethy, longtime faculty member and benefactor of Arcadia, passed away on Feb. 3.



Abernethy served with distinction as a professor of History at the University for 42 years, including as acting dean of Beaver College from 1985 to 1986. In an article highlighting his retirement in 1999, President Emerita **Dr. Bette E. Landman '04H** described him as the "individual whom every faculty and faction trusted to be unbiased and even-handed."

In 1968, Abernethy was awarded the Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching. Upon his retirement, he was honored with the Faculty Outstanding Service Award for his exceptional record of service to the College.

Every two years, the Lloyd M. Abernethy Faculty Outstanding Service Award is presented to a full-time faculty member or professional librarian who has distinguished himself through an exceptional career of service to Arcadia.

Abernethy was married to his first wife, Suzanne Keith Abernethy, for 47 years until her passing in 1999. A longtime benefactor of Arcadia, Abernethy was a member of the Covenant and Landman Societies with his wife, Theodora Sweeney. In addition to Theodora, Abernethy is survived by three children—Karen Abernethy Guin, David Keith Abernethy, and **Elizabeth Ann Abernethy Darby '86**—and four grandchildren. During Darby's Commencement ceremony, Dr. Landman stepped aside so that Darby could receive her diploma from her father.

1931

Elizabeth Kremer Solliday

1937

E. Charlotte Pfizenmayer

1941

D. Shirley Cleaver Beck
Susan Sanderson Howlett
Shirley Isacowitz
Leviton '41, '73H

1942

Elizabeth Chapman Singer

1943

Ardala Cozine Jones

1945

Ruth Schuster Quemore
June Konowitch Segal

1946

Fayetta Wells

1947

Adrienne Thomas
Cunningham
Theodora White Raines

1948

Marjorie Welde Parsons

1949

Beverly Tucker Bowen
Emily Heizer Hall

1950

Christine Hopkins
Barbara Hinchcliffe Russel
Dorothy McCurdy Terranova

1953

Joan Levy Bachman
Irene Ruger Lawrence

1955

Jean Sparklin Hager

1957

Beatrice Durham Blackman

1958

Elizabeth Solliday Courtney
Kathleen Kavanagh Evans

1959

Marcia Bihari Weston

1964

Linda Reppa Gordon
Francine Willmore
Woerthwein

1967

Jean Hill Macht

1969

Nancy Switzky Goodman

1973

Robin Hodes Jacobs
Rose Smoliar

1980

Marilyn Edenborn '80MED

1987

Peter Palau

1989

Marcia Yoder '89MED

1991

Lisa Malone Ehrlich
Arlene Stern '91MED

2008

Katherine Butterworth '08H

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