



# Class Notes

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**Bob Mansbach** reports: "In a little less than two weeks, my wife, Mary, and I will be celebrating our 67th wedding anniversary at The Otesaga resort in Cooperstown, New York. I send my best wishes to all of our surviving 1952 classmates!"

From **Ben Wilmot**: "Not much to report, but I am feeling pretty good. I am in a wonderful retirement home and paint, rest, play the piano, rest, and then nap. I am amazed at how much energy we all had in those Trinity days. Cheers!"

**1953** President: John A. North Jr. • Secretary: Vacant • Class Agent: Vacant

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**1954** President: Albert L. Smith Jr. • Vice President: Alexander J. "Sandy" Campbell • Secretary: Robert A. Wolff, robert.wolff.1954@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: Alexander J. "Sandy" Campbell II

**Grant Thomas** gave a wonderful remembrance of our freshman year when the "fraternity sing-off" was scheduled. This left us freshman out, some 40 or so with choral experience. A presentation was made to the committee in charge. We were rejected. Our counter was, "Just let us be heard." We were given approval with the understanding that we would sing last and could do two numbers. The eight fraternities sang their two selections with their smaller groups and did well. [Then it was our] turn with our 40 experienced voices, including four tenors. First song was "Stout-Hearted Men." Remember the Korean Conflict was a very hot war at that time. All lights were dimmed, the chorus stayed in place. Ten seconds later, a key light illuminated a beautiful blonde in strapless black gown contrasting with a summer tan still in place.

A gasp came forth from the audience of 500 and chorus. A tenor/baritone launched into "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" (was it **Ray Moylan**?). On the song ending, there was an instant of silence and then a roar of applause. The Class of '54 did not compete, but we know who won unofficially. Grant also recalled the freshman basketball game with Holy Cross. Holy Cross had Togo Palazzi, later a top Boston Celtics player. That was an even bigger roar when our freshman team beat them. A great double-header of reminiscences. Thanks, Grant.

**Stan Newman** reminded us of his winning the Albert Gallatin speaking prize in 1954. His subject was the European coal and steel community, an initial step toward the EU as we know it today. Prize of \$5.

**Al Smith** reminds us of our 70th Reunion next June. He is planning a Zoom meeting on that Saturday morning for those who might have trouble attending.

**1955** Secretary: E. Wade Close Jr., wade.close.1955@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: E. Wade Close Jr., Richard Ferraro, Don Penfield, Joseph Michelson

So here we go again, celebrating reaching the 90-year-old age category none of our class would have, could have expected as we strolled the Long Walk during our four years'neath the elms. However, I want to report the most amazing endurance performance that came to an end this past fall as **Bill LaPorte** lasted his "tour" with hospice for almost a year. His positive attitude and willingness to live a normal life under duress kept him chipper and vibrant, which I experienced with him during many of our wonderful phone visits. What would we do without our cell phones? Please see this issue's "In Memory" section.

I enjoyed hearing from **Dave Hoag**, who sent an "attaboy" message to me for the fall edition of Class Notes. I must admit the pleasure of being your secretary for 68 years in a way is all mine as my contacts often result in learning the details of some amazing events and experiences relating to our fellow '55ers.

Touching base with **Hank Scheinberg** and discussing the current mess in Israel, he said he was a U.S. Army Special Ops-trained soldier ('56-'58) and today would like to be

involved. He also admitted he tried to volunteer in the 1967 Six-Day War.

Another amazing story recently came from **Al Fisher**, who revealed that following his earning an advanced degree in oceanography, he was a top security civilian employed 30 years by the U.S. Navy. He worked on the leading edge of submarine sonar technology. The book *The Hunt for Red October* includes some of what he experienced. At one point, Al spent more than a month underwater on a U.S. Navy sub.

I have enjoyed long phone visits with roommate **Tom Bolger**, who defies age by keeping in touch with children and grandchildren almost from coast to coast. His usual two-month summer sojourn to Montana gave Shaila and him an escape from this year's high temperatures and humidity.

Loann and **Chuck Leonard** continue to confirm that their decision to relocate near their Huntsville, Alabama, family has resulted in a very, very happy existence. In contrast, **Ed Yeomans** has stayed put for literally "umpteens" years in his Hartford-area home, and he is happily under the caring and watchful eye of his daughter and his significant other.

Celebrations for reaching 90 continue into 2024 as this February, **Frank Solomita** will celebrate 90. Other than a hip replacement, Frank has been free of any major health challenges.

Barbara and **Irwin Meiselman** report they are quite pleased with their decision to settle in Riderwood, a 2,500-resident community that provides all the amenities and services you could ever want in your retirement years. Irwin will reach 90 in May.

**Dave Dimling** has transitioned to the level of being a professional croquet player and probably will be featured soon on a Wheaties cereal box. My oft visits to Atlanta to see my family allow me to keep in good touch with Dave and coincidentally with my first great-grandchild.

**Al Fisher** came up with a wonderful suggestion. Let's have another Zoom reunion. I'll check with the Alumni Office and see if that could be arranged. Keep in touch!

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In August, I talked to David Taylor about the devastation visited on the Hawaiian island of Maui, specifically when the fires did so much damage to the west side of the island. He was shocked, of course, and sent me pictures and an article on the size and scope of the devastation to the historic town of Lahaina. On a lighter note, David was virtually at the airport when we talked and about to leave for his annual visit with his daughters in Connecticut and then on for a week or two on Cape Cod. That is a regular highlight for David and family. Here are some highlights from that trip. "First, we took a walking tour of Wellfleet on Cape Cod. After 30 yearly visits, it was interesting to learn more about the place than that it is just lobsters and oysters. And later moving on from the Cape, we enjoyed Connecticut, then a train to Washington, D.C., and on to Alexandria, Virginia, and a visit riding in a restored canal boat on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. I was surprised by how long those boats are and happy to learn more history of that era. Interesting country we live in."

David Hoare wrote in August that he recently returned from a family trip to North Carolina for a wedding, and sadly, also a funeral. He and wife Sharon are anticipating their annual vacation to Ocean City, New Jersey.

Ron Boss reminisced with David in midsummer about his long and rewarding career with American Airlines. During those years, American acquired other airlines, and in some cases (like Trans Caribbean), it was smooth and a natural fit, but not for all. TWA did not enjoy the merger. On a personal

note, Ron says he enjoys his quiet life and is delighted that his granddaughter was, that week, registering for her first year in college (he didn't reveal where she was going).

Charlie Stehle and I talked on the phone in midsummer. He is generally healthy but has been having some balance problems and otherwise coping with life after wife Joanne passed. He continues to work on a book about his distant relative Colonel Maynadier, an 1827 West Point graduate.

In July, my wife and I spent part of the month on our annual vacation with our daughter Laura and her family. We rented a house on Martha's Vineyard for a week. The total family (seven in all) came, and we enjoyed the beaches, the food, and pleasures of Edgartown.

Ken Weisburger continues to send humorous jokes to me (and I assume others). Some of them are quite funny. He lives in an assisted living facility in Connecticut since his wife died, and he suffers from neuropathy.

David Taylor also wrote me, saying that our class fundraising effort for Trinity was a big success and that for the year ending in June, our class had 25 donors—not quite 50 percent. This is remarkable and a true sign of loyalty.

Other, less happy statistics that I received from Henry Zachs in July showed that through attrition, our class of 249 freshmen has shrunk to 60.

And on this subject, Ned Montgomery wrote me in August about the passing of Rusty Muirhead. He was Ned's Trinity roommate for two years. In his obituary, Rusty's daughter shared a lovely memory about her dad. Rusty used to get up before dawn and drive across the Golden Gate Bridge to the Dolphin Club, where he swam in San Francisco Bay before going to work, evidently in all weather. In honor of this feat and in his memory, the club put its flag at half-staff. Then, the ultimate, most personal gesture: in late August, she and her daughters and two others went to the Dolphin Club to take a swim to honor and commemorate their father and grandfather. Very touching, appropriate, and meaningful.

**1957** President: Ward S. Curran  
• Vice President: Donald B. Stokes • Secretary: Frederick M. Tobin, [frederick.tobin.1957@trincoll.edu](mailto:frederick.tobin.1957@trincoll.edu) • Class Agents: Ward S. Curran, Neil Day, Donald B. Stokes, Melvin Tews, Frederick M. Tobin  
I'm pleased to report that Don Stokes has made a good recovery from some health

issues. He is home at his palatial estate in Weston, Connecticut, looking forward to watching the New York Jets on TV. Under the supervision of wife Karen and daughter Amanda, he works out with one-pound weights.

From your class secretary: Carroll and I continue to split our time between our apartment in Sarasota, Florida, and our home at Bromley Mountain Ski Resort in Vermont. Our children and grandchildren spend quite an amount of time with us there.

Paul Cataldo has been enjoying watching his grandchildren play ice hockey. Two of his grandsons are slated to play for an Ivy League college.

Talked with Jim Kenefick. He traveled to Ireland recently with his family, traveled extensively, visited several relatives, and had a wonderful trip.

I am sorry to report that Steve Letcher's wife, Tina, has died.

**1958** President: Gary L. Bogli • Vice President: Mike Zoob  
• Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Gary L. Bogli, Joseph J. Repole Jr., Edward B. Speno  
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## REUNION • JUNE 6-9, 2024

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From the Alumni Office: A celebration of the life of Oliver "Nol" de Montalant Putnam will be held in May 2024 near his home in the Huntly area of Virginia (Rappahannock County), and all are welcome! The details will be posted on Nol's site on CaringBridge and announced in the *Rappahannock News*. Please see his obituary in this issue.

**1960** President: George P. Kroh  
• Vice President: Murray H. Morse Jr. • Secretary: Edward M. Cimilluca, [edward.cimilluca.1960@trincoll.edu](mailto:edward.cimilluca.1960@trincoll.edu) • Class Agent: Charles J. Middleton

The Class of 1960 continues to soldier on with the usual aches and pains the subject of many discussions. Nonetheless, many of our classmates continue to be active and to stay in touch with amazing regularity.

**Woody Osborne** is a good example, reporting that he is mentoring a child with autism, raising money for the local land trust, and delivering soup in and around Deer Isle, Maine.

I received a nice note from **Mike Zitt**, who practices part time and lectures in his field of allergy, asthma, and immunology. Sadly, Mike informed us about the passing of **Jim Tilzer**.

**Marv Peterson** continues to summer in Montana and soon will be returning to California.

We got a note from **Bill de Coligny's** wife, Margaret, telling us that he is happy living in a long-term facility for dementia and loves to hear about news from Trinity.

I had a nice chat with **Jack LaMothe**, who has three grandkids in college, at Bucknell, Fairfield, and Williams. Fingers crossed that two of his grandkids in high school will opt for Trinity.

**John Flynn** is happily ensconced in a continuing care retirement community in Florida and is staying active, as is **Bud Anderson** in Vero Beach.

We recently established the position of poet laureate for the class, and **Tim Baum** is the first recipient. What follows is his inaugural submission, "Another 'Getting Older' Poem."

85 is not quite as easy as 80; / Nor 75, 70, 60 or 50. / But it certainly is more lofty / (Thus, fittingly worthy of celebration). / But once big 85 is past, certainly / Let it not be close to the last. / Let's instead head for the bigger 9+0 / (Through sunshine rain, light-nin or snow); / And when we ascend to that grand plateau / Then let us all whoop it up and celebrate! / In fact, let's make that a date, O.K.? / Because that will be one big, glorious day. / And meanwhile, for right now: ole, ole, ole! / Happy Birthday everybody.

Sadly, my dear friend **Dick Stockton** passed away in his sleep this past August. Dick was a fervent Trinity supporter, a magnanimous financial supporter of the school, and a great salesman for all things Trinity. He will be sorely missed.

**1961** Co-President: **Peter H. Kreisel** • Co-President: **Vincent R. Stempien** • Secretary: **William Kirtz**, [william.kirtz.1961@trincoll.edu](mailto:william.kirtz.1961@trincoll.edu) • Class Agents: **George P. Lynch Jr.**, **Vincent R. Stempien**, **Douglas T. Tansill**

It's nice to hear about classmates with Trinity children and who are staying so active.

**Dick Schnadig** is retired after 50 years of law practice, "most of which I enjoyed." He has 10 grandchildren, and two of his four children are Trinity graduates: David, a trustee of the College, and Ian (partly named after classmate **Ian Rawson**).

**Vin Stempien** is "still playing doubles tennis and weekly golf with no end in sight. The genes are still good!"

On a Los Angeles trip, **Peter Kreisel** will be staying with freshman roommate and lifelong buddy **Dick Lowe**.

**Randy** and **Pam Ryan** "are still enjoying life in our retirement community. We are busier and have many more friends here than we had over the past 25 in Tucson County Club Estates and at Tucson Country Club."

**1962** President: **Charles L. Hoffman** • Vice President: **Michael W. Creighton** • Co-Secretary: **John Densem, john.densem.1962@trincoll.edu** • Co-Secretary: **Frederick M. Pryor**, [frederick.pryor.1962@trincoll.edu](mailto:frederick.pryor.1962@trincoll.edu) • Class Agents: **Michael W. Creighton**, **Charles L. Hoffman**

Well, here we are, after another holiday season! **Fred Pryor** and I (**John Densem**) hope you had a wonderful time with family and friends! Due to space limitations, some of the following comes from prior submissions but hopefully still will be of interest.

**Ilhi Synn** replied back in June that he is still the president of Keimyung University in Daegu, South Korea (and Wikipedia indicates he's been a professor there as well). (Secretary's note: This private, Christian university boasts an enrollment of some 22,000 students!) He says his term ends in July 2024, but he thinks he wants "to bow out before the year of the Black Rabbit runs out—a nice Christmas gift—for working at a thankless job for more than three decades." But he says that they are "very nervous about recruiting freshmen as population decreases with a very low birth rate of about 0.85" and suggests that, "in a century or so, there might not be a little thing called 'Korea.'" But, he adds, "if you see some wandering high school graduates, point them to this direction. We have seats enough for lost souls." He can be reached at [synnlihi@kmu.ac.kr](mailto:synnlihi@kmu.ac.kr).

**Doug Anderson** writes of enjoying our 60th Reunion. He's encouraging a periodic class Zoom meeting (**Chuck Hoffman**, are you listening?). He goes on to say that he and Missy visited Australia and New Zealand in January 2023. (I love his quote! "In Europe, you see man's architecture. In

New Zealand, you see God's architecture.") Further travel in 2023 included a trip to Africa, visiting four countries and "focusing mainly on wildlife safaris." Doug says he's retiring at the end of 2023 after 35 years in the executive search business.

**Jay McCracken** writes that he spent many years in the sports collectibles industry, as a sales vice president and founder of a company called Upper Deck. He was nationally recognized and "even got to throw out the first ball at UD-sponsored Old-Timers' games in 23 major league ballparks." He and his wife of 60 years, Barbara, have lived in SoCal for 30-some years. (He can be reached at [janandjaymccracken@gmail.com](mailto:janandjaymccracken@gmail.com).)

**Ian Bennett** writes that his son and daughter-in-law gifted him with a box seat at the 2023 Wimbledon men's finals last July 18, on the occasion of his 83rd birthday. (He can be reached at [ianben@me.com](mailto:ianben@me.com).)

**Ross Hall** writes that he and wife Bonnie are enjoying "a mostly uneventful retirement on tranquil Cape Cod." He's joined local hobbyists in building a large model railroad layout in a friend's basement. "(W)e're creating a holodeck and operating a supply-chain simulation, a logistical exercise moving goods and people. Now we are one-inch tall, working in the locomotive cab, handling paperwork at the caboose desk, and directing the freight setouts and pickups on the ground by hand signals or vocally. We run at scale speeds and follow prototype operation protocols. You're looking at several hours of focused cooperative activity with like-minded friends. And the stuff is real, not just images on a screen." And, he adds, remember "sliding on Mather Hall dining hall trays across the frozen soccer field in the middle of winter?" (Ross can be reached at [rosshall@comcast.net](mailto:rosshall@comcast.net).)

**Alan Coyne** writes that he and wife Deanna traveled to China to visit their oldest son, Andy, and family, first in Tokyo and then in Beijing. He recalls being on the Debate Team at Trinity, where one topic was "how the U.N. could allow memberships for both China and Taiwan. Now, over 60 years later, that is still a difficult situation." He notes that he has lived in a beautiful Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, community for 43 years and has four children and nine grandchildren. (He can be reached at [alan@alancoyne.com](mailto:alan@alancoyne.com).)

**Fred Pryor** and wife Barbara had a "small world" experience recently. Neighbors were invited over for drinks, the conversation turned to colleges, and in the course of things, it turned out that their neighbor,



**Tom Johnson '62, Scott Reynolds '63, and Julie Johnson Darnieder '73, right, enjoy a surprise meeting with Chris Arterton '65, third from left, at the Explora hotel in Torres del Paine, Chile, in October 2023. Nine members of the Johnson family—including Tom, Scott, and Julie—traveled from Santiago, Chile, to Torres del Paine National Park, then cruised through the Chilean fjords and then to Buenos Aires, where they hoped to connect with Henry Whitney '63. They happened to run into Chris at the hotel, showing that no matter where you go in the world, you will encounter Bantams!**



**Mike Schulenberg '63 joins Daniel Korengold '73, recipient of the Schulenberg Friendship Award.**

Sally, is the sister of our classmate **Jay McCracken**. Small world, indeed! Fred noted that they have lived in a 55-and-over townhome community since it was built in 2001, near Boston, with all the conveniences one could want just a five-minute walk away, including a Starbucks. (Fred, Barbara, and I, **John Densem**, met up in Boston in early December!)

**Bill Polk** and wife LuAnn moved into a retirement community in Lexington, Massachusetts, about five years ago. They seem very happy there. Bill coaches in the leadership program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. They still go to their home in Nova Scotia in the summer. Bill said that last summer they had to deal with two big fires and two floods. Fortunately, their home survived, and only their road was washed out. The Polks have two daughters: one teaches English at Milton Academy, and the other is a counselor in the Manchester-Essex school system. Bill frequently returns to Groton School, where he was headmaster for many years, to attend meetings and services.

**John Densem** had an Amtrak “ride to hell and back” last August. The California Zephyr to Chicago was canceled at 3:30 a.m. on arrival in Salt Lake City, turned around, and returned immediately to the San Francisco Bay Area. Obviously, no one got on board, as no one knew about the unscheduled 22-hour return trip, with only two stops (Reno and Sacramento). Almost everyone got off in Salt Lake City (“on your own,” the train manager said). Imagine 22 hours with only 25 people on board! Only one sitting for dinner with four tables, but John got the last piece of cheesecake! Food service on Amtrak long-distance trains is superb even with a limited menu. John’s advice: “Be careful how you plan your travel. Build in contingencies.”

That’s all, folks, until next time. Be well and happy!

**1963** **President: Timothy F. Lenicheck • Vice President: Mike Schulenberg • Secretary: Thomas E. Calabrese, thomas.calabrese.1963@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: William C. Howland, Scott Reynolds**

Another milestone in the history of our great class occurred at Reunion in June when the very first awarding of the Schulenberg Friendship Award was celebrated at our Class Dinner. The recipient, Daniel Korengold '73, was at our dinner and met with Mike and others in the class as we all congratulated him.

From **Steve Perreault**: “Some news I can submit is an account of a recent personal adventure. As part of a motor trip to celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary, Jean and I rode the 154-year-old historic cog railway to the summit of Mount Washington in New Hampshire. At 6,288 feet, this peak is one of the highest east of the Rockies. Thankfully, weather conditions on this special day were spectacular, perfectly clear, and free of any smoke plumes from the Canadian wildfires, providing us with excellent views of the entire Presidential Range and well beyond. Fortunately, we weren’t married during the winter months when our commemorative ascent might have been stymied by the mountain’s notorious reputation for extreme winds and cold!”

From **Bill Howland**: “Martha and I journeyed out to Dawson City, Yukon, Canada, to visit our son John and Jessie in July. They have a camper that is set up for us in the middle of town, which becomes home for us for two weeks. They are in the process of building their own home with room for us next

year. Dawson City feels like a cowboy town. The pace is slower, and everyone is warm and friendly. We set off to Edinburgh September 13 to attend the wedding of Martha’s cousin to a Scot. We joined a large contingent of Americans at the Old Course Hotel in St Andrews who were there for the same reason. The ceremony was held in the Elie Parish Church and then on to the home of the groom. The party went on till 3:00 a.m. we were told, minus us. After the weekend, we headed south to the borders, Galashiels, to stay with a cousin of mine and her family. We have stayed with them many times but not for long. Grandchildren are in place, some new sheep, and two friendly pigs. We walked their beautiful land, looking at walls on the property that date back to the 1300s. There is nothing left of the house, but we found ourselves wondering about those times. We are very grateful for a summer with family and good travel. See you at Homecoming.”

Notes on **Richard Birney-Smith** (a busy guy): He attended our 60th Reunion, played the organ for our memorial service in the Chapel of the Perfect Friendship, and followed it with an organ recital. At the memorial service, we sang the hymn he wrote for the rededication of the Friendship Chapel in April 2022. He departed directly from Reunion to spend more than four weeks in Europe, visiting friends and relatives in London, Salisbury, Paris, Nancy, Lyon, and Vernon (near Monet’s home and garden at Giverny). He is putting the finishing touches on volume one of his memoirs. U.S. Thanksgiving is the anticipated publication date.

From **David Holroyd**: “I am living in Kittery, Maine, and enjoying Kittery Estates, an independent senior living community. I have just fully retired and have celebrated 55 years of ordained ministry. It was a joy to participate in the dedication of the Class of 1963 Chapel of the Perfect Friendship last year and to get reconnected with my 1963 classmates at our recent 60th Reunion!”

From **Jim Blair**: “It’s been a very sad two months for our family as our son, Jonathan, 54, passed away on August 2 from lung cancer. He was a gifted musician, songwriter, carpenter, and good friend to all. We are still processing this tragedy. Over the past year, we have had our share of happy moments and physical mishaps. Our 80s are definitely different than our 70s. Our teenage grandchild, Helena, continues to please and amaze. Looking forward to possibly making a brief appearance at Homecoming.”



From **Tom Calabrese**: “Linda and I had another enjoyable trip in our van camper, the Winnebago Travato we have named Red Rover. This trip was 50 days, visiting 13 states and traveling 5,800 miles, mostly east of the Mississippi with forays into Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa. Highlights included revisiting the Craggy Gardens along the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina, where 10 years earlier we were nearly blown off the mountain in a flash rainstorm, and accidentally coming across the site of a stopping point in Kansas where the caravans on the Oregon Trail replenished supplies and refreshed their animals. We visited our granddaughter, Captain Hannah Makuch (West Point grad), in St. Robert, Missouri, and got a grand tour of the Army base Fort Leonard Wood. We absolutely loved Door County in Wisconsin; it’s like the Cape Cod of the Midwest, jutting up into Lake Michigan with lovely lakeside towns like Sister Bay (we also saw the neighborhood and home in Milwaukee where **Tim Lenicheck** grew up). A wonderful memory occurred when we survived a challenging hike in and back out of the Eternal Flame (natural gas lighting a flame behind a waterfall) in Orchard Park, New York. We saw and did a lot and rekindled our belief that travel refreshes the soul and opens your eyes to other ways of life just as valid and meaningful as our own.”

#### REUNION • JUNE 6–9, 2024

**1964** Co-Secretary: **Thomas J. Monahan**, [thomas.monahan.1964@trincoll.edu](mailto:thomas.monahan.1964@trincoll.edu) • Co-Secretary: **James S. Twerdahl**, [james.twerdahl.1964@trincoll.edu](mailto:james.twerdahl.1964@trincoll.edu) • Class Agent: **Robert Spencer**

Since 1964, the world has transformed in ways that even the most imaginative sci-fi writers of our year would’ve never dared to predict. Back then, we were rocking out to The Beatles on vinyl records and hoping for a flying car by the year 2000. Fast forward to today, and we’ve got Spotify playlists, and, while not flying, we do have self-driving cars.

In the ’60s, communication meant rotary phones and handwritten letters. Now, we’re tweeting, posting, blogging, and sending emojis that somehow encapsulate our entire emotional spectrum. We’ve gone from color TV to 3D holograms and virtual reality. Remember those clunky computers with punch cards? Now, we’ve got smartphones that could land a spaceship on Mars. Back then, the only cloud we knew of was the one that brought rain. Now, we’re storing our entire lives on it and occasionally yelling at

Alexa to turn off the lights when we could’ve just flipped a switch.

The world since 1964 has transformed into a sci-fi comedy of errors, where we’re constantly amazed, befuddled, and slightly terrified by the rapid pace of change. But hey, at least we can still enjoy The Beatles on our smartphones while waiting for that elusive flying car. (Confession: neither of your class secretaries wrote this; ChatGPT did.)

#### 1965 President: **David O. Williams** • Vice President: **Jon D. Simonian** • Class Agent: **Robert H. Mason**

**David Williams** is sorry to report the following deaths: **Tom Garson** died October 16, 2023, after a brief but serious illness. Following graduation, Tom served in the National Guard and attended Columbia Business School. Subsequently, he rose to the position of senior vice president of sales and marketing in his family business. Tom was our class secretary and was dedicated to Trinity. He maintained contact with many members of our class, especially those of Alpha Chi Rho, five of whom attended a memorial service for him in New York. We are sorry if you submitted notes to Tom for this issue.

On September 16, 2023, **Park Benjamin III** died. A celebration of his life was held at the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club in Oyster Bay, New York, near Park’s home. He was past commodore. Park loved sailing and spent much of his free time at the club. This celebration of his life included a photo from our 50th Reunion. Please see this issue’s “In Memory” section.

#### 1966 President: **Randolph M. “Randy” Lee** • Secretary:

**Randolph M. “Randy” Lee**, [randolph.lee@trincoll.edu](mailto:randolph.lee@trincoll.edu) • Class Agent: **Joseph A. Hourihan** First and foremost, I want to remember our classmate and my good friend, **Dave Charlesworth**, formerly our class secretary, who passed away in November 2022. Dave served Trinity in so many ways and will never be forgotten, especially by the Class of 1966. Dave was a cardiac surgeon at Catholic Medical Center from 1986–2010 and a co-founder of Cardiothoracic Surgical Associates, one of the premier cardiac surgery programs in the country. He helped found the Northern New England Cardiovascular Disease Research Group and was referred to as the “heart and soul of the NNE” by his fellow research members. He loved Trinity and served his alma mater continuously after graduation.

So, it is with the realization that his are big shoes to fill that I agreed to serve as your secretary.

After 54 years (following our graduation) working in Trinity’s Counseling and Wellness Center, as director for the last 23, I retired from the center this past June. I’m teaching my psychotherapy seminar once more this fall, then “retiring” to San Diego with my middle daughter, son-in-law, and one of my two wonderful granddaughters. They say if you tell people you’re in San Diego and they are welcome to visit, they do! And I genuinely invite any of our classmates to come and enjoy the San Diego weather. I have two bedrooms and a pool, so there’s plenty of room.

I received a sad note from **Joe Hourihan** reporting the loss of wife Antoinette after 40 wonderful years of marriage. “Although not a member of our class, she attended more Reunions, Homecomings, and Trinity football games than most members. Ironically, at her last event at Trinity, a football game last fall, we sat with Jane and **Dave Charlesworth**. Many fellow classmates were kind in their condolences. In particular, **Brian** and **Katy Grimes** made several trips to visit, and **Ed Landes** was always inquiring. It was just 25 years ago this month that Antoinette and I started our wanderlust, which was a large part of our life. That was our first drive across country during which we visited classmates **Ed Landes**, **Bob Dunn**, **Bill Brachman**, **Bill Schweitzer**, and **Bob Camp** ’65. By the time of her death, Antoinette’s travels had taken her to 49 states (just missing North Dakota), all the Canadian provinces, and all continents but Antarctica. As others who have suffered such a loss know, she will be sorely missed. She always wanted to die first because she felt she had no friends. I always pointed out she had many friends and classmates who became her friends, and, particularly with classmates, liked her better than me! In the here and now, I plan to play golf with **Brian Grimes** in football team events, where ‘we are a lock for high gross!’”

**Dennis Dix** writes, “Penny and I are aging gracefully in place with the usual decomposition one would expect but nothing debilitating—yet. We have fled the South Florida human barbecue for July and August to North Carolina for temps 25 degrees less than home with our delightful Aussiedoodle Sheila, who keeps us on our toes. I continue my municipal advisory work, which has slowed down some but is still enough to keep my brain engaged and away from the spit and

whittle club. **Scott Sutherland** has joined me and brother Jock in Delray Dunes in Boynton Beach, where we plan to open a local Psi U chapter . . . all three of us! I continue to pick up golf after 45 years, earning a near max handicap of 35. That's for nine holes converted to 18, I gather. God willing, I'll try to make the 60th Reunion. Unbelievable."

**Marty Gall** reports, "My wife, Ally (in particular), and I dodged a bullet this past April 6 (during the first day of Passover), when we were involved in a serious car accident that left Ally with 10 rib and three pelvic fractures. I had very minor injuries, but our Prius was totaled. To make matters worse, two of my three sisters were also involved in car accidents, and my eldest sister fell and seriously injured her shoulder and arm. All in all, a tough spring for the Gall siblings and spouse."

Finally, **Frank Vincent** says that "all is well in the Vincent family. Coping with feeling older is an unexpected challenge! Old age caught us by surprise. Who knew?"

I really do want to make this column broad-based, and I will be contacting you individually for news of what's happening in your lives. So please drop me an email, short or long, anytime. Part of why I took on this gig was to hear from classmates, so don't let me down!

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interests (you may recall he became the go-to computer expert in his small village in India), **Anupam** plans to major in computer science and already is planning his future in the field. **Jamila** told us about her perseverance in getting an education as a woman in Afghanistan, where she had to deal with such unimaginable obstacles as a suicide bombing at her school (which killed some of her friends) and extended family pressures on her parents to abandon their strong support for her getting an education. Her departure from Afghanistan was facilitated by a wonderful nonprofit, **Afghan Girls Financial Assistance Fund**, and, of course, her financial aid at Trinity derives from the generosity of our classmates. (You will be hearing more about our plans to increase the scholarship endowment, including by making legacy gifts, to help others like **Anupam** and **Jamila** get a wonderful Trinity education.) Both **Anupam** and **Jamila** were wonderful to chat with. If you get to campus, look them up; you will really enjoy meeting them. And hopefully they will be sporting the Class of '68 baseball caps that they received at Homecoming. Our two other '68 Scholars could not attend and for very good reasons. **Julia Cheesman** '24 was running the Hartford Marathon, and **Emma Markowski** '25 was studying abroad.

The Homecoming football game against Middlebury was quite exciting, although it ended with Trinity in need of a touchdown from the two-yard line with 17 seconds left, which they simply did not convert as time ran out. But **Larry Roberts**, **Kim Miles**, and **Joe McKeigue** got to spend some time with their old football coach, **Don Miller**, who is 90 but still coming to games and welcoming his former players.

There also was a 90th birthday party for Coach Miller a few weeks before Homecoming that **Joe McKeigue** and his son **Patrick** '92 (perhaps the only father-son duo to play for Coach Miller) and teammates **Paul Goldschmidt**, **Tom Nary**, and **Larry Roberts** attended. We all learned life lessons at Trinity from a variety of sources and experiences, and **Joe** spoke at the party of how the coach imparted the importance of perseverance and attention to detail, both of which have been mainstays of **Joe's** personal and professional lives.

Our classmates continue to travel extensively, making up for the lost time of COVID. **Rich Coyle**, wife **Tina**, and daughter **Christine** were in South Africa in September, with **Kruger National Park** and the search

for the "Big Five" on their agenda. And **Stu Bluestone** and wife **Judy** spent three weeks traveling around New Zealand and Bhutan (a country with no stoplights, among other wonderful features!).

**Bob Price** and wife **Edith** navigated parts of Florida, (Miami, the Keys, Naples, and Marco Island), hit Boston and Cape Cod, and later visited New Jersey and New York, where they stayed in the storied **Hotel Chelsea** (adding to the list of luminaries such as **Leonard Cohen** and **Janis Joplin** who have stayed there). **Bob** has a theme of staying in old literary hotels in N.Y.C., having stayed the prior year at **The Beekman**. The **Prices'** holiday travel plans include **Charlestown** and **Amelia Island**. **Bob** is putting the rest of us to shame with his whirlwind travel schedule, not to mention the events and museums he's been able to catch, from **Wynton Marsalis** at **Lincoln Center**, to going to **The Met's Manet/Degas** exhibition, to browsing at **Judy Blume's** bookstore in **Key West** (yes, the rest of us would have been looking for that lost shaker of salt!).

**Parker Prout**, living in Litchfield, Connecticut, got to spend some time on Cape Cod with Trinity roommate **Richard Fischer**, and they were joined by **Parker's** younger sister and her husband, both Trinity graduates. (Who could have predicted we'd be able to make that statement about women grads back when we were at Trinity!)

On the international front, **Peter Chang** reports that he and wife **Grace** moved from Hong Kong to the United Kingdom in 2022, along with his son and family. They live outside London.

Family expansions also are the order of things. **John Miller** welcomed a new granddaughter, **Nora**, in summer 2023 and sent a photo that would melt your heart! **Rich Coyle** became a grandfather for the first time but doubled down by welcoming twins **Eva** and **Anthony**. Since the newbies live in **Calgary**, **Rich** and his wife have been loading up on their frequent-flyer miles as well as delighting in their **FaceTime** sessions.

And given space constraints, I will have to save for future *Reporters* the tales of serendipity that our classmates shared at our 55th Reunion.

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## 1969

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**Bob Kehoe** and wife Barbara recently got together with **Joe Connors**, who had been invited to Chicago to deliver what he swears would be his last presentation on lymphoma. Joe is winding down a fantastic career as clinical professor emeritus in the Division of Medical Oncology at the University of British Columbia, picking up along the way membership in the Order of Canada, one of the country's highest awards. He and wife Maria recently uprooted from Vancouver to settle down in nearby Victoria, still enjoying the outdoors.

**Ted Cook**, professor of history, emeritus, at William Paterson University, will be in Japan in the 2023–24 academic year as a research associate of the Institute of Comparative Cultures at Sophia University in Tokyo. He also will be experimenting in the fall with the role of study leader for Walk Japan, an affiliate of Road Scholar, sharing his years of Japan experience in Kanazawa, Kyoto, and Tokyo, getting to profess without exams or papers to correct. Ted deeply regrets missing the 2023 Reunion and the chance to share with '68 but is already looking ahead to our 55th in 2024.

**Alden Gordon** and Jean Cadogan connected with Keith "Kim" Miles '68 and wife Wendy in Onancock, Virginia, during a trip down the Eastern Shore in late June. We had a great visit and ate crab, and Kim gave me a copy of his memoir, *Miles to Go*, which has a vivid account of 1967–68 on the Trinity campus. You can find it online at SaltWaterMedia.com.

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**Charlie Tuttle** recently sent me some great photos from Sweden. He and wife Melanie were exploring many urban and rural nooks and crannies of Sweden and having a fabulous time. Melanie has ancestry there going back centuries, some of whom were members of the nobility. It was fun to receive the pictures because my wife, Jeanette, was born and raised in Stockholm; hence, we had seen many of the sites in person and enjoyed being reacquainted. Charlie and I were in the same class at Loomis Chaffee before Trinity and also were in the same fraternity at Trinity. On my way home from Uganda after setting up the student exchange program for Trinity in 1971, I met up with Charlie in the Swiss Alps, where he was working at a ski resort.

We had some unforgettable adventures at a commune of Swiss French skiers. Charlie is from Windsor, Connecticut, and I am from Hartford, Connecticut, two of the three original Dutch trading posts established by the state's first settlers. I'm sure there are many such parallel encounters and interconnections that you can relate to me to report for some interesting stories among our class. Please do so in your spare time, and let us know about your wonderful travels, which you should take the time to share. We owe it to one another.

Speaking of stories, read Bill Browder's *Red Notice* (Simon & Schuster paperback, 2015), a No. 1 *New York Times* best seller and a true story. Extremely thrilling. Imagine a Salomon Brothers vice president who decides to jump on the opportunity to become an oligarch in Russia after the fall of the Soviet Union, and its wealth has been "distributed" to all of its people only to be bought up and exploited by avaricious capitalists forming a cutthroat new class of entrepreneurs. No one else from the West, let alone a highly successful financial wizard with a B.A. in economics from University of Chicago and an M.B.A. from Stanford Graduate School of Business, had the guts to take such a personal risk. Browder learns that the warnings of one of our generation's favorite authors, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, in *The Gulag Archipelago*, remain accurate and occurring in modern Russia, where the rule of law is an ad hoc administration controlled by power-hungry dictators with no constraints on their actions. Browder's life has been changed forever, but he is lucky to escape with it while many of his friends and associates did not. A red notice is the closest instrument of Interpol to an international arrest warrant in use today.

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**David Sample** writes that he survived another long road trip. "For four weeks in June/July, I traveled west and visited 12 national parks in North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico. Thanks to plenty of water and electrolytes, I was able to take many long hikes in the sweltering heat. I covered about 7,500 miles and camped out about 80 percent of the time."

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**Kevin Sullivan** writes, "Wish I had something happier to share, but I am in treatment following bladder cancer surgery. Good news is that the treatment is going well so far, and immunotherapy is a very hopeful treatment. Special thanks to **Bill Reynolds** for continuing to check in with encouragement."

**Michael E. Trigg**, M.D., writes, "My time at Trinity provided me with further basic skills of scientific research/investigation to the point that in my first year of medical school, I took a job at [National Institutes of Health] working in the field of bacteriophage research. A BBC documentary (*Race Against Resistance*; watch on YouTube) was made to further explain the clinical usefulness of bacteriophage, which formed the basis for several papers I published during medical school. None of that would have been possible without the preparation that I made at Trinity. After my 30-plus-year academic career in hematology/oncology/cellular therapies, one of the many positions I took was that of chief medical officer of Adaptive Phage Therapeutics, highlighted in the documentary. I recently established an endowed fund at Trinity to support students pursuing medical research projects in the hematology/oncology/immunotherapy fields. It is through these and other efforts of others that may pave the way for the next generation of clinical scientists who will help push the envelope for less suffering and disease, particularly as we age. Luckily for me as the former chief photographer and photo editor for the Trinity *Ivy* in 1970 and 1971, I was never without a camera and have a number of great pictures in my current home from that era, particularly pictures of snow blocking the archways along the Long Walk, a form of water that I never see here in Florida, although most recently outdoor toboggan and sled runs were opened in the

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winter at which one can rent gloves or mittens, parkas, and boots.”

**Mike James** writes, “Hey, Howie and Debbie, hope you guys are both well. We had a magnificent day at the celebration of Don Miller’s 90th birthday at Trinity’s opening-game thumping of Tufts. **David Sample** headed the committee that put the festivities together, and it was terrific to catch up with **Sheldon Crosby**, **Peter Miller**, **Jon Miller**, **Cliff Cutler**, **Tom DiBenedetto**, **Bill Sartorelli**, David, and others from different classes who had played for Coach Miller. (We missed you, Howie.) I know the day was very emotional for him, as it was for many of us who were lucky enough to be on his teams.”

**David Green** writes, “It has been an interesting summer. I was immensely pleased that the string quartet of my grandfather, Ignatz Waghalter, was performed in Berlin on September 1 at a public memorial to the millions of victims of World War II, which was launched by Nazi Germany exactly 84 years earlier. In a statement prepared for the event, I quoted the words of my grandfather: ‘Music is the citadel of universal democracy. It knows no race, religion, or nationality.’ These words acquire renewed and exceptional relevance in the present environment. Another significant experience was the invitation that I received to speak on the island of Prinkipo, off the coast of Istanbul, where Leon Trotsky lived from 1929–33 following his exile from the Soviet Union. The residents of this idyllic island are proud to have given political sanctuary to this giant of 20th century history. I will never forget the beauty of Büyükkada (as the island is known in Turkish) and the hospitality of its people.”

**Robert Muller** writes, “We moved permanently in early September after 34 years in our house in Ridgewood, New Jersey, to what had previously been our second home in Narragansett, Rhode Island. Our second grandchild and first grandson is expected later in October. Looking forward to a slower retirement at some point.”

**Bill O’Reilly** writes that he is continuing his book project on the late **Chuck Shouse**. If you

would like to offer memories, please email [wjoreilly@gmail.com](mailto:wjoreilly@gmail.com). Bill has not been idle since 1971. “I have co-founded three schools in N.Y.C., served on Harvard committees for 14 years, and since COVID have been writing novels (seven), novellas (12), and a memoir and starting an indie publishing company, Innermotivation LTD Publishers, Brooklyn and Boston—‘Where Unique Voices Thrive.’”

**Kathie Graham Congdon** lives in Northern California; has been married to Larry, a veterinarian, since 1975; and has five kids and seven grandkids. She returned to school in the mid-70s to get an R.N. degree but chose to remain home to support her family and their many activities and to volunteer for her community. “I learned the ropes of all the activities the children were into, including downhill skiing, mountain biking, motorcycle racing, hunter/jumper horse shows, barrel racing, and volleyball.” Now that Larry has retired, they are empty nesters. “I enjoy being a member of an antiques club, spending time with friends, reading, gardening, and occasionally going on quad rides with our children. I joined a group of quilters, and I like to work on various crafts.” They recently sold their house and will be heading temporarily to Arizona. They have yet to decide their permanent move. The choice to be near family includes Portland, Maine; Columbia, Missouri; Pecos, New Mexico; San Tan, Arizona; and Malibu, California. “I hope that I’ll be able to connect with some of my Trinity friends with whom I have lost touch. I have fond memories of the time I spent there.”

**Beverly Elder** writes, “I am still learning to be who I am now after the death of my husband, Hugh Miller Elder ’70, who passed away on November 13, 2021. I am still living in the house I designed and we built here in Peru, gardening, swimming in a nearby pool once a week, and working occasionally as a volunteer interpreter for special medical campaigns that do charity operations in a small clinic run by my friends. During my exciting last visit to the United States in July, I followed the Outerspace Band for a week during their yearly tour in Maine. Still dancing up a storm!”

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An unexpected benefit of working on Class Notes is the opportunity to reconnect with folks one hasn’t communicated with since, at best, the last Reunion.

**Bill “Duff” Lingard** writes that a few of us have been able to meet in various configurations, including **Kristin Emerson**, **Peter Blum**, **Phil Nelson**, **Ham Clark**, and **Rob Lawrence**. Duff writes, “It has proven to be an enjoyable way to maintain our long-standing friendships . . . [we’d all] welcome other classmates in the area to join in.” It’s nothing formal or regular, but, if interested, let me know so the next blast email casts a wider net.

I had a nice conversation with **Bill Miller** (the subject, along with roommate **Peter Wheelwright**, of an article in this *Reporter*) about the efforts involved in bringing an idea from creation to the bookstore, from research to writing, to rewriting, to editing, to publishing, to promoting. He’s living and thriving with wife Warren in Watch Hill, Rhode Island, and Greensboro, North Carolina.

**Gene Stamell** writes, “So, inquiring minds must be asking, with bated breath, ‘What’s been happening with Geno over the past five decades?’ Let’s see: 44 years of married life, three children and 3½ grandkids, 35 years of elementary classroom teaching, and seven more (and counting) of part-time tutoring in private schools, writing songs, and performing for children and adults (search **Gene Stamell** on Spotify to hear three albums), taking up golf and cigars about six years ago—not sure which is more likely to lead to premature death, and writing guest columns for local papers (search **Gene Stamell** guest columns for a few chuckles, I hope). After living in eastern Massachusetts for 35 years, we moved to the tiny town of Leverett (population 1,851) in 2018. We border Amherst and love the peaceful, liberal vibe of the Pioneer Valley. I feel immense gratitude for the life I live. Best to all.”

**Dan Reifsnnyder** sends his greetings and writes, “My spouse, Kathryn, and I discovered the Shetland Islands last year and returned again this June for a week (plus a week on the Isle of Skye, which I had never seen despite many trips to Scotland). I am teaching a full-semester course on global climate change at the University of Virginia’s Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy and in the Politics Department of the College of Arts and Sciences. That enables me to see my daughter Claire and first granddaughter Molly (born last November) weekly as they live just north of Charlottesville. I am otherwise overseeing many projects at our



cabin in the Shenandoah Valley. Best wishes to all."

**Will Whetzel**, after letting on that he lives in the Boston area (Philly's loss), relates, "Life is good here in Chestnut Hill. After too many years of wrestling with various back pain and disc issues, I finally found a wonderful doctor at Hospital for Special Surgery in New York (who also happens to be a golfer), and post-laminectomy surgery in March, I stand straighter, swing better, and walked my first 18 holes last weekend. Other time in my eighth decade is spent wrangling eight grandchildren, four in N.Y.C., two in Bronxville, and two in Tampa. And just to make sure we don't get too idle between family visits, we took a deep breath and purchased a small cottage in Ireland, County Mayo, that we've had our eyes on for a number of years and that last year as we biked by it noticed a for-sale sign. On we go, come and visit."

**Olivia Henry** writes of fun much farther away, "Just back from trekking to see chimpanzees and gorillas and go on game drives, learn about different cultures, indigenous people in Uganda. I was in a small group of 12. As we introduced ourselves, I learned I was one of three Trinity graduates, so we made up one-fourth of the tour! The others were Craig Maier '71 and Taylor Maier '19."

**Bayard Fiechter** writes from Philadelphia how great it was to be at Reunion a year and a half ago and lamented the passing of JoAnne Epps '73, a longtime figure at Temple University, as a "great loss." He also writes, "But news closer to the Class of '72, not of me but of a family member: our daughter Olivia, in a few weeks, is marrying the love of her life, Bobby Weaver, whom she met in college some 6½ years ago. He is a gem of a gentleman, and for that we are grateful. As an aside, Olivia has pursued a career in professional squash since college, is active on the international tour, and is ranked No. 2 in the United States and No. 9 in the world (in women's rankings). Many years in the making, but we are so very proud of her. Her goal is to make her way further up that ladder, so children might have to wait a bit to enter the picture. I remain in the wealth management business (Fiduciary Trust International); wife Stacy is an interior designer. We have three grandchildren courtesy of our son. All good. I hope you and all yours are well. It is crazy out there given all that is going on here and abroad, but enough positivity to keep us on track."

**Kirk "Chief" Kubicek** writes, "Despite retirement, I am still in active parish

ministry part time at the historic 1805 Christ Church Forest Hill Rock Spring Parish in Harford County, Maryland. A wonderful, active, and faithful congregation of folks who care about others and creation. I'm also still playing drums in several Grateful Dead tribute bands in the D.C. area. Mallory and I are awaiting grandchild number three: a baby girl to our youngest daughter, Cerny Lee, and her husband, Patrick. She will join Mo, 4½, and Miles, who will be 2 around Thanksgiving, grandsons of Harper and Matt Kudler, daughter number 1. The Chief is now officially known as Papi K! Kirk Jr. is a drummer living in Nederland, Colorado, with wife Jamie. He's teaching music and playing in a variety of bands in the Nederland, Boulder, and Denver vicinities. In addition to parish ministry, I spend time running and walking with weights each morning, keeping up our one-acre lot in the country, and rooting for the Baltimore Orioles and Ravens, who for once are playing well at the same time! Life is good! Be well, everyone."

Please reach out to the school and to your classmates. To quote **Jack Nelson**, secretary, emeritus, "Find classmates at mytrinet.trincoll.edu. Update your contact info so people can find you." Keep the news coming. See you further on up the road.

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**John Gatsos** writes, "I really enjoyed our 50th Reunion. More importantly, my wife, Barnard '77, did as well. She was impressed with everyone she met and found them articulate, interesting, intelligent, and fun. Not a bad report on the Class of '73. I am happy to report that after a couple years of trying, I finally retired at the end of June. So far, I am thoroughly enjoying the relaxed pace and the ability to pursue things of interest that had been tabled for so many years. Best to everyone."

Per **Dave Schirmer**, "Sorry to miss Reunion. Don't get up there as much with my pal Fitzy no longer with us and still dearly miss Twig Spencer—hard to believe 9/11 is more than two decades ago. My son has his 20th next year. Good grief! Hope all are well. Best, Dave."

**Greg Zec** attended Reunion and says, "I heard about Reunion via a mailing and discussed it with my pal **Scott Cameron**, who has unending good humor and a knack for bringing people together. The weekend

provided an opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones! The seminar with George Will was my favorite, but I also learned about Hollywood careers such as being an agent or a screenwriter. The campus looked splendid, and I opted to stay in a dorm (Jarvis), which reminded me of living on a submarine. I attended three events in the Chapel: an organ concert, a memorial service, and a Sunday morning traditional service. That was one more service than I attended as a student! I had a super weekend and really enjoyed seeing old friends. Am thinking of relocating to the Hartford area for family reasons, so I spent a fair amount of time scouting the area. Bradley International has gotten pretty big!"

**Antoinette Leone Ruzzier** writes, "Sorry I couldn't make Reunion. It's amazing all the years that have passed so quickly. I've been in Florida for 21 years and love it. Trinity was a great place and prepared me well for law school and all the wonderful things I got to do in life: practicing attorney, elected and appointed official, law school professor, and a variety of community activities. I have been a widow for 15 years and have three children and six grandchildren and a lot of wonderful friends. I thank God for a good life even though I still can't believe I'm 70 years old!"

Per **Mike Holverson**, "I was fortunate enough to return for Reunion. I had a wonderful time catching up with old friends and spending time with new ones. Aside from catching up with permanent friends (those where the years in between conversations have no effect on the relationships), I had two conversations that were special: one was with a young international student from Africa who I'm sure will continue to reflect well on Trinity in future years; the other was sharing baseball experiences of our youth in Champaign, Illinois, with George Will '62."

**Martha Wettemann** writes, "I was so sad to hear that **JoAnne Epps** had passed away on September 19. I remember fondly the Trinity Concert Choir events and the travel we enjoyed. She had a very distinguished career culminating as acting president of Temple University. Jim and I greatly enjoyed the 50th. In Tennessee, we are hoping to improve the political landscape as one of the Tennessee Three is running against a traditional conservative for the Senate. Should be exciting. We welcome all Trinity alumni who want to visit us in Nashville; better yet, move here! We have plenty of new condos and apartments under construction, and I'm sure there is one you would love."

# Rod Jacobsen '73

## DEGREE:

**B.A. in English; M.A. in English education at Stanford University; "This past summer I returned to celebrate my 50th Reunion and Trinity's Bicentennial. I was so happy to have attended."**

## JOB TITLES:

**Volunteer mentor, National Kidney Donation Organization; staff volunteer, Person-to-Person; former independent school teacher**

## FAVORITE

### TRINITY MEMORY:

**My father, a local Hartford lad, graduated from Trinity in 1942. He often regaled me with stories from a very different time and institution, and when I decided to attend, he strongly recommended that I take a few courses with George Cooper, a legendary historian (his specialty was British history) who had just arrived at Trinity, fresh from his Ph.D., and was still teaching throughout my years at school. When my dad came to campus for a visit, probably during my sophomore year, I arranged for the three of us to have a chat (more like an audience, I think) in Dr. Cooper's office in Seabury. Seeing my father, a very sentimental man, to be sure, so happy to relive his past and enjoy such a moment through our mutual professor was gratifying and special.**

**What did you do in your teaching career?** [I spent most of it at] a boarding school, where we stayed for 30 years. I taught English, drama, journalism, and global studies. I also directed many plays and musicals and did some coaching. I also acted as chair of the English Department and dean of faculty. I retired in 2000.

### Where do you focus your volunteer efforts?

My wife and I work in the food pantry and distribution center of Person-to-Person in Norwalk, Connecticut. Since my kidney donation, I am a volunteer mentor for the National Kidney Donation Organization. We offer our services as a key part of the network of transplant centers working in conjunction with the National Kidney Registry, which matches patients suffering from end-stage renal disease with prospective donors: family, friends, or acquaintances of the recipients or, as in my case, "non-directed" donors who give one of their kidneys to a stranger in need who is a "close match." I am assigned three new prospective kidney donors each week, and I contact them to offer information about the process of donation, including comprehensive testing, psychological screening, preparation for surgery, the surgery itself, and recovery.

### What led you to make a living kidney donation?

In my final year of teaching, one of my English students did her senior project on living kidney donation. As I read through her notes, I learned about the prevalence of kidney disease, the profound discomfort of dialysis, the intricacies involved in transplantation, and the sad facts pertaining to those on the transplant waiting list who die before a donor is found. I felt rather embarrassed to be so ignorant of the problem, and the more I learned, the more curious I became about living donation. After extensive tests and examinations, I was matched with a recipient who had been quite ill for five years and was a near-perfect match. On April 13, 2021, my left kidney was removed and sent to a transplant center in Denver. I ultimately learned my recipient's identity, and last year my wife and I met him and his wife. My transplanted kidney is working beautifully, and both of us are in excellent health.

**How did your time at Trinity prepare you for your life?** At Trinity I learned how to study. I met several students who had better skills and habits



**Rod Jacobsen '73 with his wife, Susan**

than I, and I was wise enough to follow their lead after a fairly disastrous first semester. Dave Barnes '73 and I were roommates sophomore and senior years, and watching him take notes was a revelation for me (I spent my junior year abroad in Kampala, Uganda, where I studied African traditional religion and philosophy; that year changed my life forever). Dave and I are still best friends, and he is still teaching me. My peer group (the aptly named "Seabury Giants") was an eclectic group, and living with them for two years prepared me for the future in myriad ways. Compartmentalizing my approach to academic, athletic, and social activities (prioritizing responsibilities and fun) showed me that I could thrive in college, and I am indebted to those who helped me organize my life and who taught me the meaning of intimate friendship. The skills I learned carried over to my teaching, to be sure. I was rather apolitical when I came to Trinity, but when the traumatic national events occurred in the spring of 1970, my peers and I were thrust into a world that suddenly seemed in need of profound change. Kent State and its aftermath, the Vietnam War, and a general sense of cultural awakening galvanized us, and the College was supportive as students became central leaders in the area's protest movements. My freshman roommate, Dave Roochnik '73, who told me early on in our friendship that he was "practically born on a picket line," and several seniors took me under their wing and helped me see our responsibility as citizens to fight against injustice and inequity, and I believe their mentorship reoriented me toward a career in teaching and volunteering.

To read more about living donation, please visit the [trincollreporter.online/KidneyDonation](https://trincollreporter.online/KidneyDonation).

Reunion Committee member **Art Baldwin** writes from Phnom Penh, Cambodia. “Mary and I are doing a Viking river cruise down the Mekong River, to be followed by a trip to Indonesia, where one of our daughters taught chemistry and STEM. You may remember from my yearbook contribution that I was training for my first century bike ride (100 miles). I was able to complete it in late August. I thoroughly enjoyed Reunion, once again gathering with dear friends and meeting people who had dodged me for four years. Our son Tim in Mexico is engaged to be married next year to a delightful woman. I hope to see you all in five years! And yesterday I went to Angkor Wat at 5:00 a.m. to watch (and photograph) the sunrise.”

“There is nothing in the world like a persuasive speech to fuddle the mental apparatus, upset the convictions, and debauch the emotions of an audience not practiced in the tricks and delusions of orators.”—Mark Twain

From the Alumni Office: **Barbara Brown** reports: “I recently returned from one of my bucket-list trips—an Alaskan cruise, from Anchorage (Whittier) through the Inside Passage (Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan), ending in Vancouver. Denali National Park is a gem; so much wildlife and beautiful mountain vistas, including Denali mountain itself. We happened to visit on an exceptionally clear, bright sunshiny day so had a perfect view of ‘The Great One.’ Other highlights were riding the White Pass and Yukon train to British Columbia and watching the salmon swim upriver to spawn. I would like to have visited Bill Orfitelli ’74, who lived in Anchorage for many years, but sadly he passed away last April.”

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From the Alumni Office: **Margaret Meigs** reports: “In June 2022, my husband, Paul Laskow, died suddenly of a massive heart attack suffered while rowing on the Schuylkill, his pastime of more than 50 years. He was also the father of Nellie Laskow ’11 and friend and occasional rowing partner of Bob Ellis ’72, Dave Diefenbach ’79, and Marty Schardt ’13. To lose one’s life partner is a passage some of us have already experienced—and more of us will. It is so dislocating, even surreal. I know I will be OK, thanks in part to my amazing children,

five grandchildren, extended family on both sides, the rowing community, and many friends accumulated from living almost 50 years in Philadelphia. My only advice: Life is short. Live it up. Don’t leave anything on the table. See you at our 50th.”

Also from the Alumni Office: **Toby Israel**, Ph.D., writes that she “is a founder of the new field of design psychology. Defined as ‘the practice of architecture, planning, and interior design in which psychology is the principal design tool,’ this new discipline continues to gain international attention.” Toby has been interviewed on *CBS Sunday Morning* and on NPR’s *Talk of the Nation* and *Radio Times* and for newspapers including the *Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. Trained as an environmental psychologist, she has multidisciplinary experience in design, psychology, the arts, and education. She has served as a consultant in the United States and the United Kingdom, including as head of the research division of the design firm LRK and of the visual arts program for the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. Toby’s most recent research and presentations on women and design psychology are summarized in her new book, *Designing Women’s Lives: Transforming Place and Self*. The former University of Lincoln (U.K.) professor of architecture and psychology works out of Princeton, New Jersey, and writes the *Design on My Mind* blog for *Psychology Today*.

The 50th Reunion Committee encourages all to attend this milestone event. Contact Ted Stehle for more information.

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Class President **Henry Bruce** writes, “Turning 70 has been great. As a way to celebrate my 70th and Melissa’s and my marriage belatedly (December 23, 2021), we decided on a Viking river cruise down the romantic Danube this past July. We went with local friends and had a fantastic time. We started in Passau, Germany, and traversed 18 locks, four countries, and memorable stops in Vienna, Budapest, and many other lesser-known towns. Highly recommend these river cruises all over Europe. We love it so much we booked a Christmas cruise on the



**Joan Biddle ’75, Beje Hirsch, class scribe Steve Hirsch ’75, Robin Bodell ’75, and Vicky Munsell ’75** gather at the Belle Haven Club in Greenwich, Connecticut, in September 2023.

Seine later this year (from and to Paris). We will celebrate our anniversary and Melissa’s birthday (same day!) on our last day on the boat and then three more days in Paris, enjoying the famous Christmas markets, cafés, and sites. On another note, I was coaxed out of retirement back in January to work for a longtime colleague. I started consulting part time, then hired full time in May, and I am enjoying what will be the last hurrah as a marketing exec. Company name is Andela.com and is totally remote. I expect to work for another year and then return to Florida Gulf Coast living—gardening, fishing, and golfing! If you are anywhere near Tampa, Sarasota, or Bradenton, give a shout, and we can reminisce on a beach somewhere.”

**Mike Barry** writes, “Hope you and your families are both well! I am retiring from adult primary care practice at Massachusetts General Hospital this month after 40 years! I will continue as chair of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and work on several grants related to clinician-patient shared decision-making. I will use the newfound time to support my two transgender daughters. On September 10, Jean Wierzbicki Barry ’74 and I celebrated our 46th wedding anniversary. Best to all!”

From **Gail Mardfin**: “After spending a fantastic summer based in northeast Pennsylvania, with forays down to the Jersey Shore and New York City, I returned home to Santa Rosa, California. I’ve been living here for eight years and have accumulated a lot of friends and celebrated my 70th with a bunch of them, mostly from the local art group where I’m the communications/graphic designer. It was a potluck with square dancing! Hope everyone stays





Former players of legendary coach Don Miller's football teams celebrate his 90th birthday during halftime of the Trinity vs. Tufts game on September 16, 2023. Miller is pictured in the center holding the game ball.

healthy and enjoys their venture into the next decade; we are the lucky ones."

**Mike Rosenbaum** (a.k.a. Rosie) celebrated his 70th birthday at a Bruce Springsteen concert in Europe, a repeat of his 60th birthday celebration.

**Kate (Kathy) Falk Campbell** tells us: "My husband Mark and I took what's become our annual summer road trip from Los Angeles to Boston. This was a long one, and I finally ticked Arkansas off my bucket list as the 50th U.S. state to spend time in. (It's beautiful, by the way.) We stopped a while in Maryland to visit with Chief Kubicek '72 and Mallory Harris '74, whose hospitality and loving presence never fails to bring joy. We celebrated '70' with lots of laughter and smiles with **Eileen Bristow** in Lexington, Massachusetts. Mark got called up to sing in North Conway, New Hampshire, and in Birmingham, Alabama, he reunited with his old Muscle Shoals band from the 1970s to do a few sets, too. (That city's come a long way.) We visited Civil War and Revolutionary War battlefields, giant bison, and the Great Lakes. Back to 'normal' now on the left coast; Mark's back to Los Angeles and Las Vegas musical gigs (no TV or movies during the strike), and I'm back to school, still enjoying getting to know the young lawyers-to-be as they navigate their legal studies. It's all a blessing at this point."

**Steve Hirsch** says, "My wife, Beje, and I were able to assemble the entire family to celebrate Father's Day, our 70th birthdays and 45th anniversary on the island of Mustique in the Leeward Islands. It was a magical time in a very magical place. The two of us recently gathered to break bread with **Joan Seelye Biddle**, **Robin Bodell**, and host **Vicky Tilney Munsell**. Good times!"

From **Rich Tucci**: "On the heels of the pandemic, I embarked on a journey to develop a team collaboration software platform using tools and methods for organization change and improvement developed over the past 25 years in my consulting practice. I'm hoping to make an 'impact' for hybrid and remote workplaces with IMPACT ([www.impactfaster.com](http://www.impactfaster.com))!"

Cheers to us, Class of '75.

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From Class President **Phil Bieluch**: "Phil and Gayle celebrated the wedding of their son, Tom Bieluch, to his Bucknell College sweetheart, Carolyn Sidoti, in September. Trinity graduates in attendance were **Jim Devery**, **Monica Sidor '77**, **Alexis Morledge '90**, and **Chris Sidor '94**."

From Class Vice President **Chip Goode**: "In 2022, coming out of COVID, Laura and I really wanted to start traveling again as much as possible, so we began touring the Southwest and hiking in the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, and Zion National Parks in the fall of 2022. Then we spent a good part of January and February 2023 in the United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand. In October 2023, we have just been in Portugal and are heading to Sevilla and southern Spain. On all of our trips, we really enjoyed all the local cultures, friendly people, wonderful cuisines and wines, magnificent scenery, and environments. Lots of fun and enriching experiences."

From Co-Secretary **Hal Smullen**: "We just wrapped up another fun boating season despite frequent bouts of rain and rough seas this summer. We managed two trips to Block Island and visited some other favorite ports of call. Looking forward to the upcoming Bicentennial Fall Weekend."



From Co-Secretary **Sue Weisselberg**: “My husband, Nick, and I celebrated the wedding of our son, Nick Neeley, to Joy Battista, in July. Fortunately for us, they live in Connecticut (as do we).”

From **Rebecca Dunn Reinmann**: “Greetings from North Carolina, where in September it is as hot as can be.” Her two-month trip to Edinburgh, Copenhagen, Iceland, and elsewhere was completed. “Now it’s watching and hoping the hurricanes are mild this year while considering the next travel plan.”

Since 2022, many of us have been catching up on planned travels. Please send us stories of your adventures for Class Notes!

From the Alumni Office: **Louise Albin’s** restaurant, Café Louise, was named Caterer of the Year by the Connecticut Restaurant Association.

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**Sophie Ayres** sends greetings and tons of news: “This has been a great year for our family, and I’ve been in touch with many Trinity friends and classmates. First of all, we became grandparents for the first time. Our son, Dill, and his wife, Jenna, both Class of 2012, welcomed a precious little boy named Teddy in late August. Our daughter McVey is thriving in San Diego. My husband and I spend winters in Delray Beach, Florida, where we get to see Cackie Bostwick ’79, **Mimi Coolidge**, Vivi Dunklee ’78, Julie Rogers ’79, Donna Stroud ’78, Alec ’78 and Carol ’76 Monaghan, **Ede Gibbons**, and many others who pass through this super fun town! This summer, I got to hang out with **Diana Lee** in Maine, and I stay in close touch with **Margo Halle** as well. As many of you know, a bunch of friends and teammates got together to raise funds to dedicate two new scoreboards in the beautiful hockey rink in memory of our friend **Ted Judson**. We had over 35 people contribute to the scoreboards and an athletic endowment in Judson’s name. It was a blast to work with **John McKenna**, Jeff Kelter ’76, **Tim Ghiskey**, and Clint Brown ’79 to help make this happen, and contributors included both Trinity and Taft alumni. As **Sandy Weedon** said, Judson wouldn’t believe it. We can visualize Jud, climbing to the top of the scoreboard, sitting on top, dangling his legs, and cheering with that Cheshire grin of his. A simple dedication will take place January

20 before a home hockey game. I’m headed to Homecoming next week to help honor retiring legend Paul Assaiante and receive a copy of the newly published *A History of Trinity College Squash*. Sending best wishes to all of my classmates!”

And from **Andy Friedman**: “Fifteen years ago, I founded the Washington Update to help investors and financial advisers understand how developments in Washington are likely to affect the markets, investments, and taxes. At the end of last year, with our younger daughter leaving for college, I made the tough decision to retire. My wife, Susan, and I are easing into empty-nest status with travel: Ireland this summer and France this month. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at our 50th!”

**Margo Halle** has been in touch with us, too: “I have been living in Baltimore since 2014; retired as of 2022, which has allowed plenty of time to help with childcare for our grandson (in Kingston, Massachusetts) as well as for some of my Baltimore friends’ grandchildren. Total joy! Rooting hard for the Baltimore Orioles to win the pennant and make it to the World Series!”

**Doug McGarrah** is busy: “With three kids mostly launched (our youngest turns 25 in October!), my wife, Beth, back working in early childhood support at Waldorf School, and 32.5 years at one law firm (Foley Hoag), I decided to make a change and follow the sage advice of our class leader (our elected class president **Gil Childers**!) and go back into public service as general counsel at the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the MBTA. Yes, I know, the system is in tough shape and there are indeed ample challenges that will keep me busy for years to come! But I am working harder than ever and earning less . . . maybe I have discovered the fountain of youth! We’ll see at the 50th Reunion in 2027!”

**Didi Burns** keeps us up-to-date on what she and **Greg Burns** have been up to: enjoying retirement. “We keep busy by visiting our children, nine grandchildren, traveling, playing golf and pickleball, and volunteering.”

**Michael Osur** checks in, too: “Recently saw **Jason Jacobson** in the San Francisco Bay Area. Jason and wife Michelle and family were in San Francisco to see the last shows of Dead and Company. They came to our home for dinner in the Oakland Hills. I retired exactly two years ago as the assistant director of the Riverside County (California) Department of Public Health. In September 2023, I was in Rochester, New York, for my 50th high

school reunion (Brighton High School). Alas, no Trinity alums in attendance.”

Finally, I’m sorry to tell you that our classmate and friend **Earl Gardner** passed in August 2023. His obituary is available in *The Hartford Courant*. And please see this issue’s “In Memory” section.

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Note from your class secretary: It is with sadness that I share the passing of our classmate **David Rowland**. He was a tablemate and a suite mate of mine during our 45th Reunion. He had great stories to tell about the work he was doing in reclaiming stolen art. You can google his obituary in *The New York Times*, and please see this issue’s “In Memory” section.

**Stuart Kerr** writes, “Was great to see lots of classmates at our 45th. A big bonus that it was also my daughter Marian’s 10th Trinity Reunion. Update: I am badly failing at retirement. Just got talked into returning to my long-ago U.S. Department of Commerce unit, though just half-time. I’ll be managing some legal reform projects in the Balkans. Earlier this year, was voted onto the boards of Potomac Boat Club and my old prep school, Peddie. Plus, I’m still the head crew coach at a local Catholic girls’ high school, president of the institute I ran years ago, and chair of a charity that funds a high-performing, community-led primary school in Nairobi’s Mukuru kwa Reuben slum. My wife just shakes her head.”

**Rand Pearsall** shares this: “My wife, Josanne, and I attended the Trinity football game against Tufts on September 16 in honor of Coach Don Miller’s 90th birthday, with a celebration dinner in Mather that night. Also on hand from our class were **Jim Smith** (tailgate host), **Karl Herbst**, **Mike Daven**, **Marc Montini** (and **Debbie**), **John Doldoorian**, and **Floyd Monroe**. My Trinity graduate school roommate and wide receiver coach Larry Mattison M’80 also flew in from Georgia with his wife, Jackie. Great day all around!”

Loyal Bantam **Clay Phillips** writes, “It was a big shock to see David’s obit in the *Times* a few weeks ago. I chatted with him several times during Reunion Weekend and made a point of introducing him to others so he could tell his story. He had just landed a huge

settlement and was feeling pretty good about things. Taken away too soon.” Clay keeps busy as the founder and principal of Crow’s Nest Consulting.

And, I, **Jory Lockwood**, will add a few more words. “I am learning Welsh on Duolingo. I picked Welsh because my great-great-grandfather was born in Wales and then came over on the boat as a child. I was horrible at world languages when I was in high school, and—no surprise—I continue to be more or less horrible at learning a language now. I have no study partners with which to practice conversation, so while I may eventually become marginally adept at reading Welsh, I doubt I will ever be much good at speaking it. Still, the challenge is a good one, and Welsh is an interesting language. It has sounds not found anywhere in English.”

From the Alumni Office: The Jennifer Baahng Gallery is pleased to announce the gallery representation of **Deborah Buck**, a painter for more than 40 years. Her debut solo exhibition at the gallery is scheduled for spring 2024.

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Our Class Notes usually have a variety of news. As we count down to our 45th Reunion (you’ll be there, won’t you?) in June 2024, we have good news and some sad tidings.

**David Rosenblatt** may have stepped aside in April 2023 as managing partner of Burns & Levinson in Boston after 24 years, but his legal prowess is still recognized. Dave was named in July 2023 to *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*’s inaugural Hall of Fame and received a Lifetime Achievement Award. During Dave’s tenure, his law firm more than doubled in size to more than 125 attorneys, making it the 12th largest in Boston. He’s a leading attorney in environmental law, chairs his firm’s environmental group, and is a member of its real estate group. And, he’s a mentor to seniors at Trinity plus Boston College Law School, where he graduated with honors.

Let’s go to Kansas City, where **Sarah Alderks Brown** also received legal honors. The

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association named her the recipient of the Dean of the Trial Bar Award at its 50th Bench-Bar & Boardroom Conference. Sarah was saluted for her trial skills as a litigator and her professional demeanor. During her career, she has helped victims of sexual abuse, harassment, and discrimination fight for justice. Sarah also spent more than a decade fighting for justice for more than 100 victims of childhood abuse by clergy members.

Speaking of the law, **Jeff Seibert** writes, “I am finally retired (effective December 31, 2023) after practicing law for 41 years at the same firm in Baltimore, Maryland. My wife, Jane ’80, and I are looking forward to spending more time at the New Jersey Shore and visiting with our grandchildren in D.C. and California. I met up recently with **Laura McCanless Gakos** and hope to catch up with other classmates at our 45th Reunion in June.”

**George Brickley** retired a few years back and still has strong Trinity ties. And he’s a Reunion Committee volunteer. He writes, “Not much to report from Melrose, Massachusetts. Cindy (Higgins) ’80 and I spent this past summer relaxing and enjoying our three young granddaughters. I played several rounds of golf, but my game needs much work. Help! I am planning on attending our 45th Reunion in June; should be fun. Let’s get a big ’79 crowd back to campus and do this right! I have volunteered to serve on the Reunion Committee, so contact me at [g.brickley@comcast.net](mailto:g.brickley@comcast.net) if you’re considering attending in June. We’d all love to see you!”

**James Cropsey** traveled to Spain after winning a Grand Slam Club Ovis (GSCO) charity auction for a Spanish red deer hunt. Jim says, “GSCO has been instrumental in bringing several species of the desert wild sheep of Mexico back from the brink of extinction in the tradition of President Teddy Roosevelt, wherein hunters support conservation efforts. Scotland gets to call their deer red stag; the Spanish do not!” Jim hunted in Spain in September with Gonzalo Colomina of Spanish Mountain Hunts at his 10,000-acre home. “Gonzalo has been supporting the European wild sheep known locally as mouflon, and his property supports a couple of herds. The red deer were in full rut, roaring day and night. They sound much like the North American elk and physically resemble them.”

**Gus Reynolds** reminds us that he continues his podcast productions on music and music history. After 104 episodes of *The First Note*

([www.thefirstnotes.com](http://www.thefirstnotes.com)), which traveled back in time to look at the origins of your favorite songs, he has started his latest show, *Going Down the Rabbit Hole* ([www.gdtrh.com](http://www.gdtrh.com)), which focuses on your favorite bands and musicians from the 1960s–80s. All the shows have aired on HomeGrownRadioNJ and can be heard at the websites listed. Check it out!

When we started the process of collecting this issue’s notes, **Diane Molleson** learned that **George Griswold** passed away. Diane took the time to write this remembrance: We extend our heartfelt condolences to the friends and family of **George Griswold**, who passed away on August 21, 2023, at his home in Metairie, Louisiana. Born in Erie, Pennsylvania, George was a videographer and editor with KRON-TV in California and received numerous Emmy nominations and awards. In 1999, he moved to the New Orleans area and owned and operated an independent production company. Those who knew George remember him for his passion for photography, creativity, sharp wit, quirky sense of humor, and gentleness. Donations in his memory can be sent to World Central Kitchen at [wck.org](http://wck.org) or with a check payable to World Central Kitchen, Attention: Donor Services, 200 Massachusetts Avenue NW, 7th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001. Please see this issue’s “In Memory” section.

As we mentioned above, our 45th Reunion is coming, and the Reunion Committee has begun planning. Dave, Jeff, Jim, and George are members of the committee. Also serving as committee members are **Holly Singer**, **Susan Tananbaum**, **Bruce Somerstein**, **Cindy Flanagan Goss**, **Eric Samuelson**, **Barlow Peelle**, **Jane Abraham**, **Bill Hagan**, and **Ken Crowe**.

When you read this, there still will be time to help. Just get in touch with the College or the class secretaries. And above all, please attend. We want to see you back on campus.

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**Lisa Bloom** has a new book—*Climate Change and the New Polar Aesthetics: Artists Reimagine the Arctic and Antarctic*—on the artist response to climate change in the polar region. The cover of her book is haunting. Lisa was interviewed along with contributor Elena Glasberg by Thyrza Nichols

Goodeve in *Art Journal* last spring. Lisa says that “much of her writing in the last 15 years brings the issues of gender, race, and colonialism and the relation of the human and nonhuman to bear on the topic of climate change and contemporary art.” In the interview, she mentions her thinking about social art history and feminist approaches since her time at Trinity as an art history major and credits her professor Judy Rohrer. Lisa is a trained photographer and has an M.F.A. in the history of photography and a Ph.D. from the University of California Santa Cruz. You can check out her website detailing her scholarly writings, lectures, and books ([www.lisaebloom.com](http://www.lisaebloom.com)). She has taught at numerous universities and art schools and is a scholar-in-residence at UC Berkeley’s Beatrice Bain Research Group in the Department of Gender and Women’s Studies. She spends her time between Berkeley, California, and New York City.

**Tom Casey** let me know that **Scott Lessne** was elected to the Executive Committee of the Trinity College Alumni Association (TCAA). It’s nice to know the TCAA is in capable hands. Tom also mentioned that he and wife Chrissy went to **Sarah McCoy’s** eldest son’s wedding. He said Sarah’s identical twin, Anne, was there, which was off-putting seeing Sarah in double. Apparently, the wedding was a great event.

What a talented class! You may recall that last year **Denise Jones** was inducted into the Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame for swimming, softball, and track and field. Her breast-stroke record stood for 30 years. Another classmate, **Susan Proctor**, is a 2023 Hall of Fame inductee. Sue captained the 1980 undefeated crew season, which culminated in winning the championship at the Dad Vail Regatta. That followed the 1979 undefeated season. She rowed the varsity eight for three years, which is even more impressive when you know she never rowed in high school. As I recall, the crew teams went out really early when it was nice and chilly on the Connecticut River. That took a special kind of dedication, and I never remember Sue without a smile on her face. She went on to compete for Team USA in the pairs in 1981, 1982, and 1983. In her remarks at the ceremony, Sue said she learned what “teamanship” meant. She asked her teammates to stand up: Lisa Bourget Frisbie ’81, Anne Brainard ’79, Elizabeth “Liz” Kelly Droney ’79, Elizabeth “Libie” Kilbourn Graham ’81, **Cindy Higgins Brickley**, Deedee Look ’81, and Debbie Davis ’81, as well as coaches

Andy, Gary, and David Greenspan to be recognized. Sue was a biochemistry major, got her master’s at Tufts and doctorate at Boston University, and pursued a career as a scientist. I could not help but think about the book *Lessons in Chemistry*, where the main character is a chemist and rower in the 1960s. Sue had a long career of advancing Army medicine as a USARIEM researcher and division chief. She said that much of her success can be attributed to knowing how to work as a team—what she learned at Trinity to get the best out of each other. At her retirement, she was recognized as changing the perception of military readiness, which will have a lasting impact on the military. She researched environmental and occupational effects that have advanced the safety of the military. Congratulations, Sue, you have made the Class of 1980 very proud.

James Cropsey ’79 emailed me to share some news. James went to Berkshire with **Tom Casey** and **William Bullard**. He also rowed with Tom at Trinity. He wanted to let me know that **Robert Herbst** has set another record with Guinness World Records for incredible feats of strength for a 606-pound yoke carry at a 164-pound body weight at age 64. Robert also held the record in 2022.

Not nearly as accomplished, but my husband and I won our club’s seniors (60-plus) tennis tournament, and I won low gross mixed team and longest drive at an environmental industry outing October 5. The week before, I ran into **Nina** and David ’79 **Diefenbach** and one of their daughters as I was looking for an errant golf ball at Philly Cricket. At Homecoming, I ran into another Trinity couple, Dede ’81 and **Doug Stone**, at the football game. The Stones know how to put together a tailgate: well-appointed with blue and yellow flower arrangement, “Go Trinity” banner, and delicious food and drink selections. They were there with son Geoffrey Stone, a great guy who speaks French as well as his dad. Others who attended Homecoming included **Mark Leavitt**, Clinton Brown ’79, David Beers ’77, Mike Foye ’79, Lindsey Davison Page ’94, and her son, Bo Page ’27, who is loving Trinity.

That’s all I have for now. I hope to hear from you in the coming months.

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Wow, this was a slow news quarter! Happily, **Shaun Finnegan** and **Cynthia Blakeley** came to the rescue with last-minute submissions!

Shaun writes, “I am enjoying retired life here in Fernandina Beach/Amelia Island, Florida. Have gotten together this summer with fellow Trinity grads Michael Scinto ’80, who also lives here, and David Deacon ’80, who visited from Chicago. Also had a nice visit with fellow Crow brother Bill Gabor ’80 on a vacation to Cazenovia, New York, in July.”

And from Cynthia: “I am still working as a freelance editor and teaching interdisciplinary courses at Emory University in Atlanta (e.g., ‘Memory and Memoir,’ ‘Interdisciplinary Research Methods,’ and ‘Theories of Dream Interpretation’). I am currently editing a book on Beethoven, and I hope to have a book of my own published in 2024 (it’s undergoing peer review at UMass Press). A hybrid memoir, the book melds stories from my upbringing in Wellfleet, Massachusetts, with scholarly commentary on how we remember, why we forget, and the choices we all, and especially memoirists, make in our curation of the past. A Trinity romance makes a brief appearance! In other news, my daughter, Hannah Rose, married this summer to a wonderful man who works in tech finance. They live in Manhattan. Hannah Rose is working on a Ph.D. in art history and spent the past year in Belgium on a Fulbright. We had fun visiting her there. Lastly, I had a recent email exchange with one of my favorite professors at Trinity, Borden Painter, who is doing well and living in a retirement community in Connecticut. I also stay in touch with another amazing Trinity prof, Dori Katz, whose memoir, *Looking for Strangers*, I have taught in my



The "Trinity 5" from 1982—Dave Congdon, Mark Thibault, Joe Upton, Tom Savage, and Tom Mathews—don matching shirts at a recent get-together at Joe's cottage on Lake Michigan.

class. It's about her search for the family that hid her as a young Jewish child during World War II. It's a fascinating read. I feel lucky to have had such wonderful professors and friends during my undergraduate years."

From **Sue Walsh Ober**: "As I was about to submit this, I thought I'd mention that I'm suffering through my first bout with COVID (until now I thought I was invincible), and my wonderful friend **Izzy Lerman** is on her way to my house to bring me soup and chicken salad! Izzy and I live 10 minutes from each other and have had a great time reestablishing our Trinity friendship after running into each other in a supermarket checkout line 10 years ago!"

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The first bit of news I received came from a group of guys who have always known how to have a good time. From the sophomore slums on Crescent Street to the shore of Lake Michigan: **Tom Mathews**, **Joe Upton**, **Mark Thibault**, **Tom Savage**, and **Dave Congdon** have stayed in touch. They recently met and stayed at Joe's cottage on Lake Michigan for a long weekend of golf, beach, and libations, as well as matching shirts courtesy of Tom M. He shared an update of the "Trinity 5" (of '82): "I (Tom) am retired, living in Charlotte, and still working part time at Total Wine teaching classes and selling wine. Mark lives outside Detroit and just retired after 25-plus years with GM. He was the pickleball champ for the weekend. Dave is doing some consulting, living in Southern Connecticut and playing plenty of golf. Joe is still working and selling books and still in Ann Arbor (where the best football team

is!). **Tom Savage** is still in the Philly area working as a banker and doing deals."

Switching gears to literary pursuits, **Dan Boyne** shared that his new murder mystery, *Body of Water*, came out a few months ago.

**Barbara Selmo** is having a craft essay published in an upcoming book by Diane Zinna called *Letting Grief Speak: Writing Portals for Life after Loss* (Columbia University Press, due in 2024). "I also see **Judy Bolton-Fasman** frequently, to our ongoing delight. Forty-five years of friendship and counting!"

**Steve Andsager** sends this update: "In early September, I was at Wrigley Field rooting on the Chicago Cubs. Ironically, while I was there, I got a text of a photo of classmates **Jim Phelps** and **Doug Amster** at Wrigley! Based on the photo, I could tell they were sitting remarkably close to me. In fact, we were within 10 rows of each other! We were able to catch up between innings; it was great to see both of them."

**Barb Sherman Levison** reports how big September was for her family as not only did daughter Liza get married on a picture-perfect day in Kennebunkport but also Lee got a brand-new hip the following week. "Hoping the new hip improves his golf game. We continue to love our retirement as residents of Southwest Florida with summers in Maine. With continued good health, we enter our 40th year of marriage with gratitude."

**Bailey Johnston Farrin** continues to work in Charlotte immigration court for asylum seekers. "Very hard but less stressful right now because the government is dismissing non-priority cases (those who are not dangerous). I have one daughter in Stanford Law School and one who is teaching English in Spain."

**Scott Cassie** is happy to report that his son, Rob, 28, is engaged! He and fiancée Bri Owens live in East Bay, San Francisco, where he works at Pixar.

**Nancy Netcoh** has been playing lots of pickleball and still running her graphic design/art licensing company. "Combining our lifelong loves for writing and creating art, my business partner and I have started a wall-decor blog, *If Your Walls Could Talk*, and would love to see if any alumni are interested in subscribing to learn about the wall-decor industry and design trends. On the other fun side, Frank and I have been happily spending a lot of time at the Cape and are welcoming our third granddaughter in October/November."

**Andy Stephenson** has been staying in touch with old friends via Zoom recently while

celebrating the 40th wedding anniversary of Di '81 and **Will Fiske**. "I retired from teaching a little over a year ago and just got a part-time job fabricating gangways, two days a week, loving it! Still well connected to our '81 boat that I'm so proud of. Dear, old friends!"

**Rise Singer** is pleased to report that she started a new position at Brandeis University (where she's been for the past 20 years!) as director of initiatives to counter anti-Semitism.

**Chris Tolerico** sent his first update. He and wife **Tracey Caesar Tolerico** still live in New Jersey. He still practices emergency medicine and works on his handicap but has more administrative work as the director of the department. With two daughters and a son with a granddaughter and grandson, Tracey spends much of her time babysitting. Chris writes, "We recently caught up with **Pat Morris** in July at his son's wedding in Cleveland, Ohio, where he still lives. We got together with **Joe Adinolfi** and **Paul O'Brien** for our daughter's wedding in South Africa."

**Nancy Carlson** checked in to share that she is happily retired and remarried. "I sold my Vermont women's health and aesthetic offices in June 2021 and my Florida office in January 2022. My husband, Stephen, retired in 2022 as well after a long and successful career at J.P. Morgan. We divide our time between Richmond, Vermont, and Pelican Bay in Naples, Florida. My oldest daughter married September 30 on a gorgeous fall day in Vermont. My oldest son and his wife are expecting their first child (my first grandchild) on Christmas. My second son is in the Army (Fort Bragg), and my youngest daughter lives and works in Boston. Stephen and I have seven children between us, so life is full and busy!" She reconnected with her St. A's meal club and premed study friend Noel Sorvino '81 in Naples, where they both live in Pelican Bay and belong to the same golf club. "It has been wonderful to golf and socialize with her and her husband, Donald. She had two holes in one this past season, and I was with her for one of them, which was so much more fun than studying in the basement of the library! Cheers to all, and would love to hear from you at [nacarls-onmd@gmail.com](mailto:nacarls-onmd@gmail.com)."

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**Matt Gworek** has reports that he and **Andrew Aiken** hatched a plan at Matt's daughter's wedding a few years back to enter the Mount Washington Auto Road Bicycle Hillclimb held in August every year. Unfortunately, this year the race was shut down due to bad weather. But the ambitious pair are determined to hit the trail in 2024 and welcome any other Trinity bikers to join them in New Hampshire next summer.

**Jean Walshe** was at the 40th Reunion in June and then spent two weeks in Sweden with her partner, Christer. They started in Stockholm and then moved on to play golf on the island of Gotland and later Trosa, which is a little south of Stockholm. Unfortunately, they had to battle rainy skies for both outings, but it sounds like a great trip anyway.

Our classmate **Oren Miller** regrets not making Reunion, but his medical practice in the Southwest could not spare him. But it appears as they might have to for a while as Oren suffered a minor heart attack while performing some of his duties. Being near one of his clinics, he was able to get the attention he needed in a timely fashion. I plan on getting together with Oren soon and ensuring he enjoys life a little more and can make it to our 45th and beyond.

**Rashne Desai** had reported her retirement from Whole Foods earlier in the year but is not staying idle. Alongside some academic pursuits, she has launched a new business called The Perfect Bite. It is a culinary consulting company to coach clients who are seeking to start up, elevate, or build a culinary company that inspires creativity, passion for food, and product innovation. It'll no doubt be another success for her.

It was great to see **Anne Collins** at Reunion. She retired on May 1 and celebrated with a party at the jazz festival in New Orleans, joined by **Otie Brown Filkorn** and Sandi Stott Gridley '85, among others. Since then, she's attended the Women's World Cup in New Zealand and Australia, gone sailing with Otie on Lake Champlain, and spent Labor Day weekend on Orr's Island with **Dave Warren** and friends. Anne wrote this update while on a bus heading to New York City for **Sarah Koeppel Cohn's** daughter Emily's wedding, an event to be held at the Central Park Zoo. Sounds like retirement suits Anne well.

Last spring before attending Reunion, **Janet Huley** and husband met up with their daughter, who has been living in Japan for several years. They visited Italy together and proceeded on a whirlwind tour of mostly art museums in Rome, Florence, and Venice.

Janet notes that the high-speed rail was wonderful, the food was exceptional, and they got lots of pictures and memories. She definitely plans to return.

Reigning Golden Scribbler co-champ **Al Strickler** and wife romped through New England this summer following his attendance at Reunion. On their voyage, they were able to spend time with classmates **Ben Howe**, **John Swain**, **Tim Clarke**, and **Peter O'Brien**. Then the couple dropped down to New York City to catch up with **Jamie Dooley**.

Finally, I was able to get together again with **Angelos Orfanos** and **Ron Carroll** with wives for our annual New York dinner when my family ventured north for our summer visit. It was great to see them again only a month after Reunion. Also, upon hearing from **Chuck Petridis** at Reunion that his son was interning in New York, we opened the dinner up to him and all of our offspring. It was a great night at a Greek restaurant owned by Angelos's close friend.

That's all for this edition.

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**Steve Klots** shares, "Not much has changed for me. I've just started my 30th year as chaplain of South Kent School, and I continue to do quite a bit of work for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. I'm holding up pretty well otherwise, although my legs, especially my knees, tell me that my running days are over, and I had to have rotator cuff surgery on my left shoulder in July. Unfortunately, I probably won't be at Reunion because that's the same weekend as South Kent's reunion (marking our 100th year), but perhaps I can be there on Friday night. Overall, I can't complain; life is good."

**Bob Flynn** writes, "I attended the Trinity Bicentennial this past year, saw a few folks from 1983, not many from 1984, but still a nice time. I was actually taking classes at the ol' place, taking advantage of the Alumni Audit Program. It was fun, although sitting among the real students, I suddenly realized how old I am! It must have sparked something in me because this summer I registered for a master's program! Keeping to the Trinity theme, I'm now in Ireland attending classes at Trinity College Dublin. I'll be here for the year, focusing on human



**Tim Nash '84** and **Tom Hampton '84** are all smiles after bumping into each other late last winter with their metal detectors at Duxbury Beach, Massachusetts. The initially contentious encounter, with both of their devices beeping wildly over the same patch of sand, turned friendly upon their recognizing each other as fellow Bantams and brothers in arms. A couple bottle caps, a buffalo nickel, and this photo commemorate the happy reunion. Tom quoted author Paulo Coelho: "Remember that wherever your heart is, there you will find treasure."



**Mac Nash '81**, **Eric Rosow '86**, **Andrew Merrill '85**, **Bob Reichart '84**, and **Deb Davis '81** take part in a mini Trinity rowing reunion at the USRowing Masters Nationals in Indianapolis in July 2023.

rights. The program is international peace studies, studying large-scale conflict with an eye toward understanding and resolving, hopefully preventing, it. I'm in my first week and trying to remember how to read, think, small challenges like that, let alone trying to figure out all this stuff online. Honestly, though, the biggest challenge (I hope) will be trying to stay focused during mini breaks to the Mediterranean . . . LOL."

**Bob Reichart** reached out as well: "We had a mini Trinity rowing reunion at the USRowing Masters Nationals in Indianapolis in July. Connected with Deb Davis '81, Mac Nash '81, Andrew Merrill '85, and Eric Rosow '86. Deb, Mac, and I competed for Chinook Performance Racing, Andrew and Eric for Riverfront Recapture in Hartford. Many medals earned by all!"

Next to write was **Weezie Kerr Mackey**. She says, "Just got off a Zoom with a few classmates who are helping to plan Reunion. I'm excited to announce I've moved from Houston, Texas, to Brunswick, Maine, as of June 2023. Still working for Rice University



Maria Rodriguez '87, Eileen Vargas-Costello '87, and Jeanne Harrison '87 get together in the Poconos in October 2023.



Lincoln '87 and Nancy Golding Purdy '87, Lisa Cummings and Jim Rossman '87, Chris '87 and Kelly Smith, Ted McNamara and Maureen Neylon '87, and Dave Smith '87 and Lisa Trocki Smith '88 celebrate the wedding of Chris and Kelly's son Craig on July 8, 2023, in Jersey City, New Jersey.

as a writer at the business school, but now I'm lucky enough to be doing it remotely from home 2,000 miles away. My husband, Rob, still will commute back and forth for a while but should be full time by the new year. Our oldest son is in grad school in Boston and takes the train up to visit a bunch, and our youngest is a senior at Trinity University in San Antonio and will be playing his last season of college baseball this year before starting a finance analyst job in Houston after graduation. My other big news is that I'm on the Reunion Committee and am hoping to see classmates I haven't seen in years this June."

**Steve Tall** and your secretary continue to love our spot on the Lamprey River in Lee, New Hampshire. We have a cozy guest cottage called Mousetrap that we list on Airbnb that keeps us busy, along with trying to get more people to try Row House, our indoor rowing studio, on Lovejoy Wharf in Boston. We are working on a second location, hopefully closer to home. It was a busy summer with a son's wedding in L.A., two of my tennis teams advancing to New England championships, and our youngest being on a national tour for a couple of months as drummer for Frances Forever. Steve also went on a "mancation" in Sedona with friends including **Marc Ackerman** and **Bob Sansonetti**. We are definitely enjoying being grandparents, although our daughter is too far away in Austin, Texas. The hardest part is coming up with what we want to be called. Since I'm still mentally in my 40s, I have a hard time being a nana or grammy. Any suggestions? We're looking forward to catching up with **Marc Ackerman** and **Peter Yearley** at the Head of the Charles in October 2023. So excited Peter is back on this side of the pond! Lastly, by the time you read this, you

should be making your reservations to attend our 40th Reunion this June. Stop ignoring those emails from the Reunion Committee, and just do it! Hope to see you all there!

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Greetings! I hope everyone is well and enjoying the start of fall.

**Max Smith** passed along news of his daughter's wedding in early September with a Trinity connection. "Our daughter Addie married Liam McKillop '15, who was part of the 2015 men's hockey national championship team. Most of the team attended the wedding in Quogue, New York, and it was great to share such a special day with so many Trinity alums. Kate (Rodgers '87) and I are so proud as Trinity parents. Our daughter Nell '22 also graduated from Trinity, so it was an awesome day for the Bantams." Congratulations, Max and Kate—and especially Addie and Liam!

**Joe Adam** sends the following update, "In July, **Michael Chichlowski**, **Eric Rosow**, **Jenny Davidoff**, **Kim Crowley**, **Pete Zimmerman**, and I got together in West

Hartford Center for dinner. It was an excellent time for all. We all committed to going to the next Reunion. We reminisced and talked about everybody's lives, but also the call went out to find a few people who have been absent for too long; where are you **Mike Morris** and **Karen Resony**?"

As always, pass along any news you want to share.

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From the East End of Long Island, not one but two classmates have been in the news! In Southampton, **Bill Manger** was elected mayor on June 16, 2023; he defeated the incumbent with 58 percent of the vote. An article in *Dan's Papers* in September 2023 profiled **John Nicholas**, his invention of a new oyster shucking device, the Easthampton Shucker, and the company he founded. The device is "a precision-fitted clamp that takes the risk out of opening and eating the 'jewel of the sea.'" Nicholas said the shucker, which comes in several varieties, "will make the process of growing, buying, and eating oysters more accessible to the general public, while at the same time having a 'multiplier' effect on the local ecosystem."

**Chris Smith** writes that he is "currently vice president of the global modernization business at Otis Elevator, the world's largest and oldest elevator company (celebrating our 170th year). At Otis we install new elevators, maintain elevators, and after 20-plus years modernize old elevators with the latest technology. Yes, the job has its ups and downs!" He has been married for 34 years to "a wonderful woman and [they] have three great

kids who are all out of the house and off the private dole!” His oldest son, Craig (a Tufts graduate), was married on July 8, 2023. Class of 1987 attendees were **Lincoln** and **Nancy Golding Purdy**, **Maureen Neylon** and husband Ted McNamara, **Jim Rossman** and wife Lisa Cummings, and brother **Dave Smith** and sister-in-law Lisa Trocki Smith ’88. These classmates also attended Craig’s baptism 31 years ago, “so it was fitting they came to his wedding.” Other Trinity alumni in attendance included George Smith ’78, Matt ’82 and Ellin Carpenter Smith ’82, Colleen Smith Hayes ’95, Maureen Smith St. Germain ’99, and Diana Smith ’19, daughter of Matt and Ellin. **Lincoln Purdy** said it “was a beautiful affair with a stunning view of Manhattan. It seemed like old times, celebrating with **Mo Neylon**, **Jim Rossman**, **Dave Smith**, and Lisa Trocki Smith ’88.” Lincoln writes that due to a last-minute change in plans, he and Nancy missed Trinity’s Bicentennial Celebration; in “late July, we were hosted by **Cary Lyford** and **John Self** in Colorado. Always top-notch hosts, John and Cary helped us escape the New England heat and humidity with a few days of cool, fresh mountain air. While there, I was able to check off a bucket-list item, as we attended a Tedeschi Trucks Band show at the famed Red Rocks Amphitheatre. August brought a joint visit with **Patty Chen**, who was splitting time between Texas and Massachusetts, and **Kathy Lawlor Morrissey**, who traveled up from Connecticut. Nancy and Kathy ended the summer with a quick girls’ trip to New York City to visit our son, Andrew, who is in the cast of *The Book of Mormon* on Broadway.”

As I was about to submit my column to the Alumni Office, I received an email from **Eileen Vargas-Costello**, just in the nick of time! Eileen spent the first weekend of October with **Jeanne Harrison** and **Maria Rodriguez** in the Poconos. Eileen writes, “We had a great time hiking, shopping, and catching up . . . 40 years after freshman year!”

May your 2024 be filled with reminiscences of our freshman year and meetups with pals from the Class of 1987!

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The class secretary position for the Class of 1988 is vacant. If you would like to serve as



**Shannon O'Connor '88 and Michael Miller were married on July 29, 2023, at Denver Botanic Gardens, in Denver, Colorado.**

class secretary, please contact Julie Cloutier in the Alumni Office at 860-297-2403 or [julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu](mailto:julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu).

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We had an impressive response to my latest appeal for news and have received updates from several classmates we have not heard from in a long while.

First to report in was **Rick Ewing** from Nashville, Tennessee. “**Sandy Burke Ewing** was elected to the Nashville Metro Council for District 34, where she will serve a four-year term.” Rick recently was elected to the Trinity College Alumni Association (TCAA) Executive Committee. Congratulations to you both, and thank you for your service!

**Gina Zarra Blum** earned herself and **Becky Holt Fine** a drink on me at our 35th Reunion in response to my bribe for news from seldom-heard-from classmates. She writes, “Andrew’s incentive for Class Notes and my dear freshman-year roommate **Becky Holt Fine** are the impetus for this submission. I don’t know the last time (if ever) I submitted info for the *Reporter*, so here goes: I’ve been working for the past dozen or so years in the nonprofit sector, specifically with aging-in-place organizations. I am the executive director at Staying Put in New Canaan, and we

provide services to help senior citizens live confidently in their homes and stay engaged in the community. It is such rewarding work! My husband, David, and I celebrated our 30th anniversary this summer. Our three kids are pretty much grown and still pursuing degrees (I think they plan to never get out of school!). We enjoy a lot of time boating on Long Island Sound, and I always find time for racquet sports—wrapping up tennis now and turning to paddle, with pickle always coming in third. Life is good, and I am looking forward to Reunion and that drink with Andrew and Becky!”

And for a third not-heard-from-in-a-long-while classmate, **Kelly Keating** writes from Manhattan, “I am still living in New York City, where I have been since 1991. For the last 15 years plus, I have been living in Chelsea near The High Line and Hudson River. Since 2010, I have had my own business, The Antique Flâneur, in which as an accredited appraiser in silver with the Appraisers Association of America, I perform all types of appraisals—insurance, market assessment, estate tax, donation, etc.—for not only silver but also English ceramics. The other half of my business helps clients sell their antiques and vintage items because of downsizing, etc. In my one-person operation, the appraisals and the consignments keep me busy. In the city, I often see alums **Judy Sandford** and Nancy Barry ’88. Nancy and I are pretty much art freaks, and my neighborhood has over 300 art galleries. I’m also a silver collector and a crazy collector of 18th century English early porcelain figures.”



# Lindsey Marshall, D.M.D., '93

## DEGREE:

**B.S. in biology, minor in studio arts; D.M.D., Harvard School of Dental Medicine**

## JOB TITLES:

**Cosmetic dentist; QVC guest host**

## FAVORITE

### TRINITY MEMORY:

**That's hard to narrow down . . . the little things were the best, hanging out with friends in our rooms, dinners in Mather, late nights. A highlight was senior year when Adam Sandler came to Trinity, hilarious and tailored to Trinity.**

**What do you do in your role?** I am a general, cosmetic, and physiologic dentist. I do everything from full-mouth reconstructions to basic general dentistry, always with an eye for the aesthetics and the bite, helping to treat and prevent TMD (temporomandibular issues). Owning my own practice also makes me a small business owner. I have been practicing dentistry for 25 years and in my own office for 23 years. I run every aspect of my business, including managing my team, overseeing the financial aspects of the business, and marketing. I also am an ambassador for Supersmile products and appear on social media and QVC to promote and sell products.

**How might your office be different from that of other dentists?** I think we are different because we don't "feel" like a dental office—everything from the appearance of the office when you walk in to the smell of our candles and the fun spirit of my team. We are an all-female office that focuses on delivering personalized care with cutting-edge technology while keeping the atmosphere light and fun for our patients to have their best experience. I think that by keeping my team and office small and boutique, I have been able to maintain close relationships with my patients, and the patients value that as much as we do.

**Some people are afraid to go to the dentist. How do you help patients who have that fear?** You are right, so many people do, which is why we make our office experience so different. People have a lot of triggers, and you never know what will trigger that fear. Is it the smell of the office or how it looks, is it getting a "shot" to get numb, is it the sounds, is it not being numb enough and fear of pain? So, we look different, we smell different, our layout is different. We have TVs on our ceilings above the chairs with noise-canceling headphones so you can watch Netflix or listen to music. We have blankets and a massager in the chair and provide sedation if that is what someone needs to relax and have a great experience.

**What do you enjoy most about your work?** The people, the variety of things I do, and always learning something new.

**How did your time at Trinity prepare you for your career?** Trinity gave a strong background in science and the arts and let me explore both of those interests in a way that made me want to pursue those



passions in my career. Cosmetic dentistry allows me to express and use both of those abilities every day. Beyond the education, the small environment at Trinity allowed me to develop deep friendships and a sense of community that continues to this day. Many people from Trinity have come to see me as patients, or we connect in the squash world as my kids play squash, and just last week I met a new orthodontist in New York City who also went to Trinity. When people say they went to Trinity or their kids are going there, it makes an instant connection that everyone in the Trinity community can understand.

**Did you have a professor who was particularly influential?** Yes. Dr. Henry DePhillips always spoke about the use of science in art and the connection of the two fields.

**What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity?** I loved when I took "Botany" with Dr. Craig Schneider as it was so different from all the other biology courses I had taken and wished I had taken it sooner. Also, during my senior year, I did a studio arts independent study and had a show of my paintings; that was really exciting!

**What advice would you give to an incoming Trinity student who is thinking of dentistry as a career?** You need to do all the science courses and requirements, but add your interests outside of science to fill in the spaces in your schedule. Planning this your first year will allow you to space things out so you can also take courses of other interests or maybe even a semester abroad. Follow your passions and have fun because you have to love what you do.



And from **Lisa Abshire Pojano**, “As I write this, things are changing. Our oldest graduated from Hofstra this past May. I am enrolled in my first semester of Georgia Tech’s cybersecurity and public policy master’s program. We have offers to buy the house and for a new job for me. If things go according to plan, by the next issue of the *Reporter*, I will have traded Connecticut’s Charter Oak for the Spanish-moss-draped live oaks of South Carolina’s Low Country.”

**Jay Flemma**, the indomitable sportsman, reports from a skiing trip in Argentina, where he was on assignment for two different magazines. “One day they took us deep into the Baguales National Forest and drove us up random mountainsides to shred fresh pow.” Jay also shared that he’ll soon be relocating from New York to somewhere out West soon, and I’m looking forward to that update.

**Michelle McEttrick** was in touch to share news about **Sue Kinz Maggioni**’s dog, Maggie, being rescued by the Newton, Massachusetts, fire department, with an accompanying link to a YouTube news story about it. Poor Maggie got out of the house and managed to get swept into a nearby river. The video showed the dramatic rescue and pictures of Sue and Maggie’s reunion. Thank goodness for the happy ending. You can watch it on YouTube by searching for “missing Wellesley dog rescued by the Newton Fire Department in the Charles River.”

I got to see **Kevin Scollan** twice over the summer when he made two road trips to New London, Connecticut, where I spend time in the warmer months. He still works as a writer and editor for E\*Trade and lives in West Hartford. On his second visit, we met up with Jeff Kriebel ’88, who also spends time in nearby Niantic each summer. We stopped in the Dutch Tavern, a time capsule of a watering hole once frequented by Eugene O’Neill in the early 20th century. Allegedly, it was one of the inspirations for Harry Hope’s bar in *The Iceman Cometh*. As my new favorite hole-in-the-wall, I’ll happily meet any of you there in the summer months if you’re passing through.

And speaking of summer, we’re quickly approaching our 25th Reunion, and I hope to see a big crowd of you there!

From the Alumni Office: Fairfield University Vice President for Athletics **Paul Schlickmann** has been selected among the 28 winners of the Cushman & Wakefield AD of the Year Award, as announced



Several 1990 classmates—Kristin Cummings Palmer, Denise Chicoine, Linda DiPaolo Jones, Marie Dempsey, and Suzanne Davidson Talbot—meet in London in July 2023 to mark their collective birthdays. Talbot reports, “While abroad, we enjoyed our time together as well as many activities in London, Bath, and Paris. It’s really a testament to our time at Trinity that we’ve been able to maintain our friendship for 35-plus years!”

recently by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). Schlickmann is in his sixth year as the leader of Stags Athletics.

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From the Alumni Office: **Lisa Banks** was named to Washingtonian’s “Most Powerful Women in Washington.” The October 2023 list featured “169 of the most influential women shaping government, business, the arts, education, law, media, and nonprofits.” Banks, a partner at Katz Banks Kuman in Washington, D.C., was listed in the “Legal Powers” category, along with four sitting Supreme Court justices.

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Matt Freeman ’90 and **Jeb Bowron** “founded the Young Geezers Club (YGC) as a support group for eccentric middle-aged men developing into outright geezers. Pre-codgers also

are welcome. More info to follow as we study the internet.”

**Mary Magauran** and husband Jack’s oldest child, Charlie, is a first-year cadet at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, where **JB Wells** is his football coach. Fellow 1991 Bantam **Maya Cameron Houston** has a daughter, Cici, at the USCGA as well. It was such a pleasant surprise when Mary realized Cici was her son’s cadre (battalion leader) this summer. Such a small world!

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**Ron Irwin**’s new novel, *My Side of the Ocean*, is out! It can be found on Amazon in Kindle and eBook formats. Early reviews have been excellent. Congrats, Ron!

**Nancy Lima Sebert** writes that she is teaching seventh grade in Kittery, Maine, and has been there for 20 years! “Crazy to think I went to grad school at UMass right after Trinity and have been teaching middle school since 1993, first in Brattleboro, Vermont, then in Byfield, Massachusetts, and ended up here in Maine. I live in a small town called North Berwick with my husband of 24 years, an old dog, and two cats. My daughter is 21 and a senior at UNH, so close by but on her own at the same time. I love my life, I love Maine, and I just wanted to say hi to people from Trinity who remember me; it’s been a while.”



Graham Schelter '94, Mark Kastrud '94, Sanji Fernando '94, and Dan Herbert '94 get together at The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts, in fall 2023.

Megan Spann Dennen writes, "Bill Dennen and I just returned from a wonderful trip to Iceland! We'd highly recommend it to anyone considering a visit. Earlier in the summer, we caught up with **Marc Davis** and **Mikio Miyawaki** and wife Monica DaSilva '94. Our older son is a sophomore at Amherst College, and our younger son is a high school senior getting ready to apply to college. There's still a chance we'll have another Bantam in the family. We're living in Cumberland, Rhode Island. Bill works for Cloudfare as a technical account manager, and I just celebrated 25 years at Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island."

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Hi, classmates. I hope you all had a wonderful summer. I was back on campus for a football game in September, and former football coach Don Miller's 90th birthday was celebrated. I saw a ton of folks who came back to honor him. Once again, the Bantams have a tough team, led by our classmate **Jeff Devanney**. Now for some updates.

**Doug Rausch** writes, "Justin Grigg and I, along with our families, met up at the New Jersey Shore for a couple of days this summer in Bradley Beach. It was fun to hang at the beach, to catch up on post-Reunion news, and to relax with longtime friends. After a few years of doing this, it is starting to turn into an annual tradition!"

**Amanda Reynal** reports, "My son **George Reynal** is a sophomore living in Goodwin this year. Reunion was so much fun, I cannot wait to go back in October. I have something exciting to share: I am a published author. My book comes out October 3. I am hoping to figure out a book-signing event at Homecoming. By the way, it's called *Designing Rooms with Joie de Vivre*." Congrats!

From **Kelsey Rollinson**, "Our Reunion and the Bicentennial bash was a great way to kick off the summer! As always, it was so fun to see old classmates and friends and spend some time having some laughs and reminiscing 'neath the elms! I'm in Ridgefield, Connecticut, and enjoy working for Connecticut Public Television and Radio. I look forward to broadcasting out of their new studio facilities at Fairfield University this fall! After a trip to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to visit my husband's family in July, we settled into summer fun in Connecticut, which consisted of lots of swim meets, tennis matches, fishing, and fun for the kids. I, too, managed to play a lot of tennis and even won the club singles B championship at the end of the summer, which was exciting! The kids are enjoying being back at school. My son, 13, is in eighth grade, and my daughter, 11, just started sixth grade and is adjusting to middle school! The fall is already filled with field hockey, flag football, and lots more activities for them! I'll wrap up fall tennis and am excited for paddle tennis to start in October! Go Bants!"

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**Emelie East** writes, "My husband and I are taking sabbaticals and about to embark on an Atlantic crossing by sailboat. We plan to leave Cape Town, South Africa, early October, stop at the islands of St. Helena and Fernando de Noronha (Brazil), and ultimately end our journey in Grenada sometime in November. This trip should take us about 35 days at sea. As sailors (and licensed captains) here in the Pacific Northwest, we're pretty excited to go big and experience an ocean crossing, especially since we ultimately plan to sail the world."

**Duffy Mudry** writes, "Our son, Chris, is a [first-year] at Trinity! He is enjoying it and just made it into The Accidentals, one of the a cappella groups. **Ali Baird**, **Renee Barkley**, **Cristina Pozefsky**, and I get together when we can and are hoping to make it happen sometime this spring."

**Peter Friedman's** son William committed to pitch for Trinity. He'll be entering a year from now, Class of 2028!

**Mike Robinson's** son Luke recently led New Canaan over St. Joseph, winning for the first time since 2014. Luke threw for four touchdowns and ran for a fifth and as of this writing is leading the polls for Fairfield County Player of the Week.

**Graham Schelter** recently hosted **Mark Kastrud**, **Dan Herbert**, and I at his country club. We played a great round and much to our surprise ran into **Tom Corderman**, looping bags as a caddie at the club. Tom was fresh back from Italy. He was there with his good friend Fred Couples and watched the United States disappointingly lose to the Europeans. Frustrated with decades of poor Ryder Cup play, Tom and Fred are convinced the poor performance of U.S. caddies are holding our players back. Tom's dedicated himself to launching a new caddie academy, ensuring the United States has the best caddies to win back the cup back in 2025.

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Hello, classmates! It's either been a really boring few months for everyone, or you all have been so busy that no one had the time to spare to send a quick update for the *Reporter*. Since I hate the way it looks when a class has no news, I'll give you an update on me. I fill my days with various volunteer work. I have been reelected as the Class of 1998 class secretary, so you will be seeing my updates for five more years. I'm also a class agent and work with the alumni and development offices to help with fundraising. I also volunteer with the development office at my daughter's high school and am vice president of the Parents Association. The biggest news in my life lately is that I dropped my son off for his freshman year at college. That was kind of crazy. His dorm room reminded me of the one I had in Jones, but now that everyone has smartphones, gone are the days of whiteboards on your door and stalking the laundry room for free machines. They text each other if they need to leave a message, and there's an app that tells them which washing machines are free and how many minutes are left in the cycle. That's all from me for now. Until next time, take care and go Bantams!

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From the Alumni Office: Justin Gottlieb was featured on the front page of *The Bulletin*, a daily newspaper in Bend, Oregon, in July 2023, in a story about bottle deposits that explains why some residents want state and local government to do away with the daily limit of recycling 350 containers. The story includes two photos of him, including one showing him organizing cans and bottles that he collected. Justin's nonprofit, We CAN, is based on his personal journey from homelessness to stability. According to the nonprofit's website, [www.wecanoregon.com](http://www.wecanoregon.com), "Participants work as community recycling stewards who empower themselves through daily canvassing opportunities. The

goal is to collect and manage \$35 per day of redeemable aluminum, glass, and plastic containers within assigned areas. Daily earnings would be allocated to reoccurring expenses such as food, utilities, fuel, fun, and savings. Matching funds support stewards in covering larger, destabilizing expenses such as rent, deposits, transportation, and taxes after successfully completing a 90-day probationary period."

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Happy fall, y'all! I hope this edition of Class Notes finds you all well and settled into your fall schedules. As I write this, it's another rainy day here in Westchester County, and I'm trying to recall how many sunny weekends we've had over the last few months. Here's hoping for drier and sunnier weather patterns soon!

Nick Barquin checks in from Washington, D.C., and shares he is heading out to Mill Valley with Pete Rogers to see a Samples show with Adrian Fadrhonic. I'm pretty sure The Samples played on the Cave patio during our Trin days. Can anyone confirm this? I now have "Did You Ever Look So Nice" running through my head! Nick, send us photos from the show for the next Class Notes!

Andy Robinson reports the Trinity Bicentennial celebration was a great time, and he enjoyed seeing Dana and Taylor Wolfe, Caroline Leary, and Shakira Ramos. Andy suggests we organize a pickleball tournament for our next Reunion. Who's in? Amanda Todd Lynch, Shaylor Steele, Nick Barquin, and other 2002 tennis enthusiasts, can we recommend you for leading the charge in 2027?

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Kate Volpe Canavan shares that she is starting a new chapter of life in Raleigh, North Carolina, with her two daughters. She is recently divorced and has started, with her best friend, a podcast about divorce titled *A Million Paper Cuts: Divorce Demystified*. Check it out!

Patrick Roman and I enjoyed seeing Noah Feinstone on the Opti sailing circuit this summer. Noah's daughter, Sammy, and two of our children, Luke and Eliza, sailed in the same regattas in Hampton, Virginia, and in Bellport, New York. Rob Bohn and Jessica Harmon Bohn, maybe we will see you at one of these regattas?

If you have relocated, started a new passion project, welcomed a new family member, explored a new city, or gathered with other Trinity alums recently, please send your snippets of news my way ([ellen-zarchin@hotmail.com](mailto:ellen-zarchin@hotmail.com)). Until next time!

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Trinity turns 200 this year, but just as impressive: the Class of '04 diplomas turn 20 next year! Begin mentally, physically, and



# Andy McTeague '12

## DEGREE:

**B.S. in chemistry; Ph.D. in organic chemistry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**

## JOB TITLES:

**Senior scientist, medicinal chemistry, at Morphic Therapeutic in Waltham, Massachusetts**

## FAVORITE

### TRINITY MEMORY:

**Living in Jarvis my senior year with seven of my best friends. There are lots of memories from that suite that I look back fondly on, and I remain close with all of those friends today.**

## What was your path to your current position?

After graduating from Trinity, I began graduate school at MIT in the fall of 2012. Shortly thereafter I joined the lab of Tim Jamison. In his group, I honed my analytical thinking and research acumen and developed an expertise in organic synthesis. My early scientific career at Trinity, particularly in Tim Curran's group, had always inspired me to pursue chemistry that impacts human health, so I then took a position as a postdoctoral fellow at AstraZeneca. There I worked on covalent inhibitors with applications in oncology. Encouraged by my experience at AZ, I chose to continue my career in medicinal chemistry and started as a "scientist I" at Morphic Therapeutic in May 2019.

**What do you do in your role?** In an idealized sense, my job is to design new drugs to help patients. Based on existing data, we first form hypotheses about how to improve the properties of a given compound. We then make specific structural changes to (hopefully) achieve those ends. Once the data from these new compounds comes in, the whole process starts again. Through this iterative cycle, we're able to eventually get to a compound that has the potential to be used as a therapeutic agent. As the lead chemist for two of our preclinical projects, most of my work involves leading a team of computational chemists, synthetic chemists, structural biologists, and assay developers to ensure that this cycle turns efficiently.

**What do you enjoy most about your work?** To me, therapeutic development is the most wonderfully confounding puzzle. It's incredible that with today's knowledge, we're able to rationally design small molecules to interact with specific proteins in the body to elicit a specific biological response. Despite this, there remain an endless number of biological questions to explore, and the more that get answered, the more that arise. Being part of this process of discovery is what drives me.

**What are the biggest challenges you face?** Human biology. As I alluded to, we're still very novice in many ways when it comes to designing new drugs. While animal models or in vitro data might support a novel target or encourage you to push a compound forward, translation into humans is fraught with challenges. The human body has had millions of years to develop, and we're still playing catch-up.



Andy McTeague '12 with son Dax

**How did Trinity prepare you for the work you do and for your life in general?** The breadth of experience I accumulated during my time at Trinity helped me hit the ground running when I got to graduate school. Beyond that, one of the most memorable aspects of my time at Trinity was the faculty. My professors, particularly those in the Chemistry Department, took a vested interest in my education, development, and who I was beyond the classroom. All of their mentorship and guidance ensured that I could build a solid foundation for my future.

**Was there a professor at Trinity who was particularly influential?** Truthfully, it's hard to pick just one. Both Alison Draper and Tim Curran were hugely influential. Alison taught me what it means to be a scientist, and Tim showed me how to be a scientist. Alison's enthusiasm and encouragement propelled me into research, and Tim's mentorship and rigor turned me into the scientist I am today. Both of them played a vital part in my success at Trinity and beyond.

**What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity?** Aside from my many semesters of research in Professor Curran's group, the ISP (Interdisciplinary Science Program) first-year seminar with Alison Draper helped shape who and where I am today. In addition to the demanding course load that pushed me academically, it encouraged me to challenge assumptions, consider alternative perspectives, and think analytically. The environment and curriculum in the ISP laid the foundation for my love of science and the scientific process.



emotionally preparing: our 20th Reunion is next summer!

**Jon Torodash's** Vetcove is rapidly growing. He is looking for Trinity grads to fill a bunch of open roles that are fully remote.

**Ashley Hilton Kadakia** and **Tina Porter Teagle** met up in Nantucket in late summer with their families.

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Hi, everyone! I'm so excited to share so much happy news in this edition of the *Reporter*. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me—[rmherrigel@gmail.com](mailto:rmherrigel@gmail.com)—if you have any news you'd like to share.



Five 2009 classmates—Mary Wulsin Zema, Ali Berluti Reyecraft, Alana Tabacco Kontos, Natalie Jones Brennan, and Caitlin Brisson—enjoy an outing in New York City in August 2023.

**Alexandra Schwartz** (Kappa Kappa Gamma) married Jake Balbes of Franklin, Michigan, in March 2023 in a ceremony in Los Angeles. The wedding was attended by many former Trinity classmates and best friends! **Rebecca Green** (Kappa Kappa Gamma) served as one of the bridesmaids. Other alumni in attendance were Carver Diserens '09, **Morgan Furst Certner**, and **Whitney Weiler Zipser**.

**Nadjeda Estriplet** married the love of her life, **Brendon Singh**, on September 14, 2023, in Woodbury, New York. **Fatimah Finney '11** attended the wedding; the two went to high school together and have kept in touch over the years.

**Hanako "Hana" Justice** works at Oregon State University and lives in Corvallis, Oregon. She went from being a chicken to a beaver, and yeah, sorry—she considers that an upgrade. A few of her 2010 friends got married last year, so there were some Trinity reunions. **Christine Moody** and **Alex Bibi**, who met in Jarvis freshman year, got married, as did **Sreeya Bose** and **Mallory Levine**.

**Rebecca Herrigel** and **Corey Johnson** welcomed daughter **Avery McCallum** on July 26, 2023, in Portland, Maine. Avery's mom and grandmother, **Victoria Aronow '82**, look forward to her becoming a third-generation Bantam!

Congratulations to my freshman roommate, **Nadjeda**, and to all the happy couples!

## 2011 President: Catherine E. Marinello • Secretary: Remi Evans Dolan, remi.evans.2011@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Rachel L. Meddar, Abigail A. Smitka



**Kelsey Semrod '12** and **Vince McLaughlin '12** were married on September 16, 2023, at the Adirondack League Club in Old Forge, New York. Bantams joining the bride and groom included **Katie Apfelbaum '11**, **Graham Skinner '12**, **Elizabeth Gerber '14**, **Zack Slouka '11**, **Rye Biddle '11**, **Michael McLaughlin '16**, **Alex Powell Sheridan '12**, **Greg Magarian '12**, **Claire Hellwig Finel '12**, **Brandon Taaffe '12**, **Andrew Cappello '15**, and **Will Kelly '11**.



Abbey Lake '16 and Alex Harvey '14 were married on June 17, 2023, in Sharon, Connecticut.

Hi, Bantams! Two updates from the Class of 2011.

First, congratulations to **Stephen Holla Garner IV**, who married Danielle Kyes Herschler at their home in Chester, Vermont, this past July. **Trevor Stern** and his wife, **TJ Tarca** and his fiancée, **Brendan Powers** and his wife and daughter, Ryan Lane '10, and Erin '10 and **Teddy Bascom** were there to celebrate the couple's beautiful ceremony and reception at the nearby Grafton Inn. Congratulations to the happy couple!

Second, **Michael Magdelinkas** has taken on an exciting new role at Accenture, leading its lobbying for the Northeast, including Hartford. Congrats on the new job, Michael!

Have anything exciting going on in your life? Share it, and we'll include it in the next issue of the *Reporter*.

**2012** President: Shayla L. Titley • Vice President: Andrew J. Koris • Secretary: Mary Kate Morr, mary.morr.2012@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: James J. Armillay, Naomi Sobelson Mashburn, John Michael Mason, Charles McConnell, Mary Kate Morr, Michael Schlesinger • [@groups/trincoll2012](#)

We have more baby Bantams and a wedding to celebrate in the Class of 2012!

**Tim Carson** and wife Julia welcomed their first baby, Timmy Joseph Carson III, on April 12, 2023.

**Darleny Lizardo** and partner Barry welcomed a baby girl, Nora Elouise. She was born on June 8, 2023.

**Khurty Ramudu** gave birth to a beautiful baby boy named Mateo on June 22, 2023.

**Brian Castelluccio** and Tracey Suter '11 welcomed a daughter, Liv.

**Kelsey Semrod** and **Vince McLaughlin** were married at the Adirondack League Club in Old Forge, New York, on September 16, 2023.

**2013** Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Lauren Aber, Perin Adams, Caroline Brewster, Kevin Clark, Malcolm X. Evans, Emily Howe Gianis, David Hill, Megan Ingersoll, Matt Mainuli, Michael Mazur, Ryan McGuirl, Chris Novick, Alexander Raffol, James Thaler, Dobromir Trifonov  
The class secretary position for the Class of 2013 is vacant. If you would like to serve as class secretary, please contact Julie Cloutier in the Alumni Office at 860-297-2403 or [julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu](mailto:julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu).

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**2014** President: Victoria C. Trentacoste • Vice President: Annick J. Bickson • Secretary: Requita Byrd, requita.byrd.2014@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Brendan Bader, Carl Barreto, William Gray, Madeleine Dickinson Hansen, Alex Harvey, Sophie Katzman, Juan Lopez Rodriguez, Annie Murdock, Nat Nurmi, Ian Pickrell, Benjamin Plumer, Max Schaefer, Victoria C. Trentacoste, Katherine Weatherly-White  
**Melva Juliana López Rodríguez** reports: "I started my first year of medical residency in obstetrics and gynecology in Bogotá, Colombia."



Grace Galhotra '16 and Ben Green '14 were married on June 17, 2023, at Green Bean Farm in Califon, New Jersey.

**2015** President: John A. Kandarian • Vice President: Aysen S. Muderrisoglu • Secretary: Shaina N. Lo, shaina.lo.2015@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Stephan "Mac" Morse, Peter J. Ragosta Jr., Stephen Sample, Marie Christner Stansfield, Sarah Wolcott, Robert Zindman

**2016** President: Joshua J. Frank • Secretary: Ashira E. Anderson, ashira.anderson.2016@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Ethan Cantor, Whitney Gulden, David Linden, Kathryn Orticario, Ian Robinson • [@groups/Trinity2016](#)

Love was in the coop last summer for the Class of 2016.

**Grace Galhotra** and Ben Green '14 were married on June 17, 2023, at Green Bean



Farm in Califon, New Jersey, surrounded by friends and family.

**Abbey Lake** and Alex Harvey '14 were married on June 17, 2023, in Sharon, Connecticut.

**2017** President: Ryan Miller • Vice President: Sebastien Broustra • Secretary: Alexandra Chalfin, alexandra.chalfin.2017@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Alec Buffamonte, Daniel A. Garcia, Clare Knowlton, Kaitlin Lewis, Julianna Maisano, Ryan Miller, Kiley Nygren, Jennifer Tran • [f/groups/Trinity2017](#)

**2018** President: Justin Fortier • Vice President: Jack Stallman • Secretary: Lauren Ollerhead Fries, lauren.ollerhead.2018@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Bassil Bacare, Winston Brewer, Sarah Dolan, Justin Fortier, Lauren Ollerhead Fries, Michael Fries, Louisa Kammerer, Jamilah Ketcham, Liz Koris, Jake Lord, Meghan Marsh, Timothy McDermott, Molly Nichols, Nia Vogel

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**2019** Secretary: William J. Duggan III, william.duggan.2019@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Rachel Bringham, Sam Buck, Emma Godi, Sophia Gourley, Debbie Herrera, Ethan Hunter, Alex Kaplan, Talia La Schiazza, Brooke LePage, Molly McGonigle, Emily McLeod, Kristina Miele, Erik Mohl, Simran Sheth, Chandler Solimine, Amber Stevenson, Stephanie Velarde, Michael Zarra

**2020** Secretary: Natalie Bruno, natalie.bruno.2020@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Luke M. Blough, Samantha Feenstra, Anna Kate Luddy, Elizabeth McCauley, Morgan McKeown

I am happy to share that **Mira Nakhle** and I, **Natalie Bruno**, started medical school together this summer at Penn State College of Medicine as part of the class of 2027. It was an exciting surprise when we found out we would be spending another four years together after meeting during orientation [as first-years] as part of the Interdisciplinary Science Program and living together on Crescent Street senior year. We can't help but think of Alison Draper's motto, everything is connected!

**2021** President: Jaymie D. Bianca • Vice President: Giovanni A. Jones • Secretary: Brendan W. Clark, brendan.clark.2021@trincoll.edu • Class Agents:

**Brendan W. Clark, Lindsey Fortin, Jessica Jones, Pearl Rourke, Hadley Smith**

The class was silent yet again. I hope to hear from many of you soon and hope that some of you made the trip back to campus for Homecoming celebrations in October, which was termed the Bicentennial Fall Weekend in honor of the College's 200th birthday festivities. The College held additional celebrations in the fall and will continue to celebrate in the spring with exciting symposia and other events. Of course, the Bicentennial Gala is still set to come in May, and I hope many of you will endeavor to come back to Hartford to attend.

As always, please share your experiences, updates, and milestones with me. I always welcome a word or note, however large. I would especially like to hear from my peers who are graduating from law and business school (or those who have gone back to law school). I see your exciting news on LinkedIn, but please consider sharing here for the edification of your classmates and the record.

Do not hesitate to drop me a line via email (brendanwclark@outlook.com) or via telephone (610-781-8446). Please continue to follow our class Instagram page for updates and developments on future class events @trincoll21.

As usual, I, **Brendan W. Clark**, share my own developments: I am in my final semester at William & Mary Law School and will be sitting for the bar examination this summer (please send your well-wishes and prayers!). I will return to work as an associate at Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. I remain engaged with Trinity via the alumni association and a host of other alumni activities. I will relocate to Delaware in April—any alumni who want to get together are most welcome.

**2022** Co-President: Nayantara Ghosh • Co-President:

Shawn Olstein • Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Ishaan Madhok, Matthew Solomon, Alexander Sowinski

The class secretary position for the Class of 2022 is vacant. If you would like to serve as class secretary, please contact Julie Cloutier in the Alumni Office at 860-297-2403 or julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu.

**2023** Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Peter Doyle, Zoë Sylvester-Chin

From the Alumni Office: **Henry Lagasse** received a Young Botanist Award from the



**Mira Nakhle '20 and Natalie Bruno '20 pose in front of the Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey, Pennsylvania, in July 2023.**

Botanical Society of America (BSA), one of only 22 awarded this year to U.S. undergraduates. The purpose of these awards, according to the BSA website, is "to offer individual recognition to outstanding graduating seniors in the plant sciences and to encourage their participation in the BSA." Henry conducted his honors thesis research on the evolution of ferns and the structure of their spores under the supervision of Assistant Professor of Biology Nikisha Patel. It was planned that their research together would be submitted for publication in fall 2023. In addition to this national honor, Henry received the 2023 Schneider/Blackburn Research Prize in Biology from the Trinity Biology Department. During summer 2023, he worked in an environmental education program in Stonington, Connecticut; he plans to apply to graduate programs in plant science in the coming years.

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**IDP** Secretary: Shahzad Keith Joseph IDP'19, shahzad.joseph@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Robert F. Peltier IDP'91, Liliana Polley IDP'21

**Master's** Co-Secretary: Crisanne Colgan M'74, crisanne.colgan.1974@trincoll.edu • Co-Secretary: Christopher McBride M'93, christopher.mcbride.1993@trincoll.edu

Greetings from your scribe, **Crisanne Colgan M'74**! A sincere thank-you to all who submitted updates. As for me, I was fortunate to participate in Career Connections, a networking



# Helen Ubiñas M'09

## DEGREES:

**B.S. in print journalism and Latin American studies, Boston University (after attending Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill, Massachusetts—shout-out to community colleges!); M.A. in American studies, Trinity College**

## JOB TITLE:

**Columnist, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Philadelphia Daily News***

## FAVORITE

### TRINITY MEMORY:

**The serene beauty of the campus always felt like an oasis, especially on days when I had covered an especially hard story sometimes just blocks away. Also, the challenging but memorable discussions/debates I had in some of my classes stand out, especially these days when so many of us seem unable to talk to one another.**

**What do you do in your role?** Every week, I look around Philadelphia and the world and write reported columns of local and national significance, usually focused on equality and equity. I also try to write as much as I can about the people and issues that don't usually get as much space, attention, or care in the media as they deserve. In Philadelphia, that's often about the people impacted by gun violence. But it's also about the people in the poorest big city in the nation showing up for one another in inspiring and impactful ways.

**What was your path to your position?** It was long and winding, just like the scenic route I took through college. (As a first-generation college student whose parents exhorted the importance of education, I knew I had to get to college; I just wasn't prepared for how to get through it once I got there.) I started my journalism career as a neighborhood reporter for *The Hartford Courant*. (Another shout-out to my beloved *Courant*, where I grew up and grew into the journalist I am today.) My role was to seek out and write stories about "ordinary" people doing extraordinary things in Hartford's neighborhoods—so basically a dream job since there was never a lack of people and things to write about. The only downside was that the section was zoned, which meant the stories often were just seen by readers within the city, so it felt a little like preaching to the choir. We would have done everyone a bigger service if the stories were distributed widely. After that I took the road that many reporters at the *Courant* took: I became a town news reporter, covering Rocky Hill for several years, filing two, sometimes three stories a day. From there, if recollection serves, I became a features reporter with a short stint at the magazine—yes, we once had a magazine!—and then back to the news pages, where I eventually became their first Latina staff columnist.

**What do you enjoy most about your work?** On its best days, being a journalist isn't just a job, it's a privilege. To be able to have a front-row seat to some of the most important moments in our communities and in our country is a never-gets-old thrill—and a responsibility that I never take lightly. To be a columnist and to have the ability to not just cover the news but to help interpret it for readers adds another layer



of responsibility. And to do all of that as a Puerto Rican woman in a field where there is still not enough representation of women of color is something that I don't take for granted and that I am working to pay forward. Last year I created The Ñ Fund for Latinas in Journalism, a way to contribute to the advancement of Latinas in the field through grants to nonprofit organizations and educational institutions. With the help of generous donors who believe in the mission, I've funded an internship for an amazing young Latina journalist through Voces Internship of Idaho, and I hope to continue to empower more Latinas to thrive in journalism.

**What are the biggest challenges you face?** It is challenging to still be the only Latina columnist, and one of too few Latinas, in the newsroom, a reality that is mirrored in newsrooms throughout the country. Even with the newsroom "reckonings" of 2020, representation is still an issue that affects everything from coverage to credibility.

**How did Trinity help prepare you for what you do now?** I enrolled in the master's program the same year I became a full-time columnist at the *Courant*—no pressure, right? At the very time I was beginning to write about Hartford with a critical eye, I was taking courses in urban studies and talking to professors and students about the city's past and present—and let me tell you as a new city columnist, the timing could not have been better. Trinity was part of my journey to becoming the columnist that I am today.

To learn more about the Ñ Fund for Latinas in Journalism and the Voces Internship of Idaho, please visit [trincollreporter.online/Ubinas](http://trincollreporter.online/Ubinas).

event for students to meet alumni and Trinity parents in various careers. I also participated in the Elizabeth Elting Foundation Venture Conference networking dinner. Venture is a three-day leadership conference for Trinity women in their first year at the College. Trinity's Bicentennial events continue, including Cinestudio's Six Decades of Movies at Trinity and the Bicentennial Gala on May 11. I want to take a moment to honor the late Michael Casey, vice president for advancement, who passed away in August due to injuries sustained in a tragic bicycle accident. I had the good fortune of working with Michael through my service on the Executive Committee of the Board of Fellows. Michael was leading the historic fundraising campaign celebrating Trinity's Bicentennial. As master's alumni, let's all do our part to help lead Trinity into the next century.

**Roger H. Sherman M'73** shared an update since earning his degree in educational studies. Roger said he owed a deep debt of gratitude to Professor Charles B. Schultz. Roger described Schultz as a thoughtful, careful, and caring researcher and teacher who inspired him to continue his studies at Columbia University and be awarded a Ph.D. in sociology and education. Roger added that they published a lengthy article in a peer-reviewed journal together. After earning a doctorate, Roger taught graduate courses at Seton Hall University and Long Island University before ending his career as the provost at Long Island's Five Towns College. Roger also served as president of the Long Island Alzheimer's Foundation and vice president of Five Towns College's Board of Trustees. He lives in Fort Mill, South Carolina, and is treasurer of the Brown University Club of Charlotte, North Carolina. His email address is rhshermannj@gmail.com.

**Greg Mesniaeff M'89** continues to work on Wall Street as a sell-side equity analyst while restoring his historic home and property in Sharon, Connecticut. Greg's master's degree is in economics.

**Glenn Falk M'07** shares: "I learned so much from my history professors, Borden Painter, Jonathan Elukin, John Alcorn, and Mark Miller. Now, astonishingly, I have joined their ranks. After my first career as a legal aid lawyer, I am fortunate to teach Trinity undergraduates American legal history, First Amendment law and policy, and other subjects as professor of the practice in the public policy and law program. I also serve as coach for the Mock Trial Team, adviser to

the Pre-Law Society, and coordinator for the legal studies minor. Life takes unexpected turns." Glenn explained he has opted to teach undergraduates due to the opportunity to develop wide-ranging courses and to engage young people still deciding on career paths. For example, he created a first-year seminar, "Trials of the Century," which included the inquiries into the sinking of the *Titanic* and field trips to local sites associated with the ship. Glenn's master's degree is in history.

**Denise T. Best M'10** shares: "As president and CEO of the Voices of Women of Color, a social justice firm founded by Janice Flemming-Butler '09, we have done some exciting work building a statewide coalition of Black and brown women to address issues around social justice locally, citywide, and statewide. We have trained organizers and have established a lobbying institute graduating our first class of 10 women in October 2021. Alongside Tim Goodwin and Nyesha McCauley, I have co-founded the extraordinarily successful Community First School, an independent school in North Hartford. We intended to provide a quality education in the North Hartford community, eliminating the need to get our children up early and bused out of their neighborhood. We proudly boast that our students, who are in kindergarten through grade two, are at 80 percent proficiency or above in reading and math. The overall goal is to add a grade each year up to grade eight. We have outgrown our little schoolhouse and are actively looking for a new building. Since my retirement from Trinity, I have received several awards and sat on a dozen boards, only recently whittling the number down. I currently sit on three boards: the Upper Albany Neighborhood Collaborative, Community First School, and Journey Writers Inc., celebrating its 10th anniversary. In 2018, I received the 100 Women of Color award, and in 2021, the Blue Hills Civic Association's Hero Award and the Urban League of Greater Hartford's Path to Advocacy Award. Finally, I am working under the pseudonym of DJ Dede on our internet radio platform, Primal4k.com. Co-produced by my daughter Neima Edwards and her partner, Joel M00-Young, I have a global reach of 20,000 listeners to my smooth jazz show, *Sunday Serenade*, Sundays from 10:00 a.m. until noon; *Wednesday Workout* from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.; and a talk show co-hosted with my Neima on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00."

**Sara Mowery M'17** shared she is "still studying" and is in the second year of the M.F.A.

## SUBMIT A CLASS NOTE

We want to be sure that all information included in *The Trinity Reporter* is accurate, so we're asking for everyone's help. When sharing Class Notes information with your class secretary or directly with the College, please follow the guidelines below.

- Avoid sharing hearsay, that is, news that one alum might tell you about another alum or news that you've learned from social media.
- Keep in mind that health information is sensitive. Avoid sharing health information about others, and only share health information about yourself if you're OK with it being published.
- Avoid including information about engagements or pregnancies; it's better to report marriages and births.
- For weddings, please include who, when, and where information.

Remember that we reserve the right to edit submissions for clarity, length, grammar, and appropriateness of content.

For PHOTOS, we accept only HIGH-RESOLUTION wedding and Class Notes photos (generally with a file size of at least 1 MB); low-resolution photos, while fine for websites, will not reproduce well in the magazine. For Class Notes photos, we ask that no more than one photo is submitted per person per issue and that the photo includes at least one Bantam. We can't promise that we'll be able to publish all that we receive, but we'll do our best. We reserve the right to decide what is published based on available space, photo quality, and photo content. We invite you to email photos and complete caption information (who, what, when, and where) to your class secretary or to sonya.adams@trincoll.edu.

in fiction program at Southern Connecticut State University. After 19 years at her previous firm, Sara recently moved to planned giving at Yale University as a trusts and estates specialist. Sara noted that after earning an M.A. in American studies at Trinity, she earned an M.Phil. from Wesleyan.