

# CLASS NOTES

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## 1950

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## 1955

**Judy Kish Amundsen** writes I turned 84 this June as I'm sure most of my classmates did also. I'm still with a personal trainer after 22 years. Keeps me on my feet. As a member of St. Ladislav, I volunteer at St. Ignatius food bank and serve as a Eucharistic minister at Arden Courts (assistant living). My 4 grandchildren are still in school. Alex is a 2nd year law student at Catholic University, Hannah is in pre-med at Virginia Tech, Tara is entering East Carolina to study oceanography and Sophie is in the 8th grade and as indicated she wants to join the FBI.

All challenging studies. Hope to hear from my classmates and to see you at our re-union in the fall.

## 1956

**Patty Westropp** writes our deepest sympathy to **Connie O'Connell Strong & Rita Mooney Parks** on the loss of their husbands. My son John Westropp Jr. May they rest in peace. Always remembered never forgotten. **Carol Eagan Grady, Judy Bopp Loach, Dolores McDonnell Ritt, Kathy Lavelle Heffernan & I** are planning our 65th reunion. We will have more news later. By the time you receive these notes our reunion will be over. Looking forward to the reunion & hoping for a good turnout. Please continue to support our Scholarship Fund.

## 1957

**Barbara Schubert** writes **Kitty Callinan Busher** has relocated to beautiful Denver, CO to be near her daughter. **Mary Ann Papas Semancik** has promised her usual late summer visit to Cleveland for a visit with her twin brother, and her Beaumont classmates. Once that date is known, we will let all the locals know where we will meet with Mary Ann.

This has been a very difficult year and a half for everyone. **Judy Patterson Nieser's** beloved sister and our classmate, Barbara died. My brother, Don Schuele, died of COVID less than six months after his wife, Clare ('54) died. It seems that every family has suffered a loss or losses or serious illness. Let us continue to remember our classmates and their families during this pandemic and beyond.

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## 1963

**Kathleen Callahan Crawford** writes our daughter & son-in-law bought our Florida house, so we downsized to a condo. I am delighted – Vince is still adjusting to the smaller lanai. At this stage arthritis dictates life – not choice. His back etc. does much better in the south. Luckily, we can still be in Ohio in the summer and spend time with family and friends. I am working on closets etc. here in anticipation of our grandson buying this house next year. After 44 years here it will take that long to go thru closets/ barn etc. I manage these boring tasks with books on tape...so I am "well read" if that's the term when you listen! Hope you all are well!

**Anne Maher Teddlie** writes my husband Don and I have survived the pandemic and are still based in our house in Atlanta. However, we bought a condo on Amelia Island in February 2020 for a getaway place, just in time for the world to shut down. Seventeen months later, after rescheduled closing and stay-at-home orders and coordinating renovation long distance and trying to order furniture, we are finally feeling at home there. We plan to come and go off and on except in the summers. Atlanta is plenty hot for this former Ohioan! Let me know if you're in the neighborhood!

## 1964

**Mary Ferrara Supler** writes after missing a year and a half of lunch bunch due to COVID, we gathered at Alfredo on the east side to resume our monthly gab fest. It was great seeing everyone and sharing our lives with one another once again. We welcome anyone who would like to join our group. We come from all over Cleveland and **Piri** even joined us from New York! We meet the third Friday of the month. Special thanks to **Louise** who keeps us informed and makes all the arrangements. Please consider joining us. Email either me (marysupler@aol.com) or Louise (lsearson@mindspring.com). We would love to see you again and catch up.

## 1966

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## 1967

**Kathy Forster** writes it has been fun talking with many of you and learning what has been going on in your lives. Although **Janet Schindler Bochin** and her husband Hal, live in an area of California that was uncomfortably close to fires a year ago, they have managed COVID well with inoculations and sheltering in place. After assembling 200 assorted jigsaw puzzles, they have restarted going to restaurants, and Janet has resumed yoga and Bunco.

**Debbie Henry Beeter** and her husband Doug, have been waiting out COVID, vaccinated, but staying close to home. It was so good to hear her voice, and we share the unique comfort of being "original" friends, not because of children, or jobs, or neighborhoods, or churches, but roots. Those of you who have been lifelong Clevelanders share the gift of running into each other in the neighborhood, for planned outings, or even funerals. She asks for prayers for her daughter Jane, who got a frightening diagnosis at the beginning of June, of colon cancer. Prayers requested.

Several classmates met at Paul Minillo's restaurant, "Flour" recently. Among them were **Karen Rocco Durant, Betsy Bambrick Sullivan, Ann Gorris Gelehrter, Laurie Damaso Seltzer, & Rosemary Mannino Weltman**. Karen has sold the "ancestral" family home, and reports that she has downsized, but stayed in the neighborhood. Rosemary maintains her home in Cleveland but is enjoying more time in Florida. She said that when she, Laurie, and Karen are all in town at the same time, they have taken a hike down Fairmount to the Beaumont campus, a 6-7-mile jaunt.

A few months ago, in a chat with **Ginger Simoson Eby**, I was lifted by her wonderful upbeat attitude, and how she liked to think that "Peter took a helicopter to heaven". I could hear the faith and love in her voice. When I asked whether she would keep the house, she said, "I have what everyone wants, a ranch". She has made it her own by redecorating in new fresh colors. Ginger has become involved with the 2021 Whole Woman Conference and is to be the keynote speaker. The program helps women restore pelvic health and avoid surgery. She mentioned an impromptu dinner at Tavern Company (Tavco), on Lee Road near campus, on July 7th, attended by **Paula Burby Coakley, Bridget McLaughlin Steck, Lucy Oliphant Buzzee, Mary Ellen Malone Shannon, and Ginger**.

A little bird has told me that **Mary Ellen Malone Shannon** has welcomed a new chick, granddaughter Eleanor Jane, born on July 30th, weighing in at 6 pounds, 4 ounces, and definitely worth the wait. After having raised 4 sons, a craving for sugar and spice has been satisfied.

Having spoken to the classmate I believe to be the youngest, **Sue McGrath** told me she celebrated her 70th in Hawaii. In addition to that, she has freshly relocated from Portland, Oregon, to Anderson, South Carolina, and is awaiting her furniture. She spends 3 days a week crawling around on the floor with her 9-month-old grandson, Teddy.

In the middle of June, **Julie Ganim, Vickie Henrietta Byrne, and I** met in Chagrin Falls for a delightful Sunday brunch, catching up on each other's news. Vickie, having retired 3 years ago, decided to become a Community Master Gardener. Because of COVID, the community aspect is under arrest, but her yard is amazing. Julie's big news is the move from Hudson to Northfield, to a dream condo, to take place imminently. It was fun to hear the excitement in her voice, and the plans after her relocation.



*Class of 1967: Kathy Forster, Julie Ganim, Vickie Henrietta Byrne in Chagrin Falls.*

**Peggy Kelly Dempsey** called from Palm Beach. Having married into the Navy, she has had to roll with the punches, with frequent and numerous relocations. I marvel at how she has maneuvered the expectations and succeeded with grace. She is the consummate problem solver, locating her mother-in-law and sister-in-law into her daughter's cul de sac so that for the first time, the 4 generations can enrich each other's lives.

**Dalia Nasvytis Armonas** has emailed to say that she has partially retired, and is tending to her roses, and singing, when COVID doesn't interfere. She would be happy to carpool or help with an airport pick up for the reunion next year.

My recent activities prove that I am retired. I have been scouring old calendars and photo albums to fabricate a surprise for my

husband for our 50th anniversary. Among the ancient memorabilia, was a travel journal from 1970. It revealed that **Sally Matia, Paula Burby, Kathleen Gude and I** bumped into each other at the student travel office in Athens, Greece. Another life ago....

It has been suggested that those of you who have the intention of attending the reunion in September 2022, make your intentions known for planning sake. We need to know the number in order to find a venue for our off-campus event. Unfortunately, on a Saturday, we are competing with weddings. Several of our favorite venues no longer exist, so your suggestions are welcome. The response for a lunch rather than a dinner has yielded some surprising results. A lunch allows us to visit longer, without the worry of driving in darkness. Those who wish, can attend the Mass on campus, and afterwards, those who choose to break into smaller groups, can host house parties, restaurant dinners, or hotel gatherings in the evening. Some generous offers have come in your email responses, among them ride shares (carpooling), airport pick-ups, and spare guest rooms. And finally, adieux from all of us, Sr. Marie Michelle.

## 1970

**Beth Thompson Beagle** writes hello everyone. While there are still concerns with COVID I hope your lives continue to grow and expand especially as we are in our glory years. I am not fully retired from my business, but I am learning how to do so much more than work. I am studying astronomy and enjoying the wonders in the sky. I am becoming a pilot to see more of the nearby world. My husband of 38 years won't fly with me as the pilot (well at least not yet), we will be traveling together with plans for Mexico, South America, and New Zealand over the next year. Wishing you all a blessed and safe time.

**Kathleen O'Brien Kelley** writes I graduated from Ursuline College and taught at Lake Catholic for 3 years before starting a family. Joe, who I have been married to for 47 years, and I have 4 children and nine grandchildren.

I am recently retired from a career in embroidery and just moved to Aurora from Solon. We are looking forward to the next chapter of our lives enjoying golf, family, and friends!!

## 1972

**Adrianne Kohn** writes summer greetings to the Sunshine Class!

Our classmates are on the move, literally. **Kathy Simoson O'Brien** and her husband sold their Shaker Heights home and moved to Pepper Pike. **Brenda Woodworth O'Toole** and her husband are building a new home in Chardon, leaving Richmond Heights behind, and landing right in the middle of the snow belt. In May, **Pam Scott Roberts** and her husband moved back to Shaker Heights from Dallas, Texas. Welcome home, Pam! She enlisted the interior design expertise of **Kim Binder Carroll** to create the perfect color palette and style.

**Maryellen Amato** recently completed an intensive program in Spiritual Direction at Franciscan University in Steubenville. She is truly a source of strength and guidance for us all. Maryellen can be reached at meamato76@gmail.com.

**Kathy O'Brien** joyfully reported the birth of her seventh grandchild. Welcome, baby Sloane Nicole! Kathy's oldest grandchild will be a freshman at Wittenberg in the Fall and will be swimming for them. **Liz Somody Davis** spent a month in England enjoying her new baby granddaughter, Liliith. **Susie Leppig** announced the birth of her great niece, Phoebe Tess. **Mary Beth Walton Guzzo** shared the news of her great nephew's arrival, Chance Norman. And I am excited to announce the arrival of my grandson, James Patrick. Baby James joins his big sister Maddy who just turned three and keeps us smiling!

The countdown to our 50!! reunion has officially begun. We are hoping for an amazing turnout, so please encourage any of our classmates who may have lost touch to contact the alumni office or myself with current contact information. Stay tuned for details as they become available.

In the meantime, stay safe, stay healthy, and please continue to pray for our classmates and their families. Wishing you sunshine always!

## 1973

**Karen DiEgidio Yeigh** writes time flies as they say. Seems like yesterday we all graduated. My husband and I are retired as of 2017/18. We had an amazing go for 40 years with various physical therapy and healthcare administration jobs for me, engineering, and shipping management with ExxonMobil for John. It allowed us to travel the world on Exxon's dime while our two kids were young (Megan and Evan), living in both London and Singapore. We returned to the US for high school and college years and still have Evan completing college this Fall so we aren't entirely empty nesters yet. Currently we spend time in the Adirondacks hiking to be near Evan and watch his college soccer games or dog sitting in Portsmouth, NH for Megan. When at home in Annapolis John is a volunteer sailing instructor for the Naval Academy Offshore team and I volunteer on Race Committee. Plans for retirement include more volunteer time, hiking, and travel.

**Mary O'Connor** writes how many of you believed that "tooting your own horn" was akin to a mortal sin? Or that bragging about one's accomplishments would lead to a "swelled head"? This was a standard in our home. However, the timing on this invitation to share recent life events came at a moment when I had a happy item that certainly qualifies as a 'recent life event.' The University of Akron Press just released a book I wrote! "Free Rose Light" is part of their series on Ohio history and culture, a work of non-fiction focused on an Akron ministry and the neighborhood it serves. I will stop now, lest I go astray and risk a swelled head. <https://blogs.uakron.edu/uapress/product/free-rose-light>

**Annie Carcioppolo Kachurek** writes adjusting well to retirement, our new home in Lyndhurst. Staying active with grandchildren (8!!). Preparing to do a medical mission trip to El Salvador in November and trying to



**Class of 1973: Annie Carcioppolo Kachurek, Maribeth Wuertz Gavin and Linda Cipriani.**

teach myself Spanish for the umpteenth time. Walking, reading, gardening, and enjoying reconnecting with friends. Had lunch recently with **Maribeth Wuertz Gavin** and **Linda Cipriani** who are both looking great and doing well. It was wonderful to catch up and reminisce!

**Brenda Woodworth O'Toole** writes my husband, Don & I are moving to Chardon, OH. Busy organizing things for the move! After 35 years it's bittersweet! The house is being built in a development called Thistle Creek. The land is cleared and we're hoping for some action soon!

## 1975

**Sharon Douglas** writes my son, Matt, and his wife, Nicole, had a beautiful baby girl on April 21, 2021. Our first grandchild named Katherine Grace.

**Kim Marke Lonsdale** writes my husband Mike and I still live in University Heights. I just celebrated 41 years working for University Hospitals. I am currently a Registered Nurse Care Coordinator for outpatient Pediatric Epilepsy at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. Our daughter, Jane, is a morning traffic anchor for Fox7 News in Austin, TX.

**Ann Dahlman Luebbert** writes I'm excited to start my fourth year as a volunteer art teacher at an elementary school in inner city Philadelphia, where I am known as Miss Ant, the art lady. I'm beyond relieved that we will

be heading back to in-school learning in September. I also took on a part time job at a floral/gift shop where my cards are sold to help me fund the art program. (I try to limit my begging for supplies on social media to 1-2 times a year!)

**Sharon Latkovich Valente** writes please join us for our reunion get together at the home of Mary Jo Paulett Toumert, Saturday, September 25 @ 5 pm. Spouses/ Significant Others are welcome. Contact me (drsvalete@gmail.com) for the Evite link. We'd like to get an accurate headcount so please try to get your RSVP in by September 1.



## 1981

**Donna Marie Fienga-Hershiser** graduated Metro General Hospital School of Nursing in 1984; Ursuline College School of Nursing in 1986; International Flight Attendant Continental/United Airlines 1988. Daughter McKenna Greywacz is attending Ursuline College School of Nursing (accelerated program) with anticipated graduation December 2021.

## 1987

**Gina Robinson-Harris** writes my daughter, Kendal Harris, graduated from Laurel School. She was admitted to The Ohio State University as a Morrill Scholar with Excellence. She is also a published author! Her novel, Unspectacular Things, is available on Amazon, Bookshop, and various other online platforms.

## 1991

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## 1992

**Erin Marks Labovitz** writes we took advantage of remote schooling and remote working by putting our stuff in storage, selling our home in Indiana, and hit the road. We traveled over 20,000 miles in 27 states staying in our RV, with family and friends or in vacation rentals. We got to see many National and State parks, survived the Big Freeze in Texas, learned a lot about nature and ourselves while having the adventure of a lifetime. Now we have found our dream house in Vermont. We'll move in at the end of August and start another new adventure!

**Mary Traverse** writes I'm celebrating my fifth year as a freelance graphic designer running my own studio in Seattle! Not only do I offer design services, but I also connect my clients with other creatives like photographers, illustrators, copywriters, and technical folks. My clients include game studios, non-profits, galleries, and many more. You can see my artwork, design, and buy prints/tee shirts of my work at <http://www.maryptraverse.com>

**Rachel Tekavic Vuyancih** writes I was one of the award recipients named Educator of the Year through Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio.

## 1994

**Stephanie Adams** writes on May 14, 2021, I presented the Nettie Cronise Lutes Award to **Judge Melody Stewart 1980** at the Ohio State Bar Association Annual Meeting. I have started a job as Senior Corporate Counsel at Sherwin Williams. My daughter starts Kindergarten in the fall!!

## 2001

**Kayla Murphy Cousineau** writes my husband Mark and I recently welcomed baby #4 in the spring, John Patrick Cousineau. He was warmly welcomed by his two older brothers and older sister.



## 2002

**Ana Tremaglio Hinchcliffe** writes in February, I left my position as an Enforcement Attorney with the Ohio Division of Securities to become a Director of Compliance at RIA in a Box, a company that provides compliance consulting to state and SEC registered investment advisers. In June, my family moved to Brecksville after 5.5 years in Columbus. Excited to be back in Northeast Ohio!

**Jennifer Ina Adamczyk** writes I welcomed daughter Giuliana Marie on June 4, 2021.

**Nichelle Travis Lewis** writes my husband Keith, and I welcomed our son Kash Kristofer Lewis on 7/8/21 at 932am 7lbs 19.25 inches long. Mom, dad and big sister Kaylin are doing well.

**Korie Haynie Whisenant** writes hi everyone! Hope everyone and their families are doing well! I realize I might be 2 years late on this one but for anyone who doesn't already know my oldest son Aaron (9.5 yo) has a baby brother named Nathan born April of 2019. He's such a great kid and Aaron loves having a sibling. Also, I opened my own law firm about a month ago called the Law Office of K. E. Whisenant and I handle Estate Planning (wills, trusts, powers of attorney) and Probate Administration (when a loved one passes away, and the probate court is required to distribute assets). If you or anyone you know needs these services, please let me know. [www.kwhisenantlaw.com](http://www.kwhisenantlaw.com).

The following photos are of an outing I took with classmate **Lea Wolf Jones** and our families in May of this year.



*Class of 2002: Korie Haynie Whisenant and Lea Wolf Jones and families.*

## 2005

**Ashya Majied** writes I left higher education and now work for a Diversity and Inclusion consulting firm. Since my work is remote, I moved back to Cleveland after being gone for over 10 years and am planning on buying a home on the area this year!

## 2006

**Madaline Jones** writes in January of 2020 I started my own Reiki & Holistic Healing business. I currently work out of my home studio in Los Angeles, and I offer energy healing, meditation, and spiritual evolution/

personal growth for my clients, both in person and virtually. It has been the most beautiful and rewarding journey. Even with the difficulties brought on by the COVID-19 Pandemic, I am so grateful and ever-learning. I became a certified Reiki Practitioner in 2019 and recently completed my Reiki Master Teacher training in June of 2021. Let me know if you would like any additional information, my website is: [www.MysticMad.com](http://www.MysticMad.com). :) Love to you all, Madaline.

**Anne Roberto** writes that she married husband Sean Schilling on March 28th, 2021 in an intimate ceremony overlooking Lake Erie.



*Class of 2006: Anne Roberto weds Sean Schilling.*

**Mary Carney Sayre** writes we are now a family of 4. Bennett Thomas Sayre was born on May 11, 2021, and his big sister, Josie, loves him lots!

**Molly St. John Strano** writes living in Cleveland with husband, Sam, and 2 kids, Sammy (3) and Lulu (1), working as a RN at Cleveland Clinic.

## 2008

**Julia Coughlin** writes I miss you guys and can't wait to hear what everyone has been up to. I'm finishing General Surgery residency in Chicago and matched into Cardiothoracic Surgery fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

**Mary Ryan** writes just moved back to Cleveland after spending 9 years in Columbus and will be starting a job with MetroHealth as a primary care physician in

internal medicine and pediatrics.

**Anjali Kotagal Williams** writes hello! I welcomed in my first baby Rosemary Spring Williams on April 28th, 2021!

## 2013

**Kailyn Brooks** writes I was deployed to the CDC COVID-19 Response during her ORISE Fellowship. During this 60-day deployment, I worked on the COVID-19 Vaccine Pregnancy Registry Team, where I contributed to the data presented in the "Preliminary Findings of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccine Safety in Pregnant Persons" article published in the New England Journal of Medicine in June 2021. I was also recently sworn in as the President-Elect of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College, Decatur Chapter in Decatur, GA.

**Kristina Colo** writes I'm on my 5th year teaching special education at Wickliffe Middle School. I will be getting married to my fiancé, Kevin Kaczmariski, on November 6, 2021.

**Kathryn Gambatese** writes I started a career with PNC Bank in March.

**Mairin Jerse** writes I quit my job to pursue my MBA full time at The University of Chicago!

**Jessie Long** writes I am happily married with a baby girl about to turn one. Excited on finishing school to work as a child psychologist and work with law makers to reform mental health in schools.

**Courtney Prebul** writes I got engaged March 2021, also working towards my graduate degree (MBA)!

**Mary Reagan** writes I moved back to Ohio to work at the Cleveland Clinic and will be getting married in August.

## 2015

**Ana Maria Vargas** writes I graduated from MIT with my bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in Literature in December 2019. I have since been working as an engineer for the U.S. Department of Transportation in Boston, MA. I am incredibly

grateful to have a job that can be done remotely and has sustained me through the pandemic. I look forward to catching up with my classmates at the reunion this fall!

## 2016

**Claire Chaikin** writes this fall, 2021, I will be starting grad school at Northwestern University to earn a PhD in Life Sciences.

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## 2021

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# IN MEMORIAM

## As of 9/28/2021

### Beaumont Alumnae:

Ann DeCain Blackham '45  
Jane Hruby Hanlon '46  
Dorothy Johnson Eskew '48  
Marcia Mercurio Kaschak '49  
Jeanne Deininger '50

Mary Dominguez Hlavin '51  
Carol Cerney Minkin '51  
Helene Sasko Love '52  
Sheila Braidech Metzger '53  
Margaret Trenkamp '54  
Rosemary Grant Whitney '59  
Roberta Quincy King '60

Mary Anne Rohr McGinness '60  
Deborah Shaw '67  
Kathleen Miller Braier '71  
Valencia Proa '74  
Terry O'Brien '79  
Reilly Girardot '16  
Hailey Tookey '19