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# Wooster

WINTER 2014



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Sept. 19, 6:00 p.m. Attended the monthly vegan potluck at the Westminster Presbyterian Church on campus. Dropped my contribution—curried sweet potatoes—on the garage floor. Didn't matter—there was plenty to eat. **(1)** My favorite was spicy peanut noodles.

Oct. 11, 1:00 p.m. Photographed students in Prof. Matt Mariola's gardening practicum at the COW patch. **(2)** Matt sent me home with two tomatoes—perhaps they were so good because they were the last of the season.

Oct. 29, 11:00 a.m. Interviewed and photographed Chef John Cafarelli '02. For the photo, he prepared one portion of his flaming tequila shrimp appetizer. Took the photo. **(3)** Ate the shrimp. Got the recipe.



Photo by Cally King

Oct. 31, 8:30 a.m. **(4)** Arrived at work to be greeted by Mattie Cannon '14, an art student who offered me free coffee in one of her handmade mugs. As part of her I.S., Mattie is practicing and evaluating “social practice art.” She takes her art to the people, rather than asking them to come to her art. Coffee, made from Peruvian beans from Reach Trade and introduced to the campus by Mattie's friend, Bailey Connor '15, is rich and bold.

Nov. 1, 2:30 p.m. **(5)** Interviewed and photographed hobby farmer Roger Ramseyer '59, who sent me home with a sample of the fruit of his labors—a crispy Melrose—biggest apple I've ever seen.

Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m. **(6)** Attended the Wooster Symphony Orchestra concert. Favorite was Mendelssohn's Scottish Symphony, followed by Peter Wallin's sesame humus on crusty bread.

Nov. 11, 11:30 a.m. Went to Kittredge dining hall to take photos of Dot the service dog lying quietly under the table. **(7)** As long as I was there, decided to take advantage of cheese corn queso with tortilla chips and Mexican fiesta rice.

Nov. 15, 5:30 p.m. Attended reception at Ebert Art Center for the Alumni Board, here for their annual meeting. Students gave presentations on the African art exhibit and a new a cappella group, Shades of Gold, surprised us with a short performance. **(8)** Concert atmosphere was informal and many guests continued to munch on their crostini topped with rare roast beef.

Nov. 23, 6:00 p.m. Good friend Popi Palchoudhuri '16 invited me to the annual South Asian dinner at Kittredge, part of International Education Week. **(9)** Note to self: Cardamom-fragrant carrot gajar ka halwa is an excellent alternative to pumpkin pie for Thanksgiving.

Dec. 8, 2-7:00 p.m. Attended a retreat sponsored by Interfaith Campus Ministry—part of the Intersections program. Funded by a Hewlett Mellon Grant for institutional renewal, the goal of the three-year program is to lift faculty and staff out of their daily “silos” for a more meaningful relationship with others on campus and a deeper understanding of each others' work. **(10)** Retreat concluded with a dinner catered by Wooster Inn, including their rich salted caramel cake.

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS



Mailbox

*From a current student*

## Reshaping Wooster

How much does the cost of tuition really indicate about the quality of education? Are schools that increase costs for the appearance of prestige really providing a public service?

Berea College in Kentucky, like Wooster, has a 501(c)(3) tax designation, meaning they don't have to pay federal income taxes. The idea behind this is that they provide a service to the general public.

At Berea College, one third of students pay nothing, and the rest pay for room and board only. The average student graduates with just \$7,600 in debt. This is a textbook example of a service that is an accessible public benefit. At Wooster, a current freshman can expect to pay about \$113,000 plus inevitable tuition hikes and graduate with \$27,000 of debt. What percentage of the U.S. population do you think could realistically access a Wooster education? (Hint: It's *really* small.)

The reality is that excessive spending and extravagant amenities have made a College of Wooster education too financially overbearing to be considered accessible. Although this, of course, depends on how much debt a student is willing to burden for an undergraduate degree.

Berea College has an advantage, however, that makes it a lot easier for them to remain a public service. They have an endowment of more than \$1 billion. However, they also spend much less than Wooster does. Between 2010 and 2012, Wooster increased spending on "student services" from \$13.4 million to \$16.2 million. Berea College spent just \$9.1 million on student services in 2012. Even though they spent 7.1 times more on expenses labeled "public service" than Wooster, Wooster still managed to outspend Berea overall. Oh, and the fun part: Berea is considered a top national liberal arts college.

So let's stop thinking that money is an indicator of educational quality. Let's stop thinking we need to constantly renovate our buildings so they're assets to attract students. Let's be independent minds and reject the notion that we must follow the trend of skyrocketing prices and spending for the sake of the prestige it's supposed to buy. Let's reshape Wooster into the school it was meant to be.

JAI RANCHOD '15

ELWOOD CITY, PENN.

*(Data provided by the National Center for Education Statistics, Berea College financial office, College of Wooster financial office, and the College Board.)*

## What's going on in the College's Oak Grove?

Reading *Wooster* in 2013 was an interesting trip. After Jim Sentman's winter letter suggested "informed, rational Christianity" would strengthen us, Janice Kazmaier's spring letter proclaimed she was "insulted."

I think claiming "insult" sometimes means: "Be silenced. How dare you disagree with me?" Let's not pretend that's "inclusive." That's hidden indoctrination. Coercive. Insidious. Imperious. If I claim I'm always "the most insulted"—do I "win"? What do I win? Where's the conversation?

As Thoreau said: "I was not born to be forced." Not into faith. Not out of faith. And certainly not into mere religion—including secular humanism.

Though Christ was frowned upon, "playful" Greek god Dionysus (named "Bacchus" by the Romans) was glorified in spring's opening article. Monica Florence (Classical Studies assistant professor) likened the "state-sanctioned revelry" of the Dionysian parade—followed with comic theatre and family picnics—to our I.S. parade. Really? Ray Vander Laan, Holy Land guide and teacher, says during processions, followers of Dionysus carried that god's symbol—an image of a giant phallus—with festivals ending in ritual sexual intercourse and extreme intoxication.

What's going on down there in The College's Oak Grove, anyway?

Florence didn't mention that Rome—no stranger to horror and lust—outlawed their Bacchanalia. Maybe drunken pagans seeking ecstatic experiences roaming the countryside laughing (maniacally) at your door at night isn't always so playful after all?

The College's free thinking was praised in Jill Reeves' spring letter. Poet Robert Frost, who wrote "The Road Not Taken," compared writing free verse (poems lacking consistent rhyme and meter) to playing tennis with the net down. I think that's true of "free thinking," too.

One article on the spirit of another game (summer's "A Day to Remember" by Leah Brown) reminded me of Christianity. I can imagine Jesus playing Ultimate.

Taking the road less traveled led me to the Ultimate—Jesus Christ—and that has made all the difference.

BRENDA MILLER '85

ORRVILLE, OHIO





I am from the class of '67 and noticed the series of notices of those deaths among those who shared time at Wooster with me. After 46 years, I recognized a few names, could put out-of-date faces with one, maybe two (I would have to dig out a yearbook and check on the second), yet felt a strange kinship with them.

**Alumni: In Memoriam**  
*of names of faintest recall*

Oblique, these notices of death of happenings in former times before this happenstance of rime, lie simply on the page. We know they're notices and little more,

of lives that strived and answered, guessed, amused and mused and fussed and fused about too many details—we who skim this page forever find that myriad of interlacings,

the innuendoes, traces, facts, those momentary asides that mean a human quality is spent on some elusive, long forgotten, intensive personality.

All that is missing, left to some spark memory provides of one slight nuance tied to one of these named notices of death, the sum of one uniquely lithe, full life.

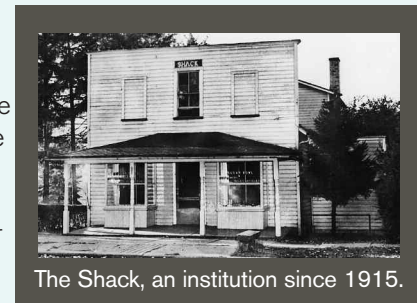
BILL FLEWELLING '67  
PROCTOR, W. V.



**The Shack closes its doors**

The Shack, both beloved restaurant and home to its founders, the Syrios family, has closed its doors. The Syrios family offered to sell the property to the College following the June 2012 death of Anna Syrios '48, who had lived in an attached house. The old landmark is surrounded by campus buildings, and the College quickly accepted the offer.

Although the College offered to continue to lease the restaurant space to the Shack's operators—renters who had been leasing it from the Syrios'—the offer was declined. College administrators say they have not yet decided how the property will be used, but that there are no plans to raze the building.



The Shack, an institution since 1915.

The walls are bare, the old "Shack" sign is down, but memories remain. The notorious Shack Rats remember sneaking out of chapel and heading towards the only privately owned property on campus that allowed smoking. Elder alumni remember the distinctive greeting of owner and Greek emigrant Bill Syrios—"Thank you, please," as he bade guests farewell and jotted down in his little black book meals that had been charged on credit. War times were rough, and sometimes students didn't pay their bills until after they graduated. But Bill trusted that they would come through and they did.

Bill Syrios was a father figure to students, and in turn the students were family to Bill and Mary's three children—Anna '48, William '50, and Gus '52. "Wooster students taught me English and how to play bridge," the late Anna Syrios told *Wooster* magazine in Fall, 2006. "They were family."

Members of the family remember long bridge games and Benny Goodman tunes. They remember arguing about God and country over lime cokes and cigarettes, and the delicious feeling of being a renegade.

But over the years, students had stopped coming to the Shack. "It's not the same," Anna said. "Things move on."





## Just Work

*Students work alongside front-line staff members and discover new meaning in just work.*

There was plenty of cerebral digging and philosophical musing in Charles Kammer's new religious studies course dubbed "Just Work." The 11 students read an eclectic assortment of texts—from Studs Terkel, to John Paul II, to Karl Marx. The questions were huge and the answers contradictory: What makes a job a chore and what makes it a calling? Are there logical and moral reasons for huge differences in compensation? What constitutes just/moral treatment of others in work place interactions? What is the impact of inequalities?

But mostly, the course was about experiencing work in a deliberate and reflective way. The main requirement of the class was for the students to work three to four hours every week alongside workers in three campus areas—food services, housekeeping, and grounds, and to write about and share their experiences.

A few hourly workers and administrative representatives from the three areas regularly attended the class, which is part of a campus program funded by a three-year grant from the Hewlett Mellon Grant for institutional renewal. Also part of the program is *Intersections*, coordinated by Interfaith Ministries, designed to strengthen relationships between faculty and staff by better understanding each other's jobs.

The students found that experiencing work was no less contradictory than studying it. They discovered that:

### **Serving students can be rewarding.**

**From Andrea Roganovic '14:** "Today I worked at the grill again and felt a sense of continuity and purpose. Christine stressed to me the value of Southern hospitality and how the best part of her job is talking with students, especially those who are polite and well-mannered, which she believes most students are."

### **Cleaning up after students is a different story.**

**From Faye Levin-O'Leary '16:** "Many students have a strong sense of entitlement. They either do not notice the workers who have to clean up after them or they do not care. . . One thing that might help with relations and general student responsibility is if more students actually knew the staff, and vice versa. It is more difficult to make a mess and not attempt to clean it up, knowing that Dennis, Phil, or Raymond is going to have to clean it up . . ."



Matt Germaine '15, a member of "Just Work" (referred to by staff workers as "That Class") receives pancake-making tips from Christine Lewis. Germaine: "What a different perspective (you get) on the other side of a four foot-wide counter."

Photo by Karol Crosbie

**Conversations with their Just Work mentors were enlightening and unpredictable**, spanning subject areas as diverse as Catholicism, limited sick days and break times, Karl Marx, pride in work, embarrassment in work, the worst dorms to work in, children, the Reagan administration, and the Browns vs. Bengals game.

**Feelings of isolation and a plunge in meaning occurred when conversation and interaction with others was limited** by the buzz of a hedge trimmer, the whine of a vacuum cleaner, or the roar of a dishwasher:

**From Andrea Roganovic:** "You barely if ever have any reason to leave the dish room, which prevents you (except for bathroom breaks or lunch breaks) to take a few moments to rest your ears and speak to someone without the constant buzz of the dishwasher. Moreover, since this job is in the back you are also not in contact with students. This last isolation seems to be the most important one to consider for me. I say this because these women who work here conduct one of the





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were made and  
trust was built.”*

most essential tasks for us students, yet we never see their faces and they never see our faces.”

**The students’ pride in accomplishment came in unexpected ways**—from being trusted with the leaf blower to making pizzas.

**From Daniel Boyce ’16:** “I thought that after working at the grill about three times that I was gonna go there and just do the same things over and over again but I was wrong. I learned how to make the prepared eggs that are in the steam tray and I also learned how to make the oh-so delicious Buffalo Chicken Sandwich.”

**Friendships, trust, and insights transformed how class members felt about the College’s unseen staff and in turn, how the staff felt about them.**

**From Amy Huffenberger ’15:** “(My supervisor) started talking about work. She said she wished she’d done something else. She said she feels like she could have been a nurse, but there was no money to go to college and so she had to do what she had to do. That’s life. She says she just has to wait it out until retirement—just wait it out because she hasn’t got a choice. She talks with a sort of heaviness about it and the heavy feeling is contagious, like we’re mourning together.”

**From Paige Ambord ’14:** “I am continuously struck by what an incredibly kind woman Christy is. As we drove by the Shack at one point, she saw an elderly woman struggling down a step and stopped the truck to have me help her step down. At another point she told me—in the same breath—that she was worried about money for Christmas this year and that she needed to remember to fill a box with toys for a child in need in a foreign country. She really is very impressive and I think I want to be more like her.”

**From Daniel Boyce:** “Brianna commented that she finds she does more work with me around than without me because I make so many mistakes. However she also said that she has a lot more fun when I am there because she gets to make fun of me for my ability—or rather inability—to cook something as simple as eggs. I learned today that if Brianna and I had both been studying at Wooster together we would be very good friends.”

Says Prof. Kammer, “Friendships were made and trust was built. It exceeded our expectations.”

The course will be offered again next year.



## The 10:00 p.m. potluck

It falls to Angela Johnston, chief of staff and secretary of the College, to organize many staff events, and this past winter something occurred to her: That the third shift—those unseen staff members who work while others sleep—were almost always excluded from parties, socials, and recognition meals. “So the staff committee decided to invite campus-wide faculty and staff to bring food to the third-shift workers for a 10:00 p.m. dinner.” Pajamas were encouraged.

No pajamas arrived, but many crockpots and desserts did. So many, in fact, that food was packaged and delivered to various buildings for a home-baked snack during the night.

The staff committee also organized a Custodial Appreciation Week, in which a book of letters of appreciation from the entire campus community was created for each custodian.

Johnston says she hopes to make the “third-shift carry-in” a tradition.

Tom Harland, security and protective services, and Tim Covert, custodial services.

Photo by Matt Dilyard





*“Investing in education is a profoundly optimistic act—a vote of confidence in the future.” . . . President Grant Cornwell*

*A message from the president*

## Investing in our future

All education, from preschool to post-docs, is an investment in the future, an investment whose return is realized not simply by the students themselves but by the wider world into which they graduate to live and work. The return comes in many forms, from scientific and medical discoveries to leadership in business and government, to inspiring service to society.

Those who invest their resources, wisdom, and time to strengthen the quality and scope of educational opportunity, therefore, have a profound impact not only on generations of individual men and women but on the contours of the world those men and women will help shape. Investing in education, in both senses, is a



Ruth and Morris Williams were on campus to present President Cornwell with the single largest gift in the College's history.

profoundly optimistic act—a vote of confidence in the future.

Throughout its history, Wooster has been blessed by the support of so many men and women who share that optimism and confidence. They endow scholarships and professorships, library funds and departmental funds. They give faithfully to The Wooster Fund, year after year, and respond when the call goes out for a special initiative like the construction of the Scot Center or the renovation of Kauke.

In recent months, we have seen a breathtaking example of that spirit, in Ruth and Morris Williams's visionary gift of \$15 million to support science education at Wooster—\$10 million to help fund construction of a new, integrated science facility; \$3 million to endow new scholarships for science majors; and \$2 million to endow the Whitmore-Williams Professorship in computational biology or bioinformatics. I am inspired by the commitment that Ruth and Morris have to Wooster, demonstrated both by their generosity and by Ruth's active engagement as a trustee for almost 20 years.

It seems fitting that at the same time we are celebrating the largest single gift in Wooster's history, we also are watching the transformation of Gault Schoolhouse, a transformation made possible by Stan Gault, whose cumulative philanthropic impact on this college over the course of six decades has no equal. The stunning, loft-style suites being created in Gault Schoolhouse seem destined to be among the most sought after student residences on campus next fall, and for a long time to come.

The thousands of individuals who choose to invest this year and every year in our students and in the future of the college are a source of inspiration to all of us who are privileged to work here and share in the mission of this special place. Thank you.

*Grant Cornwell*

## APEX Fellows connect with alumni

When the first group of APEX Fellows fanned out to their internships and field experiences around the country last summer, they each had been given introductions to local Wooster alumni, with whom they were encouraged to connect. Some met over coffee, or lunch, or a walk in the park. For most, it was their first experience tapping into the Wooster alumni network.

**Ariel Veroske** '14, who interned at WETA-TV in Washington, D.C., says the best part of her conversations with alumni, including **Dave Lohr** '01, **Megan Thomas** '08,

and **Barry Eisenberg** '85, was “hearing how they leverage their liberal arts education” and realizing that “even though we all had different majors, we all shared a set of skills” honed at Wooster.

**Shyniece Ferguson** '14 received advice from **Ryan Bagley** '03 about grad school (“don't rush it”) and about post-college life. “He told me to remember that it's like starting college all over again, and it's OK to start from the bottom. If you work hard, you'll get where you want to go.”

The power of networking, particularly the Wooster network, was brought home to **Danielle Shepherd** '14 as she visited with **Katie Grafer** '00 in Charlotte, N.C. Shepherd, a



*APEX Fellowships are a critical avenue for experiential learning*

## Arthur Vining Davis and Andrew Family foundations boost APEX Fellowships

**T**hanks to generous grants from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations and the family of former trustee Edward J. Andrew, the number of APEX Fellowships available to Wooster students next summer will more than double. APEX Fellowships allow students to take advantage of internships and other opportunities that would otherwise be out of reach financially.

In November, the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations announced that they will provide \$250,000 in the form of a bridge grant that will enable the college to increase the number of fellowships available now, while working to grow the APEX endowment to provide even more support for fellowships in the future. The foundations are a national philanthropic organization established through the generosity of the late American industrialist, Arthur Vining Davis, which from their inception have been strongly committed to the support of private higher education in America, with particular emphasis on private, four-year, residential liberal arts colleges.

That news followed the announcement in October that Edie Andrew, the Andrew Family Foundation, and the BARKLEE Foundation will provide \$100,000 per year to fund approximately 25-30 APEX Fellowships for Wooster students, beginning this year. They also announced plans to fund the fellowships permanently by establishing the Edward J. Andrew Fellowship Endowment, named in honor of Edie Andrew's late husband, a 1961 graduate of The College of Wooster and member of the college's board of trustees from 1982 until 2008, with a \$2 million bequest from her estate.

**Are you interested in expanding APEX fellowship opportunities to even more students by contributing to the APEX endowment? Please contact Laurie Houck, vice president for development and alumni relations, at [lhouck@wooster.edu](mailto:lhouck@wooster.edu) or 330-263-2080.**

**Interested in connecting with an APEX Fellow during a summer internship?**

**Contact Landre McCloud at [lmcloud@wooster.edu](mailto:lmcloud@wooster.edu).**

APEX is The College of Wooster's center for integrated student academic and career advising, planning, and experiential learning. It is a one-stop shop where students work with staff to explore and develop their educational and career plans, and to connect classroom learning with real-world experience through an array of internships, field experiences, entrepreneurship programs, and research opportunities. APEX Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis.

"APEX encourages students at Wooster to become passionately engaged in their education and empowers them to make more informed and intentional academic, professional, and personal choices," said Wooster President Grant Cornwell. "We are extremely grateful to both the Andrew family and the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations for their strong and timely support of this endeavor."

math and physics major, is interested in using her skills to work in the world of auto racing. Grafer, a marketing manager at Bank of America, has a good Wooster friend—**Chris Abele '02**—who works for Chip Ganassi Racing, one of the top racing organizations in the country. Grafer turned her friendship into a valuable connection and last fall, Shepherd drove to Indianapolis to meet Abele and tour the Ganassi facilities.

The connections they made with alumni were confidence-boosters, say the students. Also, they plan to pay it forward. Says Veroske, "When I'm 30 or 40 or 50, if Wooster students contact me, of course I'll meet with them!"



APEX Fellow Danielle Shepherd



APEX Fellow Ariel Veroske





## Increased action and visibility for WOO 91

Wooster's student-run radio, WOO 91 has new digs in the lower level of the Lowry Student Center. The small space is cozy, says adviser John Finn, director of public information, but the station's increased visibility (its former home was the second floor of Wishart Hall) is already paying dividends.

"We're seeing increased interest in hosting shows—not only from students, but also from faculty and staff," he says. All hosts and members of the station management team take a three-week seminar from Finn, whose main focus is on a delivery that is both professional and distinctive. "I ask them, 'Who do you want to be? What is your on-air persona?'"

The 60 students involved this spring (up 50 percent from a year ago) represent a broad range of majors. Some may go on for a career in broadcast journalism, says Finn, but for many, "This is the only time they'll get a chance to do this." The music and programs are as eclectic as the hosts—ranging from sports commentary to an international music show, to the I.S. Show, hosted by general manager Jeremy Ludemann '14.

The College's radio station was launched in 1949, when Bob Smith '51 petitioned the administration for a station. In 1968, the station switched to the FM band and became WCWS, operating at 91.9. In 1984, chief engineer Herman Gibbs petitioned for an increase in power from 388 to 890 watts and for the installation



of a new 100-foot antenna tower. In 1986, the College received an additional increase in power from the FCC and a move down the dial to 90.9 FM, where it resides today.

In the fall of 2004, a Christian radio group from Texas challenged the WCWS FCC license on the basis of its abbreviated broadcast schedule. Administrators quickly responded by purchasing a system that would keep the station on the air 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. At about the same time, students came up with a new name and a new identify for the station. WCWS became WOO 91.

*Listen online at*

<http://woo91.sites.wooster.edu/content/station-management>



## New Alumni Board members

Danny George '04, Hummelstown, Penn; Emmanuel Sterling '07, New York, N.Y.; Annie Longworth '92, San Francisco, Calif.; David Lohr '01, Arlington, Vir.; Jennie Saliers '93, Atlanta, Ga.; Divya Thadani '99, Rumson, N.J. (not pictured, Lee Limbird '70)

The 22-member Alumni Board is an elected advisory group of The Alumni Association. Members serve three-year terms and meet on campus biannually. Six members also serve as members of the Board of Trustees, including new members Jennie Saliers and Lee Limbird.

Current president is Dave Gilliss '80.





## Serving to learn, learning to serve

The tradition of fostering service dogs in-training is alive and well this year in the Kennedy apartments. Twelve women and three dogs—Tatiana, Dot, and Eliam, shared as many experiences and spaces as they could in their semester together last fall. The students' assignment from 4 Paws for Ability in Xenia, Ohio was to include the dogs in their daily routines. "They need to be used to anything and everything," says Madelaine Flynn '15, who is spearheading the campus effort.

So the dogs accompanied the women to class, meals, walks, and evening events. Areas that needed improvement became clear. For example, when Tatiana was included in the audience at the Common Grounds coffee house, she was startled by the applause that followed the performance of one of her humans, Chelsea Frye. (Didn't clapping signify she was supposed to do something?) So her foster moms took her to a variety of occasions in which clapping was present, and she learned audience protocols.

When Dot first came to campus she was a little afraid of fountains, very excited by squirrels, and confounded by her own reflection. Her owners provided varied experiences, including taking her to the campus nursery school. "The kids gave her treats and we had a discussion about other animals that might provide service," says Flynn. "My favorite answer was 'service worms.'"

Games at a nearby soccer park and a corn maze at Ramseyer Farms provided good opportunities for kid interactions for Tatiana. "It was fun coming up with places to go," says Lauren MacDonald '15. "We'd say, 'Well, I guess we *have* to go to the yogurt shop tonight.'"

MacDonald is a double major in biology and psychology, is considering veterinary school, and may write her I.S. on how dogs contribute to a humane society.

Flynn, a communication sciences and disorders major who may do an I.S. on the benefits of dogs in language development, hopes to see an ongoing, chartered program house for service dogs on campus. "We have big plans," she says.



Dot waits while Madelaine Flynn has lunch; Tatiana attends Lauren MacDonald's writing class and accompanies Chelsea Frey '15 on a walk. The dogs have returned to Four Paws for Ability, and have been replaced this semester with three furry rookies.

Photos by Karol Crosbie





# Legacy

## STUDENTS



### LEGACY STUDENTS Class of 2017

Generations of families have a way of sticking with us. Here are first-year students who are descendants of Wooster alumni.

#### **Berg, Jared M.**

Berg, Michael S. '84, father

#### **Bacon Ehlers, Sarah C.**

Bacon, Elizabeth R. '85, mother

Boyd, Brian W. '84, stepfather

Bacon, Jeffrey W. '87, uncle

#### **Buchan, John A.**

Buchan, David S. '78, father

Foster, Sue W. '78, mother

#### **Chatterji, Akiksha A**

Chatterji, Abhijit x'91, father

#### **Christopher, Calvin M.**

Finn, Charles F. '59, grandfather

Howell, Kelley B. '93, aunt

#### **Earle, Jacob**

Earle, Jeffrey M. '81, father

#### **Everett, Katharine M.**

Sauerbrun, Virginia M. '61, grandmother

#### **Geissler, Hannah C.**

Kirkpatrick, Mary L. x'73, grandmother

Brubaker, Christopher J. '01, uncle

Brubaker, Daniel W. '03, uncle

#### **Hailperin-Lausch, Jacob**

Lausch, Kristen E. '86, mother

#### **Hostetler, Zoe D.**

Hostetler, Ned E. '75, father

Sheard, Stuart L. '78, uncle

#### **Koeneman, Megan E.**

Park, Francis W. '54, grandfather

Jacobs, M. Sue '54, grandmother

#### **McGrath, Sarah M.**

Atkins, Elizabeth D. '85, mother

#### **Nossman, Nicklaus G.**

Krueger, Sally J. '75, grandmother

#### **Peacock, Victoria E.**

White, Anne W. '88, mother

Peacock, Stephen W. '88, father

White, Thomas M. '91, uncle

#### **Peebles, Vincent C.**

Peebles, Craig L. '72, father

Peebles, Dale L. '70, uncle

Olson, Linda '73, aunt

Peebles, Byron D. '03, cousin

Peebles, Elizabeth G. '05, cousin

#### **Phelps, Maxwell M.**

Phelps, Michael L. '84, father

#### **Reid, Emily T.**

Reid, Robert W. '80, father

Reid, J. Ward x'50, grandfather

#### **Schreiber, Stephen T.**

Schreiber, Stephen T. '67, father

Schreiber, Clare A. (honorary '85, grandmother)

Schreiber, James L. '60, uncle

Schreiber, Ralph W. '64, uncle



Emilio Bartlett

### The family of EMILIO ASENJO BARTLETT

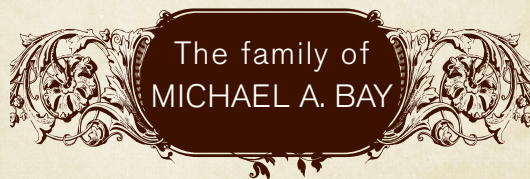


Stephen Bartlett



Katharine Griswold

Bartlett, Stephen D. '80, father  
Bartlett-Asenjo, Daniela '14, sister  
Bartlett-Asenjo, Mara '11, sister  
Griswold, Katharine '56, grandmother  
Griswold, Maud M. '54, great aunt  
Griswold, Lincoln T. '52, great uncle  
Abarca, Isabel L. '16, cousin



Michael Bay



Walter Bay



Eugene Bay

Bay, Walter D. '85, father  
Bay, Eugene C. '59 grandfather,  
trustee emeritus  
Stobo, Jean C. x'60, grandmother  
Bay, Bonnie J. '88, aunt  
Bay, Annelise S. '16, cousin





## The family of ETIENNE V. FANG

### Shepherd, Grant N.

Shepherd, James R. '85, father  
Gross, Sherry A. '87, mother  
Shepherd, Danielle C. '14, sister

### Siegel, Helen G.

Siegel, Donald J. '80, father  
Kenworthy, Deborah A. '70, great aunt

### Smith, Bethany K.

Smith, Darrell R. '89, father  
Smith, E. J. '60, grandmother  
Smith, Gerald E. '60, grandfather  
Smith, Richard G. '36, great grandfather  
Dayton, Jennifer '88, aunt  
Nutt, Jonathan E. '16, cousin

### Snedeker-Meier, Rebecca

Snedeker Meier, Susan '74, mother

### Spadola, Theresa M.

Hook, Arthur R. '53, grandfather  
Hook, Dorothy A. '56, great aunt  
Hook, Kenneth A. x'65, great uncle

### Thomas, Dean E.

Billett, Mary J. '51, grandmother  
MacMillin, David M. x'51, grandfather  
Mac Millin, Howard F. x'19, great grandfather  
MacMillan, Martha '48, great aunt  
Cull, David J. '48, great uncle

### Thompson, Simon P.

Weiler, Judith A. '85, mother  
Weiler, Rose M. '83, aunt  
Weiler, Cynthia C. '80, aunt  
Weiler, Douglas F. '86, uncle  
Weiler, Pamela H. '82, aunt

### Webster, Lydia B.

Webster, James R. '79, father  
Webster, James A. '50, grandfather  
Dutch, Jean E. '50, grandmother  
Webster, Elizabeth J. '83, aunt



Etienne Fang



Arthur, Wilson, Karl, Elias, Otelia, & Mary Compton



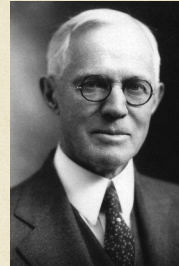
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Helen Harrington



Wilson Compton



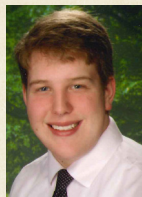
Elias Compton

*Etienne Fang is the great-great-great-granddaughter of Elias Compton, the College's first dean, who served from 1883-1928. Etienne is living in Compton Hall, where portraits of her ancestors welcome her.*

Compton, Elias 1881, great-great-great grandfather  
Compton, Wilson M. 1911, great-great grandfather  
Harrington, Helen 1912, great-great grandmother  
Compton, Karl T. 1908, great-great uncle  
Compton, Arthur H. 1913, great-great uncle  
Compton, Mary E. '11, great-great aunt  
Compton, John J. '49 trustee emeritus, great uncle  
Compton, Catherine R. '44, great grandmother  
and many more!



Watson, Margot '83, mother  
Lecompte, Emily K. '14, sister  
Moser, Janice D. '58, grandmother  
Watson, Robert F. '58, grandfather  
Gifford, Elise W. '14



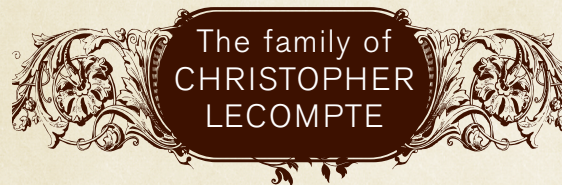
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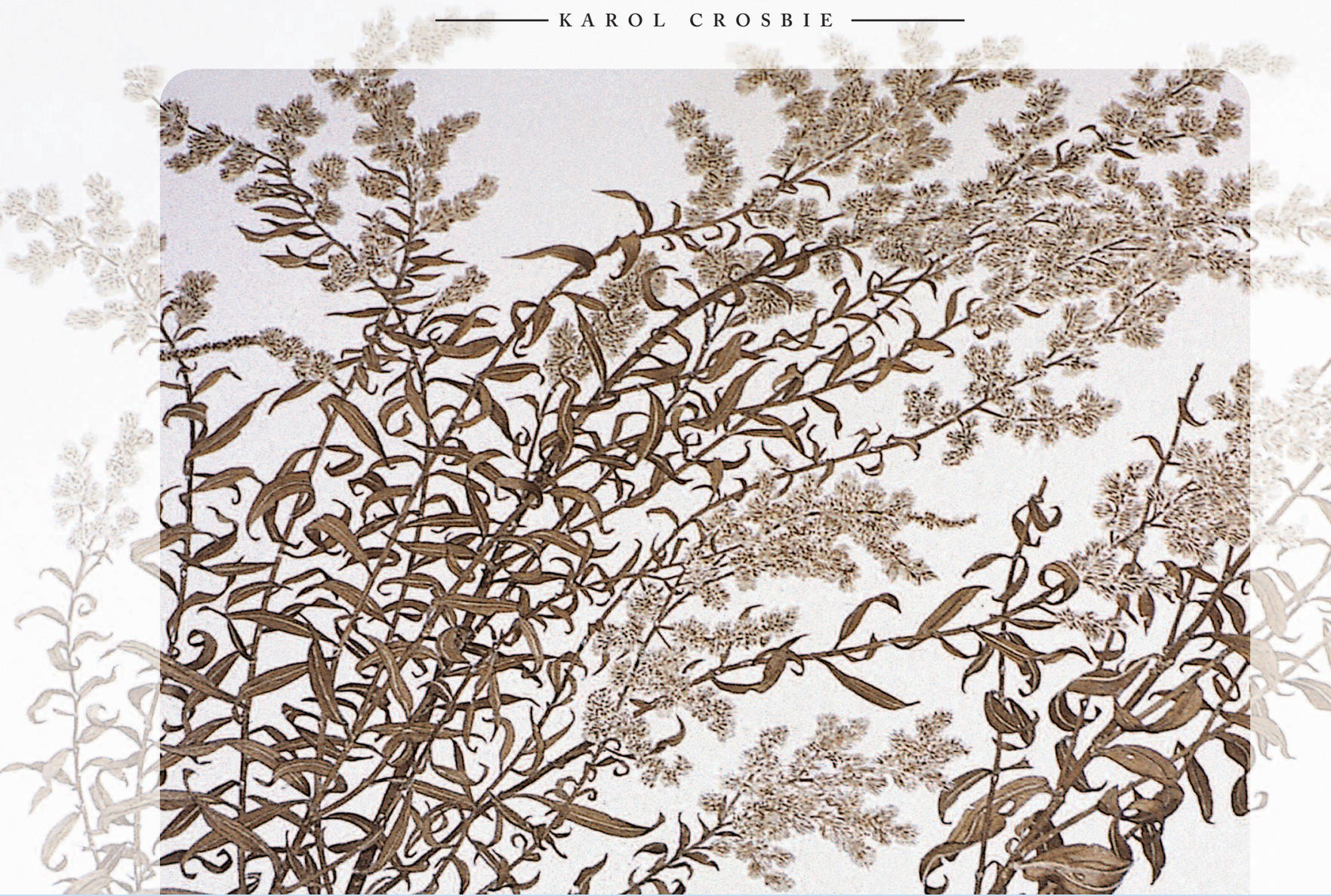
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*different*

# LENSES

*Wooster roots come from many sources. Inspiration and knowledge are nurtured in diverse ways.*

AN INTERSECTION OF PEOPLE AND PLANTS ON CAMPUS



*George Olson specializes in the delicate art of botanical illustration, with a special focus on flowers and grasses from the vanishing American prairie.*



# *fleabane*

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE **ARTIST**

**A**bout halfway through his 37-year tenure as professor of art at Wooster, George Olson began a new specialization—the delicate art of botanical illustration, with a special focus on flowers and grasses from the vanishing American prairie. He found many sources of inspiration on campus—prairie plants used intentionally in landscapes and those remaining from the College’s past. On one occasion, for example, he found Fleabane growing in the parking lot outside his office in the Severance art building. He plucked it, took it inside to his studio, and began work. First came a detailed pencil drawing, followed by watercolor. Olson’s parking lot Fleabane is now part of the permanent collection in the British Museum of Natural History.

## *Fleabane*

▲ George Olson’s *Fleabane* is now part of the permanent collection in the British Museum of Natural History.



Olson's watercolors, which have been described as a "gracious restoration of the ecology of our inner and outer worlds," have been shown in more than 30 one-person exhibitions in venues such as the British Museum of Natural History, the Missouri Botanical Garden, the Chicago Botanical Garden, and the Royal Horticultural Society. His art hangs on the walls of many Wooster friends, and a copy of his book, *The Elemental Prairie—Sixty Tallgrass Plants*, resides in the Timken Science Library. J. Crew clothing recently printed Olson's butterfly weed and aster paintings on t-shirts, which are selling well at the High Line public park in New York City.

Olson, who retired from Wooster in 2000, lives on a farm and prairie in Woodhull, Ill., where he continues to paint.



### Cardinal

▼ Cardinal flowers (*Lobelia cardinalis*) have been planted near the back entrance to the Flo K. Gault Library. The presence of alkaloids in the plant gives it medicinal properties.



### Aster

▲ Asters, hardy and prolific, are used on campus in both rain gardens and butterfly gardens.





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### Coneflower

▶ Coneflowers and a variety of sunflowers play an important role as toxin filters in the research of chemist Paul Edmiston.



# sunflower

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE CHEMIST

**I**f what you see on the corner of College Avenue and Pearl Street is not just a collection of cheery yellow flowers but a bouquet of toxin filters, you just might be a chemist. The small wood sunflowers and asters are essential crewmembers in three rain gardens on campus and part of research conducted by Paul Edmiston, the Theron L. Peterson and Dorothy R. Peterson Professor of Chemistry.

Edmiston invented Osorb, a glass material that absorbs contaminants from water, and in 2008 established ABS Materials, Inc., to commercialize the substance. The company developed Bio-Mix Osorb to mix into the soil to capture chemical contaminants

from parking lots, dumpsters, and houses. Tiny pieces of iron inside the Osorb particles detoxify contaminants and turn them to nutrients, which are harnessed by the flowers and other plants.

A hearty native plant valued by bees, prairies, and chemists, the sunflowers are drought tolerant and multiply easily. On the Wooster campus, sunflower job performance reviews are glowing: Ninety-nine percent of the water that enters the garden (water that used to go into the street) either goes into the ground as clean groundwater or is transpired by the plants. "Osorb and microbes break down and rearrange the atoms, so you don't have toxins," says Edmiston. "Instead you have flowers!"



# UNDER THE *beech tree*

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE **MICROBIOLOGIST**

“**F**ind a plant on campus and describe the bacterial organisms found in its rhizosphere.” Digging into her assignment for Prof. Stephanie Strand’s Microbiology 335 class, Holly Jacobs ’14 applied a trowel to the base of a beech tree and took the soil back to the laboratory to study it under an extremely close-up lens. She extracted bacteria, grew it in a plate, extracted DNA, and sent it to the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) for analysis.

Jacobs was delighted to discover that the soil at the foot of the beech tree contained a strain of *Pseudomonas*, a type of bacteria that she is researching for her Independent Study—of interest because of its potential as a natural control agent of unwelcome plant pathogens.



## *Beech tree*

▲ This beech tree near the library yields its soil for an examination of bacterial organisms by microbiology student Holly Jacobs '14.



## *Milkweed*

▲ Milkweed holds an attraction for man and beast alike. In his book *The Elemental Prairie*, watercolor artist George Olson creates three paintings of the plant.





Both common milkweed and swamp milkweed are found in gardens across campus.



## milkweed

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE  
LARGE MILKWEED BUG

**T**he swamp milkweed plants in the small prairie garden outside Mateer Hall were planted to attract butterflies, but if you're an *Oncopeltus fasciatus*, you figure you'll be welcome, too. And you are. Native to the Eastern United States, these are nymphs, feeding on the sap from the stems, leaves, and seed of the milkweed. "The bugs accumulate toxic cardiac glycosides from the milkweeds (the same chemicals that monarch butterflies also accumulate)," says Lyn Loveless, Horace N. Mateer Professor of Biology. "So they're poisonous if they're eaten. While they may damage the plants superficially, they usually won't kill them."

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OLD GROWTH

# white oak trees

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE  
GEOLOGIST

**W**hat can the Oak Grove's oldest trees tell us about the campus climate in the mid-1800s? Geology major Andy Nash '14 used methods he learned from Professor Greg Wiles to drill back into time and fulfill an assignment for his climate change class. Nash extracted tree cores the size of drinking straws from the oldest trees surrounding Galpin. Back at the tree ring laboratory at Scovel Hall, he dried, sanded, and analyzed the samples.

Nash and the other members of his class team found an explosion of growth in the old trees about the time the campus was built in 1866. Two factors could explain the growth spurt, says Nash. "A lot of trees were being removed to make way for construction of the new campus. As the density of trees declined, so did competition for major resources, such as water and nitrogen." It also could have been due to the trees being treated for the first time with fertilizers and pesticides by a nascent grounds crew.

Nash, who is researching Alaskan glaciers for his Independent Study, has fallen in love with Alaska and hopes to study or work there.

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Nash shares one of his lenses with a young visitor, Violet Stormer Burch, from the College of Wooster Nursery School.

(far right) Nursery school students Estella Lowry and Addison Fallow study tree cookie rings at their playground.







## *Bur Oak*

◀ There are only a few Bur Oaks on campus; they might never find themselves in a tree cookie.

### THROUGH THE LENS OF A CHILD

**O**n their playground at the College of Wooster Nursery School, the children receive their gifts from the College's grounds crew with joy. Called "tree cookies," slices from trees that have been removed on campus can be rolled down hills and stumps can be turned into tables.

But when they visit the tree ring laboratory at Scovel Hall—a long-standing tradition—the children learn about another point of view. Andy Nash and Professor Wiles show them how to count tree rings, look through a microscope at a 2,000-year-old specimen, and make tree necklaces from wood taken from an old barn.





PAPER BARK  
*maple*

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE  
HORTICULTURIST



**I**n the butterfly garden behind Babcock, the glowing paper bark maple is beautiful in all seasons. Its greenish blue leaves turn reddish orange in late fall, and its cinnamon-colored bark adds color and interest to the garden year-round. From China, the species was chosen carefully by Mark Niemczyk, a horticulturist with the College for the past 24 years. As with all his tree choices, Niemczyk considers not only the aesthetics of the tree but also its surroundings. He knew the small maple grows only 6-12 inches every year, would need no pruning, could thrive with relatively low levels of light, and would not overwhelm its surroundings. It thrives in shady areas and provides a focal point for the Corey John Cline memorial butterfly garden.

Niemczyk tends the College's 3,000 trees with care and knows each one of them well. Every tree is plotted on a digital map and has its own information page. He has a special relationship with the 195 trees planted to honor or commemorate members of the Wooster family. Partnering with staff members in development and alumni relations, he helps donors choose a tree or a location that best honors a loved one.

His particular lens must telescope well into the future. "Most homeowners think ahead maybe 30 years," he says. "I think 200 years." With full knowledge of what can happen in a monoculture (see "Remembering the Elms"), Niemczyk's landscaping plans are based on the understanding that diversity is essential.

*Paper Bark  
Maple*

▲ This Paper Bark Maple behind Babcock Hall provides a focal point for the Corey John Cline memorial butterfly garden.

TO VIEW THE DIGITAL MAP, VISIT  
[www.wooster.edu/offices/grounds/trees](http://www.wooster.edu/offices/grounds/trees)





# burdock

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE  
**BIOCHEMISTRY AND RELIGIOUS  
STUDIES DOUBLE MAJOR**

**C**rowded into a weedy patch of sumacs near the baseball field, the burdock plant holds little interest for most campus dwellers. But Caroline Gormley '14 knows that if the same plant were found on an Amish farm, it might be harvested with gentle respect. About the time the biochemistry and religious studies double major began to despair that she might have to write two Independent Studies to accommodate her diverse interests, she became intrigued with the ways that Amish families make use of the plant's antibacterial and anti-inflammatory properties.

Amish families treat burns with an organic salve and then wrap the wound in dried burdock leaves which contain an organic chemical compound—triterpenoids—with properties and results unmatched by medicines developed by the most sophisticated drug companies. Mentored by professor of biochemistry Stephanie Strand and faculty members at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC), Gormley is working to

explain how and why the triterpenoids are so successful. The free medical magic offered up by the large, waxy leaves—which hold promise for treating cancer—includes reducing inflammation and oxidation stress, inducing cell differentiation, and preventing toxin formation.

For the religious studies portion of her research, Gormley is working with associate professor of religious studies Mark Graham. Interested in the necessity of integrating traditional and modern medicine, Gormley is interviewing both Amish practitioners and medical staff at Pomerene Hospital in nearby Millersburg, who use burdock leaves in their burn treatment. “Burdock really works,” Gormley says, “not only because of its properties but because when patients feel comfortable and in control, they heal better.”

Gormley has been accepted into the Peace Corps and is waiting to hear where she will be stationed following graduation.

## Burdock

◀ The burdock plant contains triterpenoids, which have been found to reduce inflammation and oxidation stress, induce cell differentiation, and prevent toxin formation.



# franklin tree

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE **BIOLOGIST**

**T**here are many trees to love on campus, but when Lyn Loveless, professor of biology and department chair, is asked to identify one that has particular meaning, she heads over to the Holden Hall courtyard. “It’s blooming!” she exclaims. In mid-September, the tree’s unusual white flowers announce that this tree is something special.

Extinct in the wild, the *Franklinia alatamaha* has been called the lost camellia, or lost Gordonia. It was discovered in Georgia in 1765 by a Pennsylvania Quaker farmer and self-taught botanist, who named the tree after his good friend, Benjamin Franklin. By 1803 it had completely dis-

appeared from the wild, for reasons that remain a mystery.

All *Franklinias* living today descended from the earliest specimens. The trees are tough to grow. (Wooster’s horticulturist Mark Niemczyk tried to start two near Kauke Hall, to no avail.) The Holden *Franklinia* receives lots of sun and shelter—undoubtedly keys to its success say Loveless and Niemczyk.

Wooster caretakers guess the Holden Franklin is about 40 years old. Typically, the species will live no longer than 50 years. But Wooster’s tree is healthy, says Niemczyk. “We’ve had a few broken limbs here and there from people climbing it. But other than that, it’s doing fine.”



*grass · berries · weeds ·  
trees · soil · flowers ·  
leaves · stems · mulch*

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE **GROUNDSKEEPER**

**T**here is a reason that Wooster's campus continuously garners national landscaping awards. With as many lenses as a dragonfly, grounds director Beau Mastrine is skilled at managing with multifaceted viewpoints. What berries and leaves can be harvested to create winter bouquets? Which grass varieties on the golf course and throughout campus will require fewer nutrients? Which plants must you pick up after (the messy catalpa and sweet gum come to mind) and which will encroach where they aren't wanted? ("Everybody loves English Ivy and wants it growing on signs," says Mastrine. "It's elegant, but it's troublesome.")

What practices will contribute to the College's commitment to sustainability and which plants and trees will enhance teaching and learning? Working with members of the College's Tree Committee, Mastrine is developing a QR code for the College's Tree Walk, which will allow smartphone users to instantly access information about a dozen of the College's more interesting trees. A variety of edible berries are planted throughout campus, and observant campus-dwellers can harvest handfuls on their way to class.

*Black-Eyed  
Susan*

► Grounds director Beau Mastrine (below) is aware of the maintenance requirements of every plant on campus. Black-Eyed Susans, for example, can become a little assertive. Here, they stay in their space in the butterfly garden behind Babcock.



*tillage radish*

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE **ORGANIC GARDENER**

**O**n a sunny day in mid-October, students in Professor Matt Mariola's gardening practicum class inspect the fruits of their labors at the Cow Patch, a garden beside the Wooster Inn used collaboratively by environmental studies and the Office of Student Life. "It's really successful," he tells his students. "You did an amazing job."

The students have hand sown a ground cover of buckwheat, oats, and radish—all plants valued for their afterlife contributions. Fast workers, the plants have just enough time for their semester assignment—germinate, grow, flower, and die before winter. They will quickly decompose, improving the soil as they add organic matter, hold and release nutrients, keep down weeds, and prevent soil erosion.

Of particular interest is the radish, whose spectacular taproot takes over the work of heavy machinery—drilling straight down to till the soil and improve air movement and drainage.





# REMEMBERING *the elms*

THROUGH THE LENS OF THE **POET**

**B**y the time Bill Flewelling's five children attended Wooster, almost all of the College's 440 American Elms had succumbed to Dutch Elm's disease.

But when he was here, the majestic trees "commanded the campus." Today, only four of the large elms remain.

A chemistry major who has had multiple careers—first as a chemical engineer and then as a minister—Flewelling '67 began writing poetry in the early 80s and recently published his sixth book of poems.

## Remembered On The Quad eight elms, as I recall

Those barren winter elms stretch jaggedly into the low snow-promising grey, Wooster overcast normality. The reach

extends majestically in sober witness about the place they dominate. Where students tread the bricks and few steps cross the snow

white lawns these massive trees lend intricate designs above, against the sky.

Yet in this stiff resolve of rising trunks, the sprawl of branches, spray of twigs, the years observed are held inviolate and live so long as these great elms command the campus. They

remain the compass borne in memory, the firm graced grandeur of the mind set free in rooted growth where these majestic trees

have held their sway upon this lithe imagination.



## *Tillage Radish*

▲ Grace Lawton and Galen Cobb '14 show off tillage radishes grown in the Learning Garden as part of a fall sustainable agriculture course.





# Recipes for

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PETER WALLIN

JOHN CAFARELLI

BOB SULICK

WE PAY TRIBUTE TO A FEW

# *Noteworthy Chefs*



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## JEANINE EDMONDS '99

### RITZ CARLTON HOTEL, ST. LOUIS

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**J**eanine Edmonds '99, a pastry supervisor for the Ritz Carlton Hotel in St. Louis, creates delicacies on a mammoth scale. “Think cheesecake for 1,000 people,” she says. As you imagine hundreds of crème brûlees, wedding cakes, baked Alaskas, and chocolate hazelnut ganaches tumbling out of her kitchen, you might be tempted to place the scene in a Willy Wonka-style chocolate factory. Banish the image. The small kitchen is about 15x7 feet and holds only two ovens. With the efficiency of an airline traffic controller, Edmonds directs navigation in and out of refrigerators and ovens.

An economics major who went on for training at the Pittsburgh Culinary Arts Institute, Edmonds says her Wooster background has been invaluable in understanding the functions of a hotel, management decisions, and bottom lines. “I know what it takes to keep our revenue where it needs to be and our owners and guests happy.”

Most chefs have stories about keeping guests happy in the wake of disaster. Edmonds has her own story about the time the freezer broke and at the last minute she had to lasso all the hotel staff into preparing 400 new ice cream plates. But that story pales in comparison to the true disaster that

occurred when she was working at the New Orleans Ritz Carlton when Hurricane Katrina struck in 2005. Trapped in the hotel for six days, staff members worked 24-hour shifts to feed and care for their guests. “Nobody could get out and everybody had to eat,” Edmonds remembers. “It was a life-changing experience.”

Edmonds (who wrote her Independent Study on the gender wage gap) finds herself in a profession rooted in an Old World culture that traditionally grants higher esteem to men than to women. “When we’re presenting at some kind of function or convention, it always seems like people will search out a man to ask their questions to. There might be two women present wearing tall hats who look like they’re in charge, but the questioner will find a man sitting in the back, wearing an apron, and ask him the question. It’s disconcerting, but you kind of have to go, ‘Huh! Oh, well.’”

But things are changing. The executive chef at the St. Louis Ritz Carlton Hotel is a woman, only the second time that the hotel chain, which operates 80 hotels in 26 countries, has chosen a woman for the post. Says Edmonds, “This gives me a lot of hope.”

A vegetarian who acknowledges that she doesn’t know how to cook meat, Edmonds’s niche allows her to create what she loves. On the afternoon that she spoke to *Wooster* magazine, she had finished up a Halloween tea for kids, was embarking on making a gingerbread replica of the St. Louis arch for Christmas, and had received rave reviews on last night’s presentation, her specialty—a baked Alaska filled with strawberry and yuzu, an Asian fruit.

Her kitchen isn’t a chocolate factory, but that doesn’t mean there isn’t magic in her job. “Chefs are magicians,” she says. “We do so much with so little.”

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*“I know what it takes to keep our revenue where it needs to be and our owners and guests happy.”*

JEANINE EDMONDS '99





## Orange Cake

WITH  
PISTACHIOS  
& OLIVE OIL

### YOU WILL NEED

#### CAKE

- 1 1/2 cups pistachios, toasted and finely chopped
- 6 tbsp. unsalted butter, softened
- 1 1/4 cup sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 1 tbsp. finely grated orange zest
- 1 tbsp. fresh orange juice
- 1 vanilla bean, halved lengthwise and seeds scraped
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt

#### ORANGE SIMPLE SYRUP

- 2 1/2 cup blood orange juice (tangerine or regular orange juice may be substituted)
- 1 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cup water

#### FOR CAKE

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray an 8" or 9" square or round cake pan with cooking spray. With an electric mixer beat the butter and sugar at medium speed until it is the consistency of moist sand. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well between each addition and scraping the sides of the bowl. Add the orange zest, orange juice, and vanilla seeds, and beat until smooth. Gradually beat in the olive oil in a slow steady stream. Using a rubber spatula, fold in the nuts, flour, and salt. Bake for approximately 20-25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. When the cake comes out of the oven and is still hot, brush with orange simple syrup.

#### FOR SIMPLE SYRUP

Combine all ingredients in a pot and bring to a slight boil. Reduce to a medium-low heat and allow to simmer until the syrup is thickened.

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Photo top: Vanilla crème brulee with honey madeline and fresh berries.





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## BOB SULICK '78

### MULBERRY STREET

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**T**he recipe for Bob Sulick's success boils down to two main ingredients: The understanding that food is art and the conviction that a restaurant is a community. He began concocting the recipe at Wooster.

An art major, Sulick remembers instructions he received in a drawing class from art professor Donald MacKenzie. "I remember Dr. MacKenzie saying, 'I want you to put all the colored stuff away. Black and white is the most important thing right now; it's what I want you to focus on.' A lot of times when I look at a recipe, I try to see it that way. I look at the very simple components."

"Food is a wonderful artistic medium for me. So much about cooking is about process and components—textures, sizes, shapes, aroma, and taste. We often discussed these attributes in sculpture class. All the pieces have to fit."

For a year following graduation, Sulick worked as a bartender at Coccia House, Wooster's legendary pizza restaurant. "From Joe Calabria and his family I learned that if you're going to run a restaurant and you're the owner, you ought to be there. And you'd better make your food from scratch."

"I told Joe that someday I'd own a restaurant that was just like his—family run and all scratch cooking."

But that was 35 years ago and a lot happened in the intervening years. Sulick attended the Culinary Institute of America, established the Connecticut Culinary Institute, was executive sous chef at Cavey's restaurants, managed Carla's Pasta, and landed at Sodexo—a multinational food services and facilities management corporation, where a 22-year career has resulted in his current position as national director of procurement support.

About 10 years ago he and his wife Danita (also an accomplished chef) were contemplating how to send their three kids

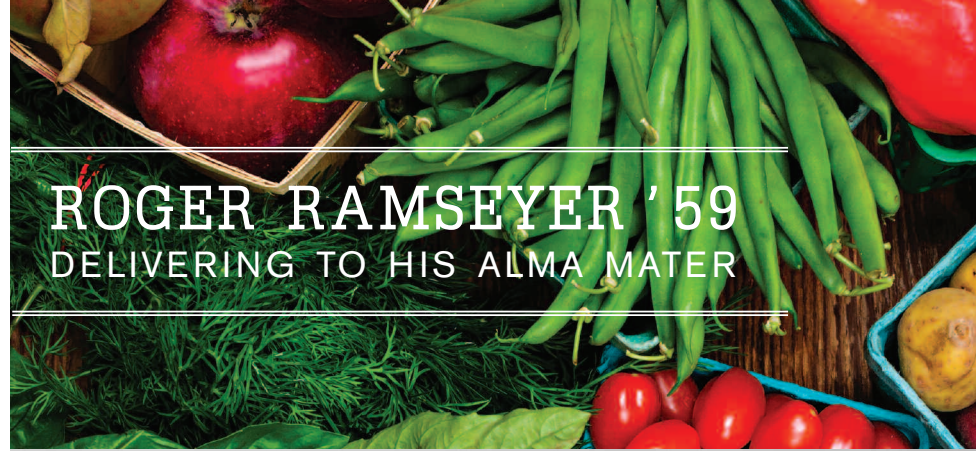


to college. Clearly forgetting his pledge to Joe Calabria, Sulick remembers saying, "We always swore we would never start a restaurant because it's a crazy business and hardly anyone ever succeeds. But we thought, this is something we could be good at." The family launched their 20x40 foot takeout joint and the three teenagers named the pizzas after their favorite movies. The thin-crust, made-from-scratch pizzas were a hit.

The pizzas are still named after movies (e.g., "M\*A\*S\*H; Wild, Wild West; Secret Garden; Gladiator) but these days the restaurant is located in an Italianate style building from the late 1800s and the menu also includes upscale sandwiches, pasta dishes, traditional entrees, and Sulick's homemade desserts. The Sulick family named their restaurant "Mulberry Street" because of the history of the city of Manchester, Conn. and former use of their building. The city was founded on the silk manufacturing industry, and the silkworms' favorite meal was mulberry leaves.

"When it came time to renovate and decorate, the restaurant was like one large sculpture for me," remembers Sulick. The walls are covered with photos and memorabilia from meaningful people and places, including his alma mater. Longtime patrons/classmates like Pat Hurley '78 and Scott Wilson '78 must by now be accustomed to the restaurant's robust Wooster flavor, but alumni visiting for the first time (like class secretary Cindy Mache '78) are delighted with the display





## ROGER RAMSEYER '59 DELIVERING TO HIS ALMA MATER



of vintage photos, the original sign that hung over Crandall House, and even copper floats used in the old swimming pool at Severance gymnasium. Memorabilia procurement was facilitated by the building renovation that was taking place when Sulick was a student, as Severance Gymnasium became Ebert Art Center. Also, he was one of two art majors who were asked to room at Severance for three years, in order to open and close the building. “It was great,” Sulick remembers. “I could throw pots at 4:00 in the morning.”

The restaurant not only sent the Sulicks’ three children to college, it also turned around a declining neighborhood and brought 40 new jobs to the community during the early 2000 era recession. “Staff loyalty is high,” says Sulick. “Turnover is almost zero.”

Sulick breaks bread (and other assorted items) with many of his neighbors—the priest from across the street, elderly retirees living in adjacent apartments, and city officials following board meetings. “I like to look at a restaurant in the same way that people look at a church, or school, or a library,” he says. “We’ve become a community base—a place for people to gather.”

Sulick buys most of his ingredients locally and uses Mulberry Street to support many community organizations, including Purple Heart Homes, the Manchester Food Bank, the Manchester Association for Handicapped Citizens, and athletic leagues.

“This is what a restaurant should be,” he says. “This is exactly what I wanted.”

### *Fruits of his labor*

One of the College’s proudest local suppliers of fruits and vegetables is Roger Ramseyer '59. Following Ramseyer’s retirement as superintendent of schools at Smithville, former President Stan Hales recruited him in 1993 to teach in the College’s education department, where he remained for the next 14 years. But he still couldn’t retire. The fourth generation to live on the Ramseyer farm in Smithville where he was born, Ramseyer was deep into “hobby gardening,” a passion begun approximately 67 years ago as a 9-year-old in 4-H. The observant Stan Hales took note of his prolific garden and again approached him, Ramseyer remembers. “Stan said, ‘You know, you should grow veggies for the College.’”

Ramseyer is in his seventh year of growing and delivering fruits and vegetables to campus—a total of seven fruits, 26 vegetables, and herbs, maple syrup, and honey.

After completing a delivery, Ramseyer often remains at Lowry for a meal. “I’ll ask a student, ‘Did you have one of those white peaches? What did you think of those? Great, huh? I grew those peaches!’

“It keeps me going. The kids really do appreciate what I bring.”



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## PETER WALLIN

### THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER

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his past summer, the College welcomed chef Peter Wallin to its dining services. Wallin replaces Rick Keyes, who left after a 7-year stint to become regional manager for a fast food corporation. Wallin, who comes to Wooster from a similar position at Ashland University, developed his cooking chops at TJ's in Wooster, where he worked as head chef from 1984-1997, after receiving a degree from Cuyahoga Community College. "It's a tough business," he says. "It's a lot of stress on your body and on your mind. You don't have weekends; you're working when other people are playing."

Peter Wallin checks on the chicken parmesan—one of the Italian-flavored offerings at Lowry—accompanied by spaghetti olio, a caesar salad, and bread sticks.



So he was happy to switch to what the industry dubs "academic feeding." For Wallin's interview at Wooster, dining services director Chuck Wagers and other members of the committee presented him with a "mystery basket" of selected food, with instructions to raid the pantry for additional ingredients and come up with something fine. Wallin presented his future boss with a meal of grilled beef tenderloins over fresh greens with a citrus vinaigrette, faro pilaf, grilled asparagus, and cucumber crème brûlée with fresh basil.

Wallin says he was attracted to the job here because of Wooster's commitment to developing local vendors and supply lines and its authentic approach to preparing international foods. His daily focus includes developing menus and recipes and working with staff members to hone culinary skills, including techniques that will keep "fresh things fresh."

His most compelling challenge, says Wallin, is the same as that of his counterparts in the restaurant business—creating variety to sustain interest. With feedback from a 35-member student committee, Wallin and his staff create four-week menu cycles for both Kittredge and Lowry dining halls. Borrowing liberally from foods of the world, he fuses recipes, traditions, and ingredients.

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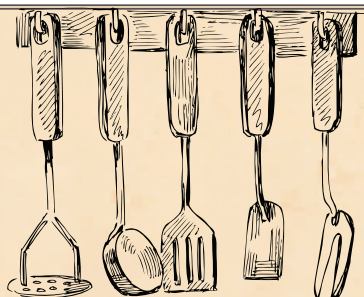
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LOWRY DINING HALL



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In addition to the unique menus that change daily, Lowry Dining Hall offers ongoing, standard fares, including eggs all day, stir fry cooked to order, all-day salad bar, delicatessen, grille, international foods bar, noodles bar, pizzeria, vegetarian counter, soup station, and ice cream and dessert bar. Here is the menu from the international bar on Oct. 15: Asian chop, vegan jasmine rice, vegan Asian style noodles, fire-braised chicken, vegan smoked tofu, vegan oriental vegetables, chopped fresh herbs, chow mein noodles, pickled ginger.

Kittredge Dining Hall has added a few meat items to its largely vegetarian offerings this year. Here is a sample menu from Nov. 20: Lunch: basil pesto pizza, vegan Caesar salad, vegetable rice pilaf, cauliflower cheese soup; Dinner: vegetable chow mein, vegan fried rice, teriyaki tofu, vegetable egg rolls, vegan chili, Asian grilled beef strips and snow peas.



Diners choose from a large assortment of vegetarian and meat dishes created to reflect many ethnic flavors and preparations.

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## JOHN CAFARELLI '02

CORK'S WINE BAR & BISTRO,  
STUBBY'S PUB & GRUB

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elf taught” isn’t quite the right descriptor for chef John Cafarelli. He has a clearly defined sense of who and what inspired and influenced him. As a 6-year-old, he began watching the Chinese chef Martin Yan on PBS, and still has the Chinese cleaver he received as a Christmas present so that he could “cut like Chef Yan.” As a teen, he paid close attention to his mom and cooked for the family when she went to graduate school. There were many additional culinary mentors along the way. And then there was the Independent Study (I.S.) he did for his degree in business economics. (More later on what vertical integration has to do with mouth-watering bacon and hot piroghis.)

His award-winning brisket is a family recipe with an accompanying story that makes him laugh. At Stubby’s Pub and Grub and Cork’s Wine Bar and Bistro in Amherst, Ohio, Cafarelli and his staff prepare at least 60 pounds of brisket every week. The recipe for Coca-Cola-braised brisket comes from his mom. So do the memories. “Whenever someone died in our parish in Akron, Mom would make two briskets—one for the bereaved family, and one for us. We loved her brisket and we were so happy when she made it, but then we’d go, ‘Oh, dear.’ We called it ‘funeral brisket.’”

The labyrinth of spaces occupied by the two restaurants, wine store and cellar, and banquet room reflect the former functions of the 150+ year-old building—from bank to hardware store. Exposed brick, dark gleaming wood, and liberal use of wine bottles as decoration announce that the establishment is simultaneously upscale and accessible.

So do Cafarelli’s menus. His “deconstructed grilled cheese” appetizer, for example, is a fried Finnish bread cheese and homemade soft pretzels, served with Dijon-ale sauce. From Stubby’s 120 beer offerings, Cafarelli recommends accompanying the dish with a Cellar Rat Pride of Cleveland Pilsner. On the bistro side of the restaurant, one of the menu items is steak frites—a marinated grilled sirloin served with rosemary-truffle oil; a Francis Coppola Claret from the 80-plus wine choices is recommended.

But the success of almost any restaurant, Cafarelli says, depends not on tried and true menu items but on offerings that constantly change. “You’ve got to constantly reinvent yourself to come up with fresh concepts that will attract new customers,” he says. Cork’s and Stubby’s opened only two years ago, but already “old” customers ignore the standard menu in favor of daily specials. “It’s more difficult for the staff because things are constantly evolving and changing.”

Cork’s Wine Bar in Amherst, Ohio, is the domain of chef John Cafarelli '02.







Flamed tequila lends a subtle citrus flavor to John's shrimp appetizer.

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FLAMING  
TEQUILA  
*Shrimp  
Appetizer*

A fickle audience is only one reason that 80 percent of restaurants fail and Cafarelli ticks off additional culprits—misjudging the tastes of the consumer base and the misconception by new, inexperienced owners that there is anything glamorous about the restaurant business. “It’s monotonous and frustrating. But if you have enough patience to do things consistently right over and over and over again, it will pay dividends.”

Now, about that I.S. on vertical integration and how it relates to “doing bacon right.” Vertical integration refers to the number of processes done in-house, and for his I.S. Cafarelli found that the more specialized a product is, the more likely it is that processes will be done in-house. Understanding that his customers want food to be unique and specialized, Cafarelli has taken over the preparation of the majority of his offerings from start to finish, thereby controlling both the quality and the price. “For example,” he says, “Sue makes our piroghis by hand and our customers love them. We have the materials, the labor, the facility, the room, and the patience to make bacon in house; we buy fresh pork locally, cure it, hang, it and smoke it.”

And if there had been a study on the correlation between complexity, chaos, and Cafarelli good cheer, it would be very positive. “I like the puzzle—the changes that happen every day,” he says. “If we’re packed in at both Stubby’s and Cork’s, we have a 100-person wedding upstairs, and we’re right at the threshold of breaking but we don’t, we go, ‘Wow!’

“There’s chaos constantly. And I like that, because it’s so rewarding when you can control the chaos.”

This recipe is simple, but it is cooked with a dazzling flambé technique that generally impresses guests and makes them think it’s complicated. Of course, proper precautions should be taken when igniting high-proof liquor indoors. Be careful of things hanging overhead and curtains. Keep a fire extinguisher nearby. Never exceed 1 oz of tequila, and add the tequila away from the flame, gently tilting the skillet towards the burner to ignite the alcohol vapors. This will produce a controllable flame instead of a bomb.

YOU  
WILL  
NEED

- 14 (26-30 count) shrimp
- ½ tsp. Cajun seasoning
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tbs. olive oil
- 2 tbs. (½ ounce) golden tequila
- ½ tsp. chopped garlic
- 1 tsp. sliced scallions
- 2 tsp. chopped cilantro or parsley
- ½ cup cream
- 1 lime

Peel and devein shrimp, remove the tails and season lightly with the spice seasoning. Heat oil in a skillet over medium heat and add the shrimp. After the first side browns, flip the shrimp and add garlic and scallions. Remove the skillet from the heat and add the tequila. Return the pan to the burner, gently allowing the alcohol to ignite (on an electric range, a long lighter or barbecue match is necessary to ignite the tequila). After the flame subsides, add cilantro and cream. Salt to taste and allow the cream to reduce slightly. Serve on a plate or small bowl with a wedge of lime.





## STUDENT DINING IN THE 50s

Dining locations were available in Babcock Hall, Holden Hall, Kenarden Lodge, Hoover Cottage, and the Union. The student meal plan cost \$185 per semester; guests paid 50 cents for breakfast, 65 cents for lunch, and 85 cents for dinner.

The *Voice* reveals that students frequently challenged the dining system in the early 1950s. The majority of students preferred co-ed dining to the separate meals offered in dorm dining halls. One argument was that co-ed dining would “raise the level of conversation of men,” and would help the dating situation for girls.

Breakfast on the meal plan at the dining halls ended at 7:10 a.m. After that, students had to buy breakfast at the Student Union (known as the “U.”). The “U” was located where Andrews Library now stands.

## 1937

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Three of our classmates had birthdays in the past two months. I contacted **Bob Andrews** and **Norvin Hein** on their 99th birthdays in August, and yesterday I talked with **Betty Clepper Reyer’s** son who is living alone in the house he and Betty shared for many years. Betty is now in the appropriately named Clepper Manor nursing home in Sharon, Pa. Her son visits her daily, and he reported that on her 98th birthday, he had arranged for friends from their church to bring a cake to Betty’s room and they all sang “Happy Birthday.”

So what did I accomplish in the past two months? I have lived in this house next to my daughter Margaret for four years. After the last of my old friends in Flint, Mich., died, it was not hard to leave my home of 56 years in Flint, and come to this house, which badly needed new landscaping for both the front and back yard. **Roger (Van Bolt)** and I had been members of the first class for master

gardeners when it was offered in Flint in 1981 by the Michigan State University Extension Service, and I needed a new challenge.

The first year, I redid the area in front of the house with new foundation and planting. I also sodded the front lawn and put in a new sidewalk.

The lot is 200 ft. deep, so the back was a bigger challenge. I finished it last fall, adding 40 new shrubs. It was very satisfying to watch as everything came into bloom. The drawback was that outside the dining room door that opened onto the back porch, there was a very ugly railing blocking the view. Margaret and I arranged with a contractor for a pair of glass doors to be installed, which provide a stunning view of the back yard from inside the house. New doors meant new steps and railings. They were such an improvement that we decided to add a new cement floor to the back porch and have new siding and a new ceiling put in place. Then it became obvious that the back of the house, very visible from the upgraded porch, was a mess, draped with many wires and thick black cords and outmoded and current utility boxes. So everything was taken off, new siding was added, and the painters finished the job last Tuesday. The utility wires are still lying on

the ground, but next Tuesday they will be moved inside the house to the ceiling of the basement and the wall telephones will be replaced by cordless phones, one in almost every room so I won’t risk falling by rushing to get to the nearest phone.

So now the rock garden next to the back of the porch, that was dismantled to save the plants from being trampled, needs to be replanted. I’ll think about that next week. Remember that old movie about Mr. Blanding building his house? That’s pretty much how this past two months went for me, and I loved every minute of it.

Now, if this happens to be read by any Wooster alumni living in the Ann Arbor area, call me and in the spring we will arrange for you to sit on my updated back porch and admire my garden.

## 1938

## 1940

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I have such good news about the Class of 1940 Scholarship Fund. As of December 31, 2012 the Market Value was \$191,137.74. We've come a long way since we started with around \$25,000 which was a remnant left over from our 50th reunion gift.

This year the College used our fund to award a total of \$13,351 in scholarship money to a junior chemistry major and a junior computer science major. Over 75 percent of Wooster students receive some financial aid and we are pleased that the Class of 1940 can help with this aid.

## 1941

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Dorrie Haring remains in the hospital, still receiving excellent care. We cannot say when she will return home and we suggest continued prayers for her wellbeing.

Mary Liz Ellis continues to keep me informed as to Dorrie's progress, and of John's, who is holding his own.

Mary Liz will be travelling to the D.C. area once again to visit her daughter and the family there sometime in September. She recently learned that two more great grandchildren are expected in the next few months. That will be 18 in all, and no doubt she holds the class record!

I received a recent letter from Terry Stalker MacGregor full of news about her two sons and two daughters, all back in this country again, doing well with their careers and hobbies. They are all so busy, she sees very little of them, and she has lost many close friends over the years. I'm sure we can all relate to that. It was wonderful hearing from her after all these years. I hope we can continue now.

Alfie Campbell sent a letter containing another from Terry and a card from Bob Laubach, who has been traveling in the Norwegian fiords with a friend. Alfie wrote that she has to live until February to attend a wedding of one of her sons. The bride-to-be works for a firm making wedding books so they will be giving a destination wedding in the Caribbean on Antigua. It will be free for the couple; however, guests attending will pay their own way. Wedding attire will be formal and barefoot on the beach. Pedicures will be in order!

Rebecca Moore was very disappointed that she didn't get to make her usual trip to

Blossom Center this year. However, she does have symphony tickets and she was able to make one weekend trip with her nephew to Grand Rapids, Mich. She visited the Art Museum, enjoyed the painting, sculpture and desert area section and a fascinating area where food is served from a source rather unusual. The museum has purchased an old farm and has begun to process food from it for use by the museum. She thinks this in itself is worth the visit.

We hope to hear from more of you soon.

## 1942

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My plea for news from fellow class members brought results — huzzah!

First up, Theo Antheil who lives in Doylestown, Pa., wrote with a humorous flair: "I hasten to explain why you are not getting much mail from your classmates. It isn't from lack of interest in our alma mater. It is because we are too busy. How can it be that we of '42 — who are all 93ish — cannot spare some time? Answer: because of our smart phones, our iPads, our computers and our Kindles. It is not all just learning either. We can also play with our digital toys. I spend a fair amount of time playing bridge, an addiction I acquired at the Shack that I have never been able to cure. So you see there is not a lot of spare time and if you will excuse me now, I HAVE to open my email." Theo signed off with "Sent from a little old lady in tennis shoes."

Next came an email from Bill Long in Carmel, Ind., telling about his family. Daughter Becky has given him four grandchildren, one who is overseas in the Marines and another studying at Indiana University in Bloomington. His son Dave has been pastor in the Reformed Presbyterian Church since 1984 and has five children, one who is a student at Purdue and another in the Marines in California. Bill writes that another son, Bruce, "is the productive one," with eight girls and two boys. So count 'em up — 19 grandchildren! Bill retired in 1987 after 38 years with the same company, and in 2003 sold the home and moved into a condominium. He reports, "It's a small friendly community, and we enjoy it."

As for me, Jerry Stryker, by the time these notes appear, my wife and I should be settled in our new home in California at 361 Silverado Court, Danville, Calif. 94526. We decided to move — while we still can move — to be near family out there.

## 1943

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You can pretty well keep track of our class by the ages at which our people are having birthdays. Most of us are now either 91 or are about to turn 91.

Don (Red) Layton turned 91 in September, and in a picture of the crew survivors of the Hindenburg disaster he spotted a wall behind which he and his wife Katherine had their wedding reception. He gets credit for being both alert and observant. Actually he said he has turned 19, but that is either an example of his sense of humor or he is dyslexic. He continues to give popular monthly lectures in his retirement community, most related to airplanes or lighter-than-air craft. Once a professor always a professor. Keep up the good work, Don!

John Bender also turned 91 in November. He joins the rest of us in regretting the losses over the past few years of close friends in our age group. But he finds consolation in whole new groups of people in church, downtown optimist club and others that keep him going. And going is what he's doing. He still plays golf, though not as well as he'd like. Swimming continues to be his main fitness sport. He hasn't given up on the senior games either, especially those involving swimming and/or ping-pong. John continues to contribute to the Wooster Class Bender Endowment he set up back a ways and has instructed his son to continue to do so after his departure. Fortunately, the latter doesn't look as though it's going to occur any time soon.

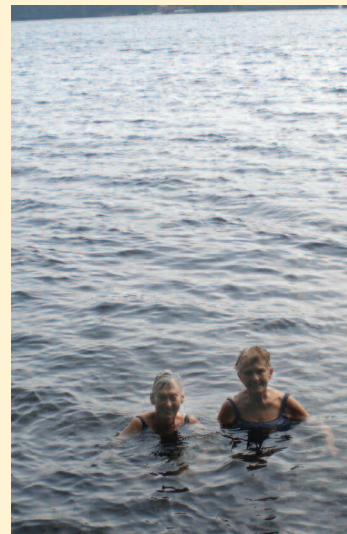
Don Coates says he has nothing exciting to report, which can be a good thing at our age. He too is what he calls "91 years young." He's very satisfied with his life at the Freedom Village Retirement Center and calls it "just what the doctor ordered." You'll be glad to hear the volume of emails he sends along has returned to its former impressive levels. Judging from that, it's apparent that his recovery is virtually complete. He too has been fortunate to land in "a haven for paying attention to all one's needs."

Al Linnell answered the plea for news by saying that the most recent news about him and his splendid wife Ann is that they have sold their car. So they are now experiencing





'08 MINI-REUNION IN THE MINNESOTA WOODS  
 Danny Caine , Kara Phipps Caine, Martha Dowell Denton, Paula Clark, Alex Denton



'57 FRIENDS AT THE LAKE  
 Kay Demmon Cilimburg and Selma H. O'Meara at Fourth Lake in the Adirondacks

the challenges of alternative transportation. The good news is that they have multiple options. I'm sure that Al is working on a learned paper or three on some leading-edge astronomical topic. Maybe related to binary star systems? And, in the absence of comments on the topic of health. I think we are safe in assuming that one of the standard retirement community responses to health queries applies — either “as good as can be expected” or “I've been better and I've been worse.”

I, Russ Haley, do have some bona fide news to report. The wedding of granddaughter, Jocelyn Haley, to Brian Drasher on Sept. 1 at Lake Winnepesaukee, N.H., came off with a hitch. (Read the last couple of words closely. Supposed to be funny—or not). Had about 80 people there, half friends of the bride and half friends of the groom. The ceremony was held on the shore of the lake and the weather was spectacular. They gave me a special hat labeled “grandfather of the bride” and, as the oldest man within 50 miles, I had the privilege of going first through the chow line. Great chow too — lobster the day before the wedding and a big pig roast on wedding day (complete with a pig turning slowly on a spit). The happy couple then took off on their honeymoon to Costa Rica with an intermediate stop in Orlando to ride the roller coasters. Next step a great-grandchild?!

Hope this finds you all coping successfully with the challenges we're facing these days.

### 1945

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I, Swanee, received a note from Al Kean in late July. I usually hear from him, and I wondered why he had not written. He had hip replacement surgery on May 13! He says he “endured three rehabs — one in a nursing home, one in my own house and the third at the orthopedists.” He now walks on three legs (with a cane) and reminded me of the old saying, “the human is the only animal that walks on four legs in the morning, two legs at noon, and three legs in the evening.” I, too, use a cane and walker. What a great help they are. On Al's 90th birthday, June 27, he celebrated with several couples and his family and the day before he and Beverly celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary. His daughters had provided inch and a half badges with his picture and the lettering “AOK's 90.” Al was “pleased by the president's commentary on the I.S. program and the various high estimates as to COW's high acclaim” in *Wooster* magazine.

On Sept. 14, I attended the wedding of my granddaughter, Eva Wintersteen, and Loklan Sherrington in a beautiful outdoor wedding ceremony at a barn in the area. (Yes, I danced with a cane! Of course, the bride was beautiful. She carried dahlias, which Gordon had originated and named for me (Roque Jeanne Maria). In fact, the only flowers were dahlias, and they were everywhere — down the aisle, on the tables inside and out — all in memory of Gordon who had grown and shown them for over 60 years.

### 1946

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### 1947

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Vivian Douglas Smith writes about how not to spend your wedding anniversary. “To celebrate our 65th wedding anniversary, we went on an early summer cruise from Nice, France, to Lisbon, Portugal, with daughters Debi and Megan and several neighbors. We had sunny weather and great sightseeing — until the extra day we took in Lisbon with daughters Deb and Meg stretched into a week. My husband, Dave, had a sudden illness that put him in the hospital and the rest of us into coping mode — language barriers, medical consultations, airline cancellations, insurance forms, then a French air controllers' strike, rescheduling missed connections, tarmac time, unplanned overnights, and finally — HOME! After three days in a hospital back in Virginia, Dave was set free to recuperate from his pneumonia. As summer ends, he's almost back to par. On the plus side, given the Portuguese reputation as navigators, that pint of Portuguese blood he was given should mean it'll be a long time before he needs to consult either a map or a GPS. Buying trip insurance really pays off.”



When I talked with Tom Maxwell about writing up his interesting life he told me that he was in the WWII like many other young men and he was a navigator, flight engineer, instrument specialist and fighter mechanic all rolled into one. He said that the very last night of the war he was extremely lucky as he and the crew on the airplane almost didn't make it safely back. "I was flying as a navigator-engineer on a B-29 out of Roswell, N.M., on my very first solo trip with a flight crew. The instructor was on the ground, the captain and copilot were in their seats, and I was sitting just behind facing to the right. My job was to keep track of fuel consumption, compute the point of no return, watch for electrical problems like jerking any of several voltmeters within seconds of a malfunction and blowing out any engine fire."

When they approached the landing strip after an eight-hour flight, suddenly there was a fire on the left engine and then the right engine. Tom quickly engaged the proper maneuvers to extinguish both fires when just before the wheels touched the ground. Talk about Godspeed! All this happened on the night of Aug. 13, 1945, when the first word came that the end of the war was imminent. Aug. 14, they returned to the base and learned that the war was finally over.

Tom tried out a few universities — first for a master's degree on Inca religion, and then he completed a doctoral dissertation on the social organization of the residents of an insular housing project in Puerto Rico. He married Ruth Lauzenheiser '48, who passed away in 2009. He has taught sociology and anthropology, led hikes as a ranger naturalist for over 30 years in local, regional, and national parks, and did volunteer work on Santa Cruz Island for over 20 years. His three children are scattered in Wisconsin, Florida, and Sun City Nevada.

Tom concludes, "Long live Wooster and its innovations — providing student research, fighting pollution, and promoting recycling."

## 1948

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Class secretaries get up-to-date addresses of classmates. So if some of you do not have the Wooster directory, contact your class secretary for any desired address.

Jo Bailey Keck seems very upbeat despite some arthritis that prevented her from attending the reunion. She enjoys reading a lot. But her greatest joy comes from visits from her grandkids; three of the four live close by. She is fortunate to be able to do most of her house

and yard work. She lives in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and would like to see or hear from any classmates.

After a nice visit with Geri Burden in her home during our reunion, it was a shock to learn of her sudden death on July 16. Her three children survive her. Other classmates who will be missed: Bob Clark (May), Charlie Croghan (July), Bill Rowland (July), and Julia Owen Sutton (August).

Tidbit from Esther Stottle Harris' "Student Handbook '44-45": "Students are not allowed to own or operate automobiles, with the exception of those whose parents live in Wooster, or live in the vicinity of Wooster and commute daily." Any comments?

## 1949

*Evelynn Cheadle Thomas has retired from her position as class secretary because of health concerns. We thank her for her past service.*

## 1950

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As I write this in September, I hope that those I hear from only at Christmas have had good years and continue to write. This includes Jean Kennedy Tolar, Re Monroe Stooksberry and Jim and Jean Dutch Webster!

Classmates continue to share news of moves to retirement places. One who has lived in a complex for many years is Jo Brumbaugh Smith. I think Jo holds the record for most far flung family with daughters in Hawaii and Virginia and sons in Texas and Guatemala plus grands in Tennessee and New Mexico and a great-grandson nearby in Virginia whom she dotes on!

The year 2012 was not a good year for her as she had six hospital stays for a variety of problems, but she was able to have a good visit with friends in Washington state and spent Christmas in Hawaii with a daughter, accompanied on both trips by her son, David.

Among those of us still in our own homes is Jean Kennedy Snyder who lives west of Cleveland and has all her family within 75 miles. Jean writes that her golf clubs sit unused in the garage but she stays busy with lots of bridge, travel club outings in northern Ohio and this year, a complete bathroom remodel!

Unlike Jean, my (Jay's) family are all in the Midwest, a reason for travel. I had a super full week in Minnesota in August when I flew up for a grand's wedding. I spent two days with a son in Minneapolis and then four in Northfield where Bill and I had lived for 36

years. I met with about 20 friends from those days and had lunch with Mary Lou Louch Sahstrom who lives nearby still in her lakeside home of 40 years. Her children both live less than two hours away in Minneapolis and Wisconsin.

Then on Aug. 10, the big event of my trip was granddaughter, Amanda's wedding! Festivities started with photos on the lovely St. Olaf campus at 1:00 p.m. Then we adjourned to a small town baseball diamond for the ceremony at 3:00 p.m. There were 24 in the bridal party — but no, we didn't "play ball!" After noshing at the park, we headed to a beautifully decorated Elks Lodge where we enjoyed dinner for 250 and dancing followed!

Betty Evans Anderson also had a grand's wedding this summer, when grandson, Andrew was married in Columbus — both bride and groom are COW grads. The rest of her summer didn't work out too well when, on her birthday, she took friends out for dinner and suffered a fall while helping one walk and ended up with a cracked pelvis and badly cut hand. That ended her golf and gardening for the summer!

Well, 'mates — keep walking, stay upright and do keep writing.

## 1951

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Many of our classmates continue living and contributing to this old broken world. The values of our class and alma mater are a boon to this secretary.

Jane Wallace Anderson and Jim continue farming and enjoying their lives. Jane has been canning and freezing as it is harvest time. Jane is very modest, but I did learn that one son has a Ph.D. degree in evolutionary biology and was invited to Wooster to speak on the subject.

I talked to Edith Morlan Beard and she and Clarence are living a "good life." Family and church are high on their agendas. It surprised me to realize that they live not too far from us in Minnesota and are also Minnesota Twins fans. Their daughter buys a partial season ticket so they get to go to the games now and then. It is not easy being Twins fans, but then Jack and I previously were fans of the Chicago Cubs so all is possible. Hopefully, we'll get together with the Beards soon.

I received a nice note from Jean Allison Van Horne. She claims her life is as exciting as watching paint dry. However, I know





**WEDDING OF DANIELA CANACHE '09 AND BRADLEY STUETZER '08, JUNE 1, 2013**  
 Russ Dieringer '08, Brittany Pitrone Pelak '09, Caitlin Ament Dieringer '09, Dean Palombaro '08, bride, groom, Sean Karpen '09, Ben Downs '08, Kym Wenz Warren '10, John Warren '09

better. She has been helping her son, Keith, after he had back surgery and has been visiting other family members.

Marjory MacArdle Baur sent a picture from a friend of hers who lives and works in Ethiopia. In the picture are Rev. Niles and Ann Reimer who obviously do Christian work there. Marge is fine and still travels a good deal. Soon she's off to visit her sister Carolyn, who is also a Wooster alum.

Avis Bird Myers reports that her doctor has told her she's in "reasonably good health." Avie says, "That's the kind I enjoy — I try to manage or ignore the unreasonable part." Avie is very active in many church committees and groups, including bridge, college, book, and garden clubs.

There is no stopping Ann Kershner Wood, who is still camping and hiking. She and a friend did a five-day trip to Rock Creek. One day they hiked five miles but had 1,000 feet in elevation gain. Go girl, go!

## 1952

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I (Pat) want to thank everyone who answered for news. My apologies if you are not in this issue, but space does not permit

all to be mentioned this time.

Jim Bousman, one of the first to respond, had a wonderful suggestion: "Write what you did for the last 60 years in 25 words or less." And he did. Now living in Honolulu, Jim confesses that he left Wooster because his conscience prevented him for applying for a student draft deferment during the war in Korea. After serving in the Marines as a captain, he completed his AB in physics at UC Berkeley in 1960. Upon retirement, he concentrated "on finding out the true meaning of life. Since resolving that issue," he has managed his condominium, kayaked, wasted time, and rested. Good advice for us all.

Joanne Helwig McKray took literally BIM's suggestion of 25 words. Her pithy note informs us that she lived in Manhattan for seven years after Wooster, during which she acquired a master's in sacred music from Union Theological Seminary and a husband from San Francisco. When he completed his studies in food law at NYU, they moved to the Bay area, where Joanne taught high school choral music, anthropology, and world cultures, until she retired in 1990. Now she serves as a history docent at the Oakland Museum of California as well as working to secure good government with the Common Cause State Board and the League of Women Voters. They were actually successful in passing a state initiative to eliminate gerrymandering in California. Proud of this achievement, she wrote, "Take that, Texas!"

At our 60th reunion, I (Pat) had a wonderful conversation with Bruce Roth, who, like Jim, missed graduating with our class because of the Korean conflict, but

came back to finish up with flying colors in 1957 as a math major. When I learned that Bruce, now retired, was tutoring an academically challenged young man hoping to get his GED, I sent him some much needed graded readers that I had collected in my years of teaching ESL at Fordham University. Ron Price, who shares with Bruce the love of all things baseball, alerted me to Bruce's interest in that subject. Bruce sent me his charming book "Larry Schlafly; Federal League Pioneer," about the son of his great-great uncle. Written after hours and hours of searching contemporary newspapers and sports magazines, Bruce discovered that Schlafly, from 1900 to 1919, was not only a player, but also a team captain, coach, manager, scout, umpire and team owner (sometimes wearing some of these hats simultaneously).

Carolyn Fredley had major abdominal surgery in August for total blockage of her intestine due to a very rare pelvic floor hernia. Heart malfunction required that a pacemaker be installed.

Peg Stout Miller and Paul '53 missed our reunion because they have been visiting the families of their three children and eight grandchildren spread out all over the country. One granddaughter, a recent graduate of Columbia University, is now doing research at Roosevelt Hospital, NYC. They have lived in La Cruces, N.M., for the past 15 years. Their 60th wedding anniversary was a double celebration because their first great-grandchild was born on the same day! What a nice present. They planned to visit the Berkshires, Mass., for the fall color this past October. Since I have a summer home



in the area, I gave them many suggestions of places to visit in case they tired of looking at leaves and mountains.

On a more somber note, some of our classmates or members of their families have passed away. An email to Wayne McClung elicited a sad but informative response from his daughter Dixie Linda. Her father, who died April 2010, was one of the few married WWII veterans on campus. Prior to coming to Wooster, Wayne served in the South Pacific with the Marines. An avid fan of ham radio, he once built an antenna out of beer cans. A physics major, he designed silly pull toys for his baby son, born 1952, to control by kicking his feet. After graduate work at MIT, he joined the family firm of Dixie Theater Service and Supply/Camera Crafts in Albany, Ga. Upon retirement, he and his wife served as librarians for their local Baptist Church.

Jane Murray Schaffer sent the sad news that her son Danny, an American Indian, died a year ago. She has another son who lives in Massachusetts and a daughter in Florida. She claims she is no longer known as "Suds," but as "Jane, the Pain," but this sounds like a misnomer. Active in her retirement community, she has started a sing-along, participates in its books clubs, and plays for a Daily Living Center and also for Vespers at another retirement home. It's good to see she has so much energy, after recovering from two lung cancer surgeries in the past two years!

An email forwarded by Anne Stebbins contained the sad news that Knight, Mary Jane Reimer Washburn's husband of 56 years, passed away Aug. 27, 2013 in Burlington, Ver. He served as a Presbyterian minister in several New York State churches before they retired to Vermont. Mary Jane has a daughter, two sons, three grandchildren, and a great grandson.

Tom Angerman, vice chair of our highly successful Class of 1953 50th year anniversary gift to Wooster, died while in residence at his winter home in Florida on March 22, 2013. A geology major, he earned an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh, and founded, owned and was president of a highly successful oil and gas exploration company. The class extends their condolences to Nancy, his family, and to the survivors of those deceased mentioned above.

## 1954

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Don Hartsough writes: "During this past year and a half, I've been privileged to chair a capital campaign for building a new facility for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Oregon. The church in Bend, Oregon, has been without a church home of its own for most of its 54 year history. Then an anonymous "angel" donated land and resources with a challenge to the congregation to raise \$500,000 for the new facility. Fortunately, the congregation accepted the challenge and exceeded the goal. Dalyte and I have been part of this group's wonderful and rapidly growing community since 2002, so helping out was a great experience. The new church should be completed in early 2015."

Mim Shirley writes: "We sold our distributor business to our daughter, but Bob still enjoys going in to work every day. I am enjoying two book clubs, church activities and three great-grandchildren with a fourth one due any day now. Sorry we've not been better at communicating."

From Bill Keene: "I sold my home a year ago and am living at Independence Village, a retirement home in Avon Lake. I have been a widower for several years, so it was a good choice not to eat alone anymore. I celebrated 51 years as member of the Presbytery of Western Reserve, where I volunteer in the office a couple days each week. I have been ordained in PCUSA for a total of 55 years. We've been blessed with eight children and 22 grandchildren. Shalom. My address is: 345 Lear Rd., Apt. #303, Avon Lake, OH 44012."

From Betty Romig Nicholson: In June, I was declared to be in remission from ovarian cancer. Remission is not a cure, but I feel good, and my summer plans are to regain muscle and strength.

Bob and I have moved to a continuing care retirement community (address and phone below). I am re-growing hair, teaching Sun style tai chi, weeding out professional papers, and re-reading favorite books before passing them on. We plan to attend the LeadingAge conference in Dallas in October as part of the leadership of NaCCRA (the National Continuing Care Residents' Association), which is an advocacy group of residents with a growing relationship with providers of continuing care. Across the country there is a dearth of legislation regarding these communities, and we are working to set standards for

protection of both residents and providers. Anyone interested in learning more about NaCCRA should be in touch with us."

From Bill Chapman: "Summer 2013 has been fairly busy for Zitta and me. The highlight for us was a boat trip down the Columbia River in late June and early July. Highlight was celebrating the July Fourth at Fort Clatsop, where Lewis and Clark spent the winter of 1805-06, and a three-musket "salute" by park personnel. We also appreciated sailing down the Columbia River, seeing the distinctive country. I found this an opportunity to celebrate college background in geology as well as history. I had seven opportunities to preach during the summer, a surprise at our age! Health has been good. Part of that has been my trainer who understands how to guide persons of a certain age. We are planning a week in Newport, R.I. soon. And we are looking forward to the Wooster dinner in NYC on Sept. 25. Never dreamed that life after 80 could be so enjoyable."

From Margie Pardee Petersen: "We in the "north country" say hello. For the past 12 years we have spent part of the winters in Mesa, Ariz., at one of the "smaller" RV parks in the area (only 690 spaces). For those of you who have done some camping you may recognize the name Woodall's Directory, I looked into it and found this park called Silveridge, and it had a wood shop offered. I knew my husband, Bill, liked to fiddle in woodworking so we sought it out. Guess what, it was a good fit for both of us. There are many folks there from Minnesota as well as our neighboring states. We have established some warm friendships with both these folks and some Canadians. This past spring we bought a park model RV and plan to spend approximately half the year there and the balance here in Minnesota. Think of us when you look out and see snow on the ground."

From Chuck Eaton: "I still teach classes on playing the Australian didgeridoo at the University of New Mexico and dabble in the flint knapping styles of North American and Australian traditions. A month after I turned 80, I received a U.S. Patent (#8466361) on a unique musical instrument principle. To see an amusing YouTube illustration of my collapsible Venturi-Didgeridoo, go to [www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPPzAYPXw7M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPPzAYPXw7M). Since 2008, I have been involved in an extended exploration of "What I Think About the Mind, Consciousness, the Soul, Spirituality, Human Culture, Suffering, Death, and the Meaning of Life." If you are interested in my take on these concerns, email me for a copy (ceaton@unm.edu). Ardith





**SHARING THE LOVE**

Christopher Henley '79 with husband, Jay Hardee, and children Aksel and Ivona



**AT THE EXHIBIT**

Sara Rockinger '86 exhibits art in Golden, Colo., where she caught up with Erin May '86

Spierling, Dick Morey, and Don Reiman '56 have followed my progress to this point.”

**1956**

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Author! Author! It is my pleasure to let you know about two books written by fellow classmates that are now on the market. The first one I learned about was a book titled “The Story Next Door” written by Scott Craig. After retiring from 45 years as a television producer-director, Scot began a radio series with the Interlochen Public radio. The series was devoted to telling stories about ordinary people. As time passed, Scott began to feel these stories could be shared in a more permanent form by putting them in a book. These stories come from people in northern Michigan. The book includes 40 interviews and is published by Pleasant City Press – [www.pleasantcitypress.com](http://www.pleasantcitypress.com). I found it to be the kind of book to be savored a story at time.

The other author of a new book is Lee Marcus Collins. The title of her book is “Too Much Left Unsaid.” Comments from reviewers describe it as a multi-generational novel set in the Midwest between 1917 and 1969. It follows the lives of two “extraordinary – ordinary” women during the time period. Their story reflects the story of America in the 20th century. The book features Wooster in several places. The book is fiction but refers to historic events. Lee’s book is now available in paperback and E-book. Lee can be contacted at <http://leejoannecollins.blogspot.com>.

Lee is retired from Central College in Pella, Iowa, where she now lives.

Bob and Hope Hunter Black recently spent time visiting their daughter Cindy who lives in San Francisco. While there they watched four of the America’s Cup races

between the U.S. and New Zealand. They traveled over the newly opened six-billion-dollar Oakland Bay Bridge – an impressive replacement for the span that collapsed during an earthquake.

Their travels took them to Porterville, Calif., to visit with Myron and Betty Jacobson Lord. Myron’s latest project is a grandfather clock that he built from a kit. Another of Myron’s projects was replacing a pergola-like structure over the back patio. Myron is on the golf course three times a week year round. Betty continues to create beautiful quilts.

Sue Stewart and her partner Carol Benoit drove up from their home in Mountain View, Calif., to spend an afternoon with the Blacks. They enjoyed lunch at the Presidio Social Club – a restaurant that used to be a barracks when the army occupied the area. That whole complex is now part of the Golden gate National Park System.

Sue writes enthusiastically about a trip that she and Carol made recently to Ghost Ranch in New Mexico. The occasion was part of a mini-reunion of four Miller Manorites — Sue, Pris Courtelyou Little, Ann Lovell Rowe, and Nancy Geiger Paine. Dave Little was there as the speaker for the “Discerning the Signs of the Times Course.” The group wanted to be learning together by discussing religion and politics. All this was mixed in with remembering days at Wooster. Sue was impressed by the family friendly atmosphere — the opportunities for spiritual sharing; contemplative prayer and communion. This experience renewed her appreciation for her days at Wooster and her gratitude to the Presbyterian Church for all the efforts in maintaining such a place.

From Margy (Rice) Chisholm: Greetings from Scotland! Our family has a strong Wooster connection, inasmuch as several members of it are Wooster graduates. They include: my father—Paul H. Rice, one of his

brothers and two of his sisters, my sister and myself. Also, one of our four daughters attended the College for one year in 1986/7 as an overseas Scottish student from Aberdeen University.

At Wooster I played clarinet in band, marching band, and orchestra, and bagpipes for one year in the marching band. My I.S. project in my senior year was “A Dedicated Life—The Story of Otelia Compton,” the remarkable woman after whom the Otelia Compton Hall is named. My father’s brother, my Uncle Herbert Rice and his wife, my Aunt Mary Compton Rice, were living in the Compton home on College Avenue during my years at Wooster, having retired from their work in India, so they and the other members of the family were all a delightful first-hand source of information about their mother, Otelia. My I.S. thesis was on display in the lounge when the building received its first student residents. It was also a forerunner of James Blackwood’s book “The House on College Avenue—The Comptons” published eleven years later in 1968. (My I.S. thesis gets a footnote in chapter 12.)

I spent my junior year abroad in Scotland at St. Andrews University where I met my husband, Archie, who did his degree there and then did his divinity course at Edinburgh University. He is a minister of the Church of Scotland.

After our marriage in 1957, we spent 10 years as missionaries of the Church of Scotland living and working among the Zulu people in South Africa, my husband serving as a minister of the Bantu Presbyterian Church. Thereafter he has been minister in several churches in Scotland over the years. We have had a most fascinating, challenging and wonderful life together and with our family. Now in our older years, we enjoy a quieter life here in Scotland. If you ever find yourself in this direction, do come and pay us a visit.”

Last spring, Tom and Jane Johnson, and I attended the Senior IS Symposium at the College, an event that has taken place for several years. It is an opportunity for seniors to provide oral, poster, digital and artistic presentations throughout the day. Regular classes are not scheduled so that undergrads, parents, faculty and alumni can attend. I thought that it provided an excellent “snapshot” opportunity for attendees to get a real feel for what is taking place with independent research at the College. It was an interactive experience for the both the researchers and the observers. For those of us who graduated many years ago, it was mind-boggling to become aware of the research skills that these young people develop. This symposium was truly a “celebration of Independent Study.” The event is



usually held at the end of April and I encourage you to attend – it will really give you an idea of what Wooster continues to be all about!

## 1957

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My (Will's) show, "Windows to the Wild" is premiering our latest one-hour special, "Counting on Birds," in the next month or so. To shoot it, we traveled from knee-deep in the snow of northern New Hampshire to the forests of Ecuador and Cuba. Lessee...I've got a CD of New England stories available on my website. Titled "Not Love at First Sight: Stories from New England." Will be leading another tour of Iceland next June. Again, see website.

From Bob Seaman: Christmas 2012 found John Seaman '84 and Carolyn Budinger Seaman '86) welcoming Bob and wife Nina, and David and Margo Scruggs Seaman '86) to their apartment in Recife, Brazil. Carolyn (professor at University of Maryland, Baltimore) is on sabbatical with husband John (family therapist). Son, Ian (16) is at the American School and son, Will (12) is being home schooled by dad. Bob and Nina visited for the month of December; David and Margo with their two daughters, Lydia (17) and Kate (13), arrived Christmas Eve. We all enjoyed several days at 80 plus degrees at a beach resort. John and Carolyn and the boys will be returning to their home in Columbia, Maryland in July 2013. Bob and Nina make their home in Plainsboro, NJ and are active in the Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton, and spend 5 months of the year on Bell Island, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia.

## 1958

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The following comes from Peggy Blumberg Wireman:

I hope my letter, headlined "Do I avoid black teens or say hello?" provides a way to talk about race, Trayvon, etc. with anyone. (Peggy's letter is copyright 2013, Wireman & Associates.) Posted on *The Cap Times* July 31 <http://tinyurl.com/n8cwkds>. Dear Editor: Professor Richard Davis commented that no one who grew up in America was not affected by the conversation about race. So the question for each of us becomes: "What was the conversation about race when I grew up? How

does that affect how I react to people of a different race/ethnicity now? How does that affect how I react to the news?"

Exploring those questions can lead to understanding rather than defensiveness or guilt, neither of which is useful. In my case, the direct conversation was that blacks would rape me. But the indirect conversation floating around the society during World War II was more insidious and so invasive that I once asked my mother, "After the war, will all the colored go back to their own country?" My astonished mother responded, "Why, Peggy Lou, this is their country."

A friend responded to the question by remarking that until she was in college, she didn't know Jews were a real people living today. She thought they were only one of the ancient peoples in the Bible. She was too young to remember World War II or the news about the Holocaust that followed. She went to Catholic schools and didn't know any Jews.

Asking the questions can enable each of us to explore our own automatic reactions, examine them, decide whether they represent today's reality, and consider the adult appropriate action. If I see several black teenagers walking toward me, do I cross the street or smile and say hello?

I (Nana) sent out Peggy's letter to the class email list. The most eloquent response came immediately from Sandy Sanders Breuer, forwarding a piece she'd recently sent to her family:

There was a moment in my life years ago that I've thought about over and over.

My first class that I taught, a fifth grade, was in a New York City neighborhood called Yorkville—upper East Side—very white. My class was all black. They were kids who had been bussed in from Harlem for racial balance. Some balance—since classes were grouped by reading level, and these were kids who had been nudged to come down to our neighborhood by their original school because they were troublesome kids of one kind or another—they wound up segregated within the white Yorkville school. I started in March. I was their fifth teacher that year—our others having quit or been fired. The kids were almost literally hanging from the ceiling. The principal told me he'd hire me if I promised to stay till June. I thought—with the hubris of youth—"Oh, sure. I can do that."

One way or another, the kids and I finally came to an understanding about who was the teacher and who was the pupil, and I at least got them to sit down. Before the end of the year we gave a play in the auditorium and visited the Metropolitan Museum, and took the subway and ferry to Staten Island for a picnic. (One kid managed to fall into Clove

Lake over there and get soaked, but we all got home safely.) I loved them and they loved me. I'm not sure anybody learned anything for those last few months of the year, but we all calmed down and had fun. The following year I went to a school in the Bronx and didn't know what had become of my first class, but they stayed in that neighborhood and went on to a Yorkville Junior High.

Fast forward... it's three years later and I'm walking through Yorkville on my way home when I see a group of black teenagers on the corner ahead. I thought, "I'd better cross the street, just to be safe." I was about one second from doing that when one of the kids looked up and saw me and yelled out, "Miss Sanders!!!" They were my former fifth graders, now in the eighth grade. They rushed over to me and we hugged each other and caught up on old times and new times.

And of course I thought then, and have thought ever since, what if I had crossed that street? Whether or not they had realized who I was, crossing to get away from them. How I would have hurt them by doing that.

One reason I suppose I survived 13 years in New York without ever getting mugged or anything is that I was always very self-protective. Not just in situations like that one—in fact I don't remember ever being in another situation like that one. But was I just being careful not to get into a potentially dangerous situation? Or was I being a bigot? Or both?

With the Trayvon Martin event and the President's speech—oh, how I would love to be able to think I would never be one of those women who clutched her purse nervously in an elevator with Barack Obama. But I know better about myself. I have not the slightest idea what the answer is—how we get over this as a nation, as a society, as human beings. I guess we have to just keep trying.

And thank God I did not cross that street.

Thank you to others who responded to Peggy's letter, notably Susan Jamison-Trent, Mila Swyers Aroskar, Nancy Calderwood Carleton, Bob Carter, and Roger Hall.

## 1959

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Dear Classmates— Things have been fairly quiet over the summer as far as news. Again a reminder from Don (Cash) Register regarding our 2014 reunion coming up this next June. "Hey 59ers! Begin making plans to join us at our 55th reunion June 6-8, 2014. In





**EMMANUEL  
STERLING '07  
HOSTS ANNUAL  
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WEEKEND**

Dierre Taylor '09,  
Ryan McMahon  
'08, Alex Balme  
'10, Liz Mott '11,  
Sarah Gerlach  
'11, Jon Fuller '05,  
Aaron Oster-Beal  
'09, Emmanuel  
Paul Sterling '07,  
Brandon  
Schechter '08

addition to having fun seeing classmates, recalling past joyful memories and creating new ones, on our way to our 60th, on a Wooster summer day, we'll contemplate Frost's "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," and as we take home all the prizes as the class with the highest membership participation in The Wooster Fund for 2013-2014, the largest reunion class attendance, and the largest financial contribution of the of the 2014 non-50 year reunion classes. Send us your reunion ideas and look for further communications in early fall."

Phil has been in partial remission from his leukemia for about two months and today as we write (September) he was told that his leukemia has returned. The "bucket list" has become a reality. Thank you for all your prayers and letters these past months. On a trip out east, Phil and I had time to visit with Mike and Sue Moore at their home in Bowling Green, Ohio. They had just completed a wonderful trip out west and on the way home they stopped at our house and spent a few hours with us.

Nancy Koontz Malville has written regarding the flooding in Colorado and in Boulder this past September. "We have weathered the storm quite well, although we were without power most of the time and had some minor problems with leaks and a damp basement. Our own street (Bluebell Ave.) had no flooding, but one block north is Mariposa Ave., which had damage. Last week, during the night, torrential rains caused the creek to overflow its banks and seek its original stream bed along Mariposa. Nature remembers! The muddy water surged through some back yards and houses and swept many parked cars and

large rocks down the street for several blocks.

The storm damage was extensive all along the Front Range—bridges were out and roads washed away in all of the canyons that connect with mountain communities. It is impossible to describe all the damage—you probably saw footage on TV. The news said that SE Boulder had gotten nearly 19 inches of rain from four days of rain, which is almost as much as Boulder's average annual rainfall of 20.7 inches. The latest report from the Boulder Office of Emergency Management says that the flood destroyed 340 homes in Boulder County and damaged 400 more. The National Guard evacuated over 1,800 people from the county, 1,102 by air and 707 by ground." Please remember them during the next months — recovery and rebuilding."

Roger Ramseyer wrote in July just after we sent out the summer notes. He has kept up with Jack Garrison, Gary Grimes '58, Don Dixon '58, Harry Weckesser '51, Jim Clark, Dick Christy, and several others including Bill Evans '60. "Life is Good," when you stay in touch with C.O.W. friends. Dick Christy has spent many days at their farm — helping with the many chores. Being a farm boy, he loves to work in the dirt. His help is greatly appreciated as Rog has had major heart valve surgery. He and Bev still have big gardens, both vegetable and flowers. They go to a farmers market on Saturdays to sell their veggies and sell to the College's dining service (see the story in the feature section of this magazine.) They find it a real joy and they have many regular customers both at the farms and the Saturday markets. Jack Garrison bought Rog's last Corvair convertible and trucked it to his California home in the desert. He is

having a ball driving it to the golf club. Don Dixon, Gary Grimes, Harry Weckesser, and Rog met in August for their annual golf match — always a super get together. Danny Thomas '60, was missed, as he was always one of their golf gang. Rog is looking forward to seeing many of his fellow classmates in June for our 55th reunion.

**1960**

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Barbara Koch (Cookie) Rader sent me a fascinating article in the "Lincoln (Nebraska) Journal Star" about the Music Teachers National Association award she received at their conference in Anaheim, Calif. last July. The award was granted by the MTNA's Foundation Fund Fellow Program, which "honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the music world and the music teaching profession." Contributions totaling more than \$1,000 must have been contributed to the fund in the name of each candidate for the award. The money from the fund is used for national music scholarships, grants, and programs. Barbara, who was a history major at Wooster, began learning to play the piano when her children were young and didn't show interest in playing themselves. After many years of lessons her music teacher eventually convinced her to teach piano herself. When she began teaching music to people of all ages, she became frustrated by the lack of teaching materials for music history. Consequently she developed a Music History Bingo game, which focuses on style periods such as baroque, classical, romantic, and modern. She is no longer teaching children, but she is still teaching some adults.

Last May Barbara and her husband Ben took a 10-day trip to Buenos Aires, but a week after their return, their 47-year-old son was tragically killed in a bicycle accident. She says "we have been picking ourselves up ever since and are doing as well as can be expected."

Sandy Shaw Lichty sent us the following message: "Hello classmates. I think of you often, but have to be prodded to communicate. We are still in our big old house in Evanston, Ill. We can't move; we are one mile from our grandsons age 10 and 12...oh my. All baseball all the time, and they are quite good so it is a long season. Larry and I are 'retired,' but hard at work on academic pursuits (details when we have something to crow over!) We enjoy travel and having friends visit from out of town — there's plenty of room in our "inn." Chicago and Evanston, Ill., are both great





#### SMALL WORLD

Barbara Byrne Esau '66 and Rosemary Capps Merchant '67 discover a Wooster connection in the village of Uglich, Russia.



#### DALLAS GET-TOGETHER

Laurie Lewis Tonian '81, Greg Tonian '82, Bill St. John '83 got together in Dallas.



#### '79 FRIENDS

Jennifer Haverkamp and Gail Huston got together in New York.

places to visit. Come and see us." In a separate message Sandy also wrote me, "I spent a year battling (and winning!) stage three breast cancer, but that is over, and I am well." Thank goodness for her news of her recovery.

## 1961

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You may remember the huge Colorado floods of last September, and I (Larry) asked if any classmates had been affected. Ann (McEathron) Kuebbeler responded from her home in La Junta (SE Colorado) that the Arkansas River hardly rose above flood stage, and since they live on a hill two miles from the river, they were not affected. In fact, she welcomed the rain, which broke a long heat wave, and said her roses almost jumped back into bloom! By comparison, Tressa (Mahy) Mangum, who lives in Greeley (north of Denver), had no direct damage to her personal property but said that the entire area "was a mess!" Train tracks were undermined, roads and bridges to the University of Northern Colorado (where Tressa works) were washed out, and the road to Estes Park, where her family often vacations, was closed for a 12-mile stretch.

Kathie (Doob) Sakenfeld retired fully from Princeton Seminary in June; the school hosted a lovely dinner party attended by former students from across the country and from all generations of her 43 years on the faculty. She left two days later for a Baltic cruise with friends. After returning, she made a long weekend excursion to Rochester, N.Y., to visit Letchworth State Park ("Grand Canyon of the East") to see her mother's childhood home. Then it was off to

Monhegan Island, Maine, enjoying hiking and reading, and another week at New Harbor, Maine, where she watched the active lobster boats at work from her cottage deck. She adds that these trips were possible because her husband receives excellent care in his nursing home (Parkinson's) and they have a fabulous cadre of friends who organize to pay him daily visits whenever she is away, Genie Bishop being chief among that group.

Judith (Comstock) Burt now lives in Tricesomo, Italy. She recently checked-in to tell about last summer's visit from her two brothers, David Comstock '79 and his wife, and Mick (and wife Linda Piper) Comstock, both '64. They toured Rome, Florence, Venice, and parts of Croatia. Mick had studied some 50 years ago in Vienna with Dr. William Schreiber (who taught German at Wooster 1937-75) so that area was included in his visit. Judith says that she is loving her life in Italy with her daughter, Paola, son-in-law Girogio, and grandson Giacomo, who just started first grade.

Ann (Shipley) Gaither and husband Jeb visited their daughter, Laura (Gaither) Kirby '89, in Manchester, England, last summer. Since they had seen that city a few times, they rented a place in Cornwall, the most southern and western area of England. A day was spent in St. Austell at the Lost Gardens of Heligan, a 150 year old, 200-acre estate garden that has been restored in the last 20 years and the Eden Project, a huge outdoor reclaimed area from an old china clay pit that shows through exhibits and gardens how man can adapt to new ways of living. Ann recommends visiting both projects.

Stephen Jenks and a colleague, Fritz Steele, published a book, "The Arrogant Leader: Dealing with the Excesses of Power"

in the fall of 2012. You can find out more at [www.arrogantleader.com](http://www.arrogantleader.com)

Bill Hoppes had a stroke two years ago with complete recovery. He began working out three-five times per week, but dislocated his left shoulder and may need surgery. Golf for the near future is done. On a lighter note, he has a new granddaughter, Matilda (Tillie). Also, Karen and Don Barnes visited for some Ohio sweet corn, tomatoes, and good cheer in early September.

Hewett Mulford has been researching Wooster. He writes the following: "I came across an unusual connection that I but only recently learned about. Col. Edward Payson '38 was my band director, music tutor, teacher and adviser at Culver Military Academy in 1953-55. For 41 years, Col. Payson served Culver, Ind., and directed the Culver Military Band (100 member band) as well as the Summer Naval Band. Col. Payson had a unique career at Wooster and Oberlin, where he studied music. In 1936, he became the fulltime band director and a fulltime student. He graduated in 1938 from Wooster with a music degree. Some attribute the origin of the Wooster Marching Scots to Col. Payson but I can't confirm this. This unique Wooster graduate was to become my major mentor at Culver in the '50s."

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Update from Margaret Geroch Laker: "At our last reunion I attended (in 2008), my husband Joe Laker and I had just retired





from our long-time teaching careers at Wheeling Jesuit University. Joe had been there for 35 years (in history) and I for 30 years (in computer science). Although I have occasionally taught a class when needed (this spring I will be teaching algorithms), we've found time for plenty of other interests. I've begun to draw and paint, and have now exhibited a number of oils and watercolors, and even sold a few. I volunteer at our local arts cooperative and hope to join when I amass what I can confidently call a "body of work" to be juried in. I am part of several figurative drawing groups for which we hire models, and I also take private lessons from an excellent local landscape painter. Traveling adds to my repertoire of painting ideas, of course.

Joe and I have taken several cruises, to Hawaii and to Alaska, with my daughters and son-in-law. We've also been to the Bahamas several times with sailing friends and visited Copenhagen, the Netherlands and Germany to see friends and follow Laker family trails. I have also traveled in Transylvania (birthplace of Unitarianism), and twice to France with a friend and fellow artists, Pat Jacobson.

Pat's long-time dream was to see the prehistoric caves in the Perigord region, and I thought she needed someone along who spoke French, so we set off. We went twice to Lascaux II and to several other breathtaking sites in 2010, and this past summer we went back and saw Lascaux again along with some other caves. Lascaux itself, once discovered in 1940, was forced to close to the public in the 1960s because of damage from breath and bacteria of visitors. The replica, correct to the centimeter, took more than ten years to complete and opened in 1983. One might think that seeing a replica instead of the "real thing" might lessen the impact, but we have been to Lascaux II four times in all and are completely awed again and again by the incredible artwork produced by these artists about which so little is really known. We've striven to draw and paint our impressions of these images — the chamber of the bulls, the leaping horse, the swimming stags and many others.

Following our trip to the Dordogne this summer, we spent a week in a small town on the Rhone River south of Lyon painting with an international plain-air group. This was somewhat intimidating to me but lots of fun, and we'll be hosting the group in Wheeling next summer, so are busy lining up sites to paint and homes to stay in."

## 1963

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Carol Whitacre Hall and husband Roger '58 go on two medical trips per year with Medical Ministry International (MMI), a Christian ecumenical non-profit organization that provides dental, medical, and surgical care to people around the world. They participate in Central and South America. Carol serves as a Spanish interpreter and Roger is a general helper.

One of their best trips was to Cuzco, Ecuador. They went by old school bus to small towns where people couldn't afford to see doctors or dentists. One village was so far out that there were no roads within the village, only footpaths, and no electricity. As Carol interpreted for one of the doctors, she saw bad skin rashes, yeast infections, and lots of digestive problems. MMI takes medicine and vitamins to hand out; the most important part of the mission is health education. They also dosed everyone with parasite medicine. The dentist spent the whole two weeks pulling very diseased teeth.

Roger moves patients from area to area, takes prescriptions to the pharmacy area, and helps fit reading glasses. The best part for both Carol and Roger is talking with the people and appreciating their culture. Interested? Their e-mail is CNRHALL@gmail.com.

While searching for classmates who did not attend our 50th and from whom questionnaire responses were not received, David B. Baradas was found on Wikipedia. When the entry was written, David was a university professor, writer and cultural official. It included that he was an undergraduate in sociology at Wooster. "He was accepted into a doctorate program in social anthropology at the University of Chicago. At various times he was director and curator of three museums: The Ethnographic Museum in Nayong Pilipino, the Museo Ng Buhay Pilipino (Museum of Philippine Life), and the Museum of the Intramuros Administration.

"He is currently the executive director of the Malacanang Heritage Foundation, in charge of the Malacanang Palace Museum in Manila. He is also a member of the executive committee, Living Treasures Program of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts. David was an associate professor of anthropology at Mindanao State University. He served as consultant to Asia Foundation Manila and the Ford Foundation Manila. He has conducted field research among the Amish people, Pueblo Indians in New Mexico, and various Muslim groups."

From her high school newsletter, Lynne recently learned that Connie Bliss Marshall passed away on Nov. 16, 2012. She had been suffering from Alzheimer's for several years. Her sons and brother held a beautiful memorial service for her on Dec. 16 in New Britain, Conn. Connie and her family spent many years in the New Britain area, although she passed away in Princeton, N.J., near her brother.

Phil Brown heard great things about the 50th reunion. He missed being with us, not because he did not want to be there, but because of a music appreciation course he took at Wooster! Phil spent June 8-16 on the campus of Sonoma State University in California rehearsing and then singing the "Magnificat" by J.S. Bach and the Mozart "Requiem." It was part of the Berkshire Chorale Festival, a program that since 1991 has given him multiple opportunities to join other chorists, a professional orchestra and esteemed conductors singing choral works.

## 1964 50th reunion

Bill, "Chainsaw," McCullough

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Mary (Wilson) Bowditch reports that after serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines, she met and married fellow Peace Corps volunteer Nate Bowditch in 1968. Together they spent 16 of their 45 years together living in other countries/cultures. They lived and worked in Malaysia; Sri Lanka; Ghana; and lastly, Macedonia. Nate worked in economic development, at various times with the Peace Corps, the UN and on USAID contracts. Mary found what she could — at times getting involved in international schools, directing an American college student abroad program, acting as a cross-cultural consultant, and/or making her art. In between sojourns overseas they lived in the US, mostly in Maine, where they put down roots by purchasing an old lakeside fishing camp in 1973; and where they now live in a renovated carriage house on an island along Maine's mid-coast. They also spent several years in Salem, MA, where Mary became professionally involved in museum work — a natural extension of her cultural/artistic/historical interests abroad. Nate retired in 2012 and Mary has begun to reduce her time on a museum board and community association, giving them time to travel together, enjoy their two grandchildren and pursue creative interests. Mary is eagerly looking





## REUNION CLASS GIFTS

*Wooster depends on the generosity, enthusiasm, and spirit of reunion classes to anchor The Wooster Fund through the Class Gift. Celebrating a reunion is an opportunity to reconnect with classmates and return to campus, and also provides an opportunity for increased financial support.*

*Successful reunion classes set the standard for both Alumni Weekend attendance and gifts to The Wooster Fund to inspire other classes to do the same. We hope you will join in celebrating your years at Wooster with your support of your Class Gift.*

forward to seeing classmates at the 50th reunion next June.

Merry (Loomis) and Tom Dahms live in an historic preservation area in downtown St. Louis (39+ years in the same house), with a fine view of the Arch from their second floor balcony. Merry is retired after 26 years selling real estate and Tom is "50 percent" as a professor at St. Louis University Medical School. They would like to connect with Wooster folks. A highlight of 2013 was taking their 13-year-old granddaughter to Spain on an inter-generational Road Scholar trip. Tom and Merry have built a new house on Cape Cod and would love to have some Wooster folks visit them in Chatham, Mass. Just check ahead to be sure they are there (email: dahmstm@swbell.net). They capped 2013 with a one-month camping excursion through Africa. Their group included Wooster classmate Carolyn (Hinman) Thompson and her husband Skip.

Scots in Service Day Sep. 28 – I, Bill McCullough, scanned the registered participant list at the College's website for Class of 1964 folks. In addition to myself, there was Jim Switzer. Class year was not always noted on the seven-page list. If I missed anyone, I apologize. Jim actually reported on his experience at the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank, which involved scooping Special K cereal from a 200-pound container into one-pound plastic bags for distribution. He shared a photo, which you can see on our Facebook page. Ironically, my work was also at a regional food bank operation in Rochester, N.Y., called Foodlink. My wife, Betty, and I sorted donated jars of jelly and peanut butter, checking seals and expiration dates, before packing them in 20-pound boxes for distribution to food pantries in the region. I had this strong craving when I got back home for a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, which I satisfied by preparing and downing one with a cool glass of milk.

50th Reunion Committee – As class secretary, I attended the meeting of your reunion committee on Oct. 5-6. Led by class

president Nancy Braund Boruch, and staffed by Sharon Rice '90, Jessica Armstrong and Brian Nielson from the College, the 14 member group worked long (well into the evening on the first day) and hard. We were joined by Ann Taylor Lehman, and Barry Terjesen, who are among a goodly number of volunteers who have agreed to provide special help and expertise to certain aspects of the programming being considered for the June 5-8 weekend. We examined and discussed a skeletal outline of the weekend, creative uses of the College website and Class of 1964 Facebook for keeping alumni informed and engaged in real time about the weekend as it draws near, the class gift, lodging, meals arrangement, etc. We also spent time discussing how we could improve our ongoing efforts to reach out and talk to members of the Class of 1964 to encourage their participation and what we can do to help ensure that they can. Aside from the headache I had as I drove home (my poor brain can only handle so much), I felt great and energized about what is coming down the pike for us all in June 2014. WOOHOO!!

## 1965

### Chuck Templeton

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*With deep sorrow, we report that Lill Richeson Templeton died Nov. 23, 2013. Our thoughts are with Chuck and the many others who loved Lill.*

We were saddened to learn that Barb Marras Manner's (manner1@comcast.net) husband, Jim, died in October, 2012. Barb continues to supervise student teachers for Duquesne University, teaches classes for Osher Life Long Learning Institute, and serves in her church in various capacities. She has trips planned to Italy and Iceland this year.

In June, Betsy Bedient (betsyjohn@comcast.net) retired from the University of Colorado at Denver and moved

to Ft. Collins to be closer to her children and grandchildren.

She reports that the Wooster Babes (aka Red Hats of '65), planned to gather again in Vermont at the end of the summer to celebrate 70th birthdays. The group includes Kadi DePew Stevens (kdstevens65@verizon.net), Carol Fuller Syversten (thsyvertsen@netzero.net), Lydia Roberts Brown (lrbrown797@gmail.com), Nina Thomas Taylor (nintaylor@gmail.com), Dori Hale (dorihale@comcast.net), Barb Marsh Fedeler (bfdeler@comcast.net), Alex Keith (abkeith91@aol.com), and Connie Bartlett Schultz (honorary '65, actually '64).

Joellyn Price Leget (JoLeget@aol.com) and Bob celebrated their 50th wedding by taking a Mediterranean cruise.

Congratulations are due to Peter Davis (pete@petedavisconsultant.com) who has retired after more than 46 years of work in the store location research profession.

Linda Ronald (lindaronald25@gmail.com) moved from Richmond, Ind. to Charlotte, N.C. in June where she and Stephen can enjoy being near their first grandchild who was born in February. They report that they still have plenty of room for guests. They are looking forward to seeing Nancy Waite-Kahn and other Woosterians in the area.

Our classmate, Judy Peck Von Ahlefeldt (blackforestnews@earthlink.net) lost her home in the Black Forest fire in Colorado Springs in June, but was still able to publish her newspaper two days later. Judy is the owner, publisher, reporter, designer, editor, advertising representative, and photographer of the *Black Forest News* and *Palmer Divide Pioneer*, a community-based one-woman news organization, informing a few hundred readers each week on the happenings of the forest.

Quentin Wilson (qwilson@nnmc.edu) also experienced fires this summer near his property in La Madera, N.M. His family property there was where National Lampoon's Vacation was filmed in 1983. He has a framed photo of Chevy Chase with his two children who also starred in the film.





**TRADITIONAL GATHERING**  
'91s gather for their Outer Banks tradition:  
Rich McClelland, Katie Jones McClelland, Danielle Dunn, Carrie Fasolt Crawford, Karl Crandall, Anna O'Donnell, Bob Graves, and Matt Hastings



**WEDDING OF SALLY SOTO LADRACH '13 AND ADAM LADRACH,**  
JULY 13, 2013

**Bill Paton** (wapaton.sr@gmail.com) reported on Sept. 24, “We Patons (Bill, wife Carrie, 14-year-old Dylan, and 12-year-old twins Buzz and Lisa) are in Ohio now on our 12-month, 48-state motorhome schooling tour. We had a great day in Wooster showing the kids around the college. So much has changed, but there are many important places remaining. We had lunch in the Lowry cafeteria, and it certainly beats Kenarden! A combined art and sociology project is displayed in the old gym dealing with the mixing of races. It is fascinating and thought provoking. Niagara Falls was exciting, too, and the kids thought that day was a really good field trip. Their home schooling isn’t always that exciting. Over the next two months, we will see New England and the Civil War states before spending the cold months along the Gulf coast and southwest. Any classmates along the way who wouldn’t mind a visit are encouraged to contact us at wapaton.sr@gmail.com.”

**Barb Kurz** (bkurz@comporium.net) shared, “I’ve had two nice Wooster connections lately. I met Nancy Carpenter (carpy1010@aol.com) for lunch recently when she was at her condo here in South Carolina — about half an hour from where I live. I was in NYC with friends and saw Marcy Kerr (marcellakerr@aol.com). She gave us a personal walking tour between St. John the Divine and Riverside Church. We enjoyed walking through the campus at Columbia and having lunch at a delightful little restaurant across the street from where Marcy lives.”

**Ruth Banner** (banfam3@comcast.net) reported, “We did have a lovely ‘Camp Banner’ week at Lat’s Cottages on Lake Michigan, just about 45 minutes from here, in late July. The weather wasn’t perfect and the

lake was too rough for swimming part of the time, but the cousins had such a good time; we were thankful that we could all be there together. Jim and our four worked out a schedule so that he and they had good one-on-ones amidst the general commotion of 19 people! We’re all good cooks; LOTS of healthy, delicious, fun food.

“I hope to do tutoring again this year. Most of my jobs come through the Homebound program of the school corp. A friend of ours is an autism specialist with the district, and she keeps roping me in to work with some very interesting children. Each one is special and a good challenge; it’s never boring!”

**Bill Longbrake** (bill@tlff.org), our class president, recently wrote a paper on “Religious Leadership in Business: Lessons from Social Movements.” He and Martha welcomed their fifth grandchild and third granddaughter into the world on Sept. 4. Her name is Leah Elisabeth, born to their second son and his wife — Mark and Erin Longbrake.

**Bill Vodra** (wvodra@cox.net), one of our class’s Civil War history buffs, reported on his recent travels. “Dru and I spent six weeks this spring touring the deep South. We drove to Atlanta for a wedding, then to Columbus, Ga., and to Andersonville. From there to Tuskegee and Montgomery, Ala. Spent five days at Maxwell AFB doing research in records of U.S. Army Air Force in WWII, trying to find details about my uncle’s career as a fighter pilot. I came up with very little and was told that the records of the air war in New Guinea are the poorest of the entire war, so I should not be surprised. We also spent a night in Selma and did the Selma to Montgomery trail from 1965. The candor with which the museums and public walks describe segregation, the Freedom Rides, the civil rights strug-

gles, and the resistance to integration was both shocking and refreshing. Then up to Birmingham, Florence (and the only Frank Lloyd Wright house in Alabama), and into northeastern Mississippi, then Jackson. I learned that despite the public reconciliation of the races, segregation and racial divides still run deep. Up the Natchez Trace and then home. (Oh, and a couple dozen Civil War battlefields on the way, all explored in depth!). All of this is preparatory to the 50th anniversary of two pivotal events in my life: the March on Washington on Aug. 28 and JFK’s talk to Washington interns on Aug. 27. On that day, Kennedy hosted all the college summer interns in government on the South Lawn of the White House. While I was there, Garber Drushal showed up unannounced at Congressman Frank Bow’s office. He asked where I was, and was told I was “meeting with President Kennedy,” which was sort of true.

“To cap this report, yesterday I was in downtown D.C. wearing my COW t-shirt. This young man shouts at me, ‘I went there!’ He just graduated, and is working on a mayoral campaign in Boston then leaving to spend two years in Zambia on a health project. We did not exchange names, but it reminded me why I want to continue my support of the College.”

**Jill Karatinos** (drjkara@gmail.com) reported, “I am finishing writing a book called ‘The Role of the Autonomic Nervous System in Psychiatry.’ OK, so it’s not exactly a bedtime story, but the anatomic pictures of the brain and spinal cord are nice and colorful, and some of the names of the neurotransmitters and brain sites are so euphonious. Let this one roll off your tongue: amygdala. Or enunciate this: acetylcholinergic nicotinic receptor. Surely no true wordsmith, as all liberal arts



educated people are, could resist the prosody of these beauties. To be momentarily serious, I have laid out some new theories based on my own clinical research, with examples of the histories of 13 or 14 complex patients. I am self-publishing it. Even if there is no market for it, I will have a written record of the peak of my career, and hopefully will have contributed some bit of new knowledge to at least my fellow neuropsychiatrists."

On Oct. 11 and 12 our 50th reunion planning committee had its annual meeting on campus to continue preparations for the reunion. The committee appreciates each of you who has given suggestions through your responses to the class survey and through emails and phone calls.

Please keep your news coming — it's wonderful to stay connected to so many classmates. Keep our reunion dates on your calendar, maybe as a movable "sticky note." (Less than two years to wait!) We will keep you posted on the latest developments, and you will also be receiving information from the College as June 4-7, 2015 approaches.

*A note from the editor: Chuck's submission for the fall issue somehow went missing but we published it here, along with more recent news. Our apologies.*

## 1966

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Gerry Meyer writes "along with Suzanne Gambee Brown, Jim Brown, wife Bette and I took a trip to Turkey in May and June planned and led by Sue Holm (Susan@Monmouthcollege.edu). We visited Istanbul, Erzurum, sailed on a gullet on the Aegean sea, Bodrum, Ephesus and Seljuk, Konya, and Cappadocia. Through Sue's contacts with her years in the Peace Corps, we talked with many people who supported the protests because of the current government, which is very autocratic. Bette and I also saw Martha Webb McGovern recently in Marietta, Ohio, while traveling to North Carolina. Martha lost her husband, Pat, in the spring to cancer and is adjusting. She has self-published a book of her poetry and family background and pictures titled "Fragments of the Music." She continued an annual tradition of going to Chautauqua Institute this summer. Martha lives in Williamstown, W.V., which is just across the river from Marietta and is very active in the local Unitarian Universalist Congregation. Martha can be reached atmarthamcg@suddenlink.net.

I am also in contact with Jim McHenry in Topeka, Ky. He has begun a business as a

personal adult swim teacher in retirement and continues to fly fish in Colorado while vacationing there regularly. Jim can be contacted at jmchenry@cox.net.

Jim and Suzanne Brown live in northern South Carolina and recently bought a little Victorian fisherman cottage on Campobello Island, New Brunswick, Canada on the Bay of Fundy. They can be reached at jim13Brown@gmail.com and 3jsbrown13@gmail.com.

With sadness I report the death of Betsy Aukerman Reed (June 21, 2013) after a nine year determined journey with metastasized renal cell carcinoma.

## 1967

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As a result of Bruce Smith joining our 50th reunion planning committee, we have learned something of what he has been doing since June 1967. After graduation, Bruce joined R. R. Donnelly as a management trainee in Willard, Ohio. The U.S. Army interrupted his career, causing him to spend 1968 to 1970 as an Army Infantry first lieutenant in Vietnam. After returning from Vietnam, Bruce held various management positions at Donnelly manufacturing plants in Kentucky, Indiana, and Virginia. In 1989, he was elected a vice president and served as the sales manager for Book Publishing Services in Chicago. In 1992, he moved back to Willard, Ohio, as vice president and division director of the manufacturing division there. At the same time, he was president of the Donnelly Caribbean Graphics operation in Barbados. Bruce became senior vice president for the educational division of Book Publishing Services in 1995. This was followed by assignments with the same title for operations for Book Publishing Services and then manufacturing. While with Donnelly, Bruce was their representative to the Book Manufacturers' Institute (BMI), serving on various committees. He was a member of the BMI board of directors from 1997 to 2003 and served as president from 2001 to 2003. He retired as executive vice president of BMI in 2009. Bruce and wife, Peggy, live in Palm Coast, Fla. Their son, Brent and his wife, Lisa, have given them two grandsons, Ben and Will.

In the "It's a small world" category, your secretary, Rosie, and husband, John, enjoyed

meeting Barbara Byrne Esau '66 and her husband, John, while on a Volga River cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg. What are the odds of meeting another Wooster grad from our era halfway around the world?

## 1968

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Greetings from your class secretaries (Laura and Rich Perrius), we hope to be able to bring everyone some news from your fellow classmates over the next five years! Please email or join the Wooster Class of 1968 on Facebook as 43 of your classmates already have. Or if you are feeling old, just give us a call. Laura and I still live in Clifton, New Jersey and have three children and five grandchildren to keep us busy. Our oldest son Dan also is a Wooster graduate (1993). Laura retired from teaching kindergarten five years ago to assume fulltime grandchild duty, but she still teaches Sunday school, directs our church choir, plays the organ/piano, runs the VBS program, and guides the New Jersey seniors group for our church.

I retired (was downsized, actually) from the retail food business a few years ago and have been working various consulting jobs. I also retired from my church ministry after 40 years and also retired from caring for five Caribbean countries (Grenada, Saint Vincent, Saint Lucia, Dominica and Trinidad) for our church, which I did for the past 10 years. The first two countries I was assigned to, Grenada and Saint Vincent, do not have golf courses, proving once more that the Lord does have a sense of humor!

William Chew writes (We always knew he would become a rocket scientist!):

"For those of you who were not at the reunion, I retired from the Army on Dec. 31, 2011 after 30 years of being a rocket scientist and now working part time for C3 Propulsion, a small business supporting government R&D, in Huntsville, Ala. We are very active members of the United Church of Huntsville, United Church of Christ, and are active members of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Huntsville affiliate. Amy and I have been in Marriage Encounter since 1979 and started presenting weekends in 1986. We have two children, Jessica (a massage therapist) and Geoffrey, who received his doctorate in molecular pharmacology from Brown University three years ago. Interestingly, Geoffrey and I work well together! Amy retired in Aug. 2012 after teaching for more





**ANNUAL PHI DELTA SIGMA GOLF OUTING**  
Delts gathered at the home of Kit Arn '76 for the 25th golf outing last July.

than 20 years, most of which was in third grade. We have really enjoyed doing things together, even house and yard work! We enjoyed getting together with all those attending our 45th and thank all who made it happen.”

**Tom Hammer** writes: “Hi all, I’m just back from my third stint staying with families in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. With the last family I stayed with (everything in Spanish, which unfortunately I didn’t take at Wooster), I never have felt so loved in my life. I adore the Mexican people, their culture, and their respectful but firm parenting style. My goal is to get good enough at Spanish so that I can be a volunteer in a local nonprofit, of which there are many. Ten percent of the people in this special historical town at 6,000 ft. have liked it so much that they have retired here, and it is reputed to have the most nonprofits per capita in the world (over 200). Nonprofits were not a part of Mexican culture, but now each culture is learning from the other. I feel so blessed to have had the encouragement of my wonderful wife Barbara and to have found my new Mexican family. I invite anyone visiting the Philly area to get in touch with us or to contact me if you’re interested in Mexico. I’m on Facebook, and I think the easiest way to find me might be facebook.com/tom610 or email me at thammer302@yahoo.com. Or, if you are reasonably good at Espanola and want to try chatting by Skype en Espanola, let me know.”

**Rodger James Sillars** writes: After my retirement a couple of years ago and Betsy’s in May, we are now relocated to Colorado. We’d hoped for a faster settling transition, but reality suggests we are ahead of the curve a bit. Actually we’d planned to do this later, in a few

more years, but we are so glad to have done it now in spite of the excess baggage. Our apartment provides a terrific view of the mountains, truly creating a perpetual vacation. When not completing our organizing, we can read and enjoy the view; I can swim downstairs; we can walk or cycle; and later ski or snow shoe lots of pleasant nearby trails. Denver is doing really exciting things with transit. We are truly in an earthly paradise! This lifelong Buckeye is very pleased. My only elected church office is on the national committee that processes ordination exams so I can continue to do this really fun (no, really!) church commitment. We’d love to hear from classmates at rjsillars@gmail.com, (303) 403-2266, 9153 Yarrow Street Apartment 1519, Westminster, Colorado 80021.”

**1969** ■ **45th reunion**

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Happy New Year! It’s 2014 and that means that we will be celebrating our 45th reunion in June. Please save the dates of June 6-8, 2014. Plan to come see the campus and get re-acquainted with class members. It should be a great weekend.

**1970**

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**Skip McDonald** reports, “My it has been a long time since graduation, but I hope to make it back for the 50th. My wife, Ginny,

and I are now living in Eugene, Oregon. I am still working as owner of Certain Passages Photography (<http://www.certainpassages.com/>) and doing ongoing photo seminars and tours. I wanted to mention also an event that Ginny and I attended last week. One of Ginny’s high school classmates at the National Cathedral School in Washington, D.C., is a lady from the Thai Royal Family, and now the personal secretary to the reigning King of Thailand, Bhumibol Adulyadej. We just returned from a trip to Chicago where we attended a private opening and reception of “SIAM: the Queen and the White City,” a new exhibit at the Chicago History Museum celebrating Siam’s participation in the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair. At the evening reception we met Her Royal Highness, Princess Mata Chakri Sirindhorn. To say Ginny and I received the “royal treatment” would be an understatement at best; the Thai hospitality was so gracious. We both feel incredibly blessed to have been given this amazing opportunity. Greetings to all my Wooster friends!”

**1971**

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**1972**

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**Casey Garhart** writes: “For the first 20 years after graduation I moved around a lot, but have been comfortably ensconced in



Madison, Wis. for the last 19. I stayed connected with some Wooster friends over the years, made contact with and then lost contact with others during the years I was flitting about, and have become reacquainted with still others via Facebook. And over the years I have also become friends with Wooster grads who were there either before or after my four years. I am currently a learning consultant with IBM and enjoy the work. This year they sent me to Singapore, Sao Paulo, and Seoul. (Other years I've gotten to go to Bloomington, Ill. — some business travel is better than others.) In my spare time I have been a sign language interpreter, a member of the board for Montgomery County, Md., public television, and now I'm a Morris dancer. There's no end to the things that a good liberal arts education can prepare you for."

**Janet Calhoun** writes: "I retired after 23 years of teaching deaf and hard of hearing students in Mansfield and seventh grade science students in London, England in 1995. The College of Wooster has kindly provided me with a room in Overholt House, the Interfaith House, in which I can teach English as a second language and sign language for the deaf. Some of my students are from the College and some from the community, so my classes are a kind of community outreach."

**Melody Bates** writes: "You may not remember me as I left Wooster after two years to attend the University of Cincinnati. My life took many zigzags, and I ended up living in Haiti for six years (and nine different governments in the same period of time) as a second grade teacher of the kids of diplomats, American businessmen, and wealthy Haitians in an American curriculum school in Port-au-Prince. From there, as a single mom, aged 42, I adopted an infant girl and life took on another phase — I began selling Haitian art from a little store in Naples, Fla., and I named it in honor of my daughter — "The Lady From Haiti." Her name is Rachel and she just finished her sophomore year at Wooster! Thanks for the contact. I'd love to hear from anybody up there. [www.ladyfromhaiti.com](http://www.ladyfromhaiti.com) ("contact us" button)."

**Ron Oblander** writes: "I just retired from working at WJBK-TV in Detroit this last March. Here's a quick synopsis of my intervening years. I left Wooster and went into the Peace Corps. I spent two years in the Malaysian part of Borneo. I taught biology and English to secondary students in a boarding school in Makah, Sarawak. I spent four months traveling home through Singapore, Thailand, Nepal, India, Bangladesh, England, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, France and finally Belgium before flying home. I ended up in Ann Arbor at the University of Michigan

where I obtained a master's in biology. I was accepted into a few Ph.D. programs, but the job market outlook was grim for future Ph.D.s at that time, so I ended up going back to my old standby, broadcasting. I spent 38 years in television from production houses to TV stations. I got into being a labor activist to save our jobs from union-busting that struck the industry from 1987 to 2000. I managed to get automated out of a myriad of jobs working at WJBK-TV. I saved my career by teaching myself video editing and finished my 28 years at FOX2 Detroit being a news editor. Since retirement, I've been doing a lot of therapy dog work at the local VA hospital and other venues. I think my education from Wooster made it possible for me to handle so many different experiences from living on Borneo to appearing on picket lines to stand up for workers."

**Phil Hunter** writes: "Beth and I are now empty nesters as I'm sure a lot of us are. We still live in Walnut Creek, Calif., which is about 25 miles east of San Francisco. I retired from Apple last year after 25 years. I worked for Apple longer than Steve Jobs did. In the spring we traveled to Zimbabwe and visited with two NGOs. One focuses on preventing mother to child transmission of AIDs and the other was the first orphanage (and now that largest orphanage in Zimbabwe) that took in AIDs kids. The first works very closely with the national governmental health services, conducting rural clinics, health education for adults and early childhood checkups. At the second NGO, the orphanage, currently about 30 percent of their children are HIV+, with the other having lost either one or both parents to AIDs. They are in the midst of getting a local elementary school competed so it can be registered with the government to get some education funds. While there we met with the local UNICEF administrator who focuses on 'Orphans and Vulnerable Children'. Right now, we are hopeful that we might be able to help UNICEF with their mission in Zimbabwe and in turn several orphanages.

"We have been traveling a fair amount. With one son in NYC, we have been to see him and dropped in on some Wooster friends. We were also able to squeeze in a work trip to Joplin, Mo., to help with the rebuilding of the town from the horrible tornado that struck two years ago. Hope life is treating you as well as it is treating us."

**Darla Middlebrook** previously wrote about her new career as an audiobook narrator. She just completed book number 16 and is working on three more projects. One of them is a Jack London novel. "It is very rare that one of his novels can be narrated by a woman, but London wrote this particular novel as a

memoir written by a woman. The title is "The Iron Heel" and was originally published in 1908." Darla's website is: [www.darlasvoice.net](http://www.darlasvoice.net).

**Doug Henschel** writes: "After graduation, I went on to dental school, graduated from Temple Dental School and started practicing dentistry in Wyomissing, Pa., as an associate for two years. Got married the year I graduated. In 1978, I opened my own general dentistry private practice and we also had our first (and only) daughter, Abigail. Ten years later I decided to join the Navy reserves as a dental officer starting as a lieutenant. Got mobilized in 2003 for Operation Iraqi Freedom and spent three and a half months in Kuwait with a Navy Surgical Company. My first wife and I divorced in 2006, I retired from the Navy as a captain in 2011 after 25 years, I sold my dental practice in 2012 and married Nancy, an artist from Carlisle, Pa. I now work part time in Carlisle and do a lot of volunteer work for my church, Project Share, and also help out with some art projects with my wife. Somewhere in there I ran a marathon in all 50 states from Feb. 2002 through June 2008 having completed 75 marathons since my first marathon in Oct. 1999. Those are the highlights. I still play my baritone horn and have joined the Mechanicsburg, Pa., Singer Band since moving to Carlisle. The 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg created some additional playing opportunities this year since Mechanicsburg and Carlisle had Confederate activity just prior to the Gettysburg battle."

**Rick Sollman** writes: "My wife, Kathy (high school girlfriend), and I have been married for 41 years and I am very proud of my three children (Scott — attorney who played football and baseball at Notre Dame '97, Stacey — calculus teacher who played soccer at West Virginia '00, and Steve — UND student services assistant who played baseball at Notre Dame '04). They have given us seven beautiful grandchildren (number eight due in four weeks). I am in my 42nd year of education, 20 years as a math teacher and coach, and 22 years as an athletic director, assistant principal, and principal. I am semi-retired, working half time in the advancement office at my alma mater, Roger Bacon High School. God has been very good to me; I also truly appreciate my years at Wooster and all of the great people that had a big influence on my life."

**Barbara Crowe** is a professor of music at Arizona State University and is also the director of music therapy. She writes: "I just received a publishing contract for my fourth book, "Deepening Music Therapy Practice: Using the Transpersonal Model in Music Therapy Practice." This will join "Music and





**THE '56 MILLER GIRLS AT GHOST RANCH**  
Ann Rowe, Pris Little, Nancy Paine,  
Sue Stewart



**KLYBERG FAMILY REUNION, JULY 2013**  
Front row: Sarah Fuller Klyberg '95, Nancy Klyberg Peternith '65, Laura Klyberg Perrius '68, Beverly Moores Klyberg '65, and Albert Klyberg '62. Back Row: Kevin Klyberg '92, Daniel Perrius '93, and Richard Perrius '68

Soulmaking” (2004), “Music Therapy for Adolescents,” “Children and Adults with Mental Disorders (2004),” and “Group Rhythm and Drumming (2007).” This will be my last big academic project, as I will be retiring from Arizona State University in June 2015. Looking forward to doing some nonacademic writing and traveling.”

Christie Rosser Moseley writes: “Since Wooster, I have had a career in entertainment branding. I was the first head of marketing for Discovery Communications and am currently SVP, product management and brand oversight, Rockettes for Madison Square Garden Entertainment in New York City.”

Susi Wagner writes: “I have reached 20 years working for the University of Minnesota School of Music, and I enjoy it very much. My husband Denny is combining his love of tennis and teaching to create a new career as a tennis instructor for kids and seniors. We have had some great fun remodeling our home in Minneapolis and traveling over the years. Last February we visited our daughter, who lives and works in Honolulu, our first trip to Hawaii. Would love to hear from anyone from the good old days 1968-1972.”

Lynne Williams writes: I teach voice three days a week at Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pa. My husband, Glen, and I live in Springdale, Pa. I’m also director of music for the Aspinwall Presbyterian Church and serve on the national board for the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. I’m also on the Pittsburgh boards for the Choristers Guild and the Presbyterian Assoc. of Musicians chapters, and I’m a P.E.O. I have a private studio of piano and voice students. Glen works for Bayer and is a systems engineer. He is into woodworking, metalworking and photography. We love going to musical

and theater productions of both professional and university productions. We have a guest room, if anyone is in the Pittsburgh area and needs a place to crash.”

### 1973

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### 1974 35th reunion

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Plan now to attend the 40th class reunion next June. We are planning a great weekend for us to renew our friendships. Our class is the reunion attendance champs of all classes! Do not wait — we are not getting any younger and have a lot we can share since we have been on the planet a while. Hope to see all of you. Wow, that would be unreal!

### 1975

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### 1976

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Maura Poston Zagrans has authored another book, “Camerado, I Give You My Hand,” the story of prison chaplain David T. Link. After a successful career as an attorney and law school dean, Link became an ordained

priest at the age of 71. Maura's book tells Father Dave's inspiring story of justice and compassion. As part of her research, Maura went behind prison walls to speak with and photograph inmates. The preface to Maura's book was written by Sister Helen Prejean.

The publisher is Image, an imprint of Crown Publishing Group, which is a division of Random House. Maura, also the author of “Miracles Every Day” (2010), is a mother of six who lives and writes in Elyria, Ohio.

I'm sad to report the deaths of three classmates: Paul A. Kane of Norcross, Ga., who died July 13, 2013; Thomas Kinner Jr. of Burlington, Ky., who died Aug. 30, 2012, and Debra Ann Foulds Leary of Texas, who died Aug. 26, 2013. See In Memoriam after Class Notes. Our sympathies to all of the survivors, including Paul's father Ralph Kane, and Debra's husband Bill Leary '73, their daughter Amanda at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., and Debra's nephew and niece, Matthew T. Foulds '05 and Katherine A. Foulds '08.

### 1977

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Congratulations to Elizabeth Eaton, who was elected by the Chicago-based Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as the first woman to lead the nation's largest Lutheran denomination. Elizabeth's election is historic for the nation's largest Lutheran denomination, because some smaller Lutheran denominations do not ordain women. Liz is a native of Cleveland and received a music education degree from the College of Wooster and a divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School. She is married and a mother of two daughters. She was ordained in 1981 and



served in the pulpits of three Ohio parishes before becoming bishop in 2007.

Bill Gantzer reports that it has been a busy year for him in Cincinnati. Even though old football injuries have forced him to semi-retire, he has kept busy reorganizing a local youth football program in New Richmond, Ohio. His son, Michael has graduated from the University of Cincinnati and is currently employed by the Cincinnati Reds. His youngest son is in his junior year at UC as an international marketing major. Bill would like to hear from fellow Woosterites and you can reach him at watg1955@hotmail.com.

## 1978

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Scott Wilson writes, "Greetings from Connecticut, where I've been with my family since 1994. My wife Holly and I are now empty nesters in every sense of that term, for both of our kids are out of college and living on their own. Our son Harrison Wilson '10 is a professional firefighter in the Washington D.C. area, and our daughter Caroline works as an admissions officer (and swim coach) at a boarding school in New Jersey while she ponders taking the LSAT.

Rob Lawson is a successful credit consultant in Roanoke, Va., having built his business from scratch, which he runs from a home office. He thoroughly enjoys his work, which allows him to exercise an intellectual curiosity his clients appreciate. I met up with him and his beautiful family two years ago when the Scots hoopsters made it to the NCAA DIII Final Four. Rob is still very active with masters swimming, hiking, skiing, etc., all of which he enjoys doing with his wife and children.

Jon Marks, legal professional, lives nearby and is rumored to be about to launch a new hobby as a stand-up comic. His talented son Owen is swimming and rowing for Sarah Lawrence University. Alan Fisco lives in the Seattle area, where he works for the Seattle Times. There are occasional Pat Hurley sightings in the Hartford area (Pat lives in Manchester). John Wilson is a highly accomplished economist and author at the World Bank in Washington D. C. (and is also the best Fighting Scot athlete from our era not to be elected to the W Association Hall of Fame).

Beyond our class, I stay in close touch with Paul Lugg '80, his wife Carol, and their three great children. Paul is a chemist at 3M in the St. Paul area (an area also home to

Robin Light Thomas and her husband Stuart Thomas).

Anna Van Der Burg writes: Andrew and I were not able to make our class reunion this summer. It is the first time we have missed one. We will be sure to make the next one. We did have a chance this August to catch up with some of our Wooster friends in Chicago. We were joined by Evelyn Ziegler, Julie Atkins and her husband Steve Hastie, John and Phyllis Vandenberg and Bev Dale. Bev, who lives in Chicago, arranged a fun-filled weekend for the group, which included lunch at the restaurant at the top of the John Hancock Building and an evening at Second City Comedy Club. It was really wonderful to both reminisce and catch up.

While pouring a coffee in the company cafeteria today, Fleetwood Mac's "Go Your Own Way" was playing in the background. Hearing it, and having just been asked to write this report, memories of Wooster came flooding back. Strong memories: parties, the pool, I.S., railing in the library, the occasional class or two. It's hard to believe we've been away so long, yet the memories remain so fresh. Let's hear from the rest of you...

## 1979 ■ 40th reunion

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Jen Reed Jones continues to meet up with our classmates. She writes: "I am on day one of my New England classmate trip. Four signatures today, Bobbie Emling, Chuck Hicks, Mary Aisles and soon Jim Ferrell. Incredible classmates, no wonder I had so much fun in college. There are another 20 before I get home in a week. This is great and I may keep driving. Don't know what else to talk about...empty nesting is PRIMO!" Check out her visits with our classmates at: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/365830796859483/?hc\\_location=stream](https://www.facebook.com/groups/365830796859483/?hc_location=stream) Great Photos!

Contact Jen at xojones@aol.com. She will be back in the D.C. area Oct. 25t, and we are gathering Jennifer Haverkamp, Doug and Diana Pinkham, Jay Keller, Anne and Don Bordine and Christopher Henley with families for a cookout in Jen's honor.

*John Manchester*

(johnmanchester@comcast.net) writes: "I have a new job. I am the technical team leader for the AD Server Migration Project at AbbVie. My team of 10 will be migrating about 4000 servers to the new AbbVie domain in the next 12 months. Should keep us rather busy. Also in a weak moment I agreed to be the commissioner for Illinois for the Clan MacFarlane

Society" (Of course he will take a break to attend the 35th reunion).

From Jennifer Haverkamp: "While on vacation in the Adirondacks we got together with Gail Huston in upstate New York. (photo pg. 43) Gail's doing great in a new job, running the creamery/cheesemaking operation on a beautiful organic farm."

Linso van der Burg (Linso@msn.com) responded: "Who says we are too old to get new jobs... On Oct. 1 I will be starting as the director of finance for ReversingLabs, an anti-virus software startup in Cambridge, Mass. Joanne and I had our 27th wedding anniversary and are still going strong. All four children are in graduate school or college this year, so the house is definitely quieter than last year when our oldest was back home and working and youngest was still in high school. Not sure I am ready to be an empty nester."

Christopher Henley (chenleywsc@gmail.com) wrote just after I had sent in the July Class report: "My husband Jay Hardee and I have two new additions to our family. Aksel Wilson Henley-Hardee and Ivona Asher H.H. arrived on July 21. Aksel's name comes from the Olympic skier Aksel Lund Svindal (Jay was a downhill skier and loves the Olympics); Ivona comes from the Gombrowicz play 'Ivona, Princess of Burgundia' Jay and I met when we both acted in a production of that play. I guess Aksel is lucky that we didn't meet when I was playing the title role in Killer Joe. NOTE to CLASS: Remember to put June 5-8, 2014 on your calendar for our 35th reunion!

*David Pittenger*

(pittengerd@marshall.edu) exclaimed: "Thirty-fifth reunion! I suddenly feel very old." — Its all a state of mind Dave!

Jim Wilkins noted: "I've added the reunion to my calendar. It's a 45-minute drive, so I really have no excuses. I responded to Jim noting that my music (on iTunes) still includes Michael Stanley Band which Jim introduce to me to freshman year in Kenarden. Those connections live on!" I (Jay Keller) am hoping to connect with Jim in October if he can swing a conference trip to D.C. -

## 1980

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**WEDDING OF KAIT REMENARAC '05 AND BEN TURSHEN, AUG. 9, WOOSTER**  
Elizabeth Lucarelli '05, Allison Kovacs Neptune '05, Kathryn Powell '05, Landre Kiser McCloud '05, Molly Rallo Zaluski '05, Larry Gigax '74, Steve Kovacs (former coach), Rick Remenaric '80, PJ McCloud '04, Brian Kight '05, Jesse Koski '05, Jen Flavin Rooker '04, Kyle Rooker '01

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Dale Swift writes: "Here in Dallas we are well. Our oldest (Kohl, 15) spent the summer in Brazil learning Portuguese while living with the exchange student who spent a semester with us last year. Isaac (14) caught a "mess of fish" in Alaska and trained in New Mexico for the cross-country season here. It's good to have them home."

Chris deVries writes to say that all is well in Bethesda. She was recently on campus, taking her daughter Katie on a tour. "Where does the time go? I cannot believe that she is looking at colleges!" Chris is currently the chief executive officer/executive vice president of the American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry. She is also the executive director of the Geriatric Mental Health Foundation.

## 1981

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## 1982

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Barb Brown is taking on a new/old adventure and moved back to her hometown of Pittsburgh. After 20+ years in St. Paul, Minn., she returned home to the McMurray/Peters Township area of Pittsburgh. Her daughter, Isabel, has started first grade, and she continues freelance marketing and development writing for

several clients including Wooster! She looks forward to connecting with old and new friends in the area. You may contact her at 501 Clubview Dr., McMurray, PA, 15317, wishboneandbarb@hotmail.com or via phone at 651.239.2879.

Rich Bowers and wife Miriam '83 are also in the Pittsburgh area and enjoying the life of empty nesters. Richard has thoroughly enjoyed the last two years as both a parent and a member of the Board of Trustees for the College of Wooster. Their children are Levi (class of 2017 at Haverford), Eve, (class of 2016 at Penn), and Leah, (class of 2014 at Wooster).

Alison Amos provides an update since graduation. She has worked for Tescos Technologies in Timonium, Md., for the past 27 years. She and her husband celebrated their 30th anniversary in June. Their oldest daughter Anna, 25, lives in Baltimore and works for Sodexo Corp as a marketing specialist at Stevenson University. Middle daughter Barbara, 22, is living at home for now and also works as a marketing specialist for Penn-Mar Wilbert in York, Pa. The youngest Julia, 21, is a senior at East Carolina University majoring in anthropology and minoring in Spanish. She would love to hear from friends.

Judith Maxwell and husband, Kim Lance celebrated their 25th anniversary and send their greetings. They live in Delaware, Ohio, and Kim teaches chemistry at Ohio Wesleyan University. Judith is the chief administrator and head librarian for the

Delaware County Law Library. They have three children: James, who is a College of Wooster grad, class of 2012, now in his second year at Boston University School of Theology; Marie who is a freshman at Denison University; and Paul, who is a high school sophomore.

David Ward graduated with his master's of music in vocal pedagogy and opera directing from the University of Houston's Moore's School of Music this past May. He has since moved to Tucson to become the director of opera theater for the University of Arizona School of Music. David would love to hear from you. His contact information is [www.buffoward.com](http://www.buffoward.com) or [buffoward@aol.com](mailto:buffoward@aol.com) and phone (917) 860-0896.

Greg Tonian and his wife, Laurie Lewis Tonian '81, recently met with Bill St. John '83, while Bill was in Dallas on business. Bill and Greg were fraternity brothers at Wooster and had not seen each other since graduation. Greg's son is currently a junior at the College of Wooster. Their daughter Christina went to the College of Charleston in South Carolina and lives in Charlottesville, Va.

Sarah Vodrey and classmate Jeff Hendrickson met during freshmen orientation and it was love at first sight. They live in Sarah's hometown of East Liverpool, Ohio, where Sarah has been the director of the Museum of Ceramics since Dec. 2004. Jeff has long been a staff attorney at the Seventh District Court of Appeals in Youngstown. They are the happy parents of two wonderful



adult daughters and one is a Wooster graduate, Julia Vodrey Hendrickson, Wooster '08.

As for me, (Susan Lancaster Toner), I recently celebrated my 27th anniversary this summer with a trip to Scotland with my husband, Kevin. The weather was warm and sunny, the heather was in bloom, and on the last day, we were in London for the birth of Prince George. It was a vacation I will always remember.

## 1983

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Daniel Howes writes: "Three weeks after our daughter, Isabelle ('13), graduated from Woo, she came back to campus with me for our 30th reunion. And out of the box, she got a load of the Tartan Network, circa Class of '83, in action: there was Bill Levisay dispensing counsel on when to get an MBA, when not to and why it makes sense to work a real job for a few years (ah, sweet music to Dad's ears). There was CEO Julia Klein, newly minted member of the Board of Trustees, wondering what might be next for our graduate, an international relations major with a double minor in French and German. There was Chris Thomas and Mary Neagoy and Lissa Beatty and Jennifer Smith and David Martin showing the sincerity that Isabelle came to know during her four years on campus really is embedded in the place ... and has been for long time. Our run as Woo parents is over, unfortunately. Another season of Fighting Scots field hockey is just around the corner, but I and my trusty kilt are not likely to be there very often to cheer them on. Can't when you're hip-deep in another epic Detroit bankruptcy like we are at The Detroit News. Go Scots!"

We received the sad news in spring 2013 of Dave "Geigs" Geiger's passing in April 2013. www.wooster.edu writes, "David was a communication studies major and a member of the varsity football team at Wooster. He also volunteered for Wooster's Boy Village. He went on to earn his master's in leadership development from Eastern University and then to work as an advertising agent and most recently with Townshend Communications as regional director of My Majors. His interests included spending time with his family and being involved in sports. David is survived by his parents, son, daughter, brother, sister, Rebecca Geiger '88, fiancé, cousins, Benjamin Geiger '95 and Joel Geiger '91, and his ex-wife

Sara McCullough." We extend our deepest condolences to his friends and family.

It's been five years since we lost our classmate Jeanine Henke Neumann, and I (Edith) miss her terribly. I stay in touch with her husband Peter '81, and her daughters who are growing into amazing young women. Her daughter Olivia began her freshman year at University of Vermont this past fall — hard to believe — and Julia is not far behind.

John Sichenze writes, "I am sorry I could not make the 30th reunion as I was very busy this summer. This spring I was diagnosed with a brain tumor and then spent eight weeks in Maryland at Johns Hopkins. I am home and recovering and working a few hours a day now. I just started my 24th year at Morgan Stanley and hope to retire in six more years. We are expecting our seventh grandchild. This one will be a special needs child from China. We have been traveling our great country coast to coast in our bus motorhome and love it. It meshes well with my other hobby of photography. The grandkids helped foster the joy of shooting again and traveling all over means I have some great landscapes too. Hope to see you all at the next reunion." Good to hear from John, we'd love to see some of those pictures on Facebook!

Catch up on news about your classmates, and stay connected to Wooster in between *Wooster Magazine* publication dates — "like" our Facebook page, "Wooster 83."

## 1984 ■ 30th reunion

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## 1985

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As I (Barry) put quill to parchment (just work with me here), fall's daylight whispers farewell while winter's night extends a frozen walking stick in greeting. Whaaa? Let's warm up with some steamed buns and ravioli!

That's what Victor Frank loves to eat in China and Turkey, respectively. "I have been busy this year setting up an advanced Turkish language program in Ankara, Turkey, and an advanced Chinese program in Tianjin, China, for U.S. undergraduates," says the managing director of overseas flagship programs at American Councils for International

Education. Hey, language dude, what do you like to nosh in these locales? "I eat way too much each time I go. In China, xiao long bao [the aforementioned steamed buns] and in Turkey, manti [similar to ravioli]." Vic planned to go to Senegal in September, but had to postpone when his mother passed away. Send condolences to *valvic99@gmail.com*.

What's up, Class President Jamie Haskins? Have you ever gotten kooky and combined travel with noteworthy celebration? "In the year of our 50th birthdays, Mike and I took an August cruise to Alaska, the only state we had never visited," replies the managing director of Philadelphia's Wilma Theater. "When we hatched the plan, I had it in my head that Alaska was the 50th state, which just serves as evidence of the underrepresentation of U.S. history in my college curriculum." [Class Secretary's note: Snap!] "Regardless, we have now each set foot in all 50 states and await statehood for Puerto Rico." Write to Jamie at *jdhasaki@aol.com*.

Anyone else celebrate a 50th birthday, recently? (Bada-bing! I'm here all week.) OK, how about with a group of Wooster classmates? Didn't think so. Donna Rice Waggener's husband threw her a surprise party at their favorite pub. "He and our girls really kept it secret and I was completely surprised. When I made my way around the room and saw Chip Comstock and Bev Roberts Johnson, I just burst into tears because I realized each had driven three hours to be there. Alison Moser Stuart, Susan Fenderson Russell, Shah Hasan and Dave and Cheryl Trautmann Boop were all there and we had a great time catching up." Catch up with Donna via *wagggz@columbus.rr.com*.

Read any dystopian fiction lately? If you have teens or preteens, I'll wager they've read "The Hunger Games" or "The Giver." "I have an edited collection forthcoming in 2014 from the University of Mississippi Press called "Little Red Readings: Historical Materialist Perspectives on Children's Literature," reports Angela Hubler, an associate professor of women's studies at Kansas State University. "I wrote the introduction and an essay titled 'Utopia and Anti-Utopia in Lois Lowry's and Suzanne Collins' Dystopian Fiction.'" Angela is dealing with wrapping her mind around the reality of an empty nest. "I'm trying to find meaning in life now that both of our boys have flown the coop: Jack for his freshman year at Willamette U. in Salem, Oregon; and Neil who remains in Eugene, Oregon, working, blowing glass, and we hope, making progress toward a college degree. Luckily, dogs and cats don't grow up and leave home like children





## Honoring Eric: *Moving for a cure*

In March 2013, Eric Knauss '02 passed away from brain cancer after a 16-month battle. While at Wooster, Eric was a four-year, All-American member of the swimming & diving team. He also met his future wife and fellow All-American swimmer Tanya Taransenkov Knauss '04.

Prior to his death, a group of swimming alumni pledged to participate in a range of sporting events around the country and abroad for brain cancer charities in honor of Eric & Tanya. These included 5k walk/runs, swim-a-thons, open water swims and a marathon. To date, groups of alumni swimmers have participated

in nine events with several more taking place throughout 2014 (including a 100 mile bike ride).

Tanya has led the way, participating in three events in 2013, partnering and supporting others, and planning ahead for events in 2014. Of the Wooster community, Tanya says, "The support has been overwhelming and a true testament to the type of extended family the swim team created in our lives."

by Hannah Graff '06



Kim Chambers Fox '06 and husband at the Miles for Hope 5k, May 4.



Hannah Graff '06 and husband Nick Berry at Cancer Research UK Windsor open water swim, June 2.



Nicole Greene '05 and Patti Ross '06 at the 5k Race for Hope run in Washington, D.C. on May 5.



'06 husband-wife team David Whitney and Courtney Lee participated in the National Brain Tumor Society's Denver walk in June.

### ALSO INVOLVED

**Noel Wells '06** raised more than \$2,700 for the American Cancer Society in honor of her grandfather and Eric.

**David Brumbaugh '06** and **Milena Mauric '08** ran the Capital City Endurance 5K in downtown Columbus; **David Brumbaugh**, **Tanya Knauss '04**, and **Austin Carter '08** swam in the Sync Cancer event at Ohio State University.

**Shabad Thadani '06** participated in the Commissioner's Trophy swim meet in Flushing Meadows, New York City.



do.” What if, in fact, dogs, “The Dream Fetchers,” tried to leave their suburban homes carrying the dreams of cul-de-sac kids in the microbes of their fur, but we, “The Keepers,” unwittingly repressed these dreams with our electronic yard fences? Discuss with Angela at [ahubler@k-state.edu](mailto:ahubler@k-state.edu).

**Missy Ehlert Ricksecker** ([mricksecker@gmail.com](mailto:mricksecker@gmail.com)) provides the low down on her life in Columbus, Ohio: “(1) Three kids who are smarter than I am, (2) two cats and two dogs that thankfully aren’t, and (3) a Victorian house that outsmarts me on a regular basis.” Missy is a consultant for Ohio’s state arts agency. “This is after nine months of reading, painting, fixing stuff on the house and gardening. It’s good work for a girl with a master’s degree in Greek and Latin,” she says. “I’ve had a gazillion jobs since Wooster at three art museums, a literary center, a garden center and more places than I can remember.” Missy would love for classmates to check out her creative work at [fallingink.com](http://fallingink.com). She enjoys reconnecting with college friends. “Who is able to realize in their late teens and early twenties that the people you are sharing your life with will go on to be people with whom you will share essential values? I can’t say that these values are what brought us to Wooster, but I recognize them now as foundational and binding. And besides, most of my material for jokes comes straight from Wooster!”

**Elizabeth Bacon**’s ([eli@experlex.com](mailto:eli@experlex.com)) daughter, Sarah, started her first year at the College of Wooster. “Brian Boyd ’84 and I were really excited to drop her off. By chance, she’s living in Douglass, where Brian and I actually met, in a room with its own bathroom. I sure don’t remember any of those when we lived there!” Elizabeth reports that the “Moo-ve In” process is a marvel. “We barely touched a box. The Welcome Committee kids swarmed the car and deposited everything directly in Sarah’s room.” Elizabeth’s older daughter, Rebecca, graduated early from the University of Iowa with degrees in English and Spanish, and fluency in German, only to be sent to French-speaking West Africa to teach 240 students English! Elizabeth practices law in Naperville, Ill., and Brian’s Internet consulting business is thriving.

**Eric Greenman** ([EVGreenman@gmail.com](mailto:EVGreenman@gmail.com)) checks in from the Virginia suburbs of the nation’s capital where he and Lorrie Zamiska Greenman ’88 ([LorGreenman@gmail.com](mailto:LorGreenman@gmail.com)) and their kids have lived for 15 years. Eric has worked at Intel for eight years. “My tenure there has earned me a wonderful company benefit of eight weeks paid sabbatical,” says Eric. “Lorrie

and I plan to use three weeks to travel to Hawaii and Australia in October.” Their son Noah is a sophomore biology major at James Madison University. Daughter Rachael is a high school junior studying viola and serving as a lacrosse referee. Fifth grader Emma Grace studies piano and enjoys art. “We live on the same street as my brother Jace and Maura Salins Greenman ’88 and their daughters — so the cousins are very close.”

Career opportunities! **Katherine Harper** ([kathy@to-the-letter.net](mailto:kathy@to-the-letter.net)) has left her position at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum to hang out her own shingle in Rocky River, Ohio. The former Wooster Review fiction editor has started a business to do what she loves: manipulate words. Working as To the Letter Editorial and Research Services, Kathy writes and edits a wide range of non-technical materials, from website biographies, direct mail copy, and, yes, grant proposals to annual reports and full-scale books. “Thanks to the Internet, I can help clients all over the country,” she reports. She also uses the skills honed while earning her Ph.D. at Bowling Green State University to conduct library and archival research to order. Kathy invites fellow Wooster alumni to visit [www.to-the-letter.net](http://www.to-the-letter.net) and let their employers know that her writing and editing assistance is available.

Last month, **Kirsten Searle** ([kirstensearle@woh.r.r.com](mailto:kirstensearle@woh.r.r.com)) completed her MLIS (Master of Library and Information Science) through Kent State University’s eDegree program in the School of Library and Information Science. “Now I am working as a reference sub for the Washington-Centerville Public Library in Centerville, Ohio.” writes Kirsten. “My husband, Drew Ward ’84, and I are also new empty nesters, having dropped off our son for his first year at The Ohio State University in mid-August. Our daughter is in her final semester at Oberlin College.”

And so it goes.

## 1986

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**Trisha Rhodes Sullivan** writes about an exciting career change. After graduating from COW with a BA in a self-designed double major, pre-health care and German studies, Trisha continued her education at Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing (Case Western Reserve University), where she received a clinical doctorate in nursing. Trisha has been living in Atlanta since 1992. Married

in 1994 with two girls, ages 13 and 15, Trisha was recently hired as adjunct faculty for the Brenau University School of Nursing in Gainesville, Ga., and is excited about this new venture. You can contact her at 1930 Wenton Place Lawrenceville, Ga. 30044; 678-344-1821 or on Facebook (Trisha Rhodes Sullivan).

We recently heard from **Erin May**, saying she had seen **Sara Rockinger** (Rockwell) who was included in an art exhibit in Golden, Colo., last month. Erin writes, “Her talents as an artist are self-evident and it was terrific to catch up with her.” Sara then added the following information:

“The show Erin is referring to was at the Foothills Art Center in Golden, Colo. Here is a link for more info:

<http://foothillsartcenter.org/fac/threads-of-change/>. I am also in a traveling exhibition: *Innovators and Legends: Generations in Textiles*. It started at the Muskegon Museum of Art, and is travelling in the United States. I think right now it is in Kentucky, or maybe upstate New York, and will be in Colorado State University at the university art museum in January. Here are a couple links: <https://www.schweinfurthartcenter.org/exhibits/InnovatorsLegends.html>

<http://www.muskegonartmuseum.org/exhibitions/290-innovators-a-legends-generation-in-textiles-and-fibers>

“And finally, I am currently at Jentel, a month long artists residency in the wonderful state of Wyoming, (which isn’t quite as red as you might think). Here is a link for that: <http://www.jentelarts.org/>”

We discovered a recent report by the Associated Press about our own **Chris Beachy** that says Chris has been named head of the department of biological sciences at Southeastern Louisiana University. After graduating from Wooster, Chris received his master’s from Western Carolina University and his doctorate in environmental and evolutionary biology from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. He was previously a

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professor of biology at Minot State University in North Dakota since 2005. Chris specializes in herpetology and is particularly interested in salamanders. He has also worked for Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa; Jamestown College in Jamestown, N.D., and Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C.

David Carey was appointed a Hartford County District Court judge. He previously served as the town's mayor and longtime lawyer with the firm Brown, Brown and Young.

I, Leslie Winter Gordon, would be remiss if I did not report that I spent two lovely days this past September in Rumney, N.H., with retired chemistry professors, Richard Bromund and Virginia Pett '63, on Stinson Lake where Dick spent his boyhood summers. To say those two days were precious would be an understatement. Dick and Virginia welcomed me into their home so graciously, and though it had been 17 years since I had seen Dick, it felt like yesterday! I was transported back 27 years to the COW chemistry building — I was a quiet freshman in an intimidating chemistry lab. The memories came pouring back of why I loved Dr. Bromund so much. He made chemistry come alive! His passion was contagious. On this trip, I discovered that same passion, but it has been channeled into bird watching, tree and plant identification and sailing. He taught me about his boat and the wind in the sails, and the drain that keeps the boat free of water, and I learned the science behind it all, of course. We saw a beautiful bald eagle hunting on the lake, paddled in kayaks, took a long hike to watch beavers swimming in their quiet pond, ate amazing vegan cuisine, and I had the opportunity to share a yoga lesson with Dick and Virginia. What a feeling to be the teacher instead of the student! I was reminded of how truly fortunate I am to have been a student at the College of Wooster, where relationships endure over the years and become richer as time goes by. Thank you Dick and Virginia!

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From Leslie Sheats: "We have been occupied out here in Colorado with a 500 hundred year flood, or as I keep hearing a flood of 'biblical proportions.' While my house is dry, many others have not fared as well. I have been keeping busy running to get supplies for evacuees, covering shifts at work for people who live in the mountains but are now cut off from work, and carrying out load after load of ruined household stuff from houses that have flooded. My kids have been out of school for a week and all extra curricular activities have been cancelled. They are about to kill each other and in turn I may kill them. Hope you are dry; we are a mess. Hopefully kids everywhere will be back in school on Thursday."

From Mark Mizell: "I checked off an item of my bucket list this past week. I went up to Gunstock Mountain and went zip lining. It is a must do for anyone looking for something new. It is the longest one in the continental United States at 1.5 miles in total. What a beautiful view from up in the treetops. I highly recommend it to anyone who wants to have some fun and a little adrenalin. My partner and I are also celebrating our 13th year together and thanks to DOMA being rejected we plan to make it official by next year."

Andy Heath writes: "So what's going on with Andy? This summer one of my neighbors drove their car into my house. I'm glad to say that after three months the repairs are nearly complete and everything is back to pre-accident condition. I'm still at Bath & Body Works and continue to work on special projects in the Chicago market. The projects influence future business strategy and it's really fun to be a part of shaping the future of the business; plus I love the Chicago area and the opportunity to visit frequently. I continue to swim, bike, and run. On Sept. 8 I finished Ironman Wisconsin (along with my wife, Kathleen '90). I already have plans to take on Ironman Florida as my challenge in 2014."

As for me (Liz), I'm still basking in the "reunion glow" and thinking that I'd do that weekend all over again in a heartbeat! It was so great to see everyone and to make new friends as well as reconnect with my old peeps. I also had the pleasure this summer of seeing Bianca Di Salvo '89 and Liz (Laverdiere) Allen '89 in Portland and catching up with them as well. As far as work goes, I'm still with Goodwill Industries of Northern New England (heading towards my 24th year) and excited to finally be moving our NeuroRehab program to a new location in Portland. I'll actually have windows in my office for the first time ever, and that to me is better than

if they gave me a company car (which will never happen, by the way).

## 1989

25th reunion  
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David Zack writes: "It is not too early to begin to think of our 25th reunion, June 5-8, 2014. Currently, the class reunion planning committee consists of: Libby (Black) Yoskowitz and Beth (Kampmeier) Palmer (co-presidents), Daphne (Daugherty) Cody (class secretary), Megan (Hensley) Bhatia, Dean Economus, Erika Federmann, Elise (Bonza) Geither, Brian Johnston, Sally (Closser) Maxwell, Mary (Hunt) Prekop, Nancy (Nystrom) Stansbery, and me. About half of us were able to gather at the College for a reunion planning meeting in September. Frankly, I did not know what to expect when I arrived at the faculty lounge in Lowry Center. I thought, 'Who is going to be at the meeting? Will I recognize anyone on the committee, and more importantly, will they recognize me? What will we talk about, and will we have anything in common? What expectations does the College have of me 25 years after graduation?' I was terrified to go back and see people, because I did not know what to expect.

"Frankly, at the end of the day I did not want to leave campus or my classmates. We immediately connected and bonded over our years at Wooster. We toured the newly redesigned and renovated Andrews Library and Scot Center (PEC). Did you know Frick Hall was converted from the art museum to a breathtaking science library? Do you even remember where Frick Hall is located? We went through several residence halls looking for our host hall for reunion, and we could not stop talking about the memories we had at each location. I was energized and charged about the reunion weekend, the College, and the direction the College is heading.

"You all have a story and a memory to share about your time at Wooster and the impact the College has had on your life. The college years were not always easy, but we survived, and we are stronger and better for having graduated from Wooster. We want you to share your story, but more importantly, we want you to return to campus on June 5 and celebrate what were hopefully some of the best years of your life!"

Beth and Libby add: "We also have an ambitious goal of raising \$50,000 for Wooster for our 25th reunion year, and we're hoping to significantly boost our participation rate toward that goal, to 25 percent of the class



making a gift. More than 75 percent of current Wooster students receive financial aid, and the average aid package is \$22,430, almost half of tuition, room, and board fees. Thirty-seven percent of The Wooster Fund supports student financial aid; 26 percent goes toward faculty resources and research."

The 2014 "Fiske Guide to Colleges" has named Wooster a "best buy" — one of just 20 private and 21 public colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada to be singled out for a combination of high quality academics and affordability. "College (Un)Bound," a new book by *Chronicle of Higher Education* editor Jeff Selinger, lauds I.S. and Wooster's deep commitment to mentored undergraduate research as an example of what's working in American higher education.

What does Wooster mean to you? Will you pledge now to help students get a great Wooster education? You should have received a pledge card in the mail by now, or you can give online at [www.wooster.edu/givenow](http://www.wooster.edu/givenow). Wooster depends on The Wooster Fund to enrich the education of current students in so many ways, and we encourage everyone to make a gift at some level. Please give what you are able (and maybe this is the year to increase your gift); above all, give from the heart. All gifts make a difference, and we thank you!

Most importantly, we want to see you at our reunion! If you've never attended a reunion, now's the time! It'll be a weekend of catching up with old friends and seeing the great changes to Wooster's campus (curtains in the showers!). Save the dates: June 5-8, 2014. Please be in touch with Libby ([libbyoskowitz@gmail.com](mailto:libbyoskowitz@gmail.com)) or Beth ([palmerpath@sbcglobal.net](mailto:palmerpath@sbcglobal.net)), if you have ideas or questions. See you in June!

## 1990

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From Sue Woltman: "In June, I spent a fantastic weekend in Wooster at my husband Mike's 25th reunion. We had a great time catching up with old friends, and even saw some '90s (Sharon Coursey Rice, Ruth Reynolds Cotter and Lori Gillman Williams)! If there's anything you'd like to see when it's our turn in 2015, contact me at [swoltma@syr.edu](mailto:swoltma@syr.edu). I'd love to hear from you. We're heading to Homecoming this year again—hope to see some other 90s there!"

Brian Hennessy assumed command of Strike Fighter Squadron 204 at Naval Air Station, Joint Reserve Base New Orleans. The

VFA-204 River Rattlers are a Navy Reserve F/A-18 squadron whose mission is to provide strategic war time reserve for the nation and also provide realistic, professional aerial adversary support to Active Duty Navy and Joint Forces. The 220 men and women of VFA-204 operate and maintain 12 F/A-18 A+ aircraft and deploy from New Orleans an average of 22 weeks annually both to provide adversary support and to train for the strategic reserve mission. Brian and his wife Gretchen have been living in the great city of New Orleans since 2004 with their two daughters. Brian also owns an aviation consulting company that provides services to TV/film production as well as companies and individuals.

## 1991

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From Randal Horobik: "Maybe I'm going through my midlife crisis or something, but after a 15-year career in journalism (with a four-year side trip into public relations tossed in there for good measure) I made the decision this summer to return to school to earn my master's degree in secondary education with the intent to begin teaching secondary English/language arts in the 2015-2016 academic year. In the meantime, I have been hired as the work experience coordinator within the high school for this year, where I will be in charge of pairing students with job shadow opportunities within the community and surrounding region and teaching them the fundamentals of competing in today's job market. I will also be entering my third year of coaching speech and debate for the school. After back-to-back state runner-up finishes, hopefully we can climb the final rung on the ladder this winter. Other than that, I continue to enjoy living life on the outer edge of Yellowstone National Park and can't wait until next summer as a tour company has already informed me that they'd like to bring me on board as a guide for the next summer season. As always, I invite my old Wooster friends to shoot me a line and say hello."

Katie Jones McClelland writes: "This summer was Outer Banks year for a group of us that started the tradition shortly after graduation. Carrie Fasolt Crawford, Danielle Dunn, Karl Crandall, Anna O'Donnell, Matt Hastings, Bob Graves, Rich and I and our families enjoyed a week of good food, good times and a shark playing pranks."

## 1992

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Kevin and Sarah Fuller '95 Klyberg attended a family reunion in July, which, as Kevin writes, "means almost enough Wooster grads to field a baseball team."

In September, Kevin Wilkin was hired to help launch a contemporary worship service called Wired 4 Worship at the Presbyterian Church in Westfield, N.J. Kevin is currently working towards a degree at the New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

Lora (Koenig) Heller writes: "My older son just started high school this fall, and my younger one is in seventh grade preparing for his bar mitzvah. As usual, we spent the summer at camp where they always have a blast and I directed six more musicals! Back to work, I'm still running Baby Fingers (visit: [www.mybabyfingers.com](http://www.mybabyfingers.com)) and I work in the music therapy department at Molloy College. In addition to corresponding with and auditioning prospective music students, placing all our current music therapy students in their fieldwork and internship sites, developing workshops and more, I am teaching a variety of music therapy classes to grad and undergrad students. We recently developed a college level singing and signing class, based on the work I do at Baby Fingers. In March of 2012, my most recent book was published (*Sign Language ABCs*) available at Barnes & Noble, Amazon, and Scholastic. I'm currently working on a few sign language e-books. Facebook updates are fun, but I'd love to catch up in person with anyone living in or visiting the NYC area. [Lora@mybabyfingers.com](mailto:Lora@mybabyfingers.com)."

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## 1993

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Here's hoping your 2014 is off to a good start!

If you knew Chris Strompolos at Wooster, you likely heard about the movie that he made before arriving on campus. If you didn't hear about it, here goes...

In 1981, "Raiders of the Lost Ark" was released and kids all over America fell in love with Harrison Ford's character of Indiana Jones. Strompolos and his best friend, Eric Zala, took that endearment a few steps farther; they remade the movie. Over the course of seven years, shot for shot and scene for scene, Strompolos (who played Indiana Jones) and Zala made their own feature-length film. When the project was finished in





1989, they showed the movie and figured that the journey was complete. But, as luck would have it, "Raiders of the Lost Ark: The Adaptation" became a cult classic. The right people caught wind of the film and it resurfaced decades later.

The making of the movie was turned into a book, and now "Napoleon Dynamite" producer Jeremy Coon is looking into the possibility of making a film about the making of the film. Chris and Eric recently did an interview on MSNBC about the project which can be found here: <http://www.msnbc.com/craig-melvin/watch/the-greatest-fan-film-of-all-time-55090243977>. Even more details, including a trailer from Chris' movie, can be found through this link: <http://www.deadline.com/2013/10/napoleon-dynamite-producer-sets-movie-about-the-kids-who-made-shot-by-shot-raiders-of-the-lost-ark-remake/>

It's hard to believe that a pet project started by a couple of 12-year olds would be revived all these years later. But, as Indiana Jones said, "It's not the years, honey, it's the mileage."

There are also a couple of updates to pass along from North Carolina. Meredith Petschauer writes: "I am still a faculty member at UNC-Chapel Hill (17 years). I serve as the director of the undergraduate athletic training program at UNC-Chapel Hill and the head athletic trainer for the gymnastics team at UNC. This year I received the NC Athletic Training Educator of the Year Award which is certainly a highlight in my career.

"We did not make it to the reunion because my kids are heavily involved in sports. Grant (nine) plays baseball and lacrosse and Madison (11) swims and is on a competitive jump rope team. In jump rope she qualified this year for both USA Nationals in Long Beach where her double dutch team finished fifth and for the AAU Junior Olympics in Detroit where she finished several events in the top three.

"My husband, Greg is still working for GlaxoSmithKline and does a lot of international traveling. We did see Jeanne Lackamp this summer and had a nice brunch at her house in Ohio where she works as a psychiatrist. We also see Betsy Albright and Jennifer Coffman DeWitt periodically because they live close. Betsy is faculty member at Duke and Jennifer is the assistant director of the Center for Developmental Science at UNC-Chapel Hill. Hope everyone is doing well."

Kristen Whitaker Knox writes: "I just started my term as the president of the



'95 GATHERING IN VALPARAISO, IND.  
Justin Waltz, Mike Grau, Mike Gale, Tony Hughes, Seth Jenkins, Ben Labovitz  
Not pictured:  
Sue Anne Esterly Parrish

Charlotte chapter of the WNBA. No, this does not mean I can dunk (I haven't gotten any taller since college). My WNBA is the Women's National Book Association and has chapters around the country. Don't be too impressed though as it's a volunteer position and no one else was crazy enough to run against me. It does fit in with my regular, if bookish, life though as I write book reviews at <http://booknaround.blogspot.com> for publishers, authors, and assorted marketing and publicity departments.

"Dave (David Knox '94) and I are still in Charlotte, N.C. After hitting five years here this summer, it is officially the longest I've ever lived in one place in my life. We hope we'll manage to stay put long enough to get the kids through school (we have a junior, a sophomore, and a sixth grader)."

### 1994 ■ 20th reunion

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From Abdul Rashid: "Since getting my MBA, I've done some adjunct teaching in business principles and ethics and leadership and management. One of my biggest efforts is my venture into the world of entertainment with the recent start of my trans-media studio AHR Visions, LLC ([www.ahrvisions.com](http://www.ahrvisions.com)). The studio will focus on pop-culture genres like superheroes, horror, sci-fi and all things geek-friendly. The initial titles coming out in early 2014 will be the studio's three flagship projects. One of them originating from the comic strip I did in the Voice featuring my fellow members in Men of Harambee during my time as a student. I have also been fortunate enough to acquire a couple of celebrity-backed projects that are being developed through the studio—one of which will spot-

light Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees Public Enemy in a new and original on-going multi-platform series. All titles will initially start on the digital comic platform, and eventually evolve into animation, gaming and merchandising translations.

Please check out the site and show your support when the titles launch. They are going to be very fun and exciting products. Email me at [arashid@ahrvisions.com](mailto:arashid@ahrvisions.com)."

### 1995

Bradley "Brad" Dixon  
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Life-long friends, who all met during their freshman year at Stevenson Hall, gathered at Ben and Erin Marks '96 Labovitz's home in Valparaiso, Ind., on Aug. 23 for a weekend of camaraderie. Sue Anne Esterly-Parrish, who's an integral part of the gang, but who appears here through the wonders of pixelated technology, lives in Philadelphia with daughter, Lucie, and husband Mike. Justin Waltz conducts injury surveillance for Oregon Health Authority, while raising Simon and Siri with wife, Jamie, in Portland, Ore. Mike Grau returned to the homeland of Akron, Ohio, where he and Kate proudly parent Sam and Eleanor. Mike Gale lives in Milwaukee, Wis., with wife, Becky Humphrey '96. He's a stay-at-home dad who entertains their daughters, Caroline and Charlotte. Tony Hughes engages in as much rafting and skiing as possible near his home in Denver, Colo., often with his wife, Lisa, and their son, Jackson, and daughter, Kaitlyn. Seth Jenkins studies urban planning while living on his family's farm outside of Indianapolis with wife, Patience and their daughter, Lillie. And Ben Labovitz leads a research group at a chemical company in Valparaiso, Ind., while his



wife, Erin wrangles their sons, Sam and Tommy. The “Woo Woo Valpo” meet-up was a lot of fun, made particularly so by Ben and Erin’s hospitality.

Class President **Elise Bates Russell** shares: I have accepted the position as executive director of Johnsonburg Presbyterian Center in northwest New Jersey! Johnsonburg is a year-round Presbyterian (PCUSA) camp and conference center. It will be great to live on the east coast again, and I look forward to connecting with the Wooster alumni in the area.

## 1996

*Michelle Perrigo*

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## 1997

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## 1998

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*Sally Thelen, slthelen@gmail.com*

Well, well, it appears the shiny newness of our class secretaryhood has yet to wear off as the emails from all you folks keep pouring in! (And by “pouring in” we totally mean “we got at least five emails... FIVE!”)

**Dori Campbell** accepted an additional job co-coaching the middle school select club lacrosse team with 2013 Team USA Gold Medal winner Holly Reilly. If anyone is in southern California and wants to paddle board or catch up, give her a shout!

**Sandra Kozera** is currently living in Pittsburgh with her husband and two daughters, Elena and Zoe. When not on maternity leave, she works in the general counsel’s office at a large law firm in the area of conflicts and risk management. She reports that her work on the *Voice* and in the writers’ lab while at Wooster helped set the stage for her exciting career in what “some people call ‘detail-oriented’ and others call ‘annoying.’” She has enjoyed staying in touch with 98s over Facebook. She reports that she is also available for Words With Friends games, which she swears is good for “brain development.”

**Heidi Haverkamp** is starting her seventh year as priest of the Episcopal Church of St. Benedict, Bolingbrook, in the southwest suburbs of Chicago. She’s planning a sabbatical for fall 2014 and is looking forward to traveling to Italy and Jerusalem with her husband,

Adam Frieberg, as well as just spending some quiet time at home. She invites you all to come visit and check out the local IKEA or visit her blog on church, home, and suburban spiritual geography at [www.vicarofbolingbrook.net](http://www.vicarofbolingbrook.net).

**Nikoo Kasmai** reports that she “got hitched to Christopher Lee in June.” Afterwards, they went to Tanzania for their honeymoon, where they camped in the Serengeti and ended the trip with a more relaxing stay on the beaches of Zanzibar. The highlights included seeing hundreds of wildebeest, being surrounded by zebras and warthogs while in their tent, and hearing lions bellow in the night. Nikoo and her husband both practice Acupuncture and Chinese medicine. Just three months before their wedding, they moved into a clinic together. They live in Oakland, Calif., and their clinic is in Walnut Creek. If any Wooster folks come that way, be sure to look her up!

**Gregory Licht** writes that he just finished his first summer as director of Elmwood Day Camp in White Plains, N.Y., a private co-ed day camp for children ages 3-12 that serves Westchester County and NYC. Their mission is for each child to discover, celebrate and be who he or she is supposed to be. He invites everyone to check them out on their website at: [www.elmwooddaycamp.com](http://www.elmwooddaycamp.com).

And, hey, remember when I (**Sally Thelen**) reported in the last column that I had moved (again) and had gotten a new job (again). Well, surprise! I’ve done it yet AGAIN! In August, I accepted a faculty position at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, teaching English as a second language. I’m now in the process of becoming a Michigander (or whatever we call ourselves here), which will hopefully involve a lot of microbrew beer. You can keep up with my Michigan adventures (and beer drinking) on my blog at [www.unbravegirl.com](http://www.unbravegirl.com)

Have news? Shoot us an email at [COW1998notes@gmail.com](mailto:COW1998notes@gmail.com). Also be sure to like our class’s totally awesome (and totally unofficial) Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/COWClassOf1998>.

## 1999 ■ 15th reunion

*Deborah Krudwig Gutowski*

Our own **Mike DiPaolo** was nominated for a Mid-Atlantic Regional Emmy for his work co-producing a feature on “Historic Lewes, Delaware.” It sounds like it was a fun experience, and I think we’ll see him on the nominee, and hopefully winner’s list, in the future!

As of the submission date of these notes, classmate **Meg (Hall) McCroskey** and

family are safe, but their home was devastated by the September flooding in Colorado. Hopefully, by publication things will be well on their way back to normal, but check our class Facebook page for information and updates.

Class President **Rorie Harris** shared “I’m still in Memphis, Tenn., and I recently started a new job with Shelby County Schools as the research and evaluation advisor. If you find yourself in my neck of the woods, I’d love to catch up with you ([rorieharris@gmail.com](mailto:rorieharris@gmail.com)). And I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at our 15 year reunion!”

**Christine Anderson** writes: “2012 was a busy year as we moved into our first house (a historic home built in 1928) in Richmond, Va., and became pregnant with our first child. My husband, Karl Rubis, and I are delighted to announce the birth of our daughter, Cecilia Aulikki Anderson Rubis, born on July 16, 2013. Our lives have become ones of perpetual exhaustion, but also perpetual joy! As always, I would love to hear from any Woo grads in the area.” Contact her at [christineanderson@hotmail.com](mailto:christineanderson@hotmail.com).

News of another big move comes to us from **Christy (Rauch) McDaniel**. She writes: “Our family moved from Washington D.C. to Washington state this summer, looking for a cooler climate and a slower pace of life. We have settled in Tacoma, my husband has a job at a nearby high school, and I am staying home for now to get us adjusted and unpacked. One of the great things about this area is that we get to see Anne Overton Lyman and Zach Lyman ’97s on a regular basis. I hope that any other Wooster grads in the area will contact me at [christyrauch@yahoo.com](mailto:christyrauch@yahoo.com).

I (**Debbie**) was thrilled to be a part of the wedding party and celebrate Tasha Stolle’s marriage to Kyle O’Bryan in Louisville, Ky., last August. **Jody Clauter** and **Leslie (Knapp) Stubbendieck** were also in the wedding party, and we had a great time together before, during and after the wedding! It was almost like some of our fun times at Wooster! Congratulations to Tasha and Kyle!

Are there new people in your life? Are the kids finally old enough to create some memories at Wooster? Make sure to mark your calendar for June 5-8, 2014 when we will celebrate our 15th reunion at Alumni Weekend! The reunion committee is hard at work, planning reunion activities and events for all to enjoy. If you haven’t heard from us yet, you will soon — we want to make sure that everyone knows that the class of 1999 is the best!





**'06 FRIENDS AT NIAGRA FALLS**

Pahniti (Tom) Tosuksri, Kate Carden, Elizabeth Harrington Bowker, Christina Lindstrom, Ian Applegate, Alison Bongiovanni Bosch, Oliver Bosch (Class of 2031), Tyler Bosch, Back row, Sean Hennessey, Benjamin Buscher, Megan Sward Reed, Brad Reed.

**2000**

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Katherine Varney Ritchie has returned to Wooster and in a new role as assistant director of reunion giving in the Office of Alumni Relations and The Wooster Fund.

She and her family live a block from the soccer fields and welcome visitors anytime.  
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From Kaysa Pelofske: Hello from Chicago! I haven't updated in a long time. I married Dr. Arjun Chakravarti in Aug. 2009, our first son Rishi was born Oct. 2010, and our second son Sachin was born July 2013. I continue to work as a school psychologist for Chicago Public Schools. We are thrilled with our growing family and enjoying our adventures together!

**2001**

*Chris Powers*  
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**2002**

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Than Dean and 'Zeke' Coughlin '99 have spent the last several years developing Clockwork: Empire, a steam-punk roleplaying game set in a Victorian world of gothic horror. Doug Hagler is helping to edit the project. The game is kick starting this month with overwhelming success. Check it out at ReliquaryGameStudios.com.

**2003**

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Amanda Mizeur writes, "I am going back to school to get my master's in teaching (elementary education). This [fall] semester I'm taking the required pre-reqs, but am also applying to alternative certification programs with Denver Teacher Residency and Baltimore/DC Teaching Fellows."

**2004**  10th reunion

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**2007**

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From Chelsea Barnes: "I recently accepted a new position as a policy analyst with the law firm Keyes, Fox & Wiedman LLP. The firm is based out of Oakland, Calif., but we've opened a new office in Cary, N.C."

Kimberly Klatka recently joined the Ohio-based law firm of Weston Hurd LLP as an associate. Kimberly focuses her practice on insurance coverage and general defense matters. She received her J.D. from Case Western University in 2012, where she was the senior editor of the Case Western Law Review. Kimberly is a member of the Ohio State and Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Associations.

**2008**

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Julia Hendrickson graduated with a master's degree in art history from the



Courtauld Institute of Art in London last summer. She has returned to Chicago and works as a registrar and publications editor for the gallery Corbett vs. Dempsey. In her free time, she writes freelance essays for publications and spends time with her dog, Percy.

Jeff Geffert recently completed his MBA at Cleveland State University, and received a promotion with State Industrial Products as business development manager for the Caribbean. He is living in Puerto Rico until Sept. 2014.

Taylor Swope has accepted a project manager position at Ologie, a marketing and branding agency in Columbus.

Erin (Fortin) Wiesenauer defended her Ph.D. in organic materials chemistry from the University of Colorado at Boulder in August, and is looking forward to starting her new job at Intel in Portland, Ore.

Hernan Amaya is the HR manager for Allied Professional Nursing Care in Upland, Calif. His updated address is 1893 Claremont Place Pomona, CA 91761.

Amanda (Bailey) Bates was married on June 15, 2013 to Matt Bates in Cleveland, Ohio. Amanda and Matt met while attending Ohio University for the journalism graduate school program. They reside in Rocky River, Ohio.

Sarah Engdahl married Sean Soristo in Northbrook, Ill., on October 12, 2013.

Stephen Zumbun and his fiancée Lauren Merclean (Gettysburg College '06) got married Nov. 23, 2013 in Pittsburgh, Pa. Stephen is in his third year at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and will graduate in May 2014.

Denise Koessler is engaged and will be married in Knoxville, Tenn., on April 26, 2014.

## 2009 🗓️ 5th reunion

*Kabir Banerjee*

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Hanna Cordray and husband James Furgol '07 welcomed their first child, Eleanor Louise Furgol, in June. They also recently moved right outside Washington D.C. Their new address is 7505 Blair Rd. #202, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

Paul and Alicia Seling welcomed a son, Gabriel Salazar Seling, on May 18. Now living in Wooster, Gabriel has enjoyed many walks around campus.

Check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/wooster2009> to

provide input and get the latest updates on our five year reunion next year. We hope to see you there and would love to hear from you.

## 2010

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Jordan Welker completed two years of research on HIV proteins at the University of Virginia, and is now starting a Ph.D. program at Iowa State University for a degree in genetics. He will be working on the evolution of larval scallop eyes.

## 2012

*Kristen Schwartz*

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*Robert West*

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Laura Skelly Higgins secured a full-time position as music therapist at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio.

Jessica J. Jackson is attending Auburn University in Auburn, Ala., for a four-year program to receive a doctorate of audiology (Au.D.).

## 2013

*Cory Tyler Smith*

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Sally Soto Ladrach was married on July 13, 2013 to Adam Ladrach. He's not a Wooster alum, but he grew up in the area. She's currently interning at A&P Gear Co. in New Philadelphia as a manager.

Cary Fado is currently teaching English in Bulgaria to high school students as part of the Fulbright program. Before starting her grant, she traveled to Hungary, Croatia, and Montenegro. She notes that Alexander Cox, a Wooster grad from 10 years before us, is also

there in Bulgaria on a year-long Fulbright grant! George Siedel (a Wooster grad who now is a professor at Michigan) was at the Fulbright International Summer Institute in Bulgaria with Alex and her. Since graduating, she has realized that Wooster is everywhere and the world is small.

Elizabeth Rigsbee is a literacy tutor with Minnesota Reading Corps and loves it!

## IN MEMORIAM

'39 Jennivieve T. Westwick, Lee, N.H., Oct. 3, 2013. During her time at Wooster, Jennivieve majored in biology. She was a member of International Relations Club and Y.W.C.A. Jennivieve's two children, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren survive her.

x'40 James A. McNeese, Ponca City, Okla., Oct. 16, 2013. James attended Wooster for two years, during which he was a member of Third Section and Congressional Club. James' six children including John McNeese '65, 10 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren survive him.

'41 Carl G. Gonzalez, Miami, Fla., Sept. 3, 2013. At Wooster, Carl majored in geology and played both varsity football and soccer. He was in Fourth Section. Carl's sister, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren survive him.

'41 Louis Roman, Hayesville, Ohio, Oct. 30, 2013. Louis served in the Army as Second Lieutenant, Company D of the 502 Battalion. During his time in the Army, he corresponded via letters to the Wooster alumni staff describing his experiences and received updates about campus in return. Louis' two children, 12 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, two step-great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild survive him.

x'44 Helene L. Platatz, Willoughby Hills, Ohio, Feb. 26, 2013. Helene attended Wooster for one year. Helene's husband, three children, and five grandchildren survive her.

'46 David A. Redding, Delaware, Ohio, Oct. 12, 2013. During his time at Wooster, David majored in English. In 1969, he received the Distinguished Alumni Award for his life accomplishments. David's three children, including Marion T. Redding '76; two grandchildren, Hannah M. Redding '15 and Kate M. Redding '16; and great niece survive him.

x'47 Colleen A. Chittum, Rittman, Ohio, Nov. 1, 2013. At Wooster, Colleen participated in the band and symphony. Colleen's husband Raymond Chittum x'48, four children, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren survive her.





'48 **Jacqueline Theis Gregory**, Natick, Mass., Oct. 11, 2013. While at Wooster, Jacqueline majored in history and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Jacqueline's husband, two children, six sisters, and four grandchildren survive her.

x'48 **Robert E. Husted**, Hicksville, Ohio, Sept. 13, 2012. Robert's son, two brothers, and two grandchildren survive him.

'49 **Harley E. McGhee**, Boynton Beach, Fla., June 13, 2013. At Wooster, Harley participated in Economics Club and Phi Sigma Alpha. Harley's wife, Ethel McGhee '53, and five children survive him.

'49 **Robert Nethercut**, Saint Paul, Minn., Sept. 2, 2013. At Wooster, Bob majored in math and physics. He was president of the Second Section and an officer in Kappa Mu Epsilon. Bob's wife, Jean M. Nethercut '49, four children, brother, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren survive him.

x'49 **Marilyn F. Taylor**, Dayton, Ohio, Nov. 6, 2012. While at Wooster, Marilyn was on the *Voice* staff. Marilyn's three children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild survive her.

'50 **Charles W. Achauer**, Lindale, Texas, Oct. 11, 2013. During his time at Wooster, Charles majored in geology. He was a member of Section Two and a basketball team manager for four years. Charles' wife, four children, and three grandchildren survive him.

'50 **William J. Fitch**, Elyria, Ohio, Sept. 24, 2013. During his time at Wooster, William majored in economics and was a member of the band and Second Section. William's wife, four children, and 11 grandchildren survive him.

'50 **Willanna Rila**, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, March 29, 2012. At Wooster, Willanna majored in chemistry and was a member of EKO's and Freshman Forum. Willanna's husband, Dr. C. Clinton Rila '50, two children, three grandchildren, two stepchildren, and five great-grandchildren survive her.

'51 **Marshall G. Curran**, Lauderdale by the Sea, Fla., July 26, 2013. At Wooster, Marshall majored in economics. He was a member of Shack Rats, Seventh Section, and Men's Student Government Association. Marshall's three children and six grandchildren survive him.

'51 **Frederick B. Fowler**, Midland, Texas, Oct. 9, 2013. During his time at Wooster, Frederick majored in geology and was a member of Geology Club, International Relations, Kappa Mu Epsilon, Freshman Forum, Sophomore Forum, and Westminster Fellowship. Frederick's two children and two grandchildren survive him.

'52 **Emily C. Grice**, St. Helena Island, S.C., Feb. 18, 2013. While at Wooster,

Emily majored in sociology. She was a member of KEZ, and served as president her senior year. Emily's husband, two children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild survive her.

'53 **Priscilla Y. Chang**, Honolulu, Hawaii, May 19, 2013. During her time at Wooster, Priscilla participated in Sociology Club and Peanuts (Pi Kappa). Priscilla's husband, two children, and grandchild survive her.

'53 **Ernest G. Merlanti**, Ann Arbor, Mich., Aug. 9, 2013. At Wooster, Ernest majored in political science. Ernest's wife, Jeanne G. Merlanti '52, two children, and four grandchildren survive him.

x'54 **Margaret E. Banse**, Boulder, Colo., Aug. 18, 2013. At Wooster, Margaret participated in choir and International Relations Club. Margaret's two children, two brothers, and five grandchildren survive her.

'54 **Suzanne M. Thomson**, Denton, Texas, Oct. 15, 2013. While at Wooster, Suzanne majored in English. She participated in the orchestra, Young Women's Christian Association, Imps, and the chapel choir. Suzanne's husband; three children, including Nancy Cinnater '83; and four grandchildren, including Lauren Fleming '14, survive her.

'55 **Robert Schneider**, DeKalb, Ill., Oct. 16, 2013. During his time at Wooster, Robert majored in history. He was a member of the choir, German Club, Congressional Club, International Relations Club, Young Democrats, Phi Alpha Theta, and was president of Men's Association and Third Section. Robert's wife, three children, two stepchildren, and two sisters survive him.

'57 **Ruth S. Klein**, Hernando, Fla., Oct. 12, 2013. At Wooster, Ruth majored in French. She participated in the orchestra, French Club, and Pyramids, and she was president of Phi Sigma Iota. She was also a student assistant for the art department. Ruth's husband and three children survive her.

'57 **Edwin T. Smith**, Bradenton, Fla., Oct. 17, 2013. During his time at Wooster, Edwin majored in political science. He was a member of Young Republicans, Glee Club, Student Senate, and Fifth Section and was president of Phi Sigma Delta. Edwin's wife, four children, two sisters, and five grandchildren survive him.

x'59 **Richard M. McCurdy**, Montrose, Colo., April 26, 2002. While at Wooster, Dick majored in economics and was a member of Eighth Section. Richard's three children and four grandchildren survive him.

'59 **Howard L. Ralston**, Williamsburg, Va., Sept. 23, 2013. During his time at Wooster, Howard took part in Biology Club, German Club, and I.V.C.F. Howard's wife, two children, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren survive him.

'62 **David W. Robertson**, West Bloomfield, Mich., Sept. 25, 2013. While at Wooster, David was on the varsity golf team, he played football for two years, and he was a member of Fifth Section. He majored in history. David's three children, Sarah E. Nadeau '96, Andrew L. Robertson '92, and James Robertson '90; brother, Richard J. Robertson '65; two sisters, Mary E. Robertson '76 and Ann L. Orwin '68; niece, Kathryn McGormley '02, and seven grandchildren survive him.

'65 **Lillian Richeson Templeton**, Walla Walla, Wash., Nov. 23. A French and speech major at Wooster, Lill went on for a professional career in speech language pathology. On her first day at Wooster, she met Chuck Templeton '67 and they were married six years later in 1967. A member of the concert choir at Wooster, Lill went on for a lifetime of involvement in music. In 2010, the College awarded the Templeton couple the John D. McKee Alumni Volunteer Award for their exemplary service as co-class secretaries.

She is survived by her husband, Chuck Templeton '65, daughters Sharon Templeton and Laura Aosved '95, two sisters, and three grandchildren.

x'65 **Marcia E. Vance**, Williston, Vt., March 31, 2009. Marcia's husband survives her.

'67 **Stanley A. Good**, Tampa, Fla., Oct. 12, 2013. At Wooster Stanley majored in art. He was a cartoonist for the *Voice* and a member of Seventh Section. Stanley's wife, two children, brother Douglas S. Good '70, and sister survive him.

'69 **Barbara J. Mitchell**, Swindon, England, June 28, 2013. At Wooster, Barbara was an English major. She loved the Scot Marching Band and crisp autumn leaves on campus. She was a member of Women's Recreation Association, Student Government Association, and the sailing club. Barbara's husband and two children survive her.

'69 **Margaret A. Siebert**, Akron, Ohio, June 27, 2013. During her time at Wooster, Margaret majored in biology and participated in the orchestra and co-ed volleyball. One of her favorite Wooster memories was going on Wooster alumni's Grand Canyon trip. Margaret's husband and sister, Nancy J. Malville '59 survive her.

'89 **Michelle D. Jividen**, Charlottesville, Va., Sept. 27, 2013. At Wooster, Michelle majored in psychology and was a member of the chorus. Michelle's parents and sister survive her.

x'99 **Christopher M. Olszewski**, Orangevale, Calif., May 2, 2011. Christopher's wife, mother, stepfather, and father survive him.



*“The language of friendship is not words but meanings.”*

. . . Henry Thoreau



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Above: Dance majors Amadi Washington '14 and Emily Baird '16

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## *In Closing*

Scene from a farmer's market | Valparaiso, Chile

BY LINNEA WHISTLER

Linnea Whistler '14, a Spanish and sociology double major, studied in Valparaiso, Chile fall semester 2012, one of 174 students to study off-campus last year.

"Fresh produce is readily available on every street corner, in every grocery store, and especially in the farmers markets that stretch the entire length of huge, crowded main streets. A kilo of these artichokes would cost no more than the equivalent of one U.S. dollar."