



2024 Class Notes & Reunion Registration



March 2024



Cedar Crest College Reunion



In 2024, we will be proud to recognize the anniversary years for all classes ending in 4s & 9s, with a special recognition of the Class of 1974 celebrating their 50th anniversary. Please note: Alumnae/i Reunion is open to alumnae/i of ANY class!

ALUMNAE/I REUNION WEEKEND IS OPEN TO ALL ALUMNAE/I!

We have secured a room block at Delta Allentown/Lehigh Valley, Hyatt House Allentown West, and Allentown Park Hotel. To book your hotel, please go to the Reunion webpage at www.cedarcrest.edu/reunion and click on the hotel reservation option.



REUNION WEEKEND: JUNE 7-9, 2024

This year, we've decided to celebrate the beautiful summer weather on campus by bringing Reunion Weekend to June! We welcome you back to celebrate memories and time together with friends. Below, you will find a layout of this year's schedule of events. We have taken special care to allow for opportunities to connect with classmates across class years and reunite with old friends, clubs, and more. We are looking forward to seeing you back on campus!

Please note the registration deadline is May 29, 2024, so sign up today!

Reminder: Alumnae Association Members receive a **10% discount on Reunion registration**. Be sure to renew your membership prior to registering to secure your promo code. If you are interested in joining the Alumnae Association, visit www.cedarcrest.edu/AADues.

Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD), which includes the classes of 2014-2024, receive a special **10% discount on their registration!** To learn more about GOLD, contact Rosemarie Kramer '23 at rosemarie.kramer@cedarcrest.edu. **Online Code: GOLD24**

REGISTRATION

Register online at www.cedarcrest.edu/reunion, call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 610-606-4609, or return the enclosed registration form to Institutional Advancement, Cedar Crest College, 100 College Drive, Allentown, PA 18104 by **May 29, 2024**. Guests registering for one or more paid events online will not have the \$10 processing fee.

MEALS

Events with specific meal options are noted on the registration form, but if you have any dietary restrictions, please note that and we will be sure to accommodate your needs. All events and meals are complimentary for children under age four. **For all events with alcohol, you will be required to show your ID to be served.**

OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS

We have secured a room block at Delta Allentown/Lehigh Valley, Hyatt House Allentown West, and Allentown Park Hotel. To book your hotel, please go to the Reunion webpage at www.cedarcrest.edu/reunion and click on the hotel reservation option. Note all reservations are to be made **no later than May 7, 2024**, as the block of rooms are only on hold through that date.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 610-606-4609, or email alumnae@cedarcrest.edu. The schedule of events is subject to change up to, and including, the day of the event. Follow www.cedarcrest.edu/reunion for regular updates.



SCHEDULE

Choosing from the events below, please fill out the enclosed registration form or complete the form online by **May 29, 2024**.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024

50th Class Campus Tour

2:30 p.m. | Front of Blaney Hall

Join the Office of Institutional Advancement for a special 50th Reunion campus tour, provided by one of our amazing Admissions Counselors. Experience the same tour that today's prospective students receive and take in the new, exciting spaces our students get to enjoy!

Golden Club Dinner

4 – 6 p.m. | Amory Soisson Center

Welcoming the Class of 1974 into the Golden Club, all alumnae/i who have celebrated their 50th class reunions, 1974 and before, are invited to return for dinner. This gathering is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends, reminisce about cherished moments and forge new memories together.

Friday Night Fair

4:30 – 9:00 p.m. | Blaney Hall Circle Quad

Celebrate the first night of Reunion Weekend at the Friday Night Fair! Featuring food trucks, dessert, oversized trikes, yard games, interactive games, wine & beer, and so much more, this event promises fun for the whole family. Loved ones are welcome to join you for this exciting time on our beautiful campus.

Karaoke Night with Friends of Cedar Crest Performing Arts (FCCPA)

6:30 – 9:00 p.m. | Blaney Hall Porch

Calling all Song Contest participants, lovers of Frolic and admirers of all things music! Join us out on the storied steps of Blaney Hall and sing your heart out at Karaoke Night. You can perform solo or with a group, but there's only one requirement: have fun with it.



SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024



Campus Tour

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. | Front of Blaney Hall

Join us for a campus tour from our amazing Admissions Counselor and see the many new and exciting spaces around campus. Embark on a similar tour that our prospective students enjoy today.

Back to School Session: Faculty Lecture

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. | Amory Soisson Center

This is your opportunity to be a Cedar Crest student once again! Jump back into the classroom and hear lectures from two Cedar Crest College professors.

- Lecture 1: Martine Scannavino, Professor/Chair, The Allen Chair of Nutrition, Director of the Master in Nutrition, Director of the Dietetic Internship
- Lecture 2: Audrey Ettinger, Chair of Biological Sciences, and Lindsey Welch, Associate Professor

Alumnae Association Annual Meeting and Award Presentations: Faculty Award, Alumnae Award, Class Attendance Awards, Institutional Advancement Giving Awards

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. | Amory Soisson Center

Following the Alumnae Association's announcement of the Faculty Award and scholarship recipients, as well as a discussion of other Association business, the traditional alumnae/i Reunion Weekend awards will be presented:

- Alumnae Award recipient
- K. Roberta White Cup to the class with the largest number of alumnae/i returning
- Nina Danowsky Cup to the class with the greatest percentage of alumnae/i returning
- Mary R. Little Cup to the alumna representing the oldest class
- Alumna traveling the greatest distance

The Office of Institutional Advancement will also present the Class of 1936 Award to the class with the Greatest Dollars Raised and the Class of 1940 Award to the class with the Greatest Percentage of Donors.

State of the College Address

12:00 - 12:30 p.m. | Samuels Theatre

Join us to hear updates from President Elizabeth M. Meade on campus updates and exciting plans for the future of Cedar Crest!

Class of 2004 Wine Tasting (\$)

12:30 - 2:00 p.m. | Alcove C

The Class of 2004 welcomes all classmates back for a special wine tasting activity on campus. Grab your lunch from Canova and participate in the fun!

Reunion Luncheon (\$)

12:30 - 1:45 p.m. | Canova Commons

Take part in a similar lunch experience as our CCC students! The Reunion Luncheon is all about making connections and will give each class the opportunity to reminisce about your favorite times at Cedar Crest and beyond!

50th Class Tree Dedication

1:45 - 2:15 p.m. | Venue Pending

A tree from our beautiful campus arboretum will be dedicated in honor of the Class of 1974. Join your classmates for this ceremony led by members of the Golden Anniversary Reunion class.

50th Class Memorial Service

2:30 - 3:00 p.m. | The Quad, Bell Garden

Join your classmates at a Memorial Service to honor the deceased members of the Class of 1974. All attendees are welcome to share memories.

Class Meetings and Honor Year Class Photos

1:45 - 3:15 p.m. | TCC/Front of Blaney

Celebrate your class year and connect with those who you enjoyed college with at your class meeting. Start planning for your next gathering, vote for new class volunteers and relax before your class photo. If it is not your anniversary or honor year, you are still welcome to join for the "All Alumnae/i" photo in front of Blaney Hall, open to everyone in attendance.

- Class of 1944 and earlier - 1:50 p.m.
- Class of 1949 and earlier - 1:55 p.m.
- Class of 1954 and earlier - 2:00 p.m.
- Class of 1959 and earlier - 2:05 p.m.
- Class of 1964 and earlier - 2:10 p.m.
- Class of 1969 and earlier - 2:15 p.m.
- Class of 1979 and earlier - 2:20 p.m.
- Class of 1984 and earlier - 2:25 p.m.
- Class of 1989 and earlier - 2:30 p.m.
- Class of 1994 and earlier - 2:35 p.m.
- Class of 1999 and earlier - 2:40 p.m.
- Class of 2004 and earlier - 2:45 p.m.
- Class of 2009 and earlier - 2:50 p.m.
- Class of 2014 and earlier - 2:55 p.m.
- Class of 2019 and earlier - 3:00 p.m.
- Class of 1974 and earlier - 3:05 p.m.
- All Alumnae/i - 3:15 p.m.

Class of 1964 Memorial Service

3:30 - 4:00 p.m. | TCC/Front of Blaney

Join your classmates at a Memorial Service to honor the deceased members of the Class of 1964. All attendees are welcomed and encouraged to share memories at this time.

50th Class Hybrid Meeting

3:30 - 4:00 p.m. | Zoom for virtual guests and Tompkins College Center South Annex for in-person guests

Say hello to everyone, in-person or remote, at the Class of 1974 hybrid meeting. 50th anniversary alumnae/i that are not able to make the trip back to campus can join our in-person alumnae/i that are not able to make the trip back to campus can join our in-person alumnae/i for a joint virtual and in-person meeting. A Zoom link will be sent closer to the event.

Strawberry Festival

3:30 - 5:30 p.m. | Lees Hall, Front Lawn, and Harmon Hall of Peace

Indulge in the most delightful occasion of Reunion Weekend! This delectable tradition, cherished since 1913, promises to delight with an array of favorites, including strawberries, dessert bites, bubbly champagne, and an enticing chocolate dipping station.

Note: Alumnae Association basket raffle winners will be drawn during the Strawberry Festival.

Saturday Night Fever Dinner / Disco Dance (\$)

6:30 - 10:30 p.m. | Canova Commons

Let's boogie on down at the Saturday Night Fever Disco dinner dance. We have jazzed up Canova Commons for you to enjoy a night of good vibes, dinner, dancing, and music from the 70's to now with a variety of genres. As well as a photo booth, beer, wine and much more with everyone who has attended Reunion 2024. We encourage you to wear your grooviest 70's inspired threads. This gig is sure to be a blast!

50th Class Reunion Dinner (\$)

6:30 - 10:00 p.m. | Tompkins College Center, 1867 Room

50 years of laughter, friendship, and unforgettable moments. Join us for a memorable evening as we reunite to celebrate our 50th Class Reunion with a private dinner. All those who attend are welcome to join the **Saturday Night Fever Disco** after dinner.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024



Bingo & Brunch (\$)

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Hamilton Boulevard Building

Bubbles, Brunch, and BINGO! Join fellow alumnae/i for a farewell brunch with complimentary mimosas, as well as an exciting game of Bingo for various prizes!

Register online at visit www.cedarcrest.edu/reunion for more information.



REGISTRATION FORM

Register online at www.cedarcrest.edu/reunion

We encourage you to register online. There will be a \$10 processing fee for anyone completing the physical form.



First Name _____ Last Name _____

Last Name in College _____ Class Year _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

☐ Check this box if you are a member of the Alumnae Association

Complimentary Events	#Attending (Please include guests in this total, and be sure to write their names at the end of the form.)	Cost Per Attendee	Total Event \$
FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2024			
50th Reunion Campus Tour		Complimentary	
Golden Club Dinner		Class of 1973: Complimentary Golden Club Members: \$25 Guest: \$30	
Friday Night Fair		Complimentary	
Karaoke Night with Friends of Cedar Crest Performing Arts (FCCPA)		Complimentary	
Frolic		Complimentary	
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024			
Campus Tour		Complimentary	
Back to School Session: Faculty Lecture		Complimentary	
Alumnae Association Annual Meeting and Award Presentations		Complimentary	
State of the College Address		Complimentary	
Class of 2004 Wine Tasting		\$20	

Luncheon		\$15	
Honor Year Class Photos		Complimentary	
50th Class Tree Dedication		Complimentary	
50th Class Memorial Service		Complimentary	
Class of 1964 Memorial Service		Complimentary	
50th Class Hybrid Meeting		Complimentary	
Saturday Night Out Disco Dinner Dance		With Bar: \$40 Without Bar: \$32	
50th Class Reunion Dinner (Class of 1974)	Write in your dinner choice for you and your guest(s) - Chicken, Beef, or Vegetarian:	\$35	

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

BINGO and Brunch		\$20	
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Event Total: \$ + \$10 Processing Fee =

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For more information and to avoid a \$10 processing fee, visit the website.**

Special 10% Alumnae Association Dues Member Discount for all life members and annual members between July 1, 2023 and the time of registration. If you are not a member, join below and claim your discount today! **Online Code: ALUM10**

Special 10% Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Discount for any alum who has graduated in 2014-2024. To learn more about GOLD, contact Rosemarie Kramer '23 at rosemarie.kramer@cedarcrest.edu. **Online Code: GOLD24**

Total with Discount: \$

** If you would like to donate a gift basket or items for the Basket Raffle, please plan to mail or deliver your item to the Cedar Crest College Office of Institutional Advancement, 100 College Drive, Allentown, PA 18104 by **May 29, 2024**.*

Payment Information:

☐ My check, payable to Cedar Crest College, is enclosed.

☐ Please charge my credit card: ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa

Name on Card _____ Card Number _____

Ex. Date _____ Code _____ Signature _____

Photo Release:

By checking the box below, you understand and give us permission to potentially publish, for promotional purposes, any photographs or video taken of you, whether taken by Cedar Crest College or a third party, on Cedar Crest College's website and/or social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.) and/or in print advertisements and publications. ☐ **Please check this box if you agree to the statement.**

Please list guest names in the space below:

If you have any dietary restrictions, note them below, and we will be sure to accommodate your needs:

CLASS OF 1949

Eleanor **Hollis** Tedesco (Holly)

Our class, the 49ers, graduated almost 75 years ago. We had none of the "luxuries" of today's classes. In our dorm rooms we had no telephones or TVs. Instead, we had two telephone booths on each floor and possibly a table radio in our room. We had no washing machines or dryers. We had no kitchen facilities, such as stoves, refrigerators, or dish washers. They were not available at the time. And dorm students were not allowed to have cars. Yet, we managed happily without.

Of our entering class of 115 students, 14 class members are still alive. Some are living by themselves in their own homes. Most are living with relatives or in assisted living facilities. Some are still active both physically and mentally while others are not but all very likely remember their college days.

Our Class President, Alice **Mason** Spivey, sends her greetings to all. I thought you would like to see the photo she shared with me. Please see below. The photo shows a wood hand carved Christmas Village with fence, barn, church, house. The Village has graced the base of Alice's Christmas trees since the thirties. This past Christmas, son Bill set it up near Alice's room at Tel Hai in the dining room lobby for all the residents and staff to enjoy. Photo of Alice with her Christmas Village:



I still keep busy, but my energy has decreased. I continue to be active as Corresponding Secretary of my chapter of the DAR (Daughters of the American

Revolution). At the April meeting, I gave a talk/slide presentation about the 400-page book written by my late son and husband. The book was the Postcard History of Norfolk County.

Please tell us about yourself and your family. My greatest wish is to hear from you. Stay well and stay happy. And do write! Very best wishes to you and your family for a very happy, healthy and peaceful 2024!!

CLASS OF 1950

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CLASS OF 1951

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CLASS OF 1952

From the Office of Alumnae/i Affairs: Your class is in need of a correspondent to write a yearly column for this publication. Please contact the Alumnae/i Office at alumnae@cedarcrest.edu or at 610-606-4609 if you are interested in the position.

You can also send your news and updates to the Alumnae/i Office at alumnae@cedarcrest.edu.

CLASS OF 1953

Eddie **Leaycraft** Hertzberg
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It was a full and fun 70th Class Reunion last May, albeit attended only by Barbie **Devonald** Turnbull and I! I guess that's not a surprise given that we are all

getting older. But fun though Barbie and I had, it would have been so nice to have been joined by our other surviving class members. So how are you all??? PLEASE do let me know!

Both Barbie and I were accompanied by our daughters, which was fun and very helpful. It was great to see the campus looking its spring gorgeous, and to learn about the latest doings of the College. What progress it keeps making. We all have reason to be very proud of it.

Barbie and I are both doing well, considering the calendar's appropriate effect. Bob and I continue to live in our home on Lake Superior, but we've chickened out on the ice and snow of our geography, beautiful though it is. We now escape to Key West's warm sun for the winter, thanks to our daughter who has a spare apartment there. Bob and I still travel for family events, like our granddaughter's wedding in Atlanta in fall and Thanksgiving with daughter Mimi and family in MO. Grandson Tommy and his girlfriend spent a week with us in December in order to GO SURFING in Lake Superior (yes, you DID read that correctly). They did and we had a swell time supporting their effort.... in awe!! Granddaughter Morgan will marry next September, probably in Maui, so we'll have an excuse for another delightful destination.

Otherwise, dear friends, I have no other news for us all. Please do help me out by sending some!

Best to you all.

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CLASS OF 1954

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Congratulations on your upcoming 70th Reunion! We look forward to celebrating with you at Reunion Weekend 2024 on June 7, 8, and 9, 2024.

CLASS OF 1955

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CLASS OF 1956

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Judy **Singer** sent a note to the Cedar Crest Alumnae Office. She would have been in the class of 1956 had she not transferred to Rhode Island School of Design where she was an Advertising major. Her chosen career has been Residential Interior Design. Judy is married and has three children. She sends her greetings: Happy Holidays and Wishes for a Wonderful 2024!

Carolyn **Schaffer** Wolf, our hard-working Class Agent, sent us an update. Kerry says "Life goes on as usual here, as my son, Christopher and I continue to spend the colder months in our Phillipsburg home and the warmer months at the cottage at Mountain Lake, as we have done for 65 years. We have been contented with the relative peacefulness and natural beauty of rural Warren County in NJ, in contrast to the noisy crowded metropolitan areas. Before long it will be necessary to downsize to the country cottage as I find it difficult to manage it all as I approach 90. I have been fortunate to be healthy and fit enough to get by but have had to reduce my outside commitments somewhat - no more night driving to meetings. I think our classmates are in the same boat. I wish for all of them a healthy and peaceful year ahead and treasure the memories

of our time together at CCC. It would be great to hear about their lives now."

I had a good phone conversation with Bobbie **Leonard** Boyer whose life has changed somewhat since she had a heart attack on her way to the barn to care for her beloved aged horse. She made it to her house and was flown on a little plane two hours away to Meridian. She now has a stent, and still has the horse, a rescue dog named Daisy, and her house on five acres about twelve miles of straight road from Sun Valley where she goes to concerts in the beautiful outdoor theatre – not skiing, I think. Bobbie has her weaving loom by a window and has just finished her thirtieth table runner. They are 38 inches long and she sews beautiful backings for them. Bobbie's daughter Amy lives six miles away, but her other children, like mine, live at considerable distance. Bobbie sends her greetings to you.

Shirley **Nothstein** Blynn has moved to a personal care facility near Cedar Crest since her husband Peter broke his hip. They miss Palmerton and hope to return. Family visits every day. Shirley is legally blind, so she isn't sewing anymore or reading, but she is fully engaged with the activities where they are living now. She plays games with her grandchildren too. Shirley and Peter no longer have their Florida condo or travel widely as they did when they had good health. A story familiar to many of us. Shirley told me she is not bored; a story we like to hear.

Wanda **Bruch** Scheifele responded right away to my request for news. Thank you Wanda!

"Reading has become the dominant activity in my life. In true American History graduate tradition, I have enjoyed the new biography of Edith Wilson, three biographies of Pat Nixon, surprised that her daughter Julie's was the best, and in tribute to Rosalynn Carter, her autobiography: First Lady from Plains. So many contributions were made by these women... their lives shine brightly. Wishing the very best for all former classmates."

Class of 1957

Mary **Luce** Wellington

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George Myers writes "I am sorry to inform you that Nancy Cox Myers passed away on January 18th of this year." (2023)

Marjory **Glose** Carlson writes "Thanks for your contact and all the work you do, and thanks for your staying in touch. I'm now 90 and living in Lynnwood which is a northern suburb of Seattle, Washington. I have a nice apartment in a facility that offers independent living with one meal a day. My family lives in this area so I get to see them often."

Dee **DeYoung** Kresge sent this message. "Hi Mary, Happy New Year. It is a quiet, grey day here and I have dismantled the indoor Christmas decorations. I also thought it is a good time to reply to your request for news. As I mentioned last year, Ed moved to a care facility in June 2022 and my most important activity was to see him every day. That ended when he passed away at the end of October. We celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary in May and have many happy memories. I talked to Sally **Vonderlinden** Saunders, 3 years roommate, several times a year and when I called to tell her about Ed I discovered her husband, David Saunders, had passed away suddenly just 6 days before Ed. I am planning to stay where I am for the foreseeable future as my two children aren't too far away and am still very active."

I received Mary Anne **Warner** Ries annual holiday newsletter and here is her update. "Earl and Kerry are as busy as ever and doing well. I cannot keep track of them. The two grandsons are busy too. Earl III has a full-time job with a financial company in Oaks, PA. Darren now has a job at the local CVS with school in the future. Susan is Director of Systems Enrollment at Jefferson University. She is now working from home all the time. I am doing very well and try to swim every day that I can. I am still working part time since it is a job one mile from home and provides socialization, not just sitting home watching the Hallmark channel. I now work two days a week, which is fine

with me. I am still in the progress of downsizing and getting nowhere. There is too much stuff. Having a problem with what I will need to keep and what to get rid of. I am not yet ready for a retirement community."

Jean **Roeder** Darling and her daughters Jenny and Martha went to PA for a Roeder reunion over fathers' day. "It was great to see everyone there. Fortunately, all are doing well including my older sister Thelma at 96!" Jean's Christmas note says they were planning a family get-together December 23 at daughter Jenny's home very near Jean in Johnson City, TN. It included Jean's children and grandchildren coming from Seattle, Georgia, N. Carolina, and CA.

When I sent out my request for news, I let you know that I am a bit slowed down with a fractured vertebra in my neck, necessitating a rigid neck brace. I am living independently with a walker and rely on friends and family for grocery shopping and getting the newspaper. I anticipate having the brace removed by the first of March, so I am making progress. My big news is the wedding of my granddaughter, Steffi and Sami which just took place January 14. Of course, the bride was beautiful as was the whole wedding! August 30 brought me a second great grandchild and his parents are getting married May 25. How times have changed from the days when we were in college! In September I took a trip to Boston to visit my brother-in-law and then to Maine to visit my son Greg and his partner, Rebekah. It was a lovely trip but a bit stressful on the flying ends so I will give it serious thought before I try it again.

I hope everyone has a good year ahead.

Class of 1958

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Class of 1959

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A synopsis of this past year follows:

Eleanor **Jenzer** Alber: George and I now live in a townhouse in Basking Ridge, NJ which is in close proximity to our two daughters. Our son lives in Virginia. The best thing about my life now is my family: my husband of almost 62 years, my seven grandchildren and my three children and their spouses. This spring we are looking forward to attending two of our grandchildren's graduations, one at High Point University and the other at University of Tennessee.

Gerladine **Gaudenzi** Colizzo: I celebrated my 85th birthday in Massachusetts and New Hampshire with family and relatives. The best things about my life now are my eight grandchildren, peace and serenity, and enjoying my time alone while also enjoying time with my many friends.

Chris **Peters** Collins: I am living in a retirement community, Windsor Run, in Matthews, NC, since my husband passed away in 2020. I still miss our classmate and my best friend, Connie **Brooks** Reed from Allentown, who passed away in 2021. We spoke to each other every day. I am very happy living here since I am living close to my daughter and her husband, who take good care of me – shopping, doctor appointments and whatever I need. I have many activities here at Windsor Run – playing Rummicub, Mexican Train, singing three times a week and swimming.

Michele **Landrieu** Hansen: Have moved to Boise, ID to be near my three children who live there. Lucky me; they are all in one spot! The best thing about my life now is having good health.

Patricia **Henry** Hurlbrink: This past year was not a good one for me to share, but I am looking forward to a happier and healthier 2024. The best thing about my life now is that several years ago Al and I moved into the independent part of a continuing care residential community [CCRC] with an EMT 24/7. There are so many activities on site, plus delicious

meals served in our choice of dining rooms of various sizes and decor. We are enjoying life here daily.

Carol **Feuss** Johnson: Bob and I celebrated our 85th anniversary this past year. We enjoy our family especially, reminisce about our travels over the years, still keep up with politics. And now I have time to read, which I love.

Kathryn **Hahn** Krystiniak: I am happy to see the beginning of 2024, as 2023 was not one of my best. I suffered a mild stroke in February and was hospitalized and in rehab for two weeks, my sense of balance was a concern. Just as I thought I was back to normal I took a tumble attempting to carry my mountain dulcimer and music to my weekly jam session. That caused another two weeks hospital/rehab stay. My therapist says I am 70 percent back to normal and ready to get back to the hydrotherapy class I conduct three days a week. So, I have a positive outlook for the year ahead. I reluctantly gave up my singing in our community chorus, as the time spent sitting and standing in rehearsals was uncomfortable. Otherwise, I enjoy the warmth and fellowship of my community and church here in Southwest Florida, as well as having my sons and family nearby! I try to keep in touch with Gerry **Gaudenzi** Colizzo, Nancy **Fitchen** Tiedemann, and roomie Joan **Larsen** Kennedy.

Margaret **Shuman** Richie: Now as a widow I have taken over the maintaining of a home by myself. This and driving a car again have been a learning experience. The best part of my life now is relying on my children helping out where needed hands-on or with advice. Church is comforting and due to Speech at CCC, I can volunteer to read the lessons and Psalms.

Barbara **Kleppinger** Rojas: I lost my dear husband Rod after a fall at home required hip replacement and his Parkinson's Disease took over. We had many wonderful years that he remained mentally strong. I now have taken over the business that he grew in the states. My greatest joys now are gardening and enjoying my four grown children, 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Busy life!

Lucrecia **Andujar** Rousseaux: Very fortunately, John and I have been blessed with good health except for the normal to be expected aging slowdown. I play tennis three days a week with a super group of ladies and also play pickle ball on two days with another group. John and I live in a golf community and enjoy playing together several times a month. In May we took a month-long cruise from Fort Lauderdale to Rotterdam and then on to Great Britain, Ireland and Scotland. We see our children often, as son Michael and family live but three hours away in Charlotte. Our first great-grandchild arrived in September, so that has us taking the trip more often. Our daughter Judy and family are in Maryland with easy flights for us and for them to visit often. We all [12 of us] gathered at Grandfather Mountain for Thanksgiving, which was a wonderful venue to give our thanks. Now we are packing for a two-week Caribbean cruise with both families and my brother Lewis who lives in Massachusetts. Couldn't be happier!

Judith **Savitz** Nikischer: [compiled by her husband Frank with her cooperation.] Judith is suffering with dementia and has been living in the Elizabethtown, PA's Masonic Healthcare Center for the past 1 1/2 years. Judy has always felt that her Cedar Crest experience has been a big help with everything her life has been dealt – Girl Scouts involvement and leadership, active participation in Cedar Crest activities, and partnership with husband Frank in the ownership of Allentown's Walp's Restaurant until its sale in 1998, and so much more. She regrets she is unable to remain active in her Cedar Crest activities, but she will forever keep Cedar Crest in her heart.

Janis **Randolph** Schell: I'm still living alone in my townhouse where we moved in 1987. My husband died in 2015. My health is pretty good other than some aches and pains. I'll probably stay here as long as possible. The best thing about my life now is the freedom to choose what to do and when to do it!

Dorothy **Parry** Slater: I won't go on and on about life in Mexico – I am finally thinking of it as home – took awhile – I kept thinking I was on vacation and had to walk the streets – which are

all broken by the way resulting in four falls – I am fine – no broken bones which was great, proving, I guess, that genetics and years of hiking count.... Still not speaking Spanish. Spent four days in Mexico City which I loved – so although I am not traveling as much as I did when I had the energy to do so, I refuse to give it all up – and happily there are now more nonstops from Guadalajara airport an hour away – thus it is possible to travel to many places in the states and Mexico without long waits in airports. Greetings to all my classmates!

Patricia **Hamilton** Thomas: In July, my oldest grandson married a lovely young woman who teaches 7th grade, for which I commend her, but she loves it! While a summer rainstorm prevented the planned outdoor ceremony, it was a fun and happy day for our family. In September, I took a small group trip with a good friend to Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia, and Slovenia. We saw a variety of landscapes from seaside towns to farms, large cities, mountains, caves, castles, and National Parks. Dubrovnik was a highlight, Sarajevo a bit sad, as there are still many remnants of the war there, and Slovenia a real delight. The best thing about my life now is being healthy and able to be active, both physically and mentally. I can enjoy travel, playing bridge, walking and even playing some pickle ball and tennis. And of course being close enough to my family that I can see them often!

Priscilla **Kelting** Walsky: Life is quiet and that's OK. Son Eric and wife Barb are nearby and they take me out for dinner, to the movies, or some interesting place to visit. I still drive but am careful where I go and avoid driving at night.

The Bridens spent more time at home this year, traveling only to Hilton Head in the spring and Pittsburgh in the fall. We took fewer trips to New York City for theatre weekends, as the train travel is long and erratic; we connect with our friends there regularly now, playing bridge online. We have joined an exercise group at our local Senior Center where we were literally dragged by a younger friend – turns out we love it, have made new friends and are the oldest of the group. Rich continues to build furniture; I have exhibited paintings in several of my art alliance's

shows and have my very small work for sale in their shop. We are hooked on Wordle, Connections, and the New York Times crossword puzzles. Our nearby family plus dogs and cats congregated here for both Thanksgiving and Christmas weekends.

As you all know, Pat Thomas joined me on a mission to update our class contact list in anticipation of our upcoming 65th Anniversary Class Reunion. We received a number of informational changes and learned of two classmates' passings: Gretchen **Majercik** Fogas a few years ago and Nancy **Wright** Bate earlier this year. We now have a good start from the received questionnaire responses for our planned Reunion Booklet; but those who haven't responded will also be included if you return yours to me now. I am most grateful for Pat's collaboration! And we both thank Morgan Koerber, Cedar Crest's new Director of Alumnae/i Affairs and her staff for all their assistance. Pat and I plan to attend the Reunion and look forward to seeing some of you there.

Congratulations on your upcoming 65th Reunion! We look forward to celebrating with you at Reunion Weekend 2024 on June 7,8, and 9, 2024.

Class of 1960

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I think all of you have stopped talking to me—except Ellie. What did I do to deserve this? I did have a wonderful note from Eleanor **Holt** Tobin.

I am very grateful deaf paraplegic post-6 surgeries with a titanium tower holding my back together! My goals are to keep people happy & their spirits high! I am blessed with three awesome children who work with their spouses! Daughter Debbie and husband Bill Carpenter are realtors for Dream Homes. They designed & built their home together with a view of the Pacific Ocean. Son Frank & wife Marilyn cooperate on Frank's legal practice & daughter Mary's Dartmouth graduation & Fulbright Scholarship to Germany & son Charlie's major in Aeronautical

Engineering at Lehigh. Imagine he left California to go to Lehigh & plans to get his master's at Lehigh too! Lastly, son Tom and wife Stephanie work together in Tom's Legal Corp which he founded after 27 years as a litigator. Stephanie is chief administrator & the firm handles mediation for complex civil matters and Tom is Special Counsel to a PGA Tour member. All grandchildren will be college graduates. One more thing, my granddaughter-in-law Dr. Laura Mark was awarded a fellowship to CUSF as a neurosurgeon to study brain surgery trauma. May God Bless All of You! Love, Ellie **Holt** Tobin '60

Since you didn't send me any news, I guess I will be forced to tell you about myself. My biggest news is that I have a new knee and I can walk again. An infection killed my knee last year and I finally was able to have it replaced in November. I am a new woman. We plan to go to Iceland this summer after having to cancel last summer. It's wonderful to be able to walk without pain.

I have one question for all of you. Has anyone else become obsessed with the games from the NY Times online? Around here everyone does them. I'm not sure they improve our brains—we may be hopeless—but they are a lot of fun.

I hope I didn't hear from you because you are busy and not because you are not well. I wish you all a healthy and happy year.

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Class of 1962

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This promises to be an interesting year with the Olympics, a solar eclipse and a presidential election on the horizon. I hope you all are well and ready to face the challenges. My thanks go out to those of you who regularly contribute your news, and those who surprise me once in a while. Special thanks to Cookie **Tawresey** Stewart, who has been sending me clever animated email cards on every holiday and special occasion. You may recall that she has relocated to Texas where she took the month of January to figure out if her severe allergies are being triggered by the local mountain oak or something in the schools where she has been substitute-teaching special needs students. A cold and rainy winter has her wishing for summer and being able to use the pool. She enjoys watching her grandson Mason play basketball. He is a senior in high school with big basketball ambitions and follows the Boston Celtics with her. Cookie plans to return to Cape Cod in July for a week at her timeshare and a week in Vermont with her son. Thank you, Cookie, for all of those cheerful cards.

It was good to see Nancy **Breiting**er Hopkinson last May, and she reports that she was the only one to attend our 60th reunion. I was planning to be there with her, and then I suffered a bad fall getting out of the car. I broke six bones and did some nerve damage, so much to my joy, Nancy visited me at my rehab facility and lifted my spirits. Then my husband Bill took her back to our home for pizza and beer where they caught up on sports and politics like they do whenever we get together. Nancy's solo picture with our banner at the reunion did not make it into any publications, but I did recently see her in a holiday

photo on Instagram where she was sitting with friends on a sunny day. Her life on Pawley's Island is never dull. She is still doing aerobics, golf, book clubs and traveling, including an annual trip to Mexico with friends in February. At this moment in time, Bill and I are planning a road trip to North Myrtle Beach if we are able. Meeting up with Nancy is always the highlight of our time there.

It was so good to hear from Marianne **Bloom** Askew, though she had sad news to share. Her husband Jim passed away last February after complications from a major stroke. They would have been married for 60 years in June. Gail **Wood** Bradehoeft and her husband were able to attend Jim's celebration of life. Marianne has also had strong support from their two sons, one who lives in Vermont and the other in Florida. They brought her five grandchildren to her house for Christmas, where they helped her through the emotional "first." She sends her hopes that we all are well and having a good 2024.

News from Nancy **Spielvogel** Friedwald is always fun to read. She and Frank are celebrating their 60th anniversary on March 22nd with a trip to Arizona with some family where they will see their younger grandson Toby playing baseball there. He is a high school sophomore who also plays tennis. Then in April they travel to Cambridge, MA, where older grandson Teddy attends MIT and plays baseball. After graduation in May, he will be playing at Georgetown and doing graduate work. His dad, Bruce Schoenfeld, published a book called Game of Edges, so the love of baseball runs in the family. Back in 2022 Nancy's middle brother and his family moved to Boulder to be closer to the family. She also has two other brothers who visited with their families for a bar mitzvah. Boulder is a beautiful place to live, and the Friedwalds have gotten back to attending classical outdoor concerts. Nancy hears from Barbara **Rosenberg** Kalina, Madeline **Levine** Berman and Arlene **Toder** Selman, though they have not gotten together in a while. She wishes us a safe, healthy, happy and peaceful 2024.

My most faithful correspondent, Marianne **Taras** Sudak says she is "still kicking" and visited New Hampshire for her granddaughter's wedding

and special time with three great grandchildren. A return trip is planned when another granddaughter Hannah is expected to deliver a baby, joining two-year-old, redheaded Elizabeth. Marianne's son Michael lives with wife Susan near the shore in Maine, where he enjoys polar bear dunks in the ocean. Marianne keeps in touch with them all through FaceTime and texting and enjoys the presence of daughter Sarah who lives right in Murfreesboro and will be retiring in May from 35 years in higher education administration. Her to-do list never seems finished!

I did not hear from Pat **Rice** Herman this time, but I am sending her a big, shout-out "Thank you!" Pete Wright shared with me that Nancy **Myzie** Wright smiles when they sing our song contest titles together, but he did not know all the words. Thanks to an album Pat put together for our 35th reunion and is in my possession, I was able to find and send all the words to him. That made me feel good!

Not much new to report from Joyce **Welgos**. She and Bob took a cruise this past December, that first went to Columbia, South America then through the Panama Canal and different ports in Mexico – they had a great time, but decided that 16 days on a ship was a bit too long for them. They're still planning to ski this year in Vermont and then to Park City, Utah, but sadly think that their skiing days may be coming to an end - Bob is 85 and Joyce is 81 and the legs are not as strong as they used to be, and unfortunately neither is the eyesight - don't really enjoy those moguls sneaking up on them! At least they can still play golf and bridge and enjoy going to the grandkids' events. They have 3 in college and 2 more to go next year (they are twins) and the last 2 will still be in high school.

Keep your loved ones close, have a safe and happy year, and please drop me a note every once in a while. Your words bring lots of smiles!

Class of 1964

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Back in November, I received a response from Susan **Gesoff** Williams. One sentence (mostly one word) that Susan wrote stayed with me. The sentence was, "We are meeting challenges and making it through." The word was "challenges." As I received other responses, I became aware of the many challenges, some big, some small, we are all facing but somehow making it through.

As you read the following, I hope you will see what I mean.

"Life goes on, as best it can, right? We are meeting challenges and making it through," began Sue **Gesoff** Williams. Sue's husband retired in June 2023 but was hospitalized 4 or 5 times throughout the year. Sue continues to work in market research which she enjoys and as she said, "I plan on working until I die." With her son living in California and her daughter in California, Sue has met the challenge of being John's caregiver and continuing her work.

Sue has been doing market research for over 40 years. Although she has seen many changes in the field over those 40 years, I had to smile when Sue wrote, "It's a good job for someone like me as I am nosy, love words, and like people."

When I first heard from Maryann **Zall** Toub early in December, she was preparing for abdominal surgery which she described as "Yuck!" My contact with her around Christmas did not contain much information but Maryann was looking forward to our 60th reunion on June 7-9. She also sent a number of comments about aging that were very funny. Here are a few. Can you relate to any? Thank you for the laughs, Maryann.

"It's weird being the same age as old people."

"When I was a child I wanted to be older...this is not what I expected!"

"I'm at a place in my life where errands are starting to count as going out."

"It is hard to believe that it will be 60 years since we graduated from Cedar

Crest!" began Kathy **Sauter** McCarter. "I do hope to see many of you at our milestone reunion this June. 2023 was a year that I got to visit with many of my Australian relatives. My great-niece from Australia spent time with us as she was visiting colleges in the area and my nephew (my great-niece's father) and his long-term girlfriend spent two weeks at our house which included my nephew getting Covid and isolating in our guest room for over a week!

Then it was our turn to visit Australia! Bob and I spent almost three weeks in my sister's house just outside of Sydney enjoying the family and visiting the many wonderful sights in the area. After our extended time with them, we toured New Zealand for another week. It was a wonderful trip!

Bob and I are both well and keeping busy. He volunteers at a horse rescue farm and I do volunteer gardening at a historic garden cemetery. I also coordinate a group called Yards Alive which is dedicated to reducing the amount of residential grass lawns (I could write a long paragraph explaining why grass lawns are bad for the environment, but will spare everyone) and replacing some of them with planting beds—preferably with native plants. We sponsor plant giveaways and yearly yard tours to demonstrate sustainable landscapes.

Again, I look forward to seeing many classmates in Allentown!"

I hope you had the opportunity to read the flattering article about fellow classmate and Cedar Crest Hall of Fame inductee Dr. Martha **Schaeffer** Tennille that appeared in the November edition of Touchpoints. The article highlighted the many volunteer activities and charity groups to which Marty gives her time and talents. I urge you to read it if you have not done so.

Marty's husband Geoff experienced two extensive hospitalizations this year. Marty met the challenge of caring for him when he returned home from the hospital, maintained her commitment to her various projects, and took over a number of household responsibilities. She installed nine new house phones and decorated the house for Halloween.

Those decorations included the creative use of Christmas lights when she could not find the Halloween lights. Fortunately, she did find lots of large lighted pumpkins, Halloween flags and penguin trick or treaters. Marty remarked that “in spite of a cold snap and some rain we had 95 Trick or treaters on Halloween which was our largest total since the start of the pandemic. It was great to see all the children in costumes and hand them toys, Halloween pencils and some candy.”

In June, Nancy **Dorey** Stoll and husband Bob took an eight-day, round trip cruise on the lower Mississippi River from New Orleans. Aboard an American Cruise Line paddleboat, they traveled as far north as Vicksburg before turning back. Nancy and Bob visited plantations, discovered the origin of jazz, and learned more about Civil War history. The weather was hot, but they fortunately experienced no rain. Upon their return to The Big Easy, they spent three more days touring the city and two full days visiting the five-building complex of the National WWII Museum. Nancy wrote that “Bob, a history buff with an emphasis on WWII, was enthralled with it all and I learned so much.” Nancy highly recommends a visit to the museum should anyone find themselves in New Orleans.

Nancy had cataract surgery in July which, because of a prior condition, did not go well. Thankfully the surgery in November on her other eye went better. Nancy is currently experimenting with the use of contacts, glasses, or a combination of both to give her the best vision possible.

In high school Nancy had a very positive experience with the American Field Service that has lasted all these years. Nancy shared, “We were thrilled with two European visits this year. One was from one of my American Field Service German sister’s twin sons and his significant other. The second visit was from a friend of my AFS Swedish brother and his grandson. Maintaining these friendships is truly a treasure.”

Nancy’s and Bob’s commitment to and love of the Suncoast Concert Band continues. Bob is the band director and Nancy serves as business manager. As

business manager Nancy notes, “Like all performing art functions, we took a hit in attendance due to Covid, but our first two November concerts showed a welcome increase in attendance.” Accordingly, they are hoping for a good season which, by the way, lasts until the end of April. You might want to check it out if you are in the Sarasota, Florida area.

Funny what the brain remembers! I have a clear memory of Lee **Dow** (I believe Lee was in the class below us) presenting Ellen **Boeckel** Lomax with a birthday cake with the greeting, “Felicitations on your Fatal Natal.” I checked with Ellen to see if this memory was accurate and received the following answer and response for Class Notes. “You are so right!! How did we arrive so quickly to our 80’s! My 82nd is on Thursday. And yes, I was born while the Japanese were bombing Pearl Harbor, and I was almost born there! My father was a Naval officer and he and my mother were stationed in Washington, DC. There were two officers - and two stations: Washington and Pearl Harbor. The other officer outranked my father and obviously, he chose Hawaii - who wouldn’t? So, I was born in DC. Dash forward to the 1980’s and I was going to Hawaii with Joe, who was attending a conference there. At that time, I was taking graduate courses at Widener University in Gifted Education. My professor was a Japanese American who grew up in Hawaii and had personal contacts with the Superintendent of Education for all of the islands. She arranged observations in two schools where I could see their Gifted and Talented programs in action. I ended up teaching in this program for 20 of my 39 ½ years in the classroom. During that time, I also accumulated 33 graduate credits in Gifted Education. I was in the “Who’s Who in American Education” and had one of my poems published. I have strayed from the usual entry in Class Notes but most of what I have said in previous issues has not changed, except for my age and the passing of Percy, my very loveable champion 94-pound Rhodesian Ridgeback. He was the only dog I ever had that would sneeze on command!

Lastly, I would like to thank Cedar Crest College for the amazing and excellent education which prepared me for a

career that I loved, that gave me joy and many happy memories, including my classmates and all of my teachers.”

Snippets from Ellen’s Christmas letter include: Ellen is still caring for two Rhodesian Ridgebacks. With one of the dogs, Glory, who is a registered therapy dog, Ellen has accrued 80 hours of volunteering at a local hospital. Her granddaughter Sofia is completing her master’s degree in marketing at Quinnipiac University. Grandson Sawyer is a freshman at Cornell and an officer in the Naval ROTC program.

Lynne **Sheetz** Bolig wrote that she is well. She is currently getting physical therapy to improve her balance (something many of us have done or should do). Her daughter, Tanya, is a DPT (Doctor of Physical Therapy) and lives close by. Tanya recently received an award for excellence from the Pennsylvania Physical Therapy Association. She, along with six other DPT’s from various states, continues to receive accolades for their presentations on children with complex medical needs.

The grandchildren are all well and thriving. Emily, who was married in September 2022, and her husband Nick bought a house this spring. Emily, who has a nursing degree, works for Penn Medicine Health system. She recently received a leadership award from them. Grandson Alex continues working for his Doctorate degree at Carnegie Mellon. He is doing extremely well and expects to earn his degree in spring 2025. Grandson Andrew is in his second year at Elizabethtown College majoring in civil/environmental engineering. He has been awarded another internship for this summer. Lynne’s youngest grandchild is Katie who will graduate from high school this year. She plans on majoring in biomedical engineering and has already been accepted by three of the seven colleges to which she applied.

Lynne visited Newport, RI in April with two friends. The memories of feasting on lobster roll and sea scallops are still vivid. In July she traveled with daughter Tanya and Tanya’s husband Scott to Snowshoe, West Virginia where they rode the Cass Scenic Railroad to Bald Knob where the view is spectacular. On another day they took a trip along the

Greenbrier River. The rhododendrons were in full bloom and gorgeous.

2023 was a difficult year for Susan **Everitt** Hudgins. Husband Tom's health declined and sadly he unexpectedly passed away on September 19th. Sue explained, "After many, many years of marriage to a wonderful man, it is a huge loss."

Sue mentioned how fortunate she feels and is grateful for the support and caring of their six children, their families, and friends. Thanksgiving was spent in Maryland with three families. Sue was with family again for Christmas but this time in Houston. Sue wrote, "I also managed a long weekend in NYC with more family and I had a great time seeing old friends whom I hadn't seen in a long time. My granddaughter and I enjoyed a super evening attending a performance of The Nutcracker."

Sue is able to see a positive and a comfort in all this "that 'in lieu of flowers' people were asked to donate to a CCC scholarship that Tom had created after being at multiple scholarship dinners with me when I was on the board. The scholarship is the Thomas M. Hudgins/Susan E. Hudgins Adult Education Scholarship. Tom was always touched by adults who were returning to college, and he realized how hard they worked to get a degree. Fortunately, lots of folks gave to the scholarship fund in Tom's name." Sue, I know I speak for our classmates when I offer our sincere and heartfelt condolences.

Taking time from her Christmas preparations at her home in Laconia, New Hampshire, Judy **O'Brien** Meledandri answered the request for news. "In gratitude for my wonderful experience as a member of the Cedar Crest Concert Choir, I have continued singing here at Taylor Community where we live. This month we have presented 5 concerts in the neighboring communities.

Taylor Community is a wonderful place to live if you like music. Our resident Life Director plans a full calendar of events with performances from all over New England. This week we will have a concert presented by instrumental musicians from Taylor;

another by a famed pianist from Russia; and a vocal concert by the Taylor chorus. Throughout the year there are performances in Jazz, Blues, Country, and Classical music, as well as theatrical presentations. We have a theatre which offers popular movies and opera.

Besides musical events Taylor provides a full calendar of Wellness programs including strength and stretch, yoga, tai chi, Balance, and aqua fit. My husband and I participate in these programs 3X a week along with regular walking. We really try to stay fit, especially in the winter when it is so tempting to just sit and read a good book.

Recently, my husband, Caesar, accepted the position of chairman of the Taylor Community Residents Association (TRA). He is very busy coordinating about 15 different volunteer groups here and organizing monthly socials for 120-130 people. The socials are a wonderful opportunity to get to know neighbors, enjoy a gourmet dinner, and, of course, enjoy musical entertainment.

I keep busy volunteering in the library and assisting the Director of Volunteers with some clerical work. We also remain active in our church in Laconia and are happy to have reconnected with "old" friends from the 70's when we moved to Laconia originally. (You may remember we moved to SC in 2010 and returned to Laconia in 2019.)

So, life for us now is good. Caesar is still under treatment for multiple myeloma, but we are blessed to have the care of a wonderful team from Dana Farber and he is doing well on a maintenance program."

In a recent email from Judy, she mentioned that she and Caesar celebrated the holidays with their son, Marc, who has a beautiful home on nearby Lake Winnisquam. Judy had wished for a white Christmas which was not granted but there have been three snowstorms since!

Connie **Ricksecker** Whitney wrote in her Christmas letter that, "Life goes on for me." As reported in Class Notes 2023, Connie's husband Larry passed away in October 2022. Larry had helped many in New Bern and River Bend,

North Carolina, with computer problems during his life. It is a tribute to his helpfulness and abilities that he and his efforts are remembered by many, and Connie still hears from the people he had helped. She has remained in the home they purchased in New Bern in 1995.

Connie had right knee surgery in May and has had to give up her beloved tennis. However, she keeps fit by exercising through Silver Sneakers and spends a half-hour a week with a personal trainer in a local gym. Teeth have been a problem so visits to the dentist are regular. Three implants are planned for this year.

Connie keeps busy and those efforts benefit others. She is still involved with prison ministry in two locations for men released from prison. Thursday nights are reserved for church handbell practice with offerings in occasional church services. She attends church meetings when scheduled. Her effort in tutoring refugees was a success as both her student and student's husband gained their citizenship! Her next student, when assigned, will be fortunate to have Connie as a tutor.

Christmas was once again spent with her daughter and son-in-law near Ithaca, New York. Her son and his wife live in Washington state so combined holidays are difficult. Connie did share a photo in her Christmas letter of 17-year-old grandson Kyler. He is a handsome young man with Connie's blue eyes.

Connie emailed me in January with the following CCC memory:

"One good memory of Cedar Crest is the Big Sister program. A result of having a big sister were trips to Lehigh University where I met Larry and his fraternity brothers at Delta Sig. Some of those brothers took part in our wedding."

"This past year was a good one. In March, I had a total left knee replacement." Jean **Bannwarth** Fornillo certainly has learned the secret of making lemonade when life gives her a lemon. Daughter Andrea took family leave to help assist Jean as she recuperated, and they both had a good time. Jean said, "She spoiled Lizzie

(my dog) and me. Final result...the knee works great!"

Jean continued, "To celebrate my new-found mobility, I took a trip to Ireland for two weeks in August with Holiday Vacations. Had a great time. The scenery was wonderful, the food good, and the Irish People friendly and welcoming. Our bus driver was a character and made the trip even more worthwhile. I think he was part Leprechaun – he giggled a lot and pulled pranks on the group."

Lizzie continues to add entertainment and companionship to Jean's life. "Lizzie steals my earmuffs or gloves whenever she can get them. Thanks to her, I venture out into any type of weather at least three times each day. Fortunately, she, too, doesn't like going out in rain or snow so those trips are quick ones." A number of worthwhile volunteer activities and organizations keep Jean busy and occupied. "Reading and jigsaw puzzles fill time when there is nothing good on television."

"This summer, my travel friend, Donna, and I are taking a Viking River Cruise for two-plus weeks. It is their Grand European Tour on the Rhine and Danube Rivers. We will start in the Netherlands, go through Germany, Austria, and end in Hungary. Since we will be traveling within several German speaking countries, I have undertaken the task of learning some German using Duolingo, free classes online that are fun to do. At the very least, it's exercise for my mind. At most, it should prove to be useful. Lizzie sits next to me as I do the lessons; as a result, she now barks with a German accent!"

Jean, Tina **Vlantes** Rosengarten, Kathy Sauter McCarter continue their monthly zoom meetings to keep in touch.

Jean ends by stating, "I am looking forward to reunion #60!" (June 7-9)

Our class had a pleasant surprise with people who responded. We had a response from Alice **Molter** Mohr. Alice was in the nursing program. She attended CCC for two years and then undertook a three-year program at Abington Memorial Hospital which is near Willow Grove, Pennsylvania.

Alice wrote that she finished up at Cedar Crest and graduated in '64. She is now retired and living in Annapolis, Maryland.

Lynne **Sheetz** Bolig was in the nursing program, too, and has remained in contact with the class. The invitation to take part in the newsletter is open to anyone who was a part of the class of '64 for any amount of time. We are at an age when memories that are shared seem to be sweeter.

So, thank you, Alice, for taking the time to touch base with us and I hope your example will start others writing in, too.

"In the last several months I have had some 'Cedar Crest' experiences that I have found to be very different and most enjoyable," began Jo **Cale** Brumund. She then related those incidents and shared her recent news.

"Our daughter, Alison, is a global meeting and special event planner. She had back-to-back programs outside of Pittsburgh and instead of returning to Fernandina Beach she decided to visit with a former Ritz-Carlton co-worker who just happens to live 'down the street' from the entrance to Cedar Crest by the president's home. She enjoyed driving through the campus and the fall foliage. One evening during her visit they walked in the park area down the hill behind the library – that same hill we used to use the dining room trays for sledding. She sent me a video of the back of the library that goes down the hill with all of the lights on. It was impressive! Brought back memories of when we created a human chain to move the books! (Great memory!)"

We received a Christmas card from a childhood friend of Bill's whom I got to know when we were all in high school together in Woodbury, NJ. His wife writes: 'Bob is fully retired and spends time in the Current Events group with a Cedar Crest classmate – Maryann Zall Taub.' Certainly, it is a small world. Glad for continued brain stimulation! This friend was a student at Princeton while I was at Cedar Crest. He did visit our campus several times.

My third experience had to do with a course requirement that, I believe, we had to take in our sophomore year. One

semester was art appreciation; one semester was music appreciation. I had the opportunity in early December to attend a small presentation on 'The Madonna in Art' to a group of about 18 women. The presentation was by a friend who spent many years as the chief docent in an art museum in 'upstate' New York. After her excellent presentation, she asked if any of us had ever had an art appreciation course. Beside the presenter, only two other women had had an art appreciation course. Come to find out that she asked the question because of the various reactions to her presentation. Every woman in the room was a college graduate, but only three went to small liberal arts colleges. This all led to a very interesting discussion on the different basic course requirements from one type of higher education institution to another. For your information, the three of us who had had an art appreciation course saw many different 'things' in each piece than those who had never had an art appreciation course.

Our family continues to just keep 'moving on.' After 23 years in Louisiana, our son, Michael, and his wife, Adele, have moved their medical skills to the Nemours Hospital System in Florida. They work out of a large facility in Orlando, Florida. It is so nice to have them just 3 hours away. Michael also comes to the Nemours Hospital in Jacksonville.

As I mentioned above, our daughter, Alison, is a global meeting and event planner. She was a meeting and special event planner at The Ritz Carlton, Amelia Island, for 12 years prior to the Covid pandemic. In 2024 she will find herself and her colleagues (3 other highly trained and motivated women) traveling from all over the US to South America and eastern Europe.

Bill and I just keep trying to keep up with what everyone is doing. Our oldest granddaughter, Avery, and her husband, Nic, are expecting our first great grandchild late this spring. All the other grandchildren are 'shooting the lights out' in their jobs and schoolwork."

Maureen **Shipman** Graham sent a short email before the holidays. She was looking forward to learning the details

about reunion. "I am feeling better for the first time in several months. I am looking forward to reunion." She mentioned that she and Bob were planning a change of scenery in January with a short cruise.

"Things are good here. My cardiologist made an adjustment to my Boston Scientific Pacemaker and I am doing great," began Patricia **Engdahl** Parker. She then proudly continued, "My granddaughter works for them (Boston Scientific) as a Biomedical Engineer."

Pat had a remarkable June. Pat's granddaughter, Jennifer, was married on a beautiful day in June. She included a photo of the wedding party, one of her lovely family, and a third of her new great grandson. Attending the wedding of a grandchild would be a thrill in itself but the very next day Pat's second great grandchild, the adorable Henry John Parker, was born. To make it even more remarkable, I think, is that his mother, Pat's granddaughter-in-law, had been in the wedding party the day before! By the way, Pat looks stunning in the photograph and very happy.

The 2023 holidays were busy. "I spent time before Christmas with my daughter's family in Canton, Michigan, then Christmas with my son and two grandchildren in Illinois and finally traveled to Wisconsin to celebrate with a bigger crowd there."

More travel is in Pat's future this year. "I will head to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in March to watch a granddaughter compete in the National Dance Finals. My son Jeff will be with me, and we will make a short drive to West Virginia to visit with good friends from my husband's hometown. Finally, in July I will vacation with Jeff's entire family on Emerald Isle North Carolina. I'm not letting any grass grow over me yet!"

Pat sent the following information. "I received a Christmas card from Carol **Dodd** Meyer. She is doing well."

2023 was filled with challenges for Susan **Crave** Rosen. It was a difficult year. As you remember from last year's Class Notes, Sue's husband Paul passed away in 2022 after 56 years of marriage. Mourning is a difficult and unpredictable process. Sue's mourning

has been made more difficult by health problems this year including a hip replacement and surgeries in November and December. Sue recognizes that she has been fortunate to have good health care. She writes on a positive note, "I am home with a home health nurse and PT to help me fully recover."

Sue wrote of a bright spot in the year that occurred in May. "I had a show at the Art Center in town where I have wanted to show my work for a long time. There were 38 paintings representing about 2 years' work. They are on my website under the heading "The Layered Landscape". That website is: susancraverosenart.com

Sue was hesitant about sharing what she called "grim news." Sue, you are meeting challenges and you will make it through. She ended her news to the class with, "Hopefully next year (2024) is going to be much better!" Sue, you now have your Class of '64 sisters hoping the same thing for you.

As mentioned in my correspondence earlier in the year, 2023 was the year in which Janet **Webb** Martin and her husband Charlie began to see the light at the end of the tunnel. 2024 began with that light shining even brighter. After the first big snowstorm to hit the Northeast in over two years, Janet wrote, "Just last week, we finally were able to gleefully watch others shovel and scrape the seven inches of snow from our driveway and street as we sat in our comfy, warm sunroom. It made us happy to see that our two and a half years of planning, organizing, and moving have been worth it!"

Besides making new friends, Janet and Charlie have discovered several friends from their "previous life" living in the community; a next-door neighbor is a woman with whom Janet once taught. The best surprise was learning that former neighbors and dear friends of 30 years who had moved to Tucson, Arizona, 17 years ago had moved back and had bought a home just two blocks away from them. Naturally, the Martins are thrilled.

Happy to report Janet included the following update. "Charlie and I are finally enjoying a return to good health after some scary happenings."

In response to an email I had sent out, Janet shared a memory of events surrounding the death of JFK which occurred during our senior year at Cedar Crest.

"I vividly remember that I was cutting a class to study for a test—I think it was a psychology test—when the news came across the television. Everyone was very shocked, saddened and above all quiet. Sandy **Lord**, my roommate, and I did not accompany some of our friends who decided to make the trip to Washington for the funeral.

Sandy and I tried to break the 'pall' by first going to a little family restaurant which I can picture but can't come up with its name. We then went to buy some "live food" at Hess's pet department for our chameleon which had been gifted to us the previous Christmas by a creative Peanut Pal. I remember spending most of the following weekend watching the news as it unfolded and realizing that the world had changed!"

In a follow up email Janet added, "Sandy and I remained close friends after graduation. She never married and had a very successful career on Wall Street. To our girls, she was always very special! Tragically, Sandy died about 20 years ago from an aggressive form of breast cancer."

Although Ronnie **Borruso** Emig said she did not have much to report, she did share that she is "well and keeping myself busy. Urban living is working fine for me with my family, friends and neighbors giving me opportunities to stay busy.

I took only two out-of-state trips last fall to California and Florida. Air travel has become challenging even for flexible retirees like me. I'm finding that staycations aren't all that bad especially in Colorado."

A big thank you to all who answered the call for news! Also, I would like to make a "shout-out" to Marion **MacQueen** Chase and Linda **Mieth** Smith. Although they did not send news this time, their participation acknowledgement is appreciated.

The following is an observation. Sometimes the challenge comes from change but, conversely, we often cope with challenge through change! Courage, commitment, and communication help, too.

I hope you are proud of yourselves and your classmates with the knowledge you have made or are making it through. For me, personally, I cannot help but feel the influence of my education at Cedar Crest is, in part, helping me meet the continuing challenges in my life. How about you?

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our 60th reunion, June 7-9.

Congratulations on your upcoming 60th Reunion! We look forward to celebrating with you at Reunion Weekend 2024 on June 7, 8, and 9, 2024.

Class of 1965

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Thanks to you who answered my request for news about you for this column which I'm beginning to write for Class Notes on a cold but sunny day in January 2024. I missed hearing from too many of you though. One of our classmates wrote, "I enjoy reading what my classmates are doing." I think most of us do, so I hope you will respond next time I come begging.

It was such a nice surprise to hear from Ricki **Adenstedt** Fuchs. She says she and Peter have divided their time between CT and Aspen, CO with two three-year stints in London and Los Angeles. Since her big birthday was on Dec. 28, their three children and spouses, and nine grandchildren (ages 12-23) came to Aspen for Christmas and to celebrate Ricki's big birthday this year. She wrote, "We were 17 people in our house all sharing cooking, etc., and it was a rousing, good time. They all live in different parts of the country, so my only wish had been to party together. It was my best birthday yet!"

Barbie **Isinger** Folkemer wrote, "Turning

80 was actually fun! Paul and I were at our lake house (Lake George in the Adirondacks) and celebrated with 11 others who were born in 1943 and whom we've known for almost 65 of our years." Barbie and Paul's oldest grandchild got married at the Sagamore Hotel (in Lake George) in the same summer. A high school graduation, a college graduation, and a third grandchild became engaged making the summer of 2023 very special. A highlight of their fall was attending and volunteering in a Bluegrass festival. These snowbirds are headed to Dunedin, FL where Paul loves playing golf and tennis, and Barbie enjoys book clubs, bridge, and Pilates. Barbie's closing line was, "Although we realize the challenges of this new decade in our lives, we feel blessed every day."

Months before her birthday, Kristin **Majercik** contacted family and friends to join her on a celebratory cruise. There ended up being 10 of her favorite people setting sail with her on Kristin's birthday, June 3. Her family is a close one, and two others in the family also had birthdays while on board that week. Kristin wrote, "We generally ran into one another in the morning—either at breakfast or heading to some activity, though we all went our separate ways according to our interests. We had made arrangements with Royal Caribbean to have us all seated at one table for dinner each night, and we often went as a group after dinner to a show or some other ship activity. It was a GREAT week! We had a blast. I'd do it again in a minute—but you only hit 80 once!"

I learned that Penny **Fazio** Paduano is one of the youngest members of our class. Penny wrote, "My big 80 will be in Feb. [of '24]. Not much new here...crazy world right now! Glad we grew up when we did—safer, simpler times, for sure!" Penny, next time write about how you're enjoying OUR new decade.

Guess who wrote the following: "I decided that when I turned 80, I would take more time for fun." Becci **Weatherholt** Ritter said she's done a lot of traveling this year. She continued, "One trip was 'back home' to WV where I donated a family heirloom, a coverlet, to the WV State Museum in Charleston. The coverlet, produced between 1830-

1840, was made with linen spun from flax grown on the family farm and wool. It was woven on a Jacquard loom using a technique unique to the area and not shared by weavers; as weaving died out, so did the knowledge of this art. The coverlet is on public display, so come on by the WV Department of Arts, Culture and History at the capitol complex and view a bit of my family's history."

Kay **Jacobs** Katz wrote about spending Thanksgiving with her daughter, Jen, and her son, Irv, and both their families in Shaker Heights, OH; however, some of that joy was knocked out of her by the war between Israel and Hamas. She laments, like many of us, that the hatred spreading around the world and even in the US as a result of the war is breathtaking. Although Kay describes her life as quiet, in November she attended a mini reunion in NJ and went on to visit her brother for a few days in Howell, NJ. She continues to enjoy her writing class and seeing friends. She spent Christmas dog-sitting for Jen's dog, Desi, and watching all her favorite Christmas movies. In addition (and in her words), "I baked brownies for my neighbors and then happily sipped my Lactaid eggnog laced with Canadian Club and nutmeg while Desi napped on one of my couch throw pillows."

Although mine was a quiet New Year's Eve, I know enough to count my blessings. Christmas in DC with Terry and Barry was particularly warm and happy this year. A cousins get together in Baltimore the day after Christmas added extra joy to the season. As I've aged, Christmas is drawn out among family and friends over much of December. The same pleasantness took place in the month of September when I celebrated my big 8-0. I celebrated with my dear friend, George, with "my best NJ girlfriend" later, with a group of teaching colleagues beforehand, with Terry and Barry in Rehoboth Beach on the actual big day and again the day afterwards with long-time friends and new. Later, Sandy **Reeves** Alleman and I got together. Sandy came to stay for a night in Chatham so we could celebrate both our September birthdays together. Sandy's calendar is filled with volunteering, so having her come here was a rare pleasure. We packed those 24 hours with shopping, dining out and catching up. I'm still enjoying pickle

ball very much as well as the many characters with whom I play.

I hope you're making the best of 2024. Remember: you're one of the lucky people who has managed to have a long life. Many don't get this chance that we've had. And...by the way, please write to me next time!

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Barbi **Greiff** Selgas has written that her 7 grandchildren have given her lots of new opportunities to occupy her time. She has gone from being a swim and soccer Mom to being a football, baseball, basketball, field hockey, Irish step-dancing, gymnastics, school musical and soccer "Oma.!" Barbi is doing well and enjoys retirement!

Catharine **Kehm** Delcamp and husband Bill keep busy in Fleetwood, PA (their hometown) by being involved in many community activities. They give many volunteer hours to Meals on Wheels, the Fleetwood Community Bus, Berks Encore's Christmas Dinner and candy-making with the Masons. Catharine and Bill also follow the Fleetwood soccer team which had a very successful season. As with many of us, the Delcamps are able to spend some of the winter in Florida. They included a trip to Myrtle Beach as well. Golf keeps Bill busy while Cathy plays a bit of tennis!

Judi **Anderson** Cosgrove has written that she is now doing well. As with most of us, we are dealing with medical issues. These keep our calendars from being empty. Judi had had a fall early in the summer, but she is now doing well. After her recuperation period, she and Al Gee were able to go to Kennebunkport, ME and also to Newport, RI. The children and grandchildren are doing well.

Carol **Cueman** Nickel and Jay now live in Hilton Head. Jay spends much of his time with barber shoppers and with church choir. Carol has returned to work with Bible Study Fellowship. Their son Chris, wife Traci, and their grandson,

Matthew, now 15 years old, live in Atlantic Highlands, NJ.

Susan **Worthing** Masiko has written from Moorestown, NJ that she has been kept very busy with various committees at her church. She is now on the PW Presbytery Board and on the Board of Step by Step Christian Pre-School at her church. Sue's son, Gregg, his wife and children live in Malvern, PA, which is not too far from her home in NJ. She is able to attend her grandchildren's sports activities.

It is with great sadness that Harold Swann sent me a note to say that his beloved wife Nancy **Ketterer** Swann had passed away on December 8. Her husband of 53 years, two children and three grandchildren deeply miss her.

Nancy **Diehl** Elliston has written from North Branford, CT that she continues to work full-time with Yale Cardiology Fellows. She is dealing with some medical issues but is able to continue her career. Her son, his wife, and their two children live down the hill 12 houses away. Her son has some medical issues so she is able to help out with the two grandchildren who are 12 and 9 years old.

Having been born and raised in New Jersey, I often stop and think how surprised I am that my husband, Tom and I have lived here in Allentown, just 1.6 miles from CCC, for 51 years!!!! Actually, I could walk to campus. I do volunteer at church and I am in two book clubs. I have been involved in the Lehigh Valley Institute for Learning in Retirement (LVILR), which sponsors a variety of classes for those of us in retirement age. These classes are held at Cedar Crest. Actually, one of the classes that I had attended was offered at Curtis Hall which had been the dorm where I lived for three of my years at CCC. My freshman dorm room is now a tech office. The former dining hall in the first floor of Curtis is now a series of faculty offices. I had been asked how Curtis Hall had changed since my days at CCC. One thing that always surprises folks is when I mention that in the dining room we had choices at mealtime. The choices were "take it or leave it!" Yes, things have changed. Thank you for all your work. Please do contact me if you have any questions.

Gratefully, Louise **Wetzel** Davis

Class of 1967

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Happy New Year Everyone! Here's the news I've received from our adventures in 2023:

First, (as always!) from Althy **Dougherty** Toth:

"Hi Mary.....I bet I'm not the first responder this time. Ha!

I've been waiting for something exciting to happen. Double Ha!

Barry and I live a nice quiet retired life, watching our children, Ryan and Kristen make great strides in their individual careers: Ryan, in structural engineering, and Kristen as a PA in the medical field. Kristen recently left Internal Medicine to work in Psychiatry Medicine. Kristen and husband live in Lakeland, FL.

We also enjoy watching our two grandsons grow into young men. Isaac Toth, 16, plays high school Varsity football and is driving (yikes!). Gabe Toth, 14, is playing middle school football and sporting the signature set of middle school braces. Both boys are avid fishermen and love to fish near their home in the backwaters of Tampa Bay.

Barry and I plan to celebrate our 55th anniversary by taking an 11-day Caribbean cruise in January. We'll be stopping at Antigua, St. Kitts, Dominica, Nevez, plus 5 other islands."

We wish Althy and Barry a wonderful trip!

I recently received a lengthy letter from Martha **Purrington Michals** Seymour (better known as Muffy!) Here's a summary of what she shared.

"My beloved husband John was called Home on June 13, 2023. Along with wonderful hospice caregivers, our daughters and several grandchildren were able to be present for his final

days. A memorial service was held on June 29; it was attended by many in person and was livestreamed so that family around the world could be with us." Our sympathy goes out to Muffy and family.

She goes on to elaborate on news of her children and 15 (!) grandchildren, along with her mom who just celebrated her 101st birthday.

Muffy is also recovering from cataract surgery and remarks about how colorful her world has now become; helpful as she creates dozens of greeting cards each month.

Perhaps the line I related to best from Muffy's missive is this: "I frequently find that my good intentions far exceed my mental and physical energy levels, yet all is well." Muffy stays in touch with her CCC big sister Robin **Semmes** Rourke as well as her half-sister Karen **Schroeder** Taylor. I was thrilled that Muffy got back in touch with all of us as well.

Here in Shumeykoland, we've had a blessed year of visiting with family near and far, and watching our grandchildren grow. It's the first year in several that Dan and I are not reporting the birth of a newborn; rather, we attend the cross-country events, wrestling matches and marching band performances of our teenaged grandchildren. We also treasure our annual dinner with Frank and Sharon **Monk** Sevean and Chuck and Lu **Garcea** DeBlieck. We managed a brief visit to CCC last June during a Lehigh Alumni weekend; it's still beautiful! And I have a new job! I'm a contributing writer for a local magazine, giving me the opportunity to combine neighborhood explorations with simple journalism. Dan and I are still super-involved with our church and enjoy related activities with our colleagues there.

We are thankful for our wonderful family, our longtime friends, and our good health. Hopefully you are also enjoying your retirement years. Please consider sharing details of your adventures in 2024 for our next newsletter. Meanwhile, cheers to all of us and our years at CCC!

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Class of 1968

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Thanks to all of you who contributed to the Class of 1968 Class Notes. It was great to hear from you!!

Edith **Mandel** is still working but at a slower pace. She is now President of her Temple which keeps her very busy. The Temple has a new Rabbi, Cantorial soloist and Religious School director. Edie grew up in this temple and has made wonderful friends. Good news: when Edith's Temple obligations are done, she plans to retire and move to NJ to be closer to her daughter and her family. Edie's grandson is 4 ½ and her granddaughter is 1 ½ She will be able to see them more often when she moves. Having her own business for 35 years has limited traveling. Edie anticipates reading more and volunteering at an animal shelter. In March Edith will vacation in the Bahamas with the kids and her daughter's in-laws. They all made the trip last year and had a wonderful time. Edie hopes everyone is doing well and that 2024 is a happy, healthy and peaceful year for all.

Linda **Shulenberg** Kollet spent last year catching up on trips postponed because of Covid. She experienced Japan in cherry blossom season and in June got to Norway/Finland after 3 postponements. The days were long because she was in the northernmost part of Europe. A highpoint was humming Finlandia in front of the monument to Sibelius in Helsinki. In September Linda was in Williamsburg and Yorktown with the CCC Travelers(some of the class of 1968!) After that it was off to Patagonia with stops at the Easter Islands(a dream of Linda's), Santiago, and Buenos Aires. Then it was off to Ushuaia, the fin del Mundo and Tierra del Fuego. There were many hikes, incredible glaciers and the awe inspiring steppes and the Andes Mountains to enjoy.

Things at home are well. Linda's grandson Cal and his family came for Thanksgiving. Cal enjoys the piano,

Legos and reading among other things. Linda's family in Boston is well and busy. Her granddaughter Eliza is applying to colleges and loving the Red Sox and her time in symphony. Her other granddaughter Audrey is enjoying her first year in high school and the competitive Latin team.

Linda keeps busy at home with oil painting classes, Land Preservation, and the Rail Trail Committee. She also serves on the Board of the Norton Institute of Continuing Education. Linda remains hopeful that we do a better job developing a sense of community with more acceptance and less anger.

Wilma **Goetz** Johnson traveled some in 2023. She began the year with a memorial service for her sweet husband Donald who died in November of 2022. He was in home hospice care for 12 weeks. Wilma said she could not have handled things without her sons Matthew and Mark and wonderful neighbors. In April Wilma traveled to Wales to celebrate Easter with son Matthew, his wife Sarah and their 3 granddaughters age 22, 17, and 2 1/2. In June Wilma took the car north to Virginia and then on to Philadelphia to visit old friends and old haunts. The trip finished with 2 graduations: grandson Kaden from high school (now at Rowen University in NJ) and granddaughter Maya graduated from middle school. Home again and then off to Wales returning with granddaughter Liana 17 for a Florida respite. Wilma headed back across the pond to Croatia for three weeks. She spent a week in the Dubrovnik area with friends and then off solo to Split, Plitvice Park(56 waterfalls) and Zugels. She hiked, explored and enjoyed solo travel. Then it was three more weeks in Wales where she celebrated Anwen's third birthday and Halloween. Wilma is back home catching up after all the travels. She will be home until July and would love to have visitors if you are near Jensen, Fla.

Carol **Brokaw** retired from the practice of law in September 2023. She exchanged Christmas cards this season with Susan **Gosnell**, Claudia **Marshall**, Heidi **Komoriya**, and Joan **Waldron**.

Carolyn **Cook** Lewis and Gary enjoyed another year of traveling. The highlight of Carol's travels was 16 days in Great

Britain where she ran into Peggy Lounsberry Hamilton in Bath, England. Carolyn said the Roman baths were incredible. A personal highlight of the year for Carolyn was watching her grandson at his Eagle Scout Ceremony followed the next day by his high school graduation. He is following in this mother's footsteps by attending Penn. Carolyn's younger grandson is learning to drive. She looks at them and wonders what happened to her little boys. Carolyn loved seeing the boys at Thanksgiving and hearing how excited her older grandson was as he shared his college activities. Carolyn also enjoyed the CCC Travelers trip to Williamsburg where everyone enjoyed exploring the area and sitting around talking with one another.

Barbara **Nesbitt** Hathaway and her husband Alden have been involved in starting a classical Christian school which opened in 2012. The current enrollment is just under 400 students. Much to their surprise the newest building that was dedicated in October was dedicated as the Alden and Barbara Hathaway Hall. Barb volunteers as the Librarian for the Grammar and Upper School, selecting and processing the books. Barbara says the best part of her day is helping the students. She also serves on the Board of Trustees for the school and is in several book clubs. Her latest passion is playing Maah Jong. In September, Barbara, Carolyn **Lewis**, Janet **Grayson**, Peggy **Hamilton**, Linda **Kollet** and Bonnie **Marzolf** had a fabulous trip to Williamsburg where they even saw Barbie in a local theater. In March Barbara, Alden and some of their friends have planned an ocean crossing from Fort Lauderdale (those beach weeks of long ago!!) to Spain and Portugal. Later in the year they have a trip planned from New Orleans to Memphis on the Mississippi.

Peggy **Lounsberry** Hamilton reports that it has been a fun year. She has started babysitting her grandson one day a week (then rests the rest of the week!). He just turned 1 in December. Peggy is still playing tennis, golf and occasionally pickle ball. She took a wonderful trip to Europe this summer. Peggy cruised from Barcelona to London with many parts of call in Spain, Portugal and France before reaching London. One of the highlights for Peggy

was running into Carolyn Cook Lewis in Bath, England. It was a quick visit since their tour buses were headed in different directions. Peggy enjoyed the Williamsburg CCC trip. She said it is always good to see everyone and it is hard to believe graduation was 55 years ago. Peggy came down to Philadelphia in January to celebrate Christmas with family after being delayed by Covid

Nola **Nowicki** Crawford and her husband Jim will be driving to Arizona again this March. They rent a house for a month every in Sun Lakes in Chandler, Arizona. Nola has a cousin there and her cousin's brother has a big piece of property with horses in Tuscon. Nola enjoys getting away from the rainy weather this time of year in Vancouver, Washington. They just had the first snowfall of the season. The snow was combined with high winds that knocked over her bird feeders. The freezing temperatures which are unusual in the area have turned the roads icy. Oregon and Washington avoid salting the roads due to concern for the environment. If anyone is in the Phoenix/Tuscon area in March and would like to get together, let Nola know.

The Graysons did some traveling in 2023. In January Jennifer and I stayed 2 nights in Berlin, Maryland a cute town not far from Ocean City. We had fun shopping and eating out. Richard and I went to Frederick, Maryland in February and enjoyed ourselves. Frederick has lots of history. The Confederate Army marched through it twice. We enjoyed the Civil War Medical Museum. The big trip of the year was to Alberta, Canada. We are Heartland junkies and Alberta is where it is filmed. Chas drove over from Wenatchee with Nala, his dog, and stayed with us in Canmore where we had a rental. We flew into Calgary and stayed 2 nights there before leaving for Canmore. We went to the Calgary Zoo and spent an evening on Stephens Street which is set up as a pedestrian venue. Canmore is in the Canadian Rockies which are spectacular. We went to Lake Louise, Banff and saw many beautiful lakes and lots of wildlife. We also visited a Wolf Dog Sanctuary. I would love to go back to Alberta. In November Richard and I stayed 2 nights in Gettysburg. This was a nostalgia trip since we camped at Caledonia State Park near Gettysburg for many years.

Jenn and Chas are both doing well at their jobs. We are proud of them. On a sad note, we lost our dear coonhound Rosa Mae in September. We did adopt a little Beagle that Richard named Aspen (since we saw so many aspen in Alberta!). She is adorable and fits in well with the family. We left our old church after 23 years and are now attending Sycamore Hill Church Wilmington where Jennifer goes. It is an active church that serves the city well. They have been renting their current facility but just bought a building. Richard and Jennifer are serving on the transition team. Lots to do but it will be exciting. Blessings everyone as we embark on a new year. I am always amazed with how active you all are!

Deborah Gillis wrote in December 2021, she became a Great Aunt to her niece's daughter, Ryleigh Alexandra. So, a few weeks later, she retired and has been living happily ever after. In 2023, her and her husband Ron took a road trip to South Dakota to see the sights: Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, the Badlands, and Custard State Park, which they highly recommend.

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THEMES: grandchildren, retirement, dogs, and travel!

"Wow, it's hard to believe that we're coming up on fifty-five years! It was June 1, 1969 when we accepted our diplomas in the Greek Theatre". Linda **Mullen** Haesch

Bonnie **MacDougall** (Vero Beach, FL) and husband, Donald Grein, went to AZ this October where they visited with Diana **Poole** Smith, spent time with the Student Government President ('65) at Bonnie's high school, and with a second cousin (first-time meeting). Bonnie's first novel, Something Terrible About Love, was a semi-finalist in the Florida Writers Association Royal Palm Literary Award contest. Her second novel, Love, Ruthie, was released on Nov. 10, 2023. Both are available on Amazon. Bonnie is passionate about educational

responsibility and state insurance regulations.

Linda **St John** Hunter (Atlanta, GA): Linda and Barry have a home in suburban Atlanta and another in Cotacachi, Ecuador. Cotacachi is located at an altitude of 7,933 and is an artisan city that is famous for its leather goods and handicrafts. The city holds a UNESCO medal for being free of illiteracy and is one of the country's 5 original Pueblos Mágicos. Linda and Barry travel as much as possible and have trips planned to Europe and Asia in 2024.

Barbara **Bliss** Irwin (Valencia, CA) Barbara and Jack try to visit their 2 kids in southern CA and 2 in southern MI (with very different weather patterns!). They keep sane and busy by volunteering at their local Presbyterian church. Barbara joins a bunch of older ladies crocheting blankets that are donated to chaplains at the LA Co. Medical Center. Healthy, for the most part. AMEN!!!

Carol **Barth** Brightman (Voorhees, NJ): Carol has had multiple surgeries on her eyes for glaucoma and cataracts. They enjoyed a winter vacation in CA last March but their highly anticipated Danube river cruise in June was aborted when their flight was disrupted. The whole family was in NJ for Thanksgiving to celebrate all the birthdays and holidays. Daughter Anne is very busy being on 2 PTO boards and she is the glue that holds her family together. Son Steve started a new job and is fully remote. Glenn and Mandy are completing a major remodeling at their house. Grandchildren Kevin (8) and Sarah (10) love reading and sports, Katie (18) is a high school senior applying for college, and John (21) has been accepted into the MBA/Accounting program at UNC-Chapel Hill starting in January 2024. Matthew (23) got engaged and will be marrying Chloe (23) in March of 2024.

Mary Beth **Boggie** Birchby (HoHoKus, NJ): Mary Beth and John took a 14-day cruise to the Greek and Turkish Islands, which had been postponed by the pandemic. They enjoyed an evening concert at the amphitheater in Ephesus where wild dogs started howling along with one of the classical pieces. The

history and mythology were fascinating and really enhanced their appreciation for this amazing area. They travelled to Barcelona in March where they met up with family. Highlights were the Sagrada Familia and Salvatore Dali's home and museum. Mary Beth and John continued on to Portugal where they explored Lisbon, Porto and the Douro Valley. Last summer they got to spend quality time with their boys and families in Sag Harbor. They celebrated Thanksgiving week with the entire family in Punta Cana, Mexico. It was heartwarming to see how much the 10 grandchildren enjoyed one another. Christmas was spent in CA visiting family and the Birchbys headed once again to Costa Rica in January.

Gerry **Potus** (NYC & Nice, France): Since moving during Covid to Manhattan, Gerry found it hard to make new friends, but she joined an exercise group with 4-9 women who get together twice a week "outside" the American Museum of Natural History. The oldest is 95! Gerry still gets together with Penny **Mueller** Barth and Holly **Holman** Ehrens.

Alice **Hackman** (Newton, MA): For her 75th birthday in April, Alice's partner, Bruce, gifted her a trip to Cornwall and Wales with her CA pal Barbara. Alice boarded her flight armed with 7 Cadbury chocolate bars for the cabin crew. What a surprise when she was whisked out of economy to a business class pod complete with overnight amenities from sleep mask to socks and ear plugs! The ladies met at Heathrow after 6 years' absence and enjoyed 2 full weeks of fun and sunshine.

Lucy **Benninger** Zibrat (E. Harwich, MA): Lucy and her husband are blessed to have all 4 grandchildren nearby with plenty of soccer, ballet, field hockey, music and drama events to keep them all very occupied. They are still spending February and March in sunny, warm Naples, FL. Last summer, they visited with Nancy **Oldham** Konzelmann, Jean **Eason** Reichard, and Ronnie **Kutz** Walters. Lucy keeps busy with golf and singing in her church choir as well as a choral group called the NoteAbles. They sing at nursing homes and senior centers.

Liz **Hayes** VanWye (Chatham, MA): The VanWyes enjoyed a week-long

Christmas cruise to celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary with the whole family. What a milestone! Watching the oldest granddaughter apply to college this year has been a whole different world from the '60s. And Liz bets she won't wear a corduroy suit on the first day either! They are feeling very fortunate to have good health and wonderful family and friends.

Barbara **Stolinsky** Elson (Holland, PA): Barbara and Mark are in sunny Delray Beach, FL for the winter. Last summer they enjoyed several trips into NYC to see Broadway shows, sometimes with daughter Liza and granddaughter Kayla. The fall months were spent at many football games watching their grandsons play. Grandma and Grumpy were always there cheering, even at night in the cold. They spent the month of October on an exquisite trip to Gibraltar and Morocco that included riding camels across the Sahara and staying overnight in a very glamorous desert tent. Before returning to FL, they had the great happiness of seeing their son Michael marry his lovely bride, Maria. Granddaughter Kayla (20) is a junior at Muhlenberg majoring in dance/education. Alex (14) lives for football and Jake (12) loves basketball and fishing. Back up north, Barbara and Mark get together for lunch with Carol **Barth** & Tom Brightman and Cathy Amand & Bob George. In FL, they usually get together with Jane **Skrutt** and David Hoddinott. This April they will board Cunard's Queen Victoria for a circumnavigation of Japan and plan to spend extra time in Kyoto.

Nancy **Siegel** Serafini (Hingham, MA & Spring Island, SC): Despite mourning the tragedies of Israel and Ukraine in 2023, it was a very happy, healthy year for the Serafinis. Daughter Kate and family are living in London for a year, so the entire family gathered there. Joe and son John took the children to Rattlesden where Nancy's father was stationed as a B17 pilot, survived 33 missions and was proclaimed a member of the Lucky Bastards Club. Rocco, their adorable English golden doodle has found his calling. After passing the AKC canine good citizen test, he has become a HosPet. They regularly visit the memory care unit of a local assisted living facility. Nancy brings flowers but Rocco provides pure

joy! "Our prayer is for peace and that no one should be judged by their religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation or political views. We pray that our democracy will continue to thrive and survive."

Joany Lebach (Aspen, CO & Boston):

Joany spends 8 months in Aspen, and spring and fall in Chestnut Hill overlooking the Boston College Reservoir.

Karen Roy-Guglielmi (Ellington, CT):

Karen and Bill are starting 2024 with a move. They sold their home in 5 days and are moving to a townhome only 5 1/2 miles away. Bill says, "If I had known it would be this challenging, I might not have done it!" But they both agree it was the right time to downsize. They spent 2 weeks in Aruba in October, celebrating their 29th wedding anniversary and returned to begin the house selling journey. Their new address is 160 Windermere Avenue # 5601, Ellington CT 06029. Same Home phone # 860 8758490. (Bill doesn't have/use a cell phone!) They begin this new step in their adventures with joy - happy to be healthy and able to travel! Karen is still pastor to a small Congregational Church in Farmington, CT. She loves to preach and teach (Bible Study via Zoom, since Covid) and no night meetings! Life is good and about to get better - no yard work!

Derry Bockner Crosley (White Plains, NY):

As we all get older, keeping in touch is so important. Thank you, Diana! Gathering with family over the holidays was really special. It was an occasion full of laughter and hugs and lots of delicious food ... everything it should have been. The grandkids are teenagers, which totally boggles the mind...that, and the fact that their oldest daughter just turned 50! Derry continues to challenge the wonderful orthopedists at HSS. She's had 8 surgeries and multiple other procedures, but her spine continues to create its own weird, curving pathway that sets up lots of pain. She can't do much while standing, but at least she can enjoy reading, knitting, and most importantly, her pottery, while sitting. Her website: Derrypottery.com. Luckily, Denis enjoys running the kiln to fire her creations and loves to cook! Daughter Dana continues running the Innovation Workshop as CIO at Tiffany's, and

Sloane's new book, *Grief is for People*, coming out in 2024, is already getting rave reviews. "Funny how these two "big shots" still act like giggly teens when they get together here for the holidays ... so much fun to watch! Gotta love it!"

Cathy Amend George (Willow Grove, PA)

Cathy's oldest brother, Arthur, passed away last March after struggling with cancer treatments. He made the decision to take the remainder of his time on earth to connect with as many people as he could and to share his love in very special ways. Husband Bob developed a bad cough in the beginning of the summer but all tests showed he was in perfect health. An antibiotic finally kicked it, but follow-ups with new doctors to determine the cause brought no definitive results. Cathy's only health change was going on Prolia for osteoporosis. Cathy's church activities include directing the choir, assisting with the youth and adult bell choirs and teaching church school. She still loves to read, knit and do jigsaw puzzles and puzzle books. They are probably 2 years away from moving from Willow Grove to the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown where they will be close to their daughter. Time was again spent on Cape Cod last year and a fun trip to Charlottesville, VA. Their oldest son's family is busy with their son just starting at Widener University and their daughter deciding where she will go next year. Their daughter's family bought a new home on 7+ acres of land. She homeschools the three oldest children ages 9, 7 and 5 as well as doing some preschool with the 3-year-old. Having a husband work from home has been a big help to her. The Georges' younger son and his wife have one little boy who is 21 months old, and they are looking forward to having a new little one join the family in June.

Kris Rasweiler Colbert (Huntington, NY):

On January 2 they celebrated 53 years together! Following doctors' advice, they are keeping active and busy, but not so much out of that sun! 2023 had many highs: cruising the Caribbean, enjoying their antique business, gardening and meeting up with an annual mini high school reunion group. Also, attending sporting events of all sorts, mostly lacrosse. Grandchildren - One now in a career search, one attending Boston College, playing D1

lacrosse and pursuing tryouts for US Olympic Lacrosse, one, a junior at Stony Brook playing D1 lacrosse and the twins in high school. They love being involved, which has led to many a scheduling spreadsheet, mileage and tolls! One wrenching low was the sudden loss of Marshall, their beautiful miniature Aussie Shepherd, followed in July when their younger son was hospitalized for 6 days with heart failure and atrial flutter. He is now building back that strong loving heart. 2024 has them set for a 2-week southern Caribbean cruise, ending through the Panama Canal. Once back home, they are "taking on" rescuing "Gizmo," a 4-year old "Aussimo" (designer mix of Aussie and Eskimo Shepherd). Why? Because they have missed the canine bonding, exercise and HAIR!

Sally Frost Vosburgh (Darien, CT):

Many thanks to Diana for the gift you give our classmates by "rounding us up like a herd of cats"! Nothing new and exciting (or even UNexciting) to report. 2023 was a rather slow year for her, mostly because of painful knees and sciatica. They did get to visit family in Texas several times, attend a family wedding in Utah (and visit the national parks), tour the Biltmore Estate and Asheville with a NC friend, spend 5 weeks at the Jersey shore, and hang out for a weekend in Boston. They are still "anchored" in CT with Jeff working, but Sally is throwing things out and downsizing behind the scenes!!

Nancy Nelson Forsberg (Jacksonville, IL): For 7 years Nancy has enjoyed her Midwest small town (45 minutes west of Springfield) with a rich local history and of course farming and corn!! There is a thriving downtown with a top-notch bookstore, an art museum, a Carnegie library, a few great small gourmet shops and cafes, and several top-class bed and breakfasts, etc.

Nancy's older brother arrived in Jacksonville in the 60's to attend college, and he never left. Now all her siblings are retired and live in the same town, including a niece and nephew. Nancy's oldest son, Karl, still has a chiropractic practice in Reno, NV. She took the California Zephyr train in May to see him and her 16-year-old grandson. The Amtrak cars were old, but the people, the amazing scenery

and the food made the 2 1/2-day trip most enjoyable. Her youngest, Logan, bought a 1950's house in Atlanta, and they are taking time to make it their own. Nancy keeps in touch with her roommate, Barbara **Bloor** Brenneman, and suitemate, Karin **Scarpino** Petersen who both live in Maine.

Connie **Mather** Calhoun (Salem, SC): Jim and Connie have been married over 53 years and are still speaking to each other! They live on a beautiful lake with wonderful friends nearby.

Jim was in the Coast Guard for 30 years and still consults for the same marine company he has been with for over 20 years! Connie continues playing bridge but her dog, Phoebe, had to retire from pet therapy due to hip issues. Their eldest son will (like his Dad) retire this year from the Coast Guard after 30 years. She has 2 grandchildren in high school. Their youngest son, a world traveler, runs a B & B in Costa Rica with his husband.

Bonney **Bricker** Solomon (Braintree, MA): Every day since October 7, 2023, the Solomons ponder why there is so much hate in this world. One of their daughters lives in Israel with her husband. Their oldest granddaughter is doing her mandatory service in the IDF (Army) in a dog (canine) combat unit, their 2nd oldest granddaughter was in an international high school in Bosnia but faced antisemitic actions and transferred to a high school in NM so that she will be able to graduate in May. She will also go into the IDF this summer. Bonnie's hope is that soon, not only in Israel, but any place in the world where people are facing danger, that we can have peace and harmony. In the words of Abhijit Naskar: "Where there is politics, there can never be peace, and where there is peace, there's no need for politics...Organizations can't bring peace, for peace begins with the individual." Bonnie and David are retired, belong to several book groups, and have done some cruising alone and with the Israeli family. She goes to the gym at least 3 times a week for classes to keep her bones as healthy as she can. They also attend courses and activities through UMass Boston for retirees.

Margaret **Lydecker** Leahy (Ridgewood,

NJ & Fort Myers, FL): In March of 2023 Margie left her FL home to travel between Lisbon, Portugal and Madrid, Spain with her sister. She even got to practice her Spanish learned in Dr. Schnee's Spanish classes! After returning home she spent time at her daughter's vacation home in the Berkshires. Her grandchildren are getting older, 3 are in their twenties, living in NH, Brooklyn and nearby in Saddle River, NJ. The 2 youngest are still in middle school in Ridgewood. In early October, Margie got together with Joan **Hoffman** Patti and Linda **Scanniello** Romita for a trip to PA and DE. On their way to visit Winterthur, the Dupont estate in Wilmington, they stopped to visit Nancy **Butz** Kuehnemund near her new home in Garnet Valley, PA. After spending the holidays in NJ, Margie is at her winter home in FL. Her health is good and she keeps very active in her Florida retirement community. Joan P is planning to visit Margie in FL in March and between visiting family and friends, the winter will go by quickly.

Nancy **Butz** Kuehnemund (Garnet Valley, PA): Nancy's reunion with Margie, Linda and Joan (see entry above) was so much fun, reminiscing about friends and good times at CCC, that they hope to repeat it sometime this year and maybe get Misono **Iwato** Miller and Kathie **Giaccone** Harwood to join in. The Kuehnemunds are only 20 minutes from Longwood Gardens and many other beautiful and historical attractions. She and Dick are getting accustomed to their "new" surroundings after a year in the area. She is very involved with 2 book groups, and is only 20 minutes from their daughter, Nicole, and her family. They get to attend the grandchildren's events, have mother-daughter outings, and don't have to travel for holidays. They too are heading south soon for their annual snowbird trip to FL where other daughter, Stephanie, and her family live. Their oldest granddaughter will be heading to college next year, so this trip will be extra special.

Allie **Svaby** Harpster (Canton, OH) reports that she was accepted as a deaconess student with the Lutheran Diaconal Association, Valparaiso, IN this past July. It will be a 3yr. journey, after which she has chosen to be

consecrated, rather than ordained. Her 9-year job as Director of Connections at her church, plus a recent master's in theology were the impetus for embarking on this new venture. Allie will also be starting a new part time job at the end of January as the assistant to the CEO at the Canton YWCA, an organization where she has previously served on the board of directors. No retirement on the horizon!

Linda **Mullen** Haesche (Punta Gorda, FL): Linda continues to enjoy living in her small waterfront community in FL. Her neighborhood has only 25 units (with close friends) in contrast to the many sprawling developments now popping up, threatening to change the feel of the town. When all is said and done, Linda is thrilled to be out of the new England climate and she is happy to assume the risks of the hurricanes—even though, unbelievably, they are STILL recovering from Ian's considerable damage from Summer of '22! Half of her family spent the holidays with her (Susannah, husband Patrick, Jack and Janie) Great fun but VERY BUSY keeping up with a 5 and an 8-year-old! Lots of pool fun, trips to the beach and collecting of shark teeth—an obvious hit with show-and-tell back at school. A kitchen renovation and some redecorating has kept her busy, as well as the usual poolside parties and boat cruises. Otherwise, things are low key. Come July, she'll repeat her sojourn back to Marblehead, MA to spend 3 months with her daughters and grandkids in the town that they all love so much. Life without her hubby (would have celebrated their 50th this past June) is unbearably hard at times, but she tries to live it to the fullest, as he would have wanted. Linda was able to have a wonderful lunch visit with Sandy **Lane** in RI on her way south last fall. "I was truly blessed to have received my "Sandra J. Lane, Summit, NJ roommate assignment" one August day in 1965 and to have spent all 4 years with her. Merci, San! Thanks, too, to those of you who helped to make my time at CCC so wonderful. I treasure the memories we made and am so grateful for you as friends whom I can count on having for life. That, coupled with a high-class liberal arts education which follows and rewards me every day, are irreplaceable gifts."

Mel **McDavit** White (Rehoboth, DE): A bad fall in 2022 followed by another in 2023 has left Mel in a bad way for months. Her new reality is that of an insulin-injecting diabetic who must walk with a cane, OT/PT sessions, and visiting nurses. Sometimes her hands shake so she can't play the piano or sing. Ugh. But she's got the cane mastered! Her best advice to us all is pay attention to all ailments!

Sara **Wentz** Winkler (Lawrence, KS): They live about 10 miles outside of Lawrence, KS on 120 acres of beautiful countryside. Some of that is in pasture for cattle April-October and some is used to raise alfalfa. The rest is partially woods, flower beds and yard. Last year Sara dug up paperwhites and daffodils that had been planted years ago where there used to be an old farmstead. That house was demolished in a tornado, but those flowers marked their lane and flower beds. There are also naked ladies down in that area, but they don't seem to come up every year. She moved those bulbs up into their abandoned garden area. The garden was fighting with some walnut trees, so they are moving the garden to another location. Sara grew up outside Mechanicsburg, PA and spent her earlier childhood exploring and playing in the woods, so their property feels just like home. They used to run cattle and farm, but now there are just tenants who have taken over the day-to-day operation. Her husband has lost some sight, so now she's in charge of the management and bookkeeping. Her New Year's resolutions include more time in her jewelry-making studio and trying to get the next generation to take over the ancestry projects.

Jane **Skrut** Hoddinott (Mystic, CT): In 2023 Jane and David moved about quite a bit. In the winter they enjoyed Orlando and Fort Lauderdale, then a land and sea (catamaran) vacation to Bequia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, all with family members. Their firstborn, Christopher, turned 50! A week in April on Cape Cod biking from W. Dennis to Chatham on the Rail Trail. Visiting the grands in Ontario in June and home in July to find their AC had died so they lived mostly on their boat, Duchess. They attended rock and band concerts at Mystic Bridge Park. By September it was clear that David's eyesight was

hampering his ability to work on the boat engine and because they want to travel more in the summer, they sold Duchess to a very nice family and have moved on. Jane participated in a Christian leadership retreat on Ender's Island in Mystic. She contracted Covid but it did not interfere with David's ankle surgery in October which required him to wear a boot on into 2024. In December the family had their annual dinner at the Griswold Inn with friends and then Christmas with Jen and family. For the Hoddinotts it is all about family and dear friends and good times spent together.

Diana **Poole** Smith (Scottsdale, AZ): Diana and Kit have settled into a pattern of fall-winter-spring in AZ and summer in CO. Last summer she was able to visit with 4 friends from high school who now live in NM and CO. Her annual reunion with 7 CCC classmates gets harder to pull off since they are far-flung so they will try for every other year...or so. Desert Mountain is a beautiful active community tucked up next to the Tonto National Forest. Diana enjoys reading, water aerobics and working out with a personal trainer to fight osteoporosis, vertigo, and general aches and pains. Their son lives in Steamboat Springs, CO so they get to see him for 4 months. He is divorced with no children. They enjoy getting together with Sharon **Weiss** & Josh Polan in Scottsdale.



'69 - Nancy **Butz** Kuehnemund, Linda **Scaniello** Romita, Margie **Lydecker** Leahy & Joan **Hoffman** Patti

Congratulations on your upcoming 55th Reunion! We look forward to celebrating with you at Reunion Weekend 2024 on June 7, 8, and 9, 2024.

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Hartzel Hall now The Narrows



In September, a small group of classmates and I attended the dedication ceremony for the newly renovated and repurposed Hartzel Hall. The building is now named for our classmate, Jill **Stewart** Narrow.

A few of us had lived in Hartzel during our first year when it was a dormitory. It was fun to peek into our old rooms and reminisce.

Attending the dedication were Christine **Voss** Kemp, Katie **Wagner** Szegda, Nubby **Mann**, and Marie **Darin**. Not pictured: Karen **Famulary** Black.



Nora (Nubby) **Mann** writes that she went to Paris in early December for five days to see the Christmas markets and celebrate her 75th birthday. "First time there since 'backpacking' (took only a backpack but slept inside in cheap pensiones) in 1973. Quite a different experience this time (private bath in hotel and no need for coins for the shower lol). Wonderful food, wines, and museums."

Christine **Voss** Kemp sent this photo. Chris's day job is at a local McDonalds where she enjoys interacting with customers and playing Mrs. Claus. After retiring, Chris took up comedy and is now doing standup in the Pittsburg area. But her favorite gig is playing grandma to her nine-year-old grandson.



From Gail **Graham**: "I received a Christmas card from Heidi **Hunter** Kammer. All is well. She is still active with her 'Showstoppers' senior group."

Gail also received a New Year letter from Patti **Schaeffer** Webster. "Patti and husband Bill are co-raising a 17-month-old puppy through Canine Companion. Britain will move to advance training in February. If she does not make it in the program, Patti and Bill will gladly bring her home! In a handwritten note, [Patti] is excited to see CCC started a doctoral program in OT. She loved being an OT and is happy others will follow that path through CCC."

Gail writes that Karen and she are well. "I continue to volunteer with the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council Archive Committee. We receive donations of Girl Scout and Council memorabilia. We are in the process of taking inventory of the collection. The Council has sold the office in Newark, DE, and we will be moving the collection this summer. Not sure where we will be moving to, probably one of the Council camps."

Last September, Gail attended the Girl Scout Roundup Reunion in Vermont. She said, "One of the hottest Septembers they have had....in the nineties every day! There were four Roundups, 1956, 1959, 1962 and 1965. Before coming to Cedar Crest, I attended the 1965 Girl Scout event in Idaho. Imagine 10,000 Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from over sixty countries camping for two weeks. What an adventure for a 17-year-old! So, this past September was our last reunion as many attendees are well over 80 years old and travel from all over the US. Sad, as many of them are active on

an international level with the Juliette Low Birthplace in Savannah, GA, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), and the five World Centers located in Switzerland, Mexico, India, the United Kingdom, and the African region. I will miss networking with them every three years."

Gail is still active in alumnae affairs. "On the Cedar Crest front, I try to attend as many Alumnae Executive Board meetings as I can and volunteer on the Fundraising and Membership Committees."

She closes, "I am watching the snow fall and glad to be at home. Hope all is well.... Gail."

And as I am finalizing this copy for Class Notes, I am watching the same snow filling in doggy paw prints in my back yard and counting the blessings of retirement: I do not have to drive anywhere! Let me echo Gail's sentiments and hope all is well for you too.

Thank you, everyone, for contributing news. Class Notes is an annual publication coming out each spring, but you can send news to me any time.

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Greetings from your class correspondents, Joan **Berlinger** Mahoney and me, Madeleine **Johnson** Kaye. We hope you're off to a happy and

healthy 2024, as we all reach well into our 70s (how did THAT happen?).

This year, we asked you what the most important life lesson was that you learned while at Cedar Crest. Your answers were provocative, thoughtful and interesting. Thanks for responding and confirming that our CCC classmates are fascinating women.

Joan **Berlinger** Mahoney: Actually, I have two life lessons learned. First, don't fall asleep in Dr. Kayhart's 8am class or sleep through your three-hour French Revolution exam – your grades will suffer. Second, I found my voice and realized I could be a leader and not a follower. I could speak up for that in which I believed and no longer be a bystander.

Mariana **Heim** Marye: In thinking of the most important lesson learned while at CCC, I realized the most important lessons were the ones I did NOT learn and that only unfolded later, little by little. All those old life-lesson memes you hear but disregard when you are so young. Life lessons like:

- how quickly time goes by;
- how important friendships are;
- how critical a good mentor can be;
- how easily men can determine the trajectory of one's life (is that still a thing with upcoming generations?);
- the absolute necessity to have independent money (sounds crass, but who wants to be a shop girl at 70? I've seen it happen);
- and especially self-care. Yep, I'm talking about mani/pedis, a massage every so often, a trip through a greenhouse, a groovy romance novel (try Deal with the Duke);
- and whatever little something that gives one a moment of peace and conviction – even in turbulent times – that goodness will prevail.

If all that sounds shallow, I'm okay with that, too. Filtered through time, I look back on the CCC days fondly. I support the school and even at this distance am so glad it is there to offer the opportunity I had to others. May the school – and all those who enter – flourish.

Leslie **Hecht** Eudowe: I truly feel the

most important lesson I learned at CCC was to stand up for my beliefs. Also, grab opportunities when you can and learn from them – however they turn out.

Cynthia **Fauross** Scholl: Never let anyone tell you you can't do something.

Jill **Dublin** Wheadon: So this response may seem trite, as there were many life lessons that I learned while at CCC, however, the one that has always been a very practical one for me is this: never set or leave anything valuable next to a sink, whether it be kitchen or bathroom. Why is this my response? One of our classmates sorry I do not recall her name ... took her engagement ring off while she was getting ready for bed. The ring somehow went down the drain! It was fortunately retrieved but not easily. So, on the occasions I have had to remove my rings to do some nasty chore of some kind at a sink, I always put them somewhere else! Hope all is well with all of you who may be reading this, and may 2024 be a healthy and happy one.

Carol **Loven**: The most important lesson: that women can do it all and support each other in the process.

Sally **Treitman** Eisenberg: I gave this some thought, and there were many important things that I learned at CCC. As a Spanish major, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do upon graduation. My father insisted that I get my teaching degree, even if I never planned to use it. I learned that I needed a fallback plan, and it was available to me at CCC. I felt I would always be able to support myself. After my student teaching experience, I was even more certain that I didn't want to teach. While getting my master's degree at Lehigh, I was a graduate teaching assistant and taught beginning and intermediate Spanish to all male classes. Some women had been admitted to Lehigh, but none of them were in my classes. It was quite an experience, and I decided to teach public school. When I retired 36 years later, I was proud of my career and what I accomplished. It was a rewarding experience, and father knew best!

Juanelle **Fulcoly** Mochel: without a doubt, hearing Bella Abzug and Gloria

Steinem at Lees Hall! My world was totally rocked, my life truly changed from that evening forward.

Janet **Sonner** Aden: Never underestimate the strength or friendship of a woman.

Linda **Vola**: Stand up for what I believe in. Don't be afraid to speak your mind and get involved in issues that matter to you. Since then, I also learned that I can always rely on the support of good friends. The close ties made at CCC were truly bound together for life. It doesn't matter if I don't speak to them for years. I can pick up right where I left off as if no time has passed. They'll be there when I really need them or to just shoot the breeze. FYI: Due to my health concerns, we moved to NJ after spending 18 wonderful years in SC. It was time for us to be near family and lifelong friends. We're now only a few miles from our daughter, Gretchen, and her husband Sean. We're still getting our sea legs after moving into a smaller house in a 55+ community. We just added a lift to easily go from our first floor down to our large basement. Charlie has his woodworking shop there and our new laundry room. He just got a new hip but as we age those aches and pains are creeping up on us. Going down those steep basement stairs isn't ideal. I have one more revision surgery to go in March to finalize my breast reconstruction. Charlie finally retired in July so we are going for three full weeks to St. Maarten in February. He won't have to work while we're there! Elly Levie and her husband Carl Harrington will be joining us this year for our first week there!

Andrea **Joel**: "When life hands you lemons, make lemonade". I transferred to CCC because I was a Bio major specializing in genetics. Before I transferred, I spoke at great length with Marion Kayhart. When I got to CCC, she cancelled me out of every class I needed to graduate with a Bio degree so... I had to change my major... Long story short... I graduated with a major in Psych and minor in drama design. I am now a retired set decorator in LA, with 12 Emmys. I'm a major labor negotiator for union contracts and a union trustee. As much as I would have been a great biologist, I think I was able to salvage my career when a bad hand was given

to me. BTW, the alumni office at CCC has my 1st Emmy in their possession to help matriculate students to the college.

Susan **Appleton** Stone: CCC was the place where I began to figure out who I was as a burgeoning adult woman in a time of consequential social upheaval and changing expectations. Pretty heady stuff!

Beverly **Huber** Desch: I learned how to be an independent woman. My junior year in the summer, I hitch-hiked throughout Europe by myself. I learned to be my own best friend and to depend on myself. I also learned that people are basically good, regardless of their background, and I learned to value cultural differences.

Terry **Lawler** Stevens: Although I don't think I realized it at the time, Cedar Crest gave me the opportunity to take on leadership roles which would be very valuable to me later in life. Because we attended a women's college, all roles were open to us, and it wasn't until I went into the working world that I realized that was not always the case. The experience I gained, as well as the confidence in my abilities, was invaluable to me as I navigated my sales career and competed in a male dominated field.

Barbara **Mahland** Torrey: Unfortunately, as much as I'm sure that procrastination hindered me from getting better grades than I did, I never learned the lesson well enough because to this day I procrastinate despite the many chats that I have had with myself about that! Now on to what I did learn! Going away and living on your own in college is a wonderful stepping stone to managing your own life and being able to live independently successfully after graduation. I did learn to get myself to places on time and to get things done on time despite the fact that I should have left more time to get it done. No excuses...I did get myself where I needed to be on time with everything that I needed. The other lesson I prefer not to share! I'll just keep you guessing!

And finally, mine:

Madeleine **Johnson** Kaye: There were two that were closely linked to the same

episode: don't cut off your nose to spite your face, and don't procrastinate! I decided to make a professor "pay" for not giving me the A I deserved on the first paper of the semester by refusing to attend any more of her classes. Nor did I bother to write any of the five papers that were due at the end of the semester ... until the last five days of term. And surprise! I also had all the other term-ending assignments of my other courses. I got the grade I deserved in Shakespeare, and I got very little sleep that week. I never did it again. Now, with the advent of ChatGPT, I wonder what I would have done. There must be multitudes of students with similar dilemmas, and imagine trying to resist the pull of having AI write your paper(s) when the option is pulling multiple all-nighters. I'm glad I don't live in that world.

Class of 1973

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Thank you to all that took the time to respond to my pleas for updates and memories. I do apologize if I have missed anyone or anything. 9 days before this was due to CCC, I badly broke my right ankle, hairline fractured my left knee, and had surgery. As I can't get near the computer with both legs stretched far out in front, I am doing this on a new laptop and trying to figure out all its eccentricities. Other than that, life is good. We are planning to take the entire family to Orlando in June and get to know our newly acquired grandchildren better. Still working as Mrs. Claus and having a blast. Highlight of 2023 was a ride on the Goodyear Blimp with 3 Santa Clauses. We do the Toys for Tots collection in the Goodyear airdoc near Akron, Ohio, and as a thank you they took 3 Santas and me up for a 45-minute ride.

Jo-An **Van Doren** celebrated her 11th year of marriage to her husband, Phil in January. They love to travel, and 2023 saw them on a cruise to Central and South America followed by a land-based tour of Ecuador and Colombia. They met the President of Iceland while visiting his country and also were in Greenland. September saw them

piloting a rented canal boat on the Erie Canal for two weeks, and ended the year with doing the Rhine River cruise followed by both the Rhine Christmas. In April, she is selling daffodils from her Hunterdon County, NJ farm. She is still actively involved with the Hunterdon County 4-H. No moss grows under their feet!!!! 2024 travel plans already include a repeat of Central and South America cruise, seeing the gorillas in Rwanda followed by safaris in South Africa, visiting the "Stans" of Central Asia (The Silk Road) and the Crossroads of the Adriatic and then Northern Italy.

Last April, Phyllis **Segal** Gould and husband, Dave finally traveled back to Dallas - the first time since moving away in 2000! That trip included a visit with her brother in KS as well as seeing Vicksburg Battlefield in MS and the Biltmore in NC. In June, they went to Dave's 50th Lehigh reunion, and they saw Debbie **Shymon** Ransom there as well. They also saw Nancy **Wilson** there, who had transferred our junior year when Lehigh went coed. In August, their daughter and her family came to NH for vacation, and they went down to their house for Xmas. Phyllis can't forget the 3AM fire drills or visiting hours changing from one Sunday a month to open dorms.

Candace **Castimore** Moose: Had nothing exciting to report- except gratitude for the little moments that make a full life: family, friends and faith.

Marilyn **DeVuyst** Clemence has remembrance of CCC days. After dinner most evenings, Louise **Albanese** Leslie and she would go to the snack bar, buy an apple and take a walk around campus before they returned to their rooms to study. The campus was always so gorgeous except on the cold and rainy days! Personal events: She and Rob traveled a bit this year, to Hilton Head and Aruba (at Christmas) with some family members and grandchildren, Saint Kitts and Viking River Cruise of the Rhine with Rob. She is still teaching part-time French and plans to return next fall. She also spends time with their 4 grandchildren. Sandy **Smith** Finley and Jim have moved about 15 minutes away and they have gotten together several times this year. We all had lunch with Louise when she was visiting from Florida. All is well

with Louise. She travels to Las Vegas on a regular basis and to Virginia to visit her children and grandson. She went to Mt Rushmore last summer with family.

Sandy **Smith** Finley and husband, Jim, are enjoying living close to Jim's children in Virginia. In 2023, they became grandparents to a beautiful granddaughter named Fiona.

Sandy **Lindemuth** Hughes' CCC memories:

- 1) Having to "dress" for dinner.
 - 2) Having to sign out and sign in at the dorm
 - 3) Getting phone calls in the dorm phone booth
 - 4) Wearing hair in a Crestie-do
 - 5) Wearing usual outfit to class - bellbottom jeans, t-shirt, pea coat and moccasins.
 - 6) Eating favorite dessert - that 7-layer yellow cake with chocolate icing
 - 7) Rushing from field hockey practice back to the dorm to put on my waitress uniform and then rushing to the dining room so I could serve my friends dinner.
 - 8) Making life-long friends that she still sees (and vacations with) to this day.
- She is now retired from a 37-year career in medical diagnostic sales (her accounts were Quest and LabCorp) and has been married to her husband Brent (a retired NHL hockey player) for 40 years. They live in Hoover, Alabama and have 5 teenage grandkids that keep them busy watching their sports - equestrian meets, hockey games and baseball games.

Donna **Morganson** Popham said, "Our 50th Reunion was GREAT!! It was so nice to see so many people. I was especially pleased to find out that we all looked the same as we did when we graduated!" Jim and she have been enjoying spending time with their children, their spouses, and 5 grandchildren, ages 1 to 6. She loves to see the world through the eyes of a child. Her wish is for us all is that we keep our childhood wonder, no matter what age it might say on our drivers' licenses.

Marisa **Brugueras**: One of her favorite CCC remembrances is partying touring the covered bridges!

She is still living in Puerto Rico and practicing law, although she is her

mother's primary caretaker. She has assistance from 8am to 6:30pm, and then her shift begins. Her family, brother, who stops every day to see mom, and 2 sisters who live in Texas, but come as frequently as possible, are tremendous support.

Joan **Glover**: Joan lived in Curtis on 2nd Center, freshman year. Her roomie was Nancy **Scott** who is now married & living in Scotland. She met her husband Fraser while on our Concert Choir tour Senior year. A few of them are still in touch... Janice **Walton** Ackerman, Lynn **Evans**, Louise **Vogel** & Debbie **Thomas** Devlin.

She remembers starting out Freshman year with the dining hall in the basement of Curtis with our fellow classmates as waitresses in lovely, yellow and white uniforms waiting on large round.

Jackie **Minor**: Her partner, Don and she went on a bucket list trip in October 2023 to Tanzania for a safari and local cultural exchanges. A magnificent trip in every way. Light rains had returned to the Serengeti, and they saw the Big 5 close up in their natural habitats. She continues to be busy being Grandma to granddaughter Riley who is now 7. She is in 2nd grade at a girls' school in San Francisco and loves following in Grandma's footsteps (girls and women education). She is serving her third term as President of the San Francisco Civil Service Commission which has policy oversight for all human services matters for the City and County of San Francisco and hears appeals of various HR related decisions.

Cynthia **Salmond** Hogeman: Life in retirement is going well. Her 3 daughters are doing fine as are her 3 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. She is quite active, loving centered around some biology avenue. Cancer research, cardiology research, research nurse, nurse practitioner and now in retirement Master Gardener and member of WildOnes (native plants) and very worried about our environment. After graduating from Cedar Crest, she moved to the Harrisburg area and there stayed. If anyone is ever visiting the area, give her a call. If you are traveling with a bicycle, let her know and join her for a ride.

Dottie-Jean **Heggie** Shedwick and husband, John attended the wedding of Carol Fisher Miller's son, Sam to Carrie in Vermont in August. It was a fantastic time. Carol remembers dressing for dinner and waiting for doors to open, dreading running late and then needing to serve as 'mother' for upper classmen. The desserts were great, especially the sour cream cake with crumb topping. And a vivid memory of fire drill evacuations with coats, shoes, and towels.

Debbie **Shymon** Ransom and husband, Ron renewed their vows on their 50th wedding anniversary during Lehigh's reunion, at the Packard Chapel. Then went on a 50th anniversary family cruise on the MSC Yacht Club. Their son, Ryan enjoys flying for FedEx and son, Randy loves being a veterinarian. Their grandchildren: Delany is applying to dental schools; Colin, a college sophomore is majoring in pre-law; Cassidy is a ballerina studying at the Milwaukee Ballet; Addison, in high school, competes in Cheer Dance and enjoys ballet; and Logan who is 12 enjoys baseball and chess competitions.

Tina (**Denzel**) **Connar** spent over a month in the hospital May 2023, after suffering 2 collapsed disks her neck while out of the country. After much treatment and care, she still has some numbness, but considering she couldn't walk, stand, crawl, or even turn over in bed, is doing great. She and her husband, Mark even have a trip to Florida and a cruise planned in a few months and will be married 49 years in May. Tina continues to volunteer in fundraising at St. Luke's University Health Network. She has been on the committee for 35 years, and this is the 3rd time she has chaired the event. She has other fond memories of CCC. The first ones to come to mind are the Song Contests: she loved being the accompanist, the camaraderie throughout rehearsals, and the energy that filled the room on the actual performance days was wonderful! Years later, she was actually one of the judges: it was interesting being 'on the other side'!

Their daughter, Christa, and son-in-law, Chris, live less than an hour away in

Gladwyne, PA, with their 2 girls: Evelyn, 9, and Olivia, 3.

Lovella **Lin-Sutch** shared that after CCC, she earned 2 additional degrees, moved 10 times in her life, married, had 2 children and 3 grandchildren who she finds wonderfully entertaining.

Penny **Morgan** has been teaching bread baking classes online.

Judith **Stevens** Weaver and Larry are enjoying retirement on the Eastern Shore. They have a sailboat and cruise up and down the Chesapeake Bay with fellow sailors. Debbie **Spear** is a member of their group with her partner, Keith. Judith also keeps busy painting and exhibiting her watercolors in shows all over Maryland.

Laura **Geyer** Helwig attended her 50th reunion last May. It was great to reconnect with everyone. The reunion committee did a wonderful job putting together a fun weekend of events. This January marks her 10th year of retirement from the Federal Government. She is enjoying a great network of neighbors and past work friends in Raleigh NC.

Class of 1974

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Hello, members of the class of 1974! I've heard from several of you regarding your lives since graduation, telling me about your loved ones, hobbies, gatherings with other class members, vacations, challenges, best memories of college, volunteering, working, and anything else you chose to share. Thank you so much for your time and generosity!

Robin **Spaeth** Ingram, who now goes by Robin Ann Ingram, is thoroughly enjoying her role as Chair of the Board of Trustees which began in July, 2022. "I joined the Board in 2017. I am excited by the enthusiasm and joy I see on campus—the students are eager and motivated, and the faculty and staff are as dedicated as I recall from my original time at CCC. Each

year, I have spent time visiting classes and come away inspired. President Meade has assembled a strong leadership team with a flexible vision for the future. I retired from a 43-year career in teaching science and school administration in June 2020. Dave, my husband, retired in December 2020. He continues to do actuarial consulting while I teach beginner basketry in three adult schools and numerous libraries in the New York City suburbs. When not teaching, I enjoy making handmade books and weaving on a floor loom. We have adult children, two grandchildren, one dog and two cats! I love taking Zoom classes and teaching some as well." Robin and Dave celebrated their 50th anniversary in December. Robin plans to attend the reunion in June.

Kathleen **McGotty** Celotto reports that she is still in Silver Spring, Maryland, and retired from the classroom right before Covid hit. "We were fortunate to have our daughter and two grandkids move in every other week to homeschool." They've certainly moved on as have my plans to pursue Doula and Hospice work. All that was Covid-curtailed, but now, a couple of years out, life has evened out again and I'm able to spend time with family and friends, travel, and enjoy water exercise. We recently returned from a Viking River cruise on the Danube, and last year it was a Road Scholar tour to Sicily. In between, we enjoyed OBX family vacations and road trips to the Chautauqua Institute and the Finger Lakes. This holiday season will be our grandson's first Christmas, and I'm always thankful that our children live within an hour's drive—making family time a little bit easier to figure out. I'm certainly blessed with a great family system and opportunities galore."

Ann **Wiley** shares that she did a riverboat cruise in April on the Rhone River in France, from Lyon to Arles, which was a great trip. She has a trip planned for early May to see the tulips in Holland and Belgium on AMA Waterways, which 'is the way to go!' Ann does a lot of work for her church, and a little work as editor of class notes for Princeton Day School. 'Yikes, 50 years?'

Margo **Butler** Platts was kind enough to write to me twice, the first time while

in St. Lucia. She told me a lovely story of how she met her husband. The boy she was dating in 1974 introduced her to her Don, whom she married the next year. After graduation, Margo started as a high school mathematics teacher. Deciding it wasn't for her, Margo left and went to work at IBM. Margo spent twenty happy years at IBM, leaving when they offered her a great package. When Margo's mother was ill, she spent the next couple of years taking care of her. In 1997, she started an investment business. Unfortunately, she was in a very bad tour bus accident in Switzerland, so she had to close her business. I'm very sorry that Margo had to go through this. Margo also answered my prompts. She reports that I was the last classmate she had seen, probably at Mayfair, which took place on Cedar Crest College's lovely campus. As far as vacations, Margo and Don were on an expedition cruise to Antarctica. They spent eight days on the continent—it was supposed to be nine, but a very bad storm was coming fast so they moved to Ushuaia, Argentina, a day early. Margo states, 'If you ever have the opportunity to go stand on the seventh continent, do it. It was the trip of a lifetime. The vastness and beauty are indescribable.' Changing topics, Margo is addicted to Sudoku, and loves putting together puzzles. She and Don are looking forward to their 50th wedding anniversary in 2025. Margo's favorite professor was Dr. Cozalino of the mathematics department. A couple of her favorite college memories are Song Contest and her January term trip to Great Britain with the chorus. Margo is planning on being at our 50th reunion in June. She arrives home the day before from Europe.

Linda **Oleksiak** Zembron wrote a wonderful description of her visits with several students from the Class of '74. "Michele **Caputo** Trevenen hosted a mini-reunion of Carol **Econom** Mulholland, Sue **Luehs**, Nisey **Wikman** Wooley, and myself to her home in Little Falls, New Jersey, in the fall, followed by a lovely dinner out at a Montclair favorite eatery, Wolf and Toad, part-owned, rumor has it, by Michele's son Matt. Wow, so many new hearing aids! Food was great, as were the conversations! Just returned from our annual month-long November visit to our daughter Anne's in Portland,

Oregon. She has two children, Jane Evergreen, age three, and Max Michael, age seven months. She saw brother E.J. and his wife Carol in Washington state at their new home, and visited Oregon's beach with all twelve west coasters for a long weekend. After Turkey Day, we saw Santa with the grands. Back on the east coast, son John has two, Lily, eleven, and Jack, eight years. Christmas will be outside Boston with their family. Life is changing, I guess, for all of us. Lots of doctor visits, time to slow down. I'm not ready! Linda will be at reunion, 'barring any medical emergencies! Just kidding, I hope."

Elizabeth **Purviance** Pyle answered my prompts. She reports that she traveled to Alaska and Iceland in 2023. As far as sports, she has done some hiking, occasional bowling, and axe throwing. She writes, "I have been working at George Mason University for the last two plus years as a Life Science Business mentor for the Innovation Capitalization Assistance Program. The program provides Virginia-based early and mid-stage companies one-on-one mentorship and lean startup training. I get to mentor some really interesting companies doing cutting edge technology. Before that I was the COO for a clinical lab that was acquired by Lab. Corp. For more information, please go to www.linkedin.com/in/elizabethpyle." Discussing her favorite professors, Elizabeth states, "Dr. Kayhart was my advisor. I think she would be very surprised that the class geologist ended up in life science running a company testing the detection of infection." Elizabeth's favorite memories at CCC are Song Contest and Junior Ring ceremony. She also has fond memories of eating meals in Curtis Hall before the Student Center was open. Elizabeth is having a hard time believing that it has been fifty years since graduation and is planning to attend our 50th Reunion. She sums it up by saying, "Have a great 2024, and hope to see you and the rest of the '74 class at the reunion in June."

Holly **Cyr** also addressed the prompts I provided. She hasn't seen any classmates recently, but did meet Linda **Oleksiak** Zembron for lunch many years ago. When she went to Cedar Crest, Nancy **Dunn** and Nisey **Wikman** Woolley lived in Connecticut, but not

many classmates do now. As far as vacations, Holly went to Bermuda, Greece, and France this past year. One of Holly's hobbies piques my interest—"I play canasta, mah jongg, and do a little stand-up comedy." The first two I've also played, but it takes so much courage to do stand-up! Good for you, Holly! As far as sports, Holly continues, "I had a knee replacement that created a lot of scar tissue that I guess can't be fixed, so after playing basketball, tennis, softball, I can only play golf." Holly works part-time. She explains, "I do work two days a month at an inner city charter school where I am a math consultant to teachers. I retired after 36 years in 2011 after being a math teacher and then a district math coordinator." Holly reflects on her two years at Cedar Crest, "I was sad to leave CCC in my sophomore year, but my parents couldn't afford it. I loved Cedar Crest—lying on the roof at Curtis Hall, Song Contest, and so many great women." Describing her life since Cedar Crest, Holly shares, "I am married to Cindy, and I have two step-children and four grandchildren in the same family—ages two, four, six, and eight—they lived in Hawaii for eight years and we went there for eight years, then they moved to Sweden for three years, and we went there for three years. When Covid hit, they packed up and moved to Washington state, so that is our new yearly destination. My stepson is a STEM teacher. We moved 2 years ago to a great community called Oxford Greens. It has lots of activities, a golf course, and wonderful people. We have an open floor plan with only stairs to an unfinished basement, so I don't have to climb the stairs like I did in our previous house which was a Cape." Holly concludes with, "Life is good."

Nyda **Novodvorsky** Budiig reminds me that the classmate she has seen most recently is me in Rehoboth Beach in October, with my husband David. Nyda adds, "Recently Phil and I were in Los Cabos and Mexico, and later this month we are heading to Panama. We are making up for no travel during the pandemic. I volunteer in my community helping with communications and assisting new homeowners to settle in. I help manage our community website. Working out is my hobby—weights, Peleton, Pilates, and yoga. One funny memory is Suzy Genthner and her

Tarzan calls, including at the end of our commencement ceremony.

I'm not sure if I will make it to reunion but I am a "maybe." It seems impossible that 50 years has passed.'

Denee **Meyer** Parker is coming to reunion! I remember meeting Dee in Butz hall. Here is Dee's contribution to our Class of '74 notes, "Happy New Year! Our family had a wonderful Christmas and a fun New Year's Eve with family and friends here in Southern California. We hope you and your family did, too! John, my husband, and I are enjoying retirement immensely. It enables us to do more of the things that we enjoy such as serving at church, walking, reading, taking family trips, and enjoying high school and college reunions. We are very grateful that Stephen, Nick, and Svetlana, our adult children, are nearby so we can spend time with them and take an occasional family vacation on a cruise or to Big Bear Mountain. John and I lead the Premarital Ministry at Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, California. We have 40 mentor couples who guide engaged couples or couples considering marriage through an eight-week curriculum on having the marriage that God intended and a variety of practical topics. Mentoring can be in person or on Zoom. John and I recently mentored a couple from Italy on Zoom. Thankfully, their English was excellent and they were a delight. We hope to meet them one day in Italy. This fall our high school class at Hanover Park (in north Jersey) will hold a west coast reunion. We had so much fun at the full class reunion in October 2022 in New Jersey that we're getting back together again in the Northern California wine country this fall. Maureen **Heath** Kosa and I are on the planning committee, so we're having a great time determining the logistics and plans for this reunion for our high school classmates. I'm looking forward to attending the Cedar Crest Class of 74's 50th Reunion in June."

Jane **Bollenbach** Kroessig and Donna **Herold** Kibbe plan to be there, too! "Having attended our 40th and 45th class reunions, I'm excited to catch up with CCC classmates, show our class spirit, and maybe even sing (or shout) a few Song Contest songs! If you haven't

attended a class reunion at CCC, please consider joining us. Whether you lived in Curtis, Butz, Moore, or Steinbright, we share a common bond of our time together at Cedar Crest. Hope to see you there!"



Doralee **Halperin** has shared the following, "Here is a brief review of 2023 and what I hope to be up to in 2024. As some of you know, in 2021 I lost my brother who was living in Cody, WY when he passed away. Settling his estate has taken up a lot of my time since then and in both 2022 and 2023 my husband Jeff and I spent spring and summer in Cody. The rural cowboy life in Cody is quite a change from urban Washington, DC, but I enjoyed learning what life is like outside the East Coast bubble. Jeff and I will return to Cody this spring to continue emptying the house and get it ready for sale. One of the joyful events of 2023 was the graduation of my niece Sarah from the Colorado State University School of Veterinary Medicine. Sarah chose a career change when others were at the height of their careers and graduated just before her 50th birthday! She managed to do this while being treated for breast cancer. A beautiful reminder that much can be accomplished later in life. I am so proud of her! 2023 marked Jeff's and my tenth wedding anniversary! Not sure where the years went but I know I am grateful to have met him (also late in life) and navigated the ups and downs of married life and life in general unscathed! We even managed to get through a kitchen renovation in 2022 and a bathroom renovation in 2023 with calmness

and grace! In 2024 my focus will be the state of the country and saving democracy. You can't keep a politics major down! I'll be exploring ways to help in that effort and hope to do Dr. Holowaty, Dr. Kolbe, and Dr. Brown proud. They are the professors who provided such a strong foundation for me in politics and government. Hope to see all of you at our 50th Reunion!"

Doralee sent a lovely photo of her with her husband Jeff. Doralee's caption is, "Jeff and I enjoying the dramatic landscape of Wyoming."

After our alumnae newsletter was posted last March, I received a warm and friendly message about a month later from Kristina **Wambui Pratt**, who was known as Kristina **Kenyatta** in college. Kristina serves as the chairperson of the National Fund for the Disabled of Kenya. In 1975 she joined the Ministry of Education when she was appointed as the founding Director of the Department of Special Education. Kristina established the Kenya Institute of Special Education. In her email to me, Kristina mentioned Wangui **Karanja**, who attended Cedar Crest at the same time. I would love to receive another email from you, Kristina, if you are reading this! Your letter was so interesting and detailed about your life.

As for myself, Laurie **Forman Eisenberg**, I've been married to David since 1977. We've built a life in Allentown only a mile from Cedar Crest College's campus. We had two wonderful children, Eric and Jodi. Eric is deceased, "Forever 29," and forever in our hearts. Jodi lives with her wife Jenn and twin girls, who will turn eight by the time the Class Notes are published. They moved from San Diego to a town outside of Philadelphia, so I'm lucky to see them all the time, attending soccer games, family dinners, acting camp productions, and spending time at the Jersey shore together. Having the girls close to us has changed our lives! When I attended CCC, I was a student librarian at Cressman Library for four years. Currently, I am continuing the tradition started by my mother who worked at libraries when I was growing up in New Jersey. Besides volunteering at my own community library and meeting friends for book club and social gatherings, I love to read, do art work, walk my

Havanese puppy, travel, and see live theatre. I look forward to reuniting with old friends and meeting new ones at our 50th reunion in June.

Congratulations on your upcoming 50th Reunion! We look forward to celebrating with you at Reunion Weekend 2024 on June 7, 8, and 9, 2024.

Class of 1975

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It was wonderful hearing from all of you. Can you believe we turned 70 last year? While we all celebrated in different ways, it seems the most important thing was being with family and friends to help make it more special. There was lots of travel as well, with many of you taking your bucket list vacations. How many of you are members of our Facebook page? Please take the time and join us – we would love to see you! It is CCC Class of 1975. A special note to let you know that Debbie **Grinwis** Zilai received the Alumnae Award posthumously at the Reunion in May 2023. Her family was there to graciously accept it. Our 50th Reunion is June 6, 7, & 8, 2025. We need one or more volunteers to help plan the reunion. It doesn't take a lot of time and can be done remotely! You will get to help plan a special event just for our class and help promote attendance. The Alumnae Office will do the rest! Please mark your calendars for this – I already have it on mine. It would be fabulous to see you all again!

Barbara **Reichel** Axline writes that the highlight of 2023 was their trip to Kenya with their entire family in August. There was a total of eight in their group (sons, daughters in laws and grandsons). They spent about two weeks on safari in Kenya. They began in Nairobi where they visited the suburb of Karen which is named for Karen Blixen (Out of Africa). After this, they traveled a bit north of the equator to the Ol Pejeta Conservatory where the last white rhinos reside and then headed back south to the Masai Mara where they experienced the migration of the wildebeest coming from the Serengeti.

She writes that it is definitely something to add to your bucket list. Barbara states that it was amazing to see the animals in their natural habitats. In addition, the Kenyan people are very welcoming and friendly. This trip was especially memorable because they did it with their family. Barbara turned 70 in December and was surprised by a weekend visit from her two sons (one from Boston and one from Seattle). She was expecting just a small dinner with another couple and instead had a room full of family and friends for a very fun evening. They are looking forward to some more travel in 2024 with a trip to Egypt in March and Croatia in September. Their thoughts are "let's do it while we still can!"

Debbie **Mawer** Campbell celebrated her 70th birthday with her kids and grandsons who always make her feel loved and special. This year was also her 45th wedding anniversary. They celebrated by packing in lots of travel from the top to the bottom of Europe including visiting two of her bucket list destinations, the Canary Islands and Morocco. They had a wonderful week "living in Portugal" with an old friend who lives there part of the year. Debbie urges everyone to plant or sponsor a tree in 2024. Trees are the lungs, air and water filter, food and shelter of our planet. They are standing by waiting to fix what we humans have broken. Every tree, large or small, makes a difference.

Kimberly **O'Brien** Comstock has had a year filled with travel! She and her sister, Gregg O'Brien, finally got to take their 2020 retirement trip. However, days before leaving for Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands, there was a coup in Peru. The trip was changed to the Amazon which she says turned out to be wonderful. Following this they were on to the Galapagos Islands. Kim states that the trip was amazing and highly recommends it. Her birthday was spent traveling through Paris, Prague and Budapest. She writes that she is now addicted to pickle ball and golf. Kim says that golf got her through the pandemic as they were allowed to walk and play the course. Kim enjoys trips to Bar Harbor, Maine and the Cloisters at Sea Island. There are always fun trips to see the four grandkids. Their ages are: 4, 3, 2, and almost 1. Her son now lives in Ponte Verde, Florida with

his wife and children Olivia and Theo. Her daughter lives outside of Cincinnati with her husband and children Charlotte and Alex. They are busy making plans for 2024 trips. Already on the calendar is a trip to Alaska and a tentative trip to Iceland. A golf trip to Scotland will probably be put off to 2025.

Lisa **Creed** writes that 2023 was an interesting year. She completed a three-painting commission for Children's Hospital in Austin, Texas entitled "Andrew's Airplanes". The title honors Class of 1972, Heidi **Bright** Butler's son, Andrew. Lisa is continuing her painting practice in her studio. Given the challenges facing the world and the planet, she decided to create small 8" paintings with the intention of putting positive and creative energy out in the world. A number of them have already found their homes. Lisa has had to deal with a health issue she had never heard of, Vasculitis, which is an inflammation of the vascular system. The good news is that she has a terrific medical team at UNC Hospital. They are helping her to keep this disease under control with the help of chemotherapy. She is grateful for so many amazing people in her life as well as being grateful for this beautiful world and has learned to live with an open heart and mind.

Nancy **Evangelista** Duffer says that 2023 was a very good year to reflect on compared to the last three years. In February, Nancy and Mike were excited (at long last) to tour the Holy Land. They expected to go with friends but health issues at the last minute kept them from joining their group. They were blessed with safety, considering what has happened in Israel upon their return. While their youngest granddaughter started kindergarten in August (and has now been seizure-free for three years), their oldest grandson is now engaged (the beginning of December)! They might be planning a trip back to Indiana in 2024. Nancy's Mom who is now in assisted living in PA, celebrated her 102nd birthday and is still going strong despite her blindness. Nancy's office was finally moved out of the temporary "walk-through" and into the spacious, newly rebuilt Heritage Hall on the Mid-Atlantic Christian University campus. She shares that while those painful three years are behind them, the remembrance of the old building's roof

collapsing over Labor Day Weekend in 2020 will not be easily forgotten. She is happy to have ended the Fall semester as well as 2023 by being relocated to the same building as not only the rest of the academic staff but the all-important academic file cabinets which they access on a daily basis as well!

Barbara **Daniel** Paterson had a rough beginning to 2023 (don't go to the emergency room on Friday the 13th!) but thankfully a smoother landing to the year. She is glad to have a new, and ever-changing protocol for her Myasthenia Gravis, and it seems to be helping. Despite the upheavals, she continues to do virtual tutoring for high school and college students far and near, edit books, and is currently helping a nonagenarian former Broadway actress (who is also her aunt) write her memoir. When she is not writing, she's walking her rescue Biewer Terrier, Gracie. Or rather, Gracie walks her!

Francine **Selakoff** Piekarski celebrated her 70th birthday with a family luncheon at an Asbury Park venue on the boardwalk. Francine and her husband both turned 70 one day apart!

Angela **Aloia** Salezze celebrated her 70th birthday with great joy! She had a seasonal residence move in Florida, a yoga retreat in Tuscany, Italy and the birth of her first grandchild.

Debby **Patten** Terfinko writes that she and Chris **Cumbers** Ciuryla took a river cruise in France to celebrate their 70th birthdays. In July, Debby and her family traveled to Mont Tremblant, Canada by way of the Thousand Islands to celebrate her actual birthday. In November, she took a long-awaited trip to India with a group of Girl Scout Alumnae to visit Sangam, one of the WAGGGS World Centers in Pune. It was a bucket list trip and the fourth World Center Debby has visited. They also toured India and saw many UNESCO sights including the Taj Mahal and Amber Fort.

I decided to keep my 70th Birthday celebration on the quiet side. One of my friends from Nantucket, who now lives in Boulder, and I flew to Miami and drove down to Key West in a convertible (of course). The ride down Highway 1 is so beautiful. We stopped along the

way in Islamorada for lunch both ways at the Green Turtle Inn – so good. I have been saying that I wanted to have my birthday dinner at the restaurant, Louie's Backyard to celebrate this birthday. I'm so happy we did; dinner was fabulous as usual. My daughter-in-law and I have the same birthdays, so when I returned, we had a family celebration for both of us. I continue to be active in volunteer work both in my church and the community. This has been a dental and medical year for me. My 20-year-old bridge across the front of my mouth had to finally be replaced, so I have beautiful implants now. Then in November, I had my right hip replaced which has been extremely frustrating to rehab. As many of you on Facebook know, Jaxson and I are still having exciting adventures together. We are taking a family vacation to Hilton Head for a week and after that, Jax and I are flying to Orlando to visit Legoland and Discovery Cove where we will swim with the dolphins. I am planning several trips, including a river cruise through Brittany, France with a post cruise trip to Saint Malo and Mont Saint - Michel in 2025. I continue to feel blessed to live by Brad and his family. It is the simple everyday things that I love being a part of!

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Class of 1977

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Greetings! I hope this finds the women of the Class of 1977 doing well and anticipating the arrival of spring after the winter months. It's a good time to remind ourselves that change can be a beautiful thing, and feelings of hope, rejuvenation, warmth and light are ahead. Looking back 50 years I recall

how, despite our college workloads, mid-terms and end of year crunches, the dream of spring-like days would lift our spirits. Oh, what a time it was... I hope you'll look back with warm and joyful memories and ahead with great expectations – perhaps sharing some of your time connecting with old friends in one way or another. Speaking of friends...

Lisa **Delle Fontane** Bohdan and husband Bill have been blessed with the arrival of their first grandchild, Bennett William McDowell. Lisa recognizes how lucky they are living less than 15 minutes away from him. Bill has been retired for three years and they are enjoying splitting time between Darien and Cape Cod. She enjoyed a fun visit in September with Kris **Vetare** Saveri and her family in Bethlehem, and met Kris' newest grandchild, Caroline. (Lisa and Kris are already planning on Bennett and Caroline getting married, haha!) Lisa adds that she loves following our Class of 1977 Facebook page (Cedar Crest College Class of '77), especially the pictures and posts reminding her of 4 years of wonderful times!

Karen **Manello** Davis retired in June after 24 years at RTI International (www.RTI.org). She volunteers for a cat rescue and sings with a local choral group while figuring out what else to do with her newfound time! Karen lives in Apex, NC.

Jill **Nadolny** Kilanowski and husband David and have lived in Ohio for 26 years and downsized to a large condo to eliminate yard work and snow shoveling. Their children are: Fr. Humbert O.P. (Philip) a mathematics professor at Providence College in Rhode Island; Amanda, J.D., (Jay) lives in Ohio and works in philanthropy for the nationally-ranked Columbus Zoo and they have 3 children; Peter, turf science, (Victoria) lives in Indiana and has one daughter, and Mark music educator, lives in Ohio, (Chandel) and they are expecting their first child in February. Jill is a retired nurse scientist and associate dean for a college of nursing, but continues in a post-retirement "gig" working very part-time for a colleague shepherding research endeavors. She volunteers in church and in the community and is an active grandma with the grandchildren.

She has a full and blessed life! Jill fondly remembers Butz Hall and the friendships, keeping in touch in one way or another with Chris **Neider** Short, Debbie **Dighton** Pember, Ginger **Whalley** McBride, Lisa **Delle Fontane** Bohdan, and Ginny **Pityo** Mihalik.

JoAnn **Wilchek** Basist has had a busy year! In May JoAnn and husband Marc celebrated their 25th anniversary by taking a spectacular cruise to Rome, Cannes, Barcelona and Monte Carlo. They welcomed their first grandchild in June. She enjoyed numerous theatrical ventures including running the theatre school at Civic Theatre, directing Ruthless at CCC and directing and performing in A Christmas Carol. JoAnn and CCC roommate Claudette **Steckel** Nia have engaged in lots of hijinks and shenanigans! JoAnn has enjoyed spending time with fellow CCC alums Ginny **Pityo** Mihalik (who helped paint stage sets), Jodi **Quinn** Ferrio, Joan **Brodhead** '78, Judi **Johnson** Ferrara '75 and Laurie **Forman** Eisenberg '74 at a variety of events. JoAnn continues teaching at CCC and loves it!

I continue to enjoy acting as our Class Correspondent and staying connected with so many of you. I truly appreciate every card, note, and call. As a member of the CCC Alumnae Association Executive Board, I have had the pleasure of working with and under the exceptional leadership of Pam **Saunders**, who began a 3-year term as President of the Alumnae Association and also a member of the Board of Trustees. I always enjoy spending time with Pam, Bonnie **Lahr** Milne Martiny, Barbara **Lang** Loyle, and so many others at the College Reunion festivities in June. This past reunion brought many familiar faces from the Class of '78 and it was great to catch up with them, as well as so many other classes, a bonus of returning every year! Jodi **Quinn** Ferrio and I have had a great time together in watercolor classes at the Baum School of Art in Allentown since our retirements. Jodi and I volunteered to welcome the first-year students at the Open Door Ceremony at CCC in August and we continue to wonder how 50 years have passed since we were the new students on campus. I've also loved experiencing "theatre arts" from a new perspective, working alongside

talented JoAnn **Wilchek** Basist and Performing Arts Chair Professor Roxanne Amico helping paint sets and see the magic happen on stage! So many opportunities out there for all of us to keep learning and experiencing!

As you look ahead long term, please remember that our 50th Class Reunion will be held in 2027. Although the exact date is still a ways off from being established, keep it in mind as you make your future travel plans. We hope you plan to join us! More to come! Let's keep in touch.

Class of 1978

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Hello class of '78 and all our CCC sisters! 2023 saw a small but enthusiastic turn out for our 45th reunion in May. Brenda **Murphy** Taylor, Terry **Capanna**, Clare **Flanagan** Hennigan, Karen **Flaster** Langer, Joanne **Kronseder** Stahl, Leisel **Locke** Lengyel, Joan **Brodhead**, Amelia **Wagner**, and I had a nice weekend reminiscing and catching up. We had a lot of fun at the Friday evening outdoor event on the Quad where we got "tattoos", rode crazy tricycles, played games, and belted out our karaoke version of "Man, I Feel Like a Woman!" from the steps of Blaney Hall. It might even have earned us a Song Contest placement, but alas, that tradition has been long retired. Our very own Sue Seccombe Cox '73 was there with her class celebrating its 50th reunion! They had a great turnout. Our next reunion, in 2028, will be OUR big 5-0! Be there! Those of us staying overnight talked into the wee hours in Brenda's and my hotel room. It felt like we deepened our friendships and had a lot of laughs as well.

Laurie **Bechhold** Watson missed reunion to be in Greece for a family wedding, and Cathy **Mazzone** Plourde had to cancel at the last minute. You were missed as were all of you who could not join us. Barb **Oetjen** Baron writes that she and Jack love spending time with their grandchildren who are now six years old and eight months old. She and Laurie **Bechhold** Watson met up in

Ocean City, New Jersey in the fall for a fun reunion. She will be getting together with Jane **Werner** O'Neill and Sheri **Dunbar** Buzard in North Carolina while their husbands go on a hunting trip.

Betsy **Harting** shares that she and her husband retired to Rehoboth Beach, Delaware where they had previously vacationed, and were married in January 2017 overlooking the winter beach! They love the community with its indoor pool and other fun activities. Betsy has enjoyed teaching art journaling workshops both at the community club house and local venues and has discovered a love of charcoal drawing. Her husband, Jay Rauch, enjoys organizing pool volleyball games along with playing guitar at the art classes. Their children and one grandson are close by in New Jersey and New York, which always makes their visits to the beach full of life!

Brenda **Murphy** Taylor is enjoying her first months of "Brenaissance" with lots of travel. She and Keller's first trip was in March to Austin, Texas to visit with their youngest, Topher, who is now 22! They do grow up! He loves living in this vibrant city with so much to do! They also enjoyed San Antonio, touring the Alamo and checking out the spring flowers. In the summer, instead of a beach vacation they took their first "city vacation" to Nashville and called it a crazy city! They enjoyed great music and food along with people watching. However, the rooftop bars and restaurants were challenging at times with her arthritis. Her mantra became – "these steps burn calories"! I am quoting Brenda here because Brenda tells this like only Brenda can. "May was our 45th (yikes!) reunion. Our class had a small turnout, but the laughs were BIG! The hilarity was nonstop - check Facebook - CCC Class of '78 for proof! You feel kinship with your first step on campus. We took a campus tour and saw how CCC has grown, the changes made, and with Meg supplementing with CCC facts, it was most interesting. Our big 50th is coming up in 4 years - so start your plan to attend now!" I echo Brenda on this – plan NOW! In October, Brenda had the pleasure of attending Cedar Crest's first Nursing Alumnae Academic Reception in the Hamilton Boulevard Building. She wanted to make sure at

least one person from the first B.S.N. class was represented! Her observation is that the Nursing department "sure has come a long way from the bowels of Curtis Hall! There are now robotic mannequins and a state-of-the-art operating room!" She urges all to check the CCC Nursing Facebook page to see photos of the reception and all the various Nursing activities, projects, and trips. Also in October, Brenda and Keller visited Loveland, Colorado to see two of the grandchildren who are ages nine and thirteen now. They toured Rocky Mountain National Park, driving up to 12,000 feet elevation. The temperature at the top was 38 degrees and 90 degrees at the bottom. She says that touring a bison ranch in Wyoming was fascinating and hand feeding these mammoth animals was a whole new experience! Thanksgiving found them in South Carolina to see the younger grandchildren who are one and three. Brenda says it was the first holiday meal in 32 years that she did not have to prepare! In early December she had another joint replacement. This time her knee and says rehab went well, allowing her to do a lot of Christmas preparation. Brenda relishes her part-time job as a Triage Nurse in a busy Cardiology practice. Her body and mind are grateful for no longer having to endure the physical and emotional strain of the ICU, her specialty for 45 years. So glad you're able to wind down your Nursing career in a rewarding way Brenda!

Linda **Walker** Penn has a lot of news as well! She and Lee started 2023 with the birth of their first grandchild in North Carolina! Congratulations! Carter Michael arrived healthy and happy. To allow for longer visits, Linda and Lee decided to buy a home in Wilmington, North Carolina but have no plans to relocate from Connecticut. They hope to offer it for short-term rentals. They love being near the young family (only a half mile!) and getting to know Wilmington. Linda spent much of the summer and early fall making trips back and forth to Wilmington. Fortunately, Avelo Airline flies direct between New Haven and Wilmington! Their son, Zach, is now a practicing Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in CT. They feel lucky that he's living on their property and can manage the house when they aren't there. Their son, Drew, is still living in Seattle and working for Alaska Airlines

as a flight attendant. He loves the work, and they were able to see him several times in 2023 which was a real joy! After reconnecting with a childhood friend in the summer, Linda and Lee made a weekend trip in early October to their hometown of Mendham, New Jersey for a multi-class reunion. Now they're hoping to inspire more of their classmates to gather in October 2024 for a 50th reunion. Linda wonders "who are these old people!?" Two days after that wonderful weekend with old friends, Linda's dad had a sudden turn after what had been 91 years of mostly good health. He started his day at Tai Chi class, shopped for groceries and then hiked in the woods around his home. In the afternoon he called Linda "for medical advice" which was to call 911! Three hours later, Linda arrived at the hospital in VT and found him paralyzed from mid-torso to his toes. The next day he was diagnosed with several tumors in his spine. Turns out the prostate cancer from 37 years ago had metastasized. He did not want further work-up or treatment and they ultimately had six days at home with him, which Linda says was the gift they all needed. He passed away on November 6, 2023. We're so sorry for your loss Linda.

Leisel **Locke** Lengyel writes that there is nothing much new. She is still semi-retired working as a substitute school nurse in her local school district. She is also "knee deep" in planning for her daughter, Liz's, wedding in September 2024. Leisel 'totally enjoyed' our reunion in May saying it was so great to get together and participate in all the fun activities. She felt it was well planned and our group was great. She's already planning for our 50th.

Marti **Hodges** Butler and husband, Brian, moved to downtown Cincinnati from their house in the suburbs. Their daughter Brianne, and her family, bought their suburban house from them. Marti says "The old neighborhood has definitely turned over to the younger generation!" Marti and Brian love the urban lifestyle, being able to walk to many restaurants, arts venues, and the Kroger across the street. They can also walk to see the Cincinnati Reds and Bengals play, but only if they are playing Philadelphia or New York teams. There is a streetcar that travels from the Ohio

River to the far edge of the “Over the Rhine” district with the nearest station only a block from their apartment. Their granddaughter, Danielle, loves to take it to get ice cream! Marti says the parking situation is new as they must park in a public garage across the street. It has taken some adjusting but they are taking it in stride. Brian continues to run marathons all over the world! He will run the Tokyo marathon on March 3, 2024. He will also celebrate his 70th birthday in Hiroshima on the March 6, 2024! They are very much looking forward to seeing a bit of Japan. It will be Marti’s first time there and she is very happy to be the marathon travel companion. 2023 travel also included a cruise from Venice to the Greek islands and Turkey. Their favorite hotel in Venice, Al Ponte Antico did not disappoint she says. The Greek Islands were fabulous. Everything was amazing! And last but not least – Marti took her French Horn out of retirement after close to 50 years! She is taking lessons, and joined a community band, the Wyoming Winds. It’s not the easiest instrument to play, but she really enjoys it and has improved a lot since the reboot. She just feels good about making music! That is quite the feat Marti!

Stephanie **Renzo** Bennett shares that she is in her 22nd year as Professor of Communication and has no intention of retiring any time soon. Her most recent book “Silence, Civility, and Sanity: Hope for Humanity in the Digital Age”, won the 2023 Erving Goffman Award for Outstanding Scholarship by the Media Ecology Association. Congratulations Stephanie! She feels extremely blessed to be able to live an academic life and states ‘the classroom never gets old!’ Stephanie has a YouTube channel “The Secret Place,” which is in its seventh year. She is still enjoying recording these short videos around the intersection of communication, faith, and culture.

Brenda **Murphy** Taylor shares news of Terry **Capanna**. In August, she met up with Terry at the Jersey Shore for a day of sun and relaxation. Terry continues to work full time, remotely from home and loves her career in Oncology nursing. Her two grandsons keep her busy with all their activities.

Jeanne **Held**-Warmkessel retired in

2022 and says it has been the best decision ever. She does not miss work at all and never thought she would be so happy. They are traveling more. In 2023, they went on a Panama Canal cruise and to Europe. Jeanne spends the rest of her time catering to their pet parrot and reading novels. Sounds relaxing Jeanne!

Kim **Leibensperger** Hitchings continues to work part time as a nursing excellence consultant. Her work takes her to hospitals throughout the United States, as well as having virtual clients throughout the world! Her second grandson was born in September, and she has committed to watching him one day a week. She is also busy with her dad and his needs. In between all of that, she and her husband try to travel to Charlotte, North Carolina at least once a month to visit their other grandson. They enjoyed travelling to Ireland in 2023. In September of 2024, they plan to visit Italy with two other couples, the men of which were fraternity brothers at Lehigh. Liz **Najarian** Hutchison ‘75, is Kim’s neighbor and dear friend. Liz recently became a grandmother for the first time, a beautiful baby girl by her daughter, Meredith. Liz traveled with Kim to Ireland.

Cathy **Mazzone** Plourde’s husband, Dean, had some health issues in 2023 but after a few procedures in the spring and summer and then surgery in October, he is doing much better. Good to hear Cathy. They spent time in Alabama in June to help their daughter, Amanda, and her husband move back to Connecticut. He accepted a chief resident position at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center. They are expecting their first child at the end of March, so Cathy is going to be a grandmother! Unfortunately, they will be moving again in July. Amanda’s husband will be doing a pediatric cardiology fellowship at Penn State Health Children’s Hospital in Hershey. Cathy anticipates a lot more trips to Pennsylvania and says she might just get back to Cedar Crest at some point after all. She has been enjoying retirement since the summer of 2022.

Jane **Snyder** Borbe, M.S.N., B.S.N., R.N., F.C.N. was an R.N. to B.S.N. graduate with our class. She will soon be retiring

her R.N. license after 58 years! She says it was a difficult decision to make. In October, they moved to North Carolina to be closer to their daughter. She would like to reconnect with the other R.N. to B.S.N. students from our class so if you are reading this, please contact me as listed above so that I can put you in touch.

Marty and I had another busy year. We took a month-long road trip down the east coast in the spring and we’re still together! We visited national parks, historic sites, civil war battlefields, coastal islands, St. Augustine, Savannah, Charleston, and many places in between. Super trip! We also had a Great Lakes cruise. You could say we used this year to learn about our own country and history. It was very enlightening. Reunion was truly great! I am serving in my last term on the Cedar Crest Board of Trustees which continues to be rewarding and fulfilling. I also get to “see” Janet **Hunter** Shields every couple of months during the virtual meetings of the Partners In Nursing Committee.

Class of 1979

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Hello all. I hope all is well with you and your families. It’s so interesting to think back as I share these class notes. It feels like it was just yesterday that our class notes were about our jobs, marriages and children. And now a mere 45 years later it’s about retirement plans, health issues and grandchildren. Life seems to go full circle and hopefully in a good way.

I “retired” 2 years ago but went back to work after a month. I loved my job but was so tired of 12 hours every third weekend and working every other holiday for 44 years. So, I came back as a prn nurse on the peds floor I have worked on for over 30 years. That means I can pick my own hours. It’s perfect. I also continue to be an adjunct professor at two local colleges. I teach pediatric clinical rotation. I guess I’m not quite ready to really retire.

I have been married for 40 years and have three children and three grandchildren. My husband (a Lehigh engineer of course) babysits a lot for the grandchildren while I gallivant around taking horseback riding vacations with three wonderful friends.

So that's the scoop from my end. I appreciate those of you that have contributed to the class notes. I just think it's always important to stay connected.

Here is the news from your classmates:

Anne **Graham**

Hi Friends! Life has been going well. I had my right knee replaced in March 2023 and my left knee replaced in July 2023. Although the healing process/recovery has been lengthy, it's made me realize how important it is to keep moving! Much of 2023 was spent getting ready for surgery and going to many physical therapy sessions! My husband, Ken, was a real gem, driving me back and forth to many of my appointments and physical therapy sessions. My medical team continues to be fantastic, and I can honestly say I am so glad I had these surgeries. I've enjoyed spending time with our kids and grandchild throughout the year and I'm hoping to do a bit of traveling around the US this coming year. I guess time will tell. Anyway, wishing everyone a very Happy, Healthy Holiday Season and a splendid New Year!!

Pam **Schlenker** Van Hoesen

Mark and I and our family are all well!

One update is that Jane **Tabeling** Paterson and her husband, Bill, moved to Vero Beach, FL. which is about an hour from Jupiter, and we have been able to reconnect and play golf together. They came to visit us this summer at our lake house in upstate NY as well. We also continue to gather with several friends from Lehigh who live in the Vero Beach area, too.

Happy Holidays, Pam

From Cannie **Whittaker** Berry

My husband of 30 years, Rick, & I live at the New Jersey Shore in Brigantine,

NJ on the property my grandparents had purchased in the 1940's. We built a new house with plenty of room for family & friends to visit. We enjoy all water sports, mostly in the summer. However, on New Year's Day I did the 2024 Polar Bear Plunge to get the year off to an invigorating start! If anyone is ever in the area, please let me know! It would be great to see some CCC girlfriends!

My brother & I took over my father's lumber brokerage company after he passed. We have a great team of people with us. After 40 years with our company, I am looking forward to stepping back at the end of this year. My New Year's sights are to have fun!! A few Cedar Crest friends I have stayed in touch over the years, Chris **Brown** Boyd, Kathy **Casciano** Godshalk, Kelly **Harris** & Nancy **Yanuzzi** Cleff. And of course, my beloved sisters Margie **Whittaker** Robinson & Sally **Whittaker** Wood. I hope to be able to have more time in the future to visit CCC friends and rekindle old relationships. I use the word "old" relatively speaking of course!

I have such fond memories of Cedar Crest & look forward to visiting the campus again in the near future.

From Jane **Christie** Gibson

This is Jane **Christie** Gibson '79. This past year, I had 2 original songs copyrighted, "The Lord is Near to the Brokenhearted", and "Psalm 27". My brother, John Christie, his wife Sue, and their friend Keith Quelet sang these songs on their new album. It was an exciting time for me. Also, we had another beautiful grandchild born on September 18. Her name is Alice Elaine Gibson, and she makes grandchild #6. She joins Hannah Buniak, 11; Nicholas O'Leary, 9 1/2; James (7) and Will (4) Gibson, and Vivienne Gibson, 2. My husband David and I have been married for 46 years, and love spending time with our 5 children, their spouses, and the grandkids.

From Lisa **Snyder** LoVollue

I recently retired but still take freelance writing and editing projects of interest. It's nice to have time to travel & explore interests. I'm active in organizations that support global gender equality,

children, and Veterans. I live in Charleston, SC, and enjoy the beach, kayaking, and hiking. My son is a Coast Guard officer stationed in Guam and his recent wedding was the year's highlight.

Congratulations on your upcoming 45th Reunion! We look forward to celebrating with you at Reunion Weekend 2024 on June 7, 8, and 9, 2024.

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As I sit gazing out my window on this first snowfall of 2024, I find myself reflecting on the year ahead. For many of us, it is the year we join (yikes) the Medicare ranks. We are also in varying degrees of retirement planning. While it seems just a short while ago, we were the graduates transitioning into post-CCC existence, now we are here, evolving into another new phase of aliveness! In preparation for this column, I was inspired by correspondents from other classes and by our new Director of Alumnae/i Affairs to "engage and connect" with the alum community. In an email I sent to you in late Nov 2023 and a simultaneous Facebook post in our private class of 1981 group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/176183312439831>, I asked, "If you were to do it all over again, what would your major be today?"

I'm so appreciative of the responses returned to me by Bridget, Laura and Suzy. I do see some of your posts on social media, but have made the decision not to repost content that was not sent to me directly. Once a post is made, I suppose it is in the

public domain, but I'm not comfortable reporting without permission from the owner. Please email/snail mail, call or text me with your life updates because it is a fun way for us to continue to stay connected.

It is always a breath of fresh air to hear from Bridget **Bigatel**-Abeniacar who keeps us updated on her bi-continental lifestyle. Bridget says her life changed dramatically in 1979 when she spent her junior year abroad studying at the Universidad Complutense of Madrid. She met her Spanish/French husband of 42 years on the airplane going to Spain and they married in 1981, just before she graduated.

"Would I do anything differently? Change my major? No. Through the years I continued to further my education and built upon a solid base and adapted to a constantly changing, bi-continental circumstance. CCC professors Drs. Schneer and Halynski ingrained in me the attributes of hard work, high standards and integrity, thus allowing me to make use of my skills and knowledge while helping others along the way. My degree in Spanish and Communications continues to guide me in the discernment of hard facts amongst today's world of multimedia mayhem. All education is worthwhile and applicable throughout one's lifetime; may the youngsters entering college today understand that no matter what they choose to study, it will always have great value for them and those within their orbit."

Thank you, Bridget, for making the time to "engage and connect" with us by sending your thoughts for this edition of Class Notes.

Laura **Brown** Hamel's self-designed major in legal studies corresponded with the paralegal certification that CCC offered during the years we attended. Laura says "This was right for me then because my high school offered half-year courses in some aspects of the law and I loved it. In the work world, I quickly learned that studying the law and practicing it were two different things, but I did work as a paralegal on and off until about 1997 and retired recently after 25 years in human resources (HR). If I could have foreseen the future,

I would have gone with a business major (Wilma Mills!) since there was no HR major at that time. Even business degrees were just starting to include HR-related courses that focused on organizational development but very little on behavioral skills and human relations like the leadership training that is offered today. Thus, I returned to school in 2000 and got a second bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management. Despite the path I took, I have always agreed with the theory that the four-year discipline of college, no matter what your major, proves your worth as a productive employee and critical thinker as much, if not more, than your actual major."

Thank you, Laura. It appears CCC gave you the perfect foundation for your successful careers in both the paralegal and human resource world. Congratulations on your recent retirement. We can't wait to hear what's in store for you in 2024!

From Suzy **Buckley** Wells, I learned that she was one of only three fine arts majors in our class. Her concentration was drama. The other two fine arts majors were Kelly **Gould** (concentration in art) and Maura **McDermott** Shea (concentration in music). Suzy says her major didn't necessarily prepare her for a specific career, but it did help with her first professional position in retail when her responsibilities included creating store displays and merchandising. After her experience in retail, she went on to develop a custom window treatment business where she found her fine arts background extremely helpful in choosing fabric and designs for her customers. She operated this business for 15 years before obtaining her master's degree in Early Childhood Education at Elms College, which Suzy describes as very similar to CCC. She loved her 25-year career teaching first grade and says she definitely used her fine arts background every day. Her classroom was full of art projects and poetry, songs and laughter, and this was by far the favorite of her various careers. Suzy says she wonders if a fine arts major is still offered, but she has no doubt that if she could turn back time, she'd do it all over again. She feels that CCC provided her with not only a great education but a new confidence that she didn't have at the beginning of her

college journey. Her mother always said, "she came back a different person".

I loved reading Suzy's career path and how one opportunity opened into another. It honestly made me wish I could have had an elementary teacher as enthusiastic and fun as Suzy was with her students!

As for me, my major in Sociology and Economics minor served me well. Post-graduation, I landed a job in the business world and worked with the same company for 19 years. In 1981, it was not uncommon for organizations to offer their own internal training programs to new employees who held a bachelor's degree. I was hired as a business analyst and trained by the company. Also common at the time was the ability to move about within the company. I enjoyed the experience of working in management and staff positions, including internal auditing, sales training, and organizational development. My sociology background helped me understand organizational dynamics. After September 11, I stepped away from the business world to focus on workplace stress management. I completed a certification program in muscle and massage therapy and started my own practice. I happily worked in this area until the arrival of the pandemic. Eighteen months ago, I became a full-time caregiver for my mother. Sociology and social work are two different fields of study but do have some overlap. At this point, a social work major may have offered the better skill set for identifying resources and navigating the healthcare system. These are very valuable skills under any circumstances. However, in the final evaluation, like Bridget, Laura and Suzy, I wouldn't change a thing about my CCC major.

I'm signing off for this year, but please contact me anytime and I'll be sure to get your news into the next edition of Class Notes. We enjoy reading about your latest projects and hobbies, career updates, volunteer work, family additions, travel adventures etc. Until then, be well and be joyful.

You can find our class on Facebook as a private group where only class members may post and view content. We are listed as "Beach Party '81 (or

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I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. It's time for me to share the happenings of your classmates in 2023. Abbe **Alpaugh** DeMaio continues working for Travel Centers of America in digital marketing. She loves working the new "hybrid" model which has made the work/life balance a reality. Keeping up with the 20-somethings at work helps her feel young along with her two new knees. The surgery she says was a life changing experience. Abbe ran for public office and is politically active in securing women's and voter's rights in Ohio. Husband Bill retired, and he is taking free classes at university along with working in the community gardens. They are starting to plan retirement travel. Abbe would

appreciate recommendations for trips. Last year she was visited by Mary Ann **Drago** Hinko, Katie **Carlson** Norwine accompanied by their husbands. She can't believe that it has been 43 years since we all set foot at CCC.

Kristen **Bentson** Shovlin shares that she is recovering from breast cancer surgery and treatment. and doing very well! Thankfully, it was caught early. She is receiving personalized, expert care with her "PennMedicine" all-women team of doctors and nurses. Kris encourages everyone to get their annual mammograms! She and husband, Mike, are looking forward to daughter Elizabeth's upcoming wedding this summer, and having the bride's maid of honor and sister, Kit, currently living in England, with them for the festivities. Two years out from retirement, she and Mike have found a sweet spot on the Eastern Shore of MD's Chester River. They are making it ready for full-time living by stripping wallpaper and redoing baths & the kitchen. Motor boating and kayaking on the Chesapeake are her new favorite warm-weather activities. Kris and Mike took time to attend a Freddie Mercury Exhibit in NYC, which put a huge smile on her face. Her plans for Winter and Spring '24 include getting herself back in shape after recuperation and re-starting her role as a volunteer ESL teacher. She shares, "Enjoy the simple and wonderful moments of life, and take care of yourselves, CCC women!"

Cyndi **Blaschak** continues her involvement in civic organization in the Allentown area and CCC. Last summer, she was very proud to share her absolutely stunning 8-10 ft. sunflowers that were started from seeds. Check out the pictures on Facebook.

Tammi **Bolig** Failmezger was thrilled to return to the CCC campus last February to see "Company". A reunion with her fellow original castmates was organized by Professor Roxanne Amico. The visit brought back great memories. Tammie is an educator teaching Drama and English.

Last spring, Carolyn **Cheng** spent time in beautiful Dubrovnik, Croatia. During the summer she spent time teaching her dog, Fulton, how to swim. In her words, it was a difficult task because

he's bottom heavy and tends to sink. Her goal for Summer '24: to get Fulton to jump in the pool. Carolyn rounded out the year with a trip to NYC for a reunion with family. Eating great food, sightseeing, and singing and dancing in the streets was all part of the fun.

It was a busy year for Katie **Carlson** Norwine who spent lots of time with family. Last winter and August, it was fun in Maine. May brought excitement when she and sister, Jennifer, met up with "heart throb" actor, writer, producer, Andrew McCarthy at a book discussion of "Walking with Sam" at the Center for Creative Arts in Westfield, NJ. In October, Katie's display of whimsical witches was showcased at the public library in Cranford, N.J. Katie and husband, Mark, a musician, traveled to see The Dead at the Dead in Company at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. Finally, the Norwine's year ended with explosive pride for daughter, Emily, who successfully defended her dissertation in organic chemistry at the University of Michigan. Congratulations to Dr. Emily Norwine.

Deb **Davidson** Jessup continues advocacy for animal rights. She has shared that if you're thinking of buying a puppy, please consider one of the thousands of dogs in rescue centers across the country who are looking for a warm home with loving owners. Deb spent time in New Orleans during the Halloween season. Last year she and husband, Doug celebrated 30 years of marriage.

Mary Ann **Drago** Hinko and husband Bill, celebrated 4 years ownership of the St. James Inn in Freeport, Maine. Last year during March they took some time to travel in the U.S, while repairs were being completed on the inn. They visited Myrtle Beach, New Orleans, Austin, Chicago, Cleveland, and locations in Colorado. Mary Ann discovered the deliciousness of hickory coffee. Enjoying some of those travels with Mary Ann and Bill was Baldur, their 7-year-old dog. Baldur became a celebrity when he graced a page in the Penn State magazine where he was caught attending and enjoying the Homecoming Ice Cream Party. Finally, the Hinko's were happy to celebrate Bill's mom's 96th birthday.

Susie **Goes** Mansdoerfer caught up with fellow classmate and golfer Marynell **Kelly** Strunk for some fun in September. She also spent vacation time in NC during the year. Condolences to Susie and her family on the passing of her mom, Elaine, at the age of 85 in January.

Michaelene **Grudis** Merrill spent the year marking the monthly milestones of grandson, Sullivan, who turned one in November. The proud grandmother had granddaughter, Eloise, 6, who began 1st grade in September, pose in those photo sessions holding her little brother. Michaelene continues teaching in the at Scranton High School in Scranton, PA.

Allison **Grellier** Kramer and husband, Rick, celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary last November by spending time in beautiful Hyannis, MA. They continued their tradition of decorating their Christmas tree with beautiful Lladro bells, 35 in total. Using social media Allison continues to promote awareness on many topics.

Wayne **Hansen** and Joyce **Strobel** Hansen send greetings from the great Pacific Northwest. They share that last year was an eventful one. Wayne spent some time recovery from a cervical spine injury and surgery. In December he retired from the United States Navy Nursing Corp. He now spends his days keeping house for Joyce and their labrador, Katie, cooking, playing golf and traveling. Joyce continues to work in outpatient oncology and has become quite a Jazzercise expert. Last August, they spent 2 weeks in Kauai, HI at the Pacific Range Facility Barking Sands. Joyce was grateful to travel to NJ last fall to celebrate her mother's 81st birthday. They are happy to share that their four children are well and prospering. In the coming year, they will travel to New Orleans to visit friends, and Mexico City to attend a family wedding and celebrate their 35th anniversary. Wayne and Joyce send greetings for a safe, healthy, and happy year.

Luann **Kreider** Lavin and husband, Paul, celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary last August. In April, they attended the National Cornbread Festival in South Pittsburgh, TN.

Deb **Kurtyka** Frederick also had a busy year. She welcomed grandchild number 3, a boy. She and her siblings moved her mom back to PA from FL to be closer to family. Deb continues to work in the banking industry for Victory Bank and does so remotely. Last winter, she surprised her CCC suitemate, Andee **Schmearer**, with a box of handmade hats and headbands to help Andee's students get through the Maine winters.

Speaking of Andee **Schmearer**, she celebrated her 30th year in education last September. Andee was especially excited to be in a new building where her middle school students learn Spanish and French. She is employed in the South Portland Schools in Maine. In October, Andee celebrated 15 years as a Breast Cancer survivor. Last Christmas had a very special feeling for her family. It was the first time everyone had celebrated together since before the pandemic. Andee continues to participate in and promote awareness on social issues.

Last July, Lisa **Stancik** Arias and husband, Abel, traveled to Egypt, where they hiked the Sacred Mount Sinai. This past January, they visited Chichen-Itza in Mexico. In May, daughter Karolina graduated from Liberty University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice/homeland security. Lisa continues to do game reporting for the Atlanta Braves during training season.

In September, Marina **Stevens** Roach and husband, Phillip, of 35 years, vacationed in the British Isles. This past October, she had a great time celebrating the Halloween holiday with friends at dinners and in parades. In May, they celebrated their daughter Elizabeth's graduation from North Carolina State where she earned a master's degree in technical writing and communications.

Beth **Sunday** continues her work with the United States State Department. She is the Consular Chief at the United States Embassy in Oslo, Norway until Fall 2026. Her Christmas in Oslo was enjoyable and filled with plenty of snow. In November, she had the opportunity to deliver the White House Thanksgiving Proclamation at the American Lutheran Church. Prior to her arrival in Norway, Elizabeth was stationed at the embassy

in Karachi, Pakistan. Her niece's wedding brought her stateside for a few days in September. The event had the family quite excited to see the wedding gown designed and sewn by the bride herself.

Jennifer **White** Sullivan continues to reside in China with husband, John. Last year their adventures started in Seoul, Korea where they celebrated the New Year. Returning to China, February brought activities celebrating the Year of the Rabbit. June found them at the Chengdu Panda Base Wildlife Sanctuary. September found fun in Beijing at the Happy Autumn Moon Festival. October travels to Tibet where they were able to see traditional everyday Tibetan dress and travel on the roads with The Yak as their roadside companion. Other Tibetan stops included Namtso Lake, the Tashi Monastery, and Lhasa. November found them at Zhangjiajie National Forest Park, the Brickyard Retreat at Mutianyu Great Wall in Beijing, and hiking in Beigou. In May, Jennifer and John were stateside where they celebrated their daughter Casey's college graduation in Washington, DC. The proud occasion was followed up by a trip to Bermuda.

As for me, after years of splitting our time between NJ and SC, Glenn and I officially moved in June 2023 to the Myrtle Trace Development, a 55+ community, which is rich with beautiful trees, ponds and wildlife just outside of Myrtle Beach in South Carolina. We like the community, but I am searching on Google for NJ Novelty plates to put on the front of our cars. Once a Jerseyite always as a Jerseyite.

We have been fortunate to find a church that we are very comfortable attending. I have joined the choir and the monthly book club. It has been a great way to meet new people and return to a foundation we have long missed.

In December, we officially adopted 8-month-old Pawley, a white Lab mix. He joins Ivory, our 8-year-old white lab, adopted 2 years ago. They both bring joy to us each day with their antics and personalities. If you have the ability, there is a beautiful, unconditional, loving relationship awaiting you at your nearest pet shelter.

In May, I returned to Cedar Crest for Alumnae/i Reunion Weekend. It was the first time in 20 years on campus. How the campus has progressed to meet the needs of today's students. I caught up with former roommate, Kim **Hatesaul** Deluca '83, and others such as Martha **Standish** Kirby '83, Ginny **Pityo** Mihalik '76, Nancy **Yanuzzi** Cleff '80, and Karen **Long** Wagner '83.

I hope you have enjoyed catching up on the Class of 1984. I would like to hear from you anytime during the year. Please save my contact information listed at the top of our class column or reach out to me through Facebook. Please remember that I collect the class tidbits the first two weeks of each new year. You can keep the Alumnae/i Office updated on your information by contacting 1-888-902-3327. I leave you with this thought.

"Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle." - Christian D. Larson

Congratulations on your upcoming 40th Reunion! We look forward to celebrating with you at Reunion Weekend 2024 on June 7, 8, and 9, 2024.

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Truly hope you all are happy and healthy while reading this.

Heard from Linda **Moffit** Resnick:

Her husband Paul retired in November. Linda continues to travel to California

every 4 months to visit her daughter who moved from the Bay Area to south of Los Angeles. She is also teaching fitness and personal training, specializing in cancer patients. Awaiting the graduation of their two sons from college in 2025. Life is good!

Caroline **Crease** shared good news:

Caroline went on a cruise to Aruba and Curacao. It was a Botti at Sea Jazz Cruise, so great music and great destinations.

Maryann **Paulicelli** Cioffari:

Has a lot to celebrate. She turned 60 at the end of January. Most of us will be celebrating this big birthday as well. Her daughter got engaged and is thrilled. Maryann and her husband plan to travel more now that they have an empty nest. Maryann would like to get together with Jersey girls anytime. She does get together with Sue Stroffolino but mostly over the summer months.

On a sad note, Heidi **Kramps** Fox lost her dad late in 2023. Unfortunately, I know how difficult this is and send my sympathy to Heidi and her family.

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I wanted to extend my thanks to those who sent an update on their lives. With all the overlapping social media platforms, it seems almost impossible that there is news you have not heard from the CCC alumnae, but hopefully, you will see something "new" here.

Lisa **Greene** Thomas wrote that she and her husband moved from the Lehigh Valley to be closer to Philly. As their nest empties out, they are happy to be in an area where they can walk to local businesses and take mass transit into the city. They are trying more varied restaurants and seeing more shows. Their eldest daughter, Vicky Thomas Tyrell (CCC Class of 2009) is a practicing Psychiatrist and has given them the gift of 2 grandchildren. Their second daughter is working

as an attorney in NJ and planning a wedding in April. Their older son just graduated and is currently the Assistant Aquatics Director at the local YMCA. Their youngest, who is studying chemical engineering, is in his 3rd year at Drexel and is now able to come home more often – on the train. Lisa and her husband continue to keep her husband's gaming company running (Onyx Path Publishing) and they enjoy as much time with family and friends as they can.

Debbie **Wilbur** Joseph is still with Thermo Fisher Scientific, currently working as a Senior Manager in a strategic finance project role. Debbie's husband Jim works for Verizon. While they both are starting to think about retirement, they have no definite plans – yet. Their son, James, finishes the seminary in June and will get an assignment in Virginia at that time. Their daughter, Megan, will be getting married in October and is currently living in Morristown and working for Prudential. 2024 will be a big year for Debbie's family. Debbie sees Lisa **Tinucci** Barnett a few times a year and she is in contact with Diane **Smith** Briones, Mary Jane **Zehnder** Smith, and Jennifer **Kroeber** Tse; seeing them when she can locally or Diane when she's in Florida.

In 2022, Jennifer **Kroeber** Tse finished her third term (nine years) as a CCC trustee. In October 2023, their oldest son and his wife made Jennifer and her husband grandparents. Their second son lives and works in Phoenix, AZ and their third son works in NYC. Jennifer and her husband do quite a bit of traveling now and enjoy golfing vacations. Jennifer is in contact with Mary Jane **Zehnder** Smith, Debbie **Wilbur** Joseph, and Diane **Smith** Briones.

Lisa **Tinucci** Barnett is still working as an ER nurse. Their daughter Keri is a junior nursing major at West Chester, where she plays lacrosse and loves it! Lisa is hoping this summer she can get an externship in the Crozier ER. Their daughter, Sami, lives in Brick, NJ and she also works in an ER. Sami, who is really into weightlifting and currently snowboarding, will graduate this spring with her MSN. Their son Bobby and his wife recently bought a home and are

busy with their home and their puppies. Lisa saw Debbie Joseph and Dallas this past year and shared that Dallas has not missed any of her girls' lax games at Bloomsburg yet! Kudos to Lisa! Lisa gets the award for doing the most to help with the nursing shortage.

Stephen and I are going to mark our 9th year in Boise, ID in 2024. We have watched the area experience tremendous growth, even in our short tenure here. Stephen and I continue to provide anesthesia care at St. Luke's Boise. Our triathlon hobby fills our free time and we have some new races on the calendar. My family is still in the Lehigh Valley, so we get back regularly. I had the pleasure of seeing Dee **Leibman** Heydt on a recent visit. She looks great! If you are ever in Idaho, please give me a call.

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Happy 2024, and Happy 35th
Anniversary, Class of '89!

At the moment, it is mid-January, and we've finally gotten some snow here in southeastern PA, after more than 2 years without! I'm writing this column with a blanket on my lap and my dog lying on my feet. Hope you are somewhere warm by the time you read this! I was so happy to receive updates from numerous classmates:

Noelle **Fortna** is doing well—she works for Lancaster County here in PA. Her exciting news is that her oldest daughter is planning a wedding this year!

Janet **Sebia** Gasser is also in wedding planning mode! Her youngest son AJ is getting married this summer. Oldest son Jerry just celebrated his 4th anniversary. No grand babies yet, but she does have grand doggies! They've finally started traveling internationally, now that everyone is out of college, and is looking forward to more family adventures with her sons and daughters-in-law. Janet also pointed out to me that we are now the same age as Archie Bunker and Mrs. Roper—yikes!!

Martina **Obenski** has been quite busy since her Cedar Crest student days! She shared the following: "Following graduation from the PORTAL (old term) program with my BSN, I completed a master's in nursing education from Lehman College in the Bronx. I was hired as an Assistant Professor in the Nursing Department at Cedar Crest in 1991 where I had the pleasure of networking with exceptional faculty and dedicated students. In 2001, I completed a degree as a Legal Nurse Consultant and accepted the position of Quality and Risk Manager within the St. Luke's system. I have been retired from the healthcare field for a number of years but keep very busy as a Board member with two organizations, acting as a Standardized Patient for the Lehigh Valley Hospital, gourmet cooking for my husband and visiting our 8 grandchildren who are scattered all over the country. I so enjoyed my time at Cedar Crest, both as an undergraduate and then faculty. Today it is always fun to run into former colleagues and students to chat and laugh about the 'good old days.'"

Ellen **Wills** is living in Maine and working as a quality auditor for long- and short-term disability at Dearborn Group. Her daughter Megan is a sophomore at St. Michael's College in Burlington VT. She's hoping to see everyone at reunion!

I also heard from Kim **Dietz**, who writes: "I live outside of Seattle in Maltby, a small rural town at the edge of the metropolitan region, with my husband and English bulldog. I have a daughter in Portland, Oregon who is completing her second master's in data management, adding on to her MS in Marine Biology. Her focus is DNA

and statistics. I'm a Principal Planner with the City of Redmond – home to Microsoft. This January, I started a new role in the Economic Development and Business Operations team, as their small business coordinator. I'm thrilled to be serving the city as it grows exponentially. Helping small businesses manage change, grow and relocate within the city, and explore innovative business models brings great meaning to me each and every day. This is in addition to serving as the Historic Preservation Officer and Cultural Resources Coordinator through which I manage historic property preservation and connect with local Tribes to ensure protection of any discovered prehistoric resources. Redmond is on the global archaeological map with a site showcasing 14,000 years of human presence. Cedar Crest provided a foundation, helping me prepare for holistic leadership roles like these. I'd love to tour CC alums around the Seattle and Redmond area. Perhaps, I can also help connect interns and recent grads with local employment. Feel free to write me at kdietz@redmond.gov."

Gina **Toth** Becker has had a lot happen over the last few years. In 2020, her case management position was eliminated, after almost 19 years at the same company and going through a few corporate changes on the masthead. Her mom Carole Toth's health started to deteriorate from her chronic liver disease, and she ended up in the hospital, rehab, and then eventually moving in with Gina and her husband. Gina was fortunate to be able to care for her in their home until her death in June of 2021. Gina had the most amazing nurses, therapists, and caregivers to help with her mom's care during the last year of her life. She has now been working as a Private Duty Nurse for Bayada Pediatric Home Care, since the fall of 2021, working with special needs children. She loves what she does, and the families and children she works with.

In July of 2022, her husband Steve was in a very serious motorcycle accident during a charity ride and was hospitalized for 80 days between the hospital and the inpatient rehabilitation hospital. Both facilities provided excellent care and allowed her to be

with him every day after work. He was able to come home with nursing care and therapies and eventually graduate to outpatient therapy. He has some physical limitations, but considering where he started, they are so blessed that he can speak, walk, and do some of the activities he enjoys. They have also enjoyed the blessing of having some wonderful dogs in their lives. Shane (their Lemon Beagle), whom they had from a puppy, crossed the rainbow bridge at the age of almost 13 years in March 2023. They had their first rescue Bella (Beagle) from 2016-2020. They adopted their second rescue, Jio (a Beagle Foxhound mix), in November of 2022 and their third rescue, Cletus (a Basset hound) in May 2023. These sweet doggies have brought so much joy to their home and have really helped Steve through his recovery. Gina says, "I am looking forward to coming back to campus for Reunion 2024 and seeing all of you for our 35th!"

All is well on my end, as Mark and I have settled into empty nest life! All three children are on the opposite side of the state, with our sons living and working in Pittsburgh and our daughter in her second year at Pitt. Our dog and cat make me feel like I am still raising toddlers, however! Getting ready for yet another prom and yet another Europe trip (France and Switzerland this time!) with a big group of teenagers, so if you've been reading my updates over the years, you know that's nothing new! I'm continuing my countdown to retirement and am now looking at 4 more years.

You are all in my heart as we mark our 35th anniversary this year. I'm so grateful for all that I learned and all the friendships among our class and those classes that were with us during our years on campus. I love being able to connect us all through these class notes—please keep the updates coming! Please reach out to me at cbigs10@gmail.com or via social media (Facebook or Instagram). I hope to be able to attend Reunion 2024, and hope that you will, too! Have a healthy and safe year!

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As I write this, the forecast here in Phoenixville is for steady snow showers, a high of 30 degrees, with projections of 3 to 6 inches of accumulation. Today, Friday, is actually the second school "snow day" we've enjoyed this year.

All of this takes me back to one of my fondest memories of our time at Cedar Crest. I vividly recall a significant snowstorm during our senior year that brought everything to a standstill one weekend. I am so glad that I decided to go for a walk on campus that morning, in the storm's aftermath, and take in the beautifully serene silence of our white-shrouded buildings and grounds. The only motion I registered was small clumps of snow occasionally dropping from high tree branches bending and swaying under the weight of the accumulation. I don't know that I have experienced a peaceful moment like this since!

Do you remember this snowstorm or others like it? Did you treasure the fall or the springtime on campus? Perhaps, for our next class update, we can share some favorite outdoor memories of our beautiful home-away-from-home in Allentown. If something strikes you, please email me anytime!

In the meantime, I was once again delighted to hear from many of you for Class Notes and hope the communication trend continues.

I'm still teaching eighth grade language arts at Upper Merion Area Middle School and loving it. My oldest daughter, Miranda, is in the Teacher Academy at her high school and will be coming in to "shadow" her mom for the day in March. I can't wait! Otherwise, I'm bracing myself for major family changes as she heads off to college in the fall (location TBD!), followed shortly after by my daughter Jade, who is currently a junior in high school.

Here is the latest news received from our 1993 classmates:

Sharon Miller Foster currently lives in Atlanta, Ga., with her husband, David, and son, Conover (8). Currently, she volunteers as President of the Carnegie Mellon University Atlanta Alumni Network, and volunteers for the Atlanta Boys Choir. Sharon looks forward to a successful job search in 2024 and return to work this year. She says, "Wishing you all love, peace, and happiness in 2024!" Right back at you, Sharon!

Katee **Davis** Santoro enjoyed our thirtieth reunion in May and is grateful to the classmates who put the activities together, such as our memorable Painting with a Twist class painting party. She says, "I need to work on my painting skills before we gather again!" (I personally think the artistic results of that gathering – and the accompanying laughs – were fantastic!) Katee had a "full circle moment" last summer as she hosted Susie **Brennan** Grau and her daughter, Julia, as they toured colleges around the Lehigh Valley, and heard updates from Kara **Butcavage** Perzel on her son's choices. It feels like we were just making our own college decisions yesterday. Katee adds, "In 2024, I continue my COVID-inspired reading binge and enjoy sharing titles with Sue **Joep** Busch and Nancy **Gobrecht** Hoffman when we find a great book or meme. I feel lucky to be in the area where Katrina **Bentz** Fritz manages her massage therapist practice. For the locals – she is incredible and I wish I had more free Saturdays to zen out with her." As someone who was honored to be a volunteer subject for Katrina when she was completing her professional training, I wholeheartedly concur!

Marilyn R. **Bast** Mazsa writes, "I married George Mazsa three months after our '93 graduation. Since then, my three sons have graduated from high school and college: Kutztown University, West Virginia University, and University of Maryland respectively. The younger two sons are married with children, the eldest son is in a committed relationship. We have eight grandchildren ages 6 to 26, living in three different states. I worked for an engineering firm, an information company, a Lutheran Church and a church cemetery, in each as a bookkeeper. I also spent a year in a boat dealership securing bank loans for clients and as a notary – registering boat sales with the state. George, a chemical engineer from Lehigh University, spent 22 years as a manufacturing engineer. But his job (and the company) left the Lehigh Valley and went abroad; we did not. He returned to school for his BS in nursing (starting his coursework at CCC) and spent 11 years working in long-term care. In 2021 we retired, sold the house, and moved to Florida to be near my sister and family. We volunteer three

days a week, go fishing or boating the other two, swim almost every day, and enjoy friends and cocktails on the riverside pool deck whenever the weather permits us. Church and volunteer work at church are also part of our life. We kept the family home on the New Jersey shore, so summers are spent there, where we enjoy more boating, visiting with and entertaining family and friends." Sounds absolutely idyllic, Marilyn!

Jenni **Cotignola** Clark reports, "I am a GRANDMA! My daughter Abby Clark Richards gave birth to Alana Joy Richards on August 12, 2023. Joe and I officially became 'empty nesters' this year. Sam had been living with his friends for a while but has officially packed up his stuff and moved it there, and Julia and her boyfriend moved in together in time for the holidays. Now I have a new exercise room and a guest room, so my granddaughter can come visit! Joe and I celebrated 30 years of marriage this summer with a driving/camping trip from NJ to Virginia Beach and back with stops at campgrounds and B&Bs along the route, and then had a family getaway during the Christmas break with kids and siblings and cousins in a cabin in West Virginia. Joe is still with Rutgers, and the nonprofit I founded, StarThrower Group, just celebrated five years with a Gala that was both a fundraiser and an awards celebration, recognizing many of the business community partners who have helped us make a difference along the way. I am so blessed to be able to work with the young adults we serve, and I am looking forward to making some waves this year – improving how NJ treats and serves young adults with special needs with regards to finance, career, inclusion, independence, and marriage equality. Follow us on social media to learn more @starthrowergroup." Congratulations on these family and professional milestones, Jenni!

I was so happy to hear once again from Shane **Ryan** Bartholomew, who shares, "In 2018 I graduated from post graduate school with an MSN in Family Practice Nursing. I currently work as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner in Neurology. My youngest (18yo) is in her first year of college and my oldest (27) is a long-haul trucker loving his life

right now." In 2024, Shane is looking forward to "continuing with my personal and professional growth and supporting my kids in their endeavors."

Jennifer **Werkheiser** Timar writes, "My husband and I will celebrate 29 years of marriage in April 2024. Our four children are thriving – the oldest two are adults, the younger two are going to be entering high school. I am celebrating 20 years with the Gift of Life Donor Program, where I have worked as a Transplant Coordinator. Supporting donor families and beginning the process of life-saving organ transplantation are a passion of mine." She adds, "I will be transitioning to a new role at Gift of Life, becoming Faculty for the Gift of Life Institute. This opportunity will allow me to share all I have learned from donor families and recipients with organ transplant colleagues across the US and around the world." Thanks, Jennifer! It's so exciting to hear about you and other classmates enjoying the fruits of their labors on both the family and professional fronts.

Peace until next time, classmates! I look forward to more inspiring updates from you all for future editions of Class Notes.

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Hi all! Can't believe it's almost been 25 years since we graduated! I'm excited to share that I recently took a new position at Ambry Genetics as their first national Genomic Science Liaison. It's an opportunity to work with our national accounts who are ordering hereditary cancer genetic testing as well as travel the country! I'd love to reconnect with my CCC sisters so feel free to reach out and maybe we can meet up the next

time I'm heading your way! Candace
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I hope that the new year is treating everyone well. I will be starting my next chapter back at Cedar Crest this January. I will be attending the Master of Arts in Art Therapy low-residency program. I am eagerly looking forward to this next step in my life. If you have any information that you would like to include in the next issue of the Class Notes, please let me know.

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Hello Class of 2001! I hope you are all well and heading in to 2024 with happy hearts and clear minds. I spent all of 2023 in treatment for my second bout with breast cancer. I was diagnosed in September 2022 with triple negative breast cancer. I had a bilateral mastectomy on December 30, 2022 (what a way to end the year!) and began chemotherapy treatments in February 2023. I "graduated" from chemotherapy in July 2023. I have been doctoring with various 'after-care' in the months since; having most recently been confirmed/diagnosed with lymphedema. My family (especially my mom) and my CCC sisters have been my rocks and my support through it all. I cherish the

friendship and sisterhood with each of you. This cancer journey also included a "partner" (I use that term VERY loosely) leaving and many changes in my household and life. I have most recently started a new career path with an agency whose mission encompasses empowerment, collaboration, inclusion, excellence and growth. I will be working with families on their journeys to foster and adopt kiddos in our area. (Note: it's been about 1 month, and I'm beyond thrilled and blessed with this path so far!) Wishing all of you a happy and healthy new year! Be sure to send me updates via email or Facebook for our next Class Notes publication!

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Hello 2002 classmates from your Class Correspondent Jenn Russo! I hope you are all doing well. This year was a year of new beginnings for me. After 10 years of employment as a Library Assistant, I finally took the leap and was accepted into the Master's in Library Science and Information graduate program at the University of South Florida. I am now in my 3rd semester and loving every bit of the program. In November I accepted the role of Community Outreach Librarian at the Winter Park Library, in Winter Park, FL (where I have worked for the past 10 years). This new position brings me out into the community where I am able to engage our citizens and bring all the library has to offer right to them.

Barb Colvin shared that: "2023 was a busy year full of new beginnings and lots of family time. Professionally, I started off the year by joining the board of directors for an amazing non-profit called Joyful Giving. In July I started a new role as the Director of Global Mobility for a global pharmaceutical company. My work has been focused on the design and strategy of a corporate relocation

program supporting our global employee population. I love the work that I do because it truly dives into the personal aspects of HR and I really get to know my client group, which consists of employees and their families. I ended the year accepting an additional board of directors seat for another Lehigh Valley based non-profit called the Fine Feather Foundation.

As a family we spent lots of time outdoors and experienced new activities and places. We love a great adventure and spending time together outside of work and school!

I'm looking forward to 2024 which will be filled with lots of travel for both work and family time."

She wishes the class of 2002 and all other classes a joyful, healthy and peaceful 2024!

Julie **Hayman** says:

"Hi! I started my own counseling practice at the end of 2023: Leadingwithlovetlc.com." She is very proud of this accomplishment, as it was "a long time coming!"

Shannon **McElroy** sends a hello siblings and says "I am happy to report that my wife and I have put down some permanent roots in Orlando, FL and bought a house downtown in November. New nephew Carter James joined the crew in September and niece Ava May turned one in July. I'm still doing the good work in DEI at Orlando Health and my Health Equity Program won an award from the APHA in November. We will be published sometime this year. Always spending inordinate amounts of time with sisters Jenn **Russo** and Alea **Schroeder**. Come visit us!"

Kira **Baughman** Jabri has this to share, "My husband Carmine and I celebrated the 10th anniversary of our company, EMMA International Consulting Group. It has been an interesting journey in the FDA compliance space. We recently decided to expand our entrepreneurial passion and purchase Top Body Med Spa (@topbodydetroit). Our daughter, Emma, is enjoying her last year of elementary school and is very excited to enter middle school. If any of my CCC sisters ever find yourself in metro-

Detroit please stop by for some self-care!"

On a personal note, I hope that 2024 is a year of all the best things for each of you! Please stay in touch. I would love to hear from all of you!

Thanks,

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I went to my first "post-secondary prep" meeting this fall. Yes, my oldest daughter is now thinking about college. It's amazing how things come full circle. And, after barely attending middle school (COVID), I thought she was heading downhill, but she has really been focusing on her schoolwork since being in high school and I am

impressed with her efforts. She even let me give her constructive criticism on her five-page paper for her sociology class! As much as I love my job, that's the part that I miss from teaching. Also coming full circle is driving lessons. I am not a fan. The only thing harder than being in full control of a multi-thousand-pound vehicle is NOT being in control of a multi-thousand-pound vehicle. Overall, my life is all over the place, so I am basking in the mundane right now; it is much preferred over some of the excitement lately.

Angela **Caravella** seems to LOVE excitement on the other hand – she makes me jealous with her adventures. From Angela: Here's a ditty for the CCC alum newsletter: I spent 29 days of my 40th birthday year on a cruise ship! I visited Southampton UK, Vigo Spain, Lisbon Portugal, Tenerife and Lanzarote Canary Islands, Halifax NS, Galveston TX, Orlando FL, Roatan Honduras, Cozumel and Costa Maya Mexico, Nassau Bahamas, Labadee Haiti, and Falmouth Jamaica. It was great getting together with alum Rebecca Milford (**Smith**) for some crafting before my transatlantic cruise. It's always a blast when Amie **Fox** '03, Heather **Quire** '04, Tiffany Lynn **Stevens** '06, Amber Chiafulio (**Zehner**) '04/'06, Patti Bauerle (**Cilwik**) '05 and I can gather and re-live the CCC magic! Visiting the Players Club of Swarthmore this year to support Heather **Timberman** '06 as Director and Karen **Cook** '06 as Producer of Godspell was a phenomenal experience!

Erica **Drescher** Fleming hasn't updated in a couple years so "I guess I have a bunch to report. I have a new-ish job (since 2021) - I'm the Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning in the College of Information Sciences and Technology at Penn State. I'm also working on a PhD in Curriculum and Instruction (should finish my coursework this year) and had an article and book chapter published in 2023. So, kinda cool. Fam is the same - kids are legit adults/almost adults (23 and 17), and Adam and I just celebrated our 22nd anniversary. There ya go. Updated."

Jessica **Hazel** Snyder is "in my second year as an Activity Assistant for a small nursing home. The residents and my boss make it worthwhile. My husband

and I have been married 11 years and we have an 11-year-old cat."

Remember folks, even no update is update enough for us, like Courtney and Christy, so glad to hear that they are just carrying on as usual.

Courtney Lomax:

"Hi! I don't have anything new really to put in notes. Just doing the same old thing."

Christy Kruk:

"Nothing new other than a new vehicle lol.

Next year we are going to be getting together for our 20 (!!!) year reunion. I look forward to seeing everyone then and figuring out who I can pass this torch on to. Or maybe we can put together a better email list! Or do you all just want me to handwrite letters to you? Maybe that'll be next year. Make sure we have your updated mailing address, and we'll start sending out letters/postcards at Thanksgiving to get the updates by January. Enjoy your year and see you soon!!"

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Best wishes for a wonderful 2024! I look forward to hearing from more of you this year. Please send me a message now before you forget! For this edition of Class Notes, I asked how you did or will celebrate your 40th birthday!

I am still working on my birthday plans. In 2023, we celebrated our 5th wedding anniversary in Mexico with a friend who was married the weekend after us. We welcomed our son in September 2023 and look forward to finalizing his adoption this year! My mother has already come to visit twice and has a 3rd trip planned. She's loving spending time with her first grandchild.

In March, Becky **Kennedy** Shane traveled for business to Anchorage, Alaska. She volunteers at her sons' school as a room parent and my church in the Sunday school classes.

On the family front, in the summer of 2023, they visited three National Parks: Aztec Ruins, Mesa Verde, and Great Sand Dunes. This year they plan to visit Mt. Rushmore and Devils Tower monuments, as well as Wind Cave, Theodore Roosevelt, Badlands, and Rocky Mountain National Parks. She plans to take her birthday off work and do a ton of self-care!

Sarah **Magner** Kuhn welcomed a baby girl into her family in July 2023. They are now a family of 5!

Missy **Sturtevant** Mae-Ng recently started a private therapy practice and is enjoying the work flexibility. "My family got to visit Carly Hampton's and see their two cuties - Arlo and Asa." She would love to pick a cause and invite friends to donate to it as a way of celebrating her 40th! She is now thinking about which cause to pick.

Melissa **Bodnar** Arifaj is in her 18th year in education. She has happily returned to the classroom as a math instructional support teacher. She loves spending time with her husband and three girls, Payton (9), Jordan (7), and Abby (4). "I have taken up learning how to tap dance as I enter my 40s...gotta remain spry! It has been fun and rather humbling. I have returned to the Cedar Crest Alumnae Association as the third Vice President, and I am excited to once again serve the College and our alumnae." She is looking for ideas to celebrate her 40th. We are both open to suggestions!!

BA **Ciccolella** writes "This past December, two of my martial arts students received their black belts. This wouldn't normally be super notable here, as it's not about me, but they are the first students that I have taught (before as an assistant instructor, and now as a black belt) where I was actually in attendance for their first class ever as white belts a few years ago, and I'm so super proud of them and all of their growth over these last few years! Apparently, I will be eligible to test for my second dan this August. We'll see how that goes."

Kelsey **Brand** Nieto finalized the adoption of their little boy in November! "He's now 9 months old and getting into everything! So thankful for Aunt

Jill (**Churchill** Galloway) and Aunt Erin (**Johnson** Kaleta) for their wisdom and support. We got to take our little to meet my husband's family in Oregon and meet Aunt Jill and Aunt Erin in Arizona (with all their kiddos). My parents are adoring being grandparents and spoiling him rotten." She celebrated her 40th with a party at home - the theme was soup night. Everyone brought different soups or foods to go with soups. They played a few games. "Of course, I wore sequins and a tiara."

Erin is enjoying the sunshine still in Arizona, still happy working at Mayo Clinic and enjoying watching her three kids grow! They went to Saguaro as their 21st National Park on their quest to see all 63, and adopted two baby holland lop bunnies this year, Bunsen and Beaker, who are ridiculously cute. She is planning to hit Haleakala and Hawaiian Volcanoes National Parks, hopefully ringing in the big day at the mountaintop!

Vanessa **Shown** Bush has been happily working at Moderna for the past 2 years. This year she started a new role in their Individualized Neoantigen Therapy division. They are in Phase 3 clinical trials for this new therapy which provides individual mRNA treatment for cancer patients. "I'm very excited to be part of this amazing team bringing lifesaving treatments to cancer patients worldwide! I'm also on the hunt for a new home for me and my 2 boys who are now 14 and 10...both taller than me! It's been a long, hard, and stressful journey but I am ready for my next adventure. I'm also already looking forward to our BIG reunion in a few short years and being back to my true home on the CCC campus." Erica **Moser** Germani will join her on a trip to Norway in June to celebrate their 40th birthdays. "Not only that we're celebrating nearly 20 years of incredible friendship. I don't know where I would be without her and can't wait for the next 20 years and for our upcoming trip!!"

Dawn **Sadler** had a baby boy on March 30, 2022. She is going on 17 years with DuPont, now called Chemours. She celebrated her birthday by working night shift then celebrating a dear friend getting married the next day. The plan is to go on a friends and family cruise at

the end of 2024!

Nani **Watimar** Grimmer says, "2023 was an exciting year! I was promoted to a Director position in the Justice Practice Area of RTI International, leading a program of individuals specialized in project and product management for our government clients. I also completed my MBA at North Carolina State University. After graduating, I got back into running, completing a local half marathon and achieved the goal of running a 5k race every month with my daughter! I'm looking forward to 2024, where I will be focusing on health, whole body wellness, and growing in my new role at work." She plans to celebrate her birthday with chocolate cake and good company!

Karen **Cook** and Heather **Timberman** remain perpetually busy with theater. Heather directed her dream musical "Godspell" last summer and is already pitching shows for next season. She's also stage managed and lighting designed several projects. Karen has been busy with lots of sound design but is ready to take a break from shows for a bit after a recent health scare. She ultimately got some good news but encourages everyone to not put off their preventative health care! Karen and Jess **Balk-Huffines** left their spouses at home and ran off to the Florida Keys for a week to celebrate their 40ths. They hopped in a cherry red Mustang, swam with dolphins, pet giant isopods, visited the sea turtle hospital, ate conch fritters 5 days in a row, and of course Jess made new friends everywhere she went. Heather doesn't have plans set for her own 40th yet, but it's sure to include fun and friendship.

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Jessica **Millar** Rich and her husband,
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William Rich, into the world on July 13,
2023.

Emily **Bergey** Dewberry married her
husband in October of 2022, and they
welcomed their son, Lincoln, into the
world on August 18, 2023.

Amanda **Weaver** Fortune and her
husband, Christian Fortune, welcomed
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Alexis **Bordeaux**: "I am currently working
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be married to my high school sweetheart
this October!"

Victoria **Kohn** DeBard: "I got married
in September and moved into my new
house."

Alicia **Lodato**: "I closed on my first home
in November of 2022. I am looking
forward to graduating from my master's
program at Rutgers and starting the CPA
exam."

Jonique **Pace** Wolfe: "I got married
in May 2023; I'm still employed at
Northampton County CYF. This year, I
hope to buy a home with my husband."

Jennifer **Schreiner**: "I graduated
in December 2022 from California
University of PA (Pennsylvania Western
University) with Master of Education in
Applied Behavioral Analysis - Autism.
I am now working as a Licensed
Behavioral Specialist Consultant. I look
forward to continuing to build my career
and personal goals in 2024."

Cecelia **Wright**: "I currently work at Cedar
Crest College as the office coordinator
for the Arts & Humanities Departments,
and I celebrated my 1-year work

anniversary in September. My fiancé
and I also celebrated our 1-year house
anniversary; we closed on it in October
2022. We have been together for 12
years and will be getting married this
upcoming May."

Kendra **Wyatt**: "Since graduating in
2021, I am proud to say that I now work
for the Community Action Agency of
Delaware County Inc. as a Housing
Stability Counselor and Case Manager.
My program is called Finally Home.
I work with homeless populations,
specifically homeless individuals who
struggle with substance abuse. My role
is to find them permanent housing and
provide them with financial assistance
with rent and utilities amongst other
important functions. Prior to this, I was
working as a Mental Health Technician
at KidsPeace psychiatric hospital."

Daria **Warner**: "Since graduating in
2021, I have graduated with two
master's degrees, my MBA and my
MMS. I now work as an HR Generalist
at McNees Wallace & Nurick, LLC and
very much enjoy my job. Lastly, I am
still recovering from my knee injury that
I incurred in the spring of 2021 but am
now able to run pain-free for the first
time in over 2.5 years."

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We understand that this has been a difficult time for many of our alumnae as they juggle changes to their schedules, family and work lives, and overall responsibilities. If you were not able to submit a column for this issue, but would like to collect news and send an individual column to your class, the Office of Alumnae/i Affairs will be happy to work with you. Please email us at alumnae@cedarcrest.edu for assistance.

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Dorothy Trussel Simmons '41
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 Helen Tompkins Keeler '46
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 Mildred Luckhardt Kenney '47
 Joanne Stewart Albright '48
 Joan Herder Glascott '48
 Alice Mason Spivey '49
 Joyce Williams Hensley '50
 Audrey Roling Papatsos '50
 Dorothy Thomas Ayan '51
 Nancy Weiler Fina '51
 Joan Lang Houston '51
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 Jean Fabian Torongo '51
 Nancy Taylor Liehr '53
 Margery Goldstein Rosenberg '53
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 Mildred Hamm Weiss '54
 Shirlee Zettle Boselli '55
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 Carol Christensen Gregory '55
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 Elayne Duick Eberhart '57
 Barbara Fister Graf '57
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 Betsy Heller Burrowes '58
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 Marylyn Gorton Gordon '58
 Ruth Andrew Harvey '58
 Joan Roth Lichtenstein '58
 Dolores Tubio Schiesser '58
 Barbara Mabus Stevens '58
 Joyce Webb Wells '58
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 Elaine Oberkotter Harmon '59
 Isabella Rhoades Trerotola '59
 Gloria Medgie Brunen '60

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 Rhoda Melega Varga '63
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 Margaret Laird Kronus '64
 Carole Kuhns Smalley '64
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 Mary Jane Hill Taylor '84
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 Debra Silfies Siekonic '93
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