AADC Class Notes for Alumnae & Friends
Fall 2017

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Congratulations to Victoria Dabrowski Schmidt, who received the 2017 AADC Vanguard Service Award at the Vanguard Luncheon at Reunion in June.

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Barbara Pollison-Beck '82 shares her remembrance of Margaret Edythe Bull Risberg '51 who passed away on June 12, 2017. She writes, "Edythe and I were members of the same DAR chapter, along with Holly Jean Dunbar '82." Margaret lived in New Jersey, became a substitute teacher and later taught at All Saints Nursery School until her retirement. She volunteered as a Sunday school teacher and sang in the choir at her church. She is preceded by Charles, her husband of 50 years, and is survived by two daughters and their spouses, the Rev. Charlotte and Donald Wells of Pendleton, OR, and Karen and Michael Webb of Hackettstown, NJ; two grandchildren, a great-grandchild, two nieces, a great-nephew and a great-niece.

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Eight classmates returned to campus on June 3 to celebrate the 65th Anniversary of our graduation from NJC. The seven present in the chapel for the Convocation which began the day were Edith
highest participation rate in our class had the second status. We announced that class of 1967 into Vanguard this year welcomed the Luncheon on Friday, and begins with the Vanguard of the Reunion, which actually comes in the middle Voorhees Chapel.

One of our early class class historian. Ann donated storage since she became Jane had been keeping in the archiving of material that was able to help with four remaining classmates mid-afternoon and found arrived in Ann Hardiman left in the early afternoon. University and three of us enjoyed a bus tour of the classmates took a very enjoyable bus tour of the University and three of us left in the early afternoon. Ann Hardiman arrived in mid-afternoon and found four remaining classmates and was able to help with the archiving of material that Jane had been keeping in storage since she became class historian. Ann donated one of our early class photos taken in front of Voorhees Chapel.

The Convocation actually comes in the middle of the Reunion, which begins with the Vanguard Luncheon on Friday, and this year welcomed the class of 1967 into Vanguard status. We announced that our class had the second highest participation rate in the AADC Annual Appeal for funds for the Associate Alumnae of Douglass College. There was apparently no one present Saturday from the class of ’47, but there was a lady from the class of ’42, so keep that in mind for five and ten years hence.

Class officers for the next five years are Carol Petersen Oakes, president; Van Caliandro, vice president and reunion chair; Carol Witte De Long, secretary; and Edith Levy, Alumnae Council Representative. No one stepped up for the Fund Agent role, but nevertheless you will be hearing from someone on that score; we have to protect our participation record.

Now for some news from Carol Petersen Oakes, “We went to England last summer to see our daughter Jacqui’s beautiful home in Staffordshire and to attend a grandson’s wedding in London at the newly renovated St. Pancras Hotel. Carol’s son Steven came from Hungary for his nephew’s wedding and a grand time was had by all.

Doris Withers Greendyke and her sister Myrtle flew in April from wintery Nebraska to Georgia for a grandson’s wedding to a girl from Atlanta. Doris reports it was a very Southern wedding. Her three sons and their off-spring are scattered around the country and Doris has many occasions to travel to keep up with events in their lives. On winter visits to Florida, she sees Sally Gardner Menges, her roommate during junior and sophomore year, before Sally transferred out.

Chet and I went to Rhode Island over Memorial Day weekend for our fourth grandchild’s college graduation, this one from Brown University. We learned from the commencement program the deep dark secret that Nico was elected junior year to Phi Beta Kappa.

Classmates are not traveling as much as we used to, but there is a lot going on in our lives, and as I learn specifics I will clue you in. Some of us have downsized, moved in with family, and in some cases, moved to continuing care communities. Dot Hoehler Teller is one of the latter, as is Jane Friberg Lincoln; Jane Wort Jansak has moved from Ohio to South Dakota to live with a daughter; Joan Suau Eldridge, after 50 years in New England, moved to Delaware three years ago and is happy with the change.

A class secretary, particularly one living “away,” needs to be informed of what is going on in your life if she is to report it. My contact information is up top.

Condolences: We extend sympathy to the survivors of classmates known to have died.

Jean Coghlan Griswold died January 28, 2017. Her husband, Lincoln, predeceased her in 2016. They are survived by three sons and seven grandchildren. In 1982 Jean founded Special Care, later Griswold Home Care, said to be the world’s oldest non-medical home care company, with affiliates in the United States, Mexico and S. Korea. Did we know that Jean’s father had been one of Teddy Roosevelt’s Rough Riders?

Florence Farber Abrams died December 16, 2016. She is survived by three daughters and two grandchildren. At the time of her death, Flo was living in NYC, but in 2002 her address was in Bedminster, NJ.

Catherine Foulks Hamilton died November 8, 2016. She had lived all her life in Florence, NJ, and is survived by her husband William, three children, two grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Catherine taught for 27 years in the Burlington City and Burlington Township School System, retiring in 1988.

Elizabeth Toy Lorey died October 19, 2016. She is survived by two daughters, two sons, six grandchildren, three great
grandchildren and a sister in Texas with whom she was living when she died. After her marriage in 1953, Beth and her husband, Ed, moved to Rolla, MO, where she co-founded a nursery school and a Little Theater, and became very active in her church. In 1972, Beth went to x-ray school and for seventeen years worked as an x-ray technician, first at an Army hospital and then for veterinarians. In 1996 Beth became a Court Appointed Special Advocate for abused children. Beth and her husband had a 40-acre farm on which they raised children, horses and dogs, and after she and Ed separated in 1999, she bought a small home in Rolla and continued her volunteer work.

**Patricia Ryan Noecker** died December 7, 2015, in Reading, PA, in the hospital where she worked as unit clerk for more than 26 years. She is survived by her son, daughter and two grandchildren.

**Lorraine Williams Anderson** died February, 19, 2017. Lorraine’s degree was in food chemistry and nutrition and her career varied between teaching and research in diverse areas of home economics. Lorraine is survived by her husband Hilton, three children and their spouses, and seven grandchildren. If you have read this, you have figured out where to find “Class Notes” online from the AADC at www.DouglassAlumnae/Publications. Please pass the word along to other classmates. E-mail is not necessary. All that is needed is access to the web, and most public libraries can provide that.

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It is a lovely day in June, just two days after the first day of summer, which was a glorious day here in New Jersey. This is also the day that I have put my house, after having lived here for 48 years, on the market. As with many of you, clearing up the belongings and treasures of children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and other extended family members is an enviable process. And that doesn’t even include my own favorite memorabilia. I’d love to hear from those of you who have or are doing the same. By the date of the next deadline for our class column, I will be residing in South Brunswick Township, NJ, in the small town of Monmouth Junction. I will be living with my younger daughter and her husband, who have purchased a home in a development with very nice amenities, such as a pool and a club house with exercise equipment and classes as well, and I will have my own area in the home. I look forward to taking advantage of attending programs and classes which interest me at both Princeton and Rutgers, including Douglass. My trips to New York City to attend performances to which I subscribe, or to see my daughters, will be slightly longer, but not a deterrent.

**Juanita Fieseler** attended the Vanguard luncheon during Reunion Weekend. She was the only Class of ’56 attendee and sat with the Class of 1959. She took the campus tour bus and enjoyed it, as she has in the past. Fiesy’s one word answer to my question asking her about herself and what she is doing these days was, “Same.” I think that is good news.

**Lola Fuchs Kamp** returned this month from a 17-day trip to Croatia with her sailing club. She enjoyed herself and sent me some notes about her latest adventure. “We picked up our 48 foot boats at a marina near Split and sailed the Adriatic, stopping each evening at a different marina, which allowed us to explore the little seaside towns with their charming red tiled roofs and the local restaurants, which usually featured fish like trout, sea bass and bream, served of course with head, tail and bones intact. Gelato was everywhere to tempt you. We visited Brac, Hvar, St. Clement, Vis, and Solta. After a week of sailing, we did a bit of sightseeing, starting in Split at the 4th Century Palace of Diocletian, evidently a brutal and paranoid guy who went through many hundreds of slaves to build his palace and thought nothing of beheading people, including at last his wife and daughter. We visited Trogir, the amazing Plitvice Lakes, and the old seaside resort of Opatija. We continued into Slovenia and went down into the chilly Postojna Caves, the largest show cave in Europe. It has its own train to transport you. We moved on to the lovely Lake Bled with its own little island, and visited the 11th century Bled Castle perched high on a mountain top, just as in a fairy tale. Last stop in Slovenia was Bohinj, a beautiful valley over-shadowed by the Julian Alps. An added bonus was a national park opposite our hotel which had actual Lipizzan horses. We crossed into Venice where we spent a whirlwind afternoon. I bought myself some spiral glass earrings in Murano for 5 euros, then departed for home.” Along with her sailing activities, Lola continues to
enjoy her ballroom dance classes at the Arthur Murray studio and recommends the lessons for exercise and for memory challenges, learning the steps from fox trot to tango. I have attended their showcases and it does look like fun, though I haven’t taken the plunge. Lola and family recently attended the graduation of her eldest grandson from Case Western Medical School, a proud moment.

In March of this year, I once again attended the Arthur J. Holland Program on Ethics in Government, which honors the late husband of Betty Jackson Holland George. Presented by the Eagleton Institute of Politics, the speaker this year was former New Jersey state senator William E. Schlueter, who gave a book talk about his book “Soft Corruption” in which he examines the often invisible decisions that lead to ethical misconduct. Later that month, at Trayes Hall, the Eagleton Institute presented an evening with the New York Times op-ed columnist Frank Bruni, whose columns I enjoy reading. Carole Fine Simonson and Barbara Gilcher Ramm joined me.

Robert Cain Zakarian traveled last summer with husband Richard to celebrate their 50th anniversary. They had a great trip, starting with a cruise to the Baltic nations, Helsinki, and St. Petersburg. They also spent a week in Paris, a few days in Valence and the last two weeks in Aix, seeing many old friends whom they have known since their years of living there.

Julie Heilemann Phifer continues to serve as a tutor contact with the County Literacy Council, assists in her church ESL program, is active in the church choir, the Women’s Missionary Union, and serves on the Missions Committee. She and Ken celebrated their 60th anniversary and welcomed their first great grandchild in 2016, Hazel Amelia Krèg. They are looking forward to family events in 2017, which include a graduation, a wedding, and a Cape May vacation attended by four generations from three continents.

Jean Clum Wojtowicz says she has finally retired, as of last July, from her long held job at the Center for Autism and Learning at Morristown Memorial Hospital. She remains involved in her church and enjoys attending performances at the Paper Mill Playhouse as well as local concerts. She and Barbara Whitehill Pfeil, who lives nearby, are active and well and they continue to enjoy going places and doing things together. Jean is going on a Vantage tour on a 70-passenger boat, cruising on the North Sea next month. Included in this tour of the British Isles will be visits to Ireland, Wales, and Scotland. Jean returns to the Douglass campus regularly to attend the L’Hommedieu lectures. She continues to delight in her grandson, who resides in New York City and is now nine.

Herm and Carole Fine Simonson returned recently from a trip to California, where they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at a gala party given by their sons, John and Todd, and their families at the Walnut Creek Marriott. Guests attended from New Jersey, Oregon, and Washington, DC, celebrating also the graduation of their granddaughter, Kendal, from Tulane University and the completion of grandson Kyle’s first year at RPI in Troy, New York. It was a happy time for all.

Carole recently had a chat with Barbara Henry Trout, who mentioned how being 82 years old was never thought of as we studied and scampered our way through NJC/ Douglass College. They hope to remain engaged and interested in life for many years to come. Both Carole and Barbara have been committed volunteers and feel so fortunate to be able to spend so much time in worthwhile pursuits.

Barbara Visentin Nelson and I were roommates all 4 years at Douglass, and though we haven’t seen or visited each other in years, we do always exchange news at Christmas. We find ourselves at parallel times in life, and now we are both in the process of downsizing. She and husband Bill are planning to leave their current home in Richmond, Virginia, after 27 years, for a 55+ community in Pennsylvania, which will be closer to family members. Barbara and Bill have three daughters and a son and seven grandchildren, all of whom have now completed college educations and are joining the work force, and they also have a 10-month old great grandson. Barbara is very gratified that her family remains close and still looks forward to being together for each Christmas holiday as well as for other vacation trips.

Barbara has been painting for many years now, and the prints of her plein air work are impressive. She is a member of the Crossroads Art Center in Richmond, has a studio there, and has sold her paintings through them. Because they are no longer golfing, due to mobility issues, they have been enjoying spectator sports, attending football and basketball games at the University of Richmond. I was amused to learn that the University sport mascot is a spider, apparently the only such mascot in the country!

Lainey Dormand Hicks sent greetings from the Eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay. She and Ralph had a grandson and a granddaughter graduate from college this year. As in past years, they are enjoying the bounties of their summer season—fresh vegetables from their garden and those crabs from the bay, which Lainey captures with expertise.

In early June, I was notified by the family of Barbara Bayley Cross of the passing of her husband and their father, Jack.
About a year ago, they had relocated to South Carolina, to be near her daughter and to its quieter, warmer surroundings after many years enjoying New York City. Our sympathies go to Barbara and to her wonderful family. **Carole Fine Simons, Patti Oliver Rego** and I attended a reception at the home of her son James in the city after their private services, and were happy to see Barbara again. She promised to return for visits here and we hope to be able to get together again as in the past.

Sadly, I report the passing of our classmate, **Betty Lou Parr Schmidt** on December 15, 2016 in Gibsonia, Pennsylvania. Our deepest sympathies to her husband of 61 years, Ed Schmidt, and to their three children and four grandchildren. Betty was a member of the American Guild of Organists, the Poke Run Presbyterian Church, and the church choir. After graduating Douglass College, Betty received her Master’s degree in music theory at the University of Maryland. She did her musicology doctoral studies at the University of Pittsburgh and at West Virginia University. As a musician, organist, harpsichordist, choir director, and music teacher, Betty has left a legacy of a shared love of music.

**AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2017 — Class of 1957 — Friday, June 2, 2017**

**First row, from left:** Barbara Obermann Bechler, Marjory Lockie Bradshaw, Sylvia Barkun Rimm, Inez Phillips Durham, Gerry Mark Stapleton, Claire Biagini.

**Back row, from left:** Janet Findlay Givens, Elaine Nochumson Powell, Betsy Dumbroff Lewinson, Faith Jaffa Goldstein, Rose Silkowitz Feder, Lenore Pines Dansker, Barbara Kedersha Pesciotta, Marjorie Headley Steinberg, Judith Mott Grief.

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Our 60th Reunion! In many ways it seemed almost impossible that so many years had passed since our NJC/Douglass days, but certainly the 25 classmates and guests who gathered on June 2 and 3 agreed that it was an occasion worth celebrating. Another lovely aspect of the occasion was the response we had from classmates who wished they could be with us and by letters, emails, and phone messages shared good wishes and news. Our contingent representing the class of 1957 for all or part of the Reunion Weekend is as follows: **Judy Mott Grief** and her husband Ralph, **Ruth Zemel Easley, Elaine Nochumson Powell, Betsy Dumbroff Lewinson, Barbara Kedersha Pesciotta, Faith Jaffa Goldstein, Sylvia Barkan Rimm** and her sister, **Lenore Pines Dansker, Marjorie Headley Steinberg, Janet Findlay Givens, Barbara Oberman Bechler** and her husband Tom and her daughter, **Kathy McAdam, Claire Biaginni, Judy Borneman** and her friend Suzy Staudinger, **Rose Silkowitz Feder** and her husband Larry, **Inez Phillips Durham, Gerry Mark Stapleton**, and my husband Nick and I.

We arrived early on Friday morning, some meeting at registration, others at our 1957 table area, a few choosing to walk together to see the campus, but all back together in time for our official class picture. Next came the Vanguard Luncheon, where we joined other classes celebrating their 50th+ reunions. At each place at our 1957 tables were small vases, festive with red and black ribbons, filled with miniature red carnations, with black numbers on the vases saying it all – ’57 and 60th! – mementos of the happy occasion. After lunch, classmates chose from a variety of offerings: a bus tour of the entire Rutgers campus, a walking tour of the gardens, a Q and A session at the Alumnae Cottage, or just finding a quiet spot to visit and catch up.

Our individual class highlight was our Champagne Tea at Woodlawn. This had been a plan of the late Julie Toler Preis as a proper way to celebrate our 60th, and I think she would have been pleased with the result. Classmates and guests who arrived early chatted on Woodlawn’s porch, enjoying the cool breeze. The food and beverages – three kinds of tea sandwiches, crudites, brownies, cookies, tea, coffee, water, and, of course, champagne – were served in the library, while tables and chairs, as well as comfy sofas, were in the front living room. Nezi had created a lovely memorial tribute display, with the names of our deceased classmates, and a very large message board containing news and greetings from classmates who couldn’t come to Reunion, which I had referenced earlier. Both of these displays were read carefully by those present. A couple of copies of *Quair* which Nezi had brought along gave us a then-and-now moment! Many of our
classmates no longer live in New Jersey, but that was not a deterrent for some. Those attending our 60th Reunion travelled to New Brunswick from Pennsylvania, Maine, Ohio, Illinois, South Carolina and Florida, but the prize for the greatest distance travelled went to Barbara Oberman Bechler, who arrived from California.

On Saturday, an early morning breakfast was available in the tent next to the chapel. Convocation began at 10:00 a.m. with the parade of classes in which Gerry Mark Stapleton and Nezi Phillips Durham represented our class. Associate Alumnae awards were presented and Dean Litt brought news of exciting new programs at the College. Class gifts were announced, and Nezi, speaking on behalf of our class, revealed that our class gift was $172,947 and that the Class of 1957 had the highest participation rate of the milestone classes. Congratulations to us!

Information gleaned from phone conversations, notes and emails from our classmates follows.

Voy Jew Wiederhold (who went to Lincoln High School in Jersey City with Nezi) was a computer programmer-analyst at Stanford for many years in the Heart Transplant Program, doing their statistical analyses. Voy and her husband Gio celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and their 80th birthdays in Paris on the Champs d’Elysee in July 2016. Barbara Sampson Spiegel taught math until her retirement in 1994. She and her husband Bill have been married more than 58 years and enjoy their two daughters and four grandchildren who live nearby. Carol Davis Bachetti lives in a retirement community in Palo Alto, California, and finds singing in a chorus and doing amateur theatricals lots of fun. Mary Lou VanDuyne Vorndran, who lives in Reading, Pennsylvania, Janet Stettbacher Anderson, who lives in Sargentville, Maine, and JoAnn Lazow Greenberg from Boca Raton, Florida, all had Reunion Weekend conflicts because they were attending grandchildren’s graduations. JoAnn attended an AADC Southeast Florida get together at her club. Nancy Lyons Reicher from Kansas City, Missouri, attended her grandson’s wedding in Colorado and made 300 chocolate truffles as table favors for the occasion.

Joan White Rosel from Battle Ground, Washington, is still writing both music and poetry. If any classmates still have any of her Douglass-vintage poems, Joan would love to have a copy. Carol Howard Laibstain from Norfolk, Virginia, says she’s been a southerner for almost all of her 60 years of marriage to Lenny. They have three children and four grandchildren. Carol enjoys volunteering and going to theater, opera, and concerts. Nancy Lebo Hartmann from Savannah, Georgia, is still settling in, having recently moved to luxurious senior housing on Skidaway Island. Janice Sottile Wahlenmeier is still living in the same apartment building in New York City that she moved into 55 years ago.

Ruth Zemel Easley from Rock Hill, South Carolina, found moving to the south in 2005 took some adjusting to a difference in manners, customs, language and pace. She has become an active volunteer in the Piedmont Medical Center Volunteer Auxiliary and, most significantly, as a teacher of English as a Second Language for ParentSmart, an organization in which Ruth’s students are mothers with preschool children. Ruth is passionate about the richness of bilingualism and biculturalism.

Ruth Silbertstein Leigh from Anaheim, California, has been in the Los Angeles area since 1959. Libby Offhouse Hyatt recently moved from her home in Georgetown, Maine, to an apartment in Brunswick, Maine. Vanessa Marshall has had a busy, well-travelled life after her two years at Douglass. She served 22 years in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps and, with the help of the G.I. Bill, earned her doctorate, after which she served as a professor of midwifery at Yale. Her retirement travels have been extensive, from north of the Arctic Circle to McMurdo Station in Antarctica, to name only two of the directions in which she travelled. Vanessa recalls warmly her freshman year housemates Rose Silkwitz Feder and Shona Stolar Young and roommate Kathy Kelly Mattingly.

Janet Findlay Givens, sadly, lost her husband, who passed away in 2015. Her daughter Sandy and granddaughter Emily now live with her. The three generations live happily together. Her son, Scott and family, live in Pelham, NY. She enjoys visiting with grandparents Grant and Brock, Scott and daughter-in-law, Lori. Janet is active in the AAUW.

After bringing you news of our wonderful 60th Reunion and information about classmates as a result of the reunion, now is the time to look ahead, so I will end our class notes with the names of the officers who will serve for the next four year term: Gerry Mark Stapleton – President; Barbara Kedersha Pesciotta – Vice President; Rose Silkwitz Feder – Fund Agent; Faith Jaffa Goldstein – Alumnae Council Representative; and I will continue as Secretary. Onward!

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Weekend, April 19-21, to celebrate our 60th Reunion.

I received a note from Barbara Podell Zitomer in January, which was too late to be included in my last column, so here it is. “We celebrated our first grandson’s wedding here in Florida in November. It was such a thrill! A special moment was their request for Fred to officiate for the ceremony. The children also asked me to read a poem. What an honor for us.”

Mary Anne Mclean Bradford wrote to me last July, which was, unfortunately, too late to appear in my last column. She wrote, “I cannot offer news of having earned degrees in higher education—no doctorates or master’s degrees. I have not travelled extensively as have many of our classmates, but I would like to offer the news that my second book has just been published. It is entitled ‘Wildings in Fields, Wood, and Watery Places.’” Along with her letter was a beautiful brochure, which gives a glimpse of her work and some stunning drawings with scripted descriptions of plants. If you would like more information about Mary Anne’s work, I will be happy to send you contact information upon request.

Lillian Hillman Enzer Swickle sent the following note: “About six months ago, I moved into an over 55 community (The Enclave at Canal Walk, Somerset, NJ…you can Google it). I love it! Everyone is very friendly and there are many activities. The month after that, I had my hip replaced (this was planned… the orthopedic surgeon suggested I move first and surgery second). I feel wonderful and would never know I had a problem.”

Joni James Rapp has been missed at recent gatherings but we know her spirit is always with us. She writes, “With bouts of colitis and mobility problems, I don’t get to travel much these days. But I have been enjoying my writing class. This is my third summer taking the class, which is given onsite at Pinerun. Some of my stories have been published in the monthly community literary magazine. On a sadder note, my only sibling, Judith James Smalley, died on April 7 of Lewy Body Disease, a type of dementia that progresses more quickly than Alzheimer’s. I miss the get-togethers that our class has had recently. I hope that I might make the reunion dinner next year. But I enjoy hearing about what the committee is doing.” The class also sends condolences to Joni on the loss of her sister, Judith James Smalley, in April.

Mary Alice Bisbee sent the following message which I will pass along in its entirety. “Hi Class of 1958 grads! We are now ancient and some of us have done much better than others financially, that is. I have notified the Associate Alumnae that I am unable to make any further donations as my frugal savings are now being used to pay for in home assistance in my subsidized apartment. I am not yet on Medicaid, but am on a spend down and am warned against giving away anything of value within the 5 years before accepting the benefits. I doubt very much that I will be able to even attend the reunion unless there is a very able bodied volunteer among us who could give me board and room during that time period and that we meet in very accessible venues. As someone who was only able to attend college on an Alumnae full tuition scholarship and a waitress job, it really irks me that WE no longer do this for undergraduate students and have no relationship to the rest of Rutgers. Social class-ism still exists and as we all know giving the rich huge tax breaks does not lift all boats!”

As usual, our busy and energetic class President, Ellie vom Eigen Winslow, has sent me a note filled with news about a new chapter in her life. She writes, “After living in Maplewood for 66 years, I’ve made the decision to move to a retirement community, Pennswood Village in Newtown, PA. It will be hard to leave the wonderful community that’s been such a part of my life, teaching in the high school, serving as a reference librarian in Maplewood Memorial Library, administering a chamber music series, active in the Maplewood Garden Club and numerous other groups. However, it’s better to make this move while I’m still healthy and able to do it decently. I’m very pleased with Pennswood, a Quaker community in Bucks County that has 400 engaged residents living the values in which I believe. The toughest thing may be to find a choral group within striking distance. I’ve been spoiled with my choices in northern NJ over many years. I will be able to take my dog. Those of you with a dog in your lives will know how good that is. But she’ll have to learn to restrain some of her excessive enthusiasms, such as jumping up on people in greeting. And no more dashing out the door to chase a stray rabbit in the yard. Before moving I’ll be able to spend one more week at Berkshire Choral International in Sheffield, MA, learning and performing Gustav Mahler’s Symphony No. 8. This is a massive work with large orchestra, multiple soloists and double chorus, now getting my full attention. The Class of ’58 has a committee actively working on plans for our 60th reunion beginning on Friday, April 20, 2018. We’ve tabulated the replies to the committee’s questionnaire and hope to plan activities for the weekend that will encourage you to return to New Brunswick and reconnect with friends.”

As for me, Ellen Miller Samuel, my life has been filled with the usual ups and downs we all experience, but thankfully, the ups are still definitely overtaking the downs. I just returned from Houston/
San Marcos, Texas. My daughter and I spent a fabulous weekend with my 21-year old granddaughter at Texas State, where she will be a senior next year. It was truly a thrill to have such a special "girls weekend." Myron and I will be celebrating our 15th wedding anniversary this July. We have been very fortunate to have found each other at this time in our lives, and we plan to mark the occasion with a river cruise to the beaches of Normandy and four days of sightseeing in Paris before the cruise. I look forward to the possibility of seeing some of you at Reunion in April. Mark your calendar... April 20 - 22, 2018. I can promise you your Reunion committee is working very hard to fulfill the desires you expressed on our survey and that it will be a memorable reunion for all.

Please note, we have been unsuccessful in finding current addresses for Helen Bodner or Margaret Blohm. If anyone has any information about either of these classmates, please contact me.

Condolences: We are saddened to learn of the passing of Bertha Taylor Lordi and send our condolences to her husband of 55 years, Nicholas, of Manasquan, NJ.

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It’s always great to hear from classmates, and several “snowbirds” sent news and photos to share with all of us. In March, our class president, Lois Rabinowitz Steinberg, reported that several 59ers enjoyed lunch at the French Corner Bistro in West Palm Beach, FL. Attendees included Davida Zagnit Hurst, Lenore Marcus Livingston, Phyllis Sloan Bochner, Phyllis Saskin Shames, and Lois. “We chatted and ate and chatted a lot, for almost two hours. So much to discuss, and so very good to be together.” (See photo.)

Joseph. We did some sightseeing but mostly enjoyed eating, talking and just being together.

I do not have travel plans for this summer. Instead I am focusing on multiple house repairs. I think of my house as new and forget that I have been here 17 years ... so it is time to fix things.”

Rhoda’s report then led me to contact Sue Schwartz Blatt, who had taken photos of that get-together. Sue responded with a photo, and filled us in on the visit:

“Yes, the five of us Trenton High girls (Class of ’55) had a great time in Florida, doing what we’ve always done best: gabbing, trying to solve the problems of the world, reminiscing, and just enjoying being together. Rhoda was an extraordinary host, and certainly would be deserving of an advanced degree in B&B management!

The only photo I have for you is one that was taken on a short Everglades boat ride one afternoon. (See photo). From left to right: Lorraine (Kim’s step-sister who attended U. of Georgia), Phyllis Sokalner Eisner, and my roommate, Kim Mozer.

Then, in June, Rhoda Katz Brenner in Boynton Beach, FL, wrote, “I had a busy spring, including a visit here from several of my high school/college friends. We have been meeting up north for the past two years, and this year I talked them into coming to Florida and staying at my house. Included were Sue Schwarz Blatt, Phyllis Sokalner Eisner, and my roommate, Kim Mozer.

Eisner, Kim/Roz Moser, me, and Rhoda.

We are, obviously, the very definition of “old” friends. I was the newcomer to Trenton High in 1952. The others have known each other even longer than 65 years!

There’s this thing about old enduring friendships that we all agreed happens when we get together, and that is no matter how much time intervenes between reunions, we pick up where we left off, jump right in, say what’s on our mind, and just be our old selves again. Our core values have remained the same, even though our lives may have taken different turns along the way. We marvel whenever we’re together at our incredibly good fortune. I can’t wait until next year.”

My roommate Marilyn Schachter Laudenslager (aka “Roomie”) and I keep in touch, comparing notes on The New York Times crossword puzzle, among other topics. Recently Marilyn shared this good news with us: “Our wonderful 14-year-old grandson, Micah Silverstein, son of Steve and Hitomi Silverstein of Orlando, FL, has been selected to play alto sax in the newly formed jazz ensemble of
the Florida Youth Symphony Orchestra. Young musicians from all over the state competed for seats in the ensemble. In addition, Micah recently received two awards from his West Orange High School Band - Most Outstanding Woodwind in the Freshman Band and Most Outstanding Member of the Freshman Jazz Ensemble. We’re very proud of Micah!

Many of you may remember that our class created the Class of ’59 Scholarship a number of years ago, and at the Benefactor Reception last April, which took place in the new Kathleen W. Ludwig Global Village Living Learning Center on Jameson, Irene Figarotta Pearse, Carole Kurzawa Kurtz, and I had the pleasure of meeting this year’s recipient, Tiffany Yeun 2020, an Engineering major from Manalapan, NJ, (see photo).

A lively group of classmates attended the Vanguard Luncheon on June 2, where we welcomed the newest 50th Reunion class, the Class of ’67! Tablemates included Irene Figarotta Pearse, Rose Ann Borichewski Howarth, Anne Freiman Paszamant, Ellen Sue (Knopf) Spicer-Jacobson, Carole Kurzawa Kurtz, and yours truly. We were joined by Juanita Fieseler ’56.

In addition, I had the good luck to reconnect with Rose Silkowitz Feder ’57, my junior sister!! (Remember the tradition of junior sisters?? What a great idea that was – to offer a “green” freshman the opportunity to learn from an experienced upper class member.) Rose’s husband, Larry, offered to take a photo of Rose and me, producing for me a very special memento. (see photo)

In closing, I extend happy birthday wishes – and many more happy birthdays – to those of us who have reached the age of 80 – or will soon celebrate that milestone. Congratulations to all of us!

AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2017 – Class of 1962 – Friday, June 2, 2017
Nancy-Jo (NJ) Scheers, left, and Elaine Glickman Rutman.

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Planning for our 55th Reunion in 2018 begins. Some of you may have heard news that Alumnae Reunion Weekend will be held on in April, mostly Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21. Esther Schachter Barcun reported this from the Spring Alumnae Council. Class VP and Reunion Chair Betsy Westermaier wants to gather as many classmates on campus as possible for our “Hail and Farewell” event. Over a hundred Douglass ’63 classmates attended our 50th reunion in 2013, a truly memorable gathering. By our 60th in 2023, we’ll all be over 80, so now is the time!

Previous reunion planners Eleanor Kwik Letcher (eletcher2013@gmail.com) and Sheila Levin Kremer (rskremer@aol.com) invite all classmates in the New Jersey/New York/Pennsylvania area to join them for occasional social and planning luncheons in south Jersey. We held a “Class of 63 Live Luncheon” in May 16, at the Princeton Hyatt Regency. To be notified of upcoming luncheons, send your email address to Sheila or to me, c2pattee@aol.com.

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Tiiu Rodima Gray-Fow claims she is now a “certified tree hugger” with a plaque in the park to prove it. Tiiu initially studied pre-med but then switched from science over to history in junior year. After Douglass she taught history at the university level, got a degree in counseling psychology and continued teaching at the high school and middle school levels. She says she found it very
rewarding being with little kids but ultimately retired a few years ago. Her daughter Susan studied to be an attorney, found she hated it, and is now working for the government. Tiiu says she has no grandchildren, only a “grand-doggy,” a rescue. In addition to having been active with the League of Women Voters, she got involved with trees because she was living in a “tree city.” She chaired the Tree Commission for many years. After her retirement from this she was honored with a plaque “for her many years of service, love and dedication to the well-being of the trees of Whitewater, WI.”

Since entering “the Vanguard” several of us have found it enjoyable to gather on campus for the Vanguard luncheon and to welcome in the newest class (FYI, everyone’s invited). The accomplishments of ’67 were impressive, as are ours. It was a chance to catch up with some and gather grist for this column. Attending this year were Carol Spence Auletta, Shirley Varian Cole, Susan Kinsley Darien, Peggy Blakeslee Hutchinson, Dawn Lospaluto and myself. After lunch Susan Darien and I enjoyed a tour of the Rutgers Gardens. It has certainly changed since I spent undergraduate time up on a ladder emasculating and pollinating apple trees.

Shirley Cole has had fun challenging herself with family research, genealogy and organic vegetable gardening. Being active must be in Shirley’s genes, as she tracked some in her family back to the Daughters of the American Revolution and learned of an historic family home in the Bronx, the Valentine-Varian House, opposite Fordham, which dates to the 1700s. It currently is the home of the Museum of Bronx History.

Last year Arlene Landau Lafferty and a friend came in from California and visited Travis (RU ’64) and Peggy Blakeslee Hutchinson in NJ. All enjoyed attending an RU football game. They had such fun that this year they plan to meet up again for a week in Chicago and do some sightseeing.

It’s fun to Google Sue Layden Ammerman and read of her accomplishments. All she has accomplished in gymnastics judging for both the Olympics and other venues is impressive! She notes she retired from judging two years ago. What’s not on Google are her tennis skills (my knees cringe at the thought). Sue has participated in the USTA’s Super Senior Women’s 55 and over doubles league and has done quite well. In 2008 she went to the nationals in Charleston, NC, for the first time and won! But she does say she’s been seven times since then, representing NJ and the Middle states, and hasn’t done quite as well. Currently she splits her time between Florida and NJ, where she enjoys visiting with her grandchildren. And, other than tennis, she enjoys golf, mah jong and bridge. She keeps up with Pat Hennessey and says Pat is still biking and running her bike trip business. When asked about whom she’d like some news, Sue mentioned Barbara Goldberg, who is among the class’s official “lost.” If anyone has an update about Barbara or any of the following, please let me know: Pat Chevalier, Ross Gellens Siegel, Pat Grimes, Joan Miller Heeley, Rosemary McAndrew, Lynn Middleton, Jean Miller, Laura Parrish Johnson, Helena Prybylski Wirth, Anne Richards, or Susan Steinwurtzel Hoffberg. Thanks.

Another classmate who is barely slowing down is Elizabeth (Bunny) Troccoli Boris. After 20 years, in January 2016 she stepped down from directing the Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy at the Urban Institute, a center she founded in 1996. She then became an Urban Institute Fellow and was named to the Waldemar Nielsen Chair of Philanthropy at the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University. This is a rotating chair and Bunny was here from August, 2015 through May, 2017. While there she taught graduate students, organized several seminars on nonprofit topics and completed the third edition of Nonprofits and Government: Collaboration and Conflict, sharing the editorship role with Eugene Steuerle. Bunny has enjoyed get-togethers with the AADC Washington, DC, Area Connection Group. Not only has she run into classmates Toby Beck Altman and Marcia Herberg Levine, but also her sister Ruth Troccoli ’83, now the DC archeologist, and MaryBeth Musumeci ’96 who was a Douglass extern for Bunny in the 1990s at the Aspen Institute and who now works for the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Bunny also keeps up with Marilyn Barbisch Zawoyski (still playing golf) and Roz Corenzvit Lieb. I gave Roz a call. Ros pointed out it has been about six years since she retired as director of several Chicago public service institutions due to her Parkinsons. She has been married 54 years to Mike (RU ’62) and they have two sons, who live relatively close, and three grandchildren. Because of illness (which it turns out Mike shares with her) she and Mike moved to a one-floor condo. When first diagnosed they were quite active with the Hubbard Street Dance group, but now are less physically active. Roz and I discussed her health issues and the challenges others in our class are now facing. She says her greatest joy comes from her grandchildren, noting the oldest, Kate, just returned from a college junior year abroad in Spain.

Bucket list? Some in our class are now attacking these items, others just thinking about them or swapping items on and off a list. Last April, Bobbie Feinberg Neyman
present were Marilyn Marolda, Steiner, Eileen Chaborda Miller, Irene Etkin Goldman, Nancy Spence Morrow, Mary Borghi Luther.

A group of classmates gathered in Philadelphia for a mini-reunion. The group included Sue Siemanowski Maddox, Karen Hoffman Bryson, Judy Spurgat, Marilyn Marolda Steiner, Eileen Chaborda Miller, Judy Shapiro, Nancy Spence Morrow, Irene Etkin Goldman and Helen Lee Hunter Potter. The activities began with a tour led by a professional guide, including Independence Hall and a lively conversation with “President James Madison” and “Benjamin Franklin,” wonderfully portrayed by actors. We gathered for a truly early American lunch at the City Tavern. In the afternoon, we toured the new Museum of the American Revolution and ended the day at Sue’s lovely home overlooking the city, enjoying wine and cheese. On Thursday, the group met at Longwood Gardens for the entire day and enjoyed dinner together at the home of yours truly. We could not have asked for finer weather. On Friday, we met again for breakfast and talked non-stop until midafternoon, when the New Jersey group needed to head home. Judy Spurgat, Karen Bryson and I went to the Brandywine River Museum and were very fortunate to see the Andrew Wyeth Retrospective, which wasn’t to open until the following day! The New Jersey group continued their reunion, including a couple of husbands for dinner on Friday and again on Saturday. We are planning to meet again this fall for a play in NYC. If anyone else would be interested in these little mini-reunions, please let me know. More plans for a reunion in California next year are being considered.

Present were Mary Holmbeck of Central District, retiring in 1998. She taught American history and was a foster parent. Liz worked on the Job Council, started an organic dairy, she divorced, Liz and a friend got a pilot’s license. After she fled there was an activity done on a horse she was busy doing or learning it. The love of riding took her and her husband to Oregon where she was active in the community and got her pilot’s license. After she divorced, Liz and a friend started an organic dairy, she worked on the Job Council and was a foster parent. Liz is survived by her daughter Mary Holmbeck of Central Point, OR.

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A stalwart group of ‘65 Classmates filled a table at the recent Vanguard Luncheon on June 3.

Condolences: Sadly, I report the delayed news of the death of Elizabeth (Liz) Ferrar Newfield, who passed away on April 24, 2013, in Williams, OR. After Douglass, Liz lived in Korea and Germany for several years. She then moved to San Francisco in the 70s where she “discovered” horses and began her lifelong riding career. If there was an activity done on a horse she was busy doing or learning it. The love of riding took her and her husband to Oregon where she was active in the community and got her pilot’s license. After she divorced, Liz and a friend started an organic dairy, she worked on the Job Council and was a foster parent. Liz is survived by her daughter Mary Holmbeck of Central Point, OR.

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Congratulations to M. Wilma Harris who received an AADC Medal at Reunion Convocation in June.

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Congratulations to the Class of ’67, now members of the Vanguard Fifty Society! Forty-eight of us attended attend the AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend this past June and we send best wishes to those of you who were not able to celebrate on campus with us!

The weekend’s events allowed plenty of time for us to gather in various venues to share our stories and participate in the celebration. For me, highlights of the weekend included: the luncheon at Neilson, during which we were officially welcomed as the latest Vanguard Class; our entry into Convocation swathed in bright red shawls and soaking up the joy of being applauded by all those in attendance; the announcement of our five-year reunion total.
raised of $460,905, and the lovely dinner at the new Kathleen W. Ludwig Global Village Living Learning Center. These events were noteworthy, but time spent with classmates and their families was priceless!

Among classmates listed, I cherished visits with Peg Smith, Cheryl Masingill, Ellie Rand Giovanelli & Damon G., Zita Hyde Millichap, Jane Schwanwede Cowan and Lana Friedman Brach. As your new class secretary, I look forward to hearing from other classmates (via e-mail of regular mail) in time for our December class notes deadline.

Let us express thanks to those who have served the Class of 67 in leadership roles (some for countless years!) and to welcome our new officers: Outgoing Officers: Diane Gerofsky, Pres.; Diane Alberti Gallo, VP; Reunion Chair; Janice Handler, Secretary; Nancy Bell Hohnstine & Mary Cunningham Mickus, Co-Fund Agents/Treasurers; Carol M. Trovato, Alumnae Council Rep; Gail Price, Historian. Incoming Officers: Janet Redemann Sage, Pres.; Ruth Henn Krosin, VP; Nancy Bell Hohnstine, Fund Agent/Treasurer; Carol M. Trovato, Alumnae Council Rep; Nancy J. Schumann, Secretary; Diane Alberti Gallo, Class Historian.

Here’s a list of classmates who attended reunion. If you would like contact information, let me know: Elaine Auerbach, Diane Avella, Monica Birch-Min, Elizabeth Elsman Bowater, Lana Friedman Brach, Jane Schwanwede Cowan, Majorie Magod Goldstein, Jean Stolz Johnson, Valerie Newby Stratton, Laura Ruth Keene Peschi, Mary Lou Fenili, Phyllis Koczela Wolfe, Susan Lipton Malin.

Inset: Sharon Matlofsky Karmazin.

Our class will celebrate our Vanguard 50th Reunion at the AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend and Alumnae Reunion Weekend, April 19-21. Planning has begun and we hope to see as many classmates back on campus as possible to celebrate. Condolences: Sadly, I report the death of two classmates. Anna Ray Bozarth O’Connor died on February 18, 2017. She worked at AT&T for 25 years until her retirement more than 20 years ago. She began as a programmer

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of mainframe computers and became a senior attorney. While at AT&T, she earned both Master’s of Business Administration and Juris Doctor degrees from Rutgers and Seton Hall University, respectively. She loved gardening, traveling and knitting, yet her favorite role was that of grandmother to her son’s two children, Anna Catherine and John Edward.

Louise D’Agostino, a lifelong resident of Roselle Park, NJ, passed away on September 12, 2016.

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Congratulations to Helen M. Galt, who received an AADC Medal at Reunion Convocation in June.

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Congratulations to Alice Herman, who was inducted into the AADC Society of Excellence at Founders Day on April 22. Class of 1970 members in attendance to celebrate with her were Cornelia Ursillo Calderone, Linda P. Clark, Sheila Kelly Hampton, Ferris Olin and Maureen Strazdon. That’s all the news I have, since I haven’t heard from any of you. Please let me know what’s going on with you, so we can make this news column better.

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Congratulations to Mary Elizabeth Neary, who received an AADC Alumnae Recognition Award at Reunion in June.

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The Class of 1972 was well-represented at our 45th Reunion in June (see photo for those in attendance). It was fun to renew acquaintances once again. Just imagine, in five years we will be gathering for our Vanguardi Reunion! AADC Board member Tina Gordon is participating as a mentor again this year in the AADC Mabel’s Alumnae Mentoring Program. She reports, “I had a great experience last year with my mentee, Tynisha Coleman ’08, that has turned into a friendship. And just as our time together in Mabel’s ended in June, Tynisha secured a new job, which excited us both. Now Tynisha has signed up this year to be a mentor. I have two mentees this time around and look forward to working with each of them as they progress in their careers. The Mabel’s Alumnae Mentoring Program is a great way to stay involved with alumnae in various locations since you can connect via Facetime or Skype, text, email, phone or live and in person.” Tina reports that her roommate and BFF, JoAnn Calleo Schiller, mother of three grown children and grandmother of six, signed up and she is mentoring Leslie Holt ’14 this year. Jo retired as a school counselor a few years ago and Leslie, who has already earned her master’s degree in psychology from Rowan University, is doing an internship in Pennsauken, NJ, to become a school psychologist. They should have plenty of common areas to discuss. Tina encourages class members and others to participate in the program when the new session rolls around next year.

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Our class will celebrate our 45th Reunion at the AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend and Alumnae Reunion Weekend, April 19-21. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. There are plenty of events and activities to celebrate.

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Congratulations to Margaret (Marty) Gillis, a McDonald’s Owner/Operator, a recipient of the 2017 McDonald’s 365Black Business Pioneer Award. She joins a distinguished list of previous recipients, some of whom include: Rev. Jesse Jackson, Tom Joyner, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Mary J. Blige and Marion Edelman. She is
picted in a group portrait of this year’s recipients in an advertisement published in the September 2017 issue of Essence and Ebony magazines.

Congratulations to AADC President Jeanne Fox, who received an AADC Medal at Reunion Convocation in June.

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Congratulations to Donna Coulson, who received a 2017 AADC Alumnae Recognition Award. She is an active alumna, dedicated to promoting the AADC North Carolina Regional Groups.

Julie Kour Eisdorfer shares: “Enjoying retirement in Florida. Have discovered I love tennis and play almost daily. We are a two-president household. I am the new president of the Garden Club of Indian River County and Arthur (Eng ’74) is the president of our HOA at the Isles of Waterway Village. Needless to say, we are always busy and on the go.”

Our class officers elected at Reunion are: Marcia Murchio Hannigan as President; Anne Teshima and Mary Henry as Co-Class Fund Agent/Treasurer; Janice Hochstate Greenberg as Alumnae Council Representative. We do not have an official Vice President/Reunion Chair or Class Secretary.

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Our class will celebrate our 40th Reunion at the AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend and Alumnae Reunion Weekend, April 19-21. Mark your calendars to come back to campus to celebrate!

Congratulations to Elena Anastasiou Rossi, who received an AADC Alumnae Recognition Award at Reunion in June. Elena is once again serving as the very capable Chair of Alumnae Reunion Weekend 2018, taking place this year from April 18-21.

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Congratulations to Debbie Lynch, who is the recipient of the 2017 AADC Margaret T. Corwin Award, the highest award for service.

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Congratulations to AADC Executive Director Valerie L. Anderson, who received an AADC Medal at Reunion Convocation in June.

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Barbara Pollison-Beck shares a remembrance of Margaret Edythe Bull Risberg ’51 who passed away on June 12, 2017. She and Edythe and I are members of the same DAR chapter, along with Holly Jean Dunbar. Please see Class of 1951 notes to read more about Margaret.

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We celebrate our 35th Reunion at the AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend and Alumnae Reunion Weekend, April 19-21. Save the date and come back to celebrate!
Jennifer Woods of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation was recently named the chair of the board of directors of the United Way of Greater Mercer County.

and all your Douglass friends about our upcoming reunion celebration. Reunion takes place April 19-22, with the AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend and Alumnae Reunion Weekend.

On May 7, 2017, my husband Bob and I coordinated a walk to benefit patients with the blood disease, Cooley’s Anemia (or Thalassemia or Mediterranean Anemia, the disease from which Bob lost his brother and sister) walking on the boardwalk from the Essex & Sussex in Spring Lake to Belmar and back. The trek included several Douglass alumnae among friends and family (and our dog Smokey) pictured below, such as me ’88; Veronica Davis ’88; Barbara Duffy ’88; and Kristin Long ’78. Missing was alum Barbara Horl ’85, who was working that day. Several Douglass alumnae generously supported this fun walk. A heartfelt thank you to all who supported us and the Cooley’s Anemia Foundation.

Attention Class of 1988, you may not believe it, but 2018 marks our 30th Reunion! Please alert our classmates

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Save the date for our 25th Reunion, which we will celebrate at the AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend and Alumnae Reunion Weekend, April 19-21.

Congratulations to Jennifer C. Bender, who received an AADC Medal at Reunion Convocation in June.

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Save the date for our 20th Reunion at the special AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend and Alumnae Reunion Weekend, April 19-21. I hope you can make it back to campus to celebrate.

Amanda Chan works at the Douglass Psychology Child Study Center, as they prepare to expand their center to add more classrooms. In early June, Amanda married her fiance Matthew (a Rutgers alumnus). She is keeping up with her capoeira training as well, but also delving into other fitness ventures.

As for me, Ria DasGupta, I continue to be a diversity officer at the University of San Francisco, where I am also a doctoral student in the Department of International and Multicultural Education. I am still dancing, and I am a junior instructor with Chhandam School of Kathak in Berkeley, CA.

Congratulations to Heather Tedesco, who received the 2017 AADC Young Alumnae Mabel Award at Reunion Convocation in June. This award is given to a recent graduate for her contributions to the AADC. A leader as a student, Heather is dedicated to the AADC and serves as co-chair of the Young Alumnae Network (which she and Yesenia Perez have reinvigorated...
by introducing new and fun activities, such as YAN’s Sisterhood Book Club, as co-chair of Communications for the AADC 95th Anniversary Committee, and as an active and key member of the AADC Public Relations team. Heather shared an inspiring speech, promising that even with all she has already done for the AADC, “I’m just getting started.”

Yesenia Perez, our class president, shares that she graduated from law school and is a member of the New York and New Jersey Bar after passing the Bar Exam. She is currently compliance counsel for an employee benefits firm. Her big news is she recently bought a condo!

We celebrate our first milestone five-year Reunion this spring. Save the date for this special AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend and Alumnae Reunion Weekend, April 19-21.

"Nikita Pitkar, my college roommate for three years, recently got married and I had the pleasure of being her maid of honor. I traveled to India for the first time ever to see her get married in front of family and friends. I had never been to India and it was such an incredible experience. I was lucky enough to see the relationship between Nikita and her now-husband blossom from our time on campus and I have many fond memories."

Congratulations also go to Nikita, who graduated this year with an Master’s of Business and Science from the NYU Stern School of Business. She is also joining Merck full time in an accelerated leadership development program.

Class officers for the next term are: Yesenia Perez, President; Qualiyah Arrington and Heather Tedesco, Vice President/Reunion Chair; Kyrie Graziosi, Fund Agent/Treasurer; Karin Oxford, Secretary; Heather Tedesco, Alumnae Council Representative.

Bunting Class Notes

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Alumnae Reunion Weekend will be held April 19-22 this spring, with milestone classes with years ending and 3s and 8s celebrating five-year reunions. For those Buntings who graduated with me in 1988, this will be our 30th reunion, but for Buntins, we are truly united by being a special affinity group and we actually celebrate our Douglass experience across the years. Come celebrate this special AADC 95th Anniversary Weekend and Alumnae Reunion Weekend!

Our very own Bunting sister alum, Lisa Kaado ’03, chaired the Victoria

with sister alumnae.

In May, several Douglass Bunting alumnae and a thousand other attendees cheered for 2017 New Jersey Hall of Fame inductees Suzann Goldstein ’85 and her husband Edward. They were honored as “Unsung Heroes who demonstrate the best of the human spirit and who make New Jersey proud.” This richly-deserved award closely follows the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Valerie Fund. Among others honored that evening were Kelly Ripa, Connie Chung, Ray Liotta, Wyclef Jean, Rosey Grier, Carli Lloyd, Chuck Wepner, Connie Francis and Peace Pilgrim. It was truly an inspirational, uplifting evening.

On May 9, 2017, Douglass Bunting friends gathered (see photo)
Benjamin ’80; Barbara Hamilton Duffy ’85 and Suzann Goldstein ’85. Sadly, within the next two weeks, on May 18, Barbara Duffy’s husband John died unexpectedly.

As I noted in Class of 1988 column with a photo, my husband Bob and I coordinated a walk held in May 2017 to benefit patients with the blood disease, Cooley’s Anemia (or Thalassemia or Mediterranean Anemia, the disease from which Bob lost his brother and sister) walking on the boardwalk from the Essex & Sussex in Spring Lake to Belmar and back. The trek included several Douglass alumnae among friends and family (and our dog Smokey), such as me ’88; Veronica Davis ’88, Barbara Duffy ’85, and Kristin Long ’78. Barbara Horl ’85 was missed, as she was working. Several Douglass alumnae generously supported this fun walk. A heartfelt thank you to all who supported us!

Jean D’Amore ’09 is our contact for Bunting Connections online, a group that builds relationships among sister alumnae who graduated from the Mary I. Bunting Program. If you have not already joined Bunting Connections, please contact Jean at jeanddamore@aol.com to be informed of upcoming activities and meet ups throughout the year in addition to communicating with old and new Bunting alumnae friends.

Anniversary Celebration
From Our Founding Into Our Future
& 2018 Alumnae Reunion Weekend
April 19 - April 21, 2018

Join sister alumnae and friends in celebrating the 95th anniversary of our alumnae association’s founding in 1922 at this once-in-a-lifetime event. The AADC hosts this grand weekend with all of the traditional events of AADC Alumnae Reunion Weekend, such as the Vanguard Luncheon, Convocation and Class Gatherings, and featuring special events unique to this celebration to mark nearly 100 years of providing educational, social and leadership opportunities that connect and advance Douglass alumnae!

Formal invitation and online registration will follow soon.

Our weekend program highlights include:

- **Evening to Honor AADC Benefactors | Thursday, April 19**, by invitation only
- **Vanguard Luncheon & Vanguard Fifty Society Induction for the Class of 1968 | Friday, April 20**, followed by tours, activities and a special panel discussion on our 95 years of success.
- **Alumnae Reunion Weekend Convocation, Milestone Classes Parade & Alumnae Awards | Saturday, April 21**, in Voorhees Chapel, featuring Milestone classes ending in 3s and 8s. Our Sisterhood BBQ lunch, class photos, afternoon tours and activities to follow.
- **Forward Together Gala: From Our Founding Into Our Future | Saturday, April 21**, at New Brunswick’s Heldrich Hotel, honoring the Founders of NJC/Douglass, the New Jersey State Federation of Women’s Clubs of GFWC. Includes a cocktail reception, dinner, dancing and special keynote speakers.

For updates, visit www.douglassalumnae.org/aadc-95th-anniversary-reunion