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1950

"Not much news from here, just trying to adjust to single life again," says **Bob Willett**. He lost his wife, Donna, to Alzheimer's in January and is now living with his daughters, Leslie and Barb. Bob says they are great caregivers, but that life is much different now. In July, he had another article published in *Aviation History*, titled "Epitaph for a Hero," about his MIA cousin lost in WWII. He is happy to see it in print. He is also anxious to get back to traveling in August, if all the requirements for passengers and crew are completed on the cruise ships he favors. He says one of the problems is getting crews back on board from so many different countries with their restrictions and travel requirements.

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1951

Jay Burgess sends his greeting to all his Knox pals, and says he's lucky to be alive after the last year! > Would you believe that **Marian Tenhaeff Trythall** bought a new bike at the age of 92? She recently had her bike stolen while it was locked and parked at a grocery store. Since the alternative was to quit riding, she decided to replace it instead. Marian still rides about 20 miles with two senior biking groups on trails with little traffic. She says it's a great way to stay social and exercise at the same time.

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1952

Bobbie Stout Goforth writes that she always enjoys hearing news about Knox and is happy to hear that some traditions, like Pumphandle, continue. She stays in touch with **Ann Carlson Carnahan** and **Priscilla Chandler Ruppe**, who are both well but live far away. Ann and her dog, Lola, live in California where she still golfs when Lola lets her leave the house without her. Ann sends "funny" emails, and Priscilla, in Florida, reminisces about teaching in Bobbie's old Chicago high school right after they graduated. Bobbie was finally able to spend time with her great granddaughter in June. Bobbie lives in a senior community that still has some restrictions, but she says her art and exercise classes have resumed, and the beauty salon is once again open.

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1953

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1954

We seem very quiet as we age in place. Except for **Dave Kurtz**. Dave emails that he would like to send some news, but he is too busy: "too much is going on out here in central Pennsylvania." OK! **Ron Leganger** is still travelling, driving from Florida to Chicago, but in doubt about his usual fall trip to Europe. Ron will be 90 on November 5 with a goal of breaking 100. > I'm not sure about 100, but the California DMV seems to believe that I will at least make 93, renewing my driver license until 2025, online without an exam. > **Jim Wirt** has written a book, but I have yet to receive the copy he promised to send me. >

Sadly, we have lost six class members since the last report. **John Lawrence** and **Marilyn Collopy** passed away in October, **Jim Albrecht**, our class president, and his fellow Phi Gam **Don Stoffel**, in February, and **Anna Mae Normandin Watson** and **Joan Mannion Manierre** in April. > As were a number of us, Don was the first in his family line to graduate from college. But not the last. He was followed by daughter **Mary Stoffel '82** and her daughter **Eva Marley '13**. Mary reports that Don was quite "with it" until the last day or two.

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1955

With great sadness, I share the news that long-time class correspondent **Dorothy Thomas Wharton** passed away at the end of May. Her warmth and kindness will be missed by her classmates and the Knox community alike. Many shared their memories of her when I requested news for this issue. > **Lynn Weise Victor**: "I have had ongoing and frequent messaging with Dorothy over so many years. Her constant presence, her family, and what she represented so far as my beloved Siwash were a foundation in my world. Several weeks ago, she wrote that she was going to have to curtail our frequent visits as her son-in-law had unexpectedly died of a heart attack. Good mother that she was, her message to me told me she would withdraw from our ongoing conversation for a while. Missing her, I sent a beautiful picture of a lazuli bunting to her, a bird my daughter and I had discovered as we hiked for wildflowers. Such an appealing work of art, that spectacularly beautiful creature and then there was no response from Dorothy. She'll write when there is time, I thought. Time has ended." > **Don '53** and **Gail Holmes Curtis**: "Dorothy loved Knox and keeping up with all of us." > **Paul Johnson**: "I am shocked to hear about Dorothy's passing. Dorothy was a real friend to all, and I loved emailing back and forth with her, which we did often through the years. One of the things that I regret was living so far apart and not having the opportunity for a face-to-face relationship with Dorothy and Bud. I will miss her greatly."

There are just a few people in life that touch your heart and Dorothy was at the top of the list.” > **Al and Barbara Behringer Paulus** ’56: “Barb and I were so saddened to learn of Dorothy’s death. Our contribution to the next *Class Notes* is to express our sadness and our gratitude for the wonderful efforts Dorothy put forth as our class correspondent. She was the best. We’ll also miss the personal correspondence with her and Bud. Although we are thousands of miles apart we kept each other advised of our lives and our families. This is what ‘Knox Family’ is all about. We miss her.”

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1956

News from class members is scarce for this issue of *Knox Magazine*. Is this an indication that we are making a slow adjustment to the “new normal” and cautiously getting back to our activities? > We did hear from **Stan and Jenny Anton**, who are sharing their big news that “finally, at their ripe old ages,” they will become grandparents. Their daughter, Georgina, and her husband, Andrew, married in August 2020, expect a baby boy to arrive on or around November 25. They regard this as a precious and blessed Thanksgiving gift for all concerned. > **Bob and Judy Bowers Rothe** ’58 survived the pandemic without problem. As you may remember, Bob had to dismantle his internationally published model railroad (1947-2019) when they moved to Frasier Meadows, a retirement community. In June, he began a smaller replacement operational model. Meanwhile, Bob used the pandemic time to write a mystery novel titled *A Minor Case of World-Wide Nuclear Terrorism*. He also developed the single-line mathematical equation of the square as well as the well-known baseball diamond. Judy has become heavily involved in community affairs at Frasier Meadows. No idle time there! > **Gay Taylor Jolley** has used the pandemic to learn lots of things, including how to conduct Zoom meetings with closed captioning and breakout rooms. She thinks that’s not too bad for a person whose physics at Knox stopped with vacuum tubes, if anyone remembers those. She transferred her Bible study and prayer shawl ministry to Zoom. The Bible study worked well, but she found it really difficult to fix knitting problems on Zoom and noted that everyone missed the passing of chocolates. Gay met new people, learned about old friends, and rediscovered that, at center, she really is not that interested in housekeeping. (Not alone there!) Cooking became more of an outlet, particularly vegetables. She said Knox is on her agenda for ’22. > **Bob** ’55 and I celebrated our 65th wedding anniversary in June with a gathering of family and close friends. Our daughters, the Fabulous Five, had the house looking like a florist shop and had tables laden with way too much food (and yes, most of it delicious and un-

healthy). This is a milestone that others in the class either have or will mark soon—whoever would have thought about this kind of event back in 1956?

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1957

Jamie Bjorkman wrote a response to the mention of **Art Carlson** introducing pizza to Galesburg in the last *Magazine*. Says Jamie, “I shall stake my claim to fame by being Galesburg’s first pizza delivery person. My route was to deliver Art’s hot, fresh pizzas from the Phi Delt House (the finish site of the famous annual barrel races) at 382 North Kellogg Street to the Knox campus. The installation of his pizza oven was a hot topic around the house, but Art pulled it off, and the rest is history.” > **Casey Martin Clark** shared that she didn’t have much news, but she feels very lucky to have survived the pandemic until vaccination time! She writes that her grandmother survived the early 1900s flu epidemic. As a California resident, she says dry and fire season is on everyone’s mind right now. Her second home is high in the mountains so it’s not quite as vulnerable as the foothills. She writes, “People in the woods are clearing lots and putting metal skirts on their cabins. I plan to start traveling again in October. I always think of Knox with gratitude and love for the time I was there.”

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1958

Mary Zahutnik Krughoff reports that her oldest grandson and his wife are expecting a girl in September, and her middle grandson is starting his fellowship at Duke for reconstructive surgery. > **Bill Baffes** left a nice message on voicemail to say that he and **Joan Walant Baffes** have 17 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Bill continues to work at their supermarket when he’s at home in Lake Geneva. The couple also spend time at their place in Arizona to escape the cold. He reports that they are relatively healthy and are always thinking of Knox College. > **Ken Turner** wrote to say that he and Sue are in good health. They split their time between Naples, Florida, and living on Lake Chatuge in the North Georgia mountains. Says Ken, “Life is good!” > **Ron Streibich** finally retired after a long career directing fundraising for Knox, Northwestern University, St. Louis Children’s Hospital, Texas Tech, and Texas A&M. The latter included working for the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library. He is now fundraising for a memorial for astronauts, which will be placed at the entrance of the NASA Johnson Space Center, just across the street from his lakeside residence in the Clear Lake area of Houston. > Knox alumni **Dr. Carolyn Anderson** ’73 and **John Norton** are

helping the Swedish Prairie Utopia of Bishop Hill celebrate its 175th Anniversary with papers relating to its remarkable history, written and presented by Carolyn and John during this anniversary year. Carolyn has written about the material culture of the community. John will finish with an October presentation on the last two letters written to Bishop Hill by colony founder Erik Jansson, from his refuge in St. Louis. He wrote the letter just days before his murder in May 1850 by a disgruntled colonist, John Root, who had been denied permission to take his wife from Bishop Hill as he left the colony. Root confronted Jansson in the Cambridge, Illinois, courthouse on May 13, 1850, and murdered him during a trial recess. The letters give remarkable insight into Jansson. Both Carolyn and John have been deeply involved in research about that pioneering prairie village just north of Galesburg. > **Mike and Pat Ruffolo** write that blending their pre-COVID patterns with what is possible now is easier said than done. They are happy to be able to resume traveling, however. > Laura Marin sent us a note reporting that her mother, **Paula Fritze-Marin**, passed away. Laura says, “She graduated in 1958 and attended the 50th Reunion at Knox. Her college years were those she treasured most from her youth and gave her the knowledge needed for a successful career in sociology. I can personally attest that her education didn’t hurt much in raising kids either! Paula followed both of her parents to Knox and her great grandfather, Nehemiah White, was the president of Lombard College. > I’d like to extend an apology to **Mary Ann Jalovec Gleason** for the misspelling of her maiden name in the last issue.

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1959

Hello, I sent an email to class of 1959: “For the past 15 months ... hopefully we were lucky enough to escape the worst of COVID-19. Please tell us how you will remember COVID-19.” A very special thank you to the classmates who replied. I even sent a second email to a few classmates threatening to make up stories about them. > **Georgia Raft Souris** replied, “I certainly hope you can make up some exciting things, because as you well know, nothing has happened in the past year. My husband had a knee replacement in January, then he got a blood clot, but he’s doing better now. Our granddaughter is having another baby girl next month. I guess we all know what some people did during the lockdown. When I win the lottery, I will certainly let you know.” She forgot to add that she will be sharing her winnings. > **Jan Eisner MacDonald** shared that **Jim** had two knee replacements and open-heart surgery, all successful, and he’s doing quite well. She also said it is amazing how the world has changed. Remember one phone, party lines, expensive long-distance rates? Now Zoom takes us

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any and everywhere. > **Louise Bost Wolf** asked, how did you get this job? I told her the truth—they asked 100 people who turned them down. I was the last one in line. Louise and **Bob '58** stayed home, got their vaccines, and are still staying home. > **Jan Shroyer** is selling her cottage in northern Michigan and decided to live year-round in Winston Salem, North Carolina (hot weather and all). > Elva **Hohe** answered for **Paul**—COVID was a bump in an otherwise wonderful life, and sorry for those who did not fare as well. Continued to take care of the grandkids while parents worked at home. Managed to get fitter, walking daily, chair yoga, even lost some weight by not eating out in restaurants. > **Dave** and Susan **Poston** replied that their grandson, Nate, a junior in high school, visited Knox on a wretched weather day this spring. The warmth of his welcome from Knox more than made up for the weather. He was most impressed with whom and what he encountered at Knox. > **David Ehler** is living near Buchanan, Michigan. "Grandson Lucas and his family are living with me. Lucas has a 7-year-old daughter, Alivia, who is learning chess, and she keeps me on my toes. For years I taught math at Indiana University at South Bend (IUSB) and, last June with the pandemic, I retired. My wife of 50 plus years passed away in 2014. We have three children, seven grandchildren, and so far, four great grandchildren. I often recall things and people from Knox." > **Larry** and **Barbara Woods Blasch '61** have decided the time has come to leave their beautiful Seabrook Island and move to Richmond, Virginia, to be nearer their daughter. They have lived on Seabrook Island for more than 20 years, so it was a difficult decision. > **Bob Grover**: "If you're able to read this it means you have survived the worst pandemic in over 100 years. Congratulations! Hopefully by now we are back to normal, but for many of us, it will be a new or different normal. For me, the family Zoom calls that began during the pandemic will continue—but maybe only bi-weekly or monthly instead of every week. My wife, Jane, will be going to the office more but will still work at home whenever she can. We truly enjoy the togetherness. The pandemic also resulted in new ways of doing things. Try the *What's Good* app from which we order quality farm market goods delivered to our Chicago condo at little or no cost. Amazing! My Northwestern Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) classes will return to being mostly in-person, and this will limit my participation from what has become, during the pandemic, our second home in Leelanau County, Michigan, northwest of Traverse City. My contacts with our classmates have been limited. **Conny Drew Tozer** left us in Chicago for the warm climes of Florida, and **Paul** and **Elva Hohe** now seem permanently stuck in California after unloading their Chicago condo. However, Paul and Elva did join one of our Grover family Zoom sessions earlier this year while babysitting one of their beautiful grandchildren. The only other

classmate I hear from is **Nick Karay**, who periodically sends me and others, including **Mel Brown Jr.**, stuff he finds on the internet, mostly ridiculous but sometimes inspiring. (Don't take me off your list, Nick.) And finally: remember to eat less, exercise more, wear your seat belt, stay on your meds, and tip at least 30% for the rest of 2021."

> **Bill Reiners**: "I don't have anything newsworthy, just hello. We did remain secure throughout the pandemic and are fully vaccinated. I'll probably have a nice story in the fall." I will hold Bill to giving his story. > Finally, what I did—I knit, crochet, and have always wanted to learn to weave. I found a teacher who would give me private weaving lessons, and I fell in love with the result of warp and weft yarn designs, and I, yep, bought a loom. Anyone need a scarf or a shawl? Again, big hugs to those who replied and looking forward to others replying in the future.

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1960

Like most of you, my heart goes out to today's Knox students, faculty and staff for whom the "new realities" of this decade have created challenges far different from any we experienced during the late 1950s. **Bob Baker's** reflections offered insights as follows. "As I look back," he wrote, "I remember two ideas that I somehow (even with a hangover) remember from my classes and discussions with Professor Bill Matthews. One: there is always a polarity and tension between extreme views, as in philosophy between idealism and empiricism, or between right and left, or between life and death. Most of us live in the middle, but for a few that is unbearable, and they founder about, in one extreme or the other. Two: when one moves to the extreme empirical side of the polarity, as contemporary education has with its emphasis on STEM education, one enters the realm of 'misplaced concreteness.' I don't know anything about the present Knox faculty but from Knox publicity, they appear to be 'go-getters' who are focused on publishing. Perhaps a few fuzzy thinker professors who never publish but sit in the Gizmo and talk with students about ideas and values would be in order, and I hope they still exist at Knox. Liberal arts colleges nationwide are today under siege, so good luck in keeping a liberal arts tradition going in a depressed and depressing 'forgottonia' (i.e. western Illinois). May the force be with our new president." > **Mary Knight** shared this overview of her days. "Zoom meetings, a few adult education courses, golf here in Florida, a fun week with my kids in the Bahamas after everyone was vaccinated. Occasionally visit with **Bob '62** and **Barb Schmid '62**, who winter in Arizona, and I keep in close touch with **Roger '63** and **Bunny '63**." > **Robert Hajostek** wrote, "Nancy and I have led a pretty boring life in the last year. Some different things—because we have usually hiked a lot and

been active. So, we bought a recumbent exercise bike. Nan rides that every other day for an hour. I still hike, but on the wide trails. We have set up and make almost daily use of two punching bags in our garage. Now, I have muscles in my upper body and arms and am much stronger than I have been in years (or ever for that matter). We are readers and belong to five different book clubs, which Zoom once a month, but we do not read the books unless they are of interest to us. Now that we have been vaccinated, we are planning some domestic trips. Travel is the thing we miss the most; we have traveled to 55 different countries, some many times, and our lives were always filled with planning and going on trips. The memories of those experiences are so important to us." > After 30 years of volunteer leadership with Cincinnati's Friends of the Public Library, **Mary Lu Aft** has passed the baton to new staff members and volunteers and has accepted *emeritus* board status. I've agreed to get in line to chair the volunteer board of the Cincinnati College Conservatory's friends and alumni. Together, we'll resume our active concert-going schedule at CCM and a number of other performance venues as soon as health officials sound the "all clear."

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1961

It was fun to hear back from **Constantine Santas**. He says, "Thank you for your correspondence, which reminds me of the happy and profitable time I spent at Knox. I was a foreign student when I entered Knox at the ripe age of 27, so I am now an elder of 92, in relatively good health. I owe a great debt to Knox College, not only for my splendid education but also because Knox College introduced me to American culture. I obtained my doctorate at Northwestern University, and taught English in many institutions from 1962 to 2001, when I retired. Knox is a splendid institution, and the days I spent there prepared me for a successful career not only as a teacher, but as a person happy in Earth's greatest melting pot." > **Peter Johanson** writes, "I am happily retired in a small village called Ajijic, along the shores of Lake Chapala at an elevation of 5,000 feet just south of Guadalajara, Mexico. Ajijic has a population of about 6,000 persons, many of whom are retired citizens from the U.S. and Canada." > Here's a great story from **George Johnson**: "In the spring 2021 issue of *Knox Magazine*, **Susan Shea Worthington** requested that anyone who participated in the prank of filling the one entrance to the old Gizmo with snow in the winter of 1959-60 to 'fess up.' I immediately contacted both of my attorneys. One is my son and the other is my grandson. Both of them were of the opinion that the applicable statute of limitations would 'probably' bar my prosecution for committing this prank. (Please note the word 'probably,' which is

a typical answer when you are not paying a lawyer.) In order to protect my other pranksters, and, with an abundance of caution, I will not disclose the names of any other pranksters. In recent photographs I have seen that significant modifications have been made to the Gizmo entrance, so a repeat of the prank would be difficult to achieve. In other news, Lois and I have nine grandchildren. All of them are either finishing college or grad school or beginning their careers. I am now retired from my law practice. We reside full-time at the Jersey Shore where Lois and I met more than 58 years ago.” > **Denis M. Bohm** proves that Knox alumni have wide and varied interests! “I’m retired after 33 years in IT and am living in Mettawa, Illinois, where I was recently elected to my second term as village trustee. A physics major turned politician! Children and seven grandchildren live in Illinois, Seattle, Atlanta, and Austin. And two great grandsons! My daughter, **Chris Bohm Gavlin** ’82, and her husband, **Tim** ’82, live nearby. Life has been very good since graduating from Knox. Can’t beat the liberal arts education.” > We are actively recruiting for a new correspondent for the Class of 1961, so if you are interested, please contact either Megan Clayton or Jennifer Gallas at jgal-las@knox.edu.

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1962

Lee Benham: “During the pandemic, **Alexandra** ’61 and I have greatly enjoyed our little garden. Discovered that the word “paradise” comes from old Persian, meaning a walled garden, so a refuge of safety, beauty, and rest. Indeed. In my 80th year, I have been imagining the perceptions of a Knox alumnus who was 80 years old at our 1962 graduation. This person might have served in the Spanish-American War, seen the first Wright brothers’ flight, experienced WWI, the Spanish flu, and the events of the 1930s and ’40s. Is the experience gap between age 21 and age 80 for us smaller or larger than that? Alexandra and I are fine, relying heavily on Zoom for connections, hoping to meet in person again, and looking forward to the class Reunion next year.” > **Robert Pekarek**, Ph.D.: “I am from the class of ’62 with very fond memories of Knox. I majored in biology and was a member of Alpha Delta Epsilon Fraternity. Married **Joyce Larson**, class of ’63, have two wonderful daughters, and three grandchildren working on their bachelor’s and advanced degrees in college. I received my master’s and Ph.D. degrees in microbiology and was in infectious disease research. Just recently, I turned 81 and am now happily retired in Beaverton, Oregon.” > **Sandra Sherrick Schuld**: “My life is busy, and I’m grateful to be healthy enough to enjoy it. I am living in the Iowa City Oaknoll Retirement Community. Cooking less and no snow removal, no yard work except planting flowers on

our campus if I choose to participate. Since my husband David, an avid bicyclist, was killed by a motorist while riding his bicycle two years ago, life has been busy planning his memorial service, supporting a grieving family, friends, and former students, planning his ghost bicycle memorial, and helping plan and construct a Habitat for Humanity house build in his memory. During free time I enjoy puzzles, yoga, book group, texts from friends, family visits, programs, and Hawk-eye sports.” > **Patricia Gronemeyer Carrell**: “We recently moved from Henderson, Nevada, to Santa Rosa, California.” > **Mary Merikle**: “Never in my wildest imagination would I have expected to celebrate my 80th birthday in my driveway! Yet that’s what happened—son and daughter-in-law, eight friends and neighbors, all physically distanced, sharing cake and bubbly. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute. Sadly, no grandchildren because both, university students, were living in apartments with roommates. During the past year or so, I have read lots of good books and some not so good. My book club met once a month on Zoom. Not quite as good as in person, but we still had some really lively discussions. Another activity that helped pass the time was playing online Scrabble with two friends. I have even discovered words I did not know existed. Lastly (oh, I could say more, but...) a friend (also named Kathryn) and I got together once a week for wine, snacks, and lots of talk. Now that things are finally opening up, I see both my grandchildren, other friends, and even go into stores! Got my second shot in June. Now if hairdressers would only open up, I could get a HAIRCUT!” > **Dick Wertz**: “Dear Kate—it’s good to hear that you are still with us and enjoying life. I don’t have a current events story, but it occurs to me that I have never properly acknowledged the role that Knox’s most famous graduate, **Janet Greig Post**, played in getting me into and paying for my graduate work at the Fels Institute of Local and State Government at the University of Pennsylvania. My encounter with Ms. Post happened during the winter of my senior year when one of my part-time jobs was delivering flowers for a Galesburg florist. She was in town to attend a Knox Board of Trustees meeting, and the College had arranged to have flowers sent to the local hotel where she was staying as a greeting. When I arrived at the hotel with the flowers, I was told that the hotel was short-handed that day and that I should deliver the arrangement myself to Ms. Post’s room. Ms. Post answered the door herself, gratefully accepted the bouquet and then had me wait until she could find her purse so that she could give me a tip—which was a dime. Now granted, the cost of living was much less in the ’60s, but at the time I did think that the tip was a bit on the low side. Nonetheless, I did with the Post dime what I did with all of my tips and part-time earnings—gave it to Dr. Pillsbury to pay down my college loans. Later that year, when I applied to the University of Pennsylvania, I also applied for a scholarship and a fellowship from

the Samuel S. Fels Foundation in the hope of having some of my graduate work paid for. Since the Fels application required a complete listing of my undergraduate funding sources, I of course included Janet Greig Post as one of my benefactors. As luck would have it, the good folks at the Fels Foundation were great admirers of Janet Greig Post, and it was the deciding factor granting me an all-expenses-paid year in Philadelphia. And that is why you should never look a gift horse in the mouth.” > **Ingrid Malm Temple**: “My news is that Tom died of a COVID-19 related stroke on January 21, 2021. I was sick with COVID too, but survived after a collapsed lung and becoming a diabetic. I am planning to move in early September to independent living in a retirement home, Monarch Crossing, in Naperville, Illinois. I will be close to my older daughter Laura, her husband, and two of my granddaughters. I’m finding a challenge in emptying our home of 53 years, especially since I’m discovering that family heirlooms aren’t so treasured by millennials.” > **Kate Calvert Bloomberg**: “Somehow my life continues to overwhelm me. Scott and I still live in Brookfield, Wisconsin, a suburb of Milwaukee. We survived COVID with the help of Florida sunshine, golf, and water. We spend the winters in the Villages, and I’m sure you have heard wild and crazy stories of life in the Villages. My 80th was shared with kids and grandkids in the resort in northern Michigan, where I was raised. The weather and the fish behaved. We are co-owners of a grand sailboat and enjoy escaping to Lake Michigan. We enjoy a summer week at the Chautauqua Institute in Chautauqua, New York, with fellow Knoxites, complete with lectures, performances, and gin and tonic. The best part is no grades or term papers.”

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1964

The pandemic severely curtailed the flow of bucket-list adventures to report. But a few brave souls dug into their past half year to find items of note. > **Karen McCauley** wrote: “As one of the few people whose life wasn’t totally disrupted by the pandemic because my teaching of counseling skills and astrology has been online since 2007, I feel very fortunate. Most upsetting to me have been the increased societal tribalism and lack of using critical thinking skills in accepting information as valid or reliable. My experience at Knox firmly placed critical thinking as an integral skill for success as an educator and citizen. I’m looking forward to upcoming in-person visits with friends and family.” > **Al** and **Karen Crumbly** had a busy 2020 into 2021, as Karen (yes, the

GLENN SCHIFFMAN '65 REPORTS THAT HE IS RETIRED, HANGING WITH THE GRANDKID

totally non-science K) joined Al to get a chemistry paper published! “We spent two months to move Al out of his Duke office after 50 years! Whew! Difficult and emotional! In April, we enjoyed visiting with **Don and Catherine Hardinger Shriver** '66, as their granddaughter graduated from Duke! Look forward to a less-stressed '21/'22!” > **Sandy Allison Cooper** reminisced: “I have had too much time to think in the past year. The news did take me back to Knox and some of my courses. I've read a number of books on the Underground Railroad and am thinking of sitting on the steps of Old Main—hearing the railroad. I found a book on the British colonization of the Middle East and the disaster when they made new countries when leaving ... thanks, Dr. Haring.” > From **Ray Santini**: “Diane and I returned to Illinois for the summer, vaccinated and hopeful. COVID is less of a threat. Boat is in the water, and we are rekindling good times with friends we have not been with for a year and a half. We still wear masks in large groups and in stores, but we're good. Planning on a golf trip or two this summer. We're returning to Florida for the winter in the fall and will golf, boat, and cruise the Mediterranean. Be safe and well.” > Lake-Wobegon-esque prose from **Evan Cameron**: “All is well in Cow Head midway up the Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland—COVID concerns still mandating the wearing of masks within the local store, post office, church, and museum. But the wind blows, the gulls fly, the rain falls – and then, as usual, it clears for sunset. The family assures me that I shall turn 79 before the end of the month, but I distrust large numbers and seldom believe hearsay—especially from those that I know.” (Note that “store” is singular.) > Think we had a COVID tough time? This from **Shripad “Sam” Pendse**: “After visiting my Indian family for a few months, I was lucky to be able to leave India in March 2020 and to arrive in Australia to visit more family. COVID rapidly became worse, and Australia soon stopped most international flights. So I have unexpectedly been in Australia for almost a year and half. Life is full of surprises. In any case, I am enjoying being here. Australia has very few COVID cases by international standards, but it is also badly behind in availability of vaccines. Hopefully the supply will soon increase.” (Handled like a valedictorian!) > Finally, **Jo Ann Ooiman Robinson** reports that the Audrey Collet-Conard Prize in Poetry (the fund for which has grown to \$20,600), went to a senior from Pittsburgh this year, Lillian Lauver. She is the fifth recipient since the prize was first offered in 2016. Applicants each submit three poems that are judged by a well-known poet selected by Knox faculty. Lillian's submissions speak to and of recent hard times and also call to my memory how **Audrey (Collet, '65)** was captivated by words. (Jo Ann included one of the award-winning poems which ended with the simple words “*Hug me.*” How insightful and beautiful these days.)

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1965

Joe Thompson and his wife, Edie, made the best of the downtime during the pandemic. They did lots of walking and rediscovered the benefits of home cooking. Joe got pretty good at it and lost 20 pounds. While doing all that walking, he also got his precinct in shape. He and Edie finally connected with **Toni Cambier**, who lives five miles away. They invited her over for dinner on the porch and swapped tales of mischievous adventures at Knox. Daughter Sarah, who lives nearby in Asheville, had a gorgeous baby, and now they are now up to three grands. > **Lowell Dixon** writes that he and his wife Mariclaire recently sold the house they built in Lake Forest in 1982. They found it hard to leave their home of nearly 40 years, and even harder to get rid of the stuff they had accumulated. They have moved to a nearby retirement community which coincidentally has attracted other Knox alums. **Mary Knight** '60 lives in the other half of their duplex, and next door are **Bob and Barbara Schmid** '62. Lowell hopes our class will make up for the Reunion we were robbed of last year. > **Henry Randolph** writes, “Between visits from our grandsons and my translation practice, it's been a busy spring and now summer. I've translated works from German and French, most recently for scholars at the École Nationale Supérieure and Sorbonne in Paris. The queue for the rest of the year is already filled with works on Kurdistan, the Iraq War, and Algeria. Check out my website *bespoketranslator.us* for my portfolio. On the traveling side, my wife Nahomi and I are waiting for Japan to emerge from the pandemic. It interrupted our 20-year unbroken record of visiting family in that charming country at least once a year. Also on the post-lockdown trip planner is the U.K., where my expat son, Mark, works in data science at Oxford's Magdalen College, and a sortie to Berlin to sniff some of that heady ‘Berliner Luft’ with my old cousin. Already booked for the fall is a three-day stay in St. George, Utah, where I'll be competing, after a 10-year hiatus from master's competition, in the sprints at the Huntsman World Senior Games. And so it goes. I guess someday I'll actually retire—maybe for a week or so.” > **Glenn Schiffman** reports that he is retired, hanging with the grandkids, enjoying good health, and living comfortably in Northwest Montana—“the last best place.” His memoir, *Life in the Fast Lane*, which is about touring with 40 different rock bands in the '70s, will be out on Kindle Vella when it launches. Glenn plans to issue more of his writing on Kindle Vella, including a dozen short stories for children called “Don't Go North,” three erotic novellas dubbed “Affairs,” and essays thematically linked to being black listed by the FBI in the late '60s. > **Gary Moses** writes, “My wife, Marilyn, and I sold our primary residence in Florida in November 2020 with the market at an all-time low since 2008. Shortly after, it spiraled upward at record rates ... bummer. We are now living in

Colorado, my Knox origins. Now, some history ... a mere 60 years ago, in fall 1961, **Hadley Pullen, Tod Brown, Gary McCool**, and I, all from George Washington High School in Denver, boarded the *California Zephyr* for Galesburg for a trip we would make frequently in the next four years. Jumping ahead, Teresa Amott, after starting on July 1, 2011, visited our annual Colorado Knox Club Summer send-off picnic on August 7, 2011. I attended, and now I look forward to meeting **Andy McGadney** at the same event, 10 years later to the day” > **Nikki Borch Sanders** writes that she was astonished when she turned 78 this year. She finally retired from hearing property tax appeals and showing overpriced real estate. She spent the better part of the summer in therapy to recover range of motion in her left arm. A fall in March dislocated her shoulder and crushed the top end of the humerus. The repair of her first broken bone ever required a five-inch titanium plate and 10 screws. Nikki is currently serving on the board of directors of the Illinois State Rifle Association. Her major concern is that society is breaking down and there is no longer the communal will, nor funds, to provide for the safety of all. She has specific recommendations for maintaining personal safety. Above all, Nikki recommends showing up for our 60th. > **Bruce St John** and wife, Carol, are well and continue to enjoy life in New Mexico. Their older son, Alexander, works as a corporate attorney in San Francisco, and their younger son, Nathan, is an architect and graphic artist living in Paris. They have three lovely grandchildren. The pandemic gave Bruce time to catch up on some projects. He published a new book, *Bolivia: Geopolitics of a Landlocked State*, last year and is under contract to complete two more books, *Peruvian Foreign Policy in the Modern Era* and the *Historical Dictionary of Libya*, sixth edition, with publication scheduled for 2022. He also has separate chapters on authoritarianism, Libya, and Peruvian statecraft coming out later this year in books edited by colleagues. This summer, he participated in a five-episode *Noiser* podcast on Qaddafi's Libya that aired on British radio, and this fall, he will be working with PBS Israel on a documentary on Libya.

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1966

As your class correspondent, I am always so grateful for your contributions. Surprisingly, this job is not a chore. It's a pleasure to read and record what members of Knox Class of '66 are up to! I am looking forward to our first family vacation in one and a half years. All 17 of us will spend a week at Grandview Lodge on Gull Lake in northern Minnesota, a typical midwestern vacation spot that is fun for the whole family—our ages are 1 year to 81 years! I hope you all had a fun-filled summer after all of our collective

sheltering in place. > **Nancy Hubbard Stanley** writes: “Greetings from Oklahoma. All is OK here. Went to a nephew’s wedding in Texas requiring four airplane flights. All of the planes were full, but it worked out fine.” Next, Nancy is planning a trip to San Diego in October with her aerobics class. > Next, **Jim Bronson** shares: “My sweetie, Sandi, and I are still ‘trapped’ across the COVID-closed border in British Columbia but hope to go south to our home in Ashland, Oregon, by mid-August. Over the past three years here in North Vancouver, we founded and developed an environmental sustainability education organization, www.bcdrivendown.org and regularly teach five-session classes about solutions everyone can champion for our climate crisis. Anyone who wants to participate in future classes can email me, jimbronsonashland@gmail.com. Wishing all to be thriving, especially the next generations who will inherit the legacy we leave behind.” > Here’s **Jim Johnson’s** message: “I spent most of my COVID social life outdoors at home in Decatur, Illinois, or wintertime, in Bonita Springs, Florida. Lots of bicycling, including a recent ride up Route 66 from St. Louis to Chicago. The COVID experience certainly reminds us how vulnerable and interdependent we all are in spite of precautions we might attempt. Stay well!” > I was extraordinarily moved by this note from **Beth Irish**, who wrote: “My world was turned upside down in May, with my husband of 44 years unexpectedly passing away. So now I have to figure out what the rest of my life is going to look like. My sons would love for me to move closer; the two-hour drive is a bit much for all of us. So, I guess I will spend the summer sorting out files and stuff in preparation for that move. I have been thinking about looking into a fall color tour. I love to travel and have not been able to for a couple of years. I have my two COVID vaccine shots and have gotten spoiled by having groceries and meals delivered. It’s time to get back into the stores and do those chores myself!” > Always happy to hear from **Halcyon Blake**, who planned to have a fun summer: “With vaccinations, Will and I are able to get on the boat and plan for a trip for the winter to Charleston where we have been wintering on-board our boat for the last 10 years (excepting this COVID year). I will even be doing a bit of traveling back and forth from wherever we are along the East Coast so that I can share in the excitement of a brand-new baby girl due at the end of August as my daughter, Gretchen, and her wife, Rachel, welcome a much wanted and already loved new member of our family, and I am thrilled. Maybe a new member of the class of 2040? I’m still enjoying my retirement from Halcyon Yarn, which allows me to do the parts I’ve always enjoyed most by helping long distance with customer service and answering weaving-related questions. Here’s to a great year ahead for all of us.” > **Larry Sommers** has news: “**Joelle Nelson Sommers** ’67 and I had planned to take our daughter **Katie Sommers** ’98 and her two

children, Elsie and Tristan, to Italy in 2020 to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. Obviously, that did not happen, and Italy is still not quite ready yet. So we’re taking them this summer to Alaska—which is open for business, and where they’ve never been. Looking forward to a good time. We’re also doing a Road Scholar tour of New England in September with church friends. Also looking forward to Homecoming October 8-10. See you then.” > **Allan Penwell** sends in lovely and exciting news: “Peg and I were married on December 1st last year in the middle of the pandemic. She was a widow, and I was a widower. It’s a long story, but we were not exactly new to each other as she cut the cake in my wedding in 1980. I play a lot of golf and do a little accounting which would be a shock to Wilbur Pillsbury if he were still around.” > **Mike Denniston** and his wife are traveling the world again: “Life goes on. We were vaccinated in February and March after two 200-mile round-trip journeys to Toccoa, Georgia, to get the jab. Nowadays they are begging people in Georgia to get vaccinated, but appointments locally were impossible to find (at least with our network) early on. We plan to head to Alaska in early July for a cruise and pre-trip to Denali. On the flight back to Atlanta we plan to spend some time with a grad school buddy in the Seattle area. Maxine wants to see the foliage in New England come September. Our Viking trip to Ukraine was cancelled for the second time, and we rescheduled for Greece and Turkey in the fall of 2022. It’s not clear that the world is ready for tourists, but we are ready for it. Nonetheless, there are times I feel like Columbus or Magellan setting out on an uncertain voyage.” > **Jay Sommerfield** has both sad and happy news. I’m so glad he updated us: “Since our last Reunion in 2016, my wife of 52 years, **Elaine Varda Sommerfield** ’65, passed away in February 2018. Since that time, I reconnected with Harriet, a woman I had previously met in a local library book club. We traveled to France in 2019 for a river cruise to Normandy on the 75th anniversary of D-Day, to Costa Rica, and to Cuba. We were in Florida in March 2020 when the pandemic hit. Of course, since then, there had been no travel until recently when Harriet and I traveled to Madison, Wisconsin, to visit with **Larry** ’66 and **Joelle Nelson Sommers** ’67. Currently we are scheduled to take a trip to Yellowstone and Grand Teton in July. We plan to be at Homecoming in October.” > So dear classmates, that winds up this report. As always, thanks for writing. Jay’s message reminds us to start making plans for our 55th Knox Reunion in the fall. Hope to see you there!
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1967

Greetings, members of the Class of 1967! Life is changing considerably for us, post-vaccine! We

are still cautious but are gradually picking up threads of the pre-COVID lives we enjoyed, and now we realize how much we took for granted. I would add that we have a new appreciation for simple pleasures that might not have received much recognition until we could no longer do them! I’m writing this in mid-summer, and as **Anne Talley Turner** reminds us, we won’t be seeing this in print until late fall. I wonder how different our lives and perceptions of safety will be by then . . . > One of the rewards of our vaccinations this spring was a visit from **Connie Bond**, who was in the PNW visiting family. No masks when it was just the three of us and hugs all around! > To continue the saga of the “Andy House Girls,” we recently exchanged descriptions of what we learned and how we kept busy during our months of quarantine. **Nancy Rabenstein Pielemeier** summarized this conversation as follows: “Seems like the year has been a good time for gardening, doing real estate transactions, having surgery :-), learning new things, digging in to old and new pastimes (golf, puzzles, listening to music programs and books on tape, learning and participating online—yoga, meditation), discovering new culinary delights, and, of course, participating in Zoom and Facetime gatherings with family, friends, book groups, church services, etc.” > **Denny Chase** must be eating very well, and he certainly is an ambitious traveler! He writes, “Not much shaking except the fat on us fat people. No surprises anymore and nothing ever changes. Did have a wonderful trip to Morocco in March and will be in Normandy, Belgium, and Holland in September. Planning to take a South Pacific cruise next March and visit New Zealand if anyone is interested in joining us. We were visiting Israel and Jordan when the COVID nonsense started. We had to scamper from Jordan back into Israel before the border closed. Ended up spending six nights in Jerusalem before Turkish Airlines could fly us to Istanbul. Sat there for a while then flew home. We were lucky. We met quite a few people who were stranded. One couple had just arrived and had to turn around and go home.” > **Katie Linquist Adams** writes from Austin, Texas, “Throughout the pandemic I met with three friends every Friday morning in our driveway. These driveway visits enabled us to get together regularly while socially distancing ourselves for safety. No masks needed. Very BYOB, usually coffee. Lots of great conversation and hilarity. Plus, it was just great to be outside.” > **Nancy Meyer Darman** shared her recent activities, “During the pandemic, my new experiences were watching the stream of the Metropolitan Opera every day and singing virtually for a community choir and also our church choir. I also enjoyed our virtual book discussion with authors who live all over the country. I continued gardening at our church with our gardening crew. It always felt busy.” > **Vicki Onderdonk Nowicki** shares this inspiring description of her life mission: “My husband, Ron, and I have been passionately committed to ‘Growing Food at Home’

"AFTER 55 YEARS OF TRYING, I RECORDED MY FIRST

for at least 40 years now. We crafted a home demonstration garden, which features a no-mow-lawn collection of vegetables of every kind being grown in succession throughout the season, woody fruit trees, smaller fruits like strawberries, raspberries, rhubarb, currants, gooseberries, and more, plus the most fun nut trees, hardy kiwis, and my favorite pawpaw trees. We also grow extensive herbs and plants that conform to permaculture concepts like windbreaks of large evergreens and deciduous shade trees on the south side of our passive solar home. I am involved with the GoodFood Festivals in Chicago and have close connections with Slow Food who selected me to represent urban Midwest farmers in Turin, Italy, at their international conference. I have formed groups like the Wild Ones and my own organic gardening club. I cherish my very close relationship with Seed Savers Exchange in Decorah, Iowa, who are considered to have founded the heirloom vegetable movement back in 1975, and I participate in their various programs for homeowners, which provide rare seed to gardeners for trialing. In 2009 I won the National Garden Crusader award because of my devotion to teaching the concepts of the billions of microorganisms that live in the soil who partner with the vegetables to help them thrive! I teach organic food production all over the area, and I've had fun writing articles for different magazines on various topics to which I am devoted. In 2014, I persuaded our conservative public library here in Downers Grove, Illinois, to let me open a seed lending library. Members borrow free seeds, and in the fall, we meet and trade each other for seeds we don't have yet. Today, as I get decidedly older, my main activities are with the seed library: teaching, demonstrating, and celebrating our work, however small, which is to preserve and protect these ancient, endangered crops so they can be used as our climate gets hotter and drier. I should mention that Ron and I have run a design/build landscape business since 1980 with the purpose of helping people live closer to the natural world. People who are aware of climate change ask me, 'What can one person do?' My answer: You can grow food at home, however small your garden may be, and you will save vast amounts of fossil fuels for our country, you will conserve vast amounts of precious water used to create vegetables in your own yard and you will be able to begin to recover from all the toxic effects of industrial food. Climate change is obviously the most urgent challenge that humans have ever had to face. Is it too late for us to change the planet-killing legacy that we will leave behind? Maybe some courage will come over us and we can rise to this occasion? Ron and I have been living a delightful and happy life with our garden as our closest companion."

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1968

So good to hear from everyone.—**Sue Mika** >

Paul E. Madsen shared "Perhaps because I have reached this stage in life and now have a chance to look back to late September of 1968 when we arrived on the campus of Knox College, the collective experience of the four years have brought to mind valuable lessons shared with close friends and classmates. I treasure more than ever the successes and failures we shared whether in the classroom or on the athletic field, senior nights at the BV, and lively discussions in the dorms and the fraternity house. When challenging assignments were due, I could count on classmates to be ready and willing to help. I did not realize it then, but over the years I have come to know how talented, smart, and just plain good human beings our classmates are. For all of that, I am and continue to be thankful! The world continues to turn and in some regards things have not changed, but I am encouraged and hopeful that the good in our classmates will help to make the world a better place." > **Kathy Suter** reported that "2020 seemed to be a blur to me. My husband, Ron, and I have been very lucky to be on the Big Island of Hawaii where cases have been lower than many places on the mainland. It gave us time to work on house renovation projects and the gardens and yard. We have a modest 1/2 acre, but the previous owner was a horticulturalist, so we benefit from his original plantings. Things never stop growing, even if they have a short dormant period. Sometimes I spend a whole day processing oranges, or pineapples, or bananas, or passionfruit to keep them from going bad before we can deal with them. I know ... such a hardship! Despite the lockdown, I have continued as a member of the Bishop Museum Association Council. I am pretty good at Zoom meetings now. They have asked me to start an oral history project with former staff and volunteers to record the personal stories of these wonderful people devoted to the museum. Now that Hawaii has opened up a bit, I am active with the West Hawaii Master Gardeners again. There is so much to learn and share with our group. I have learned to play mah jongg, which I love. So, all in all we are happy, healthy, entertained, and still in love with our life in Hawaii." > **Pam Stoffel** sent me empathy vibes as she also broke her left ankle on May 20th and had surgery on the 26th. She just moved from splints to a boot. They're headed up to their home in Rochester, NY. >

Susan Tracy Van Kirk has been busy writing mysteries over the past year. Her first mystery series about a small town named Endurance, which is like a combination of Galesburg and Monmouth, was picked up by Harlequin Worldwide Mystery. A new book in that series, *The Witch's Child*, will be out this year in mid-October. She picked up an agent, resulting in a new contract. Next summer, Level Best Books will publish the first of a three-book contract. It's currently titled *Death in a Pale Hue*, about a young woman whose mother was a world-renowned sculptor. The daughter moves back to her small town to open an art center in her mother's name. She discovers

a new meaning to the advice, "Don't go down to the basement." Susan is currently beginning her second term as president of the online writing chapter of Sisters in Crime, a group of 1,000+ members. In the meantime, she loves visiting her three children and eleven grandchildren in the Phoenix-Scottsdale area. > **Mary Burgland** wished she had some big news but life is just routine right now. "Most of us are turning 75 this year, and I must say that I am feeling most of it in my bones." (I agree.) > **Bill Millard** says all is well. > **JoAnne Rawlings Vieweg** and Bruce W. Vieweg celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 12, 2020. They met while painting outhouses at a residential school summer camp in New Hampshire for gifted children and teens with emotional problems. They waited until July 2021 to celebrate with their two daughters and their families. JoAnne, too, is dealing with a broken bone—in her left foot. She's hoping to get the boot off this week, but after two surgeries, it may take even more time. She's able to get back to some gardening now that her broken foot is mending. She finds herself missing the volunteer tutoring at her grandson's elementary school. She looks forward to being able to have her "kid fix" once we are past the pandemic. She has been able to continue advocacy for individuals on the autism spectrum, mostly in Fargo where they lived for 11 years. Most of it is done virtually. "It is so encouraging to see the progress young people can make with appropriate accommodations." They are now back in St. Charles, Missouri. She is sewing infant and children's clothing and selling them through her Etsy shop at www.etsy.com/shop/bunnyluvcreations > **Chip Evans** shared, "As retired and stay-at-home folks, the pandemic was easy on us. We did more eating of carry-out food, walking the neighborhood, and staying in contact with friends and relatives using the telephone, Zoom, and Facebook. Our '68 Zoom meetings are continuing every other month. Classmates, please join us. In our Facebook group, Knox 68, since August 2020, classmates have posted their stories, one each Saturday, on 'what I have done since leaving Knox.' These stories are the most popular posts now. They are full of interesting and unique experiences. So far 40 classmates have posted their stories. We hope to post at least 100 more in the next two years. Be patient, your time will come." > Thanks again for all your news. If there are repeats, please forgive. My broken right ankle is feeling much better. I can't believe how many classmates have broken bones also. Maybe it's because we've forgotten how to walk, being inside for so long?! Wes is continuing to be content at his memory care facility. I took our wedding book on June 17 to share our 49th wedding anniversary. He seemed to enjoy it. Back to eating out and Judd can now visit, making us both so happy. I will be doing crafts for Bible school. Enjoy the summer.

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1969

Ralph Walter writes that he has been elected a "visiting fellow" at Oxford College in his retirement. He also remains a member of the Research Centre in Victorian Political Culture at Keble College, Oxford. Ralph attributes much of his "blessed career" and foregoing accomplishments to his Knox education. Kudos to you, Ralph! > **Gary Barnhart** ("Barney") alerted some of us to a Fifty Year Club *Bulletin* report in its spring 2021 issue that **John M. Phillips III** ("BJ") passed away of unmentioned causes on November 17, 2020. Although Barney also provided a link to BJ's obituary, **K.T. Johnson, Jr.**, then followed with a tribute site he found at *John M. Phillips, III Obituary - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*, *Frank F. DeBor Funeral Home, Inc.* | *Tribute Archive*. > A moment of silence, please, for a former roommate and lifelong friend. BJ was a singular character who will be missed by all who knew him. The *Bulletin* also notes the passing of classmates **David Delawder, Ira Gold, Michael Budds, Nancy Nelson, and Sally Brown Hunt**. Condolences to all friends and family of these, and the many other Knox family members we have lost. May we all have peace and comfort in our time. **Class Correspondent: Bill Combs**
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1970

By the time this edition of the magazine is published, the Class of 1970 will have finally held their 50th Reunion at our 51st Homecoming weekend in October. Thanks to the class of 1971 for allowing us to share their weekend. Thanks, too, to Megan Clayton for her tireless help in organizing the event. I hope all of you who attended had a great weekend and re-established those links to Knox and your old friends. > **Marc Wollman**: "It has been a strange and uninspiring year, glued to home until recently. Despite all the free time, I have not been inspired to do much artistically but am getting back into it. The major activity for me has been helping to care for my mother, class of '46, whose health had been declining, and who passed away in June. I'm looking forward to Homecoming—Mom insisted I go, come what may. See you all then." > **Sandy Klein Frum**: "This year (May) marked the end of my 40 years of local public service, culminating in serving 12 years as president (mayor) of Northbrook, a 35,000 resident northern suburb of Chicago. It was simply time to pass the baton on to a younger generation of leaders. And, honestly, I had to deal with a lot of issues during all those years, but nothing like maneuvering through the ups and downs of how COVID affects a community. Now, I'm able to spend uninterrupted time with my husband, Carlos, and our eight grandchildren—four here in Northbrook, two in New York, and two in New Zealand—well, when that country opens up and allows visitors again." > **Doug Youngren**: "I really appreciate all that you

do for our class. I was the 1970 class agent for four or five years after graduation, mostly writing fundraising letters that were printed and mailed out by the Alumni Office via USPS. No internet then, so I guess class notes also had to be snail-mailed to Knox. I worked at the Alumni Office as my student job all four years at Knox, so I stayed on as a volunteer until, I guess, they decided they needed new blood. I'll try to think of more news for me, though it's hard to top our grandchild news from the last one. Might have to make up something." > **Bob and Jan Eckardt Butler** are now happy grandparents to two cuties who live in Mexico City. "COVID travel is hard, but by the time you read this, we hopefully have been down south to see them. We are all vacationing together in Tepotztlán, a Puebla Mágica south of the city. Our huge garden at home in Tulsa is forever producing. Thankfully, we are healthy enough to take care of it all."

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1971

Class griot **Lynn Strand McIntosh** (lynnmcwho@yahoo.com) and **Mark '72** continue to happily co-exist in his semi-retirement in Columbia, Missouri. Lynn writes that they "... can't wait to meet up with all of our college alums in October, no offense, but it will be great to see anybody after this year! What a crazy, historical last few years, even more political than when we went to school. Our five sons and their families are spread throughout the states ... we are excited to reunite soon. See you in the Burg!" > Nothing new for **Bob Fischer** (rafischer1@aol.com) who notes: "Life is boring, which is probably a good thing. Somewhat returning to pre-pandemic normal but taking it slowly (which seems the only way a septuagenarian should take things)." > Like many members of our class, **Lonnie Fredenhagen Schaefer** (dandlschaefer@yahoo.com) and husband, Dan, are enjoying traveling to visit their three kids and their spouses, plus four grandchildren in St. Louis, North Carolina, and Washington, D.C. She writes: "The best part of our summer, though, has been running 'Schaefer Camp' when our grandchildren, ages 4, 6, 8, and 10, came to spend time on the farm in Amboy. 'Chores' include: driving the ATV while clearing trails; feeding Bey, the horse, and Charlie, the cat; helping Grandpa paint the boat; baking cookies; moving trees off the trails with the Case tractor ... fun stuff!" Lonnie retired in 2010. In 2014, they moved to Amboy, Illinois, from Kansas City, Missouri, their home for 40 years, to help their family on the farm. Lonnie takes care of her 96-year-old-father's finances and social interactions and oversees his health care while serving on the family's corporate board of directors. Lonnie also sings and plays guitar on her church's praise team and partners with the elementary music teacher in town to do some drumming ac-

tivities with kiddos. Dan and Lonnie work with a land conservation group to rid forested land of invasive plant species. In her "spare" time, she tends to her flowering plants as well as veggies and cooks with what she grows. In between all that, she takes her Arabian mare on weekly trail rides with friends. > **Elliott Vizansky** (evizansky@gmail.com) retired after 33 years as a rent information officer with the New York State Division of Homes and Community Renewal where, he writes, he received numerous proclamations from New York City and state as well as from the U.S. Congress. > **Dan Barron** (zbarron@gmail.com) and wife, Zoe, moved to Northbrook after 30 years in Wilmette. He retired eight years ago from the Northern Trust Company where he headed up the Family Business group and was privileged to retire as a senior vice president. Zoe is fond of saying that since retirement Dan has not stopped smiling. Dan and Zoe vacation in the winter in Florida and spend at least 10 days each summer at a lake in Oklahoma. They also have a summer lake place in Illinois where they spend almost every weekend. In the fall, they can be seen cheering on the purple—but at Northwestern football games. > **Larry Kusch** (twams67@comcast.net) finally did it! He writes: "After 55 years of trying, I recorded my first hole-in-one on Father's Day at Willow Crest golf course in Oak Brook, Illinois. My wife, brother-in-law, and nephew saw the ball go in the hole, but I did not. I was too busy looking for my tee. I am a very lucky 'blind squirrel'." > **Rick Gleason** (fjgleason@tgp-architects.com) is still in Boston and Mystic, Connecticut, where he and his wife, Ann, have a vacation house *mysticseacaptain.com* which they renovated. They are still practicing architecture, (but at a slower pace) and



Roger Strukhoff '77 (left) and Stacy Womack '77 (right) met in June for the first time since 1977.

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"I HAVE BEEN EXPLORING THE BICYCLE ROUTES OF THE U.S., STARTING IN WYOMING

are trying to sail as much as possible. > **Bill Ford** (wrford49@gmail.com) broke the COVID rut by flying out to Gilbert, Arizona, to see the grandkids. He is playing plenty of golf and biking the Chicagoland trails. > Great and well-earned news from North Carolina: **Don Raleigh** (draleigh@unc.edu) has been selected to receive the 2021 Distinguished Contributions to Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Award from the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies. This organization honors senior scholars "who have played a significant role in advancing the field through scholarship, training, and service to the profession." Congrats Don! > **Ted Fagerburg** (ted@fagerburg.com) reports that he and Francine are fine in Belgium and looking forward to the 50th this fall, "meeting old friends and making new ones." > **Riley** (rroconnor.com) and **Meredith** (meredith@rroconnor.com) **O'Connor** report that "There are any number of things that have changed in the intervening 50 years, not to mention the last two. COVID isolation has not been too hard on us since we both like to talk with each other. Having plenty of reading material has helped significantly. Not to mention a large number of model railroad projects that I can turn to. Between Amazon and eBay, many of our needs have been well met. We still venture out, especially since we are now both vaccinated. And the television not only works with the news channels, but also allows for the viewing of movies and such. And the TV has an 'off' switch. Meredith has retired from the board of Peachtree Creek Greenway, Inc., an advocacy group which spurred the development of a walking/biking trail along the banks of the nearby North Branch of Peachtree Creek. The City of Brookhaven has built over a mile of this greenway, with an additional 11 or so miles left in four different jurisdictions. She has left the board in good hands. Riley has met several times with Sigma Nu brothers from the classes of 1970, '71, and '72. Meredith also has met with a group called the Deaf Turtles Society, a group of several Post Hall suitemates that formed up on a trip to Cumberland Island." > Life goes on here at the Tatar abode in Wilmette. We are expecting granddaughter #2 in September. If I knew how much fun having a grandchild is, I would have done that before I had children! Like everyone, our travel plans have been delayed—and we miss not being able to see our daughter who lives in Israel. Soon! Judy and I hope to meet up with her in Europe (Prague? Vienna?) and travel with her for a bit. I still play baseball—managing my 60+ team and catcher for my 65+ team—and am running a tournament at the Field of Dreams in Iowa. (Yep, it is heaven!) I've also been busy planning this little event in Galesburg October 7–10, another slice of heaven! See you then and there!

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Cush Copeland writes, "I have been time-traveling—scanning hundreds of black and white negatives I took and developed at Knox. I've been to men's soccer games and on the bus that took us. I watched Flunk Day softball games and a messy mudslide. I've been in dorm rooms studying with my girlfriend and hung out in the brand new Umbeck Science-Mathematics building with my geology cohorts (RIP). Crammed into a U-Haul van with no seats, a bunch of us went to Washington to march in the April '71 Moratorium. Mundane daily life during my junior and senior years living in McCall House was also on the itinerary. A couple of these I have posted to the knox72.com website." > **Dion Cox Mercier** writes, "After 46 years in Colorado Springs, I have moved to Westcliffe, a small mountain town in southwest Colorado. Time for a change, but Colorado has my heart. Always looking to build community and make a difference no matter where I am. If you get a chance, listen to Ed Sheeran's song, 'But What Do I Know.' It is a good song for all generations! Can't wait to see everyone. I promise this time I will be there!" > **Bob Fairbank** writes, "Do you remember what band played with Alice Cooper? I think it was for our senior year homecoming dance. Was it Frijid Pink? Ya gotta love the ol' internet. You can find ANYTHING on there. So ... it was homecoming junior year and yes ... it was Frijid Pink, SRC, & Chase." > **Sandy Hroziencik Thompson** writes, "I am looking forward to next year's Reunion. It will be great. We live in Austin, Texas, and I still teach math part-time. Teaching classes online for several semesters has had its challenges, but I'm hanging in there." > **John Interlandi** writes, "I retired in 2019 and now work in part-time practice consulting. My endocrinology clinic in Lebanon, Tennessee, has been selected as a teaching site for the Yale University nurse practitioner program. My other clinic in South Nashville involves teaching the NP there to do thyroid ultrasound, and we have recently started the first radio wave thyroid ablation program in middle Tennessee. These activities have been flexible enough to allow me and my wife, **Beth Compton Interlandi** '74, to spend several months a year with our grandchildren in Maine and to have long visits with our other daughter in Los Angeles. Beth and I spent the pandemic months cooking together and singing the oldies we learned during our Knox years. I continue to value and use my Knox science education from professors Bob Kooser, Leland Harris, Dr. Hebert, Dewey Moore, and Larry DeMott, all of whom provided me with one-on-one teaching when I needed it." > **Claudia McFadden** writes, "If anyone is now traveling and find themselves in Tennessee, we would love to have them stay with us. Plenty of room. I am having my second hip replaced in a couple weeks. Then W and I would like to get some traveling in. Really need to get out to Portland to see

Stephen and family. Three years is too long. Same for Madison and Katy's family. We will be in Illinois to visit with hometown friends and Sally '64, who is having a class reunion. Hope to see my Chicago friends then." > **Jim Rosenthal** writes, "No news from me other than that I am retiring from my current job with Kaiser in early December. I would like to keep practicing medicine, though; we'll see what opportunities are out there. Hope to see you all in 2022 ... it's the weekend of my birthday!" > **Wendy Scherwat Ducourneau** is looking forward to a road trip across the Southwest. She and Tony are excited to meet **Barb McCauley Baumeister** and husband, **Jerry Baumeister** '71, for dinner at Frank Lloyd Wright's Price Tower in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. > **Al See** writes, "When I graduated from Knox as a steel sculpture major, I had to leave the oxy/acetylene welding rig behind. After all, Knox owned it. But I promised myself that I would have my own before or when I retired. I am pleased to say I do now have one, and I am still making sculptures in steel. I have even branched out to Lexan plastic and wood." > **Bob Shullaw** writes, "I have something I'm excited to share: **Danielle Mari Shullaw Filas** '93 and I had poetry and prose published through the National Writing Project's *StoryMap* as part of the *Writing Across America 2020 Virtual Writing Marathon*. A series of weekly 90-minute Zoom meetings offered participants short tours of different geographical locations, time to write, and a chance to share the writing in small groups. Danielle's and Bob's published works will also be included in the July issue of *Louisiana Literature*. Find Bob's three pieces ("Bourbon Street," "Ocean," and "Fire"), and Danielle's poem ("Ode to Bucket Man") by exploring the *StoryMap*. Frankly, I'm in shock." > **Bill Sowle** writes, "I have been exploring the bicycle routes of the U.S., starting in Wyoming and moving through Nebraska, Iowa, and Illinois. Many have been Rails-to-Trails (railroad tracks removed and resurfaced into bicycle paths). So far over 500 miles on my new electric pedal-assist bicycle. The trails in West Des Moines, Iowa, have been some of the best. Along the way I have visited many interesting places: Fort Casper along Platte River in Casper, Wyoming, with a vital bridge crossing for the westward pioneers; the beautifully restored capitol building in Cheyenne, Wyoming; Scotts Bluff National Monument & Chimney Rock in Nebraska; as well as the famous Buffalo Bill's Ranch & Golden Spike Tower that overlooks the largest railroad yard in the world in North Platte, Nebraska. Passing through Galena, Illinois, I toured the Ulysses S. Grant home and saw his impressive statue in Grant Park overlooking Galena River. The last few days bicycling the hills of the Lake Region of Wauconda, Island Lake, and McHenry. A great summer so far."

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Our class responded to the question “What did you do first when things began to open up?” My husband, Clay, and I welcomed guests from Texas, with hugs and without masks! > **Debra Banks** and friends visited the Art Institute of Chicago for the Obama portraits and the Bisa Butler portraits tours—both were outstanding and worthy of a second visit! She advises visitors to the exhibit to bring earphones to enjoy the Spotify music assigned to Bisa Butler’s pieces. Their group then had lunch at the Offshore Rooftop Bar at Navy Pier. > **Bob Bolier** reports that life returned to normal a lot sooner in Florida, thanks to their great Governor Ron DeSantis! They went out to eat, listened to music and danced, socializing and boating with vaccinated friends. All without the hassle of masks! And thank God the golf courses stayed open the whole time! > **Liz Brasure** and **Steve Giles** now have a granddaughter to join her older brothers (ages three and five). They have made trips to Edina, Minnesota, and will continue to do so to help two working parents. > **Amy Dooha** celebrates with live music on the weekends and every Monday evening! Proof of vaccination is required at some places, which is okay with her. > **Scot Drysdale** and his wife drove from Hanover, New Hampshire, to Madison, Wisconsin, and Elgin, Illinois, to visit their daughters and to meet their new granddaughter shortly before her first birthday. She was wearing a shirt that said, “I have waited my entire life for a hug from Grandpa and Grandma.” > **Chris Eik Winick** ventured “up north” to spend a few days in Leelanau County, Michigan, with **Jan Vyn Sharry**, **Kathy Kruger Lindauer**, and **Kathy O’Hanlon** to enjoy sailing, tasting wines and ciders, and just relaxing and catching up! Due to the pandemic, Chris’s son’s wedding was postponed last year and is rescheduled for September 5, 2021. She plans to attend some parties as she looks forward to the BIG day in Chicago! > **Jane Goeltz Stetson** had successful foot surgery, even though it took two surgeons twice as long as expected. She says her chair and scooter are her best friends! Jane and Fran’s daughter, Emily, made a surprise visit to help with her post-surgery care. Before surgery, when partial restrictions were lifted, Jane resumed her role as docent at the Denver Zoo, but by the time full restrictions were lifted, she was back to masking because surgery was looming. But best of all was being able to hug Emily! > **Jan Gulbis** first rejoiced in eating a sandwich not prepared by her own hands. Then she took a drive not limited by the time she could be away from her own bathroom. Next, throwing caution to the winds, she flew to South Carolina for a beach vacation and then to Chicago to visit family she had not seen in 17 months! > **Steven Kaufman** enjoyed visits at their Florida home from four grandkids from Virginia. Steve had fun teaching the oldest granddaughter to drive their golf cart. Another memorable milestone was that

they were able to sign up for a cruise scheduled for November. > **Tom Kroupa** and wife, Kim, will finally play in their Knox bridge group, which has continued for over 40 years. Current members deserve mentioning: **Dave Weinberg ’75**, **Vida Adams Weinberg ’75**, **Al Heath ’76**, **Cindy Corso Heath ’76**, **Gail Sands Doescher ’75** and in memory of ADE “**Crazy**” **Lou Moreth**. Tom and Kim are still organizing outdoor workout classes, followed by all forms of refreshments. They believe they must keep fit and work out so they can eat and drink! > **Pete Loisel**’s first change in routine was attending social gatherings with more than five people. In July, he and his wife were nearing the end of a three-week road trip visiting national parks and, more importantly, having a week with their grandkids. Further trips are also planned, including a memorial service for a cousin felled by the virus. He adds a heartfelt message: “We hope that those not taking adequate COVID care will not lead us into another period of horror.” > In June, **Kathy Kruger Lindauer**, **Christine Eik Winick**, and **Kathy O’Hanlon** joined **Janice Vyn Sharry** in Northport, Michigan, for a mini reunion. They missed **Diane Berquist Smith** and **Dotty Shaddle Larson** this year due to family obligations. Jan says that she is slowing down and heading for retirement at the end of the year. She has purchased an interest in the aforementioned house in Northport, Michigan, where she spent the month of June (and will hopefully return later this year). Jan shared the news that they lost their house in the Dallas tornado of October 2019 and have just completed construction of a new, smaller house on the same lot. Jan and her husband, Mike, are gearing up for lots of travel starting this fall and settling into their new lifestyle. She continues to serve on the Knox Board of Trustees and loves visiting the school, which she will do again in October. She and Mike have two wonderful grandchildren, Maggie (eight) and Grayson (four). > At the beginning of the pandemic, **Solveig Spellnes Spjeldnes** accepted the retirement buyout option from work as an associate professor at Ohio University. This May, they celebrated her birthday and wedding anniversary in Hawaii. She is now looking forward to becoming a city council ward representative in Athens, Ohio. In the meantime, they are visiting family members they haven’t seen since before COVID, including her grandniece, who will be two years old in July—Solveig has never met her in person. > **John Straus** gives us something to think about for the next *Knox Magazine*. He asks: “What do you want to see or do at our 50th Reunion?”

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Now that most of us are vaccinated, life for our classmates is looking more normal. Here is what they had to say: > **Allen Kossoy**: “As with most,

this was a difficult year with the pandemic. I actually retired from active medical practice in September 2019 but months later came back to help with issues regarding the pandemic locally. I offered services to New York City but was turned away due to age and recent heart surgery. My family was relieved. I have a couple of friends who did go, and catastrophic is an understatement. My wife Beth and I were fortunate to receive vaccinations early, and we have been able to travel to see kids and our first grandchild, who is now 20 months. I certainly hope others have survived and are able to return to a semblance of normalcy.” > **Kathy Krause Winegarner**: “Rod and I (and our greyhound mix, Maggie), moved to Cave Creek, Arizona, this past March. Rod’s family lives in the Phoenix area and he wanted to return (we both lived in the Phoenix area about 23 years ago) to be near them. Rod thought he was going to retire from his CFO position with Commonspirit Healthcare in Sacramento early this year, but he accepted a part-time position with them in Seattle. We are in the process of house remodeling and are trying to adjust to the heat.” > **John Porter**: “Life continues to be good for me in Durham. My favorite bar, the Blue Note Grill, has resumed indoor bands and dancing. I have a new girlfriend, a former Texas A&M basketball player, and my most recent prostate cancer check-up was perfect. Bicycle clients are coming out of the woods, so I am limiting it to my current neighbors and any friends.” > **Dave Coons**: “Greetings. We still live in Chesterfield, Missouri. I retired from Emerson Electric after many years as a tax lawyer and lobbyist (federal, state, and local). We see our two children, Kate and Trevor, often and enjoy watching their children, Tripp, Nora, Kaylin, and Kieran, weekdays during the summer months. I’ve become the principal chef of the household.” > **Richard Heitman**: “I am now professor emeritus from Carthage College. A year ago, my wife, Heidi, and I moved to Phippsburg, Maine. The house is in a spruce forest beside an ocean cove. It was a lucky find and timed right to distract us from COVID woes. We have set up a ceramics studio for Heidi and a very comfortable library for me. I also dabble in ceramic sculpture and creative woodworking. I hope to be inspired to write poetry again, as I did at Knox.” > **Terry Bruner**: “Prior to the pandemic, my husband and I travelled extensively. When the pandemic struck, we were in Sunnyvale, California, visiting family. Little did we know that Sunnyvale was pretty much the center of the California pandemic! We were fortunate to get a flight home and entered lockdown. We spent most of the time we were sheltering in place doing landscaping and other small home improvements. I also started sewing—something I had not done since 8th grade. I am not much better than I was in 8th grade, unfortunately! We are well, survived the isolation, and were among the first in town to be fortunate enough to get our vaccinations. We are slowly getting back to ‘normal’ and are starting to

do some limited travel. We are grateful for our family and friends." > **Steve Freese:** "After Knox and completing my M.A. in economics and Ph.D. in marine studies, I helped manage domestic and international fisheries with stints in Delaware, Washington, D.C., and most recently, Seattle. I am entering my fourth year of retirement. I'm still trying to master my retirement courses: fitness (skipped too many classes), literature, electric guitar, finance, community service, and communications. My wife and I replaced our rickety deck on our Hood Canal cabin, and we now comfortably watch the water go up and down over the oyster beds." > **Fritz Ketchum (Mary Alice):** "From 2012 to 2018, David and I lived in Austin Texas, where I concentrated on my work in professional theater. I guest-directed for numerous companies, winning awards for best direction for a variety of productions. I appeared in numerous productions, including at Zach Theatre (Equity). I also was a guest artist/director for Southwestern University Theatre Department in Georgetown. Due to downsizing at David's Austin job, we had to relocate nearly four years ago to the northern parts of Dallas. I have been mostly teaching as an adjunct professor for University of Texas-Dallas. We both lost our jobs last spring during COVID. It took my husband a full year to find another position—luckily, the new job did not require us to move again. We built a home in McKinney and continue to work towards retirement." > **Peter Bailey:** "I retired at the end of 2018 after 30+ years working for one of the best places (Knox College!) in one of the best fields (higher education!) Since then ... dodged COVID ... now grandkid-sitting, studying interesting artifacts in the Knox College Archives, and self-teaching guitar—thanks to encouragement from Knox roomies **Phil Malkinson, Rick Swartwout, and Bruce MacMurray.**" > **David Usher:** "I am not lazy in retirement. Supply-side socioeconomic policy is moving forward at Civitas Economic Engineering with legislation transcending the political divide between Left and Right, and secular vs. religious. My model empowers each family and business to achieve the fundamental outcomes commonly desired via inexpensive and effective facilitative statutory tools. Empowering intersectional interests are far stronger motivators of individual and community success, and natural cultural bonding than today's divide-and-conquer punitive chaos caused by divergent cult ideologies presently driving public policy and law. I am having a good summer playing lots of music. I'm in two old-time bluegrass/folk/oldies/CW bands. I developed a new four-pick banjo technique that can play 12 styles interchangeably and do new things like rhythm for reggae tunes. I always hated banjo that had only one sound that never quits. We are getting rave reviews on gigsalad." > **Marie Winters** is getting ready to resume traveling! She and her husband plan on vacationing in Colorado with friends, hiking and eating well. Marie has also joined the Education Advisory

Committee, a global committee of senior investment professionals that advises the CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst) Institute on required curricula for CFA credentialing. As international travel returns more broadly, Marie is eagerly looking forward to meeting her fellow committee members in various cities overseas. > We just received word that **Boyd Eliot Vieregge** passed away on November 10, 2016. The son of Elvin "Jim" George Vieregge and Billie Louise Merry Vieregge, Boyd was born in 1952. After graduating from Knox College, he attended the University of South Carolina for two years and returned to the family farm after his father's death. He worked at the State of Illinois Department of Children and Family Services as a child abuse investigator, retiring in 2003 after 25 years. He married Lida J. Merten in 1978. Boyd is survived by his wife, three children and five grandchildren. **Class Correspondent: Monta Lee Dakin**
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For most of us, it's year #50 since our high school graduation. Did you participate in any related activities? > **Gary Pokorn** is on his school's committee, which has postponed its 2021 celebration until 2022. "We are going to invite the classes ahead and behind our 1971 class to join us, so when we finally gather it will be quite a hoop-de-do! Speaking of 'hoops,' I plan to return to Knox for 2021 Homecoming and my annual ritual of attending the Knox-Lombard Athletic Hall of Fame dinner to congratulate the new inductees." Gary continues, "Oracle plans for us employees to continue to work from home and on Zoom until calendar year 2022." > **Lynne Barney Porter** also got involved, working with a group of nine other women to plan a virtual celebration scheduled to take place on June 15. "My high school is the oldest and now only public, all-female high school remaining in the U.S. In 2019, we celebrated 175 years of existence." Lynne continues, "I am enjoying retirement life and my five-year-old grandson. I raised two girls, so being with a boy child is a completely different experience but I am loving every minute of it. Pre-pandemic, I traveled often and am waiting to get back to that once the world is safer." > **Dave Langston** sends well-wishes and adds "COVID sucks—hoping to travel, host visitors who are traveling, and lose my COVID 19+ lbs!" > **Nancy Butts Taylor** writes, "I retired in June 2019 as chief strategy and leadership officer for the County of Riverside, California. Now my time is spent doing some consulting in leadership and organization development, playing golf, and rescuing labs. Life is full and fun! I hope everyone is happy, healthy and enjoying a maskless summer." > Some classmates sent work-or-retirement-related updates: > **Michael Lincoln:** "Beginning 2021, I am officially retired as faculty in the School of Theater at Ohio University after the last eight years as director of the school and

18 years as a faculty member. I continue to serve as artistic director of Tantrum Theater, the professional theater of the university. I also will continue my professional lighting design career but plan on more travel for enjoyment rather than work." Michael adds, "It was really encouraging to see the strides that Knox made in the last 10 years under Teresa Amott, particularly the growth in the endowment. I look forward to the developments under **Andrew McGadney**, who seems like a great choice." > **Paula Ochs** writes, "I am still working (25 years now) as a family therapist at a small not-for-profit counseling agency in New Jersey where I am the associate clinical director. I also continue to work in my private practice teaching family therapy and psychodrama, supervising, and doing therapy. I have been invited to attend a conference in Assisi, Italy, next June, and I can't wait to pack my bags! Husband John and I love Italy and travel in general. I sometimes think about cutting back on work, but I'm not quite ready to do that just yet." > **Phil Thomason** contributed, "As a sign of a return to normalcy, I attended my first in-person conference last week since the pandemic started. I was one of the speakers at the *Keeping History Above Water* conference in Charleston, South Carolina. I have been working with communities for several years on how to make their historic downtowns and neighborhoods more resilient to flooding and sea level rise. We got to visit a number of historic homes in Charleston which have been elevated anywhere from three to eight feet to get them above existing and projected flood levels. It felt great to go to a conference again and visit with friends and colleagues." > Other classmates sent leisure-related updates, like this from **Nan Ward:** "I retired from Caterpillar after 27 years, and husband, Don, and I moved to Normal, Illinois, in January and are enjoying mostly outdoor activities so far. I'm logging about 8 to 12 miles of trail walking per day and just bought a new bike so I could start riding the trails again. We also like to do a little swing dancing when there's somewhere to go. I look forward to my high school 50th reunion in September." > And this: "**Joseph 'Shep' Crumrine** here in Milwaukee. We were part of a 200-person masked audience at the final performance of the Milwaukee Symphony in their new home, the restored 1931 Warner Theater, the only remaining 'Palace' Theater in Milwaukee. Somehow all the art deco survived after being 'dark' for decades. We were also the only audience able to hear a large enough orchestra to do a Beethoven Symphony—players all masked and on their own stands six feet apart (brass and winds did not have masks). We also attended the 50th anniversary Juneteenth Parade in Milwaukee on the first official Juneteenth federal holiday. Finally, I plan to play in a string quartet—waltzes, jazz, and tangos—on the roof of Charles E. Fromage (that's French for Chuck E. Cheese), a wine and beer bistro later this summer." > **Timothy and Valerie (Hiatt) Burke** shared, "We are spending the pan-

democratic breakout summer reconnecting with family who are spread out from Asheville to Anchorage. Valerie spends a lot of time in her fused glass studio and I do the same thing in my music room.” > Thanks, everyone!

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Greetings classmates! I hope you will be attending our 45-year Homecoming celebration in October. The big news is that the famous kazoo band will not make an appearance at the football game this year. We instead have decided to practice for five more years and make a grand appearance at our 50th! > Homecoming will still be great. **Christine Ross Gould** has promised to provide formulas for purple and gold beverages to liven up our celebration. We are planning a few get-togethers (details are evolving as this is written), and **Mike Godsil** is organizing a very interesting panel discussion on Saturday at 4 pm of current faculty to talk about some interdisciplinary programs for the 21st century. > I received a note from **John Hailperin** who now resides in Long Beach Island, New Jersey. John would enjoy hearing from fellow classmates and is pleased to now be residing in his beach home. I also received a note from **Mary Marselus Rosic**. Mary wrote that she and her husband, **George**, are blessed to have five grandsons, three in Colorado and two in New Hampshire. Mary has been retired from teaching kindergarten since June 2016. They recently drove from their home in Illinois to New Hampshire to deliver a new puppy to her son and his family. In Mary’s words, “We picked up the puppy on January 22 and drove for two days through freezing temperatures with a two-month-old puppy. We arrived without incident to deliver the puppy to a very grateful family.” Mary noted she survived COVID by weekly Zoom calls with two of her best Knox friends, **Tammy Walker Myers** and **Frannie Ott Colby**. “In this way the pandemic has brought us even closer. Tammy recently moved from the Galesburg area to Cheraw, South Carolina. Fran and I are looking forward to visiting her there.” > During our COVID times, you may have noticed that people started cleaning closets and attics. This led to an even increased popularity of the radio show hosted by **Tom Morgan** ’78 on Saturday mornings in the Chicago area. Tom has run a sports collectible business for decades and his Saturday a.m. radio show discussing baseball cards and sports collectibles has become quite popular. > I was in the St. Louis area earlier this year and saw classmates **Craig Steele** and **Rick Truttmann**. Both are doing well and joined many of us who attended a BBQ at the home of **Ray Albertina** ’79. Earlier this year, I attended the #Knox ProudDay virtual event with many of our fellow classmates. The event was a great financial success for the College as contributions soared on this day. And, it was lots of fun. There were

numerous classmates at our class event that was organized by **Keith Maskus**, **Chris Ross Gould**, and **Ann Feldman Perille**. Attendees included **Jerry Erjavec**, the famous chemistry major from Conger 2 (where **Graham Woodward** and **Dave Farmer** lived), **Mike Godsil**, who has taught several classes at Knox and is currently teaching photojournalism, and **Bill Wickart** and **Barb Epstein**, who both reside on the West Coast, and **Mike Widerschein** and **Rob Thornburg** (famous residents from the Sellow dorm) plus Knox trustee and classmate **Keith Maskus**. **Tom Farrell** was on the call as well and discussed his new book, which will be a prequel to his current book *Wager Easy*, and has been very well received by critics. > I got a note from **Ann Murray Smith**. Ann recently had a nice visit with **Steve** and **Sally Etheridge** after they moved into their new house in Rockford, Illinois. Sally was gracious enough to share dozens of perennials from her garden (the previous owner was a master gardener), which Ann transplanted into the community garden she co-manages in Racine, Wisconsin. Ann is enjoying her tenth year of retirement, spending the majority of her time with five grandkids, gardening, quilting and relaxing at a cabin up north. Ann noted that she and her husband just completed digging up the backyard for a perennial bed that will look spectacular in three years. Ann says hello to fellow ’76ers, who are invited to stop in Racine on their next road trip around the southern tip of Lake Michigan. > I heard (via Facebook) from **Bill Wickart**. Bill and his wife, Deb, have been quite busy battling Deb’s serious illness. They both have great attitudes and are continuing with their dance class during these rough months. Deb even completed her Ph.D. while going through her treatments. Bill still works in the constantly changing world of internal planning software and also does some AI work. He and Deb have had some recent interesting trips in Oregon, where they reside and they are hopeful the enormous Oregon wildfires will soon subside. > Yours truly did attend the famous Phi Delt Fiji golf outing this past June. This year, nearly 40 golfers attended—primarily Knox grads from the classes of ’75-’81. The Phi Delt finally found a way to not lose this year, as the golf event was rained out. **Brian Sullivan** ’79 (who works in the Hawthorne Woods area of Illinois) attended the event this year, as did **Glenn Schlichting** ’81. **Merlon Schuneman**’s ’75 foursome behaved the best during the rainout, so they got to bring home the beautiful first place trophy that may soon be the subject of a garage sale. > That is all for now. Send me a note sometime to keep in touch, and I hope to see you in Galesburg in the fall.

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Hello all! I hope everyone has weathered the pandemic and is back to enjoying life with family

and friends. I had dinner last night with **Rick Swanborg** ’76 and his wife, Ann. They are splitting their time between Sarasota, Florida, and their home base in Cohasset, Massachusetts. Daughter Emily is getting married in September, and son Matt is doing well and recently got a work promotion. > **Roger Strukhoff** will be a first-time grandfather by the time you read this news. Daughter Alexandra and hubby live in Hartford, Connecticut. Roger plans to speak at a public event “with real people in attendance” in October 2021—the first time since January 2020. He also reports: “**Stacy Womack** stopped by my place in DeKalb in June, and it was the first time since 1977 that we had seen each other! Stacy lives in the Nashville, Tennessee, area and was in Illinois to visit a grandchild and to see old Phi Delt and Fiji buddies.” > **Bob Nordgren** wrote: “All is well here, and I’m still working on retirement one of these days. I am currently trying to sell two companies at once! My three sons, two daughters-in-law, two stepsons and adopted son are all doing well. I just bought a Ford Fairlane from my birth year in preparation for having nothing else to do!” > From **Maureen Fitzsimon**: “Life is very good. I recently moved to San Antonio to be closer to relatives, after living in Austin and attending the University of Texas. The last election was very interesting to me, from the perspective of my poli sci major at Knox.” > **Ron Presley**’s oldest daughter, **Elizabeth Bazan** ’05, got in touch with the sad news that Ron passed away in May 2021 due to injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. Ron was a founder of the Knox Intersvarsity Christian Fellowship chapter. He received his master of divinity in 1988 from Denver Baptist Theological Seminary after serving as an officer for seven years in the Wheat Ridge, Colorado Police Department. He served as a senior pastor to three congregations in Texas, Iowa, and Illinois. In retirement, Ron enjoyed gardening, home improvement, car repairs, finding deals on Craigslist, and playing with his grandchildren. > **Doug Hill** says he retired, but I don’t believe him. If he really did, he set an office record of spending 38 years prosecuting state and federal cases. “I planned to spend my last month in office using up my vacation time but ended up on a four-week murder trial. Oh, well.” > I had a visit with **Ed Jepson** recently, and he regaled me with the details of his new, upgraded speaker system for his already amazing stereo. As **Mitch Baker** ’76 and **Brian Bond** can attest, listening to our old Allman Brothers, Grateful Dead, Joni Mitchell and (insert your favorite album here) tunes while drinking a PBR at Ed’s is a near religious experience. > **Kathryn Nolte North** got in touch: “Twenty years ago I became an ordained Lutheran minister, and I am now located in Oak Park, Illinois. Three years ago, we were putting a new roof on our church when a roofer’s torch started a fire that roared through the attic space. Fortunately, the fire department is very nearby and the few people who were in the building on a

PAUL '78 AND SUSAN HAERR ZUCKER '78 HAVE DECIDED TO

weekday got out safely. Still, the entire interior needed to be restored, and we had to move to a rental space. The restoration took 20 months to complete, and three months before completion, everything closed down due to the pandemic. And, the insurance company is fighting us over the rebuilding cost. Still, I love what I do, as it has great meaning and purpose. And I love hearing about what everyone is up to, although I rarely can make it to Homecoming because the weekends are busy for me.” > I caught up with **Kris Zamrazil** on the phone. She recently made the big break from Austin, Texas, where she has been living since graduation, by selling her “perfect” house in Austin and committing to living in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Santa Fe is smaller and is more of an artistic community, and it’s closer to hiking and the great outdoors that she loves. After six months of exhausting moves, she is looking to buy a place soon. > **Mitch Baker** '76 and his wife, Karen, have purchased some land in Oaxaca, Mexico, and are building a casa de retiro there. They recently rescued a litter of kittens in Oaxaca and drove back to Denver with them in tow, where they have found new homes. > For those who haven’t heard, **Dennis Gilbert** shared that **Tom Deets** passed away in 2018. He is survived by his son, Ted, and former wife, Sherry.

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Thanks to **Susan Hughey Walker** for sharing that her oldest son, Zach, finally got married this July in San Diego! It was originally planned for 2020 but pushed to July 2021, two days before her 65th birthday! Her stepdaughter was married last Thanksgiving, so just that leaves her youngest son to tie the knot. She still loves working at Bank of America, so retirement is a few years away. Life is good! > Also, thanks to **John Luthy**, who is making his new house his home with remodeling and an electrical upgrade to include a whole-house standby generator. Beyond that, he sees **Bob Thompson** periodically as he travels to the Chicago area to visit his mom, who is in an assisted living facility. He makes a point to stop and see **Bill Anderson** and **Tom Morgan** whenever possible on his trips up north. His grandson (now age two!) just finished his first “swim lesson” class and apparently without fear jumped off the diving board! He has a feeling he will be a handful when he is older. Now that things are opening up, he has tickets to see REO Speedwagon and Head East (remember them playing at Knox?) as well as an excellent Led Zeppelin cover band called Get the Led Out. He also reports that **Kim Estler** is part of a group of scooter enthusiasts who are riding from Maine to California (which is 4,500 miles) and doing it in 10 days! Luth asked Kim to post on the class Facebook site: www.facebook.com/KnoxCollege1978 (which I did not know we had until just now—I am a little

behind the times on social media). > **Faith Miller** says, “I’m going to Iceland with my entire family for a long weekend at the end of July.” She just found out they need COVID tests to return to the U.S. despite all being fully vaccinated, so one of their two days is going to be spent trying to do that. > **Chris Pogue Allison** reports that she and her husband, John, have retired from teaching. John taught biology at the high school in Galesburg, and Chris taught at one of the junior highs. Their oldest daughter is living in St. Louis, teaching at Washington University, and getting married next August. Their youngest is living in Appleton, Wisconsin, and works in the alumni department at Lawrence. Chris still keeps in touch with many of her Knox friends, including traveling often to see **Don Bonet**, **Norma Britton Bonet**, **Barb Andrae Baker**, and **Ed Baker**. She passes on her greetings to all of the wonderful people in the class of '78! > **Paul and Susan Haerr Zucker** have decided to become snowbirds. Paul decided one day that he no longer likes cold weather, so they bought a condo in Florida. Paul and Susan plan to divide their time between Beverly Shores, Indiana, and Naples, Florida, starting in November. > **Tanna Cullen** reports that, “We were blessed to welcome our first grandchild, William Prout, last October. He was such a bright spot in a difficult year of furloughs and lock downs during the pandemic. His mother (**Rachel** '11) and paternal grandfather (**Bob Prout** '73) also attended Knox. Our oldest son, Timothy, graduated from law school in May, and we were able to attend in person. They allowed a total of about 400 of us to be socially distanced in a huge stadium. Still, it was quite a highlight and proud moment for us, and we were grateful to be there. Finally, our youngest daughter, Rebecca, is expecting our second grandchild, due early October. We are thrilled to celebrate all our children!” Thanks, Tanna, for sharing and congrats on the great family! > It was also great to hear from **Tom Daker**. His son got married last October and lives in Los Angeles. His daughter got married in June and lives in Lincoln Park in Chicago. Tom started playing a good amount of golf again along with tennis and now pickleball. Great to hear that such a great athlete is back in the game! He says he is still living in Chicago and enjoying the White Sox success and the failed season of the Cubs. He plans to visit Knox this fall for a football game, and he will be spending some time in Palm Desert in January or February, and the month of March in Naples, Florida, the pickleball capital of the world. I am sensing a Naples, Florida, theme here. > **Tim Hays** took time out of his hectic schedule running a manufacturing company near Pittsburgh to report that he is working hard managing their way through the pandemic, and he is finally beginning to see a rising market in a couple of key customer bases. He says, “Like most people, we have been doing house and yard projects. The place has never looked so good as a result.” His oldest son moved back to Pittsburgh at the be-

ginning of the year, and he and his wife gave birth to their first grandchild in March. Tim and **Deb Gottfried Hays** '79 are excited to be grandparents for the first time and are very happy that they are now close by so they can watch the little guy grow up. Their son Matt is still living in Astoria, New York City, and is working in banking. He will be starting an evening online MBA in August at Indiana University. His twin just moved to Columbus to take on a new job in supply chain management with a national retailer and to be in the same town with her longtime boyfriend. “Those long-distance relationships are hard, don’t Debbie and I know that.” > As for me, I enjoyed seeing Fijis and Phi Deltis for the Paul Brauer annual golf outing and was pleased that the Fijis managed a tie, despite a loaded Phi Delt team (rained out as it poured all day but we enjoyed some adult beverages in the lounge). I am looking forward to my first Colorado Knox Club outing in a few weeks outside Denver. Best to all and stay safe!

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Dave Workman and his wife, Beth, have added another granddaughter to their growing family. In addition, the Workmans bought an RV and are traveling the country visiting national parks. Dave continues to run his own business adding an associate partner to help with his increasing client base. He would like to congratulate **Annette Andresen O'Donnely** '82 for her induction into the Knox Hall of Fame and knows she would tell everyone it would not have been possible without Dave’s and **Ed Eshoo’s** '82 coaching. > **Paul Greenwood** writes that he and his wife, Tracey, stayed home like most of us during the pandemic. Tracey (furloughed at the time from her part-time gig at Disney) did a lot of sewing: started with making clothes (tops, dresses, and skorts) by copying some of her favorite pieces, then moved to making masks, then taught herself some new art skills doing cut-paper art, drawing, and watercolors, then started her hand at digital art on an iPad. Paul worked a lot from home at the start of the pandemic and then on the University of Tampa campus. Golf was safe, so he played about once a week to keep from going bonkers. They also are excited about the new Knox president, **Andy McGadney**, and look forward to him and his family being at Knox. They knew the McGadneys in Maine, where they actually bought the Greenwoods’ house when they moved to Florida. > **Kevin Landgrebe** reports that he published a book titled *So you want to get an A in chemistry: Clear explanations, guided solutions, and tips to help you*

succeed. The book is intended for high school and college students and for those studying for advanced placement tests. He wrote it in a very colloquial style with the hope that students will feel like they're engaged in an office hours-like visit in which they get the most important facts and understand pitfalls for each topic. > **Jeff Cernek** writes he has been happily living and working in Glenview with his wife since 1987. They have three adult sons who are now 28, 23, and 22. Jeff has been practicing law in Glenview in his own firm since 1985, concentrating on real estate and estate planning. In 2018, he started a rock band called the Wise Guys with some friends. Jeff plays lead guitar. They perform in Chicago area clubs and bars approximately two times a month, and he is having the time of his life. Maybe check them out! > **Meribeth Nudelman:** "Hello from Grand Rapids, Michigan. In these difficult times, my family has been extremely lucky with jobs, no illnesses, and even a wedding. Both of my daughters live in London, England. My older daughter planned an extremely small, COVID-friendly wedding but, like the rest of the world, the rules kept changing, and she and her fiancé kept adapting. As of Saturday, October 31, those plans were for 13 guests on November 21. On Halloween night a lockdown was announced that would go into effect November 4 at midnight—and last at least until early December. Both daughters sprang into action and moved everything to Tuesday, November 3. Luckily my husband and I had planned to arrive on Monday, November 2, so we could quarantine. The wedding was held with 10 guests from two families and it was beautiful, and then we quarantined! That's my news."

> **George Eaton** wrote to tell us he retired on July 30. Congratulations! > **Roy** and Colleen are doing well in Austin. "We are enjoying babysitting our grandson Grayson two days a week. He's awesome! Took a long nice July 4th weekend to North Carolina and the Appalachian Trail for a family reunion. Really fun! Take care all."

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Jane Strode Miller: "My time as Lily's CEO is coming to an end as the company was acquired by Hershey's in June. I am super excited to announce a new company I am co-founding that is focused on solving the chicken and egg dilemma for college students: you can't get a job without experience and you can't get experience without a job! We will be doing a pilot with Knox's career center this winter term, so check us out at www.thebaevn.com." > **David Brackman:** "I have lived in Tampa, Florida, since January 1985. Before that, I worked at the *Galesburg Register-Mail* for three years until mid-August 1984, when I quit so I could go to Chicago and follow the

Cubs' historic playoff run. (I went to every home game, including the two playoff games, often accompanied by **George Graettinger** '84.) But that bitterly-cold winter, **Rick Glazar** '78 and I packed up my Oldsmobile and moved south for good. I spent 10 years as a newspaper reporter at the *St. Petersburg Times* and later worked at a handful of other media outlets as a writer and editor. Later, I worked as director of public relations for the USISL pro soccer league and in a similar capacity at an online real estate company. I've been freelancing during the pandemic, but I am considering returning to a PR job for another five years or so before retiring. I've been married since 1994 to Sue, a redhead from Connecticut. Our only child, Danny (who is not a redhead), will be 25 in November. He graduated from Denison University, a Division III school in Ohio, in 2019 with a degree in economics. At Denison, he played on the varsity baseball team, compiling a 16-5 record with a 3.62 ERA as a (mostly) starting pitcher. Denison had never appeared in the NCAA tournament until 2018 and Danny pitched in the NCAAs that year and again in 2019. > I was able to attend nearly 20 of Denison's games in both of Danny's final two years. Because he only played three years as an undergrad, he was recruited by Division I Ohio University to play while pursuing a master's degree in sports management. He appeared in five games for Ohio before the pandemic abruptly ended the season—and with it, his college career. Danny found a job with the New York Yankees; he has been working at their minor league complex in Tampa since May 2021, with the goal of becoming a scout. Sue and I are very happy for him, although we anticipate the day that he moves out and we finally can return to empty nest status. I enjoy returning to Chicago every year to see Knox Fiji and Phi Delt friends for the Paul Brauer '78 Golf Challenge, which marked its 10th year in June 2021. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our class's 40th Reunion, which will also include a commemorative event to mark the 100th anniversary of the Knox Gamma Deuteron of Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) fraternity chapter house on Saturday after the football game." > **Belinda (Morrill) Meader:** "My husband and I have semi-retired to Tanque Verde, Arizona. Besides getting used to the very remarkable weather (110°+ dry early summer months and very humid torrential rains and flash floods of the late summer monsoon months), we are enjoying getting to know the wide-ranging wildlife of Saguaro Park East ... javelina, bobcat, mountain lion, pack rat, desert squirrel, rattlesnake, roadrunner, and desert hare (besides scorpions, tarantulas, whip scorpions, camelback spiders, and "kissing bugs") ... and yes, we have seen every single one of these on our property, as we neighbor the park. I can testify that the critters do not recognize park boundaries! In addition to our off-roading in our Jeep Rubicon (in Arizona and other places of the Wild West), we

are doing a bit of Tucson real estate on the side. It's all keeping us young. We are big believers in life-long learning! If you recall, I was from Maine. When I went off to Knox, my parents would tell friends and family that I had gone 'out west' to go to school. It is all a matter of perspective, isn't it?" > **Warren Krup:** "I am in year two of chemotherapy for my cancer. The good news is that I'm still fighting. I'm tired a lot and have stomach distress (a nice way of saying diarrhea), but at least I have not been throwing up. Even though I was tired, I did complete a 60-mile bike ride several weeks ago. I was hoping to work up to a century ride this summer, but the 60-miler left me badly exhausted for over a week. So that will be my long ride until I am past cancer treatments. Grandchild #10 was born to my son and his wife. Michael Krup came into the world with a smile on his face. He is a content baby, does not cry much, and is greatly loved by his three brothers. Eight of my 10 grandkids live within 40 minutes, so we get to see them frequently." > **Annette Johnston:** "I have retired from Abbott Laboratories, and started my own small contracting/consulting firm. I am the first employee. AAJ Project Consulting provides project managers for technical and validation projects for life sciences companies. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Homecoming this year." > **Steve Tatge:** "Not a lot of news to report—very happy to be fully vaccinated and returning to something like normal! I have a new interim position as associate vice president for asset management, still at the University of Washington, and likely will know if that's permanent by the time this is published. I lead the delivery of all capital projects, in-house engineering services, capital project planning, design oversight, and the sustainability office. Otherwise, in what little spare time I have, I spend as much time on my bike as I can, including a challenging 220-mile bike-packing ride mostly on gravel in Eastern Washington over Father's Day weekend. I've again taken the guitar up after about a 39-year hiatus, which I guess is what you do at our age. Cheaper than a sports car, and it's definitely my happy place. Luckily, I have a spouse who likes her alone time! Hope you and family are all well!" > **John Nicolau:** "After selling our IT consulting company to a large, global company in 2018, I knew they'd eventually want me out. So rather than be pushed, I beat them to the punch and left at the end of June to join another firm with a practice focus and a culture more suited to my skill set. While I still believe there is plenty of fuel still left in the proverbial tank, I'm grateful to have such an opportunity in the twilight of my career. My wife celebrated her 40th anniversary as an ICU nurse in early July with the same hospital system and plans to continue working, at least for a few more years. We are very fortunate that all four of our adult children live within 30 minutes of our home here on the North Shore of Chicagoland. Three are married and we welcomed our second granddaughter in May. Everyone is healthy and gainfully em-

ployed. Look forward to seeing fellow classmates in Galesburg this fall for our 40th Reunion."

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Lots of news from the class of '82. Thanks to all who contacted me to share their stories! › Congratulations to **Cindy Wilson** for receiving the Dawn Clark Netsch Award for Public Service from the Northwestern Law Alumni Association. The award recognizes alumni for exceptional career achievements and government service or public interest. This news was sent to us by her proud father, Professor Doug Wilson. › Our condolences to **Sharon Schillereff** on the loss of her father, Herb Schillereff. › From **Karl Benson**: "Our pandemic story might be slightly off center from what we all read in the news. My wife and I are partners in a small culinary business—www.cooksofrocushill.com in Saint Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota. We've been at it for 23 years. Cooking schools, culinary retail, eComm, crop shares, private events. Pandemic. We closed March 16, 2020, and furloughed 106 employees. The five leaders formed a bubble of immediate families and each other, that was it. We worked seven days a week to keep things in place. E-commerce took off. Reduced re-openings May, retail only. George Floyd. Riots, looting, National Guard, mayhem. Closed again. On July 13, 2020, we opened a pop-up bakery in our Minneapolis location. Schools were still closed. On July 16, our bakery partner closed his restaurant and bakery. On July 17, we committed to hiring his bakery team and building our own bakery, and we opened Bellecour Bakery at Cooks on September 17, 2020. Schools were still closed. We survived the holiday season 2020, and the bakery continues to accelerate. Steady return of retail business and clients. Supply chain nightmares. Customers, terrible inventory levels. May 28, 2021, the mask mandated lifted, schools can reopen, back to full capacity. On July 13, 2021, we opened a bakery in our Saint Paul location. Booking event business starting September 2021. Business is coming back. Feeling so appreciative. Still happily married, tired and hoping to get back to a five-day work week!" › Congratulations to **Constance Pilkington** who says: "After 35+ years of teaching, remote teaching took the last joy out of being a professor for me: connecting personally with the students. I guess Knox still runs through my veins. So I retired from William & Mary in August 2020. I'm still getting used to that word and will most likely never get used to the fact that I'm (we are) old enough to retire!" › **Kate Gingold** writes of new opportunities: "After many years with no big changes, husband, **Don** '81, and I are finally making a big change. We just put our home of 30+ years up for sale and trust it will be sold by the time the next *Knox Magazine* is published. We raised our kids in Naperville, Illinois,

and started our business here, but with the 'kids' and their respective spouses settled in their own homes, a big house doesn't seem right for us any longer. We're not retiring, but both our web development business and my writing are portable, so we look forward to traveling with our laptops. Maybe we'll be snowbirds. Maybe we'll drive an RV. We're still figuring it out! I'll miss the community and my garden, but we're looking forward to new adventures. We spent the COVID year fixing up the house and working from home, which we've done since 1996 anyway, and we took advantage of even barely nice days to visit family out-of-doors and socially distanced so we weren't too lonely. Everyone stayed healthy and we're eager to do something different this year. Hope all is well with the rest of the class of '82. Can't believe our 40th is just around the corner!" › And from **Fred Reifsteck**: "I will complete my 19th year in December at the University of Georgia Health Center in the sports medicine clinic. I also serve as the head team physician for the Athletic Department. In 2020, I was awarded the SEC (Southeastern Conference) Team Physician of the Year award. With the pandemic, I only received the award this year. The pandemic year made for a difficult time keeping the teams healthy enough to compete. On a personal note, I remain happily married to my wife, Joyce, and we will celebrate our 33rd anniversary in December. I have one son, entering the 9th grade this year, **Fred Reifsteck IV**." › A quick note from **Greg Bird** said that he and his family are fine—including his two Knox graduates, **John** '15 and **Lauren** '17. The legacy goes on! › New career announcement from **Lisa Dupras**: "After 16 years at Merck as an HR IT account manager, I'm retiring in July! **Rich** '83 has graciously agreed to keep working for the benefits. I'm going to be starting my own part-time business as a career coach, and I'll be focusing on millennials like us who retire and are looking for fun, interesting second careers. Interested Knox alums, call me!" › And last, a big congratulations to **Annette Andresen O'Donnely** on being inducted into the Knox-Lombard Athletic Hall of Fame! › **Tim** and I are glad to be vaccinated and out of hibernation. Looking forward to seeing you at Homecoming, Class of '82!

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Hope everyone is enjoying 2021. **Andrea Selymes Kolczynski** reports that she has moved to Texas to be near her grandchildren, and her mother is now living with her and her husband. A multigenerational experience for all involved; congrats to Andrea. › **Rose Martin Schneider** lives in Tucson and was hoping to see **Cindy May**

Schmidt, but COVID prevailed. They will plan another trip soon. Rose's high school daughter, Emma, keeps her busy, and the Schneiders will be a host family to an exchange student from Chile this fall. Sounds exciting and what a wonderful commitment to promoting positivity! Between Arizona White Sox spring training games and a trip to the All Star Game in Denver, Rose had a stellar year for her baseball fandom. Rose and her family spent three weeks traveling throughout the northwestern part of Costa Rica. Rose and her daughter went to a Spanish immersion school for a week in Monteverde. Costa Rica is a beautiful country and the people are so friendly, Rose reported. › Did you know our class has a Facebook page? It's an easy and timely way to keep up with your classmates and to prepare for our 40th reunion in 2023. I will share Knox-related updates, so it's doubly helpful to join us there on Facebook. Simply search for *Knox Class of 1983*. › If you have any updates, no matter how small, please email me with your news.

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Hello classmates! It's hard to believe that most of us started at Knox exactly 40 years ago. In September 1981 we lined up for our first Knox Pumphandle, we registered for freshman precept in-person (back then, online registration meant lining up in the hot gym), and we set up our records, cassette tapes, and typewriters with our freshman roommates who continue to be close, lifelong friends today. › We are always happy to hear from you! **Gioconda Cabalceta** wrote, "I am working for Amazon in the fraud department, surviving pandemic times, longing for tourism to return. My daughter, **Crista**, 26, is in medical school and my son, **Santi**, 24, is into the arts." (In normal times, Gioconda gives extensive tours of the Costa Rican rainforest.) › **Dale Dilworth** wrote, "Well, new for me, and perhaps a high in my career, was being asked to be the commencement speaker this year for the class of 2021 in Cuernavaca of the American School Foundation of Mexico City. This was in front of an audience of 600 people and 300 on livestream. I've also started teaching an elective there called Comparative Film and Novel Study, that looks at the choices made when going from the written form to the big screen. This will be my sixth year living in CDMX (and 16th year in Mexico) with my wife and two children." Congratulations to Dale! › **Julia Di Liberti** wrote, "Hi, everybody, it has been a while since I've shared any news. I just finished a year-long EPIC (Education Partnership for Internationalizing Curriculum) fellowship with Stanford University, creating an eight-week

course on globalization for faculty and staff. To my surprise, nine colleagues signed up for the course, and five are regularly attending (as we know, faculty are the worst students). This past January, I became the interim president of the Illinois Community College Faculty Association (ICCFA), an educational advisory board that represents all 48 community colleges in Illinois. If you work at a community college in Illinois or know someone who does, have them contact me; I want to rope them into serving. For summer fun, I’m serving as a docent for the very amazing Frida Kahlo show that is currently at the College of DuPage. (What? How did WE get this show ... short version: One of the people instrumental in founding the College of DuPage [where I work] was friends with the son of one of Diego Rivera’s mistresses. If you’re exhausted by that sentence ... well, just come and see the show). Last week, two friends and I went on a scavenger hunt in Naperville, Illinois, and ended up at the Dick Tracy statue there. The last time I saw that statue was with **Robin Carre** when he and I spent a day together knocking around doing nothing. Needless to say, Robin is often on my mind, but last week I got to introduce him, again, to two non-Knox friends, telling stories about him that still make me laugh. I still have a stupid cheap-ass dish scraper that I picked up that day that Robin and I spent together: We went into the overpriced kitchen store to look around and I picked up this really useful piece of plastic that I use dang near every day, so Robin hangs out with me on a regular basis as I see it. I see **Paul Steenis** less than I’d like, having only intermittent Facebook contact with him. Two years ago, I took a continuing education ukulele class at the school where I teach and, when I walked into the class, the instructor turned out to be **Todd Volker!** He was excellent, funny, and unflappable. And in two years, I’ve learned to play ... uh, four ... yes, I think I have four ... songs on the uke by memory! Every two weeks, though, I get together with a group of friends to exchange music, poetry, writing, and scenes from plays. **Ed Janosky** should be looking soon for his invitation to join us. **Laura Bond Young** and **Maura Shea** ’84 are back in my life. Laura is still practicing psychotherapy in New York and handling her Airbnb in Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania. **Patricia Bereck Weikersheimer** ’86 finally read a short story I recommended to her three years ago on Facebook. We both delighted in it: Saki’s “The Stalled Ox,” so if you want a good laugh and a nice bit of satire, check it out. **Lisa Crank** and I exchange voice messages occasionally and I dropped off some cookies once or twice for her during COVID. **Mark Penn**, after having done *locum* medical stints in Guam, for an Arizona prison, and in New Zealand, has landed in Cathedral City, California. He continues to practice medicine and regales me with amusing medical anecdotes. I’m planning on going to see him over my winter break and to make sure his toilet paper roll is properly set up ... with the under method

NOT the over. That’s right. You all read that correctly; call me a radical if you will, but there it is. Finally, (I’m sure you’re glad to read that word, “finally”) I now live with a cat. And yes. Yes indeed. I’ve gone off the cat-obsessed-cliff. I’m enjoying the fall immensely.” Thank you, Julia, for your news and for bringing a smile! > **Lee Wooley** writes: “After 30+ years working for the Northern Trust Company and BNY Mellon, I’ve recently been asked to join Metallicus, the holding company for a cryptocurrency company that is attempting to become the first federally chartered, FDIC-insured cryptocurrency-oriented bank in the United States. Working with digital assets, cryptocurrencies, and blockchain technology are a major change from my prior experience as president of the mid-Atlantic region for BNY Mellon Wealth Management, but I’m enjoying the challenge and appreciate the ability to work from our home along the Yellowstone River in Gardiner, Montana.” > Friends, I am closing with a few words in memory of our classmate **Alene Lesniak Ackerman**. I was heartbroken to hear the devastating news of Alene’s passing last November 2020. All who knew Alene couldn’t help but love her. She was selfless, funny, smart, and one of the kindest persons I have ever known. To honor Alene’s memory her wonderful husband, **Mark** ’84, and daughter, Natalie, suggest a donation in Alene’s name to Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC), 1301 22nd Street, #905, Oak Brook, IL 60523. (Please keep Mark and Natalie [and Alene’s parents Tom & Rene] in your thoughts and prayers.) > Please send us your news and stay well, cherished classmates. Fondly, Margaret

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Hello, Class of ’88. I am our new class correspondent. A huge “thank you” to **Gayle Pikrone Richardson** for being our class correspondent for the last few decades. I am excited to step into this role and to reconnect with you and help others get reconnected as well. Being our class correspondent is something that I have been thinking about for a few years. Now that my two kids are young adults and the commitments to their many

sports schedules are significantly reduced, I have the time. I created a Facebook group for Knox Class of 1988. Thank you to those who have already accepted and please forward to fellow classmates. > Knox connections are everywhere. In October 2004, I started working in internal audit at Hewitt Associates in Lincolnshire, Illinois. In a short amount of time, I learned about revenue processes from **Sue Rasbid** and worked on test scripts with **Cameron Bassett**. A couple of years later, **Catherine Kirk** was in our office, a recent hire in HR. In 2021, Sue, Cameron, and I continue to work together. We instant message each other on Flunk Day! Please share your random Knox alumni connection! My email address is tracydb531@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from all of you.

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1990

Dorothy (Dara) Kozlowski: “I have recently been awarded the Chicago Society for Neuroscience Career Achievement Award for my work in neuroscience teaching, research, and outreach. The award was given at the virtual annual meeting held on April 8. The link is here: chicagosfn.org/annual-meeting/chicago-chapter-2021-virtual-annual-meeting/2020-2021-career-achievement-award/. This wouldn’t have been possible without the introduction to the field of neuroscience that I was given by Dr. Heather Hoffmann during my undergraduate years.

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1993

Dan Rosenberg: My wife, Debbie, and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary on June 16, 2021. We continue to live in Highland Park but now have a weekend apartment in the John Han-

WENDY PAULSEN '95 ENJOYS HER JOB IN ORGANIC CERTIFICATION MOST

cock building. We're hoping to eventually move back to Chicago full time, so this is a start. Our older son, Jonah, will be a senior at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania in the fall where he's studying political science and international relations. Our younger son, Evan, will be a senior at Highland Park High School in the fall, and he's deep in the college search. Debbie is a student advisor and Spanish professor at Northwestern University, now in her 16th year there. I continue to write about the financial markets for a major brokerage firm, a job I've had for more than five years. It's very rewarding because it suits my dual interests in finance and writing. Hope to see you all at our 30th Knox Reunion in a couple of years! > **Brenda Gregoline:** **Brian Begy** and I continue to work from home in ye olde Chicago bungalow (separate offices, thankfully). My job in medical publishing has been very busy for obvious reasons, and Brian's software developer team is always busy as well. Patio drinks around the firepit at quitting time have been essential this spring and summer. Our kid leaves for college (civil engineering) in August, and we are prepping for that, as well as planning a trip to Istanbul and Athens in the fall. Anything to help distract me from the empty nest—it will be weird after over a year of Extreme Family Togetherness. Brian recently spent a weekend at **Doug Domenick's** Michigan farmhouse, along with **Ben Hirby** and **Brian McKeough** and came back full of steak and beer and bad jokes. > **Danielle Shullaw Filas:** I've got some kinda cool news! My dad **Bob Shullaw '72** and I did a pretty neat thing last summer during lockdown. I'm a teacher consultant for the National Writing Project (NWP), which organized "Write Across

America 2020." It was a regular Zoom meeting visiting a different city in the U.S. each week. The NWP folks in each city set up interactive story maps with photos, videos, sound files, poetry, essays, and writing prompts. Participants jumped into breakout rooms, met three or four other writers, talked a bit ... and wrote! Then participants shared writing and talked about the process of writing before popping back in the big Zoom room to listen to selected works and sign off. I knew my dad was going a bit stir crazy at home, and even though we now live only an hour from one another, COVID kept us physically apart. So, I invited him to come write with me and he did! We wrote together all summer, and we are both participating again this summer in 2021. The most exciting part is that Write Across America published some of the work dad and I produced during that time. They published one poem I wrote and three pieces of dad's. (Show off. And he's not the one with a writing degree from Knox!) For details about the pieces being published in the latest edition of *Louisiana Literature*, check out his entry in the Class of '72. > In addition to that news, I've not a ton to report. Tim and I enjoy our new place in Texas (ice and heat aside!) I'm also keeping up with **Jen Brown '94**, **Melissa Agar**, **Craig Choma**, **Deb English Kaczorowski**, and **Peter Brown** via an ongoing group chat. I keep in contact with fellow Texan **Sree Yedavalli**, as well. It's great to be in the same state again! We've been able to see each other a couple of times already. All is well. I hope all is well with you and with the rest of the Knox Community, too. **Anne Swanson** decided to change up her life and move to Denver, Col-

orado, during the pandemic where she's embracing the mountain lifestyle. She's excited to join the Colorado Knox Club and connect with classmate **Katie Dalpes Thomas**. Anne continues her 4th year working for Feeding America National Organization, leading a small team that connects potentially wasted produce, protein and dairy products from farmers/processors to food banks across the country. > **Maxine Jeremiah:** I would like to share that I have recently been named the principal of Lindop Elementary School in Broadview, Illinois. I am excited about the opportunity to work with my new school community to provide a world class education for students! > **Jean Anderson O'Brien:** As the big 5-0 approaches, I have enjoyed connecting with a few more Knox alumni and fellow milestone-achievers everywhere. I hope you all are looking forward to the second half of adult life with enthusiasm, feeling like you are way better prepared for this part! (I definitely am.) > Classmates, many of you who were at the 25th Reunion will remember meeting Jean's husband and son. Sadly, her husband passed away recently. We share in her sorrow and also her optimism for the future. > I'm approaching four years in Pennsylvania. In the fall, my oldest two sons will be students at Penn State and my youngest son will be in high school. As a result of the pandemic I'm now working from home permanently—so while I'm trying to savor every moment of the next four years, I'm also dreaming of all the places I can work when I'm an empty nester. **Class Correspondent: Rebecca Gillan**
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Gavi Rosenthal '98, and Sherry Sullivan Malone '98, enjoyed a mini-reunion in Chicago this summer in Gavi's backyard.



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Angela Schultz '98 took this picture, while she and Kara Van Kirk Levin '97 and Brita Reed '98, spent an afternoon relaxing on Kara's patio.



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Angela Schultz '98 snapped a picture of Chad Tolson '97 and their mutual friend after he relocated to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to teach hot yoga this past year.

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1995

Wendy Paulsen enjoys her job in organic certification most of the time, but even more, she appreciates that she's been able to do four to five trips per year to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) for the last few years "and now am about to take off on our first women's BIPOC trip!" She and two friends are taking two women of color who have never been to the BWCAW to experience one of the most beautiful places on earth! "We are hoping to do a small part of making the world more open to people of color." > **Margo Martin** writes, "I have been living in France for a few years in a leadership role at an international school. While France will always be my home, I am off to a new leadership role as an academic principal at a PBL school in Kazakhstan. I am so excited, as I will learn a third language: Russian. Please email if you would like to reconnect lrmergeaux@gmail.com. Pray for the Lord to bless me in my new endeavor." > **Mimi Doyle Russell** will be starting a new position as an elementary technology teacher this coming school year. She will be a lot closer to home (10-minute drive vs. 40 minutes), and she is excited to start this new adventure. Her husband still works at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Her daughter, Lily, will be a senior in high school and her son, Artie, will be a freshman.



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Autumn Anderson '98 with Lindsay Hansen Brown '98 and Lindsay's husband in Big Morongo Canyon Preserve on a recent hiking adventure.

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Even though I'm writing this in August, I can already sense fall creeping its way onto the scene. The grass is not so green anymore, my kids are looking forward to in-person school, my vegetable garden is just about doing the work for me, and I'm wearing a hoodie to stay warm in the backyard on a lovely cool evening! This past summer at Northeastern Illinois University, I taught one of the first in-person lab sections since going remote due to the pandemic. It felt good to have students back in the labs, and I think they were glad to have the opportunity for hands-on activities. After a long-awaited visit with my little sister, **Heather Sanchez** '03, she joked that she's only one or two good visits away from a full recovery from accumulated pandemic related social deficits. From the updates that came in, I can tell that the friendships built at Knox are lifelong, and that now, more than ever, it feels good to connect with old friends. >



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Sarah Atkinson Custis '98, Rosalie Warren Yezbick '97, Stephanie Detterline '98, Jennifer Carey Anderson '98, and Jocelyn Slowey Gelineau '98 at a beach week reunion on Oak Island Beach, North Carolina.

Sherry Sullivan Malone and **Gavi Rosenthal** have been able to meet up twice in the last two years—once in Bangkok and once in Chicago. Gavi continues her work with USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, which brought her to Bangkok in November 2019, while Sherry was there at a job conference. Sherry and her husband Micah and dog, Dolly, have moved out of international teaching after a decade and now are settled in Portland, Oregon, where Sherry is a principal of a K-8 school. Gavi lives in Chicago with her dog, Edie, working on disaster response around the world. This summer, Sherry visited Gavi, and they reunited with **Amy Hennessy** and **Mark Stiglitz** and completely forgot to take a group photo, but they all attest, "... we all look exactly the same as we did in 1998!" > **Angela Schultz** checked in to report that she had a great visit with **Kara Van Kirk Levin** '97 and **Brita Reed** '01. Plus, she connected with our good friend **Chad Tolson** '97 who has relocated to Milwaukee where he's teaching hot yoga! > **Autumn Anderson** sent kind greetings and this update: "I moved to the high desert of Southern California at the beginning of 2021, a little outside Palm Springs. It's such a different experience to live in the desert after living my whole life in the Midwest. I'm loving hiking in the nearby mountains and experiencing the new plants and creatures (there are really bears here!)." > **Kathryn Moakley** wrote in from the Pacific Northwest: "I'm enjoying life in Eugene, Oregon, with my husband, kiddos, and cat, Nickel. I've spent the year tending to my obligatory sourdough starter and looking forward to working in an office outside my house again. I hope everyone is well, and look me up if you're in the beautiful PNW." > **Phillip Mottaz** just completed a cozy



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Stephanie Detterline '98, Dave and Sarah Atkinson Custis '98, Jocelyn Slowey Gelineau '98, Jennifer Carey Anderson '98, Rosalie Warren Yezbick '97, and their families at a beach week reunion on Oak Island Beach, North Carolina.

AARON WILLITS '08 BECAME THE HEAD FOOTBALL COACH AT

mystery titled *The Murderous Haircut of the Mayor of Bel Air*; and says “it’s the first in my Psychic Barber mysteries series. It’ll be available everywhere except for Amazon. **Rachel** ’99 and I live in Sun Valley and have for the last four years. She’s now a lead kindergarten teacher, and after struggling through distance learning in 2020, she’s been in person with the kids for the last couple months. And our son, Henry, will turn 12 in August and will enter 7th grade next year, which seems impossible. > **Stephanie**

Detterline sent news of an amazing summertime reunion of longtime Knox friends: “AJ and I are doing well, keeping busy in Baltimore. I’m still with MedStar health, based in Columbia, Maryland. I just moved from being a program director of our internal medicine residency to being the chair of medicine at two of our hospitals in Baltimore. It certainly is a change of pace and I’m learning a lot of new things. Lots of people management! I still keep in touch with many of my old Knox friends, particularly those Pi Phi sisters that I formed friendships with many years ago. We just had a family beach week at Oak Island beach in North Carolina with **Dave and Sarah Atkinson Custis, Jennifer Carey Anderson, Rosalie Warren Yezbick** ’97, and **Jocelyn Slowey Gelineau**. I’ve also been trying to keep up with Knox sports, especially cross country and track and am supporting the women’s program in general.” > Congrats on all the wonderful connections we have made this past year, and I’ve got high hopes for many more great updates of our class having fun together! Keep up the great work, friends!

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Autumn Anderson '98 after relocating from the Midwest to the high desert of Southern California.

1999

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2000

Jaclynn M. Jutting had an article published in *Theatre Topics*, the November 2020 issue, entitled “Teaching the Young Director to Cast Inclusively.” Congratulations!

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2001

Twenty years have gone by since we last all saw each other. Time flies when we are having fun ... right? I am excited to serve as the class correspondent to share all the good news and updates from our class. Many thanks to **Allison Honaker** who has done this for our class for years! > As far as life for me goes, I moved back to my hometown of Idaho Springs, Colorado, about four years ago and built a house next to my childhood home—my sister and I are thrilled to have a compound on “Marlin Mountain.” A little over one year ago, I took a new role at work and now serve as the director of community relations for Xcel Energy—Colorado. I am proud to serve on a few boards of directors for organizations focused primarily on economic development and public education. In a strangely wonderful full circle thing, I am honored to serve on the board of education for Clear Creek School District, my alma mater. My husband Jon and I have two daughters (Phebe, 9 and Piper, 7), two dogs, a guinea pig, and a few fish. I hope these notes provide you all with an update and an inspiration to continue to connect with each other. > **Carolyn Oldham** defended her dissertation and graduated with a Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky in interdisciplinary ed sciences! Her dissertation explores definitions of culturally and linguistically appropriate pediatric health care services through the eyes of Lexington-area Japanese sojourning mothers. The next goal is to garner funding to engage in an oral history project with past/former sojourning families, many of whom are here due to the region’s Toyota plant. Recently, Carolyn co-authored a book chapter on culturally responsive assessment. This fall, she began working full-time within UK’s College of Agriculture in occupational health, specifically farmer mental health and suicide intervention. Carolyn and her husband, **Jeff** ’97, have a daughter Ellie (12), and twins, Henry and Noah (9), and all are doing well. > **Azusa Yoshida** got together with a group of friends in Madison, Wisconsin, in May for a mini-reunion. It was great to find that even after 20 years, our friendships could pick right back up, and we were the same fun, kooky roomies from our Knox days. Looking forward to many more years of fun and friendship! > **Sidharth Mahapatra**, M.D., Ph.D., FAAP has been living great since graduating. After pursuing a

combined M.D./Ph.D. degree at Rosalind Franklin University in North Chicago, he left the Midwest to do a pediatrics residency and pediatric critical care fellowship at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital, Stanford, California. Sid now works as both an intensivist in the pediatric ICU and a scientist investigating pediatric brain tumors. He’s recently been promoted from assistant to associate professor and will be named the director for research for the Division of Critical Care at UNMC. Due to research interests, he is also a co-director for the Pediatric Cancer Research Group. Sid and his wife, **Namrata Samtani**, live with their children, Vivaan (8) and Muskann (6), in California. > **Kyle Firebaugh** moved to Long Beach, California, after Knox. After teaching first grade in Compton for five years, Kyle moved to Denver to start his business, Little Feats Soccer. This program is an introductory soccer program for pre-K-kindergarten kids and shows that you can combine your degree and your favorite sport to build a great career! Kyle and his family love to camp, enjoy live music, and explore Colorado—It is great to live where you play! > **Scott Seeliger**, a community relations professional in the greater Des Moines area, was recognized as the 2021 Judy Willis Volunteer of the Year at the 2021 Heart of Greater Des Moines Heart Ball on June 17, 2021. The award is given to a member of the community who demonstrates a relentless commitment to creating a world of longer, healthier lives. Congratulations Scott!

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After serving as Stillman College’s chairperson of the Department of English, Journalism, and Media Communications for 10 years, **Norman Golar** assumed a new role as interim dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. He has worked in this capacity since May 2020.

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After leaving Galesburg and the Midwest 15+ years post-graduation, **Akwasi Asabere** returned

to the Midwest in the fall of 2020, this time to Minnesota, to build and lead a commercial term for Helix. He is settling back into the Midwest way, swapping soda for pop again, and meeting generally nice people after his time on the coasts. He's hoping the new proximity will allow him to engage more in alumni activities and on-campus events. > **Ashley Steinsdoerfer Gottlieb** and her husband, Jeffrey Gottlieb, continue to fall more and more in love with the Reno-Tahoe area after relocating from Chicago over three years ago. They had a great time showing off the sites to fellow Knoxies, **Rebecca Halonen** and **Marc Schumann** '03, during their family's visit in July 2021. > In April 2021, **Dennis Daniel Kim** was appointed by Governor Newsom of California as the director of real property for the State of California High-Speed Rail Authority. > **Sarah Lammie** writes, "I just completed my 14th year of teaching kindergarten. Due to COVID, we began our year remotely and moved to hybrid simultaneous instruction in March. Many thanks to Donna Jurich for leading an independent study during my sophomore year and teaching me how to make a website and communicate with students remotely. If I never have to complete a health screener, say 'please mute your microphone,' or simultaneously teach a group of in-person and at-home five-year olds again, I will be happy. Sadly, our dog, Loki, passed away of a brain tumor this spring. We are now working with another under-socialized Doberman named Artemis, to teach him how to happily be a dog." > **Marissa Parkin** tells us, "After nearly eight happy years in Sydney, our little family is packing up and moving back to my husband's home country, the U.K. The Australian border has been firmly slammed shut for nearly 18 months with

no one (including citizens) allowed in or out, except in extraordinary circumstances. With no end in sight, we've decided that family and free(ish) movement are more important than sunshine and beaches. We are incredibly excited to be reunited with our loved ones in the U.S. and Britain, but less excited to keep our vivacious two-year old happy and safe on a trans-Pacific flight. Keep us in your thoughts!"

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Devyn Mares started the Psy.D. program in school psychology at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology in the fall. Her dissertation will focus on behavioral systems in charter schools and implementation effects on students.

> **Eric Feltes** has a few updates! He says "I was recently on the series finale of *Shameless*. I started my own life coaching business, where my primary focus is helping individuals recognize their true potential, establish short- and long-term goals, and live a life filled with purpose, joy, and balance." You can find his business at www.lifecoach-ingbyfeltes.com. > **Stephanie O'Brien** had a baby in 2020, right at shut down! She also continues to work at OHSU as the director of operations for Women's Children's and hopes to see Chicago friends in August! > **Christy Dechaine** writes, "My husband Pablo and I welcomed our second daughter, Matilda Celia Dechaine-Muñoz, on

3/2/21. Our first, Rosario Meredith ("Challo") will be three in November. Our dog, Tank Dechaine (yes, he only has my last name), turned 5 in July. We are still living in Minneapolis and hoping the world will be healthy enough this winter to visit Pablo's family in Chile. I'm grateful for far away Knox friends **Ariel Lauryn, Angharad Hollingworth**, and **Leigh Abrams** who keep me company via telephone on my evening walks with Tank." > **Andy Fitz** was able to visit **Charlie Brown** '07 and his wife Peng Meng in Boston and met their one-year-old daughter Claire for the first time. He also had **Vanessa Jeske Dow** and her husband Steve over and got to meet their one-year-old daughter Emilia for the first time too! He says, "Thank God I'm done with kids ... although both of theirs were very sweet!" > **Aaron Willits** became the head football coach at our illustrious Knox College. His wife, Marrison, two children, and their pit bull joined him in April when they bought their new home in Galesburg. > **Lucas Street** was promoted to assistant professor of English at Augustana College, where he continues to teach classes and direct the Reading/Writing Center. > **Christopher Berger** earned his Ph.D. in philosophy from Boston College this May. He's teaching in their Perspectives program this fall. > **Marius Tan** says, "It's obviously been a crazy year with COVID, but my family and I managed all the working from home with two screaming kids (Tijmen is three and Valentine is one) quite well I must say. A big event was the change to a new position and company. I switched employers for the first time ever, and after nine years of Heineken, I decided it was good to broaden my horizon. I am now category lead for the Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg for KraftHeinz. The mentality of the people and the mostly American culture of meritocracy really reminded me of the years in the U.S., so I feel right at home. Right before I



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Left to right: Sabey Abraham '01, Krista (Miller) Baetz '01, Elizabeth Smith '01, Kati (Lamb) Gray '01, JaMie (Bishop) Hankla '01, and Azusa Yoshida '01.



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Eric Feltes '08 on the series finale of *Shameless*.



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Erica Stringfellow Tully '08 and son Jude.

AMANDA WOLLRAB-ARCHER '12

Knox Instills Leadership Skills

After graduating from Knox, Amanda Wollrab Archer '12 got a job in Iowa at an office furniture company, doing event planning and public relations.

She is currently a senior manager of product marketing for Kwikset Locks. Kwikset is part of Spectrum Brands, one of the largest consumer packaged goods companies in the country. She is responsible for the product strategy for Kwikset, including new product development, product lifecycle management, pricing, retail listings, and go-to-market plans.

Why Knox?

I chose Knox because of its world-class education. I loved the diversity of the professors and student body. I knew my four years at Knox would be challenging and push me to develop beyond the textbook in things like critical thinking, data analytics, time management, networking, public speaking, etc., and these are all characteristics that have set me apart from my peers.

How did Knox facilitate your career success?

I think the “open door policy” at Knox really helped. Students form strong relationships with everyone on campus, from janitors to professors to even the College president. We truly are a community and the amount of support faculty and staff provide to students is unique. When I started my career after Knox, I noticed early on that my peers would get nervous around company executives and almost downplay themselves in their presence because they were intimidated. I always felt the opposite. I am able to easily connect with various levels of members at

my organization just like I had done at Knox. Presentations to leadership, meetings with customers, or interviewing for promotions all feel natural for me, and I really think it is because of how Knox conditioned my thinking and built my confidence during my education.

During my senior year at Knox, I was presented with two job options. One was a brand communications specialist and the other was a public relations specialist. I remember feeling overwhelmed with the decision, so I sought advice from John Spittell, Joseph E. & Judith B. Wagner Distinguished Chair in Business, Executive-in-Residence. I'll never forget what he told me. He said I should choose the public relations position because I would get a lot of exposure and opportunities in the role to network, but he also said to make sure that I take the first chance I get to move out of public relations because he's never known a CEO to come from the public relations department.

I worked closely with product managers to support their product launch campaigns and through that experience, I learned that what I actually loved was product management. On my one year anniversary of starting the public relations role, I told myself that I would follow John's advice and go after the next opportunity that opened up in product management. I went to bed that night and woke up the next morning to an internal job opening for an entry-level product analyst role. I went for it and have been in product management ever since!

Is there anything else you'd like to add?

I think my career experience is unique. This part of business is not something that was taught at Knox but really made sense for me given my research experience in anthropology & sociology combined with my minor. The best product managers are well-rounded and understand all aspects of the business from manufacturing to financials to commercialization and sales tactics. The liberal arts curriculum at Knox plays perfectly into this. I think the diversity of classes that I was required to take at Knox really prepared me to be successful in product marketing.

started in April, we were really longing for a nice and warm vacation—as you know Dutch summers are nice but other than that it's cold out here—and we managed to spend a couple of weeks in Curacao! All and all, a very good year.”

› I (**Erica Stringfellow Tully**) bought a condo in Chicago with my husband, Patrick, in April. We then welcomed a baby boy, Jude, in May, which was a lot in a one-month time frame! I am looking forward to (hopefully) being back in person in the classroom this fall teaching my lovely 4th graders.

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2009

When she was a student at Knox, **Jasmin Tomlins** made a 180-degree turn from theatre to chemistry. At the beginning of the pandemic, she took the opportunity to make it a 360. She is currently artistic director of the 14th Night Players, her own online Shakespeare repertory company that casts first-come-first-serve for all roles regardless of acting experience. After nearly 200 readings, she has played from all sorts of professions across the States and in Brazil, the U.K., and Germany. She is having a blast and would like to invite all of you to have a blast as well (www.14thnightplayers.org/join-us). Apart from that, she'll be stage managing at the Bristol Renaissance Faire in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and has plans to cross the pond to go to drama school where Shakespeare lives. Despite turning out to be a double agent, she referred to vinegar as dilute glacial acetic acid yesterday and writes love poetry about cyclohexane, so half of her heart is still in the lab. › **Mike Callahan** is living his life a quarter mile at a time ... for family. › **Adam Vera** is climbing really tall things. › **Will Gallmeyer's** updates all pale in comparison to daughter, Charlotte (one year), sleeping through the night. “Praise the great Prairie Fox.” ›

Sarah Williams managed pandemic life in Chicago holed up in her apartment with her partner and two cats. She still works at an animal shelter running teen programs, and plays way too much D&D in her spare time. › **Sam** and **Kate '12** are still in Iowa City but doing less pandemic things, which is nice.

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2010

Cami Woodruff is now a full-time associate 2D artist at *Wizards of the Coast*. If you play *Magic: The Gathering Arena*, you will see her work in the form of animated card styles (and coming soon, stickers). › **Clayton Besong** has fully adjusted to working from home in Minneapolis. And he's tacked on the role of father in addition to his husband role. › **Laura Miller Dyrda** and **Daniel Dyrda** are expecting baby no. 2 in September,



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just in time for baby no. 1 to start kindergarten and begin their journey with Chicago Public Schools. They note: “Despite big challenges in the past year leading to several extra glasses of wine, we thrive.” > **Carolyn Hill Hand** moved to Seattle at the end of 2020. In July, she started a new role as an in-house litigator at Pinterest. Her dog is still cute. (Husband still cute, too.) Say hi if you’re in Seattle! > **Shane Donegan** shared that “thanks to some COVID stimmies we were able to buy a house in this absolute hellscape of a market. The day we closed, my long-time boyfriend proposed after we got back to our house, so 2021 has been going ok.” > **Ben Scott** lives in New York, where he is a senior designer at SCAPE Landscape Architecture, working on coastal resiliency and restoration projects in New York City, D.C., and Boston. He’s doing a very bad job of managing the Japanese knotweed currently invading his Park Slope backyard, but he’s doing a good job of feeding the stray cats that occupy it. > **Brent Newman** completed a Ph.D. in biological sciences at Tennessee State University in Nashville, where he has lived for the past five years. He’s been heavily involved in tick and tick-borne disease research. He has also worked as a laboratory scientist for the Tennessee Department of Health in the Vector-Borne Diseases program. He also is excited to report that he got engaged to Desiree Jablonski this year and is looking forward to their move to Fayetteville, Arkansas, where he accepted a postdoctoral researcher position at the University of Arkansas. For the next two years, Brent will be traveling to and from Arkansas and Finland to work on an NSF-funded research project investigating the environmental factors leading to the spread of Puumala hantavirus infection in human and wildlife populations in collaboration with the University of Helsinki. Crazy past year and a half,

but lots of silver-linings! > And as for **Lauren Assaf-Holmes**, she joined her firm’s hiring committee.

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2011

Greetings, all! I have a fun story to share about the power of the Knox community. A few months ago, I was delighted to see an email in my inbox from an alumna from the Class of 1972. She had read my notes and saw that a classmate of mine from 2011 was currently living in Paris. Her daughter was also living in Paris and asked if we could connect the two! How cool is that? This just goes to show how fantastic our Knox community is—all over the world. Here’s a little glimpse at what’s happening for the Class of 2011, right here at home. > **Brigitte Atcheson-Demke** works at Evanston Hospital and still loves it. She’s training for the Chicago Triathlon as a last hurrah before starting a master’s in nursing leadership and management program. > **Chloe Bohm** added a puppy, Boomer, to the family this past summer, making her and her husband both dog parents for the first time! > **Cat Manning Dodman**, husband, Paul, and big sister, Lilibet, welcomed baby brother, Alec, to make their family complete. This fall, Cat starts the next chapter of her career after joining JP-Morgan while wishing she could work from home with her little ones for many more years to come. > **Caitlin Fones** decided that between quarantine and COVID, her body is beat up enough and so she retired from rugby after 13 years. Now, it’s all walks in the park and hikes with her adventure buddy, Gimlet. > **Mary Henderson** continues to work for the Department of Children and Family Services, where she

is now a child welfare advanced specialist. She lives in Champaign, Illinois, with daughter, Stella, who just turned six! > **Courtney Jude** and wife, **Christian** ’12, are living the dream in St. Louis. This year, Courtney began his second year as the principal of Lexington Elementary. He will start a doctoral program in the fall with an emphasis on social justice in education. > **Sarah Lindeman** teaches English in a small school in rural France and loves it, despite everything that happened this past year! > **Sasha Murphy** and husband **Sean Frohling** ’10 celebrated son Silas’s first birthday and bought a house! > **Lin Shi** graduated from her Ph.D. program. Over the past four years, she researched the environmental impact of the ICT industry. She is excited to join Amazon’s Lab 126 as a research scientist and will apply her research into practice. > **Amanda Sicoli Mills** welcomed baby girl, Olivia Marie, in March, and mom’s already looking forward to Olivia joining the Knox College Class of 2043! > **Jackie Stillmaker** is happily employed as an occupational therapist in Northbrook/Glenview School District 30. She’s a proud plant mom and is excited to celebrate the wedding of **Maddie Davis** ’12 in September 2021. > **Sam (Claypool) Temple** is surviving in her Ph.D. in the public affairs program at the University of Colorado-Denver while also raising a wonderful human (Simon) alongside **Luke Temple** ’08. > **Kelly Wigen**, DVM, DACVIM (cardiology) finished up her first year as a cardiology faculty at Miz-zou’s veterinary hospital. She finally took her cardio boards exam this past June, which she passed! She is now a boarded veterinary cardiologist, hence the new letters after her name. > **Rosie Worthen** and longtime partner, Alex, were engaged after a perfect Montana-themed proposal. Her newish obsession in gardening (luffa sponges for the win) led her to end her time with Knox



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Clayton Besong’s ’10 daughter, Olivia.



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Alicia Vallorani ’11 and Alex Lindgren ’12.



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Sasha Murphy ’11, Sean Frohling ’10, and baby Silas.

KRISTAL ROMERO '13 CONTINUES SURVIVING AND THRIVING, WITH

Admission after seven years to start on a new adventure following a greener path. > **Alicia Vallorani** and **Alex Lindgren** '12 had a pandemic Zoom wedding in March 2020. Alicia was also awarded an NIMH fellowship to fund her dissertation work examining neural processing of social interactions between friends. > **Ramya Venigalla** and **Sujeen Adhikari** '12 welcomed baby daughter, Sachi Maya Adhikari. > **Calvin Zirkos** is in Seattle trying to be a comedian. Trying.

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2012

Celestina Agyekum writes: "After a few years outside my international development career track, I will be jumping back in and am looking forward to getting reacquainted. I am moving to Maryland in early fall 2021. I am preparing for new beginnings, getting back to writing, photography, and international travels. I look forward to visiting Knox when time permits." > **Stephanie Sorensen** recently graduated with her MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. She currently lives in Florida and works in New York. She still supports St. Jude and sports her Delta pride by drawing doodles for donations (*IG @donationdoodles FB DonationDoodles StephSore*). Her husband continues to avoid the Knox kool-aid, but she hopes by her 10-year Reunion that he will chug it with her family and friends. > **Karl Bair** has taken on a new challenge as vice president of sales for the oldest pest control company in America. He is also still actively building his financial advisory practice in the evening. Karl is definitely burning the candle at both ends ... good thing he's not a candle. >



Ellen Ramsey '12 and her partner, Josh, road-tripped from Mission, KS to Door County, WI for a visit with Annika Paulsen '12 and Bobby Stuebi '12 in June.

Junyoung Cho began working at Nexon Korea in 2020. He graduated with his MBA in the top 5 percent from SKK GSB in February 2021. He has zero debt from pursuing both his B.A. and MBA, thanks to generous scholarships from Knox and SKK GSB. > **Christina D. Warner** writes: "I recently pivoted into the tech industry, where I am working in marketing at a cybersecurity startup. Other than that, I interview executives and celebrities for Thrive Global (I've interviewed *Sex in the City's* Kristin Davis, Whitney Cummings, Al Harrington, Jill Michaels, Her Highness Sayyidi Basma Al Said, and C-suite in Fortune 500. Please feel free to get in touch—my website is *christinadwarner.com*." > **Rachel (Clark)** and **Michael Cole** are expecting their first baby in October 2021! They live in Coralville, Iowa, with their two cats, Mae and Aspen, and they are hoping the kitties get along with the baby. They stay busy working (Rachel as a post-doc researcher studying Parkinson's disease and Michael as a pediatric neurology fellow, both at the University of Iowa Hospital), and hanging out with friends and family when they have the chance. They are planning to make it back to Knox for Rachel's 10-year Homecoming in 2022!

> **Zachary Lawrence** earned his doctor of medicine (M.D.) degree from Rush Medical College in May and has moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with his wife, Alexandra Strawbridge, to begin a general surgery residency program at the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine. > **Radhika Kuruppu O'Connor** writes: "**Dugan O'Connor** '11 and I bought our first home just six minutes from **Maeghan Galloway** and **Charley Deutsch**. I started my master's in January 2021 and we're busy spoiling our niece." > **Ellen Ramsey** and her partner, Josh, road-tripped from Mission, Kansas, to Door County, Wisconsin, for a visit with **Annika Paulsen** and **Bobby Stuebi** in June. Cheers to being fully vaxxed and reunited with forever friends! > **Charley Deutsch** and **Maeghan Galloway Deutsch** traded in their apartment in the city for a house in the suburbs. In November 2020, they welcomed their first child—a son, August.

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2013

Kristal Romero continues surviving and thriving, with five years down and many more to go in our nation's capital. She pursues her passion of fighting for the working class at the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and was promoted to port division coordinator at the onset of the pandemic. Kristal is now also the proud dog mom to a rescue named Pickle. > **Jill Krippel** and **Justin Dingle** are still working at the Illinois Department of Revenue and "we are involved in our union, AFSCME Local 997. We got plants and snails for our pond recently, and Justin likes to watch the animals that roam around the neighborhood while he works from home." > **Hannah**

Basil Bryant is feeling thankful for the amazing vaccine progress and is figuring out re-entry day by day. She and her husband, Caleb, look forward to welcoming a baby in November 2021. Their house projects are nearly complete; now they just need to finish the nursery and buy a Knox onesie!

> **Alison Gaines** obtained an MFA in poetry in 2019 from the University of Florida, and got married to Brian Hake in 2020 in a very small ceremony (thanks, COVID!). They now live in Portland, Oregon, where Alison is teaching high school English. > **Grant Deam**: "From August - May (2020-2021), I taught composition at McKendree University. In December, 2020 I successfully defended my thesis and earned an MFA in creative writing. I got married on Friday, July 16, in Saugatuck, Michigan, to Cassandra Poto. We met while teaching at the same K-12 school in Chicago. We will be moving from the St. Louis area to Panama City, Florida. I landed a job there at Gulf Coast State College as the new writing and reading lab director, and my wife will teach fourth grade at Parker Elementary. > I'm still trying to write when I can, and I've had a few pieces accepted for publication. Two short stories of mine will be coming out in print this summer in *Running Wild Anthology of Stories Volume 5* and *Kind Writers Literary Magazine*." > **Molly Ralston Smith** married in 2016. She has recently started an online business with fellow Knox alum, **Leigh Ing Evans** '02! Their business will be a year old on June 11, 2021. They wanted to create an online community of and for neurodivergent and LGBTQ+ to come together and create a virtual safe space for them. > **Anna Bailliekova** and **John Bailliekova** '08 welcomed baby Kira Christine in June 2020. They live in Milwaukee, where John is the assistant athletic director and head soccer coach at Mt. Mary University (Go Blue Angels!). Anna works remotely for Zendesk as a senior data engineer and recently published a book: *PostgreSQL Query Optimization* (it's a real barn-burner). > **Franzeca Mayer**: Franzeca has left Shakespeare for the circus. She moved to Florida and is working on the new Cirque du Soleil show opening at Disney Springs soon. Life is a dream. *www.franzeca.com*. > **Anna Meier**: Anna is finishing her Ph.D. in political science this summer and is starting a job as an assistant professor at the University of Nottingham in the fall. "This is a desperate plea for any British Knoxies to please teach me some British slang."

> **Brian Paul**: Brian is living with his wife, Colleen, in Quincy, Illinois and is living two doors down from **Adam** '03 and **Kat Zanger**. Brian accepted a new position as a production engineer one year ago. The new position requires him to be clean shaven for the first time in eight years. Colleen was shocked to see Brian's naked face for the first time. Colleen teaches freshman English and college and career readiness, a course specializing in teaching soon to be first-generation college students the skills that they need to succeed in college. > The Quincy Knox crew has mini Knox reunions with family dinners includ-

ing **Dustin Paul '04**, **Aunda Paul** (nee **Wang**, '06), **Christopher Paul '07**, **Samantha Paul '10**, **Tyler Paul '19**, and **Bridgette Ohnemus** (soon to be Paul). **Andrew Paul '15**, **Jamie Blue '16**, and **Jacob Paul '17** visit between study breaks for graduate and medical school or when time can be taken away from the large animals at the zoo. > Brian and Colleen spent time during the pandemic on Saturday night Zoom Settlers of Catan games with **Nathan** and **Sydney Williams** (nee **Stensland**). Brian also plays weekly virtual tabletop games with **Jim Schwab '10**, **Sable Schwab '09**, **Anjali Feanaro '09**, and **Scott Pinker '11**. > Colleen has become friends with several of Brian's college friends. This has led to Colleen planning summer trips with **Aparna Kumar-Boehm '12**, **Maeghan Deutsch** (nee **Galloway '12**), and **Radhika Kupurru-O'Connor '12**. Brian, **Charley Deutsch '12**, **Dugan O'Connor '11**, and **David Boehm** are notably not invited. > **John "William" Budding**: William now works for Harvard Medical School in talent acquisition, hiring for administrative and research staff within the institution. He is also working toward his master's degree in industrial-organizational psychology from Harvard. William has also become very involved with Knox alumni activities, recently forming the Knox New England Club and joining the Knox Alumni Council, as well as volunteering with the Bastian Center for Career Success to coach and mentor current students and recent graduates. Living in Brookline, Massachusetts, William keeps busy singing in a local choir, the Oriana Consort, and serves as a disability rights advocate in the Boston area through various organizations. > Happy to announce that **Alejandro Varela** and **Megan Lee** got engaged in September 2020 and are planning a wedding for July 2022! "We are still living and teaching in Galesburg. Our dogs Lucky and Bella are thrilled to be out in the sun and laying on a pool float this summer!" > *Sending condolences to the family and friends of Mary Elizabeth "Lizzy" Warner, who passed away on August 20, 2021.*

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2015

Kayla Anderson had a wild year, working as an emergency room crisis mental health clinician during the pandemic. She is currently working toward her full counseling clinical license. >

Camille "Cam" J. Brown is two years deep into a joint Ph.D. in English and women's and gender studies at the University of Michigan, where they have been enjoying tons of queer-centered archival research. After a year of stay-at-home

teaching and coursework, they are looking forward to seeing colleagues and students in real life. Cam is grateful for their incredible, supportive ("and hot!") partner, two gorgeous pitbull sons, and a remarkable indoor plant collection. They are also grateful to Knox for many things—especially the four years of conditioning for Michigan winters, which aren't as bad as the ones in Galesburg! > **Adrita Deb Burman** graduated from B-School (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad) with her MBA in 2020. Shortly after, she received a job at Procter & Gamble, India, where she currently works as a senior brand manager. > **Leslie Carman** began working as a GIS analyst I at Thurston County, Washington, in 2019. Shortly after, she finished her master of environmental studies degree at Evergreen State College. This summer, she was promoted to her new job as a GIS analyst II at Thurston County. Leslie lives with her partner and two wonderful, sassy cats who have been thrilled about their work-from-home schedules. > **Celinda Davis** recently celebrated her two-year anniversary as an academic advisor at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. When not serving college students, she spends her time with vaccinated friends, doing puzzles, and playing with her very energetic cat, Mari. > **Kate Hovda** is happily vaccinated and is thrilled to announce she is attending the University of Washington's master in library and information science program as of this fall. > **Mikko Jimenez** is excited to be going back to school. He will be moving to Colorado, where he has accepted a position at Colorado State University to study bird migration for his Ph.D. > **Matthew Klich** continues to direct his business while attending the University of Cincinnati's computer science and engineering Ph.D. program. > **Abby Kravis** spent the last few years hopping between jobs and moving around the world, fulfilling her desire for adventure. She has now settled into a house in Virginia Beach with her partner, where she is soul-searching to find a long-term career. > **Bethany Larson** has lived in Japan for the past six years but returned to the States this summer to start grad school in Arizona. > **Eve Martinez** wed in January 2020. In 2021, she graduated with a Ph.D. in chemistry from Purdue University. She works in Santa Clara, California, as a materials scientist. She is living her best life with her husband and pets, Goji and Taco. > **Claire T. Neri** graduated with her master's in English in 2018. Her thesis, a full-length novel titled *Orphans of War*, is searching for a home, so if you are a publisher/agent please reach out (ctneri@outlook.com)! In January 2021, she and her great-aunt, Dorothy, adopted their second kitten, Macaroni ("Mac"), making Nimbus very jealous. > **Mark Muniz, Forrest Marie, and Missy Preston** all continue to reside in Chicago—tackling whatever life throws at them as a family. Missy and Mark are ready to start rocking again in their band, The God Awful Small Affairs, while the future Reverend Marie draws monsters and acts as a benevolent mother

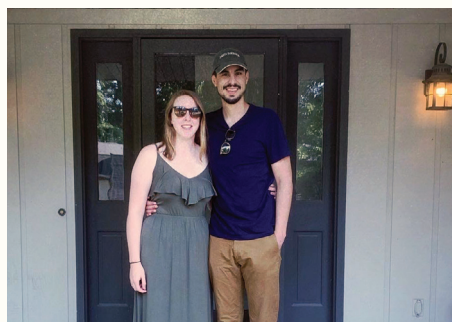
to all trans youth of the 312. > **Laura Myers** moved to Oregon in 2018, where she has been writing professionally as a copywriter and loving the rainy, chill weather there ever since! In 2019, she and her fiancé, Yon, rescued a sweet, shy beagle and named him Archie. They are intent on giving him the best life possible. In 2022, Laura will marry her high school sweetheart. She is currently working on her first novel and says her years in the PNW (Pacific Northwest) have been pretty good. > **Katie White Parra** and **Alvaro Parra** recently celebrated their two-year anniversary, having wed on May 25, 2019. They also moved into their new home this year. > **Emily Passarelli** wed her partner, Aarudra, in 2019. She is excited to have started her new job as the program and outreach manager at the sustainability in prisons project. As her side gig, she will be teaching her first college-level environmental sciences class to students who are incarcerated in Washington. > **Ashlee Pitts**, new homeowner, recently started a new position as dean of students and families at a school in Jackson, Mississippi. > **Cody Sehl** just bought a house in Denver, Colorado, so "it looks like (I'll) be here for a while!" > **Samantha Smith** has officially become a Galesburger, having lived here for the majority of time since graduation. She manages the *Community Treasures* thrift store on Main Street and recently married Josh Christianson ("yes, from the Beanhive!"). They just very happily adopted two kittens. > **Mike Sprinkle** wed **Miniona Lungalang '11** in 2020. In May 2021, he graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Illinois College of Law. After taking the July bar exam, he will work for the Illinois attorney



Zane Carlson '16 and Ashleigh Brown.

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JORDAN ANDERSON '19 AND HIS TEAM AT NFL MEDIA WERE



Katie White Parra '15 and Alvaro Parra—
May 25, 2019



Carly Taylor '16 and Devon Finan—May 23, 2021



Amalia Hertel '16 and Timothy Prohofsky—
September 6, 2020

ney general this fall. > **Joella Travis** celebrated her two-year anniversary as the youth service librarian at Rantoul Public Library, in Rantoul, Illinois, where she has worked since April 29, 2019. > **Alexia Vasilopoulos** celebrated her two-year anniversary as the director of special education at Harriet Tubman Charter School in New Orleans, Louisiana. She is also one of 12 special education leaders in Louisiana to be in a leadership fellowship, which was created by the Department of Education. Alexia enjoys exploring NOLA cuisine with her dog, Tomato, and blasting the AC all year round. “I miss the Class of 2015 dearly!”

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2016

Carly Finan (Taylor) moved to Buffalo, New York, in 2019 where they continue to write, publish, and make visual art. They serve as the volunteer art editor for the online and print magazine *Variant Literature* and are taking time off from



Weiping Shen '16

traditional work beginning in August 2021 to provide freelance editorial services and focus on their own creative projects. In May 2021, they married their quarantine buddy, Devon Finan, with whom they usually succeed in wrangling three cats. **Tevin Liao '17** officiated the wedding. > **Weipeng Shen:** “After graduating from Knox College, with special thanks to the study abroad program in my last semester of my senior year, my eyes are really opened. I found my purpose in the healthcare industry, because I want to make a change in people’s lives. Therefore, after I finished my graduate school at SUNY Buffalo Jacob’s School of Medicine, I joined Johnson & Johnson as an analytical scientist to solve problems in therapeutics development. Now, with all the experience I have gotten, I have joined a finance company and plan to use both my scientific knowledge and the power of capitalism to really make changes in the lives of patients and their families.” > **Ellen Lipo** resides in Chicago, where she is entering her sixth year of teaching. > **Maggie St. Clair** is living in Denver and approaching the end of her third year with Special Olympics Colorado as donor relations manager. > **Zane David Carlson** and partner, Ashleigh Brown, will marry on October 30, 2021, with a spook-tacular celebration for family and friends! They appreciate well wishes and blessings in this exciting time. > **Annie Ford and Nate Moore** got married on October 12, 2019! > **Amalia Hertel** married Timothy Prohofsky in September 2020. They are living in Minnesota with their three dogs: Teegan (class of 2016), Gideon, and Tobermory. > **Jay Greve:** “I’m a tour guide with Chicago Crime Tours, and the Oasis Midnight Broadcast, the audio drama I’m creating with Aidan Murphy, is halfway through its first season!” > **Nils Leitz** (gay & sober) is moving across the country in August to start a new job in San Francisco. > **Pragyaditya Proga Mukerjee** writes: “Hey Knoxies, hope you are doing well! I wanted to share an update with my Knox community. I’ve worked in the digital marketing and communications space for the past five years. During the pandemic, I started NADA (Not A Design Agency) in partnership with a friend, to service some of the retail businesses that needed

help making the transition to digital. We’re currently servicing seven brands from Australia, the U.S., and India across food, fashion, and tech. We’re providing digital solutions such as social media, UI/UX design, branding, and content writing. Our goal is to offer agency quality work at economical rates made possible because of our outsourcing connections. > Wishing you all good health at this time!”

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2017

Carley Bechen moved from Illinois back to Washington this fall and started medical school at Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences. > **Morgan Madderom** adopted a little dog named Sunshine who loves running with Morgan and going to the dog beach. Morgan is working on her master’s of urban planning and policy at University of Illinois Chicago. She spent the summer interning at her alderman’s office. > **Chloe Vollenweider** began a Ph.D. in drama at Queen Mary’s University London in September. Her research focuses on the intersection between disability and costume studies. > **Theresa O’Keefe** completed a master’s of nonprofit management and is working on a master’s in social work (MSW). She plans to pursue her clinical social work license and is moving to Montana with her husband. > **Yaoska Mayorga** started her master’s in social work at Tulane University. > **Steffi Antony** completed 1.5 years of working as a pediatric psychiatric RN. She got engaged to her fiancé in March 2021, and they are currently planning a wedding for June 2022. > **Max Wallace** also got engaged this year. He and his fiancée are hoping to get married in autumn 2022. > **J.C. Stokes** left her job in education during COVID and started a new role as a content specialist at CDW in Chicago. She is grateful for the continued health of her friends and family. > **Brenna Davis** was promoted to case manager at the Community Action Agency of Greater Kansas City, where she has been working since the pandemic began. > **Jakub Dulak** has been working on several film/TV sets, including



Annie Ford '16 and Nate Moore '16—October 12, 2019

The 4400 on CBS and *Fight Before Christmas* for HBO Max. He recently moved to Los Angeles. > **Abby Neuhauser Rapp** finished medical school in May and moved back to Peoria to complete her residency in emergency medicine at OSF St. Francis. She and her husband bought a house and are settling in. > **Olivia Thiel** works as a product information specialist at Blick Art Materials in Galesburg. She bought a darling brick house on North Prairie Street with her partner and cat and enjoys painting outside and gardening whenever the weather is nice. > **Kilee Vega** joined the Army National Guard in 2019 and is currently on a yearlong rotation in Europe. > **Kieran Whittenburg** has seen their work responsibilities expand this year, and is no longer a junior developer. They're also seeking a legal name change, which they're excited about! > **Elizabeth Clay** started working for the Toyota Technological Institute in Chicago in January 2021, and is finally putting her English degree to use managing print and digital publications. She and partner **Nick Sienkiewicz '15** spend their free time hanging out with their dogs, drinking gin and tonics, and planning a remodel of their Naperville home. > **Kam Wells** began working as data engineer, baseball systems for the Boston Red Sox. > **Emma Downing** finished her BSN from Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) in 2020 and became an RN. She's now pursuing her DNP in Nurse Midwifery at OHSU and hopes to help pregnant people have empowering birth experiences. > **Anastasia Gamble** has been working on her art, which gives her inner peace and a greater appreciation for her loved ones and life. You can view her art on Instagram (@anastasia.gambleart) and Facebook (Art by Anastasia). > **Mike Sockol** has loved working as a social worker at a community senior center and garden in Evanston and as a note-taker for students with disabilities while completing his master's in visual studies at School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Recently, Mike began a Ph.D. program studying Marx and environmental theory at Duke University. > **Kalie McGuire** is proud to say that she worked for Joe Biden in North Carolina during the 2020 presidential campaign. She currently lives in New Jersey and is working to

re-elect Governor Phil Murphy. > **Theresa Murphy** has been working at Wrigley Field and doing more photography and cosplay this past year. You can find her work on social media (@murphphotos). > **Michelle Stomerski** had a baby! His name is Avian. > **Elisabeth Zarnoti** works at YWCA St. Paul as a database specialist. In her free time, she enjoys watching TV and playing tabletop games with **Sean Ramsey '18**. > **Jinglun Ding** moved to Pittsburgh last year for his master's in software engineering at Carnegie Mellon University and will graduate in December. > **Selina Aviles** is a Las Vegas Teach For America Corps member and is attending UNLV for her master's while also teaching 2nd grade full time. > **Ryan Lee Foxall** has been managing operations at a pastured pork and poultry farm. They also started tattooing and are getting back into painting. Despite a pandemic, ice storms, wildfires, and heat waves crashing down on their hometown, things are going relatively well. > **Andy Van Buskirk** spends most of his time raising his son, William, but he also bartends and plays soccer in a competitive beer league. His little family is happy as can be. > **Stephanie Nikitenko** moved in with her long-term partner, **Kyle Dinse**, in February 2021. She started working at an intellectual property law firm, where she focuses on trademark and copyright matters. She also switched back to her natural brunette after ten years of being blonde! > **Sarah Pawlicki** is moving back to Illinois from Minnesota to finish her dissertation and is excited to live closer to their family and girlfriend. Their first solo-authored article was accepted for publication in *Early American Studies* earlier this year. > **Riya Tiwari** moved back to Nepal, started working for Frost & Sullivan as a growth pipeline analyst. She finished her MBA from Leeds Beckett University and her PDIA course from Harvard's Center for Public Leadership, and she started a jewelry business (www.ruvi.us). > **Raeann Boero** loves working for Catholic Charities of Oregon as their development assistant. She survived this summer's heatwave and enjoys all the outdoor activities the Pacific Northwest has to offer. > **Jude Blair** is a 4th grade math and science teacher with CPS. Their sweet dog Fran passed

away, but they are now the proud parent of two kittens, Fjord and Freyja. > **Casie Panganiban** moved to Vancouver after graduation and was recently hired as a K-12 school advocate by the Squamish Nation. She is deeply honored to take on this role and is excited to support learning in a new way! > **Tevin Liao** reports that their cat, Voidling, is now bigger than their other cat, though he will always be Tevin's "little Voidling."

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2019

Jordan Anderson and his team at NFL Media were nominated for an Emmy in outstanding digital innovation! Jordan was credited as the social and graphics producer. Aside from that, he is enjoying Los Angeles and its sunshine. > **Rafael Cho** has said it succinctly and to the point: he is "chilling." A great activity during a global pandemic. Or anytime really . . . > **Beatriz Jimenez** studied Spanish literature at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and received her master's degree in May. Guess what? She's delving even deeper into the subject and started pursuing her Ph.D. in Spanish literature! > **Jess Totten**: "Immediately following Knox College graduation, I worked my way up to a supervisor position with Blick Art Materials. I was promoted from a level 1 to a level 10 within the span of a year. This made it possible for me to purchase my first home all on my own. I have two pampered chihuahuas who are enjoying their new backyard. This August, I started pursuing my master of science degree at Western Illinois University! My focus is on prairie restoration/conservation strategies, as well as their effects on native pollinator community ecology. Stuart Allison greatly influenced this career path. I will be forever grateful to have had him as a professor and mentor." > **Zoe May Meyer** is in a master's of library and information science (MLIS) program at Dominican University in River Forest. > **Thu Nguyen** tried out various cake recipes when the pandemic began, which was lucky for her family members, who always had an amazing birthday cake to enjoy on their special day! She also discovered the perfect counteractive activity: online hip-hop classes (her recommended website: "Steezy"). She has seen improvement and "no longer looks as awkward while dancing." Concerning her work, she is currently responsible for "interpreting and coding health benefit designs submitted by clients into the processing system" and "conducting system testing and resolving issues to ensure claims are processing accurately." Her career path goal, however, is to become a

forecast analyst at her company. Even though the interview process is arduous, Thu is looking forward to advancing onto the next round. > Good luck Thu, you got this! And on a note to which we can probably all relate: she moved back to Minnesota after graduation but misses her Knox friendships and hopes to reconnect once it's safe to do so again. The sooner, the better! > **Tiffany Misiura** is currently working at By Your Side Autism Center in Morton Grove, Illinois, where she works with children with autism. Just within her first year on the job she has been promoted to the ABA Training Specialist! Her next step is to keep working full time, whilst attending Ball State University to get her master's degree in applied behavioral analysis. > **Deja Jenkins** writes: "I just started my second semester of grad school (online) at University of North Texas. I'm getting my master's in library and information science and am working at the Galesburg Public Library part-time, too. I wish everyone and their loved ones the best while we all recover from COVID and its effects! Remember to be patient with yourselves :)" > **Val Varanese** is pursuing her career as a forensic scientist in Arizona. She's given puppies a caring home together with **Bob Lalky**, and they are planning to make it official and get married in 2022. Congratulations! > **Elena Iatropoulou-Bannat**: "I'm back in Berlin, Germany, gaining invaluable practical experience in the microbiology lab of a food analysis and safety institute. Some of my biology senior research has come in handy, and some techniques and practical applications are brand-new. However, the most shocking revelation is that ... I miss learning the theory behind stuff. I like to know exactly how to do something, but even more importantly why. I'm also enjoying parts of being at my birthplace home (good bread, easily available whole milk, family close by, my dog!), yet I'm also going through intense patches of reverse culture shock—it's real! Knox grew on me more than I ever thought possible, and to make sure I stay connected to y'all, I signed up to be the class correspondent. Feel free to send me your updates and life's changes anytime, or say hi if you're having a low day. Or a great day. Or even an in-between-kind-of-day!"

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2020

Hi everyone! We're the class correspondents for the Class of 2020. We're excited to introduce ourselves, and we next want to hear from *you!* It's been an eventful 16 months since our virtual graduation ceremony—did you move, get a job, get a pet, take a trip, volunteer, get married, or something else? We know for a fact that some of you did these things—we've seen your social media posts. We'd love to include your note in the next issue, so don't be shy; write to us at knoxclassof2020@gmail.com! > **Natasha Caudill**

moved to Chicago, Illinois, and is serving her second year at City Year Chicago as a civic engagement service leader. She has also gained a following on TikTok through her advocacy of accessibility and inclusivity for those with visual impairments and blindness. > **Allen Irvine** moved to Madison, Wisconsin, and is working at Epic (the medical software corporation, not the Fortnite developer). "My brain is filling up with healthcare knowledge and TLAs (three-letter acronyms), but I'll always save room for the valuable lessons I learned at Knox—especially the ones about the exploitation of labor." He lives with **James Cook** and **Amanda Espinosa**; together they play D&D while drinking out of their senior challenge pint glasses. > **Cayne Randle** is currently entering her second year at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. She moved to Chicago from Springfield, Illinois, and spent last summer taking classes and working with the Illinois Innocence Project. > **Courtney Pletcher** moved to Northern Colorado from Illinois in August 2020 to serve as the museum education access facilitator at the Longmont Museum through the AmeriCorps VISTA program. **Class Correspondents: Natasha Caudill, Allen Irvine, Cayne Randle, Courtney Pletcher**
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MARRIAGES AND UNIONS

Allan Penwell '66 and Peggy Hargis on December 1, 2020.

Alicia Vallorani '11 and **Alex Lindgren** '12 in March 2020.

Grant Deam '13 and Cassandra Poto on July 16, 2021.

Alison Gaines '13 and Brian Hake on August 1, 2020.

Katie White '15 and **Alvaro Parra** '15 on May 25, 2019.

Samantha Smith '15 and Josh Christianson on December 21, 2020.

Emily Passarelli '15 and Aarudra Moudgalya on December 27, 2019.

Annie Ford '16 and **Nate Moore** '16 on October 12, 2019.

Amalia Hertel '16 and Timothy Prohofsky on September 6, 2020.

Carly Taylor '16 and Devon Finan on May 23, 2021.

DEATHS

Thomas Howes '43 on 2/2/2021.

Virginia Sackrison King '44 on 5/9/2021.

R. Carmen Decker '45 on 1/30/2021.

Nancy Ockert Stanley '45 on 1/27/2021.

Shyla Slobodkin Wollman '46 on 6/7/2021.

Emily Chick Jackson '47 on 4/27/2021.

John L. Rowen '48 on 3/4/2017.

Sidney Norris '48 on 9/20/2020.

Elizabeth Van Steenwyk '48 on 7/22/2021.

Russell E. Wahlgren '49 on 8/16/2016.

Jeanne Kelly Salvesen-Phillips '49 on 6/7/2021.

Janis Coleman Cook '49 on 3/1/2021.

Chester M. Walters '49 on 9/20/2017.

Patricia Howell Allen '49 on 9/6/2020.

Jean McDowall Nelson '49 on 5/14/2021.

Thomas H. Miner '50 on 4/10/2020.

Marjorie Cecil Burgess '50 on 2/13/2021.

Robert L. Darcy '50 on 5/29/2021.

Robert E. Pownall '51 on 7/26/2018.

Barbara Pebler Hughbanks '51 on 5/11/2020.

Robert B. Gutstein '51 on 5/6/2020.

Ralph T. Nelson '52 on 1/14/2021.

Bernard J. Nussbaum '52 on 2/23/2019.

Joseph Cerny '52 on 2/15/2021.

Harlow B. Hosford '53 on 12/31/2020.

Don Stoffel '54 2/23/2021.

Anna Mae Normandin Watson '54 on 4/2/2021.

Joan Mannion Manierre '54 on 4/7/2021.

Bruce Falk '55 on 2/23/2021.

Dorothy Thomas Wharton '55 on 5/29/2021.

Elna Brock Petersen '55 on 6/17/2021.

Judith Gunn Purdon '56 on 4/6/2021.

Wendell A. Stoike '56 on 5/16/2021.

Charles C. Haggerty '56 on 6/2/2021.

Burt A. Polk '56 on 6/4/2021.

Joelle Dell Sawicki '57 on 5/14/2021.

John Krenzer '58 on 3/27/2021.

Paula Fritze Marin '58 on 6/23/2021.

Clark McDaniel '59 on 3/7/2021.

Robert E. Lombardi '60 on 5/28/2021.

David R. Grout '61 on 1/13/2021.

William (Bill) A. Fay '61 on 6/15/2021.

Marcia Filkins Brown '61 on 3/8/2021.

Robert Wayne Brand '61 on 5/16/2021.

Stephen Klingler '62 on 4/11/2021.

Donald R. Norton '62 on 1/28/2021.

Eustace Gane II '62 on 2/7/2021.

William J. Pannier III '62 on 5/20/2021.

Katherine Keleher Barber '62 on 5/10/2021.

James Gustine '62 on 4/7/2021.

Michael J. Atherton '63 on 3/18/2018.

George W. Edwards '64 on 6/13/2021.

Richard M. Crooker '65 on 4/30/2021.

Janell Stevens Mesic '65 on 11/9/2017.

Edward A. Havens '65 on 5/10/2021.

Phyllis Short Hawkinson '67 on 5/28/2021.

Donald B. Lowe III '68 on 3/21/2021.

G. Stephan Lancaster '68 on 2/12/2021.

William E. Barnhart '68 on 7/3/2021.

Marla Katz Coquillette '68 on 6/15/2021.

Lynn E. Heidinger-Brown '68 on 6/1/2020.

Samuel H. Rubinfeld '69 on 2/12/2017.

Henry E. Murphy '71 on 4/30/2021.

Lawrence E. Brown '71 on 6/15/2021.

Coral Carlson '72 on 3/30/2021.

Keith Larson '72 on 8/10/2016.

Martha A. Dawson '72 on 12/6/2018.

Richard E. Wilson '73 on 3/15/2021.

Dan L. Patterson '73 on 4/1/2021.

Paul B. Soper '74 in March 2021.

Judy Middleton Anderson '75 on 2/18/2021.

Rodney A. Flaherty '76 on 2/5/2021.

Ronald E. Presley '77 on 5/24/2021.

Thomas Deets '77 on 3/13/2018.
Michael Quirk '80 on 2/19/2021.
Scott William Reese '87 on 4/26/2021.
Jon Gallagher '94 on 4/24/2021.
Stephanie Gerber Hall '98 on 1/4/2021.
Mary Elizabeth "Lizzy" Warner '13 on 8/20/2021.
Austin D. Rauch '22 on 7/2/2021.

DEATHS OF FRIENDS

Jane Rendall, spouse of **George Rendall** '51, on 4/14/2018.
David Schuldt, spouse of **Sandra Sherrick Schuldt** '62 on 5/6/2019.
Charles K. Smalley, spouse of **Lori Reynolds-Smalley** '82, on 7/3/2019.
Max Kahn, spouse of **Kathleen Lampe** '72, on 9/12/2019.
Charles L. Peart, spouse of **Linda J. Peart** '88, on 5/28/2020.
Roy Ohata, spouse of **Sachie Ozaki Ohata** '55, on 10/28/2020.
Edmundo Bendezu, former College faculty and spouse of **Mary Welch Bendezu** '65, on 10/30/2020.
Shirley Park, daughter of **Carolyn Swartz Park** '55, on 1/5/21.
Lynne F. Lipsey, former College employee, on 1/10/2021.
Theodore P. Wright, Jr., friend of the College, on 1/12/2021.
Thomas Temple, spouse of Ingrid Temple '62, on 1/21/21.
David O'Brien, spouse of **Jean Anderson O'Brien** '93 in March, 2021.
Gina D. Zindt, former College employee, on 3/4/2021.
Barry Barash, former College Trustee, on 3/9/2021.
Durema Fitzgerald Kohl, mother of **Laura Dare** '74, on 3/16/2021.
Dennis William Parks, former College employee, on 3/28/2021.
Janet Jamieson, spouse of **Robert J. Jamieson** '65, on 4/2/2021.
William Coates, father of **Susan Plomin** '86, on 4/13/2021.
Anne Markgraf Ward, spouse of former College emeritus faculty member George Ward, on 4/17/2021.
Barbara Sheldon, friend of the College, on 4/25/2021.
Lael F. Johnson, father of **Inga Lawler**, '90 and **Eva Petersen**, '85, on 4/28/2021.
Dorothy (Willie) Bramlett Ferguson, friend of the College, on 5/1/2021.
Alan Irish, spouse of Elizabeth "Beth" Irish '66, on 5/15/21.
Daniel B. Stoerzbach, friend of the College, on 5/16/2021.
Herbert Schillereff, father of **Sharon Schillereff** '82 on 5/17/2021.

IN MEMORIAM

Robert F. Seibert '63, Robert W. Murphy Chair in Political Science

Longtime Knox College professor Robert F. Seibert '63, who first arrived on campus to study political science and later returned to teach the subject to generations of students, died on April 16, 2021, in Chicago, Illinois. He was 79.

Seibert taught at Knox for 46 years, from 1967 until he retired in 2013. He held the Robert W. Murphy Chair in Political Science.

His teaching interests included comparative politics, politics of the Middle East, and political communication. At Knox, he was responsible for a wide spectrum of courses, such as Survey of Comparative Politics, The Presidency, and Politics of Education. He especially enjoyed teaching courses that were interdisciplinary and international in their scope and focus.

Seibert earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Knox in 1963, followed by a master's degree and Ph.D. in political science from Tulane University.

He co-authored the widely used political science textbook *Politics and Change in the Middle East* with two other Knox professors, Roy Andersen and Jon Wagner. In 1994, he received the Knox Alumni Achievement Award.

Seibert was well known for the relationships he built and maintained with students, alumni, and colleagues.

"Without Bob, I would not have majored in political science.

In fact, I declared my major after taking only one course in the department: Bob's Survey of Comparative Politics," said one of his former students, Karen Kampwirth '86, a Knox faculty member who succeeded Seibert as Robert W. Murphy Chair in Political Science.

"I loved his courses and took all my electives in political science with Bob," she added. "Without Bob, I would not have received a Ph.D. I will always remember the feeling of excitement, a eureka sort of moment, leaving his office after he told me that I should get a Ph.D. At that point, I was law school-bound, but he saw the college professor in me that I did not know was there. And the best luck of all was getting hired to teach at Knox, and having Professor Seibert become my colleague and friend."

Seibert co-founded the integrated international studies major at Knox and served as chair of the integrated international studies program. He also co-chaired the Knox College Global Studies Center, now known as the Eleanor Stellyes Center for Global Studies.

He studied and traveled all over the world: in the Philippines as a Rotary International Fellow; in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Israel, and Syria as a Malone Fellow; and in Malaysia, Indonesia, Egypt, Jordan, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Denmark, Czech Republic, Belgium, Germany, Austria, and Spain. In 1993, he co-led a delegation of college teachers to Oman and United Arab Emirates.

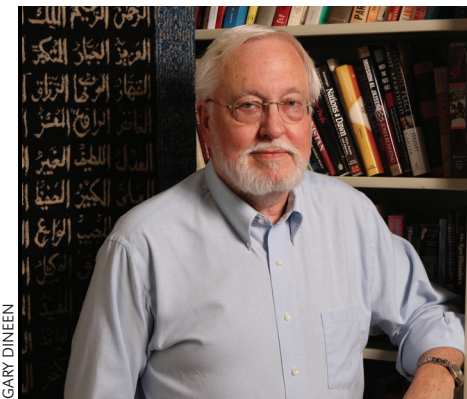
Seibert studied elections, public policy, international affairs, and political communication for decades, and he often was interviewed for articles that appeared in local, national, and international news media. For several years, he served as resident political analyst for KWQC-TV in the Quad Cities. He provided expert analysis for a variety of other broadcast outlets, including National Public Radio, Wisconsin Public Radio, British Broadcasting Corporation, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and Voice of America. He also researched and wrote articles for professional journals and other publications.

He was deeply committed to professional and community service, participating in numerous organizations. Among them: he served as executive director and board member of the Illinois Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations; associate member of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Chicago; consultant to the General Government Committee at the Illinois State Constitutional Convention of 1969-70; and member of the Sunrise Rotary Club, Galesburg Exchange Club, and Knox County Tourism Council.

When members of the Knox community gathered at his retirement reception in 2013, Seibert pointed out that he had grown up in a small Illinois town, and "Knox College provided this wonderful platform for a global engagement."

"This is an unusual and particular institution for just that kind of thing," Seibert said at the time. "Knox reaches out to the globe."

Seibert is survived by wife Marna Eik Seibert and daughter Brynn Seibert '01. Memorial gifts can be made to Robert F. Seibert Endowed Faculty Fund for International Travel at Knox.



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