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# GREENWICH ACADEMY

*Toward the Building of Character*

Dear Fellow Alumnae,

I am delighted to share this Alumnae Supplement of the GA Connections Magazine with you. As alums, we are more than just former students. We play an essential role in GA's evolution. Our experiences and achievements serve to inspire today's GA girls—and each other. I feel immensely proud of what our alumnae around the world are doing, both professionally and in service to their communities. I encourage you to take the time to read the Class Notes in this edition and soak in what other GA alums are up to.



This year, Head of School Margaret Hazlett introduced us to five pillars of excellence, identified in the last strategic plan, which the school will prioritize in the coming years. They are:

- ▶ Academic Excellence
- ▶ Health and Wellness
- ▶ Global Citizenship
- ▶ Environmental Sustainability
- ▶ Leadership Through Civic Engagement

This year, time is being spent analyzing each pillar, assessing areas of strength and areas of growth. These core areas of focus will ensure that GA remains positioned as a leader among independent schools.

Reunion 2025 is just around the corner, on April 25–27. This is always a terrific time to reconnect with fellow alumnae, and this year promises to be extra special as we celebrate some deeply beloved members of the Greenwich Academy community. On Friday night, we will have the opportunity to view Sherry Tamalonis' artwork and celebrate her 41-year tenure as a GA art teacher before she retires in the spring. During Saturday's varsity lacrosse game we will be taking a "Moe-ment" to celebrate Coach Moe Tarrant, who is retiring this spring as well. And at Saturday evening's Reunion Dinner and Celebration, we will honor this year's Distinguished Alumna Tracy Kauffman-Agro '75. I hope to see many of you there. GA is always ready to welcome you back, so if there's another time you would like to visit, please be in touch with the Alumnae Office.

Warmly,

*Andrea de Cholnoky*

Andrea de Cholnoky '74  
President, GA Alumnae Association Board

## FOCUS ON:

# Leadership Through Civic Engagement



**I AM SO PROUD** of the engagement of our GA girls in our local community. From sending thank you notes to our first responders (Lower School) to putting together care packages for Neighbor to Neighbor (Middle School) to delivering Meals on Wheels (Upper School), our students are learning about the needs of our community and their responsibility as good citizens to help meet those needs. As they engage in these community service actions, they are also learning the why and how of the problems. As future community leaders, I believe it is important for our girls to understand the daily challenges many in our area face and begin to develop the skills necessary to be the future problem solvers who will eradicate those challenges.”

—MARGARET HAZLETT,  
HEAD OF SCHOOL



This fall Greenwich Academy celebrated the third cohort of Civic Scholars to complete this academic distinction program. A uniquely designed program of the Center for Public Purpose, Civic Scholars is a character- and leadership-based opportunity that is individualized within a specific framework. This year, 11 students completed the program. Of note, the cohort recorded a combined total of over 1,000 impact hours with: the New Canaan YMCA, Horizons, Greenwich Boys and Girls Club, GATE, Stamford Criminal Court, Greenwich Emergency Medical Services, Carver Center, Filling In The Blanks, Mather Homestead, First Selectman’s Youth Council, Coffee for Good, and New Rochelle Public Library.”

—CONNIE BLUNDEN,  
JANE BAGLEY LEHMAN DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE



## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

### SCHOOLWIDE

- ▶ **Cereal Box Drive:** Students brought in over 700 boxes of cereal to donate to Neighbor to Neighbor
- ▶ **Ingathering:** At our annual pre-Thanksgiving assembly, girls brought food and supplies that were put into baskets and donated to families through the Greenwich Department of Human Services
- ▶ **LA Wildfire Relief:** Each division raised funds that were donated to the American Red Cross
- ▶ **Midnight Run:** Clothing and supplies were collected in each division, with Upper Schoolers delivering items to those in need

### LOWER SCHOOL

- ▶ **World Smile Day:** Students performed random acts of kindness for others all around campus
- ▶ **Day of Service:** Girls decorated items for a local animal shelter, made fairy doors for the Glenville Campus, and created pins for Seniors
- ▶ **Valentines:** Lower Schoolers made Valentine cards for children with cancer

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

- ▶ **Filling in the Blanks:** Groups VII and VIII Joint GA/WCK service event benefited Filling in the Blanks, a local nonprofit that fights childhood hunger by providing children in need with meals on the weekends
- ▶ **Hurricane Relief:** Girls raised funds to donate to Save the Children to support those impacted by the hurricanes this fall
- ▶ **Student Craft Fair:** Entrepreneurial GA students created items that were sold at this annual event, with proceeds donated to nonprofits
- ▶ **Winter Accessory Drive:** Warm clothes were gathered to support Open Door Shelter

### UPPER SCHOOL

- ▶ **Filling in the Blanks:** Each freshman advisory travels up to Norwalk to help out at Filling in the Blanks
- ▶ **Coffee for Good Club:** Students walk to our well-caffinated neighbor and help package their coffee. Coffee for Good provides paid job training to adults with developmental disabilities
- ▶ **Meals on Wheels of Greenwich:** Students with a free period help deliver meals to local citizens who cannot shop and prepare meals for themselves
- ▶ **Barbara's House:** For the holiday season, advisories took part in a gift drive to provide local families with gifts for the holidays ■



**EVENTS**

## GA IN FINANCE

### Career Resource Center Finance Networking Event (October 2024)

GA community members who work in finance gathered at the beautiful Citi offices to network and connect, supporting GA alums who are pursuing a career in finance. Advice was given, and job and internship opportunities were discussed. Thank you to Trustee Heliane Steden P'29 and Andy Sieg P'29 for hosting this memorable evening.



▲ Heliane Steden P'29, Tom Ryan P'15, '19, Ingrid Giordano, Global Head of Early Career Talent, Citi, Katharine Glassmeyer '20, Katie Goldsmith '20, Andy Seig P'29, Taylor Lane '20, Binney Huffman '20, Daniel Noone, Head of University Relations, Citi

▶ Isabelle Stemerman '19, Director of the Career Resource Center Donna Byrnes, Head of School Margaret Hazlett, David Lefferts P'17, '20, Georgia Stemerman '20



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▲ Amanda Young Strid '11, center, with faculty members L-R: Tom Sullivan, Edwina Foster, Kristen Erickson and Adam Acetta

## SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

(October 2024)

The Scholarship Breakfast brings together supporters of GA's financial aid program for an inspirational morning featuring remarks by an alum whose GA experience was made possible by the generosity of others. This year's distinguished speaker was Amanda Young Strid '11, who is now the Director of Business Development and Strategic Partnerships at Warner Bros. Discovery.



▲ Marianne "Chop" Cholnoky Kay '75, Sally Maloney '96, former Athletic Director Angela Tamaro, Jamie Brower P'22, '23

▼ Sophie Freedman '21, Evie Barringer '20, Katharine Glassmeyer '20, Grace Schulze '20, Julia Freedman '21

## ALUMNAE FIELD HOCKEY GAME

(November 2024)

Alums came out in droves for the opportunity to play for GA again! Some took to the field, others chose to cheer on their friends from the sidelines, and everyone had a blast. Thanks to coaches Jamie Brower and Sally Maloney '96 for organizing this event.

▲ FRONT ROW: Katharine Glassmeyer '20, Jamie Brower P'22, '23, Grace Schulze '20, Angela Tamaro, Marianne "Chop" Cholnoky Kay '75, Lila Cabot '25, Andra Winokur Newman '95, Pamela Schulman '13, Cameron Brower '22, Ellie Johnson '23

BACK ROW: Maya Walker '20, Evie Barringer '20, Lauren Amicucci '06, Taryn Petrelli '05, Suzanne Sammis Cabot '87, Mallory Walker '26, Ellie Watts '26, Gigi Caldero '24, Sally Maloney '96, Emily Rizzi '27, Winnie Newman '28



# ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

## The Turf Project

Some things never change...

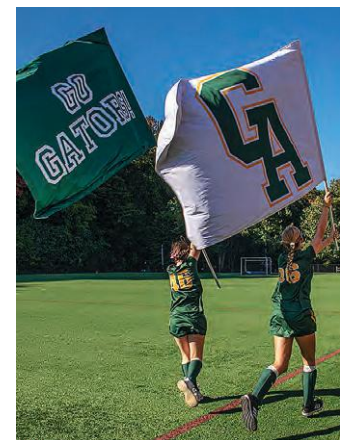


- + Camaraderie
- + Teamwork
- + Commitment
- + Drive

Some things need to...



"She who has the will to win cannot be beat!"



[Learn More](#)

# Time for new turf!

Summer 2025

# MUMMING

(December 2024)

Current families joined alumnae for this beloved GA tradition. Alums sang *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!* and seniors participated in the tableau. A festive reception afterwards brought everyone together.



▲ Members of the senior class in costume for the tableau



▲ GA lower school friends enjoying the Mummung reception: Lucie Marcellin '36, Grace Labella '36, Ellie Tobe '35, and Riley McNab '38



▶ Mummung singers filing into Massey Theater

▶ A mother and daughter enjoying the candlelit Mummung ceremony

▼ Alumnae gather at the Mummung reception: Joy Rendahl '67, Marianne "Chop" Cholnoky Kay '75, Andrea de Cholnoky '74, Vicky von Gontard Skouras '74, Susie Davis '79





▲ Group I students serenading the audience

▼ Emily Wilson Burns '87, Amy O'Reilly Rizzi '91, Andrea de Cholnok '74, Marianne "Chop" Cholnok Kay '75

► Megan Tyre '88, Suzanne Sammis Cabot '87, Beth Barr '87, Emily Wilson Burns '87

▼ GAAAB Board President Andrea de Cholnok '74 addresses the group



**GAAAB HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**  
(December 2024)

Margaret Hazlett hosted the Greenwich Academy Alumnae Association Board for their annual holiday luncheon. Group I serenaded the group with songs they had prepared for their Holiday Concert. It was a perfect way to ring in the season!



## NYC HOLIDAY PARTY WITH BRUNSWICK

(December 2024)

GA and 'Wick alums kicked off the holiday season at the Yale Club for our traditional party, an annual favorite.



▲ Elizabeth Raezer '20, Charlie Burnett '20, Madison Farello '20, Laurel Pitts '20, Seth Potter, Tia Thevanin '19



▲ Amy O'Reilly Rizzi '91, Jill Mastoloni '88, and Beth Barr '87



▲ Kaitlin McMenemon Taraby '02, Nicole McCrane '02, Jennifer Mullins '02



▲ Ellie Garland '16, Lizzie Sands '16, Annie Harris '16, Lulu Hedstrom '15

▶ Maggie Sandler '20, Marie Brewer '20, Charlotte Sorbaro '20, Sofi Viola '18, Clarissa Gillis '18, Charlotte Gillis '20



## REGIONAL GATHERINGS

GA and 'Wick in DC (January 2025)  
 GA and 'Wick in Denver (February 2025)  
 GA in Nashville (February 2025)

Alums in Denver, DC, and Nashville enjoyed the opportunity to connect, network, and reminisce at regional events this winter.



▲ **GA AND 'WICK IN DC**

Sarah Packer '19, Carina Daruwala '21, Caterina Lungu '19, Amanda Gill '19



▲ **GA AND 'WICK IN DC**

**FRONT ROW:** Caterina Lungu '19, Carina Daruwala '21, Sarah Packer '19, Amanda Gill '19, Iqra Chaudry '13, Casey Gottlieb '18, Anna Schafel '18, Brooke Pinto '10, Caitlin Callahan '08, Ann and Jamie Biondi WCK '08

**MIDDLE ROW:** Sahar Chaudhry '96, Jocelyn Sherman Avidan '96, Beth Mahoney Wynn '91, Meredith Jason '82, Elizabeth Whitmore '85, Megan Tyre '88

**BACK ROW:** Doug Neviera WCK '18, Danny Lauter WCK '22, Max Metalios WCK '17

▶ **GA AND 'WICK IN DENVER**

**FRONT ROW:** Lucy Strong '81, Christy Luth Andrisen '88, Leigh Clasby Kallechey '03, Katharine Brown '06, Blake Fisher '07, Isabella Soussou Belmont '07

**MIDDLE ROW:** Madlin Decker '19, Larry Eames '13, Megan Tyre '88, Dwight Clasby WCK '71, Rima Lewis Schafer '90, Head of School Margaret Hazlett, John Harvey WCK '06, John Bishop WCK '01, Shane Simmons WCK '17, Kineo Gorman WCK '17, Harry Rogers WCK '18, Shane Simmons WCK '17

**BACK ROW:** Jack Knight WCK '15, Spencer Decker WCK '17, Jim Stein WCK '81, Max Metalios WCK '17



▲ **GA AND 'WICK IN DC**

Lucy Burdett '22, Whitney Sprung '22, Haley Faulstich '24, Caroline Saunders '22



GA IN NASHVILLE

FRONT ROW: Amy O'Reilly Rizzi '91, Meredith DiMenna '91, Emma Nosseir '14, Grace Galvin '24, Grace Asness '23

BACK ROW: Avery Barakett '19, Kaitlyn Davis '19, Margaret Hazlett, Amanda Young '11, Bailey Poole '14, Melissa McGrath Mahanes '83



GA and 'Wick alumni warming up in front of the fire



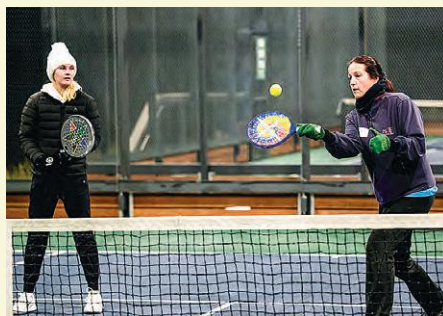
FRONT ROW: Cathy Day Bertocci '75, Jonathan Ryckman WCK '88, Leigh Tunney '07, Claire Berner Nash '08, and Allie Fox Rogers '08

MIDDLE ROW: Jocelyn Sherman-Avidan '96, Amy O'Reilly Rizzi '91, Graci Lockhart Djuranovic '99, Lauren Malan '98, Sally Lynch Bedell '03, Michael Gorman '82, Sam Kies WCK '04, John Stratton WCK '79, Craig Matthews '07, Elizabeth Wolf '14, and Erik Bringsjord

BACK ROW: Andrew Rosato WCK '97, Max Metalios '17, Justin Weinstein '99

GA/WCK ALUMNI PADDLE PARTY (February 2025)

GA and 'Wick alums took to the paddle courts at The Field Club of Greenwich for a fun and active evening. Seasoned players and newbies alike had a blast playing and catching up with fellow alumni.



Field Club Pro Bianca and Lauren Malan '98



Head of School Margaret Hazlett chatting with Max Metalios WCK '17 and other Brunswick alumni

# CLASS NOTES

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'12

Valeria Portugal '12  
married Michael  
Ranando, August 2024.

**THANK YOU, CLASS CAPTAINS!**

We are grateful to our Class Captains for your hard work and for keeping us connected to your classmates.

**SUBMIT A NOTE**

Keep the news coming and make sure to check the alumnae website for more updates at: [greenwichacademy.org/alumnae](http://greenwichacademy.org/alumnae).

**SEND IN YOUR SNAPS**

Have a shot you want to share? Submit your 4"x6" photo or digital image (resolution of at least 300dpi) with accompanying caption to [alumnae@greenwichacademy.org](mailto:alumnae@greenwichacademy.org).

## 1955

**Phyllis Carlson Freeman** reports, "A lively crew from the Class of 1955 joined a Zoom call in October and had a wonderful time catching up with each other! It's such a joy to remain so closely connected, even across continents with **Elaine de Witt Tournesac** in Versailles! We also send thoughts and prayers to **Pat Wever Knoll** and all of those impacted by the California fires. Our 70th Reunion is in April, and we are planning a Zoom call for Saturday, April 26, at 1:30 p.m.—look for more details about that in early April!"

## 1956

Class Captain **Fredrica Gruel Halligan** gathered the following news: Head of School Margaret Hazlett seems quite a bit like Ruth West Campbell, who was with us right up until our senior year: both expressed an interest in world history. We too have lived through an interesting time in the world. We remember hiding under our desks so as to practice safety if the atom bomb were dropped on New York (hardly effective, we know now), and we probably recall being herded downstairs to watch General Douglas MacArthur's speech that highlighted the phrase, "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away." Then there was the new headmistress our senior year, Ms. Katherine Zierleyn, with her spotted dog, and the one thing she changed our senior year, i.e., we no longer had to wear lisle stockings with our winter uniforms but could be



Ellie Brown Nelson '57 continues to enjoy life in Tucson, AZ, on her 10-acre ranch. She writes primarily short stories, maintains her land, and cares for two adoring hounds.



Gleaves Sydnor Rhodes '57 and her new husband, Dee Waters

comfortable with simple tan knee socks. What a blessing that was! ♦ On a more personal note, many of us knew **Jane Fonda '55**, who was a year ahead of us, and her handsome father, Henry Fonda, who was present at the Father-Daughter Banquet. Maybe we also recall the film they made together, *On Golden Pond*. Although she didn't graduate from GA, Jane does contribute to society by speaking out about climate change, issues of social justice, and our American democracy. So the Academy motto, "Toward the building of character," is expressed even today in one of our more famous fellow students. ♦ **Domna Callimanopulos Stanton** and **Mary Lou Congdon Price** remained very close over the years. Domna continues to teach languages at the graduate level. ♦ **Marilyn Miller Harris** is semi-retired from her real estate practice in Greenwich. ♦ **Gail Sheppard Moloney** divides her time between Florida and Greenwich. We had hoped to get together when she's here, but unfortunately, we have not yet been able to see one another. I am currently in assisted living, following abdominal surgery in June 2024. I hope to return to my condo, where I'll have more freedom to live as I please. In the meantime, I expect to travel to the November wedding of my oldest granddaughter. My daughter will drive me to Maryland for that joyous event.

## 1957

Class Captain **Meredith Wood Einaudi** gathered the following news: Half of our class meets monthly on Zoom. Some come regularly and others are more infrequent. Seeing each other and exchanging thoughts and perspectives is meaningful. For most of us, these are the only occasions at which we can recall happenings during our GA years with those who were active players in them. Much of my news for this column was gleaned from our meeting on January 10, 2025. ♦ **Ines Hinckeldeyn Kingsley** traveled to Sonoma, CA, for Christmas to be with her two West Coast families. One of her grandsons is now attending prep school in Connecticut, which allows her to see him more often. His twin brother goes to a private day school near home in the Seattle area. Both boys are avid competitive rowers. Ines had both hips replaced in '23 and is grateful for every step she takes! ♦ **Anne Boultsbee Testa** performed the role of the Ghost of Christmas Past in a local theater production of *A Christmas Carol*. Always a thespian, she participates in community play readings and attends plays in New Haven and New York. Anne's two daughters are involved in managing community theaters in their respective towns, and her two grandsons are frequent actors in the plays. ♦

**Pat Don van Heel** had one hip replaced at the beginning of '24 and was so thrilled with the added mobility that her husband had one of his knees replaced last summer and is considering doing the second one in March. Their household lost one 15-year-old Dachshund and gained a captivating puppy who is giving them plenty of exercise. ♦ **Paige Wilkerson Pruitt**

no longer keeps up a demanding schedule of advanced bridge tournaments after achieving “Grand Master” status many times. Instead, she prefers more relaxing games with friends and staying home with her dog, Dottie, who is the toast of the local dog “play date” crowd. ♦ **Ellie Brown Nelson** continues to enjoy life in Tucson, AZ, on her 10-acre ranch.

She writes primarily short stories, maintains her land, and cares for two adoring hounds. ♦ **Doris McCarthy** continues to act in New York City in small cameo roles, which take a lot of energy and focus. ♦ **Fran Trask Wozencraft** still lives near her daughter in Redmond, WA, and is very close to her two granddaughters. She is also doing beautiful charcoal portraits of dogs at the request of their owners. For a small fee and a photo of your favorite pooch, she will make you a frameable piece of artwork. You can email her at [franwoz@comcast.net](mailto:franwoz@comcast.net). ♦ **Ann “Spiz” Withington Rein** and her husband joined **Marcia Whipple Sorter** and her husband over the holidays to attend a symphony and go out to dinner afterwards in Venice, FL. As I write, **Gail “Wini” Winston Hammond** and her husband are trying to cope with the sleepless nights and low air quality all around them in Los Angeles during the sudden and unprecedented number of firestorms happening during January 2025. They have already had to evacuate their home once. ♦ **Betty “Gleaves” Sydnor Rhodes** writes that after eight years of being a widow, she met and married Michael “Dee” Waters from North Carolina who is a retired scientist in genomic toxicology. He worked for the EPA for 29 years. They currently live at The Cypress on Hilton Head, SC. Betty stays busy teaching Bible studies while her husband writes for medical journals. Together they enjoy playing croquet and going to local concerts and lectures. ♦ Your scribe, **Meredith Wood Einaudi**, continues to happily age in place with her husband on the Stanford University campus in the 100-year-old home we bought 50 years ago. We hosted a family reunion of our extended family members living in the U.S. in May.

IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNAE

Elizabeth “Betty” Harris Grossman '38  
February 26, 2025

Phyllis Tibbitts Lind '43  
October 1, 2024

Ethel Skakel Kennedy '45  
October 10, 2024

Dorcas Eason MacClintock '50  
August 3, 2023

Susan Meek McCabe '52  
December 24, 2024

Sharon Drew Topp '63  
February 24, 2025

Megan Moore Eno '63  
August 14, 2024

Sybil Eckelberry Hajek '76  
October 9, 2024

Elizabeth Phillips Bourdin '78  
January 28, 2025

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Michael Hopkinson Adair, GA faculty member (1998–2003), father of Karen Miller, former GA faculty and Virginia Adair McCarthy '02, February 25, 2025

Robin Rhodes Browning, mother of Christina Browning Rana '95, February 18, 2025

Frank J. Carnabuci, III, father of Sarah Carnabuci '04, December 24, 2024

Catherine Cronin, Group V math teacher at GA (2001–2016), December 14, 2024

Michael Phillip Donahue, husband of Reed von Gal Donahue '83, December 30, 2024

Julie Finnis, mother of Abigail Finnis '96 and Amanda Finnis '99, and grandmother of Ainsley Blanch '35, April 18, 2024

George Antony Friend, brother of Lynn Elise Friend '65, January 1, 2025

Susan Pope Hays, mother of Laurie Hays Montaigne '75 and Susannah Hays '78, May 15, 2024

Charles M. Lewis, father of Sandra Lewis Orth '84, August 5, 2024

David P. Lindemeyer, father of Allison Lindemeyer '18 and Lizzie Lindemeyer '22, July 14, 2024

Frederick W. Lux, father of Cosima Lux '91 and Sebastian Lux WCK '90, and grandfather of Cécilia Lux '20 and Nina Lux '25, November 28, 2024

Ray Noble, GA art teacher (1971–1985; 1993–2000; 2002–2003), husband of GA art teacher Beverly Noble (1972–1993; 1994–2003), father of Marcy Noble '80 and Lisa Noble '81, July 16, 2024

Hugh Edwards O'Reilly, Jr., husband of Caley Cronin O'Reilly '98, January 26, 2025

John T. Queenan, husband of Carrie Nehar Queenan '53 and brother-in-law of Connie Nehar Purcell '53, September 21, 2024

Charlotte Donovan O'Shea, mother of Charlotte O'Shea Glovin '83, Emily O'Shea Creeden '92, and Bill O'Shea WCK '84, Dan O'Shea WCK '86, and Steve O'Shea BWK '88, August 10, 2024

William Saleeby, brother of Amy Saleeby '78, September 8, 2024

Jayne Schiff, mother of Kara Schiff '92, November 9, 2024

Janet Seidler, step-mother of Brooke Seidler Beck '90 and Blair Seidler Hammond '92, February 19, 2025

Richard Semeraro, husband of Dana Stambaugh Semeraro '63 and brother-in-law of Anne Stambaugh Satterthwaite '58, February 6, 2025

Edward J. Shanaphy, father of Meghan Shanaphy '90 and Kate Shanaphy Maingot '94, December 8, 2024

Ralph Wyman, father of Leslie Wyman Cooper '72 and grandfather of Clare Cooper '05, February 22, 2025

1960

**Vicky Clarke Linville** reports, “Living in Weston, VT, is magical. I continue my work on the board of the Weston Theater Company; still recovering from the disastrous floods of 2023. My husband Jim and I are very active with our two Labradors,



'62



LEFT: Cynthia "C.C." Gross Politano '62 and her husband, Tony; RIGHT: Cynthia "C.C." Gross Politano '62's family, from left to right: Miniature Chihuahua Charli held by Blake, partner to granddaughter Isabella, son JP and his wife Suzy.



'62

Gale Whittelsey Sherman '62, working with her bobcat Avery

a mother and daughter, who keep us hiking around our fields daily. In addition to gardening, hiking, fly fishing, and skiing, we are still playing the steel drums in our original group of four people: the smallest steel drum band anywhere! It's hard to believe this will be our 65th Reunion!"

## 1962

Class Captain **Mimi Mason Brooks** shares the following updates: **Peggy Budington** says, "I am not set up for texting anything. I am, however, still alive and watching the trees blowing in the wind. I am loving the cold air. I am enjoying living every day as it comes. Sleeping a lot. My mind seems clear. That took a long time to happen. Also able to walk. Healing has been slow, but I appreciate what has happened. Greetings to everyone." Pure poetry from our dear classmate, Peggy. I've read it over and over and get something new in each reread. Thank you, Peggy! ♦ **Emily Walz** writes that she and her partner Joe are well but no longer travel because crowded planes and airline delays often end in illness for them both. I think we can all relate



'62

Cathy Hollister Ecton '62, who caught this Pacific rockfish on a family trip to California

to this. She did, however, offer a way to walk your dog at night safely! There is an app called Noonlight (not moonlight). It is easily charged. Just hold it in your hand and, if needed, you press the button and the police will come. (This device is programmed to tell the police where you are!) This could be a lifesaver! Thank you, Emmy! ♦ **C.C. Gross Politano** sends best wishes to all and shared that she had some health issues but is fine



'62

Pam vonBucher Culpepper Cronk '62 with her family, Christmas 2024

now. She works out on Zoom with Silver Sneakers daily, which she really enjoys. She said that her husband Tony gets better looking each year ... and he is now 90! Son JP and granddaughter Isabella live in Florida. This past year Isabella and her partner came up for Christmas. Over New Year's the Florida family came up, bringing live lobsters with them! Very special and yummy! ♦ **Susan Lawson** says she remains happy living in a Del

Webb Community in Ponte Vedra, FL. She loves the resort-style amenities, the large clubhouse, fitness center, tennis courts, indoor/outdoor pools and spa, walking and biking trails, and more! Susan says she also has great neighbors and is not far from the ocean. With all of that, she is also in a monthly readers' group. Needless to say, she is always busy and very happy! ♦ **Bobbie Ringwalt** told me that she still lives in Fairfield, IA, home of the Maharishi International University. She continues to teach Transcendental Meditation and now also teaches in Omaha where a new grandson lives. She has lived in Fairfield for 46 years! Also, she goes every summer to Lake Tahoe to be with family and has for 30 years! ♦ **Pam vonBucher Culpepper Cronk** writes that all is well in her world. Husband Peter just turned 90! She also said that Houston is bracing this winter for sustaining temperatures below freezing! ♦ **Nancy Van Deren** shared that her longtime partner Jim passed away last June, and she is slowly adjusting to that reality. She said she is well now and is planning to spend a month in India with friends exploring the art and architecture of the north. The highlight will be block-printing workshops on fabric. ♦ **Cathy Hollister Ecton** lost her dear husband Stephen to complications from dementia after 58 years of marriage. So this past Christmas the whole family, "all 12 of us," decided to take a house on the beach in California ... no presents, just all being together ... for a change of pace, she said. Sounds like a wonderful idea. She went deep sea fishing AND caught a very large Pacific rockfish, which they grilled and which fed all of them for dinner. ♦ For the last four years, **Gale Whittelsey Sherman** has been working with bobcats in Tucson (BIT), an all-volunteer research team. Three Arizona Game and Fish retired biologists and Gale captured 56 bobcats and collared 38 of them in the urban/wildland interface. The radio-collared bobcats provided them with over 50,000 accurate GPS locations, upon which they based their analysis of genetic kinship, food habits, and road crossings. It was unsettling to find that as many

bobcats were killed by people (five) as by vehicles during the study. However, Tucson's relatively seamless coexistence with bobcats is unique. Unlike in other cities, bobcats thrive across the urban area, offering residents a rare glimpse into the lives of these wild native animals. Gale has been fascinated by her neighborhood bobcats for the past 25 years. During the study, two of "her" females were part of the study. Next month their public report will be released and presented at several meetings. For more information, visit [BobcatsInTucson.net](http://BobcatsInTucson.net). ♦ **Margaret Kohler Nicholson** writes that she has been spending time in Vermont fixing up an old farmhouse that she owns there. ♦ I spoke with **Suzi Smith Lynch** and found out that she is still in Florida in a senior housing situation where she is not happy. BUT she told me she was trying to move up north and hopes that will happen soon. She sounded upbeat as always. I told her we would be so happy to have her back in Connecticut! Fingers crossed. Suzi has always had the ability to lift our spirits and make us laugh, and we love her for this special gift! ♦ Me? I'm still living in Greenwich where I see Winky and George often when they come up from Virginia. I also am spending time volunteering at Christ Church.

## 1964

Class Captain **Sybil vonBucher Holland** gathered the following news: **Peeky Ogburn Mathews-Berenson** shares, "I was very disappointed not to have been able to attend our 60th Reunion this year. But it was wonderful to see pictures and read about everyone's news. It looked like so much fun! ♦ "Although my husband has been suffering from mobility issues for over a year, we have caretakers for him every morning, and he is getting a bit stronger with daily PT. My son Alex and his family are on the West Coast and busy with their jobs and life in general, so we have not been able to see each other for over four years. It is a sadness I feel every day, but we manage to stay in touch with phone calls, texts,



The cover of a monograph on celebrated artist Deborah Remington, shared by Peeky Ogburn Mathews-Berenson '64, who works for the Deborah Remington Charitable Trust

etc. Watching my grandson Mason grow up has been a special pleasure. He is 16, almost 6'4", in 10th grade, and a dedicated surfer. He is up every morning at dawn to watch the sun rise over the Pacific Ocean and surf a couple of hours before school. More surfing in the afternoon plus hikes in the mountains whenever he can. His experience is just the opposite of his dad's, who grew up in New York City with Central Park as his sole place for outdoor recreation and the towers of Manhattan as his landscape. While Mason was growing up, we had family reunions every summer in Jamestown, RI, where I spent summers with my grandparents on Narragansett Bay. Tennis, sailing, swimming, and beach picnics were daily events for us when my son and his family visited us from the West Coast. I miss the summers we spent together, but memories continue to burn brightly. Alex recently passed the California bar and is officially an attorney—a lifelong dream he has finally been able to fulfill at age 54. He works for the Public Law Center in Santa Ana, advising low-income clients. My daughter-in-law, Kym, works for *The Guardian* as head of West Coast advertising sales. "I have lived in the same New York apartment since 1970 and am now one of a growing



Class of 1964 mates Sybil vonBucher Holland and Suzy Hetzler Straten sailed with their husbands and friends for a week along the Dalmatian Coast this September.

group of older tenants who know all the stories of the many families and staff who have come and gone over the years. My husband and I are responsible for starting a garden on the ground level where rhododendrons, ferns, climbing hydrangeas, and hostas now flourish in what was once an empty concrete space. We also organize the annual garden party for tenants, bringing everyone in the building together for an evening of socializing, which is not usually a benefit of apartment living. “Recently I have been in touch with **Bunny Lowe** and **Anne Miller Neely**, who is in New York living out her dream in a studio space at an artist’s residency in Brooklyn and recovering from a serious bout with cancer. Her spirit is inspiring and her new work breathtakingly beautiful. I’m hoping the three of us will be able to get together sometime in the near future to reminisce about GA and catch up on life in general. “I have a job that I love and cannot imagine ever retiring from. As director of an artist’s estate, I manage the Deborah Remington Charitable Trust in partnership with the Bortolami Gallery in New York, which has hosted numerous successful exhibitions of her work in the U.S., Europe, Korea, and Hong Kong. We recently published the artist’s first monograph with Rizzoli/Electa and are looking forward to the artist’s first career retrospective at the Phoenix Art Museum in February 2027, after which we hope the show will travel to several venues throughout the U.S. It is an exciting



Lynne Layman is currently living at the Alliance HealthCare Center in Braintree, MA. She would love to hear from friends and classmates.

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moment for Deborah Remington, who, like so many women artists, has been overlooked by the mainly male-dominated art establishment. Since her death in 2010, we have been working very hard to make her visible once again. So far, we have succeeded beyond my wildest dreams. I hope this momentum will continue to grow over time. I have loved every minute! My very best wishes to everyone in the Class of 1964!” ♦ **Rebecca Tippens** shares, “I said goodbye to the Roundhouse in July, although she comes to me in dreams nearly nightly, but with a fantastical happening afoot. There were good times had within her. I have moved to a small town that features a lake where folks gather together, and I am but a seven-minute drive away from son Sasha and his wife Claire, who is tenured to teach contemporary art history at Wesleyan—back to Connecticut! They have two adorables—ages 2½ and 7—whom I see often. Merna, the 7-year-old, and I love going to plays together. Attached is a photo of when she got appropriately dressed to see the play *Wicked*. Sasha is an eco-design builder, and though I am presently renting (a house from musicians who attended Roundhouse happenings!), we are mulling designs for a small but eclectic and sustainable home of my own. I imagine that it shall be fun working together! Too far away from oldest son Misha who, as an actor, still lives on the



Becky Tippens ’64’s granddaughter, Merna, dressed to see *Wicked* with her grandmother

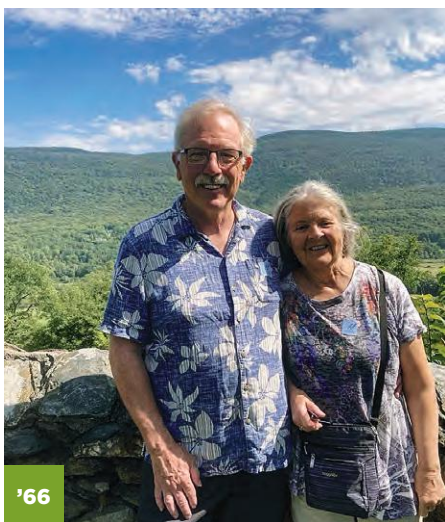


Class of 1965 mates Shelly Gilmore Bell, Leigh Grant, Jenny Chitwood Field, Laurie Cameron, Cathy Walker Hopkins, and Shelley Hack had a wonderful mini-reunion at Cathy’s beach house in Madison in September. Shelly says, “It was a day of friendship and reminiscing. We look forward to our 60th Reunion in April!”

West Coast. But there is FaceTime and planes! His cherubs are 12 and 14 years old!” ♦ **Beverly See White** reports, “I went to Kenya in May and had a wonderful time with daughter **Megan White Mukuria ’95** and granddaughter Tai at their beautiful home upcountry and saw lots of animals up close. Would love company if anyone is coming south, passing through Beaufort/Hilton Head.”

## 1965

**Shelly Gilmore Bell** shares, “**Patty Lansburgh Malcolm-Ailing** was a beloved member of our class who was a woman of courage and grace. She possessed a quiet strength; always having a kind word and thoughtful advice for all her friends. We will miss her indeed.”



Sue Porter Beffel '66 with Doug Somerville, Manchester, VT, August 2024



Judi Hill '66 back in her kayak

## 1966

Class Captain **Lucy Mitchell** gathered the following news: **Judi Hill**'s recovery from hip surgery last year has not been seamless. She did manage to kayak 26 times during the summer, making adjustments for her right leg. Despite doing all her PT exercises daily, by the end of the season she could no longer bear any weight on it. After a big runaround with the original ortho surgeon and an MRI, she found a blessed chiropractor who did three torturous sessions to break up the scar tissue and adhesions. "After one very painful deep, deep tissue digging, I got up and walked, and I feel better than I have since before my hip started up. Now the secret is don't overdo and blow it—I work smarter, not harder!" As she heads toward 78 in May, she is learning to respect that



Anne Hughes Kieve '66 and husband Loren with their family in San Francisco, Thanksgiving 2024

and not push through it. "Kayaking is not just great outdoor exercise; it is spiritual—to me a complete body, mind, and spirit joining; floating is so healing." ♦ **Debra Duxbury** and her daughter Meg are fine. Meg is worried about losing her job since Project 2025 wants to gut the Department of Education and she works for Head Start, which is first on their list. Deb joined the League of Women Voters and is on their Defending Democracy Committee. "I feel like I have finally found my tribe here." ♦ I noticed from Facebook that **Nathalie Durbin Heydet**'s daughter Lisa was in Antwerp recently. Apparently, she rented out her house in Ft. Lauderdale for a few months and is having the time of her life exploring cities throughout Amsterdam, France, Luxembourg, and Spain. Nath is volunteering at Selby Gardens in Sarasota on Sundays. "I love this epiphyte and botanical garden. This winter the feature exhibition is 'George Harrison's Garden.' Who knew he was a gardener? Apparently, he purchased a lot of land and developed gardens that included many topiaries." ♦ **Jan Johnstone** writes, "Despite being three days older than time, life is pretty good for me now. I had a couple of nice winter trips

to warmer climes last year. A week at a health spa in Mexico and a week in the Anza-Borrego Desert of California involved lots of hiking, fitness classes, and healthy delicious food. I hadn't been to Borrego Springs in over 30 years since my family had a house there. It was nice to be back and experience the amazing wild-flower bloom that happens every year. Next month, I'm going to Barbados to escape the fresh hell of winter in the Northeast. In other news, I continue to pursue weight training and complementary yoga-strength classes, walking and hiking, and clean nutrition. Movement and food are my doctors! No more ballet for me; it's beautiful, but way too hard on my body at this age. I still do volunteer work locally, primarily with sustainable organizations, wild animal care, and the homeless shelter. I haven't gotten another dog, but I may at some point. I trained one of my dogs in agility; we both loved it!" ♦ I had forgotten that **Wendie Force** received a very favorable settlement from Stamford Hospital in regard to her busted knee. Last January her right knee was replaced and it went well. "I am feeling okay, exercising, and spending time with family and friends. Thanks for your concern. No one prepares



Class of 1966 mates Lucy Mitchell, Sandy Waterman Keller, and Katty Skaarup Parker



Marcia Luria Nordstrom '66 and husband Mark, snowmobiling in Yellowstone



Katty Skaarup Parker '66's son Frank with his four kids

us for getting old! I am still doing Healing Touch at the hospital from time to time. I just find the work so rewarding. I made the trip again to the Cape this summer, and Jordan came along with me. The weather was perfect, but even on the Cape the rentals all have to have air conditioning. I am planning to go again this coming summer. We also spent Thanksgiving again in Middlebury, VT, and my cousin Peter, who used to be a chef at Middlebury College, again raised 12 turkeys on their farm. It was a wonderful feast as always. Jordan is still doing very well working for the same firm. His current project is helping to develop software for physical therapy groups that will help reduce the tedious part of their job—having to document everything they do. He is able to work remotely and does so one day a week with an office that he has set up in my house. His long-term goal is to one day teach high school chemistry or physics!” ♦ **Merri Ann Messenger** is delighted to have her great-grandbabies back in California. “Liz and the four children have moved back to Monterey, CA, to get the support from family as Adrian’s Coast Guard tour in Galveston, TX, requires that he be at sea a whole month every other month. He has been promoted to Chief. He will live on the ship and come visit his kids when he can: Knox (13), Gabby (12), Max (6), and Miles (3).

Ghislaine and Peter live 20 minutes away, and Liz’s family are all here in California. Alex, Knox, and Gabby’s mom live near Ghislaine. So, there will be lots of help. Grandson Luke (25) is getting married to Brielle in August. They live near Santa Cruz in Brookdale. Luke is in the hospitality industry and Brielle is a realtor. Rick recently had a heart ablation and is doing well. We’re looking to do some traveling this year, and Rick hopes to get back to biking and skiing. I’m still working and, yes, still dancing and so happy to have my grandbabies back in California.” ♦ I had asked **Laura Vanderbilt Ernst** if she was still able to run with her dogs to do agility competitions. “Yes, I can still run. Cinnamon (the dog), at 9, qualified for Westminster agility, and we actually went, thanks to her breeder who agreed to have her husband drive us. It was held at the tennis venue in Flushing Meadow last May but is back in the city this year. It was an awesome experience to run on those tennis courts covered with turf. I think I was the oldest one there. Grandchildren are now 11, 7, and 4 going on 20. All still live in Maine, but parents are already worrying that the school systems are not up to par. My youngest son owns a school for youth at risk, called Summit Achievement, which is in Maine near the White Mountains. Once in a while he will get a family from Greenwich.” ♦ **Vicki Van Rensselaer**

shares, “In 2024, three prayers that I wrote were published in the 2024-2027 Book of Prayers of The United Thank Offering Ministry of The Episcopal Church. 2024 marked the 100th year that members of my mother’s side of the family have lived in Greenwich and the 275th anniversary of the establishment of my childhood parish, Christ Church Greenwich.” ♦ I had never heard the story of how **Kathy Schuyten Sebestyen** met her husband over 50 years ago. Loved it. “We lived almost our entire life abroad with Frank’s international banking career following the three-year stint in the Army. Granddaughter Grace moves around a lot competing in jiu jitsu, and it’s hard to pin her down. She is now 23 years old and very tall like her dad. Nivia, at 5’11”, also travels competitively with her basketball team around Florida and the nation. While she might get a basketball scholarship, she is striving for a Bright Star Scholarship, which her sister Sophia received. Sophia attends UCF, studying business and accounting. My other two granddaughters, Emily (17) and Julia (9), live in Hingham, MA, which is one of my most favorite places I have lived. Besides serving on our HOA board for the last 15 years as an officer, I also run eight miles at 4:00 in the morning four mornings a week. I run races, acquiring medals in my age group, although my age group has a much smaller



Bill and Gay Roome Stevens '66 in Antequera, Spain, October 2024



Kathy Schuyten Sebestyen '66 with her sister, Vicky Schuyten Fuscaldo '70



Linda Allen Winslow '66 and her grandkids

number of competitors than runners in their 40s!” Kathy’s brother Peter died just before Christmas from a lung disease, much to her great sadness. ♦ From **Jane Fisher Carlson’s** Christmas letter, I’ll share that “Caroline, Zach, Nora (8), and Owen (5) continue to enjoy a busy life in Pittsburgh. Caroline’s sixth middle-grade novel, *Wicked Marigold*, was published in July. Her seventh novel, *The Tinkerers*, is scheduled to be published in late 2025. Closer to hand, in Needham, son Jonathan and his wife Kelsey both continue their full-time jobs while watching Willa (4) and Quinn (1) grow by leaps and bounds. We are happily pressed into babysitting duties when the need arises. In April, we spent a beautiful two weeks at our favorite retreat, the Manasota Beach Club on the Gulf Coast in Englewood, FL. Sadly, the club took a direct hit from Hurricane Milton in October. In August, our whole family was able to gather for a week at our usual spot on Ossipee Lake in New Hampshire. The cousins especially enjoyed being together, swimming in the lake, playing on the beach, going out for ice cream, and hiking in the mountains (yes, even Quinn, on her dad’s back.)” Jane continues to serve as chair of Weston’s Zoning Board, the Weston Library Music Committee, and Handel+Haydn’s Planned Giving Subcommittee, as well as to sing in the First Parish choir. “Chris is enjoying his fourth year of classes at the Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement and

following the ‘peer-teaching’ model of that institution; taught his first class there this fall.” ♦ **Anne Hughes Kieve** and husband Loren “made up for the confines of Covid with lots of travel that included three trips to Europe and Scandinavia plus two summer months in Santa Fe—one with family coming and going. How fortunate we were to have everyone in San Francisco for Thanksgiving (10 extra bodies in the house and 22 people for turkey!).” ♦ **Gay Roome Stevens** shared, “To accommodate our youngest sister, **Adrianna “Didi” Roome** ’75, whose friends were having their 50th reunion from Greenwich High in mid September, we delayed our annual trip to the Adirondacks until late September 2024. It was quite fall-ish by then but stunningly gorgeous, perfect for long daily hikes and lots of reading and contemplation, and we shared laughs and togetherness with my two remaining sisters—but no swimming in the icy fresh water of northern New York. This year we’re planning on late August, which will allow us still challenging but heartily refreshing swims. We also planned a trip in July to Wolfeboro to visit cousins where we spent our summers growing up. Our grandfather had built a camp on Lake Wentworth in 1928 where we summered until our father sold his share in the mid-’60s in one of our family history’s regrettable moments. But putting pieces of recollection together and verifying

memories at this stage of life is fun and particularly poignant. Bill and I had a successful trip to Southern Spain and Madrid in late October. We were based in Antequera for 10 days and did day trips to all the Andalusian towns of renown—Granada, Ronda, Sevilla, Cordoba, El Torcal—before taking the train to Madrid for four nights. His knees worked well and we had a great experience. The Spanish people are wonderful despite being overrun by tourists, and I still hope someday to learn the language. We departed a day before the tragic natural disaster in Valencia. Spent a beautiful Thanksgiving with Mel’s (**Melanie Roome Miller** ’67) family in Newtown Square.” ♦ From Philly, **Polly Bullen Georgiou** announced, “My two daughters each married this summer to fellas they have known for years. The weddings were small and reflected their personalities. Marissa and Micky spoke their vows in a lovely, funky art gallery, and Alexandra and Josh were wed under a flowered archway with a pianist playing their favorite classics. George and I are doing pretty well. His pacemaker and new valve are keeping him ticking and going to the gym five days a week. No such accessories nor activities for me. I walk our two Havanese pups and read. My boys are both doing well, chased by their wives and chasing the four grandchildren, now 4, 7, 8, and 11. All is well here in Philly!” ♦ From Florida, **Mary Spilman Cassady**

writes, “I can’t believe how quickly 2024 blew by (no pun intended). We and our property were personally unharmed by the hurricanes, but they’ve been devastating to our community. It’s been—and is—beautiful to see how everyone pulls together to help one another. One great blessing was that Helene poured four feet of water into the home our son was leasing, about an hour north of us, and he found a great place in our neighborhood, a seven-minute walk to our house. He’s very happy with the move. Now we see his children more too, especially David (15), who has already graduated high school and is figuring out next steps. Music is his passion and he’s gifted in that. His sister, Olivia, is at University of Tampa with a dance scholarship, so we see her more often too. We were 14 at Thanksgiving at Jordie’s new place—such fun! We took the twins, now 7, to a small festival at a bear preserve near us and had so much fun with them. I weighed too much to ride the camel, so now when asked if I have a special occasion, trip, or wedding I want to lose weight for, it’s ‘I want to ride the camel at next year’s Beary Holiday festival!’ Christmas was different this year. Sara and her family and Jordie went with us to Christmas Eve service, then we went out to eat at a great local restaurant and back to our house for dessert and gift exchange. That allowed Sara and her family a relaxing Christmas Day at home, and Mike and I enjoyed a quiet day together. I’d like to do that again this year. Mike is holding his own. We applied to two clinical trials for Alzheimer’s/cognitive impairment, but didn’t qualify. We continue to enjoy our wonderful neighbors, neighborhood, and church. I’m still partnered with a Haitian American ministry whose vibrant, courageous leader is one of my favorite people, and active in prayer and inner healing ministry at our church. If I only had one word for my life it would be ‘grateful.’” ♦ **Lyn Fidao Fleischhacker** “traveled to Minneapolis several times this past year to visit sister **Cyndy Fidao Clark** ’69 whose husband was suffering from MDS. He finally succumbed in October, so I’ll be back for a Celebration of Life in April. On a happier

note, like Jan, I need to get out of this climate in winter, so I will be on a three-week cruise of the Caribbean! Usual trip to the Outer Banks—this time with Cyndy—planned for June, Iceland cruise in August—also with Cyndy—and a trip to Switzerland in September! My garden will suffer! Have a wonderful 2025, everyone!” ♦ **Sue Porter Beffel** squeezed in lots of activities this past year, despite starting it off with a mild case of Covid. She traveled up to Boston, Burlington, and Wallingford, VT. She cultivated a church pollinator and memorial garden. She went on a women’s beach retreat, worked for the Environmental Justice Group, and enjoyed liturgical dancing. She helped daughter Amanda fix up a new house in Poolesville, MD. Grandson Owen celebrated his 7th birthday at the orchard. ♦ **Judy Derkash Hollander** wrote from Kathmandu, Nepal, where she lived for 30 years; now reconnecting with old friends. “As with everywhere, ‘progress’ happens—more buildings and cars, but the spirit and kindness of the people remain alive. With retirement, Brian and I have been traveling a lot out of Alaska. In the spring we went to France for the 80th celebration of the Normandy invasion as my dad was on the first wave of soldiers onto Utah Beach. Such an emotional event! People from all over the world were there dressed up in U.S. combat fatigues, which made it hard sometimes to know who the real Army was and who was play-army! Sure wish my father had talked about those days. On the way to France, we stopped off in Iceland for a week, rented a camper-van, and traveled to lots of hot springs in natural settings. So fun. We also went to Colombia with another couple (who are more fluent in Spanish than I am), rented a car, and traveled the country. It is a beautiful, friendly country and people want us to spread the word that it is safe ... it is. And such varied agricultural and bird life. Then for Christmas and New Year to Thailand ... and now Nepal. Back to Thailand for a yoga retreat, then back to Alaska.” ♦ **Linda Allen Winslow** texted me that she still loves Ft. Mill “and so enjoy my part-time job with Usery



Class of 1967 mates Jennifer Thompson Dott and Linda Crane Wallace at the 100-year anniversary of the Junior Sailing Association, Larchmont Yacht Club, July 2024

Insurance Agency (Allstate)!” ♦ In October, I had lunch with **Katty Skaarup Parker** and **Sandy Waterman Keller** at our favorite English tea house in Cave Creek, AZ. Katty had an innovative heart procedure done in June and was feeling much more energetic. I think the mantra for our class this decade is KEEP MOVING. For Judi Hill, her Zen is floating on the water in her kayak; mine is blowing bubbles while I swim. Merri Ann meditates; Wendie is learning TM. So, mindfulness is also strong amongst us. Another take-away from our Zoom today: if you cannot love your neighbor, at least try to respect them. Watching my grandsons, Gavin (18) and Sawyer (14), mature into thoughtful, creative, talented human beings brings me hope for the future. I am hoping our youngsters will be able to find ways to bridge the divides that are so pervasive today.

## 1967

Class Captain **Marilyn Makepeace** collected the following news for the Classes of 1967 and 1968: **Jan Nickerson**: “The excitement of 2024 for us was Hurricane Helene, who knocked out power, internet, and cell phone service throughout western North Carolina for a week and potable water for eight weeks in October and November. Fortunately,



'67

Jan Nickerson '67's landscape design made from her fiber arts work



'68

Karyn Schumacher Cordner '68 and her husband Bill traveled to northern Manitoba to the shore of Hudson Bay, where they encountered polar bears who face the possibility of extinction, November 2024.

our retirement community, a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC), provided all independent living residents with furnished apartments in Charlotte for two months, minimizing any inconvenience. I am even more of an advocate for CCRCs and would be happy to talk with any classmates about what they are and their advantages. I am also an advocate for living in western NC—happy to share that, too. 2024 has also been a wonderful

mix of work (providing career transition services to executives in-between jobs), family (celebrating 49 years of marriage to John Graham, and welcoming our 35-year-old daughter Jenna, returning to western NC after two years of living in Tucson and New England; daughter Jamie is happily ensconced in Burlington, VT), and fiber arts (landscape quilting, tote bags, a quilted runner, knitting, crocheting). The tote bags were made

out of my mom's clothes—**Mary Jane Caldwell Nickerson '39**—who passed in 2020.” ♦ **Suzanne Wilsey** shares, “Not much is new here in the SF Bay Area at the moment. My primary concern currently is for friends and acquaintances who have lost (and are currently losing) their homes and jobs in the terrible fires south of us. Given climate change and the drought and prevailing winds our area is prone to, it could just as easily have been me. In February, I'll cross the pond to visit a dear friend in England. We shared a flat in Jerusalem when we taught there, and I was all set to visit in March of 2020, but we all know why that trip never happened. In December I'll travel down the Nile and afterward visit Petra—a voyage I had planned in the '80s when I lived in Jerusalem, but the *intifada* interrupted *those* plans, so I am hoping to try again this year. One never knows when or where the next global crisis will explode. In more banal news, I continue to rotate among my three spinning wheels and have recently purchased an eight-shaft loom, having taken two wonderful refresher weaving classes on Whidbey Island over the summer. There is something very meditative about both spinning and weaving. I continue my dedicated—if deadly slowprogress through French novels prescribed by the monthly *Alliance Française* book club, though I'm not at all sure how I feel about launching back into Émile Zola after a 55-year hiatus. And speaking of hiatus: my Vassar roommate and I have reconnected. Those admissions people really did have a wisdom I couldn't see at the time, as our interests then and now—in literature, in theater, in travel—continue to provide us with lots to talk about. Wishing every one of you excellent health and a warm, happy 2025.”

## 1968

From **Angenette Duffy Meaney**:

“There are now three Angenettes: Angenette Mallory Gerber, born December 30, 2024, Angenette Elizabeth Gerber (my daughter), and me. That makes seven grandchildren with another one expected

in February. I have stayed in touch with **Jane Colihan** since graduation. She has had serious health challenges over the past several years, but is well taken care of by her husband Kevin and sons Dan and Jim.” ♦ From **Julie Fuerbringer**: “Hi from Burlingame, CA, outside of SF, where I’ve lived some 43 years. My husband, Neil Murphy, is an artist and joker. I’m the founder of California Clubhouse, part of a worldwide mental health recovery program that several of you supported at our 50th Reunion. The Clubhouse will be 10 years old in April, and I’m active in its continued growth. My daughter recently moved to Bend, OR, in case anyone has family there. Call me if you ever come this way.” ♦ From **Marilyn Makepeace**: “Last year was relatively quiet and sane. I attended two BMW Motorcycle rallies. The first was in Mariposa, CA, outside Yosemite National Park, where I took the opportunity to ride through the park before circling north and around through Gold Country. The second was the National BMW Rally in central Oregon. This rally hosts 5,000 bikers from all over the world. I saw many riders from the India trip last winter as well as many from other rides I’ve done around the world. While there I took the long way home and rode further north before turning west and then south along the Oregon coast to California, through the Redwoods and wine country back to Santa Barbara. In early August I adopted another Golden, and in late summer Anne and I went to Hawaii to celebrate two milestone birthdays.” ♦ **Karyn Schumacher Cordner** shares, “Last November Bill and I traveled to northern Manitoba to the shore of Hudson Bay to watch the polar bears return to the ice. I write this not to focus on our travels but to focus on the plight of the polar bears. Seeing them in the refuge for four days was breathtaking but also deeply depressing. The bears were on the edge of the bay waiting for temps to freeze the ice so they could return. Under the conditions that allowed their evolution in the Arctic, polar bears fill up on seal fat all winter, which allows them to survive not eating during summer months. Trouble is, arctic ice is melting months earlier

than usual and not re-forming for months later than it should. Hence, we witnessed starving, skinny bears, including the cubs whose moms have been both sustaining themselves and nursing cubs for months. Scientists estimate that polar bears will face extinction by starvation within 50 years if current trends in climate change and sea ice loss continue. Polar bears rely on sea ice to hunt seals, their primary food source. As global temperatures rise due to greenhouse gas emissions, the Arctic Sea ice is melting at an alarming rate. There isn’t time for polar bears to evolve to catch fish like grizzly bears do, so it’s a grim, cruel situation. Please write to your congressional representatives. Attached are pictures we took. Bears were sometimes inches from us (through troller windows).”

## 1970

Class Captain **Kathy Fogarty Isbrandtsen** submitted the following news: Hans and I have grown more and more fond of Fort Lauderdale each year. Between living on the sand, breathing in all those negative ions and getting Vitamin D, making new friends, and having four grandkiddies between 6 months and 7 years, scattered around in South Carolina and Indiana, there seems to be a never-ending supply of adventure, happiness ... and even peace. After an upcoming wedding in Taiwan (we’ll close our eyes when Chinese warships circle the island) and visiting some neighboring countries, I’ll finally get hospice volunteer training and am looking forward to those deeply meaningful connections. ♦ **Sally Johnson** shares, “Our year started with a monthlong trip to Vietnam/Cambodia with tour group O.A.T.—Overseas Adventure Travel. It was fantastic, and I highly recommend this group. Our guide was a Vietnamese man who could share culture, history, and translate wherever we went! We were there for Tet, the New Year, which was of the Dragon for 2024. We traveled north from Hanoi to meet with Hmong peoples and learn about rice growing and their different culture.



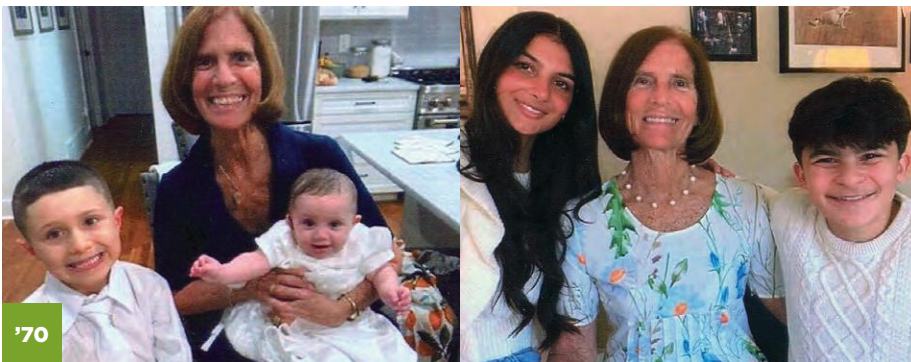
**'68**  
Angenette Duffy Meaney '68 says, “There are now three Angenettes! My granddaughter, Angenette Mallory Gerber, born December 30, 2024, my daughter Angenette Elizabeth Gerber, and me!”



**'70**  
Hans and Kathy Fogarty Isbrandtsen '70



**'70**  
The Mortimer girls: Lyn Mortimer Tracy '68, Barb Mortimer '70, and Bim Mortimer Semler '64 on Cape Cod, summer 2024



Vicky Schuyten Fuscaldo '70 and her grandchildren, Baby Angellina Rose and big brother Blaine, and Caitlin and younger brother Matthew

And then gradually south to Ho Chi Minh (old Saigon) where we met artists, visited pagodas and temples, and talked with former Vietcong soldiers; then a week in Cambodia to visit Angkor Wat. Stunning ruins! An incredible trip. Geoff officially retired June 1, making visits to family easier. We also traveled to Kenya and Tanzania for two weeks of safari in October, with a couple we've known for years—such fun! We saw SO many animals. Lots of lions, elephants, zebras, wildebeests, giraffes, and birds, such as the lilac-breasted roller, the kori bustard, the little bee eater, the secretary bird ... great names, right? We even saw some cheetahs and leopards! A trip of a lifetime! I still facilitate the brain injury support group I helped found in 2001. We went Zoom for five years but are back to in-person meetings as of April 2024. We just celebrated a 24th birthday party on January 4! We'll see how long I can keep it up! Sons and their spouses and our two 'grands' are all well. Max will be 10 in March, and Evelyn turned 8 in the beginning of January! The only travel plan we have so far is a family cruise to Alaska in July to celebrate Geoff's 70th birthday." ♦ **Mette Riis** shares, "It's been quite an eventful 2024. My grandnephew was born at the end of January and is a joy to the whole family. I'm spending more time in Guilford, CT, to be with my expanding family. I had an epic trip with five friends to Japan. It was a curated art-focused trip, and we traveled to the art islands and spent our last nights in a Buddhist temple. Still enjoying Colorado and all it has to offer."

## 1971

Class Captain **Ann von Gal** gathered the following news: Ann von Gal's Senior Dots Update ... Annual sibling time at Paradox Lake ... engagements ... new arrivals ... amazing family wedding in SF ... a new Dr. von Gal ... Louie retired ... moved my permanent makeup studio to my new favorite location ... celebrating 23 years with my Saturday walking group ... gatherings with dear friends ... saying goodbye, as 2024 ended, to our wonderful brother-in-law as he went on his final solo trip ... a very special sisters' gathering in Mexico City ... definitely more to come. A toast to more adventures, spending more time with family and special friends, more walks on the beach, more spontaneous GA Class of '71 reunions, more date nights, and more just feeling grateful. ♦ **Lisa Katzman** shares, "Last year I took two amazing trips with **Daria Paul**, a fellow '71 classmate and dear friend for over 50 years. Last spring we walked over 200 miles on the beautiful Chemin Le Puy, one of the main Camino trails through France, and stopped at every cathedral, bakery, and cafe along the way. In August, I led a Sierra Club three-week expedition rafting trip called 'Source to Sea' in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park in Alaska. This spring we're rafting the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon together on another Sierra Club trip. In the winters I volunteer for the National Ski Patrol at Dodge Ridge Ski Area. I am so fortunate to be able to keep doing all the things I



"Ready for Takeoff"  
Photography by Susan Howe Bailey '71  
www.susanbailey.smugmug.com

love." ♦ **Susan Howe Bailey** says, "I moved to Southern Pines, NC, six years ago and really enjoy the area. My main activity has always been photography (with lots of walking) and am active with two clubs. I love organizing outings and enjoy going to the mountains and many beach spots! I also stay busy with knitting and golf." ♦ **Deborah Willard LaBerge** says, "Life is busy and all is well! Among other activities, my husband Jon and I continue to be very involved with Coffee for Good in Greenwich. Jon is the board chair and I coordinate our volunteers—quite a few are GA girls! We started the year celebrating my 'milestone' birthday in January at the Vinoy Resort in St. Petersburg, followed by a month in Jupiter Island. In celebration of our 42nd wedding anniversary, we took a wonderful tour of northern Italy (Milan, the Lake District, the Italian Riviera, Tuscany, Bolzano/the Dolomites, and Venice) in September. In addition to running his own business, our son Peter is a creative writer and founder of *The Adroit Journal*, a well-respected literary publication. He has been invited to join GA's 17th Annual Writers' Fest in April as one of their three featured writers. It's a gathering of published writers and literature-loving students from three local



'71

Alice Carter '71 with her Dachshunds, winter 2024



'71

Pamme Devenney '71's daughter Margot and her husband Alex welcomed a baby girl, Sunny, in April 2024. Sunny got her dual British-American citizenship!



'71

Class of 1971 mates Mary Tietz Wheeler, Deborah Willard LaBerge, and Ann von Gal in Palm Desert, March 2024



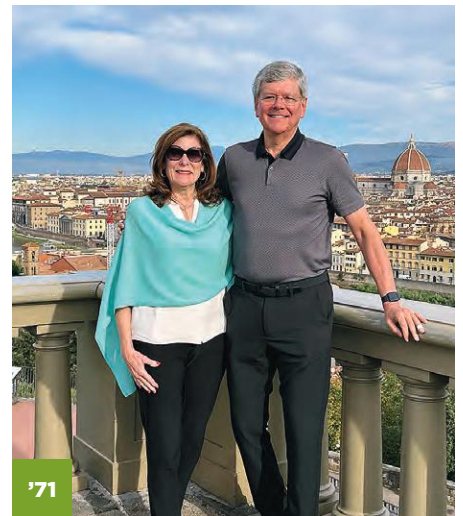
'71

Class of 1971 mates and travel buddies Lisa Katzman and Daria Paul



'71

Ginny Gold-Adams '71's granddaughter, Lilly



'71

Deborah Willard LaBerge '71 and her husband Jon in Florence, Italy, September 2024



'71

LEFT: Ann von Gal '71 with her husband, Louie Neiheisel, and their neighbors; RIGHT: Ann von Gal '71 and her walking group of 23 years!





'75

Class of 1975 mates Stacy Stacom Ossorio, Marianne Chohnoky-Kay, Heather Dickey Schneeberger, and Kathy Mitchell Williams at the Empire State Building, fall 2024



'78

A view of Antigua from Lee Barney '78's vacation in October 2024

high schools in Greenwich. Talk about coming full circle! In 2024 I had the pleasure of spending time with classmates **Madeleine Szabo** in Vero Beach and **Mary Tietz Wheeler** and **Ann von Gal** in Palm Desert. I look forward to more opportunities to connect with GA friends in 2025." ♦ From **Ginny Gold-Adams**, "We're still continuing to enjoy life in beautiful Bend, OR, especially because our sweet, 8-year-old granddaughter Lilly (picture included) is nearby. Travel continues keeping us busy, and it was a treat to meet up with **Mary Tietz Wheeler** and her husband, Porter, in Paris last May." ♦ **Alice Carter** shares, "2024 was a wonderful year. Was able to do lots of riding in North Salem where there is incredible open land. Also put 30,000 miles on my Toyota Sienna going to various events for my Dachshunds.



'78

Former faculty member Nancy Wasserman and Susannah Hays '78 in New Mexico where Nancy was traveling. Nancy recalls, "Susie was in my first Group VI class in 1971. I don't think we have seen each other since she graduated. Oh, the memories!"



'78

Sally Metzler-Dunea '78 and her husband George

Love seeing different parts of these United States; however, it's always nice to return home. My year ended with wonderful holidays in the Adirondacks."

## 1978

Class Captain **Lee Barney** shares, "It was very exciting to work at Newsmax in a presidential election year, and I continue to enjoy my contributions as finance editor there. On weekends, it has been gratifying to tutor New York middle- and high-school children. In October, my significant other, Michael, and I enjoyed a vacation in beautiful Antigua." ♦ **Sally Metzler-Dunea, PhD**, reports: "I have launched the initiative to build the *Global COVID-19 Monument of Honor, Remembrance & Resilience*. The

monument honors essential workers, remembers those who lost the battle to COVID-19, and celebrates the resilience of humanity. More on the monument: covid-memorialmonument.org. Please contact me (smetzler@prodigy.net) if you or a loved one served during the pandemic, or if you lost someone to Covid. My husband George and I continue to brave the Chicago winters and relish the summers, which is a great time to visit!"

## 1981

Class Captain **Heather Fitzgerald** collected the following news: The Class of 1981 never ceases to amaze! Travel, transition, and major milestones seem to be the themes at the moment. **Ellen O'Toole Hoeffel** and her family took an epic trip to Antarctica, forgoing a traditional Thanksgiving at home. Ellen also shared the news that they "sold their house and have downsized into a cottage in Riverside. Life of an empty nester!" ♦ **Alesia Ix Klein** made a move, too. She writes that she and husband Hoddy "moved back to the U.S. this past summer after living in Lausanne, Switzerland, for the past four and a half years. We loved our life in Switzerland! We met many wonderful friends, and our days were filled with many adventures. We moved to Lawrenceville, NJ, and I returned to Princeton Day School where I love my new job in the admission office. Hoddy continues to work at Nestle. It has been an exciting year for all of the Kleins. Rob married Becca Levy on Cape Cod last June, and Peter is engaged to his college love, Francesca Carfagnini. Hoddy and I feel so blessed to be closer to our wonderful families and amazing friends." Alesia also shared a photo from November taken at **Pam Christensen Olney's** beautiful home in New Hampshire. She said they "laughed, sang, hiked, and cherished every minute being together. I wish you and all of our classmates the happiest 2025 filled with love, laughter, wonderful adventures, and many blessings." ♦ **Doris Moeller Dumoulin** shared a photo taken at her mother's memorial reception in



'81

Class of 1981 mates Lee Burleigh Harper and Dara Rosenberg Berger at Lee's daughter's wedding, December 2024



'81

Alesia Ix Klein, Laura Dewart Bartone, Pam Christensen Olney, Courtney Bauer Burnham, Doris Moeller Dumoulin, Alix Hughes, Angela Tammaro, Tracy Graham Baird '82, and Doris's daughter Isabelle Dumoulin '14, at a memorial reception honoring Doris's mother and Isabelle's grandmother, Inge Moeller, May 2024



'85

Fellow GA alumnae, Beth Pegg Frates '85 and Kate Kingsley Lund '89, ran into each other at an event at Harvard and bonded over Beth's Greenwich Academy Vineyard Vines bag, November 2024.



'81

Lee Burleigh Harper '81 with two college friends and Dara Rosenberg Berger '81 and Dara's husband Joseph



'81

Sheila Warren, mother of Courtney Bauer Burnham '81 with Howard Hillman, father of Elise Hillman Green '81 who served on the GA Board of Trustees together in the 1970's! Friendships forged at Greenwich Academy remain life long and intergenerational! Christmas Eve 2024 in Gulf Stream, FL



'85

Beth Pegg Frates '85 recently won a major award from Women in Medicine called the #IStandWithHer She for She award, selected by the Awards Committee at the Women in Medicine nonprofit. In her acceptance speech, Beth mentioned that the award she was most proud of prior to that night was the Good Companion Lamp she received at Greenwich Academy Commencement in 1985!



'81

Ellen O'Toole Hoeffel '81 with her family in Antarctica, Thanksgiving 2024: Christopher Hoeffel, Oliver Hoeffel WCK '22, Ellen and Jack Hoeffel WCK '19



'81

Class of 1981 mates Amy Springborn Pagnani, Courtney Bauer Burnham, Laura Dewart Bartone, Alesia Ix Klein, Doris Moeller Dumoulin, and Pam Christensen Olney in New Hampshire, winter 2024



'94

Jaime Tyre Kim '94's daughter, Mia Kim, who plays squash for Tufts University, winter 2024

**CLASS NOTES**



'98  
Carrie Berman Dickson '98's daughter Penelope, sporting her GA sweatshirt!



'98  
Carrie Berman Dickson '98's needlepoint ornaments hang on her needlepoint tree, all made with remnant GA kilt fabric.



'99  
Greg Shenkman WCK '99, Hagar Hajjar Chemali '99, and Graci Lockhart Djuranovic '99 at Brunswick Homecoming, fall 2024



'99  
GA and 'Wick alumni at a party hosted by Kip Graham WCK '99, summer 2024: Timothy Riemer '99, Hagar Hajjar Chemali '99, George Hubbard '99, Kip, Alexandra Webb Clark '98, Brett Harris '99, Greg Shenkman '99, Deakin Bell '99, and Corinne James Menacho '93

May. **Alesia Ix Klein, Laura Dewart Bartone, Pam Christensen Olney, Courtney Bauer Burnham, Alix Hughes, Tracy Graham Baird '82,** and Angela Tammaro, gathered to support Doris and her family, including daughter **Isabelle Dumoulin '14,** in honoring Doris's mother, Inge. Inge was a fixture on the sidelines of every sport Doris played and cheered for every single player as enthusiastically as she cheered for Doris. It's lovely to see this beautiful community of support surrounding Doris in the photo. ♦ **Lee Burleigh Harper** shared the wonderful news that her daughter was married in December. **Dara Rosenberg Berger** and her husband, Joseph, were able to attend and be part of the celebration. Lee shared a couple of photos from the weekend, which capture the joy and delight of the time together. Lee said, "Trying to find a dress for me was more work than I anticipated, but it became lots of fun because I ended up getting it in NYC, and Dara was alongside me to help with every shopping trip and fitting! On one of the trips, we had a great time catching up with **Lisa Oppenheim Schultz** for dinner. So special to share life's milestones with lifelong friends!" ♦ **Lisa Noble** checked in to share some highlights and some heavy news. She

continues to live in San Carlos, CA, with her husband Mike. "Mike is now retired, and I consider myself retired even though I do work part time for a FinTech company and do photography as a 'side gig.' I continue to adore cycling and completed an amazing cross-country ride with 24 women last spring. This summer was difficult as my dad passed in July at age 91. His health had been deteriorating over the past two years and his passing was predictably devastating for me. I know many of you had much respect and admiration for him. The GA community always held a special place in his heart." I know Ray Noble will be remembered by many in our class and beyond with deep appreciation for his positive impact on all of us. ♦ My news is much the same. My husband John, our pup Ivy, and I continue to love living in our little town of Half Moon Bay, CA. Work continues to challenge me in meaningful ways. John and I fit in a few weeks abroad in September to visit Paris and the Isle of Barra in the Outer Hebrides (quite the combo, those two destinations ... from one of the world's most amazing cities to a place so remote our plane landed on the beach at low tide!). We also had the delight of spending Thanksgiving in Todos Santos, Mexico, with **Lucy Strong** and her husband, John. Sure,



**'01**  
Meredith French Lawrence '01, her husband Doug, and their daughter Catherine, Christmas 2024



**'03**  
Anna Varshisky Neuman '03's boys, Robbie and Noah

there was no turkey involved, but we had what I have to claim as the best fish tacos of my life (Pacifica Fish Market in Todos Santos—run, don't walk!)! A final theme of these updates is clear ... staying connected to our GA classmates is truly one of life's great pleasures! Sending good wishes to all!

## 2001

**Laura Delano** reports, "I'm pleased to share that my book, *Unshrunk: A Story of Psychiatric Treatment Resistance*, will be published in the U.S., UK, and Commonwealth countries in mid-March.

It tells the story of my 14-year relationship with psychiatric diagnoses and medications, which I ended in my late 20s after realizing that the relief and resolution I was seeking in psychiatry would not be found there. Throughout the book, I weave in some of the history of 20th-century psychiatry with research into many of the drugs I was on, as I knew it was essential to contextualize what happened to me within the broader story of the

modern mental health industry. My story is not about being 'pro' or 'anti' medications; it's about informed choice: what information and resources do we need to make meaningful decisions for ourselves about whether and how to engage with psychiatric treatment? With more people than ever before struggling today in our society, my hope is that this book sparks a meaningful conversation about where we might go from here."

# Milestones

## WEDDINGS

### Anna Varshisky '03

Emanuel Neuman  
October 15, 2020

### Ali Doyle '08

Christian Hennessy  
August 10, 2024

### Merritt Piro '10

Patrick Hutchison  
June 8, 2024

### Jessica Stuart '10

Benjamin Ross  
October 26, 2024

### Jessica Green '11

Leuk Woldeyohannes  
October 26, 2025

### Amanda Young '11

Justin Strid  
November 2, 2024

### Valeria Portugal '12

Michael Ranando  
August 24, 2024

### Parker Procida '12

Kevin Darby  
September 21, 2024

### Kitty Arenz '14

Devin McNulty  
October 12, 2024

### Julia Conway '14

Alex Gakenheimer  
September 1, 2024

### Haley McAtee '14

Sam Ellinwood  
August 24, 2024

### Kelly Clark '15

Parker Stitzer WCK '15  
October 26, 2024

### Kathleen Reynolds '16

Alex Okinaka BWK '16  
September 21, 2024

### Katherine Du '17

Marco Lorenzon  
August 31, 2024

## ARRIVALS

### Anna Varshisky '03

Robert "Robbie"  
March 30, 2021  
Noah  
November 3, 2022

### Lauren Sheppe Plunkett '04

Henry Sheppe  
October 7, 2022  
Lucy Mandelli  
May 15, 2024

### Erin Brawley '05

Ryan Erin  
October 4, 2024

### Molly Byrnes Randall '05

Rocco Michael  
September 23, 2024

### Nicole Harris Cramton '05

Leighton Carrington  
October 5, 2024

### Sarah Holzschuh Maliakel '06

James Kiran  
February 13, 2025

### Ellie Castine Richards '07

Jack Taylor  
February 23, 2024

### Samantha Cohen Allen '07

Prescott Mavis "Scottie Mae"  
January 1, 2025

### Sarah Benjamin '08

Darcy Ellenore Phillips  
January 9, 2025

### Marlise Pierre-Wright '08

Adele  
April 4, 2024

### Kate Salzman Rathjen '08

Harriet Hazeltine  
September 30, 2024

### Sarah Hylton Abbot '09

William Hartwell  
September 25, 2024

### Kristen Berczuk Humphrey '10

Henry Neal  
July 18, 2024

### Sarah Chilton Bland '10

Filippa Antonia Amiee  
October 12, 2024

### Haley Fuller Zendejas '10

Elsie Rose Fuller  
October 11, 2024

### Audrey Han '10

Daphne Tian-Hui  
August 14, 2024

### Jordan Hart Casserley '10

Eleanor Hart  
July 25, 2024

### Yasmeen Audi '11

Remi Essa Fares  
September 15, 2024

### Geofanne Anderson '12

Ailani Anderson-Lambert  
August 10, 2024

### Sarah Berczuk Kindig '12

Owen Peter  
October 22, 2024

### Hannah Withiam '12

Julia Ann Taylor  
July 7, 2024

**CLASS NOTES**



'04

Lauren Sheppe Plunkett '04's children, Henry and Lucy



'05

Renata West Yen, PhD, MPH '05

**2005**

**Renata West Yen, PhD, MPH**, a health services researcher at the Center for Technology and Behavioral Health and the Department of Biomedical Data Science at Dartmouth's Geisel School of Medicine, has received an early-career publication award from the International Shared Decision Making Society. Renata received the award at the ISDM Society's biennial conference, held recently in Lausanne, Switzerland. The organization is a member-based society that brings together academicians, healthcare practitioners, educators, patient partners, and citizens who are focused on promoting research, training, and practice in person-centered care and shared decision making in healthcare. Renata and her co-authors aimed to describe key, measurable elements of spoken plain language (the use of familiar, clear language) that



'05

Erin Brawley '05's daughter, Ryan Erin Brawley, born October 2024



'08

Marlise Pierre-Wright '08's daughter Adele, born in April 2024



'05

Class of 2005 mates Molly Byrnes Randall and Erin Brawley with their babies born just weeks apart! Molly holds her son, Rocco Michael Randall, and Erin holds her daughter, Ryan Erin Brawley, fall 2024.



'08

Sarah Benjamin '08's daughter, Darcy Ellenore Phillips, born January 9, 2025



'10

Kristen Berczuk Humphrey '10's son, Henry Neal, born July 2024



'06

Sarah Holzschuh Maliakel '06's son, James Kiran, born February 2025



'09

In 2023, Natasha Kingshott Burrell '09 was recognized by the Wall Street Journal as one of six "Rising Star Dealmakers" named across private equity in the Annual "Women to Watch" Special Report.



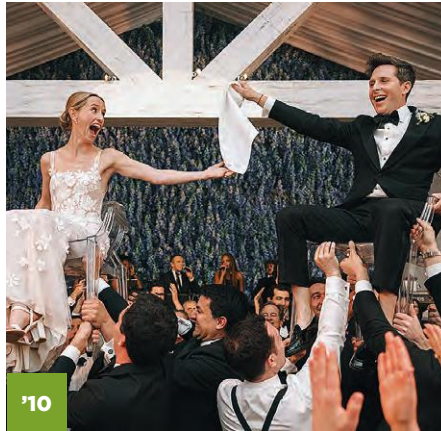
'10

Class of 2010 mates Jennifer Goodrick Shaughnessy, Jordan Hart Casserley with her daughter Ellie, and Margaret Brown Peacock at the NYC Marathon, cheering on Jordan's mom, Marilyn Hart P'10, '15 who was running in her 16th NYC Marathon!



'10

Brooke Pinto '10 was re-elected to the DC Council to serve her second four-year term as the Ward 2 Councilmember. The DC Council is the local legislature in Washington, DC. She represents 100,000 residents and is focused on improving public safety and justice, supporting a thriving downtown with affordable housing and mixed uses, and promoting literacy and economic opportunities for District residents.



'10

Jessica Stuart '10 married Benjamin Ross, October 2024.



'11

Jessica Green '11 married Leuk Woldeyohannes, October 2024.



'10

Merritt Piro '10 married Patrick Hutchison in June in Southampton, NY, at St. Andrew's Dune Church, where Merritt sang in the choir as a little girl!



'14

Julia Conway Gakenheimer '14 married Alex Gakenheimer, who she met at Dartmouth, in Woodstock, VT, in September 2024. Classmates Dani Freedman, Britt Mikkelsen, Lizzie Hurst Oberender, Charlotte Dahl, Charlotte Chilton, and Emma Nosseir were all in attendance.



'10

Haley Fuller Zendejas '10's Elsie Rose Fuller, born October 2024



'14

Haley McAtee Ellinwood '14 married Sam Ellinwood on August 24, 2024, in Colorado with many GA classmates in attendance, including Nikki Kaufmann, Jocelyn Lehman, Peaches Memishian, Pam Petrick, Olivia Alchek, Carley Petrone, Haley McAtee Ellinwood, Posey Memishian, Caroline Miao, Michelle Basta, Rachel Troy Cameron, Caroline Bloomer, and Julia Sassi.

**CLASS NOTES**



'15

Kelly Clark '15 married Parker Stitzer WCK '15, October 2024.



'16

Loïs van der Minnen graduated from medical school at the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, in August. In addition, she has a Master's in Public Health from Imperial College London, United Kingdom. She received the prestigious Amsterdam UMC PhD scholarship for her research. She is currently completing her PhD on hyperemesis gravidarum, extreme morning sickness in pregnancy, at the Amsterdam University Medical Center, and will start working as a doctor in Obstetrics & Gynecology.

could be assessed and reported back to clinicians for self-reflection. “Intuitively, we know that good communication and use of plain language in healthcare encounters improve outcomes, including patients’ emotional health, symptom relief, and functional status. Yet there is limited research on how to measure and report on spoken plain language back to clinicians,” explains Renata, whose research focuses on patient-clinician communication, particularly for patients with lower health literacy or who are socially disadvantaged.

**2015**

**Jennifer LoBello** recently relocated to Milan, Italy, to pursue her MBA at SDA Bocconi. Following two years at Assured Allies, a start-up focused on preventive care for the aging population, she hopes to continue working in the health tech field post-graduation in December 2025. ■



'16

Kathleen Reynolds '16 married Alex Okinaka BWK '16, September 2024, with many GA and Brunswick classmates in attendance! Brunswick Banner (Front Row): Alberto Lopez WCK '16, Sebastian Sama WCK '16, Kevin Brito WCK '16, Andrew Israel WCK '16, Jourdon Delerme-Brown WCK '16, Sal Lopez WCK '16; (Back Row): Corey Okinaka WCK '13, Colin Slyne WCK '16, Jared Boothe WCK '16, Braxton Reynolds WCK '19, Ron VanBelle, 'Wick Faculty Member, Jackson Reynolds WCK '14, Jamie MacFarlane WCK '16, Chris Lieder WCK '16, Jack Muccia WCK '16; Bride & Groom: Alex Okinaka WCK '16 and Kathleen Reynolds Okinaka '16; GA Banner (Front Row): Alexa Beeson '16, Amy Cass '16, Claudia Portugal '16; (Back Row): Catherine Cowin '16, Kelsey Krantz '16, Morgan Sorbaro '16, Margot Shang '16, Natalie Reynolds '13, Ashley Beeson '18



'22

Celeste Batres '22 and GA Faculty Member Audrey Esmond P'21 who connected in Edinburgh where Celeste was studying and Audrey was attending a wedding!



'22

Class of 2022 mates Caroline Saunders, Sachi Laumas, Jaden Sacks, Lizzie Lindemeyer, and Annie Carey in front of the Duomo, Florence, Italy, fall 2024



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