Dear Alumnae and Friends,

Following the closure announcement last March, a series of miracles followed. All of them were predicated on very hard work, sacrificial efforts and generous gifts. Practically unprecedented in American higher education, the alumnae saved their college.

A miracle. Faced with the daunting circumstances of no faculty, staff and students and with many programs closed or transferred, the College needed another miracle to open in just 6 weeks. It happened. Needing still another miracle, the College asked its alumnae to contribute an additional $10 million for operations. The alumnae responded with the funds. As a result, the College spent no endowment for the first time in memory.

We have celebrated digging out of the deep hole we did not create. We made far more progress last year than anyone could have expected. Having entered our second academic year, we are thrilled that 156 new students enabled us to meet our projections for total enrollment this year. We expect to grow by an even larger number in each of the coming years. Some of our star faculty, having left after the closing announcement, returned. All programs remain open; the calendar is full of athletic contests, concerts, plays, special events and traditional activities. Sweet Briar College is alive and well!

Last year, when the seniors came to Sweet Briar House for the traditional champagne toast, I invited them to sign their names on the back of a large banner I keep in the library. It bears the statement I made in my first message to the community after becoming president, “At Sweet Briar College, the impossible is just another problem to solve.” I had written at the top “We Were Here Making History: Class of 2016.” Some were in tears as they inscribed their names.

All our alumnae were also making history, and you continue to make history as we make our way out of the financial hole caused by the closing efforts. This year, as last, and during the next few years, the alumnae will need to carry the load of assuring that their college survives while the enrollment is built back to more stable levels. Whether volunteering to weed flower gardens, polish, paint etc., participating on a committee, offering counsel or contributing financially, the alumnae have always been there for Sweet Briar. Since this is the “place for miracles,” I know you will continue to do what is necessary to save your college. We are not only making history; we are preserving a magnificent institution. I am sincere when I respond to proffered compliments of my leadership by saying that the alumnae do all the hard work, I simply have the privilege of riding in the Vixen Cart. Thank you for affording me that honor; thank you especially for your friendship, encouragement and support. We must continue to be One Team, preserving Sweet Briar College forever.

Yours truly,

Phillip C. Stone
President
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Renovated Library Recognized as “New Landmark”

The renovation of the Mary Helen Cochran Library has won three awards recognizing the successful effort to add modern features while preserving the historic features of the building. In October, Preservation Virginia recognized VMDO Architects with its 2016 Gabriella Page Preservation Award for the “outstanding rehabilitation.”

In September, the renovation project received one of three New Landmark Library Honorable Mentions from the Library Journal. And last year, American Libraries magazine listed it in its 2015 Library Design Showcase.

The original building dates to 1929 and is included on the National Register of Historic Places. The renovation, dedicated in November 2014, refurbished the original rooms and re-opened a vaulted gallery for use as a 24-hour study area. It also added an airy reading room, a café area and a modern stacking system.

Sweet Briar Riders Dominate U.S. Team

When Team USA showed up for an international student equestrian competition in Ireland this September, two out of the three riders were Sweet Briar students.

Courtney Barry ’18, who went to Ireland as a volunteer, joined engineering major Makayla Benjamin ’18 of Leesburg on the team after one of its three members had to drop out. Barry, a business major from Aspers, Pa., ended up placing 13th in the dressage competition and 21st overall—the best showing for the American team.

The competition was a qualifying event for the AIEC Student Riding Nations Cup world finals later this year. Benjamin was a Silver League winner in the finals in Germany last year.

“A huge storm in March did enormous damage to the overwintering area in Mexico, and the government has authorized extensive salvage logging through October, which is very troubling.”
The plight of the monarch butterfly appears to be growing worse, with the 2016 fall migration numbers expected to be the “lowest ever,” according to research by Sweet Briar Research Professor of Biology Lincoln Brower.

An internationally known expert on monarchs, Brower has visited the monarchs’ winter retreat in the high mountains of central Mexico more than 50 times since 1977, most recently in February 2014. He has established a feeding station at Sweet Briar.

In an October lecture to the Association of American University Women, he presented a first-person account of his field expeditions and lab explorations, and described the current conservation issues that threaten the butterflies’ unique migration and overwintering biology.

While a December 2015 report on the endangered butterflies indicated an encouraging uptick in numbers, 2016 brought more bad news, says Brower. “A huge storm in March did enormous damage to the overwintering area in Mexico, and the government has authorized extensive salvage logging through October, which is very troubling,” he said in an interview. “The March storm almost certainly was one of the worst setbacks we have witnessed. I predict this fall migration will be the lowest ever. Reports on the Web indicate that numbers are way down in many areas. Our Amherst and Nelson county censuses are way down from normal.”

Brower has been investigating the biology of the monarch butterfly for most of his life. Many widely known facts about monarchs have come out of his research on the butterflies’ chemical defense against predators and the ecological chemistry of their interactions with their milkweed host plants.

The monarchs’ migration and overwintering biology are now threatened by logging in the winter roost areas. Brower began conservation work with WWF-Mexico, government agencies in Mexico, the U.S. and Canada, and numerous colleagues, that continues to the present day.

Professor Warns of More Trouble for Monarch Butterfly

Archaeology Student Digs the Iron Age

Archaeology and classics double-major Claire Zak spent her summer digging for artifacts 7,000 miles away from home. Sweet Briar anthropology professor Claudia Chang and Chang’s husband, archaeologist Perry Tourtellotte, invited the rising junior from Saint Cloud, Fla., to assist them at an Iron Age site just outside Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Dating back to 400 B.C., the dig site, Tuzusai, is in the Talgar region of southeastern Kazakhstan. Chang has returned to the area on and off for more than 20 years to continue her research on the country’s farmers and herdsmen. A National Science Foundation grant brought her back in 2011. And in 2015, Chang and Tourtellotte spent the fall semester doing research in Kazakhstan and traveling to India, Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia.

This time, Zak got to experience an archaeological dig firsthand. Her days looked like this: five to six hours of field excavation followed by another five to six hours in the lab. In addition to helping with Chang’s dig, she conducted her own project — “analyzing the forms and function of Iron Age ceramics by quantifying them and placing them in a functional typology.”

Presidential Search is Well Underway

The committee searching for a replacement for retiring President Phillip C. Stone was hard at work throughout the summer and is even busier this fall.

After holding numerous meetings with constituents on campus and three webinars with alumnae, the committee sent out a survey to which more than 1,300 alumnae responded; all of this feedback was incorporated into the “Position Profile,” which describes the challenges and opportunities facing the College and the qualities desired in a new president. It is posted at sbc.edu/presidential-search.

Since then, the focus has been on recruiting candidates to lead Sweet Briar in this next, important chapter. “The Committee has been very pleased with the strong level of interest shown in this search, allowing us to attract a very talented and diverse pool of candidates,” reports Teresa Pike Tomlinson ’87, who chairs both the search committee and the Board of Directors.

The Committee has started to interview semifinalist candidates and then, into winter, plans to interview finalists and perform due diligence, including checking references. Chairwoman Tomlinson is pleased that the search is “on track and going very well” and hopes to announce the new president in early spring.
The students filed up Monument Hill, seniors wearing their graduation robes for the first time, others sporting white dresses, all carrying daisies to honor the family who founded Sweet Briar College 115 years ago. The traditional Founders’ Day ceremony in September came amid a flurry of good news for the College: Enrollment is up, with two full floors of honors students in this year’s first-year class. Key administration spots are filled, ensuring the College is attracting new students, raising money and engaging alumnæ.

Faculty members are returning, including critically acclaimed novelists who are teaching creative writing and math professors who, with the help of Google advisors, are rewriting the nexus between the liberal arts and the tech world. The financial picture has stabilized to the point that S&P Global raised the College’s bond rating three full levels in September.

Perhaps the greatest success story lies with the alumnæ, who after saving Sweet Briar from a closure attempt in 2015 followed up by donating thousands of volunteer hours and increasing their annual giving fivefold. The more than $18.8 million raised last spring and the funds from Saving Sweet Briar, Inc., made it possible to hire back professors and bring in top students, all without spending a penny of the endowment.

That, put succinctly, is where Sweet Briar stands now.

But when alumnæ took back the keys to the College 16 months ago, the promise was forever. Getting from now to forever, administrators and staff say, will take more students, more faculty and, frankly, more money. It will also take adapting the curriculum to the realities of a new generation of women, while continuing to embrace what has worked for the generations that came before them.

President Phillip C. Stone and others have made clear they have no plans to abandon the qualities that make Sweet Briar inimitable: a residential campus offering the best of the liberal arts to women. In fact, Stone would like to see Sweet Briar become “the best women’s college in America.”

That doesn’t mean nothing will change. “It is not enough to have a college built on nostalgia,” Stone said at the Founders’ Day Convocation. “We are not a museum.”
Embracing Assets

Stone came to Sweet Briar in July 2015 as part of the legal settlement that spared the College from closing. He plans to turn over the reins next summer to a new president who will lead Sweet Briar into the future. Stone often recounts how he arrived on campus to find no students, no staff and no faculty. But he quickly identified the assets that would help turn around the College and make it resilient going forward.

The stunning campus, always near the top of the nation’s beautiful campus lists, helps draw new students and create an environment conducive to learning, he says. Its residential nature, with students and many professors living on campus, also encourages what Stone calls “a special bonding.” So does the woman-only experience.

“This week we had Step Singing, a crazy little ritual but a great bonding experience, a beautiful thing,” Stone says. “Guys aren’t going to be as good about stuff like that. And frankly women are not going to be as good about it when guys are around.”

Despite the recent troubles, the College’s reputation remains intact. “We have a cachet,” he says. “Sweet Briar is well known. You’ll even see us referred to in fiction. There is a certain image of Sweet Briar women as being educated and sophisticated. And we’ve had such distinguished alumnae.”

The faculty remains strong, with the small band of professors who remained on campus last year now being joined by those returning from one-year contracts elsewhere. Math department chair Jim Kirkwood was one of 13 recipients of a 2016...
Outstanding Faculty Award from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. Pam DeWeese, who serves as dean and vice president of academic affairs, recalls how the remaining faculty members met in the library through the summer of 2015, brainstorming how to fill gaps in staffing and how to ensure the College could continue offering a great education. What emerged was a deeper emphasis on interdisciplinary studies and collaboration among departments. Dance, music and theater professors now function as an arts division. Computer science, physics and engineering staffs are adopting a similar approach.

This interdisciplinary emphasis has always been a critical part of the Sweet Briar experience, and it shows in what alumnae did to save the College, DeWeese says. “The alumnae were highly creative, highly motivated and put it together so fast,” she says. “It was amazing to watch. I think that’s the best proof of what we do here.”

Engaging Alumnae
Stone agrees that the alumnae base represents Sweet Briar’s best asset. As many as 600 alumnae signed up to attend college fairs or connected with prospective students last year, helping Sweet Briar achieve a record number of applications. Dozens turned up this summer to help weed, paint and clean the campus before the students arrived. A few returned to campus to fill critical gaps for professors and coaches.

Sweet Briar clubs and alumnae across the country organized 28 events featuring Stone and his team, raising an average $100,000 from people at each event. Class officers reached out to classmates to dig deep for Sweet Briar with remarkable results. Participation doubled to about 55 percent of alumnae in the 2016 fiscal year. A quarter of them were new donors. Giving totals increased, too. The class of 1966, for instance, raised just $47,000 for its last reunion, but gave more than $1 million for its 50th in June.

It’s not all about money, of course. The Alumnae Alliance is developing a mentoring network to help connect students to graduates in their field. It’s creating a series of Lifelong Learning webinars where alumnae can learn new skills or study new subjects. And at the 2016 Reunion, the Alliance organized and ran an engagement fair complete with carnival games for adults (think ring toss over wine bottles), prizes and lots of pink-and-green cupcakes.

“We’re really changing the paradigm of how alumnae are interacting with the College,” says Debra Elkins, a ’93 graduate who is co-chair of the Alumnae Alliance Council. “It’s nice to see us heading in the right direction.”
Securing the Future

In some essential ways, Sweet Briar’s survival depends on simply doing a better job with the basics. Student recruitment, for instance, had slumped in recent years after the College lost its full-time admissions director. Similarly, fundraising was sluggish without a full-time development director. With those positions now filled, Sweet Briar has seen an upsurge.

The recruitment efforts extend beyond the increased emphasis on college fairs. Sweet Briar is bringing high school girls onto campus for day-long programs in engineering and environmental science. And Stone asks tour guides to bring every prospective student by his office so he can greet them personally.

Likewise, the development team, led by Vice President for Alumnae Relations and Development Mary Pope M. Hutson ’83, has expanded its outreach to foundations and corporations as it deepens its efforts among alumnae. That led to the success of last spring’s $10 million Next is Now initiative. With money from the Saving Sweet Briar effort and restricted funds, the grand total for the past fiscal year was $18.8 million. In the next phase, Sweet Briar Now and Forever, the College plans to raise $20 million by the end of June 2017.

Stone and others point out that the attempted closure put the College in a financial ditch. By the time alumnae stopped the closing, most prospective students had settled on another college, and many existing students had transferred. The 230 students on campus last year didn’t provide enough tuition dollars to sustain operations. This year the number on campus is up to 329, but Stone projects Sweet Briar needs about 800 to break even. Ultimately he’d like to see Sweet Briar grow to 1,500 to 1,800 students. The faculty is still far smaller than it was, and will need to grow as enrollment rebounds. Thus for the next few years, fundraising is critically important.

At the same time, Stone and his team are stressing better fiscal stewardship: Last year, they cut department budgets and pension contributions across the board, programs that have since seen increases. The college came in $2 million under budget. While past administrations spent millions from the College’s endowment, the funds went untouched last year. Negotiations are underway with banks to bring down debt costs. And the recent bond ratings upgrade takes some pressure off the College.

Faculty members and alumnae have begun to feel more secure about the College’s resilience. “I absolutely believe that what happened before will never happen again, that kind of trauma, that kind of abrupt decision,” says John Gregory Brown, who returned.

A Living Environmental Lab

It was a classic Sweet Briar scene with sunlight glinting off the Boathouse roof and the lake beyond it. Except for the drone hovering overhead. Katie Ferguson ’17 was using the drone to measure the growth of the invasive weed hydrilla in the Lower Lake and to determine whether carp were eating their way through the problem.

Environmental science is a natural at Sweet Briar, with its 3,250-acre living laboratory. Students run a feeding station for monarch butterflies on the long journey from Mexico to Canada. They experiment on the acres of switchgrass being sold for biofuel. And they measure air quality at a land-atmosphere research station.

As Sweet Briar reimagines its future, environmental studies stands to play a big role. The nationwide push for sustainability and alternative energy has made the science and policy of the environment popular among students. And the sprawling rural campus affords many opportunities for demonstrating solutions.

Recognizing this, a Sweet Briar family gave the College $500,000 in February and promised another $500,000 if the College can raise matching funds. So far, the development team has raised $1.56 million toward that goal.

The initiative, funded by the Judith Haskell Brewer Fund of The Community Foundation Serving Richmond and Central Virginia, will allow the College to expand environmental learning by supporting faculty members, internships and on-campus learning. It will also encourage environmental stewardship of the land; the grant includes $50,000 toward the community garden. Students worked in the garden during orientation this fall as part of their community service projects.

For her summer honors research project, Ferguson, of Hampstead, N.C., chose to examine the hydrilla problem in the Lower Lake. The administration introduced sterile carp to the waters to deal with the invasive weed that is clogging the lake. Ferguson paddled out in a canoe to check the extent of hydrilla’s growth. Working with the Engineering department, she programmed a drone to take aerial shots that would show the weed’s footprint.
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Adapting to a New Generation

Ultimately the future of Sweet Briar will depend on more than just improving upon its past. The interests of today’s students, the realities of the 21st century economy and the connections across the globe demand that the College adapt and evolve.

Stone resists the idea of developing pre-professional programs for specific jobs, given the rapid changes in the economy. Instead he is arguing for an approach that incorporates the liberal arts into emerging fields.

Take computer science, for instance. Sweet Briar dropped its major in 2008 but has just submitted an application to accreditors to reestablish it. The new major, developed with input from advisors at Google, will include classes that bring in all students, not just those involved in STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. And the major leaves plenty of time for students to pursue a variety of liberal arts classes.

“Businesses specifically say they want not just students who can do the engineering but who can write about it, talk about it, relate to other people,” says Steve Wassell, the math professor who just finished drafting the new computer science curriculum. “So it’s not just STEM that people need, it’s STEM with those qualities that we foster here. There’s no question in my mind that it ties in with the whole college atmosphere and raison d’être.”

The environmental sciences also offer opportunities for growth, given the current emphasis on sustainability and climate change. A $500,000 grant from a Sweet Briar family will support equipment, faculty and endowment for program operations. The donor—the Judith Haskell Brewer Fund of The Community Foundation Serving Richmond and Central Virginia—offered another $500,000 if donors can match it. The Fund’s additional $50,000 gift will help revitalize Sweet Briar’s community garden.

Stone is also recommending a series of master’s programs, building off the success of a five-year education degree students can now receive. Such programs would keep students on campus longer and offer them unique opportunities to emerge with a bachelor’s and a master’s in just five years. Some of the degree programs could include programs in fine arts, business, conservation and nonprofit management.

Sweet Briar is also expanding its outreach to young women across the world, hoping to recruit more students from Asia, Africa and the Middle East for what Stone calls a “global forum for women’s leadership.” He and others cite a critical need for developing leadership skills among young women, here and abroad.

“There’s still a glass ceiling out there, so having women develop this self-confidence in a special environment is important,” Stone says. “They need this opportunity to study in an environment with special bonding, this creativity, this liberal arts education that makes them more cultured, educated and fulfilled so they can go out and lead and serve.

“And it seems to me that until our society is in better shape than it is today, there’s a desperate need for Sweet Briar.”
President Phillip C. Stone and a team of math and engineering professors from Sweet Briar met with leaders in Silicon Valley this summer to talk about preparing students for jobs in the tech world. What they heard delighted them.

“We found out when we talked to Google and Facebook and some others in Silicon Valley, they say, ‘Of course you must have them ready for what we need them for. They need to code, they need to know these skills. What we like about what you’re doing is you also have them educated well enough they can be managers, executives, leaders,’” Stone recounts. “And that is a rare commodity, to have both the skill preparation and the liberal arts.”

With that advice in mind, Sweet Briar professors have proposed a computer science major that incorporates writing and critical thinking with the programming skills needed. Before sending the proposal to the regional accrediting board, math professor Steve Wassell shared it with Google advisors, who recommended tweaks.

Google is now considering sending a recruiter to Sweet Briar for National Engineering Week next spring. A visiting professor’s spot could follow. Wassell described the partnership as a “win-win” for the College and the industry.

“These companies have not done so well in diversity metrics, both gender and race, so they’re actively recruiting,” says Wassell, who will head the College’s computer science program. “It’s important for them to be seen as reaching out.”

Wassell believes the revived computer science major will be a big draw for recruiting students.

“We think that there’s a big pool of graduating seniors from high school who see a future in high tech and, for women, recognize there’s still a huge gender gap.”

“There are really great jobs in computer science and software engineering. That’s where the growth is. That’s where students want to major.”
Marina Biel ’18 is an engineering major

Bob Chase teaches Java
Outstanding ALUMNAE AWARDS

Debra Elkins ’93 and Sarah vonRosenberg ’72 – co-chairs of Sweet Briar’s Alumnae Alliance Council—were named the 2016 Outstanding Alumnae at the Founders’ Day convocation, recognizing “outstanding service to Sweet Briar in a volunteer capacity.” The announcement, which caught both by surprise, reflects the countless hours they’ve spent working with a set of working groups that assist the College with everything from admissions to fundraising. VonRosenberg, a health policy analyst from Texas, and Elkins, a government division director in the D.C. area, sat down with magazine editor Phyllis Jordan to discuss their work.

Tell me how you came to be here, heading up the Alumnae Alliance.

Debra: I served on the past Alumnae Board, and when the announcement of Sweet Briar’s closure went down, I think we were all shocked and surprised. A lot more alums reached out. Sarah was one of the earliest who said, hey, this isn’t right and we need to bring the alumnae groups together.

Sarah: I really had not. Years and years ago, I’d gone to the Houston club meetings. But after the closure announcement, I wrote an irate letter, and I got some responses by email. I answered the phone one night and this person says, “This is Debra Elkins,” in what I now know to be a typically Debra response, “and I just want to let you know that ...” and I’m thinking, who is this woman? But it was very productive. When was that, Debra?

Debra: It was right in March when the announcement came out, and it was really good. We began convening lots of groups of alums from then on. Then in August, when they said all right you guys, figure out how to start a Council, [Board Member] Alice Dixon pulled five or six of us from alumnae groups.

Sarah: She said we needed to pull Council members from several constituencies. And the ones that immediately came to mind were the old Alumnae Board, members of the Saving Sweet Briar effort, and Sweet Briar 2.0 members. I don’t know, maybe we were the loudest ones.

Probable.

Debra: We went through storming and forming very quickly to get to a high-performing team. We started those conversations in July or August, and by October we were up and running as a fully formed council.

Sarah: Immediately, you and I were on the phone for hours on end trying to figure out how we might think about doing this. And that is when the flat organizational model with several working groups seemed to make a lot of sense because it could impact and involve the greatest number of alums.

About how many hours do you think you spend a week doing Alumnae Alliance business?

Sarah: For me, it’s about 30 or 40 a week.

So basically another full-time job.

Sarah: Early on, I’m scared to even think how many hours it was.

Debra: At one point, the staff asked us how much do you think you guys are doing, and when we put the hours up and looked at how much all the alumnae are giving back to the College in professional hours, it’s quite a bit comparable to the $10 million a year in annual gifts that alums already do.

The Alliance has accomplished a lot. What do you feel proud about?

Sarah: I feel proud about the alums; it has been extraordinary to me that these 14,100 alums represent truly the best in liberal arts education. This group has been able, with their diverse talents, to come together for the good of Sweet Briar, to support Sweet Briar in her recovery.

Debra: We’ve got 600-some alums signed up as admissions reps. You look at the clubs, and the officers have all stepped up to run events on their own to help raise the money. I think Sweet Work Weeks is pretty neat as a program. You hear the phrase—time, talent and treasure. And the time and talent alums are actually able to give to the College, our clubs, our class officers, the development team is extraordinary.

Sarah: To see how selflessly these alums have given. And much of it will never be known. These alums aren’t doing this for personal recognition. They’re doing it because they love Sweet Briar.

Debra: What I’d like to see is in five years, people look at us as the business model of this deep and rich alumnae engagement and say, “We want to be like the Sweet Briar model.”
The Emile Watts McVea Scholarship
Holly Evelyn Reiher ’17, Kathleen Allison Hurley ‘18 and Rachel Elizabeth Moser-Hardy ’19
Each year, the College recognizes academic achievement by conferring upon the highest-ranking member of each class the honorary title of Emile Watts McVea Scholar, a designation that bears the name of the second president of Sweet Briar College.

The Alumna Daughter-Legacy Scholarship
Samantha Jay Schwartz ’18
Established in 1974 by the board of the Alumnae Association to honor an alumna legacyperson in either the junior or senior class who has demonstrated, while at Sweet Briar, the traditions of sound learning and social responsibility, which have characterized the alumnae of the College since its founding.

The Nancy Godwin Baldwin ’57 Scholarships
Hannah Casey Beall ’17, Marina Renee Biel ‘18, Jordyn Linsay Elliott ’17, Rachel Michelle Higgins ’18, Jessie Ruth Schuster ’17 and Baylee Anne Worth ’18
Awarded for the first time in 2015 in memory of Nancy Godwin Baldwin ’57 for her dedication and service to her alma mater for 54 years. The scholarship is awarded to students who have made major contributions to the school and community through their leadership and demonstration of academic excellence.

The Mary Kendrick Benedict Award
Marina Renee Biel ’18
Established in 1945 by former students, colleagues and other friends of Mary Kendrick Benedict, the first president of Sweet Briar College, to honor an upperclasswoman of high academic standing and personal integrity who has shown a purpose for service in her college experience.

The Jean Besselievre Boley Award
Lydia May Gullicksen ’18
Established by the parents and husband of Jean Besselievre Boley ’35, to encourage interest in creative writing. The prize is awarded to the student submitting the best short story entered in the annual competition.

The Laura Buckham Book Award
Bryanna Nirwana Colvin ’18 and Arienna Rebecca Groves ’18
Bestowed upon rising juniors who are French majors in recognition of their excellence in the language.

The Julia Sadler DeColigny Award
Jessie Ruth Schuster ’17
An annual prize to outstanding majors in music and English in alternate years.

The Kenmore Scholar
Susan Page Bingham ’17
Representing the continuation of generations of commitment to excellence in education, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson Newman and their daughters and sons-in-law established the Kenmore Fund at Sweet Briar in 1975. The scholarship is awarded to a student who is recognized by the faculty of the government program for academic excellence.

The Rebecca Tomlinson Lindblom Award
Kiley Mineko Jolicoeur ’17
Established by the Rev. William L. Lindblom in honor of his wife. The award is given to a student or students who demonstrate academic excellence in philosophy and religion, as well as in the application of their principles to daily living.

The Manson Memorial Scholarship
Jessie Ruth Schuster ’17
Established by the alumnae in memory of N.C. Manson Jr. to give recognition to an upperclasswoman of high academic standing who shows qualities of leadership and makes a constructive contribution to student life.

The Irene Mitchell Moore Scholarship
Janetta Louise Green ’17
Established by Mrs. Moore, Class of 1942, this scholarship is awarded to students of the Center for Civic Renewal who intend to pursue careers in public service with a goal of fostering the habits of effective citizenship engagement.

The Loren Oliver Award in Studio Art
Mary Stuart McDevitt ’17
Established by Mary Jane S. Oliver Hubbard in memory of her husband, who served as professor of studio art from 1958 until his retirement in 1993. The award is presented annually to a senior studio art major who excels in creative productivity and promise.

The Rickards Award
Caroline Margaret Thomas ’19
Established in 1974 by Frances Murrell Rickards, Class of 1910, in memory of her son, who died in World War II, and her husband, this award is given to one or more members of the rising sophomore class who best demonstrate potential for leadership, academic excellence and community involvement, which have distinguished the College throughout its history.

The Mary MacKintosh Sherer Award
Emily Blair Hawk ’18
Established by friends of Mary MacKintosh Sherer to recognize a rising junior who is a leader and scholar and who demonstrates the outgoing and cheerful qualities long associated with Mary MacKintosh Sherer.

The Lucile Barrow Turner Award
Amber E. Boyer ’17
This annual scholarship is presented to a senior majoring in music or drama.

The Lucile Umbret Award for Excellence in Music History
Kelsey Elizabeth Sowers ’17
This award is presented only when an outstanding candidate is nominated by music faculty.

SGA president and senior Jessie Schuster ’17 received several awards.
Kiley Jolicoeur ’17 received the 2016 Rebecca Tomlinson Lindblom Award.
Upon completion of the 2016 fiscal year, Sweet Briar College released strong budget, fundraising and enrollment numbers for the 2016 fiscal year.

The College exceeded its fundraising goal of $10 million in just 10 months as part of the Next is Now special initiative. The $10 million is needed to cover millions of dollars in costs associated with the attempted closure of the College, including severance payments and lost tuition.

“2016 was a rebuilding year,” President Phillip C. Stone said. “We took over a mostly shuttered institution and could not start recruiting a new class until September of 2015, six months later than other institutions. The fact that we will have a student body of this size in such a short time is one more Sweet Briar miracle.”

President Stone noted that the College came in $2 million under budget in FY2016 and, for the first time in its history, did not withdraw a penny from its endowment.

“We are proud that the College spent less than it budgeted,” President Stone said. “The endowment was not touched. That is simply amazing when you consider we had a student body of only 40 percent of its previous size, were required by the settlement agreement to pay almost $5 million of severance to faculty and staff, and incurred more than $30 million of other costs due to the attempts to close.”

When President Stone took over the Sweet Briar presidency last July, most faculty and staff had been terminated and all students had transferred to other colleges. The riding and study abroad programs had also been transferred. All athletic contests had been canceled; memberships in athletic associations and professional consortia had been surrendered. Even the food service was gone.

In six weeks, a new senior team was put in place, transferred programs were brought back to the College, a new food service was retained, faculty and staff were reemployed, and classes began on schedule. In addition to fielding every athletic team, two new sports were added for the coming year.

The Alumnae Alliance was created to mobilize alumnae around the world to help build sustainability for the College.

President Stone concluded, “We learned so much this year. But above all, we learned that small liberal arts institutions must reject fatalism and discover creative, innovative ways for the entire campus community to be involved in nurturing their college. Sweet Briar is well positioned for a bright future.”
**Revenues 2015–2016**

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* Including an allocation for spending from the Carrington Trust.

** Saving Sweet Briar, Inc. contributed $12 million in total to Sweet Briar College, with $5 million in fiscal year 2015 and $7 million in 2016.
Sweet Briar College has a long history of producing alumnae who lead lives of significance in their careers and communities. In the spring of 2015, the College’s alumnae reminded the world of the relevance of a women’s liberal arts education, and of a Sweet Briar education, in the world today. Over the past 18 months, the College has emerged as a rallying point for an extraordinary community, an example to sister institutions, and a beacon for a new generation of women seeking to lead lives of significance.

Women’s college graduates make up 2% of the college graduate population, yet comprise more than 20% of women in the United States Congress and 33% of the women on Fortune 1000 boards, according to the Women’s College Coalition. Sweet Briar alumnae are no exception. Sweet Briar women are mayors, entrepreneurs, scholars, innovators, and committed community volunteers.

Prepared for a lifetime of success wherever their passions take them, Sweet Briar alumnae possess habits of mind developed in an educational environment grounded in exposure to a broad range of intellectual and cultural subject matter, cultivation of different interests, and an expectation to question, express points of view, and appreciate different perspectives. Today’s students are engaged in the same development of these habits of mind, and they are taking on campus leadership roles, finding their voices, and discovering their own passions.

Having successfully averted attempted closure in March 2015, Sweet Briar College is charting a course for distinction — and for good reason: a women’s college education works.

The College’s first fiscal year after the attempted closure started off with great uncertainty and myriad challenges. A reasonable but responsible budget had to be created while faculty and staff were still being rehired, students were still being called back, and essential services and programs were still being reestablished. By the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2016, the challenges had been met, and out of the uncertainty emerged a flawless academic year, a reinvigorated sense of purpose, and a momentum toward a promising future.

2016 Fiscal Year Success Stories

Enrollment
In the fall semester of 2015, the College opened on time with 236 students: 25 first-years, 66 sophomores, 60 juniors, and 85 seniors (and an additional 75 students enrolled in the College’s junior-year abroad programs). The 92 faculty members crafted a rigorous curriculum, with some professors teaching up to five classes a semester to ensure the students’ academic needs were met. Eight students participated in the 2016 Honors Summer Research Program, analyzing topics as varied as transient objects in the center of our galaxy, invasive hydrilla in Lower Lake, and women in combat. This past spring, 81 seniors graduated.

Financial Stewardship
The College managed expenses wisely, coming in under budget. There was no draw on endowment, allowing it to grow. This fiscal discipline has stabilized the College’s financial picture to the point...
that S&P Global raised the College’s bond rating three full levels in September.

**Programmatic Success**
In December, family advisors of the Judith Haskell Brewer Fund of The Community Foundation Serving Richmond and Central Virginia awarded the College a two-part grant for the environmental science program: $500,000 outright over 3 years, a $500,000 challenge grant, plus $50,000 to revitalize the College’s community garden.

Throughout the year, President Phillip C. Stone and Mary Pope M. Hutson ’83, vice president for alumnae relations and development, had successful meetings with Silicon Valley companies interested in partnering with the College in reestablishing the computer science program. Far from being a drawback, the fact that Sweet Briar College is a women’s liberal arts college remains an attraction.

**Recruiting**
Alumnae engagement in the life of their college continued with the same passion displayed in their fight to save Sweet Briar. More than 600 alumnae signed up to be Alumnae Admissions Representatives (AARs) to work with the Admissions Office to attend college fairs, connect with prospective students, and reach out to high school counselors. The Admissions Office, with the help of the AARs, recruited 156 new students, of which 134 are first-year students for this fall semester. Of those students, 22 are transfer students from other institutions and 63 qualify for the Honors program. Among the first-years are 8 international students from 7 countries, indicating a return of an important international presence on campus. In addition, the master’s program in education, which had only 1 student last year, has 11 students this year.

**Athletic Victories**
The Equestrian Team won the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Equestrian Team title for the second year in a row, its third title in the past 5 years. Forty-six student athletes were named to the ODAC All-Academic Team. Nene Jones ’16 was honored by the NCAA, winning awards for best batting average, on-base percentage, and slugging percentage in all of Division III softball. All of the College’s sports teams took the field, with help from classmates from other sports and, in some cases, from students who had never competed before.

**Passion for the Possibilities**
The success of the Admissions Office and the AARs in growing the student body by some 100 students, the successful collaboration of the faculty in a make-it-work year, the interest of Silicon Valley companies in partnering with the College, and the continued extraordinary support from alumnae have infused the campus with an energy and a desire to innovate and actualize the unrealized potential of Sweet Briar College. There is a noticeable passion for the possibilities among faculty, staff, administration, and students alike. Rescue is over.

Sweet Briar’s Renaissance begins.
The Path Forward: 2017

Budget
The new budget includes rehiring of returning faculty and adding new faculty:
- to bolster our liberal arts curriculum
- to maintain rigor and excellence in our Honors programs
- to enhance our environmental science program, and
- to reestablish our computer science program.

The budget also addresses some of the deferred maintenance of the past and the resumption of the College’s contribution to the employee retirement plan, reflecting a commitment to two of our greatest assets: our people and our landmark built environment.

The new budget also includes an industry standard 5% draw on the endowment—with the expectation of a continued fiscal discipline of staying within budget—and only a 4% increase in tuition.

Enrollment
The College will continue to grow the student body, using innovations in enrollment and the passion and energy of the AARs. An expanded outreach to young women across the world will contribute to that growth. Theresa Capule was appointed in May as director of international students to smooth their transition to Sweet Briar. President Stone is also examining new possibilities for our master’s programs beyond education, possibly including programs in business, conservation, fine arts, nonprofit management, and entrepreneurship.

Opportunity
In her Commencement speech, Board member and founder of Task Rabbit, Leah Busque ’01, told the Class of 2016 to have “big hairy audacious goals . . . goals so outrageous, so ambitious, that it is almost crazy to consider them,” invoking the fundraising heroics of Saving Sweet Briar, Inc., which made the rescue of the College possible.

Throughout the past year, alumnae have asked, “What is next for the College?” The alumnae and friends of the College have a belief in the relevance of a women’s liberal arts education in general, and specifically in the value of a Sweet Briar education based on the strength of our faculty. That belief, and the alumnae’s own Sweet Briar education, empowered them to save the College. What’s next for the College is as audacious as that successful effort. Building from our values and strength, our audacious goal is not only to return Sweet Briar to its preeminence as a top women’s liberal arts college but to make it the leading women’s liberal arts college in the country, and a global forum for women’s learning and leadership.

Our Path to Sustainability

Figures in parentheses are projected student enrollment.

Income

Endowment draw-down rate is 5% each year after 2017.

Five-year growth in revenue from tuition, fees, grants and auxiliary enterprises will lead to decreasing reliance on the Sweet Briar Fund for operating expenses. Increasing budgetary health will allow us to grow our endowment and meet future capital needs.

*Saving Sweet Briar, Inc. ($12 million total: $7 million in FY 2016, $5 million in FY 2015)
How YOU Can Make the Difference

The generosity of alumnae and friends of the College made the successes of this past year possible. Sweet Briar needs your generosity to continue; the new budget requires contributions in the amount of $20 million. As of October 2016, we have raised $3 million toward fiscal year 2017.

Though the College recruited 134 first-year students in the Class of 2020 and experienced high numbers of transfer students this past spring and for the fall semester, the number of students in each of the classes of 2017, 2018, and 2019 is well under the target for adequate enrollment. The truth of the matter is, we must carry the financial load for those classes to graduation. We recruited these young women after the rescue of the College; they placed their faith in Sweet Briar and enrolled in the fall of 2015, allowing the College to maintain accreditation and remain open.

Over the next 4 years, as Sweet Briar grows enrollment, achieves greater economies of scale, and enhances auxiliary revenue, the reliance on alumnae contributions toward supporting these classes will decrease. We are on the right path, but it is a long path. In the meantime, this year we have to honor the commitment to the classes of 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 to provide them with the Sweet Briar education and experience the alumnae fought so hard to save. Alumnae and friends of the College are again being asked to put Sweet Briar first in their philanthropic giving.

The results of last fiscal year’s fundraising initiatives included a total of $18.8 million:
- Gifts of $10.2 million for the Sweet Briar Fund (Next is Now).
- Restricted gifts and grants of $1.6 million.
- Saving Sweet Briar, Inc., gifts of $7 million deposited by September 2015 (in addition to the $5 million deposited in FY15).

Highlights of our FY16 special initiative giving include:
- Gifts from current and former Board members exceeded $2 million.
- Four classes gave more than $1 million.
- The classes of 2016, 2017, and 2019 had a 100% participation rate.

The participation rate of degreed alumnae was 37.7%; when you include the non-degreed alumnae (those who attended SBC), participation jumps to 54.6%. Especially with regard to degreed alumnae, we have work to do in encouraging more alumnae to not only join us but also put Sweet Briar first in their philanthropic giving.

As the chart on page 18 demonstrates, our path to sustainability is multifaceted. As we increase revenue from tuition, auxiliary services and build our endowment, we will become less reliant on contributions. However, in the coming year, your contributions still represent a majority of our operating budget. As much as your gifts were needed to save the College from closure, they are needed now to keep us moving on this path to a bright and solid future.

In addition to honoring the commitment to the classes of 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 your contribution to the Sweet Briar Fund will also support these initiatives of the College:
- Growing an even stronger enrollment;
- Developing a comprehensive international recruitment plan to complement the International Women’s Leadership Program, which recruits students from China;
- Enhancing our academic vision focused on the liberal arts, including bolstering our Honors Program and using Sweet Briar’s 3,250 acres as a learning laboratory;
- Reestablishing a computer science program tied to our core liberal arts curriculum, open to all students;**
- Examining new possibilities for our five-year master’s programs; and
- Asserting Sweet Briar’s place in the world as a global forum for women’s leadership.

Your gift will help the College empower and educate young women to build and reshape the world however their passions lead them, inspire and develop leaders who will take accountability for their communities and their environment, leaders who will bring the genius of Sweet Briar to bear on a world in desperate need of their gifts. In short, to continue to produce women like the alumnae of Sweet Briar College.

** Pending approval by accreditors

Make Sweet Briar your number-one philanthropic priority in 2017 and beyond.

Invest in women’s education. Make a gift today by visiting sbc.edu/give, calling (800) 381-6131 or by mail to the Office of Alumnae Relations and Development, PO Box 1057, Sweet Briar, VA 24595.

This year’s incoming students, including first-years, transfer students, and international students.
Alumnae Alliance

5 Things Alumnae Can Do

Looking for a way to help Sweet Briar — now and forever? The Alumnae Alliance offers these five ideas:

1. **RECRUIT**: Sweet Briar’s most important priority is rebuilding our student body. By the end of the decade we hope to raise enrollment to 800. You can help by volunteering to be an Alumnae Admissions Recruiter who visits college fairs or connects with prospective students through email, phone and text. You can also reach out to your local high school counselors to make sure they have the latest information. Last year, more than 600 alumnae signed up to recruit and contact prospective students, helping us bring in a record number of applications.

2. **MENTOR**: The success of Sweet Briar depends on the success of our graduates. The Alumnae Alliance is setting up networks where women in the workforce can help new graduates and other alumnae. Go to sbc.edu/alumnae-development/alumnae-profiles/ to share your professional bio in a database that students can access. Go to sweetbriar.alumnifire.com to sign up for Alumni-Fire, another way to connect with students and with each other. If you have an internship or an entry-level job to offer, contact Barb Watts, director of career services, at careerservices@sbc.edu.

3. **ENGAGE**: Join the Sweet Briar Alumnae Club in your community and attend events. If you don’t have a local club, work with other local alumnae to start one. Volunteer to raise money with a team of classmates. Participate or contribute an item for the virtual auction that will start in the spring and culminate at Reunion. Join the new Lifelong Learning webinars the Alumnae Alliance will be rolling out soon.

4. **GIVE**: With the successful $10+ million Next is NOW initiative, alumnae increased their annual giving fivefold over past year averages. We’re now launching the next phase of fundraising and will raise $20 million. You’ll be hearing from the College and from classmates. Make your most significant gift and ask others you love — your parents, your siblings and/or your children — to support the Sweet Briar Fund. If you’re planning your will, consider a gift to Sweet Briar. For information on major gifts or bequests, contact Claire Griffith at cgriffith@sbc.edu or 434-381-6479.

5. **COME HOME**: Reunion is set for June 2-4, 2017, so save the date! The weekend is open to all classes, but we will honor those classes ending in 2s and 7s. We’ve also started a Sister Classes program that connects women at Reunion from classes 20 years apart. The Alumnae Alliance is looking for volunteers to help plan and coordinate Reunion.
Working group areas in the Alumnae Alliance

You can volunteer by contacting the co-chairs of the different Working Groups!

Alumnae Admissions Recruiters (AARs): (Co-chairs Michelle Badger and Julia Schmitz) This group coordinates the work of alumnae with the College’s Admissions Office as Alumnae Admissions Recruiters (AARs), who represent Sweet Briar at college fairs and in talking with prospective students.

Class Acts / Reunions: (Chair Phyllis Jordan) This group works with class presidents, secretaries and social media leads, as elected by classes, to support organizing class reunions, managing the class notes publication cycle, creating Pinterest class boards, managing Facebook pages, raising class donations and, most importantly, updating alumnae contact information.

Clubs / Geographic: (Co-chairs Cady Thomas and Kathryn Yunk) This group coordinates geographic alumnae clubs and supporting regions. Club officers will continue to be elected by their constituents. Areas that are being rebuilt may begin by term appointments until constituents are re-engaged. These units will serve as points of contact for multiple objectives in supporting the College’s mission.

Development: (Co-chairs Lisa Longino and Lea Harvey) This team supports the College’s fundraising efforts for operating expense management, special financial projects, annual and reunion giving, future capital campaigns, foundation and corporate proposals, major gift cultivation, and affinity/friends groups fundraising.

Media, Marketing and Communications: (Co-chairs Meg Guegan and Sally Mott Freeman) This group provides expertise, advice and research, and executes assignments from Sweet Briar’s staff in spreading the word about the College, as well as in reaching out to the media.

“The Network” and Career Development: (Co-chairs Katie Schellhammer and Sarah Clement) This group connects alumnae across the generations, supporting student internships and the Senior Class Campaign (welcoming graduating seniors to the Alumnae Alliance), career networking and graduate school advising. It also connects alumnae via affinity groups, like Sweet Work Weeks and continuing educational programs.

Council Strategic Initiatives: (Co-chairs Sarah vonRosenberg, DeDe Conley, and Debra Elkins) This group assists in research and development by assignment, with a focus on priorities for the College including alumnae engagement, branding, global outreach, recruiting, land use and sustainability, partnerships, academics, student life, women’s education and other initiatives as identified.

“The Sweet Briar College Alumnae Alliance promotes programs and services that connect alumnae to the College and to each other to sustain Sweet Briar in perpetuity.”
Priscilla Newton Carroll spent years as a litigator and was looking for a new challenge, one that would have meaningful impact. When she learned Sweet Briar was looking for a new Director of Alumnae Relations, she knew she had found what she was looking for.

“The position interested me right away as a unique challenge, working with so many people and on so many different projects, but all with the common goal of securing and advancing Sweet Briar’s future,” said Carroll, who started in her new post on October 24. “I felt that my experience in case evaluation and management and skills in problem-solving through advocacy, persuasion, and negotiation would translate well into the role of helping to develop and manage many alumnae programs.”

Mary Pope M. Hutson ’83, vice president for development and alumnae relations, said she was delighted to have Carroll on board.

“Priscilla brings with her a deep love of Sweet Briar, as well as many years of advocacy and collaborative leadership experience,” she said.

Carroll, who moved to campus from Crofton, Md., has dedicated most of her professional life to serving the public sector. Most recently, she served as an assistant attorney general representing the Maryland Department of the Environment, working to enforce the state’s environmental laws and regulations to protect public health and the environment. She has practiced civil, criminal and administrative law, has vast experience in litigation, and has resolved thousands of cases.

“Priscilla has a proven ability to bring groups together, engaging many to find solutions and common ground,” said President Phil Stone. “Her love of Sweet Briar coupled with her desire to continue to foster connections among alumnae and students to work toward their future success will serve her well in this position.”

Her return to Sweet Briar coincides with her daughter Ellis’ decision to join this year’s freshman class. The college search process brought Carroll to campus again and again, giving her a chance to reconnect with professors and meet students, faculty and staff.

“I was so impressed with all of them and moved by their commitment to Sweet Briar,” she recalled. “I found the campus filled with positive energy, enthusiasm, and determination on every visit.”

She sees alumnae as essential to the College’s future.

“As alumnae, we know that Sweet Briar is a unique and valuable institution. The devotion of our alumnae reflects how deeply formative our Sweet Briar years were in our becoming strong, confident and thoughtful leaders in our personal and professional lives.”
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Beyond the incredible outpouring of support for the Sweet Briar Fund, alumnae are finding unique ways to give back to the college they love.

Concert Recording Benefits Sweet Briar

The lyrics to the iconic Dave Matthews Band song “Crash into Me” give a hint to his inspiration:

Sweet like candy to my soul.
Sweet you rock
Sweet you roll

Dave Matthews performed that song in the Sweet Briar Dell in April 1996 with his future wife Ashley Harper ’96 in the audience. Matthews has now released an album of that solo concert, “Live at Sweet Briar College 4.14.1996” and a T-shirt commemorating the event. He and Harper have agreed that net proceeds from the sale of both items will benefit the College.

This special, uncirculated Dave Matthews solo acoustic performance was recorded just before the release of the band’s sophomore album, Crash. The show is intimate and carefree, and Dave takes his time sharing stories regarding the place of inspiration for “Crash Into Me” (a dorm within viewing distance of the stage) and a recent trip to Africa. This rare performance features beautiful solo acoustic renditions of full-band songs with highlights including “#41,” “Lie In Our Graves,” “Seek Up” and “#36.”

To purchase the CD and T-shirts, visit davematthewsband.com or the Sweet Briar Book Shop at shopsweet.sbc.edu.

Light Up the World, Vixens Brightens Campus

An anonymous donor, with a more sustainable future in mind, has given the College the money needed to change all of the street lights on Sweet Briar’s campus to LED lights, which last longer and use less energy than other types of bulbs.

The Light Up the World, Vixens project will replace 133 lights from 250 watt Metal Halide to 54 watt LED lights. The gift was donated in honor of Genie Whiteside Winton ’38.

Vixen Napkins Raise Money for Tennis Courts

When the College launched a campaign to rebuild its tennis courts this summer, Amoret Thissell Jorgensen ’82 jumped into action. Sparked by an idea from Cindy Conroy ’74, she had already teamed up with Jane Sullivan ’78 to fund the perfect item: paper cocktail napkins bearing the Vixen logo, designed years ago by late athletics director Jennifer Crispen.

A package of 50 napkins sells for $20 each, and all proceeds will benefit the tennis courts. Jorgensen and Sullivan’s order of 720 napkin packages could raise $14,400 towards the $275,000 price tag. The Vixen napkins are available at the Book Shop now and online at shopsweet.sbc.edu.
In 1899, Indiana Fletcher Williams founded Sweet Briar through a visionary planned gift. Indiana’s vision of a college for the education of young women inspired her to establish a trust of land and other assets that became her enduring legacy. This planned gift has provided transformational educational opportunities for generations of women for over 100 years. Please join us as a Williams Associate to ensure that her legacy will prosper—in perpetuity.

**MAKING A PLANNED GIFT** is an easy process that has a lifelong benefit to Sweet Briar. For Nella Gray Barkley ’55, it’s a simple way to leave a legacy, in addition to making an annual gift. Nella chose to name Sweet Briar College as the sole beneficiary when she purchased a life insurance policy many years ago.

“It was simply a very manageable way for me to provide a larger contribution to Sweet Briar. So, now I pay the premium each year and, at my demise, Sweet Briar will receive 100% of the corpus of the policy. It’s a good device, particularly for those of us who have a lot of other obligations currently and yet, we want to contribute in a substantial way. Of course we do both a policy and give beyond that annually. When we can—whatever we can—let’s do it! The time was never as good as now.”

Sweet Briar is so grateful to Nella for her generosity and her contributions to Sweet Briar’s future. If you have questions about planned giving, please contact Claire Dennison Griffith ’80, director of major and planned gifts at cgriffith@sbc.edu or 434-381-6479.

Nella Barkley was born in Texas to a Virginia family, raised in Canada and settled in Charleston, SC. Nella is president and co-founder of the Crystal-Barkley Corporation, an organization through which Nella serves as an advocate for living life to its fullest—and offers a process to enable everyone to do just that. Nella initiated a center for juvenile delinquents early on in life, where the program helped these young offenders to redirect their lives into productive activity. Nella completed Harvard University’s School of Business Administration Advanced Management Program; her ability to find new solutions to problems has resulted in her consulting services being sought by industry as well as branches of government. She also developed a low-income housing rehabilitation program for the City of Charleston and was the first general manager of the Spoleto Festival, USA, a major, annual international arts event.

We’re pleased to announce the launch of our new planned giving website sbc.edu/alumnae-development/planned-giving where you can learn how to make a planned gift. Be sure to visit our site, where you can:

- Download a free estate planning kit,
- Use a charitable gift calculator to help find the gift that benefits you and Sweet Briar the most,
- Find sample language to use in your will,
- Get news about the latest in planned giving, and
- Learn about an IRA Rollover gift, one of the most tax-smart ways to make a planned gift.
Coming Home

Scattered to different schools and jobs after the attempted closure in 2015, many of Sweet Briar’s professors and students came home this fall to find a revived campus, a renewed spirit and a common purpose. Alumnae, too, came back for teaching and coaching positions, hoping to be part of rebuilding the College they love. They came from bigger campuses, co-ed classrooms and urban settings. But they all knew where they wanted to be. As one student put it, “Ultimately, your spirit knows where home is.”
The Browns, both published novelists, came to Sweet Briar in 1994 and raised three children on the campus. Amid the closure attempt, John Gregory secured pro bono legal representation for the faculty and helped negotiate the settlement that kept the College open. But he and Carrie had already accepted jobs in Massachusetts.

John Gregory Brown: By the time Sweet Briar was saved, we had already committed to go to Deerfield. So we left, grateful to have found positions together at such late notice, thinking we would never come back.

Carrie Brown: It was terribly sad. And it was heartbreaking for our kids, all of whom are grown adults; they had grown up on the campus and they felt the loss of it keenly, even though none of them live at home anymore. We left behind many, many, many good friends and a place that we loved, and we never thought we would come back. It’s not that we didn’t imagine that the College might survive. It’s that we didn’t imagine that there would be an opportunity—a way—for us to return.

John Gregory: We missed it very much. We discovered after leaving how much this felt like home in a way that we hadn’t thought about before. And we felt really good about what [President] Phil Stone had done, what the alumnae had done. And about the College’s chances. We decided that it was worth getting back here and trying to be a part of what was going on.

When Carrie and I came back, we kind of expected the campus to look a little more ragged because of the challenges, but it looked beautiful. I know there are issues—there are always issues with a place this large and this complicated. But we felt heartened by how beautiful it looked.

We’re sorry we missed last year, because I think it must have been an extraordinary thing to have been here. We did what we thought we had to do. And I so admire those who did stay.

Carrie: I’m very aware of the degree to which we are setting the reset button. John Gregory built a creative writing program over 20 years, which for a college the size of Sweet Briar was quite extraordinary: The publication record of the faculty, the number of faculty members in the department, the number of faculty members publishing in different genres, an international writers series that brought absolutely the most distinguished writers to interact with students. Returning to campus, I’m acutely aware of the damage that was done by the effort to close it, of how we’re rebuilding work that took 20 years to come to fruition.

The alumnae are really engaged now, and there are so many of them; I don’t think they’re going to let the College fail.

—CARRIE BROWN
I think that people who come back feel what we feel, which is a tremen-
dous level of excitement about the opportunity for the College to re-imag-
ine itself, to reinvent itself, to have a kind of renaissance that is truly
dramatically different from the college it used to be, even as it retains its
esential character. At the same time, I know that many people feel that
they’ve been sent back to Go without collecting their $200, and they’re
starting all over with more constraints and fewer resources.

John Gregory: As difficult as things have been, there have been many
people who have given of themselves. For the alumnae, it’s just amazing.
Carrie and I have a real awareness that, if not for the effort of the alumnae,
we would not be back here. The faculty did what they could, the lawyers
did what they could, but the truth of it is, the real force was the alumnae,
their efforts, their raising money, their spreading the word.

Carrie: The alumnae are really engaged now, and there are so many of
them; I don’t think they’re going to let the College fail. A new president
will need time. Things don’t happen overnight. That person will need to
figure out how this college is going to distinguish itself, beyond being a
women’s college. How is it going to pull in students? And I think the alum-
nae are going to give that person, give the community, the necessary time.

I talk with my students often about the fact of Sweet Briar’s survival. It
comes up naturally, as they’re aware of the role they are playing not just as
students but as architects of the College’s present and its future.

John Gregory: I’ve really changed by mind about something. For my 21
years here, I had never cared that much about any of the tap clubs, any
of those activities. Now I’ve begun to recognize the ways in which these
things create the students’ sense of the institution. And creating that sense
of the institution is so instrumental in their continued investment in it.

I was just amazed at how many students, how many alumnae, were invest-
ed in saving the school. That says to me that all those things that I hadn’t
paid attention to, that they all matter to the students. There’s some com-
ponent to it that solidifies their investment in the institution, that makes
it so profound for people who 30 years later still feel that it’s part of their
formation. That’s an amazingly successful institution.

Janetta Green
Environmental Studies and Government major from Delaware

Green, a senior, transferred to Mills College near San
Francisco after the closure announcement, then came
back to Sweet Briar after one semester.

I knew I wanted to still stay at a small liberal arts col-
lege, and I wanted to stay at a women’s college. Mills was
one of the schools that had reached out to Sweet Briar
and said, “We want to help your students.”

I liked being in California overall. It was definitely really
different to go from rural Virginia to being in a city; so
I definitely liked that aspect. The professors were really
nice, but it just didn’t feel right being there. I was never
fully comfortable.

When I came to Sweet Briar the first time, I had the im-
mediate feeling that this was home, this is where I need
to be. But when I got to Mills, I felt like, this isn’t it. So I
decided, I’ll try it out, I’ll see how it fits. I’ll go to classes,
I’ll join clubs, I’ll meet people, I’ll see how it goes. By
the time October rolled around, I knew this definitely
isn’t it. So I was on the phone with Sweet Briar, asking
how do I come back? By November, just about every-
thing was in place.

It was really nice to come back. It definitely felt like
home. I missed all my friends, and it was great to see
them. The campus was definitely quiet, with so few peo-
ple, which was weird. The first time I came into Prothro,
I was thinking, “Where is everyone?”

Sweet Briar is a really good mix, between how beautiful
the campus is, the really supportive community, having
those professors who you feel like you can just go sit and
have lunch with them. It’s like that missing puzzle piece
of you that just clicks when you get here.

—Janetta Green
Mattie Nicholson
Government major from Pennsylvania

Nicholson transferred to Lynchburg College after her freshman year, but came back as a junior this fall. She wore a ghost pin, signaling her initiation into the Chung Mungs.

I met an alum of Sweet Briar who I did a shadow with, and we clicked right off the bat. And she says, "Mattie, you have to look at Sweet Briar." So she literally made me get on the computer right there and request information, and I was, like, wait, this is an all-women's school. There's no way I'm going here. But she got me to visit, and on the drive up the campus to the gate, I was, like, "I'm going here. I don't need to see anymore. This is where I'm going." It was so beautiful. That's when I became Sweet Briar crazy.

Then freshman year I came, and the unexpected happened. That night, everyone started applying to colleges. I ended up picking Lynchburg. I think in my heart I knew I was going to come back if Sweet Briar stayed open, and I wanted to stay close.

I was here all the time. On the weekends, I would have my friends from here come pick me up and go wherever they were going, and hang out with them.

Lynchburg is a great school, but Sweet Briar is such a one-of-a-kind place, and you really can't find that community relationship anywhere else. I decided I was coming back after the first semester, but wanted to finish the year at Lynchburg.

Something I noticed in co-ed schools is that females don't speak up, and even I didn't. It's an intimidating atmosphere, and it shouldn't be, when men are added to the group. I don't know why.

Coming back, I actually thought I missed all the tap club experiences and I had kind of resolved that in my head. But when I came back, it felt like I was never gone. All my friends are still here. It just feels like home.

When I came back, it felt like I was never gone.

—MATTIE NICHOLSON
Raina Robeva
Mathematical Sciences Professor

Robeva, who came to Sweet Briar in 1996, spent the 2015-16 school year teaching at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland and returned to campus this fall.

For a while I thought I wasn’t coming back. I actually accepted a job there. But it didn’t take me long to decide something just wasn’t right.

You go through this experience, first we’re closing and then we fought and then we won. It didn’t look initially like we were going to win. And then we did. And just when everything was coming together, I was not here to pull my weight. I started feeling like I’m missing out on all the fun, too.

I was reading absolutely everything about what Sweet Briar was doing, every scrap of publication or social media, and it became pretty clear that if I had my say, I really wanted to come back.

Now that I’m back, there is a lot of energy, a lot of excitement. Everyone is pulling together. There’s this energy that wasn’t here before, at least to this extent. It’s a remarkable place to be at this moment.

I’d really like to see mathematics and computer science connecting to biology, because mathematical and computational biology is the next big thing in mathematics. There is so much information these days that is coming from biology; 2003 is when the genome was completely decoded. Since then, the things that have happened in biology border with science fiction. And biologists generate so much data and so much information, mathematics can provide a framework for that. Mathematical models can be used to describe, simulate, and control biological systems; they can also be used by biologists to generate and tests new hypotheses.

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—RAINA ROBEVA

We can make this place stronger.
—STEVE WASSELL
Steve Wassell
Director of Computer Science
Wassell had spent 25 years at Sweet Briar when the attempted closure was announced. He took a one-year appointment at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland and returned to Sweet Briar this fall.

I never wanted to leave. I have been at Sweet Briar since 1990, and I have come to think of the faculty and students as family. I’m just happy for the opportunity to come back home. I was thrilled when I was offered the position back. My wife and I kept our house in Amherst.

Coming back, it was certainly different from that horrendous closure year, the year the closure was announced. That atmosphere was terrible. We were all trying to support the students and support each other, and obviously trying to fight it. It was just a very painful year. Coming back was so much better.

We really have the seeds to have a very strong STEM program that is tied to liberal arts—they can both grow together and that’s the whole point. It’s not a zero sum game. We can make this place stronger.

Meredith Newman
Lacrosse Coach
Newman graduated in 2009 and worked as a women’s lacrosse coach at three Midwestern colleges before joining the Sweet Briar faculty this fall. She assists with the cross-country team.

Megan Behrle
Cross Country Coach
Behrle is a 2009 graduate and worked at the International Monetary Fund in Washington, D.C., before joining the faculty this fall. She assists with the lacrosse team.

Meredith Newman: I’d been away from home, which is Charlottesville, for a few years, and I’d been looking for a position so I could be closer to family. And I became aware of the opening at Sweet Briar in October 2015. I called Megan and I said, “Do you know about this Sweet Briar lacrosse job opening up?” We reconnected and started talking on a daily basis about what was happening at Sweet Briar and what we could do to help. So we cooked up this plan, where Megan was going to leave her job in D.C.

Megan Behrle: I was at the International Monetary Fund. I was in finance. But I was involved in club sports and youth programming.

My dream for a very long time was to work for the government and do program management, data analysis. Those are skill sets I have that I really enjoy using, but I didn’t feel as connected to the mission or the purpose of my day to day. I really enjoyed coaching. So what I would ideally do is merge the two into a youth development program, which is pretty much here.

Meredith: It became very real very early, but it took a long time to make it happen. I always had faith because I felt like this is what was meant to be. I feel so much more complete and happy and satisfied with my job and my choice.

There’s really something to be said for the intrinsic beauty of the place. I think that coming to work every single day and being surrounded by such serenity really helps one’s mood and attitude. I think that translates to the professors, the staff and the students, as well. Everyone seems to be happy with what they’re doing. It becomes much more of a labor of passion, whereas most other places I’ve been, it’s been just a job.

And I think you’re invited to the table for pretty high-level conversations and decision making here.
Megan: I went to a small liberal arts college for graduate school, Clark College in Worcester, Mass., and I’ve met people from all over, and I have yet to meet anyone who received the level of education that I did or felt as connected to their college. I feel like on this campus we value community so much more than anyplace else. That’s across campus. If you talk to students, they value their professors, and they value their coaches. We come together better as a community on this campus, which is a rare quality that helps drive the passion.

Coming here was a huge change in my life. I went from living in downtown D.C. for four years, not owning a car—to here. A pretty dramatic change, but I don’t regret it one bit. Every day, I wake up and I’m excited to go to work. And I’m excited to see what we’re going to get into and what we’re going to build. There are very few jobs that I feel I would be at work at 6:30 and stay until 10:30 or 11 o’clock at night.

Meredith and I coming back, we were really excited to help build back the College as a whole, rather than just focus on the athletic department. That’s a huge point of what we’re doing. So whether that’s taking a weed whacker out to the trails to do trail maintenance or us building a leadership program, we’re doing those things, and I’m really excited about it.

Adrianna Carpenter
History major from Richmond, Virginia

Carpenter started Sweet Briar in 2008, but took time off to work and get married. In 2015, she volunteered with Saving Sweet Briar, Inc. to rescue the school, then returned as a junior in fall 2016.

After a few years of working, I really explored what I wanted to do with my career and got to the point where I was ready to come back. But I wanted to get myself caught back up academically, so I enrolled in my local community college.

Then that March, we heard the announcement that they were going to try to close us. It felt like the rug had been pulled out from under me. So I got really involved in Saving Sweet Briar in Richmond. I did phone-a-thons; I did fundraisers. I came to campus and helped hand out roses to everyone. I sat with some students and helped them advocate.

We were able to save our school and when that announcement happened, my best friend was, like, “You have to get married here.” So I did in June, and I was just so lucky to come back this August. I’m a history major, and I’m hoping to go to law school.

I am very different from my first time here. I am such a better student. I am so excited

Carly Cahill
International affairs major from Powhatan, Virginia

Cahill transferred to the University of Richmond after the closure announcement, then came back to Sweet Briar as a junior this fall.

There’s a certain Sweet Briar charm that extends to the people who work here. Everyone is incredibly kind here. They will go out of their way for you in a way that is very uncommon. And it was a little bit shocking to be at another school after a year of getting used to the Sweet Briar treatment, to be at a place where I just felt a little bit more like a number, just another student.

A lot of my friends stayed here, and they were all having wonderful experiences. They were enjoying their departments, and a lot of the professors I really liked had stayed here as well.
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—ADRIANNA CARPENTER

for all my classes. I don’t have to drag myself out of bed. I don’t find myself saying, “I’ll just blow this class off.” Part of that is my commitment to the subject matter, but the other part of it is, I broke that habit by having to go to work. My first year here I treated this a lot like high school, where this was an obligation, whereas having left and come back, I’m treating it a lot more like a job and like a privilege.

We worked so hard to save Sweet Briar, and I wanted to be a part of this. I wanted to finish, because someone tried to tell me I couldn’t, told me girls my age don’t value this.

My parents were encouraging about me trying another school just for stability, but as I realized that Sweet Briar was where I supposed to be the whole time, they were so happy that I was making a choice that made me happy.

Some of my friends at the University of Richmond didn’t understand it. I guess in a way it looks like giving up on the new school. But for me, it was a brave choice, because I had to choose to leave the status quo and go back to where I love.

We just had Step Singing, and it’s one of those traditions that I think is so important to the culture of Sweet Briar. You have all these people doing different things, but then they all come together for this moment, and there we are as a school.

I’m so happy to be back. I had a lot of very good experiences at the University of Richmond. But ultimately, your spirit knows where home is.

Narangerel Boldbaatar
First-year student from Mongolia

On her computer in Mongolia, Narangerel Boldbaatar set out to look for an American college. She wanted some place small that could offer her a liberal arts education and financial support. Above all, she wanted a peaceful place to earn her bachelor’s degree.

Naraa found Sweet Briar and started her first year this fall, one of eight international students on campus in what administrators hope will turn into a global forum for women’s leadership.

Naraa, 19, says she’s delighted by what she’s found here. The College offers flexibility in choosing classes and majors that she couldn’t find in Mongolia, she says. She’s planning to major in business and management. Her favorite classes are biology and calculus.

“The things that we learn in class are really useful not only for the specific major that we choose, but also for life,” she says. “The teachers’ teaching techniques are great. I love my professors. I would like to call them family rather than teachers, because even when you feel homesick or troubled they are ready to help you anytime.”

Naraa went to high school in her native Mongolia, a land-locked country between Russia and China. Unlike many students, she couldn’t easily visit campuses. So she logged onto collegeboard.org and started searching for the right school. She applied to several places, and had three offers of admissions. “My parents talked and decided to send me to Sweet Briar because they think that Virginia is a really suitable and peaceful environment to study,” she recalls. “And now I am glad that I am here.

“If I were to pick the best thing about Sweet Briar it would be people. All people, including staff, teachers, alumnae, and students, are so great—really helpful and caring. I feel like I am at home here.”
Alive Again
Sweet Briar College, which came back from the brink of closure in 2015, has been named one of the best women’s colleges in the country.

As Town & Country reported on its Website, educational institution data company Niche, which last week released its ranking of the best women’s colleges across the country, says its numbers are “based on key statistics and student reviews using data from the U.S. Department of Education.”

One of our juniors wrote: “Sweet Briar allows students to balance a rigorous academic course load with extracurriculars and internship and research opportunities. This college prepares students for success in the ‘real world.’”
It’s a gray, overcast day at Sweet Briar, not a great time for photographing wildlife, but Medford Taylor is headed out with his camera, anyway. After decades traveling the globe on assignment for such publications as *TIME* and *National Geographic*, after years of creating books of his nature photography, Taylor is teaching his art to students at Sweet Briar.

His first class, Introduction to Digital Photography, has 10 students learning the basics of camera work and developing photographic projects this fall. Next semester's class has a waiting list.

Only one of his current students, he notes, is an art major. “I understand we’re not going to get a career photographer out of this class, though I’d welcome it if we did,” he says, “but it could be an avocation later, no matter what they do, whether they’re lawyers or engineers.”

Taylor’s connection to Sweet Briar started more than a decade ago, when he began working with Professor Lincoln Brower to photograph monarch butterflies in Mexico. Taylor gave lectures on campus in 2009, while he had a fellowship across the highway at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts.

Shortly after, Sweet Briar hosted an exhibition of his work in Babcock Gallery: “‘Silent Journey’: A Photographer and Millions of Butterflies Travel to the Heart of Mexico.”

But nothing could have fueled his passion for Sweet Briar quite as much as the events of 2015, after the College announced plans to close.

“I watched the video of Mayor Teresa Tomlinson’s commencement address at Sweet Briar and I was hooked,” he recalls. “This was such an inspiration for me in my own life, that I knew I would be a supporter of SBC from that day on.”

After the College remained open, Taylor was asked if he would consider teaching in the studio art department. Taylor, who had always wanted to teach, didn’t hesitate.

“I am excited and feel so fortunate to be on the faculty at this propitious moment in the life of Sweet Briar College,” he said. “I truly believe that Sweet Briar is destined to be stronger and even more relevant than at any time in its 115-year history.”

He says the aftershocks of the attempted closure can still be felt on campus. “The conversation always comes back to that,” he says.

“There’s a certain dynamic on this campus because of what’s happened. They had a birthday party for President Stone the other week. It was a surprise. They brought him into the area outside the dining hall. That place was packed with students and faculty. It was quite emotional.”

Taylor’s home is in Richmond, but he and his cat, Cool Hand Luke, spend three nights a week in an apartment on Faculty Row. He says he feels at home on campus, already.

“I grew up in a small town in North Carolina, and this is like being in a small town,” he says. “The other night, about sunset, there were 10 deer in the front yard.”

He often finds himself roaming the campus, shooting pictures of wildlife. “I’m shooting all the time. I have to take pictures: it’s part of my DNA.”

In a career that spans more than 30 years, Taylor has covered events, people and places all over the world, ranging from the civil rights movement to Mexico’s monarch butterfly migration to the Australian outback.

Born in North Carolina and a graduate of High Point University, Taylor served five years as a naval officer, including in Vietnam, before discovering his passion for photography after attending the University of Missouri Photojournalism Workshop.
Following a brief stint in the university’s graduate program, he launched a lifetime career in photography, first as a staff photographer for the Houston Chronicle and later the Virginian-Pilot in Norfolk.

Taylor soon moved on to freelance, completing numerous assignments for National Geographic Magazine, NG Traveler, TIME, Newsweek, GEO, Air & Space magazine, Turner Broadcasting and many other organizations and publications. His work appears worldwide in periodicals, books and on the Web.

His book Saltwater Cowboys: A Photographic Essay of Chincoteague Island was published in 2002. Taylor says he feels fortunate to have “lived a life in photography,” but he’s excited about the next stage in his career.

People ask me, “When are you going to retire,” he says, “and I don’t even know the meaning of the word.” With that, he took his camera and left the Art Barn to shoot photographs on a gray, overcast day.
In Memoriam

If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for name and address.

1932
Ruth Thompson Lathrop
August 28, 2007
Annetta Robertson Miller
Date unknown

1933
Madeline Hawes
August 15, 1980

1934
Bettina Silva Callaway
August 26, 2015
Elizabeth Philips Hastings
May 11, 1997
Elizabeth Spray Henson
March 27, 2002

1935
Ina Bradley
July 18, 2011

1936
Lillian Cabell Gay
May 6, 2016

1937
Dorothy Price Roberts
August 22, 2016
Elizabeth Sicard Sita
February 11, 2013
Betty Lewman Wrightman
December 10, 1997

1938
Charlotte Rice Adkins
January 11, 2014
Mary Ann House Carr
May 30, 2016

1939
Augusta Saul Farrier
June 6, 2016

1940
Ardean Alexander Casey
November 2, 2014
Jacqueline “Jackie” Sexton Daley
August 15, 2016
Kathryn Lubs Furber
February 16, 2008
Jean Tyree Oseth
March 23, 2016

1941
Joanne Lilly Abbott
November 1, 2015
Jane Clark Harrich
February 27, 2016
Alice McBee
November 26, 2012
Angela Cardamone O’Donnell
March 24, 2016
Mary Scully Olney
June 24, 2016
Virginia Smith
June 16, 2009
Sarah “Sally” Esler Walters
March 2, 2016
Grace Lanier Brewer
August 25, 2016
Frances Claiborne Guss
June 20, 2016
Elizabeth Hanger Lippincott
August 19, 2016
Julia Groves Martin
March 2, 2016
Florence Bagley Witt
August 2, 2016
Anne Mitchell Albyn
May 30, 2016
Anne Tweedy Ardery
August 5, 2016
Betty Braxton Preston
February 17, 2016
Mary Kinkle Sullivan
August 29, 2013
Ann Seguin Britt
March 27, 2016

1942
Margaret Stafford Gould
November 25, 2014
Shields Jones Harris
February 17, 2016
Jennie Keeling Mansfield
March 29, 2016
Elizabeth “Becky” Knapp Herbert
September 6, 2016
Joan Mathis
May 16, 2016
Mary Kennedy Moore
July 13, 2016
Marguerite Rucker Ellett
June 15, 2016

1943
Ellen Boyd Duval Miller
May 18, 2016
Katherine Steil Neese
October 17, 2015
Adeline Taylor Nunez
February 14, 2014
Gene Patton Odell
April 19, 2016
Joyce Livermore Foust
January 3, 2016
Suzanne Brown Little
August 19, 2006
Ellen Dodson Wightman
June 20, 2016

1944
Patricia Levi Barnett
June 1, 2016
Elizabeth “Betty” Ruth Cleaver
July 5, 2016
Carolyn Aubrey Humphries
July 26, 2016
Patricia Burke Phelps
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Evelyn Kagey Taylor Lee
May 17, 2016
Mary Illges Brown
August 15, 1999
Anne Johnston Cook
January 21, 2002
Linda Bartlett Thompson
Date unknown

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Patricia Brown Young
May 6, 2007
Hope Reynolds Conte
August 17, 2005
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January 17, 2016
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August 30, 2016
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Harriet Adelson
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Linda Adams Ahlquist
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January 3, 2016
The Sweet Briar alumna for whom the College’s Margaret Jones Wyllie ’45 Engineering Program is named has died. “Peggy” Wyllie passed away Wednesday, July 13, 2016, at her residence in Troy, Va. She was 92.

When Wyllie entered college in 1941, her dream of being an engineer seemed beyond her reach. In those days, universities with engineering programs rarely admitted women and no women’s college in the country offered the degree.

Today, there are only two, and Sweet Briar is one of them.

In early 2010, the College announced that Wyllie and her husband, the late Malcolm Robert “Jesse” Wyllie, had given Sweet Briar $3 million to endow a fund to support the then 5-year-old program. In recognition of the gift, it became the College’s first named academic program. Peggy Wyllie’s legacy is that it continues to thrive.

The ABET-accredited (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc.) Bachelor of Science degree in engineering helps distinguish Sweet Briar among small liberal arts colleges. It also allows the College to contribute to nationwide efforts to increase participation of women and other minorities in STEM fields through outreach such as the Explore Engineering camps for high school girls.

Wyllie director Hank Yochum, a professor of physics and engineering, says he could “go on and on” about what the gift to name the program has meant to Sweet Briar engineering.

“It’s had a dramatic impact on our success,” he said. “Earnings from the Wyllie endowment provide scholarships to help attract talented engineering students, help purchase equipment to keep our students working with the newest technology, and support our Explore Engineering outreach events for high school women.”

As to the endowment’s impact on bringing more women into the field, he’s emphatic about that, too.

“I strongly believe the Wyllies’ gift has helped increase the number of women in engineering careers,” Yochum said.

Peggy Wyllie, born Feb. 27, 1924, in Charleston, W.Va., to Claude and Margaret Jones, decided to major in chemistry at Sweet Briar. She then earned a master’s in chemistry at Johns Hopkins University, where she met Jesse. She was doing post-graduate work in a lab across from his, according to an obituary in Charlottesville’s Daily Progress.

The two married in 1947. Jesse Wyllie went to work for Gulf Research and Development Co. in Pittsburgh, where he eventually became president. They bought a small Pennsylvania farm and raised their family while Peggy pursued interests in horseback riding and another passion she shared with her husband: auto racing. She raced in the 1950s and 1960s, then continued working on Jesse’s pit crew, according to the obituary.

Jesse Wyllie’s career as a scientist and executive in the oil industry took them to England, the Middle East, Texas and California before his retirement in 1978. They bought Cumber Farm in Fluvanna County, where they raised Angus cattle and boarded horses. A lifelong equestrian, Peggy Wyllie told Virginia Business magazine in 2010 that she continued to ride until she was 75.

She is survived by her son, Ashton Robert Jesse Wyllie, and daughter, Peta Jean Wyllie.

In addition to Sweet Briar, Wyllie also supported a number of organizations, including Martha Jefferson Hospital and the Charlottesville Senior Center.

The Wyllies’ endowment wasn’t their first gift to Sweet Briar engineering: From 2005 to 2007, they contributed substantially to the nascent program for laboratory renovations, equipment, computers and software.

Peggy Wyllie had wanted to be an engineer like her father, but felt denied by the circumstances of her day. At 86, she gave Sweet Briar $3 million to create opportunities for women that she didn’t have.

Because of her, Sweet Briar continues to offer young women who are interested in engineering, math and science another choice for pursuing their own dreams.

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She is survived by her son, Ashton Robert Jesse Wyllie, and daughter, Peta Jean Wyllie.

In addition to Sweet Briar, Wyllie also supported a number of organizations, including Martha Jefferson Hospital and the Charlottesville Senior Center.

The Wyllies’ endowment wasn’t their first gift to Sweet Briar engineering: From 2005 to 2007, they contributed substantially to the nascent program for laboratory renovations, equipment, computers and software.

Peggy Wyllie had wanted to be an engineer like her father, but felt denied by the circumstances of her day. At 86, she gave Sweet Briar $3 million to create opportunities for women that she didn’t have.

Because of her, Sweet Briar continues to offer young women who are interested in engineering, math and science another choice for pursuing their own dreams.
Martha Lou Lemmon Stohlman ’34 passed away in October 2015. She was 101 years old. After graduating from Sweet Briar College magna cum laude, she received her Ph.D. in psychology from Cornell University, and then went on to teach at Colorado College for nearly a decade. While abroad with the Foreign Service, she met her late husband, W. Frederick Stohlman, on leave from the Department of Art and Archaeology at Princeton University. They are survived by two daughters, Julie Stohlman and Suzanne Stohlman.

In 1954, the executive board of the Alumnae Association underwrote a project to create a composite picture of the College’s first 50 years. Martha Lou was finishing her term as chairwoman of the Alumnae Fund, and “her loyalty to the College as well as her ready wit and skill of expression had been ably demonstrated,” according to Julia Sadler de Coligny ’34. Approached by the executive board in 1955, Martha Lou agreed to write what would become The Story of Sweet Briar College, postponing a trip to Switzerland with her husband to work on the project. Working with a committee who acted in an advisory and critical capacity, the initial manuscript was completed in August 1955, edited by the committee, and published in 1956.

This important work not only tells the story of Sweet Briar but serves as a continuing example of Martha Lou’s love and dedication to her alma mater. For this, the College and its alumnae are eternally grateful.

From Martha Lou’s obituary, published in Town Topics, Princeton’s weekly newspaper:

A woman of great talent and curiosity, she was always active. In Princeton, she was one of the founders of the Princeton Study Center. An elder and, for two years, director of Christian Education, she was always involved in the life of Nassau Presbyterian Church. Serving on the Environmental Commission of the Borough, she was involved with studies on noise, traffic congestion, and excess mail.

Martha Lou was an avid participant as an alumna of Sweet Briar College, serving in many areas including the Board of Overseers as well as receiving many awards for her efforts.

The Presbyterian Church commissioned her to write “John Witherspoon: Parson, Politician, Patriot” on the occasion of the nation’s bicentennial. The Lemmon Tree is her unpublished memoir of growing up in the Ozarks. She also wrote many articles for various publications.

An avid reader, she was never without two or three books, covering a variety of subjects. Beginning with a trip to South America in 1937, her great sense of adventure took her to many places in the world. Always active, she loved the outdoors and visiting her many friends. With a keen eye for art, she made beautiful photographs and was an accomplished pianist. Her final two decades she lived at Pennswood Village in Newtown, Pennsylvania. Martha Lou will be remembered as a remarkable woman in all that she did, with a keen intellect, a generous spirit, and a quick wit.
Beloved by generations of alumnae, the Book Shop is among the favorite campus institutions receiving some long overdue attention.

As part of a larger project to improve the College’s e-commerce transactions, the Book Shop teamed with Shop Sweet—the Business Department practicum for students—and Daisy’s List, which sells items produced by alumnae as fundraisers for clubs or classes, to consolidate into a single point-of-sale and online marketplace. The technology in both the retail and online shopping venues were sorely out of date. The checkout and inventory management systems, for instance, had not been updated since 1988!

The team began by determining the Book Shop’s primary shoppers: students, alumnae and community members. Team members realized the new e-commerce system would need to connect with multiple platforms so other offices on campus could use it. The new system was ready to launch in time for Reunion 2016. Profits increased, and the Book Shop stayed within its budget, working with alumnae to establish some consignment relationships and purchasing at cash-and-carry markets to avoid buying in bulk.

Students in the Shop Sweet Business practicum evaluated what items sold best from which areas of the shop to help the retail team identify the most popular merchandise and create an improved layout for the Book Shop.

During Sweet Work Days in August, volunteers rearranged the shop to fit that layout. The main entrance to the shop still houses a table showcasing items connected to alumnae, faculty and staff. Home décor items are on display there and in the next room, along with jewelry, gift items and old favorites, like car magnets and stickers. The center room now has space for seating, as well as apparel displays. Many alumnae and friends may remember when the Book Shop was in a small building behind the library (now called the Sales Building), which had the feel of a boutique. The new layout replicates that experience.

The summer volunteers also weighed each item to calculate shipping costs, and photographed them for the shop’s website. This fall, Shop Sweet students are focusing on updating product descriptions and optimizing the website, as well as virtual tagging of the merchandise with different online search terms.

By Reunion 2017, the team expects to complete its major upgrades, just in time to launch new product lines in anticipation of serving more than 500 students on campus once again.

Would you like to volunteer to help or do you have a terrific idea for a product the Book Shop should carry? Email shopsweetbriar@sbc.edu, and drop by to see the changes and shop sweet next time you’re on campus!

Until then, shop the full inventory online at shopsweet.sbc.edu!
Joan Davis Warren ended up driving me and Ann Sheldon Campbell and Annie Moo back to Richmond, and Joan spent the night here at Cedarfield with me (on a cot in my living room!) before returning to Villanova, PA. We all agreed the trip to SBC for the day was well worth it. I have heard that Barbara Birt Dow has joined me in becoming a GREAT GRANDMOTHER with a baby girl being born to Barbie’s son’s daughter! (It’s a challenge to keep the generations straight!) All is well here in Richmond.

Julie Micou Eastwood: I am settled in at Weston of Brentwood, having been here for over a year and, except for a current quarantine because of an illness that has stopped all activities and requires us to have meals brought to our rooms, it is a well-run place. That too will pass, and I will be back to playing bingo and other pleasant activities.

Patty Lynas Ford: Reunion was splendid. Who would have thought, when we graduated in 1951, that some of us would return in 65 years to celebrate and to express our gratitude for the saving of our Sweet Briar. It was wonderful to see so many after not having seen them since graduation! The weather was perfect, various activities were worthy and the meeting in Babcock demonstrated how fortunate we are to have President Stone at the helm. He has done so much.

Those at our 65th Reunion were: Betty Brawner Bingham, Ann Sheldon Campbell, Joan Warren Davis, Mary Pease Fleming, Patty Lynas Ford, Carla deCreny Freed, Ann Mountcastle Gamble, Angie Vaughan Halliday, Susan Taylor Hubbard, Georgia Dreisbach Kegley, Joan Davis Warren. We made a phone call to Ann Sinsheimer in California. The Alumnae Office gave us a lovely meeting space. We had asked for a space with an elevator as some of us needed more than our 2 feet to meet on the second floor. They were most accommodating.

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Nice to be back in magazine format. Can you believe our 55th Reunion is next June? Put the date on your calendar, June 2-4, 2017. It would be great if as many of you are up to the trip can make it.

We have had a tiny get-together in July at Betsy Wilder Cady’s retirement community, Lasell Villages at Lasell College in Newton, MA. Joining her for lunch were Joanna Holbrook Patton, Phoebe Defoe Adams and husband Park, Martha Legg Katz and husband Bill, and me. There was lots of wonderful story telling about our SBC days. I will cherish the memory because we recently had word that Marty had passed away. She had found out only 3 weeks before her passing that cancer had spread through much of her body. It is so sad for Bill and the 4 children. A memorial service was slated for Oct. 24 in Weston, MA. Bill’s address is 11 Sunset Rd, Weston, MA 02493.

The New England Alumnae again were invited to Joanna Holbrook Pat-ton’s farm stand at Green Acres Farm on Aug. We were delighted to meet President and Mrs. Phillip C. Stone and Mary Pope M. Huston ’83 of the development team. Our classmates who attended were Pat Beach Thomson and husband Calvin. Phoebe Defoe Adams and Park, Nancy Morrow Lovell, our furthest traveler, and SURPRISE guest Thu Pham Nguyen (Lillian) from Falls Church, VA, and of course, Joanne and me. Phoebe’s granddaughter Catee has applied to SBC and came with her parents and a friend who is an incoming freshman! It was interesting to compare notes with alumnae from other years who came from as far as ME and NYC. Everyone is so impressed with Phil Stone and all he has accomplished under the most difficult circumstances. SBC has been very lucky to have him, and I hope whoever succeeds him has many of his same qualities. Joanna Patton has hosted us for more years than I can count, and we all appreciate her hospitality.

Anne Hoagland Kelsey was having a busy summer with family that she was looking forward to, and wrote that she wouldn’t be able to join us. Unfortunately, she has written to Jo-anne recently that on Sept. 20 husband John passed away after a long decline. They were in FL, but the memorial will be in NJ at a later time.

While Googling the Internet under Sweet Briar College I came across an article called “Sally’s Story,” which beautifully tells the story of Sally Miller Gearhart. It is well worth reading for those of you who are computer oriented. Sally has spent many years living and working in San Francisco. Now retired, she is a Professor Emeri-tus at San Francisco State University.

Speaking of San Francisco, Pat Layne Winks thanks all who wrote her messages of sympathy for the loss of beloved companion Henry. She says he loved being at our last reunion with her and she will try to get to our 65th.

Nancy Hamel Clark congratulated Joanna Holbrook Patton on her daughter Margaret being made Sub Priores of her convent. She said, “If you didn’t cry, I did” in her comment about the nuns serenading Joanie on her visit with “You’re the One” from our Senior Show!

Polly Plum Debuts is still working for DC tour companies, averaging 6-8 miles walking showing off monuments and memorials. More power to you, Polly. Even after my knee replacement I doubt I could keep up with you.

Clara McDonald Bax’s new address is 148 Prospect Hill, Nashville, TN 37205

Pat Beach Thompson had open-heart surgery; a deer went through Calvin’s windshield and Calvin had 14 pieces of glass taken out of his eyes. Despite all the disasters of the past 4 years, they are both in reasonably good health, have 3 great-grandchildren, see their children quite often, are enjoying the new house, and wake up each day with enthusiasm. Pat will update our Class Scrapbook for Reunion if classmates send her current bio and photos!

Laura Radford Goley asks if anyone has Ellen Sher’s address that they send it to SBC. She has been in touch with her by phone, and Ellen wants to get Reunion information.

“Kitchie” Roseberry Tolleson is “keeping on” and planning to come to Reunion.

The Alumnae Office only learned in May that Hope Reynolds Conte died on Aug. 17, 2005. She was a retired Emeritus Professor at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Her B.A. was from Adelphi University, M.A. from Hofstra, and Ph.D. from NYU. She wrote and co-authored several books of psychology.

Ginger Dreyfus Karren Lerner likes reading about all her friends in our newsletters.

Dorothy Grace Allen Hirs of Fairhope, AL died on Jan. 17. She is survived by a sister, 3 sons, and 4 grandchildren.
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It's been quite a trip since Sweet Briar almost closed, and so much positive has happened in such a short time. Congratulations are in order to those who have put so much work into bringing Sweet Briar back to life. However, much is still to be done. Please continue your support. SBC is in such competent hands now.

My best communication from a classmate came from Nan Locke Rosa last year. She and her daughter Mary-Nelms Parsons '85 visited SBC in Aug. 2015 and were amazed at the progress that had been made. 2 dorms were on the renovation list, the stables were in business, and a new food service company signed on. The campus was still beautiful and excitement was in the air. Elston Inn was in operation. They stayed in a lovely room with balcony overlooking “nothing more than delightful quiet woods.” And that was a year ago. So much has been accomplished since then.

Unfortunately during this hiatus, we have lost some of our classmates: Martha Black Jordan, Eleanor Johnson Ashby, and Patricia Tighe Walden. Anne Joyce Wyman’s husband, Joseph passed away. He was her caregiver. Our sympathy goes out to all their families.

Sibyl Whelchel Nestor died in July 2015 in Gallatin, TN. Born in Gainesville, GA, Sibyl grew up in Columbia, TN. She graduated from Brenau Academy and attended SBC. She married Bill Nestor Jr., in September 1952, and they lived in Oak Ridge, TN, until he finished the Oak Ridge School of Reactor Technology. Sibyl was an active volunteer, and when the youngest of their 5 children began kindergarten, Sibyl enrolled at the University of Tennessee and completed a B.A. in art education and an M.A. in library and information science.

She worked as a school librarian and as a technical librarian at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the Office of Scientific and Technical Information, and the Institute for Energy Analysis at Oak Ridge Associated Universities. In addition to Bill, Sibyl is survived by their 5 children and their spouses, Nell Nestor and Steve Yeldell, Bonnie Nestor and Charles Crume, John Nestor and Theresa Donahoe, Will Nestor and Karen Oakley, and Anne Nestor and Alan Candy, and 4 grandchildren.

We lost Jane Keating Taylor in February of this year. Jane was born 4/5/33 in Los Angeles. She graduated from Dana Hall School and SBC. Jane went to NY and entered the advertising field, becoming a leading copywriter and creative director, working for many prestigious firms. She married Robert T. Taylor in 1959, and in 1961 she and Bob bought a farmhouse on Mountain Rest Road in New Paltz, NY, and they had a home there ever since. While on family vacation in Scotland in 1976, Jane and Bob came upon a spectacularly situated old manor house in the Highlands that was for sale. They opened Ardsheal House, a gracious and comfortable country house hotel that served some of Scotland’s most innovative food. They retired in 1994 and returned to live in New Paltz full time. She is survived by husband Bob, sons Brigham and Jason Taylor, daughter-in-law Stella Deen, and grandchildren Claire and Luke Taylor. [Dilly Johnson Jones, Ann Collins Teachout, Ruthie Frye Deaton, and husbands stayed at Andsheal House on one of their group vacations and said Jane and Bob were terrific hosts. —B.K.]

Margaret “Peggy” Hobbs Shaw died in April 2016, in Oakland, CA. She was born on 12/13/32 in Baltimore, MD. She attended Garrison Forest School and graduated from SBC. She married Henry M. Covington on 9/10/55 in St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Baltimore County, MD, settling first in NYC and then Westport, CT. They had 3 children: Margaret Leigh Covington, Sally Wyeth Covington and Edward Spencer Covington. In the 1970s, Peggy was the Medical Education Coordinator at Norwalk Hospital, where she managed residency recruitment. Her second marriage, in 1980, to Thomas Shaw brought her ultimately to Naples, FL, in 1988. Peggy was a volunteer for many causes, and a caregiver to the sick and dying. Peggy was survived by her children, her brother Robert B. Hobbs, Jr., and 6 grandchildren.

Harriette Lineberger Steele passed away in June 2016. She was born on 7/29/32 in Charlotte, NC. She was predeceased by her husband, William Little Steele, III, and sister, Mary Louise Lineberger Roberts of Atlanta. Survivors include sons William Little Steele IV, John Caleb Steele, and Patrick Linehan Steele. She is also survived by grandchildren Kathryn Lineberger Steele and Harrison Linehan Steele; sisters Lillian Lineberger McKay (Dee Dee), Jane Lineberger Steele and brother and sister, Archibald Caleb Lineberger III, and several nieces and nephews. Harriette was raised in Belmont and graduated from Chatham Hall and SBC.

Mary Jane Roos Fenn, our class president, writes that grandson Colin was married in May. Colin is one of her late daughter, Pamela’s, twin sons. Daughter Susan’s daughter, Dana, is being married on April 15th next year and plans are under way. Dana lives in Santa Barbara, CA, and the wedding will be at a winery in Santa Ynez. There

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Yay! SBC Magazine again! I know you are so glad that SBC survived the crisis and I hope you all did your bit to help and are continuing to do so. But after nearly a 2-year absence, sadly, there are a lot of obits for our class. Here are some of the ones I have information on, not in any order. I have edited the obituaries, leaving out times and places of service since they are long past. They are from as far back as the spring of 2015. These class members are also listed in the magazine and their names are read at the spring memorial service. Our class sends sympathies and condolences to their families.

Ruth Frye Deaton passed away in Jan. 2016. Born 10/23/32 in Hickory, NC, Ruth graduated from Hickory High School and earned her B.A. from SBC. Ruth is survived by her husband of 59 years, Hugo L. Deaton; her sister, Mary Kathryn Hemphill of Hickory, and her children, David H. Deaton, Sarah D. Jones, Barbara D. McManus, Elizabeth D. Easton; and 11 grandchildren.

Elizabeth Wilson Brown died after a long illness in March 2015. Lib was born and raised in Savannah, GA. Following a distinguished career in the classroom at the Pape School and Mt Vernon Seminary, she went to SBC. There she met a UVa student, Frank E. Rutan, III. After their grand marriage in Savannah, they married in PA, where their children Eleanor, Frank IV, and Will were born. Lib put her ambition, wit and intelligence to excellent use in a fulfilling and successful career in marketing for Wyeth Laboratories. Lib was remarried to Ralph Brown, Jr. in 1975, and they remained together until Ralph’s death in 1997. She is survived by her children.

Margaret “Peggy” Garner Gustin passed away in April 2015 in Kansas City, MO. Peggy was born 2/21/1932. She attended SBC and the University of Missouri, where she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. Peggy married Albert ( Bert) Lyman Gustin III on 2/6/54 and moved to Kansas City, where Bert was affiliated with the Gustin-Bacon Manufacturing Co. Peggy was a devoted community volunteer, mother and grandmother. Peggy was preceded in death by Bert in 1986. She is survived by brother James L. Garner, Jr. (Hjordis Barr), daughter Lyndon Gustin Chamberlain, son-in-law, Richard Hunter Chamberlain, and granddaughter Hunter Gustin Chamberlain.

Mary Anne Bowsn Bell died 5/30/16. She was born in Brooklyn, NY on 5/29/32 and lived in Vero Beach, FL, for 21 years, coming from Guilford, CT, Wilmington, DE, Charleston, WV, Columbus, OH and Mendenhall, PA. She was originally a member of Trinity Church and sang in the choir for 10 years. She was a member of Community Church the past 11 years, attended St. Margaret’s School and SBC, where she was one of the founding members of Sweet Tones. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Daniel; daughters Mary Ann Bell, Jr., Lila Hartman, and Cecilia Huggins; and grandchildren, Steven, Brian (Megan), Chase, Thomas, Daniel, and Troy. The family held a private service at the John’s Island Cemetery in Vero Beach, FL.

Dallis Johnson “Dilly” Jones died in June 2016. Dallis was born in LaGrange, GA on 12/13/1932. She graduated from LaGrange High School and then went on to graduate from SBC. While at SBC she was president of the Student Government Association and a founding member of the Sweet Tones. She attended graduate school at the UGA, where she obtained her teaching certificate and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. During that year she met G. Paul Jones, Jr. of Macon, GA, and they were married on 7/2/55. She taught first grade at Ellsworth Hall School. She was active in the Alumnae Association of SBC. Dilly was predeceased by husband G. Paul Jones, Jr. and son, G. Paul Jones III. She is survived by her daughters, Sanford McAllister and Louise Jones Geddes; 84, and 6 grandchildren: Charlie Geddes, Giles Geddes, Lucia Geddes, Walker McAllister, Patrick McAllister, and Connor McAllister. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins and their families. [Dilly’s daughter Louise is very active in the Atlanta SBC club and has been instrumental in fundraising and finding students for the College. —B.K.]

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is a lot of excitement about this in Mary Jane's family. She has had a nice but quiet summer, no trips lately. All is well. 

Sissy Morris Long and her hus-
band are very active in their retirement
community. Sissy is our renaissance
woman. She wrote: "I continue to paint
in our art class here, where we have
excellent instructors and have loved it. I am finally editing and preparing
to publish that second book that I wrote long ago about growing up on a farm
during the Depression and it's historical
significance. Mrs. Eaton (November, the SBC writing teacher?) is often
over my shoulder! I am still on the
Symphony League Board and enjoy
our wonderful Symphony Orchestra
making a grand comeback with a new
conductor, Robert Moody. We have
9 grandchildren who have spread out
to Washington DC, Columbus, SC, Atlanta
and Nashville with the college and
graduate work. We're proud of them all.
Anne White Connell lives right
across the street and has been a real
joy to me. She drove to Austin to her
grandson's wedding in Sept. She is
very active in a good parish and
especially enjoying her granddaughter,
Kate (9). Betty Gene Orr Atkinson
is living where we are but is in the
hospital at this point and needs our
love and support. Anne "Peaches"
Davis Roane stays active too and
enjoys a good life still in her own home.
We had a birthday party together
for a friend in Sept. Every day is a gift,
and we treasure all of them."

A nice note from Mary Hill Noble
Caperon brings this news. "I still live
living at University Village in Charlott-
sville, VA in my condo with mountain
views in winter and from my 2nd floor apt.
where I enjoy a garden below, which
I don’t have to work in though I am
on the grounds committee. I keep
very busy what with walking my dog
and several other committees as well.
Love the people here including two
other SBC folks. Kitchie Roseberry
Tolleson '52 and Wayne Stokes Goodall
'48. This is not a huge place, so you
and attractive, too. What a realization!
We do have sad news, however.
So many have died since our last class
notes. This is the list:

1/7/14 Harriet Adelson
1/21/15 Robin Hiester Najarian
1/30/15 Florence Evans Semple
5/23/15 Evelyn Sanders Haugen
11/27/15 Ann Jeffers Hogarty
1/3/16 Patricia Meyer Robinson
6/7/16 Meta Space Moore
8/30/16 Susanna Bernard Odence

Of course, we send sympathy to their
families, and we, too, are saddened.
Some good news is that Mitzi
Streit Halla is doing such a super
job as our class president. She is
very organized and her husband said
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with Parkinson's. Her son Glenn lives very
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not very high. Tom has been ill and
requires full time nurses. Ann has
heard from Karen Looker Hyde, who
lives in WA now. She sold her house
in the woods of Vescuvius, VA, to two
ladies who run it now as a hostel for
Appalachian Trail hikers. Did you know
that property was once part of 100
acres owned by SBC? Ann, like all of us,
is so pleased with the phoenix-like rise
of SBC. We can take great pride in
that we helped.

Jerry Driesbach Ludeke even
took Amtrak to San Francisco to hear
President Stone speak. She, like others,
was very impressed.

I heard from Logan Bentley Les-
sona who is still in Jacksonville, NC,
but may be moving to Charleston next
year. She comes here to the Med. U.
for her cancer treatments and follow-ups
and will have a nephew here that
she could stay with. We hope to have
lunch together when she comes to
Charleston. She is still working on
a book: "Leaving Rome: After 40 years
of Dolce Vita." Her friend Gay Talese
writes that he is excited to be
here. I am still on the
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have been living on the coast of
the Atlantic Ocean in MA for many years
and their children and grandchildren
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The attractive Manters were
among a group I was with not long
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had together, relaxing and probably thinking
back some, too, but I believe we were
all mostly thinking of the fun of the
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We are back with class notes! While
at Reunion in 2015 and after talking
with most of our classmates there,
I felt that all the conversations
were particularly interesting, and so figured
out the reason! I think every one of our classmates
was smart and also kind
and attractive, too. What a realization!

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Camille writes that she is excited to be
moving in several months. I thought,
oh, no, as I remember her beautiful
big house in Buckhead and her pretty
garden, too. But... important here...
Camille writes that she is moving to a
high rise on Peachtree, only a few
blocks away and the feeling for her
is "cathartic"? So that is really good!!
And she mentioned that wonderful
Mary Boyd Murray Trussell and
her husband are coming for a visit in
the next few weeks. So many classmates
do keep up with each other! Are we
unique?

Phyllis Herndon, a native Virgin-
ian, but now long time resident of NYC,
writes that she just had a procedure
done on her eye that is making an
enormous difference. She is thrilled
with that. Phyllis is such a good thinker.
I like connecting with her! And I am not
alone in feeling that way.

Nella Gray Barkley writes that she
and friend Bill are headed to the
Grand Canyon to enjoy it on the
ground level! Nella has 2 grandchildren
at UVA; so we sometimes see each other in
Charlottesville, which is grand!

Kathleen Peeples Ballou
and husband Dennis have moved from
Atlanta back to Macon, Kathleen's
town! She had always kept a
house there as well as their place in
Atlanta, and I think also they have a
place in the mountains. Kathleen
has been playing lot of bridge and is a Life
Master, no surprise for us who know
she has such a good brain!
I, Emily Hunter Slingluff, am happy here in Virginia Beach. Our daughter and her husband live just a few houses away and son is doing surgery and cancer research at UVa. Grandchildren both recently happily married! I have been on many national radio shows since my newest, short book, “Peace” has come out. Sweet Briar is mentioned favorably in it, pages 13 and 14! My latest topic on a radio show was “Preventing Violence: Does Peace Begin in the Crb?” Several months ago, I made up a word for the best way for a parent to treat a child and that word has been spreading and I hope is helpful in reminding parents to work with the child instead of against the child. (More on my website, parenttogethering.com) So, life is full, but I still have some time for lovely solitude!

Most of us are keeping in touch with other classmates and surely we appreciate that we had not only wonderful, stimulating friends at Sweet Briar but also such good teachers, an incredibly beautiful campus, nice meals served to us in the lovely Refectory, and so much more in those 4 years. And, surely all of those influences, added to other influences, have made us what we are today, and we are thankful.

1959
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Thank you to everyone who wrote in! You can see what a difference pictures make—so keep on sending them. I think that I will just go ahead and start this newsletter. So-o-o, Aloha to all of you!!!

From her obituary: Priscilla Ann Millburn of Midland, TX passed away on 2/14/16, in Odessa, TX. A graveside service was held at Fairview Cemetery on 2/17/16. Priscilla was born on Aug. 29, 1937 in Corsicana, TX to Claude L. Milburn, Jr. and Isla A. Milburn. After graduating from Midland High School, she attended SBC. She also attended the University of Arizona, Oklahoma University, and University of Colorado. Priscilla traveled extensively in pursuit of her passion for genealogy. Priscilla also had a passion for acquiring oil and gas interests. She was known by all the courthouse clerks throughout the University of Arizona, Oklahoma and gas interests. She was known by all the courthouse clerks throughout the Pacific Northwest is beautiful as well. I have had record breaking heat (80’s and 90’s) for this time of year. Still lots of wind and rain and an occasional hail storm. My garden is blooming out of control. One of my mares had a colt the night before Easter, and that is like having a new grandchild. He has a bit of the devil in him. He and his mom are turned out every day into a field with other mares and colts and the “guys” chase and run and roll around just like all young males do. What a joy to watch. On a sad note, Priscilla Millburn who was in our freshman class, passed away in Midland on Valentine’s Day. I hadn’t been in touch with her for a while, and I am sorry for that. So for all of the members of the class of 1959, I want to say thank you for your friendship and for making my years at SBC such a great adventure. The memories are good!

Fortunata Azeros Gunter: Few 59ers will probably remember me because I was at SBC only for my junior and senior years. I was in Spain last May to do a 10-day Camino Walk pilgrimage tour from Leon to Santiago de Compostela. I went with 20 other pilgrims, mostly from New York. Since I’m living in the Philippines, I met the group at the Madrid airport. After Spain, I spent a couple of weeks in Orlando. Before returning to the Philippines, I had a few days layover in Burlingame, CA and had a chance to meet up with Min Ho Kwaan ’60, who lives in Palo Alto. She came to visit me in Manila last Aug. and I couldn’t wait to see her again.

Lucia Carozza Morrison: I am still managing to take care of my large gardens here and in Rehoboth Beach, DE and playing tennis bridge.

Betsy Duke Seaman: Peter, my wonderful, loving husband for 56 years, died in July 2015. He had been in health care for several years—mobility issues and dementia—so his death was a blessing for him, but a loss for me. Fortunately, our 2 unmarried children live in Richmond and our married daughter lives in Baltimore, so I have a strong support system. I will also have a grandson and granddaugh- ter nearby at W&L this fall. The other grandson will be at Sewanee. Our ’59 book group continues to meet monthly, which is a joy! We welcome visits from classmates!

Alice Cary Farmer Brown: I am sending greetings to everyone from Austria, where we will be headquar- tered June and July. We’ve invited President Stone to our apartment here in Vienna where he brings his family from SBC sometime this summer. We hope his visit will not coincide with our new adventure—an 8-day riverboat cruise with a group of friends up the Rhine from Amsterdam to Basel. Has anyone else done this? On the home front, our oldest grandchild (26) earned a M.A. in art history in May and already has a terrific job in NY. 3 other grandchildren are out of college and working, 3 are still in college and 1 is still in boarding school. Of course, they all give us tremendous pleasure. When Lee turns 80 in Aug., we will all celebrate at Fishers Island—quietly, he hopes! Love to all our classmates!

Penny Fisher Duncklee: Not much going on with me. I laughed and laughed when I had my birthday on March 28th. 79-years old! I thought it seemed like a big joke. I am still subscribing to my sentence I came up with a couple of years ago—the more years that are given to me, the more like a kid I dare to be! Luckily, I’m quite healthy. I do have “new eyes”—cataracts removed a couple of years ago—and “ear helpers.” Pretty much I only need the tiny hearing aids when I am listening to TV. A month or so ago, I learned that on my TV the sound is better on regular, not high-definition setup. So, I guess I am still learning stuff! I am so happy SBC still exists. I do hope the next president is a woman. We’ve got to see the example that gals can do anything they choose.

Gay Hart Gaines: I was elected to be a delegate to the GOP convention from Palm Beach County in Cleveland. I have been working hard on a series for next winter here in Palm Beach on “The Founders and Us: The Relevance of Our Origins.” I am thrilled that Pulitzer Prize winners have agreed to speak—Joe Ellis, Gordon Wood, Ron Chernow and David McCullough as well as Lynne Cheney, former head of the National Endowment for the Humanities. I am thrilled! Such famous people! Even so many institutions of education are no longer teaching about our founding fathers, it is so important that we try in other ways to bring our incredible and unique history alive.

Stanley and I are suffering from certain age-related problems, but grateful for every day we wake up and put our feet on the floor!

Elizabeth Johnston Lipscomb: The Lynchburg newspaper continues to report good news from SBC. It’s especially encouraging to read about the search for a new president—evidence that our college truly does have a future. Many of us have held this meeting possible with financial support and personal enthusiasm. Lloyd and I continue to enjoy our life at Westminster Canterbury. I am pleased to be serving on our board and learning more about the benefits of continuing care institutions. Keeping up with our busy sons and our 4 grandchildren, now ranging in age from 7 to 17, remains our greatest delight.

Jini Jones Vail: As usual we spend most of June and most of Sept. at our daughter Heather’s summer home at The Cape. In late Sept., 6 SBC roommates are meeting in SScuata, MA for a seaside rendezvous. This includes Mary Davis, Sarah Moore, Sandra Sylvia, Polly Taylor, Erna Westwig and myself. I am editing the last scene of my 3-act play entitled “Conversations with Queen Alienor of Aquitaine.” She is my 29 generations grandmother—yes, really! I have enjoyed bringing her into my century and together, returning to her century as we visit 6 locations that are important in both of our lives. Funny how many weird and funny family/world subjects we find to discuss!

Virginia MacKethan Kitchin: No momentous changes since last year. I am sorry I missed Reunion. I am busy with Sandbridge Beach in the summer with family and friends, church activities, docent at the Chrysler and Robinson libraries, volunteer with the Virginia Historical Society and attending many lectures and events. We are traveling to our son in Texas and our daughter in SF.

Lizora Miller Yonce and family on a Thanksgiving hike to Mary’s Rock in VA.

Betsy Colwill Wiegers: A crummy photo but the cast of characters is Gay Hart Gaines, Jackie Hekma Stone, Di Doscher Spurde—taken Spring 2016. A ton of laughs! Not much news at my age is good news.

at our daughter Heather’s summer
Fleming Parking Rutledge: This is a photo of me with the stunning mayor of Columbus, GA—the new chair of the SBC Board of Directors—Jeresa Tomlinson. She and her husband came to Trinity Church in Columbus when I preached there. I think she, more than any other single person, was the major impetus behind the SBC revival. I feel as if my news is very repetitious. It’s all about my new book. I can’t remember if I sent the photo of me and Dick when I won my award. You can readily find it by scrolling down on my home page www.generousorthodoxy.com. I don’t think I have any newer photos of us. Dick and I worry about our memories, but we are healthy and active. We have greatly enjoyed the outstanding theater season in New York, including Hamilton, but for me the standout was Lupita Nyong'o in Eclipsed—a powerful play about Liberian women enslaved during the Liberian civil war. This play is revelatory. Secretary’s Note: The Academy of Parish Clergy, Inc. proudly announces that the 2015 Book of the Year Award is awarded to Bearing the Unbearable: Trauma, Gospel, and Pastoral Care, written by Deborah van Deusen Hunsinger and published by Eerdmans. The Book of the Year Award is given to the best book published for parish ministry in the previous year. In addition, the Reference Book of the Year Award is awarded to The Crucifixion: Understanding the Death of Jesus Christ, written by Fleming Rutledge and published by Eerdmans.

working all the time selling real estate. I don’t feel too old for it! I hope potential clients agree! Sorrel Mackall McElroy: We are going back and forth to MD and just about finished restoring an old farm house. The last restoration of the bathrooms was 1937—fun and crazy to have this project! Ann Pegram Howington: I did go to Cuba last winter and it was moderately interesting. I got more from the great book “Waiting For Snow in Havana,” by Carlos Eire. He was a child refugee here in the 1960s and now is a Yale professor. There was no contact on the trip with real Cubans. There were Communist propaganda billboards about it. I had a wonderful time though! I am still hoping SBC will prevail and get even better than before. Everyone send money! Everyone send girls! I don’t seem to have tons of one or any of the other. Living Room Learning, a project of Atlanta SBC alumnae, is a huge success. It has now moved into Atlanta History Center in the winters. There are 400 or so attendees—all enthusiastic and wonderful!! I am so proud! I talked to Betsy Brawner Pittman yesterday. She has had a good time redoing her condo.

Susan Perry Farmer: We are still alive and upright, but don’t have a lot to say other than that Jerry and I still enjoy traveling, although it’s hard to understand why we would leave San Diego. He recently went to Wimbledon with 2 of our sons while I went to Pittsburgh to help my mother celebrate her 104th birthday. We go to Switzerland to visit another son at least once a year, and in March we had a heavenly R&R in Hawaii. I discovered a good review of Fleming Parker Rutledge’s book in The Weekly Standard this spring. Has anyone else seen it or read her book? Rew Price Carne: Nothing new here. Volunteer activities, golf and some travel. Virginia Ramsey Crawford: I now have 6 grandchildren and 2 great-granddaughters! Other news is that I sailed up the Saint Lawrence River on a fantastic cruise with Holland America.

Debbie Reischach Swan Snyder: Don and I are going to Hong Kong in Oct. and stopping in Maui for a week. Picture is the 515 lb. pumpkin we grew for the Damariscotta, ME fair. Going to try for a bigger one this year. Life is good. We are in Boothbay Harbor, ME 5 months; Naples, FL 7 months. President of our 21’s sailboat association in ME keeps me very busy. Getting a little creaky racing the boat but love it.

Barbara Sampson Borsch: We’re still commuting, LA to Philadelphia THINKING about moving to the East Coast. I do go to FL, NY and Worcester (the MA family has 16 mo. old twins.) All good reasons to do the dreaded “downsizing.” The closets are alarming/Cheers.

Mary Blair Scott Valentine: Swimming in Anguilla, where I try to find Claire Devenier and dinner with Stokie and Carter Redd, son-in-law. My 3rd daughter and her husband, Carter Redd (son of Mary Lew Cooper Redd ’57) are moving to Charleston, SC. Two of their daughters will be attending EHS in Alexandria, VA. Hope to see them lots.

Polly Space Dunn: No new news except that I lost my sister (Class of ’55). Very sad. We’re doing well and playing lots of golf.

Tabb Thornton Farinholt: Over July 4th weekend. We had children and some grandchildren here with us.

Kathy Tyler Sheldon: We are grateful to be well and hoping to get off sailing again next week. We do have our granddaughter near us in the summer theater in Gander and will get in to see her productions soon. Warmest wishes to all our friends.

Jane Wheeler Garcia: Love these golden years, which leave lots of time for family, friends, and reading! Want to give a shout out to our beloved classmate, Fleming. I have spent the last 6 months reading and studying her book “The Crucifixion, Understanding the Death of Jesus Christ.” This is a beautiful book, deeply moving and straight from the heart of God. If you haven’t read any of Fleming’s books, I suggest you start with The Bible and the New York Times! Grace and Peace to everyone.

Anne Wimbush Kasiann: I spent a month this spring in Sri Lanka and Southern India, and had a wonderful time. This summer I went to Ponte Vedra Beach, FL to visit Winkie, and on to Virginia for a family reunion. Hope you all had a very nice summer.

All Wood Thompson: Feb. was the successful replacement of the aortic valve (it was a cow valve—apparently they are more flexible than pig valves) in Plano, TX, where we stayed at son Tom’s townhouse. May was a trip to ME to see daughter Lynne and then to see my eldest granddaughter graduate from college in NH. I am now doing Cardiac Rehab at our hospital and am enjoying it—building up my endurance and muscles. At the moment I am practicing for the big Senior Hula Festival in Kona which takes place every year in Sept.—I just hope I remember all the moves! Then after that, Travis & I will head for the East Coast to see family and then fly off to Greece to tour the Greek isles for about 12 days.

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Linda Sims Newmark: My granddaughter, Mary Grace Williams, is a freshman at SBC, Class of 2020. I am looking forward to seeing the enrollment grow to sustain the College!! Westminster Canterbury is the perfect “senior dorm” for me. However, I can’t yell “man on the hall,” because men live here. Lots of interesting and fun neighbors who like to party. Went to Ecuador and Peru in March and Vienna, Austria in July. Life is good!!

Nancy Conson Gibbs: I am still playing tennis, roaming art galleries and traveling overseas. Took a great trip last summer zigzagging up the East Coast to ME. Just me & my GPS. One visit to Carolyn and Clyde Ratcliffe’s, where we kayaked on the Chesapeake. Really fun! Visited Robin Ould Rentsch on way home at their new retirement home in DC and went back
in the fall for another visit, this time joined by Elsie Burch. Such fun Robin, Elsie & I together once more. Then the 1,000-year flood came and things are not yet the same! Columbia, SC still has bridges and roads out.

Lucy Martin Gianino: Jack & I enjoyed summer at our Fire Island home with children and five grandchildren (ages 10 months to 12 years) coming and going. I spent a busy last winter & spring doing my real estate; however, now that fall is here I put back on my acting hat and just shot an episode of Showtime’s “The Affair.” Also, my movie “37” will have its first screening in a few weeks and I will be starring in “Driving Miss Daisy” at the Bristol riverside Theatre in PA in Jan. A lot of lines to learn! Meanwhile, Lura Coleman Wampler & I continue to be your class representatives; so I will be shooting off some SBC info emails. (Come on, you know you like to read them). I’m still so thrilled over the way you all rose to the money-raising occasion last May-June making us the non-reunion class winners with the largest dollar donation. BRILLIANT! What a class!

Lura Coleman Wampler: I so enjoyed meeting President Stone at a local reception at the Devon Horse Show in PA in the spring; I liked everything about him, especially his love for SBC and his firm conviction that our college will triumph. After our Reunion last year, Fred and I celebrated our 50th anniversary: first in Williamsburg and then at a fantastic party in July with all our local friends. Now, after a rather leisurely summer, my activities with my school, church, garden club and judging are back in full swing. As always, my favorite times are when grandchildren visit us at our farm, where they delight in the animals.

1961

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At Sweet Briar Reunion in June, 10 classmates enjoyed each other’s company. Elected as co-presidents were Maria Garnett Hood and Kate Grait Henchman. Bette Hutchins Sharland and Julie O’Neill Arneheim were chosen co-secretaries. Bee Newman Thayer and Mary Cosby Rinehart continue as Class Fund Agents.

Faith Bullis Mace: This FL resident enjoyed seeing Susie Philion Babcock at the Yacht Club in St. Pete. She plays tennis 4 days a week and bicycles 2, tryin’ to keep her right leg in shape—it has neuropathy and doesn’t know it!”

Janna Staley Fitzgerald: She toured both Eastern Europe and AK, which she loved. In Aug., Hans had a heart valve replaced, using a new TAVR procedure. He was out of the hospital within 2 days, and soon back to regular activity. The next trip is to Galveston, to visit their children at Thanksgiving. Back in Williamsburg, they garden and she does yoga.

Celia Williams Dunn sent a long and very fond remembrance of classmate Tita Hatcher. She and Larry continue their real estate business in Savannah and SC. Their 2 children have given them grandchildren aged 6, years, 3, and one month. She’s visited SBC 3 times in the past year and a half and, like all of us, is “so proud of what has been accomplished there by so many.”

Rue Wallace Judd reported the sad death of husband Ardon back in April. Up in ME for the summer, she spent lots of time in “the extraordinary Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens,” where she remembers biology with Dr. Sprague. She visited Nancy Coppedge Lynn in Brunswick and they got to see Stuart Bohannon Edwards. Rue looks forward to getting together with SBC friends in NYC in the fall. Judy Harris Cutting met her Tom at SBC and reports his sudden death in Jan. 2015. “A terrific shock to me and the children. One certainly grows up after such an event.” She reports “great support from family and friends and the Richmond community” and plans to stay in her home in the “Fan District.”

Lou Chapman Hoffman also received a visit from Stuart. She, Celia, and Mimi Lucas Fleming hope to get together soon, either in Savannah or the NC mountains.

FeeFee Mathews Tingley spends half her year in Wilmington, NC, to escape the cold in CT. She wrote from an airport on her way to an annual senior women’s golf event in which 8 North American women play 8 continents, this time near Calais. She’s “no longer a ‘player’ but a co-captain, as those baby seniors for 50 are a tad more flexible!” In Ireland in June, she, her husband and three couples walked 8 courses in 9 days, ending up in Dublin for the Curtis Cup Match (which the US lost). On her return, she’ll continue work with the USGA Museum out in Milwaukee. Like all of us, she’s proud of what SBC has done to surmount its difficulties.

Susie Prichard Pace’s grandson James graduated from VMI last June. She sends greetings to all.

Bette Hutchins Sharland and Jean continue working with her town’s umbrella civic organization. The fall project was a “candidates’ night.”

1962

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Martha Baum Carlton is planning a trip to Japan, and learning the language, to visit her son and his family (he is head of the Walmart Japan Division). Her twin grandchildren (8) attend the American school there. She and Mary Hannah are going on an SBC cruise from Spain to Rome. Martha will then go to Paris for a week to visit a longtime friend/boyfriend she met on her Junior Year in France!

Mary Hannah loves being retired and free to travel. A river cruise from Budapest to Amsterdam, a week in NYC, and a visit to FL (saw Martha Baum Carlton and Faith Bullis Mace) were all great. At home, she is a docent at Greenfield Village, sorts books for the local library book sale, and “climbs the family tree.”

Barby Ross Goode and family are doing well. One of their oldest grandchildren is 23 and working in Nashville. The other 6 range in age from 24, 22 (twins), on down to the “caboose” who is 8; all of them live in Charlotte. She has had several surgeries over the past 8 years, but keeps on trucking! Alice Allen Smyth and Barby do de-water aerobics at the YMCA four days a week—fun for both!

Betty Thomas Chambers has recently moved back to Lynchburg!

Fran Early: You really can teach old dogs new tricks! If you’d ever told Connie Newton, my co-writer, or me that we’d write a book, we would have happily bet against ourselves. Now after 8 years, “Doing Good… Says Who?” is out and getting great reviews. It grew out of sheer passion as we were both in Guatemala watching volunteers come and go, doing wonderful and not so wonderful things, but all with good intentions. We decided to try to share what we wish someone had told us, and what we knew could help others “do good better.” The 6 short stories are composites of over 400 interviews in Guatemala with volunteers, donors, nonprofits … and most uniquely and importantly, the intended beneficiaries of all their goodwill. The result is that the reader experiences the opportunities and challenges that happen on the ground when you work across cultures, whether at home or abroad. Through story telling, humor, practical advice and a discussion guide, 5 key concepts emerge that help readers evaluate their motivations, question assumptions and turn good intentions into positive outcomes. Folks are telling us it’s a good read, provocative while remaining positive, and should be required reading for all engaged in public service. Religious groups, service learning programs, university classes in theology, social work, international development, public service, etc. are using it. Friends have bought it for their grandchildren and others have bought it for retirees in the executive service corps. So I hope SBC alums will take a look and spread the word. I welcome feedback. Also, send the stories of your personal experience to the website blog at doinggood-day-in-day-out.com.

Thanks for these responses on such short notice. Do start planning to attend our 55th Reunion next year. We have so much to celebrate!

1963

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Greetings to the Class of 1963! Thanks to all who responded to my request for news! I’ll start with a couple of notes that arrived too late for my March 2016 publication.

Chris Devol Wardlow wrote, “What seems to keep us busy is changing houses. We sold our Littleton, CO house of 37 years almost 2 years ago and moved to Castle Rock, CO. We have also sold our home in Kauai, HI that we had for about 15 years and have traded it for a home in Vero Beach, FL, where we will spend the winters. Also in the mix is a farmhouse in MO built by my husband’s grandfa-thor in 1933. It needs a lot of TLC after having been rented for many years. Children and grandchildren (OR, WA and CO) are all doing well.”

Katharine Blackford Collins apologized for her late submission, “I was in the midst of returning to Seattle after 3½ months in Mexico AND moving into my darling little casita, less attractively known in this country as a “mother-in-law,” in my younger son’s back yard. Though by no means a spacious, place my new home does have 2BR/2BA, and I welcome guests.” This time around Katherine made the deadline and updated her news. “Although I spend most of my time in Seattle, I write now from WA, where I am soldiering on without my beloved mate, John. I initially thought I would never again engage in our favorite activity, backpacking in the Wind River Mountains, but my friends convinced me otherwise. Since arriving in WA in mid-July, I’ve done one 2-day stint and two 4-day treks. I am about to depart for Peru to hike around Ausangate on a 5-day trek. The pass, up to
17,000 feet, are the challenging part." Obviously turning 75 has not slowed Katharine down one bit! More power to her!

In June I had a great note from Lucy Otis Anderson, who was spending some family time on the beach at Pawleys Island, SC with David, daughters Lucy and Shirley. Shirley's husband Norm and two sons, Anderson (5) and Stewart (2), as well as her brother and sister-in-law. They were all planning a 3-day weekend Disney cruise in July—perhaps "Mickey Mouse should run for cover!"

In Aug., on my way to a board meeting at SBC, I had lunch with Jane Goodridge in Richmond. Jane is in temporary quarters until construction is complete on the new condo she has bought and is enjoying reuniting with old friends and making new ones. Her real estate agent was Mary K. Lee McDonald '65—as she says, "the old girls' network in action!"

And now to the most recent responses and current news. Margaret Millender Holmes writes "My news is that I'm healthier than I have any right to be considering that I really prefer living on red wine, peanut butter sandwiches and chocolate chips. Still riding, but not as far nor as fast as in years past. One lame horse is becoming my walk/trot companion and I'm finding it something of a relief to have an excuse for slowing down. Now isn't that a bummer!" Regardless, Maggie still intends to ride at our 55th Reunion in 2018!

Harriet Reese Jenson sends greeting to classmates from Denmark. "I am keeping 'active' and enjoying life. I traveled to Sicily in April with friends from Wilmington, DE, for a wonderful 10 days of touring. In July I took a trip with my daughter and her beau and 3 children to Boston and Cape Cod. It was great to see the many historic places and for me to show them to some of my grandchildren was extra special. We ended our trip in Martha's Vineyard visiting Reese's cousins. Aside from my travels, there is still tennis and golf on the program, plus bridge, history of art courses and book club. My 21-year-old granddaughter has started studying political science at the Univ. of Arkansas this Sept., which is exciting for her—and for me!"

Ann Funkhouser Strite-Kurz says, "Not much to report other than we are taking a 2-week cruise down the Mississippi on a brand new paddle wheeler with American Cruise Lines. This has turned out to be an ideal way to recover from carpel tunnel surgery. My left hand was done in June, but I saved the right hand for Aug, knowing I would miss having its use far more. Simple things like brushing one's teeth are quite clumsy initially, but I look forward to getting back to some "pain free" tennis and stitching eventually. For those who might need it, I recommend the new endoscopic procedure for this—tiny incision and very little discomfort." Surgeries are popular!

From Rinda King deBeck, "My big news is I finally had some long overdue cararact surgery and I can see again! I was a danger behind the wheel the last few months! There is a gaggle of 12 friends I grew up with here in Greensboro, now widely scattered, and we are coming in a couple of weeks in Asheville to celebrate our 75th birthday year. As for the class of '63, Happy Birthday to us all!"

Barbara Sullivan Wanamaker reports that she is still working, running her own real estate company, a small boutique office in Huntington only a year and a half old with 20 agents and enjoying not being involved in the big corporate empires of real estate. Oldest daughter Amy is an agent in her company. Amy and husband Joe have three boys (14, 12 and 9), Son Dave sells real estate in NYC, and other daughter Laura lives in Forest Hills and works at Penguin Random House in NYC. Barbara says, "Not too much excitement on my end, but maybe at our age that's not a bad thing!"

Cynthia Livingston Gibert sends the sad news that husband Steve died earlier this year. We certainly send her our sympathy. Cynthia continues to work at the Veterans Medical Center in DC and "trying to decide what to do going forward."

Nancy Dixon Brown had a fabulous trip to Italy in May, visiting many of the old hill towns. She continues to tutor a group of Hispanic kids at a school in the USA this year, we have decided to fly to Lisbon in early Dec. and float across the Atlantic to Ft. Lauderdale on the Seabourn Quest, arriving home just before Christmas. It took me 6 months to complete all the paperwork of closing my business, but now I am finally completely retired.

I was at SBC for a board meeting in Aug. and continue to be so impressed with the work that is being done to restore the College to its former prominence. The alumnae did an awesome job of representing us at college fairs across the country, and we had a second number of applications. There will be a continued push for money as we try to overcome the deficit that the "closing" caused. Overall, SBC is doing well and forging ahead, and I must tell you it is an honor and a privilege to work with our amazingly dedicated board and Pres. Stone. As you all probably know, he will be leaving us in June after we have secured a new president and the search committee is hard at work. We owe him much, because without him this whole endeavor might have been fruitless.

Lee Kucewicz Parham checked in at 9:00 PM on deadline day—and says she really doesn't have much news. She and Stevie Fontaine Keown walk as often as they can, but the summer heat and humidity have been tough. They helped out at a college fair for SBC in Aug. and report they still have to explain that SBC is alive and well. [I have heard this from several others—speak up for us whenever you have the opportunity!]. Lee ordered and read "Irene Pschorr Belknap's" mother's memoirs and highly recommends the book. Fascinating!

Finally just under the wire I head from Mary Ann Utterback Burritt—"Jim and I have had a great year compared to the last couple (due to medical complications). We went to Amsterdam, Paris and the Champagne Region for 3 weeks this spring and have spent the summer on our boat going south to Beaufort, NC and north to Philadelphia." All their family gathered for the 4th of July, and their daughters, Cheri and Kendel, treated her to a week at Seabrook Island for her 75th. Now they are planning a trip to Australia and New Zealand early next year. Mary Ann's daughter (and my goddaughter) Cheri has been a tremendous help with "Saving SBC" and particularly trying to make the Elston Inn a profit center for the College.

Heinz and I (Allie Stemmons Simon) have spent a peaceful summer in Snowmass Village, CO and dreaded returning to 90 degree heat in TX. It was absolutely beautiful with the aspens all yellow and gold and a brilliant contrast to the evergreens. Despite saying that we would not budge from the USA this year, we have planned to fly to Lisbon in early Dec. and float across the Atlantic to Ft. Lauderdale on the Seabourn Quest, arriving home just before Christmas. It took me 6 months to complete all the paperwork of closing my business, but now I am finally completely retired.

Deaths:
Mary "Dootsie" Duer Colen
Genie Johnson Sigler
Angie Whaley LeClercq
Wendy "Svanna" Wilkens

Peggy DeBuys Johnson writes: "Here's the best news I'll ever offer you! Jerry L. Johnson and I got married on Aug. 27, 2016 at my sister's house on Cape Cod, near Woodshole. It was a very small wedding—22 in all. Libby Kopper Schollaret '64 (freshman year roommate) and Milbrey Sebring Raney '65 (senior year roommate) were with us. It was a beautiful weekend. Sisters Judy (aka Louise) and Laura gave me away, and brother Bill performed the ceremony. It was the first time my nieces and nephews had all been together in a very long time and they got to spend time with their nieces and nephews ranging in age from 3 to 5. It was a grand occasion all around that would not have happened without my sisters and niece Liz's experienced and loving efforts. Jerry and I have sold our respective houses in NJ this past year and are now in FL full time. Contact information has been updated with SBC. If you come this way, do let us know."

Grace Mary Gary Oates lost her spouse and our class's unofficial "Best Husband," Wally on Oct. 30, 2015. A funeral mass was held in DC on Feb.20, 2016 and was attended by several classmates.

Jo Ann Kramer, upon hearing the news that SBC's credit rating has been boosted 3 levels by Standard and Poor's, rejoiced: "Great news ... Lots of work and continued belief in the impossible required going forward!" And lots of work and belief in the impossible by Jo Ann has been instrumental in getting our alma mater to this point! Margery "Kala" Feigh writes: "Not really news, just enjoyment of and gratitude for my life with Bob, family, friends, art and writing, Ongon practice, garden with lots of eat and freeze, duplicate bridge, our cat, and bushels of blessings."

Margery and I both share the sentiment that we are overwhelmed at
our recently deceased classmate and friend, Wendy "Svarna" Wilkens’s accomplishments. When we are all gone, I hope someone puts all our obituaries together. The things Sweet Briar graduates accomplish is staggering.

Martha Tucker Harvey shared this news: “I am joining Grace Mary Gary Oates for a week in Rome this fall. Just a warning to all that we are loose together. Further installments to come. Ralph (husband) and I are now spending six months in TX and summer months at our lake place in VA. We still call TX home but wait until the weather cools there before returning in the fall. The best of both worlds.”

M.C. Elmore: I am enjoying spending about half the year in Culpeper, VA, giving me the opportunity to go to Sweet Briar for Sweet Work Weeks, Founders’ Day, and this year’s Reunion. It was great to watch freshmen arriving on campus this year. I have also had the pleasure of getting to know alums from several decades and of spending time with a number of our classmates. Especially enjoyed working with V M Galgano, Lynne Crow, and Alice Stewart at this year’s Sweet Work Weeks. Exciting things are happening at Sweet Briar. It is great to be part of it.

Your scribe has spent a highly unusual year traveling back and forth from Santa Clarita (Los Angeles) to Honolulu, remodeling the family home. If you are heading to Hawaii, come visit. There wasn’t a lot of time between notice and deadlines. My apologies for any errors and omissions.

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Eugenie Dickey Caldwell and Peter did a 3-week birding safari in Kenya and Tanzania in July. The mammals up close and unafraid were at least as wonderful as the 414 species of birds. She sends her love especially to Mel and Alberto.

Mary Ellen Freese Cota celebrated Mexican Independence Day 9/15 with daughter Vicky and her family. Mel and Alberto will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Oct. 8. Mel met Alberto on the Queen Mary in Sept. 1963 en route to her Junior Year Abroad. They kept running into each other in Paris and had just enjoyed soupe l’onion in Les Halles and started back to the home she was sharing with Eileen Stroud Clark when the taxi driver told them about Kennedy’s assassination. Vicky’s paintings are in the University of Mexico facilities in Chicago this fall and Vicky attended the Sept. festivities. Mel’s older son lives in Norwalk, CT and works in NYC. He has 3 lovely and talented daughters (8, 9, and 12). Her younger son lives and works in Mexico City. Alberto is troubled by macular degeneration, but Mel is well and continues teaching yoga twice weekly in Queretaro, where they retired 15 years ago.

Mary K. Lee McDonald sends congratulations to all of our classmates who helped SAVE SBC! She is looking forward to our next reunion. In June her family had John’s burial service with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery, a moving and awe-inspiring event. She is grateful that Jane Merkle Borden and Lynn Morgan Reynolds were able to be there for support. Mary K. keeps busy with travel, real estate activities, and family, and sends hugs to all.

Laura Haskell Phinizy and 11 family members convened at Kanuga in the NC mountains for a week; daughter Laura and her twins stayed a second week. The grandchildren are at fun stages, from 10 to 13 years. Laura is thankful for the good times.

Sally McCrady Hubbard downsized a year ago and moved into a duplex in the Sewanee village within walking distance of church, brother, concerts, lectures. She chairs a caregiver group and frets year-round how best to fundraise for the school in Uganda that she visited in 2014. This year’s effort will include a bicycle ride and a silent auction of African art objects, jewelry, etc. If you have any languishing in a closet, please donate them! Her daughter Anna (50) is a caregiver in San Francisco. Son Hayne (49) is VP of Internet Sales for Mouser Electronics and lives in Fort Worth. Sally had a short and sweet visit with Laura Phinizy Haskell in July. Sally and stepdaughter Annette will visit Guanajuato, San Miguel de Allende, and Mexico City, and spend Thanksgiving with Mel Freese Cota and her family in Queretaro.

Peggy Jones is retired from practicing law and enjoys horse riding around and messing with growing stuff at her family farm in MS. She is trying to reconnect with Molly Pool, Melinda Musgrove Chapman and Sudie Donovan. New email is shoca246@gmail.com.

Saralyn McAfee Smith and Hamp celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June and are in daily contact with their 2 granddaughters Sierra and Cheyenne. Saralyn is the recording secretary for the Dodge City Chapter of the DAR and has enjoyed recent DAR conventions. She and Hamp traveled to NJ for her 55th high school reunion and also to exhibit the 200-year-old sampler stitched by Hamp’s great-grandmother in Princeton’s Morven Museum exhibit of NJ school-girl samplers.

Alice Mighell Foster Ficken sadly reports that husband Charles died unexpectedly on March 19th of this year. She and Chuck were married for 13 years, and she is grateful for their wonderful, happy, fun life together.

Carol Reifsnyder Rhoads says that she and Bob sold their house in Shreveport after 24 years and are building in Clemons, NC near Winston Salem. They will be close to their daughter’s family (3 grandsons). While exploring NC options, they visited with Brenda Muhlhauser Barger and Hugh in Davidson. While the new home is under construction they are staying in their CO house. Carol and Bob celebrated 50 years of marriage with their 3 kids, spouses and grandchildren in Maui in June.

Foy Roberson Cooley and husband Ken (68) went to Copenhagen for the wedding of their son Eric (Air Force para rescue special ops) and the oldest daughter of the Danish au pair who took care of him when he was 8. The bride’s mother hiked with Foy in the beautiful Dolomite mountains in NE Italy near Austria. Foy and Ken have fished in Patagonia every year for 18 years but expect this year to be the last. Foy was in San Francisco in May and had dinner with Mona Thornhill Armisted—pretty and smart as ever. Foy has retired from retirement and is now a better CEO of their company than ever, enjoying the best years of all.

Milbrey Sebring Raney and Bev sold their Austin home after 26 years in...
TX and moved to the mountains of NC. Bev is "tar-heel born and tar-heel bred" and the pull was irresistible. Mibs had a lovely reunion with Elvira McMillan Mannelly in Sept. in Atlanta. Best to all!

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( caveat: Some editing was required for space purposes, please forgive what was mangled or omitted) Every check-in received talked of Reunion, even those who (sadly they say) missed it. It was fun and awe inspiring. Lots of promises to stay in touch and "stay the course." And lots of kudos to the Reunion team and especially to Gracie Butler for spearheading class fundraising. As of July, Our Class giving was $1,283,720, with 45% participation. Compare this with 48% participation at Reunion 45, with $47,904 of donation.

Rab Willis Thompson: I was deeply moved by the warmth and kindness of my classmates, as well as the good cheer and humor. I am so glad I went.

Marcia Pace Lindstrom: Cheers to our class for the awesome response to the Next Is Now campaign! Our Reunion was put in jeopardy when the decision to close the College was made a year earlier. Having a campus to return to and celebrating a year of miracles was an unforgettable experience. It was a joy to be with old friends, to connect with classmates, and to meet dynamic alumnae from all classes who care deeply about Sweet Briar. I received a Vixen Kit as an Alumnae Admissions Recruiter to use at college fairs in my area. It’s great to have another way to contribute.

Abby Patterson Shultis: Spirits were high and a feeling of great relief compared to last years’ Reunion. We are a very lively, interesting group! I like the idea that we can go back now to any “post 50th reunion” and not wait 5 years to see each other. President Stone’s dynamic manner and plans really impressed me. I was also tickled to tears that our class was honored for our fundraising results.

Penn Mullin Fullerton: To renew old friendships and make new ones was so affirming. Keenan and I got to share a room with Pearl Riggan Adamsen and just loved this, since being in different dorms, we had never really gotten to know her as well. Inspiring to see how we are all centered on living our lives to the fullest NOW, trying new things, totally embracing computer technology, enjoying extended years of working.

Peggy Gilmour Myers: Although I could attend only the Friday activities of our 50th Reunion, I thoroughly enjoyed the evening, which included an entertaining skit of our years at SBC (remember those portable hair dryers) and the brief but informative summary of the amazing rebirth of our college (hurray to all who made the miracle come true!). Everyone on the campus looked so proud and happy!

Martha Madden Swanson: I was very encouraged for the future of the College. It was lovely to be back in such beautiful, peaceful surroundings, especially with all the hate so prevalent in the world.

Jane Nelson: A wonderful 50th Reunion. It was so good seeing and reconnecting with those of you there and with those of you by phone prior to. College updates were very positive, impressive, and promising—a remarkable leadership group.

In other news, Makanah Dunham Morris received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago in May (which makes her Rev. Dr. Makanah Morris)! She certainly “showed her stuff” as one of 3 class leaders in the Reunion Chapel Service of Remembrance. Makanah is ordained in the Unitarian Universalist Church. Kathy Carroll Mathewson is an Episcopal priest, and I (Keenan) am a Presbyterian minister. All of us now retired but active clergy. Rev. Harriette Horsey Sturges led our moving class memorial service Friday night.

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Pamela Jones Brown was sad to miss Reunion but grateful for the portable hair dryers and book—it made her feel included. She is still creating and selling her Stoneprints Jewelry and loved donating to the SBC online auction and talking with the lucky bidder. She finish her memoir in 2015 but still writing each day and hopes to publish an article about heart attacks in women, “as no one was more surprised than me to experience on June 2. The beauty of a SBC education is that we all keep learning and growing and I’m grateful that spark is continuing for other young women because we saved our school and all the memories.”

Another author is Robin Cutler. “Such Mad Fun: Ambition and Glamour in Hollywood’s Golden Age” was just published to positive initial response from a starred Kirkus review, good mention in Vanity Fair, and a lovely review from Betty Booker Morris (“Coming from Betty it was humbling.”) It’s now for sale online and in bookstores, (probably by order). Robin says, “If you happen to buy the book and read it please consider a review on Amazon, Goodreads or Barnes & Noble.” She and husband have daughters and their husbands and 2 grandsons, all thriving in California (Pasadena and outside of Berkeley). They will be in FL or CA this fall and winter, although she continues to mentor students at Hunter College and loves seeing old friends and classmates in NYC.

Evie Day Butler and Geoffrey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July with a Viking Ocean Cruise in the Baltic! In May they had gone to Geoffrey’s 50th reunion at W&L on the way to a Lee Society of Virginia meeting in Williamsburg. While both were fun, it was too soon to turn around and return to Sweet Briar’s Reunion. They did recently make a special, rewarding effort to visit the campus. The have 3 sons and 3 lovely daughters-in-law; each couple has a son and daughter ranging from 21 to 8 years old. Having just sold their Angel Fire, NM house, which hosted family holidays for many years, the family will all gather in Miramar Beach for Thanksgiving this year. In their 50 years of marriage, they have spent 9 in CT, 6 in Louisville, 6 in Memphis and 23 in Fort Worth. They bought a home in FL in 2010. She retired about 15 years ago and thinks Geoffrey is finally retired.
after 3 failed attempts.

Evie has stayed in touch with El Griggs Diemer, her roommate junior and senior years. She and Bob are still in Bedminster, NJ, and were both were at the 40th Reunion. In recent years she has seen Laurie Saunders Spratley and Helen Rainey Pinkney in Richmond; Mary Entwistle Andresen, Sally Van Winkle Campbell, Betsy McElwan Johnston at our Louisville Collegiate School reunions; Courtenay Sands Wilson during Jr. League days.

Sally Kalber Fiedler and Jay also celebrated their 50th at the end of June (married 3 weeks after graduation). Son Lee, his wife Caryn, and son Alex (13) are in Portland, OR; and daughter Julie and her husband Kamil are currently at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. “Feeling very blessed and fortunate!”

Mary Anne Calhoun Farmer is already planning for Reunion ’55, “God willing that I will be around, and able to travel to VA.” She has 2 SBC graduates besides herself: daughter Mamie ’91, who lives with her family in Richmond; daughter Harriet ’92, who lives with her family live in Breckenridge, CO — the older Rockies, at 10,000 ft., with moose and bear in their backyard! Youngest daughter Katharine and family have settled in Atlanta, just in time to welcome newest grandchild #6. She and Tom recently had a real Canadian Rockies’ Adventure: Lake Louise, Jasper, and Banff. Majestic scenery and dramatic peaks, and “the lakes really are a deep turquoise blue!”

Jane Nelson hosted SBC friends in Culpepper before Reunion. She continues to enjoy and be very busy in retirement; looking forward to an Oct. trip to India through the Richmond fine arts museum.

Rab continues to try to live in 2 great places; Columbia, SC and The Plains, VA. No longer a college genetics teacher she still tries to keep up with this fast moving field. Still riding and hunting “quietly.” She and George travel a lot and do a good bit of conservation activity.

Abby’s summer highlight: visiting 2 grandchildren in Seattle for a week. She has several fun carriage-driving things coming up this fall and a few day trips planned. “Cannot believe I have been in NC 15 years!”

Penn says, “Life very full and busy here in CA, with 7 grandkids. George and I are traveling a lot, but still try to find time for fly-fishing and backpacking. I am still enjoying teaching creative writing part-time in our local schools and in my home. And it’s wonderful being able to connect with Sweet Briar friends like Randi and Keenan out here!”

“Never a day goes by that I don’t think of Sweet Briar and all of you with whom I have reconnected over the last months,” writes Lee Mackubin Miller. Her youngest daughter, married and living in London, has been diagnosed with an auto-immune disease that has not been fully described as yet. This has generated travel for husband Rick and herself, as well as worry and frustration with the health programs in the UK. Closer to home, they have “3 beautiful little granddaughters that keep us constantly enthralled with their bright and happy spirits.”

Jane Utley Strickler is busy in Atlanta working part-time, going to ballet, playing tennis, going to the NC mountains in Highlands on weekends. She is “truly blessed” to have the love of 2 beautiful daughters and 4 smart grandchildren.

Marilyn Garabrandt Morris loved being picked up for Reunion by Ellie Gilmore Massie at Richmond. They had plenty of time to catch up, but she also feels fortunate to see Ellie, Mary Meade Gordon Winn, and Marty Rogers Brown every winter as they spend time in Vero Beach (only an hour away from her). She has 2 Manhattan grandchildren: Whitney, 3, and Graham, 1. Granddaughter, is Olivia, 2½, close by in FL. Activities center on golf and book clubs—their Atlantic Classical Orchestra has a new conductor/artistic director who is currently conductor of the Delaware Symphony, where Marilyn worked as Education Director for 5 years!

“So great to see everyone who came to Reunion,” writes Randi Miles Long. “With illnesses impacting the lives of so many friends, the words ‘Seize the day’ have started making me be more intentional on how I spend each day all the while remembering the concept of balance. Tutoring one night weekly in a homeless shelter has meant a lot to me. Still love being involved in our local Presbyterian church, traveling with Herb, participating in a multi-faith group of 15 ladies, and of course treasuring time with family (even though grandchildren and daughter are on East Coast while our son is still in CA with his wonderful girlfriend).”

An end-of-summer family beach trip to the Outer Banks (Duck, NC) was touted by Betty Booker Morris, orchestrated by Makanah with husband, Bob; son, Jeff; grandchildren, Justen and Milla; and husband Danbay (Bob’s brother). Two birthday celebrations and one tropical storm (Hermine) made this year’s trek one for the books. “The two geezin’ brothers were complimented by a young guy who admired their body surfing skills in pre-storm waves. Everyone and everything were safe, but if y’all are thinking about dermabrasion, an alternative treatment is standing on a beach with sand blowing at 35+ mph.”

Natalie Roberts Funk and Jeff now have 4 graduates starting careers and 5 grandchildren in college. One of those graduates was an SBC 2013 business major, so they are now 3-generation SBC family. Natalie and Jeff are still traveling around the eastern half of the country, mostly to visit National Parks (they highly recommend several days for Acadia) and to see historic places or visit family. They had a wonderful summer trip to VT and ME followed by a trip French Lick, IN.

Sally Thomas Hoffman is still gardening near Snochomish, WA, and watching over 5 acres of wood. That joy includes wildlife such as eagles, bobcats, ravens, deer, etc. As an active member of the American Sewing Guild, she uses pattern-drawing software to make clothes. Travel includes visiting relatives across the US, with hopes for Europe and/or AK next year.

Martha Madden Swanson and David try to stay active despite the usual problems of “advanced” age (knee replacement, a knee repair). They still travel as much as possible, including Ireland for a family wedding, London for daughter Sarah’s 40th birthday celebration (she works there now for the NFL), Copenhagen and a Baltic Cruise. The trip included a 2-day private tour in St. Petersburg. “Absolutely amazing!” Family events included a wedding in NH, a big family reunion in Pittsburgh, a chance to see Georgetown win 2 national sailing championships in Norfolk and San Diego. There was also an Oct. trip to see friends in Lake Garda and Cetona and then on to London for a NFL game and to see Sarah’s activities at home include theater, sporting events, classes for seniors at Georgetown and fundraising for a school in the Kibera slum in Nairobi. Martha was elected president of the newly formed School of Hope Foundation, which will coordinate fundraising in the US.

Susan Sudduth Miller was renewed by reunion! Travel and grief counseling and faith journey and family make for a full life. She recently from a wonderful trip to NH to celebrate her brother’s 80th birthday.

For me, Keenan, I sometimes do not know what keeps me busy, but busy I am! Still preaching and active in politics (how could I not, this year?), involved with kids and grandkids, all local. I am on a couple of boards and I read and I write and I see friends for lunch or dinner or a movie or theater. All is well, except for inevitable body aches and pains (back and hips, of course).

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Here we are with actual Class Notes—who would have “thunk” a year or so ago we’d be publishing as a school again? Thanks to everyone who submitted news! Stephanie Ewalt Coleman said it all: “I now feel confident we’ll actually celebrate our 50th at good old resilient SBC, and it puts tears in my eyes and a lump in my throat!”

Here’s a typical report from Linda Fite, who is still the same person we knew 50+ years ago: “Class notes? I can’t remember when I last sent in any news! So I’ll just do a quick sweep of what I can remember from the past months (the ‘remember’ part being a challenge, koff koff).” In Jan. I went to FL for a couple of weeks. Stayed on Anna Maria Island for the first time, accompanied by my ol’ pal Joanne Tu-molo Bario ’68, one of my sisters and a couple of my kids and their families coming and going in shifts. And who should ALSO be on AMI but Pam Ford Kelley! We had big fun despite pretty crappy weather, I love that whole Tam-pa-St. Pete-Bradenton-Sarasota section of FL. ... lots to see and do. Went to Memphis to see one sister in Feb., then to Madison, WI, to visit another sister in May, then to Italy in June. I still get a kick out of travel, love to fly (despite the, um, conditions). I still have my little work-at-home part-time job as a copy editor for a local bi-weekly newspaper. I still don’t have TV (no cable, no dish, no nothin’, and it is a blessing in this election season!) [How right you are, Linda.] Still have my Mini Cooper (227k miles) and my low-iQ poodle, Leon. Still fat. Still loving life. Oh! I ran into a great quote on that subject: “Until death, it is all life.” (Cervantes, “Don Quixote”) And to that I say Amen!! Looking forward to our BIG Reunion.”

Connie Queeroue Graf is working with her church, which is offering support after the disastrous floods that have taken place all over the US this year. She graciously supported our LA efforts with a personal contribution; the church adopted Ellicott City near Baltimore, which experienced devastating floods in July. She claims not to have much news, but she did catch up with Putzi Von Rebbeln Olsen and three other friends from their early days in DC in Chicago last June. They enjoyed good food, good laughs and Frank Lloyd Wright houses. A fun time was had by all.

Maria Wigglesworth Hemmings just cannot seem to retire, but she
and her husband have been traveling. She reports, "We are traveling too much, enjoying every minute of it and when I am in CT, I am working per diem at the hospital where I used to be an employee. Hospital gives me sanity. When I skied last winter, my new best friend became Advil. Age 70 sanity. When I skied last winter, my new best friend became Advil. Age 70

USO, my former school to tutor, and food pantry. I am truly blessed to be so lucky. Looking forward to our 50th Reunion. Hope to see everyone there! Carroll's news certainly does not sound true to me! What a blessing—50 years!!! And thank heaven no ruin and devastation!

One can hear the joy in Lynn Lyle's e-mail. "Jamie and I have been together now for 5 years. Life is so sweet. We celebrated the anniversary this summer at The Hedges on Blue Mountain Lake in the Adirondacks. In the summer we live at his house in Cape Vincent, NY, where Lake Ontario flows into the St. Lawrence River in the Thousand Islands. In the winter we are at my house in Raleigh, NC. I am very much looking forward to seeing many of you at our 50th."

Beth Gawthrop Riely is "greatly looking forward to seeing many of you classmates at our 50th reunion. A great celebration it will be! When I thought SBC was going to close two springs ago, I visited the campus with my son Andrew who was living in Washington. He remembered it as a little child, on a hayride around the beautiful campus. On this recent visit it seemed forlorn, but since then Phil Stone and you alumnae have performed a miracle. Much more work to do, of course, but I am greatly heartened that our Reunion will be on the SBC campus: a living, breathing college. We All share your sentiments, Beth!

"Both my sons are here in New England now. Andrew has left teaching at National Cathedral School in DC to return to graduate school, at Clark University in Worcester. He is studying urban geography but can often be seen in Bush's gardens … we had a lovely visit with her. Mike and I then went to Kiawah, where we watched NCAA basketball in a bar with lots of other fans and played golf with friends at the River course. We continued to return to graduate school, at Clark University in Worcester. He is studying urban geography but can often be seen in Bush's gardens … we had a lovely visit with her. Mike and I then went to Kiawah, where we watched NCAA basketball in a bar with lots of other fans and played golf with friends at the River course. We continued to

Gracey Stoddard, president of the African Dream Academy Foundation, wants to encourage more of our class to return to campus for our 50th! She reports, "My life continues to be one of challenges these last 2 years. "I have been blessed with a good measure of luck. My regularly scheduled mammogram, back in Jan. 2015, instantly revealed my tiny, stage 1A breast cancer, because of the brand-new technology of 3D imagery. I didn't know that I had dense breasts, and the old mammography would never have spotted the tiny tumor. A second 3D mammogram last Dec. revealed that there was 'no evidence of cancer' in either breast. [Congratulations, Jill!] The support of my family and friends has made this journey much easier for me. Another lucky break was that the chemotherapy I underwent is known to cause permanent hair loss, but my hair has been growing fine, and is now almost to my shoulders again. I had started getting some gray hair before the cancer treatment, but all the new hair is my regular medium brown! [Wow, but we cannot recommend cancer to counteract the aging process. All classmates, do be sure to get your mammogram regularly.]

This summer, I was able to keep up with my flower and vegetable gardening by moving the planting beds closer to the house on our property. I plan to stick to this plan in the future! Husband Bruce, who has little time to spare from his duties as director and curator of Historic Harriot House, has been wonderful throughout my ordeal. Son Tim Clement, who lives nearby, has also been a big help. I am very proud of his accomplishments as policy director of Parity Track at the Thomas Scattergood Behavioral Health Foundation in Philadelphia. Parity Track is a collaborative project of the Kennedy Forum and the Scattergood Foundation that works to monitor and advance equal treatment for those with mental disabilities throughout the US. In spite of his busy schedule, Tim visits weekly, not just on Saturdays.

Hallie Darby Smith's life is fairly quiet right now. As she says, "I guess that is a good thing at our age! As most of us, I love to travel and this year went to a cooking school in Normandy, all about Apples. Afterwards, I drove to Cancale, Brittany to visit Sophie Mackenzie Belouet '68, I have recently taken up bicycling and look forward in the spring to a bike and barge trip in The Netherlands. Otherwise, I enjoy reading, wine, and seeing my 6 grandchildren."

Norrell Jones writes that she and husband Bob Reecer continue to divide their time between their house in the woods near Petersburg, WV and a high-rise condo in Falls Church near Bob's children and the 7 grandchildren. "The oldest grandchild is a freshman at Virginia Tech this year, and the youngest just started 1st grade. How time flies! I am continuing to read voraciously all the stuff I missed when I was working and am in a wonderful little book group that has no assignments— we just report on what we have been reading, share recommendations, and lend books back and forth, and of course spend a lot of time talking about life in general. Current reads—The Revolution in Virginia" and some Robert B. Parker—and I, who never got into history at SBC and turned up my nose at art. In my spare time, I am playing dolls and volunteering as a work-a-day co-chair of the 2017 Sasha Festival to be held near DC in July. Fingers crossed that I will make it to our 50th. I'd love to see you all and the beautiful SBC, which won't be abandoned!"

Janie Willingham McNabb has downsized. "In 2014 I moved from my old home, built my father in 1936, into a "garage apartment," which I built on the site, sort of, of the detached old dirt-floor garage and connecting apartment. My daughter and hubby, Meg and Steve, moved into the big house, with her remodeling beginning while I was still moving out. Needless to say, it was a very traumatic year, but now it is heavenly. Lanny and I have the place to ourselves and I can have my gardens (vegetable and flower), enjoy my grandchildren and not worry about any of the upkeep (lawn, broken whatever, trash to the road, even feeding the dogs etc.). Lanny has his hideaway cabin about 20 minutes away in Dunlap, where I spend the weekends (and more) with him. He escapes to scenic Dunlap and the antique cars he tinkers with while I enjoy my 15 grandchildren on the mountain during the week, especially in the summer, when they feel free to invade our mountain place at will. Son J.B. (wife Wendy) and daughter Anna (husband Talley) also built within walking distance from the home place in 2014 and other daughter C.C. (husband Bobby) have a summer home up the hill. I now have all children and grandchildren close enough to see them often, take walks, and help drive to activities (or sometimes they drive me), and all family "events" now take place at their homes (not mine!) to which I gladly take a dish. I've heard about the children doing the events but so far I've had no such experience—but Bill and I keep
hoping, Lanny’s four children and 5 grandchildren live in Atlanta, Nashville, Miami and Thailand, so we see them less often—usually when we go to them. It was excruciating getting rid of 45 years of accumulation and moving from 4600 sq. ft. to essentially 1800 (don’t count the attic), but now I am liberated. I am working on taking each grandchild, after their 17th birthday, on a trip of their choosing anywhere in the US (except HI). Since everyone wanted to go to Hawaii, my brood (25 people) are taking our annual family S.C. beach trip to Hawaii instead next summer, with a 7 day cruise of the islands. I am praying for everyone to be healthy and strong. With 3 grandchildren trips completed so far, 2 grands have chosen NYC and 1 LA and 3 more, Alaska, the Grand Canyon, and San Francisco on the drawing board. Love my life with my time, energy and finances going to things I love to do without all the stress. Hobbies are photography, videography, gardening and grandchildren. I am hoping to get over to Atlanta for a mini reunion with Diane Steppenson Lankford, Melissa Sabin Thomas and several others. Talked to some of them last year when I was trying to fill a table for an Atlanta fundraiser, but none were available then. Apparently, they get together for lunch and I asked to be notified next time. Hopefully, it will work out. Hope to see everyone next year at Reunion (if it doesn’t conflict with some grandchild graduation or major family occasion).

Barbara Tillman Kelley claims that she has ‘not much news’ but they are all happy and healthy! What more could you ask?” Just wanted to add that I can’t wait for our 50th and to see how great we all look. After all, 70 is the new 50 in my mind! Our last trip was to AK for 2 weeks and Carlton and I climbed a mountain with 8 rope courses to get to the top! The other 3 people with us were 25 years old! Triumphant photo taken at top! “As well it should have been. Ok, girls, we have the challenge: We’ve all got to look 50 years old so schedule your lift lift now!"

Ginny Stanley Douglas is “so excited about our 50th Reunion; Ellie Spivey Decker and I are already planning to be roommates! Travel this year has been fun with trips to Mexico, Europe and Scotland. Body holding up with a replacement part (cataract surgery) in early Nov, Miles and Genna (grandchildren) are so much fun and 4 blocks down the street. Hugs to everyone.”

GailRobinsO’Quin: Bill and I are still here in Baton Rouge contending with recovery from our once-in-a-thousand-year flood. We have 2 friends living with us. Their house was totally underwater (a 2-story house with water almost over the top of the roof); they still have a smile on their faces, as do most folks having to start over. The fun part is that we have a Southern University college sophomore with us, a darling girl—almost makes me wish for those days when my children were that age, but not for very long! My son has recovered nicely from his motorcycle accident. Thank you for all your prayers. We are the proud parents of a 5-month-old standard poodle named Lucye. We lost our old dog in June, and I was bound and determined to get another family member to grow old with us. Bill insisted that we were too old for a puppy but, although he was correct, we’re both smitten. Now, if she’d just learn to tell us when she has to go outside. We’re leaving for South Africa the first of Nov. Bill is active with the Baton Rouge Zoo and that’s the group sponsoring the trip—we’re definitely getting excited!

"Jill, you do need to come visit us. Bill is on the board of Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center; I’ve just retired from the Cancer Center Foundation board. We definitely understand the ravages of cancer as well as the advances that are being made daily in the treatment of the disease. Our prayers are with you. Also, Bill is very involved in the mental health initiatives to help those with disabilities get proper living accommodations and care rather than be thrown in the penal system. Unfortunately, with the flood recovery efforts some of the initiatives might have to be put on the back burner but the support will come.”

As for SBC contacts, I discovered LangLlovetranFacebook. She did not give me any info to post, but she’s still alive and kicking!

Also Toni Naren Gates was scheduled for a trip to New Orleans next year, but her husband opted for a museum trip to Montreal—poor choice if you ask me, but he didn’t! Madeleine Long Telekamp and I correspond via e-mail. She and her husband, a veterinarian, are in Tampa, FL, enjoying their granddaughter.

I see Blair Kormegay, Anne Mercer Kormegay’s ’66 son frequently; he’s my son by another mother—we do have good times together with him and my children, Uncle Blair to the grandchildren!

Also Adelaide Russo ‘68 and I are in a wine society together, so you can just imagine the fun times that we’ve had—no tall tales, I can assure you. She’s director for the LSU program in comparative literature, but everyone is on equal footing with a glass of wine in hand!

Anne Butler ’65 lives in St. Francisville, about 40 miles north of Baton Rouge; we keep up via email (I’m ashamed to admit that we don’t see each other in person more frequently).

She runs a lovely bed and breakfast—Butler Greenwood—and has published over a dozen books; she’s one more talented woman, but everyone who has ever known her is aware of that fact.

Thanks to everyone who helped with our class fundraising efforts. We have the second highest participation rate in the 60’s class—Yeah for ’67! We could not have done it without all of your support. Our class president, Judi Bensen Stigle, wants to encourage everyone to come to our 50th Reunion to be held on campus June 2-4, 2017. Please put those dates on your calendar and make every effort to come. We need as many of our class there as possible so that we can crow about our participation level as well as exhibit our overall support for SBC. Reunion promises to be an absolute blowout; a good time will be had by all!!!

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What a terrific response from classmates; thank you so much. I hope everyone will enjoy all the news and then make plans to attend our 50th in 2018!

Emmy Savage: I moved to CO in 2011, where I built a studio and took up hiking. Last summer I participated in the Santa Fe Plein Air festival and painted at Ghost Ranch for a week. I’ve done a backpack in UT and one in CO this year, along with ongoing high altitude hikes. Loves of my life are son John who was married last Sept, and my red heeler-collie and hiking companion Sarah. I’ll be working at a mission in Nogales, Mexico this winter and am trying to revive my Spanish. Looks forward to seeing everyone in 2018.

Susan Grinberg Kahn: I only attended SBC for 2 years, transferred to University of Michigan, but I have lots of memories of SBC. I am particularly interested in getting in touch with Ashley Jones and Vicky Pitts, 2 classmates I remember well. I live in west central NH, near the VT border. I am a psychotherapist. I received my MSW from U Conn and my Ed.D. from UMass. Regards to all of the Class of ’68 as we turn 70! Seems unbelievable.

Conover Hunt: Enjoying life on the Bay in Hampton with part-time fundraising and writing work for Soundscapes, an after-school education and intervention organization teaching at-risk children how to succeed in mainstream society, using intensive music study and performance. So proud of SBC and our class for rallying last year. Let’s do it again!

Amy Thompson McCandless: In July 2016 I retired as graduate dean and professor of history at the College of Charleston. It is great having more time to travel with my significant other, Steve Wilson (including visiting son Alastair in South Lake Tahoe and hiking with son Colin in the UK), but finding room for the 25+ boxes of books I brought back from the office was a real challenge. I will continue to write about South Carolina women and history volunteer at Grace Episcopal Church, organize pilgrimage walks in Europe, and take groups to the UK to explore Royal Britain.

Penny Oliver Hawkins Chapell: A hearty thank you to our class leaders. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our 50th Reunion!

Carter Hunter Hopkins: Living in Staunton, VA but spending a lot of time in northern VA with daughter Courtney, her husband Michael and my grandson, Graham (born on 10/27/15) Son Hunter works in Lynchburg in Genworth. Remarried in 2014. Retired in 2010. Happily spending time as a Master Gardner, volunteer, and watercolor student-painter. Happy and busy at this stage of life!

Lorna Allen Sorley: Amazingly enough, I have not retired. Still enjoy working at Invesco in Houston, and love speaking with people around the world. Mike and I love our condo on the beach on weekends. We’ll celebrate our 30th anniversary soon! I see Suzanne Little for lunch every few weeks, which is great fun.

Bonnie Pitman: Bonnie Pitman joined the University of Dallas at Texas as a Distinguished Scholar in 2012 with the responsibility to research and develop relationships between UTD and other educational, cultural and health-related institutions. She currently leads initiatives to bring art history and the art of observation into the curriculum of medical schools. A former director of the Dallas Museum of Art, Bonnie is a nationally recognized leader in the museum field for her work in fostering public engagement with art. Son David Gelles is a reporter for the NY Times. He and wife Ali have 2 adorable children, Franny and Clark.

Frances Kirven Morse: Husband John and I moved from the Boston area to Redwood City, CA in 2002. Improved weather! Been retired since 2004 from a career in educational technology, focusing on gender. Spend my time taking piano lessons, trying to keep my body from succumbing to old age, and leading wildflower walks and monitoring bluebird boxes in Edgewood Natural Preserve. Love being a grandmother (Gramen) to Ella (12) and Levi (9). They
keep us young (and tired!). Spent a fun week with them on a dude ranch in AZ last summer. Wish I had taken riding lessons at SBC!

Rickey Hendricks: I have written some books, continue being a community activist in the San Francisco Bay Area, and received a Ph.D. in US history. Yet my most important roles are being the mother to 2 fabulous daughters, mother-in-law to 2 wonderful men, and grandmother to 2 boys (8 and 10). Older daughter Adrienne lives in Australia with her New Zealand husband and 2 Kiwi children. Abigail married a German computer scientist, and they currently live in Mountain View, CA, little more than an hour from Larkspur, my present home.

Francie deSaussure Meade: Still in Burke, VA, with all 3 children and their families nearby, happily for me. Loved reconnecting with so many of you a year and a half ago, and was rewarmed by the ties we made during our SBC years, many of which have endured and some of which have even grown. We stay in touch and can see each other in 2018. Best to all, and thanks, Anne!

Ann Biggs Jackson: Busy life these days. The horses, yes, they win occasionally, usually over fences—the Maryland Grand National and Maryland Hunt Cup for Raven’s Choice, my star! Boogie Feeva broke his maiden over fences as a 3-yr-old and now is facing tougher company as a 4-yr-old. I have 2-yr-old Flash Jackson getting ready to start next spring, a yearling going to the Oct. sales and mares, foals and ponies for granddaughters Sophie and Dillon. And travels—Florida, Arizona, Wyoming, Palm Beach, Key West, etc. Also too busy with Garden Club of America. And did I mention romance ...

Jule (Julie) Seibels Northup: Still practicing employment/civil rights law, but spending several months in the Virgin Islands and on the road in our Winnebago. Fred is president of Athletes for a Better World. Son Fred is a charity auctioneer and entertainer in Seattle (100 auctions a year!) with 2 children; Temple is now Director of the Valent School of Communications at the University of Houston with 1 child. Singing in Asheville Choral Society and keyboard/voice for Why Not in VI.

Lizzie Miller Green: Suggested topics don’t fit. Still living in the same house, enjoying husband, son, grandchild, gardening, quilting, watercolor painting, all my friends—especially the SBC 1968 buddies right here in flyover country. I worked at Tattered Cover, a big independent bookstore here, for 20 years and finally stopped this year. Between the thousands of books and the staff and customers, it was like a party every day. I was lucky to have that job. Happy 70th to all!

Nancy Hickox Wright: Gil and I moved 12 years ago to Jacksonville, FL to be closer to my father and absolutely love it—although it is too far away from our children and grandchildren! I went from teaching 2nd grade at a high-powered private school in Boston to teaching in an inner city high school rated 2nd lowest performing in FL—there were some “interesting” times but I loved the kids! Thank you dear 68ers for your wonderful support of SBC!

Michael Twine: Still in Portsmouth, NH. Semi-retired after 30 years of my own Interior Design business, but starting something new in the same field with another colleague—exciting! Very active in skiing, local affairs, family & friends. Can’t believe all the time that has gone by!

Percy Clarke Gwinn: Husband Michael and I “retired” to Pinehurst, NC, leaving the “rat race” of Northern VA almost 7 years ago. Son William and his family live in Apex, NC. William has a Ph.D. in Immunology and is with a division of NIH. His wife Trish is a lawyer with a London-based insurance company. We have 2 beautiful granddaughters Amelia (8) and Sara (6) who are our greatest joy! Michael and I have a lovely summer home in Jone Sport, ME . . . “way downeast.” We love going on golf adventures . . . life is good!!

Phoebe Brunner Peacock: In June 2014, I downsized once again. I now live in a one-bedroom apartment in Watergate South. Hot and cold running help. No more plumbers, electricians, roofers for me! Daughter Anne, Ph.D. in human rights law, lives across the courtyard and works at the State Department. Her husband has been a veterinarian, lives in Philadelphia with her musicologist husband who teaches at UDE, and my 2 grandchildren, Wilfred and Amelia. I see all the above as often as possible. Am thoroughly enjoying post retirement from Library of Congress, as LC’s classics specialist. My SBC Latin major at work.

Pam Boyd Daniel: I am so relieved and pleased that SBC has been rescued from the brink and will be able to continue its mission of educating women for excellent jobs and positions in society. In my case, my SBC degree opened countless doors. Without my education, which included student teaching (as well as a substitute math teaching position my junior year), I never would have landed such a diverse number of teaching positions in public and private schools in the States, Japan, and England. I will always be grateful for my years at SBC and will remember them fondly.

Mary Gress: I am truly enjoying retirement, with the beach, new friends, and activities at St. Simons Island, GA. Best wishes to all.

Sara Granath: I retired from my job as an assistant professor of literature at Södertörn University, Stockholm, last Feb. Since then I have worked a bit at the University of Gothenburg, mainly with writing courses (criticism), I keep my job as a theatre critic at the Svenska Dagbladet. Otherwise, I spend quite a lot of time outdoors, at the summer house by a lake, where there is an opera at the northern end. I help out selling programs. I have written a chap- ter on teaching writing at the university that will be published soon. My SBC experience is mentioned.

Libby Harvey FitzGerald: Fun times with Frances Kirven, Nancy Hickox, Judy Harbottle in SF area when we were ‘Saving SBC!’ John & I continue to volunteer with community, school, mentoring projects through our Rotary club . . . and still bicycling, hiking, kayaking, exploring, traveling to visit family, friends. Come visit us in Sonoma County, CA!

Harriet Buford Ristevski: Hello, Class of ’66. After 2 years at SBC, I returned to TX to receive my degree. My wonderful husband, Zivko, and I have been married for 45 years. Our precious daughter, Kristina (correct spelling) is married and lives in Houston. I taught French for 30 years!! I have fond memories of you. Thank you! God, through Christ, has forgiven and blessed me so. May God bless each of you.

Barbara Baur Dunlap: All is well in AZ as my husband and I cheer on the great work of rebuilding SBC. We visited in June 2015 and re-fell in love with the treasure that is SBC. This summer: Marianne Schultz Galt, Anne Oeper McAlpin, Karen and Jackie Israel, and I celebrated 70th birthdays at a St. Louis gala complete with cannon fire! The class of ’68 is looking pretty good. We are busy with 13 grandchildren, teaching bible study, playing a little golf, and caring for my 95-year-old Mom. Happy trails to all until we meet again at our 50th Reunion. Happy 70th to all!

Eloise Batchelder Emerson: I have moved back to Lexington after 35 years overseas, and now I’m making the big move to a retirement community. I should be grateful since I had a big cancer scare 3 years ago. Just glad to be alive, even if old. I still like to travel a lot; does anybody else out there feel that way?

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Catherine Porter: My husband, Jim Fuller, and I live in DC, as does daughter Terrell (31). After retiring from Agilent Technologies, I opened my own consulting business and am now executive director of the TIE Coalition, lobbying on international tax issues. I’ve served on the boards of a number of community nonprofits and DC’s Metropolitan Club. I occasionally see Blair Walker Lawrence, who lives in Warranton, VA. We have vacation homes in WA, VA and Aspen, CO, in case any classmates are nearby. I credit SBC with instilling in me a love of learning and reading and have many happy memories of our times together there.

Suzanne Little: I am still in Houst on, retired, playing bridge, knitting, reading, drinking wine with friends and exercising madly, trying to ward off the detrimental effects of all the above.

Pembroke Herbert Kyle: I am so proud of SBC and grateful to all. Bill & I are smitten with our 1st granddaughter, Nell Graham Kyle, 16 months. We fling ourselves from Boston to San Francisco to be with her, and double the fun seeing Francis Kirven Morse and John. We will be in DC in Oct. for Sally Lawrence Watkins’s 70th birthday. I completed two triathlons in the last 2 years, then opened my garden for surrounding towns in July. Just finished a wonderful project: image research for a book on John Singleton Copley with Harvard Professor Jane Kamensky. We love our time on Nantucket and invite anyone coming our way to visit.

Mary Matheson: After thirty plus years in NY and CT, where I doted on my goddaughters, Kinsey and Ashley Dinan (children of Anne Kinsey Dinan), I have now returned to my hometown, Mooresville, NC. I enjoy spending more time with nearby cousins as well as traveling to favorite locations, old and new. Now I am also looking forward to reconnecting with old friends at our upcoming 50th Reunion. See you in 2019!

Constance (Connie) Williams de Bordeneuve: Last year, Tad and I downsized to a condo and moved from the Chesapeake Bay to Richmond, near all our children and grandchildren. It has been a pleasure to return to Richmond and renew old friendships. Tad has retired and spends time kayaking, baking bread, and getting together with friends and family. I am part of a vibrant arts community here in Richmond, plus I have the added benefit of living just down the street from Ann Webster and Jane Nelson ’66. We are in good spirits and find ourselves grateful to have landed in this such a good place. Greetings to you all. Come visit anytime!

Katey Buser: I have become quite the birder in the last 3 years. I am trying to see how many birds I can find in North America. I’ve done birding trips to AZ, TX, FL, WI, KY, and CA, where I am doing a solo car-camping trip, including Yosemite, Sequoia, Kings Canyon, and Sunset Beach Parks, as well as the Monterey birding festival. I found my 500 life bird in North Amer- ica earlier this year. I am retired and
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From Kris:
Hi All,

Greetings from the Washington, DC metro area where it’s still nice and warm, even though we are in October. Of course in our nation’s capital city during an election year one can never quite be sure what is causing the warm air.

Here in my neck of the woods is fellow artist Jane Gott. She has spent the last 4 years as primary caregiver for her parents, who are now deceased. After her mother’s passing in April, Jane has begun restructuring her life. This summer included reunions with long-time friends, including SBC roommate Barbara Offutt Mathieou. Jane volunteers extensively with Potomac Valley Watercolorists, serving as co-program chair and past co-president. One of her watercolor paintings was published in Potomac Valley Watercolorists Celebrating 40 years 1974-2014. Needless to say, since it included Jane’s work, all the hard copies sold out, and it is now only available as an e-book. You can see Jane’s wonderfully colorful art on Facebook, too!

Also in our DC area is Kate Schleich, whom I caught up with on campus, on the last day of the SBC Work Weeks in Aug. She and Ann Gateley again weeded and pruned a few more campus buildings. Kate got sunburned. Gateley had to wrangle a ribbon snake from the boxwoods outside Sweet Briar House as President Stone was a bit apprehensive about serpentine sightings every morning. Skipping the work part of Sweet Work Weeks, I showed up the last night to partake in Happy Hour and eat dinner with them at Prothro. I can say firsthand the food gets rave reviews all around. And if you miss mealtimes, Daisys’s Café next to the Book Shop carries locally roasted coffee, a good variety of snacks, and panini, too. So one need never go hungry on campus. Another project the Sweet Weekers undertook this summer was reorganizing the Book Shop. It is completely restocked, cheerful and inviting. The website has been totally revamped, too, making online ordering much easier. If you need holiday presents, check it out—they are stocking more gift items!

Deborah Oberh Bowman has also been volunteering at SBC, but since she lives in Lynchburg, she’s been helping out in Admissions all year long, in addition to her many other non-campus volunteer projects. I was able to catch up with her, too, in early Sept. as we met for the Lynchburg monthly Friday night Gallery Walk. I was astonished at the large crowds showing up for the art scene. It was a wonderful happy busy evening, and 1 of the 5 galleries we visited featured a solo show reception for SBC art prof Laura Pharis’s beautiful, mysterious work. It was great fun to do the Art Walk with Debbie as she seems to know just about everyone in Lynchburg.

May Humphreys Fox and Katie McCordell Webb also volunteered this summer on campus, but I arrived too late to catch up with them. May writes that she and Katie are still in Richmond and May is still lobbying, but also enjoying being a grandmother. “We are so fortunate to have 3 wonderful grandchildren with 2 more in the oven! We get together every year with ‘campers, our SBC group members: Mary Jane Hipp Brock, Katie McCordell Webb, Wallis Wickham Raemer, Lori Harris Amass, Connie Haskell, Jessica Holzer, and Frances Gravey. Next year we will be celebrating entering our 70th year! Wow. Last year the group met at Wallis’s home in Palm Springs.”

A short hop from campus, in Shipman, VA, you’ll find Jonna Creaser Clarkson who retired from Nelson County elementary school teaching and counseling in 2012 after 42 wonderful years working with little people. She immediately registered for Spanish classes at SBC and thoroughly enjoyed being a student again, especially with all the fabulous SBC professors and students. Over 11 years ago, she and John began a 501(c)(3) youth mission in rural El Salvador to serve impoverished native communities. She is now thrilled to be able to communicate with the local people and better assess their needs. Those have varied from fundraising for building their first church, operating a medical clinic, creating clean water systems, setting up a community corn grinder, building latrines and irrigation systems, sponsoring children for educational opportunities, purchasing a truck for community use, doing sustainable food projects, and providing clothing, shoes, books and school supplies. At least once a year, she and John lead teams of youths from VA to stay with people in the village, establishing amazing relationships. The mission has not only been life changing for the Salvadoran people who know they are no longer forgotten, but also for Jonna, John, and all the Virginians who have joined them. Elsewhere in VA, Betty Glass Smith writes, “I am now officially retired! After 45 plus years of employment with various entities, I made it official at the end of Aug. We sold our home in Richmond and are in the process of selling my husband Bill’s homestead, too. Our ‘retirement’ home at Weems in the Northern Neck of VA, is under renovation but should be completed very soon. Enjoyed seeing classmates at our 45th Reunion in 2015, that infamous year when our beautiful SBC was in limbo. And now it looks like we WILL have our 50th there, too! Hope to see ALL of you then!”

Moving a little farther south to Chapel Hill, NC, we find recently transplanted Sandy Hamilton Bentley: “Following Bob’s retirement from Intel (30 years), we left Portland, OR and now live in a lovely community on a golf course. Neither of us plays golf, but we like the view and landscaped spaces, cared for by someone other than me. Our 2 sons and their families each live within a hour of us. We have 6 grandchildren, ages 6 months to 12 years, all within easy spoiling distance, plus daily direct-flight service from the local airport to London, making visits to Bob’s family much easier. We have just returned from 2 weeks of family visits interspersed with days wandering around our favorite English gardens—especially Wisley, Penshurst, and Sissinghurst. I’ve joined the local Garden Club here and am learning how to cope with clay soil, heat, humidity, and various other new (to me) garden pests. We hope to meet up with Frances Dornette Schafer next month in Williamsburg.”

And also in NC, Randleman, is Kay Parham Picha. “First,” Kay writes, “I want to say how thankful I am for our classmates who took a lead in saving SBC. They worked very hard, and continue to do so. All gave their unique talents in the effort.” Kay is right, she should compile a journal of all the big and small ways our classmates contributed to saving the College. Many worked behind the scenes and many sent in money. Even though she was laid up, Kay was a huge help with updating class addresses and sending in money for the Save Sweet Briar project. She also worked with Heather Click to print, stuff envelopes and mail our class letter. There are still many ways to help the school rebuild, so anyone who has an idea should put it forward. Kay also notes, “With my 50th high school reunion approaching, I am happy to be here, and happy to experience the memory glitches that are a part of life. I am doing well after bilateral knee replacement surgery a year ago. This summer I spent a lot of time at Ocean Isle Beach, NC and in Seattle visiting family. I enjoy my
grandchildren (3, 4 and 5); and when I spend time with them, the days are long, but the years are short! Husband David is mostly retired, and our children Amanda and Tom have taken the reins at the company. We have been lucky to travel a lot through the years, and now we plan to stay home awhile to care for a new puppy.

Then heading to Fulshear, TX, we all have a hearty invitation from Karen Hartnett, who says she is still happily working after all these years—great HR consulting clients in non-profits and the energy sector! Fun time in ME with Carol Fowler. Spent a week with all 5 grandkids in Santa Fe in July—it is a special joy to see them grow and flourish. “George and I are living the good life on our ranch, aptly named the GK Ranch—y’all come see us in Texas!”

And while in the Lone Star State, don’t miss Jean McKee Carmichael in Fort Worth who retired 1½ years ago from the YMCA. A 37-year-long career took her from Charlottesville to Dallas to L.A. to Santa Maria, CA and back to Fort Worth, TX. What a great adventure! She’s now keeping busy on the National Board of YMCA Retirees—can’t seem to get it out of her blood. Youngest son Ross and his wife Jeannine live in Woodland Park, CO with Ian’s son Ian III (smart girl!). Not too long ago from the YMCA. A 37-year-long career took her from Charlottesville to Dallas to L.A. to Santa Maria, CA and back to Fort Worth, TX. What a great adventure! She’s now keeping busy on the National Board of YMCA Retirees—can’t seem to get it out of her blood. Youngest son Ross and his wife Jeannine live in Woodland Park, CO with Ian’s son Ian III (smart girl!).

Meanwhile, I’ve been gloriously happy in my painting career, and buzzing around like crazy. Last Dec, I visited Sioux Greenwald ’71 in NYC to do business, and then in Jan, stayed with painter friends in Naples, FL. In late March I flew into Amsterdam, just a few days after the Brussels attack, on my way to a month-long artist residency in beautiful, rural, very chilly Plüchow, formerly part of East Germany, where I stayed with 4 other European artists, a pack of alpacas and 8 cats. We lived in a very grand Schloss near the Baltic Sea, and painted away to our hearts’ content. Then I spent 3 weeks traveling in The Netherlands, (apparently just missing Gateley who was also there), catching the 500-year anniversary Hieronymus Bosch exhibition, along with every other art museum I could find. I adored The Netherlands. The Jan. trip inspired me to yet again pull up roots and head to Naples, FL next spring, so in July I gathered packing boxes and began the daunting and tedious task of downsizing. Three weeks into that project, I was awarded a fabulous month-long art residency at VCCA, across from SBC. I gathered every blank canvas in my house, left Princess KoKo on my neighbor’s doorstep with a box of cat litter, gleefully abandoned the boring packing boxes, and made it to Amherst just in time to catch up with Kate Schieck and Ann Gateley on the last Happy Hour and dinner of Sweet Work Weeks. So from mid-Aug, until mid-Sept. I was back on campus several times a week, visiting students and just keeping an eye on things. I met Carrie Brown, whose books I have enjoyed, and her husband, John Gregory Brown, whose artwork I love, and personally thanked them for deciding to return to campus this year. We are so lucky to have them back! They are delightful. My stint at VCCA was wonderful. We had an artist couple from Croatia, artists from The

From the L: Katie McCordell Webb, Joan Datney Clickner ’91, Phil Stone, Ann Gateley, May Humphreys Fox and Alexa Schriempf ’97.

Ann Gateley, left, and Kate Schieck at one of the many Work Week happy hours in August.

Ann Gateley says, "Hey, President Stone expressed apprehension about this critter basking occasionally on his small boxwoods… so being the field biology maven I am…I captured it and traipsed down to some lower fields with it. A ribbon snake."
Netherlands, and Austria, and a fabulous warm, interesting group of writers/poets/playwrights, 3 musicians, more US artists and an explosion of bunnies. There were bunnies everywhere. Now I’m back home staring at boxes again. Once I’m transplanted, I’ll have to relinquish my coveted SBC license plate, Virginia. So if anyone is interested let me know and maybe we can work out a deal!

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Carolyn Jones Walthall reports that it seems that her time is spent traveling to see sons and loved ones in faraway places (Siena and Albany, NY), helping raise funds for a small community library in Newbern, AL in the heart of the Black Belt, and trying to make food and exercise choices to stay ahead of the aging process (very hard work!).

Anne Milbank Mell never realized that her life would become busier when she officially retired last April. Two of that her life would become busier when the aging process (very hard work!).

Laura Mink Gardner was also sorry to miss our June Reunion but is planning on attending our 50th!

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Laura Mink Gardner was also sorry to miss Reunion, especially since she lives an hour and half away, but she has so enjoyed catching up with everyone via Facebook. Laura is now a grandmother for the first time, to granddaughter Charleston, son Tready’s daughter, born last Nov. She couldn’t be a happier or prouder Grandma! Unfortunately, they live in Baton Rouge, so she doesn’t see them as often as she’d like. Daughter Faith was married in Feb. to an Army 2nd Lieutenant, and they are stationed in El Paso for several years. She doesn’t see them nearly as often as she’d like either! She is still singing with the Roanoke Symphony chorus and running every day, though her stamina is not what it used to be! Husband Marvin has retired as a clergymen, but still has a psychology practice and is trying to cut back gradually. They were sorry to see summer go, as they spend most weekends at Smith Mountain Lake on their live-aboard sailboat.

Amanda Megargee Sutton’s only big change at home is Henry, her adopted Corgi. His picture is on Facebook! She did a Sweet Work Week of service this summer at SBC and loved every minute of it and, most of all, the time spent with the other women and men who love our college. She urges everyone to try to come if you haven’t. We need to work hard for our 50th; it will be here much sooner than we think!

Wendy Norton Brown and Lee are enjoying their 3 precious grandchildren, 5 and under, who live in town! They are so blessed! Wendy LOVED going back to SBC for our 45th in June—and we all agreed that we want a huge turnout for our 50th! Please consider coming back in 2021 and renew friendships, catch up on all of our news, and renew and rejuvenate yourselves on our magnificent campus! What an amazing story we all have!

Mary Frances Oakey Aiken has had a good year! SBC has been saved and roses still bloom! Returning to the campus for Reunion last spring was both fun and invigorating. John and she still divide their time between Naples, FL and Richmond, VA. The 6 grandchildren in VA keep them busy and another is due in Feb! Recovery from recent rotator cuff surgery is progressing, and she is seeing light at the end of that tunnel.

Jacque Penny is pretty much retired after her SBC job. “My daddy died in June (AND my good friend and former husband) and I look after my Mum. Not sure what the next chapter in my life will be but open to change—trying to grow old with dignity and brain intact. Enjoyed seeing a small group of classmate mates at Reunion, and we are working toward our 50th, which will be here in 2021, which seems like ages but it won’t be—can you believe it?”

**1972**

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For the past year or so, Georgene (“Georgie”) Vairo has been spending most of her time flying and back and forth between Santa Barbara, CA and SBC, and serving on the SBC Board of Trustees as its vice chair. She is happy to have reconnected with so many of her ’72 friends, and encourages all of you to go to our 45th Reunion, and to contribute as generously as possible to what she is confident will be the highest Reunion class gift ever!

The husband of Gracejanelle Sherfy Straszheim died in 2015; they had been married for 39 years. He died from combined effects of stroke, Alzheimer’s Disease and Lewy Body Disease. Her career-long experience in trust and estate administration was a timely balm in dealing with death’s aftermath, as well as the timely arrival earlier in 2015 of her first full-fledged grandchild, who lives only 3 miles away. Gracejanelle continues to practice estate and trust law in DC. She is also a golfer and continues with her love of horses. She, Mary Phillips Carrera and Deborah Price Utsinger remain fast friends with regular beach and farm get togethers.
Dale Shelly Graham and James are living a quiet life in St. Louis and invite any SBCers travelling that way to come visit. Children Fielding and Lily are not married yet, but are doing well with wonderful jobs (Fielding in Dallas and Lily in NY) and lovely significant others so life is good.

Carol Cody Herder is having a busy and wonderful year. Her first grandchild, a darling little girl, was born in April. And then the fun began! Between buying toys and clothes and getting to babysit when she visits Boston, she has loved joining the grandparent club! Carol was recently installed as the regent of her DAR chapter and has really enjoyed working with the wonderful women who are actively involved. She and husband Charlie are spending their summers and part of each winter at their home in CO. Carol loves living in such a sunny and cool place and playing golf, biking and fly-fishing with Charlie! They even ski some! They feel truly blessed!

DeDe Conley is enjoying her work to support SBC with the Alumnae Alliance Council as co-chair for Strategic Initiatives, collecting Alumnae bios currently a big project. She spent 3 weeks on campus this spring for graduation, Sweet Work Weeks and Reunion, watching spring bloom, reconnecting with alumnae and helping out at Alumnae House. She was also able to have lunch when home in FL with Ellen Weintraub ’70 and Monika Kaiser ’82 (Miss Vixen Watch!).

The last 2 years DeDe and husband Gerard have spent lots of time on the road with 2 amazing 5-month trips to India, Nepal, Cambodia, Vietnam, Myanmar and Bali. Gerard has posted a few videos on his YouTube channel vandrar2. Cambodia was a highlight with Anor Wat and the many incredible temples in this UNESCO World Heritage site. DeDe was also able to use her Peace Corps TEFL experience by volunteering to teach English in a school in Siem Reap, Cambodia. She says, “Life is Good.”

Jeannette Pillsbury continues to teach at Luther (Iowa) and coordinate the assessment and accreditation work for the Education Department there. In addition to schoolwork, she has earned a master’s degree as an ordained priest, she is an active member of her church’s Ministry Development Team. She looks forward to retirement in fewer than 3 years. Right now, she is challenged and energized by the responsibilities of being our class’s fund agent! She especially enjoys the opportunities to communicate with so many members of our class.

In Oct, 2015 Rosie Brache Leparulo, Kathy Leibell Pasternak and Cindy Miles Martinez visited with Leslie Armstrong Ramsey at her lovely home in beautiful Santa Fe, NM. They spent almost a week together reminiscing, catching up, and having a blast. This has become a yearly ritual and becomes more and more precious to the four former Carson and Randolph suitemates. The then and now photos speak for themselves!

Happy to see that her years of hard work are finally beginning to pay off, Ellen Apperson Brown has a book coming out this spring, with Arcadia Publishers, showcasing her great uncle’s Adirondack photographs taken at Lake George, NY, in the early part of the 20th century (“John Apperson’s Lake George”). Ellen moved from Roanoke, VA to Asheville 2 years ago to be closer to her children and grandchildren, and to try and find a place for herself within Asheville’s lively cultural scene. So far she has taught courses at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, at UNC-A, developed a pilot project based curriculum for 4th grade students, called “Dementia Friendly.” Her other interests include serving in the Advisory Board of the Thomas Wolfe Memorial, singing in a church choir, and publishing and maintaining her own brand of digital archives, as a way to share her history research with other scholars. Daughter Kate Walters teaches at Carolina Day School, and son David Brown plays bass and guitar with a successful indie band, Rising Appalachia.

In the last 2 years Marion Walker sold a house, moved to the lake, bought a house—renovated—and moved back to town. She is looking for anyone who wants to buy a lake house outside of Birmingham? Marion was stunned like all to learn SBC might close and helped where she could. She is still amazed at the gifts of time and money committed by so many to save SBC! Marion’s law practice is on-going, and she is happy to report, she is going on happily! … so far. Marion’s beautiful niece Mary Kathryn Walker was married to Alexander Avery in Aug.—she knew his parents and they are still wonderful. A photo of Marion with 4 of her nephews at the wedding is attached. She says, “Life is Good.” And it shows! Marion is looking forward to seeing us all at our 45th Reunion!

Vivian Finlay continues to enjoy living in Homer, AK with husband Clyde Boyer. She spends time at her rustic cabin near a salmon stream about 300 miles from where she lives, and she regularly travels internationally, or to the continental US. During the summer, she took a remote canoe trip with Clyde, who was the guide, and 1 other couple from the UK, and spent 9 days and 8 nights on the Noatak River in the Gates of the Arctic National Park, above the Arctic Circle. There was no contact with other humans but a few interesting contacts with brown bears who caused no difficulties!

Jane Powell Gray, Raleigh, NC, reports that she and Frank have been traveling and spending as much time with their grandsons as possible. They have stayed in the US this year after a glorious month in Tuscany last fall. Two trips to NYC so far with 2 more planned in 2016. Disney World with grandsons, Hunter (5) and Reid (20 months)—their parents and other grandparents included—is in Oct. after a long weekend in Blowing Rock earlier in the month. Then a week in Antigua in Jan. Where to next?! Frank is still working to support Jane’s travel addiction, but she thinks retirement is great! Finally, Jane wanted to share how proud she is of the SBC community and especially the Class of ’72 in keeping the College...
open and moving forward.

Sarah vonRosenberg works in a small forensic psychology practice, serving a variety of clients, principally law enforcement. She also works full-time on a volunteer basis for SBC, serving alumnæ in the Alumnae Alliance. Sarah serves her community on the board of her local community foundation. She lives with husband Stan Smoote in the country near Houston, TX on 6 acres filled with pecan and citrus trees, and she greatly enjoys watching their children and grandchildren thrive. They are trying to figure out how and when to retire, while continuing to serve the community and SBC.

Cissy Gott writes her time is no longer her own as she’s taken on the full-time volunteer job of president of the Smithsonian Women’s Committee (they put on 2 nationally recognized shows to raise funds that they then grant to Smithsonian museums and bureaus, almost $12 million so far). This is a 2-year stint and in addition to the SWC responsibilities, she’s now on the National Board—such fascinating people, and she gets to be part of the inside workings of this amazing global institution. Good timing meant Brian and Cissy were able to be part of the opening of the National Museum of African American History and Culture, along with President Obama, Michelle, Oprah and a few other luminaries—yes, she’s star struck. In June—just after she started her tenure—Brian and Cissy went to Ireland for 2 weeks of fly-fishing, Guinness, awe-inspiring ancient history, wonderful people, food and, of course, music. Had a blast. Still keeping her little business afloat (and not much time to do paying work with all the Smithsonian duties) and being caregiver for her mother who is quite happily (thank God) in a memory-care facility close by.

Janet Nelson Gibson celebrated in May at son Jonathan’s graduation from UVa Engineering School. Jonathan is now a computer engineer with a minor in integrated systems. He is working for the Dept. of the Navy at Dahlgren, VA. Janet retired from her reading specialist position to spend time with her mother, and then settle her mother’s estate. Husband JoJo retired at the same time, and they are spending their time traveling to visit family and enjoying Hilton Head Island, SC. They are planning a trip to Italy next fall as a graduation present for Jonathan. She’s hoping to spend more time with SBC friends now that she has some free time.

Betty Works Fuller and husband Frank, both Episcopal priests, have “retired” in Corpus Christi, TX, where they are currently preaching and leading worship in the Coastal Bend of Texas. The rest of the time, she is enjoying reading whatever she wants, participating in a yoga group, and preparing a collection of family letters, photographs, and memorabilia for eventual archives and museum donation. Their daughter Mary is the COO of Hack the Hood, located in Oakland, CA, an award-winning non-profit that introduces low-income youths of color to careers in tech by hiring and training them to build websites for real small businesses in their own communities. Will is pursuing a master’s in International Affairs at the School of Global Policy and Strategy at UC–San Diego, where he will graduate in June 2017.

Holly Smith reports that she is on a good streak at the moment—she was recently promoted to the patron’s committee of the Natural History Museum in London and is enjoying her work as a trustee of the influential civic group called the Kensington Society and of Sulgrave Manor, George Washington’s ancestral home. Her magazine Garden Square News continues to prosper, and husband Neil Osborn is involved in several new business ventures. Retirement is nowhere on the horizon. She adds, however, that they are both having to scramble to keep up with “tech.”

Having been retired from teaching for 10+ years, MarySue Morrison Thomas continues to be involved as the manager of her family’s commercial property business. She feels very fortunate to be actively involved in caring for her 94-year-young mother, whom she readily credits with “finding” the beautiful SBC campus in the late 1960’s. MarySue is still pleased to be co-secretary of the Class of ’72 and to oversee (somewhat!) the class Facebook page and blog. Aside from the class mini-reunion in Aug. 2015, she has returned to campus on 2 other occasions and encourages all to make a special effort to return to SBC at our 45th Reunion in June 2017. Notwithstanding the obvious beauty of the campus, she wishes to emphasize that it is just so much more meaningful to share this time and place with friends and classmates from years gone by.

Retirement? HA! So says Jill Johnson, who writes that getting ready for retirement sometime in the distant future is a full-time job. She and partner Jim Mattix still keep their company, International Satellite Information Services, on the front burner. (ISIS, LLC—they had it first!) To keep away from shopping and all other fun distractions, Jill also teaches business and marketing courses for a couple of schools—on campus and online. Two Labs, Lily and Loki, a yellow and a chocolate, rule the household. They often go to their cottage in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Syria, Madison County, VA, where Jill continues to play open and moving forward.
the organ/piano at the little church by the river. Scenic, peaceful, and a necessary respite from the hectic DC suburban life in Vienna, VA.

Being co-secretary with Mary-Sue has been a joy. Plus it provides an avenue to connect with so many classmates. Still, she tries to keep in-person dibs on Carter Frackelton, Mary Heller, and Martha Holland, with short visits whenever they are not traveling between houses or off on international adventures. Vicarious living through friends.

Susan Snodgrass Wynne and husband Dubby welcomed their 6th grandchild, Lee, in June. Five girls and 1 boy! They feel fortunate to live near their 2 sons, daughters-in-law and their families in Virginia Beach. Susan and Dubby continue to stay involved in their community and enjoy travel. Since losing her brother in May, Susan has become more involved with a city program helping those with mental illness to honor her brother’s struggle with schizophrenia. Unfortunately, she will not be able to attend our 45th Reunion as she will be attending Dubby’s 50th at Princeton with their family.

Sue Shields White and husband Bruce are still living in Arlington, TX and feel fortunate that sons Brandon and Clarke are living and working close by. They celebrated their 45th anniversary in Aug. 2016 by traveling to Portugal to revisit the places they saw on their honeymoon. They are enjoying retirement by traveling as much and as often as they can and by spoiling their granddaughters.

Susan Snodgrass Wynne and Dubby with their 6 grandchildren at home in Virginia Beach, Virginia, celebrating a chaotic Christmas!

Charleston, SC, was the setting for a late Sept. reunion of ’72 class members Cinda Lawrence Pierce, Karen Terstappen Morr, Dottie Courington, Cutler Bellows Crockard and Penny Walsh Gilbert. While enjoying the sights, sounds, history and food of Charleston, they caught up on their own histories and celebrated the revival of SBC. Cinda still resides in Virginia Beach, Virginia, celebrating a chaotic Christmas! and Dubby with their 6 grandchildren at home in Susan Snodgrass Wynne and Dubby with their 6 grandchildren at home in Virginia Beach, Virginia, celebrating a chaotic Christmas!

Mary Danford recently joined them via Facetime because she was in Wilmington, NC, helping care for newborn grandson, Ben.

Carter Frackelton is making some big changes in Fredericksburg, VA. After 22 years in her home “above the” (now University of Mary Washington), she is moving to a larger home a few blocks away. There she will have the conveniences of first-floor living, space for her family pieces to show beautifully and plenty of room upstairs to be surrounded by friends and family — a new lease on life, for sure! Carter has enjoyed being reconnected with many classmates with Saving SBC projects and the ’72 Scholarship committee, where we can continue to make a positive and lasting contribution.

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Debbie Pollock Arce: I’m still enjoying life in OR, where I see Diane Dale Reiling occasionally. Had a great visit from Kathy Pretzelfelder Steele last year, and met up with Mary Danford for lunch. I’m still working part-time and enjoying my grandchildren Eva (2) and Will (1 month). They are daughter Cory’s kids. Son Ross lives 90 miles away and manages a farm-to-table restaurant. Son Reed is a Navy Ensign, training to be a pilot in Corpus Christi. Enjoying travel periodically and hope to see you all at Reunion in 2018!
Mary Debuque Desloge: All is well in St. Louis! Two sons married & my divorce! All good!! Next week I am headed down to Highlands, NC with 3 STL buddies to take in the Smoky Mountains. I love being in the South, especially this time of year! All the best to everybody!!

Ann Wesley Ramsey: I am thrilled to be connected to a school with such loyal alumnae, who support and love their school with a passion! Living in VA affords me the opportunity to visit SBC, which I try to manage a few times a year. It is always a bit like going home, and I encourage more visits to SBC from classmates! We have an old growth forest that is so welcoming and distinguishes our school from any other place. Husband Rocket and I have been occupied with chasing a grandchild (1) around, and since this one lives in Richmond, we have lots of time with him. Our other 3 grandchildren are in Greensboro, but we had an extended visit from them this summer in Manchester by the Sea, Mass. Life is good! Other than some golf and travel, I am busy with a few pet causes. The Virginia Center for the Creative Arts is located at the old Mt. St. Angelo, across from SBC, and is an artist retreat, where some fine creative work is produced. Another Virginia institution is Stratford Hall Plantation, located on the Potomac River, and is a wonderful place to visit and stay at the lovely Inn. Please come visit and I’ll meet you there!

Elizabeth Montgomery: I got nuttin’—Same Ole Same Ole here! Life of a little ole lady in sneakers whose bones creak and her 13-year-old cat’s bones creak—no husband, no kids, no grandkids to crow about! LOL (Note from Class Secy—“Beth,” as we all remember her, is living the life as “Liz Montgomery” in Burbank, CA. As much as she thinks her life is ho-hum, she has done some exciting and memorable things in the past few years. She is card-carrying SAG member and has been in commercials and TV shows over the past several years. She spent 6 months in France and made a trip to Africa as well in the past couple of years!!)

Suzanne Wright Godfrey: I run my family business. Husband Ed retired last year. Surprised him with 70th birthday trip to Pebble Beach with our 2 boys. Back home Ed diagnosed with HPV throat cancer. Treatment complet-
ed Feb., now cancer free. Christopher, oldest son, just gave us 1st grandchild, a girl named Callaway in Houston. Our youngest, Graham, in Denver, getting married in June 2017. We are blessed. I am gardening, playing bridge, learning golf—plan to travel much more.

Wendy Wise Routh: Southampton was gorgeous this summer. We had a brief visit from Lon Burris, but no Anne. Lexie and John Carlos are healthy, happy and independent. Tinker, Charleston and Memphis are the 3 labs who keep Carlos and me company. We miss Belle, but she was pretty old and tired. Our time spent in FL is better than ever, and we are so happy to be missing blizzards. Looking forward to our 2nd MG Freshmen Roommate Reunion at Isle of Palms, SC in 4/2017 with Chris Hoefer, Ann Wesley, Anne Cogswell, Patty Tucker and Gray Thomas.

Gray Thomas Payne: Loves living in Camden, ME with husband Tom. Both children live in Nashville, which makes visiting a lot easier. Thomas was married this summer in Charlotteville, Catherine and Patrick are busy chasing James (2) around. Life is good. Tom and I enjoy our times sailing around Camden on our boat Heron, and we look forward to a beautiful fall!!


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Caroline Bickel McLoughlin wrote from Paris, where she and her husband were starting their stay of several weeks in France. “My husband Hollis is now retired, and we will be taking an organized bike trip through Provence and then afterward driving down the southeast coast of France, ending in Barcelona before returning to DC, where we have lived for the past 27 years. I continue to play a lot of tennis and enjoy my volunteer flower arranging at our church and at the National Cathedral. Daughter Caroline recently volunteered me to do the flowers for her girlfriend’s wedding. So I guess I am a bit in the business, although a whole wedding was more than I had expected. Fresh flowers cannot be done too far ahead.”

“I continue to spend summers on Cape Cod in the family house and sail my Grandfather’s classic wooden Wian- no Senior as well as play golf on, what I consider, the most beautiful course. We have 2 children. Our daughter is married and lives close to us in DC and our son is a junior at Trinity in Hartford."

Amy Troxell Stein Fucini is enjoying retirement from legal practice and politics as a 3-term county commissioner in FL and taking cruises to Hawaii, the South Pacific, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean, where they are going again to celebrate husband Peter’s 70th birthday in Oct. and their 11th wedding anniversary in Nov. They are also enjoying their newest boat, a tricked-out 44’ Sea Ray Sundancer! Amy offered: “If you are near Punta Gorda Isles, FL, look us up!” (Her first wedding in Atlanta. And while Treacy did not mention it, she donated several beautiful paintings to the SBC auction held in May.

Kari Anderson Shipley is happily still doing non-profit work for 4 charities and her church. Her husband just announced his retirement, so they will be spending more time during the summer in Lake Toxaway, NC. She remains busy running a household in Defray Beach with lots of houseguests, dogs, family and friends, painting in her studio and building another guesthouse. She enjoyed a wonderful recent family trip to Ireland and England with her 3 sons, stepdaughter and her mother horseback riding, golf, fly fishing and sightseeing. She also loved hosting the SBC swim team last season!

Jennie Bateson Hamby retired from a real estate career in 2013. She and her husband, Lou, (UVA ’76, UVA Law ’79), bought a house in Charlotte- tevs near their son and daughter-in-
law. First grandchild is due New Year’s Eve! They still live in Florida, where Lou is in his 38th year of law practice (Palm Beach), but travel to Charlotteville often, along with their 135 lb. Newfoundland dog, since Lou can work from their home there.

Melanie Coyne Cody works as the VP Director of Talent of Young & Rubicam Brands. She had a great time at Missy Briscoe McNatt’s daughter’s wedding at a gorgeous venue—Briscoe riverfront lawn. Missy also visited Melanie in Green Lake, WI over Labor Day—many s’mores consumed. Melanie wrote, “Visited Portugal & Spain in Fall 2015. Sailed a 48’ Cat with friends in the BVI in May ’16. Still sailing in Spain in Fall 2015. Sailed a 48’ Catamaran during Labor Day—many s’mores consumed.”

Kay Elissor Hopkins and her husband Joe celebrated their 38th anniversary this year. Two of the joys of their lives are their grandchildren Harper and Taylor (3 and 1); they make frequent trips from Dallas to the Houston area to see them. Kay has been with Neiman Marcus for 28 years. Kay enjoys seeing Tennessee Nielsen, Cissy Humphrey and Beth Bates Locke for girls’ nights out and they had a mini-reunion with Karen Adelson Strauss at Tennessee’s house, when she was in Dallas this past April.

Connie Radford Butler is still teaching preschool (27th year), but has yet to have children of previous children. Son Robert and his wife have moved back to Louisville; he finished his residency in emergency medicine in June in Providence. Her daughter Cathy, husband, and 2 adorable grandsons live less than a mile away. Connie wrote: “We are blessed to have them in our lives almost every day—hopefuly they keep us young and not wear us out!! My father passed away in June of last year, so at least 5-year-old Charlie will have memories of him—they live down the street, and still adore and visit my stepmother, by bike and stroller.”

Debbie Massie Thurman is semi-retired now, still doing some freelance writing, which frees her up to write another book, but no spoiler alerts. Her hubby Russ is approaching full retirement, but is also cutting back on his schedule. They have one grown granddaughter and one adorable 7-year-old step-granddaughter, and enjoy traveling when they can, having visited New England, GA, and DC this year.

Debbie wrote, “As for the Saving Sweet Briar saga, like many, I plunged in fully from day one, giving of my time, talent and treasure to save our beloved alma mater. Russ lent his skills in some important ways, too. I was fortunate to be close to ground zero, so I could visit campus frequently and attend the major court days. I also worked some with local and national media and helped plan and execute several off-campus reunion fundraisers. I was further honored to help plan and co-chair Sweet Work Days in July and Aug. 2015. I was able to volunteer with that effort a bit more this year in May, and in March I served on a career services panel for the humanities. A highlight of last summer was meeting many of the Fletcher family at their reunion. I enjoyed just being a cheerleader and working quietly behind the scenes in other ways. Reconnecting with old friends and connecting with many new ones among alumnae, students, faculty and staff at SBC was an incredible serendipity of the battle. I made it to both Reunions (enjoyed seeing some of my classmates) and a few other celebrations and events on campus.”

Sally Mott Freeman just returned from Ireland, where they drove all over County Cork (from some of her and husband John’s Irish ancestors’ home) and then on to Dublin for a grand tour of Irish literary figures and evenings of Irish music and dance. Each day they made a spontaneous decision on where to go and stay and it was fun, gorgeous, and oh so green. Sally’s upcoming book, “The Jersey Brothers,” will be published by Simon and Schuster in May 2017, but is already up on Amazon. After 10 years of digging and writing and more digging and rewriting, this family story is finally in production—a thrill. She will be on and off book tour next summer and fall, hoping to hit Sweet Briar somewhere along the way!

Sally wrote, “Two of our 4 ‘children’ are married with children (5 grands!). My younger two boys are holding out (at this writing...) but loving their careers (Christopher—real estate finance, Bobby—neuroscience biotech) and life. All are thriving, happily, I am in touch with several classmates and had the opportunity to catch up with many of them, and other alums, in the past year including Megan Morgan, Tracy Markey Shaw, Kate Kelly Smith, Margot Mahoney Budin, Caroline Bickel Mcloughlin, Mary Beth Hamlin Shannon, Sally Old Kitchen, Peggy Weiner Parrish, Elliott Graham Schoening, Sarah Clement ’75, and Cathy Statinshek Prillaman to mention a few. We had a great turnout for our 40th last June as well, which we kicked off with a class dinner at the Briar Patch—truly memorable and a blast of an evening!”

Norris Fergeson has been working as adjunct curator for the past 3 years for Dorothy Hood: El Color de Ser/ The Color of Being, a retrospective exhibition. The originating museum is the Art Museum of Corpus Christi, in Corpus Christi, TX. This has never before occurred in TX, a one-person show for an artist in the state of this magnitude... 80 paintings, 50 drawings, 34 collages and a big monograph by Susie Kail.

When she wrote, Tricia Cassidy O’Callahan was getting ready for son Timmy’s wedding the next weekend in Nantucket. He is marrying a great woman, Liz Conner from Hingham, MA, who also went to Holy Cross and Tricia is thrilled. Timmy is at Goldman and Liz is at Cocoran Group—a NYC couple! Tricia recently returned to Law School to get her L.L.M. in environmental law. After prosecuting child abuse and neglect for 15 years and currently organized crime, Tricia decided she needed a change of direction for her “swan song.” So she is back at law school at night getting more education! Her husband has been ill with Parkinson’s but is managing well. They still live in Rye, NY and Nantucket and have a place in Hobe Sound, FL. In her free time she plays golf and travels to different courses. Tricia stays in touch with Treacy Markey, Kate Kelly and Janet Grainger.

Becky Burt wrote, “Although there were some missing, it was great to see everyone who was at the Briar for our 40th (gasp!—no, no, just can’t be that old) Reunion in June. Sweet Briar is still home. Since Reunion, I’ve been running between my antique shop, B2 Antiques in Ponchatula, LA, and my latest venture, B2 Estate Sales. Plus I’m still teaching several classes in Metal Jewelry techniques in New Orleans. Believe me, these keep me running! Lochrane made me promise to be back for our 45th; so here’s hoping everyone makes it back.”

Bobbie ‘Hauck’ Gribble has lived in Virginia Beach for 31 years and has 3 children, who are all happily engaged in their lives. She wrote, “I am retired, studying to be a homemaker and just got accepted to the Chrysler Museum 10-month docent program. Life is wonderful! My oldest (and dearest friend) is still Marsha ‘Decker’ Powers ’75, who I met my freshman year!”

Margaret Minor Mallory wrote: “LUCKY ME for getting to spend time in Vero Beach w/ Cathy Statinshek Prillaman last March & then Teeis Costello Howell & Mary Beth Hamlin Shannon on their home turfs in Richmond in June. Enjoyed 40th reunion & catching up with classmates. Thanked again to Anonymous classmate who treated us all to dinner Friday night. Hopefully everyone donated the amount they would’ve paid for dinner to SBC. Thanks to those who had conflicts but came for 1 night or even just a few hours. I encourage everyone who reads this magazine to give something—anything—to SBC & see if, for once, the Class of ’76 could be the one with the highest percentage of donors. C’mon!!”

“I am blessed to still have my 98-year old father, who is the most upbeat person I know. He’s still sharp as a tack & although he is not playing competitive tennis or golf anymore, he does read medical journals online every night & sends around links to what he considers important health issues & breakthroughs. AND he tells GREAT jokes! I spent 3 weeks in John’s Island, FL with my father, which is where I caught up with Slats & also Liz Thomas. Then Bart & I cruised from Miami to Spain last spring.”

As for Mary Beth Hamlin Shannon, I’m letting her submission speak for itself: “Our family took a trip just after Christmas in Jan. 2016 to New Orleans. Jim and I visited Cathy ("Slats") Statinshek Prillaman and Bo and Liz Jenks Carden and Herb at their homes in Vero Beach/ Johns Island in Feb., (Cardens and Prillamans live near us in Richmond when they are not “snow birds”). Then the Prillamans and Shannons visited the Cardens again at their lovely home at Lynch Point on the Potomac River during the summer. Just before Thanksgiving 2015, Jim and I had the honor and privilege of attending Slats’s parents’ Finalerment at Arlington National Cemetery on a lovely clear, crisp fall day. (We
fondly remember Mary and Frank from school.) Also with us at the incredibly moving ceremony (with full military honors: 21-gun salute, horse-drawn caisson, presenting of the American flag—to our Slats—on behalf of a grateful nation) were Meg Shields Duke and Jamie, Margot Mahoney Budin, Lisa Nelson Robertson, Sally Old Kitchin, Sally Matt Freeman and John, Maggie Shriver ‘77 and Becky Dana Evans ‘76.

Jim and I were in ME twice (once visiting Gray Thomas Payne ‘75 and Tom in June in charming Camden and again in the fall with my Winnetka Book Club in Kennebunkport. While in ME I discovered my relative Hannibal Hamlin’s beautiful gravesite in Bangor and his eponymous dormitory at University of ME. (Little known Hannibal was Lincoln’s first Veep. Governor, U.S. Congressman, and U.S. Senator from ME and Ambassador to Spain.) In mid-Aug., Margot Mahoney and I spent a few delightful days in NYC (stayed in the much updated, now chic boutique hotel we lived in as students during J term our sophomore year studying with Mr. James). She and I saw “Hamilton” on Broadway—couldn’t believe how FAB it is! Jim and I took a “heaven on earth” Tauck river trip up The Danube in Sept. I don’t think we will ever forget those special memories.

“If you find yourself anywhere near Scott Stadium on game day, we hope you’ll join us at our tailgate, where Jim’s passion for UVA keeps us busy during much of the fall. (His license plate is DBLHOOJ.) In fact, he and I both celebrated Reunions the same weekend this past June. As much fun as we are both back on our beautiful campus, and as terrific as the Class of ’76 Friday night dinner was, we departed for Charlottesville Saturday, and I was sad to miss seeing some of you and our class picture; first one I haven’t been in! “I’m very fortunate to have both my parents still alive and in relatively good health. Mother and Dad will turn 90 this year. Mother had a cochlear implant, which has improved her life and ours! I get to see them a couple times a year in Akron and Naples, FL. Both my children (Caroline 28, Hollis 23) are out of school and employed as I write, where:

“I spend the rest of my time as a passionate volunteer at The Virginia Home—a wonderful residence (these folks hold a special place in my heart) for permanently disabled people in my new town of Richmond. I was elected to the board or trustees in 2015. I’ve joined The Woman’s Club and The Tuckahoe Woman’s Club and am getting into the swing of things in our new home. But I haven’t broken ties with Chicago, still going back al-

most monthly for my theater subscription groups and dear book club pals, now together for 17 years! And this Dec. Jim, the children and I will host our 16th Annual Christmas Eve coat and tie sit-down dinner at our home with the same 37 friends we have been “caroling and turkeying” with since our family moved to Winnetka! We all love the tradition and I intend to keep it up for a few more years (being a ‘76er— who “can’t say no!”)

Here’s Andy Yellot’s submission, verbatim: “Howdy! So sorry I couldn’t get to our big 4-0 Reunion last spring, but I didn’t have any Pink and Green clothes, so I figured I wouldn’t be allowed on the campus. :-) Anyway, life continues to roll along. I’m still working at Johns Hopkins University’s CTV Online Programs (along with my husband, Ben) supervising a number of writing courses/instructors/students in distance education. And, because Ben and I work in Academia, we can never retire. I routinely help out my 87 y/o mom, who moved to a wonderful retirement community 15 months ago and is still living independently with her 2 dogs but, unfortunately, not her car, which she totaled a month after she moved in, thereby necessitating 4 months in Rehab; I am now her official chauffeur. I have two Coonhounds, Bristo and Caper, who are Therapy Dogs spreading love, joy, and comfort at retirement communities, schools, colleges, and wherever else they might be needed. I also still have my Irish Cob, McBlarney O’Pony (O’Pie), who spent the past year-plus (at the same time mom was recovering) at death’s door fighting a mysterious illness of which we have never fully diagnosed. I have recently begun riding him again, and have my fingers crossed that he will remain healthy. Between my mother and my pony, I have learned a huge amount about human and equine medicine over the past year. Both my sons, Ben and Andrew, are still my little boys, despite their Protestations to the contrary! I’m sure all you moms can relate! Thus, I’m officially a member of the Sandwich Generation, worrying about both my mother and my sons, whilst working full-time. I’ll get a vacation some year. Maybe. In the meantime, I still revel in the fact that our beloved Sweet Briar is alive and well!”

Becky Wilson McDonough is the CEO of the HopeWell/Prince George Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center, a recently expanded commu-

nity role. She and Steve live on the James River Farm in PG County, VA; are empty-nesters with weddings on the horizon for kids. She stays in close touch with Missy Briscoe Mcnatt, Melanie Coyne Cody, Adele Patricia Neal, and Jody Anderson Wharton.

Ainslie Jones Uhl reported, “Robert and I moved back to Raleigh, NC after 7 years in Del Mar, CA—we missed our East Coast life and our families. Robert is continuing as managing director for Westwicke Partners, with a regular biocatalyst commute. I am working on the renovation of our dilapidated 1926 house and training our rambunctious curly coated retriever Stella. Youngest son Henry is a junior (philosophy major) at the University of Miami, oldest son Hart just got his master’s in Columbia University’s SIPA program, youngest daughter Everett works in DC in sustainable energy, and oldest daughter Colburn works in NYC in culinary media/branding. Now that we’re back, I am very happy to be able to get together with Eben Little Stevens 77 for lunch and cocktails on a regular basis!”

Kelsey Canady Grice submitted the following: I’m sitting here in my home in Virginia Beach waiting for Bruce Fisher, UVa, Theta Delta, to arrive from NJ with wife Beth, as he will be a guest lecturer at the business school at William and Mary Mondays! We’ve had our college reunion in the fall, so now together for 17 years! And this way in the summer, be in touch with me. Would love to see you! Will be home and in Rochester soon and looking forward to getting to NYC to see son John, who works and lives there. Was so sorry to miss our reunion, but things get busy in Wyoming with family and friends.”

Lisa Nelson Roberts is still very active in her community. She founded Changing Seasons, a speaker series. A variety of nationally known inspirational speakers to share their stories of hope and joy with the women of Va. Beach and Norfolk community. Richmond now has their own series and Liz Jenkins Carden helps lead it there. Liz and Lisa must have been inspired by their time at Sweet Briar. You can check it out at www.changingseasons.com. She remains involved leading Faithful Beginnings—a school readiness guide to help children ages 0-5. Faith foundations are partnered with school readiness activities. It is designed to help parents and grandparents prepare their children as they learn how to learn. Lisa also remains involved in teaching a women’s Bible study at her church. Her children are spread around the country, LA, NJ, DC and VA Beach. She has 6 grandchildren and her sec-ond daughter, Elizabeth, is expecting twins girls any day (she has a 3 and 1 year old). Tim and Lisa will celebrate our 40th anniversary in 2017. Time flies when you are having fun, and she is having fun with family and friends.

She recently saw “Saint” Sally Old Kitchin and her growing family, and “Kevin”—the grandmother name for Ann Kiley Crensuhl. Lisa’s alias is “Honey.” They have been known to “Whine and Wine”—a favorite time for all of them.

Asimina Coroneos wrote, “My 2nd son, James, got married in May to a wonderful young lady, Kiki. He has served as a Marine, 4 years active and 4 years reserve. My 3rd son, Theo, is starting his own wood making business. His specialty is coffee tables and
end tables with inlaid agates, that are LED lighted from beneath. His adorable daughter will be 6 in a few weeks! I am the luckiest Grandmom, for they live with me! My daughter, Anastasia, loves working with animals. In 2011, God called my oldest son, Anthony, home at the young age of 28. Maureen O’Hearn Slowinski and I keep in touch with each other.”

Sharon Coe Glen wrote, “Greetings from the Heart of Hampshire! I am still working as a music communication consultant for autistic children and sing with three choirs; currently rehearsing for my Carnegie Hall debut in Nov! Jonathan and I celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary this year, and I received my British citizenship and European passport just in time for Brexit. Three great kids all grown and on their way, with actress daughter Grace in Los Angeles engaged this month, so we will be planning a transatlantic wedding next year. Let me know if anyone’s in England and we’ll put more bits back on our 17th-century village house!"

Cheryl Lux wrote, “Even though cattle commodity prices have fallen 50 to 55 percent, our year has been good, we had actually the best bull sale this past spring, and we’ll just roll with the changes. Nothing ever stays the same. I was elected as the Region 1—the 5 Northwest states—representative for the breeders of our national cattle breed association, the Charolais (the big white cattle), I get to the gardens spots in the US for customer visits, MO, OK, and I really just love TX. We will probably never retire until we die, as the ranching business is too interesting, too demanding, too busy, to just leave it. We have the great good fortune to be doing exactly what we want to do in MT, where we want to live.”

Marsha’ Taylor Horton reported, “Son Samuel is a senior in high school, so the press is on—SATs, graduation pictures, college applications—I’m sure you all remember those days! Daughter Jasmine is in her last year of junior high. She was just selected co-president of the Business Professionals Association at her school. It’s ironic that both Sam and Jazz are interested in business. Sam wants to be a stock broker! Husband Bobby is still enjoying his work at the Social Security Administration. He’s also decided to delve into real estate! ‘I’ll keep you posted on that! I am in my 4th year as dean for the College of Education, Health and Public Policy at Delaware State University. The university is in a period of growth, so these are exciting times! In addition, I just completed an A.D. in Biblical Studies. It was exciting to be the one receiving a diploma (as opposed to the one giving them out! Smile).’"

Here’s the news from Hilda Dent, “My business, Old House Specialists, LLC, continues to prosper with interesting jobs restoring original windows. We do other work as well, but window restoration is our specialty. Horace moved from Denver, where he was teaching computer programming, heading to LA, where his girlfriend is in 2nd year of med school, with a detour to NY, programming for the DNC on Hillary’s campaign. McCormick moved back to Montgomery from Birmingham just in time to help us pull off restoration of 30 c.1930s windows at a local military base. Oh, and I have two new hips. Found out in Feb. I had no cartilage left in either one. I’m just grateful it was something they could fix!”

Our fantastic class president, Lynn Kahler Rogerson, is recovering from a broken leg, which left her house-bound all summer! Her daughter Olivia, who joined her at our 40th Reunion, is a senior in high school, and she and Lynn have been making college visits. Lynn remains hopeful that SBC will be
her ultimate trajectory.

Peggy Weimer Parrish is living in Richmond, VA but spends as many weekends as possible at her historic home in Danville, VA, and is looking forward to retirement some day so she can be there permanently. After 25 years, she is still teaching accounting, starting her 3rd year with John Tyler Community College and serving as department chair. Her mom is 86 and still living independently, so Peggy spends some time each week with her. Jay (27) is serving in the Special Forces in the Middle East and Alexander (23) works for Capital One in Richmond, and remains on call to assist her when needed for household and other emergencies! Returned from a 19-day trip to Spain to attend Reunion and had a wonderful time. When the stars and calendars align, she enjoys seeing Elliott Graham Schoenig, Mary Beth Hamlin Shannon, and Teesie Howell Costello.

Thanks to all of you who wrote! I know the deadline was extremely short, and I had conflicting email lists, which may have caused some of you to not receive all 3 emails. In addition, my apologies to our classmates who aren’t on Facebook or email; the deadline was too short for the College to provide postcards to mail off. Finally, I KNOW I was an English major, despite this submission, but I wanted to make the deadline…That’s my story and I’m sticking to it! Finally, thanks to Margaret Milnor Mallory for submitting the pictures from Reunion.

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Vera Blake Thiers: I am still working full-time at the big international school here and don’t plan on retiring soon—I love my job. I did ask for more vacation time though, as my husband is retiring soon and I have a lot of fox hunting I still want to do. Next stop is back in VA in Nov. In fact, I will be at the Rappahannock, where I rode Buck all those years ago. Yippee. My kids now have partners they seem serious about, but no wedding bells or christenings yet. Are we not having our 40th Reunion soon?

Elvira Cash Pecora: All the family is well with our 2 sons loving their jobs—one (27) in Philly and the other (30) in Durham, NC—traveling in Canada and US. Husband Chip still refs soccer and works for Fed Ex and had to hold the fort this summer as I took my 94-year-old mom to AK on a cruise and tour of Denali National Park.

What a wonderful trip—the vacation of a lifetime! The cruise was ever so relaxing and we ate so many delicious foods and met many interesting people. The 7-hour tour of Denali and seeing all the animals was outstanding—bears, moose, ptarmigan, an arctic mouse, dall sheep, eagles, sea otters and elk. The other highlight was Glacier Bay, with many sightings of whales and all the spectacular glaciers. I highly recommend a trip to all.

Dee Hubble Dolan is so proud of all her SBC sisters and their support of the College for Daisy and all alumnae. She writes: “All is well at Paradise Farm in Powhatan, VA. I am downsizing the herd and will retire in a few years. It is a different place to be without parents, husband or children, but will allow me to visit all my SBC friends in the near future!”

Becky Mayer Gutierrez: Life is blessed. Three fantastic sons, 4 awesome grandchildren and still love teaching. My oldest son loves his job as a farmer, my middle son is getting married next June and my youngest son is still in the Army and all are happy. Cannot ask for more. Hoping to retire in 2020—started teaching late. I had a fantastic week at Old Orchard Beach with the family in Aug. My principal is a 1983 SBC grad, and we attended Reunion in 2015. SBC looked great and had its own exit! Times have changed. Hard to believe 40 years this spring.

Mary Palmer: The big news around here is that my sweet baby Kate married the most divine Tyler Bradly in Maui on June 7th. They eloped by themselves—no mama in tow—and came home and we celebrated with family and their friends here at home. It was a wonderful night including pink and green lanterns hanging from the trees. A little nod to the great parties we had in Meta Glass! My mom is doing great. She just got back from Scotland on the big hunt with my niece for any and all things to do with Outlander. At 87, this was quite the feat for her and she loved every minute of it! If any 77’ers come through Nashville, please get in touch. Would love to see you. Love Facebook for how it has brought all of us together.

Frances Redmond Malone: My sister Lucile Redmond Fourmy ’82 and I continue with our frame shop/gallery Two Sisters Gallery in Columbus, GA. Booth, my husband, is on the board of the American Academy of Equine art and met Carrie Griscom Nygren last fall at the AAEA Fall Show in Lexington, KY. Carrie won the American Academy of Equine Art Sporting Art Award at their 2016 Fall Show in Kentucky with her artwork.

Molly Reeb Nissman: My big news is that my daughter Nancy is pregnant with her second baby and due in Oct. Her first child is named Hannah (2) and they live in Northern VA, which is not too far away. My son Matt (20) is a junior at William & Mary in the business school. My other son Andrew (23) works for the Virginia Symphony Orchestra here in Norfolk. I am thrilled to have him in the same city! All is well with me. Playing tennis and still loving my job as a financial advisor with UBS in Norfolk. Tell all of our SBC classmates to come visit me in Virginia Beach/Norfolk! Go Vixens!

Ellen Sellers McDowell: All is well with us in Dallas. Went to Spain in May to see daughter Ginny, who was living with a family in Madrid and enrolled in a Spanish immersion program. Also traveled to see daughters Emily in Portland, OR and Mary Susan in San Antonio, TX. Youngest daughter Kate is working in Dallas but lives across town, so we have to schedule dinners to see each other. I have added a new twist to my cooking activities by hosting cookbook clubs at the Cooking School.

We have focused on healthy cooking with gluten-free and paleo cookbooks as well as cultural cooking with a Mexican theme. Rex is still traveling back and forth to work in AL, so I have affiliated with the Montgomery Colonial Dames Society. Last week at the new members’ orientation I got to see some SBC women, Nancy Canada ’81 from Birmingham and Vaughn Morrisette from Mobile and her daughter Laura Morrisette Clark ’85. I’m still active at Church of the Incarnation, where I see Lisa Wray Longino ’78. I’m also hosting a Jill Steinheis’ 80 art workshop here in a few weeks and will love seeing all the Dallas Sweet Briar friends while she is here. Hope to see many classmates next June at Reunion.

Libby White Drbal: With Tyler, our youngest son, graduating from Dickinson College in PA last May, we are officially empty nesters. Doug’s job in the companion animal veterinary industry required a lot of travel to the west coast, so we fulfilled a dream—we packed up 20 years of living in NJ

Linda Guardabassi Michael: Hi class of 77. SBC has certainly gone through bad times and now good times! My applause to those who made it happen! As of Sept. 2015 the 3rd of our 3 kiddos is now married. Now we’re grandparents to 2 grandsons—Zeb (2) and Boone is a newborn. He’s doing well! Doug is the busiest retired guy you’ve ever seen. Besides consulting he is a very active court-appointed special advocate caseworker. I keep on teaching ESL to refugees & immigrants. One Iraqi has accepted Christ. I’m a bible study facilitator at our church. I try to be flexible for grandchildren and adult “kid” things. Krista, our daughter, is a personal trainer working out of our souped up gym at our house. Doug and I are her most faithful clients and are seeing great results. I’m loving my new sport—Pickleball. Anyone else a Pickleball enthusiast? Doug and I, and sometimes our adult kids, have done some great traveling including 2 Viking cruises—1 from Hungary to Germany with a Prague add-on and the other river trip to Normandy and all the way to Avignon. This past summer we did a Regal Princess Baltic cruise which included the 4 Scandinavian countries, and Tallinn, Estonia, and St Petersburg, Russia. In Nov. Doug and I go with our church to Israel. It will be my 2nd trip there. Next summer we’ll go to Alaska. We have future plans for other international destinations. I pray all is well with the rest of Class of 1977 ladies!
and moved to the Denver metro area July 2015! With his time in the air to call on clients drastically reduced, we can explore our new environment. We love the area and our new neighbors. Lots of hiking, skiing and exploring. I’ve started a bunco club, am active on the Wildlife Committee, garden and book Clubs. Still looking for a stable to ride, but that will come. It’s been a challenging year as I’ve flown to Boston almost monthly since the spring to help out with an ill aunt who passed in July. This sad event was tempered with the exciting news that Drew, our oldest son, will be marrying his college sweetheart in Sept. 2017. So, the family grows. An advantage to living in the “Ski Mecca” is that Vivian Yamaguchi Cohn and I attended a Ladies Ski Camp at Breckenridge together last Feb. I had a blast and I love the fact I will see more of her since one of her sons will be working at Breckenridge this winter. SBC’ers please come visit!

Patti Wornom Arnold: My 2nd grandchild was born in July. I now have a granddaughter named Sarina Henry and a grandson named Quentin Henry, both born to my son Chaz! My daughter Ashley is now an oncology nurse practitioner at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston. Rene and I are still working, although I am ready for retirement! I want to spend more time with those grandbabies!

And I, Sally Bonham Mohle, am still happily ensconced in Glen Allen, VA. I refused to go to Reunion in 2015, saying that I would wait for our 40th in 2017. Then I spent months after the March “letter of closure” willing, hoping, praying and sending money to get the meeting on track. I expect many, many of us did that! Kudos to President Stone and all alumnae and friends who helped.

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So … It’s been a while! But what “awhile” it’s been! The emotional roller coaster that we all went through, the pulling together to realize (and share with others) how truly special our time at SBC was, and what a shame it would have been should that special time been denied the many generations of young women to come! “Congratulations!” and “Thanks!” to all of us—whether you gave financially, gave of your time to help spiff the campus up during the past two summers of Sweet Work Weeks, stuffed envelopes, made phone calls (of all sorts), made sure we were represented at as many college fairs as possible or had the know-how to challenge the status quo, it all helped, and is greatly appreciated by so many! The numbers of incoming students made a big jump from last fall to this year’s entering class, and it is all in part due to the passion that we all share. Continue to share the story, stay connected, so that we will have to go through this again, all while realizing how fortunate that we all are to have these bonds between us! That being said, on to the news!

Lee Corollo Boyes is still teaching HS chemistry and, while she is still loving it, she is thinking of slowing down to part-time, going from 160 to 130 students! Her son and daughter-in-law have moved back to CA from WI, so Lee is happy about that! Lee and her SBC roommate, Trish, keep up through FB.

Katie Renaud Baldwin, and 7 of her HS girlfriends, got together in CA for a summer 6-8 celebration, all of them coming from different states! Sounds like a great time! Before settling back at home in OR this fall (spending time processing all of their goodies from the garden, and subbing at her old school), Katie was in the Outer Banks with her brothers and a cousin, and then back to MI to see her parents, other HS friends, and Martha Miller Boudreau ’79 during the summer. While official retired, Katie is still learning how to balance her time between reading (which she loves) and her “steps, miles and activity in each day.” She hopes to balance long walks on SBC bike trails to motorcycle rides are a joy, but “we are looking at trailers so our dogs can come along!” Bet the motorcycle comes in handy going back and forth to see the grandkids! “Anyone who is in the area, look me up!”

Sue King is also still living in Madison County with her husband of 34 years, working as a school counselor in Culpepper County, VA. Ellen still teaches Jazzercise, a good thing, since she has 6 grandchildren, all living in VA as well (Luray, Richmond and Lewis Center). Long Calf Country and motorcycle rides are a joy, but “everyone is coming to Maine!” She was also able to see the new horse and puppy that Jim gave Toni this year as well! “Life is full of training when I am not at work.”

From VA to ME … Cassandra Smith-Babbitt enjoys reconnecting with ‘the great class of ’78” from outside of Bangor. She is the proud grandmother of 1 little girl, with a second on the way! It was a busy summer for Cassandra, as she was able to have visits from Nancy Robinson Lindberg, Paula Brown Kelley, Becky Dane Evans, Sue Griste Rupp, Suzanne Stryker Ulrich and fellow Mainer (or Maineiac~) Cecilia Garcia-Tuñon Lear. “Everyone is coming to Maine!” She was also able to see Jane Hemenway Sullivan at the Boston SBC summer picnic.

Holly McGlothlin writes from the San Francisco area that she was able to catch Cathy Chandler Shafer in March when Canny was out for a conference in LA and wanted to do a lot of catching up. It was a quiet summer, except for when husband Mike suffered a mild heart attack. “They put in a stint, he has quit smoking after 35 years, and is doing well.” Good thing, as they had a trip scheduled to go to London and Edinburgh in Oct. to see the sights, as well as to watch the Redskins play! After getting back from that, there were 100 pounds of peaches waiting for her! “Jam anyone?” (If she offers, just say YES! It is delicious!)

Also in CA is Deb Davidson Klein who writes that daughter Whitney was married in Atlanta last Fall (15). “It was so fun to have Mary Page Stewart and Kathy Jackson Howe to celebrate with!” Although it was very sad when Deb traveled to Baltimore for the memorial service for Maria Rixey Gamper, “the one blessing was seeing all of our SBC friends.” Deb’s eldest, Bo, got engaged and will be married next March in Laguna Beach, while her youngest, Peter, is in Northern CA. Deb still rides, showing her “wonderful” mare Zula in the AA Jumpers, as well as continuing in real estate in Laguna.
Beach with Terry. “Come visit!”

From PA, Mimi Borst Quill-er- seim—“No marriages, no grand-
children,” which leaves time to travel
last July to NH with Mary Goodwin
Gamper and Billy, and Ginny Craig.
Dick Gamper (Maria’s husband and
Mary’s brother-in-law) joined them all
on a hike in the White Mountains to
 Galehead Hut and Mt. Garfield. Mimi
goes to see Meg Richards Wieder-
seim when they walk their Corgis stat-
ing, “hers are always better behaved!”
Mimi and Scott’s son Ian lives in
Federal Hill in Baltimore, while working
in DC for the Coast Guard; while Travis
lives in Havertford, PA and works at SSI
Investments. Mimi also had a “first”
this past May when she attended (and
camped out!) at Delfest Music Festival
with six friends from Georgia. “Forgot
what it’s like to be around people who
literally party all night—but the music
was incredible!” A trip to ME in Sep-
tember provided lots of time for hiking
on Mount Desert Island, a boat tour of
historic lighthouses out of Bar Harbor,
and a visit to Camden ME. Catching up
with other alumni from many classes in
the Philadelphia area club is always
fun as well. And then there is still time
for her to learn the art of beekeeping
from Mary Goodwin Gamper! She
“is a great teacher” but no honey this
year—.

Ike Osinga Scully is in CT, where
“life consists of volunteering at our
local historical society (No, I did not
major in history, but it sure is
fascinating!) and church.” She is also
keeping up with her bookkeeping skills
d by doing a little part-time work. Ike
is in love with her little farm, complete
with a barn full of dairy cows, a mini-
horse and miniature donkey, and the
flock of chickens! Fresh eggs?? Oldest
son Brennan is living and working
(nearby, as well as Anne over July 4th in
Chicago. “It had been years!”

Carrie Ruda Clark started out by
saying how proud she is of ALL of her
SBG sisters and what was accom-
plished! She is still with the American
Banker’s Association working in Mem-
er Communications. “The voice of the
ABA! I must have produced a number
of publications and e-bulletins for confer-
ce marketing collateral!” She is also
involved at her church, serving on Alter
Guild and the Hospitality Committee.
Carrie’s son had been working in
Wilmington, NC, interning with Historic
Wilmington and the Bellamy House,
but has moved to the Bethesda/DC
area to work with a full-service dog
walking service company, Wagabout.
As Andrew is preparing to become a
certified dog trainer, Carrie chimed in
“Move over Cesar Milan!” Her son
John, 33, received his MBA at UNC
and is working in venture capital with
recent “ventures” in Tera’s Kitchen
and Tessa May salad dressing, both in
Baltimore.

Cathy Lumsden travels exten-
sively while focusing on her role as
industry marketing director for a large
international software development
company. She received her MA in
national security affairs from the
Naval Postgraduate School, and MS
in technical communications from NC
State and has begun her MBS studies
at Kenan-Flagler School of Business
at UNC-Chapel Hill!!! This SBC grad
obviously caught the bug for learning!
Cathy also adds, “I’m always interested
in helping SBC grads and students
interested in developing their marketing
careers.” Gotta love the SBC Network!

From NYC Jane Sullivan Hemen-
way sends good health reports! “My
family is doing better on the health
front: Jay just passed the 2-year mark
for his prostate cancer battle, and I
just had my 5-year anniversary of
being cancer free from breast cancer.
We both owe it to MSK (Memorial Sloan
Kettering). If anyone needs help or
guidance in either one of those
areas, we play TV doctors really
well!” Daughter Elizabeth is a junior at
Williams College (Jay’s alma mater)
and son John will be graduating from
The Masters School (Dobbs Ferry, NY)
this year. “We are actively looking for
a liberal arts college for John—so
ideas welcome!” Jane has been VERY
involved in the SBC NYC City group,
SBG Alumnae Recruiters, Capital
Campaign Major Donors group, etc.
“If anyone hasn’t been asked to give
more, and why they should give to
SBC—call me! I have a million rea-
sons.” She just finished a Crispen Vixen
paper cocktail napkin project (Amoret
Thissell Jorgensen, Cindy Conroy
and Jane were involved with this great
fundraiser) ALL of the proceeds go to
the tennis court renovation. (These
can be ordered from the SBC Book Store
website.) Jane was able to answer
the call this summer when there was an
unexpected vacancy on the SBC
History tour—WWII & WW II Battle
sights and memorials—in 7 countries
all over Europe. “The professors were
wonderful! Dr. John Ashbrook and
Dr. Katherine Chavigny) and the
students were delightful. I had a BLAST! They
needed one more participant or they
would have to cancel—so I had to
volunteer for the trip!” Jane also stated,
“If anyone is in New York City—please
call!”

Lisa Wray Longino has also been
extremely involved with making sure
SBC stays strong! But, along with the
“highs” came a few “lows.” Sadly,
after a wonderful trip to FL with other
classmates last Nov., we lost Maria
Rixey Gamper. It is hard to lose a
roomie and dear friend. Lisa also
sent some good times with Betsy Ryan
Glenn, who lost her husband last Feb.
Her niece was expecting a baby in Oct.
and daughter Fleming is engaged to
be married next May! Lisa continues
to volunteer a lot, “especially for SBC,”
and travel with George, for 33 years!

Youngest daughter Erin is the
only one to stay in St Louis, doing
impressive clinical social work with
 teens who have experienced different
kinds of trauma. My husband, Ken,
has continued to develop his Irish musican
skills, adding the irish pipes to his long
list instruments. He plays any chance
he can and loves every minute of it! I
have continued to develop my therapy
experiences with some wonderfully
talented colleagues. I feel lucky to enjoy
my work and to carve out more time
to explore my interests and visit family
and friends. It was such a treat to see
my former roomies, Susie in Richmond
and Cecie in Bangor!”

Anne Taylor Quaries Doolittle has
a grandson on the way, due early
Nov. She splits her time seasonally be-
tween Nashville and Cape Cod, and is
still riding, as well as painting, sewing
or writing a poem now and then. Bob
is a happy retiree, and they travel once
a year. They live in the Panama Canal!
She loved going to Reunion and
 catching up with classmates when
making calls.

Kathy Jackson Howe “is feeling
60, for sure!” with a torn bicep and
“arth-i-rits,” as well as being a member
of the Sandwich Generation, “deal-
ing with aging parents, working chil-
dren, and grandchildren that you take
care of!” Patience, patience and patience
is my new mantra.” Children are
scattered—Trey is in Greenville, SC
as chief resident in general surgery
and looking for fellowships for further
training. Hague is still living in UT
in an HR department, while youngest,
Janie, is married in Shreveport, LA with
one child and another due Oct 4…
“Yes, 10-4, Good Buddy!” Hubby, “Root,
is looking to retire before 65, but then
I will have to find a job!” Kathy also
writes that Eve Jackson London’s
son was married in Sept. and that “Eve
looked beautiful—sporting short hair
and a fabulous dress.” A final note from
Kathy… “Love the way SBC has rallied
for the cause. May the terrific leaders
keep their enthusiasm and the alumni
CLASS NOTES
continue their support. I look forward to meeting some of the new students—anyone want to meet up on campus for a mini reunion this winter?

Carrie Ruda Clark wasn’t able to attend Reunion but “plans on seeing y’all in the near future!” She is so proud “of my SBC sisters of all classes and what we accomplished saving our beloved alma mater!”

From a few living “across the pond”, Jamie Murray enjoys life in Portugal with her husband and their dog and loves entertaining international visitors with travel around the area. Jamie spent a month in the US with her sister and family on Cape Cod and in Norfolk, CT. She continues to ride and play tennis.

Leigh Ramsay Simmons is happily retired for the past 3 years in SW France, and she and husband were about to become homeowners in their village of Cintegabelle … “a very big step!” They love being close to their 2 children and 3 grandchildren, teaching the little ones English, doing a lot of gardening, cooking for fun, fine tuning their French, traveling, etc. “We are headed to the US for a good part of Nov. to catch up with family and friends—maybe I’ll even get in a quick trip to SBC!”

Betsy Moore Conti also spends a lot of time going back and forth to Italy! (Something over there that we should all know about? OR Maybe we need to plan a reunion, European-style?)

As for me, I have spent a fair amount of time making sure that you all got the pertinent info regarding SBC during all of the challenges, as well as taking some classes at Longwood Gardens and pheasants near and dear.

And now, for a special “shout-out” to my little committees! Thank you, to Muffy McKay, Lisa Anderson, Quaries Doolittle and Ann Ramsay Hill for all of their support and participation this past summer. We are trying, and will continue, to reach out by phone, email and snail-mail, to each classmate, whether they graduated from SBC or not. We don’t want to lose touch with any of you! I couldn’t make all of the calls myself. These ladies were fast to jump in with their help, and I am so appreciative of their time and efforts on SBC’s behalf.

With all of the turmoil of last year, some couldn’t remember if the notes from Winter 2015 went out. Yes, they did, but only to those who I may have had correct emails for. (If you would like another look at them, just let me know.) Always keep me posted on email/address changes, if you would like to be added to the FB page for our class, etc. Please don’t lose touch! It is always great to hear from so many of you!

Finally, stay in touch, as there are plans afoot! We still have our 40th Reunion to look forward to in 2018— but why wait until then? Hints to follow! Hugs to all of you! Suzanne Pfautz Bodenstab

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Tricia Paterson Graham: Son Paterson is in his 4th year of medical school. He got married on 7/9/16 in Mobile, AL. I have a wonderful daughter-in-law. In June, husband Duane, and I travelled to Boston—wonderful place. We will be travelling to Canada to ring in 2017. My mother will be joining us. She still lives in NJ. I am enjoying being a realtor in Mobile, AL. I am still playing tennis. Life is good. We have been blessed.

Piper Allen Severns: I am still teaching 1st grade at a local K-12 charter school. It is wonderful and exhausting at the same time! I have taken up yoga to add a bit of balance to my busy life. My other new passion is stand-up paddle boarding. What’s SUP? Our daughter is a high school sophomore and doing all the typical things—studying, socializing, sports and driving! So glad SBC is alive and well.

Martha Miller Boudreau: Life is good in Annapolis, MD, where I live with husband Peter. Our two daughters, Madeleine (24) and Louise (22), are building their careers while I continue to enjoy mine. I am the chief communications & marketing officer at AARP in DC, which keeps me busy and traveling. We enjoyed our annual holi-day at our cottage in Ontario, Canada this summer and were joined by Katie Renaud Baldwin ’78.

Elizabeth Connor Kelly: 2016 has been an eventful year, as we left New Zealand and moved to Guam, where my husband is a school psychologist on Andersen Air Force Base. We are scuba diving, and now have our advanced open water certification. Patrick (24) is studying for his master’s in aerospace engineering at Stanford. He interned for Boeing in Long Beach, CA. Teague (19) is a sophomore at Oberlin College, studying computer science and circus! I teach yoga and DMT.

Nancy White: 2016 has been a good year. John turned 75, and we had a wonderful celebration with his kids and grandkids, and then I surprised him with tickets to the Late Show with Stephen Colbert. The Flower Bar continues to grow. Jan Honick ’71 organized a perfect vacation in Mexico. We also won a 2-day trip on the Rocky Mountaineer in Canada, which we turned into a 10-day trip, including 3 days in Vancouver, 2 days in Banff and a visit with my sister at her 2nd home in Montana. I’m also having fun taking a life drawing class in NYC.

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Lisa Sturkie Greenberg: Just a few notes about my life which has been super busy. Both daughters recently married, one lives in San Francisco and the other Nashville. Christopher graduated in May from UVA and has moved to NYC to work for PWC. I enjoyed staying and visiting with Martha Fuhrer after graduation for a few days. Loved having Sandra Rappaccini Padilla stay with us in April for our 40th high school reunion. We are truly empty nesters now!

Leslie Ludwig Bires: I am going on 4 years with Bank of the West in San Francisco and loving it. We have an amazing new CEO who brings tremendous energy and enthusiasm to her role—really inspiring team mem-bers to take their customer focus to the next level. I feel so fortunate to work for her and to have had a previous CEO who was fantastic too! My boys Alex and Colin are growing before my eyes. Alex, is now driving, loves baseball and theater. Colin, a seventh grader, also a baseball and theater fanatic, is doing so well in school, thank heaven, it frees me up to focus on my soon to be college-bound junior! You’ll perhaps remember the LA home of my parents, Ginger and Dave. After 50 years in what really was the “Ludwigs museum” they’ve opted to move full time to Palm Desert and lease the family homestead. It meant downsizing 50 years of lovingly collected and created life memories, which was an amazing job for my 84 year old mom, but she managed it—with a little help from dad, Wick and me!

Suzy Smith Kemp: Hi to All! We are enjoying empty nesting. Our oldest, Michelle, is working for an Interior Decorator in Fort Worth. Our son, Ford, works for a bank in Houston and our youngest, Tricia, is a senior at TCU in Fort Worth. Brad and I are still living in Oklahoma City.

Tish Longest Tyler: I’m still work-ing at Virginia’s office of the Attorney General (32 yrs) and still enjoy my work. Have had great fun this year with you and Carolyn Birbeck Thomson! I’ll be in Paris in November. Busy with my 2 dogs and retired husband!

Janel Hughes Willes: My oldest 2 sons each just celebrated their first wedding anniversaries and we love their brides! Both boys are lawyers, one in DC and one in Atlanta. My third son graduated Auburn and is working in commercial real estate enjoying living in Atlanta. Margi is a junior at GWU in
DC, interviewing in NY for international asset management and just came back from backpacking for a month in China. Quincy just started UGA is a Tri Delta and loving attending SEC football. She and I celebrated high school graduation with a trip to Mexico. John and I have been traveling a lot. Cruised Alaska (Lisa Sturkie Greenberg’s mom was in the cabin next to ours which was so fun!). Saw Sally Gray Lovejoy in Charleston and Jill Steenhuis Ruffato in Atlanta. Myth Monnick Bayoud has become quite a golfer, and she and I played 2 days in ATL. Been on a few mini reunions with Sally, Kim Wood Fuller and Lisa Faulkner-O’Hara. Love to all. Call anytime in ATL!

Ann Connolly Simpson: Got to see Phyllis Watt Jordan a couple weeks ago when she was dropping her daughter off at college in Boston—so fun! My daughter Hannah (27) is a 6th grade social studies teacher and living in Boston—loving it! I’m still selling toys at The Dragon’s Nest in Newbury-port and picked up some work at H&R Block for tax season, too—went to Indian Wells for a tennis tourney this Block for tax season, too—went to port and picked up some work at H&R toys at The Dragon’s Nest in Newbury-in Boston—loving it! I’m still selling daughter off at college in Boston—so weeks ago when she was dropping her a couple weeks ago when she was dropping her two two.Lisa Faulkner-O’Hara.

Lisa Heisterkamp Davis: I felt very proud to be a Sweet Briar “girl” through our recent struggle and suc- cess! I have tender feelings towards my 17- and 18-year-old Sweet Briar selves from my perch 40 years later, and glad to connect with all of you. After a long career in Human Resources, I am now work in my private practice as a psychotherapist and counselor, and enjoy my family, reading, theatre and travel. Holla, Holla!

Martha Fuhrheut: tells every one hello! She is on the Board of the College!! Holla Holla Martha!!! Martha says she is very busy with Sweet Briar right now!

Carl Thompson Clemens: Happily cherishing every minute of life with my 9 girls, son in law & grandson!! Caroline (28), Rob and grandsons Hayes live on the Eastern Shore of MD & own a restaurant & Inn. Va (25) lives in Baltimore (near us) and is a nurse on the neuro acute care unit at UMD Medical Center. Eliza (21) is a senior at Vanderbilt, plays Division I Lacrosse and is NYC bound in 2017. I am thrilled to be in daily contact with my faithful SBC friends! I am still at Second Chance INC! Cheers to Life! Stay humble.

Georgia Schley Ritchie: After 22 years of practicing law, I joined the travel world in 2014! I am an independ ent affiliate of Century Travel and loving career #2. Call me if you have any travel needs!! Had a fun mini-reunion with Fannie Zollicoffer Maloney, Barbara Wesley Bagby, Jeannine Davis Harris, Lillian Sinks Sweeney and Carol Williamson Jenkins recently. Saw Francie in NYC in July. Two children in university and one a junior in high school. Moved from house last year to mid-town Atlanta—can walk to the museum and restaurants. Life is good and busy!

Carson Freemon Meinen: We remortgaged to buy a pied a terre in Richmond west London. I told the bank that I’d be working until I’m 75. It feels great to be mid-careers! To that end, I passed the UK Investment Management Certificate and am in Risk for Lloyds Banking Group, Insurance Division. I’m currently doing a stint in digital and learning about FinTech. Saw Martha Fuhrheut in Virginia, Francie Root in NYC and Laurie Newman Tuchel in Edinburgh.

Myth Monnick Bayoud: I have been busy with Charlie, who is a senior in high school this year. As for Sweet Briar—I am on the “retail team” for the Book Shop along with Sharon Watts Turner ’91. We have been to market...
Bowen Steglich ’78, Myth Monnich Bayoud ’80

Back row—Ellen Sellers McDowell ’77, Cissy Humphrey ’76, Silky Hart Ruffato ’80, Brianna Boswell Brown ’82, Kama Boswell Koudelka ’85, Mary Pat Jones Rodriguez ’08, Beth Bates Locke ’76, Jill Steenhuis 2016 at Swan House, Atlanta, April Anne Jarrell Berry ’78, Kathy Love Erickson at Swan House, Atlanta, April 2016

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Tinsley Place Lockhart outside of Venice this summer.

Claire Dennison Griffith, Myth Monnich Bayoud, Carson Freemum Mein-er, Silky Hart Michero

Anne Secor’s twin daughters, Naia and Romy (10)

Carrie Maynard Nichols and Tom are in Charlotte, NC. She writes: “I had a great time at Reunion! It was wonderful to see everyone. My double knee replacement surgery went well, and I am getting used to my new titanium knees. Life is getting back to normal and I’m looking for a new job. I saw Carol Hayes Hunley, who recently moved to Charlotte, at an SBC event in Aug. If anyone is traveling through Charlotte, please feel free to call.”

Nancy Palmis living in Hamilton, MT, in the lovely Bitterroot Valley. She’s still working as a biosafety officer at an National Institutes of Health lab in Montana. Highlight of this year was traveling to DC to meet with the President’s science policy advisors. Husband Joe stays busy with corgi Holly, and both are very involved with their church. Son Brad (26) will graduate in Dec. with a degree in commercial design, so they are very involved with their church. Son stays busy with corgi Holly, and both are very involved with their church. Son Brad (26) will graduate in Dec. with a degree in commercial design, so they will be traveling to Florida for that and visit with Joe’s family.”

Sarah Martin is living in Richmond, VA, where she enjoys working at St. Catherine’s School. She writes: “I break for SBC luncheons, and visits with Mary Stuart Smith and Nancy Gayle Jackson ’82. Both of my “children” are in DC. Levent (23) is at George Washington Law, and Lale (20), who attended our 30th Reunion, is a junior at American University. My newest hobby is “Rosa,” a 14-month-old German shepherd.”

Class President Brendy Reit-er Hantzes: “I’m going to take this opportunity to thank my classmates for an amazing year of generosity. Your contributions of money and time to SBC are greatly appreciated. In my free time, besides work and SBC, I pretty much just play tennis. I spent a
Kearsley Rand Waggoner: I got married on leap day, Feb. 29, to Ed Waggoner—3rd time’s a charm! We are in Old Town, Alexandria, so anyone in the area, give me a call. Angus (26) and Duncan (24) are both employed and off the health and cell phone plans—a parent’s dream. Duncan’s in DC so I see him a lot, and Angus is in Florida and I don’t see him enough, although I have seen him twice this month. I want to add that I have met many cool alums not in our class and thank Saving Sweet Briar for the introductions.

Carol Hays Hunley and husband, Tom, relocated to Charlottesville from Boston in early 2016. Carol is deputy chief compliance officer at Ally Bank. Carol writes: “I was diagnosed with MS 2 years ago and we were looking for an easier life style, and we found it! We are loving Charlotte and thanks to Carrie Maynard Nichols. I have reconnected with SBC alumnae at several local events. I would have loved to be at our Reunion, but that was our moving weekend!” Daughter Barbie (28), works for Tsesseme’s All Natural Dressings in Baltimore, MD, and daughter Christy (23) is a mental health counselor in Boston. Another benefit coming to NC is going to best friends in NC! Fellow SBC grad and close son Tommy (21), a junior at University of South Carolina, as well as Tom’s brother and his young family and his sister.

Anne Grosvenor Evard and husband Walter are living in Biarritz, France. They enjoy going back to Paris from time to time to visit their children. Ann writes: “Constance, our third daughter, is expecting her first child around Christmas, and we are so excited about becoming grandparents for the first time! I am still tutoring English down here on the coast to keep my language going. Walter is now retired but we have taken up golf—there are 6 courses in town! We have joined a beautiful spa to keep us in shape, so all is well. Please write if you are in town!”

Liz Winston Sweeney and her husband, Tom, are in Pittsburgh, PA. Liz writes: “My husband and I continue to love our winters in West End Village, Roatan, Honduras and this past Feb. was extra special as Claire Purnell joined me for a week of old-fashioned girl time—hours of conversation, lots of laughter and of course Claire came prepared with her stash of M&Ms!”

Barbara Bush Cooper: Our daughter Sophie (17) is a senior at The Gunston School and thus we are in the final stretch of college applications. I only wish she would have considered a single sex school! Doug and I are still living on both shores in Arlington, VA, and St. Michaels, MD, and contemplating the next phase with the empty nest! Please call me if your travels bring you to the Eastern Shore.

Eve Devine is living in Baltimore, MD. She writes: “I’ve spent the last several months since Reunion trying to ‘out fox’ Brendy Hantzes with fox-themed purchases. Not sure who is winning. Newest scoop on my life is that a major project is coming to a conclusion. I have been working on the Commissioning Committee of the USS Zumwalt DDG 1000—a ship that is the first of its kind. Commissioning was set for Oct. 15 during Fleet Week in Baltimore. Go Navy!”

Molly Davis Garone and husband John are living in northern NJ. Molly received a merit scholarship to the Art Students League in NYC—one of the oldest art schools in the country—last year and continued her studies in portrait & figurative work. She writes: “I’m still busy fitting in competing in triathlon and playing golf. Our daughter Maddie works in NYC in the stationery business and our son is in his final year at Bates College. My husband John stays very busy supervising the Northeast division for Wells Fargo. So all in all, life is good for the Garone family, and we’re very grateful for that!”

Stephanie Skinner Daney: Wow, 35 years ago we graduated from SBC! I am delighted to report, I am happy and healthy! Our priorities change as we age—when I was in SBC it was important to get to class on time, know how to dance at boat house parties, safely commute to W&L and never miss a meal! My sons Drew (27) and Corey (25) and husband Chris are also happy and healthy! Stephanie and Chris participate in many SK’s, 10K’s and half marathons. Stephanie works for Phoenix Services, a steel industry company dedicated to helping metal producers minimize their impact on the environment. She has coached youth sports for the YMCA for the last 7 years.

Bobin Bryant Williams: All’s good here in Richmond—knock on wood! Our son Rowdy (20) is in his 2nd year at Savannah College of Art and Design majoring in visual effects and our daughter Gxin (17) is a senior at the Collegiate School. She is on the Varsity Field Hockey, Track, & Lacrosse teams. Wendi Wood Mcafee and I had a fun girls’ weekend in NYC this Aug. which included lunch with Elaine Arozarena! I so enjoyed catching up with everyone at our 35th!”

Ansley McKenzie Browning had a ball with William Bryant Williams at the 35th Reunion. Ansley lives in Winston-Salem, NC, with William—her husband—who is the structured trade finance lender with BB&T. Ansley owns Adornment Needlepoint Boutique. Daughter Liz (26) lives with husband Nick White in Dover, MA. Her son Tanner (24) manages two vineyards in Dobson, NC, and is completing a viticulture program at Appalachian State. Ansley’s nephew, Beau Stegall (19) graduated from RJ Reynolds High School last spring and will take a gap year with Americorps in Sacramento, CA. Empty nesting will be very enjoyable. To help the Saving Sweet Briar movement, Ansley worked with an artist to create a needlepoint ornament series that is available through the Book Shop. The project enabled Ansley to reconnect with SBC and fellow Vixens.

In 2000, Cathy Cook Leinert Whitehead founded a nonprofit dog rescue, Cathy’s Rottie Rescue, which has saved over 500 dogs. Roger—her husband—says that she is the hardest working woman he knows who does not get paid. It is truly a labor of love. Cathy, a certified vet tech, has mentored many young women who have become vet techs or attended vet school. Cathy also has horses—all warmbloods. She is Master of Foxhounds for Tanheath Hunt Club near Mystic, CT, and she loves her duties. Due to her busy schedule, personal travel gives way to work travel. Cathy has attended Masters of Foxhounds Association seminars in KY, FL, VA and NYC. Cathy visited Europe recently and was amazed at the changes. She would love to hear from other “childless by choice” Vixens who have chosen “the path less traveled,” or who are making a difference in the world! Or anyone else! Cathy plans to retire in VA hunt country near the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Anne-Marie McAndrews Pagli was thrilled to attend our 35th Reunion and reconnect with classmates. Her husband, John, came along. He adores the beautiful campus and traditions. Anne-Marie still lives in Madison, CT, and has been a real estate agent with William Raveis for many years. She is very involved in the community as a member of the board of directors of the Chamber. John is with a hedge-fund based in NYC and basically works from home. They celebrated their 31st anniversary in Italy visiting Tuscany, Florence and Rome. Their four sons are busy. Alexander (28, Fordham 2010) works in NYC for Citi Habitats—an apartment rental firm. Christian (26, Syracuse 2012) played lacrosse in college and is working for Bank of America in NYC. His brother, Alexander
got him an awesome apartment. Oliver (20) attends University of Tampa. Preston (16) attends The Pomfret School in Pomfret, CT.

Betsy Simpson Hibberts: “All fine here. Working harder than I have in a very long time! New school with a multi-age class of 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Half are far below the basic knowledge they are supposed to have at this point. Only one way to go!”

Betsy’s daughter Allie (18) is at Wake Forest. Greta (22, High Point University 2016) is a Respiratory Care intern for one semester. Eliza (26) lives in NYC and works for North Face. Husband Tom works hard, too. Parents still healthy. “It was SO nice to see everyone in May! Everyone was so nice to be with and looked wonderful!”

Tiffin Hartman Fox met husband Trent (H-SC grad) at Sweet Briar. They have lived in Germany for 25 years and have raised 4 boys there. Trent is an attorney. He travels often, and with the boys grown, Tiffin travels along. Tiffin is an LPC with a master’s in counseling psychology. In addition to being involved in her kids’ school, she is VP of the board and a volunteer counselor at a crisis pregnancy clinic. Tiffin helps with an after-school program at their German church. She is on the board of the local DAR serving as historian and chaplain. Tiffin joined a sports club in her village.

Margaret Robinson Tallmadge and Dan both enjoyed the Reunion last June. Margaret writes: “I work part-time as an adjunct professor at a branch campus of the University of Cincinnati teaching chemistry and also have my own consulting business doing technical writing and helping develop training manuals and videos for a chemical instrument company. Dan and I enjoy being empty nesters and rediscovering local theatre and music performances. * Their son Douglas (20) is a junior at Dartmouth and majoring in physics. He received a Stamps Foundation Scholarship and will pursue a research idea. Douglas landed three really different internships.*

Ginia Zenke worked in jewelry sales and joined family-owned interior design firm, Zenke Design, in 1983. Although Ginia’s father passed away in 2000, the family business carries on. In 2008, they moved her mother’s house out of the way of the expanding Guilford County Jail. Learn more from Ginia’s blog, Save the Zenke House. After moving the house, they spent three years renovating and one year moving in. They continue to care for her mother. Outside of work, Ginia bred and raised about 50 Tennessee Walkers, joined Diane Moran in Vienna for 2 winter terms, married & divorced, got her commercial sailplane pilot’s license, sang in the Greensboro Choral Society, and wrote an e-book, Ladies of the Day, inspired by unpacking her mom’s shoes after the move. Ginia says that she is “Grateful for blessings large & small, and enjoyed my time reconnecting with SBC friends online & while cleaning the president’s house.”

Susan Graham Campbell is in Philadelphia. After 16 1/2 years at PNC and 35 years in financial services with only one break for maternity leave, Susan writes: “I quit my job in order to rest, reflect and plan and dream for the future. I have no idea what I want to do next and am enjoying the unknown. Open to any suggestions and ideas!” Sarah, her daughter, is living in Philadelphia again and working for a digital media company. Susan spends lots of time with her horses, including Romeo a 15.3 hand, chestnut, thoroughbred gelding. She hopes to take Romeo to Ocala in Feb.

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attending reunion with my sister, Lynn Watson Norfleet ’74 in June. It was a great opportunity to reconnect with classmates and to hear about and see firsthand the exciting things happening on campus. I’m still volunteering as an AAR and looking forward to Reunion next June. I also enjoyed catching up with Lucile Redmond Flourney during a recent visit to my hometown, Columbus, GA.

Jennifer Rae: Thrilled that campus is printing a printed magazine again. Well done! Getting ready to move back to Westchester County, NY, home after living in Maryland for 30 years. Husband is a trooper, but age and illness is catching up with him faster than anyone wants it to. I am strong, focused and have as much fun with friends and family. In touch with several classmates and other alum weekly. Best thing I ever did was go to SBC and go to our 30th reunion in 2012. Hugs and kisses!

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Alis (Piper) Van Doorn had a fabulous road trip driving to SBC, for our 30th Reunion with Star Hollis Waldron and Sophie the wonder dog. Arriving at SBC after 20 years to the welcoming arms of Leigh Ann White was awesome. Hilariously ensued as they were reunited in Green Village with roomie and bestie Ingrid Weirick Squires. Piper loved spending time with El Warner ’85 and Brody at Reunion, which was PERFECT! Except not quite long enough. In July, Piper got to see the fabulous Rushton Haskell Callahan in Ponte Vedra where she and Richard, her British fiancée from 30 years ago, were vacationing for a week. She is looking forward to October, when she will be seeing Richard again in Columbia, SC, for her niece’s wedding at the Governor’s mansion and having 6 of her short stories published in a national anthology, due out in early November. Piper enjoys seeing Teresa Pike Tomlinson ’87, usually as they pass each other walking in their neighborhood!

Alyson Carey Goods has a son, Jack, graduating from Marquette University this year. She has 2 daughters, Avery, a sophomore at Northwestern, and Claire, who is in that stressful junior year in high school outside Buffalo, NY. She has come full circle, dating her closest friend from Hampden-Sydney! He is in FL, so Alyson spends half her time there. She and Rick enjoy spending time with Deidre Smith and her husband, who are also in FL, and she has also been able to visit with Ann Alleva Taylor ’84. She hopes to see more SBC friends.

April Adelson made a brave & dramatic life change! She moved to Hilton Head, SC, last year, saying, and “Best decision ever!” After 30 years she’d had enough of DC metro traffic & constant commotion. She is loving the slower pace, the beach and now kayaking! She just bought a kayak and is having so much fun, making it a point to try & experience new things. Not knowing a soul when she moved there, she is busy making new friends. April got together with Rushton Haskell Callahan, who is only two hours away and gets together with Vixens visiting Hilton Head/Savannah. She had an absolute blast at Reunion, ending with “I love my Vixen sisters!”

Ava Spanier says 2016 was a great year! She loved that she got to see manypeeps at SBC Reunion. She also moved into her dream house, built from scratch. She also saw her first full-length film get picked up for distribution and started work on a second film, witnessed the opening (and sadly the closing) of a ground breaking musical she helped bring to Broadway. And she got to work in Tucson for a month at AZ’s only LORT’S theatre on the first American-cast production of King Charles III. Her family is healthy, happy.

Beth Conner Pace and husband Pat still live in Brownsville, TX. Their daughter, Allison, is in graduate school at Columbia University, and son, Connor, is a senior at St. Joseph Academy. She is delighted to serve as a volunteer for SBC; it’s been an incredible working with so many outstanding alumnae. She loved being back on campus for Reunion and reuniting with so many wonderful friends.

Beth Ann Trapold Newton says she loved seeing everyone who was able to come to Reunion; what a wonderful time our class had! In addition to Reunion, her summer was packed: Her son, Gus, graduated from Christopher Newport University this summer (one tuition bill gone, yay)! She and Robert also got to go to Chicago to watch their older daughter, Bonnie, perform at Second City where she was doing comedy studies this summer. “A very surreal experience!” Now Bonnie is back at college for her senior year. They also spent most of the summer traveling around with youngest child, Annie, on the “travel lacrosse” circuit, culminating in a week at Nationals in IN. Annie is now a freshman at The Madeira School, BA’s alma mater, and where Beth Ann started her fundraising career. She is thrilled that Annie loves it and has fingers crossed she might like her other alma mater, SBC!

Catherine McNease Stevens and family are still in southern Virginia. Her son, Henry, 16, has started the IB program at Galileo High School and is running cross country. He amazes his parents with his courage and tenacity. Catherine and husband Nelson both work for the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center in South Boston. Catherine loved seeing SBC classmates who came to Reunion this year. Everyone looked wonderful! Catherine also wanted to share a little secret: Coming back to campus for Sweet Week Weeks is the bomb! She’s hoping to see y’all there!

Christine Jones writes, “Many thanks to all in our SBC community—and especially our awesome 1986 community—for everything you’ve done to get us to this point. Amazing women, all of you!” She still lives in London with her husband and lovely kids, aged 23 (working), 20 (university), and 18 (gap year). They feel lucky to see Jackie Denu Millman and her gorgeous daughter, Sophie, and loves that their kids are close friends. She also loves and misses SBC!

Elizabeth Lindsey and Ken moved to Indianapolis after 14 years in Nashville, TN. She spent the summer learning how to install quarter rounds in their new home, a skill she hopes never to have to use again. She’s still getting settled into their new home and trying to find her way around an unfamiliar city, feeling like it’s a good day with only two wrong turns! Elsinore Bassel, her hospice pet-therapy partner, died of old age last summer, and Charlie Basset seems happy being an only child.

Ingrid Weirick Squires is still teaching in Virginia Beach, but is now back in 1st grade, Yay! Her son is a high school sophomore, and the college search has begun. Pretty scary! Ingrid loved seeing all the Vixens at Reunion, especially old roomies Star Hollis Waldron and Piper Van Doorn. Her stomach hurt for days from laughing, but she still can’t wait for the next get together.

Jennifer Green Mitchell has been working for Bernard Data Solutions for over a year and a half now. She enjoys helping people manage their data and traveling the country. She still helps her husband with their cheese shop in Culpeper, VA, as she can. Jennifer really enjoyed her trip to SBC in June for a tennis clinic. Lots of memories strolling the campus at sunset!

Judy Bell Huot has loved talking to and being in touch with so many of the class of ’86, saying “Last year really pulled us together!” Her kids are getting big, 23, 24, 25 and 26, very soon they will be leaving the nest.
They are in the process of building a house—downsizing of course! Judy says it’s been a lot of fun designing what they want; often they get a pizza and go picnic on their land.

Julia Andrews Milstead is still plugging along as a TV reporter for WRAL in Raleigh, but says by far her best assignment has been their little boy (8). “He keeps us young—or feeling rather old, depending on the day!” She loved attending Reunion, happy to see so many friends! Julia is still amazed how quickly we can slip back into our college days, and she can’t wait for the next one!

June Lee Richardson relocated last year back to San Francisco after living in the desert in Palm Springs for the past 10 years. She is still going strong with the same company, Sodexo, 28 years now, and now GM/consultant in school service segment. June visited her sister, Stacy Pae ’87 in Seoul, Korea this year. June is on her 5th year of her health and fitness journey, running a half marathon in April and scheduled to run again next year! Life is good!

Karen Gonya Nickles and Lance are empty nesters now that Claire graduated from college in May 2016. Garrett graduated in 2013. She’s been doing lots of fun things she hadn’t had the opportunity to do—trips with SBC friends and taking Italian classes. Karen loves walking and is looking to increase her mileage in the coming years so that she can hike parts of the Appalachian Trail. (Let’s hope and pray they have caught the Appalachian Clown Killer by then!) Rudy and Vick, Karen’s beyond compare dogs, continue to entertain Karen, Lance and all of us!

Karen Harcum Levy and Eric will celebrate their 30th anniversary in London this October. They have one daughter in VA, and 2 kids in MD. When she’s not at work, she is driving south, hence the 224,000 on her Honda! Karen is also busy renovating their smaller, empty nest home and playing in the garden… She is also thrilled to be serving as our class president and hopes to speak, email and/or see everyone soon!

Leigh Ann White is in her second year teaching economics at SBC. She reports the students are smart, energetic, and the school is doing well. Brian, LA’s husband, is patient and supportive back in Boston. Big news: Leigh Ann began riding again last summer after 25 yrs. off. Next step: buying a fancy and safe hunter who can take her back to the show ring. Much appreciation to all whom have supported Leigh Ann while she’s at SBC!

Mary Beth Miller Orson is still living in AZ with her husband, Carl, and children, Caroline and Eric. She had a wonderful time at our 30th Reunion seeing our beautiful campus and so many dear friends. Ava Spanier lives close by and they are now getting to know each other many years after graduation. Mary Beth organizes SBC Alumnae events in AZ and hopes any visitors out west will get in touch.

Mary Jo Biscardi Brown thoroughly enjoyed seeing the great number of classmates who attended our 30th Reunion in June 2016, and says “What fun we had! Those who could not make it, please consider coming next time!” Her husband retired in Sept 2015, so they downsized and moved from Richboro, PA, to Ft. Myers, FL, partly because they love the warmth and partly to be near Mary Jo’s aging parents for the 6 months or so they are in FL. MJ is giving retirement a flutter also, and so far she’s loving it; discovering new interests; volunteering, and meeting some great people! Piper is hoping to visit her soon, hopefully with Star and Ingrid!

Mimi Holland Dinsmore still lives in Charleston, WV, with husband, Tyler Dinsmore (H-SC 87). Son Mac graduated from Dickinson College in May 2016. She was sad to miss Reunion, but was moving Mac to West Hartford, CT, where he is in a financial leadership program with Aetna. She is enjoying the freedom of having an art consultancy instead of the art gallery grind. Mimi has loved running into so many SBC friends at The Homestead resort.

Olivia Hardin Pettifer had a blast at Reunion in June 2016 and loved seeing everyone! Olivia traveled over the summer and spent time in the North Carolina mountains with her
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Julie Dorset: Celebrated 22nd anniversary of private practice of law at the firm I founded in 1994 since we last published notes. I am thrilled that SBC lives on after a brush with death. Hats off to all who made it possible!

Mary Sue Cate Mayes: I celebrated lots of “firsts” this year. I’m a member of the 25-year club at Iowa State University. Larry and I celebrated our 29th wedding anniversary and as an added bonus, Andy, our oldest child, graduated from Simpson College and married his college sweetheart this summer. Jenny, our youngest, spent her May term in Paris and is loving college. The house is definitely quiet, but we’re enjoying the next chapter.

Maggie Fogarty: For the past 9 years, I have been working for the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker-founded human rights organization. I am the co-director of the New Hampshire program, and my work includes advocacy for immigrant rights and affordable housing. Tim and I have been married for 21 years and have 2 children. Danny (18) is enjoying his freshman year at Haverford College and Mary (15) is a happy sophomore at Phillips Exeter Academy.

Stephanie Harden-O’Brien: We have lived in San Francisco since 2000 and before that lived overseas for 10 years. Kevin and I celebrate our 22nd anniversary! We have 3 kids—2 high schoolers and a 5th grader. I have been a full-time parent, volunteering and chairing countless events and boards at the kids’ schools. I am now taking an amazing course to discover “What’s Next” in my career/life journey. So special to reconnect with SBC!

Deborah Bronnan Leslie: After 2 years in Atlanta, my husband was transferred to Irvine, CA, in Aug. We have been exploring the area, getting the kids settled in schools and finding the perfect little house. The West Coast was the final area of the US that I have not experienced living—lived in East (NY and CT), Midwest (IL and IL) and South (VA and GA), in addition to a few years overseas. Besides missing the turning of the fall leaves, I am enjoying my time here—of course, waiting to see if I say that after I experience my first earthquake.

Ellen Smith: I am still practicing law in Atlanta (commercial real estate investment, with focus on hotels and resorts) and have been fortunate that work has afforded me several interesting travel opportunities in the past few years, mostly in South America. In 2010, I spent 3 months working at a law firm in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Last year, I enjoyed turning 50 while on a trip to Easter Island in the Pacific, one of the most remote places on earth. I’m also thrilled that my goddaughter Ellis Carroll—daughter of Priscilla Newton Carroll—is a member of the Class of 2020!

Mary Yorke Robinson Oates: Happy to report all is well in the tree city—Charlotte, NC! I still work at Charlotte Latin School coaching field hockey and working in admissions. I work with two other SBC grads—Ginger Tripp McAdams ’05 and Mary Ware Gitzon ’83. We were so happy to host classmate and board chair Theresa Pike Tomlinson and President Stone in Charlotte. It was so fun to take our daughter, Annabelle, to visit Sweet Briar last spring!

Dena Driver: I’m still living in Brooklyn, NY, with my husband Greg Morcroft. Daughter Emma is finishing her senior year at Belmont University in Nashville, and son Liam is a junior in high school at the New York Harbor School. I am now working as a real estate broker in Brooklyn for Stribleing and Associates and have my own small property management firm called Croft Property Management.

Rebecca Michie McVeigh: Charlie and I have been married 24 years and Emory Harris, our daughter, is a freshman at Virginia Tech and loving it. Charlie, our son, is at UC San Diego working hard through the dreaded junior year. I do a great deal of family and wedding photography, which is so fun, and I also sell Worth clothing. I enjoy both immensely as I find the creativity. I am looking forward to seeing you all—what a year SBC has had!

Pam Miscall Cusick: Ted and I have been married for 21 years, and are just about to celebrate our 30th “dating” anniversary in October. Conor and Colin are both at Calvert Hall High School in Maryland and doing great. I recently took a new position as VP of business development at Rare Patient Voice which has been fantastic. So excited to celebrate our 30th Reunion at SBC this spring!

Teresa Pike Tomlinson ’87: I am relishing the joy of being Chair of the Sweet Briar College Board of Directors, working with amazing professionals and watching this tremendous institution thrive. Halfway through 2nd term as Mayor of Columbus, GA and loving my Trip, my husband, who loves Sweet Briar and supports all this.

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Jennifer Lewis Crawford: The family moved to Jacksonville, FL last fall so that Diana can attend and swim for The Bolles School. We love Jacksonville! I guess I love it so much because I find myself along with Nancy Wright and Michelle Klimt as co-chair of the Jax alumnae. Michelle planned to rep SBC at the North Florida college fair in Oct.

Stacey Locke Sickers: Saving Sweet Briar! We all need to keep SBC as a top priority. My article “Saving Sweet Briar” which appeared in CASE Currents magazine won an Excel Award. Katie Keough Widener and I are still serving. Professionally, I am a fundraiser at the University of Maryland. On a personal note, my two sons are now both college age and launching their adult lives. Lynn and I are enjoying our “empty nest” with our doggie Beckham.

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In 2013, JoAnn Bogolin married her long-time partner, Charlie Hyatt, while they were in Boston, celebrating with a spectacular weekend. JoAnn and Charlie’s brood has whittled down to one dachshund, Daisy, who is now 17! Also at the beginning of 2013, JoAnn, started her own healthcare consulting practice with three colleagues, called
Bolton Health Actuarial, Inc., and specializes in health care actuarial consulting services. JoAnn is still in Atlanta, while her three colleagues are in Denver. In October, JoAnn attended a mini-reunion with other 89ers in Northern Virginia.

Beth Hodgkins Green lives in Hilton Head Island, SC. She has enjoyed almost 2 decades as a music specialist! Beth is in her 18th year of teaching family musical enrichment and piano lessons at her studio, is director of music and/or drama at several schools, hosts music therapy applications for special needs children and elderly populations, and serves as children’s choir director at church. Beth is a certified teacher trainer and will earn her master trainer credential upon receiving her MEd, with a specialty in integrated teaching through the arts. She also delved into the field of voiceover five years ago, a path she loved sharing with her retired-actor dad, whom she lost last summer. She is continuing to follow in his footsteps, producing web narration, phone trees and other IVR telephony for local and national companies and character/narrative voices for children’s audiobooks and apps; you can hear Beth in her most recent project, the 6th iteration of ‘The Roman Army in Britannia to the highest historical standard.’ She has also worked with her villages drama group.

This has been a year of firsts! Sharon Bittner is still in England. She is at the University of Portsmouth Library working with distance learners. She has been in historical re-enactment for 11 years with the Ermine Street Guard, an educational charity depicting the late 1st century AD Roman Army in Britannia to the highest historical standard. She has also worked with her villages drama group.

This was a challenging year for me! With the fight to save our alma mater, I finally joined Facebook so I could keep up with all that needed to be done. I did my best to keep all of you in the loop. This on top of a very busy year at work, caring for aging parents, and having my nephew diagnosed with a rare cancer. My nephew is now cancer-free and doing well. They went on their first mission trip this summer and were humbled and blessed. They will definitely do more of those. They are looking forward to their first trip to Hawaii in December to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. She worked her first college fair as an alumnae and loved it. This has been a year of firsts!

Suzanne Petrie Liscouski still lives in Leesburg, VA, and is enjoying running their horse farm. She is VP for federal civilian agencies for a Homeland Security contractor during the week and says the fun part are her horse weekends. She and Bob celebrated their 10th anniversary in Riviera Maya, Mexico. Their son Bobby is 8 and is into soccer, lacrosse, piano and riding. Life is good!

Life in Charlottesville is good for Joan Dabney Clickner! Husband Bobby is still happily practicing Chinese medicine, Ian is in 10th grade and Georgia in 4th. After working 4 years as office manager for a talented goldsmith, Joan has decided it’s time to move on and plans to pursue a master’s degree in health and wellness coaching. She enjoys seeing alumnae at regular visits to campus and on her health-minded Facebook page, The Fit Vixen.

Penelope (Penny) Tadler has started her 26th year of teaching and is still loving her job! She has become a certified Kagan trainer and is now training teachers in her school in cooperative learning structures. When not teaching, Penelope has done some editing for the educator magazine, Teaching Children Mathematics. She is also on the Scholastic National Advisory Board. She has been back to Sweet Briar twice in the past 2 years. This year Julia Brooks and Penelope...
started the Sweet Teacher Facebook page open to all Vxon teachers.

Amy Lemieux loved seeing so many of us at our 25th Reunion that she is already working on a surprise for the 30th. Would you please email photos from our 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th and 25th reunions to aj.lemieux@gmail.com? If you weren’t able to attend that year please send a picture of what you were up to in 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011 & 2016. Email her if you want to share through Dropbox or need a mailing address.

Elliott Pitts is enjoying life in Portland, ME, when she is the regional director for Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals, raising funds and awareness for 18 children’s hospitals in the Northeast. When not traveling for work, she is busily renovating her home, “The Castle of Deferred Maintenance,” and organizing and managing wellness conferences for the national Episcopal Church. Elliott spent July 4th in lovely Downeast Maine with Beth Robinson Dean and her crazy family. She is still recovering, and recently met up with Penny Tadler in lovely Long Island, NY.

Word on Facebook is that on Sept. 16, 2016 Dawn Monahan Nelson went to an Alabama concert in Wyndham, VA, with husband Morgan and still likes watermelon rind pickles, pepper relish and wine.

The past year has seen Suzanne Ziemann riding regularly for the first time in a long time. She travels all over Amherst and Nelson county to ride the beautiful Virginia trails. On a riding trip to Maryland last year, she stopped on the way back to visit Paul Cronin at his home in Middleburg. They had a nice lunch and then he put them to work building jumps for a lesson.

Mary Lanford Price greatly enjoyed attending Reunion with her 11-year-old twin daughters, Ginny and Elaine Price, SBC Class of 2027 (possibly)! She loved catching up with all who attended. Mary works in the communications and marketing department at VMI in Lexington and, when she’s not there, she’s most likely driving kids around. She also enjoyed visiting with Tori Hutcheson DiMichele at the Virginia Horse Center in recent years. After four years in the US, Lea Renee Gardner Tikka and her family have recently returned to their home on the west coast of Finland.

From Brooklyn, NY, Carey Bates writes that she is enjoying her new role as technical writing manager for Information Builders. She is singing in the Brooklyn Conservatory Chorale and enjoying time with her family. She spent a week in Maine this summer and has stayed connected to Amber Vellenga, Penny Tadler, Suzanne Petrie Liscouski, Kathryn Hagist Yunk, and Jill Fahy over the years!

She is so pleased with Sweet Briar’s successes!

Erin Katz Winegade is married to Andrew Winegade and just moved from Clearwater, FL, to Laguna Beach, CA, to be closer to family. Erin is a urologist, specializing in female urology, incontinence and pelvic reconstruction, and worked in Florida the past 10 years and just joined a private practice group in Southern California. They just got a chocolate lab puppy named Dixie and are having fun playing in the ocean with her and going to local dog parks. Her sister Lisa, ’91 lives in Dublin, Ireland with her husband Barry and son Nathan.

Since Reunion, Emily Lemmings La Jeunesse, Jayme, Parker and Alec moved back to her home town of Summit, NJ. The boys are attending schools that their grandmother and mother attended. They also have a new addition to the family, Winston, a beagle hound mix puppy. Holly Holly everyone!

Karen Hott has had a busy summer at Karen Hott Interiors with projects in Fernandina Beach, Raleigh and Atlanta. She represented SBC at an Savannah college fair in August and took the opportunity to antique (the verb not the adjective) and to learn more about the city. She has new projects in Urbanna, VA, and Dublin, GA, and went to SBC Work Weeks with Stacey White Law ’89 where she had a blast meeting amazing alumnae! Fall is off to a great start finishing up two kitchens and Fall Steeplechase in Aiken coming up with Georgianna Conger Wolcott ’87.

Tori Hutcheson is still teaching riding lessons at Misty Brae Farm LLC and Pony Club Riding Center in Aldie, VA. Her clinic show in August and the many of you who have brought her back into contact with Amy Ghiz and Amy Larson West. She hoped to see Mary Price and Laura Martin in Lexington, VA, at a show in October. She’s been enjoying sharing what she loves with her students but especially loves that her daughters also enjoy the horses.

Since graduating from Sweet Briar, Connie Gehman is still working at Willis Towers Watson, having survived 3 mergers. She finally made the move to Southwest DC, having lived the last 18 years in Cleveland Park (DC). It’s a short 15-minute walk to the Nat’s Baseball Stadium and lots of new restaurants on the waterfront. She will be making another move to Raleigh, NC, some time in the near year.

Squify Walker Christopher still lives in Richmond and is still married and teaching pre-school. Her oldest, Wizzie, is freshman at SBC! She loves going to visit and see Donna Meyer Hodget. Her other daughter is a sophomore in high school.

Susan Spurrel’s life is far from boring. Hiking and rafting the Grand Canyon, fishing for Cod in Canada, seeing AC/DC and The Phantom of the Opera live, dining out on a regular basis and enjoying adult beverages from time to time. She is still cool and sexy!

Beth Martin is living in El Paso, TX with her son Tyler (17) and daughter Katherine (21). Her husband of 23 years just took a job in Virginia. She will join him once her son graduates from high school in 2018. Katherine will return to Sweet Briar in January after being on medical leave. Beth is looking forward to selling their Texas house and returning to the East Coast.

Laura Martin had a great time visiting with everyone at our 25th Reunion! Laura and Chris are still in Dothan, AL, and have 2/3rd’s of an empty nest. Kyle is a 2nd year at VMI, so they get up to Virginia a few times a year. Nathan is a sophomore at Auburn, and Elizabeth is a high school junior who is starting her college search. She’s not sure if SBC is in her future, but it’s on the short list.

Lauret LeStrange is currently working as a child forensic interviewer and investigator pilot in the child abuse, neglect and maltreatment for the state of North Carolina. She is engaged to her grad school sweetheart. Last year, about 12 of the Class of 1991 got together for what we thought might have been our last Reunion, and she’s thrilled to report that so many more attended our 25th. Holly Holly! As for me, Alene (Al) Doucette.

I am thankfully still living in Pensacola, Florida with my wonderful husband Billy who is now, after 20 years of service, retired from the Marine Corps and working as an offshore search and rescue helicopter pilot in the Gulf of Mexico. I stay too busy volunteering my time, organizational and artistic abilities in the hopes that Alastair, now 10, will become a productive member of society with a good sense of humor.

Kathryn Hagist Yunk: Great seeing everyone at our 25th! Love catching up with my classmates. I’m thinking of going to reunions in 2017 for some Alumnae Alliance activities, and it would be great to have some company. Hope to see you there. Everyone is welcome every year.

Karen Holland Carlisle: Things are going well in Florida. I still work at Chico’s and my son started 4th grade this year. Went to Reunion with Elise Scott Kepus—good to catch up and meet her little guy Breck. If anyone is in the Fort Myers area, look me up.

Rachel Elkins Thompson: I have had an exciting summer! After 17 years on our own, the accounting firm that my husband and I started recently merged with a firm in Lynchburg owned by old friends and colleagues. Our new combined practice makes us the largest in central VA. I will continue in my capacity as practice manager for the new combined firm. We will have offices in Lynchburg and Amherst. I am grateful to all of the alumnae who have helped us along the way! Outside of work and tennis, my two Siamese kittens and great Dane keep me busy. I am so proud that we saved SBC!

Nicole Gauthier: All is well in northern Cali. I continue to travel both professionally and personally. Claire Batson ’92 and I went to Rwanda in May to hike with the mountain gorillas. It was wonderful to see them in their natural habitat and to experience walking with them in Volcano National Park. Also just got back from a much needed girls’ weekend in New Orleans with both Claire Batson Batson ’92 and Melanie Wick Aufmuth ’92. Trying to plan the next one already!

Jennifer Vance: Jennifer Vance is doing great! Happy home, family, dog, 21 horses and a farm in West Chester, PA — if you are ever in the neighborhood look me up! Blue Rock Farm. Rock on, class of ’91.

Sonia Halt and Safity: Enjoying my time in Southwest working part-time with my husband, Marwan in his cardiac office. On Dec. 23 we’ll be celebrating our 23rd wedding anniversary. This past May our oldest daughter, Shereen, graduated from Rockhurst University in Kansas City where our son Shareef is a junior this year. Our youngest Matthew is in 8th grade keeping us young! I’m now officially a trained Stephen Minister at Christ Community Church in Omaha, NE, so I’m keeping very active in this awesome ministry in addition to the Women’s Bible Studies and volunteering in north Omaha as part of our church’s initiative of getting out of the seats and into the streets with a city-wide campaign. It’s united about 50 different churches to join together to better the lives of those living in underprivileged areas (Everybodywins.net). Check it out! I’m also writing two monthly columns in a family magazine that is published in Jordan.

Roberta Rogan Fagan: I left SBC after my sophomore year. I had a life changing experience at SBC; the women I met, I roomed with, took classes with, road tripped with are part of my history and cherished memories. I went on to pursue a career in Bioheat/home heating oil industry that is published in Jordan. I went on to pursue at BA at Rhode Island College, married, had 2 beautiful children. My career path lead me a few different ways... as a funeral director/embalmer and now a lobbyist for the Bioheat/home heating oil industry in the Northeast. I love catching and keeping up with old SBC friends on Facebook and would love to reconnect at a Reunion in the future.

Melanie Duke: Life in the Bluegrass state is as smooth as the bourbon, as fast as the horses and as beautiful as the people (Interchange
nouns and adjectives as you see fit!

Loved hosting Susan Spurrill and Karen Hott for the Derby, seeing everyone at reunion and then President Stone at the event hosted by Laura Lee Brown ’63 here in town and meeting more fellow alumna.

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Dana Varnado Campbell writes that she and Jamie celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary with an unexpected trip to Hawaii (could’t turn it down when Jamie’s work was sending him to Oahu), Dana is still working part time as an administrative assistant for Franklin Street Partners, but recently added another part-time job as an academic learning facilitator for a local tennis club’s tennis academy.

Sabrina McClung Roberson is enjoying life in Northern California near Sacramento with husband Greg (ORACLE), two children (13, 8), and new fur-child Bella Briar—Vxens welcome to visit! Staying true to liberal arts, she is currently studying the Bowen Technique (gentle-touch relaxation and pain management modality, aka Bowen-work in the US), has a Cottage Food Operators permit to sell her spice blend GEASONING, and loves working at her local Chamber of Commerce! She is so very proud of alumnae and the entire SBC community for our major coup in 2015! Holla! Holla!

Renée Rose Flowers writes, “I’m still keeping busy working with urban youth in Kansas City through our nonprofit, Higher M-Pact. Although I haven’t been able to attend the past few Reunions, I’ve enjoyed connecting with SBC sisters Cheryl Bishop Gilman, Sarah Machinist, Cape Morton and Day Kerr throughout the year. Not sure how I’ve been able to find time but I’m also back in school working on an EMBA. Looking forward to finishing in May 2017.”

Christina Andert Hoy loves catching up with classmates the past couple years! Currently, she is savoring moments of her daughter’s senior year. Her son, Connor, returned from the US Army, and is heading into studying coding at UNCC, then into his bachelor’s degree. Husband, David, enjoys owning Primale Berry and attending WMI games when he can. Christina advocates for NC teachers at the state level with the help of Raleigh alumnae (dignifyteachers.org) and sits on a nonprofit board that provides books to students.

Norma Bulls Valentine spent the summer at her farm near Portsmouth, NH. She is still a real estate broker, working with her sister, Nancy Bull, in Wellington, Palm Beach. She has a farm in South Carolina and continues to work for SBC as an AAR, and hopefully silent auction chair again. She hopes to make it a great annual event leading up to Reunion. She was happy to catch up last spring with Tracy Imse Thomson, who showed her horses in Florida. Norma was recently asked to be on the board of a fashion line.

Tracy Meier Mason writes, “The best part of the last 2 years has been connecting with old SBC friends and making new ones! Saw Sherani Ama-rasinghe, Wendy Stevenson Lucia, Dianne Hayes Doss and Carolyn Impe- rato this summer when Dianne and her family were in Boston. It had been 20 years since some of us connected! Finally left the restaurant business so that I could spend more time with my husband and son (4).” I know that I enjoy following the escapades of her son Jake!

Debra Elkins has finally stopped living in boxes and bought a condo in Arlington VA/Courthouse. As Alumnae Alliance co-chair, Deb invites others to come to Reunion for a great time any year, but says “start making plans to attend our 25th!”

Laura Warren Armstrong reports, “I am still living in Virginia Beach where I am the assistant director for a regional special education program serving children on the autism spectrum. Christine is in 10th grade, Katherine is in 6th and Charlotte is in 4th. I married Tim Armstrong in September and now have a wonderful son and daughter-in-law, Tim proposed at SBC!”

Exciting news from Eleanor Bozayan: She and her husband are thrilled to be expecting their first child, a little boy, scheduled to arrive right around Christmas!

Lt. Col. Katherine Polevitsky earned a master’s in National Security Studies from the in National War College June 2016 and is currently assigned as the assistant chief of staff, communications to the Commanding General of Marine Corps Installations Command. She has enjoyed catching up with Beth Gilkeson King and Debra Elkins this year. She writes, “Overall, I am very proud to be a member of Class of 1993! Powerful women who lead from the front to Save SBC! Now, we move forward to an even brighter future with great students and incredible alums! Ohh Rahhhh!”

Tracy Parker writes that she is working as a team administrator and business partner with V P & J Services working with adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Her son graduated high school in 2015.

Heather Swenberg Craft checks in from Charlotte: “I can’t believe it, but the Craft family has been living in Charlotte, NC, for a little over 9 years now. I am still working as an HVDI executive and riding horses. My husband is now a full-time architecture graduate student. Our 2 boys are growing up too quickly, as Braedon is 10 and Lucas is 7 years old. We spent the summer in Italy for Jason’s program and vacation...we didn’t want to come back! Our parents are fabulous, also living in NC. I have loved seeing SBC friends through reunions, horse shows, AAR events and SBC gatherings!”

Kristen Swenson Sloop writes, “We still live in Raleigh, NC. Kids are busy and growing up too fast! John (15) is in 10th grade, Eliza (13) is in 7th and Katherine (10) is in 5th (high, mid-dle and elementary ...tired mommy). I teach preschool 5 days a week. David and I will celebrate 20 years next year.”

Catherine Jankin Downey, her husband Marc, Jacob (8), and Sydney (6) moved a little further out of Atlanta to Suwanee, took a trip to Disney World, played and or coached baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, football, and they hiked, swam, biked, camped, and generally remained very busy people. In July 2016, Catherine earned the rank of associate professor on the faculty at Georgia Gwinnett College.

Dianne Hayes Doss writes from Atlanta, “Bill and I celebrated our 19th wedding anniversary this September. Our son, Dan, turned 17 in October, is an eleventh grader and rower, and beginning to look seriously at leaving home. I mean, going to college. Our daughter, Jenny, turned 13 in September, and is rocking 7th grade and various choral opportunities. Visited with Tracie Allen Webber in Atlanta, and Kay Pierce Sugarbake in Houston.”

Patricia Sagasti Suppes is living in Roanoke and loves it. Oldest son, Sebastian, is in junior in high school and is very involved in school and sports and beginning to look at colleges. Younger son, Adrian, is in 8th grade and also doing well in school and sports. Husband, Jeff, still works from home for a little insurance company based in Chapel Hill. Patty recently achieved tenure at Ferrum College, and has been busy growing the Spanish program there. Last summer she spent a break from Montana this summer and spent the time in Virginia and Maine. She saw quite a few SBC friends, such as Jennifer Murphy Boelter, Kate Haw ’92; Lynn Russell and Rusty Lilly. The fall finds them back in Montana with William (10); Andrew (9) and Chappy (7) back in school. She is still managing her family’s winery (Richard Böcking) US/export business which keeps her quite busy selling their wines around the country.

Beth Gilkeson King reports, “I am enjoying my (relatively) new position at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland. I am their executive director of campus relations and summer programs. I will have been there a year at the beginning...
of November. I left my position at University of Richmond last year after nearly 11 years. Because of my longer commute, we are building a house in the West End of Richmond. We hope to be in it by May, and I look forward to cutting my commute by more than half.”

As for me, Lauri Dabbieri, this year was a great one! Last year, I left public school after 22 years, and began teaching Latin at Sidwell Friends School in DC in both the upper and middle schools. It was great catching up with Amy Edwards in August while her kids were in camp at Sidwell. In June, I spent time at my apartment in Italy with friends to recharge my batteries. In July, my boyfriend of four years, Jerry Rapp, and I went on safari in South Africa for two weeks. We got engaged in Cape Town after being on a Hop-On-Hop-Off bus tour. Anyone who knows me knows how much I love a Hop-On-Hop-Off bus tour, so Cape Town is a tour I shall never forget! We will marry at the Inn at Mt. Vernon in Virginia on June 10, 2017.

And, bringing up the rear, Ellen Ober Pitera, our fearless leader writes from Orange, VA, “Working hard keeping up with Charlie (8) and Douglas(5) as well as managing our family farm. Life is full and busy and crazy and good. Very proud of our class for great annual giving participation! Keep it up ‘93!”

1995

Katie Maxwell Schellhammer 22914 Goldenrod Drive Brambleton, VA 20148-6967 katie@schellhammer.net

Kimberly Roda Moorhead reports “after six years in TN, we moved to Cary, NC! Tim is still employed with Humana. I am enjoying my second career as chauffeur, chef and conflict-resolution manager in residence for our three girls ages 7, 10, 13. In the last year, I’ve been busy editing op-ed pcs, several books, and web content for various web sites. I’ve also been volunteering at the girls’ schools coaching Elementary Science Olympiad. I loved catching up with Nicole File and Carlene Harper Sumner this last year.”

Gwen Hickey Babcock continues her job as assistant varsity swim coach at Dallastown Area High School. She and Devin will be married 20 years in October! Kaeden is now 14 and Rory is 8. Thank you for all your prayers and concerns and help for Kaeden. Everyday Kaeden is getting better and better.

Kelly Hall worked in Antarctica again last year and finished her PhD in English literature.

Cat Ellen is happily living in Boston, MA, for 16 years in December. She started a new job on Sept. 12 with Axelius, an international rental property development firm, as the kitchen planner for North America (DC, NYC, Boston & Toronto properties). She is looking forward to winter with ski trips planned to Jackson Hole & Tahoe with her boyfriend.

Tina Carlson reports “after 8 years with Coca-Cola, I took a new position with PPG Industries as their territory manager in East Texas. I will be repping Olympic Paints and Stains as well as our Liquid Nails and Homax lines at 7 Lowes stores in this area. Mary and I will celebrate 16 years together in January and still have our farm of rescue babies to keep us entertained. If you’re ever in East TX, give us a hoot!”

Sarah Young Bass writes “Hi 1995 Vixens! My husband and I moved from our home in Colorado Springs to Denver over the summer. We are easing into a simplified life, enjoying condo living in Cherry Creek. I took on a new role as division director of human resources for a Fortune 500 energy company, which is hectic and fun. I loved seeing everyone at our 20th Reunion in 1995, and staying connected via Facebook. Holla holla!”

Shana-Tara Regon O’Toole is enjoying her 8th year as a criminal justice policy director at the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in Washington, DC, and is looking forward to the challenges of working to make the world a better place in an election year. In her non-work life, she expresses gratitude for the love and companionship of her husband, step-daughter, and French bulldog Balthazar.

Jill Goolsby Baumhover recently relocated from Austin, TX, to Ann Arbor, MI, with husband Brian and two busy kids, Aubrey (11) and Henry (8).

Susan Wooldridge Yeatts is back home in Lexington, SC, after a summer of intense travel for work. She writes she “spent 6 weeks in Bangkok, a few days in Kuala Lumpur and ended it with a few weeks in Auckland, NZ. Exciting places to do relatively boring work (taxes). It was a great experience traveling alone and immersing myself in the cultures. Now my biggest problem is my addiction to Thai food—I am having to learn to make it myself! I hope to return to Bangkok for a few months after the new year.”

Daniela Ricci says “DC has been good to me over the past couple of decades! Still working for Susan Gage Caterers and loving the variety of events I get to plan every day (literally). Celebrated 10 years of marriage last year, renovated our house in Petworth and adopting a shelter pup soon. Life is good!”

Jennifer Cumby is the writer/editor for Lynchburg College, a school board member for Amherst County and a contributing editor for a number of online literary endeavors—most notably the award-winning Dead Housekeeping. A park ranger husband (20 years!), three kids (17, 14, 8), three dogs (10, 6, 2) and “far too many cats (at some point, you just stop keeping track). You can sometimes find me on Twitter at @greenasphodel.”

Jane Rabadi reports that she and her partner “relocated from Anchorage, AK, where we lived for four years, to Santa Monica, CA—talk about the definition of polar opposites! While in Alaska, I worked as the director of design at the Anchorage Museum and got to travel for work to amazing places like Siberia, Iceland, Barrow and other wonderfully cold places. I am now working as an independent graphic designer on projects in various places around the country. I continue to make art and am in the beginning stages of writing and illustrating a book called, Adventures of Viking Hen. Stay tuned! janerabadi.com”

Tricia Lynn is happily living at the beach while working in her new job as an associate professor of developmental education at West Palm Beach State College. She is enjoying listening to her new Dave Matthews CD while watching the sunrise over the ocean. Her next adventure will be a trip to New Zealand
Elizabeth Groves Aycock has moved to Charlottesville and is excited to see Beth Ike from time to time. She loved seeing everyone back in June and offers that if anyone comes through C-ville on their way to SBC to please let her know—she’d love to see them.

Stephanie Cullom Pauly reports that her twins (a boy and girl) just turned 13! She also completed her law degree (holla holla), and husband Jeff is 14 years cancer free!!

Ashley Wheeler Glass is excited announce that she is a founder of the National Estate Sale Association, along with 9 other estate sale companies nationwide. After almost 10 years of providing estate sales services and antique appraisals in Atlanta, she is excited about the growth of this industry, and to share her passion with others around the United States. It was so good to see everyone at Reunion and looking forward to more!!

Jen Beck Locke shares that she and Hunter have been married for 18 years!! She also tells us that Hunter is the new director of supply for the southeast for WestRock and is enjoying his new job. They’re still living it up in St. John’s, FL, but we are expecting to move next summer. She enjoys being a stay-at-home mom, and homeschooling daughter Marte (13) and son Thomas (10) while Trae (8) attends public school. They are involved in many extra-curricular activities and spend most of their free time traveling (including several trips with SBC friends). They absolutely love life and spending as much time as possible with friends and family.

Amy Daugherty Michel and family moved from Arizona to Kentucky this past summer, where they bought a house on five acres. Xander (9) started 4th grade, Owen (6) is in 1st grade, and Octavia (nearly 4) is hanging out at home. Sam now works from home, and Amy is still a freelance editor. In June, she traveled to North Carolina, where she spent a week with Paige Vaught Champion, including attending our 20th Reunion at SBC. She had a wonderful time reconnecting with so many friends!

New class president Sarah Reidy Ferguson had an absolute blast at our 20-year Reunion, and was responsible for many of the beautiful pictures posted that weekend. She was thrilled to see our friend Maia Pearson Bannan ’97 there as well. She continues to write her lifestyle blog, Duchess Fare, coupled with writing articles for home design magazines, and selling vintage decor through One Kings Lane and Chairish. She’s looking forward to being back on campus for Reunion 2017 to visit with dear friends from the Class of 1997!

Kelly Walker (with Eric and Emmy) resides in Newtown Square, PA. She is the Office Manager for The Axelrod Firm in Philadelphia. Kelly’s husband Eric is the head golf professional at Overbrook Golf Club in Villanova, PA and was named Golf Professional of the Year for the Philadelphia area. Their daughter, Emerson, is now 4 and loves annual trips to Cape May, NJ and Beaufort, SC.
coaching in the Futures Program which is the US Olympic Development program for field hockey. Each year, she’s lucky enough to see Abbie McCammon Jeremiah ‘98, husband Bill and their 2 cuties, Baker and Mallorie. If anyone is heading to Michigan feel free to give a jingle!

Catherine Lanter Carrick writes “our 20th Reunion was so much fun and staying in the dorms was an absolute riot.” Catherine especially enjoyed horseback riding on the grounds with other alumnae, and sharing her love for SBC with her then-fiancé, John Carrick. Catherine loved reconnecting with alumnae and meeting President Stone. Catherine and John were married a few weeks later on June 25, 2016 at the Parish of St. Matthew in Pacific Palisades, and a reception at Shutters Hotel in Santa Monica followed. She and John have planned a honeymoon to Bora Bora scheduled in December.

Amanda Acuff ‘97 and Scooter working with Richmond Animal Care and Control to get the word out about animals that need adopting. Guess what—that cute little pup got adopted!

Katrina Balding Bills ‘97: Our family is rockin’ and rollin’ with Kenny a Black Belt in Taekwondo Do, a Boy Scout and in 7th grade; Keara is a Brownie and in 1st grade. Our dogs Uri and Choco are lovelies. Fella is still around gratefully, as he approaches 30! My new gal Pimms, would be a Vixen were she human. Keara’s Happy and Kenny’s Odie are beloved. Kevin is superdial while growing his brewery and working full time for Sprint, volunteering w/ Boy Scouts and leading the band for Teen Mass. I am a Sales Director with MK, foxhunting and a volunteer at schools.

agent for equine, farm & ranch markets. Husband Chip (VMi ‘95) is an appraiser for the US government, and children Isabelle (8) and Connor (6) are enjoying riding ponies and playing soccer.

Natalie Brown Adee, husband Jon and their 5 wonderful boys moved to beautiful Greenwich CT a year ago. She was bummed she couldn’t make it to Reunion, but her 5th little guy was only a week old then!

Lindsay Mactavish Vogt has had a busy year! She and her husband, their two young daughters and dog moved from Harrisburg, PA, to Deephaven, MN, in Dec. 2015. She was fortunate to be able to maintain the same job from PA, but now working from home. She also became a local coordinator of the Healthy Kids Running Series in Deephaven.

Eileen MacMurtrie Zuckerman: As for me, I was married to Seth in August 2015. My Joseph (8) gained 3 siblings, Erik (15), Helena (14), and Aaron (6), plus a funny black, cat named Nana. We brought the whole crew to Reunion this June, and as expected, they all fell in love with our SBC. They were able to meet new aunts, including Meg Magistro Arcadia, Cindy Rakow Readhyough and Leah Jorgenson. Life is busy with a party of 6, but we’re up for the challenge!!

Please continue to keep in touch via Facebook, email, snail mail, or whichever communication platform suits you! Here’s wishing everyone a safe and joyful Fall and Holiday Season!!

1997

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Amanda Acuff: I am living in Richmond, VA. I patrol the streets as part of the Richmond Police Mounted Unit—one of the oldest, continuous mounted units in the country. My partner, Scooter, is 16-hand quarter horse. We have been working together since 2011. When I’m not doing patrol, search and rescue, crowd control or community relations, I am kept busy with photo shoots as a hand model.

Lisa DuCharme Elwell: So excited to be sending in class notes once again! I am currently living in London, England with my husband and two boys, Evan (7) and Edward (4). I work part time at Fidelity International and the boys keep me busy! Please let me know if any Alumnae are ever in
Elizabeth. I run. I homeschool our son (10) as he has. at home mom of here kids (10, 8, 7). Based on her squeals of joy, she’ll be there in 2037?

Amy Everett Carter: I’m a stay at home mom of four kids (10, 8, 7, 4). I homeschool our son (10) as he has Asperger’s syndrome and ADHD. My husband and I celebrated 15 years of marriage this year. I keep in touch with Elizabeth McIntosh Schwartz. I run for fun, moonlight as an event planner.

Molly Cameron Drex: The last year was filled with excitement as we moved into the city of Richmond. Mark and I have 3 girls: Lillie Kate, Charlotte, and Virginia. Being in the city means we get the added benefit of seeing Amanda Acuff on duty with Scooter in our neighborhood. I work at CapitalOne on the Bank strategy team. On the side, I mentor Jobs for Life candidates on how to interview and tutor a 4th grade Egyptian boy with Christian Arabic Church. Life is good! (above) Charlotte, Lillie Kate, Molly, Virginia, and Mark Drex at our new home.

Julia Ingelido: After graduating from the University of Illinois in 1999, I moved to Charleston, SC, where I have lived ever since. I live in Mount Pleasant, SC, with my husband and 2 dogs. I teach Spanish at Summerville High School. My son, Max, is in 6th grade and now driving and starting to look at colleges. I’m blessed with a wonderful husband and 2 amazing sons; Joie, Xander, and Evie. Our family recently celebrated the 10-year anniversary with an adult-only mini-escape to Hilton Head! My son, Max, is now driving and starting to look at colleges.

Kathryn Cunningham McMahon: I’m pretty excited about this change from raising the hard working fellow sisters saved our beloved Sweet Briar. Since graduating, I have received a M.A. in French Lit along with a science degree. I, along with my brother, have taken over the family business, being the 3rd generation in our hometown of Romeo. I recently married and we spend much time golfing at the club, traveling and raising monies for our foundation, which has raised $365K in three years.

Kerry Rawlings Burner: Chris and I continue to hold on by our fingertips as we raise Abby (13) and Eli (12). Dance, soccer, baseball, football, church, scouts and skiing keep us busy, and since SBC instilled in me a need to be involved in everything possible, I’m also soccer booster secretary, team mom for football & baseball, and vice president of the county library board of directors. Best of all, I am loving my work as a freelance writer.

Lindsy Rollenhagen Zook: After over 10 years of marriage, Jimmy and I were VERY unexpectedly blessed with twin sons through adoption. We traveled from Lancaster, PA to St. Louis, MO, returned Dec. 23, 2015, with our precious sons, Pablo and Xavier! They were born July 8, 2014. They have brought much joy into our lives and we are extremely blessed! During our stay in St. Louis we spent time with Erin Vlasaty Cooper ’99. We were able to have a special two days with Kara Vlasaty Smith who surprised me by inviting me to join us from Oklahoma City.

Reneca Rose-Levine: Hello Class of 1997. Since my last update I was living in Richmond, VA, taking care of my handsome son Jabari Alexander, whom is now 15 and attends The Way of Lee County. I’m the proud aunt of 3, 6 and 9. We live in a suburb of Toledo and is enjoying the fast pace. This November marks three generations in our hometown of Romeo. Life is crazy busy but I manage to squeeze in visits with community and special programs director for the City of Auburn, AL. It’s a shame the Parks and Recreation show went off the air; I could provide so many stories for new scripts! I graduated from the Leadership Lee County program in 2015 and am still an active board member for the United Way of Lee County. I’m the proud aunt of two very active boys: Trevor (8) and Preston (6). I am looking forward to seeing the ENTIRE class at our 20th Reunion! Holla Holla and War Eagle!

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Jill Gavit: Living in Staunton, VA, with my husband and 2 dogs. I teach high school Spanish and also coach the school’s drama club. I have enjoyed getting to know a few more alumnae in the area over the past year and a half. Can’t wait to see everyone at our 20th!

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Jessica Hively: I live in Little Canada, a suburb of St. Paul, and work as a Traveler at the real estate company in Airdrie, AB. I’m the proud aunt of two very active boys: Trevor (8) and Preston (6). I am looking forward to seeing the ENTIRE class at our 20th Reunion! Holla Holla and War Eagle!

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Alicia King Anderson: My work at WebMD has taken off. This year, I’ve spoken at 2 SEO conferences, and attended meetings at Google. I was also delighted to hire Sam Yew ’18 as an intern this summer. (She did an amazing job, of course!) Writing in my free time, I’ll have a non-fiction essay published in MayDay Magazine next month, and am still working on my novel(s). I’m also a volunteer supporter of Girls Rock Camp Atlanta and dabbling with my ukulele!

Virginia Miller Brown: I’m currently at home with our three boys (3, 6 and 9). We live in a suburb of Rochester and love it! We miss CT but visit regularly. I’m the chair of the preschool board and active in the PTSA. Marc and I just celebrated our 10-year anniversary with an adult-only vacation to Key West! I manage our families vacation rental property on Great Cranberry Island ME, and we went to stay there for the first time in several years. We love to ski and bike as a family. We even survived a family camping trip!!

Amanda Gavitt: I am currently the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as the director of benefits at Travelers as

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Greetings to the Class of 1998!

It’s pretty exciting that the printed magazine has been resurrected, as well as our class notes. It’s so special to be able to find out the happenings in everyone’s lives. And there’s nothing “too boring” or “not exciting enough,” etc. to share! We want to hear from everyone!

Sara Wilcoxson Bond continues to serve the City of Lynchburg as a senior officer with the Police Department, and now acts as a training officer, as well. She is in her 3rd year on the board of the Central Virginia YWCA, and is serving as board president this year. Our organization runs multiple programs in the area, including operating the only local domestic violence shelter. Life is busy but good!

Catherine Zahn and her wife, Shannon Bazar Zahn ’99, and their 3 daughters are living in Austin where she teaches creative movement and music to children.

Diana Jordan Avery and her family have had a very busy summer—they had an addition put onto their house and she’s loving all the extra space—the kids are especially excited to have their own bathrooms! Meredith (11), started ice skating last fall and has joined the Richmond Synchro Team. There will be several competitions in the coming months. Diana and Dair Collins met up for coffee recently where they caught up on each other’s latest news.

Tara Day, after 13 years in Northern Virginia, moved back to Cleveland, OH, in 2014. She works from home as a trademark paralegal for Markery Law, a women-owned boutique trademark firm based in DC. She is engaged to her boyfriend, Michael Toth, and they will get married next year in California. Congrats Tara!

Sam Brodlieb Platner and her family also relocated not long ago to Fairfield, CT. Sam says that she loves being near the Long Island Sound again! Just before their 2nd daughter Eloise (16 months) was born, Sam decided to stay home with her precious girls. After working in the fashion industry for nearly 17 years, staying at home has been an adjustment, but she is brilliantly settling into the role. Madeline (5) just started kindergarten. Sam continues her love of riding and has been lucky to ride with neighbors who have a horse nearby. She said this recalls fond memories of SBC. She’s looking forward to the next Reunion!

Dr. Jennifer Swisher Lynes and family

full time ER. We have 3 beautiful girls, Morgan (8), Madisson (5.5) and Montgomery (2). My husband, Richard, is a super stay-at-home father who teaches occasionally at the girls’ school and volunteers a ton.

Cassandra Thomas-Sheehan: Tim and I sold our house this year. The timing was impeccable because right after we made the decision to list it, I became ill and we eventually found out I had a brain tumor. I have had surgery to remove it but likely will have to undergo chemotherapy, as well. I am currently not working although I feel okay most days, just still very tired. We are in a rental looking for a more permanent place. Lexi is 11 and still living with her Dad in Lynchburg. Timothy (Tim’s son) lives with us. Miss you all!

Carolyn Hepperle Richardson: Last fall, Dawn Everett Grobe and her family moved across town to the house next to her childhood home. Dawn said that being right next to her parents has been fantastic for the boys, Jackson (7) and Henry (3 1/2) and her parents (married 50 years this year). This year found Dawn moving out of the computer lab after 17 years, and she will be teaching small math and reading groups. Her classroom is green and (of course) she’s adding pink accents. The family continues the tradition of traveling each summer to Star Island, NH. They’re hoping to visit Montreal this spring. Dawn says that if anyone visits New England, they better let her know! Oh, Dawn, happy
anniversary to your parents. 50 years is a tremendous accomplishment!

Anne-Claire Wackenhut Kasten updated us that her family continues to enjoy the hustle and bustle of life in the nation’s capital. Jacques (5) is in kindergarten at Capitol Hill Day School, where she teaches 2nd grade, while Geneviève (2) is at home with the au pair, who is from France. The family is doing their best to infuse life with more French language... Scott is starting the dissertation process at Johns Hopkins, which will keep the family in DC for a while longer.

Heather Thomas Armbruster. She spent spring and summer developing hybrid versions of her classes (lecture online, meet for tests and lab). It has allowed her to double the number of classes she teaches and still only be out of the house 2 nights a week. On the fun side, Heather has learned to quilt. She completed 2 quilts this spring for the boys and has become absolutely addicted to sewing/quilting. Heather says that quilting is her escape from the world. Will there be a SBC inspired one in the works soon?

Our fearless president, Cady Thomas, reports that things in Raleigh are as crazy as ever. She has played a significant role in reactivating the Triangle Club and have been raising money and working on getting perspectives. Cady recently attended a college fair here with Jill Triana ’97. There was a mini reunion with Susan Barney, Lindsay Culp and Bronwyn Beard in August. Cady has been traveling a great deal and renovating her home at the same time. She feels this might not have been the smartest move! However, this fall Cady will be in CA, FL, IL, SC, DC and Cuba. She said that if she has the time, she will be calling SBC ladies!

Dr. Stephanie Belk Loter. Husband Tom and their 3 kids (Abi, Ben, Cailey) are living in Hillsborough, NC. Stephanie works for Elanco Animal Health out of Greenfield, IN. The Loter family recently expanded their family with the adoption of a Blue Heeler whom they’ve named Douglas.

Speaking of dogs, Melinda Brown, shares that she loves spending time with her two fur-babies, Spencer and Cole, when she’s not in the office running her business. Melinda launched her own events business in August 2015, after using her event planning skill set in both the higher education and nonprofit arenas for two decades. Congrats Melinda! In her free time, Melinda is an avid community volunteer. She greatly enjoys devoting her time and creative energy to helping homeless animals through her role as a board member for a local shelter, as well as volunteering with local organizations such as Junior League of Fort Collins and Leadership Fort Collins. In 2014, Melinda was named a Northern Colorado Forty under 40 honoree. Melinda—we might be neighbors too! (more coming)

The past few years have been a whirlwind for Joanne Hopkins. She married Tom Stark in fall 2014, gave birth to a son Andrew in 2015 and a few days later moved from VA to PA. Now they’re expecting another baby in Feb. 2017. So many wonderful changes!

Things in Ohio are going well for Cyndi Hague Hineline and her family. Cyndi is currently working on a community theater production of 1776 (as Abigail Adams). She is also looking forward to returning to sing with the Toledo Opera Chorus this winter! Cyndi recently opened a voice studio, focusing on vocal health and singing for students interested in musical theater. In her spare time, she is an AAR Regional Chair for SBC! She shares the thought of “How time flies,” as her son started middle school this year, and she and her husband, Shawn, celebrate 12 years of happy marriage in November! Happy Anniversary Cyndi!

Leslie Farinas messaged that she is doing very well. She had the opportunity to visit with three Vioxen who came to Ibiza, Spain this summer: Blake Potter Crumbliss, Amanda Diamond Ring, and Alexandra Stark (class year unknown). Leslie also shared that she is expecting princess #2. Congrats my friend, I hope you can bring the family to reunion!

And finally, updates from me, Chantel Bartlett. I am still very happy at my work with the National Association of Home Builders. I’ve been in this position for 2 1/2 years now. It’s so wonderful feeling like I don’t need to look for another job (for now). Additionally, my side business of being a Rodan + Fields consultant is going so well. I truly see the potential and know that I’ll be able to use this business as a vehicle to achieve some major financial goals for myself. Earlier this year, the plan was to celebrate the big 4-0 in Paris—because that totally makes the most sense for me—but I realized that I needed a new car and that was the responsible financial decision to make. Some big changes are coming... My mom is selling her childhood home in Seattle and making the permanent return to Virginia where she will move in with me. This is exciting because change can always be good, but it’s very sad as that house has been in our family since my great-grandmother gave it to my grandparents as a wedding gift in 1936. Another big change on the horizon is that my mom and I are seriously considering a move to Colorado, likely the Denver or Colorado Springs area. We will be driving across country from Seattle in a few weeks and will make time to do some exploring. Having been a Northern Virginian my entire life (outside of college), I’m super excited about this possible new chapter in my life. Now to just find a job (hint, hint). It also won’t hurt being just a bit closer to my SBC bestie Candice Broughton Mailard! I hope that everyone has May 2018 on their calendars for our 20th Reunion! We’ll begin the planning sooner than we can imagine!
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**Leslie Farinas** and **Blake Potter Brumbliss**

Kelly Turney Gatzke and family recently completed their 4th cross-country move from Washington to Alexandria, VA! Kelly and Amelia helped during Sweet Work Days and had so much fun! They are thankful the Army brought them closer to Sweet Briar, friends and family.

Rachel Bratlie and husband Chris remain in Hamilton, New Zealand, with sons Zachary (5) and Jake (2). Rachel continues to work as a psychiatrist for the local health board, but has recently accepted a new position that combines home-based treatment, consultation-liason and teaching medical students. She and Chris are looking forward to a 2-week road trip around the South Island next month.

Brenda Elze and her husband have finally settled in Tampa, FL, for her husband’s US Air Force job and were anticipating the birth of their daughter mid-October! Brenda loved going to this past year’s Reunion and seeing many dear friends and professors. She is thrilled that she has been able to connect with many more SBC friends who have vacationed in Florida throughout the past year, such as Jill Stromberg, Sarah Lester, Kim Schmidt-Miscavage, Sarah Elkins-Ince and more. She is looking forward to seeing Abby Schmidt-Anzalone and Sarah Lester in the next few months!

**Leslie Farinas and Blake Potter Brumbliss**

**Amanda Diamond Ring and Leslie Farinas**

**Renee Dupre Dugan ’00** and her husband, Patrick, live in Houston with their son, Patrick Kelly. Renee is in-house counsel at Resource Environmental Solutions, LLC, a wetlands, stream, and species mitigation company. She also serves on the Steering Committee and Executive Committee of Women of Wardrobe, supporting Dress for Success Houston.

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Evangeline Easterly Taylor: During Saving Sweet Briar, I led the state representatives mass mailing campaign around the US and published 2 papers on SBC STEM alumnae. While in Moscow, Russia classmate Kim Harden Fella visited. I also hosted study abroad student Taneal Williams’16 while she was at the prestigious Moscow Art Theater Program. This summer we moved to our next embassy assignment in Managua, Nicaragua.

Josie Beets: After moving to DC with my family in 2015, I began work at the Chief Financial Officers Council and President’s Management Council, where I work closely with leadership across government to implement policies to improve efficiency. This year, I am also serving as president of the Military Spouse JD Network, a bar association and nonprofit for military spouses who are attorneys. In DC I get to connect with an amazing community of SBCers!

Alison Stockdale: I celebrated the birth of daughter number 3 in July 2016. I’m still working for federal government in Washington, DC. Saw Alissa Harris’00 this past summer who visited from Los Angeles.

Kimberly Harden Fella: Chad and I made the move this summer to his next duty station with the US Navy—Yokosuka, Japan! He will be the assistant reactor officer on board USS Ronald Reagan until June 2019. I will divide time between our home in Macon, GA (when the ship is deployed) and Japan (when the ship is in port)—visitors welcome! I plan to spend my time in Macon each year working on home renovation projects.

Amy Hess Snawder: Jared and I are back in Germany for another 3 years, Wiesbaden this time. We are planning to travel to locations we didn’t get to go to last time we were here and also return to some of our favorite places from before. I hope to meet up with Caroline Heitzel Overstreet ’12 as she is Germany too. (Her husband is also a VMI grad Army officer.) Any other Vixens want to come visit?

**Amanda Atkinson:** In July 2015 Noah and I welcomed our son, Murphy Smith Atkinson, into our family. He joins our three other sons: Arlo (6), Gus (6) and Harvey (2). We still live on campus in a residence hall with 500 first years
at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. In addition to working full time, in fall 2016 I began a doctoral program in Educational Leadership and Management at Drexel University.

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Megan Thomas Rowe’s husband, Matt Rowe (HSC ’03) is running for US Congress in VA’s 1st district. This year has been busy keeping up with the campaign. All 3 kids—Madelyn (9), Sylvie (6), and Thomas (3)—are doing great. Megan visited Angela Rodriguez Newman and her family in Iowa in Aug., for the Iowa State Fair. The slogan “Nothing Compares” is quite accurate. Megan loved seeing classmates at the 15-year Reunion in May. The Sweet Briar Experience doesn’t end at graduation. Thanks for the journey ladies!

Natasha Nickodem Stevens
and her husband Matt welcomed their daughter Marietta Louise Stevens in April 2016. Jessica McCloskey: I’ve completed the first year of my doctorate in clinical psychology—a three-year program—and I’m starting my specialist placements in forensic settings. It’s been a long time dream of mine to do this course here in England for the National Health Service, so I couldn’t be happier! I’ve been living abroad for the past 14 years, with my little black dog, and all continues to be well.

Katherine Wellington Morse: This past summer, I was promoted to the position as development coordinator and social media for Morningstar Children and Family Services, Inc. I am now in charge of fundraising, community development and involvement, volunteer coordination and the social media, as well as the website. My art business, coordination and the social media, as a future SBC girl in the making!

Mary Peterson has relocated to Brookhaven, GA, since living in Washington, DC, and recently enjoyed dinner with Katherine Morse ’01 and Karen Temple Hood ’91. She currently runs her family’s wedding venue called Salt Rose Farm on the Maine coast.

Anna Fines Herbert and her family are all happy and healthy in Chesapeake Beach, MD. She’s the deputy program manager and lead cybersecurity analyst for a DoD contractor. Lisa Renfrow owes her a visit, and Becky Middle owes her a camping trip.

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Liz Waring McCracken is happily teaching as a dance professor at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. Liz and her husband Chris are celebrating 10 years of marriage this winter; their two girls, Isadora and Athena are 7 and 4 this year. She is looking forward to Reunion in the spring! Natasha Ungerer Dillaman lives in McLean, VA, with her husband and 2 daughters (2 and 4). She opened her own veterinary practice, Clarendon Animal Care, in Arlington in 2015, and would love to meet any SBC alumnae with their furry family members.

Margaret Tucker Buck (Brook) and her husband Trey welcomed their sweet little boy James Clifton Buck IV on Nov. 25, 2015. He was a turkey baby for sure. She writes that it has been a learning curve but being a parent is great! Shortly after he was born, Brook traveled to see Lori Smith Nilan for her baby shower. It was great getting together with Denise McDonald Gentry, Kelly Monical Goessens, Maria Thacker Goethe and Ashley Johnson McGee ’03. She can’t wait to see everyone at Reunion next year.


Stacey Armentrout Fallah has been enjoying life as a very busy stay-at-home mom. Her son Jackson keeps her on her toes with his school, sports and Cub Scout activities. He is being promoted to the role of big brother if all continues to go well, as she is expecting a baby girl in November. Baby girl comes as a very special blessing after nearly 8 years of trying for a second child. And of course, they are already saving up for her SBC tuition.

Rachel Roth Allred just started her 3rd year of teaching 5th grade Math and Science in Hyattsville, MD. This is her 10th year teaching in Prince Georges County. She completed her M.Ed. with a concentration in Elementary Reading in October 2014 through Grand Canyon University. Rachel and her husband Toby celebrated their 10th anniversary this year, and their daughter Cristina started 1st grade this Fall. Rachel is still active with the Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department, where she just celebrated her 14th anniversary. In Oct. 2016 she celebrated her 2nd year as an Origami Owl independent jewelry designer, and was introduced to the company by Stacey Armentrout Fallah. She was planning to spend time with Stacey and her family in October at Stacey’s baby shower.

Mary Tassone Dunley moved to Indiana, PA, with her family in June 2015. She loves western PA, but is amazed by how cold and snowy it is. Her older daughter, Ariana is 6 and her younger daughter, Loran is 2. She is keeping very busy trying to keep up with them. They both swim, and Ariana also dances and plays soccer. Mary has been taking yoga and ceramics for the last year and is enjoying both! Though she hasn’t had a “job” in years, she never seems to have any free time.

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Nicole Crowder had a daughter, Marissa, in February 2015 and recently published a scientific journal article based on work done in her lab at the University of Maryland Washington. Caroline Diaz Williams went on a mountain climbing expedition in the Pyrenees and has patented two new products with the Linkemann Group, which she owns.

Lisa Renfrow lives in San Francisco and works for Fitbit Customer Service as the operations manager in charge of the Central and South American contact centers. She spends about half her time traveling to Nicaragua, Colombia, El Salvador and Guatemala, and she loves her job! Danielle Ross Oberg and her husband bought a house in Newtown, CT, and are enjoying small-town life. This past summer she took a trip to Alexandria, VA, to see Megan Doughtie and Virginia Uchello Lyon. Danielle was also training for her first half marathon in October!

Julia Schmitz and Laura Ison Russell visited Katy Kummer Varughese and met her daughter, Ella Varughese (Class of 2038) in New York City. Julia, Laurel Spellman Rodgers and Jenny Smith Hargett traveled to SBC to participate in Sweet Work Weeks, and Julia was just promoted to associate professor at Piedmont College.

Amanda Tyree Goodwin and her husband Bruce have had a new addition to their family. Savannah Grace Goodwin was born 10/20/15 and is getting ready to have her 1st birthday. A future SBC girl in the making!

Courtney Pfaff Kimble lives in Charlottesville with her husband and 3 children: Addison (almost 8), Caleb (5) and Benjamin (2). She is an emergency room nurse and just submitted her application for a doctorate as nurse practitioner. This September, she and her husband celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary!

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Brooke Linville lives in Boise, ID, and is known to regularly post on Facebook. Kelli Bergmann Thomasson is still teaching online high school AP Government and is settling at home with her newly adopted son from China, Walter Edward Chengyun Thomasson. In addition to teaching AP Government, she is currently an online fitness coach and is homeschooling her daughter, Eleanor.

Stacey Maddox, husband John and daughter Beatrice welcomed Zinnia Lyanna on July 28, 2016. Six weeks after Zinnia’s birth, Stacey and John had their official Catholic Church wedding in Moneta, VA on Sept 13. Elizabeth Killiam ’08 was a bridesmaid and Jenine Bonnet Hutton ’03 came down with her family to celebrate. It was a lovely day! She is still working as an internal medicine resident physician in Danville, VA, and scheduled to finish in December 2017. They are planning on moving back to Alaska when she’s finished.

Tiffany McCabe Carr in her 13th year of teaching music at two elementary schools in Southampton County, VA. She lives in Franklin with
her husband Joseph, two sons, David (7) and Charlie (1), and two dogs (Lola and Ruger).

Schyler Ellis Burke and husband Peter welcomed a baby girl, Cassidy Harper, in May 2015 to join her siblings: John, Victoria and Marin. They enjoyed Thanksgiving 2015 with Diana Marshall in Oklahoma City.

Tasha Purcell Gillum is still working at SBC in the Office of Student Life. Students are keeping her busy, as is her 15-month-old daughter Indianna Mae Gillum. She hopes to see you ladies on visits to campus.

Kelly Gibbons got engaged on March 26, 2016 to Walter Schell. He proposed at Sweet Briar on Monument Hill. Their wedding will be on April 1, 2017 in Easton, MD.

Ginny Wood Susi procreated again. She, her husband, and her 4-year-old daughter welcomed Nicholas Edmund Susi a few days after Christmas. She is in high demand for stage managing gigs and from her son. She lives in Orlando.

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Christina Marchetti-Berry and her husband relocated from Sydney, Australia, back to Washington, DC, where they are business strategy consultants for Booz Allen Hamilton. They are building their first home together due to the end of this year and will finally be able to adopt a dog! She would be happy to connect with local alums whenever possible!

Kimberly Gibson-McDonald is still residing in good ol’ Lynchburg, VA and teaching high school Studio Art and teaching high school Studio Art and teaching high school Studio Art and teaching high school Studio Art and teaching high school Studio Art and teaching high school Studio Art with family and friends.

Megan Bowling has also had a year full of excitement and new beginnings! She graduated from Lynchburg College’s accelerated 2nd degree B.S. in Nursing program in May, then moved to Charlotte to begin her journey as an RN with the Thoracic Cardiovascular Post-Operative ICU at UVA. She says, “The kids are loving their new home and being in a city full of exciting things! Best part of it is that we are only 45 minutes away from the most beautiful campus in the country where Lynsie Steele and I like to let all of our crazy kiddos frolic in the dell! Hope everyone is well.”

Erin Gibbs is still living outside of Aspen, CO, and loving it. She recently completed a thru-hike of the 500-mile Colorado Trail and is gearing up for fall ultra-marathons and ski season.

Lauren Wade visited this summer, and they had a great time hiking and rafting! This past spring, she was able to spend a week in Virginia visiting the usual suspects: Karen Dennehy Godsey, Kerry Martin Spruill, Lauren Wade and Dana Ripperton. She says, “Life certainly has taken me in a different direction than expected after college, but it has been a positive one. I love Colorado and can’t imagine living anywhere else!”

Amanda Moffett Watts: My family is doing well. My daughter turned 1 in August and has started walking! My son is 2.5 years old and loves learning about everything and will talk your ears off. We moved to Fairfax Station last year. I recently switched jobs, but I am still in forensics and still work for the federal government. I also had a wonderful time catching up with Katie Barker and Joyce Scott over a long weekend back in April!

Ginger Tripp McAdams and husband Judson are still in Charlotte, NC. They just welcomed their 3rd child Sept. 20. George “Wicker” McAdams joins an excited sister Eliza and brother Tripp! She continues to love teaching 1st grade at Charlotte Latin School.

Brent Basten East reports that it’s been a crazy start year. Husband Matt and she celebrated 10 years of marriage this past June. William (5) just finished preschool and started Kindergarten, where he is enjoying telling his mom about “Letter Land” and how many vertices are in each shape. He is keeping Brentz busy with violin, soccer and golf. Rosa (3) is in 3rd grade and enjoyed 2 weeks at overnight camp this summer (Camp Alleghany for Girls). She now thinks she can take on anything by herself. She keeps her mom busy with swimming and violin. Then add in puppy Hiccup, work, tennis and being the PTO President of William’s school, and Brentz is out of hours in the day. But there is always time in the busy schedule for a lake weekend or a DC trip with her SBC girls.

Sarah Kidd Burchett is now in rotations in Florida to become a physician’s assistant. She plans to graduate in Aug. 2017 and hopes to move back to Richmond, a city dear to her heart with many wonderful friends, to finish out rotations and settle down.

Lynsie Watkins Steele is stuck in the middle of chaos and pure bliss! She just welcomed her 4th child (and 6th altogether including her 2 step-kids, who are now in college) and is also preparing to launch her new business, Vie Meal Planning Services, in the bustling and always-inspiring Charlotte, where she is also a local chef, recipe developer and cooking instructor. Find out what’s going on with her by visiting both her food/lifestyle blog, Dinnerdivide.com and her new startup, viegetvice.com.

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Sarah DeLeo Ostrow: I am living in Raleigh, NC with my husband, Dan, and three children. We had our son, Emil, on Aug. 31, 2016. Big sisters Grayson (4) and Quinn (20 months) love him already! I am working for my local Susan G. Komen affiliate part time and also have my real estate license. Victoria Chappell Harvey: In the
New Year, I will be moving to San Antonio, TX after living overseas for the past 8 years (England and Japan). I have loved the experiences and especially the visits from some of my SBC sisters! It will be very exciting to be back in the States full time, and I hope to catch up with some of you in the near future!

**Michelle Badger:** It was great to see so many of you at Reunion! I am still working at the Academy and living in Plymouth, MA (if you are up here let me know!). I am up for election in the Spring for my third term on the School Committee. If you are not on Facebook, the only change is that I have a 2-year-old Boston Terrier, Eleanor “Ellie” Roosevelt. Remember to sign up to be an Alumnae Admissions Rep or another volunteer role. Not sure how you can help SBC? Send me an email or FB message and I will connect you.

**Virginia Robinson:** I am living in Tulum, Mexico, teaching Math and English at Tulum International School, teaching for several years of teaching for Arlington Public Schools. I am also working on additional endorsements (in English as a Second Language and Gifted Education) to my M.Ed. Elementary Education through UVa’s online program. I have plans to get together soon with new alum Kate Bessette ’16, who is also a teacher in the Mayan Riviera area of Mexico.

**Katie Myers Vaughn:** I had baby girl Allison Jane Myers on July 24, 2016. Our future Vixen will get to experience Sweet Briar for the first time at the fall Friends of the Library meeting in October. I am still serving as Chair of the Friends of the Library and happy to chat to anyone interested in joining.

**Nicki Brandt** and Brian Turner will be tying the knot in May 2017. In 2015, Nicki left Georgia for nomadic wanderings: training in San Francisco as a Forrest Yoga teacher, backpacking Europe with her little sister, biking Wisconsin with SpokeFolk (missions), and out to Washington and Alaska before landing in Colorado, to begin a job with the National Park Service. For a few glorious months, her desk was right around the corner from Cara Cherry.

**Stephanie McCallister Scherer:** I just celebrated 10 years at my job that keeps me super busy, but I love it: barn manager and school program manager at Stonehouse Stables. And I’m loving life with my daughter Annabelle (2). Life is non-stop!

**Maureen McGuire** recently met with fellow alumnae from central Florida. They look forward to meeting again in January 2017.

**Molly Mitchell** continues to live in the colonial city of Queretaro, Mexico. This year she started her own jewelry company called Belle Starr. Her collection is inspired by the tale of a female heroine from 1800s Texas. In May, Maureen McGuire visited and they traveled to Mexico City and San Miguel. This November, Mindy Wolfrom will make her annual visit for Thanksgiving (with pecan pie in tow). Molly is so thankful for her Vixen sisters!

**Margaret Loeb:** I celebrated receiving my MLS in May 2016 with family and friends including fellow alumnae Laura Jane Schaefer ’07 and Rachel Reynolds Baxtresser ’07. I have been Collection Maintenance Coordinator at McKeldin Library at the University of Maryland since June 2013. Since our perfect five-person wedding in 2014, my wife Lauren and I are settling in to our home in Greenbelt, MD, with our newly rescued dog, Phryne.

**Abigail Adams-Moffet:** I finished my Master’s in May 2015 and became a pediatric nurse practitioner in June 2015. I have been working on a primary care practice since August 2015, and passed lactation boards in April. I married in May 2016 in Jamaica. Jenn Wiley Schmidt was a bridesmaid. Attended Lindsey Cline’s ’07 wedding with Jodie Weber Kavanah, Jenn Wiley Schmidt and Joanna Meade.

**Gwen Reyes:** The last few years have been busy! My company, Fresh Fiction, continues to grow and celebrated 12 years in business in 2016. I do
In a pretty quick turn of events, this fall Natalie Pye left behind both law and DC to start working for Betterment in New York. She writes, “I’m looking forward to reconnecting with NYC Vixens and meeting new ones!”

2014 was a great year for Megan Meighan. She traveled extensively, spending four months living in Panama and loved spending her time with her nephews, William and Julian, children of sister, Brianna Meighan de Hanna ’05. After receiving the devastating announcement on 3/3/15, Megan got to work creating the #SaveSweetBriar Keychain, which provided numerous donations to SBC. Once we had saved our college, that keychain was retired and the new and improved Sweet Briar College 2.0 Keychain was created and is still available in her Etsy boutique at www.MegEBespoke.Etsy.com. Since the dust has settled and another academic year concluded, Megan traveled extensively as the SE regional sales manager for a medical software company based out of Pennsylvania.

In Dec. 2013 Maggie Saylor Patrick was excited to finish her master’s in Political Science at Miami University. She writes, “The Sweet Briar influence showed through—my thesis focused on the roles women play as political leaders during revolutions, and how they can be most successful in affecting substantive change in new governments. I haven’t been using my degree directly, but I do volunteer with some women’s leadership groups and it’s fun to see how the ideas I learned in grad school can translate to different contexts.” She and her husband Martin have moved back to Minnesota and she is working in the annual fund at Carleton College. “We just bought our first house and it has lots of room for visitors, so we hope to see you soon here in MN or next spring at Reunion!”

In Dec. 2013 Kimberley Wadelton Natarajan and her husband, Ajay Natarajan, were married in Atlanta, Ga. Ajay and I met taking Salsa lessons, we became dance partners for three years and now we are partners for life. The wedding was a multi-day affair going from Thursday to Sunday with parties and events for our family and friends. We had a great time introducing everyone to Indian food and culture. Alumnae in attendance included Cynthia Beller ’04, Heather Bowen, and Megan Maloney ’08.”

In March 2015 she became the first world language teachers (similar to TED Talks). Mostly recently, she was named the Region IV Teacher of the Year and she was to find out in mid October if she is selected as Virginia’s Teacher of the Year.

Danielle Briggs-Hansen visited Lynchburg in September to see the opening art show of SBC’s Professor Laura Pharis at Rivermont Studios. She will be spending a week at a painting workshop at beautiful Bjorklunden in Door County, Wis, in October and will be spending a week at a painting workshop at beautiful Bjorklunden in Door County, Wis, in October.

Kimberly Wadelton Natarajan and her husband, Ajay Natarajan, were married on 2/28/2016 in Atlanta, Ga.
Kimberley Battad moved to Portland, OR, in 2014 and loves it. Since moving there, she has been able to reconnect with Laura Schaef er, Erin Rogers ’08, and Rebekah McSpadden Burger, and she has met several other wonderful Vixens through the adventures of Saving Sweet Briar. She writes, “I have been working as a life enrichment coordinator for Maryville Memory Care, a living facility for seniors with Alzheimer’s and dementia. It can be challenging work, but so rewarding and I love the ways I can be creative with music and art therapies and really make a difference in the quality of life for my residents. I am really looking forward to our reunion this spring and seeing many of you again to celebrate our class and all the success Sweet Briar has had over the past year. Take care all, and Holla, Holla!” Allison Shaw Camper writes, “Ian and I welcomed our daughter, Adeline, at the end of May. She joins her big brother, Liam. I am still teaching middle school science in Roanoke, VA.”

In Jan. Laura Jane Schaefer surprised her husband, Devon, with a cat, Juniper, completing their happy family! She visited Maggie Saylor Patrick in Northfield, MN, in September 2016 and was happy to host Maggie Mae Nase ’10 for a game night last summer; she is planning to host Ashley Baker ’15 after her official move to the area soon. “I’m unusually good friends with Stacy Ludington’s ‘12 husband, Mike, on Twitter. Stacy is great too (obviously) and we’re slowly making SBC a main component of the Portland Sustainability Scene. Kate Eskew ’88 hosted me and my family and Stacy and Mike back in 2015 and her little girls were wonderful hosts to Maisie—sharing their tree swing and baby dolls! I really loved the college fair with Kimberley Battad a few months ago and am excited to see what the Portland crowd drums up with the fair coming up next month! In May 2016 I flew back to Maryland to celebrate Margaret Loebe’s ’06 graduation with her family and I visited with Natalie Pye and Rachel Reynolds Baxtresser. I cannot wait to schlep Maisie and Devon to SBC for our 10th Reunion!”

Martha Carol Loftin and Adam Christopher Snell were married on June 16, 2016 at St. Mary of the Hills Episcopal Church in Blowing Rock, NC. Several SBC alumnae were in attendance, including Martha’s mother Nan Dabbs Loftin ’81, Olivia Chaplin Baker ’81, May Carter Barger ’81, Allison Roberts Green ’81. Rachel Moretta, Kitty Keister Roberts and Jane Terry ’81. Following a honeymoon to Savannah, Martha and Adam have settled in Charlotte, NC.

After completing my master’s in June of 2014, I, Emily Olson, moved to Port St. Lucie, FL, the following October to teach and direct theatre at Treasure Coast High School. It’s a tough job that keeps me very busy with a full load of theatre classes, in addition to directing after school productions and sponsoring the school Thespian Troupe. But I love that I’m working in my field and (hopefully) making a difference. It’s been a crazy couple of years so I haven’t been able to do much traveling to visit other Vixens, but I’m definitely saving my pennies for reunion this year! I hope to see many of you there!

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Katie Beth Ryan lives in Western Massachusetts and earned her master’s in Library and Information Science from Simmons College in May. Later this month, she will begin a new job as information literacy librarian at American International College in Springfield, MA. Katie writes, “We have a small, but fun and dedicated group of SBC alumnae in the area. Let me know if you’re passing through!”

Rebecca Penny Humphrey writes, “I spent last academic year as a visiting assistant professor at Hollins University. I loved being down the road from my alma mater and was happy to participate in a career services panel with Megan Maloney, Melanie Stine ’07, and Morgan Franke ’13. In March, I accepted a tenure track position at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, MI. My husband and I moved to MI in July and are happily settling in.”

Diana Simpson got married on Aug. 20, 2016, in Cambridge, MD, to Steven Spitzer! Dr. Amanda Wisz Keener shares, “I’m still living in Winston-Salem, NC.
with my husband, Justin where I work from home as a freelance science writer. This year, I tackled some tough stories related to neurobiology, and got to delve into the world of face transplants and the immunology of tumor radiation. I love my job. This summer, Justin and I shared our home with a 10-year-old girl from Belarus, which was super fun and challenging."

Emily Clifton Stump writes, “My husband Charles and I are expecting our first child Nov. 21. It’s a girl! I am still working as an engineer for the Naval Air Systems Command, Surface/Air Aviation Interoperability Laboratory. I primarily support the unmanned carrier aviation program, known as MQ-25, and also oversee several science and technology development efforts. I will complete a graduate certificate in Lead Systems Integration in March 2017. I am planning to begin pursuing a M.S. in systems engineering through the Naval Postgraduate School beginning next summer.”

Chelsea Capizzi-Walsh Lomicka is currently doing emergency management for Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, and she writes, “Hubby and I have just bought our first home near Annapolis MD. Just celebrated our 3rd wedding anniversary but never sent in photos! Two of my bridesmaids were SBC sisters Heather Coley and Mary Margaret Hammock. Ellie Donahue Boyd was, “Peter and I welcomed our son Thomas Walker Armistead Boyd on Feb. 16. Walker is a happy boy who loves country living and our dog, Julep. I am the alumni relations coordinator at Trinity Episcopal School, and Peter works for Moran Towing Corporation on a tugboat in Norfolk. We live in Charles City, VA, on our old plantation property that we hope to restore.”

Laura Tanner Bowrey and husband Tim welcomed their first child in February, a boy named Tanner. They report being overwhelmingly in love with him, and Laura is really enjoying her new role as a full-time mom. Sweet roommate Kristin Barnes lives close by and is a wonderfully adoring honorary aunt. Kristin became a real aunt in September when her nephew Henry arrived 7 weeks early. Thankfully he was healthy and strong and was able to go home in just under two weeks.

And I, Mary Dance Berry, am in my last year of divinity school at Duke. I have loved the program but am anxiously anticipating returning to a life without homework! My husband, Stephen, started an MBA program at the UNC, and we are working on a house we bought this summer outside of Durham, NC, so life is busy! We are enjoying completing household projects (or, in some cases, hiring other people to complete our household projects). Thank you for sending updates, and I look forward to receiving future news!

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Brooke Agee is continuing her work as assistant manager at DuCard Vineyards. She has a daughter, Harper-Page (1). Kimberly Shrader Butterfield and her husband, Jeremy, welcomed their daughter, Ruby Mae, in 07/15. Ruby loves hanging out with all her SBC Aunties! Kim also recently accepted a position with the Virginia Cooperative Extension, becoming the family & consumer science agent for Roanoke and Salem.

Laura Cromwell is now living in Denver, CO, working at Cabela’s Corp. Office doing SEO work. She self-published a novel, The Long Way Home, and is planning to write another. She has the opportunity to visit with fellow classmate Mallory Sherwood Engelstad and welcomes other visitors to Denver!

Mallory Sherwood Engelstad is currently living in Denver with her husband, Jeffrey. They are busy remodeling their 800 square foot home as they prepare to welcome a baby boy in Jan. Mallory owns and operates Poco Post, a small batch illustration company that specializes in custom paper goods. She recently started incorporating a series of workshops into the business which allows her to use her teaching skills. Mallory and Jeffrey celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows in the Rocky Mountains.

Julia McClung Ferrintino recently changed roles at Vanguard Investment Company and moved into leadership. She and her husband, Pete, are expecting their first child, a daughter, in Jan.

Rebecca Girten recently spent 3 months on North Island, Seychelles, doing sea turtle conservation after leaving her job of 3 years doing communications for the ACLU of Delaware. Rebecca is now working at SBC in the physics & engineering department with classmates Kaelyn Leake. This past summer Rebecca had a mini-reunion with classmates Megan Behrle, Julia McClung Ferrinetino, Lauren Guyer Thomas, Paige Cantfil, Dori Rucker Finger, Kim Schrader Butterfield, Pia Cho, Caroline Chappell Hazarian, and her families at Smith Mountain Lake. Rebecca was also on hand to receive the $10M Laurene Powell Jobs’ X0 Institute award for top 10 schools on the cutting edge of rethinking high school, at Delaware Design-Lab High School, which she helped open.

Sarah Hall was planning to move to Charlottesville, VA, after her marriage to Simon Lehtinen in Oct. She will continue her work in foreign language education and is looking forward to connecting with fellow alumni in the Charlottesville area.

Kathryn Brock Hankinson married Ryan Hankinson on 06/25/16 at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, CO. Bridesmaids included classmates Natalie Renaldo Mariani and Alison Sims Courtney. House party members included Megan Behrle, Jenny Walkiewicz Dill, and Emily Wiley ’07. The happy couple have relocated from Atlanta to Fort Worth, TX. Kathryn is working as the vice president of Visiting Angels Fort Worth and Southlake.

Lucy Hankinson is the assistant director of admissions at Sterling College in Craftsbury, VT. She is also the assistant ski coach for the Nordic team and a select board member in the town of Hyde Park, VT.

Jessica Lile Hudson and her husband, Matt, recently moved from DC to Georgia and celebrated their son’s first birthday! Jessica is planning to be a full time mom until their son starts school and is loving every minute of it.

Ashlee Mays Kidd and her husband, Adam, welcomed their first baby, Skylar, into their family on 02/24/16. Future Vixen Class of 2038!

Katie Bird Lischick and her husband, Peter, recently moved to Annapolis, MD, after spending 2 years in NC while Peter pursued an MBA at Duke. This summer, they visited the west coast and caught up with Jessica Gregg in San Francisco and Kate Lydin in Seattle. They are enjoying life in their new city with their cat, Kittums, and miniature dachshund, Minion. Katie works in public relations. In attendance at her 05/15 wedding in Easton, MD, were Gregg, Lydin, Helen Bradshaw ’10, Alysha Wiegand, Emily Schutze ’11 and Gretchen McDonough ’08. While honeymooning in Jamaica, Katie bumped into Rebecca Penny Humphrey ’08.

Mary Ungerer Mazgaj and her husband recently moved to Lakewood, NY, after 6 years in DC. Mary is working as a nurse practitioner in internal medicine. Her two kids, Avery (2.5) and Jack (16 months) keep her on her toes! She is expecting her third child in Feb. She got to catch up with classmates Paige Cantfi, Julia McClung Ferrinetino, Kimberly Shrader Butterfield and Dori Rucker Finger at the baby shower for Megan Combs Venay hosted by Lauren Guyer Thomas in VA earlier this year.

Doreen McVeigh married Kenneth Fincham at SBC on 05/21/16, with many alumnae and faculty in attendance. 3 weeks later, she successfully defended her Ph.D. dissertation in marine science at NC State University. She recently participated in an inter-
The wedding of Kathryn Brock Hankinson to Ryan Hankinson on 06/25/16 in Colorado Springs, CO. Left to right: Megan Behrle, Alison Sims Courtney, Jenny Walkiewicz Dill, Kathryn Brock Hankinson, Natalie Renaldo Marianni, Emily Wiley ’07, Julia McClung Ferrantino, and Jane Wiley ’11.

Brooke Agee (right) and her mother, Launi Agee, with Brooke’s daughter, Harper-Page (1).

The wedding of Katie Bird Lischick to Peter Leschick in Easton, MD, in 05/15. From Left to Right: Helen Bradshaw ’10, Kate Lydin, Katie Bird Lischick, Jessica Gregg, Alysha Wiegand, Emily Schutze ’11 and Gretchen McDonough ’08.

Jessica Lile Hudson with her husband, Matt, and their son (1).

The wedding of Doreen McVeigh to Kenneth Finchman in SBC’s Memorial Chapter in 05/16.

Jenny Walkiewicz Dill with husband, Jonathan, and daughter, Alexa, at Newberry Caldera in Bend, OR.

Caroline Sapp while traveling in Vietnam

Kimberly Shrader Butterfield with her husband, Jeremy, and their daughter, Ruby Mae (1).

Mallory Sherwood Engelstad with her husband, Jeffrey, at their 5th wedding anniversary vow renewals in the Rocky Mountains.

Ashlee Mays Kidd with her husband, Adam, and their daughter, Skylar.

The wedding of Stephanie Alt Off Mills (left) to Lindsay Mills on 11/07/15 at Willowdale Estate in Topsfield, MA.

The marriage of Jessie Waitt Miller to Mike Miller in 10/15.

The elopement of Kristen Porter-Stransky and Hays Watson in Forsyth Park in Savannah, GA.

The wedding of Lauren Schwartz to Brice Lazaro in Lahinch, Ireland on 09/24/16.

Jenny Walkiewicz Dill with husband, Jonathan, and daughter, Alexa, at Newberry Caldera in Bend, OR.

Heather Theunissen atop Old Rag Mountain in VA.

The wedding of Lauren Schwartz to Brice Lazaro in Lahinch, Ireland on 09/24/16.
sive deep-submergence chief scientist training program through Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and looks forward to leading oceanographic expeditions in the future. She now lives with her husband and two cats in Canterbury, England.

Jessie Waits Miller obtained her M.S. in food science and technology from VA Tech and is currently assisting international companies meet US FDA compliance in food safety and food regulations. Jessie married her college sweetheart, Mike Miller, in 10/15.

Brooke Agee. Madeleine MacIntire ‘10, Dr. Linda Fink, and Dr. Lincoln Brower attended the wedding. Jessie and Mike are living in Williamsburg, VA, with Tanzana the horse, Sophie the dog, and Jasmine and Sebastian the cats.

Stephanie Altolf Mills married classmate Lindsay Mills on 11/07/15 at Willowdale Estate in Topsfield, MA.

Maggie Nicholson began working as an Event Producer for Wits’ End Productions in 03/16. She was also elected to the board of directors of Generation Green, where she held the 2016 (and will hold the 2017) Verde! chair position. She is also in the process of renovating a house on a horse farm in Alpharetta, GA, with plans to move there as soon as work is complete. Maggie and classmate Amanda Strickland visit each other regularly since Amanda’s move to Oxford, AL, in 01/16.

Julia Patt successfully defended her master’s essay on Frankenstei n and Emile at St. John’s College this summer. Classmates Cheryl Seaver and Jessica Baker were in attendance. She teaches composition at U of Maryland University College and is the volunteer communications manager for the Starfish Foundation, Inc., which offers resources and academic support to low-income students in Ecuador.

Kristen Porter-Stransky married her college boyfriend, Hays Watson, earlier this year. They had a beautiful elopement in Forsyth Park in Savannah, GA. They are currently living in Atlanta, where Kristen is working as a postdoctoral fellow in neuroscience at Emory University.

Caroline Sapp is living in Washington, DC and working as a sanctions licensing officer at the US Department of Treasury. Last year she adopted Watson, a boxer/pointer mix, from a local shelter. Earlier this year Caroline was a bridesmaid in Doreen McVeigh’s wedding and recently returned from a two-week vacation to Vietnam.

Lauren Schwartz was married to Brice Lazor on 09/24/16 in Lahinch, Ireland. Kaitlyn Wieditz ‘10 was the Maid-of-Honor.

Rachel Sullivan was granted Australian citizenship 2 years ago and left her home in Boston for Sydney where she has been ever since. She is currently working as an accountant at the University of Technology Sydney, which has an urban campus in the center of the city, very different from SBC! She loves the quality of life in Sydney and is having a fantastic time.

Heather Theunissen is the director of commercial and community relations at the Washington International Horse Show (WIHS). This is Heather’s third year with WIHS and she enjoys working with talented national and international riders throughout the year! Heather is also a USHJA Certified Trainer and teaches lessons on the weekends in Potomac, MD. Heather likes to spend time outdoors, hiking, paddle boarding, rock climbing and spending time with loved ones.

I. Jenny Walkiewicz Dill, am living in Tigard, OR, with my husband Jonathan. We recently welcomed our first child, Alexa Anne, to the world on 4/21/16. I am now a full-time, stay-at-home-mom, and I am thoroughly enjoying it. I had the great privilege of attending Kathryn Brock Hinkelson’s wedding on 06/25/16 in Colorado Springs and had a wonderful visit from Megan Behrlie in 08/16.

2010

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Jasmine Jones moved to Atlanta, GA, and is pursuing a master’s in divinity at Emory University’s Candler School of Theology.

Molly McLemore moved to Montgomery, AL, after spending several exciting years in NYC. She is pursuing a nursing degree.

Lindsey Davis graduated from veterinary school. She currently resides in Brooklyn, NY, and is working as a small animal veterinarian.

Mandi Ryan Hudson gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Sophie Rose Hudson, on April 28, 2016.

2011

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Kennedy Munro relocated to her hometown of Salem, CT, in August, but continues to work for Connecticut Conference of Municipalities in New Haven. In the past year, Kennedy has taken on the newly created position of managing special projects and reports for the non-profit. Kennedy’s spare time has been focused on traveling, trying new things and having adventures.

Morgan Garrison started a new job in April and moved to Cleveland.

2012

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From weddings to graduate degrees, the class of 2012 is constantly reaching new heights. From an academic standpoint, we have many to congratulate. Carol Ferguson recently graduated from Union Presbytery and moved to Kentucky to begin a call as the pastor of Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church, which is just south of Cincinnati. They are lucky to have you, Carol! In 2014, Stacy Ludington finished her master’s in community and regional planning, then spent a year working for the Department of Environmental Quality and a year in AmeriCorps service. She is now a sustainability analyst with Clackamas County in Oregon, near Portland. She aids the county with education and outreach for residential recycling and resource conservation.
She and her husband, Mike, recently bought a house and are enjoying life with their cat, Snickers, and their Shetland sheepdog, Tucker. Way to help keep the world clean, Stacy!

Many other swans are also enjoying their careers. Greer Gordon has accepted a position teaching 8th grade English at the Cranbrook Kingswood Middle School for Girls. Way to empower girls to change the world, Greer! She also saw fellow Vixens Lindsey Eneguess ’11 at the wedding of Lindsey’s sister was visited by Grace Caskey ‘14, and has reconnected with Victoria Trudeau ’11 and others at the metro Detroit SBC alum event.

Isabel-la Formento living in Port Lucille, FL, is celebrating her 1-year anniversary at CV Technology as the administrative and materials assistant. She is enjoying scuba diving, craft brew festivals and being with Fallon Nieson when she wed Brian Winston in Oct. So glad life is treating you well, Isabella!

2013

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Jackie R. Montero is an assistant director of admissions at St. Margaret’s School, an all-girls’ college preparatory day and boarding school. She has also started leasing an OTTB named Woogie and is hoping to show him in the hunters next summer.

Ashley Hester Harris is still a stay-at home mom. Since the last set of notes Ashley and her husband, Neilan have added one more to their family. Clayton “Clay” Randolph Harris was born on April 16. Caroline is now 2 1/2 years old and learning something new each day. ann09131@yahoo.com.

Cody Ann Anders Gross is a 2nd lieutenant in the NC National Guard and strength manager at the 449th TAB. She got married this fall to 2LT Seth Gross, an active duty infantry officer at Fort Benning, GA. They are currently stationed at Fort Bragg, NC. codyanders195@yahoo.com.

Julia Green graduated with her master’s in Accounting from William & Mary in May 2015, and moved to Anchorage, AK, after graduation. She is happily developing her career in public accounting as an experienced professio
associate at BDO USA, LLP in the audit department. She’s had the opportunity to volunteer for organizations such as Bridge Builders and Miss America. She is still working towards obtaining her CPA by 2018. green14@sbc.edu

Alyssa Berkeley recently accepted a job as a special education teacher at Forest Elementary School in Bedford, VA. She will be getting married to William Logan Doneghue in June 2017! ahayberke@gmail.com

Katie Bitting is currently a PhD Candidate at Duke University studying organic chemistry in the Wang Lab. She has recently published a paper in the journal Organic Syntheses and has received a federal teaching fellowship for designing new undergraduate chemistry courses. kjb41@duke.edu

Jenness Gough graduated from the University of the Incarnate Word with her MBA in May 2016 and started working as a marketing coordinator for Cushman & Wakefield / San Antonio Commercial Advisors. jgough4591@gmail.com

Dani Humphrey Daniels married her USA Swimming teammate, Tim Daniels (UMW), on July 2. With two of her SBC swim teammates by her side, the wedding was a winning event! The couple recently purchased their first home in Historic Smithville, NJ. dhumphrey2537@gmail.com.

2014

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Meaghan Hogan: I’ve moved to Richmond, VA, and have been working at a local nonprofit, Commonwealth Autism, for just over a year. I have just been elected to secretary for Historic Richmond Foundation’s Junior Board. I have been traveling up and down the East Coast with boyfriend Joe Stiles (H-SC ’10)!

Elizabeth Kilgallin is living and working on Capitol Hill in DC. She serves as the scheduler for Rep. John Katko. In her free time, Elizabeth cheers for her Washington Nationals and volunteers as a member of the Junior League of Washington.

Melanie Rinehart: I graduated from Indiana University in May with a masters in library science, archives specialization, and recently moved back East to begin a three-year position with the New York Historical Society as an assistant archivist on the Time, Inc. Archive!

After wrapping up a year working in admissions at Columbia College, a women’s college in South Carolina, Katherine Decker moved back to central Virginia. She is currently the admissions and marketing manager at Mountainside Senior Living, in Crozet. She and her boyfriend, Adam and their German shorthaired pointer puppy, Boone, now reside in Fishersville, VA.

2015

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Verena Joerger: I’m currently working on M.S. in atmospheric science at Cornell University and plan on graduation in May 2017. Outside of graduate school, I also ride my horse, Soleil (also a 2015 SBC graduation) and volunteer as a tutor at Tompkins Learning Partners in Ithaca, NY.

DJ Gallagher: I just started my second year at the University of Richmond School of Law. This past summer I interned at the Bedford County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, and then I studied abroad at the University of Cambridge. While I was there I traveled to Edinburgh and Dublin, and also met up with two classmates, Sixtine Abrial and Lizzie Newhart.

Emily Rogers: After I spent a year traveling around the world and working, I was accepted into NYU’s Gallatin School of Individualized Study for my master’s degree! I’m now living and studying in New York City, working on an interdisciplinary thesis in anthropology and environmental studies.

Kait Goodwin: I’m currently work-
ing in the children’s room at the Rochester Public Library in Rochester, NH, and loving it! Employee of the Month for the City of Rochester in May 2016. Freelance Web Developer at kaitgoodwin.com Book Blogger & Reviewer at kaitgoodwin.com/scintillatingreads

Sixtine Abrial: I attended Heriot Watt University (Scotland) in 2015-2016 for a M.S. in interpreting and translating, with graduation in November 2016. I’m currently working at the Language Centre of the Université de Bourgogne (University of Burgundy) in Dijon, France.

Lea Gray: I’m currently attending the William and Mary Mason School of Business for my master’s of Accounting, with an expected graduation date of May 2017. After that I plan on getting my CPA and beginning my career.

Annie Rich: I’m recruitment coordinator at LifeBridge Health.

Airella Sperrazza: I just started working as a special education teacher in Amherst County. It’s my first year teaching and so far it is not as bad as student teaching and master’s (however it was so amazing being able to graduate from Sweet Briar again). I am living in Madison Heights (much nicer than Lynchburg. I know, who would have guessed) with Rebecca Matheson.

Jax Bullett: I am currently working as a HR representative.

Jessica Sheleg: I took a year off work to teach English in China. I hope to explore my interests before returning to school for my master’s.

Marissa McCord: Since graduation, I got engaged to my high school sweetheart, on June 16, 2015. I moved back to my hometown, Asheville, NC, so I could pursue my dream of becoming a nurse! I’m over halfway done with my nursing degree and will be graduating in May 2017!

Haley Elder: I am finishing up my first year in the M.S. program in rehabilitation and mental health counseling at VCU in Richmond, VA, as well as working full-time as a clinical assistant for a vascular surgeon. I am currently a board member for the Richmond Area Counselors Association and volunteer for the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Leah Humenuck: For the past year and half, I have been pursuing pre-program experiences to qualify for Art Conservation master’s programs. These experiences have taken me to internships and research opportunities with the Library of Congress, Smithsonian’s Archives of American Art and Museum Conservation Institute, the Naval History and Heritage Underwater Archaeology Unit and currently at the Georgia Archives being mentored by SBC graduate, preservation services manager and conservator Kim Norman ’85.

Caitlin Daniel: I am currently living in Mechanicsville, VA, outside of Richmond. Since graduation, I have been heavily engrossed in volunteer work for numerous organizations, including Sweet Briar College and a Congressional campaign. I have also been leading the Vixen-to-Vixen outreach group for the Alumnae Alliance. In September, I traveled to the West Coast for the wedding of my best friend and former roommate, along with several other Sweet Briar ladies; we enjoyed a mini-reunion.

Hannah Kowitz: I’ve settled in Richmond, VA, with a great group of alums, and work as a legislative aide to state Sen. Siobhan Dunnivant.
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