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November 2016

In Memoriam: Susan Erda

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of the death of our classmate Susan Erda on October 16, 2016.

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Class Members Attending Celebration of Life for Sally Lemaire



Susan Shearer attended the memorial service but was unable to stay for the reception and thus is not in the photo

A bittersweet mini reunion. Twenty classmates came to Abbey Chapel on November 4th for Sally Lemaire's Celebration of Life Service. It was a loving tribute with remembrances from family members, classmates and community friends. Betsy Lloyd Rushong, Sally's freshman roommate, read a letter from the Mount Holyoke European Alumnae Council acknowledging Sally's

steadfast support to establish a vibrant European Alumnae community. Lisa Durrell gave a deeply touching, personal accounting of Sally's active and engaged life.

This picture was taken at the reception following the service at Willits-Hallowell Conference Center. Seated at the table from left to right are: Cindy White Morrell, Marty Heywood, Terry Mason, Jane Dolkart, Joanie Stevens, Nancy Teachout, Joy Camp, Lisa Durrell. Standing from left to right are: Ann Belanger, Susan Clark Iverson, Dolly Wearn Higgins, Jeanne Yacura Geiman, Beth Jelsma, Sally Hall Dillon, Carolyn Dorais, Betsy Lloyd Rushong, Ellen Jacobson Petrino, Linda Tortai Stauffer, Arin (Susan) Edwards, Mary Ann Mears.

Conversation was lively - the friendships that began almost 50 years ago continue to be strong and important. Not all of us knew each other during our college years, but our connection through friendship with Sally made us realize how meaningful our time at Mount Holyoke was and continues to be. We are looking forward to returning to campus in May 2018 to celebrate our 50th Reunion.

The Class of 1968 was represented in the service by Betsy Lloyd Rushong who read a letter of appreciation from the European Council Alumnae, and Lisa Durrell who gave a lovely remembrance. Sally's nephew and a niece did a remembrance from the family and a scripture reading respectively. There was a remembrance by someone from the Friday writers group at her church of which Sally was a member, perhaps even the founder of this writers group. There were poems written by Sally, two choral pieces by the Haydenville choir and a solo by Ivy Tillman (from MHC IT and member of the latest church Sally had been going to in Amherst). Ivy had been reading to Sally every day near the end. There were "Thank You, Sally" notes which were read by two of her church friends and I suspect that a number of them were from the Class. Faye Hollender who has been Sally's friend since, I think, 2009 had crafted a lovely service, along with the two UCC pastors and had arranged for the terrific reception at Willits. I don't know how many folks actually came to the service but there was a goodly crowd at Abbey. Sally touched so many lives and had so many different interests and they were well represented. Many of the folks also came to the reception. One of the prelude pieces was performed by a member of the Arcadia Players in thanks for Sally's support of the group. She was accompanied by the organist, who also did a very nice job with other prelude pieces and the postlude. I'm sure that Sally would have been pleased with it all and probably overwhelmed as well.

Faye had brought some sketch pads of Sally's and we were invited to take any of the pastels that we wished, another flyer with some of her pastels on it, and bookmarks with a pastel and words on the back. Our Class was well represented. I'm hopeful that her nephew and family and her niece and family could see how much she was held in high esteem by the Class of 1968.

Lisa Durrell (and some helpers) did a great job of putting together posters which were scattered around the Morrison Room at Willits, with pictures of Sally at various stages in her life, trips she took, articles about her, high school details, MHC details, Alumnae Association details, her love of sports...you name it, it was all there. who knew what all she was really up to - it was all quite amazing -- wow!!!

September 2016

Patricia (Pat) Simon, who lives in Germany, sent the following in response to the Alumnae Association's request for news (and is posted with her full consent):

This is probably a first for me. I don't think I've ever written in the class notes before - shame on me, I love to read them. (I even read those for my mom's class - '39 - as long as there were any alums alive I'd heard of).

I read Sherry Christie's new novel, Roma Amor, and loved it - was unhappy when I reached the end. Sherry, we need a sequel! I encourage all classmates to read it.

I am so sorry to hear about Sally Lemaire's death. She had been dealing with Parkinson's for years; she first told me about it at our European Alumnae Conference in Seville in (what year?). With her courage and optimism throughout this whole time she has been and will remain a role model for me and many others.

Nancy Boggie Kuehler '65 and I get together periodically with other alums in the Munich area (of whom there are over 20), including Bonnie Bachman Ramjoue and also Ilse Peschek Lerche '51, the first student from a German-speaking country at MHC after the Second World War. Sometimes I get a visit from a traveling MHC student or young alum (or even a classmate: Lynn

Krieghoff Sewell), and I really look forward to the European Alumnae conferences, the next one in Riga, Latvia.

Aside from this I just enjoy the fact that I am alive and in pretty good health (swim! bike! ok, E-bike). My husband and I travel a lot within Europe; we have 5 children between us and 5 grandchildren to visit or babysit for; and there are numerous friends, some from early schooldays, we love to cook for.

Scribe's note: If you would like contact information for Pat, e-mail me: ehpk1@att.net.

Susan (Susie) Kreiner Hochenberg's notable volunteer career at Mount Sinai (N.Y.) Hospital continues to shine. After being featured in the Winter 2016 Quarterly following the donation of a kidney to her husband William in 2013, she was recognized as Volunteer of the Year by the Recanati/Miller Transplantation Institute at Mount Sinai at their biannual Living Donation Celebration in April, 2016. Her story was first in line in our Fall 2016 class notes; it recounted her teaching patients to do watercolors.

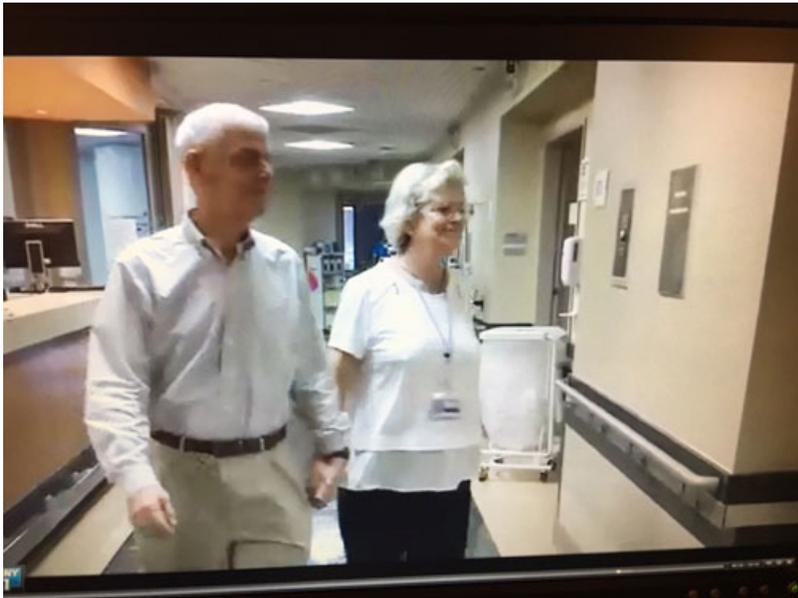
Another honor: Susie and her husband were recognized by Time-Warner Cable as New Yorkers of the Week in a Time-Warner Cable program in October 2016. The taped portion highlighted the wonderful art program for transplant patients at Mount Sinai and showed Susie playing show tunes and Chopin on the baby grand in the hospital's lobby. The live segment was filmed in the T-W studio and focused on the need for more living kidney donors. Susie encourages anyone interested in kidney donation to contact the Recanati/Miller Transplantation Institute (212.659.8024). She is most appreciative of all the kind words she has received from Mount Holyoke alumnae.

Footnotes:

- Susie also plays piano in the Guggenheim Museum lobby at Mount Sinai as a Hospital Music Ambassador.
- Susie is selling her watercolor gift cards at the Palmetto Dunes General Store on Hilton Head Island, with all proceeds going to the Recanati Miller Transplantation Institute.



Visiting in a patient's room



William and Susie at the hospital



Taping the Time-Warner New York One Cable news "On Call" program in their television studio in the Chelsea Market, Manhattan.



Playing piano in the Mount Sinai Hospital lobby



On September 25, 2016 nine members of the Class of 1968 who live in the greater Washington, DC metro area held a mini-reunion in Susan Clark Iverson's backyard patio. It was a delightful fall day - there was lots of lively discussion and a promise to attend our 50th Reunion in May 2018. Attending this event were: Susan Berkowitz Vroman Albrecht, Martha Cowen Cutts, Jane Dolkart, Leslie Luxemburg, Margaret Meyer, Margaret Neuse, Olivia Mellan Shapiro and Rebecca Tullis Stevens.

In Memoriam: Sally Lemaire

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of the death of our classmate Sally Lemaire on September 3, 2016.

[Click here to Read More](#) - Find links to Sally's obituary and to remembrances at her In Memoriam page. You are invited to send additional remembrances to Eloise Prescott Killeffer ehpk1@att.net for posting on this Class website.

MHC Class of 1968 Mini Reunion

On August 25, 2016, six members of the Class of 1968 had a joyous mini-reunion at the home of Karolyn Kriehoff Sewell in Menlo Park, California. The excuse for the get-together was a vacation trip to San Francisco by Susan Clark Iverson, who lives in Washington, D.C. In

attendance at the delicious lunch were Marion Edwards Bruns, Julie Dent Carlyle, Marilala Campbell Millar, and Nancie Fimbel. In addition to catching up with each other's lives, we promised to attend our 50th Reunion and to bring another class member with us.



August 2016

Your scribe, Eloise Prescott Killeffer, saw this letter in the August 28, 2016 issue of The New York Times Magazine over Tatiana Androsov's signature and knew it had to be shared, since having a letter published in this magazine is a serious accomplishment. We hope Tatiana's comments will lead to further discussion among all alums.

Readers respond to the 8.14.2016 issue [of The New York Times Magazine].

RE: FRACTURED LANDS

Scott Anderson, along with the photographer Paolo Pellegrin, chronicled the story of the catastrophe that has fractured the Arab world, leading to the rise of ISIS and the global refugee crisis.

You have outdone yourself by dedicating the entire magazine to the chronic low-level war that has been going on in the Arab world and beyond. As the daughter of two World War II refugees (Stalin sent my mother, "an enemy of the people," to a camp at the age of 9), born in Belgium just 10 days after my parents arrived, I shed tears while reading the all-too-human stories of striving, horror, courage and betrayal, the kind I grew up with.

These experiences led me to work for the United Nations and then to be president of the Thanksgiving Foundation, as the lessons I learned led me to try to give thanks for what I had and to be thankful for "the other," to forgive but not forget, as forgetting leads to further conflict. Thank you.

Tatiana Androsov, advocacy chair, United Nations Association of the United States of America, Dallas chapter

Tatiana followed up with me this observation as a postscript to the letter published in The New York Times Magazine:

It is time that we really changed things. Years ago in answer to the "War Games" I saw being played at Fletcher [School of Law & Diplomacy at Tufts University] and the ridiculous way (I am honest) that 'peacekeepers' were prepared for peacekeeping missions, I developed and copyrighted "Peace Games." They were played only twice - once at the University of San Diego in California and another time with a private group. Somehow, if I could devote the rest of my life working on them and improving on them with others who have been in peacekeeping or actually in wars with 'peacebuilding' components, I would have fulfilled a needed mission Any ideas?

July 2016

Martha Cowen Cutts and Steve's tradition of a Fourth of July Christmas card is always welcome, but never more than this year. Read on and share the joy of how Martha's retirement from her career at Washington (D.C.) Latin Public Charter School was celebrated - and immortalized. We congratulate Martha for all she has accomplished!

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A mini-reunion at the George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum:

Rebecca (Becky) Tullis Stevens has been the Consulting Curator, Contemporary Textiles at The Textile Museum (now The George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum) in Washington, DC for more than 35 years. On May 1, she hosted a private tour, arranged by Susan Clark Iverson and Jane Dolkart, of her current exhibition at the museums. The afternoon was enjoyed by Susan, Jane, Laurie Trees Rogers and her two granddaughters, Nancy Huttemeyer Davis, Hilary Salmon '03 (daughter of Christine Anderson Salmon) and Hilary's friend, Kate Gordon '99.

Becky's illustrious career at the museums has included diverse activities, including numerous national and international curating, consulting, lecturing, and jurying engagements on five continents, e.g., Kyoto, Japan; Montevideo, Uruguay; London, England; Lodz, Poland; Melbourne, Australia; Smithsonian American Art Museum, Renwick Gallery, Washington, DC.; The Textile Museum.

Her writings include the books *The Kimono Inspiration: Art and Art-to-Wear in America* co-edited with Yoshiko I. Wada.; *Ed Rossbach: 40 Years of Innovation and Exploration in Fiber Art*, co-edited with Ann P. Rowe; and numerous articles and essays for exhibition catalogues, e.g., *By Hand in the Electronic Age*; *Technology as Catalyst: Textiles on the Cutting Edge*; *Sourcing the World: Jon Eric Riis Re-envisions Historic Tapestry*; *The Tapestry Obsession*; and *Gerhardt Knodel, What If Textiles*.

Stevens' current project is *Stories of Migration: Contemporary Artists Interpret Diaspora*, an exhibition with fully illustrated catalogue, which presents the work of thirty-eight artists who skillfully comment with fabric, needle, and thread on diaspora, the overarching narrative of our time. The exhibition is on view at The Textile Museum from April 16 - September 4, 2016.

Further news from Susie Kreiner Hochenberg:

As the Volunteer of the Year for The Recanati Miller Transplantation Institute, Mount Sinai (N.Y.) Hospital, Susie is showing patients how to do watercolors. Plans are in the works to give patients sets of her cards featuring flowers, beach scenes from Hilton Head Island, South Carolina and photographs with a sea shell. Since the 2013 transplant operation, her husband William is doing fine with Susie's kidney and is busy with his law practice. Susie also volunteers at the American Museum of Natural History welcoming visitors from around the world. It is wonderful to have our son Malcolm and his wife Jenny only four blocks away on Manhattan's Upper West Side. They are both corporate attorneys and met at Stanford Law School.

May 2016

In Memoriam: Lynn Ely Houston

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of the death of our classmate Lynn Ely Houston on Feb 18, 2016.

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Elfing Our Big Sister Class

Our class elfed the Class of 1966 at their 50th Reunion. We provided a fruit and snack basket from Atkins Farms. It was delivered to their reunion dorm, Buckland, on Friday afternoon as the festivities continued to shine. We appreciate the help of Cindy White Morrell.

From Cindy White Morrell: Preview of a 50th Reunion Event

This event takes place on the Thursday afternoon of Commencement Week. I had the chance to check out the 1966-2016 "scarfing ceremony" on May 12 in Chapin. There were four rows of 1966 alumnae for a total of about 50 women, many with their red hat costume. Most of the 2016 seniors were in attendance, at least they pretty much filled all the other seats on the Chapin floor! Speakers included the 50th reunion gift chair and their class president as well as the Alumnae Association president, but their remarks were brief. After that, members of the Class of 1966 came forward, one row on stage and the other down front. (All four rows of '66 folks had the chance to participate.) Seniors were then called up row by row to receive their lovely blue lion

scarf. Many of them received hugs as well. It looked like organized chaos but the Alumnae Association has it all organized and it all went very smoothly, taking about a half hour. After the event, all adjourned to the lawn on the street side of Mary E. Woolley for a reception, set up by geographic area and when I left, there was plenty of animated conversation taking place, along with libations. It turns out that this particular "connections" event was begun in 2012 by Jill Stern '84 who was then in the Alumnae Office (now in the Advancement Office). Jill actually gave me this information. I urge you to keep this event in mind as you are planning your journey back to campus in 2018 (officially May 18-20). If tradition follows, by then it would be held on May 17 late in the afternoon. All in all, it was a lovely event and it will be a really nice way to cap off our 1968-2018 "connection."

Class of 1968 Celebrates Rings and Roses with the Class of 2018

Our class was enthusiastically represented at the Rings and Roses ceremony for the Class of 2018. Meeting with the sophomores were four of our classmates -- Linda Renasco Cadigan, Nancy Fletcher, Cindy White Morrell, and Sally Hall Dillon, with Linda delivering remarks at the event. The students loved receiving their class rings, and each also received a red rose.

Below is the text of a letter sent by our Co-Vice President/Co-Reunion Chair Linda Renasco Cadigan to President Lynn Pasquerella after the celebration.

Hello.

It was my pleasure to have the opportunity to speak on behalf of my Class of '68 at this event. I was one of 4 speakers and was not surprised that we were all singing the same song to these young women, just saying different verses. (I was joined by three other classmates - Nancy Fletcher, Cindy White Morrell and Sally Hall Dillon.)

As I observed the participants I was thinking about how their multi-faceted diversity is both a challenge and opportunity for you as their President, for both of us as alumnae, for their faculty and staff, and perhaps most important of all for each of them.

It takes courage to explore being totally present during the very interesting moments in their lives. The comfort of staying in a cluster of familiar faces, ideas and traditions can be very seductive. However since they have chosen to be Mount Holyoke students I feel quite confident that many of them will be courageous in the years ahead.

Cordially, Linda

In Memoriam: Nancy Brown Oliver

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of the death of our classmate Nancy Brown Oliver on April 27, 2015.

Susan Rieger's daughter Maggie Pouncey and son-in-law Matt Miller have opened the first children's bookstore, STORIES, in the borough of Brooklyn, New York City. Located at 458 Bergen Street (down the street from Flatbush) in the Park Slope neighborhood, Maggie (who is a novelist) and Matt (who is an education technology executive) are both founders and owners. Susan reports that STORIES is a bookstore as well as a storytelling lab, with afternoon and summer programs for children. They held a "soft" opening on April 30, 2016 (billed as a "sneak peek" party) with a "make your own book jacket" workshop and a window display art project of the Children's Museum of the Arts-and lemonade and cookies for all. The bookstore is expected to be up and running by mid-May 2016. The store's website is <http://storiesbk.com>



Maggie and Matt have launched a KickStarter campaign, with "wonderful and winning" gifts for supporters. Her grandsons are the stars of the video created for this campaign

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April 2016

Susie Kreiner Hochenberg:

At the biannual Living Donation Celebration held by the Recanati Miller Transplantation Institute [RTMI] at Mount Sinai Hospital [N.Y. City], Susie Kreiner Hochenberg received the Volunteer of the Year award. The printed program featured 2 of her watercolors. On April 12 & 14 Susie performed on the piano Songs from the 60's & Fiddler on the Roof in the Lobby at Mount Sinai. She is giving all of her husband's doctors a gift as part of April Donate Month. She is very glad to report her husband William is doing very well with Susie's kidney!

Susie Kreiner Hochenberg
Volunteer, RMTI
Volunteer, American Museum of Natural History

Sherry Christie:

They say Rome wasn't built in a day. Nor was "Roma Amor," Sherry Christie's intensively researched new novel whose setting is the reign of the infamous Caligula.

Sherry was still an undergrad at MHC when she began the story about a son struggling to escape his father's shadow. Awarded a Phi Beta Kappa Prize for the early draft, she continued to develop the manuscript while working as an advertising agency executive, living on a boat with a Maine sailor who became her husband, and co-authoring five books on money psychology with '68 classmate Olivia Mellan.

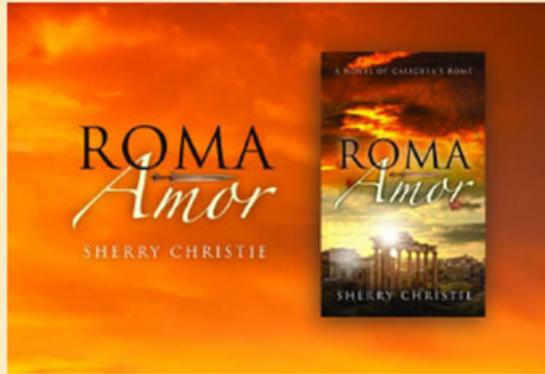
Since 1991 she has run a freelance copywriting business in Jonesport, Maine, with clients as diverse as the Independent Community Bankers of America and the Maine Credit Union League.

The manuscript revisions ("many, many revisions," Sherry says) were aided by her library of 100-plus books on Roman civilization, and travel that helped the author put herself in her characters' sandals. Finally ready for prime time, "Roma Amor" is being published as a trade paperback on April 15, 2016.

The novel takes place in 37 AD. Headstrong young Marcus Carinna, the main character, longs to prove his courage by leading legions against Rome's enemies. Instead, his ambitious father orders him to serve the man who was his brother's closest friend. But Marcus can't forget how his brother died, accused of treason, or that the friend who didn't try to save him was Caligula Caesar, now master of Rome.

"Roma Amor," published by Bexley House Books, is available through major booksellers for \$22.99. An ebook version will be released later in 2016. For more information, email sherry@roma-amor.com.

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How far will a father go to keep an old promise?

And how far will a son go to obey him?

Marcus Carinna hears a voice whisper, "Your turn," as he passes his family tomb. But hardheaded Romans scoff at ghosts, and he can't believe it's a warning from his older brother, who killed himself three years earlier.

Headstrong and hot-tempered, Marcus longs to prove himself by leading legions against Rome's enemies. Instead, his ambitious father orders him home to serve the man who was his brother's closest friend.

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Susan Shearer:

Retirement (since 2006) is the best and I can't believe 10 years have already passed. Husband Jerry and I are doing a bit of traveling each year and we've exchanged Italy for Ireland as our destination of choice for the past few years. In 2015 we took a very special trip to Ireland organized by Stephanie Gant (MHC class of 1989). Stephanie was the second recipient of the Karen Snyder Sullivan Travel Award, and she and her family have become very dear friends over the past twenty-eight years since she traveled to Scotland in the summer of 1988. Our trip last year had a music theme and was led by Robbie O'Connell, a nephew of the Clancy Brothers, and our traveling companions were a small group of Stephanie's family and friends. We now have a new appreciation for traditional Irish music and we look forward to exploring more this May when we return to Ireland's west and southwest coast.

Karen Snyder Sullivan:

[Travel Award](#)

Carolyn Dorais's contribution of the article in The Washington Post



Nathan Hanshew, 17, a senior at Washington Latin Public Charter School, is embraced by the head of the school, Martha C. Cutts, after learning that he received a full-ride scholarship to attend George Washington University. GW President Steven Knapp, at lower right, visited the school March 17 to make the surprise announcement. (Logan Werlinger/GW Today)

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February 2016

Boston Area Mini-Reunion - November 1, 2015

Joy Camp, Linda Torlai Stauffer and Karen Kelly Taggart hosted a Sunday Brunch for local '68 alums at Karen's home in Needham. Attendees included Paula Gehr, Susan Yeshilian Manaras, Ann Belanger, Ginny McNally Tang, Meryl Kennison Schwartz, Jacquie Gaudion McClelland, Nancy Speert Slater, Nora Gleason Wells, Debbie Dunn Rottenberg, and Judy Jaboolian Mongiardo.

Most classmates knew at least some of the others and the hostesses immediately stopped worrying about any awkward silences immediately! What was billed as an 11:30 to 1:00 event ended close to 4:00 but could have gone on for days. We had just the right number for us to go around and have each person give a brief (or not so brief) account of the last several decades. It was wonderful - awesome - touching - inspiring - and most of all loads of fun. We left talking about doing it again in the spring since we had just scratched the surface in our conversations. How often do we get a chance to be completely at ease and feel safe among our peers?



Nora Gleason Wells, Linda Torlai Stauffer, Joy Camp, Debbie Dunn Rottenberg



Jacque Gaudion McClelland, Susan Yeshilian Manaras, Ginny McNally Tang, Nora Gleason Wells



Judy Jaboolian, Nancy Speert Slater



Nancy Speert Slater, Ann Belanger, Meryl Kennison Schwartz



Ann Belanger, Meryll Kennison Schwartz



Meryll Kennison Schwartz, Paula Gehr, Jacquie Gaudion McClelland, Susan Yeshilian Manaras, Ginny McNally Tang, Linda Tortai Stauffer



Susan, Ginny, Nora, Linda



January 2016

In Memoriam: Victoria Sauer Chiappetta

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of the death of our classmate Victoria Sauer Chiappetta on August 25, 2015.

[For more information, please click to our IN MEMORIAM page.](#)

Priscilla Conwell Deck (now Kelly) catches up

After being widowed in 1998, I remarried in 2008 to Sean Kelly, a Yale grad as was Ray and a psychologist by trade. He too was widowed under rather bizarre circumstances as was I and we both feel extraordinarily lucky to have this second chapter in our adult lives! Between us we have seven children and 8 grandchildren - what a blessing! I am currently working for Voice of the Faithful - a group formed in 2002 when the news of clergy abuse in the Catholic Church broke. VOTF is dedicating to keeping the faith but changing the church. I have always been amazed and inspired by women (particularly) like Elizabeth Johnson who stay in the Catholic Church despite the barriers to participation in leadership. VOTF is a community unwilling to cede the Catholic Church to those who have abused their privilege of leadership and I feel grateful to have a skill set that is useful to them.

Anyway - I am still involved in music as a player with various groups and also serve on the board of Longy School of Music at Bard College. Longy trains musicians with a social mission as well as the usual concert stage goal, and is training teachers of El Sistema, the Venezuelan string program which has inspired many children who would otherwise never have known the joys and challenges of collaborative music. The best known of these is Gustavo Dudamel, conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

I am grateful to have good work to do and to feel that what I do really does make a difference. I think that's what MHC was all about, right?

Family-wise - my oldest son who nearly died of cancer 10 years ago is now the proud father of twins -- miracle of miracles. Two daughters are physicians - Tina is a high risk ob-gyn surgeon and Gina is an epileptologist. Laura is a lawyer, working at the State Department in Legal Affairs and is getting married this summer!

Linda Gross updates her life:

In August 2015, I closed down my LA family law practice and moved to Fort Defiance, Arizona which is at the Navajo Nation. I started working as a Children's Court Attorney for New Mexico Children Youth and Families Department. I am living with my boyfriend, Gilbert Palley who works at Tsehootsi Medical Center as an ER doctor. I had been commuting to and from the area for 5 years and am very happy to be here permanently, and no longer commuting.

I kept my home in Santa Monica. My next door neighbor (Smith 1970) and I are planning to upgrade and remodel the place so it will be wheel chair accessible and more modern. Not sure when this construction project will start as it takes time to get through zoning etc in Santa Monica.

I am completing several cases in Los Angeles, but the bulk of my law practice was taken over by an attorney whose office was just two blocks from mine. He and I had worked together on prior cases and I thought he would be good person to take my place.

I am admitted on provisional license in New Mexico but as I am admitted in New York and New York has granted reciprocity with New Mexico, I believe that I can petition for admission to New Mexico based on my New York admission. Last year I studied for New Mexico bar exam and was going to take in February but my mother had her final illness and died in early February.

I am working on 50th reunion and hoping as many classmates as possible can come back. So far I have found Deborah Mayne (thanks to Susan Clark Iverson). I lived in Sycamores my

sophomore year and we are trying to get all surviving 14 people to the 50th reunion.

I was in Boston in October and saw Sally Waldron, who was at Sycamores. I think she is considering coming. Also found Victoria (Vicky) Stewart and am communicating with her about coming. She did not graduate but was at Sycamores.

There's not much else to report. I really like my new job: child protective services. I am very busy as I am responsible for cases in Gallup (McKinley County) and Grants (Cibola County). I am having to learn a new area of law as well as civil procedure, etc. for New Mexico. I work with social workers and investigators who either try to reunify abused and neglected children with their parents or get them freed up for adoption. It's very rewarding if sometimes stressful, especially since I do not have enough experience in the area yet.

Lynn Ely Houston writes from the Caribbean:

Sailing, sailing, sailing. Enjoyed exploring areas of the Bahamas with family and friends, and catching and eating delicious conch and lobster. Now we are moving the boat to the Turks and Caicos for about 6 months so we, as well as our loyal charterers, can get a taste of those waters.

It seems like sailing and a feel for the wind and water may be genetic, as two of our grandchildren (Ashley and Nathaniel's children) have spent the last 2 summers racing Opti prams in Nantucket where they live in the summers. The older, Indya who is 10, won the Commodore's trophy for the junior program and was busy strategizing her starts with us when we visited. Almost makes us wish we hadn't sold our home and moved away from Nantucket but warm air and water were just too much to resist. Can't believe we left there 10 years ago but at least we were still year round residents for Ashley's wedding on the island June 2004.

Noel, our class baby, sails on our boat every chance she gets which isn't nearly as often as she'd like, but the twins, Sarah and Grace, are now juniors in high school, while brother Jack is a freshman in college, and between that and her job as a nurse in Boston Children's Hospital NICU she is plenty busy, plus she and her husband also travel to northern Vermont fairly often as his family has a home there.

Harrison and me in Bahamas and the 5 grandchildren.

