



DREW CLASSNOTES 2024

The College of Liberal Arts

This issue combines alumni notes collected in spring and fall 2024. Many thanks to all alumni who shared their updates and to our dedicated Class Secretaries for everything they do!

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Sol Gittleman shares, “Robyn and I are still upright and hanging in. I hit 90 in June of 2024, beginning our ninth year of retirement in an assisted living facility near Boston called Brookhaven—average age 88, about half over 90 with some centenarians—also, a good chef, warm pool, lots of good music and conversation, like a faculty meeting for the elderly. We haven’t had a Classnote for ‘55 in a few years: Anyone else out there? Still think often about Young and Schabacker.”

56 **Ronald Vander Schaaf** van5256@yahoo.com After about eight months of in-home care, Ruth (Schubert) Haynes died in April 2023. She and **LeRoy “Roy” Haynes** would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in June 2023. Home is still Wooster, OH.

Dick James C’56, T’59 and **Carole (Horncastle) James** C’59 have lived in their continuing care community for almost 15 years. Last year, two of their grandchildren

were married. They traveled to New Jersey for their granddaughter’s wedding. Their son, Drew, took them on a ride through the Drew campus. News from Drew friends, attending church, watching sports on TV, rides through the beautiful upstate countryside, and visits from family keep them engaged and enjoying life.

Barbara (Van Houten) Mueller is still living in her house in Roxbury, NY. She goes out to dinner with friends now and then.

Audrey (Chapin) and Sten Svensson C’54 are still in their home in Englewood, NJ. They have sold their home in Vermont. They have managed to get to quite a few Drew reunions recently and plan to go to this year’s, which will be Sten’s 70th! Audrey is planning to visit her old room in Asbury Hall. Imagine the memories there! They have one great-grandson. Audrey says she really misses Nancy (Schoonmaker) Zwerling who left us a couple of years ago.

Ronald Vander Schaaf C’56, T’59 will soon be starting his eighth year at Town Village in Vestavia, AL. He has been to Poland, Greece, and China. In Poland, he got to see Auschwitz. Life is as bad in Alabama as you might suspect it is. Where else would a state Supreme Court declare that a fertilized egg is a full human being? And using scripture to justify the decision. There is no separation between church and state in ‘Bama.

57 **Ellie (Sheldon) Stearns** ebstearns@rochester.rr.com **Johanna “Jo” (Zimmerman) Wishart**

died in October 2024. She was predeceased by her husband of 62 years, Vernon Wishart. Jo worked beside her husband, Vernon, for over 60 years as they exercised their Christian ministry together. Their ministry in India with the Student Christian Movement from 1963 to 1968 was a formative part of their service. Together, they also ministered to the congregations of Garneau United Church (Edmonton, AB), Erskine & American United Church (Montreal, QC), and St. Paul’s United Church (Grande Prairie, AB). In addition to her service to family, church, and community, Jo also earned an MSW in social work and served clients in Montreal, Grande Prairie, and Edmonton. See *In Memoriam*, page 28.

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David Ossenkop shares, “My wife, Jan, and I were struck by Covid in January. I regard Covid as a shrew that can bite you at any time. We are doing better after having received all of our booster vaccines (we actually received our vaccines five days before Covid struck us). I am currently writing an article on the musical settings of the Stabat Mater for publication in our church newsletter, *Common Life*.”

Llewelyn Pritchard shares, “Greetings to our brothers and sisters of the class of 1958. **Jonie (Ashby) Pritchard** C’59 and I just celebrated our 65th wedding anniversary

here at Aegis Assisted Living on Queen Anne Hill of Seattle. We have known each other since meeting at Drew 67 years ago. We just celebrated our 87th birthdays. Jonie remains active in the important work of St. Mark's Cathedral of the city. I continue to chair the Life Directors of the Seattle Symphony. In addition, I serve as the Chair Emeritus of the Allied Arts Foundation in the region. We underwrite an important program to stimulate participation by young high school students in music, art, and drama. Our four children have active lives with Microsoft, Amazon, and Helion, a new company that is seeking to employ a new power source fusion to convert water to electric power. We also have two grandchildren and a wonderful great-grandson, Jude, named for the song, not for the book of the Bible. I also remain a proud member of the United Methodist Church, serving as Chancellor Emeritus to the bishop and committed to the decisions of the Charlotte General Conference that the church remains open and active to all. We think often of our days at Drew and were sorry to learn of the passing of our beloved friends John Dunlop "Tim" Graham and Donald Preston Cole C'59, P'97,'02. They will never be forgotten."

From **Rolf Ahlers**, "Since we are both retired, my wife, Luise Ahlers, MD, and I keep busy primarily by writing. Luise continues to write her multivolume family biography, really more a family saga. She is working on her fifth volume, writing each volume in both German and English. That makes now a total of 10 books. They take up a whole bookcase! These books contain many, many photos. She bases her narrative on her many, many handwritten notebooks (45 in all), ring books of notes she kept during our marriage. This past July 31, we celebrated our 59th wedding anniversary. I continue to write my new book on the philosophy of Friedrich Heinrich Jacobi (1743-1819), the "gray eminence of German Idealism," according to one of my postdoc professors at Heidelberg, Michael Theunissen. I spent most of my professional years researching, teaching, and publishing on various figures in German Idealism: Jacobi, Fichte, Schelling, Hegel, and other lesser figures. That work led to being asked to contribute to the new [online Jacobi Wörterbuch](#). It is put out by my colleagues at Leipzig and Bonn Oliver Koch, Birgit Sandkaulen, and Stefan Schick. From conferences over the years, I learned to know them well and their writings. One can access one of my contributions to "Mechanismus" to this new venue [here](#). I continue to receive invitations to guest professorships (Rio De Janeiro) and conferences to read papers. But I would rather concentrate on my new book. I am working on other contributions to this online Jacobi dictionary now and hope to send it off by the end of the month. Our personal life continues to be enriched by our family. This past July 28, our younger son Marcus married his bride Catherine

here in our resort town, Lake George Village, in upstate New York, halfway between New York City and Montreal. We celebrated with champagne at a catered fest here at our lakefront house on the east shores of Lake George. We had perfect weather!! We had many friends. Our house was packed! We had a total of 20 people staying at our house, among them his former German au pair from when Marcus was a toddler! There was boating, sailing, canoeing, and swimming. Marcus—an engineer and sculptor—and Catherine—French by birth with a BA in German literature; she is fluent in French, German, and English—and they live permanently in Berlin, Germany. They own a fifth-floor penthouse apartment in downtown Berlin. They are part of the vital Berlin international, quite cosmopolitan art scene. Our older son, Christoph Ahlers, MD, was here for the wedding with his family from Lawrenceville, NJ. Christoph works in hematology and oncology. People do not necessarily die of cancer anymore, thanks to his and his colleagues' research. When our family cannot be here to visit with us, we Skype with them. So, most of the time Luise and I just sit at our computers writing. Frankly, it is quite exciting! Greetings to all my Drew classmates! I often think of my four years at Drew! From Drew, where I had the privilege to participate in a memorable series of lectures by the famous Hamburg theologian Helmut Thielicke at the Graduate School and Theology School, I went on to Princeton, where I studied theology, earning an MDiv degree in 1961. Then, in the fall of that year, I returned to my home city, Hamburg, Germany, where I earned a Dr. Theol. degree from the Theologische Hochschule Hamburg in 1966. Luise and I taught all of our professional lives until we were 74. Since retiring, I just kept writing my professional stuff as I have always done, and jetting off to international conferences to read papers. And my Luise began writing her family saga."

Kathryn (Smith) Mollach C'58, P'81 shares, "Still alive and well on the farm outside of Cooperstown, NY. So beautiful here, so I'm really enjoying the autumnal equinox and preparing for the chillier weather. Amelia Island will have me for the bitterest part of winter. Status change: I'm a great-grandmother to a precious baby girl, Fiona Patricia."

59 Ellen deLalla
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I write with much appreciation to all who responded with news. Even when you say, "I have no news," your classmates can enjoy just hearing that. You know that old saying, "No news is good news."

A phone call from **Pete Headley** brought the very sad news that **Roger Navritil** died in late February. I recall seeing Roger at one of our reunions a while back, still making wisecracks. The last time I heard from him was an email Christmas greeting in December 2023. He said that 2023 had not been a good

year for them; he had health problems, and he and his wife, Marge, moved to St. Augustine, FL, full time. He will be missed. We send our sincere condolences to Marge and their family. See *In Memoriam*, page 28.

Jack Dempster confesses to turning 87, and was saddened to know that Roger had passed away, noting that he has many good memories of him.

Bob Dreyer wrote to my plea for news, only, "I have nothing to add."

Charlotte (Floyd) Galloway's email opened with "Not a lot to tell." Her husband, **Albert Galloway, Jr.** T'61, died during Covid, but not due to Covid, dementia being the cause. She has since taken a Road Scholar trip to Iceland and loved it; later taking another Road Scholar trip with a friend to England on the Queen Mary 2 with shipboard lectures on theater and then shows in England. She sends greetings to all.

Carol (Tulenko) Irving wishes she could give you some exciting news, "but the truth is I live a very quiet life here at Willow Valley—a retirement community near Lancaster, PA." She did manage a trip to California in December to visit family over Christmas. Despite slowing down physically, she was able to take a trip with her daughter Wendy to visit her step-granddaughter, who works at Principia College in Illinois. She saw the Gateway Arch in St. Louis and commented that she finds it very interesting to finally see the central Midwest states after being familiar with both the East Coast and the West Coast. She walks with a "fancy walking cane" she calls "Milly," which helps keep her upright. Carol has lost contact with **Marion (Shepherd) Glick** and says that she is no longer living in Connecticut and may have gone to Berkeley, CA where her son and his family are. Hope all is well with you.

Faithful correspondent **Carole (Horncastle) James** reports that she is now the caregiver for her husband, **Dick James** C'56, T'59. With the support of family and the community, they are able to be in independent living. Last year, they traveled to New Jersey for their granddaughter's marriage. Their son took them on a quick ride through the Drew campus, noting that "it has changed." She appreciates news from Drew along with church, books, and family visits that keep them engaged and enjoying life. Carole

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recently reported that all of their family gathered at their continuing care community in July to celebrate Dick's 90th birthday with food, cake, games, and more food. Both of them are slowing down but still get to church; they enjoy dinner with friends at the village where they live, and Carole plays bridge a couple of times a week.

My former roommate **Joan (Patchen) Naab's** Christmas letter told of her recovery from a broken arm; she now has plates and screws in her arm that surely will set off metal detectors. She and her husband, Geoff, are still active. Even though Geoff considers himself to be semiretired, he goes to the office every day and also is involved with many volunteer activities. They enjoy keeping up with their children, grandchildren, and other family members. She closed her email with, "Just think, it will be 65 years since we graduated from Drew. Hello everybody."

Adma (Schneller) Ross C'59, T'01 enjoys her retirement in Suffern, NY, with visits to the mountains of North Carolina and trips to historical sites with her daughter. She sings in her church choir and still serves as the Civil Air Patrol Northeast Region Chaplain. Adma attended Drew Reunion last year and had her photo taken with **Demaris "Demmy" (Kellerman) Kooker** C'58, P'87 and her daughters, all Drew graduates.

After being at Drew only a year and a half, **Ann (Schulz) Smiley** thinks it strange to submit her news. Those years were meaningful for her, and she appreciates hearing about others. She is still transcribing daily diaries of her husband's grandfather, Alfred Fletcher Smiley. She created albums about him, finding it a challenge to bring his life to life for the family. He is a third-generation descendant of the man who founded the famous Mohonk Mountain House near New Paltz, NY. Ann accompanies her church choir and is working on her portfolio of original compositions of Christian music for solo and choral performances. Her husband, Al, has ties to the Baldwin family and has donated many photos and stories about them to Drew. Her husband's second great-grandfather, twin Alfred Homans Smiley, had a sister, Fanny Smiley, who was married to Arthur Baldwin, one of the two brothers for whom Brothers College was named.

Our class had a (very small) reunion at Drew in June. **George Groom** C'59, T'63, **Jim Mills** C'59, T'63, and **Adma Schneller Ross** C'59, T'01 attended. George and his wife, **Sandy (Chere) Groom** C'65, report that they visited with Sandy's roommate, **Gail (Mudge) Binder** C'65. He said that the campus "is as beautiful as ever, and the weather was great." They spent most of their time catching up with each other. He added that this small group represented our class "proudly."

Adma and Jack Dempster both responded to this plea for news with "I have nothing to report." Jack added that at age 87, it's probably a good thing!

Peter Headley and his wife **Joan "Jodi" (Della-Cerra) Headley** C'60 took a Viking cruise into and around Lake Superior, stopping

at Mackinac Island and seeing locations of a "huge" number of ships wrecked in that lake. Pete noted that he had seen his good friend, the late Roger Navritil, several times at Roger's home in New Bern, NC.

Walt Lidman tells a story about how when "in 1962, I was a sixth-grade teacher, and there was a girl named Eileen in my class. Years later, I was standing in line at my bank. A young woman was standing in front of me. She looked vaguely familiar, but I couldn't place her until she turned and surprised me with this question: 'Are you Mr. Lidman?' Sure enough, it was Eileen. We chatted pleasantly, whereupon she announced, 'I have a daughter IN SIXTH GRADE! I was so shocked to think, 'I'm growing old. As if that weren't enough, in 2022, I was subbing in middle school, and a 14-year-old boy asked me if I remembered a student I'd taught in sixth grade, the same class as Eileen. 'Sure,' I responded. 'Why do you ask? How do you know her?' 'She's my grandmother.' I thought, 'Now I'm REALLY growing old!'" We all are, Walt!

Jim Mills C'59, T'63 told of spending time with George, Sandy, and Gail together, having dinner off campus on Friday, lunch with the Drew crowd on Saturday, and then eating on Saturday evening in the snack bar alone. They visited the Archives for a while and had their pictures taken.

Emily (MacGregor) Scott says, "I'm still here and kickin'—but not very high!!!" She uses her walker ALL the time and agrees that this getting old ain't for sissies.

In March, my orthopedic doctor told me that my broken left femur is healed. I was thus able to celebrate my 87th birthday after that good news. I was unable to attend our 65th reunion, as it happened to fall on the Belmont Racing weekend held at Saratoga Race Course when I had visitors staying with me. I'm not sure I could drive all the way down to New Jersey anymore.

Thank you to all who responded with this news. We appreciate everyone's news, even if it's "nothing."

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From **Jerome Wolfson**, "Nothing out of the ordinary. Spending June through October in Maine and returning to Coconut Grove, FL, before November. We took a road trip to Quebec City; never been there before. Nice place. When I think of the years at Drew, and the folks met there, I realize it was a wonderful part of my life. Still looking forward. Still working about 25 hours per week."

61 **David Cowell** dcowell@drew.edu
The class of '61 all agree with **Pearl (Robertson) Carlin** that those who are alive and well are looking forward to warmer weather.

Bonnie (Weir) Pearce and husband, John, sold their rooming house in Easton after 17 years, have retired, and have taken in a 19-year-old girl needing a place to live. They exercise fitness thrice weekly, are active in their church, still love Easton, PA, and have two more grandchildren off to college in the fall.

Barbara (Yin) Fern is back in her apartment in Stroudsburg PA, where she has lived for 13 years, the longest residence in her life, interrupted only by visits to her kids in New Mexico. Barb's apartment is in a restored shirt factory, with 15-foot ceilings, 12-foot windows, and great views of the clouds lately. Barbara missed out on a trip to New Mexico to see her son because she endured Covid. She still drives, visits **Bonnie (Weir) Pearce** for lunch, and is clearing out her clutch of mementos to help make life better for both her and her sister in their shared apartment. Barbara is a volunteer for PostCards and has sent out 200 get-out-the-vote notes for the presidential campaign.

Bob and Mary (Peck) Davidson C'62 welcomed their fourth great-grandchild in January; by this June, six of the 12 grands will be married. Bob is dealing with vascular dementia, and Mary is his caregiver.

Ed O'Brien has talked with **Llew Williams** C'68, now living in Collier County, FL, who was in the area playing his base. Ed and wife, Janet, celebrated their 60th anniversary. Janet has dementia and Ed is the caregiver full-time. All three grandchildren are going to get college experiences, one is working for Senator Rubio, and one is on his way to college and then to law school.

Carol Carson sadly reported that **C. Wesley "Wes" Carson** died in August 2023, noting that the Drew experience was always, in his words, "important to him."

Mac Hulslander sadly reported that Sharon Mosher died in August 2024, and **Neal Mosher** is living in Vineland, ONT. Further, **Osamu Takagi** is on dialysis for kidney issues; a cheerful note would help cheer him. Peg and Mac attended the summer conference at Chautauqua focused on "Wonder and Awe." They have realized the depth of Albert Einstein's thought that "all life is truly miraculous." Mac notes that the hurricane destruction in Western North Carolina is devastating, and all the relief agencies need our support.

Julie (Ballard) Borgmeier now lives in Arizona and participates actively in the Lord of Life Church, as a volunteer in the library, and plays much duplicate bridge with local friends. Julie has been a widower for the past five years.

June (Kamen) Cowell C'61, P'90 and I are still involved in our community; June finishing over 30 years as chair of the local assistance board, as a county committeewoman, and active member of the Women's Club, and I as a member of the Library Board, the Vestry, the Summit Antiques Center, and the Drew Emeritus Faculty group.

The Drew Alumni office reports 34 active

email addresses for our class of 120 or so when we started as freshmen. Life is truly miraculous.

Write in your news; we have less than two more years until our 65th reunion!

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Greetings from Maryland, the “Land of Pleasant Living,” where we as with many others from across this nation and around the world are impatiently waiting for Election Day 2024 to finally arrive. I cannot help but wonder what professors Smith and Mastro would say about this state of affairs. In any event, there is news to report from our class.

Bonnie (Keyser) Williams wrote to just say hello.

Dan McFadden checked in with some news and has lost most contact with alum news since the *Drew Magazine* stopped publishing, but is in sporadic contact with a few. He sadly reported that his roommate for three years at Drew, Ray Garcia, recently passed. Dan says he feels “very fortunate; life is good,” and he is “enjoying every day.” Dan dropped in on the Drew University Reunion and reports that “the campus looked great.” He stopped at the old Student Union and caught up with **Ron Saldarini C’61** and **Suzanne (Thomas) Saldarini C’62**, **Len Feldman C’61** and **Elizabeth “Betsy” (Gecsey) Feldman**, and **Bob Fenstermacher C’63**. See photo above right. Dan’s son David, now twenty-two, recently graduated from Brooklyn College as an economics major and played for the school basketball team. Dan enjoyed going into Brooklyn for his games and said it was a well-deserved, nice ending, given that David started college just as Covid shut down campus life. Dan has three older “kids,” all doing well. He retired in 2001 and has greatly enjoyed his freedom. His wife was an ESL teacher and retired just a year ago. They do some hiking, and he plays paddle and pickleball and says, “It’s all good!”

Bill Dickinson is staying very active and sent in a long report of his activities. Spring is happening in Alexandria, and he continues his pro-bono work helping to reveal the entire history of the city (the good, bad, and VERY ugly)—much archival research, particularly on the domestic slave trade once centered in Alexandria. Also, he is winding up his 11 years on the board of an independent regional wastewater authority that is in the final stages of building a new system to alleviate the city’s chronic combined sewer overflow problem mandated by Virginia law in 2017. This \$617 million project will be completed in 2025, a very complex undertaking and one of the most aggressive in the US. On February 3, he attended a Drew alumni gathering in Alexandria (hosted by Drew Board of Trustee member **Scott Burr C’84, P’21**) to meet Drew’s new president, Hillary Link. About 30-40 alums attended. Bill was “most impressed with the career paths



the alums pursued since graduating from Drew. Clearly, Drew’s education gave them a solid foundation upon which to build their lives and careers. President Link is also most impressive and quite transparent about the huge challenges facing all independent mid-sized liberal arts colleges and in particular, Drew. There was a robust conversation on how alumni might help, and President Link was open to new ideas and approaches.” Bill urges us to write and share our ideas for Drew’s future with her and members of the Drew Board of Trustees. He concludes, “Hopefully, we will see more transparency from Drew as they develop a new strategic plan.”

Neil Greenberg regrets missing our 60th get-together. He and his wife, Kathy, are still in Knoxville, TN, where they are both professors emeriti from the University of Tennessee Knoxville, but as busy as ever. Kathy is very active in the League of Women Voters, specializing in voting rights issues. Neil is still teaching his favorite seminar every spring (“Art & Organism: The Biology of Art and Aesthetic Experience”); he has been doing that one more than 40 years, and it never gets old. Right now, he is updating notes for next spring’s seminar and also preparing for their annual friends-and-family road trips to Colorado and New Mexico. Then a while at their place in Manhattan when they also always swing by Drew, seeing what’s new and what’s different.

Jeff Gillman writes that he and Marie are still living in their home in Pompton Plains, NJ. Both are doing well and have the fortunate situation of having their kids half an hour away in two different directions. Of the four grandchildren, two are in high school, and one is in college (sophomore at Worcester Polytechnic Institute majoring in robotics). The high schoolers (one a junior and another a senior) are in track and also

band in different schools. So, Jeff and Marie still attend competitions: music and track. Golf is still his activity of choice. They try to keep active in the garden, but it is harder and harder. They are still resisting the siren call of the senior retirement places.

Phyllis (Bailey) Lurvey says life was kinder than she had expected in her first year and a half of widowhood. She had friends and family to enjoy activities and concerts with and summers at their lake where her aging body could still swim, fish, and get in and out of a kayak. A winter month in Florida’s sunshine with family and friends was healing. A highlight in May was her first-ever cruise and land tour to a place on her bucket list, Alaska, with her younger son and a sister and brother-in-law. A friend had advised renting a rollator to help with mobility issues and add quality of life to the walking experiences on the ship and excursions. It proved to be sterling advice! It is hard for Phyllis to believe that “we, the Class of ’63, are old enough to be GREAT grandparents now,” but at this writing, she has just learned that she’ll become one for the fourth time. She “feels grateful for these new little blessings that help counteract the too many losses and serious illnesses of our loved ones that seem to accompany this time of life.”

Dave Pingree wrote that he and his wife, Susan, have already voted and received confirmations that their ballots have been received. Soon, they will be selling their home of thirty-eight years in the Chestnut Hill section of Philadelphia and moving to Maris Grove, a senior living community in Glen Mills, PA, a Philadelphia suburb.

Gerie (Snell) Schumann reported that they had a lovely fall on the Cape—the water was warm, clear, and calm enough for late-season dips. The bog project across the street from her home on the Cape is still not finished, but the environmental earth

movers are done, and now all are waiting for the parking area to be finished before visitors are permitted on the trails again. Building on the Cape continues, with many expensive homes and few affordable and rentable homes. Gerie took a road trip last spring to Georgia with her good friend Judie to visit good Cape friends who moved to the Appalachian foothills five years ago. Gerie and Judie included a few visits en route. They did get to see the **Catlins (Bob C'62)** for dinner at the Old Mill Inn and the **Ricciardis (Rick)** in Delaware, as well as her friend's grandson in college in Boone, NC. Judie shared the driving; they had lots of laughs and good driving conditions—dry roads except across NC and no major traffic delays in their direction. Spring had come to the mountains, where they spent three days in their friend's mountain home, and each had their own en suite room and deck, no cooking, no shopping, just being wined and dined, partying with their friends, and resting up for the trek home. Sounds as if Gerie had a great trip, and I am sure some of the rest of you '63ers have a few fascinating trip tales to send along for the next issue. Since then, Gerie has had visits from **Bill's (C'64)** nieces and their families and a visit from Diane (Cooper) Dillon Ficara's daughter. Stay safe, avoid falls, and send news.

My husband, Buzz, retired from his job as the Medical Director of the Washington County Hospice, concluding 54 years serving others as a physician, so a new chapter in our lives begins. It doesn't have a title yet, but that will be revealed in due time and is certain to be something related to new experiences and adventures in active aging in our 80s.

Please write and share your adventures with our classmates, and in the meantime, stay healthy, happy, and thankful for our liberal arts education at Drew.

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65 **Nancy (Schnaars) Hall**
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Greetings, my C'65 classmates and thanks to all who made a point to share their news.

From **Kathleen (Murray) Henry**, who was enjoying her Maine seacoast cottage with a friend when she wrote, comes news that she lives in a retirement village called Thirwood Place on Cape Cod. From Maine, they planned to journey to Canada to visit Campobello, the island vacation home of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. As Kathleen reported last time, she and classmate **Margaret "Peggy" Domber** visited Drew to hear Liz Cheney speak. Kathleen describes her as a woman of great courage who wants to see Donald Trump defeated. Kathleen notes that she enjoys supporting the Center

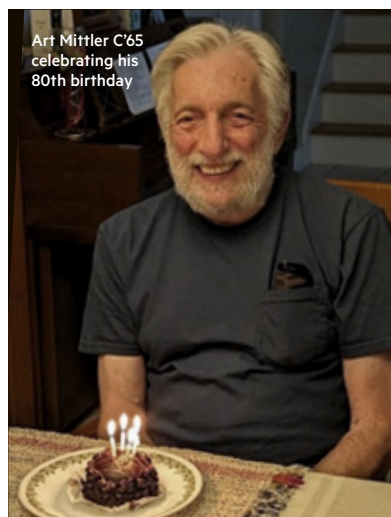
for Civic Engagement, which provides opportunities for Drew students to develop their experiences with nonprofit organizations. And last summer, Kathleen had a visit on the Cape from **Dianne (Mabb) Peeling**, who was flown there by her son in the family's small plane. Last winter, Kathleen visited friends in Palm Springs, CA, including a trip to Balboa Park and the Safari at the San Diego Zoo. Kathleen has four grandchildren who are either in college or about to go to college. She notes that she plans to attend our 60th reunion in 2025, adding that it will be great to see everyone since we missed our 55th due to Covid.

Jon Schwieger reports that he and his family don't have much news to speak of, but they did have a large family gathering for his 80th birthday at their family farm in New Paltz, NY, last June, which Jon called "a great reunion." He adds that he and his wife, Lilly, travel regularly to Oakmont PA, and Ormond Beach, FL, to visit their three sons and three grandchildren.

An update from **Art Mittler** notes that he is doing well and still teaching physics full-time at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. He adds that this is his 55th year there, where he is also presently acting department chair. Art and his wife, Marcia, whom he married in 2007 after the death of his first wife, Evelyn (Blohm) Mittler C'66 in 1992, live in Methuen, MA. Art's son Kevin and his wife, Robin, are both attorneys working for the US Department of Patent and Trademark Office in Fairfax, VA. See photo below.

Roger "Rusty" Martin reports that he continues as Executive Director of the British Schools and Universities Foundation in New York. In addition, he is now serving on Drew University's Board of Directors' Advancement Committee, which keeps him in touch with what's happening on campus.

News from **Donna Nelson Kardon** indicates that after her husband passed, she moved to Siena Lakes, a continuing care retirement community in Naples, FL. Donna stays active



playing tennis and golf and has also resumed playing pickleball. While she avoided Covid for more than three years, she says she recently contracted it, and it has taken more than two weeks to recover.

Naomi Shapiro shared the good news that she recently had a CT scan at the five-year mark following her cancer surgery, and all is well. She continues to teach cello virtually from the home she shares with her partner, Stan, in Springfield, NJ. They both walk and exercise daily, but she says Stan's senior Olympic running had to be curtailed recently due to back issues, which hopefully will resolve soon. Both Naomi and Stan are avid readers, and in a few years will celebrate almost 30 years together. Naomi is a regular contributor to this column, and this time she generously shared a tip from her freshman English teacher Jacquie Burke: "It's easy to fill someone's request for information if you decide to answer just three questions: 1) what did you do to keep busy this year; 2) what is something good that happened to you this year, or how did you transcend something very difficult that happened; and 3) what changes occurred in your life this year and how did you deal with them?" So, no excuses now, classmates... you have the formula. Naomi goes on to say that she gets tired of seeing what little news she shares, so it would make her very happy to hear about everyone else's experiences. She's sending writing energy to all.

After retiring from the faculty at Georgetown University and later leaving his position as Senior Advisor at Covington & Burling, an international law firm headquartered in Washington, DC, **Arturo Valenzuela** has continued his research and writing on international affairs, democracy, and Latin American politics. He worked on the Biden campaign in 2020 and has stayed in close touch with colleagues in the administration, who worked under his direction when he served at the State Department in the first Clinton administration and the National Security Council at the White House in the second Clinton administration. In that position, he was the Senior Director for the Americas, serving alongside Tony Blinken as the Senior Director for Europe. During the George W. Bush administration, Blinken invited him to join an informal advisory group of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee under the leadership of then-Senator Joe Biden, whose staff Blinken managed. Several of President Biden's top officials dealing with Western Hemisphere affairs previously worked with Art when he was Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs in the first Obama/Biden administration. He has remained in close touch with them and has advised them frequently. In addition to his writings, Art serves on the advisory boards of several Washington-based think tanks, including the Woodrow Wilson Center and the Atlantic Council. He is also a member of the Board of Ayuda en Acción, Spain's global development agency, and the President of

the Board of Trustees of Santiago College, one of the leading K through 12 schools in Chile, originally founded by Methodist missionaries in the late 19th century. He has continued his research, writing, and speaking on constitutional reform and democratic governance and has been supporting the Democratic presidential ticket in this year's election.

Nancy (Trout) Ozsogomonyan writes that it has probably been decades since she last wrote, so she wanted to bring everyone up to date on her life since Drew. Nancy served in the Peace Corps in Turkey before returning home and marrying Ardas, an Armenian from Istanbul, whom she had met in Peace Corps training at Princeton. They moved to California, where he taught chemistry at the College of San Mateo (CSM), and she worked in a public library before attending UC Hastings Law School, now UC Law San Francisco. Ardas received his PhD from the University of California, Berkeley, at the same time Nancy received her law degree. She passed the bar and practiced employment and labor law in a private firm, representing school and community college districts. Ardas then went back to teaching and administration, becoming Dean of Math and Sciences at CSM. She says they spoke French frequently and, because they had no children, were able to travel to Europe almost every year. Unfortunately, Ardas died of ALS in November 2001. Nancy continued to live in their Russian Hill, San Francisco, condo until 2023. When she was nearing 80, she decided to move to a retirement community in the Marina District, less than a mile away, where she has a large apartment at Heritage on the Marina and says she is enjoying life there very much.

Stewart "Phil" Covert C'65, T'79 sends news that he and his wife, Sue, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary by spending a month in Scotland visiting the Scottish Highlands and the Inner Hebrides. He continues to serve as the chair of the Board of Directors of Evangelical Environmental Network, a ministry focusing on creation care and climate change. He says this work gives great meaning to his life at this time. Also in January, Phil performed the marriage of his granddaughter in Phoenix, which he describes as an honor. He and Sue have three kids, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandsons. He says life is good!

Harry Brand writes, "What a convenient way to say hello to everyone. No news here but hope all is well with you all. Very fond memories of our time at Drew. Best wishes to all."

News from **Barbara (Cox) Koehler** includes the fact that she and her husband, Bob, recently attended the reunions of their Cornell University Medical College classmates in New York City. It was his 56th and her 55th. While there, they were happy to spend time with **Ron Rankin** C'64 and his wife Carol. Ron was a high school classmate of Bob's (Bernardsville), an acquaintance of Barbara's at Drew, and a fellow classmate of Bob's in medical school. They were saddened to learn about the passing of Chuck Semel C'64, also

a 1964 Drew graduate. They say they remain happily living in Birmingham, AL,—“two very deep blue dots in a bright red square,” according to Barbara.

And a newcomer to *Classnotes*, **Gail (Stevens) Ambrose Lustig**, writes that she had never sent any news before but thought she should at last. She reports that she and her husband, Phil Lustig, currently live in Florida, where they moved eight years ago from Maine after her first husband, Bill, died of cancer in 2012. Gail says she retired almost 25 years ago after teaching music in New York City for 30 years.

Now, she stays busy with church activities and is also involved with Rotary, the worldwide service organization. Gail says she would love to hear if there are any other Rotarians out there among our Drew graduates.

From my roommate, **Virginia "Ginny" (McCombs) deVeer**, comes news of her second knee replacement this year. Now, we can both set off airport alarms. Ginny says her daughters are there with her during her recuperation, and they are all enjoying the opportunity to be together at her lovely retirement home in Plymouth, MA.

Your secretary enjoyed a trip to Hawaii in April, including a cruise of four of the islands. A busy summer ensued, with a trip to Columbus and then on to Cleveland and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, which had been on my bucket list for quite a while. In September, we made our annual trip to the coast of Maine, where I lived for almost 30 years. We stayed in East Boothbay but ventured up to Belfast, where we enjoyed a delightful visit (my first time there), including a memorable lunch at the Laan-Xang Café (Laotian) as well as a nice walk along the riverfront.

On a more somber note, not reported previously, Harry Brand wanted to let everyone know that his good friend and classmate, Lt. John H. Singer, was killed on April 15, 1969, when his US Navy plane was shot down 90 nautical miles off the coast of North Korea. Apparently, the 50th reunion booklet for our class did not indicate that John was deceased.

Please remember it's our 60th reunion in 2025! Details to come.

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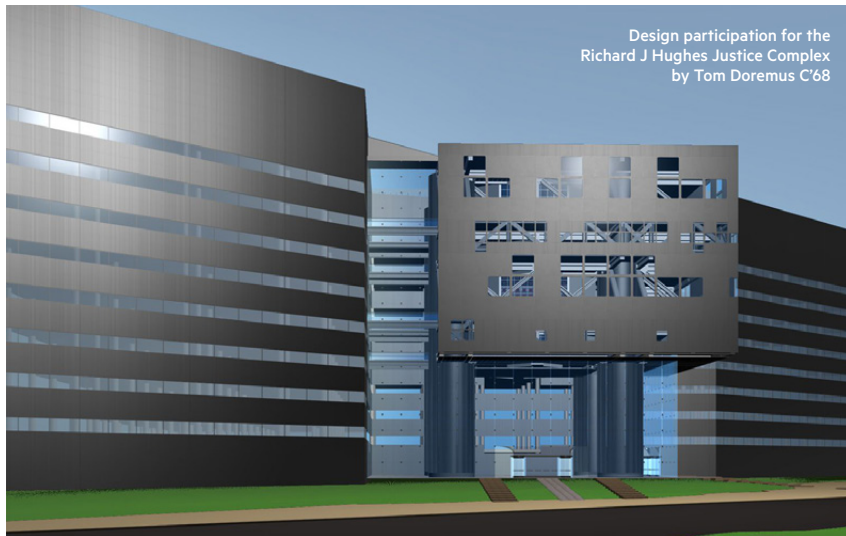
Wayne M. Conner shares "After retiring from 39 years as Associate Pastor/Minister of Youth at First Presbyterian in Kalamazoo, MI, I returned to my roots. Going around the corner on the downtown green, I have gotten active at First Methodist—singing in their choirs and participating in their Outreach Committee work."

67 **Bruce Woolley** fappian@hotmail.com
Judy (Riehl) Waugh writes, "I'm just back from a 15-day river cruise—Budapest to Amsterdam. In 2019, just before the pandemic, my husband, Iain, and I packed up and left Honolulu after 35 years there. We moved to Snowmass Village, CO,

just outside Aspen, where we are happy to continue an outdoor lifestyle. Not only are we enjoying exploring the rugged beauty of our new state, but we also enjoy just getting in the car and taking a road trip - to further our explorations or to visit friends in all parts of the country. In fact, we have "dropped in" to visit **Elaine (Hoffman) Ambrose** in Minnesota and **Marjorie (Harding) Royle** in New Jersey.

From **Karin Krueger**: "Basically, I can describe my life by the old Dupont ad, 'Better living through chemistry.' And speaking of chemistry, my current course at Columbia University is Chem II! Now, there is a course that is forcing me to use some long-slumbering neurons. I don't recall all of what of our current lifestyle in NYC I regaled you with previously, but we live practically within the Columbia campus and, as retirees, are allowed to audit one course per semester for free. So, my husband, Roy Byrd, and I take full advantage of that privilege. I can also happily report that one of the other things that is helping us stay young (at least at heart) is having one of our sons and his family (two children, ages 6 and 3.5 years) half an hour away in Forest Hills. They are a joy to be with, and we are the 'first call' babysitters when needed. We had a family vacation with them in August, where I showed them my hometown, Lübeck, Germany. We had a family vacation with my other son and his family (who live in MA, children 12 and 10) in May at Disney World. I may be repeating old information, but we also very much enjoy our other residence, a two-bedroom co-op out on Shelter Island, NY. It's right on the water, complete with a swimming pool, which all four grandchildren LOVE, plus being where three other couples of long-standing friendships also have homes. All in all, we are very fortunate in terms of health, family, friends, and creature comforts. Our various schedules did not allow us to get together with **Susan (Hecker) Ray** and **Vickie (Olsen) Gonzalez** this summer, but they are doing well too. Which reminds me to call Susan and catch up with her."

John "Jay" Albertini shares, "Bruce Woolley is right. Rochester, NY is the garden spot of the nation. It also boasts fine schools like the Eastman School of Music, a Great Lake, and 11 Finger Lakes. My wife, Kathi, and I have been able to take advantage of these and other attractions along with our son's family. When not trying to keep up with four grandsons, I have been dabbling in family history since retiring from Rochester Institute of Technology in 2014. Though historical societies and libraries were closed during the Covid pandemic, many librarians generously provided me with the information I needed to complete a book about my great-great grandfather, Sam Coverly. He was a Boston merchant who used whatever means available in the Early Republic (horseback, wagon, stage, sailboat, steamship, skiff, and canal boat) to conduct his business. (*Sam Coverly's Journal with Historical Notes*, John A. Albertini, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2022). Now, I'm looking



Design participation for the Richard J Hughes Justice Complex by Tom Doremus C'68

will be **Christopher “Rory” Corrigan C’72, Rich Whittaker C’69, Dwight Davies C’69, Chris Kersey C’71, Don Clarke C’72, and Tom Brown C’69.**

From **Tom Doremus**: “The New Jersey Judiciary has posted information about my design participation for the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex at www.njcourts.gov/public/museum/about-rjh-complex/architectural-background. I was part of a team at The Grad Partnership of Newark in 1977-79 that worked on the building.” See photo, left.

69 Jane (Dugdale) Bussard
janenbussard47@gmail.com

Thank you once again. Many responded to my request for our classmates to check in! It was so good to hear, even briefly, from each of you.

Orlay Johnson said, “Great to hear from you, Jane. Not many class of ’69 Drewsids out here on the far West Coast. Lots of younger ones, though, that I’ve met through soccer or the Seattle Aquarium.”

And **Sheldon Liebowitz** wrote, “I’m doing well living in LA near my oldest daughter and her family!”

Allan Kam also checked in with a word of appreciation for our classmates.

And we heard from **Patricia Wilson**, complete with a photo. Pat is retired and living in northeastern Pennsylvania. She keeps busy with horseback riding and the local historical society, where she runs the monthly coffeehouse, and travels (Iceland this past July). See photo, below left.

Frances “Frannie” (Winslow) Edwards C’69, G’71 wrote, “The second edition of Frannie Edwards’ and Dan Goodrich’s book, *Introduction to Transportation Security*, was published in January. We also completed an Incident Command System project for the National Academy of Sciences/Transportation Research Board.”

A few weeks ago, I heard again from Fran (Winslow) Edwards C’69 G’71 in Las Vegas and **Bruce Van Deusen** in Florida. Hopefully, Bruce is still doing okay after Hurricane Milton put eastern Florida through a Category 3 experience. We also hope all is well with **Rick Cooper**, who wrote several months ago, “Sue and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on April 21, 2024. We are enjoying life here in Palm Beach County, FL, 13 miles west and many millions less than Donald Trump’s place at Mar-a-Lago.”

Sadly, the check-ins also included news of the passing of four of our classmates, **Harry Dare, H. David Lawrence, Robert Libkind, and Ruth Ann Phimister**. See *In Memoriam*, page 28. Several of you, including **Elizabeth Dubiel and Carolyn (Tuttle) Hallifax**, responded about these losses.

Karen (Nelson) Lawrence C’70 sent a photo (above) of David Lawrence (taken two years ago) with their triplet grandchildren. She also wrote that June 7 would have been

into the lives of my Italian ancestors who traveled from hill towns in northern Italy to the North End of Boston in the late 1800s. In retirement, I’ve been able to pursue interests that were kindled at Drew. At Drew, I was able to go to Freiburg, Germany, on Wayne State’s Junior Year Abroad program. In 2025, I’ll spend time in Halle (Händel’s birthplace) for a board meeting at an educational research institute and then visit friends in the south. I enjoyed the couple of history courses I took at Drew, but they would have been more meaningful had I known more about my own history. Transcribing my great-great-grandfather’s American travel journal taught me much about the Early Republic. Now, digging into my Italian roots, I am learning about the plight of immigrants to the US in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In 2025, I hope to tack on a side trip to Italy to visit ancestral birthplaces. Meanwhile, as I write this, we are preparing for our second move this year. After downsizing once, we were notified of an available apartment at a senior living facility, so we are doing it again. I wouldn’t recommend it. Best wishes to all ’67ers. Jay.”

Alan Barthel and Rod Brandt enjoyed time in St. Martin and St. Kitts during November and December, but have been home in Toronto since then while some home renovations are being done. Come late spring, they will make their usual annual trip to Rio. Sadly, they report that Harry Dare C’69 passed away in December 2023. See *In Memoriam*, page 28.

From **Kenneth Euerle C’67, P’93**: “Things are going well for me. I am spending quality time with my two younger grandchildren. Have talked with **Phil Rider, Bill Kortum, Harry Arnold, and Herb Sauer** recently. They all are doing okay.”

Len Altamura reports that he and his wife, **Alice (Cording) Altamura C’68**, are doing well this winter.

Your secretary, **Bruce Woolley**, feels rather well despite the foot neuropathy that has forced him to stop driving. This loss of independence easily makes you feel trapped,

but kind neighbors, friends, and church members have been generous in helping. I continue to serve as a deacon at Third Presbyterian Church, on the More Light Committee, and as president of the board of managers at the condo building where I’ve lived since 2006, so I’m grateful to still be able to do some things to give back.

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Fredrick “Rick” Fuest C’68, P’02, P’08 and his wife, Heather P’02, P’08, spent several months at their winter home in Venice, FL, and enjoyed visits from their daughter, **Melissa (Fuest) Alexo C’02**, and son, **Evan Fuest C’08**, along with their families. They returned early this year and headed up to the Finger Lakes in NY to observe the 2024 eclipse. They will be heading south again in January 2025. Rick continues to be in touch with Drew Physics alumni from the 1960s. They periodically get together via email and Zoom calls to discuss current physics topics and memories from their days in the Drew Physics Department.

Geoffrey Barger is looking forward to the Annual Men’s Outing (40+ years) in April in Savannah, and will be seeing C’68 classmates **Michael “Mickey” Colella and Willard “Ben” Alexander**. Other Drewsids attending



Pat Wilson C’69 and Jackson



David Lawrence C’69, Karen (Nelson) Lawrence C’70, and their triplet grandchildren.

their 55th anniversary. About David, she wrote, "His last successful band was a group formed at our church, Fathers and Sons, which got its name after we realized that was who comprised the group. David created a YouTube homepage that can be found by searching @HDLawrence1, and there are several videos there dating back to 2011 before his stroke. He was playing guitar and singing. David's original song, *Praise the Lord*, will be played at his celebration of life service and is in one of the videos. Our son, Gavin, is the tall, bald guitarist in the group. I would love to hear from any classmates with memories of David to share." She invites classmates to write to her at knlawrence@hotmail.com.

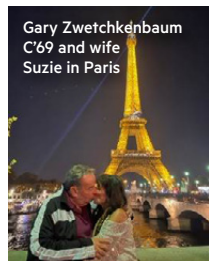
Bonnie (Sturtevant) Gaeth had been trying to reconnect with Harry Dare, with whom she lost contact several years ago. She wrote, "Harry and I became quite close during our junior year poli-sci semester in London and remained close for the following time at Drew and after that." About herself, Bonnie wrote, "Bill and I are still in Hendersonville, TN, where we retired in May of 2017; so we are coming up on seven years here in May. We still love it a great deal, except for the fact that too many other folks have decided to make this their retirement home, too! It's unbelievable how this community has exploded and how many new subdivisions keep springing up and gobbling up all the wooded areas that we moved out here to enjoy in the first place (we are about 30 miles northeast of Nashville)! But that seems like a recurring theme in many of the Southern states, especially those that have no state income tax and fairly temperate climates. Bill and I fill our retirement time with volunteer activities in the community (i.e., Meals on Wheels) and in our church, working out at the local Y, and hosting friends for dinner and/or meeting them in the community for meals, concerts, lectures, and the like. I also love to spend a great deal of my free time reading. Since we have kids and grandkids in Illinois, Michigan, Colorado, and California, we try to travel to see them or have them here at least twice a year. In 2021, we got all 16 together in Jackson Hole, WY, and enjoyed the Tetons and surrounding area. This June, we will try again to meet in Bend, OR, to be near Mt. Hood, Crater Lake, and other points of note."

We also heard from **Julia Holmes C'69, P'99**, aka Julia Geck, and also the parent of **Alison Accettola C'99**. Julia writes, "I am now almost seven years into retirement after working for 17 years as a health care researcher at the National Center for Health Statistics in the DC area. Although I was wondering how I would fill up my time after working most of my life, I have been happily surprised by the many opportunities retirement has afforded. I have been taking literature classes at a local community college, reading books I never encountered before, even as an English minor at Drew. Gardening and floral design classes are also enjoyable endeavors, as are trips to the rich theater and museum resources

in the DC area. I have two children and two grandchildren: Alison Accettola in Flemington, NJ, who is also a Drew graduate, and Andrew Accettola in the Chicago area, who has two children. I visit them frequently and enjoy annual family reunions in northern Michigan. Life is good despite the inevitable challenges of aging."

And from **Gerald "Gerry" Levinson**, we hear, "After Drew, I experienced graduate schools, earning an EdM at what was Boston State College but is now UMass Boston, and, much later, a PhD at Boston College. As a career educator, I worked at various jobs in suburban Boston communities, including Norton, Melrose, Salem, and Beverly. I also served as adjunct faculty at Middlesex Community College. At Boston State College, I met a brilliant physics and math major, Ann; we married in 1972. We live in Melrose, a Boston suburb, and have two children, Joshua and Amanda, both with families of their own. Thus, we have Gabe, Ella, Evan, and Alex as grandchildren. Ella is in her first year at West Virginia University. I was active in two Drew-Boston groups, once enticing Dr. Mastro to visit us and later representing the Admissions Office in interviewing Drew candidates unable to travel to Madison. We usually visit Drew once a year, taking a rest stop on our drive to visit family and friends in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. In the summer, we sail *Polaris* out of the Jubilee Yacht Club in Beverly, MA."

Gary Zwetchkenbaum wrote of the trip he and his wife made to Paris, London, Brussels, and Amsterdam this past October.



Gary Zwetchkenbaum C'69 and wife Suzie in Paris

He said, "Suzie's bucket list was to have me propose again after 20 years in front of the Eiffel Tower. DONE!" They also enjoyed (a second honeymoon?) a Caribbean cruise. Both Gary and Suzie continue

to work fulltime. Suzie is the marketing director of RadNet, and Gary has his own consulting company, Plum Tree Consulting LLC. See photo above.

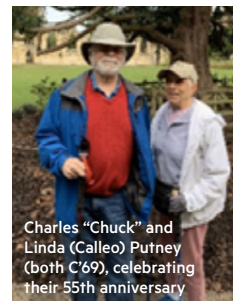
Elizabeth "Betty" (Hazard) Nolte continues as President of her community residents' association. She also reports lots of US travels for bridge tournaments and family events. On a trip to Portland for a Roads Scholar program, she picked up her 48th state and later her 49th while attending a funeral in North Dakota. Betty reports a visit from **Margaretha "Meg" Oskam** in February 2023.

Anne (Huckins) Wilson, aka "Huck," writes: "Early in my career, I worked for a bank, a community action agency, and a state Department of Labor. After three years as director of a county family counseling agency, I worked as a civilian in the Army, Army Reserve, and Air Force for 35 years, managing military and family programs: child and spouse abuse, deployment,

relocation, special needs, etc. I was trained in all areas and worked in many of those programs when short-staffed. I am now fully enjoying retirement and working several times a year as an election official at our local voting polls."

Elaine (Creasman) Penn writes, "Like many of my classmates, I'm still working part-time, with a small stable of bookkeeping clients, small businesses that don't need someone daily. The Virgin Islands have been my home for over 40 years now. Creeping oldness issues have cut back my hiking the trails of St John, but I'm still active as a board member and sometime player after 25 years with the Love City Pan Dragons Youth Steel Orchestra. If you check out our videos on our Facebook pages and see a white-haired lady with a sun visor, that's me. My daughter Audrey lives in St. Thomas and keeps way more busy than me, with her work as Destination Services Manager at Frenchman's Reef Hotel along with her role as board chair of the Friends of the VI National Park. People I'd like to get word of: **Liz Hicken** and Anne "Huck" Wilson, my two favorite roommates."

With their great photo, **Charles "Chuck" and Linda (Calleo) Putney** wrote, "Linda and I took a trip to York and the Yorkshire Dales (Herriot country) in early October, celebrating our 55th anniversary. My vision is diminished, but I still get around. Linda has largely recovered from back surgery 18 months ago. We are both involved in oil painting. A couple of months ago, we had lunch with **John Lettis** in NC. He's still active as a church organist, week in and week out, and looks younger than his years. In several weeks, **Tom Hackett C'70** will be visiting to deliver a sermon at our UU congregation." See photo above.



Charles "Chuck" and Linda (Calleo) Putney (both C'69), celebrating their 55th anniversary



Roger Patnode C'69 and wife, Marilyn, celebrating their 10th anniversary in Quebec

The Pink Tree Collective



The Pink Tree Collective by Georgia (Oschman) Denman C'69

And **Roger Patnode** sent in a photo of himself and his wife, Marilyn Clute, celebrating their 10th anniversary in Quebec. See photo above.

Georgia (Oschman) Denman published *The Pink Tree Collective*, with associated social media. It is a short story introducing a

future series of novels. Georgia has degrees in Political Science and Hospital and Health Administration, with an emphasis on global health care. She is an advocate for patients and health care providers, drawing on decades of experience and interests. See photo, opposite page.

Ed and I, **Jane (Dugdale) Bussard**, celebrated our 17th anniversary this summer. It's not the numbers but the quality that matters! Thanks so much for sharing your stories. Ed and I continue to be active in our church. He is leading a verse-by-verse study of Revelation, and I am currently proofreading a set of revised SIL translation notes for that same book. I am also attempting to learn Hebrew in my old age.

From her sister, **Elizabeth "Betty" (Phimister) Smith C'70**, we learned of the passing of Ruth Ann Phimister. Ruth Ann Phimister, 77, of New York City, passed away at Bella Point in Freeport, ME, in January 2024, following a brief illness. After graduating from Drew University in 1969, she furthered her education by earning two master's degrees: one in theatre from the University of South Carolina, Columbia, and one in library science from Queens College in New York. A member of Actors Equity and SAG/AFTRA Unions, Ruth Ann performed on stage in theatrical productions around the country. In addition, Ruth Ann recorded numerous books and appeared in various educational and commercial films and television programs over the years. She is survived by: Elizabeth (Phimister) Smith C'70 and **Bruce Smith C'71** of Fredericksburg, VA, Evelyn Phimister and her husband Frank Saracino of Wells, ME, and **Christopher J. Werkley C'70** of Grand Forks, ND. See *In Memoriam*, page 28.

Robert Lawrence Libkind, 77, journalist, public relations executive, and railroad man, passed away peacefully on September 4, 2024, in Philadelphia. His wife, Elizabeth, was at his side as she had been throughout his illness. A graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in Elizabeth, NJ, where he toted the tuba in the marching band, and Drew University, Robert was also a confirmed foodie and authored the blog Robert's Market Report on his adventures at Philadelphia's Reading Terminal Market. Bob's journalism career began with his first college job at Drew writing hometown releases for the public relations department. His summer jobs included a stint with the Jersey Central Railroad of NJ. After graduation, he worked at the night desk at the *Newark Star-Ledger* and later at Suburban Publishing, a chain of weeklies in Union County. His two loves of writing and railroads came together when he moved to Philadelphia and got a job with Conrail, then a leading freight railroad. Being a public relations rep for a railroad isn't easy, and it resulted in a broken kneecap while investigating one accident. Bob could also be heard during these years as the Conrail spokesperson on NY radio. Bob's career with the railroad ended in retirement as their chief information officer when the railroad was acquired by larger competitors,

but his love for railroads never ended. Not long before his illness, upon hearing about an antique diesel engine from the Pennsylvania Railroad still in use by NJ Transit, he responded with the name and number of the engine from the railroad's "heritage fleet." Bob was predeceased by his parents, Archie and Miriam Libkind, his sisters Beth Libkind and Debera Libkind, and his first wife, Jean Sue Johnson Libkind. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Williams. See *In Memoriam*, page 28.

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From **Paul Dezendorf C'70** and wife Helen celebrating their 50th anniversary: "I continue to teach graduate courses in public sector public relations and grant writing, and I enjoy sharing with students their experiences in the changing worlds of nonprofits and government. I was awarded another State Department Fulbright grant this fall for travel to Uzbekistan, where I'll help with setting up a master's program and a doctoral program in public administration and consulting about teaching methods and lectures. I've taught teenagers in other countries for years - currently in Kyrgyzstan and Indonesia. Helen and I celebrated 50 years of marriage. Our two sons and five grandchildren also live in North Carolina." See photo above.

Liz (Viertel) Radic shares, "I've lost touch with so many of you. I'd welcome a note telling me what you're doing. I'm retired and am living in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in New Mexico. I'm about 45 minutes from Santa Fe. My daughter and grandkids live nearby."

From **Elizabeth "Betty" (Phimister) Smith**: "My husband, **Bruce Smith C'71**, and I have been living in Fredericksburg, VA, since my retirement from teaching in 2015. Bruce retired from the ministry in 2013. Two of our three children live nearby, and we are grateful to be close to family. Fredericksburg is a community rich in the arts and history, and we love living here. It has given me many opportunities to do theatre and to create art. In October, I directed Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite." Since moving to Fredericksburg, I have joined two writing groups, and in 2022, I published my first novel, a children's book, *FINDING MARY ALICE*. Currently, I am working on its sequel."



71 **David Little** sinephile@gmail.com
Dale O'Brien sent his best wishes along with this portrait of our youth. See photo, above.

Rhonda Rush is living large in Chicago and Sarasota, and pursuing her bird watching goal. "I have been traveling in 2022 through 2024. I love to bird watch so I had indulged my desire to see birds on six continents. See photo below of 2024 at Cape Horn in South America. It was cold and windy but worth the steps and sleet."



Patience Young is checking in and offered the following: "Since retiring as director of academic engagement at Stanford's main art museum, the Cantor Arts Center, I've segued into writing and editing while also continuing to sing traditional songs from America and Britain. I edited Dick Holdstock's book *Again With One Voice: British Songs of Political Reform, 1768-1868* (Loomis House Press, 2021) and authored *Picturing Protest: Prints to Accompany Political Songs for Thirsty Work and Other Legacies of Folk Song* (The Ballad Partners, 2022). The Vermont Historical Society will publish my paper on 'The Marlboro Medley: A Vermont song from 1787' in the Winter/Spring 2024 issue of its journal, *Vermont History* (appearing in April) and transfer it to its online archive about six months later. Find my three short articles on British abolition of the slave trade in *Folknik*, the newsletter of the San Francisco Folk Music Club (www.sffmc.org/folknik starting in the July-August 2022 issue), and my 20-minute illustrated presentation on that subject for the *Traditional Song Forum*, Online 44: 'The Abolition Movement in Britain in Lyrics and Pictures' (www.youtube.com/@traditionalsongforum/videos May 2022). Interested in any of this? Reach me at patiencesinging@gmail.com. Best wishes to everyone!"

Finally, **Phil Chisholm** submitted this report on last year's tribute to **Harry Litwack**: "In June 2023, Phil Chisholm, **Cynthia "Cindy" Walters**, and **Janet**



Phil Chisholm and Harry Litwick (both C'71) at the 2023 Rugby Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Schotta Murphy joined Harry Litwick at the class reunion, which was also the induction ceremony for Harry's well-deserved entry into the Drew Rugby Hall of Fame. The ceremony was held in the old University Center and attended by Drew alums from all the years to honor those inductees throughout the 50 years, including Men and Women's Rugby teams. Harry was just 18 years old when he started at prop in the scrum when Drew beat Army in one of the first highlights of the Drew Rugby Club. Many members of that team attended the event, including **Don Clarke C'72**, **Dwight Davies C'69**, **Dan Boyer C'69**, P'04, and **Willard "Ben" Alexander C'68**. Harry spoke about the 10 to 0 upset at home over Princeton our sophomore year, beating the Ivy League champions." See photo above.

72 David Green greendavid@aol.com

Chris Kohlmann has opened his own mental health practice as a licensed professional clinical counselor after moving to Columbus, OH, three years ago.

Kathi (Gentile) Aultman continues to speak and testify on pro-life issues after retiring from her OB/GYN practice 10 years ago. She has been an Associate Scholar with the Charlotte Lozier Institute for several years and has testified nationally and internationally, including last year in Vienna. She is enjoying having her mother **Alice "Cappie" (Cappuccino) Gentile C'50**, P'72, '73, '87, GP'18 live with them near Jacksonville, FL.

Virginia (Wallace) Burley has lived in Vermont since the '80s and has three children—all doctors—and four grandchildren, with one on the way. She has been the caregiver for her husband, Dave, who was diagnosed with frontotemporal dementia. In the future, they plan to help further the research in the labs that study football players' brains who have suffered multiple concussions.

Cynthia "Cindy Lou" (Stafford) Bowen checked in from Canton, NY. She is providing online customer computer technical support, being able to work from home after a career with Child Protective Services.

After being inducted into the Rugby Hall of Fame in 2022, **Don Clarke** returned in June to present awards at this year's ceremony held in Mead Hall. Reminiscences of the club's teamwork and spirit that led to victories over notable well-established

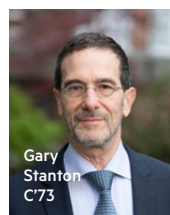
collegiate clubs in the early days were shared. Our class was well represented with **Rick Doran**, **Mike Corbett**, **John Hudak C'73**, and **Jim and Denise (O'Brien) Schmidt C'74** in attendance.

I became a happy grandfather with the birth of my granddaughter Lena Marguerite Green in May and enjoyed a trip to Seattle and a cruise to Alaska in August.

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The class of 1973 is looking for a new Class Secretary to collect *Classnotes*. If you are interested in taking over, please contact classnotes@drew.edu

Gary Stanton shares, "I'm now living in West Concord, MA. It's walking distance to Emerson Hospital, where I'm still working



Gary Stanton C'73

in neurology and acupuncture. I'm spending a lot of time learning languages, especially Japanese. I also got together with **Jon Opper** and **Steve Bretow** for a full moon viewing of the Grand Canyon at the end of

April." See photo above.

Fritz and Leigh (Young) Schmidt celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Hawaii. The couple has two children and two grandchildren.

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Dr. Larry Spinelli has published a new book, *Watergate's Unexpected Hero: The Life of Peter W. Rodino, Jr.* We all remember watching the Watergate hearings and the prominent role Congressman Rodino played in that investigation. While in high school, Larry met Rodino and became a congressional race volunteer for him. Larry later interned with Rodino and became his press secretary. Larry is married to **Arlene (Csehi) Spinelli C'75**. An alumni of the London Semester, Larry served as Assistant Professor of Political Science at Drew from 1981-1985, where he directed the Washington, DC and London Semesters.

Candace "Candi" Goldman checked in on me to make sure I survived Hurricanes Helene and Milton (we did fine). Candi retired from the judiciary and continues to reside in the Berkeley area. She is very active in the local arts and theatre community.

Ellen (Wise) Lang C'75 and I just celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Orcas Island in the San Juans. I continue to practice civil law in Orlando and other jurisdictions. I also actively train and show my Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever in obedience competitions. "Henry" now has four AKC titles.

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Our 50th Reunion is coming up in 2025—stay tuned for more details in the new year!

76 Robert Beer bob@bobbeer.com

A friend of **Paul Collarile** shares memories of his friend after his passing in May 2023. "I was not a graduate of Drew. I want to share the message with people who knew Paul, and, of course, I would love to hear from them. I first met Paul in 1966. We didn't know each other because we were in separate sixth-grade classes. But when we would occasionally pass each other on the street by our elementary school, there was an understanding that we had much in common. Paul would nod to me with a shy smile (that was his signature characteristic!). We were friends throughout junior high and high school and frequently argued about politics. After grad school, we called each other on weekends to talk about the news from the week. When these calls continued throughout our 30s and 40s, I realized this was the longest friendship I had had with anyone. The phone calls continued ever since. When I would visit Yonkers, Paul would join my mother and me to watch *Married with Children*. All three of us immensely enjoyed that show. We were like family. Sometimes, Paul would comment on something from the news in a bitterly ironic manner. He would express his comments in a very straightforward manner. I told him that the combination of irony and straight delivery was exceedingly funny, a reaction that he appreciated. Everyone who was connected with Paul knew that he possessed extensive knowledge. His command of historical detail was impressive. Shortly before he died, I told him that I learned something interesting from him every time we talked. That was the very last exchange we had. I'm happy our conversations ended on the best possible note, but his passing leaves an empty space in my life. I will remember Paul for the rest of my life." If you want to share your memories of Paul, please email classnotes@drew.edu. See *In Memoriam*, page 29.

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In August 2023, **Christine "Chris" (Stack) and Paul Bell C'76** went on a memory-making Alaskan cruise with family, including their son Alex. Beginning in Seattle, WA, it took them to locations in Alaska and parts of Canada. When Chris and Paul's daughter, Callan, and son-in-law, Josh, are at work, Chris finds much joy taking care of their granddaughter, Marin, who is in preschool part time and will turn three years old this year. Paul loves being a grandpa and will be able to spend more time with Chris and Marin when he cuts back his hours as Grants Development Strategist at Feeding Northeast Florida.

Sandra (Stanton) Sloane and her husband, Larry, are loving life at their home in Naples, FL, and spending time with their adult children and granddaughter, Pema Marie.

Nancy (Baughman) Csuti and her partner, Stu, spent six weeks last May and June in Norway! Nancy wrote that the best

part of the trip involved taking a ferry north into the North Sea to the Lofoten Islands, well north of the Arctic Circle, where they spent several weeks exploring by car, hiking, and making friends with the locals. They celebrated the solstice in Tromsø, in “the land of the midnight sun,” where they experienced daylight 24 hours a day. Nancy enjoys her work as a consultant for The Colorado Trust, where she was employed many years and retired, and volunteers at Denver’s Nature and Science Museum.

The lives of **Karen (Marx) C’77, P’08** and **Lloyd “Lou” Hyman C’77, P’08** are full of volunteer, employment and family activities. Karen and Lloyd continue to work after retirement as substitute teacher and at Ace Hardware, respectively, and volunteer with the Skipjack Nathan of Dorchester. Their son, **Louis Hyman C’08**, who has an educational background in special education, lives in Easton, MD, and has been substitute teaching at several schools. Karen and Lou’s daughter, Elizabeth, her husband, and two children Natalie, 15 and Joshua, 13, live in Jacksonville, FL. Karen’s father, **Karl Marx C’49, P’77, GP’08**, lives in Morristown, NJ, and was honored last Veterans Day with a banner for his military service from the Hometown Heroes organization which hung in for the month of November.

This February, I had a fun lunch with a longtime friend and two Drew alumni, **Michelle Boyle C’75** and **Oona Stieglitz C’79**, during which we reminisced about our Drew days and caught up on each other’s lives. Michelle retired from NIH at the end of May 2024 after completing 41 years of federal service. She had a 17-year tenure with NIH and, before that, in Departments of Treasury (OCC, ATE, and FMS), Navy (NAVSea, CNO), and Energy (Conservation & Solar, Comptroller). Michelle’s daughter, Kate, is now a junior at Hollins University in Roanoke, VA. Oona’s twin daughters, Amy and Gwen Arbetman, graduated from college in May 2024. Amy received a BA in biology and environmental studies from Macalester College, located in St. Paul, MN, and Gwen received a BA in psychology with a concentration in urban studies from Clark University, located in Worcester, MA. After graduating, they both found work in their fields. Our lunch was a reminder of the precious lifelong friendships we made at Drew.

On August 25, the life of **John Mark Russonello** was celebrated among many friends, colleagues, and family members at the Josephine Butler Parks Center in Washington, DC. He died in July 2024 near his summer home in Norfolk, CT, with his wife and business partner, Nancy Beldon, and their son, Giovanni, at his side. John was the editor of the *Drew Acorn* during our sophomore year. His freshman roommate was **Mark Taylor**, who remained a lifelong friend and spoke poignantly and with some humor about their friendship at the event. See *In Memoriam*, page 29.

I knew John through mutual friends at Drew and involvement with the *Acorn* and Student Government Association. After

graduating from Drew, John moved to Washington, and we were in the same social circle until careers, marriage, and children changed our paths. He was a speechwriter and press secretary for Representative Peter Rodino, Jr., Senator Alan Cranston, and others. He met and fell in love with Nancy, a pollster, and she convinced him to go into business with her, forming Beldon Russonello Strategists until they retired in 2020. Their son Giovanni co-founded *CapitalBop*, a nationally recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit and online magazine devoted to presenting, promoting, and preserving jazz in Washington, DC. He is a music critic who covers jazz for *The New York Times*. John’s celebration was well attended by Drew alumni.

John’s celebration was well attended by Drew alumni. I was delighted to have a visit from **Robin Stern**, who flew to DC from her home in Brattleboro, VT, to attend with me. Robin was editor of the *Acorn* in the fall of our senior year. 2024 was a busy year of traveling for her and her husband, Potter Stewart. They visited children and grandchildren in Montana, California, New Hampshire, and Maine, including fly fishing, road trips, and other adventures. They had a great experience of learning and inspiration in Chautauqua at the Chautauqua Institution. They traveled to Portugal this fall. They escape much of Vermont winters at their home in Charleston, SC.

The *Acorn* was the source of many decades-long friendships. **Jennifer “Jenny” Beaver** was the editor the spring before we graduated. **Laura Papa**, Christine Bell, **Tim Sperry**, Mark Taylor, many other good people, and I were *Acorn* staff members at some point or another. Paul “Belltoons” Bell C’76 was the newspaper’s talented cartoonist! This was when publishing the *Acorn*, which involved laying out the issue with X-Acto blades and rubber cement on Thursday nights, then rushing the finished product by car to the printer!

Mark Taylor, now retired from the Connecticut Superior Court after nearly 20 years on the bench, attended with his wife, Barbara, and their two daughters, Madeleine and Juliette. After retirement, Mark formed Mark Taylor ADR, an independent mediation service that facilitates settlement negotiations between parties engaged in civil litigation. Mark and Barbara enjoy several months each spring and fall at their 13th-century home overlooking the cliffs of Orvieto, Italy. Mark and Barbara’s first visit to Orvieto was 20 years ago, during one of their family visits to John and Nancy’s villa in nearby Toscolano.

Tim Sperry traveled from his home in Guilford, CT, to attend John’s celebration. Robin, my husband, Chas, and I had a delightful al fresco dinner in Dupont Circle in DC the night before, reminiscing and catching up. Tim and his wife, University of Connecticut Professor of Philosophy Lyne Tirrell, had just returned from a business trip to Rwanda, where he and Lynne had traveled several times for her academic research on linguistic patterns as it relates to genocide. Tim’s son Matt Sperry was married

to Liana Newton in April 2024. The couple lived in Chicago for the past three years. They returned to New England in October and are living in Connecticut, only an hour’s drive from Mom and Dad, which made for happy parents! Tim was involved in Drew’s Student Government Association and was a reporter for the *Acorn* when John was editor. After many years of not seeing John, Tim and Lyne reconnected after several trips with John and other friends to the Caribbean in the 2000s. Tim and Lyne saw more of John and Nancy when they bought a home in Connecticut a few years ago. Tim has had a long career in the organic foods industry. Tim founded The Tim Sperry Group in 2006, which offered consulting services to companies of all sizes in the natural, organic, and specialty products channels. He is easing into retirement with just a few clients, all multigenerational family businesses.

I was pleased to run into Lloyd and Karen (Marx) Hyman C’77, P’08, who traveled from their home in Cambridge, MD, to attend John’s event, as well as **Tom Gillespie C’76**, **Kevin Hanson C’76**, **Lawrence “Larry” Spinelli C’74** and his wife, **Arlene (Csehi) Spinelli C’75**. Kevin lives in High Point, NC, and is Advertising Director for National CineMedia. Larry and Arlene live in Arlington, VA. Arlene is a retired Legislative Assistant. Larry has a master’s in government from Georgetown University and a Masters and doctorate in history from New York University. Similar to John Russonello, Larry’s first congressional position was managing press relations for Representative Peter Rodino, Jr., NJ, who achieved national prominence after chairing the Nixon impeachment hearings. For over 40 years, Spinelli served in senior positions in the legislative and executive branches of the federal government.

I received a wonderful update from Jenny Beaver about a vacation she and her family took in late July. Jenny, her husband, Alan, son AJ, and daughter-in-law Sierra traveled to the southeast US to visit friends and check out possible relocation spots when they were ready to move from their homes in California. In Maryville, TN, they marveled at the huge lots and friendly people, but it lacked walkability. They found popular retirement location Asheville, NC to be cute and have a 1970s vibe. Jenny wrote that she “had a weird deja vu moment when I swear I saw a version of my high school self hanging out with my long-haired over-all-clad boyfriend.” Unfortunately, they found that Asheville seemed to suffer from too much popularity and overcrowding. Little could they imagine at the time that it would be inundated with catastrophic floods. They stopped by chance in Statesville, NC, where they discovered great food, charming, affordable older homes, and “a state liquor store packed with tiny bottles of bizarre booze.” They spent three delightful days in Pittsboro, NC, in a wonderful home in 10 acres of NC woods on a dirt road. They are still looking for the perfect affordable location with Hallmark towns and California weather. If you have a recommendation,

write to me and I will forward your message!

In late September, I checked in by email with **John “Jack” Harding** and **Joan (Leming) Marshall** when the floods and aftermath of Hurricane Helene were ravaging western North Carolina. I remembered that Jack and **Lois (Schultes) Harding** had a home in Davidson, NC, and Joan and her husband, **Terry Marshall C’75**, moved last year to the Lake Norman area. Joan reported that they experienced high winds and rain, lost internet for a while, and witnessed a close call with a neighbor’s fallen tree, but they were two hours from the areas that experienced the most damage. Jack wrote that the location of their home had little impact.

Last August, **Richard Waring’s** daughter, a nurse practitioner, helped him through a major health crisis. After 50 days of heart failure, he received an aortic cow valve that restored his health. He retired from laying out the *New England Journal of Medicine* at the end of 2023 and has made the most of his new found freedom. He went to Germany to hear his son play oboe with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. He did hard labor in a small Ecuadorian village and then experienced the amazing animals of the Galapagos. In June, he went on a 73-mile pilgrimage of the Camino de Santiago, the Way of St. James, in Spain.

Ellen (Rosenberg) Portnoy C’77, P’08, retired from her job as Director of Development for the Accelerated Schools of Overland Park, KS, in June 2023. She and her husband have enjoyed traveling, including a two-week cruise to the west coast of Mexico to see the total eclipse of the sun. They also went to Sante Fe, NM, on a Roads Scholar program. They have plans for more travel in the future.

Chas and I traveled a lot this year. It included two trips to Los Angeles to see our daughter Kate Edwards, her husband, Joey Serxner, and our three-year-old grandson Wolf and a bucket list trip in September to Sedona, AZ, the Grand Canyon National Park, Lake Powell, and the Glen Canyon Dam, and Zion National Park. In May, I went with a friend on a whirlwind yet awesome group tour of northern Spain, which took us to Barcelona, Montserrat, La Seu D’Argell, Andorra, Zaragoza, Laguardia, Pamplona, San Sebastian, Bilbao, Leon, Santiago de Compostela, and Madrid! I started some volunteer work with our granddaughter’s elementary school and the local operations of my political party. We are fortunate to regularly see our daughter Taylor Edwards Powell, her husband, Ben Powell, our granddaughter Marmie, 6, and our grandson Link, 3, because they live just five minutes from us.

I welcome your personal news and updates at any time!

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Bonni van Blarcom, PhD, won a contract with the United Nations Development Program in Madagascar to assist capacity development of their national customs procedures, particularly

valuation, post-clearance audit, and fraud prevention. She will spend two months on the assignment, mostly in Madagascar.

Craig Stanford travels between Los Angeles, Mexico, and Africa for his research and teaches and mentors doctoral students at the University of Southern California. He has an environmental nonprofit foundation that buys land around the world to create wildlife sanctuaries. His daughter, Gaelen, is an ENT surgeon in Portland and is getting married this spring. His daughter, Marika, works for Google in San Francisco.

Tom Menke checked in to say he is a grandfather five times, and all is well. He is planning to work for another five years.

Robert Strupp said it’s always a pleasure to hear from his classmates. He and Julie will be in Florida until May. They will then head to Baltimore from May to October and look forward to the summer. Anyone who wants to visit, “Come on down.”

Debra (Moody) Bass C’78, G’90, G’02 reports she just completed and submitted a chapter for a book, *Black Apologetics: Reflections on the Viability of Christian Faith*. The editor is Dr. K. Mattis. Her chapter is entitled *THE PROBLEM OF UNANSWERED PRAYER*. The book is due out in 2025.

Jim Miller said hello. He recently moved to Tucson, AZ, to be closer to family. He retired in 2019 and is still recovering from medical issues. He has two kids and seven grandkids.

Marla (Friedman) and Paul Boren had a busy and happy holiday season in Chicago, where they visited their two sons, David and Mike, their “daughters-in-love,” and grandson, Henry.

Kathleen (Hyman) Floyd C’78, P’13 says her children are thriving. Her daughter Constance Tarantino lives in Avon, CO, with her husband Marty. She graduated from the University of Seattle and works as a Design and Sales Consultant. She is also certified to train Inner Matrix Systems and works with others to improve their lives through the IMS of personal mastery. Kathy’s son, **Steven Floyd C’13**, lives with his husband, Brandon Levesque, and their two dogs in New York City. He received his undergraduate degree from Drew and his Master of Social Work from Fordham University. Steven is in private practice as a licensed clinical social worker in NYC. Kathy and several friends had an amazing trip to Egypt and Jordan last October. Her work at the Church Pension Group continues to be stimulating and provides many opportunities for meeting great people and business travel. Kathy lives in Chatham, NJ, which enables her to spend quality time with friends and family, including her mother Marie Hyman, 93.

Freed Grant LLC Founding Partner **Gary S. Freed** has been named to the 2025 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*® for the third year in a row. Freed earned his BA in political science from Drew University in 1978 before getting his law degree from the Emory University School of Law. Freed focuses his practice on business legal matters which includes commercial litigation, labor and employment litigation, “business divorce,”

restrictive covenants, real estate, employment matters, and probate issues. He has successfully represented businesses that range from mom-and-pop operations to national and international corporations. Freed also is one of the few Atlanta attorneys with a practice in Asian business matters. “I zealously represent my clients and do not seek honors for myself. But I do appreciate that clients and peers recognize my dedication to their needs and to the practice of law. It is a humbling honor to again be listed in Best Lawyers alongside so many other dedicated attorneys,” said Freed. “The best honor is knowing how I help so many clients with their legal matters in both a timely and efficient manner.” Freed is known for his creative “out of the box” legal thinking. Larger firms often turn to him for complex litigation matters. Freed also believes strongly in giving back to his profession and community. He has been an active member and leader of a wide array of legal, business, and community organizations.

Tom Tani is handling a medical challenge as well. Last fall, he began dialysis treatments and got on the kidney transplant list. The dialysis option he chose is peritoneal dialysis (PD), which involves nightly transfers through a cyclor. While this is certainly not fun, the transfer runs while he sleeps. He has gotten the daily setup/cleanup down to where it’s another routine, like him going to the gym every day. PD is a popular choice because you can largely maintain your daily activity and lifestyle. OK, it’s not fun, but it beats having to get someone to take over class secretary duty! “I have received a ton of support and good wishes, and my family’s spirits are good.”

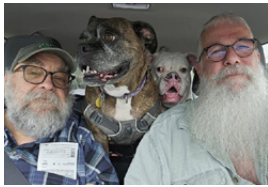


Paul Crosby C’78,
1956-2024

It’s with sadness that I end this update with the news of the passing of a class member. **Paul Crosby** died peacefully in his home in Keene, NH, in February 2024, surrounded by his family. He is survived by

his wife, **Dorothy (Troia) Crosby**, whom he met on campus. They married in 1980 and had three children: Michael (Abigail), Erin (Jeremiah), and Katherine, and three grandchildren, Eliza, Silas, and Miles. A full obituary that describes his life and accomplishments in the forestry industry and his community is linked in the *In Memoriam* section (page 29). I knew Paul (aka “Fuzzy”) from playing with him on the soccer team. He was a great guy and will be sorely missed. RIP Paul. See photo above.

79 Steve Arrants
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Hello everyone. I’m back as your class secretary after many years. A lot has happened to me and all of us since 1979. I live in Vermont, and I’m a freelance technical writer and documentation engineer. I rescue



Steve Arrants C'79 with Zoey, Jasper, and husband Glen Morris

and raise boxers, cross-country ski in the winter, and enjoy a quiet semi-retirement. See photo, left.

Martha (Gutman) Kolodkin reports she's retired after 35 years working for the federal government. She and her husband, Jerry have been traveling a lot, just completed a Mississippi River cruise. Hawaii and the South Pacific are coming up! She keeps busy singing in a volunteer choir and a seniors singing group. See photo below.



Martha (Gutman) Kolodkin C'79 with husband Jerry and their cat

I'm in contact with **Oona Stieglitz** on LinkedIn, and she says retirement is busier than she expected. Supporting electoral candidates, exercising, saving trees, book and movie clubs, and lunching with "vintage" friends (We don't say old!). Her daughters, Amy Renee and Gwendolyn Eve, graduated from college this year. Yeah, we're getting old—I mean vintage.

Maureen L. Amy sends news from her home in Cornwall, UK. After graduation, Amy worked at a subsidiary of AT&T. After a downsizing, she entered a nursing program, earning a degree in practical nursing. Maureen returned to England, settled in Cornwall, and met Peter, spending 30 years together. Amy doesn't regret attending Drew, calling the decision "life-altering." That's something I think all of us feel, too. Drew is a light I carry with me throughout the ups and downs over the years. My experiences at Drew continue to guide me, almost 50 years later.

You can contact me through the alumni office, on LinkedIn and Facebook, and at sarrants@gmail.com.

80 **Chris Walsh**
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Once again, it's been a while since my last column.

We're all getting to, or past, the traditional retirement age and I joined the ranks in

the spring after 40+ years in technology, mostly in financial technology. The liberal arts education continues to pay off as I (in all modesty) can say I was well prepared for it and I am killing it!

I haven't retired from playing rugby for the Morris Old Boys team, although I'm currently on the IR due to a wonky ankle that I acquired while playing in VA. I regularly see **Ralph Sorrentino** C'83, **Greg Gordon** C'92, and **Joe Noto** C'95 across from me on the pitch and sometimes on the same side.

Bishop Karen Oliveto C'80, G'91, '02 passed along news of her retirement from the Mountain Sky Conference of the United Methodist Church. You can read about it [here on the Drew website](#). Congratulations, Karen!

Dave New and his wife, Ami, recently had an Oktoberfest party at their home not too far from Drew. I found myself sitting next to a nice couple, and before long, we realized we were schoolmates: **Michele (DeLuca) Elias** C'79 and **Michael Elias** C'78. We agreed we had no recollection of knowing each other when we were students, but we have several friends in common besides Dave: **John "Jack" Gaylord**, **Stephen Casey** C'79, and **Dave Feldman** C'79 among them. Other Drewids at the party were **Pasquale "Pat" Capriglione** C'82 and **Louis Albert** C'78. Pat is mostly retired from government work but he has a new occasional gig testing the security at Major League Baseball stadiums. If you attend a ballgame, you might see Pat looking around intently. Louis is an attorney and lives a few miles from Drew. **Bob Joyce** C'82 was expected but decided he needed to stay home and concentrate on rooting for the Mets.

The COVID era has not entirely left my life as I continue to Zoom regularly with many from Drew. Over the years we've



Chris Walsh and Don Press (both C'80) in the Bahamas

had virtual happy hours attended by **Jimmy Nicolson** C'83 dialing in from VA, **Tony Buttacavoli** C'82 from the Detroit area or wherever he is due to his work as a pilot, **Steve Thompson** C'83, P'20, Pat Capriglione, **Pat Corey** C'82 (dialing in from Denmark, where he lives, or other places where he is networking for business), **Charlie Russomanno** C'82, **Eric "Moon" Lutzker** C'82, **Michael "Micky" Green** C'79, **Ralph Sorrentino**, **Ron Reede** C'81, **Joe Somerville** C'89, **Jeff Lunin** C'85, **Paul Cortellesi** C'84, **Don Jeka** C'83, **Craig "House" Martin** C'84, **Gordon Platt** C'84, **Charles "Chip" Nolet** (sometimes with **Lisa (King) Nolet** C'84), and **Steve Margolis** C'82. Bob Joyce often dials in from work, where he still produces all sorts of sets and other things for *Saturday Night Live*.

In addition, I continue to Zoom regularly with **Michael Ravensbergen**, **Jim Fleming**, **Don Press**, **Ron Reede** C'81, and my brother **Doug Walsh** (London 1979). We also play golf occasionally – some better than others. Also golfed recently with **John Gilrain** C'79 and **Bob Skoblar** C'76. Don retired around the same time I did, and since both of us like to scuba dive, we celebrated with a trip to the Bahamas and explored the water off Andros Island together. See photo, left.

Many of the above-mentioned people were on campus for Reunion 2024. Others I can remember seeing were **Rich Fisch** C'77 (who will do almost anything to be mentioned in this column), **Greg Leuser** C'77, **Chris Browne** C'84, **Laura Hook** C'84, **Bryan Hennesey** C'82, **Bill Landis** C'85, **Alison Grillo**, **Ken Fredette** C'85, **Kimi Iguchi** C'84, **Paul Gormley** C'84, **Brenda Rhodes** C'86, **Jon Taub** C'85, **Rick Rubenstein** C'82, **Richard "Scott" Amann** C'74, **Ed Golinowski** C'75, **Harry Litwack** C'71, **Elkan "Daniel" Sanders** C'89, **Luis Almeda** C'84, P'22, **Elmo "Gabe" Gonzalez** C'89, **Niki (Miliotis) Donohue** C'84, **Edward "Ted" Donohue** C'84, **Grant Waterson** C'86, **Glenn Jeffers** C'89, and **Connie (Cannizzo) Stewart** C'84. You may notice that there



Chris Walsh C'80, Joanne Walsh C'81, Mark Brown C'81, Rick Rubenstein, Chris Van Cleef C'85, Chrissie (Kobble) Van Cleefe C'86, John Stobierski C'82, Pasquale Capriglione C'82, Craig Martin C'84, Steve Thompson C'83, P'20, Tom Keoughan C'81, Nick Ungaro C'83, Dave Kaufman C'82, Karen Locke-Deacon C'85, Bob Epstein C'80, Lisa Schneider C'81, Judy (Dolinko) Epstein C'82, Laurie (Enslin) Bain C'86, Sue (Cortese) Cohen C'82, Bruce Cohen C'81, Alison (Dick) Jeka C'84, Don Jeka C'83, Charlie Russomanno C'82, Bob Joyce C'82, Dave Feldman C'79, Andy Brill C'81, Pam (Garcia) Brill C'82 and Jimmy Nicolson C'83 at the wedding of Elisa Logan C'82 and Steve Margolis

were many from the class of 1984 due, in no small part, to the exhortations of Gordon Platt. Well done, Gordo!

During Reunion, we held the 3rd Annual Drew Rugby Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony before moving to the Sacred and Ancient Charlie Havea Memorial Rugby pitch, where we played the Umptyninth Annual Arthur "Soc" Deacon Memorial Alumni Match. This year's DRFC HoF honorees were **Dwight Davies C'69**, **Hunt Jones C'70**, **Bobby Alagna C'77**, and **David Codell C'06**. Many thanks to those who attended and helped, especially **Don Clarke C'72** and Pat Caprigleone.

Last summer, my wife, Ruth, and I were honored to attend the wedding of **Elisa Logan C'82** and Steve Margolis. It was a spectacular day! There was a huge Drew presence. Besides myself, the Drews in attendance were **Joanne Walsh C'81**, **Mark Brown C'81**, Rick Rubenstein, **Chris Van Cleef C'85**, **Christie (Kobble) Van Cleefe C'86**, **John Stobierski C'82**, Pat Caprigleone, Craig Martin C'84, Steve Thompson, **Tom Keoughan C'81**, **Nick Ungaro C'83**, **Dave Kaufman C'82**, **Karen Locke-Deacon C'85**, **Bob Epstein**, **Lise (Schneider) Bernhard C'81**, **Judy (Dolinko) Epstein**, **Laurie (Enslin) Bain C'86**, **Susan (Cortese) Cohen C'82**, **Bruce Cohen C'81**, **Alison Dick C'84**, Don Jeka, Charlie Russomanno, Bob Joyce, Dave Feldman, **Andy Brill C'81**, **Pam (Garcia) Brill C'82**, and Jimmy Nicolson. I defy anyone to name another school where 30+ alums gather for a celebration 40 years after graduating. See photo, page 13.

As you can tell, I see many Drew Grads frequently. I'm sure I left out a couple – and I'm sure I'll hear from them about it.

Drop me a line and let me know what's happening in your life: ChristopherWalsh@gmail.com.

83 Susan (Kessler) Apter apter4@gmail.com

Tony Trama is still with IBM (after retiring ten years ago and being asked to come back in 2018). He's an avid motorcyclist and part-time instructor and has been a Certified RiderCoach with the Motorcycle Safety Foundation for 16 years. In July 2023, he took a bucket list trip riding through Germany, Czechia, Austria, and Italy. Tony and wife, Deidre, live in Cranford, NJ, with their daughter and grandchildren living close by. He's in regular touch with **Bob Cunningham**, **Dave Stankus**, **Jonathan and Donna (Mikson) Rose**, **Michael and Dona (Serota) Teschner**, and **Grant Lenahan**.

Great to hear from **Kazuo Kurata** of Japan! Kaz works full-time but plans to retire at the end of 2024. He sends his best regards to all of our class. See photo above.

Neil Block recently retired and moved to Aspen, CO. He says hello to everyone and a special shout out to DRFC (Drew Rugby Football Club).

In March 2024, **Cliff Gerstman** was invited back to run for office and returned to his duties as President of the Southern California American Association of Physics Teachers (SCAAPT). He is very pleased to



return to a service position in a group he loves and has been a member of since 2003. This is Cliff's second time as President for up to two two-year terms, having previously served from 2016 to 2020. In August 2024, Cliff spent a week joining a research team studying particle Physics at FermiLab, located outside of Chicago. Named for renowned physicist Enrico Fermi. Prior to the building of the Large Hadron Collider in Cern, Switzerland, FermiLab was the biggest and strongest particle accelerator in the world and was responsible for the discovery of several sub-atomic particles.

Susan (Stoeber) Ballantine is enjoying retirement and spending time with her grandchildren on Cape Cod and in Connecticut. She is the Chairperson of two Boards, one being Trinity Christian School in Hyannis, MA. We wish her well with recovery from reverse shoulder replacement surgery in the fall of 2024.

Susan (Kessler) Apter retired in January from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, MD, with over 40 years of federal government service. She and her husband, **Alan Apter C'80**, celebrated 40 years of marriage in April and took a wonderful river cruise on the Danube in June 2024.

84 John Hammett hammettjohnne3@gmail.com

Can you believe it was our 40th reunion? Wasn't it just yesterday we were popping quarters into the arcade games in the UC after dinner in the Commons?

Before I continue, here's a brief update about me to explain my brief hiatus from update writing: Last year, I was asked to serve as Interim Dean at the Frank J. Guarini School of Business at Saint Peter's University; when we found our new KPMG Dean, I stepped back into the role of Associate Dean. Most recently, I stepped into another interim role, serving as our Dean for Academic Support and Engagement, managing advising, registration and placement testing, among other services. I'm enjoying helping students in different – yes, administrative – ways after almost 40 years in the college classroom.

I promised **Jim Diverio** a while back that I would include his vacation memories with classmates in an upcoming column; here it is, overdue and with my apologies, but it is a nice reminder about connecting with old friends. Thanks for your patience, Jim. The pictures you shared showed how much fun you all had leaf peeping, sipping adult beverages, and enjoying each other's

company. **Jim Diverio** and wife, **Regina "Regi" Diverio G'96**, met up with **Bill Carney**, **Linda (Bernstein) Farwell** and her husband, Jay, and **Martha (Borges) Waite** and her husband, Doug, who hosted everyone in Waterville Valley, NH, for a long October weekend in late 2022 to celebrate everyone's 60th birthdays. Aside from that milestone birthday, they enjoyed the beautiful fall foliage in New Hampshire and spent the days hiking, eating, and, yes, drinking, including a couple of bottles of Dom Perignon, compliments of Bill. Jim is fortunate to see these wonderful friends more often since moving to Boston about five years ago. Getting together with friends to spend time outdoors and have fun is reminiscent of our days in The Forest and so much more. He looks forward to doing it again and seeing other friends as well. See photos, opposite page.

Ian Hammett and his wife, Janis, celebrated the birth of their first grandchild: a girl, Georgiana. Congratulations, and welcome to the world, grandniece!

Thank you for your service, **Andrew Liput**. He is soon completing his term as Wing Commander of the NJWG of the USAF Auxiliary; he received a lifetime volunteer service award from President Biden as well as Congressional and NJ Legislature resolutions for more than 6,500 hours serving New Jersey in disaster relief, emergency services and homeland security work since 2015. He continues as President and CEO of Secure Insight, a financial industry data security and cyber fraud prevention company. He hopes to sell his business in the next two years or so, perhaps becoming an adjunct professor in law and/or business to keep himself busy. In Andrew's own words, he still does "a bit of lawyering" to maintain mental sharpness. Three of Andrew's daughters have graduated from college; one has completed a master's program, and another is taking the LSATs as she applies to law school. His youngest, 15 years old, attends Hunterdon Central High School in Flemington and hopes to be an artist and graphic designer. Andrew now has two grandsons—Gus and Bennett—from his daughter, Sloane; they live about four miles from Andrew and his wife, Jacquelyn, so they see them regularly. Andrew and Jacquelyn moved from Morris County to Hunterdon County in April 2021 and are enjoying it very much. When they are not in New Jersey, Andrew and Jacquelyn spend time at their home on the ocean in North Myrtle Beach, SC.

In case you are updating your holiday season greetings cards, know that **Nathaniel "Rob" Kohn** and Jelena Kohn moved cross country this past September, landing on the West Coast outside Portland, Oregon. This will mean he will have called two Rose Cities home, Madison, NJ, and Portland. He reports he loves it there.

It was nice seeing so many classmates at our 40th reunion events. Looking forward to capturing some of those reconnections in this column in the future, so please forward your notes my way. Special thanks to **Christopher Browne**, **Ethan Silverman**,

Family Album



Jim Diverio C'84 and wife Regina "Regi" Diverio G'96 met up with Bill Carney C'84, Linda (Bernstein) Farwell C'84 and her husband, Jay, and Martha (Borges) Waite C'84 and her husband, Doug, who hosted everyone in Waterville Valley, NH, for a long October weekend in late 2022 to celebrate everyone's 60th birthdays



Vivian (Hanna) Sampson C'87 traveling with husband, Paul



Christina Colon C'88 at her recent wedding



Jane (Lerner) Langer C'84, Sandi Miller C'86, Liz (Gombach) Junod C'86, Jean Gogarty C'85, Mary Ellen (Porcelli) Landolfi C'86, and Stacy (Lane) Reagan C'90



Christina Colon C'88 and The Reverend Leonilde Colon, Jr. T'20,'23 at a recent conference



Christina Colon C'88 and Drew classmates at her wedding

Family Album



Jennifer Rutberg C'91 in Baltimore to see Steven Martin and Martin Short



Suze (Hartley) Di Turi, Dawna (Baird) Lovejoy, and Jennifer Rutberg (all C'91) at 2023's *That Medieval Thing*



Scott Moody C'92, Rob Morrison C'92, Kevin Diverio C'90, and Jack Rivetti C'92



Jennifer Rutberg, Julie (Genegrasso) Pisano, Suze (Hartley) Di Turi, Dawna (Baird) Lovejoy (all C'91), and Dawna's child seeing Queen at Madison Square Garden

Rev. Toya Lollie-Harris C'95 celebrating her 50th birthday



Susan (Burnham) Raven C'97, Kerrie (Delaney) Swingle C'97, and Johanna Szillery C'98



Johanna Szillery C'98, Susan (Burnham) Raven C'97, and Kerrie (Delaney) Swingle C'97



Rev. Toya Lollie-Harris C'95 with husband, Michael Harris Sr. and son Michael Harris Jr.



Patrick Aylward hosted Dan Ilaria, David Cennimo, and Brian Nell (all C'97) for a fun Bourbon and BBQ event in Summit, NJ

Family Album



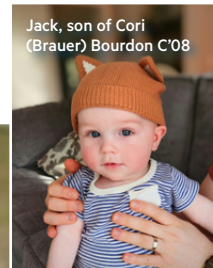
Dawn (Digrius) Smith C'99, G'05, '07
Dr. World Ireland 2024



Jennifer (Tillery) McElroy
C'02 and daughter in
Salzburg, Germany



Lauren (Kane) Letizia C'08 pictured with
Congressman Gothheimer and co-chair RoseAnn
Ciarlante in fall 2023 after being
named a Hometown Hero



Jack, son of Cori
(Brauer) Bourdon C'08



David Faris C'00
and Donya



Rev. Dr. Nannette Pierson C'96, T'05 with
Bishop Samuel Lawrence Green Sr. at SC
Annual Conference



Cori (Brauer) Bourdon
C'08 with son Jack,
born in December



Cori (Brauer) Bourdon, Mary Higgin-
bottom, and Laura (MacBride) Gardi
(all C'08) visiting Bangor, ME, on a stop
during their annual "spooky fall road trip"



Becky (Gambale)
Moeri C'08 and
son, Arlo, born
in November



Rev. Dr. Nannette Pierson C'96, T'05 at pantry with Gullah Native Islander
and friend, Wesley Campbell, from whom she purchases all fresh local farm
produce, Jeanette, pantry manager, and two of her five grandchildren



Geoffrey
Talis C'10



Cover image from Heather
Shafter's [C'00] book

and others for some extended conversations as we waited for our class photo and over lunch. Unfortunately, **Roxy (Epling) Hammett** and I had to leave early because we needed to babysit our recently born granddaughter, Ella, for the remainder of our Reunion weekend while her parents traveled to Vermont for a wedding.

86 Sandra "Sandi" Miller SAMiller1029@gmail.com

Mark Soler shares, "My daughter Julia turned 18 this past year. It seems like yesterday that I held her daily in the NICU after a tough birth! I'm still brewing delicious beer and am the Secretary of the Santa Barbara Brewing Society. Early this year, I joined a semiconductor startup, PseudolithiC employee #9, out of the UCSB technology incubator. It's very exciting to be back on the cutting edge of this technology! Given that my daughter is 18 and I have an awesome job, I'm able to take my first "real" vacation, since I don't know when to Thailand over the holidays. I'm looking forward to exploring the Bangkok microbrew scene and the tropical islands again for some awesome scuba diving! Turned 60 in February, feel 40."

Congratulations to **Bob Duffy**. He and his wife, Tara, are the proud grandparents of Matthew Robert Oxley, born in September 2023. In other fun news, Bob's friends at Mighty Squirrel Brewery, a brewery in Waltham, MA, named a beer after him. "Dear Bob" made its debut in November. Mighty Squirrel just received approval to sell beer in New Jersey and New York, so Bob says his face may once again be in Madison on a regular basis. See photo below.

Renee (Lopez) Zarro continues to teach history in a Title 1 Middle School. She finds it exhausting and exciting. She became a first-time grandmother this summer and met her grandchild in Fairbanks Alaska, where she also saw some moose, American bald eagles, beavers, and salmon. She is enjoying life in Florida on the water.

In an effort to adjust to the empty nester life, **Doug McKernan** and his wife are doing a lot of traveling. In the fall of 2023, they went to the Maldives for their 30th anniversary. Highlights included swimming with manta rays and whale

sharks. For Doug's 60th birthday in May, they are traveling to Koh Sumui, Thailand to meet with his brother and family, who will be joining them from Melbourne. Then, it's back to the US in the summer before heading off to Crete.

Big congratulations to **Elise (Kravet)** and **Ken Haderer**, who have many things to celebrate this year. Their daughter, who has been living in Guam for the past 18 months, will be coming home. Their son is getting married in April at the Grand Floridian in Florida. And Ken and Elise will be celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary in Greece in May. To round out the year, their daughter will be getting married in October in Asheville, NC, when the foliage is beautiful. Elise and Ken will both be turning 60 in the fall, but Elise writes, "By then, we'll be too tired to celebrate."

To celebrate turning 60, **Doug Woelfel** and his husband, Don, are going to Paris in May with friends who are also turning 60. The plan is to tour Paris and the surrounding area, and also attend the French Open. After that they will head to London to visit other friends.

Sarah Leigh Anderson is excited to share that she took a "bucket-list" trip to Ireland in October. On the eight-day trip, taken with one of her best friends, they visited Killarney, Dingle, Galway, Dublin, and the Cliffs of Mohr among other wonderful sites. Sarah continues to love her job as a Senior Loan Coordinator at Northpointe Bank.

After 22 years with Pfizer and four years consulting, **Marc Scarduffa** joined NYU Langone Health as Vice President Government Relations & Community Affairs in September. Marc will work with the institution's leadership to drive the nation's leading integrated academic medical centers' public policy priorities with elected officials and regulators at the federal, state, and local level.

Sheila Sullivan celebrated her 60th in Penne, France, this spring with her partner. Their vacation began in Toulouse and took them through France, Switzerland, and Bavaria, where they managed to climb many medieval castles despite Sheila's fear of heights. In July, they visited Montreal and met up with Mark Soler, who was at Jazz Fest with his daughter, to celebrate her high school graduation. In October, they're heading to Basque country, where they hope to look at retirement properties. The last trip of the year is a riverboat cruise down the Danube for Christmas markets with a dear friend.

In January, I (**Sandi Miller**) led a day-long writing workshop at the Westside Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood, NJ, where my Drew roommate, **Liz (Gombach) Junod**, is a pastoral associate. We loved having four fellow alums in attendance: **Mary Ellen (Porcelli) Landolfi**, **Stacy (Lane) Reagan** C'90, **Jean Gogarty** C'85, and **Jane (Lerner) Langer** C'84. See photo, page 15. I was thrilled to connect with **Paul Babitts** on a three-day trip to Richmond, VA, in April. We spoke together at a book event, then had all kinds of fun touring around the city, where Paul lives.

Happy big birthday to the many 86ers turning 60 this year! I hope you celebrate this milestone with joy and love.

87 Forrest Shue forrest@forrestshue.com

Over 40 years ago, we were just about attending our first FAP. Hope you all have something at least as fun on your calendars this year.

Rich Swift checked in with an update—he and his wife relocated to Marble, NC, last September. They planned on retiring there, however, his health has dramatically improved, and he's gotten bored since selling his two Nebraska-based businesses. His wife will be retiring from her job the first week of May this year, and they've agreed to start a new business venture together. It will be a business consulting service. They are also considering purchasing a second house somewhere on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Speaking of relocating, while trying to find a working email address for **Dawn (Addonizio) Brown**, I learned that she and her husband, Gregg have relocated to Arizona. I caught up with her just after they had attended the Waste Management Phoenix Open. Sounds like they are enjoying life in the Scottsdale area so far!

Bruce Astrachan responded to my *Classnotes* request by proudly announcing that his son, Max, is graduating from NYU Stern School of Business in May, while his son, Sid, is wrapping up his sophomore year at Penn State.

Tara (O'Rourke) Fleming responded to the spring request for C'87 news to say hello to everyone. I didn't get any other updates from her, but she always responds to wish everyone well, which is awesome.

Last spring, we got an update from **Mary (Burke) Emanuelli** C'87, P'19 that she had started teaching at the Chatham Day School near Drew. She provided an update this spring that she is now teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th grade math as well as economics.

If anyone reading this from the class of 1987 isn't getting my requests for news updates twice a year, please reach out to Drew and/or me (forrest@forrestshue.com) to get me your latest address. We also have a Facebook group that you can join.

Vivian (Hanna) Sampson reached out to provide an update, starting with her first job after graduation when she worked in Television for nearly two decades in Manhattan (HBO/MAX, NBC, SCI FI, Lifetime, etc.) as a writer/producer/creative director for on-air interstitial programming/promotion and branding. Then, after 9/11, she moved down to Florida (Ponte Vedra) to slow things down and reduce her crazy 80-hour work weeks. She admits that she does miss NYC AND NJ a lot. Vivian and her husband Paul have three kids between them: Kyle, Hanna, and Ryan. Her youngest, Hanna, is a senior at FSU, and her oldest, Kyle, graduated from FGCU last year. She still does a tiny bit of singing but is hoping to join a local theater company soon. In the meantime, she and Paul travel and keep rather busy. Paul is a



Bob Duffy C'86 receives the first four-pack of "Dear Bob" beer that came off the line at Mighty Squirrel

crazy Kiwi from New Zealand and they're always taking each other and the family on some adventure. She's hoping to make it up to one of the Drew reunions soon. See photo, page 15.

With sadness I also need to share the news of the passing of **David Bandas**. Dave and I had some good email conversations over the last few years when he would send in updates for our class news. Dave's obituary included a tribute to his Drew experience: "He absolutely loved going to school in New Jersey and often found himself in New York City, where he discovered tons of new music as it was unfolding. He was on the scene as disco was dying and punk and new wave were heating up. These times and memories were some of Dave's favorites, and he often shared stories about seeing bands as they were breaking. Another activity in which he participated was playing rugby for Drew University. Through that team, he met numerous friends from college who he would have for life. His memories from Drew carried on till the day he died, bringing him much joy." See *In Memoriam*, page 29.

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Paul Oberman shares, "I recently started my own tutoring company and have been supporting students preparing for the ACT and SAT, as well as all levels of middle and high school math, science, English, and economics. Please share my website with anyone I can help! www.drpauloberman.com I have also started an educational consulting firm that helps with administrative searches and also involves speaking to parent groups about appropriate ways to support their children with homework. Check out my article [here](#). I also continue to do stand-up comedy." See photo above.

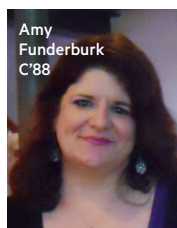


Paul Oberman C'88

Along with their husbands, **Mary "Missy" (Neal) Richardson**, **Catherine "Katie" Embree**, and **Sue (Urbaniak) Vadeika** attended a Depeche Mode concert in New York last October. The girls brought their best '80s dance moves but left the big hair and totally awesome '80s



Missy (Neal) Richardson, Katie Embree, and Sue (Urbaniak) Vadeika (all C'88) at a Depeche Mode concert in New York in October



fashions at home. See photo below.
Amy Funderburk shares, "I am a happy expat with nearly 30 years studying, living, and working in southern Germany. I have been 27 years at SAP, the enterprise software company, currently as the Chief Corporate Taxonomist, so I am still involved with topics from language to linguistics and applied data science. I live near Heidelberg with my two cats (always two) and fill my "free" time with travel, tennis, and occasionally theater. I am still in touch with first-day-on-campus friend **Naomi Kooker** C'87, who would be in my wedding party if I ever got married. Any alumni who recognize my name and are traveling to Germany are welcome to give me a shout. Anyone who needs advice on moving abroad permanently is also welcome to touch base (amy.funderburk@sap.com)." See photo above.

From **Jean (Russello) Overstreet**: "For the past 30 years, I have been very blessed to work as the Communication and Development Director for a nonprofit organization in North Carolina that focuses on improving care for those in need of mental health, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and substance use services. I also spend a lot of my time planning two large conferences a year. I love visiting my family and hometown of Wildwood and Cape May, NJ, each summer. I have been happily married for 30 years. I plan to retire in the not-too-distant future and volunteer with the elderly, spend more time with my family, and do more traveling, gardening, and cooking."

Jamie Bsales C'88, P'23, '25 reports all is well. "I am entering 30-something years as a technology journalist. I spent the first 15 years in various editing positions at *PC Magazine* and now am working as a writer/editor/analyst for Keypoint Intelligence, covering the document imaging market and related technologies such as Intelligent Document Processing and Robotic Process Automation." Yes, he says it is as fun as it sounds. "My wife and I just celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. We have moved around a lot. Well, once: from North Jersey to South Jersey. Our eldest son (Nick) recently graduated from Rowan University with a BS in music production & technology (so if you know anyone who needs a live sound tech, studio audio engineer, bass player, or drummer, please reach out!). Our middle child, Gregory, graduated from Drew in May 2023 with a degree in history (and minors in museum studies, archaeology, and German). So, if you own a museum, please reach out! Our daughter, Kathryn C'25 is at Drew, majoring in psychology and sociology, graduating this coming spring. So yes, two out of three decided to go to Drew. Which means I've had an excuse to be back on campus a lot over the past several years."

Chris Holland shares, "I retired in December of 2017 after a 30-year career with JPMorgan, ARAMARK, and lastly as CFO of CR

Bard, and now serve on two public company boards and as a mentor. I live in Wayne, PA, with my wife of 31 years (our 31st anniversary was in May), Lydia, who has become a really good bird photographer, and I enjoy tagging along with my binoculars on our many birding outings. We are also incredibly proud of our son Liam, who graduated from Villanova in May, a wonderful accomplishment given the many challenges he faces due to his Cerebral Palsy."

From **Marianne (deJongh) Krantz**, "I have been living in Franklin Lakes, NJ, for the past 21 years with my husband, daughter, and two dogs. I had a 14-year career as a Commercial Real Estate Lending Officer until our daughter, Leah, was born. I spent the next 15 years as a stay-at-home mom to raise her. About six years ago, I decided to open an olive oil 'tasting room' in Ridgewood, NJ, with a friend. I love spending my time running our business, hosting cooking classes, and educating customers about the many health benefits of olive oil!"

Melissa Nolan shares, "I was a returning student in 1988. (art history major). I was supposed to graduate in 1984 but took the extended plan! **Danielle Gaines** was one of my best friends then, but we've lost touch over the years. I am now a doctoral candidate in the medical humanities at the Caspersen School."

Liane (Gilmour) Pomfret says, "I've now lived longer in Texas than in New Jersey, which seems a very odd thing to say for this dyed-in-the-wool Yankee. My husband and I relocated three years ago from Houston out to a small Texas town called Brenham, where we built our dream home on a few acres. I am currently a Documentation Project Manager for Hewlett-Packard, Inc. I manage the documentation creation process for laptops, all-in-ones, and display products. In addition, I serve on the Board of Directors for Pets With a Mission, a volunteer pet therapy organization. My current therapy dog and I visit several rural nursing homes a month, providing smiles and puppy snuggles to the residents. In addition, I am actively showing and training my Australian Shepherd in multiple dog sports and the conformation ring. My husband and I enjoy camping and hiking when we can find the time in our schedules."

From **David Ballard**, "I live in Asbury Park, NJ, with my wife of 28 years. We've got a daughter who is out of school and working on the business side of Broadway in New York and a son who is in his final year at Seton Hall. I work at SAP Concur, where I am Global Head of Customer Success. I am also in a couple of bands, and we play as much as we can around the Jersey Shore (which is never as much as we'd like)."

Mary Ellen (McKinley) Ladd is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a partner at Women's Center for Psychotherapy in West Hartford, CT. A recent highlight was a weeklong family tour of Ireland last summer with her husband and two children, including a brief stop at what was once her grandmother's farm in Killorglin. Ireland was followed by another week in France that ended with four days of wedding festivities in Givry for a relative. In addition to her work, she is also

a member of West Hartford's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and received her boating license since a motorboat has joined the family. She is a strong supporter of Miracle League of CT and HARC, both of which serve children with special needs, a cause dear to her after losing an 11-year-old son with special needs in 2012. Mary Ellen looks forward to spring and summer so she can enjoy the outdoors.

From **Christina Colon**: "I helped coordinate a conference with a fellow Drew alum, Dr. Colon (**Leonilde "Leo" Colon, Jr.** T'20, '23). Leo graduated from Drew recently and got his PhD from the Theological School, while I finished my PhD in 1999 from Fordham. We work together as part of a New York State CSTEP grant targeting underserved and minority students to promote their success in STEM careers. We always laugh when people ask Dr. Colon for their opinions, since we both coincidentally have the same last name. See photo, page 15. I got married in the presence of many fellow Drewids, including **Heidi Spangler-Sarna, Rachael (Simidian) Nicoll, Nina Wright, Deb (Driscoll) Turner, Patty O'Malley, Shereen "Sherry" (Abadir) Senello, and Vivian Hanna C'87.**" See photos, page 15.

Bob Murdoch wrote: "After 35 years working in the construction industry, I pivoted into a new chapter. I am now a registered representative with New York Life, trading commercial flooring for shepherding people through the world of life insurance, annuities, and retirement planning. I am actively looking for fellow Drewids to educate and share all this knowledge I have spent the last year learning and help my fellow alumni fine-tune their financial protection and long-term planning."

I (**Horst Staudner**) retired in January 2023 after 34 years working in the pharma (Roche & LabCorp) and medical device (J&J) fields. I now volunteer my time with a variety of local organizations, and recently did the Polar Plunge, raising \$1,500 for Special Olympics. I also completed a two-story miniature dollhouse, including all contents that fit on less than a sheet of paper. I currently live in Indianapolis with my husband of 31 years, Robert, and our new puppy, Nomi, a seven-month-old female Vizsla. Please send all class news to me at horst.staudner@verizon.net.

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Susan Darrow
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Melissa (Corbett) Geist reports that she continues to practice Product Liability defense for pharmaceutical and medical device companies as a partner at Reed Smith, where she has practiced for more than 25 years. She and her husband, Glenn, are recent empty nesters, with their children, Tyler (age 21) and Delaney (age 19) in college in Colorado and California; Tyler is studying to become a paramedic and eventually trauma nurse, and Delaney appears to be following her mom on the pre-law path. During the summer, both kids work full time as lifeguards down the shore at Long Beach Island. While both children

are far away from home, Colorado and California make for great places to visit, and the family has enjoyed ski trips and hiking in the beautiful national state parks in Utah and Colorado.

Nathan Draper shares, "After close to 30 years teaching science and coaching new teachers in San Francisco, I retired last spring. I am in the process of making our home in Bodega Bay, the Sonoma coast, our full-time residence. I volunteer at a wildlife rescue center and as a peer counselor for the elderly."

Kevon Chisolm shares, "I have been a trademark examining attorney with the United States Patent and Trademark Office for the past 25 years. I also recently launched a nonprofit with my son, Junior Wallstreeters, Inc., whose primary mission is addressing the racial wealth gap through financial education programs (www.theblackwallstreeter.com/jr-wallstreeters).

Diane Miller is living in New Zealand.

Jennifer Rutberg shares, "My husband, Jason, and I just relocated to Frenchtown, NJ. We have a very silly rabbit named Hank. I volunteer with our local food pantry. Jason is a Mac sysadmin for Lehigh University, and strives to brew the perfect cup of coffee. We enjoy life along the Delaware River with its walking trails. I work for the state of NJ. I oversee caregiver and other state-funded programs at the Division of Aging Services. If anyone wants to talk out a situation with an older relative or a disabled adult, they are welcome to reach out and I'll be happy to try to link them with services. My work email (work only, please!) is Jennifer.Rutberg@dhs.nj.gov. Our honorary niece, **Carolyn Brown C'27**, is a Drew student and on the hockey team. She's another reason for visits to The Forest, along with *That Medieval Thing*, the occasional lecture, and Reunion. Jason's dad, **Bill Stanford C'62**, is also a very active alum." See photos, page 16.

Andrew Jaques and I (**Susan Darrow**) have emptied our nest and are about to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary. Andrew is an environmental regulatory consultant, and I recently retired from a 25-year career in catering sales in Washington, DC. I am now in the process of turning a fine art photography hobby into a part-time business (www.susandarowphotography.com). Our daughter is a math teacher in Baltimore, and we live in Rockville, MD, with our spoiled oversized dog, Lola.

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Tom Fowler
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David Scott, a professor of voice at Berklee College of Music, reports he is working on a musical about the life of economist John Maynard Keynes called *Animal Spirits*. He also hosts a twice-monthly event called *Songwriters in the Round*, which received a Massachusetts Cultural Council grant.

Elizabeth Timperman, a long-time theater producer in New York, has been busy lately as lead producer for the Broadway debut of *The Outsiders* last spring. The show opened at the Bernard B. Jacobs Theatre in April.

Lynn Anne (Christie) Cutler C'92, P'27 writes in from Warren, NJ, where she has

been director of congregational education at Temple Har Shalom since 2021. Being just a half-hour from Drew's campus has let her get back more often and to play host to fellow C '92 alum **Heather Hood** during reunion weekends. Her middle child, Matt, began at Drew last year as a first-year student, where he hangs out in theater circles with **Alexandra "Ali" (Schmidl) Rosenthal's** [C'94, P'25] Drewid ... "which makes my heart happy." Also, in a random act of Drew-ness, **Lorraine (Fischer) Kogan C'94** recently sent Lynn Anne a packet of poetry she had written in college. "It arrived on that tear-off-the-sides printer paper of yesteryear, full of nostalgia and the cringiness that only old college poetry can bring," Lynn Anne said. "So appreciative of the blast from the past." Lynn Anne said she dedicates her donations to Drew each year to Professor Robert Ready, who was highly influential during her time at Drew. "Though he is now retired, he is good enough to write me each year, but I have been an exceedingly poor correspondent," she said. "I bought his (first published!) novel *Eck* the second it came out in 2021 and devoured it, and have yet to write him to say congratulations. I currently have a stamped envelope with his address on it in a drawer in my office, so perhaps in the near future." Lynn Anne also shared details on a three-week trip to Israel last summer for an educators fellowship with The Pardes Center for Jewish Educators. In addition to a side quest 4x4 tour of the Judean desert and a visit to the dying Dead Sea, she had a quick visit with an Israeli friend who lives in the city of Ra'anana "... who is now stepping into a stairwell with her family every time rocket attack warning sirens sound. It is one thing to know in my head how volatile the situation is in the Middle East at any given time. It is another thing entirely to hear that the community where a family hosted my eldest on a choir trip a few years ago was just overrun by terrorists and that the living room in which I was watching TV two summers ago is being regularly abandoned for the relative safety of a nearby stairwell."

Rob Morrison writes in from the Washington, DC-area to say a group of former Drew basketball players gathered to watch some high school games coached by fellow classmates recently. He joined **Jack Rivetti** to watch high school powerhouse Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, NJ, coached by **Kevin Diverio C'90** and **Winfield "Scott" Moody**. Coincidentally, **Bob Zuppe C'95** was also at the game, watching his son, who plays for Don Bosco. See photo, page 16.

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From **David Newman**: "I am living with my family in Ridgefield, CT. Nina and I have three children, a senior and a sophomore in college, and a junior in high school. We both continue to enjoy our careers working in private education. Having played lacrosse

at Drew, I am very excited to watch the success of the program under the more than capable leadership of Coach Leidl, Coach Previdi, and the rest of the staff.”

This summer, **Gitesh Pandya** was invited to join the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences and is now a voter for the Oscars. He fondly remembers his days of selling movie posters to fellow Drewids over email in the early 1990s and hosting film screenings on campus. Gitesh lives in Brooklyn with his wife and two teens. See photo above.



95 Peter Bruckmann, Jr. drewclassof1995@gmail.com
Kevin Kelly was named Chief Executive Officer of American Directions Research Group, a national public opinion and polling company based in Washington, DC.

David Rosciszewski was recently appointed the Assistant City Attorney for Bayonne. He's been practicing law for almost 26 years now and has sons ages 15 and 12.



Eric Bossdorf C'95, Kate (Feeley) Bossdorf C'93, Peter Bruckmann C'95, Shannon (Laudermilch) Bruckmann C'96, Stefanie (Sauders) Shaw C'93 and Dave Shaw C'93 over Labor Day weekend at the Bossdorfs' house in Toms River, NJ

Eric Bossdorf, Kate (Feeley) Bossdorf C'93, Peter Bruckmann, Shannon (Laudermilch) Bruckmann C'96, Stefanie (Sauders) Shaw C'93, and Dave Shaw C'93 spent Labor Day weekend at the Bossdorf house in Toms River, NJ. See photo above.

Rev. Toya Lollie-Harris is enjoying life with her husband, Michael Harris Sr., and their son, Michael Harris Jr. God bless the class of 1995. See photos, page 16.

96 Shannon Travis drew@travistale.com
Happy autumn and winter! Can you believe it? 2025 is almost here...time just seems to be moving faster and faster. We are only a few years away from our 30th Class Reunion. OMG!

I heard from the **Rev. Dr. Nannette Pierson C'96, T'05**. After our C'96 graduation, she headed to Princeton Theological Seminary

and completed her MDiv. Then Nannette came back home to Drew and completed her DMin T'05. Following that, she founded the Sandalwood Community Food Pantry, where she serves over 1,300 neighbors in need weekly with healthy whole foods and basic needs. Nannette is also an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, ordained in 2016. Nannette mentioned that Drew put her on the path to do what she has been called to do, whether on the pulpit or at the pantry: nourish the bodies, minds, and spirits of all who hunger because hunger hurts! We are so proud of the amazing work you do for others, Nannette. See photos, page 17.

Rev. Dr. Thelma (Herrera) Flores recently published *La Mesa Campesina: A congregational resource for ministry with migrant and agricultural farmworkers*. Thelma completed coursework in all three schools and graduated with a BA in comparative religion with a minor in Jewish studies, *summa cum laude*. She is the daughter and granddaughter of migrant farmworkers from Crystal City, TX. The book is based on her doctoral research and ministry with migrant and immigrant farmworkers in Michigan and Texas. A summary description and endorsements are available on the publisher's website.

If you have some updates and pictures to share, please reach out. You can contact me at my email, Drew@travistale.com. If you have not been receiving my submission request emails, please validate and update your contact information with the Drew Alumni office [here](https://www.drew.edu/alumni) or by contacting alumni@drew.edu. Wishing a wonderful holiday season and a healthy and prosperous 2025!

97 Daniel Ilaria dilariaj@msn.com
In late December **Susan (Burnham) Raven** and **Johanna Szillery C'98** flew down from Maine to New Jersey to hang out with good bud **Kerrie (Delaney) Swingle** for a weekend of NYC explorations, chatting, etc. They enjoyed wandering down memory lane on campus on a misty evening, survived an escape room, toured the Guggenheim, enjoyed some amazing restaurants, and capped off a great trip with a viewing of *Hamilton* on Broadway. See photos, page 16.

Deb (Pierce) Coen shared that her and **Paul Coen's [C'91]** oldest, **Ilaria**, graduated from Roger Williams in May with a degree in marine biology and is currently working as a penguin trainer at the New England Aquarium while living in the Boston area. The twins completed their freshman year at college. Eddie is studying technical theatre at Centenary University in Hackettstown, NJ, and Skye is studying communications and marketing at Suffolk University in Boston. Deb and Paul still live in Madison, NJ. Over the summer, they saw many Drew friends at Ilaria's graduation party—from the Class of '98: **John Hwang** and family, from the Class of '91: **Mike Richichi, Sherry McBride, Tom Limoncelli and Christine Polk, Jenn Rutberg, Jen Scott, Bill and Liz (Bloetjes) Campbell**.

Dan Ilaria received the Teachers Teaching

with Technology (T3) Leadership Award at the 2024 T3 International Conference in Texas. The award was selected by other T3 teachers, and represents his 16 years of work toward supporting graphing technology use in the classroom through activity creation at education.ti.com, training teachers in the appropriate use of technology, writing professional learning workshops, and leading several T3's Teacher Leader Cadres to promote leadership in the classroom.

Patrick Aylward hosted Dan Ilaria, **David Cennimo**, and **Brian Nell** for a fun Bourbon and BBQ event in Summit, NJ. See photo, page 16.

99 Gigi Naglak gnaglak@hotmail.com
Emily Litman is an ESL teacher at a middle school in Jersey City, NJ. In her free time, she volunteers as a court-appointed advocate for children in foster care as well as teaching a weekly ESL class for adults in her community. She takes several trips to the Dominican Republic each year, often accompanied by fellow Class of 1999 members **Jeff Nunner** and **Jessica Barcellona**.

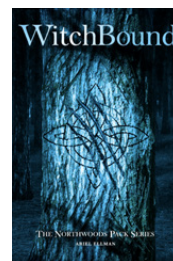
Jessica Barcellona took a trip to the Galapagos earlier this year.

Elizabeth (Callanan) Mitchell and her family were lucky enough to spend spring break with **John Holden C'98** and **Michael Lonardo C'98** at their incredible guest house, Casa De Amistad, on the island of Vieques in Puerto Rico for the third time! Elizabeth and her family were celebrating her spouse being in remission and enjoying a badly needed break. Mike and John were, as always, incredible hosts who made sure the family had plenty of rest, relaxation, and even some sunset mocktails and cocktails. The family snorkeled, went horseback riding, drove dune buggies, and even caught some fresh tuna for dinner. As they have yet to explore every beach, they are eagerly planning their next trip back and hope to include some other Drew grads as they have in the past.

Josh Falk lives in Annapolis, MD, with two crazy boys, aged 10 and 12. He recently launched an impact-driven consulting group focused on leveraging his passion for the outdoors and inspiring others to learn, grow, and achieve lasting impact. Their expertise is in program planning, leadership training, organizational development, and policy advising, providing expert guidance and support for a wide range of projects. Visit www.swanfallstrategies.com to learn more.

Ariel Ellman launched a new paranormal gay romance series—*The Northwoods Pack*—last January. The first book, *Witchbound*, has been doing great and she will be releasing the next book, *Wolfstruck*, within the next few months. See photo, right.

Steven DeLuca recently completed the Mid-Career Masters



Witchbound by Ariel Ellman C'99

in Public Administration degree at the Harvard Kennedy School. He is Head of State & Local Government Affairs at Capital One and will celebrate 25 years at Capital One this August. He was appointed by the Governor of Virginia to the Board of Visitors of Virginia Commonwealth University. He lives in Richmond, Virginia, with his wife, Lauren, and daughter, Claire (3).

Yesenia (Aquino) Ruffin still lives in Australia with her family, where she is a social worker. She hasn't yet won the lottery and hasn't yet written her memoir, but she has no other complaints!

Katrina (Johnson) McCarty has been working at MIT for the last six years in research administration and management (think all things proposal to post-award for a portfolio of MIT departments in sponsored research grants and contracts). Trying to keep us out of the newspaper for non-compliance. Her kiddo just turned 13 and is fun and salty. For fun, she is embarking on grassroots soccer referee training to ref U18 local games. She lives in Massachusetts and has no plans to move till retirement.

Steven Strafford runs the BFA in Musical Theatre Performance program at Ohio University. He had a reading of his play, *Model Congressman*, at Ensemble Theatre Cincinnati in the fall. His kid is hilarious, and he still marvels at how handsome his husband is even as they celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary.

Jessica Bramowicz-Petty works in the pharmaceutical industry, supporting clinical and scientific staffing and project needs. Her kids keep her busy too!

Sara (Rosen) August still lives within 15 miles of Drew. She is five years into teaching high school English in Millburn and is thoroughly enjoying it!

Christy "CJ" Geraci moved to Baton Rouge from Arizona in 2023 with her husband (Jake) and 10-year-old son (Josh) to start a new job as an upper school teacher of physics and anatomy & physiology at the Durham School. The family has enjoyed a year's worth of parades, crawfish boils, and Mardi Gras festivities.

Karen (Gibson) Wagner resides in Central Jersey, and she owns a private psychotherapy group practice with her husband. But their best partnership is parenting their 14-year-old daughter, Zoe.

Dawn (Digrius) Smith C'99, G'05, '07 is currently Dr. World Ireland 2024 and will be competing for the title of Dr. World 2025. The Dr. World organization is focused on breaking down stereotypes regarding pageantry, with the motto, "Because...Smart is Beautiful." The competition is open to women who hold doctoral degrees. She has been competing in pageants since childhood and continues to do so to promote education, mentoring, and volunteerism. See photo, page 17.

I'm **Gigi Naglak**, and I'm your class secretary! I live in Philadelphia with my family and keep one foot in New Jersey through my work with the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. I am lucky to stay in touch with and see many Drewids on

a regular basis. Most recently, I was hanging out on the podcast *This One Goes to 11* with hosts **Michael Osinski** C'01 and Tyler Esselman. Find it in your favorite podcast app. I welcome your updates and pictures anytime—it's so great to hear from classmates.

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Mirko Widenhorn was elected College Alumni Association President last year for the term ending June 30, 2025. Last year, he and his husband married after 15 years together. Mirko works in the educational technology (EdTech) field and recently started a new job leading product marketing and client engagement programs at Ready Education.

Chad Bridges was named Coach of the Year by *The Times of Trenton* for Fall 2023 after leading the Pennington School boys soccer team to an undefeated season, FAB 50 high school national championship, and New Jersey prep state championship. Chad has received nine county titles and now has two state titles.

David Faris and his wife, Sheerine, welcomed their second child, Donya, in March 2023. David is still an Associate Professor of Political Science at Roosevelt University in Chicago, and he writes for *Slate* and *Newsweek*. See photo, page 17.

Janet (Wong) King and husband, Lawton, announced the arrival of their daughter, Lily, in June 2023.

Heather Shafter co-wrote a book with Libby Frank about the activist's lifelong peace and justice work. *Life of Libby: Chasing Peace and Justice with Humor, Guts, and Passion*, published in March 2024. See photo, page 17.

01 Maren Watkins Calzia
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Dr. Sheridan Major-Moore started her medical practice, Joshua Health, focused on providing autism diagnostic evaluations.

Dr. Kevin Munjal is pleased to announce that in 2022, he co-founded a company called Care2U that provides in-home acute care to help older adult patients avoid emergency visits and hospitalizations. Kevin was recognized by *Crain's NY* and received the 2023 Empire Whole Health Hero Award.

Daniel "DJ" Wright lives in Flemington, NJ. Coming up in January, DJ will have been the owner and executive director of Wright & Ford Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services for over a decade, which he describes as "wild to fathom." Congratulations to DJ on this milestone! In addition, DJ reports that he took his "crazy fitness journey to new heights" with another venture this past June. DJ is now the Co-Owner and Innovator of The Max Challenge of Flemington, a group fitness studio based on fitness, nutrition, and motivation. DJ says he is having "exciting times running multiple businesses, but it's exciting to be able to help the community on so many levels."



Nena (Sechler) Craven C'01 graduated in 2024 with a PhD in sociology from the University of Delaware

Congratulations to **Nena (Sechler) Craven**, who graduated in 2024 with a PhD in Sociology from the University of Delaware. In the same year, Nena also achieved tenure and the rank of Associate Professor at Harford Community College in Bel Air, Maryland. See photo above.

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Arielle Giegerich lives in Washington, DC, with her husband and son, and is currently serving at the White House on the National Security Council, as the Director for Humanitarian Assistance. Last October, she was thrilled to have a mini-reunion with neighbor **Michael Migliori** and Floridian **Dr. Manny Gabriel**.

Jennifer (Tillery) McElroy took her older daughter, Sam, to Salzburg, Germany, for a semester abroad program to study at Paris Lodron University of Salzburg. She's a student at SUNY Albany majoring in Social Welfare. They enjoyed touring Salzburg & Vienna while getting situated and ready for classes. See photo, page 17.

Rev. Dr. Perzavia Praylow has accepted a new call as the Assistant Professor of Practical Theology and Director of Black Church Studies at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY.

Nikki Baksh has lots of exciting updates! She had the pleasure of working with Anne Hathaway and Apple TV, serving as a bridge between the Hollywood arts scene and yoga, blending creativity with mindfulness. She's also launched her own online yoga courses and certifications and offers a Somatics Healing Arts Dance Movement program in New York City. Additionally, she created custom chakra healing paintings for energy alignment and offers on-demand videos, live events, and meditations on YouTube, Spotify, and Apple podcasts.

06 Jenny (Troya) Biggers
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AnnMarie McDonald, who is Senior Vice President & Media Relations Manager at Bank of America, has been named to ROI-NJ's list, *ROI Influencers: Women*

08 In Business 2024.
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Lauren (Kane) Letizia has been busy! In fall 2023, she was recognized as a "Hometown Hero" by Congressman Gottheimer's office for her co-creation of a local organization called Celebrate Westwood, which, in addition to creating community events and programming for residents, worked to support local businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic by creating a robust program of weekly live music, outdoor dining resolutions, and other commercial and promotional opportunities in downtown Westwood, NJ. Lauren was also elected to serve as a Westwood Councilwoman, with her term having begun in January 2024. See photo, page 17.

Congratulations to **Cori (Brauer) Bourdon**, who welcomed a son, Jack Robert Bourdon, in December 2023. See photos, page 17.

Exciting news from **Becky Gambale Moeri!** She welcomed a baby boy, Arlo Jeffrey Moeri, with husband Dan, in November 2023. See photo, page 17.

Fidele Harfouche shares, "I wasn't engaged with my alma mater for a number of years until last fall semester when Drew's SJP invited me to speak about activism on Palestine during my time at Drew (2004-2008). I was encouraged, excited, and thrilled to see and feel the energy and passion of today's Drew University students. After the event, I helped think, start, and now organize with Drew University Alumni for Justice in Palestine! It brings great pleasure to be engaged with a robust and passionate group of alumni working towards peace and justice. I am indebted to them for the great community we are actively creating. I hope the Drew University administration will be on the right side of history, supporting all the students, faculty, alumni, and staff working towards justice, peace and equality on campus and across the globe (in particular to Palestine)."

This past January, **Dr. Laura Rose (Barclay)** and **Jesse Vanderhoef** moved into the house they designed and constructed. Laura served the role of architect and designer,



Dr. Laura Rose (Barclay) and Jesse Vanderhoef (both C'08) with their two sons, James (age 10) and Wesley (age 8)

while Jesse took on the role of general contractor. Together with help from family, they completed framing, board and batten siding, kitchen and bath installation, and other tasks with their own hands. In April, Laura took on a new position as the Deputy Chief Scientist of the US DEVCOM Army Research Laboratory. Jesse currently works

with the University of Pennsylvania as an Operations and Research Specialist at the Pennsylvania Equine Research and Toxicology Laboratory. They have two sons, James (age 10) and Wesley (age 8). See photo lower left.

Each year, Class of 2008 friends **Cori (Brauer) Bourdon**, **Laura (MacBride) Gandi**, and **Mary Higginbottom** have gone on a spooky fall road trip together to explore the haunted offerings in a different state on the east coast. This past fall they finally made it to Bangor, ME and visited the home of the king of horror himself, Stephen King! See photos, page 17.

Elyse (Atkinson) Vanetti and her husband, Kellen, welcomed a son, Milo Antonio, in July 2024. They still live in her



Milo, born July 2024, to proud parents Elyse (Atkinson) Vanetti C'08 and husband Kellen

hometown of Ojai, CA, where Elyse teaches 3rd grade. See photo, left.

Congratulations are in order for **Kim Baldino** and her husband, Shaun Patterson, who welcomed a baby girl, Charlotte, in April 2024. She is happy and healthy, and a blessing to this family!

09 The class of 2009 is looking for a new Class Secretary to collect *Classnotes*. If you are interested in taking over, please contact classnotes@drew.edu!

Seth Gorenstein married Pamela King in 2022, and the newlyweds moved to Silver Spring, MD. Seth is a Human Capital Consultant at Deloitte, where he was promoted to manager this year.



Katie Chambers C'09 married Michael Kopplin in May 2024

Katie Chambers married Michael Kopplin in May 2024. The ceremony was officiated by fellow alum **Stacie (MacLaughlin) Tomlinson**, and attended by alumni **Rachel Kenner**, **Ali Goldaper**, and **Lindsey Stefan**. Katie has worked at New York Women in Film & Television for the last nine years, where she is the Senior Director of Community & Public Relations, spearheading membership and communications strategy for the organization and producing special events, including The Muse Awards. She is also a freelance writer and editor and serves on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs. See photo, above.

10 **Delia Barr**
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Geoffrey Talis has started a holistic, integrative group psychiatry practice in Short Hills, NJ, featuring in-person and virtual appointments. He and his team treat children, adolescents, and adults with mood, attention, anxiety, eating, and trauma-related conditions. (www.talis.health) See photo, page 29.

14 **Bridget (McRory) Evankow**
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It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of our classmate, **Stephanie Weymouth** C'14, G'15. Please take a moment to read the obituary for Stephanie, which touches on the beautiful life she led, her accomplishments, and the positive impact that she had on others. Our thoughts are with Stephanie's family, friends, fellow classmates, and community. www.nicholsfuneralhome.com/obituary/Stephanie-Weymouth. See *In Memoriam*, page 29.

Bridget (McRory) Evankow and her husband, Dan, welcomed their first child, Daniel Joseph Jr., in July 2024.

Nathania Reyes joins the firm Bressler Amery & Ross, P.C. as an Associate in the Business and Commercial Litigation and Trust and Estate practice groups. Her experience includes representing corporate clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies, national banks, insurance companies, and financial services companies in complex litigation in both state and federal court. Reyes serves as the recording secretary on the executive committee of the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey and is an active member of various bar associations. Reyes, through her participation and leadership roles in varying associations, has led efforts to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives in the legal community. She earned her BA from Drew University and her JD from Rutgers School of Law.

Filmmaker **Rebecca Lauren (Cielinski)** talks about her film (starring her own grandma!), *Grandma's House* and her Drew experience. "This project was a way to empower me and expand my creative juices, creating characters that I identify with. I primarily focus on acting but always dabbled in writing and other artistic endeavors. The concept came to me spontaneously, a clear and instant vision. It honors my grandma and the recent passing of my grandpa. I took care of my grandpa, and still take care of my grandma. This aspect of the film is true to life, but the story is spun into a fun horror with a dramatized twist. It has been an exciting start to a new journey for me as an artist. Drew developed me into a well-rounded performer and general creative. I never feel confined to acting, which has always been my dream, and I often apply class material I never thought I would need to my life and art. Even general required course materials often prove useful and expand my abilities and understanding of the world. Playwriting certainly made me feel confident in taking

this leap, and theatre design allowed me to bring my vision to life with a valuable understanding of everything from props to lighting. I never imagined how a curated liberal arts education would aid my life and career.” Rebecca is already developing another project, a pilot for a series, and is open to collaboration. The project is female-centric, a fantasy satire, and it’s very funny. Learn more about Rebecca and her work at rebecca-lauren.com

16 The class of 2016 is looking for a new Class Secretary to collect *Classnotes*. If you are interested in taking over, please contact classnotes@drew.edu!

17 **Nancy Moemen**
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Christiana Tenuto shares: “I just moved to North Dakota and I’m working as a nurse at a local hospital, but my intent is to work for tribal health once I get my NP. I miss Jersey pizza!”

Carlos Pajaro is a United States Marine Corps supply officer stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC.

Bethania Viana currently lives in New York, where she is co-director of Mil Mundos Books, a bilingual activist bookstore in Bushwick, Brooklyn, curating to Black, Latinx, and Indigenous voices. She is also on the board of the bookstore’s sister nonprofit, Mil Mundos en Común, which provides access to essential goods, literature, and digital connectivity. Most recently, Bethania became a Forefront Fellow for Urban Design Forum’s Lifelong initiative to explore how to develop a more age-friendly city through affordable housing in collaboration with New York’s Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

Danya Nadel lives in New York, NY. They spent five years working in advocacy and anti-recidivism before going back to school. They earned an MA in psychology from Pace University in May 2024, and they’re currently working toward a clinical MA in social work at NYU. Danya got a cat named Brian and relishes their memories of time spent in the Arboretum.

18 The class of 2018 is looking for a new Class Secretary to collect *Classnotes*. If you are interested in taking over, please contact classnotes@drew.edu!

19 **Olivia Sznaza**
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Suspicion: Recent Work by **Shayna Miller**, curated by Kimberly Rhodes, was on display in the Korn Gallery this fall. Shayna Miller seeks to make embodied paintings that must exist on the surface in a particular way, whereby the oil paint coalesces, embedded, with the ground. She builds up panels with protruding points as if a mass is pushing up from behind the burlap-stretched painting surface, poking, piercing out. Paint camouflages the protuberance but also reveals it. These protrusions or pressure points in



Shayna Miller C'19,
1.25.24, oil on
burlap over panel

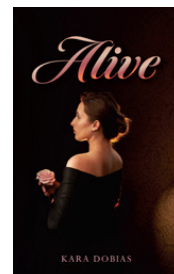
her work may be understood in a number of ways: as a mass coming through the painting, like a foot gently poking through stockings; as a muscle, a limb, pushing out and then retracting; as the “stuff” that forms a body; as a naive (but trustworthy) defense mechanism established as protection; ultimately, as a painting bursting out, being pulled apart. While Miller has become suspicious of flatness, she also wonders whether the painting can be suspicious of its own self, of its own body and muscle. Its eye extends outward, watching us. Shayna Miller received her MFA in studio art from Hunter College, New York, in 2024 and her BA from Drew University in 2019, where she majored in art and art history with minors in comparative religion and medieval studies. She was awarded the Stanley Prescott Hooper Memorial Prize in 2019 for promise and integrity in studio art. Miller’s work has recently been featured at My Pet Ram in New York, NY, and included in the group exhibitions *It’s Getting to a Point* at Thomas Van Dyke Gallery in Brooklyn, NY, (curated by Alex Feim and Jack Arthur Wood), *Fracture Fracture* at CHART in New York, NY, *Modern Muses* at the Park Hyatt in New York, NY, (curated by Rachel Cole), and *UNEXPECTED* at 205 Hudson St. in New York, NY. More information about her work can be found on her website: shaynamiller.com. See photo above.

20 The class of 2020 is looking for a new Class Secretary to collect *Classnotes*. If you are interested in taking over, please contact classnotes@drew.edu!

Kassel Garibay shares, “I recently joined a great group of alumni and formed an organization called Drew University Alumni for Justice in Palestine. Together, we are advocating for our alma mater to take a stance and call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire. We are making noise, unwilling to put up with Drew’s silence, and building connections with past and present students.”

21 **Brynne Growney**
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From **Kara Dobias**: “I just published my debut poetry book, *Alive!* It’s available on Amazon. Here’s the synopsis: In this poetry collection, the author invites readers on an intimate journey of self-discovery, posing the question, ‘What does it mean to be alive?’ Through exploring themes of grief, love, and self-identity, she reflects on personal experiences to encourage finding grace within oneself, especially during

challenging moments. *Alive* is a testament to the enduring human spirit, illustrating that on the other side of hardship lies a version of ourselves that has grown stronger and more authentic. This book offers a poignant reminder that to be alive is achingly, terribly, beautiful.” See photo, right.



Alive poetry book by
Kara Dobias C'21

22 **Sam Harvey**
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From **Gabriella Ramirez**: “I am finishing my second year of graduate school at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA). At SIPA, my academic focus lies at the intersection of human rights and security issues, where I am committed to advancing mechanisms that minimize harm in conflict-affected communities while ensuring accountability for violations of international law. I serve on the University Senate on the Rules of University Conduct and the Student Affairs Committee. I am eager to update you all next year with my career prospects upon graduating!”

23 The class of 2023 is looking for a new Class Secretary to collect *Classnotes*. If you are interested in taking over, please contact classnotes@drew.edu!

Keira Ezzo and **Nicholas Beach** are engaged! See photo below.



Keira Ezzo C'23 and
Nicholas Beach C'23

24 The class of 2024 is looking for a new Class Secretary to collect *Classnotes*. If you are interested in taking over, please contact classnotes@drew.edu!



The Theological School

60s The Reverend Louise Stowe-Johns T'67,'86 shares, "My book *Redemption of a Murderer: The Life of Judy Neelley* has been published. The nonfiction memoir traces the life of Judy Neelley from childhood through 41 years of incarceration (including death row). I met her when I was chaplain in the women's prison in Alabama, and with her full cooperation, I wrote the story. More than a story of crime, the book is a testimony to God's love and grace and how victims of crime and family members of crime victims can embody that grace. Through restorative justice, Judy professed genuine remorse for crimes she committed." See photo, below.



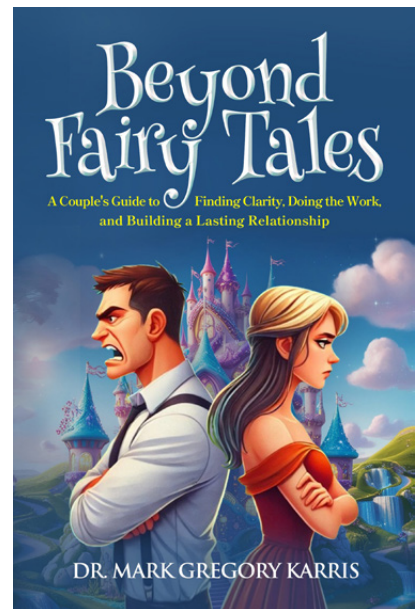
Redemption of a Murderer: The Life of Judy Neelley by The Reverend Louise Stowe-Johns T'67,'86

80s The Rev. Dr. Michael Brown T'81, a United Methodist minister, seminary teacher, author, and popular speaker, was the featured preacher on February 11 on "Day 1" podcast.

The nationally broadcast ecumenical radio program is also accessible as a podcast and online at Day1.org. Brown served 10 years as senior minister of the Marble Collegiate Church in New York City. A North Carolina native, he earlier served several United Methodist congregations in that state, including Boone United Methodist Church, Central United Methodist in Asheville, and Centenary United Methodist in Winston-Salem. He serves as interim senior pastor at Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem. He teaches preaching at New Brunswick Theological Seminary and is a trustee at High Point University, from which he graduated. He earned his M.Div. from Duke University Divinity School and his DMin from Drew University Theological School. He was awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters degree by Pfeiffer University. Brown also serves as the pastor of the unique summer-only Blowing Rock Methodist Church. He has written five books and is a contributing author to eleven others.

10s Dr. Mark Gregory Karris T'10 shares: "I'm excited to announce the release of my latest book, *Beyond Fairy Tales: A Couple's Guide to Finding Clarity, Doing the Work, and Building a Lasting Relationship*. Drawing primarily from attachment theory and emotionally focused therapy, with splashes of IFS, Transformative Couples Therapy, Gottman principles, PACT, existential philosophy, neuroscience, and other cutting-edge therapeutic models, this book is clearly going to be an invaluable resource for practitioners and clients alike. Here is the [Amazon link](#) where you can find more information. See photo, above right.

Maureen (Conroy) Tauriello T'12, P'09 shares: "Although retired, I remain active



Beyond Fairy Tales: A Couple's Guide to Finding Clarity, Doing the Work, and Building a Lasting Relationship by Dr. Mark Gregory Karris T'10

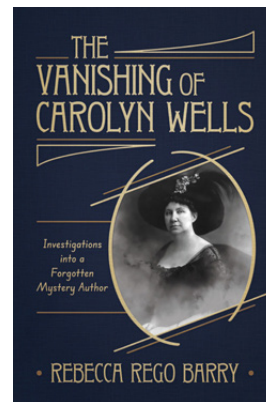
as a frequent contributor to *Extraordinary Catholics* magazine. I also have just returned from the biannual Convocation of the American National Catholic Church in Maryland. I planned and coordinated all of the music for the three-day event as well as performed for the liturgies. Additionally, I co-host the *Sonic Boomers* podcast with my husband, which can be heard on all the major platforms, as well as video on our YouTube channel."



The Caspersen School

80s **Dr. Jo Renee (Gatto) Formicola** G'81 has just published *Joe Biden's Policies on Abortion and Immigration: The Challenges of a Catholic President* (Rowman and Littlefield: Lanham, Maryland, 2024). A Professor of Political Science, she has been named Professor Emerita and will retire in May of 2024 after a 35-year academic career at Seton Hall University. She has served as Department Chair, Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and in leadership positions of her professional organizations. The author, co-author, and editor of 10 books, Formicola has also appeared on local, national, and international media outlets, doing commentary on Catholic church-state issues, her area of expertise. She has also served as an elected Council Woman in Madison, NJ, and looks forward to continued research and writing.

00s **Rebecca (Rego) Barry** G'01 is the author of the new biography, *The Vanishing of Carolyn Wells: Investigations into a Forgotten Mystery Author*. See photo, right.
Paul Kahan G'04 just published his seventh book, *Philadelphia: A Narrative History* (University of Pennsylvania Press), which is available from Amazon and Penn Press's website. The book is the first single-volume narrative history of Philadelphia in more than 40 years and has been praised by Inga Saffron, the *Philadelphia Inquirer's* Pulitzer Prize-winning architecture critic, as a "sharp and accessible history." Paul is the executive director of the American Helicopter Museum & Education Center in West Chester, PA.



The Vanishing of Carolyn Wells: Investigations into a Forgotten Mystery Author by Rebecca (Rego) Barry G'01



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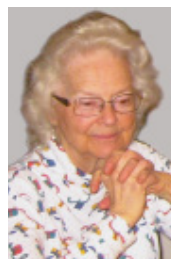
In Memoriam

The Drew community and its alumni associations extend their heartfelt sympathies to the families and friends of those alumni and members of the Drew community listed below. Our ranks are diminished by their loss.

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Name	Class affiliation	Date of death
John Grimm	C'42	May 2019
Dr. Abraham Mishkin	C'42	December 2023
The Reverend Ralph E. Spoor, Jr.	C'45, T'48	February 2021
William Bradley	C'48	August 2016
Irene (Frattalone) Cranston	C'48	March 2021
June (Hoffman) Bello	C'48	April 2021
David Dudley	C'48	September 2021
Natalie (Fox) Silverstone	C'48	October 2022
Dr. Richard Riesz	C'49	April 2019
John Cimaglia	C'49	May 2023
Eugene Bello	C'50	April 2019
Dr. Alan Dobrow	C'50	January 2024
Patricia (Goble) Zanone	C'50	February 2024
Norman Stone	C'51	November 2008
The Reverend Richard C. Chapin	C'51	October 2019
Jean (Flartey) Carroll	C'51	November 2019
Marilouise "Mari" (Mc Avoy) Longinotti	C'51	May 2020
Dale Ebling	C'51	July 2020
The Reverend Claire (Benedict) Linzel	C'51	October 2020
Joan (Franke) Cimaglia	C'51	June 2021
Judith (Shulman) Rowe	C'51	May 2022
Barbara (Jones) Gibson	C'51	November 2023
Barbara "Bobbie" (Melander) Minor	C'51	December 2023
Al "Shep" Shapero	C'51, P'84	January 2024
Joseph Richmond	C'51	February 2024
Donald Gibson	C'51	April 2024
Beatrice (Lauterbach) Ward	C'51	July 2024
Wendell "Sunny" Kravitz	C'51	September 2024
Doris (Metzger) Lloyd	C'51	October 2024
Edythe (Prince) Krape	C'52	December 2020
Judith (Emdin) Pinch	C'52	May 2024
Bryson Hoff	C'52	July 2024
Judith (Holland) Trowbridge	C'53	June 2015
Joan (Raymaster) Beni	C'53	February 2024
Robert von Geldern	C'53	September 2024
Barbara "Bobby" (Jordan) Mertins	C'53	September 2024
Harry Jackle	C'54	July 2022
Patricia (Carnaghan) Kroepke	C'54	September 2023
Eleanor "Pat" (Hopkins) Lincoln	C'54	July 2024
Elizabeth "Betty" (Mathel) Lauer	C'55	January 2019
Jean (Dombo) Wolff	C'55	May 2019
Dr. Richard Hetherington	C'55	March 2023
Dr. Peter Riesz	C'55	February 2024

Remembering Barbara "Bobbie" (Melander) Minor C'51



Barbara (Bobbie) Melander Minor, age 95, died on December 15, 2023 in Chatham, NJ. She was pre-deceased by her husband, Rice (Max) Maxey Minor, Jr. and her sister, Nancy Putnam Pettit.

Bobbie was born in West Orange, NJ, on September 17, 1928, to Alf and Elsie Melander. She was an excellent student and graduated from Chatham High School in 1946. She remained in touch with her classmates, organizing and attending many reunions.

Bobbie began her post-secondary education at Endicott Junior College in Massachusetts, graduating in 1948, and then earned her bachelor's degree in economics from Drew University in 1950.

While a student at Drew, she met Max, and they were married on March 18, 1951. Max's career as a chemist took them to multiple locations in New Jersey, upstate New York, and Connecticut. They settled in Chatham in 1975, moving into Bobbie's childhood home.

Alf and Elsie purchased a former houseboat, now a cottage, which became a beloved summer home in Harvey Cedars, NJ. The "Showboat" was one of Bobbie's favorite places. She spent hours playing bridge there, reading books, and swimming across the bay. Fortunately, the house has been kept in the family, and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren will create treasured summer memories there.

To see Bobbie at her most joyous was to see her surrounded by children and grandchildren at Christmas. With pure Swedish heritage, her smorgasbord on Christmas Eve was a sight to behold. The house was decorated with Swedish elves (tomte) and handknit stockings hanging by the fireplace. In her earlier years, her children could expect to receive Irish knit sweaters and other handmade items with a "Made by Bobbie Minor" label affixed to them.

Bobbie loved and excelled at bridge, reaching the rank of Ruby Life Master having earned over 2,300 masterpoints. She was an active member of the American Contract Bridge League from 1972 until 2017. As a grandparent, she taught card games to the children as soon as they were able to hold the cards.

She volunteered for the Chatham Friends of the Library for many years. Reading was a passion of hers and she loved murder mysteries. She was an avid fan of tennis and to her last days, spent hours watching tournaments on television.

Bobbie is survived by her children, Laird (Nancy) of Simpsonville, SC, Craig (Laura) of Bristol, CT, Lise Brikowski of Dover, NJ, Hali (Mark) Luria and Emily Melander of Chatham, NJ; grandchildren, Natalie (Ryan) Ponte, Nolan Luria, Douglas (Ever) Minor, Aubrey Luria (Sean) Walsh, Duane Brikowski, Elke Luria, Kira Brikowski, Inga Luria and Greta Luria. She was also blessed with four great grandchildren: Milo and Sebastian Ponte, Gwendolyn Minor and Daphne Luria Walsh. The family is particularly grateful to daughter, Emily, who lived with and cared for Bobbie in her final years.

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Name	Class affiliation	Date of death
Nancy (Schoonmaker) Zwerling	C'56	September 2022
Elinor "Ellie" (Nelson) Clark	C'56	January 2024
Ruth Gandek	C'56	January 2024
James Bloom	C'56	April 2024
Richard Garner	C'57	September 2024
Judith (Palmer) Harik	C'57	October 2024
Johanna "Jo" (Zimmermann) Wishart	C'57	October 2024
Dr. Walter "Budd" Babb	C'58	January 2018
Herma (Hoyer) Riechel	C'58	August 2022
Helen (Garrett) Williams	C'58	May 2024
Roger Navritil	C'59	February 2024
The Reverend Paul Evans	C'59	March 2024
General Joseph Cicero	C'59	August 2024
Carole (Thomas) Linnartz	C'59	
Peter Briggs	C'61	May 2024
Lyndon Smith	C'61	October 2024
Charles Hislop	C'62	March 2018
Dr. Gretchen (Zimmerman) Warwick	C'62	December 2023
Kay (Seibert) Quackenbush	C'62	March 2024
Stephen Sieber	C'63	September 2022
Ellen (Daniels) Anson	C'64	August 2009
Judith (Crofut) Small	C'64	September 2019
Dr. Carolyn Morell	C'64	April 2023
Trudy (Parsons) Dick	C'64	December 2023
Lieutenant John H. Singer	C'65	April 1969
Dr. Robert Cohen	C'65	January 2007
Stephen Spiegel	C'65	April 2020
Henry Porter	C'65	April 2024
Robert Hirschman	C'65	April 2024
Robert Amsden	C'66	June 2023
William Vande Water	C'66	March 2024
William Tobias	C'66, P'97	
Gail (Allen) Ostensen	C'66	
David Soulen	C'67	July 2020
Sally (Sutphen) Runyon	C'67, P'92	November 2023
Faith (Wilson) Teeple	C'67	May 2024
Carolyn "Lynn" (Blount) Cohen	C'67	July 2024
Marlene (Burger) Curry	C'68	July 2014
John Lyons, Jr.	C'69	April 2018
Harry R. Dare, III	C'69	December 2023
H. David Lawrence	C'69	January 2024
Ruth Ann Phimister	C'69	January 2024
Raymond Dudley	C'69	July 2024
Robert Libkind	C'69	September 2024
Philip Johnson	C'69	December 2019
Maurice Wildy, Jr.	C'70	December 2023
Harry Orchard	C'71	September 2013
Catherine Brauner	C'71	May 2024
Laurence Butler	C'72	July 2024

Remembering Dr. Gregory Lutz C'84



Gregory Elmar Lutz, one of the world's leading experts in interventional orthobionics, passed away on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 in New York City after a courageous battle with terminal cancer. He was 61 years old. A driving force in the field of regenerative medicine, Dr. Lutz touched the lives of the thousands of patients whom he helped—as

well as the fellows he trained and the many friends he made along the way. He was a pioneer, inventor, entrepreneur, lifelong athlete, and beloved by his family and friends. He lived life to the fullest, with a generous spirit and a noble heart. Dr. Lutz was born in Camden, NJ, on July 26, 1962 to Dr. Elmar Gregor Lutz and Barbara Jane Donnelly. He enjoyed sports from an early age, competing in basketball and bodybuilding, ultimately winning Mr. Teenage New Jersey. In 1984, Dr. Lutz graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Drew University, where he met the love of his life, Paula Gibson. Dr. Lutz graduated from Georgetown University School of Medicine in 1988 and was awarded the Dr. Margaret M. Kenrick Achievement Award for Excellence in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation. He went on to pursue his specialty training in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation at the Mayo Clinic, before completing an Orthopedic Sports Medicine Fellowship at the Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) in 1993. In 1997, Dr. Lutz founded the Department of Physiatry at HSS, serving as its first Physiatrist-in-Chief from 1997-2012. During Dr. Lutz's 15-year tenure, he grew the department into one of the largest outpatient musculoskeletal practices in the nation. He also established the Spine & Sports Medicine Fellowship and mentored more than 60 fellows as a Professor of Clinical Rehabilitation Medicine at Weill Medical College of Cornell University. In 2016, Dr. Lutz opened the Regenerative SportsCare Institute (RSI+), a state-of-the-art center for regenerative orthopedic medicine in Manhattan's Upper East Side that is committed to providing best-in-class patient care. Over the past eight years, Dr. Lutz grew RSI+ into one of the leading interventional orthopedic practices globally. His enthusiasm for harnessing the body's innate ability to heal itself led him to pioneer novel, non-surgical approaches in the management of chronic low back pain (LBP) and other musculoskeletal disorders that had previously been considered incurable. Dr. Lutz popularized the use of intradiscal biologics, publishing the first double-blind, randomized controlled trial that demonstrated the clinical efficacy of intradiscal platelet-rich plasma (PRP) therapy for a subset of patients with chronic LBP. He was a firm believer in truth, transparency, and the scientific process, and co-authored more than 60 publications over the course of his career. Through his research and experience performing more than 1,000 intradiscal orthobiologic procedures, Dr. Lutz invented the DiscCath™ medical device. He also launched the Regenerative SportsCare Foundation (RSF), a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose mission is to find a cure for degenerative disc disease, and co-founded Orthobond Corporation, a biotechnology company focused on developing antimicrobial nanosurfaces for medical devices. In 2023, Dr. Lutz published *Heal Your Disc, End Your Pain: How Regenerative Medicine Can Save Your Spine*. In his book, Dr. Lutz chronicles his decades-long journey to develop better solutions for patients with LBP - helping many of them avoid drugs and surgery. His relentless pursuit to go above and beyond for his patients is a testament to the man he was—a devoted husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, physician, mentor, and friend. Patient care and spending time with his family and friends were his greatest passions. When not seeing patients, one would find him lifting weights, skiing, golfing, or walking in the woods with his dog, Theo. Dr. Lutz is survived by his loving wife, Paula; his three adult children, Anna (Paul), Cole (Tracey), and Olivia; his grandson, Kuno Gregor; and siblings Mary Bernadette, Michael, and Christopher.

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Name	Class affiliation	Date of death
Robert Boehm	C'73	November 2021
Dana Miquelle	C'73	October 2024
Gregory Stern	C'74	November 2023
Blanche Bruce	C'74	December 2023
Richard Wyatt	C'75	January 2021
The Honorable Glenn Klavans	C'75	May 2024
Leslie Perry	C'75	
Margaret "Peggy" (Kunz) Petrone	C'76	April 2024
Paul Collarile	C'76	May 2023
Brian Graham	C'77	June 2024
John Russonello	C'77	July 2024
Ruth (Kalla) Ungerer	C'77	October 2024
Neil Rush	C'78	December 2018
Paul Crosby	C'78	February 2024
Cynthia "Cindy" (Mitchell) Gordon	C'79	January 2016
Brian Winters	C'79	December 2023
Valerie (Barrs) O'Mara	C'79	February 2024
Paul Lieggi	C'79	August 2024
Evelyn "Evvy" Bowe	C'80	June 2024
Douglas Gehlmeyer	C'81	July 2020
Alan Fine	C'82	April 2022
Deborah (Rush) Martin	C'82	January 2024
Joseph Harzbecker, Jr.	C'82	March 2024
Sharon (Matlock) Houlahan	C'83	April 2015
Nina (Sina) Ratzman	C'83	June 2024
Dr. Gregory Lutz	C'84	March 2024
Jeffrey Freed	C'85	March 2024
Karen (Morelli) Duncan	C'85	May 2024
James Stano	C'86	November 2016
Panagiotis Pittas	C'86	April 2024

Remembering The Reverend John Benson T'69



Reverend John A. Benson, 79, of Hamilton, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at Capital Health Systems Regional Medical Center at Fuld, Trenton, NJ.

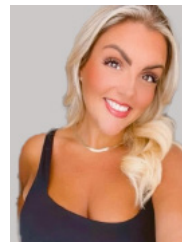
Born in Trenton, NJ, he was a lifelong area resident. He graduated from Hamilton High School West, Union College and Drew University Theological School. Throughout his career,

Rev. Benson served at many different Methodist churches in the state of NJ. Even in his retirement, he officiated at many ceremonies, filling in for vacationing ministers.

Predeceased by his parents, Arthur E. and Isabelle (Carlson) Benson; and his brother, Robert Benson; he is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Joyce A. (Hackett) Benson; his brother and sister-in-law, Earl and Audrey Benson of Oxford, MI; 2 special nephews, Daniel Benson and his wife, Hande, and their son Nicholas, and Michael Benson and his wife, Michelle; as well as many other nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Name	Class affiliation	Date of death
Susan (Cortese) Cohen	C'87	November 2013
Dawn (Bowers) Shellington	C'87	March 2015
David Bandas	C'87	June 2024
Frank Freeman	C'88	September 2010
Indira Wood-Green	C'88	February 2024
Brian Connelly	C'89	May 2021
David Udry	C'89	March 2024
Dr. Brett Becker	C'03	
Diana Ruggieri	C'06	February 2024
Stephanie Weymouth	C'14, G'15	February 2024
Brennan Laskas	C'18	February 2024

Remembering Stephanie Weymouth C'14, G'15



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the unexpected passing of **Stephanie Marie Weymouth** on February 3, 2024. Stephanie was born on April 6, 1992, and she left us too soon, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and cherished memories.

Stephanie graduated from Wilmington High School in 2010, and her pursuit of knowledge led her to Drew University in New Jersey, where she proudly graduated in 2014 with a degree in theater arts. She continued on and received her master's in education the following year. While at Drew, she was a leading actress in several productions including *Spelling Bee*. Stephanie also wrote and produced her own play, *Linked*, which won many awards. After graduation, her first job was with the Institute of Music for Children in Elizabeth, NJ, which combined her passions of teaching and singing. Stephanie loved being able to share her gifts with her students. Her calling to education extended to her role as a beloved teacher at People's Preparatory Charter School in Newark, NJ, where she touched the lives of many with her dedication and enthusiasm.

Stephanie is survived by her loving parents, Nancy and Glenn Weymouth, her sister and brother-in-law, Amanda and Kyle Arndt of Minnesota, and nephews Dustin, Garrison, and James Arndt. She also leaves behind a large extended family and "fake" family, including aunts, uncles, cousins, and her dear friend Winnie.

Stephanie's light and spirit were unmatched. She was able to pack a full life into her 31 years. Known for her vibrant spirit and zest for life, Stephanie had a list of hobbies and passions that reflected her adventurous and joyful personality. She enjoyed sipping on espresso martinis, cheering on her beloved New England Patriots, and expressing herself through song. She also loved exploring new destinations with friends and family. Stephanie proudly went on a solo trip to Montreal with Winnie. She also loved relaxing at local beaches, indulging in her love for "Hocus Pocus," adorning her body with meaningful tattoos, and being "Aunt Stephy" to her three precious nephews. Stephanie was easy to love and loved others with all her heart. Her deep love and devotion to her family and friends was unwavering.

Stephanie was an amazing inspiration to all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her infectious laughter, warm heart, and genuine kindness will be forever etched in the memories of those whose lives she touched.

May her soul rest in peace, and may her memory live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to have known her.

The Theological School

Name	Class affiliation	Date of death
The Rev. Ellen Little	T'83, Former Staff	July 2016
The Rev. Dr. George Hewitt	T'47	March 2009
The Rev. Vernie Barnett	T'51	February 2021
The Rev. Robert Glass	T'52	February 2024
The Rev. Edward Brown, III	T'53	
The Rev. Harold Nelson	T'53	April 2024
The Rev. Albert Hillard	T'54	February 2011
James Broughton	T'54	December 2016
The Rev. Lincoln Justice	T'54	November 2018
The Rev. Dr. William "Ted" Murphy	T'54	February 2024
The Rev. Donald Colburn	T'54	July 2024
The Rev. George White, Jr.	T'55	April 2024
The Rev. John Zondag	T'55	August 2024
The Rev. Orrin Hall	T'57, P'80	April 2018
The Rev. Landon Owen, Jr.	T'57	August 2020
The Rev. Gerald "Jerry" Ihle	T'57	March 2024
Dr. Robert Maseroni	T'58, '76	March 2019
The Rev. Wendell Shepherd	T'58	November 2020
The Rev. Charles Dorchester	T'58	February 2023
The Rev. Roger Smith	T'58	July 2024
The Rev. Richard Hawke	T'59	June 2016
The Rev. Raymond Rhoads	T'59	September 2024
Dr. Lyle Anderson	T'60	February 2024
The Rev. Robert Watts	T'61	February 2015
Dr. Edward D. Ottinger, Jr.	T'61	November 2018
Arthur Kelsey	T'61	May 2024
Gabriel "Paul" Carr, Jr.	T'61	August 2024
Dr. Weldon Crowley	T'61	August 2024
The Rev. Randolph "Randy" Lunsford	T'62	August 2011
The Rev. Frederick "Bill". Schuster, Jr.	T'62	December 2023
Dr. Charley Hardwick	T'62, P'88	February 2024
The Rev. John Carty	T'62	March 2024
Dr. Edwin Swenson	T'62	May 2024
Dr. James Righter	T'63	May 2024
The Rev. Carroll Brown	T'63	May 2024
Dr. John Smith	T'65	February 2011
The Rev. Denson Franklin, Jr.	T'65	May 2017
The Rev. John C. Soderberg	T'65	February 2024
Alexandra Vanderclock	T'65	February 2024
The Rev. Robert Cooper	T'65	May 2024
The Rev. Donald Jones	T'65	August 2024
The Rev. James Truax	T'66	November 2016
The Rev. Richard Ryley	T'66	January 2022
The Rev. Thomas Higgins	T'66	December 2022
The Rev. Hugh Stohler	T'66	January 2024
The Rev. William Loring	T'66	February 2024
The Rev. Randall Rockhill	T'66	March 2024
The Rev. Jack Haney	T'66	June 2024
The Rev. Thomas Funk	T'66	October 2024

Remembering Alexandra Vanderclock T'65



Alexandra Harder Vanderclock, originally from Paterson, NJ, passed peacefully on February 28, 2024, in Shelton, CT, at age 83. Her family moved to Stratford in 1952, and Alex attended Stratford Public Schools, graduating from Stratford High School in 1958. She graduated from Southern Conn. State Teachers College (SCSU) eventually

earning her master's in early childhood and special education. She taught Pre-K and Kindergarten in the city of Bridgeport, teaching generations of students and was loved as a teacher. From 1978 until her retirement in 2006, Alex was a vital and devoted team member in the Bridgeport Schools' Consultation Center program, which emphasized the key value of play in assessing the developmental strengths and needs of preschoolers, as well as the essential participation of parents and family members as partners in both assessment and intervention. Initially the lead teacher in the Consultation Center's pilot program, Alex went on to become a full-time teacher/coordinator on the transdisciplinary team. She mentored new teachers in the program and worked collaboratively with colleagues from the Board of Education departments including Early Childhood, School Psychology, Social Work, Speech/Language, OT and PT, as well as community preschool programs, mental health service providers and Bridgeport Hospital pediatric residents.

Alex also obtained her master's in religious education from Drew University, then taught religious education at the Stratford United Methodist Church for many years.

Alex had many talents, from skiing the slopes in Massachusetts to baking her famous Speculaas, crescent and gingerbread cookies during the holidays, to becoming the family genealogist. Alex truly enjoyed research: visiting family historical church registries in Ireland and Holland to name a few. She even located the vessel that one of her ancestors arrived on from England called the Truelove. Alex also played the harpsichord, loved classical music and looked forward to Bridgeport Symphony concerts. She was skilled at sewing, making many of her own clothes, and creating beautiful quilts.

Alex supported her community through good works at the Stratford United Methodist church (she enjoyed the pancake breakfasts and the pumpkins in the front of the church in the fall). She baked genuine Irish soda bread (white raisins were the secret ingredient) for the Historic William Perry House in Stratford one year for their Irish festival fundraiser. She was a world traveler; having been to Japan, Israel (many times), Holland, France, and even sang for her church choir in the UK. Alex loved and rescued many cats over her lifetime including her most recent cats Jake and Sophie.

Alex was predeceased by her parents Ruth Jane Leonhard Vanderclock and Jay Sumner Vanderclock. She is survived by her cherished brother, Jacob Sumner Vanderclock, her sister-in-law, Sally, her niece Amy Vanderclock and her nephew Jay S. Vanderclock. She also has two great nephews, Benjamin George Brown and Joshua Jacob Brown, and many cousins. Many good friends helped Alex over the years, and the family is grateful to all the support from Ellen and Anita, who provided special care and love to her. In addition to her friends and staff at Crosby Commons, her primary caretakers from Executive Homecare of Stratford: Beverly, Mary Jean, and Rosemarie, and the Vitas Hospice care staff also provided caring and much appreciated support.

The Theological School

Name	Class affiliation	Date of death
Dr. Donald Kirkham	T'68	December 2023
Bonnie (Hapes) Lazarow	T'68	April 2019
The Rev. Larry Johnson	T'69	December 2023
The Rev. John Benson	T'69	February 2024
The Rev. Donald Nolder	T'69	March 2024
Dr. Carter Smith	T'70,'79	March 2024
The Rev. Leon "Lee" Weaver	T'71	November 2022
The Rev. Stephen Estok, Sr.	T'73	January 2023
The Rev. Dr. David Langdon	T'77	April 2024
Donald Taylor, Jr.	T'74	November 2023
The Rev. Vaughn Glover, Jr.	T'77	November 2023
Dr. George Carpenter	T'78	August 2024
Dr. Donald Kuehle	T'80	August 2024
Dr. Paul Thomas	T'80	September 2024
Dr. Howard Hanson	T'81	October 2023
Dr. James Westmoreland	T'81	April 2024
Dr. Joseph Reeves	T'82	May 2015
Dr. John Thornbury	T'82	June 2024
Jane Pattie	T'82	
Dr. Randall Good	T'83	October 2024
Sarulou Caliri	T'86	February 2012
Dr. Gilson Miller	T'86	April 2018
The Rev. Alberta "Pumpkin" Rawley-Clark	T'86	August 2024
Douglas Webb	T'86	October 2024
Dr. Roger Shanks	T'87	April 2017
Dr. William Jones	T'87	July 2024
The Rev. George Darby	T'88	August 2014
Dr. Ronald Adams	T'88	November 2019
Dr. Frances "Gerald" Peterson	T'88	March 2024
Shirley (Hart) McBride	T'88	July 2024

Remembering The Reverend Raymond Rhoads T'59



Raymond K. Rhoads passed away peacefully on September 4, 2024 in his home in Caledonia, surrounded by his family. Raymond was born on April 29, 1931 in Dixon, Illinois, to Anna Marie Rhoads (Folkers) and Raymond K. Rhoads. Raymond graduated from Dixon High School, and the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Philosophy. After serving in the United States Army, he completed his education at

Drew Seminary in New Jersey. Raymond spent several years doing post graduate work in New Testament Studies at the University of Gottingen, Germany. He was ordained into the ministry of the United Methodist Church and served churches in Elizabeth, Elmhurst, Des Plaines, Morris, Crystal Lake, and Barrington. His last appointment was District Superintendent of the Rockford District.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Margaret Rhoads (Hoermann); daughter, Emily Rhoads of San Francisco; granddaughter, Greta Rhoads of New York City; brother, Roger Rhoads, the Rhoads-Smith family, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. Raymond was predeceased by son, Alexander, his parents, and brother, Russell.

Name	Class affiliation	Date of death
Nancy (Hoffacker) Miller	T'88	October 2024
The Rev. Dr. Alan Salmon	T'89	August 2024
Mary (Winston) Nazareth	T'89	September 2024
Dr. Lawrence Bullard	T'89	October 2024
The Rev. Michael Welsh	T'90	October 2024
Dr. Neva (Hartman) Leatherwood	T'92	June 2024
Dr. Paul Winkler	T'93	July 2021
Dr. Gary Olson	T'93	August 2024
The Rev. Edward Rigg	T'96	July 2023
The Rev. Dr. Elwin Hunt	T'97	February 2024
The Rev. Dr. Leora Liggins	T'00	August 2017
Helen "Kay" Holmes	T'01	September 2011
The Rev. Grant Nicholls	T'01	October 2024
The Rev. William Moore	T'05, P'88,'03	February 2024
The Rev. Dr. Craig Brown	T'11	May 2024

Remembering Dr. Donald Kirkham T'68



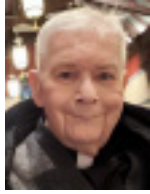
Donald H. Kirkham, 85, Pastor Emeritus of the Stratford United Methodist, died on December 4, 2023, of complications of Lewy Body Dementia. Born in 1938 to the late Phillip and Mary Anne Kirkham in Sydney, Australia, he was educated at Fort Street Boys' High School, Bathurst Teachers' College, and the University of Sydney. He taught elementary school and worked for the Commonwealth Office of Education.

In 1966, Don came to the United States to study at Drew University, where he earned a Bachelor of Divinity. While Assistant Minister at St. James Methodist Church in Lynbrook, New York, he met his future wife, Phebe Weissner, and decided to stay in the United States. After being ordained in the United Methodist Church, Don began his ministry in East Village (Monroe). He earned a PhD at Duke University, where he was a Dempster Fellow, before continuing his ministry in West Haven. After teaching theology at Phillips University Divinity School in Enid, Oklahoma, he returned to Connecticut to lead churches in Darien and then Stratford. He continued to teach, focusing on Methodist history and polity at Yale Divinity School. He was appointed District Superintendent for Central Connecticut and after completing his term, went to Jesse Lee (Easton). Even in retirement, Don served when called, acting as Interim at Monroe. Don was on the Board of Ordained Ministry, United Methodist Homes, and was a delegate to the World Methodist Conference.

In his later years, Don spent his summers at his lake cottage in New Hampshire, sailing, canoeing, and observing the eagles and loons. He collected Methodist and John Wesley memorabilia, and researched his family history, publishing *Eastenders: The Kirkhams from Poplar*. With more time to devote to writing, he was able to revise his doctoral dissertation into a book: *Outside Looking In: Early Methodism as Viewed by its Critics*, which won the 2020 Saddlebag Selection Award.

He was predeceased by his sister Janet. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Phebe, daughter, Phebe (Eric), son, Jonathan (Sarah), grandchildren Phebe, Graydon, Keaton and Katherine; and several nieces and nephews. His surviving family in Australia includes a niece, two nephews, and cousins, whom he remained in close contact with and frequently visited.

Remembering The Reverend Jack Haney T'66



Rev. Jack H. Haney, of Fairhaven, MA, passed away at home on Thursday, June 6, 2024. Jack was born in Camden, NJ to Beulah Flanagan Haney and John "Jack" Hartley Haney on May 26, 1938.

He earned a BA from West Virginia Wesleyan in 1962 and a Master of Divinity from Drew University Theological School in 1966. Jack was

always a spiritual seeker, serving as clergy in three denominations before finding his home within the Episcopal church.

He served congregations in various states with his last full-time position at Christ Church in North Conway, NH. Jack loved his time post-retirement as an interim priest including stints in Biddeford, ME and at St. Mary's in Falmouth, ME. Jack had a way of building relationships among his parishioners that lasted to his final days.

Jack loved books, flowers, and family. He leaves behind a book collection that could start a theological bookstore...or a mystery bookstore...or both! If someone didn't bring him flowers, he had no problem summoning them from a florist. He loved the color and beauty of floral arrangements. Nothing brightened Jack's spirits more than a visit from his daughter Kristin and his great-grandson.

Jack is survived by his partner, Eric Braitmayer; his daughter, Kristin Haney, and her partner, Warren; his brother, Fred, and his wife, Michelle; his grandchildren, Taylor Haney and Jaz Greiss; his great-grandson, Jasper Greiss; and nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents and his daughter, Kara Denise Haney.

Jack also had an affinity for Cornish Rex cats. He is survived by Sir Impey Biggs, who is missing him dearly, and was predeceased by Euclid and Basil.

Jack had a challenging health history and was dependent on others for many years before his passing. His final years were greatly improved by the loving care he received from Kyle Eastman and Lisa Costa. They are part of the family now! We are also forever grateful for the care he received from Community Nurse Home Care and Southcoast Health.

The Caspersen School

Name	Class affiliation	Date of death
Dr. Thurman Coss	G'57	March 2022
Dr. Daniel Bechtel	G'64	October 2017
Dr. Paul Rahmeier	G'70	February 2024
Dr. Rexford Tucker	G'70	March 2024
Dr. Donald Shaner	G'70	June 2024
Duran Palmertree	G'74	December 2022
Dr. William Augman, Jr.	G'81,83	August 2021
Steven Nicklas	G'81	November 2023
Dr. Kathleen Lowney	G'84,'86	January 2024
Dr. Robert Rakestraw	G'85	April 2021
Kathleen Khachaturian	G'86	October 2024
Josephine Deininger	G'90	April 2019
Teresa Miller	G'90	October 2019
Anne Lyon	G'90	May 2024
The Rev. Dr. William Elkins	G'90,'93, Former Faculty/Staff	May 2024
Robert Harte	G'95	June 2019
Claire Fox	G'96	September 2008
Dr. Eugene Zins	G'96, Former Faculty/Staff	May 2019
Dr. Paul Powell	G'96,'98	February 2024
Nancy (Mercer) Gerard	G'99	May 2013
The Rev. Ruth (Ocera) Cortez	G'99	June 2021
Dr. Meesaeng Choi	G'99,'02	January 2024
Janice Levine	G'00	February 2024
The Rev. LaGretta Bjorn	G'01	April 2016
George Peterson, III	G'02	October 2024
Dr. Michael D. Benjamin	G'04,'05,'07	July 2020
Dr. Silvia (Jaramillo) Jaeger	G'05,'11	January 2021
Dr. Keith Drumbore	G'07	January 2022
Patricia Ann "Patti" Janos	G'08	August 2024

Remembering Al "Shep" Shapero C'51, P'84



Alfred Shapero died peacefully at home overlooking his mountain view in Charlottesville, Virginia, in the early morning hours of January 22, 2024. Al was born in New York City on November 23, 1926. He grew up on the Upper West Side of Manhattan playing stickball and handball and participating in Boy Scouts, where he learned how to swim and how to be comfortable in the

woods. Due to his mother's rheumatoid arthritis, he spent much of his youth in the company of his paternal grandmother, who baked every week and instilled in him a love of apple pie and the ability to make a good loaf of bread.

Al graduated from the McBurney School in 1944 and enlisted in the Navy at 17, serving on the U.S.S. Stickell as a Radioman Third Class in the waning days of WW2. He then attended Drew University, graduating in 1951 with a degree in political science, and the Harvard Business School, graduating in 1953. He followed his Drew friends to Washington, DC, and found a job in retailing at Woodward & Lothrop, where he met his future wife, Kathryn Peters, who had grown up on a farm in Aspers, Pennsylvania. They married in 1956 and enjoyed family life together until her death in 1993.

Al worked for the IBM Corporation for 26 years, retiring in 1987 as IBM Director of Financing. He then took a retirement job as Vice President of Finance at Outward Bound USA. In 1996, he retired for good and relocated to Charlottesville, Virginia.

Al had a wonderful life in Charlottesville for 28 years, enjoying the company of his partner Candy Goodyear, her extended family, and the many friends he made in the community. He loved a good dinner with friends and family gathered around the table and gave a great dinner party.

Al was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Charlottesville and the Albemarle Amateur Radio Club (N2YDW). A true believer in exercise, he worked with a personal trainer at Success Studio until he was 93. He was an avid reader of history and mysteries and kept up with current affairs until his last week. His favorite places of retreat were the Pemaquid Region of Maine and Wellfleet, Massachusetts.

Survivors include his daughter Nancy (Bill McIlroy), his son Andrew (Amy), his partner Candy, and his faithful feline, Cupcake. Favorite "Opa" of Isabel and Ellie.

The family is very grateful to his longtime caregivers, Lucy and Lou, his PT, Sherri, and trainer, Melissa, and his wonderful care team at Virginia at Home, Karen and Tuula.

Faculty, Staff, and Friends

Name	Class affiliation	Date of death
Elpis Chandras	Friend	August 2022
Dr. Frank Dent	Friend, Former Faculty/Staff	December 2023
Dr. Thomas Christofferson	Emeritus Faculty	January 2024
Father Gabriel Coless	Friend, Former Faculty/Staff	February 2024
Warren Sinsheimer	Friend, Honorary Drew Degree	February 2024
William Hudzik	Friend	February 2024
Betty Keibler	Friend	March 2024
Frances Sykes	Friend	March 2024
Solveig Forsythe	Friend, Former Faculty/Staff	April 2024
The Rev. Carole McCallum	Friend, Former Faculty/Staff	April 2024
Dr. Robert Oxnam	Friend, Board of Visitors	April 2024
Solveig "Sue" Buechler	Friend, Former Faculty/Staff	April 2024
Douglas Rigg	Friend, Former Faculty/Staff	April 2024
Laurie Hagerich	Friend	April 2024
Joseph "Josie" Cook	Friend, Retired Faculty/Staff	June 2024
Frank Benedict	Friend	June 2024
Richard Malishchak	Friend	July 2024
Robert Berkin	Friend	July 2024
Clare Callender	Friend	July 2024
Dr. Barbara Oberg	Friend	September 2024
Dr. William Stroker	Friend, Emeritus Faculty	October 2024



Drew University Mourns the Loss of Father Gabriel Coless



Drew University is mourning the loss of beloved adjunct professor **Fr. Gabriel Coless**, who passed away on February 12, 2024. He was 93 years old.

Fr. Gabriel, as he was affectionately called, began a long and distinguished career at Drew in 1968. He taught a variety of graduate and doctoral courses in the Religious Studies program at Drew's Caspersen School of Graduate Studies.

He retired from Drew in 2015.

Known as a great educator, Fr. Gabriel taught at several other institutions, including the Delbarton School and St. Mary's Abbey School of Theology in Morristown, New Jersey. He also led courses at Caldwell University in Caldwell, New Jersey.

"Father Gabriel's life was marked by a passion for learning and a love of language," said Fr. Michael Tidd at the funeral mass. "Students who were with him in his graduate seminars relate that renowned for their depth and intimacy. Fr. Gabriel's love of words and the word was readily evident throughout his life."

The author of many published articles, Fr. Gabriel was a herbalist, medievalist, and a member of many organizations, including the American Academy of Religion, the North American Academy of Liturgy, and the New Jersey Herb Society of America.

Fr. Gabriel studied Latin at the University of Notre Dame, completed his theological studies at St. Mary's Abbey School of Theology, and studied romance philology at Columbia University. He was awarded a licentiate degree and a doctorate in liturgy from Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo in Rome.

Drew University Mourns the Passing of Longtime Professor Tom Christofferson



Drew University mourns the passing of **Tom Christofferson**, who taught in the College of Liberal Arts and Caspersen School of Graduate Studies for 40 years (1973 to 2002).

Christofferson passed away in January at the age of 84.

A graduate of the University of North Dakota (bachelor's in history) and Tulane University (PhD), Christofferson held several teaching positions across the South before arriving at Drew in 1973.

Christofferson taught medieval and modern European history throughout his 40 years at Drew, and added courses in modern Latin American history to his offerings. He also played a leading role in the school's London and Brussels study abroad programs and helped create a graduate-level program in modern European intellectual history.

He retired in 2002 as the William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of History, having impacted thousands of students and having written scholarly articles and books on the Revolution of 1848 in France, French socialism, and France in World War II.