



Class Notes_Fall 2023 Perspective

1951 Liggett

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Barbara Esler: Sadly, our class of 28 is now reduced to 7. We only have news from two of our classmates, including myself about my recent tour of the Little White House in Warm Springs, GA, where Franklin D. Roosevelt passed away. Earlier, my granddaughter Tiffany rented a house and gathered the family for several days, where we enjoyed the Georgia Renaissance Festival. I keep busy with singing, reading, knitting, and volunteering with the Salvation Army in Rome, Georgia.

Becky Patterson Hein: I have been living at my current address for eight years. I feel lucky to live within walking distance to the Village and Trader Joes. The building has been there for more than 50 years, originally built for people to spend their summers "up north." I recently went on a tour of the east side of Detroit led by retired teacher Dave Backhurst. He told us, "Detroit is currently a work in progress." I expect to return to volunteering at the information desk at the Detroit Institute of Arts soon. I wish I had children living nearby, my daughter, Martha, is an actuary in Pittsburg and Katherine is a plastic surgeon in Boston. My son Benjamin manages other people's money, he lives in Florida and speaks five languages. The best for him is Portuguese because not many Americans speak it. I only have two grandchildren, Rebecca is finishing her junior year at Boston Latin School, while Lincoln is finishing 8th grade.

Mary Anne McPhail is still living in Florida and currently owns five horses. She hopes to go to the Paris Olympics to watch dressage. She is looking forward to a large party for her 90th birthday in July.

1952 DUS

William Osbeck: It is a delight to be acquainted with our school of past years. The publication Perspective has been informative and a remembrance of the past school days for the three Osbeck boys, who attended: **Nils '50 DUS, William, '52 DUS** and **Bertil '56 GPUS**.

We lived in Grosse Pointe Woods while attending school. Our house was built on N. Oxford Road in the early 1930s and we would travel to school by foot so much of the time, walking across the open fields of forest between Oxford and Cook Road. All seasons were a time of wonderment and beauty when the weather was agreeable for walking.

Nils was the more social one of the three of us. He enjoyed the debutante parties that were a highlight of the year in Grosse Pointe society. Upon graduation he went to Colgate University in New York, majored in economics, and eventually found his way into the restaurant field overseeing Otto's Deli in Columbus, Ohio for many years. He raised two sons, Eric and John from his first marriage. My brother died in 2012 at 79 years of age, in Sacramento, CA. He and his second wife helped take care of Mother during the years of 1994-2000 until she fell asleep in death.

Bertil was the scholar of the family. He was the valedictorian of his class and received an honorary scholarship to Stanford where he spent his freshman year in 1956. He and I traveled from Michigan that summer to take up residence in Van Nuys, CA. While at DUS, he had the opportunity to take Latin as a course and that proved to be a distinct advantage for him. He possessed a rich vocabulary and all fields of education seemed easy to grasp for him. The secular education provided at GPUS equipped him to enter different fields of employment. He left Stanford and spent many years attending Arizona and California universities. He received a Master's Degree during the 1960s and worked at Scripps in California, the Oceanography Institute. He always wanted to be a physician but never realized that goal. Instead, he spent one year in Washington State working in a ward that cared for newborn babies. His next adventure was to journey back to California where he worked for Baxter in the computer field, combining his medical knowledge with a self-taught computer education required for the position he held. At retirement, he remained in the Newport Beach area along with his wife, Debbie, and his son Jon, until his death in 2027 at age 79.

Me? William (Bill). I am still living — 88 years old at present and living in Lake Oswego, OR with my wife, Susan, of 47 years. I was the average student of the three boys. I never could quite understand subjects like chemistry and geometry. I enjoyed reading, writing, and arithmetic. Also, I was the more athletic of the boys, playing football, basketball and baseball

from grades 10-12 and receiving the “U” in all three sports. My only claim to fame was being captain of the baseball team and batting .521 in my senior year, and catching a 40-yard touchdown pass from good friend David Rentschler in our senior year that won a game. After graduation, I enrolled at the University of Miami in the business area. Yes, I went out for spring baseball season tryouts, but realized I wasn't really very talented. Reality set in. I graduated with a business degree, but interestingly this field was just an avocation. I moved to the Carolinas after my brief journey to California with Bert and found myself entering the field of teaching school. That required my taking post-graduate courses in education at various universities from 1959-1967. I returned to Sacramento, CA. in 1963 and was hired by Elk Grove School District and eventually in 1974, I was invited to be the principal, teacher and counselor at a private school, K-12, called Sacramento State Prep, having a body of 300 students. We graduated over 500 students during the SSPS journey; we also had the opportunity of employing the ROP job training program of the state whereby junior and senior students were able to receive entry level job skills in almost all fields of employment. It was an amazing program for students who wanted to enter the working field after graduation.

What did I teach? While in Winston-Salem, NC, I was hired to teach a core curriculum where literature was the vehicle to combine the fields of history and English. It was imaginative and interesting as reading books became the focus of the program. Life stories of people found in the Steinway, Hemingway, Michener areas along with Anne Frank's Diary, Black Like Me, Night, and other publications stimulated minds and reinforced the vocabulary and writing skills and deepened one's understanding of the connection between history and nonfiction literature. In 1956, seeing that so many youth were leaving schools, I was able to register with the State of California Board of Education — a home schooling program that extended to 26 states before being discontinued after 24 years. Altogether, I spent 31 years in the field of education. Teaching young people is a delightful way to enjoy life.

In retrospect, DUS provided us with an excellent comprehensive secular education. It was very helpful for us boys that our mother accepted a Bible study program from the Watchtower Bible Society as it provided moral instruction. The hippie movement of the 1960s that introduced a drug culture and a dramatic change in moral values was truly revolutionary. My brothers and I found that we were prepared educationally and morally to live in an ever-changing world. From my early youth, as a Jehovah's Witness, I have had the privilege of training in the field of Bible education and literature and public speaking. At eight years of age, I gave my first talk before an audience of 100 on the subject of John the Baptist. I have been invited to speak all over the United States and Canada for 80 years on Bible topics in public buildings and at conventions. These talks range from doctrinal, prophecy, chronology, principles and laws as they relate to the Bible. Three talks really stand out in my mind. One entitled “The Flood of

Noah's Day, and You," highlights the mammoths like LYUBA found frozen in ice in Siberia, body completely intact, preserved for 1,000s of years and featured on public television by National Geographic in 2009. It raises the question as to whether the sudden freezing was caused by glacial action or by a catastrophic event such as Noah's flood. Other talks were "Appreciating the Marvels of Creation," and "How Real is God to You." Teaching adults is also a delightful way of life as it provides the knowledge needed for people to deepen their understanding of all facets of life which enable their families to make wise decisions morally and secularly.

It has been a pleasure and delight to be given the opportunity to return to school by way of Perspective and to share the stories of the Osbeck family.

1958 GPUS

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Suzie Decker: Six classmates gathered for our 65th GPUS Reunion. It seems like we always pick up where we left off which is fun for this group. What a joy it was to be with longtime friends. Friday evening Richard Strother and I attended the cocktail party at the home of Head of School for classes having big reunions. As expected, we were the oldest. Dinner that evening was at our home where we were joined by **Lyn Hallett Backe, Claudia Gage Snyder, Lynn and Bill Turner, Chris, and Greg Dodds**. Saturday evening **John Dodds** joined us for dinner at The Continental at the Eleanor and Edsel Ford Home Visitors Center. The weekend consisted of walks to the Grosse Pointe Farms Pier; stopping at The War Memorial to see the new building and the statue which is a replica of one in Normandy; a trip to the Motown Museum; tour of Northwest Detroit, some good, some not so good, but interesting. We all loved the Motown Museum and could hardly wait to get home to play the music. John Mozena told us the night before we would leave the Museum feeling like proud Detroiters, and we did. Everyone seems to have some kind of age-related issue or business preventing them from attending. But no dwelling on the aches and pains. Jack Flaacke is not retired. Business kept them home. Many thanks to Lyn Hallett Backe who came all the way from Washington State, Richard Strother from NYC and the Dodds from Saline, MI. and of course the locals. It was a great time to be together.

Do you realize our class has had a Reunion every five years since we graduated? We were sorry to miss some of our friends.

Three weeks after our Reunion I was fortunate to see **Sally Walker Grieb** and her daughter Lisa. They were in town for the graduation of Sally's granddaughter.

Judy and **Gary Rembacki** are doing well, maybe at a little slower pace in Georgetown, KY. Gary still enjoys a game of golf.

1960 Liggett

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Dell Rubin-Smithern: I am happy to be the Class Secretary for the Liggett Class of 1960, because we have the greatest group of ladies, who are very supportive of each other and of me. It makes my job so much easier to do. We started meeting on Zoom during the Pandemic and have continued to meet every six weeks. We are truly “sisters” to each other, with the sisterly feelings of love and loyalty. It is genuine!

Time seems to be flying by so quickly. We just received our Spring issue of ***Perspective*** a short while ago and now the class notes are due again for the fall issue. Maybe I have just been so busy with Literacy Volunteers of South Sarasota County, that one day is running into the next. I love what I am doing. I started a *New Tutor Mentoring Program* in March. I have saved eight Tutors who were about to quit before they actually got started due to nerves, feeling inadequate, etc. I am able to turn things around and motivate them. Now they are excited about Tutoring and doing a great job.

It is nine months since Hurricane Ian damaged our home here in Englewood, Florida. We have replaced the roof, the gutters, and the soffits. We replaced the fence. Those things had to be remedied to secure our home. But there is still interior damage, that is not life threatening, but needs to be repaired. We are starting a lawsuit against our Hurricane Insurance Company. They still have not paid anything! Everyone is in the same boat here in Florida, and the insurance companies who have not paid, are very quick to send out the bill for this year! Earl celebrated his 90th. birthday in February, with a big party on March 25th. at The Hills Golf and Country Club in Rotonda, Florida. It was a fabulous time with 96 guests attending. The food was delicious. The music perfect. Everyone talking to everyone. **No one was on a cell phone!!** Great Party!

Kerin Dietrich Fenster looked fantastic today. It was nice to see her dressed and sitting up in a comfortable chair and joining us on Zoom. Being home, has put a smile of Kerin face. Thank you, daughter Emily.

Kerin joined us on Zoom May 8th. She was at her son's home for several days, while the squirrels that invaded Karin's attic were being trapped! Those critters can be a real nuisance! Kerin looked terrific. Biggest smile ever!

Mary Alice Clark Ferguson "February 17, 2023, was a big day for M.A. and John Ferguson, who celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary and M.A.'s 80th birthday! Their whole family was there to celebrate with them. They had lived coast to coast for 55 years and are so happy to finally be settled down in Southfield, Michigan.

M.A. sent word that **Mary Griffin "Griffie" LIG. '61**, had passed away on Mother's Day, 2023. M.A. said, "Griffie and I remained friends over all these years. She was my oldest friend. I drove her to school in my 1952 Turquoise Volkswagen all through high school. She had a fabulous sense of humor, and she loved our Liggett days."

M.A. was excited that her grandson Charlie Ferguson was coming for a visit in May. "Charlie took First Place in his race for the Qualifiers, which means his "quad" will go the Nationals. Charlie is a sophomore in high school and is an Oarsman for his school in East Grand Rapids. The special part about this for me is that my dad rowed for the Detroit Boat Club in the 1920's, so we feel that this sport has come full circle in our lives. We are happy for him and immensely proud to see him doing well. It will be great to see him and catch up on his news. They grow up so fast!"

"My favorite memories of Memorial Day are the Parade in Pentwater. That is the day we put out the flag every year. It goes out and stays out until Veterans Day in the fall."

"Dell, thank you for being such a good communicator! We all appreciate you."

Gwendy Bennett Gugino looks great, as always. Her foot is all healed up. She has her group of friends over each week to play Mahjong.

Gwendy was sorry to hear about Mary Griffin. "I remember her. She was extremely cute. I did not know her well, but I remember that I liked her. Prayers go out to her family."

"Jim had hip replacement surgery recently and is doing just fine. He is a good patient. We had a Cinco de Mayo party in early May, and Jim felt well enough to make two Enchiladas dishes, even though the party was catered."

"We will be spending the month of August in La Jolla, California. I hope this is the year I learn how to surfboard!"

Memorial Day: "On Memorial Weekend I always look forward to the club pools opening to go swimming, sit in the sun, eat hamburgers and hotdogs around the pool and just have fun with all my friends." "Well, I would also say that if it were not for all our veterans, we would not have the beautiful country we are so proud to live in. We owe our freedoms to our Veterans!"

Marilynn Neumann Koly is so upbeat; it is a pleasure to talk to her. She is getting therapy on her left knee, which is now improving. Marilyn's grandson Theo will be 2 years old in July and is walking and talking! Her son Ted cooks dinner three times a week and invites Marilyn over. Other days Marilyn's ex-husband M.S. Koly has dinner with her or does errands for her. They are still best friends.

Marilyn will attend a big Bar-b-que this afternoon at Ted & Mimi's home, for Memorial Weekend.

In June, Ted will attend Concours d'elegance in Greenwich, Ct. where prestigious vehicles are displayed and judged.

Marilyn remembers when she & **Sharon Sorensen '60 LIG 60** went to Florida together. Marilyn said, "Sharon's Grandfather had a huge home, with servants and a boat, on a secluded island, near Miami. They had such a fun time.

Julia Hodges Moreau's big, beautiful smile joined us on Zoom today. Julia gave us terrific book suggestions that have been added to our Class Book List. Julia had both cataracts removed recently. She is happy that it was finally over with!

Michele took Julia to their favorite Vietnamese Restaurant to celebrate Bastille Day! It was an impulsive invitation and Julia was not going to say no! They enjoyed a delicious dinner and took a walk, even though the weather was still very chilly.

Julia's grandson will be attending the University of Tampa this fall. Julia and Michele will visit him in Tampa when they come to the State's this fall!

Earl and I will drive up to meet them! Yeah! 63 years since we have seen each other in person!! Zoom was as close as any of us have gotten to each other.

Cynthia Blackmore Nixon creates the most beautiful jewelry while on Zoom with us. **Julia Hodges Moreau '60 LIG** suggested she photograph them and put them in a catalog, to keep track of all the gorgeous pieces.

Cynthia and her daughter Lucy went to Painting with at Twist, which was a gift from Lucy for Mother's Day. It is a two-hour class, where they teach you to copy a particular painting, using acrylics. They had an exciting time together.

Cynthia and Bill will spend Memorial Weekend decluttering the house. They want to downsize and make a move soon.

Cynthia and Bill will leave for Carbondale, Colorado, which is north of Aspen, to spend 10 days with their son Stewart, daughter-in-law Stephanie and Granddaughter Eleanor, who is nine years old already! It has been three years since they were able to visit. Stewart & Stephanie are both teachers. Stewart teaches seventh grade Math and Stephanie is the Art Dept. Director.

They had planned to go to Yellow Stone with Stewart, but Stewart had a terrible accident and shattered his leg. The leg now has 15-18 screws in it. I believe this could end his Triathlon Participation.

Natalie DeLeo Riewe has started getting injections in her eyes to slow down the progression of Macular Degeneration. She found a new and younger Retina Specialist in Lapeer and feels he can help her. Natalie went up to her cottage near Oscoda, Michigan for Memorial Weekend. Her children & grandchildren also went. They have a cottage near Natalie's place. Natalie said the weather was perfect the whole weekend.

Natalie's Great-Grandson, James is 6 months old now, and rolled over for the first time. Of course, Natalie thinks he is the perfect baby. "He has a great disposition. Always happy!"

Natalie went with her friend, Melinda, to a couple of plays recently. They saw *The Women's Book Club*, which Natalie said had too much vulgar language, and last week they saw *Honky Tonk Angels*, which Natalie said was fabulous! The women had great voices. Songs from our era too!

Susan Caplan Roseman had her right & left eye cataract surgery! Yeah! So glad she had it done and can see beautiful colors again!

Her six feet three-inch grandson, Jed, is getting ready to take his SAT test. He will be a senior next fall and is 17 years old. Jed is athletic, competes in frisbee competitions, and Jed and his friends made a race car, to compete in, around the state of Georgia. Sue's granddaughter, Ava, is 15 years old now. Ava is active in debate competitions in High School, and her brother has been teaching and helping prepare Ave for the competitions. She won one recently! The family is happy and healthy. Sue is so happy that she moved into Independent Living. Life is good!

Karin Ryding was able to join us on Zoom today. She had been ill recently due to the effects of her Chemo medication. We were so happy to see her smiling face again. Karin and I were reminiscing about Memorial Day when we were young. All the stores would be closed, except for the little family market on the corner where you could get milk and eggs. There was always a parade. But Bar-b-ques were always popular, and Memorial Day meant the beaches would be open and summertime fun would begin.

Ingrid Sandecki and I had a genuinely nice chat on Memorial Day. Ingrid showed interest in my tutoring, and we talked about how important it is that immigrants to this country learn to assimilate and specially to learn English. Children learn English and how to assimilate to our

culture in schools, but their parents are really the ones that need tutoring. Adults have a fear of speaking English, so they tend to continue to speak their native language at home. Many do not even try to speak English with their children, who would be great tutors for their parents. Without English, the immigrant will stay in low paying positions and never achieve the American Dream. English is the key to the American Dream.

Ingrid spent the remainder of Memorial Day watching the tennis matches on television.

Bonnie Wilson Skoryanc is doing fine but is dealing with some dental issues. She enjoys being in her home alone. "I can always phone someone and talk if I feel lonely." Bonnie's son-in-law and daughter-in-law from Jim's side of the family, live in Port Huron, Michigan. They like to watch the cargo freighters go by. Bonnie sees the same cargo freighters when they get up to Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan. They would like Bonnie to retire closer to their place in Port Huron and are searching for accommodations for her near their home. Bonnie said, "maybe when I get old, but right now I am happy here."

I told Bonnie that when I was a young girl, we would go to my Aunt Molly's cottage in Cherry Beach, Michigan, and everyone ran to the water's edge to watch the Edmond Fitzgerald cargo ship go by on her maiden voyage. Everyone cheered!

Bonnie flew out to Tacoma, Washington recently and saw her newest granddaughter, Marvel Page, for the first time. Marvel is 2 years old now and beautiful! Bonnie said that Mt. Rainier could be seen everywhere in the distance. "It was like looking at a painting."

Bonnie is taking Tai Chi classes on the internet! "Great way to relax and improve your balance!" Bonnie is also going on-line and taking tours of different museums around the world and tours of beautiful cities!

Kathleen Trued is relaxing on the Star Clipper out of Barbados this week. The Star Clipper is a huge Square Rigger. Five masts with 42 huge square sails. Cannot wait for the pictures! Unfortunately, Kathleen caught Covid after arriving home. On top of that Kathleen fell and fractured her new replacement shoulder and needs to keep it in a sling until it heals, but the doctor said she could play the piano! For her 80th birthday, she plans to attend The Jacksonville Symphony, where a young Russian pianist is going to perform Tchaikovsky's symphony # 1, which is one of Kathleen's favorites.

One of the congregations Kathleen plays the piano for, "enjoy about 10 to 15 minutes of classical music before services begin," and Kathleen loves playing classical music for them, "so it is perfect."

Kathleen remembers being a goalie during field hockey. The gym teacher (we both could not remember her name) told Kathleen not to miss a ball. She didn't and won *the* Goalie of the Year Award!

Kathleen gave herself the luxury of a nap on Memorial Weekend! She does remember one special Memorial Weekend when she participated in a fabulous Pastel Painting Workshop. Her medium Art is Watercolors. It was a fun time.

Carol Weiss Weinstein is just so sweet, and I was sorry to learn that her shoulder is still giving her problems. Carol fell down the stairs in her home recently. She is OK now, but stairs are a worry for any of us seniors! (We all know 80 is the new 60, but someone forgot to tell our bodies. HA!)

Carol's youngest grandchild, Dominic, just finished his first year of College at Morehouse in Atlanta, Georgia. Dominic had good grades and was on the baseball team. Dominic will fly back to California before his trip to Israel! The school sponsored this trip. Dominic will spend several days in Tel Aviv and the remaining days in Jerusalem. Shalom, Dominic! "Marty had been to Israel in the late sixties, but I haven't had the pleasure."

Catha Winn Wright is out there, and we hope she will join us once again on Zoom.

1963 GPUS

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Sandy Moisesides: The class of '63 GPUS had a wonderful time at their 60th reunion. They began the evening with cocktails at the Head of School's house, followed by dinner at the Ford House. The same weekend as the 60th reunion, I celebrated with my granddaughter, Bella, at her graduation from the Cleveland Institute of Art.

Wendell Goddard: Greetings to you all on our 60th class reunion. Unfortunately, I can't join you, but I tried without success to call **Dan Johnson** to ask him to give you my regards in person.

Here is a brief update on what I've been up to. As you know, I didn't graduate with our class, but I was at the school for longer than most of you, from K-9, and in 2nd grade twice! My family lived across the fence from the school.

I have now lived in the same house in Berkeley, California since 1986. In 2019, I retired as a lawyer. Since 2015, I have taught a course on Current Issues in Public Policy, both in

person and online. This fall, I will return to Charles University in Prague for the eighth year and to Comenius University in Bratislava for the second time to discuss issues of the day: the war in Ukraine, American politics, and the importance of truth and free speech in a democracy. My wife, Dessa, continues to work in Asian art at Bonhams auction house and makes periodic appearances on Antiques Roadshow. Our son, Geoffrey, is due to finish a history PhD in France later this year. I also take various courses myself and just finished one on the Beatles. The last class ended with John Lennon's beautiful song "Good Night," written for his son, Julian.

Last but by no means least, I want to give a strong plug for Curt's daughter, Elissa Slotkin, who, as you surely know, is running for the U.S. Senate from Michigan next year. I met Elissa at a fundraiser in California some time ago. She is smart, personable, and very experienced in governmental affairs, and she promotes responsible views on the serious issues facing the state and the country. Please give her your wholehearted support and encourage your friends to do so as well.

David Hughes: Wendy, thanks for the nice email. Do please come to the UK again soonish, so we can re-meet up. Gina and I are unable to pop over for the reunion. But we've got lots of fun things (not counting health and memories problems....) coming up: My Okinawan folk song & dance group (which meets at SOAS most Saturdays) will perform in Paris in July; my mainland Japan folk song & dance group will perform at the Eisteddfod in Llangollen (Wales) and later in Manchester's annual DokiDoki festival.

Meanwhile, during the Covid years we've spent most of our time up in our Durham house (Gina taught at Durham U for 10 years after her Cambridge years), and shorter times in our London flat. Durham and its area are lovely! We go for daily walks and love them. And every Monday and Tuesday we're playing UK/Irish etc folk music with many friends at the Elm Tree pub, and two Thursdays a month (including last night) we're playing with friends at a session at the Station House pub. And once a month we play at the Steam Machine brewery in Newton Aycliffe, run by the son of two of our Elm Tree friends. So even though there's little chance to do Japanese music up here, we are super-enjoying the music. If/when any of you pop over to the UK, let us know!

1963 Liggett

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Joan Willens Abraham writes that it's hard "to write about this year as my life is so new and wonderful. My business has grown so much, and we are just launching with our first client, and it has been a very tedious and rewarding year in building my idea into a business. I'm working with such talented young people and meeting so many people related to marketing trends and social media marketing, Artificial Intelligence, the Metaverse, NFT's and the Venture Capital fundraising process. It's stressful, but I have this incredible partner who makes me so happy. He is so supportive and helpful with business development. It's amazing how much this gives me confidence and happiness. The Joanie Abraham I am right now is so much more dimensional than the person I was for so long. So, I have a very fulfilling life. Our kids are all happy and working hard and making the world a better place. Along with all of that, they are all so much fun to be with.

Sharon Litsky just returned from a week at a fitness spa, Rancho La Puerta, in Tecate, Baja, Mexico. It's become my annual birthday present. What made it even more memorable, and fun was bringing my niece Karolyn Rubin (the daughter of **Dell Rubin-Smithern '60 LIG**) as well as my two stepdaughters, Jenny, and Juliet Sampson, sharing a two-bedroom/two-bath accommodation. A wonderful week of unwinding and re-charging!

1969 Liggett

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Marge Lampe and Annie Gooding visited Haleakala National Park in Hawaii.

1970 GPUS

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James Perry and **Dave Peters '74** carpooled to Tampa to see U of M play Quinnipiac in the Frozen Four hockey tournament last spring. Then in Tampa's Amalie Arena - small world story - **James** and **Joey Maniaci '13** ran into each other at the U of M vs. Quinnipiac semi-final hockey at the Frozen 4 in Tampa's Amalie Arena. Though they were both disappointed in the outcome of the game, it was very gratifying to sit next to a fellow Knight at the NCAA hockey championship!

1970

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Lydia Zinkhan, Joanie Basloe, Dianne Seeber, and Renee McDuffee enjoyed getting together in Irvine, CA in February.

1972

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Sandy Truffelli Bergh: Tom and I and family all flew to London to celebrate the wedding of our daughter, Katie, and her long-time beau, Dan, on a beautiful spring day in April. Daughter, Kristen, came in from Östersund, Sweden. Son and daughter-in-law, David and Maddie, braved the overseas flight from Detroit with their daughters, Mitzi (3 yr) and Kiki (3 mo). We all had a wonderful time staying together at a hotel in Mayfair. A sight-seeing highlight was taking Mitzi to the Natural History Museum's dinosaur exhibit and the Mary Anning rooms to see the prehistoric large marine reptiles. She is obsessed with dinosaurs and will eagerly tell anyone that Mary Anning discovered the plesiosaurs and that she was a girl! She definitely takes after her nerdy grandmother. Katie and Dan chose London for their wedding because they loved their time there while earning their master's degrees at the London School of Economics. They returned to their home in Washington, D.C, from their honeymoon in Scotland and immediately bought a house! We all gathered again in D.C. in May to have a post-wedding celebration with extended family and friends. Lots more traveling this year! Tom and I went to Portugal in June, Croatia in August, and will go to Mexico in December.

Janeen Tingley Beebe: I am overjoyed to share that my daughter Erin gave birth to twins, Emmitt, and Adalina on January 24. She and her wife Katharina are fortunate to be able to take a total of seven months family leave between them. Since the twins' births, I have spent a minimum of every Thursday helping them out. I can't get enough of those cuddles! Now all they have to do is find "affordable" childcare!

In April this year I was finally able to reschedule my April 2020 trip to Grand Cayman that the pandemic forced me to postpone. I had an amazing time visiting with **Brandy Brossy Roisman '73** and her husband Tully (who were staying at the resort next to mine). We took water aerobics classes, dined and "danced the nights away" ... some things never change.

Roxanne Heller Mayville: The time has come to start a new chapter. July 31st was my last day at Lincoln High School, bittersweet and exciting. August 1st began my transition to a West Coaster. I am moving to Seattle to be closer to Samantha, Jim, and the girls, but Michigan will still call me back for many things, people, and events.

Five Kuhnlein sisters (four ULS grads) plus a sister-in-law, met up at Turnip Rock in the UP: Nicole Hennessey Kuhnlein, **Joellyn Kuhnlein Gray '72**, Karen Kuhnlein Jones, **Letty Kuhnlein Helgans '79**, **Allison Kuhnlein Lang '77**, and **Claudia Kuhnlein Eaton '74**.

1975

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John Phillips, Pete Manos, Deb Phillips, **Lindsey Higginbottom**, enjoyed meeting up in Cedarville, MI

Claudia Eaton and **Dr. Rebecca Smith-Coggins** had fun paddling their kayak in the fjords of Norway. Rebecca celebrated her tenth year as Ship's Doctor for Lindblad Expeditions /National Geographic, a "side-gig" as Associate Dean and Professor of Emergency Medicine at Stanford School of Medicine.

Lindsey Higginbottom and **Pete Manos** went fishing and hauled in a huge catch on Michigan lakes.

1977

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Filmmaker **Miles O'Brien** made a NOVA film, "Chasing Carbon Zero," which premiered on PBS in April. It spotlights Linda Zhang, chief engineer of the all-electric Ford F-150 Lightning and science experts in a fast-paced overview of "the science behind the technology that could help the U.S. achieve net zero in the next 30 years," as described by the team behind the project. Read the full story [by clicking here](#).

1987

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Congratulations to **Kim '88 and Eric Wise '87**, their daughter Issy graduated from Cornell with a BA in hotel administration and a minor in real estate.

Exciting times for **Elizabeth Hader Weiner**, her son Sam graduated from Kickapoo High School in Springfield, MO in the top 10% of his class. He will be attending the University of Missouri in the fall to become an engineer.

1991

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Ryan Bailer starred in a production of *Evita* at the Gateway Playhouse in Bellport, New York in May. He gave an award-winning performance as the dignified and charming Juan Perón. Interestingly, **Jon Hammond '88**, also a ULS grad who was a senior when I was a freshman AND he was 'my senior' when I was a freshman, AND we both went to U of M in the musical theatre school also PLAYED PERON at this same theatre back in 2005 (the same role I played in 2023). [Click here](#) to view a clip from the show (sizzle reel), below are a couple quotes from reviews.

"Finally, among the core trio is Ryan K. Bailer as Perón. Bailer's stage presence is usually quite commanding, but he adds a touch of nuanced affection when interacting with Rivera Torres' Eva, of whom his political allies in the show disapprove. His voice arguably shone brightest in his penultimate number, "Dices Are Rolling." - Dan's Papers

"Ryan K. Bailer gave an award-winning performance as the dignified and charming Juan Perón. Bailer's commanding stage presence and magnificent renditions of "On the Balcony of the Casa Rosada" and "She is a Diamond" were unforgettable theatrical moments." - Smithtown Matters

1993

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In January **Joanne Davies** married Burt Henderson in Punta Cana surrounded by 30 family and friends. **Kathryn Davies Greenberg '86** and **Jennifer Gagnon '88** attended.

1996

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Lauren Copeland N'Namdi '96 and **Barbara Werney Kurzman '65 LIG** discovered their mutual ULS connection while on a gallery walk in Miami during the spring.

2003

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Ashley Carter recently moved back to Detroit to become the new director of the [Michigan Justice Fund](#), a philanthropic initiative designed to address issues of mass incarceration across the state. The Michigan Justice Fund is currently sponsoring the [Free Your Mind](#) exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Detroit (MoCAD). This exhibition features the art of individuals currently incarcerated in Michigan prisons, and a photography exhibition of advocates (many directly impacted by the criminal legal system) who are now leading efforts to end mass incarceration. This group partnered with the Prison Creative Arts Project at the University of Michigan and the Broad Museum at Michigan State University to curate the show.

The class of '03 enjoyed spending time together during alumni weekend.

Congratulations to **Audi '03** and Nora Moss, their daughter Filipa Audra Moss was born April 5, weighing 9.2 lbs.

2011

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Drew Dettlinger: I am thrilled to announce my twins Jack and Barrett were born on March 15.

2015

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Courtney DeRuiter: Lenore (we call her Lenni) Ruth Marsh was born in Petoskey, MI on February 24, 23 weighing 8.12 lbs and 21 inches! She's 3 months old today and is up to 12lbs 23 inches! Her name comes from her dad's grandparents, Eleanor and Ledontis and my grandma's name was Ruth. Her favorite things, besides eating, include bath time and stroller walks with her dog brother, Cash! She's a daddy's girl all the way! Ron gets the biggest smiles from her! We live on a little piece of paradise in northern Lake Michigan — Beaver Island! My fiancé Ron and I grew up together during my summers spent on the island and have officially been together for six years. We are so happy to have our sweet baby girl Lenore, the best newfydoodle Cash, our barn cat Carol Mouse Baskin, and our pony Miss Minnie! Now that the weather is finally getting nicer we will be spending lots of time out on the lake pontooning! Dad can't wait to teach Lenni how to fish! While Ron's at work for the Charlevoix County Road Commission, I'm home being mama! I haven't returned to Dental Clinics North as a registered dental hygienist yet, but I plan to come fall! This summer, I will be bartending and waitressing at our family's restaurant, the Circle M, and will continue to be the deputy treasurer for St. James Township. Now that Lenore has arrived, it's time to start planning my wedding!

2019

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Watty Bernard: I am sharing a graduate update regarding, **Beatrice A. Bernard**. We visited Bea last week at the 2023 Cardinal Invite in Oakridge, TN. The first regatta of the season consisted of women's rowing teams from Indiana, Wisconsin, Louisville, Tennessee, Alabama, Notre Dame, Navy, Yale, Clemson, and Duke. It was a great weekend of competition. Especially, considering Bea was sidelined for a majority of the last season with a congenital back issue that was discovered at spring training in 2022. The back issue has been resolved and Bea is back in the lineup for the 2023 season. The Lady Vols first regatta results were very promising on their quest to compete at the 2023 NCAA Championship. Bea's boat, the 2V8, did extremely well, placing second overall for the weekend behind Yale. Bea's boat was very

competitive and even bested Tennessee's 1V8 on the final day of racing by several seconds. Please [click here](#) to read an article on the Tennessee 2V8.

Bea's final race of the regatta was against Duke, Indiana, and Wisconsin. The Tennessee 2V8 made a last-minute charge on Duke, who had a quarter of a boat lead in the last 150 meters. Duke finished with a tiny .11 of second lead for the victory. Bea and her teammates raced against Oklahoma and Alabama on April 1 and then flew down to Florida for the Big 10 Invite on April 7 and 8.

Bea is in her senior year and graduated with a philosophy and an English degree in May. Next year, during her red shirt year, Bea will be returning to the team and acquire an accelerated master's degree in philosophy. A big thank you to ULS for helping Bea succeed in college.

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Faculty emeritus **Karen Katanick** enjoyed meeting digital photography teacher **Natalia AliAhmad '17** and **Sarah Stewart Logemann '98** at the Glass Art Society Conference in Detroit in June.

A group of sporty ULS alumnae gathered in July for The Country Club of Detroit Ladies Member-Guest Golf Tournament: **Weezie Henkel Gates '77**, **Kim Fruehauf Baubie '75**, **Betsy Heenan Fox '78**, **Tomasine Polizzi Marx '78**, **Patsy Roby Gotfredson '80**, **Lynn Fruehauf Wood '73**, and **Gail Perry Janutol '73**. A great time was had by all.