The College of Liberal Arts

CLASSNOTES

James Dewart C’48, T’51 shares that he celebrated his 90th birthday this past July.

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I regret having geographically misplaced Eugene Snyder. He told me he does not live in New Jersey as I had averred but rather continues to live in Amityville, Long Island, and also spends time at his lake house in Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania. He says Morgan will be getting her master’s next year, and although tuition will stop, student loans will kick in.

Rolf Ahlers recently celebrated a birthday at home at Lake George. His wife baked a cake, and salmon and sparkling wine were also served. His older son, with wife and children, and Rolf’s younger son, Marcus, also attended.

Maury Green says he attended a family event in Tucson, Arizona, where the temperature was 110 degrees! As for us Northern Californians, it was 113 degrees on Friday, September 1, during a week of 100 degrees plus.

Llew Pritchard writes the following: I continue to represent the bishops of the western jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church in their fight on behalf of LGBT clergy. We were successful in sustaining the election of the first lesbian bishop, the Rev. Dr. Karen Oliveto C’80, G’91, ’02. At 80, I am still practicing law. Jonie (Ashby) Pritchard C’59 and I have recently celebrated our 58th wedding anniversary.

Marion Copeland sent the following message: I thought you might be interested in this issue of Dakin Stories from the Dakin Humane Society in Massachusetts, especially the lovely tribute to yours truly on page 3. Nick’s Nursery is actually more interesting, and it—like Dakin—can always use your support. There’s no such thing as a retired board member! The PDF version of the Dakin Stories can be found at dakinhumane.org/dakin-stories-magazine.html.

Ellen M. deLalla edelalla@verizon.net
I have not received any news from our class members, so you’ll have to put up with mine.

During this past June, with paid help, I finally cleaned my basement. It was worth every penny spent. I admit that I tossed all my college texts, class notes, etc., but saved some of the artwork I created when I bravely took Mrs. Korn’s art history and drawing class. I was surprised to find that my mother had saved every one of the letters I wrote home from college—nearly 200 of them. A true blast from the past. Did I really want to read them? Of course! It was as if I were reading about a different person.

I emailed Joan (Patchen) Naab and Elva Shultis to reminisce about when we three decorated our “Mad” House triple room in the fall of 1956 with identical turquoise cotton bedspreads that we purchased in Morristown. I found my Bates bedspread (tan with black, blue and red stripes) from my freshman year. Bates spreads were the must-haves for any college coed.

I read in detail of all the hard work that Enid (Smith) Tate and I did in decorating the new large gym for the 1958 big Fall Weekend informal and formal dances. For the latter, we “borrowed” white columns and railings from the attic of Mead Hall and were loaned heavy white iron metal garden chairs and a birdbath by a local antiques dealer. Someone got us dozens and dozens of roses (seconds) from a local florist to entwine over everything, plus ivy that I have no idea from where it came. It was supposed to look like a Southern garden. We made the male waiters wear white ties and tails! And I didn’t even go to the dance!

I sent a copy of my letter to Enid who commented, “Imagine us having all the energy to do all that stuff.” Enid stays busy maintaining a big house without her late husband, Sidney Tate T’60. She still does church work and volunteer activities, and her family is nearby, so she sees her children and grandchildren from time to time. It was nice to remember our Drew activities when we were co-chairs of the Social Committee in our senior year.

Rather than having to read about me, please send some news about yourself for the next issue!

Carl Verrusio C’60, P’93 grapevineee@aol.com
As you get older, three things happen. The first is your memory goes, and I can’t remember the other two. I also seem to have a hard time remembering the deadline for Classnotes. Now if I were to get oodles of letters, it might help jar my memory. Just saying!

My spousal unit, Elaine (Norris) Verrusio C’60, P’93, and I were delighted to get a visit from Gerie (Snell) Schumann C’63 this spring. It’s always fun to see old friends and awaken events and experiences asleep in our memories. Gerie was on her way to Drew for a scholarship committee meeting and stopped by for lunch and an afternoon.
of playing. "Remember old so-and-so?" Time stopped, shifted and went lazily into reverse. The passage of years means nothing—the call of the past bridges it in an instant. What a wonderful afternoon!

Fortunately, we get together once a year with Elaine (Price) Berkoff, Nancy (Marshall) Stroh, Judy Smith, Norman MacArthur and others who are available, or there would be very little news for the column. Elaine Berkoff and her three border collies hosted this gathering. I learned quickly why a low-energy breed like the basset hound is more suitable for me. Elaine's pack keeps her busy with agility, scent and sheep herding activities. She travels all over the state looking for farmers who will let her dogs herd their sheep. Who knew?

Nancy Stroh announced her retirement from the ministry. She celebrated this milestone by spending three weeks touring Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, St. Petersburg, Russia and other tourist hot spots. She toured concentration camps in Poland and learned about the harsh conditions endured in the Baltic countries during their occupation. She describes the trip as informative. The high point of her Russian stay was when she learned that the emergency exit from her ninth floor hotel room was a window equipped with a rope for rappelling down to the ground. I can only guess that her son in the State Department planned this trip for her.

Judy Smith continues to work with the Blue Hill Troupe, an all-volunteer musical theater group in New York City that produces a Gilbert & Sullivan operetta and a Broadway musical every year. This prize-winning ensemble is the only musical theater group in the city that donates its profits to charity. I asked her about life upon the wicked stage—and backstage too—but she isn’t talking.

Norman MacArthur and Bill Novak devote a lot of energy to land conservancy in their area. Protecting the rural character and natural resources of Bucks County from encroachment by developers and others is an honorable mission. They talk to landowners and help them find ways to realize their personal conservation goals. I do believe these guys are eco-friendly 21st-century land barons. The idealistic wind of the 1960s is still at our backs—it’s ingrained in us forever.

Many thanks to our class for raising $62,685 for the Class of 1960 Internship. This past summer, the second Class of 1960 intern, Marta Muncharaz, was announced. Marta is a business studies major who is still dabbles in the antiques business—an excuse to keep buying—and visits annually with her old quilting group in Chicago. I continue to enjoy my idle, but harmless, retirement. Gardening, walking the dog and doing crossword puzzles occupy my time between naps. Oh yes, I’ve read, and reread, Jane Austen to help me keep sane in these turbulent times. I truly believe I was born after my time. Sigh!

Gads, we’re almost 80! Do you believe it? Robert Frost was right. “The afternoon knows what the morning never suspected.”

61 Barbara (Yin) Fern barbarafern@me.com

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62 Bob Harrall C'62, P'88

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Some news this time!

Bill Stanford reports on our 55th reunion. All in all, we fielded 13 classmates—

Tom Aquilino, Irwin Bloch C'62, P'89 and Shirley (Heller) Bloch C'62, P'89, Grant Hobson, Diane (Reed) Jowdy, Celine (Couper) November, Suzanne (Thomas) Saldarini, Andy Saltis, Mike Sherbin, Gerry (Shutowick) Sinack, Bob Spencer, Tim Stabler and Bill Stanford. Toss in assorted spouses, and we rounded up to 19. Barbara Fern C'61 was caught hanging out with us, so we happily adopted her.

In the summer issue of Drew Magazine we included an item regarding Jane Brown’s recent activities. She had notified us in early March that she was looking forward to the Reunion. Unfortunately we later discovered that Jane had passed away shortly before Reunion, on May 19. As we all know, Jane was a force of nature in our Drew days and throughout her life. Knowing Jane, and her view of life, she is probably sitting somewhere watching and chuckling about her posthumous appearance in Drew Magazine. She will be missed. See In Memoriam, page 129.

Ellie (Selfridge) Field continues to teach at Stanford, write and try to keep up with other numerous projects. Her husband, Clive, officially retired two years ago but remains active in laser physics at the SLAC National Accelerator Lab. Her son and family are in central New Jersey, where their two granddaughters are budding chess champions.

Don Rudalevige C'62, T'66 writes from Portland, Maine, that he had hoped to attend the reunion, but it conflicted with a long-planned river boat trip from St. Petersburg to Moscow, where Don met with President Putin (just kidding). Don and his wife, Sue, travel as much as they can since retirement from United Methodist ministry in 2006, visiting two of their children on the West Coast and relatives and friends in England. Eldest son, Andrew, is close to them, teaching government at Bowdoin. Don and Sue remain active in a number of causes, including Asylum Seekers and support of the LGBTQ community. They have three grandchildren—a first-year student at the University of Chicago, a high school sophomore and a 10-year-old.

Don and Sue are in regular contact with Tony Shipley C'61 who preceded us at Drew. For those of us who knew Tony, it was great to learn that he had recently remarried after the death of his first wife.

Finally, we should all be proud of the fact that the Class of 1962 won the Alumni Giving Participation Award for this year. We were at 64 percent, which is a three-point jump from last year! Congratulations to a class that continues to have faith in our school!

Great to have some news. As that great philosopher P. Pig says, “Thaaat’s all, folks!”

63 Ellen (Earp) Baker ee@baker@aol.com

Greetings from Maryland. Many thanks to all of you who sent news for this issue. Your efforts are much appreciated, and it was good to hear from you.

Sue (DuBois) Culhan responded from Arlington, Massachusetts, where she has
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to the following College of Liberal Arts classes for their award-winning support of Drew.

GATEWAY AWARD
Biggest jump in annual giving and largest amount to the annual fund:
1948

BLUE SKY AWARD
Biggest jump in participation by a class with 50+ alumni:
1976

FOREST AWARD
Highest participation by a class with 50+ alumni:
1962

GOLD AWARD
Highest participation of a class of the past decade:
2016

Thanks to all for your strong participation.

See how your class fared in supporting Drew last fiscal year (July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017).

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lived for 52 years. Congratulations are in order to Sue and her husband who have just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. She likes retirement, having spent years enjoying different jobs: teaching elementary school, working at a local VNA and working at the local housing authority. She now volunteers in several different ways at the local senior center. All three children and their families live within 19 miles of the Culhane’s home. This fall, their eldest grandchild headed off to Ithaca College to begin his freshman year.

Jeff Gillman and his wife, Marie, are enjoying retirement by traveling and spending time with their grandchildren who live nearby. Jeff and Marie have been to Amsterdam, Basel, Scotland, England, Monte Carlo and Paris, and locally to Fort Ticonderoga and Howe Caverns, as well as to the home of Ben and Jerry’s. Jeff still does administrative functions part-time for the law office in the winter when he can’t play golf. Otherwise, he tries to play twice a week and especially likes the good and inexpensive Morris County, New Jersey, golf courses.

Bill and Anne (Pitkin) Long write that they have had the blessings of good health and wonderful family. Their son Brian and his family are in Charlotte, son Jeff and his family are in Westford near Boston, and daughter Karen and family live nearby in the Longs’ hometown of Clifton Park, New York. Anne volunteers with the Saratoga Therapeutic Equestrian Program and the Serious Fun Camp Double H (Health and Happiness, a Paul Newman camp in the Adirondacks) to continue his psychology practice a few days a week and fortunately is able to continue serving as Minister of Visitation at Trinity United Methodist Church in Palm Coast, Florida, where he also edits the monthly newsletter.

Carole (Davidson) Binz and Art Binz C’60 a few times a year at World Golf Village in St. Augustine, Florida, where Joan and Art live, work, volunteer and enjoy an active lifestyle. Anne and Bill send their best wishes to our Drew classmates for continued health and rich lives as our 55th approaches.

Candy Ridington continues to perform dramatic portrayals of known women from her own scripts. Her most recent is Katharine Wright, sister to the Wright Brothers, who tells their story and her part in it. Candy also performs as some 13 other characters, plus an overview of the Underground Railroad movement from the perspective of many participants. These presentations are not only fun for her but allow her to meet different groups of people in her community and beyond.

Gerie (Schumann) talks to Penny (Bluhm) Seale, Judy Swann C’64 and Diane (Cooper) Ficara once in a while but would much rather get together with them. In March, Gerie was in Madison for the scholar- ship luncheon where she saw a few familiar faces. Only Bob Fenstermacher was from our class. “A bit shocking,” she notes, “was the fact that the bright, articulate student speaker happened to be the GRANDDAUGHTER of two students who were freshmen when we were seniors! Yikes!” Gerie asks, “Is it possible we are that old?” She combined her trip with long overdue visits with Rob and Judy Catlin C’62 as well as our fresh wisdom Elaine (Norris) Verrusio C’60 and her husband Carl Verrusio C’60 and several friends from Gerie’s Montclair years. In May, Gerie and one of her Cape friends took a third Viking cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam, spending three days in Prague before the cruise. After trips to Russia and China, she says it was quite tame! Invitation to the Cape is open, and she sends her best to her fellow classmates and Drew friends.

As for me, I am still very busy overseeing about 80 subcommittees as president of our residents’ association. We did enjoy a summer trip through the Hudson River Valley to see seven more lighthouses and the beautiful Catskills. Plans are underway for our 55th reunion, so I hope to see you the first weekend in June 2018.

Karen (Merola) Krueger and Jackie (Buckman) Shahzadi C’63 and Barbara (Eichhorn) Stevens C’65. Karen writes that they were in part of the country (Oregon) for the total eclipse on August 21. Fantastical to see each other, and of course, none of us have “changed a bit.”

Carolyn (Reimer) Kinsley is part of a small group in Hamilton, Ontario, that sponsored a family of seven Syrian refugees who arrived at Toronto’s Pearson Airport on June 14, 2016. She describes an anxiously awaited and highly anticipated meeting for this group in Hamilton C’61. I’m submitting this from my house in beautiful Neahkahnie, Oregon, where I still spend summers near David’s growing family. In Hamilton, I lead a much busier urban life, on the boards of Chamber Music Hamilton and our university neighborhood’s community association.

John Knox is still living happily in Lexington, Virginia, where he’s lived the past 45 years. He is a professor emeritus of biology at Washington & Lee, no longer teaching but still active in research. He is hiking miles each day, in town and in the surrounding mountains. He sends best wishes to Drew friends.

Vivian (Bruce) Kessler writes that her husband, Paul, died on November 9, 2014. “I am staying in South Carolina, at least for now, because I have very good friends here who are most supportive. My nephews are not nearby, and Paul’s four children are scattered around the U.S. in Arkansas, Colorado, Texas and South Dakota.”

Dianne (Murphy) Frazier C’64, P’97 is officially retired from the University of North Carolina but continues doing consulting work about 12 hours per week. “Our two granddaughters live in Montclair, New Jersey, so we don’t get to see them as often as we would like. I continue to pursue my certification in botanical illustration, a book club and a few hours of volunteering at the church office. The latter comes with responsibilities that are challenging, such as helping a bereaved gentleman decide what to do with a cookie tin containing his mother’s ashes!”

Gale (Spates) Stevenson reports that she is “turning into a snow bird. Husband Drew and I have started visiting Palm Springs, California, for a couple of months in the winter. We enjoy the warmth and the care-free lifestyle there.” They also have plans to spend a month in New York City, enjoying good music and food and seeing old friends. Gale hopes to see Joan (Pottern) Miccio C’65 and her new granddaughter. Gale loves living in downtown Pittsburgh but notes that the baseball team has been a disappointment lately.

Shirley “Sam” (Kot) Brand says that she has been planning “a trip to Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia and then on to St. Petersburg. I really enjoyed my trip to Cuba last March and sincerely wish the U.S. would resume normal relations with that beleaguered country. So much beautiful architecture is at risk of falling into ruin. I’m still enjoying lots of golf and photography.”

Don Scott continues to serve as Minister of Visitation at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Palm Coast, Florida, where he also edits the monthly newsletter, runs the Facebook page and manages the columbarium. He looks forward to three relaxing weeks at his timeshare in Cancun.

And finally, as your class secretary, my personal update is that I have retired from my full-time position as head of the college of humanities and sciences at the University of Phoenix in Southern California. I am staying on as part-time faculty with one or two classes per year. I am getting used to all this unscheduled time. At last I have time to go to the beach now!

The complete profiles can be accessed at classnotes@drew.edu
three husbands are deceased. She is still traveling as much as possible. Her bucket list is talking with, or seeing, people of the past, just to learn how their lives are playing out. Janet says her life has been good. Like everyone, she says she’s had her ups and downs. Janet is looking forward to the news from the rest of the class. She can be contacted through Alumni House if any of us would like to call for a visit.

John W. Greco writes from Arizona and observes that human nature is the constant, even though the climate is changing. He notes that the political and social news is disturbingly reminiscent of the strife and ugliness we witnessed in our days as undergraduates. John sends best wishes to our Drew family!

Art Mittler is beginning his 49th academic year at UMass Lowell as a professor of physics. About a year ago, he and his wife were invited to the Red Sox game during which Big Papi (David Ortiz) hit the last home run of his amazing career. They were treated to the experience of seeing the game from a suite! The event was sponsored by Drew’s College Alumni Association, and the use of the suite was donated by a Drew parent. They had a fabulous time.

Cynthia (Sturge) Vance is still raising orchids, weeding the butterfly garden, dabbling with photography, playing in a summer recorder trio, singing tenor with the boys(!) in the Venice Chorale, fundraising for the orchid show and celebrating life with her husband, Bob, and their mini-longhaired dachshund, Star. Cynthia invites us to visit her on Facebook.

Naomi Shapiro and Stan spent five nights in Cape May, as she didn’t want to fly anywhere, and she never wanted to cruise. They saw Eugene O’Neill’s comedy, Ah Wilderness, exercised in a pool, walked on the beach, explored the beautiful 19th-century homes and toured an old mansion. They also walked in Wildwood, visited Cape May Point, saw the tower, the lighthouse, the World War II bunker, and went to the zoo and a brewery. What a relief it was from the ordinary routine for Stan, who is still doing great, consulting from home. Naomi is still volunteering at New Eyes for the Needy in Short Hills, New Jersey, hiking, swimming and teaching a few cello students even in the summer. Just keeping up with fiction and nonfiction reading, exercising and New Eyes keeps her very active and busy. Naomi sends good wishes to everyone and hopes we all keep safe and well!

Allen Hood C’65, P’92 and his wife, Kit, have been very busy all spring and summer with lawns and gardens. They have entertained and been entertained a lot. They and their neighbors on “Pepper Hill” have dinner and “nosh” parties about every weekend. They also all usually walk a mile or two of wooded trails each morning. Allen is active in the affairs of Bethany Church UCC in Randolph, Vermont. In May, Allen and Kit attended the graduation of their grandson, Tate Allen Singleton, from Proctor Academy. In June, Tate left home to play hockey for a year with the New Jersey Titans. Next June he will go to West Point for college. Allen and Kit are extremely proud of his achievements and development into a splendid young man. Tate’s parents are relieved that they’ll not have to pay for college.

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Well, unless you’ve been living in a cave, you had to know that this was our 50th reunion year! Our gathering took place on June 2-3, 2017, on the Drew campus. You can view photos on Facebook; type “Drew Reunion Class of 1967” in the search bar. Elaine (Hoffman) Ambrose, Alan Barthel and Bruce Woolley were the organizers. Thank you to them!

A gathering with hors d‘oeuvres was held Friday evening, attended by approximately 20 alumni, some with their spouses. After about an hour, Elaine recommended that we arrange the scattered chairs into a large circle. Then we went around the circle, each person giving a synopsis of his or her life over the past 50 years since graduation. Drew president MaryAnn Baenninger joined our festive group.

I was unfortunately unable to attend the festivities on Saturday, so I can’t report about them. I believe a few extra classmates came for the Saturday dinner.

Also on Saturday, class member Arthur Jones gave a musical presentation titled “Alumni College: A Nation That Does Not Yet Exist.” Arthur is a professor on the faculty of the University of Denver’s Lamont School of Music.

After our June reunion, several class members wrote up personal histories, which George Woodrow has generously compiled online.
email letters, phone calls and even Facebook messages from alumni of the Class of 1968.

Ron Maas has reached out from Bridgeville, Delaware. After 43 years of practicing law, Ron retired in February 2014, but his most recent employer has coaxed him into working from home several days a month. Ron and his wife, Nancy, have been married for 33 years, and they have three daughters and seven grandchildren—five girls and two boys. Ron reports that they live at Heritage Shores Golf and Country Club so that he can continue his love-hate relationship with the game of golf. They also took a cruise that allowed him to revisit Venice, Florence, Pisa and Monte Carlo, bringing back memories of our 1966 London Semester trip to Europe and the United Kingdom.

Richard Doff writes that after graduating from Drew, he attended the Tufts dental school in Boston. He signed up for the Air Force dental corps and moved to Florida for two years of military service as a dentist. He then decided to specialize in periodontics, so he spent two years at Ohio State. Rich has been married to his wife, Ellie, for 47 years. Their first son was born in Florida, and their second son was born in Ohio. Rich and his family moved back to Boston to set up a practice in Needham, and their daughter was born while practicing. He has been involved with the district dental society as editor for 22 years. He then volunteered at his alma mater, Tufts dental school, in 1999, and became a half-time teacher in 2005.

Upon retiring from practice in 2010, Rich increased his teaching to three days a week. After retirement, he got hooked on family genealogy. Rich shares, “I’ve probably looked into 200 families. It is a hunt for information.”

Gary Cyphers shares that his wife, Judy, and he are “delightfully retired in Hendersonville, North Carolina, 20 miles south of Asheville.” He is serving as board chair of their local mental health agency, he delivers Meals on Wheels, and they are both very active with their Congregational church. Gary has two grandchildren outside Chicago. They travel to keep their lives active and enjoyable.

Barry Wendt catches us up, as follows: Upon graduation from Drew, Barry applied to the Duke University Law School, and he graduated in May 1971. Barry and his wife, Camille, were married in February 1972. After working for a law firm and then the public defender, Barry enlisted in the Army and served with the Judge Advocate General Corps from 1974 to 1976. Barry then earned a master’s of law degree (LLM) from George Washington University in 1976. The Wendts returned to New Jersey the fall of 1976, and they have lived in South Jersey ever since. With the help of his wife, Barry opened his own law office in 1983. Thanks to Ron Maas, he was introduced to Weichert Realtors, and he has represented the company as an outside counsel on an-needed basis for over 30 years. Barry also became certified as a civil trial lawyer in 1983. Camille helps him in the office, and Barry reports that he is not ready to retire yet.

Arnie Kotler contacted me with a summary review of all he has been doing since his graduation in 1968. He received his master’s in political science in 1969. From 1969 to 1984, he was a seminarian at the San Francisco Zen Center. From 1985 to 1999, Arnie was the founding editor and publisher of Parallax Press, Berkeley, California, publishing works on socially engaged spirituality and especially books by Vietnamese Zen monk Thich Nhat Hanh, who was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by Martin Luther King Jr. Since 1999, Arnie has been living in Hawaii, continuing to edit and publish books. He is presently the sole proprietor of Arnie Kotler Editing Services.

Richard Hall informs us that he retired last October 2016 after 40 years in various capacities with trade associations and charitable nonprofits. He spent the last 20 of those years in accounting and controllership positions (as he calls it) a “second career” after studying accounting in the 1980s. Rich has been married since 1970 to Kathy (Sexton) Hall C70. Kathy is a retired arts management consultant and a Reiki master. They’ve been living in Red Bank, New Jersey, since 1994, after experimenting with life in Iowa and Connecticut, as well as Newark and Summit, New Jersey.

Eleanor (Fritz) Hopke reports that she and her husband, Phil, moved from Potsdam, New York, to Rochester this past summer. They joke that “we moved south in retirement.” She explains that Phil retired from teaching and research at Clarkson University, and Eleanor completely stopped what had slowed down to a very part-time lab technician job there. So, as many of us experience at a certain point, it was time to decide what they were going to do for the longer term: stay in Potsdam in their big house, or downsize in the Potsdam area, or go elsewhere. Phil had been collaborating with researchers at the University of Rochester medical school for a while, and since they travel a lot, the Rochester airport was a real draw. So, far so good for the Hopkes in Rochester. Eleanor says that in addition to leaving many good friends in Potsdam, it was hard to resist from the village board during her term when there was still work she wanted to see done. On the other hand, her blood pressure is down, and that’s OK, plus the move is what they needed to do for the long term. Eleanor is also already an active member of our class’ 50th reunion committee.

Lewis D. “Chip” Andrews Jr. shares with us that he and his wife, Chris, now live in Osprey, Florida. Chip met Christina Kane in 1969 while she worked at the White House. They were married in 1970. They have two grown children, Mary and Bill, and they have four grandchildren—two boys and two girls. Chip followed up his education with government and political experience in Congress (as advisor to Representative Thomas J. Mescall) and in other appointed positions within the government. His career in organizations associated with government grew from 1975 to the present. From 1986 to 2001, he successfully led the Glass Packaging Institute through industry consolidations, globalization and downsizing. His repositioning of the industry resulted in a national recycling network. In addition to his career and many roles in government, Chip also served as chair of the Board of Trustees for Drew University. His leadership invigorated the alumni community, which showed in Las Vegas twice a year. In 2012, my wife, Melanie, my daughter Veronica and I moved from
Charlotte, North Carolina, where we had lived since 2005, to Annapolis, Maryland. I am now close to both the Chesapeake Bay and to Washington, D.C. I still enjoy oil painting, gardening and fishing for both saltwater and freshwater fish. As of this year, I volunteered to be your Class of 1968 secretary for Drew Magazine. The joy of this task is that I’ve either seen, written to, visited with or spoken to Chip Andrews, Barbara Barefield, Tom McMullen, Ben Alexander, Glenn Redbord, Wendy (Bagnal) Boer, Carol (McAlevey) Troy, Albert Lavenziano, Jeanne (Taylor) Springmann, Eleanor (Fritz) Hopke, Carole (Cummins) Webb and W. Merrill Sanderson. I am ever mindful of our mortality and the passage of time and grateful for the opportunity to hear from each of you. So as we draw closer to our 50th class reunion, please reach out and say hello.

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Greetings, everyone! I started writing these notes on August 21, but it got so dark around here, I had to quit! Just kidding—did anyone see the eclipse? I feel like there was one when we were undergraduates in 1969. Does anyone remember that?

I received a lovely email from Sharon (Lamprey) Tierra. Sharon reminded me that some of our classmates may recall that she and Glenn Fulop were a campus couple. After graduation, they stayed friends, married other people and stayed in touch, visiting each other every few years. In 2001, after they had both been single again for quite a while, the romance was rekindled. They were married in 2006 by classmate Rev. Dr. Joseph Mayher. They live in Shoreham, Vermont, and Glenn still works at a national health foods cooperative for a local nonprofit mental health agency. They love adventures with their 8-year-old grandson and enjoy birding, reading, meditating, doing yoga, gardening, picking berries and apples, walking and spending time with friends. Sharon posed an intriguing question—who would anyone be interested in a virtual reunion?

My husband, Douglas, and I welcomed our grandson, Mike, in July. He was born in Maine, and we have spent several weeks up there already this year—enjoying Kai and keeping his big brother, Van, busy so our daughter could relax.

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Congratulations to Steve Kingsbury who received a 2017 Alumni Service Award at the achievement awards ceremony at our 45th class reunion. Steve was honored for serving as a director of the Drew Club of Boston since its inception and for hosting send-off events for incoming freshmen from the area. Steve spoke of how the Brussels semester furthered his love of history and inspired him to enter the travel industry. He and his wife, Marilyn Wexler, have two sons, Adam and Ian.

Classmates Rick Doran, Ed Baird, Bruce Johannesen, Rick Guhl, Ron Durante, Jeff King, Bob Green, Rory Corrigan, Jim Schmidt and Denise (O’Brien) Schmidt C’74 were on campus for events on Friday or Saturday. Mike Corbett, Richard Rawson C’72, P’08 and Cesarina (Gonzales) Berrigan C’74, P’04 were registered, but I missed seeing them.

Ron Durante still lives in Bergen County, New Jersey, but divides his time between Upper Saddle River and Delray Beach, Florida, with a regular commuting schedule. He’s a building contractor, developing and managing real estate projects but has been staying close to home recently while new parrots are hatching, adding to his brood.

Jeff King was one of the busiest volunteers at the reunion. Besides reaching out to classmates to attend, he brought his collection of original Drew rock concert posters and memorabilia and produced full-sized and smaller magnetic copies of the concert posters for reunion attendees as souvenirs. Each dinner attendee received a souvenir poster celebrating the five 1967 social committee concerts. Jeff is still in Minnesota. In their off hours, he and his wife, Christine, operate Awesome Oldies LLC, offering classic vinyl, CDs, VHS, DVD, posters, books and memorabilia.

Rick Doran lives south of Hartford, Connecticut, and is active in the Great Meadows Conservation Trust, having served as president, secretary, and treasurer. Retired from insurance and pharmaceutical sales, he’s devoted his time to hiking and biking, promoting land conservation and preservation, and supporting the theater and cultural arts in the Hartford area. He’s served as a member of his town’s open space and conservation commission, zoning board of appeals and insurance committee.

Bruce Johannesen retired after 35 years of teaching and coaching at Monsignor Scanlan High School in the Bronx. He now teaches and tutors math in elementary school several days a week.

Bob Green and Jane downsized their home after their sons graduated from college. They moved into a new community in Durham and stay active with volunteer groups in the community, which is expanding as new homes are built. I must have walked past Jane several times at a genealogy conference in Raleigh, where I was an attendee and she was volunteering at a society exhibit booth.

Ed Baird retired from community banking and is enjoying life in Scotch Plains. He and his wife, Patti, enjoy traveling more. They visited their daughter in Washington state. My son, Brian, and I visited with Kathy (Gentile) Aultman and her husband, Ron, in their home in Orange Park, Florida, when Brian and I were making our road trip home from Florida earlier this year. She’s retired from medical practice and has been working on their extensive garden and enjoying shag dancing, especially teaching the next generation.

Rory Corrigan spent 24 years at Jefferies and Company. He has been retired for four years and splits his time between Morristown, New Jersey, and coastal Georgia. When I heard from him, he was waiting for the birth of his first grandchild. He is on the board of the Land Conservancy of New Jersey.

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It was with great pleasure that I attended an event featuring Lorna Hines! Lorna is just as you remember her—dynamic, thought-filled and a presence—only more so now! Lorna has had an interesting career which has included being a psychotherapist, administrator, professor and CEO. Now her journey has led to mediumship, healing and inspirational speaking. Classmates wishing to contact Lorna can reach her through Alumni House or through her website. What a joy to see you again, Lorna!

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Susan (Maling) Zarbo C’74, P’01, Jane Simpson and Marian Vorwerk-Eichner
travelled together to Asheville, North Carolina, to celebrate their 65th birthdays.

Walter Martone. Teresa (Zarra) Haroian, Alan Haroian C’72, Marian Eichner and John Eichner are planning to travel together to Italy.

Ellen (Wise) Lang C’75 and I had our first grandchild, Olivia. I am still practicing law in Winter Park, Florida—40 years in practice and still at it. Ellen was elected president of the Holocaust Center in Orlando, which was founded by her parents. Ellen’s mother is a survivor and is 94 years of age. Our children and grandchild reside in San Francisco, where we often see Fran Feldstein C’75. Fran worked for David Crosby and is a devoted equestrian.

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Our 40th reunion was fun, and it was great to catch up with many of our classmates.

40th Reunion

I attended with Holloway/Foster quad/suite mates Jennifer Beaver and Christine (Stack) Bell, and Paul “Bellooons” Bell C’76. We were disappointed Laura (Papa) Babbin and Larry Babbin C’79 and Robin Stern could not attend. Chris and Paul were still on a high from their daughter Callan’s beautiful Jacksonville, Florida, wedding in May. Laura and Larry’s daughter Aimee married in June, and Robin’s daughter Sybil is set to marry soon, too. Jenny, Chris and I attended several of the planned reunion events; however, an impromptu time of “catching up” with a vodka tonic in the sunshine at an ice cream/pizza/cocktail eatery on Main Street in Madison was particularly memorable. We ran into others from our class at the picnic, while wandering the grounds and at the cocktail reception.

Gene Lisansky travelled from Tampa Bay, Florida, and sent wishes from his wife, Daisy. They are cat people like Chas and me; they have two cats, Oscar and Cleo. Gene is an “imaging alchemist” at Mr. News Media, doing creative digital imaging.

Claudia Dezendorf travelled all the way from Denver, Colorado, to spend time with good friends Susan (Jann) Krumm, Joan (Leming) Marshall and Louise (Pond) Kulig who attended with their significant others.

Joan is a financial advisor with Wagener Lee LLC/Raymond James Financial Services, and her husband, Terry Marshall C’75, is employed with a defense contractor. They have 27-year-old twins—John, who lives in San Francisco and works for Amazon, and Katie, who lives in Charlotte.

Glen Peterson and his wife, Susan, live in Medway, Massachusetts. He works in IT at Genentech Dynamics.

Karen (Marx) Hyman C’77, P’08 and Lloyd “Lou” Hyman C’77, P’08 attended with their son Louis Hyman C’08. Retired from their original professions, Lloyd and Karen are both immersed in politics, teaching, volunteering, boating and other activities in their community of Cambridge, Maryland.

I was saddened to learn from an attendee that Virginia “Ginger” (Pfirman) Sacks had passed away in September 2013. Born in Mineola, New York, her adventurous spirit took her to Minnesota in the mid-1970s after graduation. She was married in 1988 to her husband, Chris, and they raised two daughters, Michelle, 21, and Danielle, 23.

Tom Cunningham may have come the longest distance, as he travelled from Emeryville, California. He received a master’s in English from California State University, East Bay.

Taffy (Mandel) Schor had come from Doylestown, Pennsylvania. She married her husband, Martin, in 2013 and has grown children, Caitlin and Max. Taffy said that she stays in touch with New Dorm suite mates Karen (Alonso) Hurley C’78, P’95, who lives in Naples, Florida, and Nancy (Baughman) Csuti, who lives in Denver. Taffy also kept in touch with Eileen (Waldman) Davis.

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All were saddened by the loss of Helen Frances (Kambis) Hendrick who passed away last year. See In Memoriam, page 129.

I briefly ran into Rich Fisch and Tom Tani C’78, Dave Vander May C’76 and his fiancee, Sue, and Steve Thompson C’83. Larry Rosensweig seemed quite happily retired for six years. He attended with his girlfriend, Susan Horowitz. They enjoy playing competitive bridge.

Ethel Eaddy’s daughter received her master’s degree in international diplomacy. Ethel is director of teacher certification at Kean University, where she has worked for 30 years. We had a lovely talk with Brenda Yanni.

Although I did not see them, I saw that Greg Leuser, Gerry Lian, Peter Steyn and Cordelza Haynes C’78, T’11,‘13 were on the list of attendees. Sorry we missed you!

Let’s not wait until another reunion to see one another. Do stay in touch.

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that he got married in April, to Claudia Alexander.

Bob George sent word that his eldest daughter, Amy, married her fiance, Matt, on August 19 at the Salish Lodge in Snoqualmie, Washington. The wedding was followed by a wedding trip to Disney World and Aruba. Amy is his oldest and the first to be married. Tom Tani and his wife, Christine, saw their son Philip graduate from Morristown (New Jersey) High School this past June. Tom reports that “the week after graduation, we served as house parents for Phil and several of his friends for a week in a rental in Ocean City, New Jersey. It was fun, and a little bittersweet, to see them all together before they go off to college.” In August, Phil began his college career at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, where he plans to double-major in business and technology and visual arts and technology. Tom and Christine are still adjusting to the empty nest.

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In August, our erstwhile classmate Jeff Conover ’84 informed us of some very sad news: Pasquale “Pat” Jenkins (a/k/a Squally, a/k/a Bootsie) passed away on August 8. I didn’t know Pat really well, but he and I were lacrosse teammates, and I remember him being a natural leader and a supremely talented athlete, but more than that, I recall his infectious smile, always upbeat demeanor and engaging personality. I was fortunate to spend some time with Pat a few years ago during a reunion weekend where we had a good time recalling the early days of Drew lacrosse and our time on campus. R.I.P., Pat. A good man gone way too soon.

Eric “Rick” Freedman will be inducted into the Drew Hall of Fame in October in recognition of his impressive contributions to the Drew basketball program—a well-deserved honor.

In May, I was fortunate to be on campus for commencement as a member of the College Alumni Association board where we welcomed the newly graduated to the ranks of Drew Alumni. I met our classmate Beth Sullivan, who was in attendance, up from Florida, to see her son Logan Thomson de Sa ’17 graduate.

Alumni weekend was again held in the spring where it belongs. Pete Steyn ’77 and his wife, Bev, were up from Chattanooga for the weekend, visiting the area for the first time in many years. A long weekend of reminiscing was kicked off at the home of Steve Thompson ’83, P’20. On Saturday, we played the 36th (or so) Annual Soc Deacon Memorial Alumni Rugby match. This year, it was played mostly under 7s rules with a mix of pre-Drews, current students, alumni and FoDRC (Friends of Drew Rugby Football Club). Joe Somerville ’89 flew in from Amsterdam, on his way to Hollywood, California, to show he still has moves that have made his name on rugby pitches, soccer fields and tennis courts. The Deacon Cup was awarded to future DRCF star, Jack O’Connor, for his tenacious play against (and fluid movement through) other players—some of whom are more than triple his age.

Some of those whom I ran into on campus are Tom Tani ’78, who was prepared to lend adult supervision to the rugby crowd whose offer was declined in favor of a “self-refereed” match, Bob Joyce ’82, who dusted off his sneakers for the second year in a row and put in a credible performance between chauffeuring duties, College Alumni Association Board President Rob Benacchio ’98, Jeff King ’72, Scott Amann ’74, Harry Litwack ’71, Greg Leuser ’77, Greg Gordon ’92, John Veleler ’91, John Spanarrel ’82, Mary James Little ’82 and Leon Williams ’82.

Later in the summer, Steve Thompson’s home continued to be Drew Alumni Central when he hosted a slew of Drewids for his annual Loadstock. Among those in attendance were Jimmy Nicholson ’83, Chris Browne ’84, Luis Almeida ’84, Craig “House” Martin ’84, Bob Muir ’83, Tom Keoughan, Doug Walsh, Ken Siegel ’83, Ralph Sorrentino ’83, Barry Friedman ’83, Charlie Russomanno ’82, Danielle Ring ’80 with her husband, Justin Curry, and son, Reid. Bill Ehlers ’82, Eric “Moon” Lutzer ’82 and Micky Green ’79.

Somewhat after that, several of us gathered in Maplewood, New Jersey, to congratulate Tony Buttacavoli ’82 on the newest addition to his family, young Mason. In attendance with Tony were Robin Borst ’84, Bill Ehlers, Steve Thompson, Micky Green and yours truly.

So, what have we learned since the last issue of Drew Magazine was published? Steve Thompson has a new nickname on campus. We all think of him as “Loader.” But his son, Andrew, is currently a student at Drew, and his nickname in the rugby club is “Dingleberry.” So Steve is now known as “DingleDad.” Joe Somerville will do anything for free bacon, up to and including impersonating Chris Walsh. And we have visible proof that Pete Steyn is alive and well, and while he has acquired a Southern wife, he has acquired hardly any Southern drawl.

Anne (Duberek) Iacobuzio’s son, Nicholas Iacobuzio ’18, is in his senior year at Drew. He received the Leavell-Oberg Prize in History. It’s helping to fund his historical research in St. Petersburg, Russia, this summer.

Anne’s daughter, Cecilia Iacobuzio, is with the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art. Before children, Anne worked in the administration of the New York Botanical Gardens. She recently returned there for classes in gardening and horticulture. Her organic garden is not only ornamental but is a home to many varieties of pollinators, as well as her animal neighbors, which include deer, rabbits, groundhogs and a fox. Anne grows most of the vegetables and herbs she needs for the summer and fall.

83 Hallie Hawkins reports that she just relocated to Greenville, North Carolina, as a business counselor at the Small Business Technology Development Center at Eastern Carolina University. She brings her years of business expertise to the job. Her goal is to help make small- to mid-sized companies grow in the Eastern Carolina area. She also continues in her role as president of Perspecta, a financial wellness company. She has co-authored two books: Get It Together: The Real-World Guide to Personal Finance and Get It Together: The Real-World Guide to Cash & Credit.

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Anne Nadel-Walbridge ’86, P’17 writes that she was overjoyed watching her daughter Danya Nadel graduate from Drew with the Class of 2017 in May. Anne’s mother, who was a huge Drew fan, passed away recently, but was glad she got to see her granddaughter graduate. Anne is now living with her husband, Tommy, in her 210-year-old family home in northwestern New Jersey. She’s thrilled to be back after many years in Vermont. See photo, page 121.

After 27 years, Margaret Lee retired from dental practice. She then spent three months traveling the country with her mother and her American Quarter Horse. Margaret worked with 13 different horse trainers and visited 15 national parks and monuments. She is blogging about her trip at horsetaillegacy.com.

When Sam Aztio’s and Laura Schneck’s [C’84] younger daughter, Sarah, graduated from Washington University in St. Louis this spring, the family made a trip to England, visiting friends from when they had lived there for six years. They spent time in the Lake District, the Moors and London. Sam has worked at UBS Securities for 25 years. He and Laura met at Drew and have been married for 31 years. He writes, “I got a lot out of my years at Drew but managed to come away with the most important thing of all: my life companion!” They currently reside in Stamford, Connecticut.

In 2014, JoAnn Boscarino married her longtime partner, Samantha Castillo, in a backyard DIY wedding. JoAnn’s solo business, Lucky Jo Carpentry & Home Repair, is 15 years old, and she is currently building a new workshop. She’s also still doing archaeological drawing, which she started at Drew. In June, she traveled to the Morganti excavations in central Sicily to wrap up her work there. Putting her drawing skills to work in new ways, she is also writing and illustrating a children’s book.

Sheila Sullivan has a 21-year-old son and a pair of boy-girl twins in 10th grade. Just as they do every summer, the family visited Yiayia (Sheila’s husband’s mother) in Greece, where they unplugged, enjoyed the sea and scenery and her mother-in-law’s delicious Greek cooking.

After 10 years in Florida, Renee (Lopez) Zarro recently returned to live near family in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She is delighted to be near her extended family and especially enjoys reading to her two young nieces. Her
Family Album

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Megan Modic C’14, of Nasdaq, hosted the Drew Wall Street Semester students who rang the closing bell.

Merion (Read) Wright C’10 and Bagley Wright C’11 welcomed their daughter, Wendy Elizabeth, on April 21, 2017.

Edgar Gonzalez C’12 and Emilia Domanowski C’13 re-enact the final scene of Raiders of the Lost Ark on the steps at San Francisco City Hall.

Virginia Vazzana C’12 and her husband, Hamfreth Shaul Rahming, at their wedding.

Sree Madappalli C’14 started her own photography business in April.

Virginia Vazzana C’12 at the graduation ceremony at St. George’s University of Medicine in Grenada.

Dina Curreri-Hamwi C’86, Marc Scarduffa C’86, Weyn Abate C’89 and Melanie Rosenzweig C’86 met for drinks in NYC.

Aisha Garba’s [C’12] daughter, Sabian, recently celebrated her first birthday.

An engagement photo of James Weiss C’14 with his fiancee, Shayna, whom he has since married.
own adult children live and work in South Florida. Renee is exploring what’s next while working with Lawyers for Warriors, which offers pro bono legal representation to enlisted service members. She is also representing creative, commercial, nonprofit and juvenile clients. Renee is part of a new church, and serves as an alumni representative for the class of 1989 at her alma mater, the Regent University Law School. As for your class secretary, in August, my husband, Mark, and I dropped our son, Phineas, at Trinity College in Hartford to begin his freshman year. Then we went on to New York City to celebrate our 25th anniversary. That evening, we had dinner with Liz (Gombach) Junod (who was the minister at our wedding) and her husband, Laurent; Kathy Hallissey (who introduced me to Mark during our undergraduate days) and her husband, Doug Horner; and Sue Curtin and her husband, Bruce Weaver, who were celebrating their 25th anniversary after dropping their middle daughter, Emma, at Lafayette that morning. See photo, page 121.

Thanks for sharing your news. I love hearing from old friends and new.

Madeleine Becker, a medical doctor, was recently promoted to the position of director of consultation-liaison psychiatry at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. See photo, page 121.

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Tom Leary, now a Captain in the Navy JAG Corps, just began a new assignment as the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General for Military Personnel. In this new role, Tom leads a team of officers and civilians responsible for the development and execution of policy in the areas of officer recruiting, military personnel management, promotions, and career progression of Navy Judge Advocates. He also oversees the development and implementation of the Navy JAG Corps’ recruiting program and diversity initiatives. He just wrapped up three years as Deputy Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, where his practice areas included international agreements and special operations. Tom (only occasionally still called “Scro”) is really looking forward to seeing old friends at our 25th reunion next year!

Rita M. Aquilio, a member of the Bridge water-based law firm Norris McLaughlin & Marcus PA, has been reappointed as co-chair of the American Bar Association Section of Litigation’s family law litigation committee. She has also been reappointed to the New Jersey State Bar Association’s Family Law Section executive committee and to its appellate practice special committee.

Your class secretary enjoyed touring Trier, Germany, in August 2017 with Walt Maxemow ’90, Betsey (Brickey) C’93 and her daughter, Alicia Rae Brickey C’20. See photo, page 121.

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Summer 2017 notes. Please keep them coming! If you feel that I have mistakenly left something or someone out, I apologize, and please drop me an email.

Michael Barret Jones continues to produce drag cabaret fundraisers in New York City as drag personality Witti Repartee. He was recently elected to the board of Folsom Street East, the largest kink street festival on the East Coast.

Eric Gustav Bossdorf and his wife, Kate (Feeley) Bossdorf C’99, met up with Brian Ferrante C’94 and his wife, Bee, at Madison Square Garden for the Neil Diamond concert in July. Brian and Bee recently got married in a private ceremony in New Jersey. They reside in Union, New Jersey.

I took a trip down to Doswell, Virginia, to participate in a Tough Mudder with Drew Lochli and his son, Matthew. See photo, page 121. It was a great time, and I was able to catch up and hang out with his family, including his wife, Karen, and son, Jack, 11. My wife, Shannon (Laudermilch) Bruck mann C’96, and I took a trip to Syracuse with our kids, Lucas and Olivia, to visit Charles Clinton C’96 and his wife, Katie (Tierney) Clinton C’96, and their children, Sophie, John and Molly. Katie, who teaches Spanish at Syracuse University, gave us a tour of the campus.

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It was great to catch up with classmates at Reunion. I enjoyed seeing some people for the first time in several years. On Friday, I got to chat with Patrick Aylward, Brian Nell, JD Urbach, Sara (Hall) Phillips and Jennifer Jones at the Pub.

Saturday was a great day on campus, as JD Urbach received the Alumni Achievement Volunteer Award in the morning, and I caught up with several classmates in the afternoon. I didn’t have my class secretary hat on, so I am hoping that many classmates who were there will still send a note, as well as those who couldn’t make it. However, I will give special mention to Joe Schmidt for making the trip across the country with his family for Reunion. It was the first time he set foot on campus since graduation day so many years ago.

Jill Mumie took a photograph of a scene from the Charlottesville protest that went viral on social media. Time featured the photograph and interviewed Jill. Check out the article from August 16, 2017.

Dawn Alfanador, chief marketing officer of Gibbons PC, and longtime resident of Roseland, New Jersey, was named the town’s 2017 Mother of the Year when her daughter, Ella, recently won the 26th Annual Mother of the Year Essay Contest, sponsored by the Roseland Recreation Department. Dawn was honored at a town council meeting on May 16, with Ella in attendance. At Gibbons, Dawn has led the marketing department since 2004, overseeing the firm’s market ing and brand strategy as it grew into a 200-lawyer firm with five offices in four states (New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware).

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Kira Valentine, proud spouse of Tommy Ender, reports that Tommy earned his doctorate in education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May 2017. Anna Kaltas and her husband, Fotios Harmantzis, welcomed their son, Christos, on November 8, 2016.

Janet Wong received a master’s degree from Villanova University in May 2017.

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Deidre Purcell recently started working on her doctorate in women’s spirituality at California Institute of Integral Studies in San Francisco. Deidre resides in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and works at the Watertown Children’s Theatre.

Rob Siris has been teaching social studies and coaching lacrosse at Hopewell Valley High School in Pennington, New Jersey, since 2003. While he will continue teaching at Hopewell, Rob was just recently named the first head men’s lacrosse coach for Mercer County College in West Windsor, New Jersey. Rob lives in Yardley, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Kimberly, and daughters, Katelyn, 7, and Kara, 5. You can find the press release from the college at bit.ly/2g9luaA.

On June 23, 2016, John Tiesi married Trude Goodman in Chatham, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, overlooking Stage Harbor. Just over one year later, they welcomed their first child, Jeanne Stage Tiesi, on June 30, 2017. Their daughter is named after Trude’s grandmother Jean, and after John’s grandmother Jeanne. John noted that her middle name, Stage, is in reference to the name of the harbor where they were married.

Merissa Mayer and her husband, Jeff Blair, celebrated their first year of marriage on May 21. Days later, on May 31, they welcomed their sweet baby boy, Sebastian Edward Blair, into the world. After many years working in the pressure-filled world of pharmaceutical advertising, Merissa is excited about this life shift and about taking on her new role as Mommy. Merissa notes that Sebastian is already so perceptive and alert and has definitely been keeping his parents on their toes! Merissa and her family reside in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey.

Unfortunately, all of this wonderful news has been mixed up with the incredibly painful passing of our dear friend and classmate Maria Sophia Urmeneta Harris. She is greatly missed and remembered fondly by her many friends and classmates. See In Memoriam, page 129.
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Joy Kovacs sends her greetings from Portland, Oregon. Joy and Mike Marotta C’96 met with several Drewids who gathered to watch the solar eclipse totality from Aurora, Oregon. Erik Axel Larson, Steve Marotta C’01 and his wife. Lauren (Campbell) Marotta C’03, Erin Worrell C’03, Rob Scott Cosden and his wife, Sara Eldridge C’06, all visited and had a great time connecting! See photo, page 121.

Congratulations to Manny Gabriel who recently completed a fellowship in complex general surgical oncology at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, New York. On top of that, he also passed his board examination! In July, Manny started a new job as a cancer surgeon at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida. Manny and his wife, Heather Berkley, and their twins, Wisteria and Logan, enjoy living near the beach. The kids started kindergarten this fall.

Congratulations to Jenn Dolores who is school principal of Holy Family Regional Catholic School in Aston, Pennsylvania. Jenn has been a teacher at the school for 11 years and was appointed principal in April 2015. She enjoys working with all 225 students from pre-K to eighth grade.

Jenn (Tillery) McElroy sends greetings from New York and shares that she was the lead negotiator for the Minisink Valley Teachers’ Association and successfully secured a four-year agreement for over 300 teachers. Great job, Jenn!

Marissa Hildebrandt reports she now lives in Southern California and has enjoyed learning how to hunt with a bow and arrow on horseback.

Denise Vigna is happy to share that she is now working at Seton Hall University as an assistant professor in the philosophy department.

Zachary Swantek was ordained a Catholic priest in 2014. He received a master’s in theology in 2013 from the Gregorian University and a licentiate of sacred theology in 2015 from the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family Studies in Rome. Fr. Zack serves as a teacher and chaplain at Seton Hall Prep in West Orange, New Jersey, an adjunct professor of systematic theology at Seton Hall University and a chaplain at Stevens Institute of Technology. He celebrates Mass at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church in Linden, New Jersey, on Sundays. See photo, page 121.

If you’re an avid watcher of the Dr. Oz Show, you may have seen our very own Rhenotha Whitaker as contributor and man-on-the-street correspondent. Rhenotha’s contract has been renewed for a third season with the long-running show. She reports that Dr. Oz is as nice in real life as he is on TV, a true “sweetie pie!” Follow Rhenotha online at rhenotha.com.

Lastly, in July, I started a new job as an assistant director for admissions at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai in New York City.

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Nicole (DiGiovanni) D’Agostino has been married to her amazing husband, Paul, for 10 years! They have welcomed two beautiful daughters, Giovanna, 8, and Maddelena, 5. Nicole is currently a board-certified behavior analyst in the Matarawan-Aberdeen (New Jersey) public schools. See photo, page 122.

Adam Rinaldi married his beautiful wife, Whitney, on September 4, 2016. They were joined by many Drewids, including Scott Lewis, Melissa Cardiello-Lewis C’06, Jonathan Slezk, Joe DeVincenzo, Dan Sigal, Rob Wakeman, Paul Kalinowski C’06, Amanda “Bertie” Michaels, Buist Bickley C’07, Ross Michaels C’08, Caitlin Scanlan C’06, Andrew Sotiriou, Dan Patisteas, Brian Rossi and David Seidman.

Meghan (Kwiatkowski) McDermott and her husband, Brennan, welcomed their third child in early spring. Meghan and Brennan make sure to share Drew Pride with their three adorable children. See photo, page 121.

Jennifer (Troya) Biggers
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Jennifer (Troya) Biggers has returned to work full time after enjoying two years at home with her twin boys, Marco and Mateo. She is a disability specialist at University of California, Riverside.

Melissa Cardiello-Lewis and Scott Lewis C’05 welcomed their second baby boy in April. See photo, page 122.

Anyelis Cordero and Vanessa Herrera visited Paris this summer and had the time of their lives while learning some French. See photo, page 122.

Steve Chiavarone has contributed to CNBC’s Power Lunch, Squawk Box and World Exchange as well as the Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, New York Times, Associated Press, Reuters, Bloomberg and other news outlets. Steve is currently responsible for portfolio management and research in the global asset allocation area at Federated Investors.

DREW CONNECT IS HERE!

Drew has a new online platform so alumni, families and students can build their community through purposeful connections.

Whether you join Drew Connect simply to expand your personal and professional network or to offer or seek advice, you’ll find a community of members all with Drew University in common! Ready now for alumni to join, with a launch to students in late January.

Join via LinkedIn, Facebook or email now at drewconnect.drew.edu.
Patrick Hickey attended the July wedding of fellow C'07 graduate Dan Wehrle and Dan’s new wife, Kaitlyn Grimes. Many Drews enjoyed the festivities, including Billy Marzano, PJ Franovic, Joe Favata, Brian Dempsey, Matt Sidie, Chris Lopez C'08, Dave Pepperman C'08 and Dave Cramer C'08. See photo, page 122.

Julie and June 10th Reunion will accept a position as the EMS from North West Baltimore Hopkins University. Gabriel en's health nonprofit affiliated with Johns Rose, on June 24, 2017. In addition to new fatherhood, Gabe filed for candidacy to serve as delegate to the General Assembly for Baltimore’s 40th District. See photo, page 122.

Gabie Auteri C'07 welcomed her daughter, Anita Rose, on June 24, 2017. In addition to new fatherhood, Gabe filed for candidacy to serve as delegate to the General Assembly for Baltimore’s 40th District. See photo, page 122.

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Merion (Read) Wright and Bagley Wright C’11 welcomed their daughter, Wendy Elizabeth, also known as ‘Potater Tot’ on April 21, 2017. See photo, page 123.

Gabrielle (Kostiuk) Severn married Dan Severn in August. She celebrated the day with Drew friends by her side as bridesmaids: Caitlin (Gallagher) Fastiggi C’10, Alex Matos-Faro, Ariel Breitbart, Molly Cummins and Deanna Gencarelli. Gabrielle teaches human biology and anatomy and physiology at Union County College. See photo, page 123.

John Dabrowski jdabrowski215@gmail.com

Marta Mychak was admitted as an attorney to the New York State Bar in April 2017.

Adrienne Gano was hired by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services as an income maintenance caseworker in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Aisha Garba is a new mother and just celebrated her daughter Sabian’s first birthday. See photo, page 123.

Jacob Hazle-Cary trained at the Solti Fencing Camp in Szombathely, Hungary, this summer and continues as a professional coach in the Olympic sport of fencing.

Alexandra Kiely recently finished completing an online learning module, titled American Art 1776–1945, for the French educational website Artips. She began work on the project in early 2017 and was responsible for researching, planning and writing 16 lessons surveying the history of American art.

Virginia Vazzana graduated from medical school in June at St. George’s University of Medicine and matched into a pediatric residency position in Savannah, Georgia, at the Children’s Hospital of Savannah. See photo, page 123. In May, Virginia married Dr. Hamfreth Shaul Rahming. Two of her best friends and roommates from Drew, Kathryn Kozma and Jessica Reid, stood by her side as bridesmaids. See photo, page 123.

Edgar Gonzalez works at Princeton Separations, a biotechnology company in Freehold, New Jersey. On his own time, he has been directing and writing a cartoon web series called Space Hotel, a cross between Doctor Who and The Office. Back in April, Edgar and his girlfriend, Emilia Domanowski C’13, went to San Francisco, where they re-enacted the final scene of Raiders of the Lost Ark on the steps at San Francisco City Hall. See photo, page 123.

Jared Grossman recently made the move to San Francisco, California, where he started work as an application scientist at Agilent Technologies. In his free time, Jared is on a quest to find the best french fries in the Bay Area.

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Sree Madappalli started her own photography business in April 2017. It is called SMP - Sree Madappalli Photography. She loves to work with individuals on portraits and headshots but also loves to work with families and do fashion shoots. See said, “I’d be happy to give a discount to any Drew students or Drew alum! I love taking pictures and I want to make the process as easy and fun as possible. I’m so happy to have this leap!” Please visit Sree’s Facebook page for more information: facebook.com/ SMPsree. See photo, page 123.

Emily McCue and Paul Harlan hiked the Colorado trail through the Rocky Mountains. The trail runs for 486 miles from Denver to Durango. They left on July 11, 2017, and completed their hike on August 19, hiking an average of 15 miles per day. Emily said that “the views were amazing, and we definitely enjoyed our days off in town. We were able to visit 18 different towns throughout our trip. Our highest elevation was over 13,000 feet, and temperatures ranged from 30 to 80 degrees.” After spending 36 days on the trail, Emily and Paul spent the road trip back with friends to New Mexico to celebrate.

Megan Modic works at Nasdaq and recently had the pleasure of welcoming students from the Drew Wall Street Semester ring the closing bell at Nasdaq on May 123.

Kristina Lee Farmer has started attending William H. Bowen School of Law in Little Rock, Arkansas, this fall after completing her Teach For America placement in that state. She looks forward to pursuing a career as an advocate for children.

James Weiss married his fiancé, Shayna, in September 2017. See photo, page 123.

Sean Potter has joined the team at Speak About It as a touring actor-educator for the 2017–2018 season. Speak About It is a nonprofit organization that offers sexual assault prevention and consent education through performance, narrative and dialogue. Actor-educators tour schools across the country, using true stories written by young adults to talk frankly about sex, consent, bystander intervention and sexual assault. Sean says his dedication to social justice was fostered at Drew, and is a huge part of why he is so excited to be working with Speak About It.
In June 2016, William Imler ‘51 and Dona Lou (Wilson) Imler ‘68 moved from their beloved retirement home of 25 years at beautiful Lake Gage, Angola, Indiana, on Dona Lou’s ancestral property, to the new campus of the United Methodist Memorial Home known as Heritage of Fort Wayne (Indiana). They live in one of the attractive villas. Their daughter, Carol, and her family live just eight minutes from them, while their other children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren live in Arizona, Colorado and Switzerland. Dona Lou and Bill have found that this is the right place at the right time for them. Drew is a rich part of their history, heritage and lives in ministry. They would love to hear from our fellow alumni and former students!

Martin L. Deppe T’61 continues to enjoy success from his recently published book, Operation Breadbasket: An Untold Story of Civil Rights in Chicago, 1966–1971. The book is an insider’s account of the influential—and often overlooked—civil rights organization from which Jesse Jackson emerged. Martin has given over a dozen presentations on the topic in the Chicago area, including at the Rainbow PUSH annual convention. Martin, a retired Methodist pastor in Chicago, attended the first organizing meeting of Operation Breadbasket and worked with Breadbasket until its close. See photo above.

Carl Olsen’s T’70, G’77 18th and latest book, Religious Ways of Experiencing Life: A Global and Narrative Approach, was published by Routledge in London. Carl retired from teaching at Allegheny College, and he plans to continue publishing essays and books.

Rev. Elizabeth Jones T’05 and Rev. Ardis Louise Letey celebrated their marriage on May 27, 2017, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Toledo, Oregon. They are enjoying retirement in Seal Rock, Oregon. See photo at right.

Rev. Jeffrey B. Gamblee T’06 was named associate chaplain for Mt. Carmel Hospice and Palliative Care, which is based in Columbus, Ohio. The August hiring begins his 10th year in end-of-life care.

Arthur Turfa G’07, who recently released his second poetry book, Accents, the second poetry book from Arthur W. Turfa G’07, was released in May 2017 by Blue Deco Publishing. See photo at right.

Bernie Van De Walle G’99, G’04 recently published Rethinking Holiness: A Theological Introduction. About the book, Will Willimon says: “Holiness is a nearly forgotten concept in my church. That’s a great pity. The Wesleyan conviction that God is able to draw us into ever closer fellowship with the Trinity and that our thoughts and deeds are transformed in the process—holiness—is the force that drove the Methodist revival. Holiness is what a living, loving God is and does. Bernie Van De Walle has written a remarkable book that gives fresh, contemporary, practical significance to the idea of holiness. Here’s a book that my church needs to read, ponder and inculcate now that we may go with God into God’s future.”

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Rev. Elizabeth Jones T’05 and Rev. Ardis Louise Letey as they celebrate their marriage.

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Arthur Turfa G’07, who recently released his second poetry book.
In Memoriam

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

**College of Liberal Arts**

**Samuel Simpson** C’43 served in World War II as a Navy radarman after high school. He went on to study at Drew and at Brown University and enjoyed a long insurance career in his home region of Burrillville and Pascoag, Rhode Island. He passed away peacefully in Pascoag on May 22, 2017, at the age of 91. Sam and his wife, Theresa, raised four children who survive him today, along with eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**Joanne (Whitman) Haines** C’45 grew up in Chatham, New Jersey, and worked on Wall Street during World War II. She then became an Army wife, marrying Lt. Col. Aubrey Haines, and eventually settled in New Hampshire after Aubrey retired from the Army. Joanne died peacefully at home in Kennebunk, Maine, on April 27, 2017, at the age of 92. Preceded in death by her husband, Jack, in 1997, she leaves their five children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Joyce (Hart) Maynard** C’50 was an undergraduate at Drew and Barnard, and later earned a master’s in history at Monmouth University. A resident of the New Jersey shore towns of Manasquan, Sea Girt and Wall, Joyce was known for her love of history, travel and gardening. Joyce passed away on April 17, 2017, at 88. Widowed by her husband, Jack, in 1997, she leaves their five children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**William A. Ottinger** C’55, T’58, ’76 was a New Jersey native then became a lawyer in Florida, settling in Volusia County where he practiced law and was recognized for 50 years of service to the county bar association. He enjoyed travel for fly fishing and skiing, and eventually retired to Jacksonville with Ginger, his wife of 42 years. Bill passed away on July 31, 2017, at 84. He leaves Ginger, two daughters and their families, including four grandchildren, and many extended family members.

**Ruth Audrey (Brown) Padawer** C’54, a resident of East Hills, New York, passed away at the age of 86, on June 10, 2017. Ruth is remembered for her artistic gifts, particularly with watercolor. She enjoyed 63 years of marriage with Gerald and leaves one daughter.

**Mary Lou (Herrmann) Lunin** C’55 became a teacher, completing a master’s degree at Columbia after graduating from Drew. She taught for a while and then had four children, and later embarked on a sales career with AT&T. In retirement, she remained active in the community, generously volunteering her time and also enjoying yoga. She died on June 20, 2017, as a resident of Westfield, New Jersey, and her memorial service was held on what would have been her 83rd birthday. She leaves her husband, Paul Belliveau, her four children and extended family members.

**Richard Prentice Newton** C’47 attended Drew as part of a World War II naval officer training program and then went on to complete an engineering degree. He lived all over the world as an electrical engineer for Bell Telephone Laboratories, along with his wife, Helen, and their four children. In retirement, Dick was an active member of the Holmdel Community United Church of Christ in New Jersey and also volunteered at a local hospital, pushing wheelchairs until he was nearly 92. He died surrounded by his children on April 27, 2017, at 92. Dick was widowed after 66 years of marriage and was also preceded in death by one son. He leaves three children and their families, including four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Herbert E. Lieb** C’49 served in the Navy during World War II and then became a medical doctor in 1954. He went on to serve as chief of urology at three northern New Jersey hospitals. He married Ellen in 1958, and they raised their family in Maplewood, New Jersey. Herbert was an avid golfer, tennis player and suburban farmer. He passed away peacefully in Pascoag on May 22, 2017, at the age of 91. Sam and his wife, Theresa, raised four children who survive him today, along with eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**William G. Kyle** C’54 served nine years in the National Guard, which spanned his time at Drew, and he also enjoyed a long career with Bell Telephone and AT&T. He grew up in Madison and married Mary (from nearby Chatham, New Jersey) in the year following his graduation from Drew. Together they raised three children, and Bill accepted volunteer leadership roles everywhere they lived, most recently serving for 15 years as a Eucharistic minister at St. Cecilia Catholic Community in Fort Myers, Florida. Bill died on June 24, 2017, at a resident of Fort Myers. He leaves Mary, their three children and seven grandchildren.

**Ginger, two daughters and their families, including four grandchildren, and many extended family members.**

**Phillip O. Schnell** C’55, T’58, ’76 was a native of New York’s Hudson Valley. He enjoyed a long career as a Methodist minister there and also served churches in New England. He retired twice—in 1998 and then again in 2013 after 15 years of continued retirement ministry. He enjoyed 62 years of marriage to Anne, and they led
many ecumenical trips to the Holy Land. Philip died on May 23, 2017, at 83, a resident of West Simsbury, Connecticut. He leaves Anne, their four children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Stanley Eugene Wiley** C’57, T’61 was born in San Diego and found his life’s work in ministry, missions and counseling on the East Coast, as a pastor, hospice and rescue mission chaplain, and career development counselor. He also enjoyed sharing his musical talents. Stan died peacefully at home in Brigantine, New Jersey, on April 30, 2017. He was 81. He is survived by his wife, Janice, three children and their families, including five grandchildren.

**Barbara Herber Jordan** C’58, a teacher and guidance counselor, grew up in the Bronx. After graduating from Drew, she earned a second bachelor’s and two master’s degrees. She retired to East Hampton (Long Island), New York, where she became an involved parishioner of the East Hampton Methodist Church and an affordable housing activist. Barbara passed away at 81 on September 6, 2017. Preceded in death by her husband, she leaves one daughter, two grandchildren and many extended family members.

**Margarite (Wetmore) Palermo** C’59, a native New Yorker, studied psychology at Drew. In 1960, she married Angelo, and they settled first in Suffern, New York, where Meg focused on raising their family. In 1989, they relocated to Jupiter, Florida. After 43 years of marriage, Meg was widowed, and she subsequently moved to Franklin, Tennessee, where she passed away on July 14, 2017. She was 79. Meg is survived by their three children and their families, including two grandchildren.

**Richard D. Kollmar** C’60, T’67 was the pastor of the Baptistown Baptist Church in Baptistown, New Jersey, for 33 years. He also worked with other churches and Trans World Radio and volunteered at Gettyburg Military Park. A resident of Thomaville, Pennsylvania, Dick passed away at home on May 28, 2017. He was 78. Dick leaves Mary, his wife of 56 years, and two sons and their families, including four grandchildren.

**Edward Simons Daniels** C’61, a card-carrying Equity actor, led a life marked by the love of education, music and world cultures. Through his 34-year teaching career in Dover, New Jersey, he directed the annual high school musical and was instrumental in the school’s participation in American Field Service. He was a dedicated member of the Mount Fern Methodist church in Randolph, New Jersey. Ed died peacefully on April 5, 2017, at 77. He is survived by a brother, many nieces and nephews with their families, and by several cherished friends.

**Jane Brown** C’62 earned a master’s degree at Columbia University after graduating from Drew. She had a 45-year career with government and nonprofit agencies, including the Lighthouse and the Girl Scouts. In her early 90s, she pursued acting and became a member of SAG-AFTRA. She eventually settled in Ulster County, New York. Jane passed away in New York City at 77 on May 19, 2017. She leaves her ex-husband, Richard, a brother, three nieces and a nephew.

**Katharine Louise (Templin) Reichert** C’63 proceeded directly from the Forest to Florida State University, where she earned a master’s degree in library science. Relocating to New England, she pursued library and administrative work in public library and higher education settings. She also earned an MBA at the University of Massachusetts. An avid outdoorswoman, she climbed many mountains, including Kilimanjaro and the 46 Adirondack high peaks, and volunteered generously with the Sierra Club and the Appalachian Mountain Club. Kitty died peacefully at 75 on April 29, 2017, in her hometown of Exeter, New Hampshire. She is survived by one son and his family and by her life partner, Derek.

**Barbara Oberlin Pazakis** C’66 grew up in Summit, New Jersey, and after graduating from Drew, she relocated to Massachusetts where she did graduate work at Northeastern University. She and her husband, Rosetto, operated the Riverway Lobster House on Cape Cod and raised their two children in the Bass River section of South Yarmouth. She loved tennis and gardening and was known as the quintessential sports mom and grandma for two generations. She died peacefully at home on July 7, 2017, at 73, surrounded by family. She leaves Rosetto, their two children and three granddaughters.

**Walter Sharp** C’66 was a native of Dover, New Jersey. After Drew, Walt settled in the River Bend region of southwestern Illinois, where he completed a second bachelor’s degree in journalism. He worked for a regional newspaper, The Telegraph, and became managing editor. In 1996, he transitioned into the field of corporate communications, eventually relocating to Dallas, where he was senior vice president and senior partner of Vox Global at the time of his death. He passed away at his Dallas home on April 21, 2017, at 72. Walt leaves Bonnie, his wife of 41 years.

**Richard Woodruff Townley Jr.** C’70, an Episcopal priest, earned a master’s at Virginia Theological Seminary in 1973. He was ordained in his hometown of Elizabeth, New Jersey. In 1976, he was called to St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Lambertville, New Jersey, where he served for 41 years. He was instrumental in expanding social services in the Lambertville area and in advancing the church’s classical music program. Richard died on July 22, 2017, and is survived by his wife, Laura, a brother and extended family members, including several nieces and nephews.

**Helen Frances (Kambis) Hendrick** C’77 passed away in January 2017. She is remembered as a brilliant, beautiful young lady who could solve a Rubik’s Cube in a flash, and who grew into a consummate health care professional, spending decades working in that field in South Florida. She was also a devoted mother and sister. Valerie Kambis-Tourtlotte T’83, a sister of Helen, uses a Greek form of endearment, Helenaki, and shares that “Helen’s energetic ballet spirit will always be with us, and we will forever love her—beyond seeing her again in the By and By. I will always be grateful to our Helenaki for being my sister.”

**Mary Drake Wickliffe** C’77 was born in 1928 and raised on a Kentucky farm in the Great Depression, where she developed a strong work ethic and a frugal nature. Married in 1951, she and her husband moved to Summit, New Jersey, where he pursued a career as an electronics engineer with Bell Labs and where they raised one son. Mary pursued her interest in the visual arts through the Summit Arts Center and by studying art at Drew. Her paintings were shown in gallery and corporate shows on the East Coast. She passed away at 88, on November 7, 2016. Mary leaves her son and family, including one granddaughter.

**David Jones Crandall** C’78 earned a law degree in San Diego after graduating from Drew and then returned to live in his original hometown of Maplewood, New Jersey. Throughout his life, he relished time with relatives and close friends at his family’s second home on Shelter Island, New York. Dave died in San Diego on March 13, 2017, at 61. He is remembered for his wit, his musical talent and his loyalty. He is survived by his life partner, Jill, his parents, two siblings, extended family and many friends.

**Maria Sophia Urmeneta Harris** C’01 became a social worker, completing a master’s degree at Boston University after her time at Drew, and then working as a vocational rehabilitation counselor in Montclair, New Jersey. Born in the Philippines, she lived in Mendham, New Jersey, with Colin, her husband of eight years, and their son, Grayson. She passed away at home, at the age of 37, on June 24, 2017. Maria Sophia is survived by Colin and Grayson, along with family and friends, including her parents, two siblings and many nieces and nephews.

**Aaron B. Loether** C’11 studied physics and mathematics at Drew, where he also met his wife, Annie (Horlick) Loether C’12. They married in 2014. The Pittsburgh native enrolled in a doctoral program at the University of Delaware, studying condensed matter and material physics, and the couple took up residence in nearby Elkton, Maryland. Aaron lost his life in a rip current on June 20, 2017, while vacationing in Costa Rica with Annie and his family. He was 28. Aaron is survived by Annie, his parents, a brother, and many extended family members and friends.

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**Ruth dielervis Cooke** T’44 had a long career in both military chaplaincy (which took him to California and the Philippines) and in civilian United Methodist ministry (based principally in Delaware and Maryland.) He retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel after 28 years of service. In 2017, he was recognized for 76 years of Methodist ministry. He began preaching at age 19. He met his wife, Mary, when he served her...
Rodney Gilbert: Opening Minds and Hearts
Actor, Director, Teacher, Mentor, Beloved colleague.

Theatre Arts Assistant Professor Rodney Gilbert was all of these things, and his death on November 9 inspired a flood of tributes drawn from a 30-year career in theatre. “I was really moved by his capacity to love and to give,” says Theatre Arts Associate Professor Lisa Brenner. “He was always an advocate for making sure voices that often go unheard were heard.”

An adjunct at Drew since the 1990s, Gilbert had just this fall begun as a full-time professor. Jim Bazewicz, chair of the Theatre and Dance Department, says Gilbert “had a way of making you feel like you were the most important person in the room.” Theatre Arts Professor Rosemary McLaughlin calls Gilbert “an absolutely integral part of the department.” Students and alumni also offered praise. “I wouldn’t be teaching and acting with the same skill, passion and love without his mentorship,” says Andrew Binger C’13.

Gilbert was long a champion for young people in Newark, his hometown. “It is no exaggeration,” says Theatre Arts Professor Chris Ceraso, “to say that Rodney saved lives.” At Drew, Gilbert helped found Advantage Arts, in which students collaborate on theatre productions with Newark high school students. “The program has given us all the chance to learn and to mentor,” says Ceraso, the co-founder, “the chance to open our minds and hearts in the spirit of Rodney himself.”

Gifts in Rodney Gilbert’s memory may be made to Advantage Arts at Drew University at drewedu/rodney.

Church in his early 20s. They were wed in 1944 after the Delaware School of Nursing gave Mary permission to marry him, and they were married for 64 years, until Mary’s death in 2009. Raymond was president of Wesley College in Dover, Delaware, which expanded from a junior college to an accredited four-year school during his tenure. Raymond died peacefully on June 16, 2017, in Seaford, Delaware, with his two daughters at his side. He was 96. Raymond and Mary are survived by their large family, including five children, 18 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Kenneth Willard T’53, a retired Methodist minister, passed away at home in Alexandria, Minnesota, on September 11, 2016. He was 92. Ken was buried with full military honors at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Theodore Hubert Runyon, Jr. T’55 met his wife, Cindy, on a blind date while he was a seminarian at Drew. They married in 1955 and sailed to Europe, as Ted had won a Fulbright scholarship to study at the University of Goettingen in Germany. After completing his doctorate there, he taught for 40 years at Emory. While on his first sabbatical, he attended sessions of Vatican II. Ted taught and lectured in 20 countries on six continents. He died on May 11, 2017, with Cindy at his side. Ted is survived by Cindy, their three children and extended family members.

Charles Cleveland Thayer T’56, a native of Abingdon, Virginia, was ordained as an Episcopal priest in 1959. He served parishes in Virginia, Tennessee, Minnesota and Wisconsin. He was a member of catholic devotional societies of the Anglican Communion. Charles and his wife, Evelyn Marie (Brush) Thayer C’55, were married in 1956 and raised one son who preceded Charles in death. Charles passed away at his home in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on April 21, 2017. He leaves Evelyn, three grandchildren and their families, including two great-granddaughters.

William B. Thomas T’57 was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1923. His father ran a grocery store through the Great Depression, and Bill helped by delivering grocery orders on his bicycle. Bill was pulled away from his college engineering studies by World War II and served as a Navy radio man in the Pacific. After discharge, he felt called to ministry. He finished his undergraduate work at the University of Chattanooga and then attended seminary at Drew. He served Methodist churches in Georgia and Tennessee for 31 years and enjoyed almost 50 years with his wife, Mary Kathryn, who preceded him in death in 2014. Bill died at home on May 24, 2017, at age 94. He leaves a stepdaughter, four stepgrandchildren and their families.

Clarence Joseph Ingraham T’58 was born in Roughlakespie, New York, and spent his high school years in Maine. Shortly after his graduation from Drew, he married Mary, with whom he enjoyed 58 years of marriage. Joe pursued Methodist ministry and also taught psychology at various colleges. He lived most recently in Rensselaer County, New York, and died on April 10, 2017, at the age of 85. He is survived by Mary and many family members, including their four children, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Charles A. Rudd T’58 grew up in Rome, New York, with a desire to serve the upstate New York Methodist churches of farmers and workers. His first church had an outhouse in the back. Chuck married Ellie on the lawn at Drew in 1958, the same year that he graduated from seminary, and their marriage thrived for 62 years, in which they raised three children. Chuck loved the outdoors and was a supporter of Camp Aldersgate, the Methodist camp in the Adirondack Park. Chuck died peacefully in Utica, New York, surrounded by family, on July 8, 2017. He was 84. He was preceded in death by one son and is survived by Ellie, two children, two grandchildren and other family members.

Robert J. Duncan Sr. T’59, ’71, ’01, a Methodist minister and native of Paterson, New Jersey, served the Grace United Methodist Church in a time of transition. In the early 1960s, he led the congregation through its relocation to Wyckoff, New Jersey, from its 1870s location in Paterson, after the Paterson site was needed for an urban renewal endeavor. Bob was also instrumental in the parish growth that followed the move. He met his wife, Dottie, through her involvement in the church choir. Bob died in Texas on July 13, 2017. He leaves Dottie, one son and his family, including a grandson and two great-grandchildren.

Rose Marie Padowano T’84, a Sister of Charity and a professor at the College of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station, New Jersey, reached the age of 80 while pursuing a diverse career. She held four degrees, including a doctorate from Drew and a second doctorate in education from Rutgers University. She also taught at Seton Hall University and Ramapo College. Her efforts to advance the field of education took her to Kenya and China. Sister Rose Marie died in May 2017, leaving her brother and many extended family members, including two generations of nieces and nephews, along with dear friends, including Sister Patricia.

Orville Hargis Burton Jr. T’85 was proud of his heritage, having been born and raised on the Eastern Shore. An auto enthusiast, O.H. had trained as a diesel mechanic before accepting the call to ministry. While attending seminary at Drew, he served churches in New York City and Jersey City. He then returned to Virginia for 32 years of ordained Methodist ministry. He passed away on May 4, 2017. O.H. is survived by Mary, his wife of 29 years, and their two children.

Robert J. Ralls T’87, a North Carolinian, completed doctoral work at Drew after earning a master’s at Duke University Divinity School. He also spent a year at the University of Edinburgh and then returned to Charlotte and married Aileen. He served eight Methodist churches in North Carolina and twice served as district superintendent. After retiring to Greensboro, he led over 30 trips to the Holy Land and Europe, including Greece and Turkey. Robert died at the age of 86 on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017. He is survived by Aileen, their two sons, two grandsons and many extended family members.

Gail Dunlap Reuben T’90 lived in Morristown, New Jersey, for over 50 years. An audiologist, she co-founded a school for many extended family members.
Robert Hugh McTague III
Caspersen School

Robert Ball T’93 worked on a railroad until accepting the call to ministry at age 30. In over 30 years of parish ministry, he served four Church of Christ congregations in the South—spending 25 of those years in Florida, at Hialeah Church of Christ. He married Kathy shortly before his 18th birthday, and they enjoyed 50 years of marriage. Robert died peacefully on July 19, 2017, with family at his side, at age 68. He is survived by Kathy and many family members, including their two daughters, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Allyson (Reeves) Aylesworth T’09 wore many hats in the years leading up to her ordination. She was a church secretary, a hospice volunteer, a grant writer for the Broome County (New York) Council of Churches, and she assisted with jail chaplaincy. Friends say that she was a minister long before she went to seminary. She served Methodist churches during and after her time in seminary at Drew. A resident of Vestal, New York, Allyson will also be remembered for her love of the culinary arts and of travel. She passed away on April 15, 2017, leaving Lynn, her husband of 35 years, their son, Colin, and many other relatives. She was 56.

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Robert Hugh McTague III G’93, ’96, ’99, a native Floridian, spent his graduate school years at Drew and adopted Madison as his permanent home. He pursued an academic career in the region, teaching history and English at Fairleigh Dickinson University, and other institutions. He married Sylvia in 1995, and they were active in the community, with Rob coaching their daughters’ softball teams. He died at home in May 2017, surrounded by family. Rob is survived by Sylvia, their daughters and other family members.

Eva H. Carter G’96 was born in Budapest in the midst of World War II. She came as a young refugee to live in Summit, New Jersey, and attended school there. Eventually she earned degrees at Marywood University, Kean University, Fairleigh Dickinson University and Drew, with additional study at McGill University. An accomplished musician who taught piano for many years, Eva also became a senior medical copy editor at Novartis. She passed away at 75, on May 14, 2017. Eva was preceded in death by her husband, Ashley, a physicist. She leaves many family members, including three step-children and two generations of nieces and nephews. It was not lost on her family that she died on Mother’s Day, as she was like a very attentive second mother to many.

William R. Murry G’70 was born in Missouri in 1932. He began his career as a Baptist pastor, serving in campus ministry at several schools, including Columbia University. In 1977, he became a Unitarian Universalist minister. His career in that denomination included a 17-year tenure at River Road Congregation in Bethesda, Maryland, and the role of president and academic dean of Meadville Lombard Theological School, which is affiliated with the University of Chicago. He died on July 6, 2017. Bill is survived by Barbara, his wife of 53 years, and family members, including three sons and four grandchildren.

Faculty, Staff & Friends

Gerald Gurland, a Fulbright scholar and architect, worked at the noted I.M. Pei firm in the 1960s. He became a partner at the Richard Meier firm, and he succeeded with award-winning and noteworthy projects such as the U.S. Embassy in Chile. One of his proudest achievements was the construction of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. After completing his work on that project, he joined the board of Drew’s Center for Holocaust/Genocide Study. He also made time to teach at the New Jersey Institute of Technology and to serve on the planning board in his hometown of West Orange, New Jersey. He passed away at 81, on February 2, 2017. Preceded in death by one son, he is survived by his wife, Evelyn, another son and other family members, including a grandson. Gerald attempted to tender his resignation to the planning board in late 2016, but nobody wanted to accept it.

Howard Clark Kee II, a former Drew faculty member and expert on the New Testament, was raised in the small Delaware River town of Beverly, New Jersey. After completing seminary, he earned a doctoral degree at Yale University and embarked on an academic career in 1951. He taught at several schools, including Drew (from 1953 to 1968), the University of Pennsylvania, Bryn Mawr College and Boston University. In the 1950s and 1960s, Howard participated in five archaeological excavations in the Middle East. He was also active in the civil rights movement of the 1960s, joining other clergy in marches on Selma and Birmingham, Alabama. Howard passed away at 96, on April 2, 2017, in Haverford, Pennsylvania. He is survived by three children and two grandchildren.