



CLASSNOTES

1954

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

1957

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

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

1958

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

1960

Brenda Seery Fazekas: it just can't be possible that 60 years have gone by. I haven't been very good about keeping in touch with anyone but think about those wonderful days at Beaver College

often. I'm widowed and currently living at my vacation home in Vermont, but will go back to my main residence in Chestertown, Md in November. I am the grandmother of nine children ranging in age from 7 to 19. Doing some clean out, I found a newspaper article from many years ago about a former Mayor of NY, Bill O'Dwyer, Eileen's uncle and would love to send it to her if I had an address. I'd love to hear from anyone in my class. Take care, all, and be safe.

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

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

Betty Holton Weiss: After 55 years as your Class Editor, the process of submitting Class Notes has changed. Going forward all Class Notes are to be submitted at alumni.arcadia.edu/ClassNotes. As for me, I have three grandchildren. All are off at college, a Senior at Penn State and two freshman at Pace and Muhlenberg. I still play tournament tennis and pickleball. For our 60-61 reunion we had a virtual Zoom meeting. It was good to chat with fellow classmates. **Molly Fretz Stevens** served as the reunion chair and I was Class Agent.

1961

Rosemarri Sheer Roth: shares, I was so pleased to find that my

dear friend and classmate, **Anna Liu Hom**, is living in Wisconsin near her family. Her children and grandchildren are all over the country, even in Hawaii. She was to be in our reunion but something prevented the Zoom meeting from working for her. I am doing well and still working! The Rockingham Meeting House, built in 1787, provides a wonderful depiction of life during that time period. It affords me the opportunity to meet people from all over the world who come and visit. A National Historic Site, I am always researching donations and grants available for its restoration and maintenance. It is a magnificent edifice and representation of a time gone by so important in our history. We love living in Vermont and are so fortunate to have been here during COVID. Now comes the best time of year, foliage colors. My husband Hans, 86, and I, 82, are well and busy. No retirement for us. Thanks to **Eva Frank** and **Karen Alterman** for a wonderful Reunion. Wish it had been longer. Best regards to all.

1964

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

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

1966

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

1967

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

1968

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



1969

Barbara Woodruff Chase: (above) In college as a fine arts major, I spent many happy hours painting and printmaking in the studio. I never felt confident enough when I graduated to do much with it. However, about 10 years ago, I started painting again and have not stopped. I love creating, the marketing aspect, and exhibiting both at outdoor shows as well as at indoor venues in Maine. My husband helps with shows and framing, and I feel that I have a purpose, which is a real gift at this age. Life is good.

Barbara Howland: Pandemic and ZOOM – A bonus for Kistler 3 Friends. We met as freshmen in 1965 and have remained

close friends ever since. At some point over the last two years, we started monthly Zoom meetings on Sunday afternoons. Updates on each other, politics, health issues, husbands, children, and grandchildren! Sharing books we've read and movies from the couch that we have seen.

Prior to the pandemic, we returned for Reunion every five years, with or without spouses, and always enjoyed the weekend together. Periodically when traveling near where a Kistler 3 '69er lived, we would stop to share a meal or visit for a few days. Now we are in routine contact.

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

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

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

In October and December 2019 Dave experienced some medical difficulties. He was recovering well and was cleared to drive by the doctor on Jan.30, 2020. But on the 31st he was placed on life support and passed on

Feb. 4. His death was a total shock to family, friends, and his doctors. Thankfully, we were able to have a memorial service and burial on March 7, before covid shut everything down.

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

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

Emily Solomon Farrell: I was very lucky during the Covid year, in that I was able to attend two classes on Zoom but was not chained to my computer. I have a dog who knew nothing about epidemics but required a daily walk, which got me out. I also visited friends outdoors. While I could not guide at the

Brandywine River Museum, I was able to pursue my new avocation as a mosaic artist. My friends are the beneficiaries of my work with the occasional sale. Who knew I would actually enjoy geometry? Finally, my husband, the dog, and I spent the winter in Florida. How lucky were we!

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

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

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

Susan Rodgers Fleming '69, '77MEd: Our Class Agent, **Chris Connell** kept our connections alive for over twenty years, and we are grateful for all the time and energy she expended on our behalf. Understandably, she is cutting back on some of her volunteer activities.

Chris was a delight to work with, mainly because she is reliable, forthright, and a lot of fun. Thank you, Chris.

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

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

1971

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

1973

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

1976

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

1977

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



1983

Mary Stillman Sundra: (above) I retired after teaching Art for 33 years at the end of the 2020-21 school year. I look forward to having more time to do my own artwork.



1990

Janet Tittelmayer Barber: (above) I have been selected for the 2021 Grosvenor teaching fellowship with Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographics. I was 1 of 50 educators selected from across Canada and the United States. This professional development opportunity will allow me to embark on the lindblad fleet and explore the natural world in a place like the Galapagos, Alaska, or the Arctic. This opportunity will allow me to bring geographic awareness to my high school students as well as the Springfield/Morton communities.

1992

Denise Bird McFadden is an HR Analytics and Technology Manager at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama.



Sally Patterson Le Cras '92M (above) is the Pediatric PT Residency Director at Cincinnati Children's and is the PT Core Faculty member at Cincinnati Children's and the University of Cincinnati LEND program (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and related Disabilities). She is a co-author on a current article in Pediatric Physical Therapy: Parent Perspectives Regarding Care Delivery for Children With Idiopathic Toe Walking to Inform an American Physical Therapy Association Clinical Practice Guideline. Sally is the leader of the APTA Clinical Practice Guideline on the PT Management of Idiopathic Toe Walking, which is currently in the critical appraisal phase. She is a proud 1992 graduate of the Beaver College MSPT program and 2013 graduate of the transitional DPT program.

1994

Ana Sofie Santo Carr: Some of my favorite memories are from Beaver College and time spent in the DSC lounge. I still remember a dance we had called the ultimate jam and a masquerade ball.

After 26 years of teaching, **Rosanne Bonaventura** moved back to Bucks County and is taking classes in Historic Preservation from Bucks County Community College.

1999

Amanda Kutz continues to work at Children's Specialized Hospital in New Jersey as the Director of Outpatient Operations. She welcomed a healthy baby boy named Gavin in August 2021.

Hope Fox Guyer, Corporate Communications major, is delighted to marry Paul Hatcher of Morris, IL on Oct. 23, 2021 in a small outdoor ceremony.

Joining Hope will be her son Wesley, many family members and close friends. Hope works as a Senior Marketing Services Manager for MultiPlan Corp, located in Naperville, IL.



2004

Erica Fajge Gofdon: (above) On August 11, 2018, I married my then-boyfriend of three years, Jared Gordon, at the beautiful Topnotch Resort in Stowe, VT, with a small group of family and friends. We recently celebrated our three-year wedding anniversary. In October 2019, we moved into our new home in Chalfont, PA. I'm a freelance writer and editor, currently working as a Feature Editor for The List, a news and lifestyle website for women. In 2020, I launched a wellness and lifestyle blog called Hot Mess on a Health Quest (hotmessahealthquest.com) to share my journey through infertility, anxiety, and a healthy lifestyle shift, and to share the stories of, and connect with, other women with similar struggles. If you can connect with this in any way, I'd love to hear from you! Drop me a line at hotmesshealthquest@gmail.com.



2005

Francis Zaccaro (above) has been coaching Olympic hopefuls in male and female freestyle wrestling, and started the Lehigh Valley's first all female wrestling club and regional training facility called Valley Girlz WC and helped form Lehigh University's first ever Female Wrestling team.

Adding Lehigh University to the growing number of Division I Universities forming a Female program. As a Team USA Wrestling coach and mentor. I have sent multiple wrestlers both male and female to Junior Nationals, Team Worlds, and have five wrestlers competing for Team USA's National team for U16 and U23. Currently I have seven girls wrestling in Colleges/Universities and have coached one top five wrestler at Fargo and three PA state champions as well as five PA state place winners and one Northeast Regional Champion in women's freestyle. Currently working on getting girls/women's wrestling sanctioned in Pennsylvania schools through the #SanctionPA movement.

2006

Christina Bonaccorsi graduated from Montgomery County Community College in December 2019 with a Specialty Certificate in Web Development-Design Concentration.

2007

Kevin Hughes has left American Airlines after 10 years to join Amazon Air as the new leader overseeing Aviation Security, Government, and Regulatory Affairs based out of the Fort Worth Air Hub. He has been coordinating COVID Vaccination events for the Amazon Team and Air Carrier Partners with their household partners as well for the last several months.

Sarah Katz co-authored a paper in the Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior titled, More Frequent Food Shopping May Promote Fruit and Vegetable Intake: A Systematic Review.

Erica Blum Shmilovich is currently working as a licensed psychotherapist at a group practice. This past year and continuing on have really brought light to the importance of mental health. I am proud to be part of this movement. I am still married to my high school sweetheart and we have 2 wonderful children ages 11 and 7.



2008

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

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

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

2010

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

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

2012

Raven Eckman released her debut novel, *ShadowSpeak*, on Feb. 23, 2021.



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

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



2013

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

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

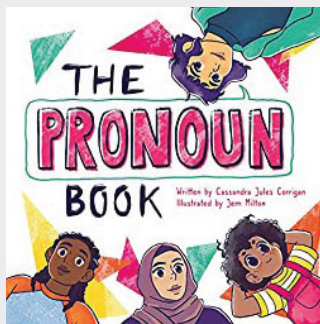
2017

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



2018

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



Cassi Parnell '18, '19M is proud to announce the publication of two new books. *The Pronoun Book: She, He, They, and Me* (above) is a picture book that explains pronouns and how they relate to gender identity and expression recommended for children ages 5-9 years old. *Spirals and Ladders* is a poetry chapbook exploring mental

health, relapse, and recovery. You can find these titles wherever books are sold, just search for the titles or for Cassi's pen name, Cassandra Jules Corrigan.

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



2019

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

2020

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

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

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

REMEMBERING LYANNE LINDO WASSERMANN '61



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

In Memoriam

1940

Kathryn McCutcheon Wilson

1945

Helen Liacouras Lambros

1947

Marilyn Yost Burhoe

1951

Mary Ann Raulerson Smith

1953

Marilyn Neuburger Blocklinger

1954

Virginia Hopkins Hillegass

1955

Phyllis Smerke Croke

1956

Sarah Smith Heylman

1957

Helen Bock Cuddeback
Carol Grandy Kunzmann
Bernadine Spangenberg Loeser

1960

Elaine Brogowski Rapacki

1963

Pamela Winters Dorrance
Anne Cramer Hoover
Maryellen Finneran Morris

1966

Nancy Harris Rose

1968

Nancy Young Humick

1971

Lois Padmore Robinson

1975

Jessie Coleman '75M
Sharlene Fein Goldfischer
Susan LaBeur

1978

Sarah White Cooper '78M

1982

Roberta 'Bobbie' Lewis

1983

George Duvak

2009

Faith Avidon Wohl '09M

2014

Donna Smith '14M



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