



Class Notes Spring 2024

1951 LIGGETT

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When I was elected to this position in Miss Ogden's living room, in the Spring of 1951, I never dreamed I would still be doing it at 90 years of age, but here I am, once again. We graduated as a class of 28 members, but I've always considered us as 29, because Joan Robertson left us, moving to Birmingham (Michigan) during our high school years, and graduated there. She'd been a member of our class for so many years, and we did keep in touch.

As far as I can tell, we are now reduced to seven surviving members of the class, so I'll start in my usual order:

Mary Anne Chenault McPhail sent me a newsy note . . . She states that it has been an interesting year. She has been working with academics at Michigan State to select a new candidate for "The Mary Anne McPhail Dressage Chair in Equine Sports Medicine." She has also been working with the Dressage Foundation to establish the "Mary Anne & Walter McPhail Judge Education Program to train our U. S. Dressage Judges. In December, Mary Anne was pleased to be appointed an "Honorary Trustee of the United States Equestrian Federation." Mary Anne's final comment was that it has been a busy year.

I heard nothing from **Theresa ("Peppy") Font DeCrick**. The last time we talked, she had moved from Florida to Michigan, but the phone number I have did not reach her. Hopefully, she will reach out to one of us before long.

I received a newsy note from **Emily Hardy Bradbury** . . . she said "The Arsenal of Democracy" was one of her book club choices in Palmerton this year, and she was so proud of Detroit's leadership during World War II. Her parents were air raid wardens, and did much toward the war effort. Emily says she continues to volunteer in her Hospital Auxiliary, plays bridge once a week, supports the local Historical Society, and volunteers in the Auxiliary's "Nearly New Shop" several times a month.

Emily says that, of her seven grandchildren, only one is still in college, as a freshman at the University of Pittsburgh. The Hardy family continues to go to Watervale Inn, near Frankfort, Michigan, each summer and to Southwest Harbor, Maine, for a week or two.

Judy Hubbard Hutchinson reported having her 90th birthday celebration with her three sons and three daughters-in-law and six grandchildren, four males and two females, ranging in age from 18 to 30. Emily said they all stayed together in a large rental house, and she is glad the cousins now know each other better. Emily enjoys classical music while knitting for friends and family members, she likes to read good books she borrows from a local regional library, and, of course, good conversations.

I left a message for **Sandy Kreis Gibson**, but have not heard back from her. Our “world traveler” is probably off on one of her trips, and will fill us in on her adventures in time for our next newsletter.

I had a nice chat with **Becky Patterson Hein**, still living in Grosse Pointe, within walking distance of shopping, etc., weather permitting. She reported grandchildren living in Boston, Massachusetts, and Florida, but not much other news to pass along. It was just good to talk with her.

I almost closed off this report without adding anything about myself. I continue to knit for friends and family – most recently a couple of small car seat blankets, one for my neighbor, here in Shannon, and then one for a friend of my daughter, Becky’s. We’ll see where I go from there, although I can return to strips that will ultimately be an afghan for the back of a loveseat in my living room. I already have a hand knit (by me, of course) afghan on the back of my couch, across the room.

I continue to sing soprano several times a week with friends in our local Senior Center, or on Saturday mornings at McDonald’s in Rome, Georgia. Daughter, Becky, takes me shopping, as necessary, and picks up my mail at the Shannon post office, since this area does not have house-to-house delivery. I like my house here, about ten minutes from Becky’s home, and I have wonderful neighbors who would be very helpful in any emergency. One family has the last name is Hart, the same as my mother’s maiden name, but we don’t have enough information about my grandfather’s family to see if there is any connection.

On that note, I think it is time to close this “report,” until next time . . . **Barbara Allen Esler**

1959 GPUS

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Sally Champion moved to Ridgefield, CT, in 2004 and subsequently retired from the practice of law. Pursuing a long-time interest in history and genealogy, she holds a number of distinguished positions with both national and regional organizations.

Melinda Bryan Earle returned to Egypt this January for a Nile cruise with a friend and her brother, Bill, followed by more travel in the spring and then “I may hang up the suitcase.”

George Haggarty wrote a newsy and entertaining email. His four children, all ULS grads, are scattered around the country; he keeps up with the Tigers and the Lions as an “armchair fan”; manages to get to a few Tigers games; plays some golf, and is still busy with Racquet Up Detroit, “a non-profit which, via squash, aims to attract Detroit public school students to a year-round program of education, mentoring and physical activity destined to unlock their potential.” (Contact George if you want to get involved.) George fondly recalled the dinner we all had five years ago with classmates Tom Smith, Robin Lepard, Peter Kross, Joel Gershenson and Robin Russell and he notes that In spite of the lack/loss/decline of assorted faculties as suggested by his friends, “life is good and I am grateful to be writing this update.”

Carolyn Jacobson Cremins reports that life is good in Hilton Head. She plays pickleball (“golf is frustrating and takes too long”) and mahjong. She and Bobby travel as much as they can, usually two or more cruises a year, and they do get to basketball and football games at their previous schools.

Peter Kross and Peggy celebrated Christmas in GP with their daughter Katie and two children from Atlanta and their son Andy who lives in Chicago. The Krosses still live on Grosse Pointe Boulevard (37 years!) but spent New Year’s at their home on Eleuthera which they have had for a mere 30 years. Peter retired two years ago, “forcing me to play golf, little success.” Peter notes that he “is happy to still be kicking. My memory is shot. I was taking Prevacid; it was helpful however, I forgot where I put it.”

Robin Lepard and her husband, Nick Ward, live in Aiken, South Carolina, although they often return to Washington, D.C. for visits with old friends. Robin’s children are all ULS grads; she spent Thanksgiving in Scituate, MA, with her youngest daughter, Alexandra, and family; her oldest daughter, Michelle, lives in Mahopac, NY.

Sue Shepherd Patterson welcomed her first great grandchild this year. Patterson's son, Xander, is in medical school in Tennessee; her daughter, Kim, and family, moved back to Bastrop, TX, and live next door.

Jane Rueger Willis and Bill, her husband of 60 years, enjoyed a two-month Caribbean cruise this winter. Their two children have blessed them with “seven wonderful grandchildren.”

John Webster reports that his and Susie’s eight grandchildren “keep us hopping” – two have finished college (one Summa Cum Laude!), two are at Oklahoma and Auburn, and the last four in prep school. The Websters still summer at their family cottage in Harbor Springs. John writes his track days are over and that his “latest Fun Ride is a 1949 Willys Jeepster convertible – ‘three on a tree’”.

1960 LIGGETT

Dell Rubin-Smithern

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Dell Rubin-Smithern

I am the luckiest Class Secretary ever! I have a wonderful group of ladies who support me in what I do. The Liggett Class of 1960 are still meeting every six weeks via our Zoom Get-Togethers. We all look forward to our visits together and have become closer friends (sisters) to each other.

I am still Vice President of *Literary Volunteers of South Sarasota County*, *Tutor Mentoring Program Chairperson*, and I still tutor an ESL student. My student, Andres Perez is from Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, and came to the United States six years ago. His ambition is to be a master chef. Andres had two older brothers living in the U.S.A. for several years, but they returned to Guatemala last year without learning English. Andres has a different plan for his life. “He wants to love God, love his family, work hard, save his money, learn to read, write, and speak English, marry and raise a family.”

Andres has cooked at a local Italian restaurant in Venice, Florida, for the last five years. Andres mastered every item on their menu! Recently, Andres decided it was time to move on to another establishment, where his culinary skills would be more challenged. Andres had to interview in English for his new position by telephone! We all know how difficult speaking on the telephone can be for someone learning a new language. Andres spoke English so well during the telephone interview that he was asked to attend an in-person interview, where he was given a position as a junior chef in a “high-end” Sarasota restaurant!

Andres is motivated to learn English and achieve his “life-plan.” Recently, I had various tutors join us at the Venice Library, so Andres could get used to speaking English with others. There is no doubt that Andres will become a master chef one day, and even own his own restaurant! English and hard work are his “Keys to the American Dream.”

Unfortunately, Andres has a work schedule at his new job, which does not allow him time to continue his English lessons, but he has doubled his salary due to his culinary skills and his English. I will continue to keep in close touch with Andres, so he can keep up with his English.

My new student is from Argentina. Now I start all over again, with an ESL 0 student. I really enjoy tutoring and mentoring the new tutors.

I finally got around to putting a lifetime of loose photos in albums! Too many to scan into the computer. We had seventy photo packets. My daughter, Karolyn, wanted to be “the keeper of the family photos,” and I knew no one would look at them in all the packets, so I put over 800 photos in albums over the holidays, and my daughter, who drove down from Chicago, took five heavy boxes of albums back to her home in Northbrook, Illinois. I gained three empty shelves in the guest room closet!! Yay!

Earl and I are in good health. Earl will celebrate his 91st birthday the first week of February. He still golfs two or three days per week. I still cook three meals a day, every day. I do my own cleaning and use my Teeter Free Step for exercise! Life is good!

Kerin Dietrich Fenster

Kerin, aided by her daughter, Emily, has been able to join us on several Zooms during the year. We have a fabulous picture of Kerin that I hope will be published in *Perspective* this Spring.

Kerin voted to not have political discussions on our get togethers. Yes, Kerin is right. We want to keep our Zoom get togethers fun and forget the problems of the world.

Kerin looked terrific today. Tortoise shell glasses, hair back in a bun, sitting up in a chair, laughing and smiling her wonderful smile. Oh, Kerin, we love you!

Mary Alice Ferguson

M.A. has her Book Club on Monday, and doubted they would finish before our Zoom time. “I hate to miss our Liggett Class of 1960 meeting, so please give my best to the ladies and I will sign in later to hear how the conversation went.”

“I am extremely distressed by the situation in Israel as well, but we all know that this is Biblically predictable. My biggest concern is the other players like Lebanon and Hezbollah escalating this to a major war.”

“I have been watching my grandson row on the Charles River in Boston this morning. He rows for East Grand Rapids, Michigan. I am so pleased that he has been doing this for three years now. It is a rigorous sport! He is all muscle now. My Dad was a crew member for the Detroit Boat Club in the 1920s. So, Charlie is following him. I keep hoping he will continue in college and beyond.”

Gwendy Bennett Gugino

Gwendy is back in Scottsdale, Arizona after spending the month of August in La Jolla, CA. Gwendy was out riding her e-bike recently on the sidewalk, to avoid any traffic until she could reach the desert trail where she likes to ride. There were three people walking about a block up ahead, so Gwendy decided to get off the sidewalk, by going into the street and going around the people and then get back on the sidewalk. Well, the curb was higher than Gwendy anticipated and as she was going over the curb, she flipped over the handlebars and landed on her head. A couple in a car stopped and gave aid and called 911. She was bleeding profusely from her leg and shoulder. She was taken by ambulance to a Trauma Center, where she had a zillion stitches in her leg. She spent three days in the trauma center! She is home now. The nurse comes three days a week and Jim cares for her the other days. Gwendy is so fortunate! She is using a walker for another two weeks, but her attitude is terrific. Nothing will keep Gwendy down!

Marilynn Neumann

Marilynn went to son Ted's house for Thanksgiving. Dinner was catered by the Darien Butcher Shop, as usual. Marilynn says, "all is well here." Lots of leaves on the ground." Marilynn went out for a delicious Italian Birthday Dinner with her ex-husband and several friends. Her grandson, Theo, is starting to talk a little. "He is such a fun two-year old!"

Big Hugs to All.

Julia Hodges Moreau

"Greetings and good wishes to anybody who is reading this! We still live in the same little house we bought 40 years ago and are content and comfortable, feeling lucky to be alive – so many of our friends are not.

After taking early retirement, our son Matt & his wife Kelly started their own business, ***BUTTER & CRUMB Pie Company***. **5609 Hess Avenue, Baltimore, MD. 21212, 844-PIE-LOVE** It has been up and running for a year and is doing well. They make sweet dessert pies and savory pies – delicious and this is not just bias speaking – rather pricey – because they are shipped out frozen, packaged in dry ice and delivered in 48 hours. info@butterandcrumpies.com

[Note from Dell: I was a lucky recipient of a gift from Butter & Crumb Pie Company. Thank you, Julia! We ate every last crumb. Delicious!](#)

Their son Henry is a first-year student at the University of Tampa and their daughter Lilly has just been accepted Early Decision at the University of Charleston.

Our daughter Suzanna teaches nursery school and kindergarten. Her husband Bill is head of marketing at the *Washington Post*. They have two children, Olivia, 15; & Will, 8. We usually spend September in the U.S., a week with each family and two weeks on Nantucket, the island we love so much. Hope to do so again in 2024."

Julia and Michele went to their favorite Vietnamese restaurant with friends to celebrate Julia's birthday. Julia said the phone has been "ringing off the wall" all day with friends sending birthday wishes.

Christmas was enjoyed with two special friends as well as her niece and great niece. Julia will roast a couple of chickens and make her famous sage, celery, prune stuffing.

Cynthia Blackmore Nixon

Cynthia said, "My 2023 was much the same as the previous three years. Thanks to electronic miracles I was able to participate in many jewelry classes from all over the world — England, Israel, Germany, Russia, Greece, Netherlands, Hungary, Italy, Singapore, Slovenia — in addition to many locations in this country. I was certainly not bored!"

"My husband and I were fortunate to be able to visit our son and daughter-in-law, and our granddaughter, who live in Carbondale, Colorado (north of Aspen). We had not been able to visit them since before the Covid lockdowns and the cute little seven-year-old has shot up to near my height and is indeed quite the young lady of ten. She loves art, fashion, make-up, field hockey, and ski racing. Their two Great Danes round out that family."

"Christmas '23 was the first in 50 years that we did not get to enjoy the company of our daughter and son-in-law. Her birthday is 12/24 and my husband's is 12/26, so we always have a three-day celebration, but this year my getting Covid then bronchitis prevented that."

I look forward to 2024 with more Zoom classes, Zoom meetings, more travel, and most definitely good health."

Natalie DeLoe Riewe

Natalie is doing fine. She recently had cataract surgery on both eyes, "keeping track of all the eye drops was a real challenge for me."

Natalie was supposed to go with her family to Frankenmuth, Michigan for Thanksgiving dinner, but when she got up off her chair to open the door, she somehow pulled a tendon in her leg, and could barely walk. "The pain was fierce, and Natalie ended up in the emergency room. She missed Thanksgiving dinner. She had an MRI on the leg, which indeed showed she had torn a tendon. Natalie has the use of a walker for the next few weeks, along with physical therapy. It will take a considerable amount of time to heal. Natalie's daughter, Niki will be in Florida during January and February, so Niki hired a woman to assist Natalie while she is away, and Natalie's friends will be on-call if needed.

Susan Caplan Roseman

Sue had a wonderful birthday! She was gifted tickets to "Annie!" Sue hosted a dinner party for 12 for Hanukkah. Sue resides at The Holbrook, in Atlanta. Sue, along with a group of Holbrook residents, took a bus trip to *Amacolala Falls, Georgia*. The name *Amacolola*, comes from the *Chippewa Native American language* meaning something like "tumbling water." They are the third tallest Waterfalls, East of the Mississippi River. "We had a terrific time there. You could walk up the mountain, and park your vehicle at the bottom, or drive midway up the mountain, and walk from there, or drive to the top. Our bus let us out midway up, and we walked the last third. It was a gorgeous day. The autumn colors were not as bright as they would have been in Michigan. They were a bit more muted, but they were still exceptionally beautiful. From the top, the vistas of the Blue Ridge Mountains were stunning. I was proud of myself for making it up there and back!" "We all had a lovely time. It felt like a mini vacation!"

“We are all so blessed! No one, but God knows the future in-store for us. What we have right now is so good! We would be fools not to appreciate it while we have it!”

Karin Ryding

We have had house guests from Poland for the past two weeks, Victor’s son and daughter-in-law. They were wonderful house guests and so immensely helpful, but we are still unaccustomed to four people in the house. Two weeks later “Our Polish relatives just got into an Uber and left for the airport, so I can rest a bit.”

My husband, Victor Litwinski, turned 80 years old this week! He is a young 80!

I had a pacemaker implanted recently, and I am trying to adjust to it. I am having a reaction to the drugs! My heart is still in AFib, and my cardiologist is prescribing new meds “I am not feeling very well.” I am looking forward to our Zooms. Karin wrote: “So Frustrating! I cannot imagine why my laptop decided to disconnect from the internet repeatedly when I was trying to get on the October Zoom get-together. I will have to take it for repairs! Sorry I missed the Zoom get together!”

Ingrid Sandecki

I had a wonderful chat with Ingrid, just after the Labor Day Holiday. She had invited friends to one of her fabulous renowned dinner parties! Ingrid does not cook often for guests, but when she does, it is an honor to be the invitee!

I phoned Ingrid with a question: During a dinner party, do you leave the charger plate on the table after the first course, or do you remove it? We did not produce a definite answer. I also asked the girls after our last Zoom get-together. The answers were equally divided.

Bonnie Wilson Skoryanc

Bonnie is so “upbeat”! Bonnie celebrated her 81st birthday with daughter Katherine from Detroit. Daughter Christine, from Charleston S.C. visited a couple of weeks earlier.

Bonnie had been raised by her grandmother and had inherited her grandmother’s turn of the century furniture. Bonnie talked about getting the furniture and other antiques inherited from her grandmother, appraised. Bonnie hopes, when the time comes, that her four daughters will keep the furniture in the family. The thought of “down-sizing” is overwhelming, especially with all the memories each item holds.

Bonnie was a pioneer in web design years ago. She loves Apple and hates Microsoft. Bonnie is having e-mail server problems right now. Cannot wait until that problem is solved.

Bonnie flew out to Tacoma, WA. recently, but she is not sure she will do it again, due to flight delays, and the hassle of changing airports.

Next stop: the orthopedic surgeon, to see about replacing the 10-year-old knee replacement. Ugh!

Kathleen Trued

Kathleen joins our Zoom get-togethers regularly. Kathleen always has interesting stories about people and places to tell us about. She still loves reading books related to space travel and has contributed to our Liggett Class of 1960 book list. Kathleen has also joined three other book clubs.

Kathleen continues to play the piano at her Temple, and tonight her Temple is having a Coral Shabbat, and Kathleen will be playing 16 pieces for the choir to sing too. Kathleen also loves classical music. A Christian church has hired Kathleen to play a piece by Bach, for their soloist this Sunday.

Kathleen and son, Mark, enjoyed a quiet Christmas, Hanukkah and New Years.

Kathleen's backyard is a utopia filled with wildflowers, tall trees, songbirds, and squirrels. Her piece of "paradise" here in Florida.

Carol Weiss Weinstein

Carol just enjoyed celebrating her 81st birthday! (join the club, Carol!)

Her grandson, Dominic, was home from Morehouse College, where he is completing his second year. Morehouse is in Atlanta, Georgia.

Carol's husband, Marty, officially retired as of 1/1/24 and is not yet happy about it, but I am sure he will see the benefits of retirement when they visit Tubac, Arizona, (established in 1752 as a Spanish Presidio) for several weeks of golfing and rest.

In mid-summer Carol and Marty will be off to Hawaii for a wedding.

Carol says, "we continue on and pray for Peace."

P.S. LAST MINUTE UPDATE: Carol fell down the stairs and broke her hip!! Six weeks to heal! Oh Carol. We are all so sorry and will be praying for a quick recovery!

Catha Winn Wright

During the October 23 Liggett Zoom get-together, I had asked the girls if anyone knew Catha's birthday, because I sent a card the last two years on random months, since Catha has not responded to my emails. **Julia Hodges Moreau** remembered Catha's birthday was June 2. Happy Belated Birthday from the Liggett Class of 1960!

1963 LIGGETT

Sharon Litsky

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Gloria Sherkman Cohen reports, "I spent a month in France with friends. My daughter met me for the last two. One week in Paris with a focus on museums and art. Enjoyed the ballet and opera. Then onto Provenance and French Riviera. It was fabulous. So many amazing experiences. Was in the fields when lavender was harvested !! Immersive art exhibition in

quarries about 60 feet high, boat to Monaco, perfume making, visiting area with wild white horses ... cooking classes ... etc.

“My granddaughter, age 16, from LA, danced with the Bolshoi in New York this summer. Finally finished renovating the interior of my new house. Now, the outside is completely torn out with a new pool.”

Susan Heavner Becker says, “Took two trips last year that I loved, one to the British Isles and one to the Canary Islands and Northern Africa. It was good to travel again when opportunities arose with good friends. That’s it, though, as I can’t take those long overseas flights any longer. I aged a lot last year following Mike’s death, but I keep on ticking. And it was great to see **Sharon [Litsky]** last summer when I was out there for my niece’s wedding, and it’s wonderful to stay in touch with **Sally [Ross Riley].**”

Tess Friedenber Tessler writes “I told myself that I must find an exercise that I love. And, around Thanksgiving, I turned on YouTube, and in front of my eyes was Easy to Learn 30 minutes of dance. I clicked on it, and to my surprise, they were doing a ballroom dance for 30 minutes. When I was 12, my mom gave me Joe Cornell Dance lessons, so I’d know how to dance if invited to a party. I always loved ballroom dance, and now, at 78, I dance every morning for 30 minutes. I refuse to let my legs or hips give me issues as I grow older, so this is my answer. I am beyond grateful that I can still dance and keep up with the teacher on YouTube.

“Another wonderful thing that has happened to me is I was blessed to go on an Israeli tour with my only child, Julie, this past Sept. We met 15 other people, and we now meet on Zoom once a month. We have become like family. We missed the war by three weeks. We all feel so grateful to have gone on the Mayanot Legacy trip which was over the top.

May we all dance through the rest of our lives and be grateful we’re still around.”

Sharon Litsky adds, “In October, I was back in the Detroit area for a cousin’s wedding and took the opportunity to visit with **Joan Willens Abraham**. Other travels included visits to Atlanta to see my nephew and his family, to Chicago to see my niece, and to Pasadena for a girl’s weekend. But one of the best times was a memorable four-day reunion in Los Altos Hills, California, with four dear University of Michigan AEPi roommates, one of whom was **Joan Caplan Simon**. And visiting with **Sussan Heavner Becker** when she was in San Francisco was such a treat after so many years.

“John and I spend occasional weekends at our Sonoma house and invite friends for lunches and dinners. We continue to Zoom regularly with our immediate families, extended families, and friends, spread out nationwide. I continue volunteering with Jewish Family & Children’s Services, the San Francisco Symphony, the Community Music Center, Dress for Success, and the San Francisco City College Foundation. I am still teaching a senior fitness class at the JCC, enjoying the San Francisco Symphony and the Bay Area theatre, and organizing presentations at the Metropolitan Club.”

Jenifer Hughes Parker shares, “I had a wonderful Christmas here in Sarasota. My youngest daughter, her husband, and their 28-month-old son joined us for Christmas, along with my in-laws from Los Altos, CA, who had never visited Florida before. Will showed us his swimming skills in our pool. We combed the beautiful white Siesta beach one day—such fun to have them from Phoenix.”

1964 LIGGETT

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JJ L'Heureux '64 LIG has enjoyed a year full of good friends, good health and wonderful travel.

Over the past year, we started in January in Antarctica and finished in December again in one of my favorite environments: Antarctica. The last visit was bittersweet with bird flu taking its toll on many penguin colonies and also attacking other species. We felt fortunate to have time with Emperor Penguins at Snow Hill Island as it is our understanding that most areas are currently closed, not only in Antarctica but most sub-Antarctic Islands.

Our mid-year adventure was in Uganda to observe Chimpanzees and Mountain Silverback Gorillas. The experience of climbing through a high mountain rainforest made Antarctica feel easy.

I participated in a White Rhinoceros Program in South Africa, documenting their habits and helping with anti-poaching programs.

Hunter and I hope you are well. We are pleased many of you had the opportunity to visit, if only for a short time between flights at LAX. We look forward to seeing you in 2024.

Sending you good wishes for the holidays, and thank you for your continuing friendship. Hugs

1965 GPUS

I, GPUS class of 1965 under the name **Rudolf Dios '65 GPUS**, am happy to announce to fellow alumni my seventh book, set for publication by the reputable Swiss publisher Benteli in the fall of 2024. *'Berlin Bent'* contains more than 100 reproductions of the finest of my paintings of the German capital, created over a space of more than 30 years.

They are 'bent' due to my unique fifth Perspective, which allows buildings and interiors to sway and dance. This atmospheric movement enlivens everything, it is humorous and fresh, but also underlines the instability of our world.

In addition, the pictures are accompanied by some 15 stories of my peculiar experiences in Berlin, from scuba divers on Potsdamer Platz to George Clooney scouting movie sites to competition with the World Soccer Championship.

The book will be launched at an exhibition from October 18 to November 10, 2024 in the gallery Wolf & Galentz in Berlin.

For those who don't know me, I am an internationally known, prizewinning painter, active in and represented by galleries in Canada, the US, Switzerland, Austria, and Berlin. Apart from the Royal Canadian Academy of the Arts (RCA), I am a member of Visarte (the Swiss art association), the Künstlersonderbund of Germany, the Arts & Letters Club of Toronto, and a past president and life member of the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour (CSPWC). Hundreds of articles on my work have appeared in journals on two continents.

My last book, 'Swiss Twist', featuring my Swiss paintings, was published in 2022, also by Benteli.

In the last few years I have commuted between Switzerland and Berlin, visiting North America only rarely, unfortunately. In the Nineties I mounted an exhibition of my work at the Cook Road campus.

Please consult my website for more information: www.rudolfstussi.com

'Berlin Bent' is bilingual English / German (German title: 'Berlin Schräg'), 144 pages, measures 6.7 x 9 inches, and retails for €25 (Cdn\$ 36). Copies can be purchased online through the publisher Benteli. Link: <https://www.benteli.ch/en/art/swiss-twist.html>

1968 LIG

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Joni Holligner '68 LIG: I sent an email to our class saying (as you know): I have retired and find I should have done so sooner. Instead of being bored, I have found so many things to do either in the community or just at home. We've had an amazing late January/early February weather-wise here in Wayne, Illinois. I've even been out in the arena working with one of the horses boarding with us. This horse was one of two rescued from the "glue factory/kill pens" and came here terrified of everything. He now lets me touch him, so I thought a bit of halter training might make some sense. Plus, as they say, 'I was yesterday years old...' when I learned St. Valentine is the patron saint of beekeepers – we have two hives here at Maple Run. May the good Saint tell our buzzing tenants to take it easy on me when I forget to put my beekeeper suit on.

In return, I received a fun note from **Linda Gehrke '68 LIG:** "Happy beekeepers' day and nice to hear from you! I trust you are keeping well. It's great to hear about your work with rescued

horses - it must be so heartwarming to be able to build trust with them. While we don't have horses, we do feed a flock of wild birds over the winter, and it is lovely to see them. And their appearance is duly recorded for Project Feederwatch at Cornell U., which collects data on what's happening with our bird populations. This winter has been relatively mild, which has been good for walking. We were able to do some xc skiing after a big snowfall in January. I'm looking forward to seeing the bees and migratory birds in our garden this spring! Best wishes to you and your family, and to everyone in our class."

1970 GPUS

Priscilla Mead

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Priscilla Mead: Priscilla attended an art workshop near Florence Italy last October with her cousin Pam Taylor. "I've never walked so much nor saw so much history!" After the workshop she went to Naples solo and saw the Isle of Capri and checked off the bucket list of seeing Pompeii. She is grateful to still split her time with friends in Michigan and family in Colorado.

Tommy Buell McDonell: After a recent move from Pinehurst, NC, back to NYC Tommy decided it was way too expensive and the apartment too small for her so she is heading back to the warm beautiful area near Pinehurst. She closed in January and moved by the end of February.

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Shand Rumble

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Shan Rumble: I wanted to wish everyone the best of health and happiness in the upcoming year. This year finds our numbers decreased by the recent passing of Mike Getz. We extend our regards to his wife and family during this difficult time. John Chapman sent along some heartfelt memories of Mike's high school years (and beyond) that provide an eloquent tribute to Mike. They are as follows:

John Chapman: A speaker at Mike Getz's funeral service related that when Mike was informed that he had been diagnosed with an incurable brain cancer, Mike responded, "Why not me? I've had a great life!" May we all have such courage and grace! I'd had several conversations with Mike in the past few years, and I felt that I had grown closer to him, even closer than when he and I played one-on-one in basketball practice. We talked mostly about our families and careers — our post-GPUS life — and gratitude was his consistent message. The football team remembers that Mike stepped up to play quarterback in his senior year after Neil Swanboro's season ending injury. Mike led us to a successful season, including a decisive win over DCDS. Perhaps our best play that year was when Mike would spot an opening in the opponent's

defense, and he would call his own number, running quarterback sneaks, often making huge gains on a play designed for short yardage. Our high school quarterback, who married his high school sweetheart and lived his whole life in Grosse Pointe, Mike and I have led very different lives. Though our politics were different, we both took pleasure in remembering our victory over La Lumiere in Indiana, whose team captain was John Roberts, the current Chief Justice of the United States. We also shared embarrassment about how we remembered ourselves in high school but were quick to reassure each other that that was high school, and we really weren't all that bad. Mike was a great guy, and the Class of '71 misses him.

Doug Reid: I am seven years working for Sheltering Arms. We do early learning for kids ages 1-5, from vulnerable backgrounds, so they are up to speed once school starts. We have 13 Atlanta teaching centers and serve around 2,000 kids all year long. Sheltering Arms kids average 92% proficiency on age-appropriate academic standards.

Marty Wieczorek: John Chapman had to drive to Michigan from his home in the Boston area and he stopped in to visit me in Cleveland on his way. We had a great visit at my home and a terrific conversation with lots of memories shared and he got to meet my wife, Nancy. Neither John nor I could figure out how we got so old. I thought it would take longer!! Greetings to all of my wonderful classmates.

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Dan Carter: Greetings, fellow classmates, and Happy New Year!

Here's my update, in bullet point summary form (I've spent far too long in the corporate environment!)

I've been living in Manhattan since graduating college. I guess one could safely conclude I like living in the Big Apple.

My brother (stagehand and would-be real estate mogul) and sister (professional jazz violinist) are both alive and well. Parents are now both in heaven (I hope) but would be on opposite sides to avoid each other!

I just took my daughter back to Penn State to complete her junior year!

My daughter is the high point, the one good thing that came out of a tumultuous marriage and divorce. I'm glad that's over!

I'm still working, as I'm not ready for the rocking chair, like having extra coins in my pocket and actually enjoying what I do!

I've only attended one ULS reunion, but now that life is back in order, I hope to attend one again soon!

Barbara Howard Greenwood: Larry and I are finally experiencing a big blast of snow and winter. It's hard having moved Traverse City, MI three years ago to cross country ski and have no snow. Now we ski. My artwork continues to be shown in many of the art centers near here. I just had a piece accepted to a juried show at the crooked tree art center in Petoskey MI. I recently took a pastel class.. Having never played with this media I loved it. I also just went back to school at Northwestern MI college and am taking printmaking class. I love having access to printing presses as it allows me to print etchings and aquatints. What a gift to be able to immerse myself with all of this!

I caught up with Henry (Monty) Gage this summer. His wife Diane is lovely and the visit was a hoot. Saw Russell Poole, Nene Henkel Brennan and Woody Boydell during two trips to the Upper Peninsula. We also made a trip into Wisconsin for a Camp Bryn Afon Reunion. What an experience to catch up with people I have not seen in (cough cough) 40 years. We are not that old right? Attached are photos of my work hanging in a couple of shows. One of my pastels and the little blue rabbit in one of the pics is selling like hot cakes!

Joellyn Kuhnlein Gray: Joellyn was recently elected to the Board of the Yale Alumni Nonprofit Alliance, a global organization with 9,000 alumni involved in the social impact sector. These alumni contribute to nonprofit initiatives across multiple cultural and social issues as donors, staff, or volunteers. She will lead their marketing communications program.

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Raquel Castañeda-López '99 is the founder of The Restorative Democracy Project and RCL Coaching and Consulting. an executive coach for powerhouse BIPOC womxn in the public sphere.

She's a trailblazer who founded the Restorative Democracy Project, a program that uplifts BIPOC womxn throughout their journey in public office. Raquel made history in 2013 when she became the first-ever Latina elected to the Detroit City Council, where she served for a solid eight years before making way for new voices. Her vision & tenacity are the driving force behind her passion to support those fellow Shero's transforming our democracy.

Raquel is a born & bred Detroiter with over 20 years of experience in the non-profit & political sectors. Armed with a Masters of Social Work, she possesses a unique set of skills in action learning, neuro-emotional literacy, & self-compassion practices.

For 10 years Raquel's trained with New American Leaders, coaching new Americans & BIPOC communities to run for office. Raquel is a Leadership in Government Fellow with the Open Society Foundation, a BMW Foundation Responsible Leader, & an alum of the German Marshall Fund Transatlantic Inclusion Leaders Network.

In her down time she loves sunrise walks, home diy projects & catnaps with her three cats, Churro, Balance and Tehanu.

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Cora Smith Waite '08: Artisan tilemaker Cora Smith Waite '08 talks about her life as a ceramist at Little Traverse Tileworks in an article in Shoutout Michigan. Head to [@shoutoutmichigan](https://www.shoutoutmichigan.com/) for the full story.